

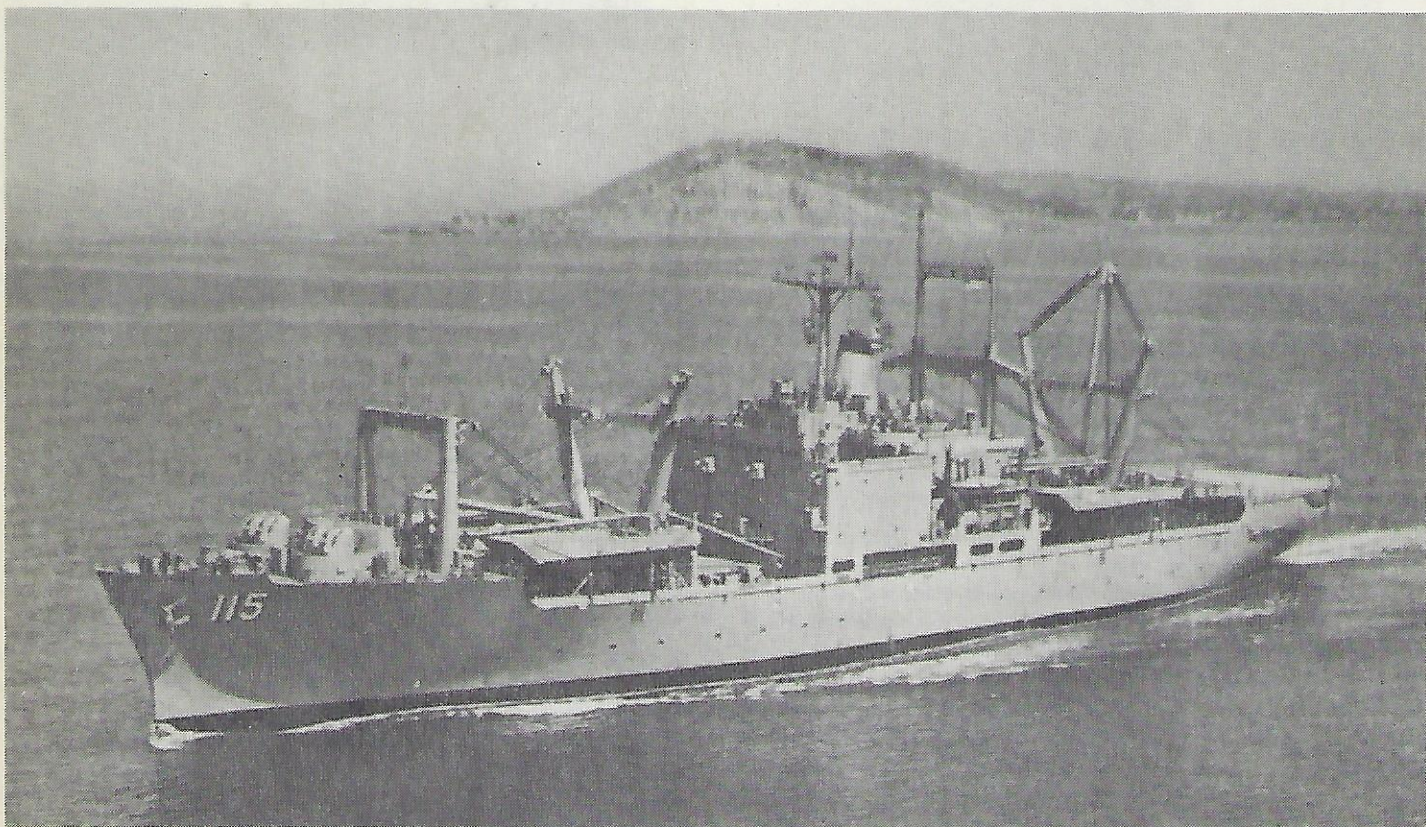
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Oregon State University Naval ROTC

Fall, 1975



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Scholarship NROTC midshipmen serve on active duty for training for four to six weeks during the three summers they are in college. This past summer, OSU midshipmen served on, above, and below the sea and on the land around the world. Midshipmen on first- and third-class cruise could be found on an aircraft carrier in the sea of Japan, a destroyer in Portland, OR, or on a submarine in the Pacific.

Traditionally, Oregon State NROTC has taken the lion's share of the honors on these training cruises and this year was no exception. At "Bulldog," the Marine Officer's Candidate School in Quantico, VA, Midn. 1/c Doug FISHER captured first place as his class honor man. Midn. 1/c Tom BRANCH, 4th platoon honor man, and Midn. 1/c Paul BURKHOLDER, Marine Corps Development and Education Command honor man, finished in 3rd and 7th place, respectively, out of the class of 282.

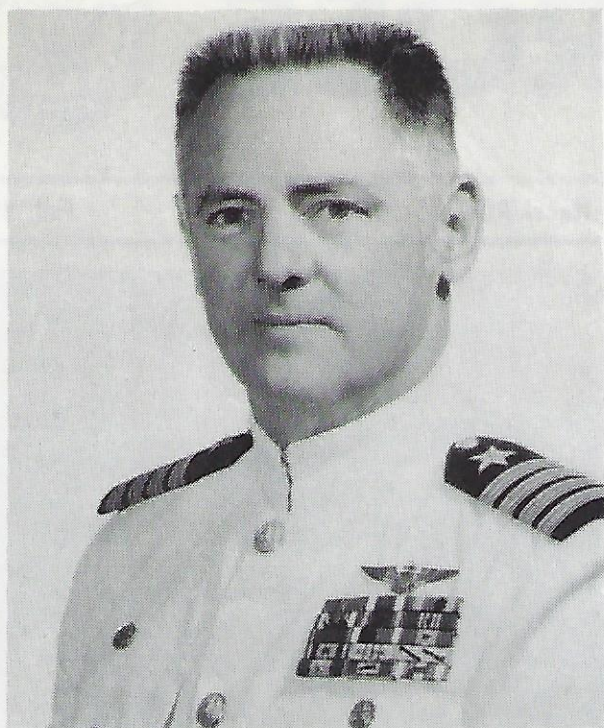
On first-class cruise, midshipmen who elected to go into the Navy report to active duty aboard a ship, submarine, or shore facility for a four- to six-week period. OSU mids served on the Pacific Coast, in the Western Pacific, and in the Mediterranean Sea where aboard their ships they learned the fundamentals of being junior officers. Oregon State 1/c set the example on cruise.

Second-class cruise consisted of a stay in Corpus Christi, TX, to learn about aviation, an indoctrination into the Marine Corps in Little Creek, VA, a retaste of the surface navy, and a brief introduction into the life of the submariner. OSU midshipmen who were company honor men while at Corpus Christi were Richard F. GOWARD and Patrick M. O'DONOGUE. Robert W. TAYLOR was selected as Battalion honor man at Corpus. At the Little Creek training session, Donald R. DARLAND was selected as honor man of his company.

Third-class cruise is the summer spent fulfilling enlisted duties as an integral part of a ship's company. 3/c OSU mids could be found on the Pacific Coast and in the Western Pacific on a wide variety of ships. Usually, a third-class midshipman spends two weeks each in the engineering, operations, and deck departments where he fills out his cruise workbook. During cruise they are given the opportunity to practice the information they learned during the previous school year. Working hard, OSU midshipmen distinguished themselves and brought back many fond memories of their experiences and of the friendships they made.

OSU midshipmen tackled cruise with the right attitude; they made the most out of each and every day.





CAPT. CHARLES G. DIMON

Captain's Corner

As we begin another year our goal remains the same — to be the "Best in the West and the Rest." It is our sincere desire to help prepare you to be a true professional in every sense of the word. The challenges are many but so are the rewards. The combination of college and the NROTC program is a most demanding undertaking which requires a great deal of dedication from each of you. The unit staff is ready, willing, and able to assist in any manner we can. You are the most critical ingredient in this situation. Work hard and have realistic goals.

The unit staff is very proud of your performance at the Chief of Naval Education and Training inspection. A "well-done" is well-deserved by all midshipmen at Oregon State. Best of luck.
— *The Skipper*

Unit Seal Contest Announced

The Battalion Public Affairs Department announces a contest aimed at acquiring a unit seal as a symbol of our fine Unit. Since nearly all other commands in the Navy have a command seal, it is fitting that OSU NROTC have a symbol which reflects or depicts our goals, achievements, and/or mission (not necessarily all of these).

The Battalion PAO asks that all entries be submitted by 31 January 76 in workable, colored form on 9" by 11" poster board. Decision on the winning entry will be by Battalion-wide vote. A prize of a \$25 gift certificate honored at the OSU Book Store will be awarded the winning artist.

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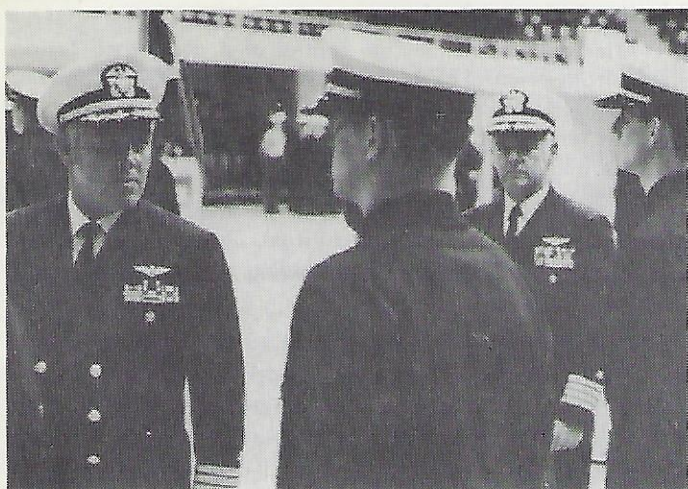
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CNET Visits

On Tuesday, October 21, the Unit was inspected by a representative of the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET), Pensacola, FL.

The inspection team was headed by Capt. A.L. JANSEN, USN, who is currently Director of Officer Accessions for the Chief of Naval Education and Training. As Director of Officer Accessions, Capt. JANSEN is responsible for the effective management of the Naval Academy, the NROTC program, and other officer procurement programs.

Assisting Capt. JANSEN were Cdr. J. E. WOOLAM, who inspected the instructional facilities; YNCS R.C. WEBB, reviewing the administration of the Unit; and Mr. H.C. HINNANT, inspecting the fiscal management and supply of the Unit.

The OSU NROTC Unit was chosen to be first in an inspection tour of all 58 universities offering the NROTC program. The purpose of the inspection tour, according to Capt. JANSEN, is two-fold. First, to determine to what degree the different NROTC units are following the parameters established by the CNET for the effective functioning of the units as a means of training midshipmen, and secondly, to estimate how successfully those parameters are working in the field.

The inspection of individual units is something new for the CNET and OSU NROTC is proud to have been among the first on the tour agenda. According to Capt. C.G. DIMON, previous to this year, inspection teams from other NROTC units would inspect the hosting unit, thus creating the problem of not having a common base for judging different units. To alleviate this problem, the CNET last year decided to send a specially selected team to review all 58 NROTC units.

Capt. DIMON cited two reasons why Oregon State was picked to head off the inspection tour. First, because of the excellent reputation OSU NROTC has built up over the past few years, and secondly, because Oregon State's unit has been asking for a challenging inspection of this type to confirm the reputation as one of the best (if not THE best) NROTC units in the nation.

Capt. JANSEN also presented awards for summer cruise to outstanding midshipmen. Midshipmen First Class T. BRANCH, P. BURKHOLDER, D. COE, D. COLBURN, C. ENOS, D. FISHER, L. MULLER, S. MURRAY, W. PANABAKER, D. PITTMAN, and Midshipmen Second Class D. DARLAND, R. GOWARD, P. O'DONOGUE, R. TAYLOR, and R. MONROE received cruise awards.

Overall, Oregon State NROTC fared extremely well in the inspection. Capt. JANSEN was very impressed with the Unit's sharp military bearing and the professional attitude the midshipmen and staff exemplified. Capt. JANSEN's observations can be most appropriately summed up in a closing statement made before the Midshipman Battalion after his review: "I have never before been so impressed with a group of young ladies and gentlemen." — Larry Murrill

Colorful Duty

Getting a quick start and right into the spirit of things is the 1975-76 Oregon State NROTC color guard. The color guard, headed by Midn. 2/C Ron SCHWARTZ and Midn. 1/C Bob WEEKS (who serves as an advisor and coordinator), will be involved in many different activities throughout the year. Major TSCHAN is the unit advisor of the group.

The color guard consists of the carrying and defending of the various flags or "colors" carried by the Unit. The flags represented are the American flag, the Navy flag, the Marine Corps flag, and the Oregon State NROTC Unit flag. The colors are presented by the color guard at various functions including parades, football games, weekly drills, and many other activities.

Present members of this year's color guard include 2/C Ron SCHWARTZ, rifleman; Midn. 4/C Bill DONNER, rifleman; Midn. 4/C Guy VARLAND, Marine Corps flag bearer; Midn. 4/C Bill WHITE, Navy flag bearer; Midn. 4/C Norval DODDRIDGE, OSU NROTC Unit flag; and Midn. 4/C Randy MEEKS, American flag bearer.

Color guard instills pride and discipline into each of its members. Members learn teamwork, co-ordination, and the spirit of camaraderie. Most important, however, each member learns about the flag and takes pride and dignity in carrying or defending the flag. Each man learns about his flag or weapon and is responsible for the care and maintenance.

The group practices each Monday at 1830, Tuesdays at 1230, and Thursdays at 0730. Interested midshipmen are encouraged to attend these meetings.



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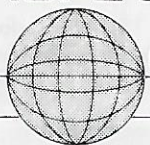
The OSU NROTC Alumni Association

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The **ALBATROSS** is just one of the many midshipman activities that are supported by the OSU NROTC Alumni Association.

Another activity OSU midshipmen will be participating in this year will be the annual Mardi Gras Invitational Drill Meet to be held in New Orleans, LA, this coming February. This trip will be expensive and help is needed in defraying costs involved. If you would care to donate any money to help send our teams to the competition, please send checks to OSU NROTC Alumni Fund, earmarked for the Mardi Gras trip. Thank you!

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Alumni Association

After one year under the control of a designated senior, administrative control of the OSU NROTC Alumni Association has been transferred to the new NROTC Alumni committee. Since last June this senior committee has been working toward increased response and quality organization.

With Midn. 1/c Rick ANDERSON as chairman, and Midn. 2/c Ellie JOHNSON as the assistant chairman, five other midshipmen man the committee including the unit historian.

In last June's mailout, newsletters were sent to OSU NROTC graduates, with responses being received from 260. Ens. Greg YOUNG (75) took over committee work through the summer months, and alumni donations over that period brought our total contribution figure up over \$2,600.

Looking into numerous areas of alumni and OSU NROTC history, Ens. YOUNG also discovered some interesting facts. For instance, when NROTC was first established here at Oregon State back in the 1940's, midshipmen wore uniforms to all classes, lived together in what was then called Snell Hall, and were on active duty.

What else has Alumni Committee been up to? The June mailout contained a comprehensive list of "Information on Graduates." Response has been outstanding with many writing in with additional comments. Information was included on over 100 graduates — where they are and what they are doing. This section will be expanded for our December mailout.

Top dollar contributor to the Association has been 2nd Lt. Dave GALATI, class of 1974. He has donated over \$100 on a \$10-a-month pledge. This deserves special recognition.

Funds have been provided by alumni to defray costs on numerous unit activities. Rifle Team is a prime recipient. They have also taken out a \$150 loan at 6% interest per annum. Funds have also been used to minimally subsidize midshipmen traveling to conferences with the Professor of Naval Science, to represent the outstanding midshipman Battalion.

With a new organization and a new operating technique, the Alumni Association is leaving the incubation stage. Midshipmen are beginning to realize the Alumni Association is not just for alumni, but for themselves as well. — Rick Anderson

Naval Society

Beginning their fourth year at Oregon State, Naval Society got a healthy start this September, gaining their share of the enthusiastic freshmen. Naval Society President Ron MONROE is encouraging more midshipmen to join and be active in the club. The Society, responsible for the sale of the Navy jackets and windbreakers, has many interesting projects planned for this coming school year. Recognizing the importance of recruiting, they are making plans for high school visitations. NJROTC, the high school ROTC program, is another project they are investigating. NJROTC would be an additional valuable source of midshipmen.

High school visitations play a major part in the recruiting of high school seniors into the program and into Oregon State University. Last year, recruiting visits were made to many of the larger high schools in Oregon. Most of the visits are made by the graduates of their respective schools. Naval Society hopes to improve and enlarge the visitation program to increase its effectiveness in our recruiting program.

Subic Bay—A Satire in Retrospect

No trip to the Western Pacific would really be complete without at least one stop at fabulous Subic Bay, otherwise known as the recreation capital of Uncle Sam's Canoe Club. Subic Bay, located in the Philippines, has received world renown among the upstanding, bright-eyed midshipmen of NROTC fame. This renown is attributed to its many and varied cultural attractions. The foremost of these is the exotic, thriving community of Olongapo, just yards away across the beautiful, mountain-fresh Kalaklan River.

As the expectant midshipman purposely strides out through the portals of the Subic Bay Naval Base on his way to partake of the many diversions of this cultural paradise, he is struck by the friendly and smiling faces of the city's businessmen. His first encounter with the easygoing merchants is the Filipino fast food version of McDonald's (i.e., the barbecued monkey meat vender). Our stalwart adventuresome midshipman finds himself taken by the novel form of mass transportation (and we do mean quite literally taken) called Jeepneys. Only the industrious Filipinos could have thought of such a practical use for ex-US Army jeeps.

After freeing himself from the clutches of the eager Jeepney driver by graciously declining (generally done by jumping out of said vehicle while traveling at high speeds) an offer to be taken (literally) on a "special" tour of the fair city (which would have cost nearly 50 times the legal fare), our worldly-wise midshipman continues on his leisurely stroll down Magsaysay Boulevard. While ambling along he is taken in (again quite literally) by the always courteous doorman of one of the social centers, which abound throughout the city. Because of the hot and humid climate, our midshipman finds himself somewhat exhausted by his many new experiences, and therefore decides to succumb to the enticements of the doorman and enters one of these congenial and immaculate establishments, to partake of some liquid refreshment.

A short while later our anxious and sophisticated midshipman regretfully leaves the establishment and strikes out to seek the pinnacle of Philippine culture that the worldly-wise enlisted men of his ship were more than happy to inform him of. And so he enters the New Jolo Club and makes his way up to the third floor to view the unique form of Filipino Folk Dancing, which is performed nightly. He is amazed at the precision and coordination with which these entertainers exhibit the cultural significance of this placid artform. With the help of a couple of burly shore patrolmen, our young midshipman realizes that the hour has grown late and he must make his way back to his luxurious

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quarters aboard the fine ship of the 7th Fleet to which he is attached. Before dropping off into a well-earned deep slumber, our bleary-eyed, newly enlightened (corrupted) midshipman vows to return to further sample the culturally stimulating pleasures that the fair (but mostly foul) city of Olongapo has to offer. — Paul A. Payne & Michael J. Owens

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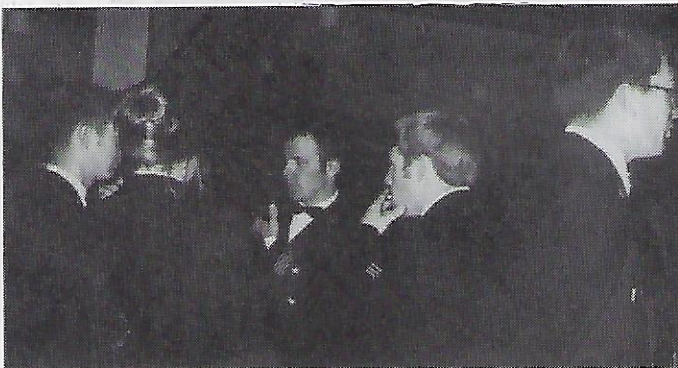
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Senior Mess Night

The dinner all 1/c midshipmen look forward to, Senior Mess Night, was held 19 November at the Elks Club.

Approximately 70 persons attended the evening of fine dining, wine toasting, and cigar smoking. Midn. Capt. Tom BRANCH, President of the Mess, presided over the annual event honoring the senior class.



Navy Birthday

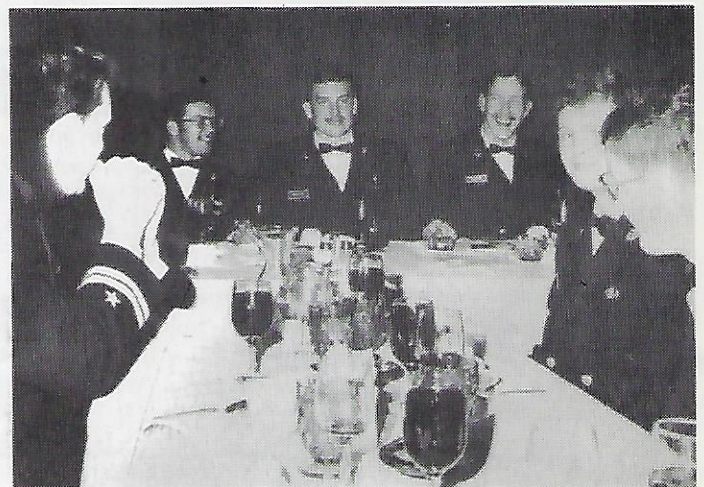
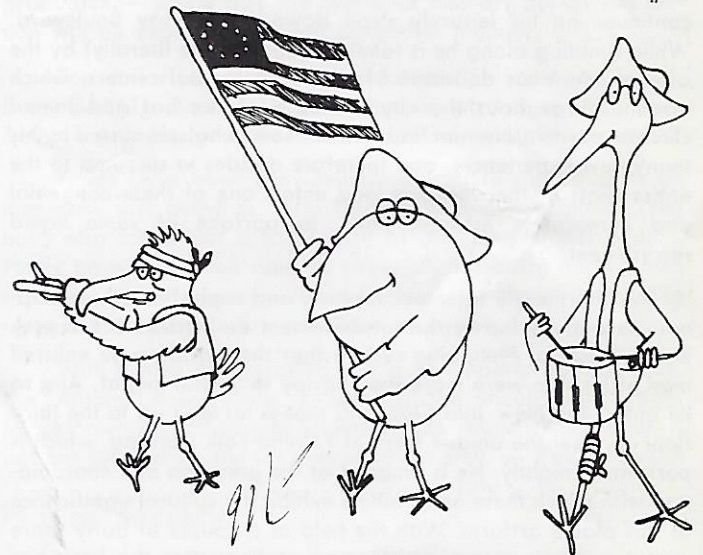
Exposure was the way our OSU NROTC shared the Navy's 200th birthday, with the celebrations going as far as an exhibition at a Portland Thunder game, and an all-Navy Community Birthday Ball.

Both the Drill Team and Drum and Bugle Corps ventured to Portland on October 12 for the halftime presentation. This show of NROTC was appreciated and greeted with a "thunderous" ovation.

Prizes and presents galore were given out at the Navy's 200th Birthday Party, held at the Elks Club on October 13. The festivities for the Corvallis Navy Community (over 21, of course) included a raffle which saw many lucky winners from the NROTC Unit. Captain DIMON won a two-week free membership in a health club, and Lt. Col. RICE and his wife each won prizes. Trips to Hawaii and Reno were won by Tom SIEG and Tom BRANCH, while Tom YACKLEY finally won two dinners after buying lots of chances.

Numerous other lucky people went home with more than they came with, including an increased feeling of pride and comradeship.

OSU NROTC was quick to catch the fair winds of our nation's bicentennial. What a party!



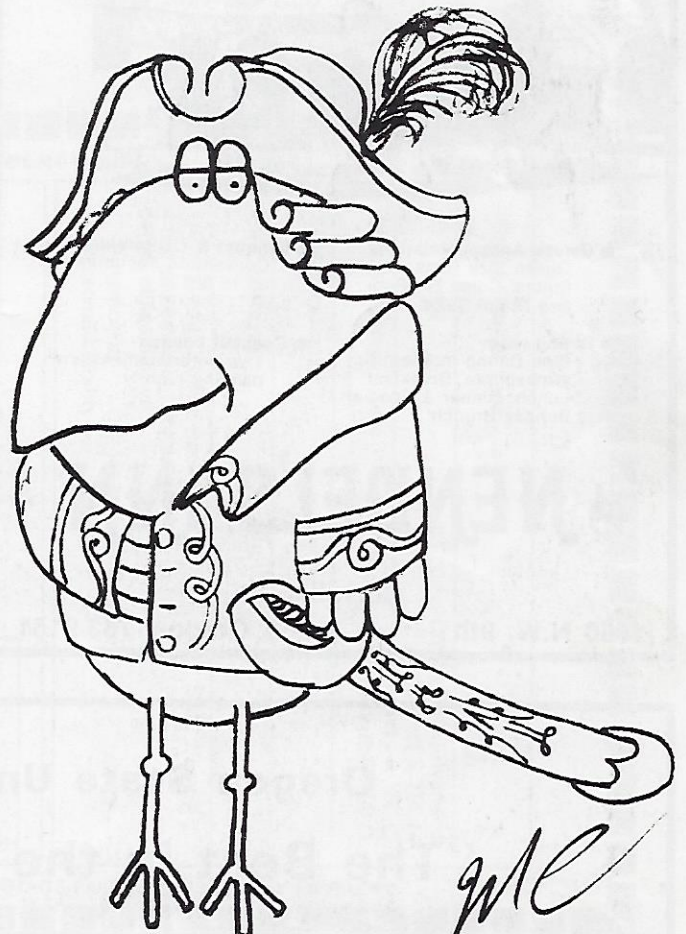


Pistol Team Shoots For NW Navy

Starting the 1975-76 year out with a bang, the OSU NROTC Pistol Team found themselves overflowing with enthusiastic freshmen, 21 to be exact. Mark GRENIER, this year's Pistol Team commander, was lost for words when he held his first team meeting. Unfortunately, the size of the team had to be limited to 11 members, because of the fact that they had only nine weapons and ammunition was limited due to a cut in the budget. So, the team was cut to six freshmen and five of last year's returning shooters. Mark GRENIER, Fred EBERLE, Louis JOHNSON, Ray LOUDENBACK, and Steve NEWCOMB are the old team members and all expect 1975-76 to be a winning year.

Thanks to Art SIEVERS, and the OSU NROTC Alumni Association who funded his visit, the NROTC Pistol Team has sharpened their chances for taking first place at the Northwest Navy Pistol Meet. SIEVERS, a retired Navy LCdr., and ex-Naval Academy pistol instructor, spent a weekend giving the pistol team professional shooting instruction. He has changed the team's practice strategy as far as shooting at conventional targets. LCdr. SIEVER's theory is to shoot at blank targets during practice to concentrate on sight alignment and grip control. LCdr. SIEVERS stressed the importance of eliminating bad shooting habits which he emphasized to the rook shooters. Unfortunately for the returning Pistol Team members, who have already accumulated these bad habits, this task will be a little more difficult.

Mark GRENIER is planning on having LCdr. SIEVERS back at least one more time before Northwest Navy in February. The entire OSU NROTC Pistol Team has high hopes of bringing back the first place trophy, thanks to the instruction of Art SIEVERS.
— Ray Loudenback



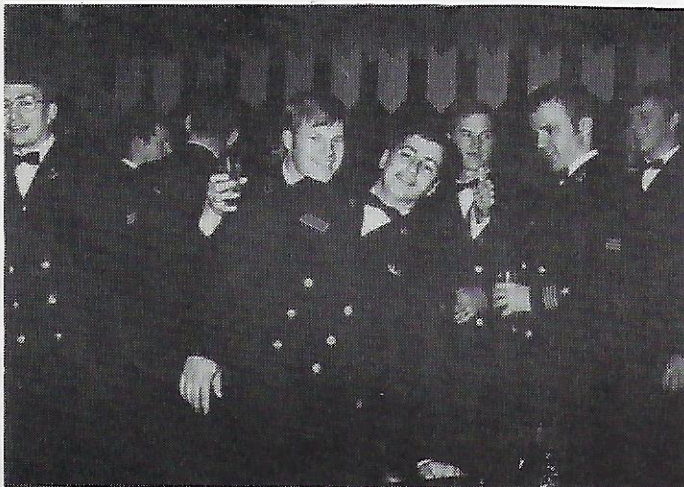
200 Years of Rompin', Stompin'

The Marine Corps celebrated its 200th birthday on November 8 in the gung-ho style that is characteristic of the Corps, and OSU NROTC was no exception.

In addition to the ceremonial cake cutting held at the Unit, OSU NROTC midshipmen were also invited to participate in a special Birthday Ball, sponsored by the Eugene Marines and held at the Rodeway Inn. Prime rib and fine wine were the order of the evening. Special thanks go to Mr. John MCCLOWRY, manager of the Inn and an ex-Marine, for his special attention to detail (especially the draft!).

Marines — enlisted, officer, active duty, reserve, and friends of Marines — came from all around to help partake in the festivities. Members of OSU NROTC Drill Team and Drum and Bugle Corps served proudly in the special cake cutting ceremonies.

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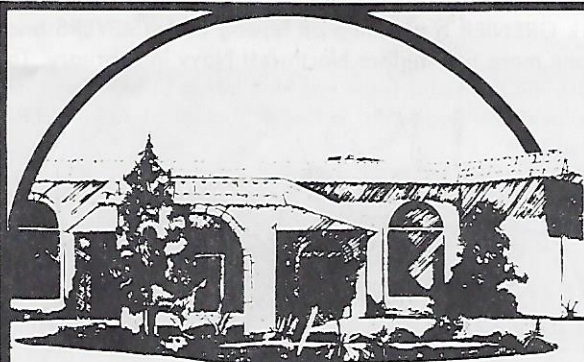
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Spotlight

Placing first at "Bulldog" this summer, Midshipman 1/c Doug FISHER showed what we mean when we say Oregon State NROTC is the "Best in the West and the Rest." Midn. FISHER, finishing top in his class of 282, returned home with a score of 96%. This figure is a combination of 25% academics, 25% physical fitness, and 50% leadership. He has displayed excellence in these qualities in his years as a midshipman.

Spending his first three years as a member of the Drill Team, he was a real asset in helping to formulate a competition-ready and award-winning team. During his junior year he served as Drill Team CPO. It was during this year that he gained renown through his efforts to make the Fall '74 Drill Team Project a tremendous success. The project consisted of a three-day swim down the Willamette River from Eugene to Salem. The team collected pledges for the 100-mile swim and proceeds went to the United Way. Midn. FISHER was in or out of the water every stroke of the way.

Doug FISHER was also instrumental in insuring that freshman orientation was such a big success this year. This hard work will pay off in the months and years to come.

Spring term, 1976, he will be serving the Battalion as Operations Officer.



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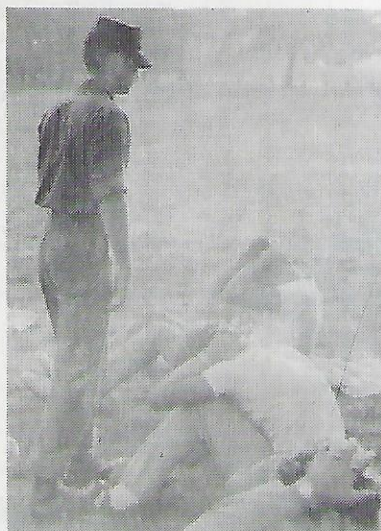
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Each year, approximately 1,100 high school seniors, motivated toward a career in the Navy or Marine Corps, earn scholarships to any of 58 NROTC units in the United States. We at Oregon State like to think that the best of these scholarship recipients elect to attend OSU. This year, 98 young men and women, both with and without the benefit of the scholarship program, chose OSU. These midshipmen have proven themselves worthy of being from Oregon State.

One prime example of the ability of the new "rooks" was their performance during freshman orientation. The rooks met during the early morning hours of the first three Saturdays of the term to learn the fundamentals of drill. Each session lasted approximately two hours during which the new fourth class began to acquire military bearing. Discipline was developed, pride was fostered, and achievement was noted.

Especially outstanding performance was rewarded by the selection of a "Rasimifirious Rook," Greg LOCKE. The outstanding platoon was first platoon and the best platoon leader was Doug FISHER.

The ability of these new midshipmen to learn was evidenced at the recent CNET inspection; 98 of the 260+ involved were 4/c. Credit for this outstanding performance by the rooks (who, at this point had only six hours of drill), goes to instructors and instructees alike. Instructors who were comprised of 50% Navy and 50% Marine Option also benefited from the experience.

Rooks were given an opportunity early in the year to get involved in the many and varied unit activities. They have "infiltrated" the Drill Team, Drum and Bugle Corps, Color Guard, Sailing Club, and SAME to name only a few.

Following the third Saturday morning orientation session was Saveker Day, the annual event that launches the Sponsor Program. This was a good opportunity for a rook to meet his sponsor, the unit staff, and upperclassmen. All in attendance enjoyed the food, the sports, and the camaraderie.

The new additions to the Unit have a considerable task before them, to live up to the deeds and expectations of those who preceded them. We have no doubt they will meet and surpass these goals and set ideals for future rooks.

— Richard Suttie

