A WORD FROM THE XO

Another Fall Term has come and gone. For some it has passed quickly. For others, it never seemed to end. For me it was a term filled with success. We have a freshman class of 74 and a battalion that is 231 persons strong — 192 midshipmen and 39 officer candidates. Freshman Orientation was a tremendous success with very few dropouts. The freshman class is motivated and dedicated. The sophomores, juniors and seniors are setting the example and I am expecting great things at Northwest Navy in Idaho on February 15-16.

There are several field trips scheduled during the year. The Trident Trip, MOFT, and AIFT are but a few. This is an opportunity for you to see what the “real Navy and Marine Corps” does. Arrange your academics early so you can take advantage of these events.

We have a great start on what promises to be an outstanding year. I look forward to watching each one of you contribute to the reputation of the “Best in the West and the Rest.”

COMMANDER TERRY ROBERTSON

MOI SPEAKS OUT

I am extremely honored to be here at the OSU NROTC Unit. Even back when I was an NROTC student at the University of New Mexico, OSU was known as an extremely professional unit and from what I have seen here these first few months, the reputation is well deserved. The Battalion activities I have witnessed thus far, from Rookie-O to the Navy-Marine Corps Birthday Ball, have been conducted in a highly professional manner due to plenty of detailed attention, hard work, concern and enthusiasm on everyone’s part.

Equally as impressive is the esprit and dedication shown by the specialty teams.

MAJOR D. W. HENSLEY II

Joining the OSU NROTC Staff this year is the new MOI, Major D. W. HENSLEY II. The Major is a 1974 graduate from the NROTC program at the University of New Mexico. While at the University he fulfilled billets as the Sword Team X.O. and as a Company C.O. Upon his graduation and completion of The Basic School, the Major’s career has been full of leadership and responsibility. He has occupied such positions as Commanding Officer AFEES, Fargo, North Dakota, Company Commander in 3rd Recon Battalion, Okinawa, Japan, and most recently has been Commanding Officer for three different companies at Camp Pendleton.

During his stay at OSU the Major’s goal is to instill leadership qualities into the fine Marine Corps and Navy midshipmen here at the Unit. He encourages all midshipmen to do the very best they can at OSU, since no less than their best will be expected out of them as young officers.

Accompanying the Major during his tour are his wife, Georgia, and his two daughters, Jill, 10, and Erica 5. We hope the Major and his family have an enjoyable time in the great state of Oregon.

MIDN 2/C M.A. PHILLIPS
LT DARNELL

LT David F. DARNELL is new to the unit and the only staff member wearing aviator's wings. A Navy brat, LT DARNELL was born in Massachusetts but has lived in many different places. He was commissioned through the NROTC Program at the University of Virginia in 1979. Desiring to fly from the start, he went through primary flight training in Pensacola, Florida before advancing into helicopter training. LT DARNELL received his wings in November 1980.

During his first sea tour LT DARNELL made two eight-month deployments to the Western Pacific, flying the CH-46 Sea Knight aboard the USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) and the USS WICHITA (AOR-1). His first shore tour is as senior class instructor at OSU.

LT DARNELL has found the Navy to be demanding, challenging, but enjoyable. He considers himself very lucky in that he is doing exactly what he set out to do — not the case with many of his college classmates.

While here at OSU, LT DARNELL's goals are to teach leadership and management in an effective and realistic manner as well as to impart a final touch of polish on his seniors before they hit the fleet. After his tour, he has only one major goal, to get back in the cockpit. For now, the unit knows that LT DARNELL's landing here at OSU, although only temporary, will be a smooth one.

Midn 4/C T. N. Pham

LT D. G. SHAFER

LT David SHAFER arrived at the OSU NROTC Unit this summer to be the Junior Class Instructor. He comes here from approximately five years of active duty after graduating from the Naval Academy in 1979. During his service, he has experienced various sections of the submarine community. LT SHAFER has been to nuclear power school in Orlando, Florida and prototype school in Idaho Falls, Idaho. He was assigned to the USS ASPRO in Pearl Harbor, but due to medical problems he only stayed six months. He was transferred to the USS SWORDFISH during its three years of overhaul, and he also spent approximately two months at sea on the USS SARGO on an EASTPAC deployment. In March 1984, LT SHAFER earned his dolphins when he qualified as a submariner. He went to engineers school in May and then received orders to detach and come to OSU in June.

Besides his duties as Junior Class Instructor, LT SHAFER is advisor to the Public Affairs Committee, the Nuclear Power Club, the Society of American Military Engineers, and the Swim Team for Northwest Navy. He and his wife are looking forward to the challenge and experience of his tour here and he hopes he enjoys these next two years. Welcome aboard.

Midn 4/C K. M. Abreu

YN1 C. E. POSADAS

YN1 C. E. POSADAS was born and raised in Lingayen, Pangasinan, Philippines. He attended the University of Pangasinan before enlisting in the United States Navy in March of 1965.

Midn 4/C C. A. Peleguin

JOANNE DAY

Joanne has been the new unit secretary since July. She is no newcomer to dealing with students for she has been working in various jobs on campus for the last five years. Her previous position was at the Food Science and Technology Department doing clerical work.

Joanne came to Corvallis in 1956 so her husband could use his Navy benefits to attend OSU. She has been here ever since and now has four grown children who live in the area.

Comparing the midshipmen in the battalion with other college students she has worked with, Joanne said that the midshipmen do seem a cut above the rest, are respectful, and are enjoyable to work with.

Midn 2/C K. R. Young
AWARDS CEREMONY

OSU NROTC has always taken pride in the motto “The Best in the West and the Rest.” This pride is shown by the high number of awards and recognitions given to members of the Battalion during Fall term.

The following people have received awards during Fall term:

**Good Conduct Award**
MECEP Ron CRAWFORD
OC Marty CHARTERS
OC Scott BOHMANN
OC Timothy HENNING
MECEP David KUNZMAN
OC Juanito NEPOMUCENO
OC Mark PARCELL
OC Roderick ROSARIO
MECEP W.C. BAKER
(also promotion to Sgt.)

**Defense Meritorious Service Medal**
OC Dan KLINE

**Navy Certificate of Accomplishment**
OC Terry TUTT

**National Intercollegiate Pistol Championships Award 3rd Place**
MIDN Rich JAMIESON
MIDN Tim CLARK

The following awards were presented to the active duty staff at OSU NROTC.

**Navy Commendation Medal**
MAJ Doyle HENSLEY II USMC

**Navy Achievement Medal**
LT David SHAFER JSN

**Marine Corps Certificate of Recognition**
Gunnery Sergeant James COAN USMC

These awards show many years of hard work and dedication to the Defense of the United States. To the awardees mentioned above, Bravo, Zulu on a job well done.

MIDN 1/C C.A. NUSBAUM

COL STEIN congratulates MIDN 1/C M. THEIN on his accomplishments last spring.

BATTALION COMMANDER

As fall term comes to a close, we can look back on a long list of accomplishments, both as a battalion and as individuals. Rockie-O, the Birthday Ball, two birthday ceremonies, the Semper Fi woodcut, company projects, and the Albany Veteran’s Day parade are past and now a part of memory.

The chance to perform well academically for fall term is gone, as is the opportunity to score well on the Fall PFT. As we head home for a well deserved rest, however, it would be best not to forget these events and our performance in them.

Take a long look at your failures and successes. Were you at your best? How can you correct your weaknesses? These are the crucial questions each of us must ask.

Winter term is less than a month away, and with it a host of new challenges, new classes, Northwest Navy, squad competition and more. How will you stand? Fall term is over, but opportunity is still yours for the rest of the year, and will be largely determined by what you learn from the fall.

Each day will contribute — or detract — from your success in the face of new obstacles. What you accomplish each day, your attitude each day, and your desires each day will make your success at the end of the term — and life.

Return in January refreshed, smiling and hungry. Hungry to do well, to do better than “last time.”

Until 1985, then, have a good break and drive carefully.

MIDN CAPT KEITH G. MANRING

“Control of the seas means security. Control of the seas means peace. Control of the seas can mean victory. The United States must control the sea if it is to protect our security.” — JOHN F. KENNEDY
October 24 marked the date of the Navy and the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. The celebration, beginning at 2000, took place at the Corvallis Elk's Lodge. The receiving line included COL and Mrs. M. E. STEIN, CDR and Mrs. T. G. ROBERTSON, MAJ D. W. HENSLEY and his wife, and MIDN 1/C K. G. MANRING and his date.

MIDN J. WASHABAUGH began the ceremonies at 2100. All heads bowed as the bell tolled through the recitation of the prayer "Two Bell Ceremony:"

The toll of the ship's bell
Reminds us of the reverence
We owe to our departed shipmates,
And to those who guard the honor
Of our country,
Upon the sea,
Under the sea,
In the air,
And upon foreign soil.
Let us who gather here
Not forget our obligations,
And in silence,
Breathe a prayer
For our absent shipmates.

The Drill Team marched forward and formed a sword arch through which COL STEIN, CDR ROBERTSON, and MAJ HENSLEY proceeded to the front of the room. Each man spoke to the guests of the events in the past, of both the Navy and the Marine Corps, and although the speeches were solemn there was a feeling of pride, promise, and celebration throughout the room.

As a bugle played "The Marine Corps Hymn", the birthday cake was brought forward. Following tradition, the oldest and the youngest present, CAPT S. D. SIMPSON, USN (RET), and MIDN 4/C C. J. ADDINGTON were given the first pieces of cake.

The ceremonies concluded and the band "Runaway" began to play. When the band ended late into the evening, many people were still dancing and enjoying the festivities. A big thank you goes to the Events Committee, the sideboys, the Drum and Bugle Corps, and the Drill Team, who helped make it a wonderful night for everyone.

MIDN 4/C K. M. ABREU
Standing at the entrance of the Naval ROTC Unit at Oregon State University, I had a lot of questions on my mind. I had seen from countless movies unpleasant scenes of military indoctrination and wondered if it was really for me. The only way to find out was to walk through the entrance and give it all I had.

Walking through the door, I presented my order to the intimidating Gunnery Sergeant COAN. He reminded me of the tough drill instructor played by Lou Gosset Jr. in “An Officer and a Gentleman”. I noticed how the upperclassmen and the staff helped along the freshmen. They were extremely patient to make sure uniforms fit perfectly and all the forms were filled out correctly.

During the next four days we were put through physical conditioning, drills, a swimming test, and were introduced to a totally different lifestyle. At first, I was surprised at how the staff stayed in the background while upperclassmen ran the show. I soon realized that rookie orientation was not just for rookies but it was also a chance for upperclassmen to develop their leadership abilities. I saw that the training was not a weeding out process. It was not designed to break rookies but to help them along and to develop teamwork and discipline.

I know all freshmen gained a great deal from Rookie Orientation. The discipline and teamwork will help us get through the next four years. Rookie-O gave all freshmen a clear sense of pride and purpose. A big thank you to the staff and the upperclassmen for getting us sailing smoothly forward.

MIDN 4/C T.N. PHAM

“What’re you walkin’ for, rook? Come on — run, run, run!”

I was walking down the still dark street in the pre-dawn hours, comfortable with the thought that I was at least ten minutes early. I had plenty of time to stow my pack and then shoot the breeze with the guys for a few minutes before the welcoming committee hit us with a barrage of gung-ho.

Stupid me. After thirty seconds of verbal assault my pleasant illusion had been shattered and I had been thrust into a world that was much too loud for such a fragile time of morning. We were “singing” in unison and running, hopefully in-step. We were doing push-ups, lots of push-ups.

It had taken me three tries but I had finally passed the underwater swim test and was labeled “swimmer 1/C”. The sole remaining challenge was the physical fitness test. I left plenty of room for improvement.

Rookie Orientation Week was finished and I was midshipman 4/C. Finally! I could sit back and cruise, reaping the benefits of my scholarship for a token price of one hour of drill on Tuesdays. But, wait. I would never succeed by putting forth minimal effort. I realized that I didn’t want to be a mere midshipman, I wanted to be one of the best.

MIDN 4/C J.R. DARNELL

I had mixed feelings when I started Rookie-O on September 18th. I felt both excited at the thought of meeting new people and starting ROTC. I was a little apprehensive at the thought of what was going to be required of incoming freshmen.

I woke up at 0430. I figured this would give me plenty of time to get ready and be there about fifteen minutes early. Little did I know that to be fifteen minutes early in the Navy requires you to be there a half an hour before the scheduled time.

I felt like a lost sheep being prodded into the flock when I arrived and was ordered to find my place in line. I felt pity for the people who arrived thinking they were on time only to find out they should have been there fifteen minutes ago. The funniest thing that happened that morning was when I asked a fellow rookie standing in line what his name was and he barked out something like “Schmuckately sir!” I nearly doubled over laughing.

The P.T. workout turned out to be okay after the initial shock, but I was to have one final challenge before the day was over which turned out to be the toughest of all — the dreaded DRILL practice.

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ORIENTATION

When I first arrived at Rookie Orientation, I was very confident of myself. I thought I already knew what to expect since I had taken four years of NJROTC in high school. As I approached the field where I was instructed to be at 0700 hours, I saw everybody standing at attention and I heard the roll being taken. I did not understand why everything had already begun when I was still five minutes early. Then a staff member rushed up to me and demanded an explanation for my tardiness. I tried to explain to him that I was told to be there at 0700 hours but he interrupted me by barking out, “There are no excuses for tardiness! Take a place in first squad. Move it!”

As the time passed on, we were taught the basic marching maneuvers. I endured all of the lectures and finally the last day arrived. I knew the last day would be the hardest day because of the PFT. I didn’t think I would be able to endure the three-mile run but I was going to put forth my best effort and push myself as far as I could.

I did fairly well for about the first mile but then I began to fall back. As my steps became shorter and my pace became slower, I told myself I just couldn’t run anymore. Then I realized I was no longer running for myself. Instead, I was running for the Navy. This attitude really motivated me. I got a second wind and quickened my pace slightly to keep up with the three staff members who were running along with me, encouraging me to run all the way.

When I crossed the finish line, the whole staff was there cheering. I was so proud that I ran the whole three miles non-stop. However, I was even more proud to march into Milam Auditorium and raise my right hand to take the oath that swore me in as a Midshipman 4/C. I knew that my fellow “rooks” and I worked hard for this moment and each and every individual deserved to take a part in the conclusion of Rookie Orientation.

MIDN 4/C D. A. DIMMICK
On 10 November 1984, the OSU Naval ROTC Drill Team, Drum & Bugle Corps, and Color Guard went to Albany to compete in the Veteran’s Day Parade. Although there was rain, wind, and hail at times, each team exhibited an outstanding performance. The theme of the parade was, “U.S. Veterans’ past, present and future.”

After the parade ended, each entry formed up in front of the Albany Courthouse to take part in the ceremony which honored U.S. veterans. The NROTC Drill Team presented a twelve gun salute followed by taps, played by two members of the NROTC Drum & Bugle Corps, MIDN 3/C A. R. BARKMAN and MIDN 3/C W. D. OWENS.

After the ceremony was the awards presentation. The NROTC Drill Team and Color Guard each received first place in their categories. After the awards presentation, lunch was provided by the Veteran’s Administration.

COLOR GUARD

What brings pride to people’s hearts and lets them know they live in the best country in the world? The American Flag. Carrying the colors of the United States takes individuals with pride, courage, determination, and motivation. This year’s Color Guard has those traits and many more. The Color Guard is commanded by MIDN 2/C S. B. DORMAN, with MIDN 2/C D. KRAUS as executive officer. The Color Guard’s squad is led by MIDN 3/C A. J. PULICELLA, MIDN 2/C A. M. BILTON-SMITH, MIDN 2/C J. D. ODEN-THAL, who are led by MIDN 3/C A. J. PULICELLA. MIDN 4/C K. M. ABREU, J. V. BETSCHART, Q. HAMEL, and R. P. JOHNSON.

The Color Guard proved its outstanding abilities to continue against any and all odds in the Albany Veteran’s Day Parade. Despite the cold, the wind, and the rain, the colors proudly marched on. Looking forward to Northwest Navy and a busy basketball schedule, the Color Guard will have an excellent year.

MIDN 4/C K. M. ABREU

The cake cutting ceremony was officiated by COL. M. E. STEIN, with MIDN 1/C COULTER MONTGOMERY as a tradition of years past, MIDN COULTER read the statement promulgated by GEN LEJEUNE on the Corps’ Birthday in 1921. This was followed by the current Commandant, GEN. P. X. KELLY’s message to the Corps.

Prior to the cake cutting though, the unit was given the opportunity to see a proud moment in our new OCI’s career. MAJ Doyle W. HENSLEY was presented with the Navy Commendation Medal for his service with Beach and Port Co., 1st FSSG, his previous command.

After the presentation, the cake was cut and the first pieces were ceremoniously given to the oldest and the youngest Marines present. This year’s oldest Marine was 64-year-old Mort HAMILTON. His service in the Corps began in 1943, and he saw extensive action in the Pacific with the 2nd Marine Recon Company. The youngest Marine present was MIDN 4/C Robert LODZINSKI, 18, an electrical engineering major.

Though the cake was cut on the 9th the actual birthday of the Corps is the 10th. The ceremony was on the 9th, so that the Marines of the battalion could be present.

On the 10th a reception was held at Colonel STEIN’s home for the Battalion’s Marines.

MIDN 4/C K. M. ABREU

DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

Under the command of MIDN 3/C K. L. VANGORDER, the Drum & Bugle Corps is doing an outstanding job this year. The new team members are: MIDN 4/C D. A. DIMMICK, T. G. FITZGERALD, C. D. HOY and C. A. PELOQUIN. They all got their marching and instruments “wired” in a short period of time. These four “rooks” add great motivation to overall team spirit.

Every morning the Drum & Bugle Corps is out at 0530 marching in rain or shine, preparing for many expected victories in parades and drill competitions. Each individual demonstrates important factors such as confidence, discipline, endurance and spirit, to make the team a whole unit. Motivation, however, is the prominent factor in making it an outstanding team.

The Drum & Bugle Corps has participated in many fund raising projects to raise money to travel to Idaho for Northwest Navy in February. The team is ready to win all phases of the drill competition and sweep away the first place trophy.

MIDN 4/C D. A. DIMMICK

“Sign on, Young man, and Sail with me. The statue of our homeland is no more than the measure of our selves. Our job is to keep her free. Our will is to keep the torch of freedom burning for all. To this solemn purpose we call on the young, the brave and the strong, and the free. Head my call. Come to the sea. Come sail with me.”

—JOHN PAUL JONES

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

On Friday, November 9th the Marines of the Midshipman Battalion celebrated their 209th Birthday, along with the rest of the Marine Corps world-wide.

“In no other profession are the penalties for employing untrained personnel so appalling or so irrevocable as in the military.”

—GENERAL DOUGLAS MacARTHUR
SAVEKER '84

For us freshmen, it was the end of a memorable Rookie-O. For the upperclassmen, it was the beginning of another challenging year. Thus the unit staged the annual "Saveker Day" for old and new friends, and families to socialize and play some football.

In the "Revenge Bowl", the freshmen were pitted against the seniors in a classic talent versus experience matchup. The seniors quickly took control of the game behind the quarterbacking of MIDN 1/C M. D. "Scrambling" PIDCOCK and a strong defense. What was more detrimental to us freshmen, however, was the fact that we warmed up by doing the PFT earlier that same morning. We were sore before the game even started.

The only news to come out of the "Forgotten Bowl" between the juniors and sophomores was that the juniors won behind MIDN 2/C M. A. "Sticky Hands" PHILLIPS, who nabbed six interceptions for the unofficial unit record.

Needless to say, the barbeque that followed was quite welcome by all players and spectators. It was strange for us freshmen to eat and relax with the same people who had been driving us hard all week. I was flabbergasted to find out that I could no longer call my squad leader 'sir'.

During the barbeque, COL STEIN took time out to present the RACIMIFEROUS ROOK AWARD to MIDN 4/C G. D. HOY for being the rookie who best overcame all obstacles of Rookie-O. MIDN HOY then took great pleasure in ordering the Battalion Commander, K. G. MANRING, to assume horizontal thinking position for some exercise. Saveker Day was a relaxing afternoon for everyone and proved to us freshmen that the Navy and Marine Corps do know how to have a lot of fun.

MIDN 4/C T. N. PHAM

NAVY CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY

Two-hundred and nine years ago on October 13, 1775, Congress took a step that was to become the birth of the United States Navy. An appropriations bill was passed which included the purchase of two vessels, the ANDREW DORIA and the CABOT. So was the start of our Navy.

On October 12, 1984 the Navy's birthday was celebrated at the Navy ROTC Unit at Oregon State University. COL STEIN read a message from the Chief of Naval Operations, and made remarks on how our naval forces are being deployed like never before in these times of peace. Then, as tradition has set forth, the oldest and youngest sailors present, CAPT S. D. SIMPSON, USN (RET), and MIDN 4/C C. J. ADDINGTON, were presented with the first pieces of birthday cake. That concluded the ceremony as cake and punch were then distributed to the guests and Navy personnel that attended.

MIDN 2/C K. R. YOUNG

PFT

The morning of Saturday, October 20th found midshipmen all over the campus and Corvallis wrestling their bodies out of bed to go take the PFT. After an informal but stirring speech by Battalion Commander K. G. MANRING, HQ Company commenced the test at 0700. Maximum goals for men were 20 pull-ups, 80 sit-ups in two minutes, and under 18 minutes in the three mile run.

Women aimed for 70 seconds in the flexed- arm hang, 50 sit-ups in two minutes, and 22 minutes in the three mile run.

As usual, the pull-ups or flexed-arm hang and the sit-ups were done first. Next up was the three-mile tour around the campus. The weather was ideal — cool and damp but not wet. The PFT team and the unit's staff lined the course and offered encouragements, especially to the ones having difficulty.

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DRILL TEAM

This fall the Drill Team was enlarged by the addition of six highly motivated freshmen. These new members have integrated well with the sophomore squad leaders and are on their way to being ready for a sweep of Northwest Navy. Already this fall the team has participated in the Navy Birthday Cake cutting ceremony and the Birthday Ball sword arch. Also a specially modified team consisting of upperclassmen performed an exhibition at the Lebanon Elk's Lodge on November 7th. This year's team is off to an outstanding start and will be ready to bring the trophies home again!

MIDN 3/C G. R. HILBERG
PISTOL TEAM DYNASTY CONTINUES

The Pistol Team so far this year has established a strong foundation on which their winning tradition will continue. With many returning members and several new shooters, the team has its sights set again on winning Northwest Navy, National Navy Postal League, and other local, regional and national competitions.

The team’s esprit de corps has been found to be the main factor of their success. This quality was evident in the Pistol Team Woodcut held this fall to raise funds. It was also demonstrated in a few “unofficial” and one “official” team party in which the team was entertained by a comedy act FLINTSTONE and the SCHIZOPHRENICS.

All in all, the team this year is very strong and hopes to carry out again its motto, which is to aim to win.


MIDN 2/C M. A. PHILLIPS

RIFLE TEAM REBUILDING

The Rifle Team is off to a good start this year with four returning shooters and four freshmen on the team. Although the team has capacity for twenty shooters, this year’s small size allows more individualized coaching, which leads to a better chance of sweeping Northwest Navy.

SEMPER FI WOODCUT

Armed with their usual variety of killer chain saws, the Semper Fi Club set out on the weekend of October 12-14 to once again ravage the McDonald Forest.

Led by MIDN 1/C “Bo” WENDEL, the crew set out Friday afternoon, the 12th, to prepare as much wood as possible for the next day’s delivery.

Saturday began in usual Marine Corps fashion, wet and cold. The morning was highlighted by MIDN 1/C Jim NEES’ attempt to roll the rented U-haul down to Corvallis, from the cut sight. MIDN NEES and his passengers, SGT Modesto VASQUEZ and MIDN 4/C LODZINSKI, were fortunately not injured in the attempt. However, the three cords of wood in the truck’s rear received minor cuts and abrasions.

CHILI FEED

After running in cold rain for the PFT and sliding around in the mud for Battalion Athletics, it was a blessing to eat mouth-watering chili prepared by OC James PRESTON. The feast was held at Avery Park on 20 October 1984. Each midshipman got to choose their preference of mild or hot chili. There were also various carbonated beverages served along with the meal.

At the chili feed the champions were announced for the flash football games that took place earlier that day. First Company, First Platoon received first place. Also awarded was MIDN 4/C Carl ENGEBRETH for having the sexiest knees of the battalion. Everyone took part in making the day a success and had a lot of fun.

MIDN 4/C D. A. DIMITRICK

Who ya gonna call? PASSBUSTERS!

The team has undergone some drastic changes this year under the leadership of MIDN 2/C D. G. RUSSELL and MIDN 3/C C. F. SWANSON. The team will no longer shoot in the Williamette Valley Rifle League due to the league’s new policy of strictly postal matches. Instead, the team plans to compete in more traveling matches in Washington, Idaho, and California. Their first match was against University of Washington’s RROT-C Rifle Team on November 17. This match proved a valuable learning experience for all members of the team and allowed a “measuring-up” of this year’s competition.

The team has also established a regular program of PT to lower each member’s resting pulse. This should help them hold a more steady position during a match.

Plenty of hard work combined with the dedication of each member will ensure success and provide a foundation upon which to build a nationally competitive team.

MIDN 1/C G. W. BALAN

Sunday’s weather improved, hail was added. In addition to delivering several cords of wood, the MO’s feasted for the second time during the weekend on delicious meals ready to eat, supplied by CAPTAIN TOYNEE, the local OSO.

Sunday was marred by what could have been a serious accident. While splitting logs, MIDN 2/C Tom GARRIDO caught his hand in the automatic splitter, breaking a finger. He is recovering nicely at this time.

The final tally for the weekend, and subsequent deliveries during the next week, is a prime example of what a few good men are capable of. According to MIDN 1/C Nelson HECKROTH, the club delivered fifteen cords of wood and raised $739.17, which will be used for the club’s annual ski trip and the upcoming Umpqua River Raft Race.

MIDN 2/C S. W. BRACKEN

MARE NOSTRUM

Mare Nostrum has several activities planned for this year. Among them are a barn dance for the entire battalion, several trips to tour ships and a submarine, possible plans for guest speakers, and a barbecue for club members. Funds for these activities are provided through membership dues and an annual ongoing paper drive.

Mare Nostrum is presided over by MIDN 1/C D. L. MABEE, the club president, and MIDN 2/C A. BILTON-SMITH, the secretary. LT L. M. PILOSOF is the club advisor. These three are responsible for the organization and overseeing of the many ideas and plans Mare Nostrum has in store.

Mare Nostrum is dedicated to giving midshipmen a better understanding of the many different aspects of the U.S. Navy, such as career paths, technical skills, leadership and professionalism.

This year promises to be a rewarding and exciting one. Members have fun in addition to learning valuable career skills.

MIDN 4/C C. A. PELOQUIN

DEPARTED UNIT STAFF

During the past year, four of the Unit staff personnel went on to other assignments within the Fleet or the Marine Corps.

Major William N. MYERS, USMC, was the Marine Officer Instructor from 1981-1984. He is now attending the Marine Corp Command and Staff College in Quantico, VA.

Major MYERS is an alumni of OSU NROTC, having received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in 1970.

LT William E. CHEESEMAN, USN, served as the Freshman Instructor from 1981-1983, then as the Junior Instructor during the
2/C cruise gave Midshipmen an opportunity to experience a wide variety of activities in the naval service. One of which was to go out on a short deployment at sea. Shown here is the U.S. Schofield (FFG-3) as it comes back into San Diego Bay on one such deployment.

One of the opportunities of cruise might be to visit foreign ports of call. MIDN 1/C J. W. TRAILER enjoys the sights in downtown Hong Kong.

MIDN 1/C TRAILER, PIDCOCK, and WASHABAUGH pose with fellow Midy's on the flight deck of the U.S. Sacramento (AOE-1).

Cruise is for you to see the real Navy in action. One such exciting occurrence is underway replenishment. This photograph shows a Spruance Class Destroyer as it un-rep's with an AOE.

Weapons displays are always anticipated. Here a 5-inch gun releases a shell.
COMPANY PROJECTS

Over the weekend of November 3-4, 1st Company set out on its yearly project. This year's work, rebuild the obstacle course. The reason for replacing the O-course settled around the hazard that it was becoming. The hazard was due to the wood pilings rotting. The new pilings on the course now are fully treated against woodrot, and will last for years to come.

2nd Company's project was held on November 17. Setting out bright and early so not to miss the Civil War Game, being held later that day, the company, cleaned, raked leaves, and policed the general grounds of the Children's Farm Home.

Under the capable hands of MIDN 1/C M. D. Pidcock and G. Triantafyllides, all was accomplished on time.

On November 3, Headquarters Company met at Heart of the Valley Nursing Home in Corvallis for their company project. As individuals and in groups, the midshipmen swept, vacuumed, dusted, pruned trees, peeled wallpaper, collected garbage, and washed wheelchairs. Everyone had a good time and the Nursing Home benefited from their actions.

"It cannot be too often repeated that in modern war, and especially in modern naval war, the chief factor in achieving triumph is what has been done in the way of thorough preparation and training before the beginning of war." — PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Members of HQ Company tear off wallpaper at Heart of the Valley Nursing Home.

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A number of Midshipmen once again shined through their excellent physical condition. Those who scored 275 or above were:

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1983-84 school year. He is studying hard at Department Head School in Newport, RI.

LT Douglas H. COE, USNR, resigned from the Navy last year, after having been the Senior Instructor and Nuclear Power Program advisor from 1981-1984. He is now a student once again at OSU, pursuing a Masters Degree in nuclear engineering. LT COE is also an alumnus, having received his commission in 1976.

Y1N Herbert L. ROBERTSON, better remembered as "Robby", served as the Administrative Assistant at the Unit from 1981-1984. A submariner, he reported to the USS HADDIO (SSN-604), stationed at San Diego, CA.

All of the midshipmen at OSU wish to extend our best wishes and thanks to these distinguished personnel. They inspired us to achieve the highest ideals of the Naval Services.

"A Captain of the Navy ought to be a man of strong and well-connected sense with a tolerable education, a gentleman as well as a seaman, both in theory and in practice." — JOHN PAUL JONES