The annual Northwest Navy Competition was hosted by the Oregon State University Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Feb. 19-20, 1983. NROTC units from the Universities of Washington, Utah, and Idaho participated. The competition consisted of drill, physical fitness, pistol, rifle, basketball, and swimming events.

In the physical fitness competition, both male and female teams competed. The men’s physical fitness awards were dominated by Idaho, while the women’s awards were taken by MIDN 2/C Brenda HOLDENER of Oregon State University. The high team score award was also won by OSU.

The pistol marksmanship awards were taken by Idaho and the rifle marksmanship by Washington. In the Marine Officer Instructor pistol match, the trophy was won by Major William N. MYERS, USMC, OSU NROTC Class of ’70.

For the second year in a row, Oregon State University won the basketball competition. The team was coached by MIDN 2/C Mark PIDCOCK.

The swimming competition was taken by Idaho with Oregon State University coming in second place.

Drum and Bugle awards were given to the University of Washington because no other schools fielded a team for competition.

The Oregon State University drill team took all the top awards for the sixth year in a row. Top scores were earned in the inspection, regulation, and exhibition phases of competition. The overall award was given to OSU as well as the Team Commander’s trophy, won by MIDN 2/C Robert BOWERS, of McMinnville, Oregon. In the individual drill competition, MIDN 4/C Keith BROWN, of Portland, Oregon, received second place.

The awards banquet was held at Nendo’s Inn in Corvallis after the competition. Next year, the competition will be held at the University of Utah and the Oregon State University NROTC is already preparing for another banner year.

MIDN 1/C L.C. BARFIELD
Northwest Navy is behind us. We gave them a good fight on all fronts even though we let a few trophies get away from us. That just means we will only have to haul them one way when we go to Utah next year. Thanks and congratulations to everyone who competed or otherwise helped take a strain on that line.

I hope none of you are still unaware of my high regard and affection for this Midshipman Battalion. I want success for you collectively and individually as much as you want it yourselves. In many ways you have no effective competition by which to gauge your performance and professional growth. This means that you yourselves must establish the goals, and critique your performance against those goals if you are to realize your potential. Each one of you can become a truly exceptional officer. Many of you are already well on the way. Do not deny yourselves the joy of excellence by being satisfied with "good enough" now.

Many of you may know that I sat as a member of the board that selected next year’s scholarship students from the Northwestern states. Plan for a large, strong class of '87, '84, '85 and '86 should look to your laurels. If you run hard you may be able to stay ahead.

COLONEL M. E. STEIN

I was reviewing the criteria for the Most Outstanding Midshipman Award the other day and it came to mind how fortunate we are to have a majority of midshipmen onboard who would score high in competition for this award. The selection process includes motivation, attitude, effort, and good personal appearance. Selectees in the past have always had good grades, were willingly involved in unit activities, and presented a trim, neat appearance. Congratulations to all midshipman who measure up. Keep up the good work and this will be another banner year.

The midway point in the school year is a good time to review the NROTC mission: To prepare midshipmen morally, mentally, and physically to be professional officers in the naval service. Morally refers to right living and conduct that is honest and honorable. The high quality officer the OSU NROTC commissions should have a strong sense of personal integrity, honor and individual responsibility. Mental preparation is accomplished by academic standards, which continue to be stressed, and physical preparation by PFT excellence, but both result from moral conduct, that is, honest, individual effort. So, support the NROTC mission with your best; you are bound for success, just make sure you get there!

COMMANDER F. M. BURLESON

COMMANIDNG OFFICER’S INSPECTION

Gill Coliseum was silent until MIDN Captain K. E. LUTTERMAN called the battalion to attention. The entire battalion, assembled for the year’s first Commanding Officer’s inspection, stood ready, stretching from wall to wall. Then Colonel M. E. STEIN stepped onto the deck and began his inspection. At the same time Major W. N. MYERS, LT. W. E. CHEESEMAN, and LT. L. K. HARDIWIG also began to inspect the battalion. According to the inspecting officers, the inspection was only "average," and in no way a total success. "Some people looked outstanding, while others just put on their uniforms," commented COL. STEIN.

Why was the overall inspection only "average" rather than "excellent"? " Ill-fitting uniforms due to physical growth and poor tailoring," according to LT. HARDIWIG. Expressing the general opinion of the inspecting officers, LT. CHEESEMAN noted, "The general preparation was good, but last minute preparations need improving." "There was a lack of attention to small details such as dust on covers and crooked gig-lines," said MIDN Captain

LUTTERMAN. All these discrepancies are small, but they add up quickly to degrade many hours of hard work. According to COL. STEIN, "Taking care of these little discrepancies will make the difference between a merely "acceptable" and an "excellent" appearance."

The inspection was "average" but not good enough. The Navy and Marine Corps pride themselves in excellent appearance. The battalion didn’t quite carry through and take an extra few minutes to ensure excellence. During the spring term, we will have another chance to prove the excellence of the Navy and Marine Corps, and the pride we have for our unit and our service, not only to the staff, but to all of OSU as well.

MIDN 4/C R. G. GARTZ
CHANCE OF COMMAND

This past term’s Change of Command ceremony was held on 25 January 1983. The ceremony began with the formation of the troops and climaxd when the troops passed in review for a new Battalion Commanding Officer — MIDN Captain K. L. CADY. Technically, changes of command are held to commemorate a new leader’s assumption of command. In the Battalion’s case, the Change of Command also represents the onslaught of a new staff. Along with these personnel changes come new ideals and reflections on how the Battalion should be run. The Battalion benefits by a smoother running drill period, an uplift in the average G.P.A., and a higher personal appearance standard. Generally, these three targets are the main thrust of the Battalion, and are what makes this Battalion qualitative.

Before colors were passed and speeches given, the rest of the Battalion assembled in formation in Gill Coliseum. Most freshmen did not know exactly what to expect and that could be seen by the frantic expressions on the platoon leaders’ faces and others perpetuating the event as they busied themselves by mustering names and faces into one place. Sophomores and Upperclassmen, being older hands at these types of things, stood by calmly as the Drill Team and Drum and Bugle Corps prepared for leading the pass in review.

Meanwhile, some of the unit staff wandered in to view the proceedings. In addition, a few civilians trickled in and most assuredly wondered what, in this microcosm, was going on.

After everyone had gathered, the ceremony began. In the rear were the major forces of observation: First Company, Second Company, and Headquarters Company. At the tip of each platoon stood the Platoon Commander, and so on up the chain of command. At the pinnacle of the formation, facing us, stood Colonel STEIN. He, in effect, formalized the proceedings and also delivered a speech on the unit’s accomplishments during the leadership of MIDN Captain K. E. LUTTERMAN, and emphasized the importance of unit participation and cohesiveness. He also congratulated both the incoming and outgoing CO’s and added that he hoped Battalion efforts would continue to be carried on under the leadership of MIDN Captain K. L. CADY.

In each CO’s Battalion address, both MIDN 1/C K. E. LUTTERMAN and MIDN 1/C K. L. CADY, incoming and outgoing CO’s respectively, highlighted grades, haircuts, and a few gratitudes. Accomplishments and deterrents were mentioned on each subject. Thanks and other congratulatory remarks were exchanged between the old and new CO.

After all the speeches were delivered, MIDN Captain K. E. LUTTERMAN formally assumed his command by passing the colors to MIDN Captain K. L. CADY. And, as a show of respect, the traditional pass in review march was held in execution of our weekly practiced drill exercises. Scarcely used movements such as the “hand salute in formation” and the “eyes right” movements were put into practice. After each platoon passed in review, the ceremony came to an end.

This year the ceremony has gone smoothly. Hopefully, next year’s Change of Command will run just as smoothly. We have a new CO and a new staff with which to get to know and to work with. And under this new leadership the members of this Battalion have not only the opportunity to carry on the traditional doctrines of the past, but also the chance to inspire new ideas and practices for the Battalion now, and in the future.

MIDN 4/C R. A. POTTS
I was pleased with the Battalion's progress during my billet period. The billet holders displayed a high degree of professionalism and enthusiasm, from squad leader up to Battalion XO. I know we all learned some valuable lessons that will follow us past our commissions in the Navy and Marine Corps.

You can all be proud of Northwest Navy, whether you were on a competing team or not. I was pleased with the overall execution of events for Spring Term on the back page. It was smoothly run, thanks to the participation of many. And of course, hearty congratulations are to be extended to the Drill Team, women PFTers and Basketball Team for outstanding showings. And we all know who the rightful swim team victors are.

This Battalion is the best. I have a lot of pride in being a member of the Oregon State University Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Midshipman Battalion. Let's all take pride in that and, under the leadership of MIDN Captain Cady, strive to be better than ourselves.

MICN CAPT. KURT E. LUTTERMAN

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

For me, being the Albatross editor has been a real privilege. I thoroughly enjoy my work. It is especially hectic the last three weeks of the term though. It was tough finishing up assignments for classes, working on the Celestial Project for Naval Science, studying for finals, and finishing the layout for this edition of the Albatross. As editor, I feel I've found my niche in the Unit. It is a great way to gain insight to all the "goings-on" within the Unit.

It was exciting having Northwest Navy here at Oregon State this year. We certainly made a very honorable showing. My congratulations to all!

On behalf of my staff, I wish to give special thanks to my assistant editor MIDN 2/C Morgan WINEBARGER for his invaluable assistance, and of course to all the writers. And special thanks also to MIDN 2/C Chuck KLIEWER and his photo crew. The photography certainly adds a lot to our paper. Thanks again to everyone for all the good work.

For those of you who have writing talents and aren't utilizing your talents in the Albatross, I encourage you to do so. Your talents add diversity to the Albatross and make the articles more colorful and enjoyable to read. Take a look at the calendar of events for Spring Term on the back page. The Spring Term edition of the Albatross will probably need an article for each event. Think about writing one and be sure to let me know! Feel free to contact me in person or leave a message in the Albatross box in LT. LEE's office in the junior classroom. For those inspired to do so, the Mare Nostrum Leadership Contest is coming up Spring Term. Put your thoughts and ideas about leadership on paper. Your essay could appear in the Spring edition of the Albatross!

Putting this edition together has been a lot of work, but it's fun. Here is the final product. It sure is rewarding to see it when it is finished. I hope this edition is both interesting and pleasurable to read, and to all Midshipmen and Alumni, a pleasant reminder of our days in NROTC at Oregon State.

MICN 2/C CHRIS WAGENET
EDITOR

CHANGE OF COMMAND SPEECH

Ladies and Gentlemen, Unit Staff, fellow Midshipmen; I would first like to congratulate Mr. LUTTERMAN and his staff for a fine job of leading the Battalion. I would also like to thank the Unit staff and fellow senior class for the opportunity to command such an outstanding battalion of midshipmen.

I can remember a few years back standing in formation much like you are today. At that time I had a few questions and doubts. I wondered if the military was really for me. But through my doubts one thing was very apparent, I was here under my own volition. It was my own choice. We are all here by our own choice. We should be here because we want to be here. Contrary to what drives society, we should not be profit motivated. Our pay is a job well done. Because we are here by personal choice, we are to demand only the highest standards of each other, specifically, in performance of duty, academics, appearance and commitment to this Unit. Let us take pride in the uniform we wear for by it we are a reflection on every other member of this battalion. Let us police our ranks. Let us not compromise. Let us demand only the highest standards of each other.

Though we may not realize it yet, we as future officers in the Navy and United States Marine Corps, are a service. Being a servant involves self-sacrifice. Many times as a midshipman, we will be called to do a particular duty we don't desire to do. But let us keep in mind that every detail enables the battalion to function as a whole.

We are a battalion, all of us are midshipmen with a common goal of obtaining a commission in the service of the United States. We are all students with an aim to learn. Younger midshipmen look to the seniors with billets and evaluate their leadership. Someday, you will be in our shoes. Will you do the same or will you do differently? Seniors, don't lose sight of the younger midshipmen and their perspective. Remember, we once comprised the same ranks. This is a laboratory. Let us learn from our mistakes.

The battalion has a challenging schedule for the rest of winter and spring term. Northwest Navy is coming up soon. N.W. Navy is a battalion effort, not just a team effort. Let's all get out and support our teams. Tomorrow night at 1900 is mock competition for the drill team. I encourage you all to show up and let's give our support. We will be involved with the other campus ROTC units in both a tri-service review and a social. Let us leave no doubts in their minds which military unit is the finest and goes without reproach. One drill day this term, the entire battalion will dress down for a surprise PT event. The staff will keep you posted concerning further details.

I am personally very excited about this battalion. Let us meet the schedule and challenges ahead with both enthusiasm and professionalism. On a final note, let us remember the virtues of Integrity, performance of duty, commitment to the battalion and honesty - not as just ideals or empty words, but rather, let us make them a reality.

MICN CAPT. KEVIN L. Cady
MARE NOSTRUM SUCCEEDING

Everyone can look forward to great things happening in Mare Nostrum. It looks as though the club is really getting back on its feet.

Membership has really boomed and the club now boasts over 25 members on its roster.

This is a building year for Mare Nostrum at OSU and so activities have been geared more toward fund raising and professional growth rather than some of the more enjoyable activities the club will eventually pursue.

The club has been intent on earning money that will enable it to subsidize not only professional activities, but also the recreational part of the club’s charter.

These fund raising activities have included T-shirt sales and a newspaper drive. The T-shirt sales for fall term did not turn out as profitably as hoped. The club learned quite a bit through the experience and was able to earn a large profit selling T-shirts for the Northwest Navy competition in February. The paper drive has become a constant source of income for Mare Nostrum as well as an important service to many of the campus living organizations. With a minimum of effort, and a low overhead, some very active members have combed the university campus and living areas, cornering the market on used newspapers.

In an effort to promote professionalism, the club is sponsoring a leadership essay contest in the spring. This contest will hopefully provide a chance for the midshipmen to take a hard look at their individual feelings on leadership and what it means to be a leader. Ideally, it will provide an atmosphere for open and indepth discussion on the subject that can only further the battalion as a whole.

Though the club is becoming stronger financially and the membership roster looks long, the participation level has dropped. This lack of participation can prove as devastating as voter apathy during elections. The club needs constant input and support if it is to succeed. There are a very select few carrying the weight of many. Neither the nation nor our Navy and Marine Corps could survive with only a few doing for the many, let alone a small — yet very important — unit professional club.

The club is for all midshipmen, but especially Navy options, wishing to further themselves professionally while at the same time having a good time.

SEMPER FI SKI TRIP

The second weekend in January proved to be one of the most memorable 3-day periods of this school year, as the Semper Fi Club packed up their old kit bags and headed for the mountains. On reaching the cabin-mansion that the club rented for the weekend, it became obvious that Jeff COULTER (who did an outstanding job setting the weekend up) was doing his best to drain the coffers of Semper Fi. About half of the eighteen attending members arrived Friday evening and spent the evening interfering with other members who were trying to play unmoistened chess or checkers.

Saturday was a fine day on the slopes, although the wind was a bit of a problem. Lines were very short and there was a lot of fresh powder on the ground from the night before — unfortunately, this caused me to fall many times, soaking my ski suit from head to toe. Thanks to Dominic PYNES, with his quick reflexes and unique skiing ability, I was never buried for very long. He was always around to dig me out, help me up, collect my poles, hat, and gloves (which had been strewn over the slopes), and set me on my way again with a few warm words of encouragement. Thanks to Dominic’s unending patience and generosity, I am a better skier, as well as a better Marine for having this man to call a friend.

That evening, a blender was found (EUREKA!) and was quickly employed with producing copious quantities of margaritas. Much of the club watched the Beavers’ game while Kevin CADY (good for him) studied in the corner. Later, a bull session that lasted far, far, far, far into the night was carried on, led of course, by Major MYERS.

The next morning, the day broke beautiful and clear. As portions of the club miserably headed home, most of the Semper Fi members joyfully returned to the slopes of either Mt. Bachelor or Hoodoo. Upon their return to Corvallis, it seems that every one of them felt the need to vindictively inform the others that it had been a beautiful, gorgeous, wonderful day: AAARGH!

At any rate, it was a splendid little weekend, and I’m sure Semper Fi looks forward to a repeat performance next year.

SQUAD COMP

Squad Competition held on January 18 this year pitted the five most ready squads in the battalion up against each other to recognize which squad was the most proficient in drill and inspection.

Each squad executed one of four drill cards under the eyes of two judges from Headquarters Company, and also stood at attention for the duration of two sets of inspections, judged by other members of the battalion staff. Sounds like “Right Oblique, MARCH!” and “YES SIR!” or “MY THIRD LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLE IS….” echoed throughout Gill Coliseum. The midshipmen that took part in this event prepared themselves splendidly, and all five squads performed well. But in the end it was MIDN 2/C M. T. WINEBARGER’s squad that gained the most points overall. The members of his winning squad: MIDN 3/C J. A. BOTTENBERG, MIDN 3/C T. A. EDWARDS, MIDN 3/C S. E. SPEER, MIDN 4/C T. H. McKinney, and MIDN 4/C S. K. ROOF.

MIDN 4/C R. A. POTTS
NORTHWEST NAVY
PISTOL TEAM

The 1982-83 pistol team has had an exciting season with many interesting matches. The team has traveled all around the Willamette Valley attending competitions and has hosted the year's most exciting match - Northwest Navy. Despite the many long hours of practice, the team didn't win at Northwest Navy. Idaho, for the second year in a row, took top honors. Midn. 4/C Russ GARTZ did an outstanding job shooting by scoring way above his average. Midn. 2/C Scott SABIN shot the best score out of the team members representing OSU. The rest of the pistol team did a good job - just not good enough.

Look out next year, Idaho! For the rest of the season, the schedule is to finish shooting in the Willamette Valley Pistol League and to travel to southern Oregon to compete in the team's first 45 caliber match. The pistol team is looking forward to successfully finishing this season and to much improvement next year.

MIDN 2/C K. D. RICHARDSON

THE PHYSICAL FITNESS TEAM

The Physical Fitness Team started training after Thanksgiving for Northwest Navy. Practices were an hour long, three days a week. Training consisted of various repetitions of push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups, and running. In the weeks preceding the competition, emphasis was placed on each individuals extra effort, but everyone pulled together as a team. The hard work was worth it, Northwest Navy came and we were ready.

The Sunday morning of Northwest Navy was intense. After a one-hour delay, the physical fitness competition started. Each team from U. U. of L, U of W, and OSU took the regular Physical Fitness Test of pull-ups, sit-ups, and a three mile run. The maximum for the test is twenty pull-ups, eighty sit-ups in two minutes, and under eighteen minutes on the three mile run. Each part is worth 100 points for a total of 300. It was possible to get additional points over 300 only if every event was maximized.

"It was a superb effort by a team composed predominantly of freshmen," stated MIDN 1/C K. L. CODY, leader of the OSU men's team with 710 points. This year's Northwest Navy PFT teams both did extremely well, with the men's team placing 2nd, and the women's team SWEEPING all the rest by coming in first. MIDN 2/C B.M. HOLDENER led the women's team in the entire competition placing first with a total of 448 points, nearly 100 more than her closest competitor. MIDN HOLDENER came in first in the women's one and a half mile run and the flexed arm half mile run, and placed third in the sit-ups competition to 2nd place MIDN 2/C K. D. RICHARDSON from OSU and another participant from Idaho. MIDN HOLDENER not only led the Women's PFT team to victory, but also won the "Wonder Woman" award for best overall score.

The men's team wasn't without it's share of stars either. Midn 4/C G. J. MURPHY led the team by outgiving Idaho on the run. He came in second overall with a run time of only 15:40. Other outstanding performances were by MIDN 1/C K. L. CODY, MIDN 2/C M. D. HENDERSON and MIDN 4/C G. J. MURPHY. Unfortunately one of the teams members, MIDN 4/C M. A. LARKIN was unable to compete as he was in the hospital from a car accident. Also, there was some controversy over the way the pull-up stage of the men's competition was judged. The issue concerned whether the pull-up phase should be judged based on individual strength, or on technique.

The results of the men's competition were: MIDN 1/C K. L. CODY - 710 pts; MIDN 4/C G. J. MURPHY - 640 pts; MIDN 3/C M. D. HENDERSON - 545 pts; MIDNs 4/C P. T. RYAN - 485 pts; J. L. GRANT - 390 pts; and A. D. MAZZOLA - 295 pts. The results of the women's competition were: MIDNs 2/C B. M. HOLDENER - 446 pts; L. A. BACON - 296 pts; K. D. RICHARDSON - 286 pts. and D. E. BURGESS - 280 pts. Congratulations to all! But next year, the team has decided to take all awards.

MIDN 4/C D. W. WILLITS
MIDN 4/C J. L. GRANT

DRILL TEAM

The OSU Navy Drill Team freshmen were able to experience something very special on Sunday, February 20, and that experience is something that has been felt before — not just once, or twice, but for the past six years. The members of the Drill Team have experienced the unmistakable feeling of victory for the sixth year in a row. There can be no greater reward than to be told you are the best. The drill team has worked five long months drilling for close to three hours per day for six days a week, but it has paid off. Ask anyone who attended the awards banquet. They will tell you that there was no mistaking who was the best. Idaho might have been the most vocal, but they certainly were not the best. It was strange how quiet they became when the drill team awards were announced. There will always be next year, and this drill teamer can't wait to show cheesecake up their left nostril again. There is one thing that the Drill Team should hang their heads in shame about though, and that is that they didn't even give the other teams a chance.

MIDN 4/C P. P. CULBERSON
SWIM TEAM '83

The 1983 Oregon State University Navy Swimming Team entered this year's competition with perhaps the most talented squad it has in years. In the course of the meet, this proved to be true. However, to Oregon State's dismay, the other's teams had improved as well.

For about a month before the big event, the individual swimmers were hard at work, churning up the lanes to get in shape. Formal practices were held Monday-Thursday from 6-7 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00. But team members were encouraged to practice on their own as much as possible. Under the fine coaching skills of head coach MIDN 1/C Bing STICKNEY, and assistant coach, GMC ALFORD, the team was preparing for a tough meet. The swimmers for the Best in the West were: MIDN 1/C Mike RILEY, MIDNs 2/C David PARKHURST, Rich WERSEL, Lisa EARNEST, Diane BURGESS, Kathy RICHARDSON, Brenda HOLDENER, O.C. Joe OLIVIER, MIDNs 3/C Chuck HUNTER, Jennifer BARTLETT, MIDNs 4/C Mark BOEDTKER, Jim MOSER, Pat RYAN, and Steve BRYANT.

The meet began at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 19. A good crowd turned out to watch the closest, most exciting Northwest Navy swimming competition in many years. Oregon State got off to an early lead, but it steadily eroded in the face of an onslaught by the University of Idaho's determined swimmers. The excitement continued to build until the final event, which was to decide the outcome of the meet. It was the Mixed (men and women) 165 yd. Freestyle Relay. The race wasn't even close. The Best in the West won the race with ease; Jim MOSER swimming the final leg of the race. Unfortunately, in the excitement and celebration of victory, two members of the team jumped into the pool before the slower team's swimmers were finished. This resulted in O.S.U.'s immediate disqualification from that event. It cost us the entire meet, and the University of Idaho had the pleasure of taking home the swimming trophy by default. It showed that even the Best of the West can be defeated by a simple mistake. Next year, I'm sure we will celebrate our victory at the appropriate time.

MIDN 4/C S. P. BRYANT

BASKETBALL TEAM

It seems that basketball has another great rivalry with which to contend with. Indeed, it's difficult to compare the OSU — Utah rivalry with Philadelphia versus Boston, or Seattle versus L.A., or UCLA versus Oregon State, but try telling that to the NROTC fans. These fans were very much a part of the game during Northwest Navy's basketball championship, which had our NROTC team against that of Utah's, the same match up as last year.

After Utah had disposed of high spirited Idaho, and OSU had outlasted Washington, OSU and U of U met in a contest that featured, for Utah, some very big men in the middle who put on some moves that might have even made Charlie Sittton envious. For OSU, the running was game led by MIDN 4/C T. H. McGINN, who led all OSU scorers. MIDN 3/C M. A. SMITH rammed home the clutch baskets in the second half.

MIDN 2/C D. M. MILLER and MIDN 2/C G. A. ZWICKER did a fine job of containing Utah's post men, and provided OSU's motivating factor for the whole team's defensive effort.

After the dust had cleared, as the saying goes, the final score had OSU with its second championship under its belt, helping to carry on a winning tradition for OSU at Northwest Navy competitions.

MIDN 4/C R. A. POTTS

RIFLE TEAM

The Navy ROTC rifle team only came away with 3rd place in the Northwest Navy rifle competition, but they recorded one of the highest scores in the history of OSU NROTC teams: MIDN 1/C T. J. DYKSTRA, MIDN 3/C J. BARTLETT, and MIDN 3/C G. W. BALAN were the leading shooters for the team.

The competition took place Sunday morning, with Dick CHILDERS as range officer and Colonel RICE as umpire. The Universities of Washington, Utah, and Idaho fielded complete teams and Washington came away with first place, while Idaho took second.

The rifle team also traveled to Pocatello, Idaho for the Bengal Trophy Match Feb. 3-6. Although the team didn't place, they gained valuable experience, since many of the shooters hadn't shot in a big match before. Each of the team members shot a half-course and a full-course, a total of 18 targets during 2 timed sessions.

GYSGT R. E. ARTHUR accompanied the team on the trip and was reported to have said several times, "We're having fun, now!" The statement was echoed by the team members who enjoyed the opportunity to compete, representing OSU NROTC.

Locally, the team is competing in the Willamette Valley League against civilian teams, as well as the Army ROTC team. The Navy ROTC team has defeated the Army in two of three outings. The final match for the two teams will determine the winner of the Carter Trophy. The NROTC team won the trophy last year and they plan to keep it for another year.

During spring term, the riflemen will lay down their .22 rifles, only to pick up M-1's which they will shoot during the high power season. So there's still more action to come from the NROTC rifle team.

MIDN 4/C V. J. LOONEY
COLOR GUARD

The Color Guard's performance in presenting our nation's Colors continues to be outstanding. Under the leadership of the Color Guard's C.O., MIDN Lt. J.G. K. L. WILSON and X.O., MIDN 2/C G. M. NADLER, the team is consistent in its efforts to carry out their assigned duty with dignity, pride, and professionalism. The team, consisting of two squads, is manned by Color Squad members MIDN 3/C L. C. FERGUSON, MIDN 4/C J. D. CAYD and MIDN 4/C S. B. DORMAN, and Weapons Squad members MIDN 4/C R. A. HARMON, MIDN 4/C D. KRAUS, and MIDN 4/C T. A. MANOS.

Color Guard has shown their abilities at several exhibitions this term including three home O.S.U. basketball exhibitions and the opening ceremonies of NW Navy. Spring term serves to be a busy time also as we participate in several battalion activities, including PFT test, battalion athletics, company projects, CO's inspection, and the spring Change of Command ceremony. Tri-service Review will be something new this year as the Navy Color Guard teams up with the Army and Air Force counterparts for a review of the men who will soon be an active part of our nation's defense.

The question has been asked now and then why Color Guard's standard exhibition does not involve more intricate movements. Color Guard's purpose is to present the National Ensign (our American flag) in a way that will call attention to our nation's symbol of peace and freedom without distracting that attention to the men in uniform, who are so proud to be able to be part of its display.

As this year's Color Guard Commander, I have tried to accomplish this and am proud to be the leader of the team with such awesome responsibilities to our nation.

MIDN 2/C K. L. WILSON

D & B

Teamwork. The drill team, the swim team, the basketball team — most of the Unit's competitive teams found out the importance of it at NW Navy.

The D & B found out sooner — and more painfully.

The year began well enough for the team. They marched at Albatross only a month later than the NW Navy, the team looked good. Only two freshmen had quit. They had the exhibition down. Only the music needed a little more work.

Then, virtually overnight, the D & B collapsed.

More than a quarter of the Corps quit, for a variety of reasons, and suddenly the team was too small to compete at NW Navy. Those left on the team left bewildered and deserted. The people they had worked with and counted on for five months had let them down.

What was left? A lot of thinking. Everyone wondered what had gone wrong. Why was this year different than all the others? There were a lot of reasons. But above all there was one thing missing on the D & B this year. The people who left took the problem with them. But by then it was too late.

The long hours of drill, the inspections, the precision marching, the music — that wasn't what the team was about. The team was about working together, fifteen people working for the same goal. Fifteen people striving to win. No one person could win by himself. It would take everyone. And, as the Drill Team found out Sunday morning, as long as everyone worked together, no one could lose by himself.

The year is far from over for the D & B. There are still at least two parades left to enter. After watching Washington walk out of Nenndel's with trophies that had grown dusty in our display case, the nucleus of the team is eager to vindicate itself next year. The challenges in the future are big. But for D & B, there's nowhere to go but up.

MIDN 3/C K. G. MANNING

DAD'S WEEKEND

The weekend of Saturday, February 25th, was O.S.U.'s annual Dad's Weekend. As usual, there were a number of campus activities, including the Arizona-Oregon State game, which, of course, O.S.U. won. An estimated two to three thousand dads were on hand for the festivities and to see what their children were up to.

Some fathers of midshipmen were also here and were able to see what NROTC is about. A few fathers attended our familiar Naval Science classes on Friday — maybe they even learned something. On Saturday, some of the dads came to the Unit and met the Unit officers and class instructors. Also on Saturday, at 11:00, our well known drill team gave an exhibition that impressed all those in attendance. In this way, the fathers who came got a taste of our life here at the Unit, that to us now seems so commonplace. What a long way we are from the rookies who first walked in the door — and hopefully our dads who came also noticed the difference and were pleased.

MIDN 4/C K. J. MECKLEM

ALBATROSS EDITORIAL

How badly do you want to be an officer in the United States Navy or Marine Corps? Have you really thought about the responsibility that being an officer entails? Not just overseeing a division on board ship or tending a nuclear reactor, but being a personal representative of our nation to the entire world. Chances are against it, but someday the lives of not just the men you are responsible for, but of an entire ship, and perhaps even the security of the United States could rest in your hands, and yours alone. Chances are against it, but it's a possibility, a very real one once you leave this unit, commissioned as an officer serving in the United States Navy or Marine Corps.

Why are you a member of the NROTC unit at Oregon State University? Is it because you want to be an officer? Or is it because you won a scholarship and would not be here at OSU without it? Will you still be here when it comes time to decide whether or not to sign on the dotted line? If not, will it be because the Navy or Marine Corps is not what you want to be a part of, or is it for other reasons?

Have you thought about what it takes to be a midshipman? Anyone can put on the uniform and enroll in the classes. But it takes more to be a good midshipman, a midshipman who is prepared as much as possible for the Fleet and the responsibilities that go with it. When you put on the uniform, do you feel pride? You should, because there are many who would gladly trade positions with you in an instant. If, for example, your Squad Leader asks you to do something that you may not quite agree with, or conflicts with some minor activity you had planned, do you feel resentment or anger? Or do you do what's asked and reschedule whatever you had planned? When help is asked for, do you do your best to volunteer if it doesn't conflict with classes or other such important commitments?

Being a midshipman and eventually an officer is no light responsibility. Even now, whether first class or fourth, you should start feeling the weight of that responsibility, and have respect for it. The most important thing you can do is to be true to yourself, and to others. If the Navy or Marine Corps is not right for you, then admit it to yourself and others, don't hide it. You'll hurt only yourself, and others who know you, will still respect you and be your friends. If the Navy or Marine Corps is what you want, then work hard at it as a midshipman so that when you do become an officer, you can take pride in knowing that YOU ARE THE BEST YOU CAN BE. Be proud of what you're a part of, and be yourself, you have a right to be.

MIDN 4/C D. W. WILLITS
This year's A.I.F.T. left the Eugene airport on Monday, January 24 at 1000, aboard a U.S. Naval Reserve DC-9 from Whidbey Island, Washington. Eighteen midshipmen led by LT HARDWIG left for Pensacola Naval Air Station to begin a four day learning experience in the fascinating field of naval aviation.

We stopped for refueling at Tinker A.F.B. in Oklahoma City, after a 2½ hour flight from Eugene. We had the opportunity to admire some of the Air Force's superb aircraft, such as the E-3 AWACS, F-4 Phantoms, a single F-16, and several of the old reliable B-52. Our plane arrived at Pensacola at 1600 local time, and most of us were surprised at how chilly the air was when we stepped off the plane, expecting instead the warm sub-tropical breezes of Florida. We quickly discovered that the weather in northern Florida during January isn't much better than the familiar rain of Oregon. The weather was of little concern though when we started the next day's busy schedule of events.

Tuesday morning began with breakfast at the Officer's Mess and then a welcoming presentation by several members of the staff of the air station. A packet of information was given to each of us concerning the operation of the base, location of training areas, and squadrons. We then proceeded to VT-86 headquarters on the base to hear a lecture by an instructor Radar Intercept Officer (RIO) from an F-4 squadron and a Tactical Navigator (TN) from an A-6 squadron. This was the main presentation for those students interested in the Naval Flight Officers program. The Naval Aviator program was saved for the next day. Following this, we were taken on a tour of the base aircraft maintenance facilities. The hangars where the aircraft are repaired are by themselves interesting to see because of their enormous size. All of us were very surprised by the tremendous amount of maintenance work required to keep a squadron in flight. This wasn't exactly the most exciting part of the trip but it was very informative and taught us to realize the extreme importance of aircraft maintenance.

After lunch that same day we encountered the swimming test and the Dilbert Dunker, perhaps the most challenging aspect of the trip. The swim test consisted of swimming 75 yards in full flight gear. The swim started with a jump off of a 14 ft. platform into the deep end. It was not difficult but a little tiring. The Dilbert Dunker (like in the film An Officer and a Gentleman) was a new experience for nearly everyone in the group. It is designed to simulate a cockpit in a plane that has crash landed in the sea and turned upside down. It is not difficult to escape from, but its hard to keep your cool when you feel trapped and you're upside down in 12 ft. of water. That evening we finished the day's events by practicing our beginner's flying skills in the flight simulators on the base. It was like playing the most advanced video game ever made! We all enjoyed operating them and were eager to someday learn to fly or navigate in the real thing.

The next day we mustered in flight suits issued the night before, ready to begin our flight immediately. But first we were taken to the Survival Center there on base, which was packed with useful information on how to survive in the wilderness. We then proceeded to Whiting Field, an hour's drive from Pensacola Naval Air Station, where upon arriving, we visited the North Field where the single engine fixed wing craft were parked. The T-38's, which we were given a chance to inspect close hand, are a part of Trawling Five, where many Navy aviators get their first hours of flight time.

After leaving the North Field and having lunch at the Officers Club on base, we proceeded to the South Field, and the Helicopter Training Center located there. After a brief introduction period, including a training film on helicopters, we proceeded to the nearby hangars while the two helicopters we would be flying in were being readied.

Helicopters 168 and 190 will not be easily forgotten by those of us on this year's A.I.F.T. Despite LT. HARDWIG's firm belief that "those things don't really fly," they do, and what a flight it was. Each midshipman was given a 15 minute flight where the pilot demonstrated the capabilities of the helicopter, from moving backwards and sideways to a non-powered landing that was so smooth it was difficult to tell when touchdown was actually made. Then the pilots gave each of us a chance to fly the helicopter. It is an experience that is difficult to describe to those who have not had it before, except to just say it was GREAT!! All of us were ready to start Aviation Indoctrination right there on the spot instead of waiting as much as 3½ years before we could start learning how to fly.

The next day we viewed one more training film, visited the Naval Aviation Museum and then finally departed on our DC-9 back to Eugene, with a brief stop in Denver for refueling. At this point we would like to say THANK YOU to Commander BREWER, for taking time out of his busy schedule to better explain the finer points of aircraft maintenance at the base, and to Lieutenant WEINKEL and his fine staff for doing so much to make sure the trip was a success.

MIDN 4/C S. P. BRYANT
MIDN 4/C D. W. WILLITS
SENIOR MESS NIGHT

On 14 January '83, a wonderful Friday night, the Senior class held its annual Senior Mess Night. The Guest of Honor was Commodore T. E. LEWIN, with distinguished guests, OSU President, R. W. MacVICAR and Captain S. D. SIMPSON, USN (Ret.)

Official festivities commenced with the parading of the beef roast to a full bagpipe accompaniment. After having been sampled and approved by the President of the Mess, MIDN CAPT. K. E. LUTTERMAN, the beef was returned to the galley by a sideboy and girl, MIDN 2/C D. A. TROTTER and K. D. RICHARDSON. Shortly thereafter, the meal was served and the real fun began.

The shared sentiments of the entire senior class and their four years of mutual experiences. After the announcement of Spring billets, the formal and informal toasts were begun. Most notable among all of the toasts was heart-rending acappella melody sung to Major W. N. MYERS, in honor of his kindness, mercy, and general sympathy toward recalcitrant midshipmen. Tears were brought to many eyes; but that was probably more the result of the dense cloud of cigar smoke, rather than anybody's heartfelt wishes for the Major.

But alas, all good things must come to an end, and so did the evening. All glasses were raised and drained, although in some cases, not all the wine went where it was supposed to go. (I understand wine stains are difficult to remove from white shirts). Overall, the evening was a smashing success and “a good time was had by all.”

MIDN 1/C M. B. SMITH

SIEKIEWICZ

Mr. Stanley Sienkiewicz, Special Assistant to the Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology spoke to the midshipmen and cadets of OSU’s ROTC units, Tuesday, January 26, in Milam Auditorium. His subject was the Reagan Administration’s nuclear weapons policy.

Mr. Sienkiewicz lectures on U.S. foreign policy, arms control and national security at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, one of the nation’s leading national security "think tanks". He told the audience that “the United States has come to realize that a significant advantage (in nuclear arms) is not achievable. I don’t believe, however, that the Soviet government has accepted that conclusion in the same way.” On the subject of nuclear arms negotiations, he added, “the way one deters in a nuclear age is by means of reliable, assured retaliation. If one side thinks it can get its ends without compromise, there is no incentive to stop seeking military advantage.”

MIDN 2/C M. T. WINEBARGER
COMMISSIONING FALL 1982

Friday, December 10, 1982, marked the commissioning of four officers at the NROTC unit. Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps, were Roger BURTON, Mark SIMS, and Lynn BAILEY. Commissioned Ensign, United States Navy, was Steve PFAF. Ensign Pfaff is now assigned to Nuclear Power School, Orlando, Florida. Lieutenants Burton, Sims, and Bailey are undergoing training at The Basic School, Quantico, Virginia.

ANNOUNCING THE MARE NOSTRUM LEADERSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Mare Nostrum, the Navy Option's professional club, wants your ideas on leadership — and is prepared to offer cash! Here's your chance to show off your writing talents, share your ideas with the battalion, and earn some extra money. All that's required is that you put your thoughts on leadership into an essay, 1000-3000 words, and submit it to Mare Nostrum. Prizes include $20 for first place, $10 for second, and $5 for third.

Here's how:

RULES
1. Eligibility: All midshipmen, officer candidates, and MECEP students are eligible to compete, with the exception of members of the Mare Nostrum Essay screening board.
2. Subject: Essays could answer the following questions: What is leadership? How does leadership relate to the activities of midshipmen and officers in the Navy and Marine Corps? What makes a good leader?
3. Format: (a) All essays must be typewritten, double-spaced, and 1000 to 3000 words in length. Rules of standard English grammar will be observed.
   (b) All essays must include a title page containing the title of the essay and the number of words. The author's name should not appear on the title page, nor anywhere within the body of the essay.
   (c) Essays should be submitted in an envelope. The envelope should have the author's name, the title of the essay, and the number of words printed on it.
4. Judging: Essays will be screened by a Mare Nostrum committee, then evaluated and ranked by a board of Naval Science instructors.
5. Prizes: First place: $20; Second place: $10; Third place: $5; and Honorable Mention.
6. Deadline: All entries must be submitted to Midn 2/C Lisa Earnest by 01 MAY 83.

Albatross will publish as many of the winning essays as space allows.

COMMISSIONING WINTER 1983

Commissioning ceremonies were held at the unit Friday, March 18, 1983 for five graduating seniors. Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps were DOMINGO K. SALAZAR, CLYDE T. BURTON, and ROBERT J. MILLER. They will attend The Basic School, Quantico, Virginia.

RANDALL D. LEE and HAROLD W. DAVIS were commissioned Ensigns, United States Navy. Both will report to Flight School, Pensacola, Florida.

Albatross extends congratulations to all five, and best wishes in future assignments.

GENERAL KERR

Brigadier General Hugh KERR spoke to the battalion Tuesday, December 7, at the OSU Foundation Center. General Kerr is a 1955 graduate of the NROTC unit here at OSU, and his continuing interest in OSU midshipmen became apparent to all as he talked on the subject of leadership training at NROTC units. General Kerr's remarks on leadership and education were particularly inspiring to a midshipman audience preparing for final exams. Later in the afternoon, General Kerr also met and talked with midshipmen during a "social hour" held on the quarterdeck.
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SPRING TERM SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 28  Pick Up Schedules
March 29  First Day of Classes
April 1  GOOD FRIDAY
April 3  EASTER
April 9  Battalion Athletics, PFT  
Tri-Service Ball
April 16, 17  Battalion Woodcut
April 19, 20, 21  Red Cross Blood Drive
April 23  Semper Fi Field Meet
April 29, 30, May 1  Mom's Weekend
May 3  Platoon Comp
May 8  MOTHER'S DAY
May 14, 15  MOFEX
May 17  CO's Inspection
May 18
May 20, 21  Ring Dance
May 22  Senior Seminar
May 24  Tri-Service Review Rehearsal
May 27  Tri Service Review
May 30  Senior Naval Science Final
May 31  Seniors VS. Staff Softball
May 31-June 3  MEMORIAL DAY
June 4  Spring Awards/Color Girl,  
Change of Command
June 5  Dead Week
June 6-10  Naval Science Final  
Commissioning Rehearsal
Graduation
Finals Week