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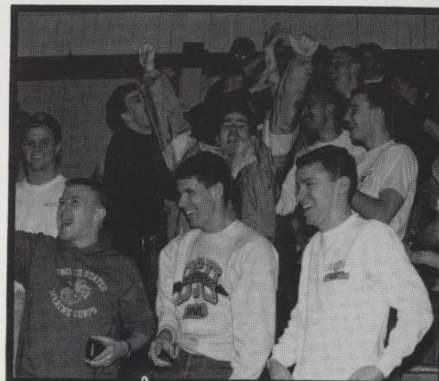
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NORTHWEST NAVY

Oregon State set a simple goal this year...*Dominate Northwest Navy*. Claiming 8 out of 9 team trophies, they did just that!



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UNIT CLUBS

Oregon State boasts one of the best Naval ROTC units in the nation. Part of the outstanding program are the unit clubs. The different clubs provide midshipmen an opportunity to learn more about their interest while having a good time.



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CHANGE OF COMMAND

Twice a year, the prestigious, yet demanding honor of commanding the OSU NROTC Battalion is turned over. Once again, a new commander and a new staff must face new challenges.



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ABOUT THE COVER...

Drill Team Commander, Midn LTJG Baldwin renders a sword salute at the Northwest Navy Competition held at the University of Washington. Midn Baldwin and the Drill Team brought home just one of the many team trophies won by OSU. See page 7 for story.

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CAPTAIN'S CALL

CAPTAIN R.E. CURTIS, PROFESSOR OF NAVAL SCIENCE

THE BIG YEAR!! And it is shaping up to just that! Domination at Northwest Navy was one of our two major goals this year, and dominate you did. Eight out of nine trophies and many, many individual awards attest to the superb job you all did in preparing for the competition.

This success, as in all successes in life, does not happen by accident. It takes preparation, dedication and just plain hard work. And all of you made the sacrifices, stayed the course and whether you won your particular event or not, you all came out winners!

The thing I am most proud of is the way you conducted yourselves in both victory and disappointment. You pulled it off with real class and dignity, fitting of the outstanding young ladies and gentlemen that you are. You all showed strong character.

And now that we've achieved excellence in the NWN competition, it's back to the pursuit of excellence in academics. Our other goal, a unit GPA of 3.0, is close. It's time to redouble our efforts and push that 2.92 GPA from the fall quarter to the magic 3.0. We can make it, it just takes the same discipline and character you showed in Washington. Let's reach this last goal and it will indeed be "The Big Year." PRESS ON!



BNCO'S CORNER

MIDN CAPTAIN T.G. HIMSTREET MIDN BATTALION COMMANDER

I can't express enough what a joy it is to be the Battalion Commander of one of the finest, if not the finest, Naval ROTC units in the country. Winning 8 out of 9 team trophies at this year's Northwest Navy is just one indicator of our current level of excellence.

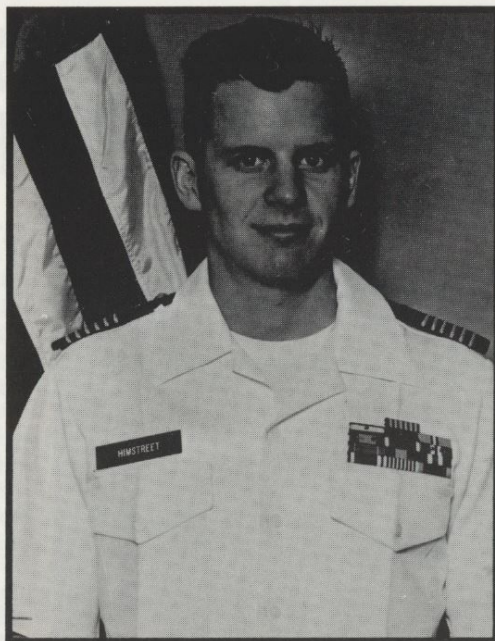
I would like to express to the entire Midshipman Battalion my deep appreciation for their immense dedication, effort, and enthusiasm thus far this year. We started off the year on a high note with an incredibly pumped up Rookie Orientation, and we have continued this enthusiastic trend to the present. Let us now carry on with this precedent that we have set for ourselves.

You have probably noticed that working in and around such an enthusiastic group has several benefits. Not only does enthusiasm increase our performance as a midshipman, it also enhances our character as a Naval Officer. Enthusiasm is also contagious. Once started, it can penetrate all corners of an organization. Be enthusiastic!

I'd like to leave you with my philosophy on leadership and learning leadership. Seek responsibility and attack responsibility with enormous pride and dedication! Everything you do reflects on you as a person.

Learning leadership is like having a piggybank. Every time you demonstrate responsibility, enthusiasm, bearing, good judgement, and integrity, you put some change in your piggybank. Whether it is as small as rendering a proper salute or as big as submitting plans for a major evolution, if you consistently take pride in what you do and exceed the expectations of your seniors, you are learning leadership. Conversely, every time you fall short of fulfilling your responsibilities to the best of your abilities, you lose leadership cash. You lose valuable credibility in the eyes of your seniors and your peers.

My best and most sincere wishes go out to everyone in the Naval ROTC program. May our piggybanks overflow.



FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS ... CHIEF NEWBOLD

BY OC BOWERS

No Personnel Officer has an easy job. The hours are long, the work is never-ending, new regulations can sometimes require a tedious job to be redone, and few people think to say, "Thank you," when you've been doing an outstanding job.

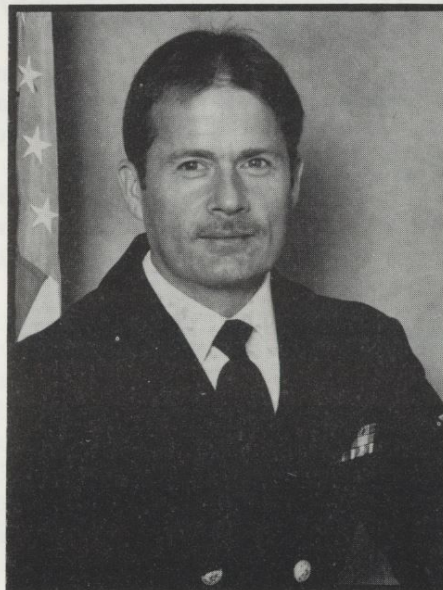
The Personnel Officer of this NROTC Unit also has to perform duties which go beyond those of most Personnel Officers'. Besides updating the service records of active duty personnel, besides corresponding with other commands, besides maintaining records of ID card issues, and besides keeping records of official instructions and directives for Navy personnel, our Personnel Officer must stay abreast of the latest developments from CNET. He must administer pay, and act as liaison between the Portland Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) and our personnel when something goes awry.

YNC Newbold has done all this and more. When Chief Newbold arrived at OSU, the NROTC Administrative Office was in a state of chaos. Chief Newbold worked diligently and tirelessly to impose some order on the turbulent sea of paperwork. He worked

staggeringly long hours. When asked what his typical working hours were, Chief Newbold replied, "Let's just say that when an official phone call for Senior Chief Rose came in at 0530, I was here to take the call. I forced myself to wait until six o'clock to call him and let him know about it." Neither was it unusual to observe Chief Newbold working long into the night.

Chief Newbold joined the Navy in 1964. While he says that there have been bad days in his career, he also believes that his career has been richly rewarding. "All I have, everything I value, I got because of people I've met in the Navy. That's the most important thing the Navy has to offer: people. Navy people are special."

On February 19th, without much fanfare, Chief Newbold left the NROTC Unit officially, to start his terminal leave. When asked what he planned to do upon his retirement, Chief Newbold said, "Retire. Really retire." He expressed an interest in traveling abroad to Europe and to Mexico (he is thinking about settling down in Mexico). Wherever he goes, his "joie de vivre" and unassuming manner will surely make him many friends.



Enjoy your retirement, Chief Newbold. On behalf of the students and staff of this unit, I'd like to say, "Thank you. You've done an outstanding job."

WELCOME ABOARD ... CHIEF SCHLICHTMAN

BY MIDN 2/C GUECK

A new face can be seen about the decks of the Oregon State Naval ROTC unit. That face belongs to the newest member of our staff, Quartermaster Chief William J. Schlichtman.

Chief Schlichtman spent the last four years aboard the nuclear powered ballistic missile submarine USS Ohio (SSBN 726). During this tour he served as the assistant navigator under three different Commanding Officers.

For many years Chief Schlichtman has desired to live in Oregon, so when he was offered a job as an instructor here at the OSU NROTC he "grabbed the opportunity." He intends to complete his tour here and retire in the Corvallis area. His first impressions of the OSU NROTC have been good ones, but he admits that it wasn't what he expected. "I expected it to be a school, but it's really very military-like."

In addition to his new position as As-

sistant Junior Class Instructor, Chief Schlichtman is working on his Bachelor's degree in Computer Science. Chief Schlichtman would like to combine his experience in Computer Science with the skills he hopes to learn as an instructor, so that one day he can

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teach courses in Computer Science. When asked about his goals as an instructor, the Chief replied, "I hope that I can prepare them for what's out there."

From the staff and midshipmen of the Oregon State Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, "WELCOME ABOARD CHIEF SCHLICHTMAN!"



CAPTAIN'S INSPECTION

BY MIDN 4/C BILLINGSLEY

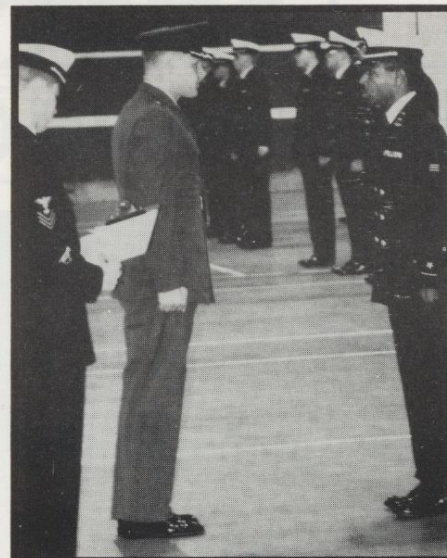
"Battalion, Aa-ten-hut!" was the command sounded by Officer Candidate S. W. Murdock, the NROTC Battalion Commander, which sounded the beginning of this year's Captain's Inspection. The inspection, which was held on 23 January 1990, was the first inspection of the entire



battalion by Captain R. E. Curtis, Commanding Officer of the NROTC Unit here at Oregon State University.

Platoons started preparing weeks in advance for this inspection, the most important so far this year. Squads were inspected by their Platoon Commanders, Company Commanders and various battalion officers in the weeks prior to the Captain's inspection. These inspections were designed to help prepare midshipmen for the upcoming inspection. Not a single stone of inspection information was left unturned.

As the morning of Captain's Inspection dawned, the tension was running high. After being inspected by Captain Curtis, the officers and staff of the NROTC Unit split up and proceeded to inspect the battalion. A single staff member would inspect each midshipman's uniform while additional inspections on information and knowledge were performed by other members of the NROTC Unit's staff. The weeks of anticipation and thoughts of, "Will I remember all of my information?" and "What is the Chain of Command?," eventually gave way to feelings of confidence. This sentiment was reiterated by Midn 4/C Bill Raney, "I felt nervous going into it [Captains Inspection], but it turned out to be not nearly as stressful



as I had originally perceived."

All of the hard work and preparation paid off as Captain Curtis was very pleased with the outcome of the inspection. The Captain paid special notice to the marching teams and PAO for a particularly good inspection, but also stated that, "... no team was markedly better than any other."

MIDSHIPMEN FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

BY MIDN 4/C NOLASCO

Travel to foreign lands is a part of the job as a Navy/Marine Corps officer. There are two midshipmen here at the OSU NROTC unit who have lived in foreign lands already. Midshipmen Alan Saran and Shawn Hurt are our two well-traveled midshipmen.

Alan Saran was born and raised in Ankara, the capital of Turkey. Alan's father, Ozbek, is Turkish and works as a consultant to the Prime Minister of Turkey. Geraldine, Alan's mother, is American and works for the American government at a military installation in Turkey. Alan, the youngest of four children, enjoys soccer (his #1 passion), wrestling, and skiing. He learned to speak English at the Department of Defense (DoD) schools he attended since the early age of seven. Being bilingual has also meant being bicultural for Alan. He loves Turkish food and misses it since coming to the States. Alan enjoys being here at OSU and plans on becoming a Naval Officer in four years.

Shawn Hurt was born "stateside" in Newport, Oregon. His father, Paul Hurt, was in the Marine Corps and just retired as the Provost Marshall of MCRD in San Diego, California. His mother, Jeanette, is a computer engineer. Shawn traveled extensively in the Far East because his father was moving constantly from duty station to duty station. The countries Shawn has traveled to makes it seem as though he's had his share of time on a WestPac: Okinawa, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Eastern Asia. When asked about his favorite "port", Shawn replied that Kwajalein was his favorite. The sixty-five mile long atoll, with a population of two thousand, leaves an individual with limited entertainment resources, but Shawn made the best of it. Island hopping by boat, surfing, water skiing, and scuba diving off World War II wrecks were some of his favorite diversions. He even learned to fly a plane before he learned to drive a car. When questioned about his career goals in the military, Shawn remarked, "Remember the



rookie who would strike an A-6 pose when the Rookie staff would yell 'A-6'? Well, that was me. I want to fly A-6s."

With such culturally rich childhoods, Midshipmen Alan Saran and Shawn Hurt seem well equipped for the foreign travel that is necessary for a Naval career. The experiences that these two midshipmen bring to the OSU NROTC Unit benefit the entire battalion.

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THE BIG YEAR PREVAILS



THE "BEST SHOT"

In the beginning (of this academic year), OSU NROTC made a long-term goal, "Domination at Northwest Navy!" This was to be our big year!

At the Saturday night ceremonies, we fulfilled that goal, and our promise to our Commanding Officer, CAPT R.E. Curtis. In every event, we were competitive, claiming nearly all team trophies. The Drill Team brought back the team trophy, as did the Rifle Team, the Basketball Team, the Swim Team, the Pistol Team, the Men's and Women's PFT Team, and the Color Guard. There were members who collected many individual awards, some of them drooping over from the weight around their neck. Even the Captain had a piece of the action, taking home the "Golden Boot" Award-awarded to the C.O. with the best shooting score.

In turn, OSU showed they too had the "best shot." When departing the University of Washington, I was reminded of an old familiar phrase-"We came...we saw...we kicked a ___!"-GH

ALL WEATHER PFT TEAM

This year's Physical Fitness Test at Northwest Navy proved to be one of controversy. The competition consists of maximum pushups and pullups (arm hang for women), and a three mile run (1.5 for women). It was the run, however, that drew the most attention. With nearly four inches of ice and snow on the ground from the night before, runners were forced to run in the snow off of the dangerously icy course. Some runners took advantage of the option to run in the afternoon. Midn 4/C Holly Rosenberg, who won the High Individual Score, was one of these. She stated that the, "weather and running conditions were a lot better in the afternoon run."

The Big "J" Award, awarded to the mens' team with the highest score was given at the awards ceremony to the University of Washington. However, after a recalculation of the scores, it was later announced that Oregon State University was the rightful winner. Congratulations also goes to the Oregon State Women's PFT Team who won the Northwest Navy Women's Physical Fitness Team Award.-RB



PISTOL TEAM SWEEPS

In keeping with Northwest Navy and OSU NROTC tradition, the Pistol Team once again dominated over all challengers.

At Northwest Navy the OSU NROTC Pistol Team competed in the Slow Fire, Timed Fire, and Rapid Fire competitions. The Pistol Team won the Northwest Navy Pistol Team Award, as it has time and time again in its continuing dominance at Northwest Navy.

One of the driving forces behind the Pistol Team is Midn 1/C John Mikkelsen. Mikkelsen won the Slow Fire, Timed Fire, and Rapid Fire competitions. All of these successes led to him eventually winning the Individual Aggregate High Score Award. However, the winning of the team award would not have been possible without the outstanding performances put in by all its members.-RB

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PRECISION AS AN ART

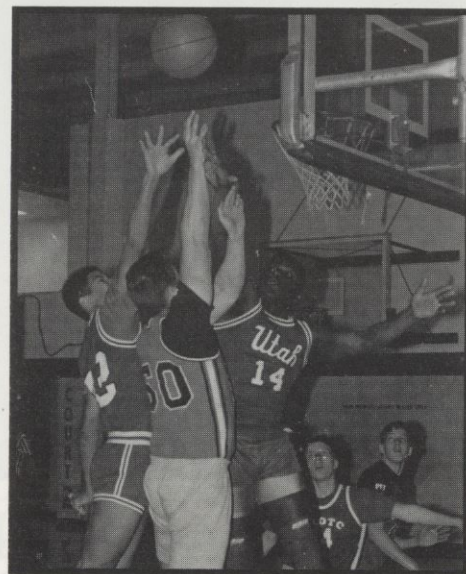
The drill team competition was one of the best at Northwest Navy this year... and the OSU NROTC Drill Team was ready for it. The actual competition had five competitors: OSU, University of Utah, University of Washington, USC, and UCLA.

The Drill Team went through the inspection, regulation, exhibition, individual knockout, and individual exhibition. OSU was represented by Midshipmen Schott, Hall, and Hurt in the individual knockout, and Midshipman Himstreet, the Battalion Commander, in the individual exhibition. Midshipman Himstreet won his respective competition hands down (or should I say "spinning"?). Overall, the Drill Team performed in excellent fashion and did a super job winning OSU NROTC Battalion's respect as well as the overall team trophy. As Bill and Ted would put it: "Excellent!"-JN

CG REPEATS DOMINANCE

The OSU NROTC Color Guard has repeated their domination of the Northwest Navy Color Guard competition. With shirts proclaiming "We're Back", the Color Guard was more than just physically prepared for the competition, they were mentally tweaked for peak performance.

After the competition that was held at the Sand Point Naval Station, I had a chance to return to the dorms in the same van as the Color Guard. The air of victory and superiority in the van was intoxicating and well founded on the excellent performance of the Color Guard at the competition. As Bobby Brown's song, "In Control", was being played in the van, I couldn't help but agree that the Color Guard was definitely "in control".-JN



B-BALL TEAM TAKES TITLE WITH EASE

The OSU NROTC Basketball Team simply did not belong at Northwest Navy. Taking the championship with a three and one record barely gave justice to the dominating performance of Oregon State. With "intensity" as a game plan, experience as a devastating weapon, and unity as the backbone, Oregon State outplayed all of their competitors.

The first night of play saw the first victory against the host team, University of Washington. The second game, however, was a disappointing loss to University of Utah. Playing back-to-back games, the loss "was not a performance indicative of our talent," stated coach LT Pavlat.

With a night's rest, OSU proved their ability the next day by beating both Utah and Washington, giving them the championship title. "We gave them a clinic on how to play basketball," responded LT Pavlat on the second half of the Utah rematch. Talent, experience, unity, intensity...no one could touch OSU.-SH

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PHYSICAL SKILLS

The Physical Skills Competition is a competition as unique as it is difficult. Competitors must complete a series of situps, pullups (flexed arm hang for women), a three mile run (one and a half miles for the women), a one and a half mile swim, and a marksmanship competition.

Officer Candidate Saboe of the University of Washington dominated over all competitors in the women's competition, with one exception--Oregon State University NROTC's Midn 1/C Erin McCallister, she won the High Marksmanship Award for the women.

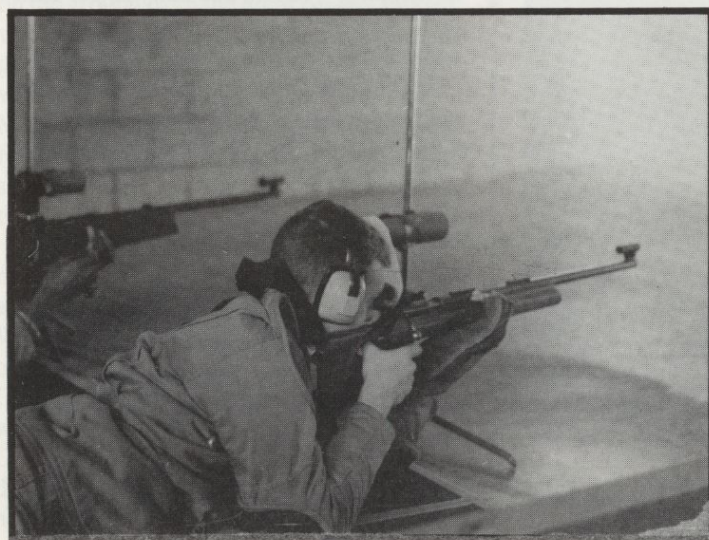
In the mens' Physical Skills Competition a tough battle was fought between OSU NROTC's Midn 1/C Jeff Miller and the University of Washington's SSgt. Flatter. Midn Miller won the three mile run, the one and a half mile swim and the PFT-High Score Award. SSgt. Flatter was able to win the situp and pullup competitions. Midshipman Miller's overall performance enabled him to beat out SSgt. Flatter for the Individual High Aggregate Award. -RB



D&B SHINES

With the gleam of shined brass and a will to give it their best, the OSU Drum and Bugle Corps stepped out onto the well-shined deck of the Sand Point Naval Station Coast Guard hangar. The Drum and Bugle Corps went through the rigors of the inspection, regulation, and exhibition phases under the watchful eyes of the meanest, most ferocious senior drill instructors that have ever judged a military drum and bugle competition. I was more than happy to be a spectator rather than a participant.

The actual competition had only two competitors, one fielded by OSU and the other by the host university, the University of Washington. Even though the D & B didn't win any awards, they are still the best in my book. Great job, D & B! -JN

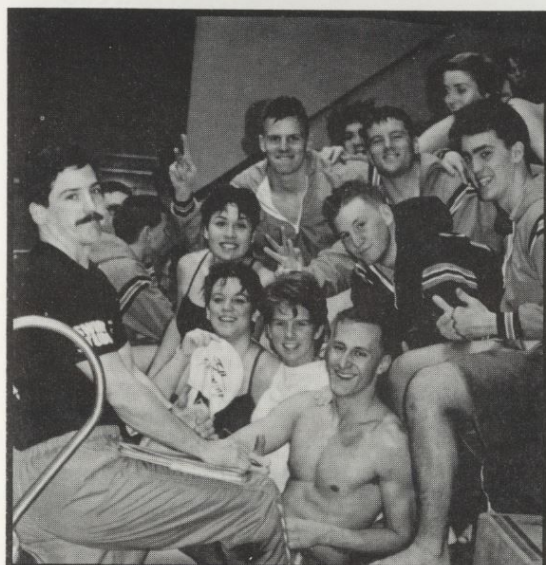


RIFLE TEAM EXCELS

The OSU NROTC Rifle team continued on with its winning tradition at Northwest Navy this year. The Rifle Team had to overcome many obstacles on its way to victory. The most notable was the uncommonly low temperature conditions in which the team had to compete. Midn LTJG John McKenna, the Commanding Officer of the Rifle Team, said, "I admired the team's ability to overcome the circumstances we shot under," and that he was "really impressed with the efforts that the team put in."

The Rifle Team won the H. D. Powell Rifle Team Award with an impressive 1920 pts. This high score was achieved by the efforts of Midn 4/C Craig Bacho, Midn 3/C Tom Gelker, Midn 2/C Chris Anderson, and Midn 1/C Chris Evans. Midn Evans also won the High Prone Score. This year's team score was 27 points higher than OSU's winning score last year. GOOD JOB AND CONGRATULATIONS RIFLE TEAM. -RB

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SWIM TEAM TAKES TROPHY

Competing against the OSU NROTC Swim Team, the other teams were like oil- they just didn't mix with the water. This year, Oregon State won five out of eight events in the pool, on their way to claiming the team trophy for 1990. Throughout the competition, team members were cheering each other on as the swimmers were gliding to a winning finish.

In the events we did not win, the members showed supreme effort in taking second place, a couple of times nearly coming from behind to win. Next year, the competition gets to come to our pool, and the Swim Team "Sharks" are hungry.
-GH

NORTHWEST NAVY RIPTIDE REPORTING STAFF...
MIDN 1/C HICKS, MIDN 3/C HARBICK,
MIDN 4/C BILLINGSLEY, AND MIDN 4/C NOLASCO

NORTHWEST NAVY SCORES

PISTOL COMPETITION

Slow Fire-High Score: OSU, MIKKELSON
Timed Fire-High Score: OSU, MIKKELSON
Rapid Fire-High Score: OSU, MIKKELSON
Individual Aggregate-High Score:
OSU, MIKKELSON
NW NAVY PISTOL TEAM AWARD: OSU

PNS/MOI PISTOL MATCH

PNS Golden Boot Award: OSU, CAPT CURTIS
MOI Pistol Trophy: OSU, Maj. COTTON

BASKETBALL COMPETITION

NW NAVY ALL-STAR PLAYERS:
RICK CHAMBERS
STEVE BEALS
NW NAVY BASKETBALL TEAM AWARD:
OSU

SWIM COMPETITION

Men's 200 YD Medley Relay: OSU
Men's 200 YD Freestyle Relay: OSU
Women's 200 YD Freestyle Relay: OSU
Men's 200 YD Individual Medley:
OSU, MILLER
Men's 100 YD Individual Freestyle:
OSU, VANDERBEEK
Women's 100 YD Individual Freestyle: U of W
Mixed 200 YD Medley Relay: U of W
Mixed 200 YD Freestyle Relay: U of W
NW NAVY SWIM TEAM AWARD: OSU

COLOR GUARD COMPETITION

Inspection-High Score: OSU
Regulation-High Score: OSU

Team Commander's Award: UCLA
NW NAVY COLOR GUARD TEAM
TROPHY: OSU

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST-WOMEN

Situps-High Score: U of W
Flexed Arm Hang-Best Time:
OSU, ROSENBERG
1.5 Mile Run-Best Time: OSU, BERGMANN
High Individual Score: OSU, ROSENBERG
NW NAVY WOMEN'S PHYSICAL FITNESS
TEAM AWARD: OSU

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST-MEN

Situps-High Score: U of W
Pullups-High Score: U of W
3 Mile Run-Best Time: U of W
High Individual Score: U of W
BIG "J" AWARD-HIGH TEAM SCORE: OSU

RIFLE COMPETITION

High Prone Score: OSU, EVANS
High Kneeling Score: U of W
High Standing Score: U of W
Marvin C. Lange Perpetual Trophy
High Aggregate Score: U of W
H.D. POWELL RIFLE TEAM AWARD: OSU

DRUM & BUGLE COMPETITION

Inspection-High Score: U of W
Regulation-High Score: U of W
Exhibition-High Score: U of W
The Roger T. Okamoto Memorial Drum & Bugle
Corps Team Commander's Trophy: U of W
THE ERIC L. BARR DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

TEAM TROPHY: U of W

PHYSICAL SKILLS COMPETITION-WOMEN

Situps-High Score: U of W
Flexed Arm Hang-Best Time: U of W
1.5 Mile Run-Best Time: U of W
PFT-High Score: U of W
.5 Mile Swim: U of W
High Marksmanship Award:
OSU, McALLISTER
Individual Aggregate-High Score: U of W

PHYSICAL SKILLS COMPETITION-MEN

Situps-High Score: U of W
Pullups-High Score: U of W
3 Mile Run-Best Time: OSU, MILLER
PFT-High Score: OSU, MILLER
.5 Mile Swim: OSU, MILLER
High Marksmanship Award: OSU, NELSON
Individual Aggregate-High Score: OSU, MILLER

DRILL TEAM COMPETITION

Individual Exhibition: OSU, HIMSTREET
Individual Knockout:
3RD PLACE: UCLA
2ND PLACE: UCLA
1ST PLACE: UCLA
Platoon Inspection-High Score: OSU
Platoon Regulation-High Score: U of W
Platoon Exhibition-High Score: OSU
The John F. Bergeron Memorial Trophy Drill
Team Commander High Individual Score:
U of W
THEN NW NAVY DRILL TEAM TROPHY: OSU

UNIT CLUBS

AVIATION CLUB

BY MIDN 4/C BILLINGSLEY

The Aviation Club is a platform for indoctrination into Naval Aviation. At meetings, various topics oriented around Naval Aviation are discussed along with specific types of Naval Aircraft. The club has also made plans for pizza feeds and discussions with guest lecturers on topics revolving around aviation.

This spring, the club is planning a week long Aviation field trip to the Southern California, San Diego area. The club plans to visit Naval Air Stations in the area, and possibly tour an aircraft carrier.

Newly elected Aviation Club president Midshipman 1/C Scott Sullivan had this to say about the club, "Our purpose in the Aviation Club is to get those of us with common interests together, keep each other motivated and to never lose sight of that common goal, those Wings of Gold." Midshipman Sullivan went on to say that regardless of whether you aspire to become an aviator or an NFO, the club has something to offer you.

SEMPER FI CLUB

BY MIDN 4/C BILLINGSLEY

Semper Fi Club here at OSU NROTC is dedicated to the ideals of the United States Marine Corps. One of the main goals of the Semper Fi Club is to develop camaraderie between members of the club. To accomplish this goal the club undertakes many activities.

One such activity is an annual ski trip to Mt. Bachelor. The club also enjoys guest speakers, such as Colonel R.G. Leidich (Retired), and sponsors lectures on the different Military Occupational Specialties offered by the Marine Corps.

However, physical training (PT) is what the Semper Fi Club excels at. PT serves as a way to introduce the Marine Options to one

of the many aspects of the Marine Corps.

Midshipman R.D. McCormick, Vice-President of the Semper Fi Club, said this regarding physical training, "The experience gained from PT ultimately decides whether or not a Midshipman has the true desire to put forth what it takes to be a Marine Corps Officer." Midshipman McCormick also went on to say that it is not necessary to be a Marine Option to be in the club. He stated that the club is open to anyone who expresses a desire to learn more about the Marine Corps.

"The experience gained from PT ultimately decides whether or not a Midshipman has the true desire to put forth what it takes to be a Marine Corps Officer." -Midn 1/C McCormick

MARE NOSTRUM

BY MIDN 4/C BILLINGSLEY

Mare Nostrum, or Our Sea, is the motto of the Navy and is a club here at OSU NROTC. The focus of the club, according to Midn 4/C Steve Carpenter, the Mare Nostrum Secretary, is to "Give midshipmen a chance to get together," and to "... promote esprit de corps within the Unit."

Through out the year Mare Nostrum holds many fund raisers. Such as the orders it took for the OSU NROTC/Navy sweats and the upcoming, second annual "Kiss the Pig" contest.

The club meets every Tuesday in the Midshipman Lounge, and has elected to meet once a month at a local establishment. In the future the club is planning to have guest speakers at their meetings. The club also holds social gathering outside of the Unit.

Midn Captenter added that anyone is welcome to attend the meetings, and that freshmen are encouraged to attend. He said that, "It is a good way to meet people and learn about the Unit."

S.T.U.D.S. CLUB

BY MIDN 4/C BILLINGSLEY

The Nuclear Power Club, or S.T.U.D.S., (Society of Technical Undergraduate Dedicated Submariners), is a warfare specialty club interested in the different aspects of nuclear submarine/surface warfare.

The club meets two times a month to discuss topics that range from nuclear power to the different aspects of submarine warfare. In addition to the monthly meetings, the club also plans to visit the TRIGA Mark III reactor at OSU's campus, and the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant.

The S.T.U.D.S. also have several social gatherings throughout the year which give them the opportunity to enjoy pizza, beverages and a few sea stories. LT L.L. Zahm, the advisor to the Nuclear Power Club, emphasizes that it is not necessary to be a nuclear engineering student to be in the club, but rather that it is open to anyone who is interested in the nuclear submarine/surface warfare aspect of the Navy.

SURFACE WARFARE CLUB

An all new Surface Warfare Club is in the making for the 1989-90 school year! With membership on the rise, the club plans to go on several exciting field trips in Oregon and Washington. These field trips will expose upper- and underclassmen alike to the exciting world of the surface fleet.

The Surface Warfare Club also anticipates visiting pilot house simulators for some hands-on training, which will be a valuable and exciting experience. Something big is also in the making for spring break, however, some disagreement exists as to what they want to do over that period.

Joining the club can provide invaluable experience. Even those with ambitions in other areas will gain knowledge which can be carried on to future assignments. After all, if not for Surface Warfare Officers, there wouldn't be a Navy.

WINTER TERM AWARDS

On 9 JAN 1990, the Unit Staff, Officer Candidates, and Midshipmen participated in the Winter Term Awards Ceremony. This term, there was an increase in the number of awardees. This appears to be a direct indication of the efforts put forth by the Battalion to achieve a 3.00 GPA for the year.

The following were those awarded the Distinguished Midshipman Award for achieving a 3.5 GPA, or better, on a minimum of twelve graded credit hours. *Congratulations!*

Midshipmen First Class GPA

Austin	3.57
Clark	4.00
Conyac	3.63
Hoffer	4.00
Ivory	4.00
May, Don	3.63
McGrew, N.	3.65
Mikkelsen	3.60
Nelson	3.63

Midshipmen Second Class GPA

Anderson	3.56
Grappe	3.63
Gueck	3.50
Hudson	3.76

Kelly GPA

Kelly	3.78
Klein	3.59
Stewart	3.57
Torgersen	3.53

Midshipmen Third Class GPA

Bass	4.00
Grizzell	3.73
Stinson	3.50
Underwood	3.50

Midshipmen Fourth Class GPA

Billingsley	3.53
Coleman	3.56
Cunningham	3.59
Fitts	3.50

Mahaffy	4.00
May, David	4.00
Mertens	3.56
Mespelt	3.56
Mills	3.50
Moore	3.75
Watkins	3.59

Officer Candidates GPA

Bowers	3.60
DeWolf	3.50
Galvin	4.00
Guymon	3.67
Hunter	4.00
Moore, C.	3.81
Murdock	3.83
Pawlowski	3.50
Quan	3.60

Marine Enlisted Commissioning GPA

Arceneaux	3.67
Gillis	3.69

ONWARD IN EXCELLENCE

BY MIDN 3/C HOBART

From front row seats at Gill Coliseum on the 29th of January, midshipmen, Unit staff, and guests sat quietly, anticipating the commencement of Mock Comp 1990 and the Change of Command ceremony. Designed to provide practical experience as well as the opportunity to demonstrate the culmination of months of practice, Mock Comp began the countdown to the highlight of the year — Northwest Navy (NWN). Composed of Inspection, Regulation, and Exhibition phases, it is considered a comprehensive "dress rehearsal" for domination at NWN.

Since the Inspection Phase had been conducted before muster at Gill, Mock Comp commenced with the Regulation Phase. The first half passed quickly as the Color Guard, Drum and Bugle Corps, and Drill Team executed their respective compulsory movements. Each team's bearing was put to the test, as success relied on the team's complete and undivided attention being given to their Commanding Officer. The much-anticipated Exhibition Phase followed and was indeed an impressive display of the fine-tuned precision and skill of our marching teams. While minor mistakes occurred, as can be expected in any "dress rehearsal", the intense determination to sweep NWN was

clearly evident. If determination is any predictor of success, these teams will have an outstanding collection of trophies to bring home from Seattle this year.

Immediately after the completion of Mock Comp, the battalion formed up on deck in preparation for the Change of

Command ceremony. This semiannual event marks the shift of responsibility from one battalion commander to his/her successor, as well as from one staff to the next. Midn CAPT Scott W. Murdock officially handed over his billet to Midn 1/C Thomas G. Himstreet. OC Murdock was also doubly honored as the first recipient of the Colonel R. G. Leidich Leadership Award, established to recognize outstanding Battalion



Commanders, and also as a recipient of the Navy Achievement Medal for exceptional performance in his billet. Honored guest Col. Raymond G. Leidich, USMC (Retired), presented the Leadership Award. With a very competent staff and the example of his predecessor in mind, Midn Himstreet will undoubtedly maintain the high standard of excellence that distinguishes OSU's NROTC as among the top units in the nation.

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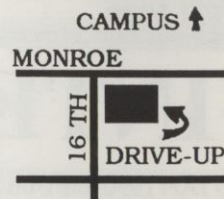
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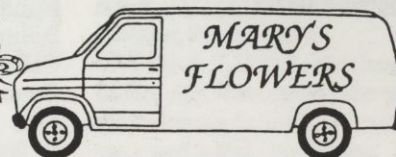
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