SPRING TERM MEANS
THE TRI-SERVICE REVIEW
COLONEL'S CORNER

As we look back over this academic year, I hope you join me in the sense of satisfaction that follows a job well done. We started the year with the largest rookie class since 1975. There has been the inevitable shakeout in some have left us due to academic problems and others because they could not adapt or decided that NAVY ROTC was not to their liking. I am sure there are still one or two more who will leave us before next Fall, but we are ending the year as we began, with a large strong class of '86.

BATTALION COMMANDER

As a Battalion, we face the future with a common goal, to be trained, and more importantly, to train others in the art and science of being officers in the world's finest naval services.

"Being officers" means responsibility for the lives and welfare of literally hundreds of young men and women. It is a heavy responsibility, and it is precisely why we are here. The opportunities to actively involve oneself in the preparations for this awesome responsibility seem endless: teams, clubs, societies, committees, honoraries—all crying out for dedicated individuals who wish to gain leadership experience, experience that just might spell the difference between life and death for some young Marine or Sailor someday.

I look forward to serving with each of you, now and into the future. An organization is nothing without people, and you are the people who make up, and are, the world's finest.

SEMPER FI

MIDN CAPT STEVEN B. DORMAN

COVER PHOTO
Oregon State University Color Guard, consisting of members from the Navy, Army and Air Force ROTC Units, present Colors at the Tri-Service Review.
Photographer: B. SHEVCHUK

RETIRED XO

Since this is my last opportunity to address the entire Battalion, I would like to say a few words on the difference between being a success and being a failure.

When I was a freshman, my full term GPA was 1.82. I was therefore placed on academic probation for winter term. I then proceeded to get a GPA of 1.12 and was placed on academic L.O.A. for spring term. This cut off all my scholarship benefits, and being a non-resident put a big dent in my piggy bank. I then failed to meet the terms of my L.O.A. status, and was being seriously considered for disenrollment. Fortunately, I was granted a one term extension on L.O.A. for fall term of my sophomore year. I finally managed to get a 3.00 and was reinstated to good standing. I have since become the Battalion Executive Officer, have received orders to flight school, and will be commissioned an officer in the United States Navy in a few days.

The point I would like to make is this: If I can do it, YOU can do it. It takes very little extra work to go from below a 3.00 to above a 3.00 if you set your mind to it. This doesn't mean sitting in your room and saying, "Yes, I think I'll do better from now on." It means adjusting your study habits and time management, in order to get your assignments done on time. Once I started doing my homework and going to class regularly, I found my courses to be much easier and my grades much higher. You can cut yourself out of several opportunities to obtain a billet if you settle for C work and just try to skate through your years here. Some of you may think that's O.K., but let's face it, if you didn't have the desire or ability to lead, then you wouldn't, or shouldn't, be here. NAVY ROTC is the training ground for you to develop your leadership skills before you hit the fleet. If you don't get them here, you'll be hurting yourself and others when you get out there.

Remember, YOU are the only one who can really make the difference. The staff and your fellow Midshipmen can encourage you to reach your potential, but if you do not make an honest effort to help yourself, you will not go very far. I wish all of you the best for success. FLY NAVY

MIDN 1/C G.W. BALAN
PLATOON COMP

At D-dark-30 airmen awoke midshipmen across the city. Extra hours of practice and drilling had been spent for this day. Squads had united to become platoons. With shoes gleaming and brass sparkling, the platoons headed toward the coliseum. Platoon competition was here. Four platoons, one from each company, mustered in the hallways prepping for the activities. The three remaining platoons competed later that day.

Each platoon underwent an inspection phase. During this time, the midshipmen gave face-to-face with the midshipmen officers who were conducting the inspections. Knowledge of leadership principles, general orders, chain of command, and current events was demanded and imparted by the platoon while uniforms were scrutinized for any existing flaws.

Then each platoon, led by its commander and guide, marched through a drill phase. Feet struck the deck in unison, and the platoons moved as one unit in accordance with the orders given by the commanders. A sigh of relief was let out by each as the platoons were dismissed.

An outstanding effort was put forth by all, and at the end of the day the following results were posted:

1st 1st Company 1st Platoon
2nd 1st Company 2nd Platoon
3rd 2nd Company 2nd Platoon
4th 2nd Company 1st Platoon

Congratulations to MIDN 1/C C.D. HOGGATT, commander of the winning platoon.

MIDN 4/C J.M. WILCZYNISKI

A garrison cap is closely looked over.

WOODCUT

Two weekends of April were spent by virtually the entire NROTC unit taking part in the annual woodcut. The two consecutive weekends were spent in MacDonald Forest cutting, splitting, and loading wood to be delivered to various buyers throughout the Corvallis area.

Both weekends began with the arrival of Midshipmen and Officer Candidates at the unit, where all were transported to the site. On the first weekend, the workers were lectured on the subjects of safety and helpful hints (like how to avoid poison oak).

Each weekend was split into two shifts. One day H.Q. and 3rd companies worked, with the other day's help provided by 1st and 2nd companies. The first weekend was dominated by beautiful sunshine and clear, blue skies. Unfortunately, the weather didn't hold out and the second weekend was quite dismal.

The weather didn't seem to have any adverse effects on the Midshipmen's efforts as they netted nearly $3000 for the Taftzall fund. All Midshipmen and Officer Candidates can be proud of the teamwork and success of the woodcut and be pleased with the profits that will provide the finances for the Unit's many extra activities.

MIDN 3/C P.A. SPILSBURY
DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

This year the Drum and Bugle Corps went on what will hopefully become an annual event, a trip to San Antonio, Texas, to be in the Fiesta celebration.

On Thursday, 25 April, after an 8 hour plane ride, we reached our destination in the Lone Star State. At first it appeared as though our trip would be a soggy one as the sky was filled with lightning and rain, but we were lucky, and it later cleared up. When we touched down, we were greeted by LCDR HEPWOOD and SSGT TALAVEREAU (U.S. Army) who were our hosts for the trip.

Friday we were given our first look at the great city of San Antonio. That morning we performed two concerts and later we participated in the first of the parades we were scheduled to be in. The length of the parade and the climate proved to be a big factor as some of the members were pretty well exhausted by the end of the three and a half mile route.

As exciting as Friday had been, Saturday proved to be the day that was worth it all. After a brief practice that morning, we departed to perform our exhibition in front of the Alamo. We formed up in front of the Alamo memorial to have a team picture taken to give to MAJ D.W. NEWSLEY. This turned into what could be called the D&B "photo session" as everyone who had a camera began taking our picture. When the cameras finally stopped snapping, we detailed the crowd with our exhibition. Since our schedule was tight, we had to leave right away to get ready for the night parade. When we arrived at the starting point for the parade, we found out we were in a competition we didn't even know about. Although we had just finished doing our exhibition, we showed our depth of talent as we did it again, taking first place hands down. This parade was fantastic and the reception we received was unbelievable. There were times that the crowd was so loud that I couldn't even hear us playing.

The trip as a whole was a great success, and our thanks go to MIDN 2/C T.P. HARRYMAN, 3/C B.L. ESTADNO, and 4/C M.R. HIDDLESTON who helped us out. Our greatest thanks go to SKC HENDERSON, LCDR HEPWOOD, and SSGT TALAVEREAU who did everything they could to make sure things ran smoothly for us while we were there.

MIDN 3/C W.D. OWENS

MOFEX

The culmination of the marine options bulldog prep classes is the marine option field exercise (MOFEX). MOFEX is the training exercise that closely resembles the field exercises at OCS. It's a weekend of stress and evaluation for junior marine options designed to prepare them for the rigors of their summer training.

The weekend started at midnight on Friday, 10 May. The candidates humped a 7.2 mile night march into their base camp. After putting up tents, the candidates spent the night in peaceful repose.

Saturday was spent conducting squad problems which included land navigation and squad assaults. In addition, each candidate lead a fire team through a reaction problem. The reaction problem is a time pressured decision oriented test which the candidates must demonstrate the ability to solve. Saturday night saw impromptu speeches and night compass work.

Sunday the candidates ended early with the 8.1 mile "death march" to civilization. The first candidate done finished in just under 2 hours.

COL STEIN presents MIDN 2/C CLARK with the Pistol team Trophy.

......Photographer: B. SHEVCHUK

Looking like a poster child, MIDN 2/C BRACKEN prepare to go into MacDonald "Land" Forest for MOFEX.

Photographer: C. HOGGATT

D & B parades through downtown San Antonio. .....Photographer: L. HELLEMM

Drum Bugle Corp formed up in front of the historic Alamo. .....Photographer: L. HELLEMM
AWARDS CEREMONY

The annual spring awards ceremony was held on Tuesday, 14 May. The awards honored midshipmen for their efforts in the unit, school, and community. A well deserved congratulations is in order to the award recipients for a job well done.

GENERAL AWARDS

Eric A. Carlson
Timothy L. Clark

Pistol Team CDI's Plaque
The Tyro Trophy
3rd Place Team NOAA FREE PISTOL

Steven B. Dorman
Timothy P. Harryman
David W. McMorries

Color Guard CDI's Plaque
Drill Team CDI's Plaque
The Dick Lyndon Trophy

Mark A. Phillips
Calvin F. Swanson
Kristi L. VanGorder

Children's Deioli Award
Rifle Team CDI's Plaque
Drum Bugle Corps CDI's Plaque

SENIOR AWARDS

Gavin W. Balan
John A. Bottenberg
Jeffrey M. Coulter
Paul A. Grinde
Mark D. Henderson
Richard G. Jamieson
Keith G. Manning
Kenneth J. O'Donnell
Mark A. Parcell
James M. Preston
George Triantafyllides

NROTC Staff Award
General Dynamics Award
Navel Warship Institute Award
Reserve Officers Assoc. - Portland
Navy League Award
CAPT Richard Pope Award
General Dynamics Award
American Legion Achievement Award
NROTC Staff Award

Richard G. Jamieson

Marine Corps Assoc. Award
Daughters of the American Revolution Award
NROTC Staff Award

Keith G. Manning
Sarah Of the American Revolution Award
Fleet Reserve Assoc. Award
General Dynamics Award
Navel Warship Institute Award
NROTC Staff Award

James M. Preston

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JUNIOR AWARDS

Stuart W. Bracken
Andrew M. Hilton-Smith
Steven B. Dorman
James P. Day
Russell G. Gartz
Timothy P. Harryman
Terrence H. McKinney
David J. Scott

Military Order of WW's Award of Merit
Veterans of Foreign Wars
American Legion Award
Reserve Officers Assoc. - MacAlexander
Ret. Officers Assoc. Medal
Pat Casey Award
Reserve Officers Assoc. - MacAlexander
Armed Forces Comm. and Elec. Assoc. Award

SOPHOMORE AWARDS

Alan B. Barkman
William J. Lear
Kristi L. VanGorder

Society of the War of 1812
NROTC Staff Award
Bowler Award
Military Order of WW's Award of Merit

THE SENIOR CLASS

"Seems like only yesterday," but actually it has been 4 long years, 5 for some. All the drills, weekends, and late nights have come and gone. They did it hard work, but it was worth it. The years of learning will be rewarded with a pair of gold bars on 8 June, when 30 ensigns or second lieutenants will enter the Navy and Marine Corps. These officers, and those to be commissioned in the coming year, will continue to uphold the fine reputation of OSU's NROTC program.

Our congratulations go to all. To the ensigns, "Fair winds and following seas," to the second lieutenants, "Semper Fidelis."

Gavin Balan..................Naval Aviation
Thomas Bellit..............Naval Aviation
Andrew Hilton-Smith.....Naval Aviation
John Bottenberg............Nuclear Power
Steve Britton..............Naval Aviation
Diane Burgess..............Surface Warfare
Martin Charters...........Surface Warfare
Jeffrey Coulter............The Basic School
Brian Eldridge.............Naval Aviation
Betty Farwell..............Intelligence
Leslie Ferguson...........Surface Warfare
Elton Glazier..............Surface Warfare
Paul Grinde.................OCS
Ronald Haron..............Naval Aviation
Wesley Heideman..........The Basic School
Mark Henderson.............Naval Aviation
Raymond Hicks..............Surface Warfare
Craig Hoefler..............Naval Aviation
Cory Hoggatt..............OCS
Brenda Holmene............Gen. Unrest. Line
Carol Howe..................Gen. Unrest. Line
Greg Hurley.................Naval Aviation
Richard Jamieson..........The Basic School
Tommy Johnson.............Naval Aviation
Charles Kiefer............Surface Warfare
Todd Lavine...............Strategic Weapons
Jim Mahaffie..............Naval Aviation
Keith Manning.............The Basic School
Jeffrey Munson...........Naval Aviation
George Nadler..............Naval Aviation
Juanito Negron............Surface Warfare
Chris Nusbaum.............Surface Warfare
Kenneth O'Donnell........Naval Aviation
Mark Parcell..............Naval Aviation
Mark Pollock..............Naval Aviation
Timothy Pollock...........Surface Warfare
James Preston...............Surface Warfare
Roderick Rosario.........OCS
Noel Russnogle............Naval Aviation
Kevin Sudbeck..............Surface Warfare
Mike Thien................Nuclear Power
George Triantafyllides...Surface Warfare
Jeffrey Ward..............Naval Aviation
Jay Washabaugh............Special Warfare
Robert Wendel.............The Basic School
John Wollenbecker.......Naval Aviation

MIDN 1/C M.D. HENDERSON

FRESHMAN AWARDS

Joseph V. Betschart........NROTC Staff Award
John R. Darnell.............Bowler Award
Carl E. Hoy................Military Order of WW's Award of Merit
Julie M. Wilczynski........Savages Award

MIDN 3/C P.A. SPILSBURY
"Battles are won by slaughter and maneuver. The greater the officer, the more he contributes in maneuver, the less he demands in slaughter."
-Winston Churchill

"He who commands the sea has command of everything."
-Themistocles

"You won't last long in the fleet if turning up the volume is the only tool you have."
-RADM J.A. Winnefeld

"... for those who have fought. Freedom has a flavor which the protected shall never know."
-Capt P.G. Sinke, USMC

The three ROTC Units are reviewed by COL. STEIN and President BYRNE. ..........Photographer: B. SHEVCHUK

Part of the Navy Battalion during the ceremony. ..........Photographer: SHEVCHUK

"Attention" was sounded and the three ROTC battalions marched into Parker Stadium. The Army, Navy, and the Air Force formed on the field to await the proceedings. An inspection and a pass in review was performed before the Guest of Honor, BRIG. GEN. IRVIN OSBOURN of the U.S. Army, PRESIDENT BYRNE, and COL. M.E. STEIN. The awardees, MIDN. P.G. JAMIESEN, J.A. BOTTENBERG, P.J. GARTZ, W.J. LEAR, and J.R. DARNELL were then presented their awards. The afternoon went well, and that evening, BRIG. GEN. OSBOURN was again the Guest of Honor at the Governor's Ball. The ball took place at the Elk's Club in Corvallis, and members of all three ROTC battalions were present. The Swords of Honor deserves a "Thank You" for organizing and coordinating the ball and the ceremonies. The evening went well and everyone had a great time.

MIDN. 4/C K.M. ABREU

MIDN 1/C JAMIESON receives a Marine Corp Sword from MAJ S. EASTERDAY. ..........Photographer: L. HELLEWN

President BYRNE giving his support to ROTC at Oregon State. ..........Photographer: L. HELLEWN
RING DANCE

The annual Navy/Marine Corps Ring Dance was a big success again this year. It was held on May 4 in that familiar ballroom at the Corvallis Elk's Club. The evening began with the traditional receiving line, followed by warm-up dancing and picture taking. The first few adventur-esque couples were soon joined out on the dance floor by nearly everyone present, and it was transformed into a sea of sparkling white uniforms and long, pretty evening gowns. The band was called "Runaway," and they played something for everyone with a sure, steady beat.

After loosening up out on the dance floor and having a few drinks, everyone was ready for the Ring Ceremony to begin. Members of the Drill Team formed a sword arch for the seniors and their dates to pass through on their way to the ring, as the Master of Ceremonies, MIDN 2/C C.A. GUNZEL, read their last will and testament. A few of the seniors couldn't resist playing around with the covers of the swordsmen, who looked so serious, while the rest of the crowd was roaring with laughter. The audience was in a great mood for the sudden but expected arrival of Spike Bullet-Head and his date, Butch, who managed to steal the show.

Finally the moment everyone, especially the juniors, had been waiting for, next year's debut announcements, arrived. Some were surprised, a few disappointed, but no one was happier than MIDN 2/C S.B. DORMAN, who was named the next Midshipmen Battalion Commander. He received a standing ovation as COL M.E. STEIN handed him the shoulder boards with all the gold. Then the partying got back into full swing as the band started up again.

A special commendation belongs to the Junior Class who worked so hard to once again make this year's Ring Dance a very memorable occasion.

MIDN 2/C S.P. BRYANT

SPIKE and BUTCH don't know what to think of the Ring. ....Photographer: L. HINE

MIDN 2/C HELLEMN dances the night away. ....Photographer: L. HINE

MIDN 3/C JASPERS and ESTANO show their dates a good time at the Ring Dance. ....Photographer: L. HINE
DEPARTING STAFF

The reality of life in the military is the fact that you can count on not being in one place for very long. Just when you seem to have settled in to your new surroundings, it's time for you to move on to your next duty station. This is very beneficial in the building of a well-rounded officer as it continually provides them with new experiences to help them in their careers. The NROTC Unit, while aimed mainly at the development of new naval officers, also is very rewarding to the instructors. Two of the Unit's instructors will be leaving after spring term, LT L. K. HARDWIG and LT L. M. PILOSOFS, both having benfitted and prospered from their stay here at OSU.

LT HARDWIG has spent three years at OSU as the sophomore instructor. He said that he enjoyed his time spent at OSU and enjoyed being able to see the rewards of his work as the Midshipmen matured.

He is very proud to be able to see the first class that he taught graduate and receive their commissions. After he leaves OSU, LT HARDWIG reports to Anti-Submarine Warfare Operations Command in Kadena, Japan. He feels Corvallis was a good experience and he hopes to return when he retires in 1989, to attend graduate school at OSU.

LT PILOSOFS has been the freshman instructor for the last two years. He felt that his time spent at OSU was one of the most exciting experiences of his life, and that he has grown professionally during his time here. Especially rewarding was the association with the outstanding future naval officers of the OSU NROTC Battalion. LT PILOSOFS has chosen to separate from active duty in order to pursue a masters degree here at OSU.

The NROTC Unit of OSU wishes both LT HARDWIG and LT PILOSOFS fair winds and following seas wherever their futures lead them.

SUMMER CRUISE

Summer training cruise for Third Class Midshipmen is an experience that most will remember. When you arrive at your ship for the four weeks or so of sea life, be ready. Be ready to learn what the men in your division could be doing when you are the one in command. Third class cruise enables you to get a look at the life of enlisted men in their various jobs around the ship.

Your actual cruise will consist of five different phases; deck, engineering, damage control, weapons, and combat information. The midshipmen on board usually rotate around, spending from six to ten days in each phase.

An experience you will get to enjoy is the standing of the mid-watch (2400-0400) as aft lookout (not extremely exciting), or trying to understand the jobber that comes across the sound-powered phones as the other phone operators "have fun with the Middle." And then there is steering the ship (always an exciting job for the first 15 minutes). Or even being stuffed into the chamber of a 16-inch gun barrel with a can of CLP and a wire brush and being told, as the breech slowly shut, that you can come out the other end when the rifling is clean (definitely not for claustrophobics).

Some items that I learned for "next time": Get all of your clothes marked before you leave school, so it is done on time and right. Bring civilian tube soaps and wear black NAVY socks over them (saves your feet). An electric shaver is a must for those that have to shave every day or two. Bring a pair of earplugs for your time in engineering and to get to sleep at night. Get your book signed off as early as possible, as it frees time for being lazy later on. If you do not have one already, get an alaram-equipped wrist-watch. The wake up service on some ships is not always on time.

And always ask questions! If you are interested in some part of the ship that you are not assigned to (say fire control computer), get permission and go there. Remember, cruise is for your benefit. Use it.

COLOR GUARD

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The Color Guard is looking forward to a strong, eventful, and competitive coming year. Congratulations to this year's commanding officers, and good luck to next year's.

LT L. M. PILOSOFS

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midn 4/c k.m. abreu

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Midshipmen and Officer Candidates assembled on the deck in Gill Coliseum one drill period making preparations before Colonel's Inspection would begin. COL STEIN and other Unit officers and staff, then came out to inspect the Battalion. Here, GSGT COAN goes thoroughly over yet another Midshipmen grad in summer whites. ......Photographer: L. HELLEFMAN

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PFT

Saturday, 27 April, was like any other Saturday unless you wanted to sleep in. Members of First Company found this especially true. First Company was first to take the PFT, (that's the physical fitness test for those of you who missed this wonderful event), at 0700, followed by Second Company at 0800, and Third Company and Head Quarters Company at 0900.

Things went as usual; situps, pullups or the flexed arm hang depending on your persuasion, and then out for a three mile jog through Corvallis. It was a nice morning and everyone was looking forward to Battalion Athletics later that day. In judging how well you did on the run, just remember CDR ROBERTSON ran that same three miles in under twenty minutes.

Later that day, the battalion met at Avery Park for an afternoon of softball and laughter. Those "old men" of Third Company came out on top, followed by First, Headquaters, and Second Companies in the softball competition. While there was never any question that we should play by the rules, there was often a problem deciding whose rules we should play by. While their opinions often differed, these decisions were made by our flawless umpires, CDR ROBERTSON, LT HARDMIG, and the Battalion XO, MIDN 1/C G.W. BALAN. These people made sure a good time was had by all.

MIDN 1/C M.D. HENDERSON

You just know this ones a homer.

Meanwhile MIDN 1/C NUSBAUM and MIDN 2/C MCKINNEY are lost in engineering.

The Junior Class tackles the problems given to them in CIC.

..Photographer: B. SHEVCHUK

OPERATION:

SWAN ISLAND

Ahh. If only I was awake to enjoy the fresh smell of morning at 0515. That was the time the freshmen and junior class departed the unit on 11 May, for the annual ship simulator trip. After sleeping for two hours, we arrived at the Naval Reserve Center at Swan Island and greedily sucked down wafting doughnuts. The juniors were then separated for a glamorous day of bridge simulation. Us freshmen, looking strange in "Dixie Cups" and blue dungarees, were hoarded down to the pier to begin damage control practice. After 20 minutes and some torn shoulder muscles, the P-250 pump was finally on line. We took turns manning the hoses, spraying imaginary fires, and then spraying each other. After thankfully changing into dry clothes, a lecture on ORA usage (Oxygen Breathing Apparatus), and a slide show on Soviet and U.S. naval capabilities completed the activities before noon.

Lunch! That's what some wondered if they would ever see before a McDonald's was found halfway to the coast. Afterwards came the highlight of the day. Three "lucky" freshmen volunteered to plug-up a simulated damaged compartment, while others manned a hose to cool down the bulkhead. LT FLOSOF was kept on the run as the nozzle kept "accidentally" pointing in his direction. A whole fire control drill, complete with a damage control central, a messenger, and even phone talkers, ended the day. Tired but confident that we could have saved the Titanic, we slept peacefully all the way back to wonderful Corvallis.

MIDN 4/C T.N. PHAM

"The world is divided into people who do things and people who get the credit. Try, if you can, to belong to the first class. There's far less competition."

-DWIGHT MORROW
MOFT

After GUNNER SERGEANT JAMES COAN, MAJ DOYLE HENSLY, USMC, a few good midshipmen, and seabags were weighed, the MOFT, in proper military fashion, got off to a blazing start. Speeding towards sunny California, we arrived at El Toro, home of the 3rd Marine Air Wing. Boarding the buses we were on our way to Camp Pendleton, home of the 1st Marine Division, and our home away from home for the next 5 days.

The first day of training was spent going through the obstacle course. It was rumoured that a certain midshipman tried her best to go "through" the course rather than over it. After the obstacle course everyone ate dirt on the infiltration course. After washing up we ventured off to the PX and the Commissary, followed by a trip to view a static display of the latest Marine Corps weaponry arsenal.

The next day was spent at beautiful downtown MCAS El Toro, home of the dashing and debonair Marine aviator and his flying machine. The most impressive aircraft there was the newest addition to the Marine Corps arsenal, the F/A-18.

Now came the highlight of the trip, when we went to see the mice and ducks, better known as Disneyland. It has been said that some Midshipmen turned our Unit into a Mickey Mouse organization with the purchase of ears. Moving back to the lush palm covered beaches of Pendleton we found out that the old saying is true, "Enlisted men have more fun," by patronizing a local E-club. After toasting

AFIT

One of the most eventful field trips of the year was the Aviation Indoc-trination Field Trip (AFIT). Never a dull moment, it was a well planned trip to NAS PENSACOLA to inform midshipmen and officer candidates. Five days were filled with highlights of the training pipeline for pilots and NFO's. It ended 7 days later after some real naval aviation challenges were met in Millington, Tennessee.

The Indoc-trination is designed to trace the path of the newly commissioned ensign or first lieutenant through AL Naturally, the O-course, and swimming qualifications were first. The toughest part of the swim test was the drownproofing. The objective is to tread water for 5 minutes, then demonstrate the survival float for 5 minutes. This would have been an easy task if they allowed you to remove the helmet and boots, or just inflate the 7 pound life preserving unit that you must wear. The obstacle course was the toughest part of the trip for the majority of the participants. Only 25% of them successfully passed. The next day the cross-country course was the challenge, but 95% of the people made the course in good time despite the portion that was ran in the sand. If you do not pass the physical fitness tests, you will

"An important difference between a military operation and a surgical operation is that the patient is not tied down. But it is a common fault of generalship to assume that he is."  
-B.H. LIDDELL HART

Midshipmen on the firing line with a Marines best friend. 
Photographer: J. CARLSTROM
have had a short career in aviation. The host representative for the tour, LT Winkel stated that the top three reasons for attrition in the AI program are: (1) attitude, (2) PFT, (3) swimming.

The fourth day was the long awaited flight training in TH-57C Helicopters and T-34C aircraft. The flight instructors took us up, demonstrated a few maneuvers, and gave the stick to us. After that anyone would be eager to try for a career, even the unfortunate few who left their lunches somewhere in the sky.

The fifth day we boarded our C-9 to head home to reality. Only this was not to be the end of the trip. Shortly after take off the pilot noticed an attitude gyro problem in the plane. B forced us to land in Millington, Tennessee for repairs. It took 48 hours before we were on our way back to Corvallis. According to the flight attendant "these are the breaks of naval aviation."

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(top)
These Midshipmen are in awe of the sleek lines of the Corsair. Photograph: B. SHEVCHUK

(right)
Future aviators disgusted with their self-made lunches. Photograph: B. SHEVCHUK

A BIT OF NAVAL HISTORY

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1. This famous surface ruider caused havoc with allied merchants in the South Atlantic before being cornered at the River Plate and scuttled off Montevideo.

2. On her fifth and last patrol, she choked off enemy shipping in the Formosa Strait before being sunk by a circling error of her last torpedo. Name this legendary submarine commanded by Richard O'Kane.

3. She survived an encounter with the Bismarck but later succumbed to Japanese air power off Singapore, a death blow to her country's Far-East Empire.

4. Just late for action in W.W.II, it was the successor of the Helicat and was the first type flown by the Blue Angles.

5. Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar, this first rate's main deck was also where history's most famous admiral was mortally wounded.

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