



As part of the NU Visions Abroad program:

Students travel to Vietnam to gain global perspectives



Members of the NU Visions Abroad Program take a break from work they were doing in Vietnam this past summer. They were helping victims of landmines.

By Dan Schwartz
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The experience of traveling to Vietnam to learn its culture while helping the victims of landmines is still vivid in the minds of some

Norwich students and faculty. This past June, nine Norwich University students and two faculty members flew across the globe to Vietnam with the NU Visions Abroad Program. The group spent three weeks in

this foreign country interacting with its citizens and learning valuable global perspectives.

In 2003 Nicole DiDomenico, NU Director of Volunteer Programs, began the NU Visions Abroad program.

Her intentions were to help Norwich students reach out across the world and gain invaluable knowledge of other cultures.

DiDomenico played a dynamic role in the Vietnam trip. She worked with Clearpath International, a global organization dedicated to helping children affected by landmines.

During last school year she took charge of developing a team, preparing them, and coordinating all necessary logistics for the trip's process.

NU Associate Professor of History Rowland Brucken was in charge of academically preparing the students for the trip by teaching them a Vietnam seminar dur-

ing the 2006 spring semester. The course was taught about Vietnam from "a historical, cultural, geographic, and political standpoint," Brucken said.

DiDomenico was impressed with Brucken's knowledge and contributions. "He knew the gravity of the things we were doing," she said.

The student's began preparing last fall after seeing enticing posters or the listening to the presentation from the NU Visions Abroad trip to Africa in 2005.

Interested students applied for the Vietnam trip and after they were selected, began their process of preparation with DiDomenico and Brucken.

The estimated cost of the trip was \$3,500 per student, according to NU sophomore Billy Scullin, a 19-year-old criminal justice major from Stoneham, Mass.

A large portion of the bill was financed by a generous grant

from the Chase Fund to the amount of \$1,000 per student, DiDomenico said.

One way to offset the remaining cost to the students was the *Night of 1,000 Dinners*, where the students provided meals from various cultures to the Norwich community.

Additionally, Scullin described how the students received a letter template, which they then adapted to appeal to local businesses and family members asking for financial help with the trip.

After the bills were paid, paperwork, including visa and passport applications, was completed.

The group had a meeting with the head executive at the Clearpath International headquarters in Dorset, Vt.

The group was ready to travel.

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Parade tradition marches on with Corps of Cadets

By Virginia Wong
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One of the oldest traditions associated with the Norwich University Corps of Cadets is that of parades.

On Oct. 13 the Corps of Cadets marched in the annual Parents and Family Weekend/Academics Parade.

"Most parades are done in honor of something or someone," said Cadet Col. Hillary Britch, 21, a senior, international study major from Franklin, Vt.

The primary reason for the parades is mainly to "show off the Corps of Cadets," while teaching cadets that parades are "good for discipline," Britch said.

Parades are good for the corps because, not only does it teach and show the discipline the cadets have learned, but they also embrace a time-honored tradition at

Norwich University. "The parades are a good way to show the corps marching together and demonstrating discipline," said Elizabeth Fidler, 21, a senior, nursing and biology major from Maryville, Tenn. "They are also a good way to show the public that the corps is united."

The parades also "highlight the achievements of the students, school, and as a showcase for the trustees and alumni about how the corps looks," said Tim Reardon, 22, a senior, history major from Norwell, Mass.

Parades honor those who have excelled beyond what is expected and to pay respect to those who have given so much to the school.

One aspect about showing off the corps is so that cadets learn to "work as a team," said Gen. Michael Kelly, Commandant of the Corps of Cadets.

All corps parades are open to

the public, such as the Labor Day and Veteran's Day" parades, Fidler said.

The public is encouraged to attend the parades so that they can see how the corps is doing and also to show them what they do.

Corps parades are predetermined by the administration to include events such as Junior R Weekend and the Academics Parade.

Other parades include "march downs" and sporting events.

There are certain corps parades which are scheduled every year, such as the promotion parade and the rook basic training parade.

There are about "12 parades a semester," Kelley said.

Although Norwich has maintained the traditions of parades, there have been changes made such as "sound off and sound attention," Fidler said.

Britch said this year there is "no

officer center," explaining that by doing so the parade is much cleaner.

One major change this year, however, affected by the construction on campus include "the timing of the parades, which have been changed from 1p.m. to 4p.m." Reardon said, "and the music which the band plays."

The location of where the parades are held has changed also, Kelly said, explaining that in the 1970s "parades were held on the football field. Now they're on the upper parade grounds."

Reardon said that although it may not be common knowledge, there are certain preparations required for corps parades.

One of the main preparations includes holding "keys leader practice with company commanders, regimental staff, and dress rehearsal."

"Practice parades are also held

Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons" Fidler said.

"Part of preparation for the parades is to include the set up and that mainly depends on the layout of what they want to accomplish or are required to do, based on the type of parade taking place," Fidler said.

Speeches are also a key part of corps parades.

Kelly and Norwich President Richard Schneider write their own speeches.

The cadet colonel may write her own speech or she will have either the executive officer or the public's affair officer write one for her.

Parades are "part of tradition" while "trying to tie in the future with the past," Fidler said.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I can not believe how blind and disrespectful people are today! A letter to the editor was posted in the October 5th, 2006 Norwich Guidon which was full of nothing but erroneous non-factual information and ridiculous accusations.

The letter starts by implying how the horrible natural disaster of Hurricane Katrina was President Bush's fault. A state of emergency must be declared by the Governor.

The Governor must then formally request the assistance of the President and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (F.E.M.A.). So how was President Bush wrong?

The letter next said Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction. According to a report produced by the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.) "Iraq has never fully accounted for major gaps and inconsistencies in its declarations and has provided no credible proof it has completely destroyed its weapons stockpiles and production infrastructure." This twenty-eight page report continues to display Iraq's failures to provide accurate data. So it is obvious Iraq has WMD, we just need to find them.

After, this the letter speaks of the thousands American deaths as well as thousands of innocently killed Iraqi people. Thousands is an understatement. "We've all ready discovered just

so far this year the remains of 400,000 people in mass graves," said British Prime Minister Tony Blair. So maybe we should have never given the Iraqi people there freedom so hundreds of thousands more could be murdered by there own government. An article in the USAID stated; "290,000 Iraqi's have been "disappeared" by the Iraqi government over the past two decades." So again let's withdraw American troops, and allow another ruthless dictator to take over and murder any one that speaks out against him.

Here is a direct quote from the letter; "Since his administration began brainwashing American citizens (starting with the convenient 9/11)." September 11th 2001 was NOT convenient to any American citizen. If it is convenient for you get out of this great country.

Danny Keller

Dear Editor:

I am so mad at the letters that you published from Britt Yasus I can't believe that a military institution such as yours would allow anyone to make comments like he did on any president of our country, no matter who is president. Our president deserves respect for the office he holds. I may not agree with what is happening right not, but I still respect the office of the President of the United States.

I had a nephew killed in Iraq, but I still believe that this is a war that needs to be fought and won! I think that if Clinton had done a better job while he was in office things might not be in such bad shape right now with the war on terrorism. I know that there is freedom of speech, but I would think that you being a military institution that trains future leaders, you would not allow this

type of "biggoted" slander to be published. Shame on you.

Our service men and women are laying their lives on the line everyday because they believe in what they are doing. I also had a brother-n-law who served 18 months in Iraq and he said he was proud to do what he could to serve our country. These are brave men and women who leave their families and go protect our

freedom. I can't believe that you published that "Malicious & slanderous" letter. How can you, as a military institution train leaders to fight and then print things like this. I think it was very distasteful and unprofessional on your part to allow this to make it to print.

Betty Monda

(This letter was sent to President Richard Schneider and reprinted here with permission)

I want you all to know how important I think your work at Norwich is every day. I write this note to every faculty and staff member and every student. Everyone is very well aware of our Mission Statement, which is written on the mezzanine walls of the beautiful Kreitzberg Library. It says, in part, that Norwich is to "make moral, patriotic, efficient, and useful citizens, and to qualify them for all those high responsibilities resting upon a citizen of this free republic." That is what we do every day, and, for America, it has never been more needed.

We are developing citizens to serve a more secure and more prosperous nation that needs to be positively engaged throughout the world. I am struck every day, as I am sure you are, too, in reading the newspaper, watching television, and reading the Internet, how profoundly important ethically based leaders are for our Nation. Every academic major that we have at Norwich and everything we do co-curricularly goes to support this critical need. As a nation we have to reorganize and expand our U.S. national security infrastructure. We need to produce the diplomatic personnel required to support American interests. We need business leaders to continue to grow the economy, to be prosperous as a nation and to be competitive, even with jobs going offshore. We certainly need to educate and train the men and women who will protect us at home and overseas. In many ways, all these attributes were needed when Alden Partridge founded Norwich, just as they are needed today.

If you look at our undergraduate and graduate program offerings, each of them in its own way fills an important need in America today and is in alignment with our Mission Statement and with the founding vision of Captain Partridge. Are we doing everything as well as we could? Certainly not, but to the limit of our resources, I believe we are. In the next several years, I think you will see some significant leveraging of our wonderful alumni as we engage them in new ways. We are starting to connect them with very sophisticated information technology, which will link our alumni with our current students in order to foster internships, to allow our alumni to mentor our students, and to prepare students for life after graduation. You will see a growth of international exchange opportunities, so we will all be much more proficient in foreign languages and have a much deeper understanding of other cultures. Over this year and the next, we will start to leave phase one of the NU2019 plan and start to enter phase two. Most of the major building blocks are in place. The quality of our students continues to improve, as does our national recognition. By next year, when we complete the Wise Campus Center, we will have completed over two-thirds of the capital construction required in the *Norwich Forever!* campaign. In each year that passes, our academic reputation is enhanced by the achievements of our students and faculty and by the successes of our alumni and by their contributions to our nation. It is an exciting time to be at Norwich. I want you all to keep your sights set on the future.

It is easy as we approach the winter to lose sight of how quickly the year passes, but every day you are here, you are doing important work, and you, and even the nation will prosper and benefit from your hard work and efforts.

The President's Corner



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Fiddler's Green brings entertainment variety

By Amanda Plachek
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The general consensus at Norwich is that there really is nothing to do in the area and this drives both civilians and cadets crazy.

However, Fiddler's Green, a newly opened restaurant is trying to change that.

"It's a unique business, it's a combination of three separate things," said Scott Breckenridge the owner of Fiddler's Green and a native of Pittsburg, Penn.

"We have a restaurant part, we have a sports bar and then we have a gaming room."



"I definitely think it's an attractive place to go especially for sophomores and juniors that can't have TVs," said Ian Smith, 20, a history major from San Antonio, Tex. "It gives us a place to go so we don't have to cram into a senior's room to watch the game."

"I'm not 21. I can't go to the rustic and if I'm there its just as someone's designated driver," said Jason Miller, 19, a political science major from Philadelphia, Penn. "Somewhere else to go not very far away is a huge plus."

"Its going to give people a wider variety," said James J. Pfeffer, 19, an architecture major, from Clifton Park, N.Y. "We need

something else to do in the area, and this could be it. I'm just not sure about the whole video game scene."

Fiddler's Green offers impressive electronics with the 50-inch plasma TV and an additional two 40-inch plasmas hooked up to two Xbox 360s.

criminal justice major from Denver, Colo. "A lot of people are turned off by the thought of no hard alcohol, but if you think about it, it makes it so the place doesn't get out of hand."

"I'm going to try to increase to nine draft beers and 20 bottled beers," Breckenridge said. "Just

will get their own mug with their name on it to hang in the bar.

"I want you to feel comfortable here and feel like you belong," Breckenridge said.

"Fiddler's Green is just a great place to just go and hang out with people." Miller said.

So far that seems to be the agreement. Over all it's a great place to go to have a beer or a bite to eat no matter the age or time of day.

"The place is usually packed with Norwich guys for Monday night football and its 25-cent wing night," Hamilton said. "We are all just having a good time watching the game on the big screen.

It's the Cheers of Vermont, you go in there and everyone knows you. Who doesn't love that?"

"I think our prices are about right, we are here for the long haul, we want to treat you right and make you feel welcome," Breckenridge said. "I think you'll enjoy your time here and that's what it's all about."

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There are also nine computers, which are both online and able to link to each other.

But those who have been there know the establishment is more than computers.

"It's a great bar. It's only beer, but all the micro brews are only three bucks which is pretty cheap," said C.J. Hamilton, 22,

about every bone head thing that I've ever done involved hard liquor and the last thing I want to see is a (student) make a poor choice; so I opted to forgo the hard liquor."

There are plans to creating a type of mug system. After a customer drinks a certain number of beers over a period of time, they

Lockdown drills keep NHS students prepared

By Erin Giguere
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Terrorism is a major issue in our world today, which affects our country, our state and even our town.

As a result, many Vermont schools are performing practice lockdowns. According to the athletic director/assistant principal at Northfield High School, the school's safety compared to other Vermont high schools is mediocre.

"I don't think we're at the head of the pack, but I don't think we're bringing up the rear," said Frank Pecora, Athletic Director and Assistant Principal at Northfield High School. "I think we're somewhere in the middle."

The lockdown practices at Northfield High School seem to be in order.

"The ultimate goal is that students and adults in this school should be safe," Pecora said.

It wasn't until after the Columbine shootings of 1999 that

lockdown practice procedures were performed at NHS. Pecora said that a lockdown could be put in place because of an armed intruder and also because of a chemical spill, or an irate parent wanting custody of their child at the school.

When the administration performs a lockdown drill they are trying to find out "what you could have done better," Pecora said.

Shannon Palone, the discipline coordinate at NHS, said that because of heightened terrorism fears, people have to react to little things that would have been handled more simply in the past, such as fights or name-calling.

Pecora said that since 9/11 terrorism has "completely" changed the way our country functions.

Kids shouldn't "internalize" their feelings, and then react in a "bad way," Palone said.

Palone said that it's easy for Vermont kids to "get a hold of" guns or chemicals on farms, and therefore some may take advan-

tage of this easy access to perform a terrorist act.

"I think that kids need to be aware that it could happen here," Palone said. "We do need to take it serious to be able to protect them. Our job is to keep them safe."

Last month there was a lockdown at Norwich University because of a threat against a student. There was also a school shooting in Essex, Vt., which "made the townspeople more aware," Palone said.

Mitch Thresher, a 17-year-old junior at NHS said terrorism shouldn't be taken lightly, but at the same time our world is making "way to big of a deal" about it.

Even though Thresher said that our world is focusing on terrorism too much, he still said that lockdowns should "definitely" be taken seriously.

"We're just a calm quiet town," Thresher said. "But lockdowns can be used for more than one situation."

"We obviously practice them for a reason," Thresher said, adding that terrorism probably won't affect Northfield directly, but he is still willing to take lockdowns seriously.

Northfield Chief of Police Jeff Shaw also takes lockdowns seriously.

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Shaw said. "The reason we do it is to protect any students from getting hurt."

Every Vermont school follows a similar protocol for lockdowns. Each one is also unique because of the "makeup of the community and the physical boundaries of

the building," Shaw said.

"Last year we had a lockdown that I was not very happy with," Shaw said. "We didn't make it realistic enough."

Shaw said that within the next few years they might bring in actors to make the practice lockdowns "more realistic."

Pecora, Palone and Shaw all agree that students needed to become as comfortable with prac-

tice lockdowns as they are with fire drills.

"We need to do more lockdowns so that you feel as comfortable with a lockdown as you do with a fire alarm," Shaw said. "We need to have more lockdowns at a higher level of involvement."

At the beginning of the fall semester:

Housing shortage forces students to live in lounge, armory

By **Brittany Yasus**

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At the start of this school year, Norwich University's Director of housing had at least 16 students without assigned rooms.

"Everybody had a bed when they arrived," said housing director, Maj. Helen Bryan. "They just weren't necessarily in a regular dorm room."

The 16 students, composed of all mostly seniors, slept in beds set up for them in Alumni Hall lounge and a classroom in Plumley Armory.

"I believe all universities overbook on paper," Bryan said. "If you think there are 400 cadet freshmen coming, historically only 375 to 385 will actually show up."

Commandant and Vice President of Student Affairs Gen. Michael Kelley agreed that it is this "uncertainty" about students which causes housing problems at the start of every year.

"We just don't have good information on returning students," Kelley said.

Kelley and Bryan both said it's hard to predict a precise number of returning students, especially

if the students don't do one or all of the requirements: 1) pay a deposit; 2) turn in a housing form; and 3) pre-register for classes.

"We do our best to accommodate every returning student who did what they were supposed to do," Kelley said.

In addition, students who get readmitted, those students who did not attend the previous semester but wish to return for the next, also present a problem for housing.

For example, 20-year-old junior criminal justice major Leo Niewierowsky from Seoul, South Korea, who was readmitted this summer, was temporarily housed in the lounge of Alumni Hall for the first four weeks of school.

"The first few days were pretty ridiculous," Niewierowsky said. "They gave us nothing to cover the windows with and people were constantly looking in."

Alumni Hall lounge is lined with large glass doors facing the first floor hallway and large glass windows facing the upper parade ground.

"We had no privacy at all," Niewierowsky said. "It was like living in a fishbowl."

Unwelcome visitors often bothered students who were temporarily without a room.

James Lewandowski, 21, a junior business major from Milton, Vt., recalled an interesting encounter he had while living in the lounge during Alumni weekend.

"In the middle of the night, four or five alumni came in totally plastered and checked out our entire room, pretty mad that they didn't have a lounge," Lewandowski said.

His privacy was invaded again the next morning when a woman touring campus opened the lounge doors while he was changing and "caught the backside" of him, he said, adding that he "thought it was quite funny."

Bryan said some seniors were temporarily housed in the lounge or armory so that they could eventually be assigned to a more appropriate room preferable for an upperclassman.

"I intentionally held some of them out because I believed that space would open up in double rooms and that would be a betterplace for (seniors)," Bryan said. "They were inconvenienced for a little while, but ended up

with a better assignment because of that."

However, after living in Alumni lounge for a week and a half, T.J. Melendy, a 21-year-old senior civil engineering major from Lebanon, N.H., now lives in a triple room with two sophomores.

About a month before school started he was told there was "a housing issue." When he got to school, Melendy was very disappointed.

"It was like living in a cage," Melendy said, describing the encasing glass doors and windows of the lounge. "I don't think it should happen to seniors."

This school year's overflow was a little different than years before because NU had to "adjust the proportion of rooms" affected by the construction, Kelley said.

The loss of the Flint Hall apartments, where honor civilian students often lived, and the transformation of the Dodge Hall lounge into Resident Life offices, left no space for temporary civilian student housing, causing the university to use more Patterson Hall dorm rooms for civilians. That decision left some cadets without rooms.

Even though the cases were unique to this year because of construction, overflow of students is not uncommon at Norwich.

"Every year we have used temporary accommodations for at least a short period of time," Kelley said, adding that even though they are living in a temporary space, students at the are always provided with everything they would normally have in a regular room, such as a wardrobe, desk, and Internet access.

Kelley said that he thinks getting better information about returning students would be most helpful in solving the annual housing problem.

"A much greater degree of compliance" from students, "having a better feel for the number of readmitted students" and "to be able to more closely predict the number of actually arriving freshmen" are all things Kelley said would "go a long way in helping us solve the uncertainty about housing."

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The team first met in the Newark airport. From there they flew to Seattle, Taipay, Saigon, and to their final destination, the city of Hue, Vietnam.

Immediately upon reaching Vietnam, the group noticed the country's distinct physical characteristics.

Sophomore Evan Spaulding, a 19-year-old international studies major from Camdenton, Mo., said Vietnam was a picturesque country.

In Hue, an inn was provided as boarding quarters for the group. The rate was five dollars per night, according to senior Kathleen Boylon, a 21-year-old nursing major from Aspen, Colo., who was in charge of videotaping the entire trip.

But Boylon was not impressed by her sleeping quarters.

"The inn was by no means a nice hotel," Boylon said. "I guess it was more of a motel."

Aside from physical appearance, the workers at the inn provided an enjoyable environment for the group.

"There was tremendous hospitality," DiDomenico said. "They made us feel at home with American food like grilled cheese."

The inn, designed in typical Vietnam style, was built upward, not out, because of a lack of space.

DiDomenico said the front resembled a store front with a French bakery display in the window.

Spaulding described Hue in terms of its relative place in Vietnam. "Every city is a hub of ac-

tivity in Vietnam," Spaulding said, explaining that it was no different there "even though Hue is smaller than Saigon."

As the students studied Hue they compared it to America.

One major difference Scullin noticed in Hue was the narrow roads, lack of stop signs, no rules about which side of the road for travel, and a very minimal number of cars.

The students also noticed a difference in the people. They found the Vietnamese to be friendly and very interested in them as westerners.

"Vietnam is becoming westernized thanks to globalization and the information age," he said.

DiDoemnico was especially excited about the way the Vietnamese greeted the students.

"The generosity and warmth of the people was very overwhelming," DiDomenico said. "It certainly surpassed my expectations."

Boylon recalled riding on a bicycle and turning to find a Vietnamese person eye level peddling next to her, ready for conversation.

"People were really interested in talking to us," Boylon said. "They always wanted to know where we were from."

Along the Hue streets nestled among the flow of bicycles, merchants sell food, trinkets, and a variety of other goods.

And as prosperous as the nationals seemed to be, the effects of the Vietnam War was still evident to the students.

Members of the group wit-

nessed firsthand the effects.

"One person had no eye," Scullin said. "Some had no arms. Some had no legs."

DiDomenico described the heart-wrenching experience of turning down money, as instructed by Vietnamese guides, to a begging child, who was a landmine victim.

Although there were sad moments, the group experienced many bright ones.

The second day the group was in Hue, they were able to take part in the Hue Festival, a huge celebration with thousands of people in the streets.

"This was an opportunity of a lifetime," Brucken said.

"It was very surreal, and it was

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Robert Crecco awards \$100,000 scholarship to communications students

Robert F. Crecco, NU class of 1947, awarded the Communications program a \$100,000 academic scholarship as part of the annual homecoming weekend, Sept. 17.

The scholarship is given as an endowed fund, which will award five percent of the interest earned annually to two communications majors, one cadet and one civilian. Each scholarship would be about \$2,500 per student.

Preference will be given to students who "actively participate in *The Norwich Guidon* student newspaper. Juniors and seniors may apply for the scholarship.

Crecco served as the managing editor of *The Norwich Guidon* while he attended Norwich University.

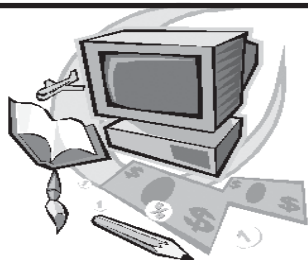


Robert and Danielle Crecco (above) pose with the plaque announcing the new Crecco Wing in the Communications Center. (Right) Students, faculty, President Richard Schneider and friends greet the Creccos at the Communications Center during award Sept. 17, 2006 ceremony.



Career Corner

It's your future we're talking about....



Why are INTERSHIPS Important?

*25% of employers surveyed indicated that new college hires come from within the organizations internship program.

*55% of responding employers indicate that new college hires have internship experience.

*64% of employers say new, permanent, full-time hires with internship experience are paid an average of almost 9% more than their inexperienced counterparts.

Source: National Association of Colleges & Employers' Job Outlook Survey 2005

If those statistics aren't reason enough to get an internship, here are some other things you gain when you complete an internship:

Internships increase job opportunities and give you a competitive edge during the interview process.

You gain insight into a particular industry, organization or job.

You meet a lot of people who can make good "networking" connections.

You gain a professional recommendation to add to your list of references.

You get the opportunity to put into action some of the theory you have learned in the classroom.

This can enhance classroom learning and help you improve your GPA.

You get the opportunity to develop professional skills and gain insight into the types of skills and abilities employers want.

You develop self-awareness about your own particular skills, character and competency.

You get to "test drive" a company or industry without any long-term commitment.

You get the opportunity to re-evaluate your career goals based on industry and job experience, not guessing.

You could leave the internship with an offer of full-time employment after graduation – now wouldn't that make your life a lot easier?

If you would like assistance in securing an internship, contact the friendly staff of the Career Development Center, Flint Hall, 397 Central Street, across from the President's house. Please call 485-2125 for directions or an appointment.

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very smoky," DiDomenico said. "It was only our second night there and we were amidst all these people celebrating the 700th birthday of Hue."

The parade in the streets of Hue led to the cultural showcase, the Citadel.

The Citadel is an imposing black building, called the Forbidden City, with walls and stone buildings, Brucken explained.

The main mission of the group was to help landmine victims through service projects and relations, the group had a full schedule, morning and afternoon, of a variety of activities.

Those who went still remember key events.

One was at Phan Boi Chau, where the group helped to beautify the grounds by planting trees.

Brucken was pleased that the trees will always have a piece of Norwich attached to them as well as the symbol of a forged relationship between the American and Vietnamese workers.

Another project was at the home of a ClearPath beneficiary who lost part of her foot in a landmine.

The woman was of particular interest because, according to Brucken, she was a world class paraplegic Olympian.

"Talking from one athlete to another was a really a special moment that I'll remember," he said.

The service projects deeply affected the students, especially Spaulding, who appreciated the service aspect of the project.

"Working with people and help

ing them with issues--that makes it that more exciting," Spaulding said.

"We weren't just representing ourselves, we weren't just representing NU, but we were representing the United States," DiDomenico said.

At another point, the group was able to travel to one of Vietnam's beaches where members of a communist party and their families were picnicking in a cabana adjacent to the group.

The NU students and faculty

had the opportunity to talk with this group and enjoy a tug-of-war, Spaulding said.

Brucken mused on that fact that more than 30 years ago, NU sent students to fight in Vietnam, and more than three decades later, NU is sending students back to rebuild the country.

"The goal was to help victims of American explosives," Brucken said, "and that to me is a powerful messages that we, as ordinary ambassadors, can send to ordinary people."

The Halloween Store

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Parents & Family Weekend brings Norwich students' families to campus

By Jason Henika

Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

Norwich University students anxiously awaited the arrival of the Oct. 13 2006, also known as Parents and Family Weekend when the university hosts students' parents and family members for the weekend by providing many events prepared for their entertainment.

Reza Assarnanesh, 19, a freshman communications major from Ft. Lauderdale, Fl., said, "The reason for Parent's Weekend is so that kids and parents can keep in touch."

Assarnanesh's parents traveled from Florida for the weekend. "I'm looking forward to Parent's Weekend because I haven't seen my parents and family for a few months."

"The atmosphere of the weekend is laid back and a lot more relaxed, which is different than usual," said Ren Fenner, 19, a sophomore sports medicine major from Rutland, Vt. "I am from Vermont, so Parents Weekend is not as special to me as I'm sure it is for people whose parents are from further away, especially the rooks."

"I want my parents to feel good about the weekend, that it is nice to see me, that I have changed, and that there is more to this school than they originally thought," said Shaun Harvey, 18, a freshman mechanical engineer from Honesdale, Penn., who anxiously anticipated his parent's arrival for the weekend.

The rooks' drill competition, academics and athletics were the main attractions for the weekend. There were also many athletic events as well as Corps of Cadets events scheduled. In addition to participating in the events, parents were able to meet with professors and advisors to discuss their student's grades and academics.

"The school promotes parents weekend because they want something good for its students," said Stephen St. Amand, 21, a senior civil engineering major from Coventry, R.I. "The weekend is so parents can be with their children and enjoy the weekend events and all athletic games."

Brendan Neyens, 21, a junior political science major, from Jaffrey N.H., said, "Parents get to watch the rooks parade around and do their events. They also get to see the athletic games."

After the main events of the day, rooks left campus with their parents for some free time.

"(The rooks) get a chance to get some different food to eat and a short break in their normal routine," Neyens said.

"I know a lot of student's parents come to the school and get to see how the school works and see how the school started," Assarnanesh said. "Students get to show parents what this place is all about, what kinds of things they get to partake in."

Harvey said he looked forward to the ceremony at the football game because he is in Band Company.

"All the companies made banners for the weekend and practiced for the rest of the Corps of Cadets events scheduled," Harvey said.

"This weekend was good for the whole school, students get to see their parents and spend time with them," St. Amand said. "In turn, everyone and all the events on campus were very upbeat and in good spirits."



The Norwich University Color Guard was on parade for the students and their families during the academic ceremony on Parents and Family Weekend, Friday, Oct. 13.



A Norwich student and her father stroll around campus on Saturday during Family Weekend. The annual event welcomes family members of students to campus.



A cadet and his family observe the Harmon Wall Memorial after the parade on Friday.

NU Air Force students attend memorial dedication

(Editor's Note: the following is a first-hand account of Valerie Knight, one of seven students who represented Norwich University by volunteering service at the Air Force Memorial dedication in Washington, D.C. last weekend)

By Valerie Knight
Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

It was Parent's and Family Weekend at Norwich University and most cadets spent time with friends and family, but this was not true for one cadet: me.

I spent a total of 25 hours on the road beating traffic to answer the call.

I was one of the cadets answering the call of service. I and six other Norwich Air Force ROTC Cadets volunteered to work at the Air Force Memorial Dedication Ceremony, along with two staff members on Oct. 14, 2006.

AFROTC Cadets and Air Force staff made the long trip from Northfield, Vt. to Washington D.C. metropolitan area for the weekend.

AFROTC cadets were made aware of the event during several ROTC meetings and activities.

Jimmy Gracia, Diana Berkeland, Derrell Sparrow, Anthony Rhodes, Bradley Shaughnessy, Ian Smith, Staff Sgt. Angela Hill (USAF), Capt. Dahnyell Caslow (USAF), and I were the traveling party.

Our assignment at the dedication ceremony was to meet-and-greet those in attendance as well as hand out programs to the guests after they passed through the metal detectors.

We received this duty because we were in a unique uniform, a uniform different than any of the ones being worn by the personnel present.

After completing our assignment, the cadets were allowed to observe the ceremony from general seating at the memorial site.

The United States Air Force Memorial honors the service and

sacrifices of the men and women of the United States Air Force and its predecessor organizations, including the Aeronautical Division, U.S. Signal Corps; the Aviation Section, U.S. Signal Corps; the Division of Military Aeronautics, Secretary of War; the Army Air Service; the U.S. Army Air Corps; and the U.S. Army Air Forces.

More than 54,000 airmen have died in combat while serving in the Air Force and these historical service arms of the military, the second highest of any of America's four armed services.

The monument features three stainless steel spires, which soar skyward.

The tallest spire reaches a height of 270 feet, representing the flying spirit of the Air Force. The three spires impart a sense of accomplishment in command of the sky, and evoke the image of the precision "bomb burst."

The three spires also represent the three core values of the Air Force: integrity, service before self, and excellence in all that is done. They also represent the Air Force's total force: active, guard and reserve.

The United States Air Force Memorial was officially dedicated and presented to the nation at an onsite ceremony on Saturday, October 14, 2006. The new Memorial is located in Arlington, Virginia, directly across from the Pentagon.

The Air Force Memorial Dedication Ceremony was attended by many high profile people including President George Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Gen. Peter Pace, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. T. Michael Moseley, the Air Force Chief of Staff, Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne, CMSAF Rodney McKinley, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Bob Schieffer, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Perot Jr.

The crowd also included Air Force veterans, widows, family members of Air Force veterans, and other military members.

Remarks were given by the President, Secretary Wynne, Gen. Moseley, Secretary Rumsfeld, CMSAF McKinley, and Mr. Perot.

"A soldier can walk the battlefields where he once fought," President Bush said. "A

Marine can walk the beaches he once stormed, but an Airman can never visit the patch of sky he raced across to defend freedom. And so it is fitting that from this day forward, the men and women of the Air Force will have this memorial."

We met several officers, retired airmen, and family members of Air Force veterans while attending the ceremony.

Our unique uniforms attracted people to us inquiring what service or school we represented.

Norwich alumni were also in attendance at the ceremony.

Maj. Altieri of the United States Army and Clem Hourican of the United States Secret Service took time to speak with us throughout the day.

Several general officers approached us to personally thank the cadets for their time and dedication while working at the Memorial Dedication Ceremony.

The highlight of our trip was personal thanks by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Peter Pace.

He stopped by to speak with every cadet and the staff members to thank us as we were handing out commemorative booklets.

Gen. Pace extended his hand in a firm handshake in which was a challenge coin, which he palmed in his hand and gave to each cadet.



The seven AFROTC cadets (above) who represented NU at the Air Force Memorial dedication last weekend pose in front of the new stainless steel spires. They are (l to r) Anthony Rhodes, Diana Berkeland, Derrell Sparrow, Jimmy Gracia, Bradley Shaughnessy, Ian Smith, Valerie Knight

NU cadets (right) greet visitors to the dedication as part of their volunteer assignment at the dedication Oct. 14, 2006.

The cadets (below) pose with members of the Tuskegee Airmen, who attended the ceremony.



Google buyout of Youtube worries users

By LA Morales

Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

For many students at Norwich life in Vermont can be very boring. Many people spend hours gallivanting around the internet.

It should come to no surprise then that the recent buy-out of Youtube by Google has many people across the globe worried about what is to come of the one of the most visited sites on the net.

According to their own Youtube video Youtube co-founders, Steve Chen and Chad Hurley, assure the world that they will continue to dedicate themselves to offering the same great service via the site.

Chen and Hurley have been holding out on selling their year and a half old site but gave in to Google after they were assured they would retain control, not to mention \$1.65 billion dollars in google stock.

Google beat yahoo in the

running to buy-out Youtube and hopes to add Google's internet advertising and search expertise to the Youtube website.

with a number of television and music companies seeking to be compensated as most of the content on Youtube contains

Such agreements come under the premise that compensation will be made in the form of a share in the advertising revenues however.

CBS has also begun making many of their videos accesible through www.youtube.com.

If things work out it could mean a new trend in how media giants start handling their material online.

More companies are willing to prevent lagal action against sites like Youtube now because all the money that had been spent towards the napster case didn't help to greatly deter the illegal distribution of copy-righted music.

\$1.65 billion may sound like a lot of money for google to dish out for just one website but if things fall into place properly then Google could make big bucks off the deal.

First of all google paid with it's own stock which is, by many estimates, over priced due to speculation anyway.

Google's cheif executive, Eric

Schmidt, as of August is also on Apple's board of directors.

Although this is highly speculative there are rumors that Google, along with Apple, may be looking to monopolize the online video distribution market.

Apple just announced the soon to be released of iTV. iTV will allow anyone to use the iTV to wirelessly stream their digital media content directly from their computer to their television.

All of this was announced along with the fact that movies are now available through itunes as well as over 200 shows spanning over 40 traditional networks.

Apple already is the number five seller of all legally purchased music in the U.S. and is number one in all 21 other countries it operates.

Although most homes do not have the bandwidth to support such a setup and there is certainly no danger to traditional television companies it may prove helpful for Apple to be the first through the gate.



Chad Hurley and Steve Chen (Photo from www.hectormilla.com)

There has been a lot of talk both, online and off, surrounding this possibly industry changing event.

User worries range from paying to view content to having to watch advertisements before each video.

The real worries for google are

copyrighted material.

Although initial talk concerned possible lawsuits being directed at google the recent announcement that Universal Music Group and Sony BMG will both allow users to incorporate copyrighted music into their videos.

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With Youtube being the place the world goes for free online video entertainment and Google dominating the online world period, things could get interesting as far as the world of mass media is concerned.

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6. *10 Things I hate About You*
7. *Remember The Titans*
8. *Sweet Home Alabama*
9. *Gone In Sixty Seconds*
10. *The Fox and the Hound*

Jackson emerges as humble star of Cadet football team

By Jason Henika
Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

With his accomplishments on the field, NU sophomore running back Darnell Jackson has already accomplished many feats.

Jackson, a 19-year-old communications major from Miami, Fla., is already making his impact felt on the football field for the Cadets in his second season.

In the season's opening game against Mt. Ida, Jackson recorded a career-high 208 yards rushing and four touchdowns.

To date, he has totaled over 400 yards on the ground and added two touchdowns on special teams as a kick returner, boasting an average of over 38 yards per touch.

Norwich Running Backs Coach Duncan Averill said that Jackson has had a significant impact on

the Cadet's offense this season. "Darnell is a player that any time he touches the ball, something can happen," Averill said. "He's one of the players on offense who, when he touches the ball, you can say, 'Okay, this kid is going to score.'"

Playing high school football for only one season at Parkway Academy in Miramar, Fla., Jackson emerged as on the state's most exciting and explosive football talents.

He established school records in nearly every offensive category, including rushing yards, touchdowns and yards per carry, on his way to becoming one of the most highly-touted players to come out of Broward County.

"My senior year I ended up in the history books of Broward County for touchdowns, averaging 17 yards per carry with 28

touchdowns," Jackson said. "I received two all-county awards from area newspapers and was voted the most valuable player of my all-star game and of my high school athletic program."

Averill said that Norwich competed hard on the recruiting front to bring Jackson to Vermont in the fall of 2005.

In addition to his football resume, Averill said Jackson's performance in track and field further impressed the Cadets' coaching staff.

"Darnell was highly regarded as a football player in high school, despite only playing his senior year," Averill said. "He was regarded as a very fast player, being the second fastest runner in the state of Florida in the 100 meter dash.

"With this and his natural knack for the game, Darnell was heavily

recruited by Norwich," Averill said.

Junior Captain Akeem Cedeno, a 20-year-old criminal justice major from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., said that Jackson has been a "great help to the team."

He said Jackson has carried the offense at times, scoring most of the team's points.

"I think people are starting to look to him to do good things and get stuff done," Cedeno said. "As a strong offensive weapon running the ball and returning kicks, other teams are now starting to see him as a threat."

In addition to his play on the field, several of Jackson's teammates agreed that he is a solid teammate as well.

Junior Casey Spreeman, a 21-year-old biology major from Grand Rapid, Minn., said that Jackson's humble, hard working

demeanor is something that "makes the rest of the want to do well and win games.

"He is a great teammate, a friend, and a good player," Spreeman said. "He keeps his mouth shut and just plays, which gets other guys pumped up and wanting to do something to match what he is doing."

"He's a teammate that's unselfish and just wants to win," Cedeno added. "He wants to do whatever the team asks him to do to win, and he doesn't complain."

Averill agreed with his players' assessment of the positive presence Jackson brings to the Cadet's locker room and game situations.

"I think he is not only a very effective player, but someone who gets along great with every-

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NU baseball team hopes Florida trip will improve GNAC play

By Andrew Dalton
Norwich Guidon staff writer

After a depressing spring season in 2006 that saw it finish near the bottom of the conference standings, the Norwich University baseball team is looking to improve upon last season and strive for a playoff birth in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC).

According to a sophomore catcher, that goal will be aided by a solid offseason of strength training.

"We'll do a lot better because of the off-season," said Sophomore Catcher Jim Kiristy, a 19-year-old physical education major from Northbridge, Mass. "Things are looking a lot smoother already than last year. There has been a good interest in young kids and the chemistry among with returning players has created a solid foundation to build upon."

Senior captain Aaron Ward, a 21-year-old communications major from Greenwich, N.Y., said he has been organizing captain's practices every Friday and Sun-

day, something that hasn't been possible in the past because of a general lack of interest in the program.

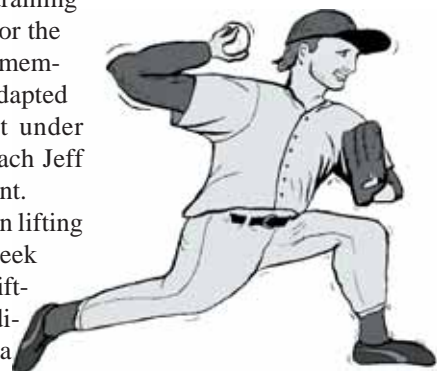
Ward said that "fall baseball practice and off-season training helps prepare the team for the regular season" and that members of the squad have adapted quickly to working out under newly hired strength coach Jeff Kruger's training regiment.

"Right now we've been lifting about three times a week and next week we begin lifting four times and conditioning about two times a week," Ward said. "Coach Kruger has a different philosophy than Coach Goulet, but the team seems to be picking up on that quickly and working hard."

Sophomore Pitcher John Driscoll, a 19-year-old psychology major from North Bennington Vt., said that returning the majority of players from last year's squad should help the team improve its poor record from a year ago.

"We didn't lose too many people from last year, so we're all thinking that this should be a

solid season," Driscoll said. "Being under .500 ball is not good. So our goal is definitely to be more competitive and win more games."



Several players said that playing baseball in Vermont puts players at an immediate disadvantage because cold temperatures and snow prevent the team from being able to practice outside.

After expressing interest in traveling to Florida and practice during spring break, Ward said the team is getting ready to go to Coco Beach, Fla. to take part in an annual baseball tournament, which will get them live action they wouldn't be able to receive in Shapiro Field House.

"We've been fundraising to go to Florida this year and that should help us," Driscoll said. "Playing in Florida will help prepare us for teams in the GNAC

"Going to Florida could be huge for us by not only being able to practice, but being able to play games against good competition."

-Kiristy-

and help us with the entire season.

"Going to Florida could be huge for us by not only being able to practice, but being able to play games against good competition," Kiristy said. "Last year, we went into our first game without even being on the field for a practice or a game. The teams we faced had had at least 10 games under their belts from having gone to Florida."

Head Baseball Coach John Rhoades, who is in his second

year at Norwich, also serves as the special team's coordinator of the university's football team.

According to current members of this year's team, Cadet baseball players have not had a returning coach in several years and that having him back is making athletes more comfortable and willing to work hard.

"Just like the players, Coach Rhoades is going to improve how he handles things, because in his first year it was his first time seeing GNAC competition," Kiristy said. "Now that we've seen them and he's seen them, we'll have an idea of what were looking at. We'll be able to prepare better and have better game plans going into each game.

"It's the first time in my college career that I've had a returning coach," Ward said. "It's been a two-way process of us learning from him and him learning from us. It's very comfortable knowing that he's going to be around to help build the Norwich baseball program."

Norwich wrestlers strive to balance training, academics

By Derek Shaffer

Norwich Staff Guidon Writer

For wrestlers at Norwich University, making time for academics and responsibilities in the Corps of Cadets can be challenging.

Despite a rigorous workout schedule and tiring practices, Norwich wrestlers find that they need to use time management to keep up with their studies.

"Time is a student's most valuable resource," said junior Steve Celino, a 20-year-old business major from Duxbury, Mass. "A wrestler may have up to 20 hours a week taken up by wrestling and it's really important that our leisure time is spent mostly studying during the season."

Celino said that Norwich Wrestlers make use of a mandatory study hall during the week, and

Chris Best, a 19-year-old business major from Eagle, Colo., echoed Lagrega's description of weight-cutting as an additional factor, which can consume wrestlers' time.

He said that being concerned with meeting a certain weight limit causes athletes to have to find time to work in multiple workouts a day, which can last several hours.

"It's not just going to practice after school is over," Best said. "It's about having to worry about how much I weigh, because that's a big piece of what wrestling's about."

"You have to allocate your time due to working out in the morning as well as in the evening," Best said. "So you have to manage it very well."

Freshmen wrestlers, in particu-

"Freshmen who are in the corps have it harder than anyone really because they have to deal with a lot from cadre."-Lagrega-

come up with methods to make studying more effective.

In addition, he said that team members are constantly making an effort to look out for each other's academic progress.

"We have study hall five days a week to force the guys into (doing their work) and we're always looking out for each other," Celino said. "Guys that may have taken advanced classes will help teach someone who is taking an introductory course in such a subject, so we don't have to spend the time making appointments with our professors."

Rick Lagrega, a 21-year-old senior from Colchester, Vt., emphasized the importance of good time management for all student-athletes at the collegiate level, especially wrestlers taking part in such a time-consuming sport involving lengthy training and weight-cutting, multiple practices and meets.

"Time management is really important because at college you've got to focus on your studies," Lagrega said. "You have to worry about two practices a day; still go to all of your classes; and have time to cut weight on extra time if you have to do that."

lar, have a unique situation managing their time.

First year wrestler Clayton Brittingham, an 18-year-old from Snow Hill, M.D., said that managing his duties in the corps, classroom has been helped by the strict schedule imposed on him by coaches and advisors.

"Right now as a freshmen here at Norwich, time management is pretty much set for you because you have mandatory study halls and meetings built into your day along with classes and training," Brittingham said. "It's a pretty good way to keep everybody in check."

Despite the emphasis on keeping freshmen in good academic standing, Lagrega said the challenge they face as first-year members of the Corps of Cadets still makes for a touchy transition into the wrestling program.

"Freshmen who are in the corps have it harder than anyone really because they have to deal with a lot from cadre," Lagrega said. "It's all a matter of discipline, just getting your stuff done when it needs to be done."

"Freshmen year is the building block and the foundation for the corps of cadets," Best added.

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NU men's rugby gears up for playoff run

By **Brendan Recchia**
Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

After a tough 2005 fall season, the Norwich University men's rugby team is looking to have a strong and successful year. The team is focusing on making their season last well into the playoffs.

"We have a really good team this year, probably the best team that we have had in the past four years," said junior Justin Howard, a 20-year-old political science major from Stratton, Maine. "We have two great leaders on the team: Dave Meaney and Milton Rehbein. They are our two captains and they do a great job and really stand up for us."

Junior Todd Howe, a 20-year-old mechanical engineering major from Apollo Beach, Fla., said that the rugby team is fortunate to have a solid group of coaches.

"For coaches, we have Paul Mitchell, our assistant coach right now, who is coaching all the

backs and is doing a great job," Howe said. "Coach Bob Weggler, our head coach, is doing a great job getting us ready for each game every week."

The Cadets suffered their first loss to Army on Sept. 30, lowering their record to 2-1.

"We are just looking to stay strong and really come together as we head towards trying to make the playoffs and advance."-Meaney-

Despite the loss, senior Billy Rose, a 21-year-old criminal justice major from Millis, Mass., said members of the team continue to have a positive outlook on the season.

"I don't think that the loss affected the team in a negative way," Rose said. "I think that it just made us realize the speed we will have to play at in our upcom-

ing games in order to be successful and accomplish our goals."

Rose added that this year's team hopes to make it to Buffalo, NY, and eventually to the national Sweet Sixteen in Albany, NY.

Citing upcoming games against Northeastern and the University of Connecticut as posing major implications to the overall success of the season, both Rose and senior teammate Dave Meaney, a 21-year-old sports medicine from Medfield, Mass., said the league is wide open for teams looking to get position behind first-place Army.

"The league we play in is well split up, with the exception of Army who is undefeated right now," Meaney said. "Aside from Army, the league is evenly matched and allows for some great games, and we are just looking to stay strong and really come together as we head towards trying to make the playoffs and advance."

In order to bring quality football players to the school: NU coaches travel great distances to recruit players

By **Casey Palacios**
Norwich Guidon staff writer

Recruiting is essential in a football program, especially at a Div. III program such as Norwich University, where coaches must recruit the right players.

A Div. I program, such as the University of Miami, will always get the "best of the best players," so it's up to coaches at Div. III programs to find out what's left out there, said Brian Divelbliss, defensive coordinator for the football team.

"One main way we recruit is by meeting a player face to face and seeing how a person handles themselves and how they carry themselves because that's the type of person you want to represent your program," Divelbliss said. "Recruiting is the life of any program. I enjoy recruiting as I enjoy meeting people."

Recruiting involves a large time commitment and extensive traveling, so if you do not enjoy traveling and meeting new

people, you're not going to enjoy recruiting," Divelbliss said.

"Football recruiting is a year round task," Divelbliss said, adding that "recruiting players when they are rising seniors right before they go into their senior year is the best time to pick up a player."

When a player knows that he is wanted, he tends to perform better on the field knowing someone is watching, Divelbliss explained, adding that every football program recruits; every team wants to win; every coach wants the biggest, fastest, and strongest players on their team."

A survey showed that most of the football players in the NFL and Div. I programs come from the Florida area, making it the spot to recruit football players.

"Personally I think football players from Florida have the most talent," said Brandon Joe, an 18-year-old business management major from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "They play football 12 months out of the year."

"When I came here on my recruiting visit at Norwich University all the coaches knew me on a first and last name basis and it made me feel welcomed," Joe said.

Joe, a freshman on the football team, added that "one of the main reasons I came to Norwich was because of my hosts Darnell Jackson and Casey Palacios. They showed me a good time, which made my decision much easier."

Leo Fanning, the offensive coordinator at Norwich, said "30 to 40 players get seriously recruited here at Norwich. To get 40 players you would have to recruit anywhere from 80 to 90 players."

Fanning, who is in his second year coaching at Norwich, said "I take an aggressive approach to recruiting; going to a player's house and sitting with his family talking to them face to face really has an impact on a player's decision."

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Jackson, seen here carrying the ball in a recent game, is praised by both coaches and players for his abilities.

one," Averill said. "He has great character, which allows him to be very relaxed and upbeat and enthusiastic about football. He's always joking around and is a very positive role model for guys on the team."

Jackson said that he is grateful for everything he has been given in life, including his family and the natural athletic talents.

Despite aspirations of continuing his football career after college at some level of professional play, he said he remains focused

on solidifying a legacy as one of the finest football players ever to wear a Norwich uniform.

"Football is my life, it's all I know and I want to do well," Jackson said. "In the time I have left at Norwich, I have goals of breaking school records and trying to be an All-American."

"I would really like to be a hall-of-famer at Norwich, really make myself known as one of the best people ever saw play here," Jackson said.



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Sean Tucker '10
“Chris Tucker.”



Amanda Sweet '10
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Lindsay Brook '07
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Ben Graves '07
“A costume of Dan Leddy.”