From the Incoming

Battalion Commander

The Battalion Change of Command Ceremony went very smoothly this year. Each midshipman worked together to produce the excellent results that were shown. At Northwest Navy our Drill Team, Drum & Bugle Corps, and our basketball team did an outstanding job. We also made a good showing with our other teams who worked hard to prepare for their events. Looking ahead, platoon competition is just two months away. This competition between platoons culminates all of the work we have put into drill this year. Drill not only exercises your leadership ability, it familiarizes you with how the chain of command works in the military. After platoon competition is Captain's Inspection, followed by the next Change of Command on 25 May.

I again want to emphasize the importance of grades to all midshipmen. The grades that are earned in the four or five years you are here will be with you for the rest of your lives. It is important to try and do your best, to make the most of your time.

-MIDN CAPT. K. T. BRINTZENHOFER

From the MOI: Major W. N. MYERS

Fall Term 1981 was a success for the Battalion, and it appears the same can be said of Winter Term 1982.

The first drill of the term was a presentation of Marine Corps Aviation by Major BERRY from Headquarters, 12th Marine Corps District.

The following week was the Captain's Inspection. Attention to detail and leadership by example would doubtless have generated better results! C-. (Let's work toward an "A" for the Spring Term CO's inspection.)

The Battalion Change of Command was held on 2 February. A "well done" to Midshipman 1/C Tim DYKSTRA for a smooth, professional ceremony.

The Battalion continues to show improvement each week. Keep it up. Be professional.

Headquarters Company has been quite busy. Because of the new academic policy, it has been difficult keeping all the teams up to full strength. Nonetheless, the Drill Team made another clean sweep at Northwest Navy. Nobody would challenge the D&B, so the team performed a super exhibition phase for the crowd at the NW Navy competition. Midshipman 1/C DYKSTRA took high individual honors in the rifle match. We Bugle, Tim and the swim team, ably coached by Midshipman 1/C Mike WARRNER, tied a strong UoFV team for first place. (The trophy is "in the mail.") The basketball team, under the leadership of Midshipman 1/C Kevin VISSCHER, coached by LT NAKAGUMA, devastated its opponents - Idaho and Utah, to take first place. Super games!

OSU NROTC continues to be "The Best in the West and the Rest". Let's not let down for Spring Term.

-Capt. K. T. BRINTZENHOFER

From the Outgoing

Battalion Commander

As a battalion, we have learned a lot this last term, and that's the key to a successful ROTC Unit. To gain knowledge and experience is the main purpose behind this program. We are here to acquire an undergraduate degree through our studies and to gain valuable leadership experience and military knowledge through our involvement in the battalion and Naval Science classes. The Unit Staff is here to relate their military experience and knowledge to us so we will become better officers when we put on our first set of gold bars.

The battalion has functioned well as a unit and several students made the honor roll. Congratulations! Many freshmen joined the teams and have further developed their leadership qualities. Good job! We have had good midshipman participation at battalion activities and many volunteers have sold concessions. Outstanding! Keep up the good work.

MIDN Capt. K. T. BRINTZENHOFER is your new Battalion CO. Follow his leadership and the battalion will continue to grow during the Spring of '82. Let's keep OSU NROTC "The Best in the West and the Rest."
Aviation

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On Monday, January 25, twenty-one sun hungry souls braved the early morning and an aircraft older than they were in order to escape Corvallis and the Willamette Valley to learn more about naval aviation.

The event: the Aviation Induction Field Trip. The officers and midshipmen began their learning immediately by spending eight hours in a piece of Naval history, the C-118, enroute Pensacola, Florida, known as the ‘Home of Naval Aviation’. As the runway lights at Pensacola Naval Air Station’s Coleman Field greeted them, the restless Oregonians prepared for their Florida respite and first liberty call.

Tuesday was directed toward the role of the Naval Flight Officer, with informative presentations on the different roles of the NFO in the Aviation community. After a brief swim test and instruction on how to survive the dunker, the midshipmen were given the opportunity to ride the famed "Dilbert Dunker", which simulates escaping from the cockpit of a sinking aircraft. The day was finished off with the NFO and Pilot Simulators and with each person getting their chance at the controls. Tuesday night saw a social for the visitors hosted by Ensigns Loren BROOKS, Buzz BAUERS and Don MCASKILL - each OSU, NROTC Grad of 1981. They provided refreshments, and best of all first hand information on Naval Aviation Training.

Wednesday started bright and early with a presentation on flight physiology, exposing the group to the physical hazards faced by the body in a flight environment. This was followed by a 28 mile bus ride to Milton, Florida and TRAWING 5 where Navy pilots are trained. A multimedia presentation greeted the visitors on arrival and was followed by a talk with Ensign Dale BURROWS, an OSU Alumni, who is undergoing pilot training there. The return bus trip found many midshipmen wanting to skip school and start flight training immediately. A visit to the Navy exchange and the wonders of the Naval Aviation Museum closed out the planned activities of the day.

Another night of liberty, few sleeping hours, and a skipped breakfast found the trip to Florida quickly coming to a close. But, alas, (again!), not before a look at a PM Northwest segment which chronicled the operations of a Whidby Island, Washington-based Navy A-6 Intruder squadron and a high-speed, low-level Intruder flight through the Cascades which they described as “the million dollar ride.” If that’s a true description, most of the group probably have to describe the return 11 hour C-118 flight to Eugene via Dallas as something akin to deficit spending!

MIDN 4/C G. S. HURLESS

MOST OUTSTANDING MIDSHIPMAN

Midn 3/C D. M. PIERCE

The Most Outstanding Midshipman Award is, as you know, given to 3/C and 4/C midshipmen who display officer-like qualities. The things that are looked for in the selection process include motivation, attitude, effort and a good personal appearance. The selection process is quite simple. Up to two nominees from each platoon can be chosen in each of the three companies. Each Company Staff will select one person from this group to be presented to the Battalion Staff with a critique as to why the midshipman is being nominated. The Battalion Staff will, on the basis of the critiques, select one midshipman to be the Most Outstanding Midshipman.

Dave M. PIERCE has been selected as the Most Outstanding Midshipman for the first part of Winter term. The Battalion Staff selected Midn. 3/C PIERCE on the basis of recommendations from his Platoon Commander, Midn. Ens. M. BRUGATO and Second Company Staff. The qualities displayed by Dave that were instrumental in his selection include volunteering freely for extra projects, especially concession sales; extremely good grades; outside activities and he is courteous and pleasant to work with.

Dave is an eighteen year old, Navy option, double-majoring in Electrical Engineering and Mathematics. Dave lives with his parents, Don and Evelyn Pierce in Albany. Dave is a Calculus tutor here at the unit and is involved with the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

Congratulations, Dave for your accomplishments and your selection as the Most Outstanding Midshipman.

Midn 4/C Mark D. HENDERSON was chosen as the Most Outstanding Midshipman for the second half of Winter term. He is the son of Meril HENDERSON and Norma PETerson of North Bend. Mark is a Navy option and is majoring in Physics. The recommendations of his Platoon Commander, Midn. Ens. C. J. ROACH and the Second Company staff were the basis of Mark's selection.

Midn. HENDERSON is always highly motivated, volunteers for extra unit activities, was an active member of the Men's Physical Fitness Team, has a neat uniform and a good personal appearance, and has been on the honor roll. In addition, he is active in the Semper Fidelis Club despite his being a Navy option.

Congratulations, Mark!

-Midn. 2/C S. S. ROACH
BATTALION
CHANGE OF COMMAND

The Change of Command ceremony took place 2 February 1982, in MacAlexander Field House. Midn. 1/C C. J. ROACH relinquished his command as the Battalion CO by passing the colors to Midn. Captain K. T. BRINTZENHOFE, who will command the Battalion for the rest of the year.

The Battalion was led into MacAlexander by the Drill Team and Drum and Bugle Corps.

Speeches were given by both old and new CO’s. Midn. 1/C C. J. ROACH gave a speech thanking the Battalion staff for their support and cooperation throughout the fall term. He also encouraged the unit to continue to work hard under the command of Midn. Captain K. T. BRINTZENHOFE, who gave a speech emphasizing the need for not only the individual, but the unit as a whole to work hard on bringing up their grades.

The Drum & Bugle Corp put on a display in center court, then the rest of the Battalion conducted pass in review in front of the Battalion and commissioned officers.

The ceremony went smoothly and we are all looking forward to the command and leadership of Midn. Captain BRINTZENHOFE.

MIDN 4/C M. A. SMITH

SEMPER FI

Winter Term has been a planning term for Semper Fi, but that does not mean we have not done anything. Midshipman 4/C Jeff COULTER did an excellent job of planning our weekend ski trip to Sunriver and Mt. Bachelor. Beautiful snow and a quite full condominium made for a weekend that everyone enjoyed.

The obstacle course is sponsored and maintained by Semper Fi. On 27 February under the direction of MIDN 1/C Lin BAILEY we got out and gave the course some good maintenance.

The yearly field meet is going to have a new twist to it this year. By the strong will of MIDN 2/C Kevin CADY, the first annual OSU Physical Fitness Meet will take place in Spring Term. The event will be co-sponsored with the sophomore honorary, Thanes, and it is hoped that this will be the first of many annual meets.

Semper Fi is an organization on the move, planning, organizing and carrying out new as well as established activities and we are enjoying ourselves.

MIDN 2/C J. P. RYMAN

MARE NOSTRUM

The Mare Nostrum club was restarted this year (Fall 1981) after many years of inactivity. At this time they have approximately fifteen members and three officers: the President is Midn. 1/C H. W. DAVIS, and Vice President is Midn 3/C D. M. LEINGANG, and the Secretary-Treasurer is Midn 4/C K. L. DAVIS.

Mare Nostrum is planning several activities for this term and next. On February 25-28 Mare Nostrum had a ski trip to Sunriver, and later in spring term they plan on having a shirt sale as a fund raiser. Also in the future, Mare Nostrum is planning on having some speakers come to the Unit and talk about their experiences in the Navy. One of the more interesting things coming up next term is a class on “Marline-Spike Seamanship”, taught by LT CHEESEMAN.

Anyone is invited to join the club, or just to attend the activities, so keep your eye on the POV and Hot Scoop board for items of interest.

Midn 4/C D. L. MABEE

EARLY COMMISSIONING

Jeff NEELY, a Geography major, was commissioned Second Lieutenant, USMC on 22 January 1982 by Captain J. G. WILLIAMS III. The Aidan, Pennsylvania, native graduated at the end of Fall Term 1981. While he was at OSU he held positions of Executive Officer of 2nd Company for one term and was also a Platoon Commander for another. He was a member of the crew team and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He is currently attending The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia.

- The Staff
CAPTAIN'S INSPECTION

On Tuesday, January 19, Captain's Inspection was held at MacAlexander Fieldhouse. During this event the entire Battalion was personally inspected by Unit Commanding Officer Captain James G. WILLIAMS III and Midshipman Captain C. J. ROACH. After the inspection phase, Captain WILLIAMS addressed the Battalion on his overall views on appearance and academic success.

In Captain WILLIAMS' speech, he stated that the main concern was uniform appearance focused on proper shoe shines. Captain WILLIAMS made it clear that shoes are usually the first thing that an inspecting officer notices. Shoes generally lacked a good shine. Midshipmen with leather shoes should come in inspected with a good shine on their shoes.

The Captain mentioned that haircuts were generally good except in a few cases. Uniforms looked pretty good also.

Captain WILLIAMS' main emphasis was on academics. Grades were generally low this term compared to grades of Fall term 1980. The Senior class did, however, do their part in setting a good example with 29% of the class on the honor roll.

Captain WILLIAMS brought special attention to the high achieving midshipmen, calling them the leaders of the Battalion. The Captain congratulated each of these midshipmen individually. The awards went as follows: Legion of Valor Medal was awarded to M. A. BRUGATO and the Pat CASEY Award to C. T. BURTON. The following midshipmen achieved 3.5 grade point average or better: K. T. BRINTZENHOFE, R. W. DUBOS, T. J. DYKSTRA, S. H. PFAFF, D. W. PFLUGER, V. G. WARRINER, S. S. ROACH, J. T. VISTICA, D. L. MEDLOCK, D. M. PIERCE, D. W. FISHER, B. D. KEELE, G. C. LOONEY, R. W. OTTO, and D. A. STIGER.

Captain WILLIAMS stated that he wished more midshipmen were in this select group.

Midn. 4/C C. A. NUSBAUM

DRILL PRESENTATIONS

On 16 February 1982 the Midshipman Battalion gathered at the CSU Foundation Center for drill. Unbeknownst to most of the midshipmen, we were to enjoy a CBS Report on "The Defense of the United States - Segment IV: The Russians" with Walter Cronkite and Dan Rather for the next hour.

The presentation was informative, interesting, and a definite change of pace from the usual drill hour.

MIDN 4/C G. C. LOONEY

On 12 January 1982, Major Gerry BERRY, a highly decorated aviator from the 12th Marine Corps District, spoke to the battalion of midshipmen on the subject of aviation.

Major BERRY opened his program with a slide show on the history of Marine aviation showing the types of aircraft used by the Department of the Navy and the Marine Corps.

He closed his presentation with two slides; the first on the AV-8B HARRIER and the last on the F-18, which will be in service by the end of 1982. His closing comment stated that aviation is a highly rewarding career for those who show the ability and motivation.

-MIDN 4/C J. D. ANSLEY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH
20-26 MOFT
29 Registration
30 Begin Spring Term
   Silver State Rifle Match, Reno

APRIL
Bn. PFT, Athletics
   Daffodil Festival, D & B
30 Mom’s Weekend

MAY
   Marine All University Field Meet
   D & B Banquet
   Drill Team Picnic
   Senior Seminar
8 CO’s Inspection
   Ring Dance
13-15 MOFEX
25 Spring Awards, Color Guard
   Senior/Staff Softball Game
31 Memorial Day

JUNE
5 Naval Science Finals
6 Graduation/Commissioning
7-11 Finals
   Tentatively scheduled or to be scheduled.
The annual Northwest Navy competition was hosted by the University of Washington this year. The competition started on Friday, 12 February at Naval Support Activity, Sand Point, Washington. A few new events were added this year. They were the College Bowl and a swimming event, which went well and added to the prestigious competition.

The weekend ended with the annual Banquet and Awards ceremony at NSA’s Officer Club. It was a time for everyone to relax after such grueling tests, to see who was actually the best.

Congratulations and a job well done to all the teams who participated in NW Navy.

B-BALL TEAM Dribbles to VICTORY

The winning ways of OSU NROTC teams was upheld at this year’s NW Navy competition. The basketball team was no exception to the rule, as they handily won the basketball championship.

Sporting brand new uniforms, the team took on Idaho in the first round. The first half was a defensive battle. Led by the powerful rebounding of Midn. 3/C K. RANSOM and G. SCHWARTZ, we were ahead 11-10. The team using the sly tactics of LT NAKAGUMA opened the second half with a tenacious full court press. It was all the Idaho team could handle as Midn. 1/C K. VISSCHER, and Midn. 3/C D. LEINGANG and M. PIDCOCK trapped and fast-broke the Vandals to a 40-25 victory. PIDCOCK was high scorer with 13, followed by RANSOM with 9.

The second game pitted Oregon State against Utah for the championship. Behind the soft touch of LEINGANG and SCHWARTZ the Beavers opened up a 12 point lead at the half, with the score 28-16. Utah could only come within 6 points at their closest margin. While RANSOM and SCHWARTZ picked the boards clean, PIDCOCK and LEINGANG countered with blistering fast breaks and soft layups. The final score was 56-45. High scorers were SCHWARTZ and PIDCOCK with 14 apiece. Others participating on the basketball team were Midn. 1/C T. WALTERS and R. L. BURTON, Midn. 2/C C. T. BURTON, Midn. 3/C B. HOLDENER, and Midn. 4/C M. SMITH and E. GLAZIER.

It was great to see fellow midshipmen and staff in the stands cheering, because it gave the team an extra boost. We may have only won a small championship, but the unity of the team, along with the spirit of the fans, made it feel like the NBA championship.

INEXPERIENCE Hinders Pistol TEAM

The Pistol Team had their annual competition at Northwest Navy this year. The University of Idaho came in first place, with one of their team members capturing the high-slow, high timed, high rapid, and high aggregate trophies. The University of Washington came in second place and we came in third. Even though we didn’t win, it was well worth the practice and effort the team put into preparing for the competition. Three people who shot in last year’s N. W. Navy competed again this year and improved their scores considerably. The five other members on the team who competed were freshmen who did a very good job also.

The NROTC Pistol Team has shot in three other matches this year against other teams in the Willamette Valley Pistol League. We have taken third, second, and first places consecutively. Not too bad for an inexperienced team. The Pistol Team is looking forward to improving their scores to matches to come and having a great year.

HARD LOSS for OSU SWIMMERS

The swim meet was introduced this year for the first time at NW Navy competition. The meet was divided into two events, each of three heats. The events were the 200 yd. medley relay and the 200 yd. freestyle relay. Each relay consisted of a men’s, women’s and mixed teams.

The overall result of this year’s meet was a tie between the University of Washington and Oregon State. OSU took first in the men and women’s 200 yd. freestyle relay and also the men’s 200 yd. medley relay. Second place was taken in the 200 yd. freestyle and 200 yd. medley relay by the mixed team and the women also took second place in the 200 yd. medley relay.

This year’s team captains were Midn. 1/C V. G. WARRINGER for the men’s team and Midn. 1/C J. E. HOYT for the women’s swim
TEAM. The men’s team consisted of Midn. 1/C R. G. GRESS, Midn. 2/C M. RILEY and B. STICKNEY, and Midn. 3/C K. B. HASS. On the women’s team were Midn. 2/C S. S. ROACH and Midn. 3/C L. A. BACON, L. M. EARNEST, K. D. RICHARDSON, and B. M. HOLDENER.

A VICTORIOUS DRILL TEAM

Northwest Navy is finally over and we’re all relieved. None of us knew how well we would do because it was our first competition of the year and it was also the first Drill Meet that any of the ‘rookies’ had ever been to as members of the OSU Navy Drill Team.

It was our first test of the year and we came through with straight A’s. We have proven ourselves as the best in the West, by taking back all five of the first place trophies that we brought with us. They included inspection, Regulation, Exhibition, Commander’s trophy, and The Best Overall trophy. Midn. 4/C WASHABAUGH also put out an outstanding effort to come home with a second place medal in the Individual Exhibition category.

Congratulations are in order for all of the men who put their all to uphold the tradition and reputation that the Drill Team has had in the past. Now it’s time to put ourselves to another test against the Air Force Academy. We are confident that we will again arise victorious.

DYKSTRA LEADS ON INDIVIDUAL SCORING

This year the Unit sent five members of the Rifle Team to compete at Northwest Navy. They were Midn. 1/C T. J. DYKSTRA (the Team Commander) and Midn. 4/C BALAN, B. KEELE, K. COTE, and D. MABEE.

The team did very well, despite the high number of freshmen competing. Of the six possible trophies, OSU received three: High Offhand Score (84), High Aggregate Score (229), and the Mervin C. LANGE trophy for high individual score (258). All of the trophies were won by Midn. 1/C T. J. DYKSTRA. Next year, we will do even better, with the team more experienced and the home court advantage.

DRUM & BUGLE CORPS DELIVERS AS PROMISED

The Drum and Bugle Corps hung on to its 23-year winning streak by forfeit at NW Navy. Nevertheless, the thirteen member team, through their exhibition, marched with the usual Oregon State perfection.

The Drum and Bugle Corps played several old favorites, including Anchors Aweigh, The Marine Corps Hymn, Semper Fidelis March, The Saints Go Marching IN, and two Corps’ specials, Olympiad and March of the OSU Drum and Bugle Corps. The team was led by Midn. 2/C W. L. PETERSON and his Executive Officer Midn. 2/C J. P. RYMAN.

Other members of the team were Midn. 3/C E. A. MURRAY, D. A. TROTTER, K. B. HASS, and L. M. EARNEST and Midn. 4/C M. J. AKAMINE, J. M. COULTER, E. G. GLAZIER, K. G. MANNING, K. J. O’DON- NELL, B. C. VOGT, and J. W. WOLLEN- BECKER.

PFT STRUGGLES THROUGH BUILDING YEAR

The PFT team worked long and hard this year in preparation for NW Navy under the astute guidance of ex-PTO W. R. STEEN- SON. But it was all for naught. When the dust settled Saturday after about five hours of waiting and sweating, Idaho came out on top.

While OSU did not receive any individual or team awards in the PFT competition there were many fine individual efforts. Midn. 2/C K. L. MURRAY tied for high sit-ups with 116, but the award went to a contender from the University of Washington because he had a faster time on the run.

On the women’s PFT team, Midn. 3/C L. A. BACON took second on the run with a time of 0:10.02, while Midn. 3/C B. M. HOLDENER took second in both sit-ups and flexed-arm hang, with scores of 56 and 1:44, respectively.

Next year, with the competition at OSU, a few changes will be made. Every attempt will be made to run the event more smoothly and quickly and as fair as possible. OSU worked hard this year and is already laying the framework for a championship next year.
DAD'S WEEKEND

On Saturday, February 6, Oregon State University's annual "Dad's Weekend" activities commenced. Beginning at 10:00 am, Navy and Marine Corps midshipmen escorted their fathers to the Naval ROTC Armory for an open house.

For the open house, the Unit was specially prepared and ready to receive visitors. Most all of the staff was on hand to greet the fathers and answer questions. Tables were set up with a few items of navigational equipment and the Unit scrapbooks which contained a pictorial history of the OSU NROTC Unit. There was also a video display. The films included a performance by the Navy's Blue Angels and a presentation about the advantages and disadvantages of fixed wing planes and helicopters. Refreshments were also provided.

Promptly at 12:30 pm, Headquarters Company put on an exhibition for the dads at MacAlexander Fieldhouse. The Color Guard did the opening ceremony with the Drill Team and the Drum & Bugle Corps as a backdrop. The Drill Team and the Drum and Bugle Corps performed their exhibition phases with unsurpassed precision proving to all present just why the OSU NROTC is known as "The Best in the West and the Rest".

-MIDN 3/C J. H. GENDRON

STAFF PROFILE: LT. CHEESEMAN

ROTC units are one of the few places where the student stays longer than the teacher. This year's new freshman instructor, on his first year of his two year duty is LT. William CHEESEMAN. LT CHEESEMAN enlisted in the Navy in 1965 and then left his home in Reinbeck, Iowa for boot camp in San Diego. His ambition was to be an aviation electrician, but since the Navy did not have the billet to be filled, he went into engineering. The Navy then sent him to boileman's aid school in Great Lakes, Michigan. Half way through his schooling he requested a transfer to electricians school to become an ET. After finishing his electricians schooling he went back to San Diego to be on a sub tender where he waited eight months for an opening in nuc-power. He strived to get on the diesel sub REDFISH but it did not work out so he went on its sister ship the ARCHERFISH. During that assignment he got his sub qualifications in 1968 and from there went to nuc-power school. After completing his nuc-power training he was aboard the aircraft carrier ENTERPRISE from 1969-71. He returned to the ENTERPRISE in 1972 after completing advanced electricians school and was in charge of the reactor control shop.

LT CHEESEMAN left for NESBEP school at the University of Washington in 1973 and received his BS degree in oceanography and his BA degree in zoology. In 1977 he was commissioned and went aboard the USS SACRAMENTO where at various times he had the position of navigator, Operations Officer, 1st LT and Chief Engineer. In March of 1981 he left the SACRAMENTO to come to OSU.

LT CHEESEMAN's career is a good example of the various paths one can follow in the Navy. Welcome aboard, Sir, we're glad to have you!

-MIDN 4/C G. ELDRIDGE

COLOR GUARD

This term, the Color Guard has continued to carry our colors proudly. Through drill and practice, our three exhibitions at Gill Coliseum have proven that we are superior to the Army or Air Force color guards. The comments we have received after our exhibitions demonstrates to us that the team here at OSU NROTC will continue to prove it's professionalism and pride.

Currently, we are preparing to be the hosting color guard at N.W. Navy next year. In accordance with tradition, we will "present with pride" the colors of the nation and the reputation of the OSU NROTC Unit at the beginning of another great competition.

-MIDN 3/C P. M. JASZKOWSKI

ATTENTION!

The publishing of a quality newspaper such as the ALBATROSS takes a great deal of effort and an equal amount of team work. Be proud of your Unit and take part in its activities. Volunteer a little of your time to help continue a tradition; be a writer or supervisor for the ALBATROSS.

The ALBATROSS can use the abundance of talent that exists in this Unit; so why don't you show off a little of yours?
WINTER COMMISSIONING

At the end of Winter Term 1982, there are five seniors that are scheduled to graduate and receive their commissions. After much hard work and long hours R. B. HOYT, J. E. HOYT, D. S. K. AFONG, D. A. NEVE, and T. L. PARLIER are looking forward to a new episode in their lives.

The following will be commissioned ENS in the US Navy: R. B. HOYT has orders to Norfolk, VA. He majored in General Science and as Asst. Operations Officer and Headquarters Company Commanding Officer while at the Unit.

J. E. HOYT, an Education major, has orders to Oceana, VA. While she was in the Unit, she held the position of a Platoon Mustering Petty Officer and also was Asst. Operations Officer for a term.

D. S. K. AFONG has orders to SWOS and then to Norfolk, VA. An Industrial Engineering major, while in the Unit he was a Platoon Commander in 1st Company and Battalion Mustering Chief Petty Officer.

D. A. NEVE, a Nuclear Engineering major, will be going to Washington, D.C., and the Dept. of Naval Reactors. He was on Events Committee and a Platoon Commander in 1st Company during his time at the Unit.

T. L. PARLIER will receive her commission as a 2nd Lt USMC, and will report to The Basic School at Quantico, VA. She is a General Engineering major and was a Platoon Commander in 1st Company and Battalion Personnel Officer.

Congratulations and good luck to them as they begin their careers.

-GUNNY RE-ENLISTS

When asked what motivated him to re-enlist Gunnery Sergeant R.A. ARTHUR simply said, "Because I am a career Marine. What more motivation is needed?" Thus started a very interesting and very motivating half hour interview with the AMOI of OSU NROTC.

GSgt ARTHUR started his Marine Corps career in 1989 when he, by a strange set of circumstances, first enlisted. He just recently re-upped for another six year hitch.

"This job here can't really be compared with my other tours," said the Gunny when I asked him to compare this tour with his others. "Here my job is to counsel Marine Corps officer prospects and to give them an impression of the NCO as a person who is there to give the young officer assistance and advice. Out in the field I would be in charge of men daily."

The Gunny's ultimate goal is to become Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps. He knows that this is still quite a long way off in the future, but is constantly preparing for it.

As I concluded my interview the Gunny said, If a man has ambition, will, drive, and is motivated, he can accomplish anything and dreams can come true if a person works for them."

- Midon 4/C C. W. Hunter

It's YOUR Money

Hey...You there!...Yes, you! Come over here!... Do you remember that "small" sum of money that you so generously donated to Taffrail? What's that you say? You never did know what Taffrail was? Well, here it is in black and white.

Taffrail is a midshipman organization designed to benefit ALL midshipmen. The money donated by each midshipman is used to pay for various activities and publications. The HARPOON, the Unit yearbook, and the ALBATROSS, the Unit paper, are both funded by Taffrail.

The Battalion picnic, Senior Moots Night, the Birthday Ball and the Ring Dance, were all activities paid for by Taffrail. The cleaning of midshipmen's uniforms is paid for by Taffrail which the midshipman must reimburse the fund for. In addition, each year, the Taffrail fund budget a monetary allotment for each of the Headquarters Company teams.

So, the next time you wonder why you donated that "small" sum of money, or wonder what on earth Taffrail is, just look around the Unit and you will see the products of your generous contribution.

DID YOU KNOW...?

...that LT HAGEN was the first Editor of the ALBATROSS then known as the SCUTTLEBUTT?

...that Midn 4/C E. J. AUBUCHON's great-grandfather worked for Nicholas the Czer?

...that Midn 3/C L. A. BACON's father was once Commanding Officer of this NROTC Unit?

...that midshipmen only received $50.00 a month until the 1970's when it was changed to the current $100 a month?

OSU GRADS

2nd Lt Robert J. ABBLETT, USMC, a 1980 graduate of OSU, recently participated in exercise "Kearal Usher 81-3." He is stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA as a rifle platoon commander assigned to 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.

The exercise was designed to fully test the capabilities of the 17th Marine Amphibious Unit which included embarkation aboard Navy ships, amphibious assaults, ground operations and overall coordination essential to a successful Navy and Marine Corps amphibious operation.

ENS. Jimmie D. POOR, USN, a 1981 graduate of OSU, recently graduated from the Basic Civil Engineer Corps Officer course. During the course at Port Hueneme, CA he received instruction on engineering management, network analyses, financial management and Naval organization. He also studied civilian personnel management, personnel administration, Navy industrial funding, shore facilities planning, and construction battalion (Seabee) operations.
AROUND THE UNIT
SPECIAL FEATURE

This is reprinted from an earlier edition of the ALBATROSS and the staff would like to pass it on.

During third class cruise aboard the USS HAMNER (DD-718), I had the opportunity to make friends with several members of the ship’s company. One of the crew, SA Greg Hines, recited to me a poem he had written about an experience he had while standing an after-lookout watch one night. When he finished, I asked him for a copy which he gave me. Greg requested that I share his poem with my fellow midshipmen, something I was happy to do. In cooperation with the ALBATROSS staff, then, I would like to present to the Battalion “The Albatross.”

-3/C Bob Adamski (Class of 1979)

The ALBATROSS

The Albatross is here, the Albatross is there, in eight months time it could be anywhere. It flies with such grace and beautiful skill, it flies low to the water, ready to kill. It's outstretched wings seem to sense every rolling of the wave, but only the Albatross that talent God gave.

And he flies with poise, and never makes a noise, because he's the Albatross of the Sea, and knows he's free. Oh yes he still is here, he flies low to the water and never seems to fear. Oh yes he's still there, he flies high in the sky with hardly a care.

How could you possibly imagine such a beautiful thing, flying low to the water, not dragging a wing. And he flies by day in his own special way. And he flies by night, oh that gleaming streak of white.

So, if you ever want to see this most beautiful sight, just go to sea, and if you're lucky, you might.

Greg Hines, SA
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