**Despite Bird Flu threat oversees:**

**Officials encourage NU students to study abroad**

**By Scott Sattler**  
*Norwich Guidon Writer*

With the spring semester approaching, many NU students will have the opportunity to study abroad.

However, with recent cases of bird flu in most of the countries of Asia and Europe, many NU students feel tense about traveling overseas to study abroad.

Bird flu is caused by the avian infection, a disease that happens naturally among wild birds which carry the virus in their intestines.

> Over the process of evolution, birds have built up an immunity and therefore do not get sick from the disease.

But an outbreak of bird flu may pose a threat to humans, especially if handlers are exposed to poultry infected with the disease.

> Animals such as infected chickens, turkeys and ducks, are at high risk of infecting humans if they are consumed.

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Sean Allan, 20, an international studies major, from Bridgewater, Conn. said that “hopefully while studying abroad next semester in Germany I won’t be effected by it. The flu seams to be spreading all throughout Europe, and Asia.”

Symptoms of bird flu common in humans are typical flu-like such as a fever, cough and sore throat.

> Over time, however, the illness can change exhibiting symptoms of pneumonia and respiratory diseases, which can lead to critical life-threatening problems.

To date countries affected by the bird flu are Japan China, South Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, and countries in Europe.

To stop the outbreaks from occurring, authorities in these specific countries have killed over 100 million birds.

Students traveling to Asia or Europe for their study abroad semester have the possibility to bring the illness home with them but bird flu usually does not spread to humans unless the individual consumes an infected bird.

The first case of this virus happened in 1997 in Hong Kong where 18 people were infected, and half died.

Currently there is no vaccine available against the bird flu virus. There are some products on the market which can help, Oseltamivir and Zanamavir “I will be traveling in cretin European countries so it will always be in the back of my mind,” Allan said. “Hopefully now that researchers are studying the flu and coming up with a vaccine, it won’t be a full scale epidemic.”

**NU holds wellness fair, flu vaccinations for community**

**By JJ Kim**  
*Norwich Guidon Staff Writer*

When there is enough influenza vaccine to go around, everyone should get it, according to Vice President of Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice, who said the best time to get vaccine is in October or November.

> “Even if you are healthy young person, who wants to be sick for a week and miss school and miss work?” asked Judy Peterson, Vice President of Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice.

The Norwich University Wellness Committee and Human Resources sponsored a flu shot clinic Nov. 9 for Norwich faculty and staff, and Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice provided the vaccine and nurses to give the vaccination.

The demand for the vaccination this year almost doubled from last year, according to Jay Wisner, Norwich Director of Human Resources.

> “Last year was the biggest crisis,” Peterson said. “The company named, Chiron, suddenly lost their license to give the vaccine.”

The United States bought most of vaccine from Chiron, which is manufactured in England, creating a shortage throughout the country, Peterson said.

> “Even if you are healthy young person, who wants to be sick for a week and miss school and miss work?” asked Judy Peterson, Vice President of Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice.

Last year nationwide, there was a severe shortage because Chiron could not release any of its vaccine,” Peterson explained.

Norwich had scheduled the clinic and set the time and date for flu shot clinic last year, Wisner said “and about a week before the clinic was to be held, we were notified that Central Vermont Home Health & Hospices did not have the vaccine because of the company in England that the vaccine was not certified for use.”

According to Peterson, Chiron

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A Norwich student gets a blood pressure check during a health fair in the Mill Thursday, Nov. 11, which was sponsored by seniors in the NU nursing program.

In addition, students educated visitors about how to recognize signs and symptoms of various types of cancer and other ways to promote good health.

As part of the fair, faculty and staff who wanted them were given free flu shots. All others were charged $18 for the vaccination. (Morales photo)
Letters to the Editor

Letters from the Norwich Community

Day they should have to have the same trouble getting a spot that a student does.
Geoffrey Ankuda

Dear Editor:
Since the middle of last year the U.P. 500 has been talked down upon. There is not any real tradition behind this event but it is one that many cadets have learned to like. I have heard many people before me talking about their experience during the run and I am looking forward to running it myself. Last year my rook sister and I were asked by a cadre member if running the U.P. 500 would be worth it. I told her that it would be just because it is one more thing that you can do as a company. Also, let’s be honest who doesn’t like to act like a fool from time to time? My rook sister on the other hand told her that it was degrading to us, women in particular. Let’s forget that this is a totally voluntary event. However, some people think that it’s not something that we should be allowed to do even though we are all adults and can think for ourselves. It makes me mad because the ones who don’t want to take part in it are the ones who will run it for the rest of us. The rule is, if you don’t run it you can’t ever watch it. So the people that don’t want to take part in don’t even need to be there. We aren’t hurting them so they shouldn’t have to complain. I think that since it is an optional event the ones who have a problem with it should not even worry about it. If there are people that want to make fools of themselves then they should be able to do so. We are all old enough to make these types of decisions on our own, and it should be left like that.
Amanda Sugai

Dear Editor:
I feel there should be stricter rules as to who is authorized to use the gym in Plumley Armory. Posted messages say you must have your Norwich ID on you in order to use the facility, but when I go in the morning to get away from crowds of sports teams in the afternoon and at night, the “nautilus room” is crowded with older people who are obviously not apart of the student body and whom I never see on campus besides the gym. Who knows if they pay a fee and how are you suppose to tell without anyone checking ID cards?
Checking IDs would probably limit the crowds or force people to buy memberships. In the long run, the school will get more money to buy equipment or have a smaller amount of people working out thus creating more room for the students. Also, the school could post hours for the community that doesn’t interfere with the time students generally use. It makes not just Norwich safer but the town Northfield as well. Last year Norwich had to cancel the winter carnival because there was a lack of students staying on campus. A positive for both Norwich and the students is that students won’t have to drive off campus to drink and then risk other people’s lives by driving home drunk or getting DUI or DWI. This makes not just Norwich safer but the town Northfield as well. When it comes down to the choice of a sports bar or not on campus you need to look at the whole picture. Norwich will make more money as well as make the whole community around campus safer. To me it sounds like an easy choice.
Michael Kiser

As We See It

Chances are fairly certain that most of us will be sitting down to dinner and giving thanks next week. But while we each are listing the food we are thankful for, perhaps we should also think about those who have no food, and those who can’t be home for Thanksgiving. As we head home, we challenge the Norwich community to help someone less fortunate during the week-long break. As we give thanks, remember the sailors, soldiers, airmen, marines, and coast guardsmen who are probably spending their Thanksgiving on patrol. Helping others this holiday will be far more rewarding than helping our selves to seconds of pie.

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President’s Corner

President Schneider is away from the university and his column will not appear in this issue.
At stake is the future of the 10 watt station, which has operated unlicensed since 1998, according to Bloch, which makes decisions by group consensus, is “a non-commercial, all-access community radio station trying to provide a service to our town,” Bloch said.

“At this point in time, the FCC is not granting Low Power FM licenses for stations as small as us,” Bloch said. “We were operating under the authority of the people of Brattleboro, who own the airwaves, supercede the FCC, and voted to support us.”

Brattleboro voters did approve an Article of support by 1519 to 780, granting rfb authority to broadcast until they or another community-centered station is granted a low power license in their community.

Through their attorney David Kirby, the FCC has denied the claim that citizens can independently grant broadcasting rights to stations. “Stations must go through the proper licensing channels to operate,” Kirby said.

According to the station’s web site, the FCC first ordered the station to shut down in June of 2003, after they received two complaints rfb was interfering with a Massachusetts station. Rfb collected “thousands of signatures as proof of their authority to operate,” and began broadcasting that August.

After another attempt to shut down the station just two weeks later, the FCC took their case to the courts, according to the web site. Both the FCC and rfb filed lawsuits in early 2004.

In late July, U.S. District Court Judge J. Garvan Murtha encouraged the FCC and rfb to settle their differences out of court. While no further court dates have been set, neither side has said what an effective settlement would include.

Until a settlement agreement is reached, rfb’s station remains unused, Bloch said. The 70 local DJs who operated 50 shows a week do not know if they will be on radio again.

“If there was a way the FCC would license us, I would do it in a heartbeat. They haven’t yet, and they have said they never will.”

-Bloch-

By Matt Poitras
Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

Less than a month before its seventh anniversary of broadcasting, radio free brattleboro’s (rfb) equipment was confiscated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), according to rfb coordinators.

On June 22 of this year, under authority of a warrant for seizure based on operating without a license, U.S. Marshals used a locksmith to gain entrance to the studio at 7 a.m. Officials confiscated close to $20,000 worth of broadcasting equipment used by rfb, station organizer Larry Bloch said.

This was not the first time rfb has had a run in with the FCC, and the seizing of rfb’s equipment came while a case between the FCC and rfb was still pending in a federal court in Brattleboro, the rfb web site (http://www.rfb.fm) said.

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-McKenna-

If somebody was doing this to you,” according to McKenna. “We represent all who are sick of receiving unwanted AOL CDs,” McKenna said.

Over the past five years, people have sent in over 371,000 discs, according to the web site.

“At a lot of people want to help out,” McKenna said. “We hope that we can make a change, and we all end this wasteful practice.”

While most people are familiar with AOL CDs from their mailboxes and the post office, McKenna said he has also received discs hidden in

“Right now, our biggest challenge is that AOL is unlikely to change their behavior without a large public demonstration of dissatisfaction,” McKenna said.

“Receiving all of their CDs, all at once with the media in full attendance, will have a larger impact” than people sending back individual CDs to the company.

“We’d love for them to set the industry standard by stopping this practice and challenging others to do so as well,” McKenna said.

In the meantime, the two will continue to collect discs sent to them from all over the world in the garage behind McKenna’s house.

They’ve received AOL CDs from France, Germany, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom, but mostly the discs come from the United States.

“Right now, our biggest contributor has been PostalGallery.com who sent in 47,000 AOL CDs,” McKenna said.

McKenna said most people send in packages of the discs, but every disc helps.

“It only cost’s $.03 to send one disc in a package, and we get plenty of packages with only one or two discs,” McKenna said.

As far as whether AOL will change their marketing techniques when they get 1 million CDs dumped in front of their door “we will have brought a lot of attention to this issue without resorting law suits,” McKenna said. “We’ll call that a win.”
Drill team gears up for first competition of the year

By Robert Covert
Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

After months of training, spinning rifles and working on drill and ceremony, the Norwich drill team prepares for the first competition of the 2005-06 school year, according to the team’s drill master.

On Nov. 19, 2005 the NU drill team will be competing at the Cornell University drill meet located in Ithaca N.Y. t

This will be the fourth year the team has competed at the university. Last year they won first in every event as well as taking first place overall.

“If you want to be as good as us you have to prepare from the beginning of the semester to the competition,” said Shawn Piner, 22, a sophomore math major, from Pottstown, Penn.

“We’ve been practicing since August. A lot of time (has been) put into drill, we put in two hours everyday of practice, so it’s about three months if you include the beginning of the school year,” said Joseph O’Rielly 22, a senior criminal justice major from Rahway N.J., who also serves as the drill team’s drill master.

Drill team competes in events such as, armed basic, armed exhibition, two-man exhibition, color guard, and finally, an inspection.

Also the team competes against 30 schools, which include West Point, the Naval Academy, Air force Academy, and other university ROTCs.

“The competition officially have a sequence of who goes on what drill deck,” Piner said. “There are four drill decks and those who run the Cornell drill meet, scatter teams throughout. The teams go to one deck take a 35-minute break and then the teams go to a different deck. This cycle is used, so there is no wasted time.”

“When we get to Cornell, we go to a commander’s meeting where the teams are given a schedule for the day,” O’Rielly said. “Also, in the schedule they try to give teams enough time between each event because they know some schools need to change uniforms for certain events.”

The competition begins at 7 a.m. and ends usually around 5:30 p.m. after an awards ceremony.

The manual used for judging at the competition is the Navy/ Marine Corps drill manual.

Those competing need to have general knowledge about the Navy and Marine Corps as well as the ROTC they are representing.

“It’s based on which ROTC you are representing, if you are representing a navy/marine ROTC, than you need to know navy/marine knowledge. But everyone at the competition

NU volunteer fights community service stigma

By Myra Mathis-Flynn
Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

Some faculty and students at Norwich University are worried that the community service and volunteer work office may have an image problem.

There is some confusion as to whether the office exists only to make students work off community service as a form of punishment, according to Nicole DiDomenico, NU director of volunteer programs.

“Our office is not only full of people working their debt off to society,” DiDomenico said, “I worry about that stigma because that is not what our office is primarily for.”

Mathis, Norwich Dean of Students, worries that not only the office, but the students as well may be stigmatized.

“I would hate people to think that every Saturday, when Nicole carts 30 students to the food bank, they are bad people,” Mathis said.

DiDomenico worries that it may be the language surrounding community service, which promotes the stigma.

“I wish that ‘community service’ never became synonymous as the next best thing to jail time,” DiDomenico said, explaining that community service is an event or an action that is a service to a community and a volunteer is someone who performs that service.

“Community restitution has to do with mandated service hours for doing something wrong,” DiDomenico said. “I try to make sure that a student knows that if community restitution is what they are doing, that is not volunteer work.”

According to DiDomenico, sometimes the specifics of what the student has done wrong do not even matter to the office of volunteer programs.

“It’s none of my business,” DiDomenico said. “I will use their service to my full advantage because in my eyes a service is a service to the community.”

Zebethiah Snow, a 21-year-old junior from Williston, Vt., had an experience with mandated community service hours last year.

“I was ‘vapped’ at Norwich,” Snow said, explaining that he was caught possessing alcohol. “My service was doing a ‘Penguin Plunge’, jumping into the lake in February. I had a blast.”

The Penguin Plunge is a fundraising event.

However, Snow said he does not believe his actions were corrected by his punishment. He said it was a better way to “pay of my debt to society, rather than being expelled.”

DiDomenico said that her office is not an office for restorative justice. “My needs are the community’s needs.”

Mathis said she does believe that community service is a fitting punishment for students.

“I think sometimes it’s okay to see how your deed, labor and someone’s job are connected,” Mathis said. “If you vandalized something and I assign you to clean it up with the maintenance crew, I think you get more of a sense of your disrespect.”

DiDomenico said that she receives information about students sent to her office in case a student is sent to fulfill mandatory hours who may be harmful to the community in some way.

“If a student is sent to my office with a punishment for sexual harassment, I will not be putting them near children or any place with direct physical contact,” DiDomenico said. “I may, however, send them to a food bank, where their service can be supervised.”

Snow said he believes the punishment should fit the crime.

“If a person gets into a fight, they should have anger management,” Snow said. “But there are just some things where the police should get involved. I would be upset if a person was doing community service for a sexual harassment punishment.”

Mathis said there are community activities which involve restoration.

According to Snow, the office of volunteer programs should not be labeled as a place where people help the community only as a form of punishment.

“Norwich has a great community service department,” Snow said. “Most people doing work with Nicole are there because they want to better their lives.”

Snow adds that he is now a full-time volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity organization.

“I have had students come into my office who have never done any kind of volunteer work, but have come in for restitution,” DiDomenico said. “After they have come back to volunteer because it has introduced them to the concept that service is a way of life. It’s a rewarding feeling.”
The Norwich University was been the victim of end-of-the-year thefts that have totaled over $10,000, according to school officials. At some point during May 6-8, 2005 finals week last spring, thieves made off with four university laptop computers, three digital cameras and two classroom projectors that were stored in locked rooms in the Science complex building, said Eduardo ‘Chico’ Hernandez, division head of the Math and Science. The thefts happened during the weekend of final exams, just as they did during the previous spring semester when four Proxima projectors valued at $20,000 were stolen from classrooms.

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Career Corner

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A resume is a picture of you, carefully painted with precise and powerful words. It is a concise statement of WHO you are, WHAT unique experience, skills and knowledge you have, and HOW and WHERE you have applied them.

Resumes are organized into different sections to help the reader find information quickly. Some commonly used headings include: Education, Skills, and Activities. Work on one section at a time. Jot down all the facts that apply to that section. For example, under the “Activities” section, you might list athletic teams you play on, clubs you participate in, and volunteer work. After the basic facts are in order, expand upon them, citing any offices held, accomplishments or details about the work involved. Strong action verbs, such as, supervised, managed and trained, should be used to convey your accomplishments.

Once each section is complete, blend them into one document. Sections should be arranged from most important at the top of the page to sections of lesser importance at the bottom. Facts within sections should be listed in reverse chronological order. In all cases, the resume must be attractive, easy to read, and error free. Your resume is the first example of your work that will be presented to prospective employers - if it isn’t top quality, the employer will assume the rest of your work is also unacceptable.

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By Matt Poitras
Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

After thefts last spring: Computer losses still plague Norwich campus, faculty

For the second year in a row, Norwich University was been the victim of end-of-the-year thefts that have totaled over $10,000, according to school officials. At some point during May 6-8, 2005 finals week last spring, thieves made off with four university laptop computers, three digital cameras and two classroom projectors that were stored in locked rooms in the Science complex building, said Eduardo ‘Chico’ Hernandez, division head of the Math and Science. The thefts happened during the weekend of final exams, just as they did during the previous spring semester when four Proxima projectors valued at $20,000 were stolen from classrooms.

“To replace the equipment will be around $15,000,” Hernandez said.

Hernandez said the first report of the thefts was on Sunday, May 8 at 10 a.m.

Gary Parker, one of Norwich’s physics professors who had their computers stolen, was on campus to give a final exam.

“I came in Sunday morning, and [the laptop] was gone,” Parker said. “The lock was pulled off the computer, but no door or window had been tampered with.”

While the computer was removed by force, Hernandez said “there is a set of keys missing,” which Hernandez said gives the holder access to all the offices, labs, and classrooms in the Math and Science department.

Because of these thefts, all the locks affected will need to be changed, the cost of which the $15,000 estimate does not take into consideration, Hernandez said.

Hernandez said the monetary value of the equipment lost was nothing obviously compared with what is on those computers.

“You can always replace the machine, it’s the work and effort that people put in that you can’t replace,” Hernandez said.

Parker said he lost a majority of his current research of the sun and its atmosphere.

The data for his partially grant-driven research was culled from eight years worth of photographs of the sun.

To reacquire the data for his research, Parker said it would take at least “four days of tedious, concentrated work.”

“Some of that information cannot be regained.” Hernandez said.

“If I attempt to duplicate them this month might have left your door open when you went to the restroom, and you lock it behind you now,” Hernandez said.

“People say this goes on all the time,” Hernandez said. “People in the dorm rooms say ‘I had this stolen,’ and ‘I had money stolen’.”

In fact, the week before these thefts, a laptop computer was stolen out of one of the classrooms, Hernandez said.

“It’s been sitting there since last year, and all of a sudden, someone decided that’s the one they wanted,” Hernandez said.

“That was double locked on a table in a classroom that was locked, and someone came in and ripped the locks off.

“It’s a change in the culture we are surrounded good people. It just isn’t worth doing any other way.”
Army juniors recall experiences in Airborne School

By Stephen Robitaille
Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

Airborne! That is one of the titles cadets at Norwich have the opportunity to earn thanks to Uncle Sam and the US Army. Every year, army sophomores compete to determine who will get to go to airborne school over the summer before returning to their junior year. More than 30 Norwich Cadets in the Army ROTC program were sent to Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga. this past summer.

Airborne school is a three-week training program to qualify cadets, privates, NCOs, and officers in all branches of the military to jump out of a plane and land safely in a combat area. Before they perform their five qualifying jumps, airborne candidates must complete two weeks of training, a feat not easily completed in the Georgia heat.

"It was around 100 degrees and 100 percent humidity. Everyday, it was the ninth layer of hell," said Ross Lockwood, a 20-year-old communications major from Wallingford, Conn. Lockwood said he has dreamed about going to airborne since he was a kid. From the time he saw the airborne units in movies, to attending Norwich and seeing cadets walking around with airborne wings.

Despite the hard work, it was still fun, especially the 34-foot mock towers, said David Whitney, a 20-year-old studies of war and peace major from Duxbury, Mass. "You go shooting down real fast, it's a lot of fun."

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did a lot of work during past 12 months "to get the manufacturing process going."

Chiron announced that it was going to make 18 to 28 million doses of vaccine.

"They weren't meeting their own timeline," Peterson said. "There were continuous delays, but everybody believed that it would be ok."

Chiron has announced that they were not going to produce the promised number of doses of the vaccine, and they have not said how many they would or could produce.

"So we actually have shortage again this year," Peterson said, adding that the clinics which ordered the vaccine from other companies, such as Sanofi Pasteur and Glaxo Smith were able to contribute.

"That's why we are able to do the Norwich vaccination clinic," Peterson said.

Peterson said Norwich is encouraging employees to get the vaccination "because they don't want people to get the flu and have lots of sick days out. You know how one person gets flu in a dormitory or a work place; other people start to get it."

Faculty and staff were able to obtain a flu shot free of charge. It cost $18 for students and other community members.

"It's strictly what we can afford to do," Wisner said. The university Wellness Committee has limited financial resources for the vaccine each year, and "we can't afford to take care of students" free of charge, Wisner said, adding that even faculty and staff family members must also pay for their own vaccinations.

"They are eligible to (get a flu shot), but they have to pay (for it)," he said.
NU student EMTs face difficult balancing act with school

By Ross Lockwood
Norwich Guidon Staff Writer

Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) are highly trained individuals charged with the task and responsibility of preserving life.

Some students at Norwich, who are EMT qualified and who continue their services as EMTs, find attending classes and working toward their degree challenging.

Performing the duties of an EMT and as a student is a hard task, where at times sacrifices must be made to compensate.

“It’s very easy to get into the lifestyle where you just think of emergency medical services (EMS),” said Robert Fabich, 21, a nursing major from Manchester, N.H. “I’ve missed tests; I’ve missed classes, and I’ve been late for school and very important stuff.”

When called out to an emergency, these students shed the college student persona, and become the trained professionals who save the lives of people they don’t even know, and under circumstances that most people will never experience.

“It was raining out, and the tone went out for a vehicle versus a tractor trailer versus a motorcycle,” said Michael Kelley, 21, a nursing major from Sagamore Beach, Mass. Kelley explained that there was a man on the side of the road 50 feet away from his motorcycle. There was a car in the middle of the road, smashed in on both sides, and there was a tractor trailer about a quarter-of-a-mile down the road.

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Kelley said. “It’s not that I think its cool, its that its something that I trained for, so when it happens I’m excited to use my training, and when its something that happens when I can use a lot of my training that’s what we call a cool call,” Kelley said. “It’s not the fact that people are getting hurt because we don’t want to see people get hurt.”

Fabich recalled one motor vehicle accident where a car hit a horse on route 64, which involved a couple of Norwich students. “They were coming back from the club and they hit a horse that was standing in the middle of the road at three in the morning,” Fabich said. “There were ambulances flying up the road; there were police cars; there were people walking around wondering what was going on.

“Three was this giant dead horse in the middle of the road, and there was a car rolled over,” Fabich said. “It looked like something out of the movies.”

EMTs look at accidents as being really interesting, they look at an accident or a patient like a puzzle that needs to be solved immediately.

Anything they do will effect whatever they do next.

“As an EMT, we try to see what we can do to fix them, Fabich said. “Where most people are shying away or freaking out, we want to see more; we want to exercise our training and abilities to help people.”

EMTs do what they do because they want to help people.

“I really like helping people. I like the challenge of EMS,” Fabich said. “Its very challenging. You always have to think two steps ahead; you have to think of everything you’ve done, how it will effect everything you do.

“It encompasses everything that I like to do in life,” Fabich said. “I like helping people, and what better way to help someone but in their most crucial time of their life, their most desperate time, and you’re there to help.”

Kelley said the worst kind of call is that which involves children.

“ Probably the worst is seeing someone who is just born and already on their way out” Kelley said. “The only thing that really bothers me is children. I don’t like dealing with kids.”

Fabich said, adding that “little old lady who fell, and you go into their time of need and you help them. And then they come back a month or two down the road and you find a thank you note in your mail box.”

“ It’s really cool when someone comes up to you, and they say ‘thank you’,” Fabich said. What is expected of an EMT changes those who take on the task.

“It’s changed me immensely. I never thought that I’d want to do something like this for the rest of my life,” Rindt said. “I always thought I wanted to go into the Army and kill people, but I don’t, I want to go into the Army and save people.”

EMTs are people who do extraordinary things when called upon.

“The ones that get me are those calls that you don’t remember,” Fabich said, adding that “little old lady who fell, and you go into their time of need and you help them. And then they come back a month or two down the road and you find a thank you note in your mail box.”

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Savoy Theatre continues century-long tradition

By Amanda Benson
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Despite the fact that a movie theater is historically dated as one of the first nickelodeons in the central Vermont area, the Savoy Theater in downtown Montpelier still draws moviegoers into an unfamiliar world of cinematic magic outside the realm of mainstream film and offers a fine tradition of non-commercial entertainment according to several Norwich movie enthusiasts.

Anthony Morales, a 21-year-old junior communications major from New York, N.Y., said, “The Savoy Theater falls into the general idea people have of Vermont. Vermont isn’t ever commercialized. It’s about things of quality,” insisted Morales, “and I feel the Savoy is very much in line with that Vermont vibe.”

Every afternoon, Monday through Sunday, the public has the opportunity to watch independent American films or unadvertised foreign films at The Savoy Theater for the price of an average movie ticket and the chance to escape the clutches of the popular multiplex.

Rick Winston, the co-owner and business manager of the movie theater.

The Savoy also has a video store in the basement where the public can rent or buy a diverse selection of videos from notable foreign films such as the Swedish production of “The Seventh Seal” (1957) directed by Ingmar Bergman, to American documentary films such as “Fahrenheit 9/11” (2004) directed by Michael Moore to classics such as “Breakfast At Tiffany’s” (1961) directed by Blake Edwards and even some modern box office hits including George Lucas’ “Star Wars.”

The Savoy has shown classic and modern flicks since the first owners occupied the space in 1910. The original owner was the Massucco family who emigrated from Savoy, Italy and soon after, purchased the theater. After the theater underwent many alterations, Winston and his colleagues (at the time) bought it in 1980 according to Business Digest (July 1998).

Winston said the name came from the family that previously owned the theater; the Massucco’s called it The Savoy Theater.

“The theater [as it stands now] grew out of a once-a-week film society that started in 1972,” said Winston. The Lightening Ridge Film Society ran for 8 years. “And in 1980, the opportunity came to rent the space,” so Winston and his colleagues bought the venue and The Savoy Theater opened for business in January of 1981.

Although the general demographic of the theater attracts both male and females from the age of 25 and older, many younger people also appreciate what the theater has to offer.

“What I enjoy most about The Savoy is that it is a very small, intimate place that is never really crowded,” said Morales.

Besides its rich history, the theater is unique because, “it’s very low key, with only one screen and about 130 seats,” described Winston.

James Kennedy, a 20-year-old junior economics major from Vergennes, Vt., described the theater as a long bowling alley.

“When you walk in, you are greeted by the fine aroma of popcorn and an ensemble of movie posters on the wall, but no bright lights. You proceed past the concession counter on your right and purchase your tickets. You then come across the old-fashioned projection booth as you make your way around the corner to the very undersized theater.”

Despite its unusually small size, Winston stated that the mission of The Savoy Theater was, “To provide films that don’t get seen or are out of the mainstream.”

“We [the staff and customers] are interested in movies that are beyond the usual,” said Winston and he accomplishes his mission everyday.

“There are many films that do not fit in the mainstream studio film category,” explained Winston, “and that is the pool we draw from.”

Kennedy, who had been watching movies at The Savoy since he was a child, said, “in the culturally rich capitol of Vermont, The Savoy Theater enhances the fine tradition of distinctiveness because it provides moviegoers with the unique artistic atmosphere and films from all over the world.”

We pick our shows by doing a lot of reading said Winston. “Once a movie opens in N.Y., there is usually a lot of press and I can later read the reviews in papers like the ‘New York Times’ and ‘The Boston Globe.’”

Some recent films that were released this year were shown in the theater such as “March of the Penguins,” “The Aristocrats,” “Broken Flowers,” and “A History of Violence.”

“It really widens your cinematic horizons,” Morales said. “I fell in love with the place immediately.”
By Marc Allerdt
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The 2005 spring season is over for the Norwich men’s rugby team, after a tough loss against West Point in the first round of the playoffs last Saturday. The final score was 73-0.

“The first half we were dominated by speed and ability they got the ball and just passed with a lot of good forward movement,” said Pat Knaide, a senior criminal justice major from Bangor, Maine.

“We took a good pounding. We didn’t wake up until about half way through. They ran the score up 50 to nothing on the first half. One of the positive things that came up was that nobody gave in,” said Captain Sean Burgess, a justice major from Bangor, Maine.

Burgess refused to lie down and continued to play full steam ahead. “We did better than we did last season. We have to work our way through.” said Greg McGrath, said “we’re ready competitive East Coast competition, known as ‘Beast of the East.’

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Randall Bielski, and Milton Rehbein show the new Rugby uniforms.

The ruggers will no longer be allowed to use the armadillo as a mascot. New rulings mandate that they use the Cadet mascot, as is required for all Norwich teams.

The team finished the season with a 73-0 score against West Point.

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the team.

(Allerdt photo)

Norwich cycling team returns after 20 years

By Craig McGrath
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This fall the foundation for the Norwich cycling team was restored.

For the first time in more than 20 years, cycling is being brought back to the university.

Under the guidance of Mark Gunkel and leadership from seniors Daniel Guillette and Jean Francois, the cycling team hopes to set a tone for next season to be competitive in the future in already competitive East Coast Cycling Conference (ECCC) by facing dominant teams such as West Point and Princeton.

Greg McGrath said “we’re working our way through.” “We don’t have uniforms yet for this season. Hopefully we’ll be able to get uniforms from the athletic department, and do fundraising to pay for other expenses like entry fees and transportation.” said Daniel Guillette, 21, a geology major from North Hero, Vt.

Within the team there are actually two teams: the road team and the mountain biking team. Since the team was formed in the fall,
Thank Your Seniors!

The Norwich football team ended the season 3-7. Pictured here is action from the Nov. 5 home game against Utica. Senior team members leaving this year are: Mike Lober, Taylor Brown, Andreas Craig, Evan Thomas, Eric Murphy, Jamar Rawles, Jimmy Baker, Adam Cardin, Dan Polacheck, Chase Jenne, Josh Mahoney, Charles Heslin and Jake Schutz.

Photos by Kathy Rubalcaba
the same time as the mountain bike season, there was no time to establish a team and get registered to race.

But Gunkle said there are positives to not having a mountain bike season this fall. “They have a full year. They’re starting now and this is right when they need to start their base training.

“I’m setting up a year-long training schedule with them, and they can actually start racing in August, in their areas,” Gunkle said. “This spring we’re going to figure out what our goals are and what our races are and things like that.”

With the mountain bike season on the back burner, Gunkle and his road team are top priority right now. Like mountain biking, road racing training also needs a year to properly train.

With the fall almost gone and snow around the corner,” Gunkle said. “One of the things they need to do is get trainers that they can go out and put their bike on.

“A lot of it also is cardiovascular work; they have to get out there and get their heart rate up for certain periods of time,” Gunkle said. “So they can do that however they want, they can run, swim. Right now they can 50 percent of their work out on other sports, but come January they need to be 100 percent on a bike.”

As with the mountain bikers, the road bikers also must build a base, to strengthen their muscles and endurance but also learn other tactics of riding competitively.

“The last few group rides I was showing people how to focus more on cadence, how many times you pedal in a minute, so I was trying to get everyone to work on a higher cadence so they can be more efficient with the gears when going uphill and on the flats,” Guillette said.

“Also we’ve been working a lot on group riding, working on drafting off other people,” Guillette said.

Road racing has a spring season but because of Vermont’s long winters and cool springs the team is going to have to travel for the better part of the season. With team planning to compete in five races, almost all five of those races will be held in the New England area but all out of state, until May when there may be a race held in Vermont.

As far as the season goes “I want to just be able to compete and keep up with guys from Princeton and west point and all the Ivy League schools that have been around for the last 20 years,” said Jean Francois, 22, senior international studies major from West Windsor, NJ.

The ECCC races are broken into four sections: A, B, C, and D, with A being the most competitive and D being the least. Together as a team they plan to enter in C-level races in hopes of being competitive.

But being competitive isn’t going to be easy since none of the 20 bikers on the team have ever ridden competitively or in a pack.

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Getting Ready!

The Cadet hockey team participated in an ice-breaker game at 7 p.m. Nov. 12 in Kreitzberg Arena.