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OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY NROTC



COL R.G. Leidich

Colonel's Corner

You are a high energy group on a fast track. Many demands are made of you from all the axes of your varied lives. That, as a group, you do so many things so well is a testimonial to your desire, dedication, and intensity.

I have been consistently impressed with your individual and collective performance during this academic year. Further, I have especially enjoyed watching your growth as you wrestled with and, in most cases, succeeded in meeting all the challenges that came your way.

If you will indulge me in making one observation it is that those who contribute the most to the Unit seem to be the same students who gain the most from the program. The same can be said for most other lifetime experiences.

Finally, the commercial. Continue to structure your priorities so that the most important responsibilities are accomplished first. Carry on!!!

NEW XO: CDR MICHAEL

I am only beginning my tour here at the BEST IN THE WEST AND ALL THE REST and many of you are ending your time here by finally reaching your goal -- a commission in the Navy or in the Marine Corps. It is exciting to see you reach your goal and I salute you and hope you have fun, keep learning, and have a sense of accomplishment in everything you do.

The rest of you are looking forward to cruise, summer time, and some time off from the grind of the demanding school year. You must be very proud of yourselves to have life, family, and unit all going at the same time. Hopefully you are learning time management, prioritizing, and working under pressure. If you are learning these important lessons, your careers and life will be less difficult. However, the most important lesson you can learn from your experiences in the unit is teamwork. I see it everyday in all your activities -- the teams, the tutoring, the social events, the paper and year book, etc. Helping each other become the best they can be -- that is the best lesson you can take from the unit. This unit continuously breeds excellence and it is one of our duties to expect it from ourselves and each other so we can stay THE BEST IN THE WEST AND ALL THE REST.



CDR C.J. Michael



MIDN. CAPT. M.R. Biandi

BNCO'S CORNER

It is customary for the incoming Battalion Commander to outline objectives for next year. This BNCO will let you off the hook for now. However, let me instill in you the importance of committing yourself to excellence. Maintaining the status quo is never good enough. This commitment should be found in every aspect of our professional performance.

Though the busy Spring Term is winding down and commissioning finally approaches, now is not the time to relax. Preparation for Rookie "O" has started and there is a lot of work to be done. Rookie "O" is the single most important evolution of the year. What we do in September will reflect for an entire year.

As you leave this summer for cruise or OCS, remember these things. For the upper-classmen, this is an exciting time but one of tremendous responsibility. We are in charge and MUST set the example. For the under-classmen, it is your chance to give the incoming Freshmen the knowledge you have received.

Have a great summer! Play hard because in the Fall, the work will start fast. Remember: this battalion is capable of great things if it continues to strive for excellence. Semper Fi.

XO RETIRES

Unlike many people, career officers are faced with a weighty problem when they have ended their first career -- the military -- and are looking for their second. Commander T.G. Robertson is one such individual. After twenty years in the Navy, he and Mrs. Robertson are both facing a new and unsettled future. The former XO has had a great variety of duties during his time in, serving on a LPH, a DD, a FF, and an AOR as well as two tours at the ROTC unit he was commissioned from, Oregon State University.

In fact one of his favorite tours besides the Wichita (AOR-1) was his time as junior class instructor. As for the future, the Montana natives will stay in Corvallis. The Commander is hoping to stay at the University in one of the many student oriented administrative departments. This would allow him the opportunity to exercise his management and leadership skills that his masters in Management says he has and his Naval experience has tested.

MIDN 2/c T.M. Fitzgerald



CDR T.G. Robertson

A taller, prettier, smiling face has replaced that of CDR ROBERTSON's in the Executive Officer slot. Her name is CDR MICHAEL, the pride of Amarillo, Texas.

Upon getting her liberal arts degree from San Antonio in 1968, CDR MICHAEL took up teaching and joined the Peace Corps. Her sister, an officer recruiter, then "twisted" her arm to join the Navy. So began her fourteen year career and marriage. Besides her three young children and husband, CDR MICHAEL enjoys jogging, aerobics, and any kind of Mexican food.

CDR MICHAEL's drive and determination are evident by her goals and accomplishments. Among her many awards is her proudly worn small craft pin, which she earned on her own time while teaching English at the US Naval Academy.

After her three year tour here at OSU, CDR MICHAEL will screen for command in hopes of becoming the CO of her own recruiting district. From there, ...well, "one step at a time," as the wise, new XO informs us. Meanwhile, she looks forward to watching tomorrow's officers develop into better individuals by committing themselves, and being enthusiastic in everything they do.

OC D.P. RAUSCHE

WELCOME LT. PAVLAT

Recently there have been a couple of unfamiliar faces in the unit. One of these belongs to LT PAVLAT, LT LINDSAY's replacement. He has already started to teach on Friday's and help around the unit so he can become familiar with his new job. Starting this fall, officially he will be the new Freshman class advisor and instructor.

LT PAVLAT was born and raised in Gallsburg, Illinois, and is now living in Corvallis with his wife and two children. In 1980, he graduated from the University of Arizona with a major in Range Management and a BS in Agriculture. He entered graduate school but had to withdraw for financial reasons. After working in California for a couple of years as a ranch-hand, he joined the Navy. He attended OCS at Newport, Rhode Island and was commissioned on 04Jun82. The Navy "threw him into the hole" and he learned all his engineering knowledge through "hands-on experience." He served on the USS Duluth for four years and two months. He has worked in the Deck Department with boatswain mates and in the Engineering Department as a Maintenance Coordinator, Auxiliary Division Officer, and Main Propulsion Assistant.

MIDN 4/c C.F. HOFFER

FAREWELL MAJOR HENSLEY

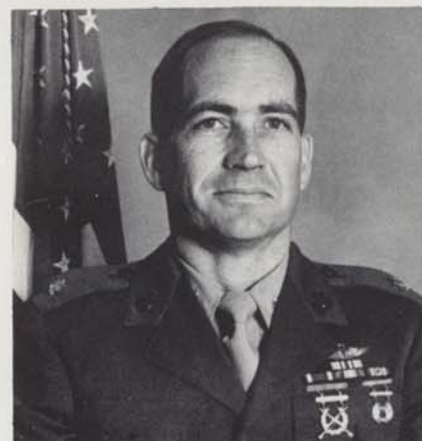
Every Marine Option I have ever met want to some day be the MOI at his school. They always have a great deal of respect and awe for their Marine option instructor now and want to continue on in his footsteps. That is one of the main reasons Major Doyle Hensley came to Oregon State University three years ago. His own MOI thirteen years ago at the University of New Mexico had impressed him that much. He also wanted to have direct hand in preparing the officers of tomorrow for the challenges they will meet as they try to work with people of vastly different backgrounds and motivations. The Major has greatly enjoyed his time here at the Unit because he enjoyed working with the stu-

dents, helping them see that the only limitations to realizing their dreams was a lack of motivation and self-confidence in their own abilities.

His new duty station will be quite a change from Corvallis. The Major and Mrs. Hensley will journey across the country to settle in Washington D.C., where they will be stationed for a tour at Headquarters Marine Corps. His replacement in the fall will be Major Rodney Cotten, a former OSU NROTC graduate and drill team member.

We would like to wish the Major fair winds and following seas in all his future endeavors with the Marine Corps. We thank you sir.

MIDN 2/c T.M. Fitzgerald



MAJ D.W. Hensley

LT Lindsay Departing

Within the next six months another familiar face will be leaving us. LT LINDSAY, freshman class advisor for two years, is resigning his commission in the U.S. Navy.

His primary reason for resigning is that he wants to be closer to his family and desires to find a job more compatible with his personal goals.

LT LINDSAY plans to seek a managerial position in either the federal government or civilian sector since he feels the Navy has developed his people skills and his ability to produce quality work.

LT LINDSAY's time in the USN Surface Warfare Community has been filled with fun and adventure. His first assignment was aboard a SPRUANCE class destroyer, the USS HARRY W. HILL (DD-986), on which he did two deployments. The first was an eight month, seventh fleet cruise to the Indian Ocean and Pacific theater as part of a carrier battle group. His second was a six-and-a-half month cruise with a surface combat task group, with HARRY W. HILL as the flag ship. His primary billets on ship have included Fire Control Officer, Combat Information Center Officer, and Assistant Operations Officer. His main collateral duties included functioning as the ship's Legal Officer and Athletic Officer.

LT LINDSAY's next assignment was here, OSU NROTC. He said that he has thoroughly enjoyed his assignment here with us and likes



LT M.H. Lindsay

the people of this area. He has found his teaching experience pleasantly challenging and rewarding. He has seen the unit grow for the better, commenting that he enjoyed seeing the continued improvement in both pride and professionalism in our battalion. He has participated in many activities here like PAO, Mare Nostrum advisor, the Area Casualty Assistant Calls Officer (CACO), and local recruiting for the unit. This summer he heads for the east coast to teach two months at the Naval Science Institute in Newport, Rhode Island and then hopefully, to a warmer climate to begin a new career.

LT LINDSAY has enjoyed his experiences in the U.S. Navy and he's very proud to have served his country as a Tennessee volunteer. We have benefited much from him and we wish him the very best of luck in his future and for his continued success.

MIDN 4/c G.L. HICKS

Billets

As per tradition the Fall Term billets for 1987 were announced at the 29May87 Ring Dance. The following personnel will run the battalion during fall and winter terms:

BN	CO	MIDN	M.R. BIONDI
	XO	MIDN	J.V. BETSCHART
	LOGO	MIDN	D.C. LEWIS
	OPS	MIDN	D.W. MCMORRIES
	PAO	MIDN	S.M. FRANKS
	PERS	MIDN	K.L. HENRICHSON
	YNC	MIDN	J.C. MIKKELSON
	MCPO	MIDN	V.F. SWINNEY
	CSO	OC	T.L. COTHERN
	EVENTS	OC	J.R. COOPER

HQ	CO	MIDN	P.J. ODENTHAL
	XO	MIDN	S.W. ASBURY
	DT	MIDN	R.A. GOODWIN
	DB	MIDN	T.J. ALLEN
	CG	MIDN	G.R. MENGLEBERG
	RT	MIDN	S.K. AUGUSTINE
	PT	MIDN	P.D. MAY

1ST	CO	MIDN	J.Y. CARLSTROM
	XO	MIDN	A.M. LINDBLOOM
1ST	PLT	MIDN	C.B. WEBSTER
2ND	PLT	OC	W.L. ROBERTS

2ND	CO	MIDN	T.G. ROHRER
	XO	OC	S.J. ROERIG
1ST	PLT	MIDN	J.M. STANDISH
2ND	PLT	MIDN	S.L. HOWARD

3RD	CO	MIDN	C.J. BURK
	XO	MIDN	T.J. MONROE
1ST	PLT	MIDN	M.A. GALEAI
2ND	PLT	MIDN	J. SOTO

Bravo Zulu and good luck.

MIDN 2/c T.M. Fitzgerald

KICKIN' IN COLORADO

Kudos to MIDN LT(jg) T.N. PHAM, MIDN 2/c E.A. CARLSON, MIDN 2/c B.A. WADSWORTH, and especially to MIDN 3/c J.C. MIKKELSON of the OSU NROTC Pistol Team for their selection to, and performance at, the Intercollegiate Pistol Championships.

After winning the sectional round with some of the top scores in the nation, the select team was invited to the three day National Championships in early April at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This was the Pistol Team's very first invitation to the Nationals, and they fared very well.

The competition was divided into three events. The standard pistol and the free pistol events are both shot from 50 feet. OSU swept both the individual and team scores. The third event, introduced for the first time this year, was the Grand Prix where shooters competed as individuals only, firing at distances of 25 and 50 meters.

MIDN MIKKELSON came away with first place in the Individual Standard Pistol Phases with a score of 555. In the Grand Prix, Pistol Team CO PHAM took second. As a team, OSU took eighth place all around and second among the ROTC teams. This exceptional performance is a triumph for both the team and the whole unit. Pistol Team history has been made.

MIDN 4/c S.E. LANGLEY



MIDN Mikkelson and PHAM display their winning attitude after the pistol competition in Colorado.

E.N. KEENAN



D.P. HOWIE

MAJ Hensley enjoys his Spring Break at Quantico.



D.P. HOWIE

MIDN Leonard, McCormick, and Martin cannot mask the sense of excitement that Corps gives them.

SPRING BREAK MARINE STYLE

Over Spring Break, a motivated group of midshipmen took a look at the life of a Marine when they visited Quantico, Virginia for the MOFT. COL LEIDICH, MAJ HENSLEY, and the 34 Midshipmen gathered at the unit on Tuesday at 0530. By 0930 they were in the air flying out of Eugene on a USMC C-9 passenger transport. On their way to Andrews AFB they stopped at Boeing Field, Seattle to pick up U of W's NROTC Unit and also in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to refuel. A bus took them from Andrews to the squad base at Quantico. It was a busy and exciting aspect. The group was exposed to many features of the USMC. During the week they received a static display of weapons and visited The Basic School (TBS). The group was then given a ride in a CH-46 1-1MX-1, the President's shuttle squadron. On the tour of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal site, the midshipmen watched C-4 plastic explosives and some TNT being detonated, and a Fire control crew extinguish a pool of JP-5. They then went to a question and answer social session with several marine officers. The midshipmen also visited the firing range and were allowed to fire the M-16A2 rifle, the M-203 Grenade Launcher, and the M-60 Echo 3 machine gun. While at TBS, they saw an M-60 tank and a Soviet BTR-60 which was captured during the Grenada Invasion. Everybody that went had a good time and learned plenty about the USMC.

MIDN 4/c C.F. HOFFER



D.P. HOWIE

MAJ Hensley enjoys his Spring Break at Quantico.

JOINT SERVICE REVIEW

Attention was called in Mac Fieldhouse as the down-pour continued outside. The Naval, Air Force, and Army ROTC's of OSU had mustered for the annual Joint Service Review in front of a sizable crowd. The purpose: to show that we do have inter-service cooperation on campus, and to honor the top midshipmen and cadets of each class.

Those honored from the Naval ROTC unit were: Midn 1/c Gary Traffas (Navy option) and Midn 1/c Kristi VanGorder (Marine option). Both of these outstanding seniors were presented with swords by Steven Gann of the Navy League of Portland and Major A. Mylric of the Marine Corps Reserve Association in Portland, respectively. President of OSU, John Byrne awarded Midn 2/c Julia Wilczynski, Midn 3/c Richard Hunter, and Midn 4/c Brian Nelson their honors.

President Byrne then expounded a few words of wisdom to the units. After he finished, the Drum & Bugle Corps played some songs. Much to the delight of the Army and Air Force, Pass in Review was not conducted. However, the Naval ROTC was still able to out-shine the other two services, as usual.

MIDN 2/c J.M. WILCZYNSKI



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Second Company, led by MIDN White, shines above the other ROTC Units at the Joint Service Review.



Midn Clark, Bulldog Prep assistant, prepares candidates for the weekend expedition.



Candidates W. Becker and Arceneaux work out a plan of attack for the infamous Rope Bridge.

THE FEW,



This year's attacker, next year's candidate -- Midn Mengelberg.

BULLDOG PREP

Several heads turned as one of the juniors raced across the quarterdeck and pounded on the Marine classroom door. "Sir, this candidate requests permission to speak..." reverberated throughout the unit. The heads slowly turned back as all recognized that Bulldog Prep was at hand again.

The 14 candidates from the NROTC, MECEP, and PLC programs gained knowledge in military, tactical, and professional skills within the classroom walls of NS 323. During the afternoons, while the rest of the battalion was enjoying the spring sun, the candidates were submitting themselves to forced marches, physical fitness tests, the O course, and many other physically demanding evolutions.

All this time, the Bulldog staff were scrutinizing each candidate and evaluating their performances. The staff was headed by the Platoon Commander, SSGT Wolf, and the Platoon Sergeant, SSGT Kunzman. Augmenting the staff were those who graduated last year from the Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Quantico, Virginia.

As SSGT Wolf explained, "Contrary to popular belief, we do not get candidates ready for OCS. The only one who can do that is the candidate themselves. What we do [during Bulldog Prep] is to give the candidate a competitive edge for OCS." Many events at OCS are simulated throughout the term including the MOFEX weekend which simulates two of the OCS weekends.

Bulldog Prep, a step in preparing Marine Corps Officers, required considerable time and effort. Each candidate was graded on a percentage rank in the areas of leadership, academics, and physical fitness; along with peer evaluations. By the end of the term, SSGT Wolf was "impressed because the candidates have the potential to be the best class from OSU to go to OCS."



Candidate Biondi formulates a strategy for his squad problem.

MIDN 2/c J.M. WILCZYNSKI

THE PROUD:



C.F. LAMOREAUX

Bulldog's Platoon Commander, SSGT Wolf, and his radioman survey MOFEX progress.



C.F. LAMOREAUX

Candidates Martin and Biondi fend off attackers.



C.F. LAMOREAUX

SSGT Kunzman takes five in preparation for the hump out.

MOFEX

MOFEX, to some it stands for Marine Option Field Exercises. To others it means having to muster at the unit at midnight on Friday, 08 May '87 to, in the words of one candidate, "get thrashed on for an hour." The candidates, by 0230, found themselves embarking on a nine mile hump through a remote area of the MacDonald Forest north of Corvallis, adorned with full packs, cammies, helmet, and a weapon. They arrived and finished setting up a base camp around 0530 Saturday morning. The weary Marines had not yet seen the beginning of their fun and excitement for the weekend.

Hiking, of course up hill both ways, to another remote area, each person lead a fire team against the aggressors in squad and reaction problems. During squad problems the fire teams had to employ compass and orienteering skills. They also were able to simulate combat fire by firing blanks at each other. During reaction problems the fire teams were given a situation and had to use available resources to solve a problem. For example, one team had to build a human bridge to transport an ammunition box across where an imaginary bridge had been destroyed.

The candidates finished out their day with chow, which to some seemed "like a feast." They also had to perform impromptu speeches. Their next day was ushered in, after five hours of sleep, with M-16 weapons fire for a wake-up call. Most participants expressed that, although MOFEX was physically and mentally challenging, it was fun too.

MIDN 4/c D.A. WILKENING



C.F. LAMOREAUX

Challenging the attackers, Candidate Banks makes his presence known.



E.M. KEENAN

The Drill Team strut their stuff at the annual Alamo exhibition.

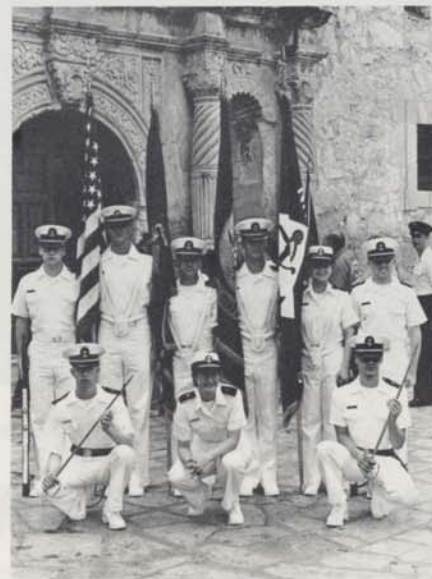


E.M. KEENAN

San Antonio crowds love the OSU NROTC.



The ultimate recruiting shot -- Drum & Bugle Corp and the 1987 Navy princesses in Texas.



B.A. SHEVCHUCK

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The Color Guard pauses to pose in front of the Alamo.



MIDN Thompson demonstrates typical Drill Team precision.

THE PRIDE OF NROTC SHINES IN LONE STAR STATE

A recent trip to San Antonio provided the Drill Team, Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Color Guard an opportunity to parade front of the Alamo. The teams had the honor of being the vanguards for the main Fiesta Days night parade. Each team performed various maneuvers in front of hundreds of thousands of people both at the parades and on television.

They flew to San Antonio from Eugene on an Oregon National Guard C-130, the flight lasted a total of five hours. Once they arrived, the teams prepared and performed their exhibitions flawlessly during a day parade, a night parade, and an exhibition phase before a huge crowd in front of the Alamo. After the night parade, everyone was granted liberty. Several midshipmen toured the Alamo while the rest went on the river-walk and downtown to celebrate with the local residents.

COL LEIDICH, CDR ROBERTSON, MAJ HENSLEY, and SSGT HAYES accompanied the teams on the trip. They shared in the crowd's enthusiasm after seeing our teams march. It is little wonder that this was our third invitation to one of the biggest in America and that there is going to be many more trips to the Fiesta Days Parade in the future.

MIDN 4/c E.M. KEENAN

RING DANCE

A night in the South Pacific could not have been more perfect. 29 May 87 made Unit history as the class of '88 gave a royal send-off to this year's seniors.

Old traditions were given new twists such as each senior received that Polynesian symbol of good fortune, a silk flower lei prior to entering the drill team sword arch. Their dates were also surprised to find themselves dipping their class rings into the waters of the goldfish of the seven seas.

The decorations carried on the WestPac flavor with bamboo, Japanese lanterns, fish nets, and fresh flower table pieces. The giant replica of the class ring was no chicken wire and napkin abstract but will be seen at many future ring dances as it is a three piece fiberglass work of art (constructed by Midn Mike Sowa and his father).

The music was highlighted by upper staff and spouse dedications which allowed them to share "their song" with us.

Overall, it was a huge success and shall be a hard act to follow next year. The class of '88 expects no less of a good time for its Ring Dance (hint, hint, hint Sophomores!).

MIDN 2/c T.M. FITZGERALD



E.M. KEENAN

SGT Mann shares a dance with her MDI, MAJ Hensley.



E.M. KEENAN

CDR and MRS. Robertson visibly enjoy their seventh OSU NROTC Ring Dance together.



E.M. KEENAN

MIDN White spends a memorable evening with his attractive date.

The PFT Changes

Another Spring has come, and another physical fitness test. At the God awful hour of 0600 a group of very motivated midshipmen met with a group of not so motivated midshipmen for the fitness test. This year Oregon State NROTC switched from the PFT to the PRT. All Navy Options took the PRT, but the Marine Options were tested with both tests. A comparison of the two tests looks like this:

PFT	PRT
Pull Ups	Push Ups
USMC Sit Ups	USN Sit Ups
3 Mile Run	1.5 Mile Run

The big question this year was, "Will the new Navy PRT (Physical Readiness Test) be easier or more difficult than the traditional Marine Corps PFT (Physical Fitness Test)?" The general consensus was, the pull-ups are easier than the push-ups, but only if you have learned how to "kip." The USMC and USN sit-ups are comparable though different muscles are used. The 1.5 mile run is much nicer than the 3 mile run. Several people cut their old run times in half. All in all, the PRT was seen as a slightly more difficult test.

Regardless of which test was taken, each test sired its own list of PT Studs (or Stud-ettes). This Spring's top studs are MIDN RON JOHNSON and MIDN BRIAN NELSON for the PRT; and SSGT KENNETH WOLF, MIDN RICHARD MCCORMICK, MIDN JOSEPH MELVIN, and MIDN VINCENT SWINNEY for the PFT. All of these gentlemen maxed the tests with the top score of 300. Other winners of the Physical Fitness Award were:

PFT Award Winners:

300	K.P. Wolf	300	R.D. McCormick
300	J.E. Melvin	300	V.F. Swinney
298	W.L. Haliski	297	J.E. Mann
294	J.M. Wilczynski	293	C.J. Leonard
293	J.C. Mikkelsen		

PRT Award Winners:

300	B.C. Nelson	300	R.P. Johnson
298	B.E. Park	297	A.L. Rondeau
296	C.F. Hoffer	295	J.S. Bowman
295	C.E. Crabtree III	294	J.H. Gremmels
293	W.J. Becker	293	G.E. Whitehead
291	J.V. Betchart	291	D.A. Seaton
290	M.M. Banes	290	W.R. McVicker
290	R.J. Smeitanski	290	S.G. Von Kolkow



Ensign Arnold is sworn in by his proud father.

BELL RINGS IN NEW ENSIGNS

On 15 March 87 in a quiet noon-time ceremony at the LaSells Stewart Center, yet another group of young men were commissioned as ensigns into the United States Navy.

Ronald Arnold
Steven Paulus
Carlos Velsco

Andre Carter
Terry Tutt

We take this time to wish them good luck in all their future endeavors.

MIDN 2/c T.M. FITZGERALD

Pit's Clash At Comp

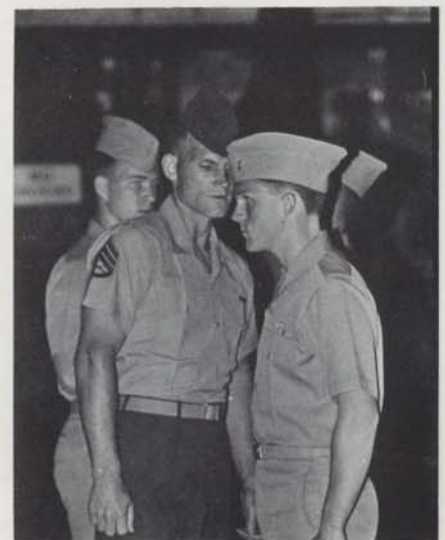
You thought we learned to march here at OSU because we are too far from a real naval base right?...WRONG! We do it to break in our leathers!!! But, seriously folks,...

Seven month's worth of marching skills and extra drills are drummed into us for the one-time-only, come-one come-all, grand finale, otherwise known to midshipmen campus-wide as PLATOON COMP.

In case you missed the festivities at MacAlexander Field House on 28 Apr 87, there were three phases that each platoon had to compete in. The first two were intensely modified versions of a personnel inspection, where all members of the platoon were expected to know every military regulation and piece of information except the CNO's shoe size. The third and final phase of the competition was actually a drill for the platoon commander to test his ability to march three squads as a synchronized unit within predetermined boundaries. We were judged by battalion officers and drill team members, who scrutinized each move after every command, and recorded them on their clipboards.

After all the platoons were finished with their phases, the scores were tallied and winners were decided. A well-deserved congratulations go to the MIDN 2/c McMorries, SSGT Vasquez, MIDN 1/c Traffas, and MIDN 2/c Pham for their respective 1st-4th place finishes.

OC D.P. RAUSCHE



OC Alleman receives the inspection glare from SSGT Wolf during Platoon Comp.

J.M. HAGERTY

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awards

The following midshipmen and Officer Candidates were honored this term for exemplary performance. Congratulations are in order.

GENERAL AWARDS

The Top Gun Award	John C. Mikkelsen
The Tyro Trophy Award	Kris H. Becker
The Dick Lyndon Trophy Award	David W. McMorris
The Gunny's Plaque Award	Jemie A. Clark
Childers-Deitch Award	Thuan N. Pham

FRESHMEN AWARDS

Military Order of World Wars Award of Merit	Kellie A. Anderson
Saver Award	Jerry C. Hindle
Swords of Honor Award	Trevor Ivory
NROTC Staff Award	Joseph H. Canova

SOPHOMORE AWARDS

Military Order of World Wars Award of Merit	Richard E. Hunter
National Sojourners Award	Michael D. Lewis

Portland Reserve Officers Association Achievement Award

Swords of Honor Award	John C. Mikkelsen
Academic Achievement Award	Robert C. Lagrone
Society of the War of 1812 Award	Richard E. Hunter
NROTC Staff Award	Donald G. May
	Vincent F. Swinney

JUNIOR AWARDS

Pat Casey Memorial Award	Thuan N. Pham
Military Order of World Wars Award of Merit	Matthew R. Biondi
The Corvallis Retired Officers Club Medal	Julia M. Wilczynski (NO)
	Matthew R. Biondi (NO)
Veterans of Foreign Wars Award	Benjamin A. Shevchuk (NO)
	William J. Becker (NO)

American Legion Academic Excellence Award

American Defense Preparedness Association Award	Aaron L. Rondeau
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Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Honor Award

	Julia M. Wilczynski
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Portland Reserve Officers Association Achievement Award

Aptitude Award	Michael Farace III
	David W. McMorris (NO)
	Joseph V. Betchart (NO)

NROTC Staff Award

	Julia M. Wilczynski
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SENIOR AWARDS

Commissioning PRT Award	Brian E. Park (NO)
	James P. Day (NO)

Portland Reserve Officers Association Achievement Award

	Gary D. Traffas
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Daughters of the American Revolution Award

	Alan P. Barisman
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American Legion Military Excellence Award

	Paul J. Jennings
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CNET Distinguished Naval Graduate

	Jay S. Bowman
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Naval Institute Awards

	Paul J. Jennings
	Jay S. Bowman
	David S. Kunzman

Marine Corps Association Award

	Kristi L. VanGorder
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NROTC Staff Award

	Paul J. Jennings
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Capt Richard Poppe Award

	Kristi L. VanGorder
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Sons of the American Revolution Award

	Benito L. Estano
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Columbia Reserve Officers Association (Ladies) Award

	Kevin D. Jones
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General Dynamics Midshipman Award

	Gary D. Traffas
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General Dynamics ECP Award

	Kevin D. Jones
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General Dynamics MECEP Award

	David S. Kunzman
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Fleet Reserve Association Award

	Willie D. Owens
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Naval Submarine League Award

	Daniel E. Vlyne
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CNET, "YOU HAVE AN EXCELLENT, CLEAN AND PROUD UNIT"

"You have a superior reputation." That is what COL S.D. TURNER, head of the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) inspection team from Pensacola, Florida said of our unit on 14 April 87. A great reputation, but do we live up to it?

Every three years, OSU NROTC Unit, along with the 65 other units in the nation, is inspected by CNET. The inspection team gives recommendations on improving the unit, and studies worthwhile ideas from our unit to pass on to the others. Accompanying COL TURNER were other ranking naval officers and a civilian analyst.

COL TURNER's first impressions came from his personal inspection of the Battalion at Tuesday morning drill. He was impressed by our personal appearances and the confidence we showed in our voices.

That afternoon, the inspection team was left alone with the Battalion for a question and answer session. VADM N.R. THUNMAN (CNET) asked the Colonel to stress three points to the our unit's midshipmen. The first was scholarship. We should all strive to get good grades and a quality education as our future in the Navy depends on what we accomplish here. Second, physical fitness is important, not just for the Navy, but for our health as individuals no matter what we do in life. The third point was ethics or how we determine right from wrong. This is a high priority. Each midshipman should look to the people he respects--religious leaders, military leaders, friends and family for guidance then determine for himself what his values are. If you make an ethical mistake, it will stay with you throughout your lifetime.

In answer to midshipmen's questions, we learned of the Distinguished Naval Graduate Program where outstanding College Program midshipmen can earn regular commissions in the active fleet. He also confirmed that a Computer Science course was not determined to be as necessary for our education in addition to the courses already required. We found that the foreign language requirement is dictated by Congress and not the Navy, and that it is very unlikely that the



COL Turner inspects MIDN Rondeau during the personnel phase of CNET inspection.

\$100 a month subsistence allowance will be increased. COL TURNER rounded out the question and answer session with the battalion by stating it was very unlikely our unit would receive the computer war simulator NAVTAG.

On Wednesday, the inspection team scrutinized the Unit and the operations of the staff. The administration section was excellent; Jill Mullins, the CNET's civilian analyst, called it one of the best administration shops she has ever seen. The supply and security sections under SKC TAYLOR and LT FARKAS respectively had a few deficiencies but not because of the Chief and the Lieutenant, who have made vast improvements since they took charge. COL LEIDICH would have liked fewer deficiencies and immediately implemented the recommendations of the inspection team. COL TURNER commented on the excellent condition of the unit and its cleanliness as it reflects upon the pride we take in our unit.

Overall, the inspection team reported that we have a very fine unit, one that produces outstanding midshipmen and future naval officers. COL TURNER ended his visit with some advice about life in the military, "persistence pays off. They can say no a thousand times, but if they say yes just once, you are in."

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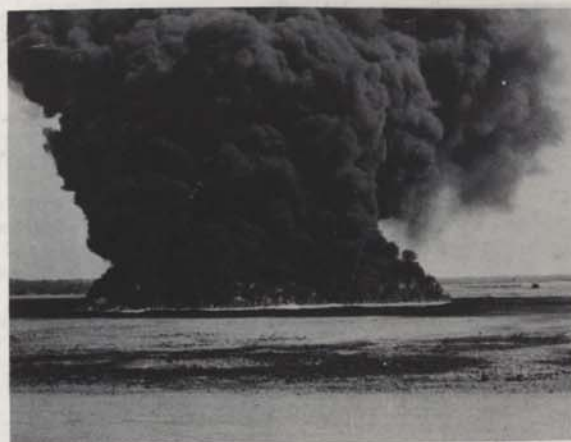
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What can be man's power o'er the wind,
In this time of science-religion and
lemmingistic nuclear folly,
That compels man, alone, to solve nature's
riddle?
'Tis equal parts that hath been meted to man
and to fortune,
The first to toil and sweat under conscience,
The next to enjoyn man's life with fear --
a'times to the point of diffidence.
And which to believe of multifarious answers!
One of a savior named Jesus, the next claims
the proletariat, yet another exalts the
Ubermensch.
For how must mine eyes see and my mind grasp
random twisting boughs,
That these steps may fall in time to mine
erratic drum?
Alas, reason traps the mind between past and
future,
So that thrust, feign and parry, man with
broadsword in hand
May after long arduous battle escape the
ominous figures afore and abaft,
Thus to rise -- a friend to the wind -- while
the sword, with hilt of gold, lies beneath
to be wielded by another.

Samuel W. Asbury,
Midshipman 2/c

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