Northwest Navy 1979

OSU NROTC: "The Best in the West and the REST!"

The Drill competition from 1000 til 1400 in Gill Coliseum showcased Oregon State's hard-working drill team as they swept all firsts offered. The team once again showed why they were selected to attend the prestigious Tulane Invitational in New Orleans this year.

Although the Drum and Bugle Corps had no competition this year, they performed a rousing exhibition for an appreciative crowd.

The full day's agenda was concluded with a gala banquet at the Corvallis Elk's Lodge commencing at 2000.

The banquet was well-attended by OSU midshipmen and staff officers, as well as the midshipmen and staff from the visiting universities. A friendly rivalry between schools was evident by the cheers and chants as awards were announced.

Major Charles G. COOPER II, USMC, Commanding General, 1st Marine Amphibious Force/1st Marine Division was the guest of honor and speaker for the evening. His remarks were inspirational to all and capped off an exciting day.

The entire Northwest Navy event was planned and executed by the midshipmen of the OSU NROTC Battalion. Virtually everyone pitched in and helped out in some way but a special well done should go to MIDN 1/C David MOLLahan, the overall coordinator, and his assistant MIDN 1/C Rich DAILE.

Was it successful from the battalion's point of view? You bet and here is the list of trophies and awards won:

- Chaffell Award - Overall best Drill Team
- John F. Fergusen Memorial Award - the best Drill Team Commander
- Individual Men Without Arms - Drill Down
- Women's PFT High Score
- Individual Women's Run
- Individual Women's Sit-ups
- Individual Women's Flexed-arm Hang
- Wonder Woman Award
- 1st Drill Team Inspection Phase
- 1st Drill Team Exhibition Phase
- 1st Drill Team Regulation Phase
- 1st Northwest Navy Overall Drill Team Award
- H.D. Powell Award - 1st place Rifle Team
- Individual High Score Prone - Rifle
- Individual High Score Timed-Fire - Pistol
- Individual Men's Run
- Eric L. Barr Trophy - 1st place overall Drum and Bugle Corps

Next year's competition will be held at the University of Utah and OSU is ready!

--MIDN 3/C Tim ZIEGLER
-MIDN 3/C Monica SMITH
Retirement Ceremony

If there were words of advice that LCDR ECKHARDT would pass on to the battalion it is to set goals for oneself and to not only take advantage of opportunities, but to create them as well. He says the Navy is full of opportunities for those who approach their Naval service with a positive attitude and open eyes.

LCDR ECKHARDT was given a retirement ceremony 9 January 1979 which was attended by the entire Unit. He was presented with a handsome plaque in appreciation for his years at OSU. His wife, Donna, was also honored for her contributions and sacrifices as a woman married to a Naval officer.

LCDR ECKHARDT enjoyed his career in the Navy, but decided twenty years was enough and his family will now take precedence. LCDR ECKHARDT will remain in Corvallis where he has already launched a new career in real estate.

--MIDN 2/C Vivian I. MADISON

Jump Wings

Who would willingly jump out of an airplane that is several hundred feet above the ground? MIDN 1/C Richard DALE, MIDN 2/C Mike BARNES, MIDN 2/C Mike BARNETT, and MIDN 2/C Larry MOFFITT would. These midshipmen (or cadets as they are referred to during training) successfully completed the jump school at Ft. Benning, Georgia this past summer. Before they were allowed to pin on those coveted jump wings, they had to go through three weeks of intensive training that included everything from basic physical condition to mass exits and actual static line jumps from an airplane.

The cadets, both male and female, come from all branches of service and from many different countries around the world. Their first week of training is dedicated to physical conditioning. The D.I.’s (or Black Hats as they are commonly called) put them through the paces starting early in the morning and ending later in the afternoon. Beginning with a 2 1/2 mile run, they work their way up to where they are doing four miles by the end of the week. Physical training is conducted in sawdust pits. After a hard workout under hot and humid Georgia conditions, the cadets cool off by running through outdoor showers. When the end of the regular working day comes, there is still no rest for the cadets as they have to stay up polishing shoes and keeping uniforms squared away. The Black Hats are very exacting in not only their own appearance, but in the appearance of their charges as well.

The second week is tower week where the cadets learn how to make successful landings by practicing from increasingly higher towers, eventually reaching the point where they are jumping from 140 feet with training chutes. Mass exits are also taught and practiced by the cadets in preparation for their third phase of training.

Jump week puts to the test all the skills that the cadets have learned in the previous two weeks. A night jump, simulated combat jump and three regular jumps (if jumping out of an airplane can be considered regular) are the culmination of all their training.

If, as our four midshipmen demonstrated, you can complete the prescribed course despite Black Hats, high heat and humidity, insects and rigorous physical and mental conditioning, you will have earned the right to wear the silver jump wings.

--MIDN 3/C Brian CALKINS

LCdr Eckhardt Retires

When LCDR Bruce ECKHARDT enlisted in the Navy in 1958 he fully intended to make the military a career. He started on the decks chipping paint and jumped at the chance to become a yeoman. While still enlisted LCDR ECKHARDT changed from a yeoman to an electronics technician and then went to nuclear power school. LCDR ECKHARDT’s original plan had been to stay in the Navy at least ten years and then attend college. However, in 1964 he was given the opportunity to become an officer and the Navy went him to school. LCDR ECKHARDT attended NESEP, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, earned a degree in electrical engineering and was commissioned an ensign after 3 months of officer candidate school in 1968. LCDR ECKHARDT has served on surface ships and in submarines and says he likes both.

LCDR ECKHARDT came to OSU NROTC in 1975. He claims to have enjoyed his stay because he likes working with young people. He points out that while no system is without its flaws he feels that overall the NROTC program produces fine officers for the Fleet and he adds that the Unit here at OSU is the finest he has seen.
Captain's Corner

Just a short note to highlight what I perceive to be an outstanding performance by all hands during this academic quarter. The Northwest Navy Competition was a first rate evolution. Your planning, preparation, executive and enthusiastic participation made the event a success not only for our Battalion, but also for those midshipmen who represented their respective units. I was proud of the individual and team efforts I saw during competition and I was equally proud of the highly professional manner in which you conducted the various events.

We were fortunate to have a man like Major General COOPER attend the events and his comments at the awards dinner are pertinent to all of us. I am confident that you are the young men and women who will successfully deal with the challenges of the future which General Cooper addressed. Well done and carry on.

--C.D. BALL III

Lt. Dennis MILLER, YNC FISCHER and SKC BACON receive their awards.

Awards Ceremony

On the 29th of January an awards and recognition ceremony was held at the Unit for three members of our staff.

LT Dennis MILLER received the Navy Achievement Medal for his work aboard the USS CALIFORNIA (CGN-35), a nuclear cruiser. LT MILLER was the Main Propulsion Assistant for two years. During this time, new management techniques were begun. Also, the ship was rated as excellent by the ORSE (Operations Reactor Safeguard Exam). LT MILLER joined the OSU NROTC Unit last spring term and will be with us for another two years.

YNC R.E. FISCHER and SKC L. BACON were both recognized for reenlisting in the Navy for another 48 months.

YNC Fischer has been in the Naval service for 20 years and has been here for 3 years. He plans on retiring from OSU NROTC. SKC BACON has been with us for 2 years and will remain one more year. He has put 14 years in the Navy and expects to be assigned sea duty after leaving here.

--MIDN 4/C Parker HURLBURT

Midn 3/C Kevin SCHWINKENDORF and Midn 3/C J.D. STRACHAN participate in concession sale for the Unit.

Harpoon: How Goes It?

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all those parents whose generous contributions have gotten us started in our efforts to finance our Unit Yearbook. We are presently getting deeply involved in efforts to secure ads which we hope will cover the rest of the publication costs. MIDN 4/C Sandra VAN BUSKIRK is heading the ad sales group while other midshipmen under the direction of MIDN 3/C Monica SMITH are busy piecing the HARPON together. It promises to be our best yearbook ever and we're all anxiously awaiting its publication.

--STAFF
Northwest Navy: The Spirit of Competition

Drill Team Commander Clark LETHIN requests permission to use the drill deck.

Midn 2/C Clive CAMPBELL comes in first on the 3 mile run.

Drum and Bugle Corps Commander Mike BARNETTE.

Capt. C.D. BALL III competes on the pistol range.

The D & B give an excellent performance.
Drill Team Wins Again!

This year's Drill Team maintained its standard of excellence and remained on top of the Northwest Navy competition. The competition is divided into four parts: inspection phase, regulation phase, exhibition phase, and individual drill down.

In the inspection phase, each member of the team is individually inspected on military and weapon knowledge, the correctness and smartness of the uniform, and confidence.

The regulation phase involves a specified marching sequence with standardized weapon positions and precision marching. The phase is designed to be executed in a time limit of 5½ - 6½ minutes.

Exhibition phase is the most interesting and generally the most well liked phase. Each team designs its own format which combines marching maneuvers and weapon spinning. The phase is judged mostly on precision and crowd pleasing ability.

In the individual drill down, three members from each team are judged on their precision and response to spontaneous commands given by the judges.

There is no doubt that the hours of practice and attention to detail were well worth the time. The OSU Drill Team received awards for the inspection phase, regulation phase, exhibition phase, overall performance, and best commander. Very well done!

--MIDN 3/C T. PARLIER

PFT Teams

Northwest Navy was a big success this year for the OSU PFT teams. The women's A team took first place when they received every award. These included the longest time for the flexed arm hang, the most sit-ups, the fastest run, the Wonder Woman award and the team award. MIDN 2/C Maureen SERGENT claimed the first two with a time of 2.53 for the flexed arm hang and 53 sit-ups. She also had the highest total score of 493 for which she obtained the Wonder Woman award. Naval Science student Anne Carston received the award for her run which was timed at 9:30 for a mile and a half. The B team rounded out the competition by coming in second place.

The men's team also had a few high spots especially when MIDN 2/C Clive CAMPBELL came in first on the three mile run with a time of 16:07. MIDN 4/C Randy RUSK came in second and MIDN LT Mark JASZOWSKI came in third.

A "very well done" to all who participated on the PFT teams.

--MIDN 3/C Jennith MORRISON

Rifle Team: On Target

As seems to be the norm among OSU NROTC competitive teams, the Rifle Team emerged from the 1979 Northwest Navy competition victorious. In doing so, they set a new Northwest Navy record - claiming the H.D. Powell Rifle Team Award for the fifth straight year, a feat never before accomplished in the history of the Northwest Navy competition.

The H.D. Powell Rifle Award is an original U.S. issue rifle-musket made in 1850 and used during the Civil War in the Battle of Gettysburg by the 2nd Wisconsin Infantry Division. It is awarded each year to the rifle team with the highest team score.

OSU's winning effort was led by MIDN 1/C Daniel PIERCE with a score of 506 followed by MIDN 1/C Mike BUSE with a 505, MIDN LT (jg) Pat GHERRITY, the Rifle Team Commander, with a 501, and MIDN 3/C Dave DESMON, the Team CPO, with a 491. This resulted in a team aggregate score of 2006, which proved just too much for the teams of Idaho, Washington and Utah who had announced that they were "gunning to end OSU's 4-year dominance of this event." Washington finished the competition with a score of 1961 followed by Idaho with a 1938 and Utah scoring a 1701.

Oregon State also kept the distinction of winning the High Prone Individual Award taken this year by MIDN 1/C Mike BUSE, last year's Commander, with a pair of identical 96's for a 192 total. This award was claimed by MIDN Pat GHERRITY last year.

Of the other individual awards, Idaho received the High Kneeling with a 182 and University of Washington claimed the High Standing with a 157 and firing an Individual Aggregate Score of 519 to cinch that award also.

The OSU Navy Rifle Team looks forward to a successful conclusion to this year with the Silver State Invitational and Carter Trophy matches yet to be fired. Also, spring term will see a full High Power schedule. They also have announced their intention to make it 6 straight years in the next Northwest Navy competition. Good Luck!

--MIDN 3/C David L. DESMOND

The Drill Team stands ready for inspection.

"Wonder Woman" Maureen SERGENT helps out a fellow team-mate.

Maj. DEICHL congratulates the Drill Team.
Pistol Team

Although the results of the pistol competition during the Northwest Navy were not as outstanding as originally expected, we did claim a victory in the High Timed Award. MIDN 3/C Pat BARDELL, the pistol team CPO, received the award because of his outstanding scores of 97 and 94 out of 100 in a 600 match.

The outcome of the competition is as follows:
University of Idaho - 2526, University of Washington - 2507, Oregon State University - 2504, and University of Utah - 2111.

The competition was very close and everyone gave it their best shot!

With many competitive events yet to go this school year, the team already has their eye focused on next year’s Northwest Navy competition in Utah where they intend to take it all. Good luck, it’s a tough league.

—MIDN 3/C Brian CALKINS

Drum and Bugle Corps Exhibition

The Drum and Bugle Corps rendered a superb performance during their exhibition at Northwest Navy. Unfortunately, there was no competition this year but the team, under the command of MIDN LT (jg) Mike BARNETT, deserves a round of applause for their long hours of hard work.

The Drum and Bugle Corps has had several exhibitions this year, a few of which include Corvallis and Philomath High Schools, and one for Dad’s Weekend. The team is planning to compete in the Daffodil Festival and the Lilac Festival spring term. They will also give several performances in the Los Angeles area during spring break. Keep up the good work and good luck in future exhibitions.

—MIDN 3/C Jennith MORMISON

OSU NROTC Color Guard

Although perhaps less known and acclaimed than the other teams, the Unit’s Color Guard is far from inactive. Traditional events in the past have ranged from the Veterans Day Parade to numerous football and basketball game appearances.

Even though the team is small, the members are dedicated and spend many hours perfecting their routines. They are in fact an exhibition team rather than a competitive one, but like the rest of Headquarters Company, they are rigorously inspected and work hard to keep up the fine reputation they have built over the years.

This year’s team has been especially active under the guidance of MIDN LT (jg) Loren L. BROOKS. Highlights of this year include opening ceremonies at a Blazer basketball game in Portland and a journey to Seattle to present the Colors at the Challenge Bowl, PAC-10 vs Big-8, senior allstars game. A substantial crowd of more than 23,000 was in attendance in the Kingdome and witnessed the Color Guard’s presentation of the Colors, while the “Star Spangled Banner” was being sung. The team then stayed to watch the PAC-10 beat the Big-8 in an exciting game.

The Color Guard is active at home as well. Such events as the UCLA basketball game on February 3, and the upcoming OSU vs. Stanford basketball game will begin with their presentation of the Colors. They are present at all Unit ceremonies and are an integral part of the battalion.

The Color Guard deserves a hearty “well done” for their active participation in the Unit and in representing the Unit to the community, and we all should look forward to seeing more of the smallest member of HQ CO as the year progresses.

—MIDN LT (jg) Vivian I. MADISON
—MIDN 3/C Erica BODNER
Early Commissioning

On December 15, 1978, three of OSU's finest left the nest and took off for the fleet.

Ensigns Lynn MONROE, Wayne McFETRIDGE, and Thomas BALLENTYNE, received their commissions in a ceremony which took place on the Quarterdeck of the OSU NROTC Unit. LT COL RICE (USMC/RET) was the commissioning officer for both Mrs. MONROE (former Miss RICE) and Mr. McFETRIDGE, while CAPT C.D. BALL III, Commanding Officer of the OSU NROTC Unit, commissioned Mr. BALLENTYNE. CDR R.H. REILEY, USN, Executive Officer of the OSU NROTC Unit, explained the significance of each portion of the oath. Afterwards, the new ensigns signed the traditional Commissioning Log.

The new ensigns are now on varied assignments. Ensign BALLENTYNE was assigned to the USS LYNDE MCCORMICK (DDG-8) in San Diego, CA, after completion of Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS) in Newport, RI.

Ensign MONROE is now a Student Control Officer for VF-124, a TOMCAT Replacement Air Group (RAG) at MIRAMAR NAS, near San Diego, CA. Her job is to keep the student pilots in VF-124 on their training schedule.

Ensign McFETRIDGE is currently on Temporary Attached Duty (TAD) to OSU NROTC Unit where he will remain until March 5, 1979, when he will proceed to flight school in Pensacola, Fla. Ensign McFETRIDGE is interested in flying helicopters, but is, as yet, undecided as to what type of aircraft he will fly.

We wish all of our new ensigns the best of luck and continued success in the fleet.

--MIDN 3/C David L. DESMON

Dad's Weekend

The weekend of February 16 was Dad's Weekend. The Unit participated alongside the rest of the campus to give the dad's an enjoyable stay at OSU.

Both the Drum and Bugle Corps and Drill Team put on impressive exhibitions on Saturday at McAlexander Fieldhouse. The Unit was open from 0930 until 1200. During this time, coffee, punch and donuts were served while the instructors met with the fathers.

The entire campus had special events planned for the weekend including a bowling tournament, pancake breakfast, casino and horseraces. In addition, many sporting events were scheduled. Basketball games against University of Washington and Washington State University, a rugby match, wrestling and gymnastics comprised this portion of the weekend.

Except for the usual weather the weekend was a success from everyone's standpoint.

--MIDN 4/C Parker HURLBURT

SAME

The Society of American Military Engineers (S.A.M.E.) student post at Oregon State University is well known for its active involvement in studying both military and civilian applications of engineering. S.A.M.E. is open to all students enrolled in the University no matter what their major area of study.

The aim of the society is to advance knowledge of the science of military engineering, promote efficiency in the military engineering service and develop relations of helpful interest between the engineering profession in civil life and that in the military service. This is done mainly through field trips, guest lectures and meetings throughout the year. This term began with a presentation by Dr. Thomas J. Fitzgerald on the fluidized coal bed, a project he has been involved with for two years. Also scheduled for this term is a tour of Telydnye Wah Chang, the rare metals plant in Albany and a tour of the Trident Submarine Base in Bangor, Washington. Several people have signed up for the trips which should prove to be very enlightening. Next term should be started off with an excursion to the Bonneville Dam construction site. Several members went last year and due to its popularity, it was scheduled again for this year.

The S.A.M.E. government consists of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Programs Chairman. Everyone is encouraged to hold at least one post during their college career. As a reminder, elections for next year are coming up, so all present members should watch for notices telling when nominations will be held.

S.A.M.E. not only provides valuable experience in dealing with other people and insight into new research, but it's a lot of fun too. There is always room enough for new members, so don't miss out on this experience. Join the society now so you can share the fun with the rest of us.

--MIDN 3/C Terry L. PARKIER
A.I.F.T.

The Aviation Indoctrination Field Trip is always a greatly anticipated event and this year was no exception. Soon after returning from summer vacation many "old hands" began asking when the sign-up list would be posted. The rookies, a pretty sharp lot, picked up on a good deal and by the time our intrepid staff aviators posted the sign-up list, there was no wanting for participants. When the dust had all settled, thirty-two midshipmen and two staff officers departed for what can only be described as a fantastic trip.

VR-51 from NAS Whidbey Island picked us up at "zero-dark-thirty" in a C-118. Getting from the Unit to Mahlon Sweet Field in Eugene proved more involved than planned. The bus we had borrowed from the Army sprung a flat tire mysteriously during the third quarter of the Super Bowl. It proved impossible to get it repaired prior to our 0500 departure the next morning. We made the trek in the two Unit vans, the sedan, and LT Woodard's truck, with baggage, middies, and blurry-eyed staff officers all packed aboard. Once in the friendly hands of VR-51, however, we had only to sit back, enjoy generous box lunches and watch the country pass below us. C-118's may not be fast, but they are reliable and about 8 hours later we were on final at Forest Sherman Field, NAS Pensacola, Florida.

Land of Sunshine - wrong. The weather was either cold and rainy or cold and windy but being staunch Oregonians, we did not notice.

LCDR Blackwell and his assistant, LT Weir met us, explained our schedule and got us into the BOQ as it was late and the next two days were packed with events. The next day we were briefed on aspects of flight physiology, helicopter flight and the T-34C. Helo flights were also begun that day and completed the next for all of us. It was great.

Our last day began with a presentation of the NFO program and a chance to operate T-2C and TA-4 simulators and the NFO trainers. We also were given an excellent brief on jet aviation and carrier aviation at VT-4. The highlight of the day was the Dilbert Dunker which we each got to ride after a basic swimming test and lecture. Besides all the aircraft at Forest Sherman Field for carrier qualifications, VS-24 from NAS Cecil Field flew a fleet S-3A Viking over for us to inspect. A special thanks to CDR Gill and his squadron for providing this extra for our trip. Somehow, a couple of hours at the Naval Aviation Museum and a trip to the Exchange were also squeezed in.

It was not all presentations and demonstrations. Many midshipmen headed for liberty in Pensacola and our own OSU alumni in flight training hosted a party for us the second night of our visit. Many found time to run the infamous "C-course" and/or the Obstacle course during the evenings.

The time VR-51 picked us up, we were weary, but full of excitement and fond memories of NAS Pensacola. Most of those who attended are determined to be flight students or NFO students there after graduation. All-in-all, it was a real high point in the midst of the winter monsoons at OSU.

--STAFF
Cockpit of a T-34C

Midn 4/C Dan McELHENNY (near) and Steve PFAFF Ready for Takeoff!!

LCdr BLACKWELDER, in charge of the midshipman aviation Indocination school.

TA-4J Sky Hawks on the line at Pensacola.

The Infamous Dilbert Dunker.

After a long, hard week... zzzz.
Academics

A Varied Four Years of Training

It takes a long four years of training both academically and in the field to turn a young freshman in college into an officer in the fleet or in the Marine Corps. The NROTC academic program varies with each year to give the students as wide a background as possible in order to prepare them for their military careers.

As a freshman, naval history and customs are covered in the first term as a general introduction to the Navy. After the first term, the curriculum turns to some of the more realistic aspects, i.e. principles of naval engineering. Basic steam systems and all their components are studied as well as other aspects of ship operation.

As a sophomore, weapons are the basic thrust of the program and the third term involves a comparison of our sea power abilities vs. the Soviets.

Moving on as a junior, navigation is the emphasis of the program. Celestial and “Run of the Mill” navigation is covered in the study. This is one of the few times in a scholastic career that students are able to combine the book learning with the practical. There are many projects that actually involve plotting and computation of courses. It is here also that a break occurs between the Navy and Marine options. In their junior year, the Marines study tactics and history concerning the Corps.

As a senior there are classes in leadership for the Navy options where problems and situations are devised, discussed, and solved. The Marines continue with tactics and history.

All-in-all, it’s an intense program requiring three credits per term for the entire four years. There are other aspects of the academics involving guest lectures, C.O. and X.O.’s call once a term, and occasional talks on dealing with people and how to be a more efficient officer. It isn’t an easy program but the challenge is a worthwhile one and the experience invaluable, not only while in the service but beyond as well.

—MIDN 3/C Erica BODNER

Scabbard & Blade Banquet

Scabbard & Blade, the tri-service honorary, held its annual Initiation Banquet January 24, at the Memorial Union.

Members are first nominated by their class instructors and then further evaluated by Scabbard and Blade members from their submitted applications. The candidates are then notified of their selection and, after initiation, they become active members of Scabbard and Blade.

The banquet this year was co-organized by Cadet Co. Tom KUVILA from AFROTC and MIDN 1/C Vince GOMES, Captain of Scabbard & Blade. The main course at the highly successful banquet was chicken, which was greatly enjoyed.

After dinner, Vice Admiral Vincent DEPOIX, USN (Ret.), President of Teledyne Wah Chang, addressed the assembly telling of his fascinating experiences in the fleet.

Initiates from the battalion include MIDN LT (jg) Mike BARNETT, MIDN 2/C Don MACASKIL, MIDN LT (jg) Vivian I. MADISON, MIDN 1/C Edward MRCRYNSKI, MIDN 2/C Larry MOFFIT. Congratulations to these outstanding representatives of our battalion.

—MIDN 3/C Erica BODNER

From the Battalion Commander

It has been a busy term, as most of them are, and I would like to take time now to express my thanks.

I would like to take this space given me to express my thanks to those individuals who through their involvement made this a successful term. It has often been said, “You only get out of an experience what you put into it.” It is very easy to sit back and let others take up the slack, but the real rewards go to those who get involved. These rewards are in the areas of experience and development of character.

This Unit maintains an outstanding reputation in the fleet and in the Corps because of men and women who have taken the initiative and excelled beyond the norm. These traits should be developed for the present and the future.

And what of the future? The time may not be far off when we are leading men in battle. The skills you are developing now are the ones that you will need to carry these men forward. This takes pride in yourself and pride in what you have done. Only you can make for yourself a history here at Oregon State and in the fleet that you can be proud of. I have great expectations for all of you, because you have the ability to achieve this. Good Luck!

—MIDN 1/C S.R. BANHAM
Mardi Gras

Drill Team Goes to “Orleans”

The Tulane University Invitational Drill Competition, held this year on February 23, is a national renown Collegiate Drill Meet. Only the top fifteen drill teams in the country are invited and this year only four of the teams invited were from west of the Mississippi: the University of Texas, Texas A & M University, University of Oklahoma, and Oregon State University. The last time the OSU Drill Team was invited was in 1976.

In order to participate in the competition the team has been involved in a number of fund raising projects, some of which include a 100 mile river swim, concession sales, building fences and planting surveyor stakes. Through their projects the team has raised $2400. In addition, the team has received $500 from ASOSU Senate and $300 from the OSU Student Foundation. Taftroll, the Unit's own fund, and numerous contributions by parents, friends and local businesses have greatly helped in raising the funds needed.

The OSU NROTOC Staff and student body wish to express our gratitude to all those who have helped make the trip to Tulane possible.

--MIDN 3/C Tim Ziegler

Second Company deserves a thank you for their company project this term. The project involves renovating the local mental health facility. Keep up the good work and "very well done" for setting a good example for the rest of the battalion.

For those who like to kick up their heels, March 3rd was an enjoyable evening. The Military Ball was held with the usual fanfare. The Scabbard and Blade ceremony was a highlight of the evening with several of our midshipmen being recognized as members. There were no complaints about the dancing either!

Its finals time again and everyone needs a little encouragement and motivation. Good luck from the Albatross Staff and have an interesting and safe vacation.

Some of the midshipmen from OSU will really be having an interesting time spring break. The MOFT (Marine Orientation Field Trip) is scheduled during this time and promises to be as great as ever. To all the motivated individuals participating in this event - have fun and Semper Fidelis.

"What! You mean you didn't do it?"

2nd Company gathers for their project.

Is this any way to run a ship??

1/C Midn Roger ROULEAU works hard for the Company.
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