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Oregon State University Naval ROTC

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## COMMISSIONING

Each June, the fifty-four universities around the nation offering programs in the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps graduate their first classmen and award them with commissions as Ensigns in the United States Navy or as Second Lieutenants in the United States Marine Corps. On 5 June 1977, Oregon State University NROTC augmented the fleet with no less than thirty-four new officers. They follow proudly six Ensigns who preceded them in March of this Year (See article on page 4—Ed.)

Congress grants the President of the United States the authority to commission officers in the military service. Commissioning itself is the official and honorary establishment of a candidate's legal position in the armed forces of the United States. The following is the oath of office administered to every candidate upon commissioning:

*I, (candidate states his full name), having been appointed an Ensign in the United States Navy, do accept such appointment and do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter, so help me God.*

After commissioning, most new naval officers will receive specialized training at various schools such as Nuclear Power, Surface Warfare, and Flight. Some will proceed directly into the fleet. All second lieutenants begin their careers at the Marine Basic School in Quantico, Virginia.

Below is a list of former midshipmen who have been a credit to our unit and will go forth as fine examples of the quality of officer associated with Oregon State University.

### Commissioned as Ensigns, United States Navy

Mark K. BUNKER  
William R. CADY  
Daniel L. DeCOSTA  
Craig R. ENOS  
Dennis D. ERDT  
Daniel H. FLOM  
Greg J. GOEKS  
Eleanor L. GOWARD  
Richard F. GOWARD, Jr.  
Jeffery J. LIST  
David L. LYON  
Robert S. McEWEN  
Ronald M. MONROE  
Craig P. OSTREM  
Steven W. PETERSON  
Samuel J. POTTS

Jarvis D. RATHBONE  
Ronald H. SCHWARTZ  
William T. SIZEMORE  
Randy K. SMITH  
John R. TAYLOR  
Michael K. WATERS  
Gerald E. WELTNER  
John R. WILSON

### Commissioned as Second Lieutenants, United States Marine Corps

Paul E. BILLIPS  
Donald R. DARLAND  
Patrick J. FERRAL  
Arthur A. FORREY  
Royce GIBSON  
Mark H. GRENIER  
Patrick M. O'DONOGUE  
Philip A. SMELTZER  
Robert W. TAYLOR  
Montague G. WESTMORE

—4/C Edri Ella LEONARD, 4/C Stacey McCULLOCH



## Captain's Corner

In the past year, we have seen many changes come to our unit. As you know, one of these has been a greater emphasis on academics. In a learning environment such as the one at Oregon State, academics play a very large role in a person's future. Our unit is no exception. Your grades have a lot of bearing as far as what you do in the Navy — and for that matter, in all walks of life.

But being a midshipman and a prospective Naval Officer requires something else from you — something more. It takes a special kind of person to be a naval officer. It takes a person with a little more pride and personal integrity. Not only in himself but in those he works with and in what he stands for. He is a professional in every sense of the word.

Today's naval officer, though, must not only be a good leader, but also a good learner. He must be able to show that he is both individually and academically sound. In short, he should be well-rounded and use his talents to his fullest to better himself and his organization.

In my short time here I have seen many of you grow and develop. By the end of the year we will have commissioned another class of new officers. These young people have spent four or five years developing themselves into officers ready to take on the role of leadership in the Navy. In their years here they have had many demands placed upon them. At times it may have seemed as though college would never end. But now as they finish, for the time being, they can look back and see how they have matured and how they have reached their goals.

Academics, as important as they are, must be utilized. A person must be able to use the knowledge and experience gained on campus. This is one major reason that we stress academics here at NROTC-OSU. It is because as naval officers, as one of those special types of people, you will be called on to use your knowledge and understanding to make decisions that will effect the lives of a great many people.

I have also noticed another trait here that is very commendable. That is motivation. In the recent "Energy Crisis Fair," I was very proud to see this unit do more than its share in helping out. Sometimes people in general are satisfied with doing just the minimum required of them. I knew that this was not the case with your unit. I knew that you folks could be depended upon to pull your own weight and then some, to see the Energy Fair through. It was successful largely due to your efforts to do something worthwhile.



**Captain C. D. BALL**

I can see now why NROTC at OSU has the reputation that it does. Our newly commissioned officers are highly respected throughout the fleet. And you people have set a fine example of professionalism on your summer cruises.

I would, again, encourage all of you to do your best on cruise. You will be this unit's personal ambassadors to your particular ship. Utilize your time well. On-the-job leadership training is a most valuable thing. But perhaps the most important thing is to use this time not only to learn, but to practice what you learn.

I have a great deal of faith in all of you. I am certain that you, as a group and as individuals, will do your best. I am proud to be a part of this unit and will be looking forward to seeing you back next year, healthy, fit, and ready to start another school year.

This is your unit. You make it what it is. Strive for the top. Set your goals high. Do not settle for second best. Mostly, keep yourselves healthy in mind, body, and spirit. You're the "Best in the West and the Rest."

Enjoy your summer and good luck on cruise. —Skipper

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## 1977 Ring Dance

The Navy Ring Dance is held each spring to honor the graduating senior midshipmen. It is an evening of entertainment and dancing for the entire battalion as an expression of "smooth sailing" to those who will soon be joining the fleet.

The tradition behind this event originated in 1869 at the U.S. Naval Academy when it was decided to adopt a class ring. Since then, numerous NROTC units around the nation have followed suit. At the time of the ring ceremony, the girl removes the ring from around her neck and after dipping it in a binnacle containing the waters of the seven seas, places it on her date's finger. Then, within a giant replica of a ring, the ceremony is sealed with a kiss.

This year's dance was held on Wednesday, 11 May, at the Elks Lodge in Corvallis. The receiving line formed at 2000. The 13th Naval District Band ("Summit") provided the entertainment until 2400. The first event of the evening was, of course, the formal ring ceremony, followed by the announcement of the midshipman officers' billets for the coming fall term. (See page 9. Ed.) And the rest of the night? Dance, Dance, Dance!

—4/C Vivian MADISON

Photo by 3/C Roger ROULEAU



Ron MONROE and Lynn RICE enjoy the Ring Dance after officially announcing their engagement to be married.

Photo by 3/C Cliff RATTE



Midshipman 1/C Randy SMITH

## Sharpshooter Randy Smith

The excellence of our precision marching units, the professionalism of our battalion, and the expertise of our competitive teams have earned national acclaim for OSU'S NROTC over the past few years. One man has been instrumental in establishing OSU as a national collegiate power in rifle marksmanship, and the *Albatross* believes it's time MIDN 1/C Randy SMITH'S contributions were properly recognized.

A 1971 graduate of Selah High School in Selah, Washington, Randy began his competitive shooting career at OSU in his sophomore year. In his first year shooting for the Navy Team he contributed scores that led to a victory in the Powell Trophy Match at Northwest Navy—the first time in seven years that the team acquired the trophy. He also won the Carter Trophy for individual performance—the first time in eight years that OSU claimed this honor.

During his junior year Randy became the NROTC rifle team captain, and led the marksmen to a second consecutive victory at NW Navy as he again captured the Carter Trophy. The team also won its first Secretary of the Navy pistol match, and Randy individually placed fifth in the nation. In New Orleans, the team won in the Mardi Gras competition, and Randy finished with another first place.

Now in his senior year, Randy's winning ways haven't slacked off. He's led the team to victories at the Eagle Match at Eastern Washington State College, The Big Blue Match at the University of Utah, and the NROTC/NRA three-position college sectionals held in Corvallis. He, earlier this year, won high individual at the Eagle Match, the NRA three-position, and the Silver State Invitational held in Reno, Nevada. Adding high power rifles to the list of his accomplishments, Randy organized the annual High Power match at the Elk's range on the 24th of April.

Randy's success is exemplified by two impressive statistical facts: (1) While Randy was a member of the rifle team, it won more team matches than any other school in the twelve western states, and (2) Randy has won more first-place individual awards than any other collegiate competitor over the past three years. The highest score shot this year also belongs to him.

Randy will report for flight training in January of 1978, but will spend the interim period as a rifle instructor at the United States Naval Academy. —4/C Stacey McCULLOCH

Photo by 3/C Roger ROULEAU



Ensigns, USN (left to right): David PITTMAN, Alan HINES, Pam RHYNER, David HUDACEK, and Bill PANABAKER.

### Early Commissioning

On 19 March 1977 five midshipmen took the first step toward careers in the Navy, and on 1 April 1977 one more was added to the ranks of newly commissioned ensigns.

The commissioning ceremony, held at OSU Naval Science Department, was opened with Captain BALL giving welcoming remarks to the families and friends of the midshipmen. Each midshipman was then administered the oath of office by the officer of his choice.

The following is a list of those midshipmen commissioned as Ensigns, United States Navy:

William H. PANABAKER ... sworn in by Col. R. P. WRAY, USMC (Ret.) — Nuclear Power School

David J. HUDACEK ... sworn in by Capt. C. L. STEWART, USN (Ret.) — Nuclear Power School

Pamela J. RHYNER ... sworn in by Lt. Col. J. F. RICE, USMC (Ret.) Communications Station, San Miguel, Phillippines

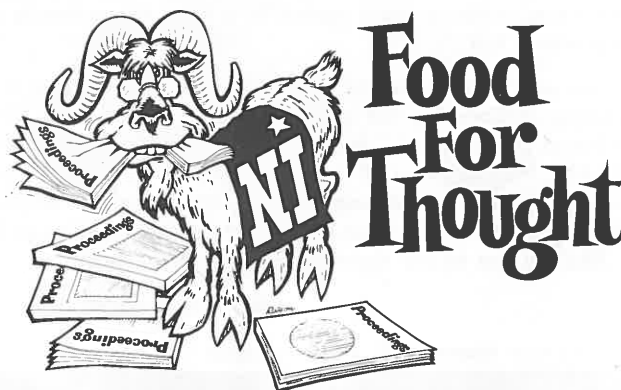
Alan P. HYNES ... sworn in by CW03 R. P. HYNES, USNR Surface Warfare Officer School

David L. PITTMAN ... sworn in by Capt. C. D. BALL, III, USN Flight School

Dennis W. DAIGLE (commissioned 1 April) ... sworn in by Capt. C. D. BALL, III, USN Surface Warfare Officer School.

Congratulations and the best of luck to all.

—4/C Stacey McCULLOCH



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## OSU Skydiving Club

OSU Skydiver Vivian MADISON

Have you ever wondered how it would feel to be hanging on to the strut of a small plane with your left foot on the step at an altitude of 2800 feet? Just imagine the sensation of a 120-mile-an-hour prop blast in your face and then consider the fact that you are supposed to let go! Five of our midshipmen decided to find out what skydiving is really like. Saturday, April 23, 1977, Bill HELLEMN, Mike BARNETT, Mike HANTEN, Kevin GLASGOW, and I, Vivian MADISON, all made our first jump.

The jump itself was the end of a long process. First we had to sign up for the Experimental College class in skydiving and then we were trained by members of the OSU Parachute Club. Mike FULL, the club's only federally certified sport parachute instructor, was aided by the jumpmaster, Jeanette TRUDEAU, during the jump in which a total of sixteen students participated.

The classes are designed to introduce you to the equipment used and how it functions. You are taught how to land and roll properly to take the impact on five points of your body, to steer your canopy, to arch and maintain stability during the brief free fall, how to exit the aircraft, and the other basics needed to execute your first jump safely. Most importantly you learn what to do in emergency situations. Everything is gone over and over again and each procedure is performed many times to make your reactions impulsive.

That April Saturday was the big day when all the training came into practice. The sky was clear with very little wind: perfect jumping weather. We gathered at the Marine Field Meet to watch the demonstration jump and to get a taste of what lay ahead. After the jumpers were on the ground we drove to Knox Butte Airport where we were familiarized with the aircraft.

When we were ready to go we were geared up by club members in student rigs which were then carefully checked by Jeanette. We then proceeded to get into the plane, but first Jeanette had us give our static lines a good hard pull to convince us that we were securely attached to the aircraft.

The exit from the plane is the most frightening part of skydiving for the student. On the command from the jumpmaster

you swing your legs out of the plane and feel the sudden impact of the prop blast. You plant your left foot firmly on the step and on the next command you climb out. This is done by grabbing the strut by first your left and then your right hand and pulling yourself out. It is important to remember to keep your chest low to the strut to avoid being blown off. When you are crouched and ready the jumpmaster slaps your bottom, shouting "GO!" and you thrust yourself away from the strut and step simultaneously. Suddenly you are no longer in contact with the security of the plane. You are still attached by the static line, but you don't think of that when you are 2800 feet above the ground and all you can see around you is air.

After leaving the aircraft you are supposed to go into a "count" which is used for the ripcord pull even though the first-jump students are not even provided with a ripcord on their rigs. This is to prepare you for free fall later and to keep you in a stable arch. Normally you won't complete the count before the canopy is opened or you may even forget it entirely.

The experience of being some 2800 feet up and not inside the safety of a plane was the most terrifying experience of my life. However, before I could panic completely I was suddenly suspended underneath a fully deployed canopy. The terror vanished as quickly as it had come and was replaced by a feeling of tremendous relief and exhilaration.

The view from 2600 feet, approximately the altitude at which the canopy opened, is absolutely fantastic. A better part of the Willamette Valley can be seen, as well as Mt. Hood, the Cascades, and Mary's Peak. And it is so quiet, a definite change from the plane. It's peaceful and relaxing.

Of course, you can't just sit up there all day. You have to steer your canopy to land in the drop zone. This is not difficult as the drop zone is large and the jumpmaster puts you out at a point which will make it very easy.

When you approach the ground you can hear the others yelling up words of encouragement and direction to help you land in a good spot. The impact of the landing generally is not very hard and if you execute the procedures taught in class you won't be injured. It's a good feeling when you reach the ground, hop to your feet and your first thought is, "Let's do it again!"

We all made it safely down, except Mike HANTEN, who sprained his ankle, and we are all anxious to take another leap soon.

We five are by no means the only midshipmen from the unit involved in skydiving. Earlier this term Doug McPHERSON and Tom BALLANTYNE made their first jumps and a number of other midshipmen are waiting to get into later classes. Greg LOCKETT, who helped train our class, is presently the secretary-treasurer of the OSU Sport Parachute Club and has been a member since September of 1975.

For those midshipmen interested, the cost of the class is \$25. This covers training, the first jump, and club membership. After the first leap you make four more static line jumps before moving up to free fall. You are considered to be on student status for at least eleven jumps and pay \$7.50 each time. After your eleventh leap you are no longer a student and pay depending upon the altitude you go to.

Skydiving is a unique experience and one that you won't forget. If nothing else, try it just for the thrill. I'm certain You'll love it!—4/C Vivian MADISON and 3/C Greg LOCKETT

## Departing Staff

Lieutenant Commander EDDINGFIELD, Master Chief Machinist Mate ECKHART, Gunnery Sergeant WALKER, Chief Petty Officer SHEPPARD, and Mrs. Margie Lissman will be leaving the NROTC staff this summer. We thank them for their guidance and wish them the best of luck and smooth sailing throughout the remainder of their careers.

### LIEUTENANT COMMANDER LAWRENCE E. EDDINGFIELD

LCDR EDDINGFIELD reported to Oregon State University from the USS JOSEPH STRAUSS (DDG 16), where he served as engineering officer. He joined the staff as sophomore class instructor on 8 August 1974, and became freshman instructor in 1975. This summer, LCDR EDDINGFIELD will attend the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, to pursue studies in the Command Staff Course before continuing his career as a surface warfare officer.

LCDR EDDINGFIELD commented, "I enjoyed very much the opportunity to work with future naval officers and instill a positive attitude towards the Navy. I look forward to serving with naval officers from Oregon State University."

LCDR EDDINGFIELD is married to the former Barbara Arnt. They have been married nine years and have two children: Chip (6) and Ryan (2).

### MASTER CHIEF MACHINIST MATE RICHARD L. ECKHART

Master Chief Machinist Mate ECKHART was stationed on the USS PAWCATUCK (AO 108) as leading chief petty officer of Unrep Division before reporting to Oregon State University on 30 August 1974. "Chief" has served as the assistant freshman class instructor for the past three years. He will finish his twenty-one years of naval service on the USS WABASH (AOE 5) homeported in Alameda, California.

MMCM ECKHART has been married for seventeen years to the former Carol Wright. They have two boys: Steve (15) and Don (13). His family will remain in Corvallis until Master Chief ECKHART retires.

MMCM ECKHART said his tour here "was one of the best tours of duty I have had."

### CHIEF PAUL D. SHEPPARD

Chief Petty Officer SHEPPARD came to our unit from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he served as the Chief Mess Deck Master-at-Arms in the Enlisted Dining Facility. He assumed the duties as supply officer for the NROTC Unit in July, 1974.

SKC SHEPPARD plans a summer abroad, as his next duty station is Bandar Abbas, Iran.

Chief SHEPPARD is married to the former Jackie Schneider. They have been married for seven years and have one girl, Michelle (4). The Chief's family will remain in the states while he is on duty overseas.

### GUNNERY SERGEANT FLOYD L. WALKER

Gunnery Sergeant WALKER will be heading overseas early in the fall, following his three years at the unit as assistant Marine Option instructor. "Gunny" will serve as First Sergeant of a Marine company in Okinawa.

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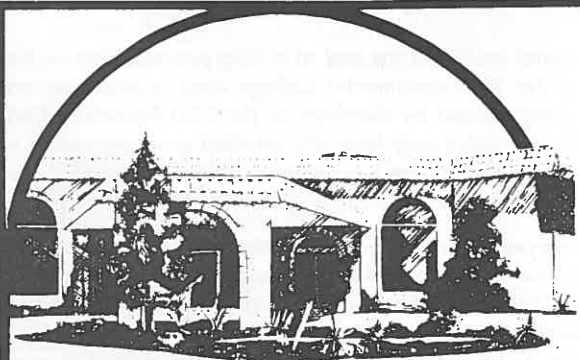


Left to right: GYSGT WALKER, MMCM ECKHART, LCDR EDDINGFIELD, Mrs. LISSMAN, and SKC SHEPPARD.

Gunny Walker is married to the former Charlotte Lima. They have three children, Bill (16), Mark (14), and Julie (9).

### MRS. MARGIE LISSMAN

Mrs. Margie Lissman has been state secretary since January, 1975. Her helpful ways and ever-pleasant smile have solved many problems over the years, and her presence surely will be missed. However, husband Dan has graduated from OSU, and they are headed for Vale, Oregon, where Dan will teach high school. —4/C Edri Ella LEONARD



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## Marine Indoctrination Field Trip

During spring vacation most of us went home to visit friends or went skiing. However, there were a few students from the unit who decided to go down to Southern California on a Marine Indoctrination Field Trip. The trip included air, sea, ground, and basic training displays.

A flight from Eugene to MCAS El Toro on a C-9 began the trip. Once we had arrived we received a briefing as to what our visit would entail and what we would be seeing. The rest of the day was spent wandering around El Toro.

On the second day we went over to the air field at El Toro and viewed a static display of aircraft from the 3rd MAW. There were fixed-winged aircraft like the OV-10A, F-14, A-6, and the new Harrier. They had a KC-130, a CH-46, and a CH-53 in the way of helicopters. Pilots for these aircraft were readily available to answer any questions and to give tours of their aircraft. We left the air field and were taken to see the jet engine maintenance shop, the parachute packing shop, and then we went to an A-6 briefing room. We left the air station that afternoon and proceeded to Disneyland where we spent the rest of the afternoon and part of the evening.

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The third day began with a bus ride up into the hills at Camp Pendleton. An elite group of Marines known as the Recon Rangers met us and showed us all the equipment they use, which included scuba gear, parachutes, mountain climbing gear, and other things. At the same time we watched some paratroopers jump out of a CH-53 and a few people were given rides in the chopper while they jumped. We then drove to a tank display and were allowed to ride on the tanks. Next we listened to lectures on meteorology, night reconnaissance gear, field communications, and 105 Howitzers. While having an authentic lunch of "C-Rats," we viewed a battery of 105s being flown in and set up for an indirect fire mission. After that we went to a fire range where we watched 105s do some direct fire. It was very exciting when the 105 shot at a close target and sent a piece of shrapnel flying over MIDN 4/C Eric BENDER's head. Then we went to an M-16 range where we were able to fire the M-16 on semi and full automatic. The minute we reached the firing line, though, it began to pour and didn't quit for a long time. After we returned to the bus, completely soaked, we went to an M-60 display and then flew back to El Toro on a CH-53.

The next day took us to Coronado where we put on our PT gear and we were allowed to run the 2nd toughest confidence course in the world. Battered and scarred, we left there and went to a lecture about the new U.S.S. TARAWA and viewed a 1.2-million-dollar model of the ship. After lunch we rode an amphibious landing craft to MCRD San Diego. We were taken on an extensive tour of the base. We saw things like a rifle classroom, training pool, obstacle course, and barracks for the recruits. Then we watched a parade put on by the recruits. We spent that night at MCRD and left the next morning for home.

Everyone had a terrific time and I believe that we all learned that there is a lot more to the Marine Corps than being a "grunt." —4/C Mike BARNETT

## Navy Band Performs in Eugene

On March 2nd, many students and staff from the unit traveled to Eugene to hear the U.S. Navy Band in concert. Their trip was well worth it, as the band put on an exemplary performance.

The Navy Band consists of 175 enlisted men and women and four officers. The conductor, Commander Ned Muffley, is only the fifth leader in the band's more than 50 years of existence and is the third Navy musician to attain the rank of full commander.

The band brought 55 members to perform in Eugene. Their repertoire was varied, as they performed both classical and modern pieces. One of the most popular pieces was entitled "Dancing Through the Years," and an arrangement done by the Boston Pops.

Some pieces featuring outstanding soloists were also performed. "Tribute to Louis," featuring Larry Skinner on trumpet, included some of Louis Armstrong's most popular tunes. Another solo, by Dale Underwood, was a song written especially for him on saxophone, "Nocturne and Ritual Dance." It was a beautiful piece, taking full advantage of Underwood's virtuoso talents.

The grand finale, after a standing ovation and requests for more, was a medley of American service marches and patriotic songs, ending with Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" during which the U.S. flag was displayed. It was, to say the least, very inspiring. The entire concert was an experience not soon to be forgotten by those in attendance. —4/C Shelly DUFF

Photo by 3/C Roger ROULEAU



OSU marksmen at the Third Annual Beaver Invitational.

## Rifle Team

The Navy ROTC rifle team, captained by Midshipman I/C Jarvis RATHBONE, has been busy raising money for faraway matches, sponsoring local matches, and winning trophies throughout the Northwest.

Late last term, the team went to Reno, Nevada, along with OSU's rifle team, to attend the Silver State Invitational. Taking top honors at the meet was Randy SMITH, with the high aggregate score. The OSU girls' team, consisting of Midshipmen 3/C Lynn BRICKEY, 3/C Lynn RICE, 4/C Stacey McCULLOCH, and Kim LEASE (a freshman in elementary education), was the victor in the women's division.

On April 16, the team sponsored the National Junior Conventional Sectional, a four-position match won by Kim LEASE. The following day, the National Junior NRA three-position sectional saw Greg BROWN from Eugene claim the victory.

Eight collegiate teams and three junior teams competed for honors at the Third Annual Beaver Invitational on April 23. Representatives from Washington State, University of Washington, Eastern Washington State College, Utah State University, North Idaho College, Gonzaga University, and OSU saw Randy SMITH take the varsity kneeling award, with a score of 189 x 200. Jarvis RATHBONE placed 3rd for varsity aggregate with a score of 537 x 600, and Kim LEASE took fourth in the same division with 536 x 600. The OSU Varsity team, composed of Randy SMITH, Jarvis RATHBONE, Kim LEASE, and Joey GERBER, won the team match with 2119 x 2400.

A high-power match was held at the Elks Range on April 24, and Gene SHEW, a sergeant in the Oregon National Guard, was the sharpshooter of the day. —4/C Stacey McCULLOCH

## What's Cruise Like?

Many midshipmen and parents alike ask the question, "What is this thing they call cruise?" To satisfy their curiosity, and give them a little insight, the following is an explanation in a nutshell of some of the things that go on.

After completing his (or her) freshman year, the new third-class midshipmen (scholarship students only) go to sea on a training cruise of six to eight weeks. The female midshipmen, however, are stationed on a base, not at sea, due to Congressional restrictions. During this cruise the midshipmen are exposed to the life style and work performed by the Navy enlisted personnel. This experience is valuable for an officer in understanding the personal problems associated with people living and working together. The midshipmen will spend time in the Engineering, Weapons, and Operations departments to learn the different functions they provide and how they relate to the overall performance of the ship.

During the summer between the sophomore and junior years, scholarship second-class midshipmen (again, restrictions being put on the females) will spend one week each learning about the mission and careers available in Naval Aviation, Surface Warfare, Subsurface/Surface Nuclear Power, and the U.S. Marine Corps. Aviation indoctrination is at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas, where the midshipmen may have the chance to fly in a single or twin-engine propeller aircraft or maybe even a jet. The Surface Warfare phase is at either San Diego, California, or Little Creek, Virginia. Subsurface training provides a chance for midshipmen to learn about submarine warfare in an attack or fleet ballistic missile submarine. Also, during this week they will be exposed to the Navy Nuclear Power Program, what it is, and how they can qualify for it. This cruise

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also provides a week for the midshipmen to learn how the Marine Corps accomplishes their mission, and how the Navy and Marine Corps work together in combined missions. They are also introduced to the different opportunities available in the Marine Corps.

The first-class cruise between the midshipman's junior and senior years involves working as an assistant division officer. These midshipmen are being trained as Junior Officers, whose responsibilities include deck training, weapons systems, Combat Information Center, Wardroom etiquette, etc. In other words they're spending time in "Officer's Country." This training lasts approximately six weeks.

Midshipmen have a variety of choices to make. They may choose ship type, either destroyers, cruisers, frigates, amphib, or aircraft carriers. Cruises are offered in such places as Japan, Hawaii, the Mediterranean area, Spain, and Nova Scotia. This year, some midshipmen will be going to England to participate in the "Silver Jubilee" commemorating the 25th anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Cruises such as these give midshipmen a chance to enjoy liberty in foreign ports.

As can be seen, cruise is a rewarding experience, full of adventure, good times, and knowledge. —4/C Stacey McCULLOCH

## 1977 Fall Staff Billets

The highlight of the Navy Ring Dance was the announcement of the 1977 Fall Term Battalion Staff.

Battalion Commanding Officer .....	Mark C. FOOTE
Battalion Executive Officer .....	Terry L. DEEN
Battalion Operations Officer .....	Doug D. McPHERSON
Battalion Assistant Operations Officer .....	Rudy C. HOOVEN
Battalion Personnel Officer .....	Brian B. LINDE
Battalion Supply Officer .....	Warren R. BYRUM
Battalion Physical Training Officer .....	Don W. BUSSELL
Battalion Alumni Affairs Officer .....	Alan E. HAGGERTY
Battalion Fiscal Affairs Officer .....	Jim R. MASON
Battalion Public Affairs Officer .....	Jeff W. WILSON
Senior Company Commander .....	Marty J. SMART
Professional Affairs Committee Chairman .....	Jeff G. LEWIS
Social Affairs Committee Chairman ..	Tony R. WOODVILLE
Academic Affairs Committee Chairman ..	Don E. PALMROSE
Headquarters Company Commander .....	Don E. WILSON
Headquarters Company Executive Officer ...	Dennis J. HUNT
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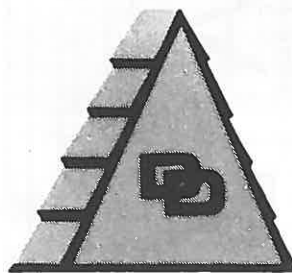
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## From the Battalion Commander...

Before the ranks are broken for cruise, I would like to express my views on life as it is at Oregon State. The reputation held by this unit throughout the globe is heralded and acknowledged. These accolades were not built solely by 4.0s or honor roll students. Scholastic indexes will not be the determining factor when evaluations are completed this summer. Oregon State's performance will be judged by how well you, as OSU midshipmen, work with, for, and alongside your peers. Continue to strive for excellence in this practical application as you have in academics. Oregon State Midshipmen are expected to set the standard. Take this challenge and excel. Take pride in your ability to perform as a professional. Your performance on cruise and here at Oregon State is an estimate of the future. Individuals who constantly strive to improve and put forth effort above and beyond the call of duty are those who exemplify the motto at Oregon State NROTC, "The true measure of power in the Navy is in its trained manpower." As a future officer you are being trained so that you may train others. The degree to which you are examined during your four years in NROTC will be magnified many times when forty men or women are in your division or platoon. It will be your responsibility to train these individuals. Without leadership by example there is no leadership.

Keep these thoughts in mind when you are running at 0600, scraping the deck, or sitting in a foxhole. The harder you work toward a goal, the harder it is to give up before you reach that goal. Work hard and play hard. Take time to become exposed to the local cultures wherever you travel. Education also takes place after working hours. Shove off and have a good one! —1/C P.A. SMELTZER

## Gurnard Cruise

Last January, Commander Henry G. CHILES, Jr., commanding officer of the U.S.S. GURNARD (SSN-662) visited Oregon State University's Naval Science Department and discussed the Navy's nuclear education program. Following his presentation, Captain CHILES extended an invitation to all hands to pay a visit to him on GURNARD in overhaul at Bremerton Naval Shipyard. Four midshipmen took advantage of the captain's offer and were

called to temporary active duty for three days over Easter aboard GURNARD. They were MIDN 2/C Bob NIEMEYER, 3/C Bob ADAMSKI, 3/C Brian FELLOWS, and 3/C Tic HOWARD.

A submarine in overhaul is not the most elegant creature to behold. The GURNARD was badly torn apart. The hull was intact in drydock, but that was about all. Various other bits and pieces were scattered about the shipyard in different shops for reworking or replacement. However, Captain CHILES thoughtfully arranged a peek inside an intact sub — the U.S.S. DRUM (SSN-671). Although operational, DRUM was still layed up in drydock to facilitate torpedo impact tests which the Navy was conducting on her hull to measure its ability to withstand such attacks.

Other tours included the various mechanical, machine, electrical and shipfitting shops at the shipyard. Also, the mids had a chance to visit one of the first nuclear-powered cruisers in the world, the U.S.S. BAINBRIDGE, where they were treated to a very impressive display of the Terrior weapon system from inside the missile bay.

An exciting and informative time was had by all. —3/C Brian FELLOWS

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Fast attack submarine U.S.S. GURNARD (SSN-662)

## News Briefs

**SENIOR SEMINAR** . . . Each spring, members of the graduating class have an opportunity to ask the many unanswered questions that run through a soon-to-be-commissioned officer's mind. The staff officers and enlisted personnel provide insight on life in the military and discuss pitfalls that young officers should avoid. This year's senior seminar was held at Peavey Arboretum and provided for an informative and productive exchange of "gouge."

**NEW STATE SECRETARY** . . . The newest addition to the unit staff is Miss Arlene Ackroyd, who is taking the position of State Secretary. Welcome to OSU NROTC, Arlene.

—4/C Stacey McCULLOCH

Photo by Mrs. Dorothy Reiley



"Home Run Fever." Phil SMELTZER prepares to put one in the trees in recent staff vs. senior softball game. Unfortunately for the seniors, the staff prevailed, 10-7. In other competition, First Company was the victor of spring Battalion athletics.

## Editor's Comment

This issue of the *Albatross* brings to a close my year-long position as editor. The billet is traditionally filled by a sophomore who has worked in some capacity on the staff as a freshman. At this time I am happy to announce next year's editor — Stacey McCULLOCH, who has worked arduously throughout the year and learned rapidly the skills required to manage a newspaper. I know that she will apply those skills intelligently and with her affinity for public relations I am confident the *Albatross* will continue to expand its horizons. Smooth sailing, Stacey!

As the *Albatross* continues to grow, I thought it appropriate herein to relate a brief account of its history. Deep historical research has revealed a quaintly humble birth followed by some typically painful adolescent maturing. At its conception, "*Albatross*" was in fact the "*Scuttlebutt*" back in 1973. Third-classman Richard B. WILLIAMS (today likely a JG) started up the operation on simple mimeographed sheets. *Scuttlebutt* was an irregular publication and still too superficial to be completely ingrained as a part of the Unit. But it was a start! In the fall of 1974, the *Scuttlebutt* was transformed into the *Albatross* by the team of Paul CAMPBELL and Jerry WELTNER. Back then, the *Albatross* was quite a challenge: there was no community support through advertising, no publisher, no staff — not much of

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Left to right: Shelly DUFF, Stacey McCULLOCH, and Edri LEONARD.

anything really. Slowly, with help from the Battalion Public Affairs Officer, Brad HUPY, Paul and Jerry overcame these obstacles. Advertising was solicited from Corvallis to Washington, D.C. The staff was incorporated as a fully integrated part of the battalion Public Affairs Division. And the "air boss" (as the editor was affectionately known then) was flying high. Well, except for a few minor improvements in printing techniques along the way, that just about brings us up to date. However, to complete the list of editors, in 1975 Jeff WILSON assumed the responsibilities, followed by myself this year. Rather a young paper!

Young or old, the *Albatross* will always remain quite a challenge. It's a professional operation and requires a great deal of sacrifice on the part of a well-coordinated staff to provide the Unit with a quarterly journal. The staff this year has been unsurpassable. Their efforts have been an indispensable aid. And their attitude of never being too busy to do just one last bit of typing or to get that one final article or photograph taken care of under the deadline has been a comforting relief. I'm told that this kind of dedication is not unusual for OSU NROTC and this past year's experience in public affairs has made that claim easy for me to believe. I invite the reader to review closely the list below, for without them, these words would not be possible. Thank you all very much. — Editor

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