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COL. R.G. LEIDICH, PNS

Colonel's Corner

Your years in college represent an experience you will carry with you all your life and will never forget. The question is: "What experiences will be the most vivid and will the time and effort you invest represent a comparable personal enrichment?"

Since arriving at OSU, I have frequently "tapped" my data bank to recall my college experience so that I might be able to enhance your college years by correcting my mistakes and building on my successes. I also have the benefit of observing my two college age young adults as they work their way through the same maze you are currently experiencing.

If I could repeat my undergraduate years, or if I had the power or influence to model yours, I would strive to achieve a GPA that was sufficiently high to get me into virtually any graduate school in the country (3.0 or better); I would take sufficient verbal and written communication skills courses to ensure I would feel fully adequate in any communication environment; and I would be less proud of admitting I did not (fully) comprehend a concept. That is all well and good, you say, but regardless of how hard I study I can not get a 3.0 GPA (in fact I am barely hanging on with a 2.0), and if I never have to take another English or speech course it will be too soon, and finally there is so much I do not know/understand that I am not even smart enough to ask the right questions to get me out of this terrible sinking feeling I always have.

To your dilemma I would say: 1)"You are all CAPABLE people who would not have been admitted to OSU if your SAT/ACT scores and grades did not predict you to have the potential to be successful", and 2)"Who is going to take charge of your life if it is not you?" Each of us possesses vast, untapped potential. The trick is to resolve to use at least a portion of that potential and a determination to set, and achieve, high standards.

Most of us are aware of the many individual success stories right here in the Unit and we are all familiar with the effect that MOTIVATION had on all our teams' performance at Northwest Navy.

Likewise, resolve not to be defeated, to strive to win (by getting good grades), and to gain an appreciation of how all the disparate "parts" fit together to form a logical whole.

Your probability of enhanced effectiveness, which frequently translates directly into enhanced success, is based, to a great degree, on the goals/standards you set for yourself and then how willing you are to focus your motivation, desire, potential, and determination to achieve those goals.

If you expect to be future Naval officers, I expect nothing less than your best effort. GO FOR IT!!!

COL. R.G. LEIDICH, PNS



COL LEIDICH prepares MIDN for Maritime Strategy lecture.

MIDN 4/c Tina Groshong

BATTALION COMMANDER



MIDN CAPT K.L. VANGORDER

When asked to do this column I thought, "Great, a chance to pass on something meaningful!" The only hard part of the assignment would be finding something to talk about. But I knew that I could find the elusive "Subject."

That is what it is all about, you know -- believing in yourself and in your ability to accomplish whatever is set before you. In the four years that I have been at OSU the most important "principle," "trait," or "order" that I have learned has been that of self-belief. Inside yourself there MUST be fire and steel and the unwavering knowledge that you can and will prevail. No one else can do this for you -- it is simply something that you have to know is true.

Do not kid yourself by thinking that "It will get easier" -- because it will not. Now is that time to push yourself and to find your limits, both personally and professionally. There are not many people out there who are willing to say "I believe in you, you can do it", so you must always be whispering to yourself "I know I can!"

Self-doubt leads only to confusion, fear, and failure. Even if you make mistakes you must realize that you can overcome and learn from them. That is why you are here -- to learn.

Never quit, never doubt, and you will never fail.
Always remember that.
Semper Fi.

MIDN CAPT K.L. VANGORDER, BNCO

CHANGE OF COMMAND

On 03 February 1987, the battalion witnessed another change of command at Gill Coliseum. Ushered in as our new battalion CO was MIDN 1/c K.L. VANGORDER while OC T.G. TUTT was saluted, relieved and then awarded with a Navy Achievement Medal. In terms of his performance and accomplishments here at the unit, that distinguished honor was more than befitting for OC TUTT.

Three years ago, the then 25 year old Chief Fire Control Technician came to the unit as a member of the Enlisted Commissioning Program. In his first term at the unit, OC Tutt took advantage of an opening and became a squad leader. Since then his accomplishments include NINE 4.0 GPA's in a dual major of computer science and mathematical science for a cumulative GPA of 3.95. He attributes his climb to the top not only in his outstanding performance academically which made him stand out with the unit staff, but also in his ability to take advantage of those opportunities to lead. Once at the top, he attributes his success to the amount of cooperation and dedication he received with the battalion and its staff.

The outgoing Battalion CO is very pleased with the overall performance of his administration and has high hopes for the incoming new one headed by MIDN K. L. VanGorder. OC Tutt is confident, as is the rest of the unit, that MIDN VanGorder is capable for the job and hopes she gets the amount of cooperation and enjoys the same success as he did.

MIDN 4/c D.A. WILKENING



OC TUTT's last official duty as BNCO--the passing of the colors.

Midn 4/c Jay Chadney

MOCK COMP

It was unusual for me on a Monday, at 1800 to have my uniform on and be at drill. But, this was no ordinary drill -- this was change of command/mock comp night.

This night began with exhibitions by our outstanding drill team members. The Drill Team first showed us a small portion of what their inspection would be like for Northwest Navy. Then came time for an exhibition of their talent. Superb marching skills and constant concentration showed through as the Drill Team expertly executed its many flanks and various "piece" movements.

After the Drill Team, it was the Color Guard's turn to show their stuff. With traffic markers on the drill deck, the Color Guard also expertly executed its movements within the traffic markers.

These exhibitions make it easy for us to see just what does make all of us THE BEST IN THE WEST AND ALL THE REST!

MIDN 4/c G.L. HICKS

Billets

Congratulations and good luck to OC T.G. Tutt in his future endeavors and to MIDN 1/c K.L. VanGorder and her incoming administration. The following were among some of the key battalion billets announced for 1987.

COMMANDING OFFICER
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OPERATIONS OFFICER
LOGISTICS OFFICER
SUPPLY OFFICER
COMPUTER SERVICES OFFICER
FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICER
PERSONNEL OFFICER
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER
HEADQUARTERS COMMANDING OFFICER
RIFLE TEAM COMMANDING OFFICER
DRILL TEAM COMMANDING OFFICER
DRUM AND BUGLE COMMANDING OFFICER
COLOR GUARD COMMANDING OFFICER
1ST COMPANY COMMANDING OFFICER
2ND COMPANY COMMANDING OFFICER
3RD COMPANY COMMANDING OFFICER
MCPO
EVENTS COMMITTEE

MIDN 4/c D.A. WILKENING

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R.J. SMITANSKI
G.J. RIEHL
E.W. HANSEN
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A.R. BARKMAN
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E.A. CARLSON
D.W. MCMORRIES
M.R. BIONDI
C.D. HOY
J.V. BETSCHART
L.J. SLEEPER
C.A. WHITE
T.J. CHARLESWORTH
M. FARACE III
J.W. GERHARDT



MIDN 4/C Keenan

COL LEIDICH congratulates SSGT WOLF on his most recent fine performance.



DC John Hagerly

LT SOCHA sees eye to eye with MIDN 2/C ASBURY about inspections.



DC John Hagerly

COL LEIDICH examines the troops and is pleased with this MIDN's knowledge.

COLONEL'S INSPECTION

This year's first Colonel's Inspection was held on 20 JAN 87 in the infamous MacAlexander Field House. HQ Company was inspected at morning drill, while the remainder of the battalion was looked over during the normal drill hour.

It was of no surprise to anyone that the eagle-eyed Colonel and his faithful staff extensively quizzed our knowledge of General Orders and Chain of Command. Ah, yes! Let us not forget that list of Leadership Traits. "Integrity" was a rather popular choice for the most important trait, although some revealed unique explanations to justify a few newly invented traits. It was also a safe bet to believe that the CND is a Submarine officer when asked by a particular junior instructor.

On the uniform side of the evolution, we looked good overall, despite a few home-style haircuts and "slept-in" jackets that were ornamented with lint. The decision to wear corframs allowed many of us to preserve our highly-glossed leathers at home -- safe from the elements (AKA "Inspecting Officers").

We can look forward to another Colonel's Inspection in the Spring.

DC D.P. RAUSCHE

AWARDS

The following midshipmen and officer candidates deserve special recognition for their outstanding performance fall term:

DISTINGUISHED MIDSHIPMEN AWARD

MIDN 1/C PAUL JENNINGS
OC KEVIN JONES
OC DAN KLINE
OC WILLIAM MCVICKER
MIDN 1/C PAUL SPILSBURY
MIDN 2/C PHIL MAY
MIDN 2/C THUAN PHAM
MIDN 2/C AARON RONDEAU
MIDN 2/C BRETT WADSWORTH
MIDN 2/C JULIA WILCZYNSKI
MIDN 2/C MATT BIONDI
MIDN 2/C MICHAEL FARACE
SGT GORDON WHITEHEAD
SGT MODESTO VASQUEZ
OC ANTHONY ALLEMAN
OC KELLY ALVEY
OC ROBERT CARLSON
OC WILLIAM FREY
OC GEORGE VAN RIJN
OC STEPHEN VONKOLKOW
OC JOHN COOPER
OC ANTHONY GASCON
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MIDN 3/C DONALD MAY
MIDN 3/C JOHN MIKKLESON
MIDN 3/C VINCE SWINNEY
MIDN 4/C JOSEPH CANOVA
MIDN 4/C JAMIE CLARK
MIDN 4/C CHRISTOPHER DEWILDE
MIDN 4/C JOSEPH MELVIN
MIDN 4/C BRIAN NELSON
MIDN 4/C ERIC TENBROOK
MIDN 4/C DAVID WILKENING
MIDN 4/C JERRY WINDLE

OUTSTANDING PHYSICAL FITNESS

MIDN 2/C RON JOHNSON
MIDN 1/C STEVEN TRAUTWEIN
SSGT KENNETH WOLF

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

MIDN 1/C WILLIAM OWENS
MIDN 2/C JOSEPH BETSCHART



DC John Hagerly

COL LEIDICH receives check from 4.0 MIDN "MAVERICK" CRABTREE.

SENIOR MESS NIGHT

It is a tradition -- not just of the naval service but of the military -- to spend an occasional night on the town enjoying the companionship of your comrades in arms. Well that is the idea behind senior mess night, but that isn't exactly what happens. For the seniors, the end of their time here at OSU is in sight and that I must agree is worth celebrating. and that is just what they did on 23 JAN '87.

I have it from good sources that to make a success of this night of port and cigars you need a good Mr. Vice.

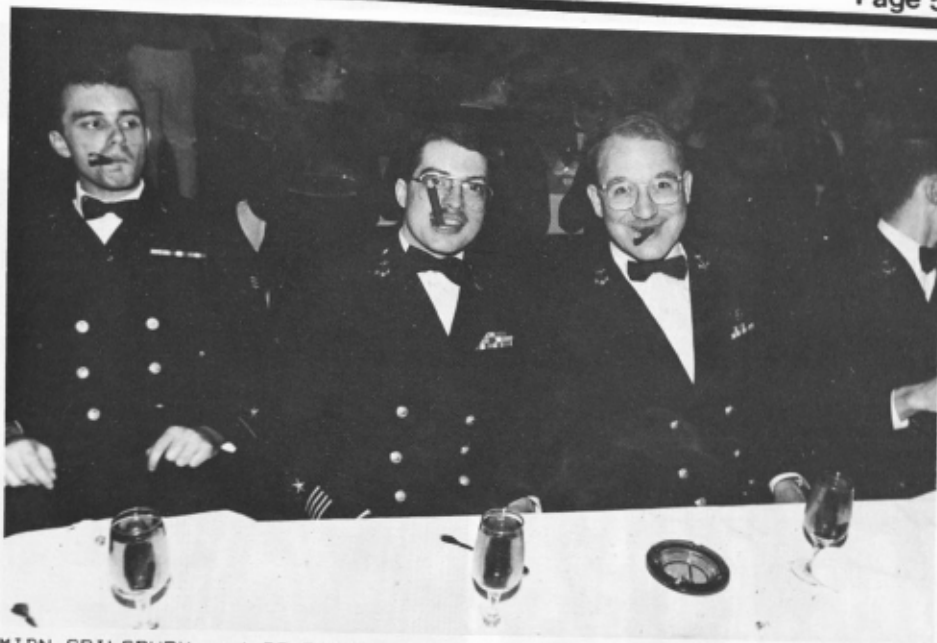
"Who was Mr. Vice," I asked.

"Bill McVicker," I was told.

"Well that explained it," I said.

"No, he's the one who sits at a table by himself fining people who break the rules of decorum of the mess. If the juniors next year want a good mess night they need a good Mr. Vice." I told my friend that I didn't think we had anybody with a knowledge of decorum even approaching that of Mr. McVicker.

Now do not think that this is simply an evening of carousing with the boys. As per standard operating procedure, a guest speaker is invited to share his perceptions of military life. This year Captain Malcomb Wright, former commanding officer of the USS ALABAMA (SSBN 731), spoke on the dilemma of leadership and the questioning of the necessity of our chosen defense systems by the concerned public.



MIDN SPILSBURY and OC PAULUS enjoy the traditional after-dinner smoke.

Another function of the mess is to give the seniors the initial word on spring billets. It was that Friday night that MIDN 1/c K.L. Van Gorder was duly congratulated by her classmates on the reward of her years in the Unit by named as the choice for our next battalion commander.

In answer to that burning question of the junior class, "Will I enjoy my senior mess night?" It should be remembered that, yes, a good time was had by all.

MIDN 2/c T.M. FITZGERALD



MIDN (Fearless Leader) VANGORDER receives the news of her appointment.



OC Bob Tatum

CAPT WRIGHT emphasizes the importance of leadership.



MIDN VANGORDER gets a light from MIDN DAY.

OC Bob Tatum

NORTH WEST



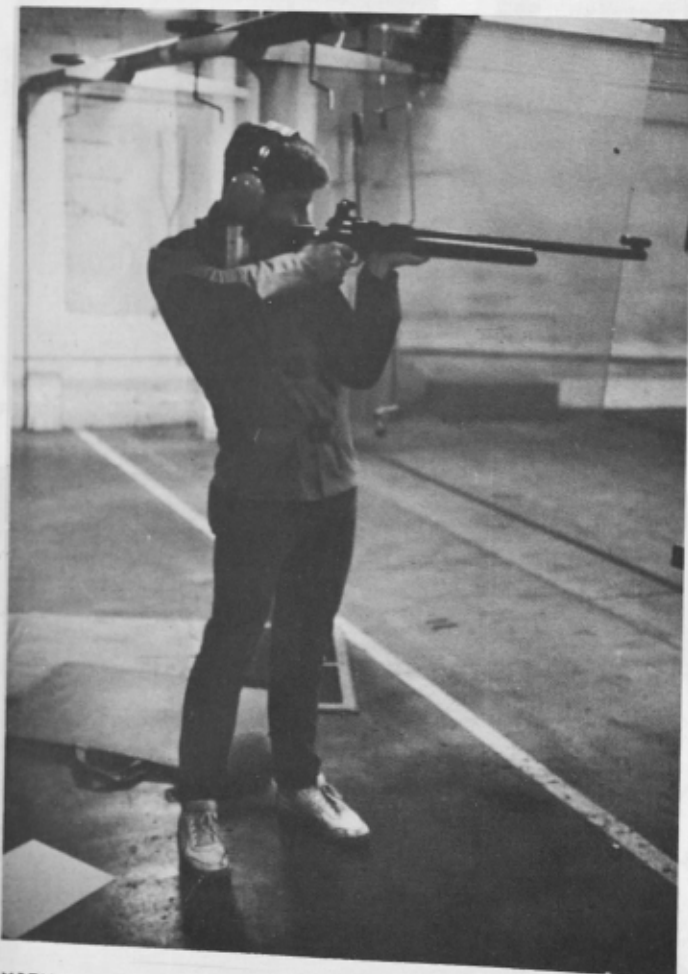
Midn 4/c Keenan

RONDEAU sinks another for two.



Midn 4/c Keenan

MIDN MCCALLISTER gives the final push to the finish.



Midn 2/c Susan Franks

MIDN LINDBLOOM'S steady aim brings home the NWN Powell Rifle Trophy.



Midn 4/c Richard Waddie

"And the crowd goes wild..."



Midn 2/c Susan Franks

MIDN SOTO ponders the meaning of life as she hangs effortlessly above the bar.

NAVY 1987 !



Drill Team precision awes judges and spectators alike at NWN.



Midn 4/c Tina Groshong

A locked & cocked Color Guard prepare to step off into 1st place.



MIDN MATHEWS accepts D&B NWN regulation phase trophy

Well its over, at last, and as exciting as it was I am glad to say its done. I looked forward to Northwest Navy this year even more than in the past because it was our turn to show those other schools (Universities of Washington, Idaho, and Utah) how to coordinate over 400 midshipmen into smoothly run competitions, motivate an entire battalion not only to help but to support our teams, train midshipmen to put forth their best effort in pursuit of victory and after all the trophies were divided up we showed them how to celebrate.

'Speaking of trophies... in case you missed the end tally we walked out of the banquet with 26 of the 44 available awards. 19 of 34 were in recognition of excellence of a competing individual, specific event or drill phase. The following stories are in depth accounts of how each team performed but before you read on I would like to offer a big Bravo Zulu to all who helped in the running and planning and competing. You should be proud of your efforts and of the rewards.

MIDN 2/C T.M. FITZGERALD



Midn 3/c Chris Lamoureux

Supreme concentration meant domination for these drummers at NWN.



Midn 3/c Chris Lamoureux

SGT MANN accepts NWN swim team trophy from MAJ ARMSTRONG.



DC William Frey

MIDN OWENS standing a rigorous competition inspection.

DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

There are many teams that competed against each other during NW Navy. The Drum & Bugle Corps (D&B) is a team that demands a lot from each of its members. Although this team requires much in the way of skill and precision, the majority of the people who join have no musical background. Anybody can turn out and, with practice, can become very skilled with either a drum or bugle.

The marching team consists of nine people. These devoted midshipmen and officer candidates spent many hours preparing for Northwest Navy while most everyone else was sound asleep.

D&B also has sectionals where everybody gets together to practice playing their instruments, study sessions are held to ensure that everybody maintains a satisfactory grade point average.

The scoring was based on the team's performance in drilling and inspection. In the past, OSU has done extremely well. Since 1959, when it all started, OSU has won the trophy 85-90% of the time. The trophy has been in our possession for the last ten years! Recent performances by the Drum & Bugle Corps have shown them to be up to par. The team won first place in the Albany Veteran's Day Parade, beating an Army National Guard band. They also received a letter of appreciation from the City Council of San Antonio regarding their participation in the Battle of Flowers Parade.

MIDN 4/c C.F. HOFFER

SWIM TEAM



The OSU NROTC swim team has geared-up for Northwest Navy since November under the experienced eyes of co-captains SGT Julie Mann and Midn 2/c Quinton Hamel.

The team's hard work paid off at Northwest Navy. In a spectacular contest, the OSU NROTC Swim Team reclaimed the first place trophy from University of Washington. The somewhat controversial competition ended with OSU one point ahead of UW. In 1986, UW took the trophy by one point.

The 14 member squad was required to attend 2 out of 3 practices each week in which sprints and relays are stressed. Time trials were held, along with a mock competition to determine the 12 swimmers and 2 alternates for the opening day event. Freshman blood made up half of the men and women's teams this year and will certainly add potential to the NROTC Unit in future years as well.

DC D.P. RAUSCHE



Midn 4/c Tina Gronhong

MIDN ENS ODENTHAL leads CG to the victory they have worked all year for.

Quality Color Guard

Now that Northwest Navy has passed us by, the OSU Color Guard has shown us that they are one of the top teams at OSU NROTC.

First, a description of a Color Guard would be helpful. A Color Guard consists of two rifles bearers--left and right--and three flag bearers--the National Ensign, the Navy Banner, and the Marine Corps Banner.

Founded in 1946, the Color Guard is the oldest of the teams at OSU. They were formed to do parades and exhibitions. Over the past couple of years the OSU Color Guard has been the Vanguard (Lead Color Guard) at the Battle of Flowers in San Antonio and at the Albany Veterans Parade this year. Two years ago they were second in the Seattle Northwest Drill Competition. The team have been invited back this year. Along with these parades the Color Guard has done some Harlem Globetrotters games and Portland

Trailblazers games and all home OSU basketball games. Upcoming events include the Seattle NW Drill in April, the San Antonio Battle of Flowers, the Albany and Lebanon Veterans Day parades, and future OSU basketball home games.

Practice is strenuous with practice being three days a week from 0600 to 0730. Rifle skills are emphasized by practicing a rifle manual, marching by using the color manual, color guard marching skills, and individual drill movements. Presently there are eleven people on the team. The competition units and exhibition units are picked by who does the best job in practice and what situation they will be marching in.

The quality of Color Guard members and performances was proven when they won every trophy in the Color Guard competition at Northwest Navy.

MIDN 4/c G.L. HICKS

from SWIFTNESS to STIFFNESS

For the past few decades, the fitness level of members from this unit have been determined by the Marine Corps physical fitness test (PFT). Starting in Spring Term, 1987, the PFT is being replaced by the Navy physical readiness test (PRT). Whereas the Marine PFT involves pull-ups, sit-ups, and a 3 mile run, the Navy PRT consists of the toe-touch, push-ups, sit-ups, and a 1.5 mile run.

The main difference between the two tests is that the Marine standard emphasizes muscular endurance in contrast to the Navy standard of short-range intensity of movement. Failure of any portion of the PRT will result in the individual being placed on remedial physical training under the guidance of the unit PFT team, until that person is able to pass the PRT at an acceptable level. The acceptable level is determined by your age and gender.

Even though we have adopted the PRT as the standard to evaluate individual fitness levels, the Marine Corps PFT will still be administered to the Marines and Marine Options, and Navy Options who desire to take it for scoring purposes. The Spring term PFT is scheduled for 04 April 1987, so get prepared to have fun.

SSGT K.P. WOLF



OSU leads the NWN PFT from the very beginning.



Midn 4/c Jay Chadney



Midn 2/c Susan Franks

MIDN SWINNEY, ensuring victory without injury stops to stretch before the NWN PFT run.

SSGT WOLF consults with NWN PFT coordinator MIDN TRAUTWEIN.



MIDN MATHEWS personifies team work as he helps MIDN AUSTIN prepare for inspection.



Midn 4/c J. Miller

How to be a top gun at USU.

BEAVER OPEN HOUSE

Beaver Open House provided many prospective OSU students with a glimpse of our campus living areas, and school activities. Several hundred high school seniors came from all over Oregon and parts of Washington. Being in fraternities ourselves, we were able to host some of these future Beavers. We took our guests out to pizza and a showing of our favorite movie, "Top Gun", (to get them interested in Naval Aviation, of course). We also took them around the campus, and helped with their registration and paperwork. The weekend was enjoyable for both our guests and ourselves.

Saturday was a hectic day, starting with an early morning speech by Dean Brennan. Afterwards, the students were given the opportunity of visiting fraternities, sororities, and our own NROTC Unit. Hopefully, they were impressed enough by our living groups, clubs, and our NROTC program to make themselves valuable additions to these programs, and OSU.

MIDN 4/c G.J. PUENTES (Phi Gamma Delta)
MIDN 4/c C.F. HOFFER (Kappa Sigma)



D&B show Scio Hi why OSU is best in the West and all the rest!

Tattoo

On February 21st, the OSU NROTC Drum & Bugle Corps, led by MIDN 2/c CARL HOY, participated in a military band exhibition called "TATTOO". The name "Tattoo" used to describe when the drummers of a military unit were called upon to signal the end of the work day to the troops. In modern times, the name "Tattoo" means a display of military bands performing at the end of a day.

The exhibition, held at the Salem Armory, included, the NROTC D&B, the OSU NROTC Color Guard, which marched the colors onto the deck along with Marine, Army, and Air Force color guards. The 234th Army National Guard Pipe Band played the National Anthem, along with British military band music.

Several traditional Scottish Pipe Bands were present, including the Clan MacLennan Pipe Band, from Portland. For the finale, a mass of the bands performed.

The NROTC Drum & Bugle Corps gave an outstanding performance with the Marine Corps Hymn, Anchors Aweigh, and several other favorites. They represented OSU NROTC well at the exhibition, and made a good impression on the audience which numbered several thousand.

MIDN 4/c G.J. PUENTES



Major Hensley explains the advantages of Navy ROTC to prospective students at Open House.

B.E.S.T.

Would you like to be able to pick the duty station of your choice? Have Uncle Sam paying for Post Graduate school? Even if the military is not in your plans four years after commissioning, the "outside" job market is competitive to say the least. This is the time when your college GPA will come back to either help or haunt you.

After a year of watching the same students encounter repeated problems along Academic Avenue, LT M.V. MCGOWAN decided to implement Building Effective Study Techniques (B.E.S.T.) based on a class he had taken years ago. B.E.S.T. "asserts that the average incoming college student has poor study habits, if any." Its goal is to take average (GPA of 2.5 with an average of twenty-five hours of studying per week) students and teach them effective study techniques and habits to work "smarter, not harder."

The all-volunteer class meets for one hour every week and is required to spend at least thirty-nine hours studying each week. The class hours are activity oriented, not lecture oriented. Subjects such as reading and note taking, time management, goal setting, writing and composition, and test taking strategies are practiced.

If these are topics you could use a few helpful hints on, or if you wish to have control over your own destiny and not be content with academic mediocrity, then B.E.S.T. is for you. It is a one credit course (NS 405) that will give you an organized plan of attack to studying.

OC D.P. RAUSCHE

We meet once a week, at the convenient hour between dinner and Moonlighting, have midterms in the form of the Current, and finals that look like the Riptide, get two hours of journalistic credit from the University. What, you might ask, purpose does the Riptide and its staff serve?

The Current is designed to keep the Unit informed about the various activities which it is involved with through colorful reporting. The Current also provides a forum which people may express their comments and opinions. The Riptide, which is sent out, is one of the Unit's major public relations tools as it shows not only family and friends but potential midshipmen what the program is about.

All of this is accomplished by a very competent and professional staff, who as reporters follow the various teams, keeping track of the Unit's activities. Staff members also have a collateral duties which takes care of most of the publishing aspects of the paper such as layout, printing, photo selection, typing, and even cartooning. Coordinating all of this fun and excitement is our fearless leader, the editor, MIDN ENS C.B. WEBSTER.

In today's world of sensationalist yellow journalism the world can rest easy comforted by the fact there is at least one paper left that has little to do with anything and nobody reads.

MIDN 4/c D.A. WILKENING

THE RIPTIDE



PHOTO CREW

When most people pick up a Harpoon or Riptide, they do not realize all the time, effort, and organization that goes into each edition. There are many jobs such as "paste up", artwork, editing and photography which go into each publication. While the first three jobs are left to the respective staffs, it is the sole job of Photo Crew to produce the visual records of activities.

Photo Crew serves the Unit in a number of ways. The prints that are made are used in various public relations avenues that represent the ROTC programs as well as the Oregon State unit. The work includes covering every NROTC event, making prints, developing negatives and taking ID photos. Each crew member is assigned one of these jobs every week on a rotating basis. While it is beneficial to have previous experience it is not required since quality photography is a lengthy pursuit. Training for the Crew covers everything from how to use the cameras and other darkroom equipment to how to print the pictures.

Reflecting the trends of the future, a new addition to the Photo Crew was made this year in the form of video cameras. These should better enable the Photo Crew capture the moment for future generations.

MIDN 4/c E.M. KEENAN



HARPOON STAFF 86-87

This yearbook crew is putting in a lot of time and thought into this year's HARPOON.

We have two main goals. First, to avoid repeating the same stories and pictures that have been chosen in the past. Second, to create an interesting and fun yearbook, and to have a helluva good time doing it. So far for our first half of the yearbook we have succeeded. Quality photos, thoughtful and funny stories, as well as a unique theme are the basic for our entire book.

We could just take it easy and do the infamous "cut and paste" method like the previous HARPOONS, but we are not. We are doing our best to make this the best yearbook ever.

MIDN ENS J. SOTO, HARPOON Editor



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THE COOL GUARD

It is 0730 and I have been here all night working on the RIPTIDE. Looking through the myriad of photos, a thought struck me. "Boy, Color Guard is sure cool," and they are. I don't mean "cool" as in hip. (Look at the way Ben Shevchuk dresses and you think, "he's hip." Ben is the hippest dresser in the unit, as opposed to the best dresser. Jenny Soto and Sam Asbury get that honor.)

D&B is like precision on foot, and the Drill Team cannot help but to motivate me. The Color Guard, on the other hand, with their style of cool professionalism, has gone beyond precision and motivation into a realm of social responsibility that sets an example for the rest of the battalion. They see as many meets and matches as any other team and win as many awards. The difference is "the coolness factor," the self-confident professionalism that does not allow for obnoxious behavior.

The Guard has a laid back approach when they are not on the drill deck. I mean, hey, you can't help but like them. They are friendly, loyal, courteous, kind, and most of the other boy/girl scout traits. I know, I have partied with them. So, hats off to what I consider to be the hands down winner of this years "Most Cool Team." What an example.

MIDN ENS C.B. WEBSTER
RIPTIDE Editor

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