FRESHMAN CLASS CONTINUES UPWARD TENDENCY

CLASS OF 1984

The Class of 1984 was formally sworn in at the Unit on 9 September. The largest freshman class in recent years, this class continues the upward trend in enrollment noticed during the past few years. An expanded recruiting program, under the direction of LT. R. MORCK, freshman instructor and advisor, is credited with a major part in this increased enrollment.

Despite its large size, the freshman class has demonstrated throughout the term a closeness and willingness to work together. 4/10 midshipmen have become involved in all battalion activities and projects, as well as university and fraternal organizations. According to LCDR John WOODARD, freshman advisor and instructor, this year's freshmen are highly motivated young men and women, interested in pursuing a naval career.

Under the capable supervision of Battalion Commanding Officer, Midn 1/G C. P. McNEW and his staff, the transition period of fall term went very well, and a low attrition rate was experienced from the freshman class. During the next four years here at OSU, it will be these midshipmen who take over command of the battalion billets, and it will be they that maintain the position enjoyed by the OSU NROTC Unit of "Best in the West and the Rest".

Class of '84 is sworn in.
CAPTAIN’S CORNER

From my vantage point it appears that this academic year is starting out with a very large ration of enthusiasm and competitive spirit.

Midshipman Curt McNEW and his staff have provided an extremely well balanced program for the Battalion in both military and social activities. Saveker Day, Battalion Athletics, Community Service Weekend, the Navy-Marine Corps Birthday Ball, The Albany Veteran’s Day Parade, the “Eugene-Salem Marathon Swim” and the Awards Ceremony were carried out in very fine style.

My outlook for the future is bright indeed. The Battalion looks extremely sharp - you as individuals look superb. Keep the grades up, work hard and remember, once one has the winning habit it is very difficult to ever accept anything less from oneself. Northwest Navy is next!

FROM THE MOI

I would like to take a moment to congratulate Midn 1/C Curt McNEW and his staff for an outstanding job. Starting with “Rookie O” and including inspection, the Quad-Service football tourney and the Navy-Marine Birthday Ball, the staff has planned and prepared for each event, foreseeing possible problems. This has enabled each event to flow smoothly, seemingly without effort which is the key to effective and detailed staff work. The cooperation and coordination of billet holders has paid tremendous dividends in the performance of the battalion as well as its pride and spirit. Keep up the good work!

Spurred by a motivated freshman class, the entire battalion has pitched in and supported the unit in each of its activities. This is indeed gratifying and speaks well of the future of this battalion.

After the Christmas break, Headquarters Company really goes to work with the teams getting into their competition schedules. Midn 1/C Tony WALTERS although in a difficult situation, has insured that each team has what it needs to succeed. Coming up for the Drill Team are the competitions at Northwest Navy, the University of Texas and the Governor of Arizona Meet at Tempe. Undoubtedly, the past two years of the competition is keen to knock us off making the job of this year’s staff under Midn 1/C Chris ROACH more difficult. Fund raising has gone well with their 100 mile swim of the Willamette River from Eugene to Salem, Oregon netting them approximately $2,000. While this will not cover anticipated expenses, it definitely a major help. The Drum and Bugle Corps under Midn 2/C Mike WARRINGER is doing well in preparing for competition at Northwest Navy as well as the Daffodil Festival at Puyallup Washington. The Color Guard under Midn 2/C Mike BRUGATA has also got his group ready to go.

All of these teams looked sharp at the Albany Veteran’s Day Parade.

The Rifle Team under Midn 2/C Tim DUKSTRA and the Pistol Team under Midn. 3/C Dave PRINZING have started their new season successfully. Great things are expected in spite of the relative inexperience of their members.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate my assistant, SSgt. ARTHUR for his well-deserved selection for promotion to Gunnery Sergeant.

-MAJOR BIEHL

PAT CASEY MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP ESTABLISHED

Ensign Pat CASEY was tragically killed in an accident while returning from a routine training flight in a T-2C aircraft near Beaville, Texas. Pat, a member of the class of ’77, had been a very active member of the midshipmen battalion and was an exceedingly personable guy always ready with a smile, a good word, and a helping hand.

Mr. Larry Casey, Pat’s father, has established an aviation scholarship fund in memory of his son. The scholarship, established through the OSU Foundation and administered by the OSU Flying Club, is intended to defray the expenses of pilot training through the solo flight. Recipients will be selected from the ranks of the second class midshipmen on the basis of interest in aviation, class standing, aptitude, academic GPA, ACT/FAR test score, and a character evaluation by the unit staff.

To those of us who knew Pat, he was a unique and outstanding individual. With the establishment of this memorial fund, the good spirit he brought to others and his love of aviation can be shared and remembered by future members of this midshipman battalion.

LCDR WOODARD

CAPT. WILLIAMS, MR. LARRY CASEY DR. BILL FREDRICK
DRILL TEAM - "ATTEN-HUT"

With these words, the finest precision marching team in the U.S. snaps into action.

The OSU Navy Drill Team has a long tradition of being the most visible part of the country's finest NROTC Unit. They take their responsibility seriously, and every year, a new group of 'Rookies' is indoctrinated into the team's various competition phases, inspection, regulation, and of course, exhibition.

The exhibition phase is the most distinctive feature of the Drill Team, and is considered to be the best exhibition phase in the country. It has been constantly improved every year for the 35 years the team has been in existence. Last year, the phase was executed without commands for the first time. This year, the team's Commander, Midn. LTJG C.J. ROACH, has a few new ideas. "We have a good phase of course, otherwise we wouldn't win. But other teams have good phases too. We have to continually update the phase to stay ahead of the competition, and with the changes, we have to keep our precision."

Last year, the team traveled to Tempe, Arizona, and Salt Lake City to take part in their two annual competitions. Both competitions were won (as can be seen by looking in the Unit trophy case) extending the team's undefeated record to three years, and seven competitions.

This year, the team has been invited not only to the Northwest Navy competition (in Moscow, Idaho) and the Governor of Arizona competition (in Tempe, Arizona), but also to the Texas A&M Invitational Drill Meet in Austin, Texas. The team has decided to accept these invitations, and fund-raising efforts have been started. This includes the Willamette River 100-mile swim from Eugene to Salem. The support given by the Unit to the team is overwhelming and thanks are formally rendered!

But competitions are not all that the Drill Team does. They regularly participate in wedding ceremonies, funerals, parades, high school exhibitions and many special ceremonies around the community and in the Unit.

The OSU Navy Drill Team has a motto: "Half Full is Not Enough!" This translates to: 100% effort all the time!

This year's team is putting out that effort and hopes to bring back three first place trophies to put in the Unit's trophy case.

Good Luck!

-Midn 3/M C.C. BURTON

DRUM & BUGLE SITREP

Every team is rejuvenated by the incoming group of fourth classmen and the Drum and Bugle Corps has brought together ten, hardworking, motivated runners. They form a strong rookie core for the team.

It has been two months since we first started working as a team. A great amount of learning has taken place during the many morning drills. This has been a new experience for all the fourth classmen.

Our first major task was to perfect the skill of parade marching as quickly as possible, in order to march in the Albany Veterans Day Parade. The runners looked very good that day and made the team look excellent.

No sooner had the parade ended than we started preparing for our exhibition. The exhibition is the heart of our competition and takes the most time and must be perfected. It's a long hard road to Northwest Navy, but with such an enthusiastic group of midshipmen, we will once more prove our excellence as the best Drum and Bugle Corps in the United States.

-MIDN 3/CJ RYMAN
NEW FACES

By its very nature, the staff of a naval unit is constantly changing, and ours is certainly no exception. We are fortunate this year to have five new staff members report aboard. Senior Chief JONES has taken over the job of supply officer, SSGt. Rufus ARTHUR has assumed the responsibilities of assistant MO1, YN1 ROBERTSON is our new yeoman and special administrative assistant, Lt. Spence NAKAGUMA is the new sophomore instructor, and Lt. (jg) LEES is the new junior instructor. We at the staff of the Albatross would like to take this opportunity to welcome them all aboard, and wish each a pleasant tour.

LT. SPENCE T. NAKAGUMA

LT Spence NAKAGUMA came to our Unit this year to fill the billet of sophomore instructor. He reported aboard from the USS DAVIDSON (FF1045) where he served as the Electronics Material Officer before he was made Main Propulsion Assistant. A 1976 Naval Academy graduate, LT NAKAGUMA spiced up his lectures to the sophomores with stories of life as an Academy midshipman, as well as appropriate sea stories.

LT NAKAGUMA and his wife, Naomi (pronounced Nah-Oh-me) like Corvallis and the surroundings, although the climate differs somewhat from that of their native state of Hawaii. He says that he is enjoying university life, and working with the midshipmen here. We all would like to wish him an enjoyable tour at OSU and a pleasant stay in Corvallis.

LTJG KEVIN M. LEES

LTJG LEES arrived at our Unit last spring to take over the job of Junior Instructor. He came to our Unit from the USS CHICAGO (CG11) which has since been decommissioned and was eager to impart his knowledge of navigation to the Junior Navy Option class.

LT LEES lives here in Corvallis with his wife Ann, and has no complaints with the surroundings at all.

With his quiet, patient attitude, and proven expertise at operating the ship handling trailer, we predict that LTJG LEES will enhance the staff at our Unit this year.

-Staff

SENIOR CHIEF JONES

SKCS JONES, the Unit Supply Chief, enlisted in the Navy in February of 1962. During his eighteen years of service he has been a “plank owner” (part of the commissioning crew) on two ships, the USS MARS (AFS-1) and the USS KANSAS CITY (AOR-3). He saw shore duty in Vietnam with the Military Assistance Command, and sea duty in “Nam” on three different ships. He has had tours aboard two of the most exotic Naval Stations to be found; NTTO KENITRA, Morocco, and two tours at NAVSUP Forces, Antarctica.

During his illustrious career, Senior Chief JONES has received many awards. Notable among these is the Navy Achievement Medal, which he received while serving aboard the USS KANSAS CITY. He is a four-time recipient of the Navy’s Good Conduct Medal, which entitles him to wear gold service stripes and insignia. An additional honor is his qualification as an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist.

This will be Senior Chief JONES’ last tour of duty. Upon completion of his present enlistment he will retire and settle down. He has plans to remain here with his wife Lorraine, son Justin, and daughter Christine.
SSGT ARTHUR

SSgt Rufus ARTHUR reported aboard our Unit this year as Assistant MO! and to round out the staff volleyball team. He and his wife, Deborah, are getting settled into life here in Corvallis.

He comes to us directly from a tour of duty at 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa. He has had a colorful career. He has served as a DI at MCRD, Paris Island and at OCS MCDEC, Quantico, VA. SSGT ARTHUR’s teaching ability, good sense of humor, and pool hustling skills have all been demonstrated to most midshipmen, and we are all going to enjoy our association with him. In addition to this teaching duties, ‘STAFF’ is coaching the Pistol and the Rifle Teams.

- STAFF

PETTY OFFICER ROBERTSON

YN1 ROBERTSON, the Unit yeoman and special administrative assistant, is also our token submariner (“Bubblehead”). He received his “dolphins” while serving aboard the USS SABALO (SS302) during a WESTPAC deployment. He has served aboard all of the 987 class subs at one time or another as well as quite a few of the Guppy II’s. He saw isolated duty with the U.S. Support Activity Group at NKP Thailand, and was a roving yeoman (sent to many different subs with an open billet on a temporary basis) as a staff member of Subfoll One. Petty Officer ROBERTSON has made four WESTPAC cruises, one NORTHPAC, and one South American cruise.

A native Oregonian, Petty Officer ROBERTSON plans to someday retire to the Willamette Valley with his wife Angela and his two sons, Dale and William.

- STAFF

SQUAD COMPEITION

Once a year, twelve squads compete in the areas of inspection and drill. One squad emerges the winner, having performed with even more excellence than their counterparts. Competition began at the platoon level. The three squads per platoon were inspected and marched under the watchful eyes of platoon and company commanders. One squad from each platoon was picked to compete at the battalion level where Midn CAPT McNEW and Midn LCDR CAIN tested for appearance and knowledge. Midn CDR ZIEGLER and Midn LT HOYT judged the drill phase for coordination and correct execution.

What does it take to win? Says Midn 2/C Mark CANTRELL, “...enthusiasm and willingness to put in some extra work.” The work begins early at Rookie Orientation where squad leaders teach freshmen the basics in marching in the short span of just four days. From then on, squad leaders utilize Tuesday drill periods to refine the military bearing in all movements. Extra hours spent on uniform preparation provide the sharpness necessary to survive the close scrutiny of the inspecting officer.

This presents no easy task for students with many diversified activities. Complete squad cooperation is essential because one bad attitude can destroy a potential winner. This year, 3rd squad, 1st company, 2nd platoon, led by Midn 2/C CANTRELL took the honors along with Midn 2/C Tony GEHRINGER, Midn 3/C Ben BISBEE, and Midn 4/C Tim POLSIN, Kermit GORDON, and Doug NEWKIRK. These men deserve recognition for their efforts as do their competitors. For those who yearn for victory, keep working toward platoon competition coming soon.

-Midn 2/CPHAFF
ROOKIE ORI
A ROOK’S IM

The most important asset a person could carry into a program like Rookie Orientation would be a positive attitude; even more important is having a strong enough mind to keep the attitude positive throughout the entire week of mental and physical strain. For me, the strain was mostly physical. Although I never thought of quitting, the question which probably passed through most people’s heads, whether or not I was doing the right thing, did cross my mind once or twice. But keeping a positive attitude was not hard to do. The staff did a superb job of fulfilling the goals of the orientation program just by setting the example.

I was introduced to many new skills that I am now learning to use. Not only physical skills such as drill, but military courtesy and mental skills such as concentration, self discipline, and motivation.

I was very impressed with the constant interest in our health and well-being. It was helpful to know that the emphasis was being placed on doing the best that we could, not on how fast the staff could run us into the ground.

I also enjoyed the lectures, not only because it was a time to relax, but because they informed me of the things going on around me and answered questions pertaining to registration procedures so that I looked like a second term freshman instead.
ORIENTATION:
IMPRESSIONS

of a first; they also gave me a good idea of who, how, when, and why to salute.

Another interesting thing that I noted was the closeness of all the rookies. We all were going through the same program, all had the same pains, and all had the same query of why we were going through it all. With this closeness came a natural sense of teamwork. Hopefully, this teamwork will grow so that this class can provide an even better example of leadership and motivation to the classes to come.

Rookie orientation was not only a period of transition from high school civilian life to college military life, but a prognostic test of what I am capable of doing mentally and physically. Although I feel the orientation was a success, attitude is still the most important factor. No matter how good your staff is, if a rookie has a bad attitude the goals of the orientation program will not be fulfilled for him. I had no idea of what I was getting myself into, I had to hope for the best. I was willing to try anything, only because I knew there was a good reason for it (along with the fear instilled the first morning of the dreaded push up). I am glad that I did!

-Midn 4/C EARNEST

-Midn DREEVES casts a hard eye.

Midn BAILEY explains how Marines swim.
SAVEKER DAY 1980

Saveker Day is a commemorative event, dedicated to the memory of Midn 4/C SAVEKER, who died tragically at the beginning of his freshman year. Midn. SAVEKER's parents have donated funds to support this event so that we, as freshmen, and others have a day of fun and comraderie, getting to know our classmates and getting involved with others.

The day dawned a little cool at 0700, but after a motivating physical fitness test the football games got underway. The seniors put forth a great effort, with Midn. 1/C AFONG at quarterback, but they were unable to overcome the undaunted spirit and talent of the Rookies, led by the powerful arm of Midn. 4C PIDCOCK. The Rookies went on to win 12-6 with almost everyone, including women, going in for a few plays.

The juniors were unable to hold their own against the aggressive sophomores, with Midn 3/C DENNIS as the winning quarterback and Midn. 2/C PALMER as the junior quarterback. The final score of this game was 12-0, sophomores.

After LT MORCK's river swim to celebrate the first ever freshman victory over the seniors, with a few Rookies joining him, we headed for the hamburgers and friends. After lunch, the Racemiferous Rook nominees were announced. They were Midn. 4/C K. D. RICHARDSON, J. A. KATCH and L. M. EARNEST. This award goes to the most motivated, outstanding Rookie and was presented to Midn. 4/C L. M. EARNEST. Miss EARNEST is the first woman to earn this recognition.

After this presentation and a few announcements, a soccer game was started by SSgt. ARTHUR, with more than enough players on both sides. The day ended with everyone having had a great time having fun and meeting new people, which is the main idea behind Saveker Day. -Midn 4/C D. BURGESS

COACH [LT] MORCK to the victory bath.
NAVY-MARINE CORP BIRTHDAY BALL

The 205th Birthday of the Navy and Marine Corps was commemorated this year with a dance at the Elks Lodge on 12 November. This gala evening was headed up by the eloquent master of ceremonies, Midn. 1/C Dave LEINGANG. After a few opening remarks, the floor was turned over to Midn. CDR Tim ZIEGLER who, in cooperation with Midn. 4/C Ted LAMBERT, executed the traditional two bell ceremony. The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Bob BLAIR, who gave us a wonderful insight to the art of collecting war souvenirs. The cake cutting ceremony was next with the oldest naval officer, Capt. SIMPSON and the youngest Marine, Midn. 4/C Dan FELBER cutting the cake. By 2030 the formal ceremonies were over and the dance began. The music was provided by "Fullhouse".

The evening proved fun and relaxing for everyone, and was heavily attended by all classes. The military and civilians present to celebrate the 205th Birthday of the Navy and Marine Corps made the evening a smashing success. A super job was done by the dance committee and we all had a great evening.

-Midn 4/C L. EARNEST

HARPOON SITREP

This year’s HARPOON staff is already hard at work and beginning to feel the weight of their task. Midn 2/C Craig BATCHELDER has been selected to act as editor. Craig knows it's a big job but by "getting started earlier," he hopes to spread the load. Midn 4/C Kevin HASS is the business manager. A volunteer, no less, Kevin has had previous experience on annuials and hopes to stay active with HARPOON during his college time. His first project is getting the mailings out to parents and out of town advertisers before the quarter ends. His big job will be "pounding the pavement" for ads locally.

Many others will be involved in this effort before its finished. Midn 2/C PFAFF as the Battalion Public Affairs Officer, will be doing a lot of coordinating. Photo Boss Midn 3/C RoI SCHULER and his dark room gang will have a critical role in the quality of the final product.

Good luck to all of you as the result of your year long endeavor will remain with us all for many years to come. And many thanks to the parents who support our yearbook. Without your patronage, HARPOON would be a much less significant remembrance of our college days.

-Rookie can be smooth.

About those suspenders?

COMPANY PROJECTS

Twice each year the three Midshipmen companies investigate various needs of the community and organize helpful projects to be carried out by the company members. Almost nothing is beyond the scope of midshipman labor.

On November 8th, a very wet Saturday morning, Headquarters Company planned to paint the YMCA building and repair their PAR (exercise) course. The weather prevented any painting but the Drill Team, salvaging the day went to work pulling overgrown grass and weeds and straightening the trails between the obstacles. The Drum & Bugle Corp and Color Guard will paint the building when the rain stops. Don’t hold your breath.

First Company repaired trails, too, at the bicycle motorcross park where many jobs were accomplished. They spread gravel throughout the picnic table area and laid a gravel path surrounding the entire park. Work on the bike trail consisted of fixing drainage problems, filling potholes, and leveling portions of the track. Wheelbarrow races supplied motivation to an otherwise tedious job.

Second Company, working through a senior citizen organization, raked leaves and swept sidewalks for eighteen different residences. Groups of four were assigned two or three homes apiece and the day’s work was completed in 3½ hours.

In past years, the OSU NROTC Unit has received many community service awards. With much appreciated projects like these, this year should be no different.

-Midn 2/C PFAFF
ALBANY VETERANS DAY PARADE

The Albany Veterans Day Parade is the largest annual Veterans Day Parade in the country, and once again OSU NROTC midshipmen participated in the event.

Members of the Drill Team, Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Color Guard braved the biting cold, and marched the parade route through downtown Albany to the courthouse. Crowds half-a-dozen deep lined the parade route to watch the two hour long event, and were duly impressed by the fine performance turned in by the midshipmen. More than one veteran was heard to come up to one of the team Commanders and express his admiration for a job well done.

Numerous military and civilian dignitaries were on hand to view the parade. LT GEN James HARTINGER, Commander of the Northamerican Air Defense Command was the parade Grand Marshall. Joining him in the reviewing stand were GEN J. H. "Jimmy" DOOLITTLE, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor; RADM W. A. WILLIAMS, Commander, Naval Base, Seattle, CAPT Robert KELLY, Commanding Officer of the USS ENTERPRISE, MAJ GEN Richard A. Miller of the Oregon National Guard and Doral ETTER of Brownsville, Linn County's 1980 Veteran of the Year.

Following the parade, the Units took part in the memorial ceremony on the steps of the courthouse. The Color Guard joined those of other services on the steps along with an honor detail from the Drill Team.

Recognition was given both the Drill Team and the Drum and Bugle Corps as all three groups were officially thanked for their addition to the day.

- STAFF
This year, the Fall Awards presentation was combined with the Commanding Officer's inspection of the battalion. After a Service Dress Blues inspection of all hands, CAPT WILLIAMS took the podium to address the Battalion. He said that he was impressed by the appearance of the battalion as well as the outstanding reports coming back to him concerning the performance of OSU midshipmen on summer cruise.

The Awards Ceremony began with the presentation of a new award, the PAT CASEY MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP. (See article this issue.) Pat's father, Mr. Larry CASEY and Pat's wife, Jan, presented the first recipient, Mid 2/C Mike BRUGATO his award. Mike has a GPA of 3.73, aptitude of 3.68, and an AGT/FAR of 6/6; indeed a worthy recipient.

Following presentation of the Case Award, CAPT WILLIAMS recognized a number of midshipmen for their distinguished performance on cruise this summer.

The first award went to MIDN 1/C Tim ZIEGLER. Tim was the honor graduate of the U.S. Army Airborne course. He is the first OSU midshipman ever to achieve this honor, certainly a major accomplishment for any member of the Naval Service on duty with the Army!

Mid 1/C Scott SHAVER was congratulated by the Captain for qualifying as Diving Officer of the Watch and qualifying as submariner, enlisted. Because of his achievement, Scott has been recommended to COMSUBLANT for a Commendation.

Three 1/C Marine Options were recognized for superior performance at Bulldog this summer. Mid 1/C Tony WALTERS finished 9th of 137 and Midn. 1/C Greg GEORGE was 19th of 137. Midn 1/C Terry PARLIER finished 11th of 174 midshipmen in her class.

Seven 3/C midshipmen were commended by the Captain for performance during their cruises aboard submarines. Several of these midshipmen received 4.0 reports and qualified at various watchstations. Midn 3/C John VISTICA, Carl FAG, Lawrence LINIK, Matthew SMITH, Dan CARTER, David PRINZING and Kevin CADY all turned in outstanding performances.

Mid 4/C Lisa BARNFIELD was presented with a letter of appreciation from the San Francisco Recruiting District, where she distinguished herself in the Recruiter Assistance Program.

Rifle Team members were given special recognition at the ceremony. The 1980 Secretary of the Navy Match trophy was presented to Midn 2/C Tim DYKSTRA, the Rifle Team Commander. The team placed 2nd out of 52 ROTC university teams. Mid 1/C Dave DESMCN was awarded the 1980 Hearst Trophy. This trophy signifies the outstanding ROTC or Service Academy at the National Rifle Association Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio.

This year marks the second in a row that Dave has won this prestigious award. Teaming with Midn 3/C Jeff LIJENWALL, they placed second in the team championships.

Captain WILLIAMS made special mention of the 14 midshipmen that received Academic Stars this quarter for spring term of 1980. These were Mid 1/C Kevin CADY, Dan CARTER, Jeff DAMIR, Sheryl McCONNEL, Mark NORMAN, William PETERSON, Monty SMITH, 2/C Michael BRUGATO, Stephen PFAFF, 1/C Jeff KEHOE, Scott SHAVER, Gregg GEORGE, Darrell TIPPLES, Tim ZIEGLER.

A super well done and congratulations to all these people who have distinguished themselves by their outstanding performance and in the process reflect the quality and standards of our Unit.

-Staff
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