We grab an armload at NWN—

OSU BRINGS HOME 9 TROPHIES

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The 1983-84 academic year is well past its midpoint now and we all look forward to Spring term and beyond that to summer cruises, work and, for a few, that long-sought commission and active service. For some, that goal of commissioning and active service is only a few days away. I know you all join me in congratulating them: Lawrence C. Link, Richard L. Nikoley, William L. Peterson, Michael A. Riley and John M. Ripkey, on their commissioning. Since they all have become Ensigns USN, we can all wish them fair winds and following seas.

Much has happened this year. We started the fall term with a large and enthusiastic Rookie class. As the year progressed, a few have dropped away as they discovered they lacked the capability, desire or commitment to continue. Some who started with reservations have become enthusiastic. A few who started outside our unit have watched us, liked what they saw, and made the decision to come aboard. I regret those who have been lost and welcome those who have joined. Through it all we've become stronger individually and as a unit.

Northwest Navy was the major evolution of this term. Those who made the trek to Salt Lake City endured and performed magnificently. There should be a team trophy for "hardship endurance." The bus ride to and from Salt Lake City would have made OSU winner with no close runner-up. We missed the winner's circle on a few events, but we need to leave a few trophies for the others or they'll give up and quit coming. I think all who participated at Northwest Navy had a grand time; I know I did.

As I approach the end of my second year here with the "Best in the West and the rest," I am ever more convinced of my good fortune in working, learning, and playing with the finest young men and women our nation has to offer.

We now have behind us two quarters of school this academic year — 5½ months of study (more or less), and learning, leadership, and service to the university and to the community. We have been busy, too busy at times some would say. But look at what's been gained: experience. Valuable experience in working with people, as followers, peers, and leaders. And if your experience has been a good one, that is if you can say you have learned well and have done well with these people relationships, you have, or soon will have, an ability far more important than that taught in any formal classroom. That is not said to slight academics, because knowledge is certainly important (after all, no degree, no commission!); and much of what we learn here can be applied in our future service. But the service is people, more than anything — more than science and technology, more than exotic weapons systems or complex communications or computers. If one can't work with people, that person is generally not destined for great things.

Take hold of the opportunities before us here at OSU and within our Battalion. We're well on the way to yet another successful year. Join in or "take a hike."

LEAD, FOLLOW or GET OUT OF THE WAY!

I would like to thank Mr. Bowers and his staff for their organization and leadership provided during the first half of this year. The members of his staff have contributed much of their time, thoughts and energy to the service of our battalion. Their effort is not always recognized, but it is appreciated by myself and the incoming staff. The transition between the incoming and outgoing staff has been smooth because of their personal example and concern.

To the younger members of our battalion — it was not very long ago that I was in your place, a little uncomfortable and not sure of what was really happening. I too wondered why so many of my weekends were busy with unit activities, why I had to wear a slightly uncomfortable uniform and live up to a set of standards more stringent than those required of my civilian buddies in the dorms and fraternities. It is true, we demand more from you and expect more from you than society normally does. Our time here at Oregon State is too short to demand less. As a midshipman staff we have the responsibility to the military, as well as society, to produce well trained, competent and confident leaders. Without a challenge from those above and below us we naturally are less pushed to adapt to a changing environment. Self-confidence and self-reliance is achieved in part by working through adversity and the every day challenges of being in a military setting.

I have been impressed with the dedication several of the midshipmen have shown throughout the year but I have also been disappointed with the lack of effort from some others. We are experiencing this same lack of effort in society. There has been an apparent move away from some of our basic Judeo-Christian values. Values of integrity, dedication and responsibility for one's actions. Our values are really a statement of who we are and why we exist. The virtues of dedication and responsibility to our fellow man is essential for the Navy and Marine Corps to function effectively.

You have an individual responsibility to yourself, but more importantly you have a responsibility to your fellow midshipman to put forth a positive effort.

The effort we put forth during our time here at OSU is a mirror reflection of our future performance. People do not change overnight — if you put forth a mediocre effort now you will probably accept mediocrity in all aspects of your life. Do not quit on yourself — Do not settle for mediocrity. The gist of what I am talking about is the difference between winners and losers. We may fail at times but there is a big difference between failing and being a failure or a loser. We can all be winners by living and achieving through positive effort and self-sacrifice.

Whether you decide to pursue a civilian lifestyle, or stay with the NROTC program is a personal choice but while you are here you are expected to live up to the standards set. This unit will provide you with many unique growth opportunities if you are willing to take the challenge and give of yourself. I look forward to serving with you the rest of this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Dominic Pynes
Battalion Commanding Officer
MARE NOSTRUM

As I was standing at attention during an inspection at North-
west Navy, the inspecting officer asked me “what is your senior-
most ribbon?” Quick as lightning I had the answer. “Mare
Nostrum ribbon, sir.” This brings up a popular question these
days, — what exactly is Mare Nostrum, and what does it do? Well,
to answer the first part of that question, Mare Nostrum is the
Naval option officer training club here at O.S.U. Of course,
motivated Marine options are always welcome. Mare Nostrum is a
gathering of Midshipmen who are interested in learning as much
as they can about their careers in the Navy, about the things that
really make a Naval officer, and about the things Naval officers
like to do, like sailing and those kind of things.

What does Mare Nostrum do? Plenty! As of right now the Mare
Nostrum club is running a paper drive that keeps the money roll-
ing in. A unit Tee Shirt sale is planned, to provide a classy adver-
tisement for the ROTC program that everyone can recognize.
Also, a group of Mare Nostrum members is currently entered in
the college bowl, a university quiz game.

But Mare Nostrum is not all work and no play. On the contrary,
parties and trips are always being planned for the future. The
most favored idea is the one of a weekend trip to the beach for
some days of fun and relaxation.

Yes, Mare Nostrum is alive and well and forging ahead at O.S.U.
All interested Midshipmen are welcome!

-MIDN 4/C K. VANGORDER

BOOMER TOUR

On the tenth of February, 1984, approximately thirty mid-
shipmen, along with CDR ROBERTSON and YN1 ROBERTSON,
our driver, loaded aboard a bus for a trip to the Trident Subbase
at Bangor, Washington. When we arrived at the base it was already
2230, and we barely had enough time to check out the clubs
before it was dark.

The next morning reveille came at 0630 so we could prepare for
the busy day ahead of us. We were joined by COL STEIN and LT
COE for breakfast at the EDF, or enlisted dining facility. After
breakfast, we went to a welcome aboard presentation by the base
commander. Included in this was a slide show about the history
of submarines dating back to the famous “Turtle” of the American
Revolution. This was followed by a short question and
answer period.

Next we went to the base training facility. There we saw a
movie about life as a submariner, and then got a tour of the build-
ing. This training facility is considered to be one of the
largest and most up-to-date anywhere. In this building there was
just about every piece of equipment imaginable for the crews to
practice using and repairing. Although we only had time to see
a very small portion of the building, we saw various equipment from
valves to computers to missile tubes, and even an auxiliary diesel
engine. Probably the most fun, though, came when we got a
chance to try out the dive simulator (a full motion simulator where
you actually get to sit down and drive a submarine).

There was so much to see in the training facility that we barely
made it back to the EDF in time for lunch. After our repeat, we
were off to the refit facility. This was another tremendously large
and complex building. It is in this building that most of the major
repairs are done on the submarines. This building had just about
every spare part imaginable, and if they didn’t have the part needed
in stock, all the machines and equipment were on hand to
make it. This facility is so well-equipped that it can do almost any
major repair on a submarine you can think of, including many
things that were previously restricted to a shipyard.

Next, we got a short bus tour of the base. It was then that you
realized what a unique facility Bangor is. The whole base con-
sisted of nearly brand new buildings and facilities that were
nothing but the best. The most impressive thing about the base
was its size and beauty. Nature was certainly a major concern
when Bangor was built. The beauty and wildlife were the most
prevalent part of the base, and it almost seemed as if the buildings themselves were an afterthought.

Now it was finally time to actually visit the submarine. The sun
came out for us, giving a spectacular view of the Olympic Moun-
tains right behind the USS Michigan. There is one word to
describe the Trident submarine: IMPRESSIVE! It is nearly three
football fields long, and inside it contains the most up-to-date
equipment the Navy has. We spend nearly two hours touring the
ship and still didn’t see it all. That should give you an idea of its
size.

After a short dinner, we boarded the bus for the trip back to Cor-
vallis. Although the tour lasted only one day, everyone left very
well-informed and extremely impressed. If anyone ever gets a
chance to tour the Bangor Subbase, don’t pass it up. It is well
worth it, and who knows, you might just end up a submariner.

-MIDN 3/C M. Thien

1984 SPRING TERM
CALENDAR

March 19-23 ................................................................. MOFT
March 27 ................................................................. Uniform Day (Khakis)
April 6 ................................................................. Battalion Social
April 13-15 ................................................................. Battalion Project
April 28 ................................................................. PFT and Battalion Athletics
May 1 ................................................................. Platoon Comp
May 4-6 ................................................................. Mom’s Weekend (HQ CO exhibition)
May 9 ................................................................. Ring Dance
May 11-13 ................................................................. MOFEX
May 12 ................................................................. Ship Simulation Trip
May 15 ................................................................. Tri-Service Review and Governor’s Ball
May 29 ................................................................. CO’s Inspection and Change of Command
June 2 ................................................................. Navy Science Finals
June 3 ................................................................. COMMISSIONING

DT STRUTS THEIR STUFF

From the beginning, it was apparent that Northwest Navy ’84
would be a competition to remember for the OSU Navy Drill Team.
After a twenty-four hour road trip along the snow and ice
strwn “Great Circle Route”, the Drill Team arrived in Salt Lake
City in high spirits and began intensively preparing for the upcom-
ing competition. After countless hours of weapon cleaning, shoe
shining, and attention to uniform details, the Drill Team marched
out onto the inspection deck on February 18. After what appeared
to be an extremely lax inspection, the team went on to compete in
the regulation and exhibition phases of the drill competition.
MIDN 4/C S. W. Bracken competed in the individual knockout
phase, winning it handily. By 1400, the drill competition reached
its conclusion and the team was exhausted mentally and
physically, but still confident that it had once again ‘swept’ the
Northwest Navy competition. However, the awards banquet was
to bring a different outcome. For the first time in seven years,
Idaho took home the inspection trophy. This was a great disap-
pointment, but was amply compensated for, as the Drill Team
once again was awarded the regulation, exhibition, and com-
mander’s trophies.

Although Northwest Navy was not ‘swept’ in the strict sense of
the term, the OSU midshipman’s battalion has every right to be
proud of the performance of its Drill Team. Even though they
met many obstacles, they still emerged victorious when the
awards were presented. Next year, with the lessons of Salt
Lake City well in hand, it is a sure bet that the Drill Team will
again ‘sweep Northwest’, and return the inspection trophy to
its rightful owners.

-MIDN 2/C R. C. Hicks

-Winter 1984 ALBATROSS
CHANGE OF COMMAND

For the sophomores, juniors and seniors it was routine. For the freshmen, a new experience. Battalion change of command ceremonies were held on 6 February at Gill Colliseum, and represented a smooth transition between the old staff and the new.

The evening began with the Drill Team and Drum and Bugle Corps running through a mock competition in preparation for NW Navy. This included an inspection by demanding Marine NCO’s, regulation phase, and the ever awe-inspiring exhibition phases. The entire battalion was impressed, and showered the teams with applause.

Once Mock Comp was concluded, the battalion assembled on the deck for the formal proceedings. Two letters from COL STEIN were read, followed by Midn. Captain R. E. BOWERS’ departing speech.

Mr. BOWERS then strode across the deck, where he accepted the battalion colors from Midn. 4/C L. V. DAMON. He then returned to the front of the formation and passed the colors to his replacement, Midn. Captain D. J. PYNES.

Midn. PYNES delivered a stirring acceptance speech. The changing of staffs went smoothly both on and off the drill deck, and the unit seems destined to continue on the path of “Best in the West” under the guidance of Mr. PYNES.

-Midn. 4/C A. J. Pulicella

COLONEL’S INSPECTION

There we were, the entire Midshipman Battalion, all standing tall and straight for the Colonel’s inspection. Orders were given, people snapped to attention, and the Inspection began.

I do not know about other people, but several things were running through my mind. — Would I do well? Would the Colonel ask me a question, and if he did, would I answer with confidence, or would I just babble incoherently? Would my feet drop off in the middle of the inspection from blood loss? Would I ever be able to move my arms from the position of “Parade Rest”? And what if my nose started to drip? How does one discreetly wipe their nose while at attention?

Other things started running through my mind. It seemed as though I was watching everything from a distance, I could hear someone talking, but the words did not make sense. Waa Waa Waa, — just like the teacher in a Charlie Brown cartoon!

Now my glasses started to slip down my nose. Would this ever end? He’s only just starting on Third Company and we have been here for hours. For days. For years. For a million years! Well, maybe not that long.

Uh oh, there he goes. Whew, we’re done! Ahh, feeling has returned to my left big toe!” “So, how was the inspection?”, someone asks. “A piece of cake”, I reply with a smile.

-MIDN 4/C K. L. Vangorder

You midshipmen are great, but when do they serve the food around here?

SENIOR MESS NIGHT

Senior mess night is an annual event at the OSU/NROTC Unit. It is an opportunity for graduating seniors to get together and eat, drink, and be merry. Besides being a fun night, it is also a formal night steeped in tradition. The night begins with a cocktail hour where the seniors mingle and introduce themselves to anyone who seems unfamiliar or for that matter anyone who looks important. The guest of honor, Rear Admiral WILLIAMS, had quite a crowd gathered around him.

Mr. Vice, Midn. 1/C D. LEINGANG, was busy taking notes on those who violated the rules of the mess. They would receive their just rewards later in the evening. After the cocktail hour, seniors and staff made their way to the dining table. When everyone was seated, the beef was piped in and pronounced to be “fit for human consumption” by Mr. President, Midn. 1/C R. E. BOWERS.

The bagpiper will be remembered in the minds of many for his rendition of the Marine Corps Hymn. Prior to, during and after the meal, Mr. President was continually recognizing points of order.

Midn. 1/C D. BURGESS started the evening off by stating that Midn. 1/C J. DENNY should be fined for taking “illegal liberties with her leg”. The points of order ranged from valid violations of the mess to ridiculous stabs in the dark.

When the meal was finally over, the formal toasting period began, after which the evening ended. A good time was had by all who attended and it will be an evening to be remembered for a lifetime.

—OC C. L. Weinshelbaum

Part of the ritual before dinner is served at Senior Mess Night is the ancient art of Scottish Ear-Torture.
SQUAD COMPETITION

Early on the morning of January 31, 1984, the members of 1st squad, headquarters platoon, headquarters company, were preparing for what proved to be a victorious event for them. Squad competition, which is held once a year, is considered a big event within the battalion, although it was overshadowed by the upcoming Northwest Navy competition. On that morning, the members of headquarters platoon sat on the sidelines in Gilly Coliseum watching as their representative, first squad, led by MIDN 2/C J. WASHABAUGH, and squad members MIDN 2/C M. G. THIEN, MIDN 3/C C. A. SNYDER, MIDN 4/C P. J. JENNINGS, MIDN 4/C T. M. WHISLER, put on their best efforts to win the competition. It was not until later that day that the rest of the battalion would watch as one squad from each platoon competed to see which was best.

Each squad put their all into this competition with many extra hours of preparation and drill to get ready for their one chance to prove themselves. These extra hours paid off for the members of the first squad, headquarters platoon. The results were printed later that afternoon and first squad had arisen victorious.

Congratulations go out to MIDN 2/C WASHABAUGH and his squad for their fine performance. Congratulations are also in order for all of the squads that took the time to compete and did their best. To all of those who did not win, better luck next year.

-MIDN 2/C J. Washabaugh

SEMPER FI SKI TRIP

After a relaxing Christmas vacation, it was time for the annual Semper Fi Club ski trip. Although there weren't as many people attending this year's trip as compared to previous trips, those who did attend can assure you that a good time was had by all (except for a few minor abrasions).

Most everyone arrived Friday evening to get a good night's sleep and an early start at the slopes the next morning. The accommodations were better than most of us had anticipated, thanks to Midn. 2/C COULTER getting us a cabin at the Inn at the Seventh Mountain. After touring the facilities at the Inn, most of us decided to retire early so we could be ready for the next day's events.

Saturday proved to be a fairly nice day with scattered patches of clouds interspersed with periods of sunshine. The wind forced the summit lift to be closed, but the rest of the lifts were open and put to good use by the club members. After Midn. 2/C HENDERSON adjusted his bindings several times, he finally got the hang of sliding uncontrollably down the slopes, and by the afternoon, he was a regular Franz Klammer. The snow was a bit icy, but the day proved to be a blast for everyone.

After an eventful day on the slopes, we went back to the Inn for a wonderful hotdog, macaroni and cheese with relish dinner (thanks to OC M. R. CHARTERS). We all went our separate ways after dinner, most of us put the Inn's pool and hot tubs to good use to relax from the day's ups and downs. Some of us had a lot more downs than ups, but we all survived without any major injuries. We were even visited by the world famous Grandpa Funk (A.K.A. OC CHARTERS), who was trying his best to pick up on some of the snow bunnies at the Inn. The rest of the evening was spent comparing wounds and some rather tall stories, along with some laughs and stories.

The next day some of the members went back to good old OSU, while others of us decided that the slopes hadn't had enough abuse for one weekend, so we hit the slopes for an even better day than the first. We all felt sorry for the others who went home, but we were having too good of a time to dwell on the subject. The day turned out to be great for skiing, and we were all sad to see it end. But we must get back to school and bid the slopes a fond farewell. I'm sure it won't be soon forgotten by those who dared...

I hope that more people show up for next year's trip. . . . I'll see you there.

-MIDN 2/C J. Washabaugh

COLOR GUARD

Gill Coliseum is the site of another home game. The half is packed to the rafters with fans awaiting the Beavers and their latest opponents to battle it out. The thousands of spectators in the stands are talking, laughing and yelling. Team members on both sides warm up as the cheerleaders whip up the enthusiasm of the crowd. The din is overwhelming. Through this tumult of emotions, six men in Navy blue and white march out as one onto the field of the court. At the announcer's request, all stand. A hush falls over the crowd, as the Color Guard Commander barks "carry colors!" As the midshipmen march out onto the court, only the sound of their uniform steps breaks the silence. As the National Ensign, and the Marine Corps, Navy and ROTC Unit colors are presented, the National Anthem strikes up. All present recall the first hundred and eight years of greatness represented by "Old Glory."

Midshipman LTjg S. B. DORFMAN commands a group of future Navy and Marine Corps officers that carry on traditions as old as our country. The members are Midn. CPO D. KRAUS; Midn. PO R. A. HARMON; Midn. 4/C A. M. BILTON-SMITH; Midn. 4/C L. V. DAMON; Midn. 4/C A. J. PULICELLA; and Midn. 4/C D. M. HEATH.

Now, as always, they live up to their motto—"Guard With Honor."

-MIDN 4/C D. M. HEATH

WHY ROTC?

There were several reasons behind the development and continuation of the ROTC programs in all services, perhaps the least of which was economy. The basis of the ROTC program is indeed chiefly political, and has its roots deep in the Constitution.

Superficially, it would seem that ROTC as a whole is simply an economcal extension of the academies. The service schools are themselves too small to meet the officer demands of today's military, and are also considerably more expensive per cadet or midshipman than an ROTC scholarship.

However, this cannot be seen as the most important reason for creating the ROTC programs. Much more importance rests in the simple fact that ROTC is a deliberate fusion of the military and civilian worlds. It is the fruit of this mix that makes organizations such as ours so important to our country.

The academies produce officers with tremendous exposure to the military way of life and thought, apart from the civilian world. An Annapolis midshipman is taught that he is something special, and, in some cases, rightfully so. He or she is the focus of the nation's finest military training. This attitude, however, tends to alienate him from the very society he is destined to serve.

ROT C bridges the gap between the military and society. An OSU mid, for example, has spent four years in a daily mix between the civilian and military world. He wears the hair of a sailor or marine, but attends classes with civilians, and wears a uniform but once a week. He or she must constantly take information from both the cultures and somehow form a sound mix in his outlook.

While all this is well and good for the US of A, it can be trying on the cadet or midshipman. While his hair is too long for his instructor, it may be ridiculously regimented for a few civilian friends. His uniform makes him the victim of instant stereotyping, just as is the case with some people's sex or skin.

Nevertheless, we stick it out. And as we learn about the military so do the civilians around us. At the same time we learn that all people "out there" aren't bomb-throwing hippies, they learn the military isn't full of baby-killing psychopaths.

There are many, many countries in the world that have no such bridge between "regular" and military worlds, and most of them are under military dictatorship.

A primary byproduct of the ROTC system, then, is the assurance of civilian control of the military. This isn't always the perfect system, and it has no doubt cost many lives in war, but our national determination to maintain civilian control of the armed services has saved us from the fate of countries like Chile, Argentina, and pre-World War II Germany or Japan.

-MIDN 2/C K. G. MANRING
Counterclockwise, from the top: The legendary drill team spent many hours in Gill Coliseum preparing for Northwest Navy, including Mock Comp on 2 Feb. Sergeant Bellosteroa comes face-to-face with a Ludwig Field Snare Drum. Midn. Burgess bravely hangs in there for another set in Utah. Midn. Swanson concentrates intently before the next round.
(Counter Clockwise, From Top:) The Drum and Bugle Corps took the deck Friday, beginning with inspection phase. The next day, it was pistol team which kept the winning ways of OSU with a first place finish. Meanwhile, the women faced up to the cold and thin mountain air to garner a first place in their PFT contest, and basketball battled dastardly Utah in the championships.
Dan Haas, here disguised as a coal rack, was a welcome face and an added inspiration in Salt Lake City.

NORTHWEST NAVY

Another year of competition has culminated in the event that challenges all teams to perform at their very best. Along the scenic view of the Wasatch Range in picturesque Salt Lake City, Utah, the 1984 Northwest Navy Competition was hosted by the University of Utah. A lifetime worth of memories were unfolded in two days.

Some memories will stand out more than others and some will surely be remembered by all. The bus ride to and from Salt Lake City is a trip that will not soon be forgotten (or repeated). It is not often that one gets to spend 36 hours over a four day span in a vehicle that has a mind of its own and thinks it can run on one less tire than recommended. And what better way to get to know your fellow midshipman than be confined to a space smaller than some family rooms for 16 consecutive hours with 35 of you trying to sleep, study, and converse simultaneously.

Things weren't all bad, to say the least. We can all be grateful for the luxurious accommodations provided us. We should, at the same time, cherish the thought and the fact that we stayed at the Marriott, for it may be some time before they are ready for us to return. The employees of the Marriott merit commendation for their invaluable efforts and their saintly patience.

The very essence of the trip was the thrill of competition and the test of our abilities matched against those of Idaho, Washington, and Utah. OSU prevailed throughout and made life in general miserable for the opponents. We came home with championship trophies won by the Drill Team, the Drum and Bugle Corps, the Women's PFT Team, the Pistol Team and the Individual Knockout by MIDN 4/C BRACKEN. Almost every other champion had to fight off a determined OSU team to take their honors.

-MIDN 4/C P. A. Splisbury

SWIM TEAM MAKES A SPLASH

On Friday, February 17, the OSU Navy ROTC Swim Team faced its biggest challenge— the swimming competition at Northwest Navy 1984 in Salt Lake City, Utah. We had prepared for one and a half months for the big event and were looking forward to meeting our competitors.

The competition began at 1900 and the team members were psyche to churn H2O. Team members included: Midshipmen 4/C W. B. BARCLAY, and J. M. DORAN; Midshipman 3/C M. S. BOEDTKER; Midshipmen 2/C N. R. RUSSNOGLE and J. W. WOLLENBECKER; and Midshipmen 1/C D. E. BURGESS, L. M. EARNEST, B. M. HOLDENER, D. C. PARKHURST, D. J. PYNES, K. D. RICHARDSON, M. A. RILEY, J. M. RIPKEY, and R. M. WERSEL; Officer Candidates C. L. HOWE and J. T. LAVINE. Chief ALFORD was the team advisor and a great inspiration to the team.

Chief ALFORD and swim team captain D. E. BURGESS' main goals were to encourage participation on the team and to do well at Northwest Navy. Anyone who attended practices regularly and showed enthusiasm was on the team. Many swimmers improved throughout the season, for those this was a personal achievement. Special recognition goes to Midshipmen 3/C M. S. BOEDTKER for placing first in the men's 200 yard individual medley.

The team's efforts helped us to place second in the overall swimming competition, behind the University of Washington. Overall, the swim team performed well and a great time was had by all.

-MIDN 1/C D. E. Burgess

BASKETBALL STOPPED SHORT

The Oregon State University Navy Basketball team fell short of defending its title as 1983 Northwest Navy Champs when they were stunned by a hard charging Utah team in the 1984 Northwest Navy Championship game in Salt Lake City.

The basketball team made the trip to Salt Lake City with only seven of the original twelve members chosen for the team. The team's coach, LT PILOSF, recruited two more players from other OSU Navy teams and suited up a nine man team for the start of the tournament.

OSU opened the tournament, playing the first game against the University of Idaho. With the hot scoring of MIDN 1/C M. D. PIDCOCK and MIDN 3/C T. H. McGINNIE, the OSU team jumped out to an early lead and held on to win by a six point margin. OC M. R. CHARTERS and MIDN 1/C G. A. ZWICKER provided a tenacious defense, while OC D. S. KUNZMAN pulled down the rebounds. The team also got support off the bench from MIDN 3/C K. R. YOUNG and MIDN 4/C K. M. ROBERTSON, P. A. SPLISBURY, and G. L. HANNON.

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PISTOL TEAM DRILLS 'EM

Alas, another year has come and gone for Northwest Navy. This year's competition took us east to the great city of Salt Lake City, Utah, where we were hosted by the University of Utah. The Pistol Team fared very well against the competing NROTC teams which included: the University of Utah, the University of Washington, and the ever-tough University of I-D-A-H-O.

The Pistol Team was awakened from their deep slumber Saturday at 0500 for their match. Upon arrival we found a very nice and comfortably new shooting range with excellent lighting. After loosening up we assembled all of our gear for the final showdown.

The stage was set and we proceeded through our series of slow, timed, and rapid courses.

The Match was completed with a minimum of alibi rounds. Now all that we could do was wait anxiously for the results of the teams to shoot.

A little background is necessary here. Each pistol team shoots a total of six targets (10 rounds per target) worth 100 points each with a total possible of 600 points. The teams shoot two slow fire courses with 5 minutes to shoot 10 rounds at each target followed by two timed fire targets at 40 seconds per 10 rounds and finally two rapid fire targets at 20 seconds per 10 rounds for the total of 60 rounds.

At the banquet the final scores and trophies were given out. Here are how the teams placed. OSU NROTC took first place for the overall match with a whopping 2402 points for the top five shooters - beating runner-up Utah by 150 points. Placing first in our group was Midshipman 1/C Scott SABIN with a blazing 159 points out of 600, followed by Officer Candidate Cint MADDOX with 496. Third place went to Midshipman 2/C Rich JAMIESON with 483 points followed by Midshipman 4/C Andy KING with 452 points and finally Midshipman 3/C Tim CLARK with 450 points.

Our closest competitor, the University of Utah, was left standing in the dust with a total score of 2252, followed by the University of Washington at 2227.

A point of interest: each team sports 10 shooters who are broken into two five-man teams. This allows a total of eight finishing places at the end of the competition. Our second team consisting of Midshipman 1/C Kathy RICHARDSON, Midshipman 4/C Mark PHILLIPS, Midshipman 3/C Russ GARTZ, and Midshipman 4/C Charles FOX, and Officer Candidate Mark PARCELL, placed 4th out of the eight possible slots beating out I-D-A-H-O's first team by eight points. We noticed that the Idaho table was fairly quiet at this point!

The Pistol Team will next shoot against OSU's school team in hopes of continuing on to the Collegiate National Championship in Colorado. Let's hear it for the Pistol Team!!

-OC Mark Parcell

D&B SWEEPS NORTHWEST NAVY

The long trip to Salt Lake City complete, the OSU NROTC Drum & Bugle Corps unloaded the gear from the buses, anticipating an enjoyable afternoon of rest and an evening of preparing for competition on Saturday. We were quickly informed that our competition would be Friday night at 2100, not Saturday. This forced us to spend the first three hours after getting into our rooms frantically polishing brass and shining shoes and preparing our uniforms and instruments for the night competition.

We arrived at the University of Utah at 1900, and spent about an hour rehearsing and getting used to the drill deck. Then we put our uniforms on, checked each other over to make sure everything was perfect, then stood by while the University of Washington NROTC D&B completed their exhibition phase. When they left the drill deck, it was our turn.

Inspection phase was first. Four Marine Corps drill instructors literally ran through the ranks, utilizing the squad leaders as scribes, checking for any small, overlooked detail which would merit a gig. A civilian music judge also made his way through the formation, seeing if the midshipmen knew what they had to about their music and instruments. We made it through inspection relatively unscathed, another testimonial to how early morning practices and inspections will prepare a team for competition.

Regulation phase was next. The D&B went through its set of columns, flanks, obliques, close and extended marches, half-steps, left and right steps, and facing movements with the precision that has set OSU NROTC marching units above everyone else for so many years.

Then came Exhibition Phase. We had been spending all year on this, including 9 hours a week the last month, getting this show together, and we were ready. We took the deck and went into the first formation, slow-step into the 'Spearhead'. The heels of the D&B sounded like one during form-up, striking the small audience with awe and silence. We played the opening Fanfare, then started the main part of the exhibition. Playing "The Marine Corps Hymn" and "Sapem Fidelis March", the D&B marched through the counters and French columns and meshes almost flawlessly, then formed up in concert formation for "March of the OSU D&B". Following this, we进行了 our quadrant meshes to the tune of "When the Saints Go Marching In", then through some more precision marching while playing "Anchors Away", then into final form-up to the theme from the Olympiad. As we left the deck, we knew that we had put on a superb exhibition and that we would have little trouble garnering first place honors.

At the Awards Banquet Saturday night, our expectations were answered as MIDN LTg K. G. MARNING received the D&B Team Commander's trophy, and the OSU NROTC Drum & Bugle Corps won the first place D&B trophy. MIDN 4/C A. R. BARKMAN accepted the trophy for the team. While we knew we had performed well enough to win, we still celebrated enthusiastically, as the Northwest Navy Drum & Bugle Corps trophy has been brought back to Oregon State to stay. Following the banquet, the D&B first-year members carried on an old team tradition, putting the team CO (MIDN MARNING) into the drink, and a few others went in as well (like the whole team, plus MIDN 1/C L. M. EARNEST).

The victorious '83-'84 D&B consisted of MIDN 4/C K. L. VANGORDER, T. A. MUSSELMA, W. D. OWEN, J. J. BONNER, and A. R. BARKMAN, as well as MIDN 3/C K. J. MECKLEM, C. J. DOLSON, and S. M. BROGAN. The ranks were fleshed out by MIDN 2/C J. W. WOLLENBECKER, J. M. COULTER, K. J. O'DONNELL, and K. G. MARNING.

To the team, taking first at Northwest Navy made all those morning practices, when we could have been sleeping, well worth the effort and discomfort. The competition also brought the team closer together, making us work as a unit for a common purpose. We knew we had a job to do, and we went out and did it. The Northwest Navy Drum & Bugle Corps trophy has arrived back at Oregon State University, and it better get comfortable in our trophy case, as it will be there for a long time. OORAH!!!
PFT RUNS 'EM DOWN

The women's and men's PFT teams fared respectively well at Northwest Navy. Despite the weather conditions and some controversial sit-up counters, the women's and men's teams took 1st and 3rd, respectively. Some individuals worth special mention for their scores are:

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*2 mins./**1 min.

The maximum scores for men were: 30 pull-ups, 90 sit-ups within 2 minutes, and the 3 mile run in under 18:00 minutes. For the women, the maximum scores were: 90 second flex arm hang, 50 set-ups in under 1 minute, and the 1.5 mile run in under 10:00 minutes.

Due to the poor conditions and the 5000 foot altitude, the two teams were not up to their full potential. A Gunnery sergeant officiating the competition said, "The elevation should add 1:25 to your time." Another obstacle that provided a nemesis was a female sit-up counter who lost count of sit-ups for Midn. 4/C G.L. HANNON at 66 sit-ups with 45 seconds remaining. A similar case stalled Midn 1/C M.D. PIDCOCK and Midn 2/C M.D. HENDERSON. Henderson had enough stamina to finish; others dropped off from exhaustion.

In the women's competition, the worst foe was the conditions. One girl from the University of Washington was the only girl to max out on the run. One girl from the University of Idaho was the only one to max out on the flex arm hang.

Midn 4/C G. L. Hannon

RIFLE TEAM ON TARGET

This year's Navy Rifle Team, with Midshipman Vicki LOONEY as C.O. and Midshipman Doug RUSSELL as X.O., competed in both the Willamette Valley league, and in Northwest Navy with a great deal of success. The team sponsored the Hearst Trophy Match, and defeated the Army in the first of two matches. Midshipman LOONEY adds that the Carter Trophy will still be on the Unit's bulletin after the second match against Army.

great deal of talent. Several of the shooters, who had no prior experience in competition shooting before, emerged as the team's top shooters.

Northwest Navy was a great learning experience for this year's team. Although the team did not shoot as well as had been anticipated, the rifle team was competitive and plans on a sweep in Idaho next year. With the experience of this year's members, and a fresh crop of rookies waiting to be harvested for next year's team, the team will be hard to beat.

Rounding off the year for the rifle team will be high-powered season, in which the team will shoot M-1 rifles. This year's team expects to enter high-power matches. The high-power team is open to anyone who desires to shoot Spring term, not just rifle team members.

All in all, this year was enjoyed by all rifle team members. Special thanks go to Colonel STEIN for his invaluable time and assistance, Gunnery Sergeant COAN for his support of the team, and especially to Midshipman Vicki LOONEY, whose leadership and guidance was invaluable.

MIDN 3/C D. V. Russell

RANDOM PARAGRAPHS

The title for this column was thought up when I analyzed the way I write news stories. I put down thoughts, in paragraph form, and then I organize them (hence the brilliant title, eh?).

This issue's subject is military aptitude evaluations, or evals - for short. These are periodically used to evaluate the aptitude or performance of midshipmen, and to point out strengths or weaknesses for praise or correction as the case may be.

The ratings come on a four point scale. The midshipman's squad leader, platoon commander, company commander, the battalion commander, and the mid's instructor all rate him or her on their observed performance. All the "grades" are then averaged, with the instructor's marks counting twice those of the midshipmen ratings.

A midshipman's evals also combine with academic grades to indicate class standing. This helps decide if you will get the type of billet you want when you get commissioned.

How do these figure in? At the beginning of the senior year, the senior class instructor (in our case LT Coe) takes into account grades and evaluations from at least your junior year and probably sophomore year as well and then compiles a class ranking. This, for example, depending on the Navy's needs at the time, would help to determine your chances of becoming an aviator.

After spring term, the scores obtained are then sent to Washington, D. C. where someone in the dark recesses of the Pentagon ranks all the prospective ensigns that are to be commissioned. These are stacked up and given a numerical ranking.

The evals provide a system of praise and ways to point out faults to make better Navy and Marine Corps officers.

-MIDN 2/C J. W. Wollenbecker
SPOT THE WARSHIP

This term, ALBATROSS is featuring a special spot-the-warship quiz for aspiring and actual naval officers. Below are six famous or at least dangerous ships in profile. Can you save the carrier, task force, or world by properly identifying these vessels?

(Answers on Page 12)

1) When Second Lieutenant Stab N. Slash finds a band of Druze militiamen have come between his platoon and the head, he calls for a little persuasion from this matronly queen of the waves.

2) This sumptuous surface craft can run for a heck of a long time without having to refuel. She was the first surface warship to be built with her innovative propulsion system, and was the first cruiser built by her navy after 1945.

3) Your Bronstein class FF is cruising some 100 miles off Miami when you spot this profile dead in the water off your port quarter. After offering assistance, you get a curt reply unfit for print. What is she, and does she have the ability to incinerate a large portion of the earth?

4) Your squadron is on maneuvers with several NATO ships in the Eastern Mediterranean. Four widgets are aloft, so you can neither rotate nor radiate your radar. This silhouette suddenly appears out of the fog to starboard, with all weapons trained to port. Are you about to be the first casualty of WWII or are those crazy Turkish sailors pulling your leg again? Name that ship.

5) It’s a typical spring day in the South Atlantic. Unfortunately, a Super Etendard jet bomber just lifted off from a nearby landmass, and she has your number. Within a few hours, you and your crew will have every navy in the world scrambling to replace their sleek new aluminium ships with that dumpy old steel. What famous navy are you in, and what is the name of your vessel?

6) You are stuck with two flat tires fifteen miles south of Bugtown, Idaho when this baby comes racin’ through the snow at sixty knots. Inside her crew and passengers are comfortable and warm. They even have a john. As for you — you will be lucky to find a bush in this wasteland. You are in a yellow school bus — for five points, name that craft!

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When vandals stole the University's American flag last fall, midshipmen of the battalion were quick to respond with donations to buy a new one. Here Midn. Bowers presents the gift to OSU President Robert MacVicar.

BASKETBALL STOPPED SHORT

(Continued from page 8)

In Saturday's game against Utah, the basketball team showed the fatigue of a rough game the night before and a long bus ride the day before. Utah played well and seemed fresh as they took a small lead that OSU just could not seem to conquer. MIDN PID-COCK played a aggressive game and was the OSU leading scorer, but there was not enough of a spark to get the team past Utah.

With a better practice schedule and a few pre-tourney games, next year's team will be prepared to bring the basketball title back to Corvallis. The team will retain seven of the nine players from this year's squad.

-MIDN 4/C P. A. Spilsbury

ANSWERS: 1) USS NEW JERSEY 2) USS LONG BEACH 3) Yankee class Russian ICBM carrier 4) Kynda Class Russian cruiser 5) HMS ANTELOPE, sunk off the Falklands by an air-launched Exocet missile 6) Trailways Bus, Indestructible, unstoppable and expensive.