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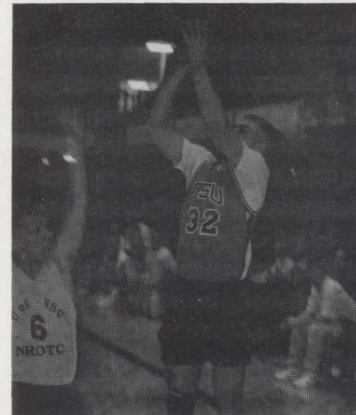
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Scores and award winners
for the 1992 Northwest Navy
competition held at the
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CHANGE OF COMMAND

Midn Captain Eric Bass
assumes command of the
battalion.



ABOUT THE COVER

A long standing and proud
tradition of the Armed Forces of
the United States are the
precision marching teams.
Pictured on the cover is the OSU
NROTC Drill Team commanded
by Midn 2/C Holly Rosenberg

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CAPTAIN'S CALL

CAPTAIN R.E. CURTIS PROFESSOR OF NAVAL SCIENCE

Once our grades from the fall term were tallied up another battalion record had been established with a tremendous 3.08 grade point average. This was a super showing of which you can all be very proud. It was a team effort where everyone did their very best and the entire team excelled. This is the third record setting GPA in a row and I feel confident we are well into our fourth record quarter as we go to press. Keep up the pressure!

Our performance at NORTHWEST NAVY was another tremendous success. The team trophies in Rifle, Pistol, Basketball and Women's PFT should be enough, but the many individual awards we received were the true icing on the cake. In those areas in which we came in second, the margins were so narrow as to be almost imperceptible. Win or lose, in every case it was a superb show of skill, dedication

and effort. The Beaver Battalion once again showed themselves to be the force to be reckoned with and the dominant unit in the competition.

I was particularly proud of the character and maturity you all displayed. You were indeed gracious competitors and true sportsmen. It was a very real joy for me to be part of such a tremendous effort by such quality individuals. BZ to all of you!

This spring quarter promises to be every bit as exciting as the winter term. We have a full plate of activity ahead. Of course grades remain the primary focus. Your GPA is so important to you, not just for your service selection upon commissioning, but also for your ability to qualify for advanced degrees in a few years. So keep up the pressure. I look forward to the battalion events which are so much a part of every Spring term, such as the Joint Service Review, Spring



awards ceremony, Ring Dance the change of battalion command, and awarding of the "Color Company". It promises to be an exciting and busy final term of the year. Keep the pressure on those grades and PRESS ON!

BNCO'S CORNER MIDN CAPTAIN E.B. BASS MIDN BATTALION COMMANDER

It has been a remarkable term for the battalion. Every member of the battalion is to be congratulated on his or her performance in the classroom so far this year. We have met and surpassed the unit goal of a 3.0 GPA. Now is the time to build on that success and push the battalion GPA to the 3.1 level.

Northwest Navy was also a great success. Congratulations go out to all individual and team award winners. I would also like to commend all of this

year's N W Navy participants and spectators. I was thoroughly impressed by your competitive spirit and your professional attitude and conduct throughout the competition.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the graduating seniors as they are nearing their commissioning dates. They are nearing the end of a long, hard journey on their way to becoming commissioned officers in the United States Navy and Marine Corps. All of us should



follow their example and not lose sight of our goals. Fair winds and following seas...BNCO

CHANGE OF COMMAND

BY MIDN 4/C MARVIN CUNNINGHAM



On February 4, 1992 the passing of the torch of leadership was once again handed down. Change is inevitable, and a fresh new beginning has begun.

The change of command ceremony was full of honor and tradition. The positions of battalion billets were officially handed down to the incoming staff. It made many remember past events and all to ponder the coming future.

Midn Captain Tim Grizzell and his armada instilled the highest levels of enthusiasm and respect to all their subordinates. Mr. Grizzell demonstrated his outstanding leadership capabilities during one of the best ever Rookie

Orientations. The Naval ROTC Unit has attained a reputation of not only being the top ROTC Unit, but also continuous domination at Northwest Navy. Much of the credit for this is due to Mr. Grizzell and his entire staff. They deserve of a hardy Bravo Zulu!

The new staff members have some large shoes to fill and are ready to meet the ever new and different obstacles of the upcoming term. Midn Captain Eric Bass will have an uphill climb, but it is one he will overcome. Mr. Bass is majoring in Mechanical Engineering and has an overall G.P.A. of 3.80. Complete dedication and effort will be required of all of the new staff

members, but Mr. Bass is confident that they will meet all obstacles head on and with the eagerness to overcome all problems.

Saying goodbye is often very hard to do, but in one's naval career they will have the chance to practice it. Remember the good times, forget the bad, and never forget that even countless miles do not keep good friends apart.

Once again, thank you to Mr. Grizzell and his staff for a job well done and best of luck in future endeavors and to Mr. Bass and his incoming staff the battalion is ready to support you.

NORTHWEST NAVY

EMOND TOP TEAM COMMANDER

BY MIDN 1/C RICHARD CLARK

The OSU Color Guard took second overall in Northwest Navy, yet Midn 2/C Will Emond, Color Guard CO, was honored with the "Team Commander's Award."

The award is given to the team commander that has the best command voice, confidence of command, and displays the most confidence overall as a team leader.

"I really wasn't nervous until we got to maneuver phase," said Emond. "It was a difficult maneuver phase and I wasn't sure if I could memorize the entire drill card in a half an hour."

The Drill Instructors were intimidating for about one minute, he said, "Once his question left his lips and I began to answer, I wasn't nervous anymore... You see their immovable face, a pillar of strength and when you talk to them you

see that they are flesh and blood like you are."

However, Emond said the D.I.'s are not allowed to conduct an intense inspection and feels they are holding back due to restrictions.

Impressed with the quality of effort put forth by the team, Emond is pleased to bring home at least one trophy.

"The team's ability to work together and overcome the obstacles that were placed in front of us," was what Emond considered the strong point of the Color Guard at Northwest Navy.

"A team like this, you have to depend on each other to know what the other person is doing... you have to trust them," he said.

"On a team like this it's really hard to maintain a commander subordinate relationship because we work in such



close proximity... it's hard to draw the line sometimes, which is the hardest part of the job."

PFT TEAMS SHOW STRENGTH

BY MIDN 1/C RICHARD CLARK AND MIDN 2/C JESSICA BERGMANN

Both men's and women's physical fitness teams (PFT) did well at Northwest Navy with the women dominating the competition.

Two women, Midn 2/C Holly Rosenberg and Midn 2/C Jessica Bergmann, were the main contributors to an easy victory.

The overall PFT award was taken by Rosenberg, who won high sit-ups and flexed arm hand. Bergmann took second overall and was the winner of the 1.5 mile run.

The men's PRT took second by six points with Midn 2/C Rob Smith taking second overall in the PFT competition.

The one aspect that hurt the team this year in competition said Bergmann, captain of the PFT team, was the "loss of key individuals who could not make it to Northwest Navy because of midterms or other conflicts."

For most, the run was the difficult part of the competition with a gradual inclined course measured at 3.2 miles, instead of 3.0, over bad terrain, said Bergmann. However, both Sgt. Bostrom and Rob Smith maxed the run.

Pleased with the performance of the team, Bergmann said, "We were the strongest out of all other teams in pull-ups...Midn 4/C Van Loan came out of the closet and pumped out 40 pull-ups." Midn 2/C Anthony Moore did 45 pull-ups, Smith did 46, and Rob Billingsley's high points added to the overall team score.

Also giving one of his best performances was Midn 3/C Blanchard, with 106 sit-ups, second high, and 37 pull-ups.

The team had a lot of motivation, and the most improved people were Travis Pindell, Wade Iverson, and Jed Van Loan.

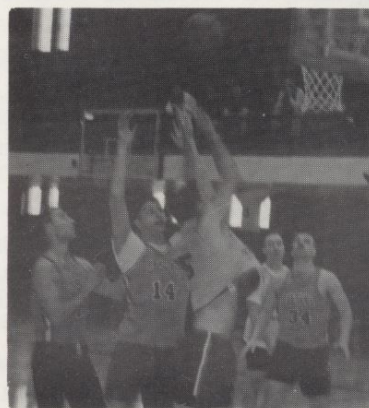
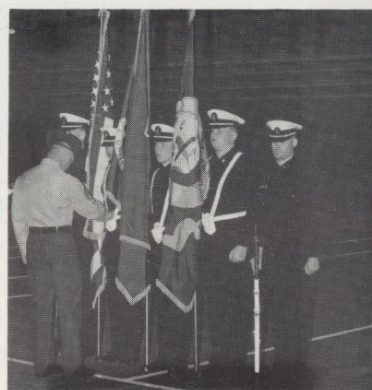
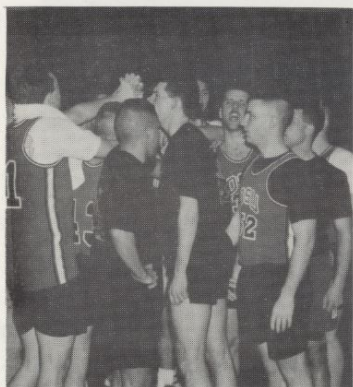
A lot of personal goals were achieved,

and records set at Northwest Navy. The freshman this year were definitely a big asset to the motivation of the team, as well as the returning "Hardbodies." They put a lot of hard work and time into the team this year, training both physically and mentally for this one competition. It takes a lot of discipline, consistency, dedication, and perseverance to push your body to it's limits, and then further.

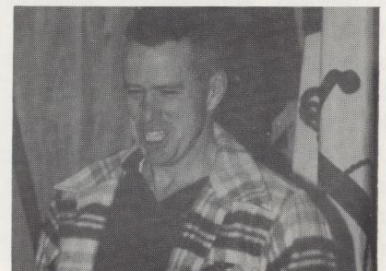
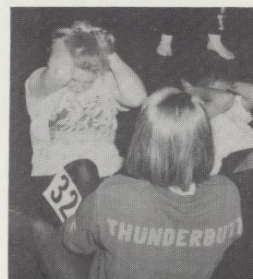
As a result, the PFT team worked just as hard, if not more so than the rest of the teams; "The marching teams may be able to put down their rifles, but you cannot put down your body," stated Midn 2/C Smith. The PFT team has definitely set the example this year, and will continue to stay strong.

"The more you sweat in peace time, the less you'll bleed in war time."

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NELSON DOMINATES WITH PISTOL

BY MIDN 1/C RICHARD CLARK

Dominating the pistol competition, OSU had a combined team score of 1,990 points to take all four trophies at Northwest Navy.

Sweeping the high slow fire, high timed fire, and high rapid fire, for a total score of 521 points was Midn 1/C Jake Nelson, who was the integral asset to victory and overall winner of the high aggregate award.

Nelson said it was his highest score shot at any Northwest Navy and attributes his success to a positive mental attitude.

He said he used to put too much pressure on himself, "you've got to shoot well." This year he was able to overcome this by mentally focusing on "how to shoot well and concentrating on fundamentals."



This was the first year he was able to put it together, shooting ten points higher than average at practice and 20 points higher than any other competition.

Shooting a score of 498 and taking second in the overall competition was Midn 1/C Mitch Kloewer. Third overall was Midn 1/C Nathan Yarusso and fourth on the team was Midn 4/C Travis Pindell.

Travis Pindell was the first freshman to make the team trophy since 1987," said Nelson who considers this an outstanding accomplishment.

The pistol team this year "still hasn't shot as well as teams in the past, but they shot well enough to beat second place Utah by over 200 points" in the 1992 competition, stated Nelson.

TANGEN LEADS D & B

BY OC' RICH RIKER

The OSU NROTC Drum and Bugle Corps led by MIDN 1/C Randy Tange put in a strong performance at Northwest Navy. They were scrutinized by some of the Marine Corps' finest Drill Instructors and by a musical expert from Washington State University. The inspection phase was flawless. They went through their routine during the exhibition phase playing amongst others "The Halls of Montezuma" and "Anchors Aweigh". The Drum and Bugle Corps had former C.O., MIDN 1/C Grappe performing in the ranks. The grande finale was when MIDN Grappe was encircled by the drummers and he commenced a solo using their instruments.

Grappe's leadership is credited with providing the necessary experience to enable the Drum and Bugle Corps to

excell as a team at this year's Northwest Navy competition.



NORTHWEST NAVY OSU CRUSHES IDAHO

BY MIDN 1/C RICHARD CLARK AND MIDN 4/C MARVIN CUNNINGHAM

The OSU NROTC basketball team reclaimed the Northwest Navy basketball trophy from Idaho with a convincing eleven point win in the final game, 55-44.

Team captain, Officer Candidate Todd McVay, attributes much of the success of the team to the ability of any player on the team to match up with any of the starters on any of the other teams.

"We really didn't have to change our game when we substituted players," McVay said.

In the semi-final game against Washington, the score for the first twelve minutes of the first half reflected the team's road woes from the previous day. The team was sluggish after the thirteen hour trip aboard the Mayflower Express. Then with eight minutes to go in the half, Hayes Gori came in off the bench and

single handedly blew the game open by scoring seventeen unanswered points. Rob Linebarger hit a three from deep in the corner with time running out to give the team a commanding half time lead. The second half was all Beavers as the team rolled to a thirty six point victory, 78-42.

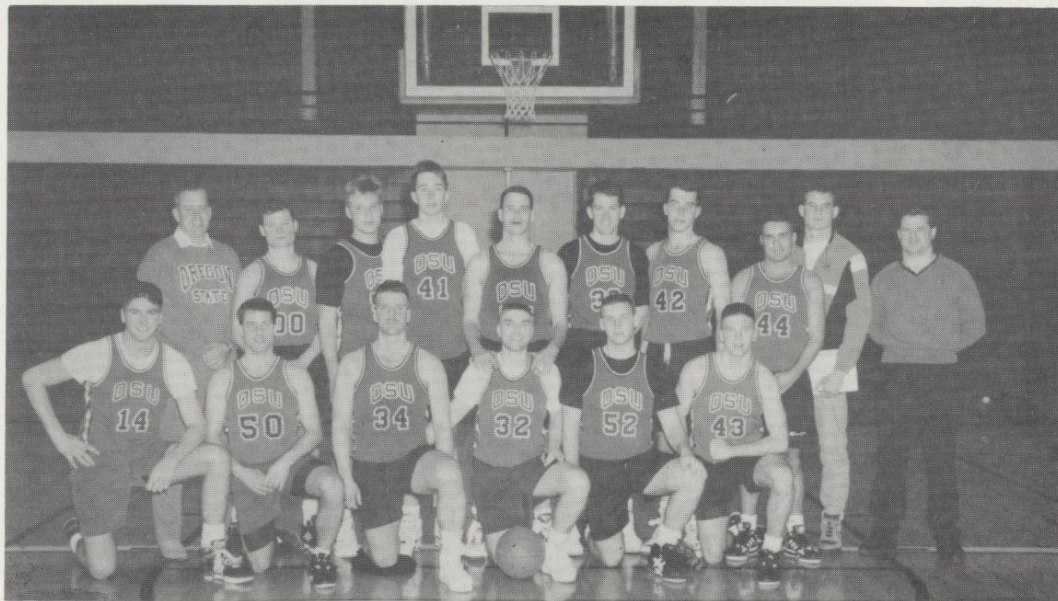
In the final game, McVay said, "Idaho adjusted to a man-to-man defense and was able to break our press which we used to dominate them in the first game." At half time we were down by one point and the mood on the bench was a bit unsettling."

The team made the necessary adjustments at half time and led by Paul Coleman, rattled off twenty three unanswered points to put the game out of reach.

The MVP award went to Paul Coleman, who McVay considers the most consistent player on the team. "He's always right up there in scoring and rebounding... it seems to effect our timing when he is out of the game."

Hayes Gori has provided the offensive spark off the bench all season for the team. He is instant offense and can hit from anywhere within twenty five feet. He along with returning players Marvin Cunningham, Pete Ortega, and Casey Casad will provide a strong nucleus for the team as they defend their title in Seattle next year.

The team followed up their success at Northwest Navy by winning the Corvallis City League "B Division" Basketball Championship.



OCs / MECEPs STORM FORT RILEA

BY SGT MIKE BOSTROM

On December 13th, 1991 the Officer Candidates and MECEPs of the OSU NROTC Unit packed their bags and prepared for a fun filled vacation at sunny Fort Rilea in Astoria, Oregon. Actually, this vacation was a weekend of yield training with the Marine reservists of Inspector-Instructor Staff Salem.

While the midshipmen of the unit were already enjoying Christmas break, the OCs and MECEPs were facing the elements of a Fort Rilea winter day. The prior enlisteds began their adventures at 0500 on Saturday the 14th. The day began with an ever famous Marine Corps breakfast. Oh what memories were brought back by those green eggs and ham.

Next, instructors from the reserve unit briefed everyone on the safety and standard operating procedures concerning the M60 machine gun an M249 squad automatic weapon (SAW). Having had the proper instruction, the group traveled to the field. Several classes were given throughout the day. These classes included lessons on squad tactics and formations, hand and arm signals, and mine detection. But perhaps the classes enjoyed the most were those where each

individual had the opportunity to demonstrate his skills on the different weapons and on the grenade course.

On the rifle range, the OCs and MECEPs demonstrated the knowledge they had learned during the morning briefings. The firing of the machine guns and the SAWs seemed to be the high point of the day for all. Staff Sergeant Busenbark seemed to be particularly fond of the assistant gunner position. However, to hard charging "Devil Dogs" like Sergeant Quiner and OC Herriman, the grenade course proved to be a favorite. And, with a little more practice, Sergeant Quiner might be able to get one down the center of the course and hit the objective. A

lunch of Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) further added the the joy and excitement of the trip.

Having had a long and tedious day with the reservists, the OCs and MECEPs gladly packed up and headed back the friendly confines of beautiful Corvallis. Knowing that a good time was had by all, the Marines from I-I Salem extended an open invitation to the men and women of the unit to accompany them on all drill weekends in the future. While the schedule of the unit may not accommodate this situation, you can be sure that the OCs and MECEPs of the OSU NROTC Unit appreciate the invitation and are looking forward to any possible trips in the future.



MARINE FIELD TRIP

BY SGT MIKE BOSTROM

While most college students were enjoying spring break at exotic locations such as Mexico and Fort Lauderdale, the Marines and Marine Options at the Oregon State NROTC Unit were enjoying a leisurely camping trip at beautiful Camp Pendleton, California — Not!

The trip began on Tuesday morning, March 24th at 0430. The Marines and Options packed their gear, boarded the vans, McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, Washington. At McChord, the Marines and Options joined up with their counterparts from the University of Washington and boarded a plane for the Naval Air Station at North Island, CA.

Having arrived in California, the group made yet another transfer on the journey to their final destination of Edson Range at Camp Pendleton. Upon arrival, the Marines and Options were issued gear, packed their packs, and headed to the first of two bivouac sites. At the first site, the Marines and Options pitched their shelter halves and bedded down for the night.

At 0500, reveille was sounded and the day's activities began. A short hump to the grenade range set the ball in motion. Once there, the group received instruction in the proper handling and throwing of a live grenade. In addition, a dose of being a Marine Corps Recruit was added to the schedule. Even with the expert instruction of the Drill Instructors, a close call came about when a University of Washington midshipman accidentally threw the spoon of the grenade, vice the

grenade itself. Thanks to the quick thinking of the drill instructor of that station, an accident was avoided. The midshipman was not so lucky; he soon learned first hand what recruit physical training was like.

Additional classes on the proper negotiation of the obstacles of the day infiltration course were given. Marine Options learned how to high crawl, low

effective the masks are in a chamber filled with gas. They also sampled the effects the gas has on a person's eyes and respiratory system. Needless to say, it will be long remembered by all.

On Wednesday night, the Marines and Options moved to the next bivouac site. At 0530 the next day, the third and final day of field training began. Morning classes were given on the

M16A2 service rifle, M203 grenade launcher, squad automatic weapon (SAW), and AT4 missile launcher. After noon chow, additional classes on firing positions preceded the actual firing of the weapons. As the day drew to a close, the Marines and Options headed to the rear, turned in their gear, and looked forward to a comfortable night in the barracks.

A 0400 reveille on Friday morning began the final day of activities. With a visit to the base museum at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego and the viewing of a recruit graduation ceremony, the trip concluded and the group headed for home.

While the trip was extremely busy and stressful at times, the Marines and Options had a good time overall. But mostly, they gained an appreciation of the training that a Marine Corps recruit encounters before bearing the title of Marine. In addition, valuable knowledge of the different weapons and tactical movements employed by the Marine Corps will give the midshipmen a distinct advantage during future training at Officer Candidate School.

crawl, barbed wire crawl and clear obstacles such as walls and fox holes. Due to recent rain in the area, the courses were amply wet, which made for a muddy encounter.

After dining on a lunch of Meals Ready to Eat (MREs), everyone's favorite part of the trip was about to begin. An hour long period of instruction was given on Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical warfare techniques. One defense against such action is the gas mask and the Marine Options got to learn first hand how



ACADEMICS

BY OC ROB LINEBARGER

Fifty-five members of the OSU NROTC Battalion achieved a fall term grade point average of 3.50 or better. The number of personnel on the honor roll increased by five from the preceeding Spring and Summer terms of 1991.

The following is a list by class of these outstanding individuals who enabled the battalion to achieve the goal of a battalion GPA of 3.0 set by Captain R.E. Curtis at the beginning of the term. Bravo Zulu to all!!!

Ensigns

M.T. Goodsell

C.H. Kelly

Officer Candidates

K.V. Ahlm

J.S. Barklow

J.J. Biondi

M.L. Bostrom

J.E. Buckley

C.J. Budde

M.B. Burke

H.L. DeWolf

Z.K. Dunham

M.R. Galvin

V.M. Guymon

R.J. Heilman

M.R. Herriman

R.W. Koenig

R.J. Linebarger

J. Martindale

J.H. Moretty

G.P. Raia

R.R. Riker

S.R. VonHeeder

Seniors

E.B. Bass

R.T. Clark

D.M. Dowler

B.J. Grappe

T.M. Grizzell

H.D. Jimenez

T.P. Sargent

M.D. Schafer

K.J. Underwood

A.D. Yates

Juniors

N.T. Chape

R.D. Collins

W.P. Fitts

E.G. Hall

M.J. Kloewer

M.C. Mahaffy

M.S. Nasher

Sophomores

J.A. Bedard

D.J. Campbell

M.A. Donaldson

M.P. Donnelly

H.D. Gori

M.B. Payne

Freshmen

M.A. Beaman

C.J. Casad

E.M. Cavins

M.W. Cunningham

C.R. Guenther

J.R. Lebakken

S.A. Miller

B.K. Neal

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