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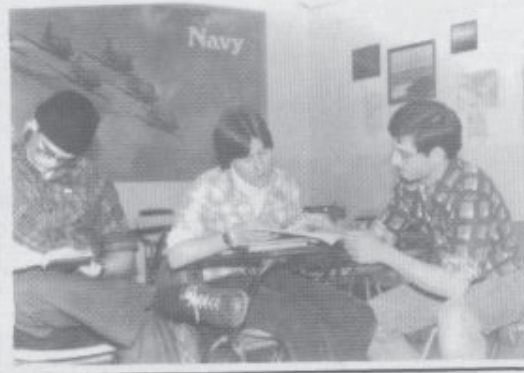


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Oregon State University Naval ROTC

FALL 1981

EMPHASIS: ACADEMICS



This year more emphasis is being placed on academics as the performance of scholarship students has been decreasing. It is time to start proving that we are worth the money that is spent to put us through school.

In order to raise the level of academic performance, the Unit has added a new stipulation to the standards set by the Navy for scholarship students. They are now required to carry at least 15 hours each term. This is also to insure that more students will graduate in four years instead of five.

The Unit is not only setting the standards, it is helping midshipmen meet them through various study programs. The calculus tutoring program is just one opportunity for mids to improve their grades and raise the overall scholastic performance of this Unit.

A few of our more industrious midshipmen have taken on the challenge to help out their fellow students with tutoring sessions on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm. Kurt BRINTZENHOFE, Dave LEINGANG, Jay HONIG, and Dave PIERCE don't seem to mind spending an evening helping people with their math problems.

Here is a little information about our industrious tutors so when you do make use of this service you can feel a little more comfortable with the people who are willing to take time to help you out.

Kurt BRINTZENHOFE is a senior. He is majoring in mathematics and will graduate this spring. He is going to be in the Navy's Nuclear Power program and wants to be a part of the submarine Navy. Kurt is also Platoon Commander for 1st Company, 2nd Platoon, and is Vice President of Swords of Honor.

Dave LEINGANG is a fifth year senior in Chemical Engineering. He has also been selected for the Navy Nuclear Power program and wants to become an "underwater sailor". He is willing to tutor most any subject and would like to see more people make use of the services.

Sophomores Dave PIERCE and Jay HONIG are both enrolled in the Pre-Engineering School. Dave suggests to anyone that if they need help, to get it right away at the beginning of the term.

The tutors are willing to help any way they can. There is also a list of tutors for all subjects posted in all classrooms for your use.

Another program which might be of some help is the sponsor program. It is designed to give students another person to go to in case they need help. This is for academic or general help if needed. Make use of this new program. It is up to you to make it work.

There are many opportunities to get help. Be wise and make use of these free services. Academics are important now and when you get out to the fleet. Let's keep our academics up to par!

--Midn 3/C B.M. Holdener



Midn 3/C D. C. PARKHURST



Midn 4/C K. J. O'DONNELL



Midn 4/C B. G. ELDRIDGE



Midn 3/C L. A. BACON

SCHOLARSHIPS

Two sophomores, Midn. David C. PARKHURST and Midn. L. Annie BACON, were awarded NROTC scholarships at the beginning of Fall Term 1981.

Midn. 3/C PARKHURST, a Geology major, is currently the Executive Officer of the Rifle Team and the platoon guide for 1st Platoon, 1st Company.

Midn 3/C BACON, a Computer Science major, is currently the platoon guide for 1st Platoon, 2nd Company.

Two freshmen, Brian G. ELDRIDGE and Kenneth J. O'DONNELL, were notified after the beginning of Fall Term 1981 that they also were recipients of NROTC scholarships.

Midn. 4/C ELDRIDGE, in General Engineering, is an editor for the ALBATROSS.

Midn. 4/C O'DONNELL, an Engineering major, is currently a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps.

Congratulations and best wishes to you all.



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

"Steaming as Before" is a term many of you should remember from summer cruise. What does it mean? Basically, it means that the systems in the engineering plant are in the same status as on the previous watch. As you can visualize, this term has many other connotations, one of which we can utilize here at OSU. In that the battalion is off with a very quick start and in a very positive manner, we are "Steaming as Before". However, there have been changes made and I am sure there will be more. By now, you should all be aware of our higher academic standards withing the NROTC program at OSU. This is not the result of arbitrary decisions but based on the logic that your grades are having an ever increasing impact on your future. We have already witnessed the higher standards instituted by the University for entrance into the Engineering School. It is a good bet that some of the other colleges and schools at OSU will implement similar policies. Just as important, is the knowledge that the GPA documented in your transcript will be a major determinant in your acceptance for the various warfare specialties, post graduate work and any other competitive programs that do not select those on the lower curve of academic prowess. A word to the wise - set goals and strive to achieve them!

"Well done" to those that planned and executed the programs for the Rookie Orientation, Navy-Marine Birthday Ball, PFT Day, Veteran's Day Parade and in addition, all of those dedicated individuals who worked in the various fund raising programs that keep our fiscal ship afloat.

Keep up the good work. You are bound for success; just make sure you get there!

BATTALION ATHLETICS/Chili Feed

On Saturday, 24 October, the Unit held the fall term Physical Fitness Test. Everyone put forth a great effort with thirty-four people getting a score of 275 or better, including nine people scoring a perfect 300.

The PFT was only the beginning of a day filled with activity as Battalion Athletics followed with each company forming teams for flashball and volleyball.

The first game in the flashball competition featured 1st Company against 2nd Company. The game was fairly even as both teams experimented to find an effective means of attack. 1st Company eventually came out on top 38-31. In the second round Headquarters Company challenged 1st Company for the flashball title. 1st Company dominated the first half as an inexperienced HQ team struggled to stay in the game. In the second half, HQ mounted a rally holding 1st Company to seven points at the half, only to fall short as 1st Company won the competition by defeating Headquarters Company 32-30.

In the volleyball competition, 2nd Company won over 1st Company in two close and exciting games with scores of 15-13 and 15-13. 2nd Company then took on HQ Company and handily won the first game 15-5, but HQ came back in the second game to tie it up with a score of 15-13. In the tie-breaker 2nd Company defeated HQ Company 15-11 to win the volleyball competition.

To round out the day's events, the annual chili feed was held at the home of Midn 1/C Mike WARRINER, Bob ALVICK, Tom BRICE, and Kevin VISSCHER. Midn 3/C PAULA JASKOWSKI and Midn 1/C Tony WALTERS provided the chili for the evening and should be commended. Although the attendance by the Freshman class was lacking, the evening was a success and all those who attended enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

--Ground Crew

A WORD FROM THE BATTALION CO

This year has been a very active one for all midshipmen. Of course, we all started out on the right foot with Freshmen Orientation. HQ Company participated in a very wet Veteran's Day Parade and the teams have been working hard in preparation for Northwest Navy. Drill Team swam from Eugene to Salem in the ice-cold waters of the Willamette River and Drum & Bugle Corps biked from Tacoma to Corvallis in the pouring rain. The Birthday Ball was a particularly big success this year and I was glad to see that so many people could make it. The Battalion Projects, after overcoming a few initial difficulties, went really well. I especially liked the fact that each project directly helped people in our community: painting the Senior Citizen's Center, raking leaves, and collecting food. Drill this year has gone quite well with Squad Competition as our goal. I felt Squad Competition went smoothly.

Looking beyond unit activities, we must keep in mind that our purpose as midshipmen is to become officers in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. To achieve this goal, we develop leadership through our participation in unit activities and gain knowledge through our studies. We should be proud, that as midshipmen, we have the chance to excell in both areas simultaneously. GOOD LUCK!

--Midn Capt. C. J. ROACH



From the MOI: Major W. N. MYERS

It's great to be back home, and I'm looking forward to an exciting three years here.

This school year saw us off to a great start with a successful, professionally conducted "Rookie-O". The Battalion Staff, and others who assisted are to be congratulated. Hazing/harassment was nearly non-existent; good, hard training was much in evidence. The Freshman class is also to be congratulated for their attention, hard work, and enthusiasm. (Keep it up. Your reputation's formation has begun).

All Battalion activities have come off very well so far this year. Saveker Day, Athletics/PFT/Chili Feed, HQ Company efforts for the Veteran's Day observances in Scio and Albany, the Battalion projects - all well done. The highlight has to be the Navy-Marine Birthday Ball, held on 28 October. I've been to many such affairs, many on a "grand scale", but it's been several years since Molly and I have enjoyed ourselves as much. (We look forward to the Ring Dance).

Mid-term grade reports were submitted in early November, and indications were that most Midshipmen were doing well; those having difficulties were seeking help, which was freely given. That is the key to success in any endeavor - cooperation, teamwork, a willingness to share.

The Battalion is looking good.

CDR FRANK M. BURLESON



COMMANDER F. M. BURLESON was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1935. He attended Bethel College in St. Paul, and the Naval Aviation Cadet Program, an officer and flight school, in Pensacola, Florida. He received his wings and commission in March of 1957. In 1966 he attended the Naval Post Graduate School and received his B.A. in Political Science. In 1972 he received his M.S. in International Affairs at George Washington University. He has also attended the Naval War College Command and Staff Course, in San Diego, Instructor Basic Course and Aviation Safety Course in Monterey.

Some of CDR BURLESON's duty assignments include instructor and test pilot in several VP squadrons, including VP-10, a fixed wing patrol squadron in Brunswick, Maine; Department of Defense representative to the government of Japan for ASW aviation and avionics. His last assignment was as the Area Manager for the Naval Junior R.O.T.C. in the Thirteenth Naval District in Seattle. He traveled extensively and made significant improvements in the program by gaining billet assignments on underway ships and by obtaining orientation flights for inland units. He administered and operated the NJROTC program in twenty high schools, with an enrollment of 1,593 student cadets, and 42 retired Navy personnel as instructors.

CDR BURLESON lives in Corvallis with his wife, Frances, son John, 17, and daughter Jill, 15.

It looks as though CDR BURLESON has a lot to offer us. A hearty welcome aboard.

--Midn. 3/C L. M. EARNEST

Guest presentations at NROTCU

The Battalion attended a SWOS presentation on Tuesday, 3 November at the Cultural and Conference Center. The guest speaker, CDR Tom FERGUSON came to talk to us from the Surface Warfare Officer School in Coronado, California. After a brief introduction, we were shown a film, shot at the SWOS in Coronado. It consisted of prospective surface warfare officers receiving classroom instruction, and learning to pilot a small boat in the Coronado Bay. After the film, CDR FERGUSON, officer in charge of SWOS in Coronado explained that surface warfare offered no special bonuses; just an opportunity for men and women who want to drive ships and who love the sea. A few questions were asked, and then the Battalion was dismissed.

On 6 October, CDR Bob HOLBROOK spoke to the midshipmen battalion on attributes and opportunities of the Nuclear Power program in the Navy. It was a very enticing and interesting presentation. The Nuclear Power program has much to offer for those students who are qualified.

Presentations such as these give midshipmen an opportunity to explore all of the options open to them in their career as Naval and Marine Corps officers.

--Midn. 4C G. W. BALAN

MAJOR WILLIAM N. MYERS

Major W. N. MYERS was commissioned through the NROTC program in 1970 with a B.S. in Business Administration here at Oregon State. After graduation he reported to the Basic School in Quantico, Virginia. In 1971 he reported aboard the USS ORISKANY as Executive Officer of the marine detachment. In April of 1972 he reported to the Infantry Battalion, Infantry Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, where he served in several billets including Rifle Company Platoon Commander, Executive Officer of the Rifle Company; Company Commander of Headquarters and Service Company; Assistant S-3 Officer; and Company Commander, Rifle Company. In 1974 he was the Series Commander; Company Commander of the Recruit Depot in San Diego. From there, Major MYERS reported to the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, TOW Trainer Course and Dragon Trainer Course at U.S. Army Infantry School in Fort Benning, Georgia. In March of 1978, Major MYERS was in Okinawa, Japan as the Assistant Operations Officer and Rifle Company Commander in the Infantry Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. In April of 1979 he became the director of the NCO Academy at Camp Pendleton. While there, Major MYERS was also the Operations officer for the Logistics Support Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group.

Major MYERS has returned to Oregon with his wife, Molly and daughter and son, Julie 6 and Brett, 4.

Welcome home, sir. I hope that your stay here is an enjoyable as the first.



Major & Mrs. MYERS at the Birthday Ball

ALBATROSS EGGS: Cooked as you like 'em.

"Sunnyside Up"

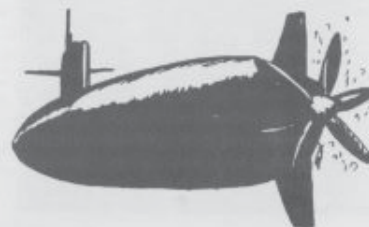
No longer are the writers of this paper called "Staff"; we are now the "ALBATROSS Ground Crew". YOU provide the fuel for the "bird"; and WE make sure that she's flightworthy. This is a PEOPLE paper, and your inputs are what will make it a success. The Ground Crew is prepared to help YOU write YOUR paper. When you have ideas, call on us.

"Over Easy"

The OSU NROTC Drill Team and Drum & Bugle Corps are strong influences on making our Unit the "Best in the West, and the Rest". They are a corps of hardworking people; but, they are people just like everyone else. We can learn from these men of the pride that they have for their Unit; OUR Unit. Let's support them in every way we can, because when we do, we are supporting ourselves as well.

The ALBATROSS will kick things off by "flying" to each midshipman's home this term; now, someone needs to pick the idea up from there.

-The GROUND CREW



ROOKIE ORIENTATION



It was dark and cold . . .

A Great Victory

It was dark and cold. Only a few moments before, my sleep-fogged mind had driven my reluctant body from bed, and now here I stood, waiting for my name to be called, and reflecting on the sparse joys of my life up to this time.

Then my name rang out, and I hurried to fall in with my new squad mates. We were ushered through the back door of the unit, and as upperclassmen cheerfully shouted encouragement and other pleasantries, we sprinted madly to fall in behind our squad leader. All too soon, we were on our way to Parker Stadium for the first dose of -- PT.

My apprehension quickly turned to deep concern when the first set of jumping jacks left me gasping for air. Situps? Pushups? Burpees?! Wind SPRINTS?!!! Well, at least we're not -- AVERY WHAT???? Aaugh!

It went on from there - drill, lectures on registration, military courtesies, PT, the O Course, swim test, practice PFT, and more drill. Then drill again. And every minute that ticked by was another victory for me, one less pushup I had to do before Rookie-O was over. But Rookie-O became an even greater victory as time went on: an aptitude test that I - we - passed. No one survived freshman orientation without the motivation to learn and improve.

The program was a sincere effort to adjust the Rookie from civilian to military life at college. There was a tremendous amount of concern from the staff for the health and safety of the freshman. This interest in our well being turned out to be as motivational as any other factor.

We learned pride, too, or, more truthfully, we earned it. We stepped into a big challenge, a test that few people ever face. The group worked hard, pushing our bodies and minds. And, as the rooks became a part of the outstanding NROTC program at Oregon State it was clear one could be as proud of being part of the battalion as making it through Rookie Orientation.

From the first pushup to the Drum and Bugle Corps demonstration, Rookie O was an experience that will never be forgotten by the freshmen or the staff. And suddenly, a group of nearly 60 young men became Oregon State University Naval ROTC midshipmen.

--Midn 4/C K. G. MANRING



POSITIVE ATTITUDE BEST PARTNER

It is the middle of August. Today in the mail I received a packet from Oregon State University Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. Contained within are a small booklet, letters, and an excerpt from "The Albatross". Inside the small booklet is a letter from Midn. Capt. C. J. ROACH. His message is clear-cut and mysterious at the same time. His words ring in my head for the rest of the summer. "Freshman Orientation will not be easy. You will face both mental and physical challenges you may never have faced before." What have I gotten myself into?

Today is September 22, my first day around the campus and the Unit (Naval Amory). Today goes quickly, we register, get fingerprinted, and are issued uniforms. I have already made friends and have decided this is going to be fun.

I have definitely made a mistake! It is 0600 Wednesday morning and I am donned in physical fitness gear, standing in the dark ready to do calisthenics. This is most assuredly not fun. We finish warming up and take off on a three-mile run IN STEP. By this time one thing is going through my mind, the Unit motto, "Best in the West and the Rest."

On we go to drill instruction. This is a totally new aspect to me, thus everything appears much more difficult than it truly is. After repeated mistakes we resume a more familiar position, that of the leaning rest. After ten quick ones we then resume our drill.



The leaning rest.



This type of routine continued through Thursday and Friday, intermittently spaced with breaks and lectures until Friday at 1400. We are "introduced" to the Obstacle Course, more affectionately known as the "O-Course". After going through it station by station and learning the proper way to attack it, we are given our big chance. Being strictly informed to run it slowly for safety reasons, we begin. Everyone does well through the difficult course until the final station, the rope climb. After three days of work and the strength-sapping course, the rope is too much.

Saturday begins with the practice Physical Fitness Test. Everyone put in a good effort and there were many outstanding performances. Following the PFT, we are treated to an impressive performance by Headquarters Company and then given a chance to join one of the Unit's nation-leading teams. We are then sent home to prepare for our classes to start the following Tuesday.

By now, all questions of what to expect have been answered. The mental and physical challenges were indeed new and difficult, but not insurmountable. The friendship among "the rookies" and the upperclassmen is beginning to grow. The new class has already begun to form itself into a group. The thing which stands out the most, now that I have completed "Rookie-O", is that positive attitude is the best partner you can bring with you against this seemingly unbeatable foe. With a positive attitude, determination, and motivation, the battle is easily won and "Rookie-O" becomes another experience and memory to draw knowledge from.

--Midn. 4/C George C. LOONEY



Rookies relaxing?

Number 1 Means work...and lots of it.



When you're number one, people are out to get you. They are trying to knock you off the mountain; off your pedestal of pride so they can assume your place.

On September 30, a group such as this, the OSU NROTC Drum and Bugle Corps went out to prove once again that they could stay on top of that pedestal.

To accomplish this formidable task, these dedicated souls get out of bed early five days a week to drill at Gill Coliseum. Leading drill workouts are Midn. LT J.G. Louis PETERSON and Midn. ENS Jeff RYMAN, the CO and XO respectfully. They've taken over well and have established a solid platform from which to build.

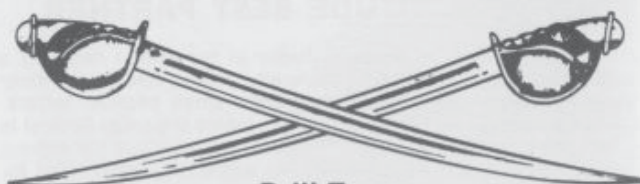
Teaching new members of the team the fine arts of drum and bugle playing are the billets of Midn. PO1 Diane BURGESS and Midn. CPO Doug TROTTER. Both Section leaders have been on the team one year and have the responsibility of getting the feet, ears and bodies in phase with the music.

Midn. PO1 Greg ZWICKER, Eric MURRAY, and Lisa EARNEST are the Squad Leaders for the 1981-82 season. With only seven rookies, there will be a good chance for individualized and cooperative coexistence between the Squad Leader and rookies.

Rounding out the D&B are the rookies of the team, seven people motivated to make sacrifices to be number one. Midn. 4/C GLAZIER, O'DONNELL, COULTER, AKAMINE, MANRING and WOLLENBECKER all felt a desire to do their best and are proving that from the outset.

In the future, the team is looking forward to many fine performances. The pedestal position looks wrapped up this year if current attitudes continue. If you're lacking something to do in your early mornings or have insomnia, come out and see for yourself what the team has done. When you see the D&B: Stop. Look. Listen. It'll be worth it!

--Midn. 3/C Doug TROTTER



Drill Team

Nine men have joined the ranks of the undefeated Navy Drill Team.

Last year's members performed their last exhibition at the end of Rookie Orientation, afterwards motivated rookies stepped up to fill the spots vacated by the Seniors.

The team has already been active, performing the sword ceremony at the Marine Corp Navy Birthday Ball and a wedding. The Sophomores also did a rifle manual for the Marine Corps Birthday ceremony.

An exhibition was given for the Elks in an effort to raise money for the competitions they will be attending.

The rookie's first public appearance was at the Veteran's Day Parade in Albany where they, along with the Drum and Bugle Corp and Color Guard, marched, despite a heavy rainstorm making rifle manuals slippery and difficult.

The Willamette 100-mile swim, a traditional Drill Team money raising project, went successfully, although very coldly, starting in Eugene and ending in Salem the next day.

The team is planning on attending Northwest Navy in Seattle, Washington and Governors of Arizona Invitational Drill Meet at Tempe, Arizona.

Eight Juniors and Sophomores comprise the staff. Midn. Lt. J.G. K. E. LETTERMAN heads the team with Midn. Ens. C. T. BURTON as Executive Officer. R. J. MILLER and J. T. VISTICA complete the Junior staff.

Squad leaders are Midn. 3/C T. E. GRIFFITH, J. A. KATICH, R. M. WERSEL and R. E. BOWERS.

The motivated Freshmen that have chosen to march with the finest are: A.L. STONE, C.W. HUNTER, J. WASHABAUGH, C.D. HOGGATT, R.W. PHILLIPS, J.D. ANSLEY, G.R. KROKUM, R.C. HICKS, and V.W. ROSE.

The potential is there for making this the fifth undefeated year: time will tell.

--Midn. 3/C T.E. GRIFFITH



1981/82 Color Guard

The 1981/82 Color Guard is in excellent form as usual. Under the leadership of Midn. Lt. J.G. C. D. FAGO as Commanding Officer, Midn. Ens M. A. DEVOE as Executive Officer, Midn. 3/C J. M. NADLER as Weapons Squad Leader, and Midn. 3/C K. L. WILSON as Color Squad Leader, the three new rookies are shaping up into a sharp and professional Color Guard. The rookies are Midn. 4/C BOOTHE, Midn. 4/C FERGUSON, and Midn. 4/C VOGT.

The Color Guard has already started earning money this year for equipment and the Battalion. This year's Color Guard has proved its ability to "go with the flow" in the Albany Veterans Day Parade. Mother Nature tried her best to destroy Color Guard morale with the rain and the wind that day, but didn't succeed.

With a busy schedule preparing for Northwest Navy and ceremonies at various basketball games, Color Guard is looking forward to an excellent year.

--Midn. 2/C C. D. FAGO

OUR SIGHTS ARE KEEN

This year's Rifle Team did not look too good at the beginning of the year. Then the Class of 1985 came along. Twenty-two midshipmen from the freshman class tried out for the team. Twelve of them made it, and have carried the best of motivated attitudes through this term. In raw scores alone this year's team is two weeks ahead of the last two year's training schedule. The team's optimistic attitude has been the biggest factor in their rapid learning. Through the problems of handling the biggest team in recent history and scheduling difficulties, these men have made the sacrifices to keep improving towards excellence.

The organization of the team is much better this year because of an improved responsible attitude and increased motivation. The team Commander this year is Midn. Lt. J.G. J.M. RIPKEY with Midn. Ensign D. R. PARKHURST as the Executive Officer. The rest of the team is broken into two squads with freshman squad leaders Midn. 4/C J. R. HUEY and M. L. CLARK providing leadership in these two billets. This has brought about some intersquad competition along with its associated pressure, under which each one of the team members have shown they can stand up to. We are confident they will be more than ready for their first match.

This year the rifle team will be competing against at least five teams in the Willamette League here in the valley. We will also be competing with other colleges. Eastern Washington University at Cheney, Washington is the first target on our shooting list which will be the 15, 16 and 17 of January. The first two weekends in February will be another two ducks to pull down. The Bengal Trophy match in Pocatello, Idaho has always been within range of our sights and this year we believe we can win there too. The almighty Northwest Navy competition will be the next goal for our expanding trophy bag. To end the smallbore season each year, we compete in the Silver State Invitational at Reno, Nevada during spring vacation. To get our rifles warmed up we shoot a match the previous day against the University of California at Davis, California.

This year's Rifle Team has a big schedule ahead of it, with some challenging matches. With the attitude and superior shooting thus far accomplished, the Rifle Team will be ready for any obstacle that needs to be overcome.

Simply put by an avid team member, "We're damn good".

--Midn. Lt. J.G. J. M. RIPKEY
Rifle Team Commander

PISTOL TEAM

The 1981-82 Pistol Team has eight new members and four Sophomores returning from last year. This year's team is commanded by Midn. Ensign Doug NEWKIRK; the Executive Officer is Midn. 3/C Chuck KIEWER.

There is a lot of talent among the incoming members and with practice, will be a very competitive team. The Pistol Team competes in the Willamette Valley Pistol League in approximately ten matches held in ranges throughout the Willamette Valley. In the fall, the team uses a .22 caliber pistol, and in the spring competes with .45's. The most important match of the year and the culmination of two terms of practice is the competition at Northwest Navy. The University of Washington in Seattle, is the site of this year's Northwest Navy and the Pistol team is planning on turning out an outstanding performance.

Due to lack of ammunition and the disorganization of the W.V.P.L., the team was off to a slow start. The much needed ammunition has finally arrived and matches are being scheduled, bringing things back to normal. We are looking forward to a great year.

--Midn 3/C K.D. RICHARDSON

EDITORIAL

Where are all those motivated midshipmen who would like to get involved? The ALBATROSS is looking for people to help write stories and become involved. This is your paper and we need you to keep it going.

Any suggestions or comments on how to better your paper are welcome and can be directed to the editor, Lisa EARNEST. The ALBATROSS "mail box" is located in LT NAKAGUMA's office or you may bring your comments to the ALBATROSS office which is upstairs in the midshipman lounge. Also feedback from alumni is welcome. Comments may be mailed to the NROTC Unit in care of the ALBATROSS and LT. NAKAGUMA.

The Albatross

SEMPER FI

Spread the word! Sound the gongs! Enlighten the world! Semper Fi is going strong and planning many activities for the coming year.

Some of the projects that have already been successfully accomplished are as follows:

On 17, 18, 19 October, Semper Fi held a woodcut which was anticipated to meet the cash requirements for the coming year. After two days in the bush, led by the intrepid duo of Jeff RYMAN and Lindley BAILEY and much appreciated help from Major MYERS, Senior Chief JONES and many of the married folk's wives, the club cut 16 cords of wood, and cleared \$400.

The Marine Corps Birthday Party, utilizing the home of those gracious hosts Tony WALTERS, Kurt LUTTERMAN and Clyde BURTON, not only showed that Marines know how to have a good time without being drunk and rowdy, but also showed that not all Marines know how to play winning poker.

The Marines also showed the pride in the history of the Corps with the annual cake-cutting ceremony on the quarterdeck. Thanks to Sherry ROACH are in order for organizing that event, which was spiced up by the Drill Team honor detail.

Finally, you might notice a lot of red Semper Fi T-shirts running around the Unit on Marines' backs. Rob MILLER, after careful deliberation and consultation with Roger ANGEL, used the design entry by Clyde BURTON to give Semper Fi its official club T-shirt.

Events scheduled for the rest of the year include repair, restoration and renovation of the O-course, including new sawdust, and edges around the course.

The club has also planned several trips, such as a ski trip on the 16th and 17th of January, a rock-climbing trip, and a scuba-diving trip later in the year.

Also planned is the biggest event of the year, the Semper Fi field meet. The able hands of Kevin CADY, advised by the infamous, yet polite Domingo SALAZAR, are busily employed, tying together all the unraveled threads that will eventually combine in a university-wide competition to see who really are the toughest, fastest, and strongest people on campus.

Yes, Semper Fi is alive and well. Only time can tell how well our grandiose plans will turn out, but regardless, we're going to have a good time doing it.

As Chesty Puller would say: Live long and prosper!

--Midn 2/C C. T. BURTON

MARE NOSTRUM

The NROTC Unit at Oregon State is proud to announce the renewal of the once popular Mare Nostrum Club. Mare Nostrum is the Navy Option version of the Marines' Semper Fidelis, which is very popular among the Marine Options. The plan to bring the club back to life was the responsibility of several motivated midshipmen.

According to the President, Midn. 1/C H. W. DAVIS, the group meets at least once a month and more often when needed. Other officers of the club are Midn. 4/C J. K. RASMUSSEN, Vice President, and Midn. 4/C K. T. DAVIS, Treasurer. LT CHEESEMAN is the club's faculty advisor.

Mare Nostrum has been defunct since 1976 and it will need some time to become recognized as an established organization. It has already started to build up its treasury by selling concessions and doing other fund raisers to support their activities.

This year it hopes to offer its members an opportunity to engage in several of Oregon's wide range of outdoor activities, such as ski trips and rafting trips. The members want to plan some activities to get people together and have some fun.

Mare Nostrum is not only concerned with getting out and having fun, but it also has a professional spirit. Whenever the opportunity occurs, it tries to get speakers to talk about professionalism in the Navy, and other topics that may be of interest to Navy option midshipmen.

If you are looking for a way to get active in the Unit, Mare Nostrum may be the thing for you. It is an up and coming organization, so look out Semper Fi. Go Navy!

Midn 3/C B. M. HOLDENER

MOST OUTSTANDING MIDSHIPMAN

A new award has been established by the Battalion Staff to provide more positive aspects to the Unit, the "Most Outstanding Midshipman" award. The awardees will be 3/C and 4/C midshipmen who display officer-like qualities such as motivation, attitude, effort, and personal appearance. The selection process is fairly simple. Up to two nominees from each platoon will be chosen in each of the three Companies. The Company staffs will select one person from this group to be presented to the Battalion Staff with a critique as to why the midshipman is being nominated. The Battalion Staff will, on the basis of the critiques, select one midshipman to be the most outstanding midshipman each month.

Mark A. SMITH has been selected as the first Most Outstanding Midshipman. The battalion Staff selected Midn. 4/C M. SMITH on the basis of recommendations from his platoon Commander, Midn. LTj.g. Mike WARRINER, and the Headquarters Company staff.

Mr. Smith, due to a class conflict, drills in the HQ platoon at 0600 on Tuesday mornings. The qualities displayed by Mr. SMITH that were instrumental in his selection include: timeliness, military courtesy, motivation in drill, volunteering freely for extra projects, and establishing himself as a conscientious and integral part of his squad. Mr. SMITH is also active athletically and his grades are good.



Midn 4/C M. A. SMITH



So that we can know Mark SMITH better, here's a little more about him. He is an eighteen year old Navy option, majoring in Wildlife Biology, from Darby, Montana (South of Missoula). He is carrying sixteen credits this term and lives in Snell Hall, room 441. Mark is an ex-member of the Rifle Team and will participate at Northwest Navy on the Unit basketball team. He has been active in intramural football and will be joining the OSU Beaver football team this winter.

Congratulations to Mark SMITH for his accomplishments and his selection as the first Most Outstanding Midshipman.

Midn 2/C S. S. ROACH

SQUAD COMPETITION



On 1 December squad competition was held to determine the most outstanding squad in the battalion. The squads that participated were Midn. 2/C M. S. SIM's squad from Headquarters Platoon; Midn. 3/C C. M. HOEFER's squad from 1st Company, 1st Platoon; Midn. 3/C D. E. VELASQUEZ's squad from 1st Company, 1st Platoon; Midn. 3/C B. M. HOLDENER's squad from 2nd Company, 2nd Platoon; Midn. 3/C G. R. SCHWARTZ's squad from 2nd Company, 2nd Platoon.

The squads went through two phases: the drill phase and the inspection phase.

In the drill phase, the squad leader's performance is worth fifty percent of the total. He is graded on how he gives commands, if the proper commands are given, if he is in the proper location with respect to the squad, and how he reports in and out to the inspecting officer. The drill phase consists of executing commands from four possible sequences which the squad leader receives at the time of reporting in. The squad's performance also accounts for fifty percent of the total. They are graded on the execution of commands given, staying within the boundaries, and the total time taken to complete the drill.

During inspection phase, each member of the squad is inspected individually. He is responsible for knowing all the general orders, leadership principles, the national Chain of Command, the Battalion Chain of Command, and much, much more. He is also graded on his command voice and the confidence with which he answers the questions asked. The condition of his uniform and the position of attention is also taken into account.

After the inspection phase is completed, the scores for both the drill phase and inspection phase are compiled and the squad with the highest composite score is declared the most outstanding squad in the battalion. All the squads did an outstanding job. Congratulations and a job well done go to all of



these squads that made it to the actual competition. The competition was won by Midn. 2/C M.S. SIM's squad and the squad members are Midn. 3/C L. C. BARFIELD, 4/C M. A. SMITH, D. A. STIGER, C. A. NUSBAUM, J. R. HUEY.

Midn 3/C L. C. BARFIELD





Navy-Marine Corps 206th BIRTHDAY BALL 1981

This year's annual Navy-Marine Corps Birthday Ball was held at the Elks Club Lodge.

This was the 206th celebration of the Navy and Marine Corps. A birthday ball has become a tradition to honor the beginning of these services of our armed forces.

The evening's activities officially began when Midn. 1/C Bill SCORSE, master of ceremonies, formally welcomed all the midshipmen, officers, dates and guests. The floor was then turned over to Midn. 1/C Mark CANTRELL, who presided over the bell ceremony with Midn. 4/C Mark AKAMINE assisting as the bell ringer. The highlight of the evening was the cake-cutting ceremony. Both Captain WILLIAMS and Major MYERS spoke to the audience about the significance of the Birthday Ball and read letters of salutation from Admiral T. B. HAYWARD and General R. H. BARROW. After the conclusion of the speeches, Captain WILLIAMS and Major MYERS cut the cake, ceremoniously assisted by an honor guard composed of two Drill Team rookies, Midn. 4/C Ron PHILLIPS and Midn. 4/C Charles HUNTER. The Captain presented the first piece of cake to the oldest naval officer present, Captain S. D. SIMPSON, and the Major presented the second piece to the youngest Marine Option present, Midn. 4/C Jeff COULTER.

Members of the Drum and Bugle Corps, including Midn. 1/C Bill SCORSE, Midn. 3/C Eric MURRAY, Midn. 3/C Doug TROTTER, and Midn. 4/C John WOLLENBECKER, provided music for the ceremony. Midn. 1/C Kevin VISSCHER acquired a live band for the evening's remaining festivities. The band was Nordike and Co. They played everything from the oldies to the very contemporary tunes of today. The refreshments were served by midshipmen organized by Midn. 1/C Bill SCORSE.

As it turned out, this year's Birthday Ball was fun and well organized. It was truly a superb effort by all those involved. I'm really looking forward to the next one.

--Midn. 4/C K.T. DAVIS



Listen close boys . . .



Maybe you should try ping pong.



SAVEKER DAY

This year's annual Saveker Day was a lot of fun and a good chance for the Rookies to get to know other people in the battalion on a more personal basis.

The day kicked off with two football games. After a great deal of struggling back and forth, the Seniors edged out the Freshmen, and the Sophomores beat the Juniors with an outstanding effort exerted by all. Said Freshman coach Midn. 4/C ANSLEY, "It's not my fault!" Seriously speaking, he did a great job.

After the football games, everyone headed over to Avery Park for some much needed refreshments and chow. The food was excellent, and the picnic gave everyone a chance to talk. It was very interesting to listen to upperclassmen tell about their summer cruise experiences. It gave Freshmen something to look forward to this summer.



Senior-Freshman Football Game



Racimiferous rook: Midn. 4/C A. L. STONE

In the middle of the festivities, Major MYERS took the picnic table and announced Midn. 4/C A.L. STONE as the winner of the Rookie-O "Racimiferous Rook" award for being the most motivated outstanding Rookie during Rookie Orientation. He received a T-shirt to commend him for his efforts.

After the presentation, some football and soccer games were started on the big field in Avery Park. Others stayed around to visit and finish off the rest of the goodies. Of course, a couple of people stayed around until all the refreshments were gone. We can't let anything go to waste.

Overall, Saveker Day was a great success. Battalion members got rowdy and had an enjoyable time together. It would be a good idea to have more days like this throughout the year.

--Midn. 4/C B. C. VOGT

D & B TEAM BIKE FROM TACOMA

The wind was howling and shrieking like a thing possessed. It hurled icy raindrops like tiny daggers at my face. Water was everywhere, drenching my clothes, running down my back, dripping off my nose. As I downshifted for another hard climb up a long hill, I reminded myself that this was all for - D&B.

My agony began many weeks earlier in the mind of Midn. W. L. PETERSON, this year's Drum & Bugle Corps Commander. He created the idea of a bikeathon to raise funds for the Corp's spring tour. Mr. PETERSON believed a team could work hard, raise money, and still have fun.

Together, he and other members of the D&B staff carefully plotted out a 200-mile course from Tacoma to Corvallis. It was decided that the team should drive to Tacoma the night before, then begin the long pedal home the next morning. The group lodged overnight at the PETERSON home.

The trip would be broken into 20 10-mile segments, each ridden by 3 midshipmen. One of the Unit vans was used to support the riders, carrying an extra bike, food, repair equipment, and replacements. The effort began at 0530, Saturday, 14 November.

By that time, the Northwest was in the grip of the worst storm in 19 years. The power went out all over Tacoma. Branches, trash, small animals and other debris blew past in the powerful wind. In many places, the team would find the road covered by a thick carpet of tree limbs. The rain fell in buckets.

The team made good time, despite two spills, a flat tire, some big hills, and a few minor problems. Excluding a quick drive through Portland, the group made the whole trip, with most members averaging about 20 miles in the saddle. It was after dark, however, when the sodden band finally reached Corvallis.

With the sweaty part of the fundraiser over, the D&B's set to work with the fun side of Mr. PETERSON's dream. They collected the money. Having gathered pledges from friends, relations, professors, and any other solvent warm bodies around, prior to the trip, the proud bikers went back now and gathered the spoils.

After all the money was in, the Drum & Bugle Corps had amassed nearly \$900. This was a huge boost to their financial status, and led Mr. PETERSON to proudly declare the event "the beginning of tradition." The Battalion's outstanding Drum & Bugle Corps, once again, had proven itself as successful off the drill deck as on. The benefits were more than monetary.

On behalf of the entire Drum & Bugle Corps, I would like to thank all those who helped make the start of this tradition a successful one by donating their time, money, and support.

—Midn 4/C K. G. MANRING

DRILL TEAM SWIMS AGAIN!

In the highly quotable words of Joe Katich: "It was a dark and murky night."

Indeed it was, on the morning of the Drill Team's annual Willamette River Swim. The swim is undertaken to raise funds for the team to travel to its various yearly competitions, and to defray the costs of weapons, equipment and uniform maintenance.

With the help of our ten semi-enthusiastic seniors; Jim HALFERTY, Domingo SALAZAR, Roger ANGEL, Roger BURTON, Chris ROACH, Mark CANTRELL, Tom BRICE, Bob ALVICK, Tony WALTERS, and Willie STEENSLINGER (sometimes known as Wayne STEENSON) we shoved the first shift of hardy individuals into the clammy cold of the mighty Willamette at 0400 on 21 November. For the next twenty four and a half hours, each shift was up against a leaking raft, rapids, hidden logs, numbing cold waters, wild Indians, and mass quantities of chili.

Despite each shift's burning desire to forge on into the night (obviously delirium-induced), a shift change occurred approximately every four hours. Police in Independence, investigating what they believed to be arson, found that it was not smoke billowing into the air, but steam from ten semi-naked bodies attempting to frantically change from wet suits into long awaited warm clothes.

On a serious note, we would like to thank the individuals who gave their time, effort and equipment to help make this project a success. We would also like to collectively thank the Unit, the University and the community for the pledges you've so generously offered us. Thank you.

Midn 2/C C. T. BURTON

BATTALION HELPS COMMUNITY

Headquarters Company could proudly proclaim another clean sweep as its Fall Term community project came to a close. Members of the Company's Drum & Bugle Corps, Rifle Team, Pistol Team, Color Guard, and other contingents all contributed to a job well done.

At 0900, on November 21, with the onset of Thanksgiving vacation only four days away, the large group of eager midshipmen braced up into small teams, and headed for Corvallis. It was there that they set to work. In a twinkling, midshipmen were everywhere, not only carrying out various yard projects for the elderly, but also gathering donations of canned goods and non-perishable items for the food drive started on November 14 by 1st Company, the rest of Headquarters Co., including Drill Team and Color Guard.

The canned food drive on November 14 and November 21 was a big success. The midshipmen from Headquarters Co. and 1st Co. represented the Corvallis Department of Human Resources and collected 40 boxes of canned food goods and non-perishable items that will be used for Thanksgiving baskets. These baskets are given annually by the Dept. of Human Resources to needy families in Corvallis.

Also on Nov. 21, 2nd Company did their part in the Battalion project. They met at the Unit at 0800 and went as a group to the Senior Citizens Center of Corvallis. They planted flower bulbs, raked leaves, and did other yardwork. The biggest part of the project was done on the interior of the building. They painted the entire addition to the Center and placed sealer on the new brick hallway, with materials provided by the Center.

So it was, through a medium sacrifice, friendship, and self-denial, that these things came to pass. The community learned more about the NROTC Battalion in a few hours of work than they could see in hours of exhibition. And what they saw was a proud, positive organization - willing to lend a hand.

Midn. 3/C Lisa BARFIELD
Midn. 4/C Keith MANRING

SEMPER FI WOODCUT

Is it safe to leave 20-odd Marines alone in a beautiful forest with more than half a dozen chain saws? Not if you're a tree. Oregon State's NROTC Semper Fi Club proved that when they produced 11 cords of cut and split firewood over the weekend of October 17 and 18.

The Semper Fi Club, led by Midn. 1/C Mark CANTRELL, is a group of motivated Marine types around the campus, including Marine-Option NROTC midshipmen, Platoon Leader Corps (PLC) members, and even a few motivated Navy Options. The organization thrives on parties and other quiet gatherings.

They took on the woodcutting chore as a fund raiser for the year's myriad of upcoming activities. The origin of the first woodcut has been lost in the dim mists of history. What we do know about this fall tradition, however, is that the best any group in the past has done is simply break even. Midn. 1/C Lin BAILEY, adviser for the activity, was confident this year's club could see a good return on their investment.

So, starting before dawn on October 17, they headed into the vast darkness of MacDonald Forest. With them they brought a power splitter, several chainsaws, a truck to deliver cut firewood, axes, mauls, wedges, files, oil, gasoline and other essential tools and supplies. Quickly, they set to work.

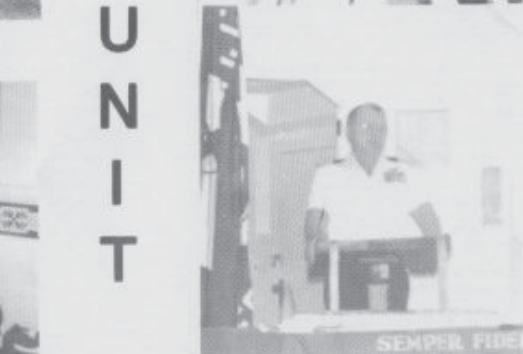
By nightfall, the Marines in attendance had cut up over 900 cubic feet of firewood - 7 cords. At the sale price of \$70 a cord, they grossed nearly \$500 on the first day alone, well above the projected cost of \$250. The weary group had worked hard.

Sunday saw a smaller group laboring in the forest. But they came to work, and soon had four more cords out of the woods. Their work brought another \$280 into the Semper Fi coffers. The total gross income for the weekend came to a remarkable \$770.

The success of the year's first activity for Semper Fi is obvious. The club members strongly supported the woodcut, and as a result all had a tiring but good time. The club can take pride in a job well done and the promise of the year ahead.

—Midn 4/C K. G. MANRING

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