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## "NORTHWEST NAVY '77"

The greater part of winter term was concerned with the preparations of each team for the Northwest Navy Drill Competition. This year's competition was held on 19 February at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

The midshipmen of Oregon State left on 17 February to compete with the following schools: the University of Idaho, the University of Washington, and the University of Utah. Each of the Unit's competitive teams — physical fitness, rifle, pistol, drum and bugle, and drill — matched skills with their counterparts. It all began at 0700 Saturday and ended with the traditional awards banquet at 2000 that same evening. Each team demonstrated outstanding phases in all categories, making for one of the most competitive Northwest Navy bouts in many years. Every phase was closely contended, but as usual Oregon State came out ahead, winning over half of the thirty categories.

OSU swept rifle team competition as Midshipman 1/C Randy SMITH took high prone, kneeling, standing, and aggregate in leading the team to a decisive victory. (See article on page three. —Ed.) In the pistol match, two of five phases were captured by the OSU sharpshooters. Midshipman 2/C Jeremi KOWALIK took the high slow fire and Midshipman 3/C Russ GEORGE captured the rapid fire. Last of the non-drill phases was the physical fitness

competition in men's and women's divisions. Although both teams turned in excellent scores, Midshipman 4/C Clive CAMPBELL (also a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps) took the only individual high score for OSU by covering the three-mile run in 15 minutes and 40 seconds!

In the drill/music competitions, OSU's Drum and Bugle Corps repeated last year's performance by taking first-place awards in Inspection, Regulation, and Exhibition phases. In addition, Midshipman 2/C Jeff LEWIS received the outstanding Drum and Bugle Corps Commander's Trophy and Midshipman 4/C Mike BARNETT won the Individual drill. It was a clean sweep for our side!

The highlight of the evening came when the winner of the Professor of Naval Science Pistol Competition was announced. Captain Ball, participating in his first PNS match, was declared the winner.

Overall, every Oregon State team competing did excellent jobs and should be extremely proud of their performances. More importantly, however, was the fact that every midshipman of OSU conducted himself in a manner befitting an officer and a gentleman, exemplifying that OSU was, as always, the Best in the West and the Rest. —MIDN 3/C Ray BELLANT



Captain Courtland D. BALL

## Captain's Corner

I think some observations about the NROTC at OSU are perhaps in order. As a new member of the organization I am most impressed with many of the things I see here.

I have had prior association with NROTC Units at other universities, and with midshipmen of all varieties during summer cruises. I must say that I have been singularly impressed with the spirit, loyalty, and pride I see displayed by the Midshipman Battalion at OSU. This is not only manifested by the peerless performance of the Drum and Bugle Corps, Drill Team, Rifle and Pistol Teams, and Physical Fitness Teams, but also by the many hours devoted by the Battalion to the various Navy and Marine Corps social and professional societies and clubs. The many company community service projects are evidence of concern for the environment and compassion for the less fortunate. These activities not only reflect great credit upon the individual who devotes his time and work, but also demonstrates to the University and the community that the Battalion and the Naval Service are interested and concerned participants in local affairs.

The professionalism of all midshipmen, fourth-classmen to seniors, never ceases to please and amaze me. This is certainly in

part due to the outstanding group of instructors and assistants assigned to the staff. However, I am convinced that there is also an atmosphere here which motivates the men and women of the Battalion to see themselves as members of an honorable profession. The example of the many successful naval careers begun at OSU as well as the continuing interest and support of these officer alumni provides a positive media in which the professionalism of the Battalion grows.

Lastly, a word about academics. The efforts of the Battalion in this regard are very edifying. The Fall Term grades were evidence of the recognition by the Battalion of the importance of academic achievement. The overall Battalion average compares very favorably with that of the all-University average. Although we have what I consider too many people on academic probation, I must temper this statement by remarking that our standards are considerably more stringent than that expected elsewhere. Some advice — *your studies are important* — work hard to achieve the best education possible. The Navy needs well-educated and intelligent officers.

Let me say that I am very, very happy with my assignment and proud to be associated with such a fine group of men and women. Let's work together to continue the OSU tradition of "Best in the West and the Rest." — *Skipper*

## Battalion Activities

### Company Projects

Saturday, 22 January, was the date set for First Company's winter term project. The midshipmen traveled to the old Camp Adair facilities north of Corvallis where they worked with CISCO to help restore an apartment building for occupancy by Indians involved in training at the center. The event was featured in a front page story in the *Gazette-Times*.

Second Company chose the Children's Farm Home as the site of their project this term. On 6 February, the midshipmen helped to refurbish a recreation cottage and construct an addition to the wall of a horse barn. Children from the Farm Home helped the mids and a good time was had by all.

For their project, Third Company worked on the rifle range at the Elk's Club in the town of Wren, installing movable targets for .45-caliber rapid and timed fire. Third Company executive officer, MIDN LT (jg) Joe KELLER, directed the project on Saturday, 5 March. All those who use the range will appreciate the work done.

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### Squad Competition

The annual squad competition was once again held at the end of fall term. Squads competed within their own platoons, then the winners went on to the company level of the competition. The best squad from each of the three companies then went into the final phase of competition held 28 November 1976. On Tuesday, 30 November, an awards ceremony was held and it was announced that Second Squad of Second Platoon, First Company, under MIDN 2/C Douglas C. McPHERSON, won. Congratulations to Doug and his squad of professionals. —4/C Edri Ella LEONARD

### Battalion Athletics

Twelve February, Lincoln's birthday, dawned bright and sunny — a perfect day for battalion athletics. While Headquarters Company worked diligently in preparation for Northwest Navy, the other three companies mustered at 0830 for the three rounds of flashball, a game like football. Flashball varies from football in the following ways: (1) the players may pass or hand the ball off at any time; (2) a team is given four downs to make a touchdown; and (3) if a player drops the ball, the other team takes control of it.

Approximately 150 midshipmen showed up for the games. The opening contest was between First and Second Companies with First coming out on top. Third Company's triumph over Second in the next game set the stage for the championship showdown with First Company. MIDN LT Sam POTTS led his team to a well-fought victory over the flashballers of First. MIDN LT (jg) Greg J. GOEKS was the only casualty, sustaining a separated shoulder. The officials for the games were MIDN Captain M. G. Westmore, MIDN Commander P. M. O'Donogue, MIDN LT (jg) A. A. Forrey, and MIDN 1/C P. A. Smeltzer. Major R. E. Tschan and LT(jg) S. C. Thompson also attended.

Interservice athletics this term pitted Navy against Air Force in basketball on 5 February with the Navy winning. Congratulations to the Navy-Marine team of MIDN Commander P. M. O'Donogue, MIDN LT D. D. Erdt, MIDN 2/C T. E. Van Dyke, MIDN 2/C R. C. Hooven, and MIDN 3/C D. R. Becker. —4/C Edri Ella LEONARD

### Rifle Team

The Rifle Team had a busy weekend February 18-20. It all began as the team traveled to Cheney, Washington, to shoot in the Northwest Sectionals for a nation-wide intercollegiate competition on Friday. Midshipmen 1/C R. K. SMITH, 1/C J. D. RATHBONE, 3/C P. W. GHERRITY, and 4/C C. H. HALL won the meet for Oregon State with a combined total of 1091/1200, giving the team an excellent national standing. However, the final national results are not in yet. MIDN 1/C SMITH placed high in the sectionals with a score of 288/300.

Following the Cheney match, they drove south to join the other teams from the Unit in Moscow, Idaho, for Northwest Navy. SMITH dominated the competition, turning in the best scores in every category. However, due to a ruling that no more than one trophy may be awarded to any one individual, SMITH received only the "High Aggregate" award with a score of 282/300. The remaining first-place trophies were given to the second-place shooters. Hall received the award for "High Kneeling" with a score of 96/100. Trophies for high prone and high standing went to other schools. Overall, the team did very well, winning the first-place team trophy. —3/C Vivian MADISON



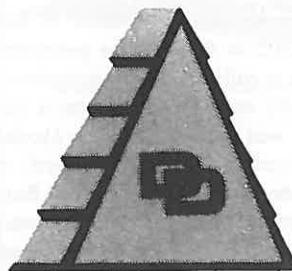
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Richard and Ellie GOWARD

**SPOTLIGHT:****Richard and Ellie GOWARD,  
Midshipmen, USNR**

How is it that the NROTC unit at Oregon State University has earned a reputation known as the "Best in the West and the Rest"? With strong-minded midshipmen such as Mr. and Mrs. Goward, that's how! Teamwork is an integral part of the winning spirit and these two are quite a team. Their participation in the Unit over the last three years has been both varied and inspiring.

As a high school senior, Rich was awarded a four-year national NROTC scholarship which he took advantage of here at OSU. During his freshman year, he played junior varsity soccer and was elected team captain. A year later, he lettered in varsity soccer and his team participated in the Pacific-8 Championship at Stanford. Rich served on the *Albatross* staff as business manager and as temporary editor. His battalion offices included positions as squad leader in his sophomore year, fiscal affairs officer in his junior year, and his present billet as senior company commander.

Transferring from Northwestern University to OSU in her sophomore year, Ellie entered NROTC in the college program and has continued to the present as a college program student. She pledged Gamma Phi Beta sorority and currently retains active membership. For two years, Ellie was a member of the Model United Nations. She is now participating in Mortar Board, a senior honorary society. In her junior year, she served as Battalion Chief Petty Officer, squad leader, and assistant chairman of the Alumni Committee. She presently holds the chairmanship of the Alumni Committee. Mrs. Goward also shot competitively in the Unit's Rifle Team.

Together, Rich and Ellie are members of Scabbard and Blade, a tri-service honorary organization. Additionally, they both helped with the organization of last year's Ring Dance. At one time, both were writers for the *Albatross*.

Richard is a business administration major with a minor in computer science. After commissioning this June, he hopes to attend Surface Warfare School and serve aboard a patrol gunboat. Ellie, a history major, would like to do naval social work in

Special or Family Services. Naturally, they would like to be stationed together, preferably in San Diego.

As a side note, one of Rich's greater claims to fame during his college career was his addition to the menu of the midshipmen's mess of the popular "Goward Gut Bomb"! In Rich's own words, the recipe for this delicacy consists of "a piece of horsemeat between two pieces of stale bread." At sixty-five cents each, quite a bargain! —4/C Kathy RAY

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OSU NROTC Drill Team executes movements in competition.

## Drill Team Exhibitions

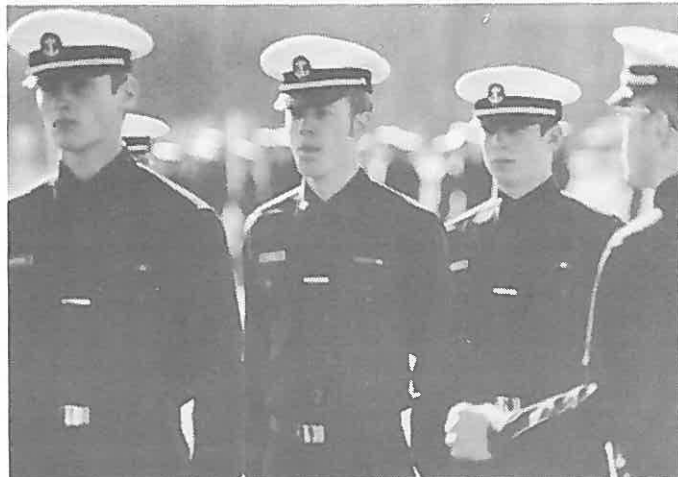
The OSU Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Drill Team has already participated in many exhibitions this year. It has performed at Harrisburg High School, Forest Grove High School, Sprague High School, Gill Coliseum (for Dad's Weekend), and during a halftime at a Trail Blazer's Game in the Portland Memorial Coliseum. Always a crowd pleaser, the Drill Team was cheered with a standing ovation at Sprague High School in Salem.

The Drill Team has nineteen members, seventeen marchers, and two substitutes. The commander is MIDN LT(jg) Tony VAN DYKE.

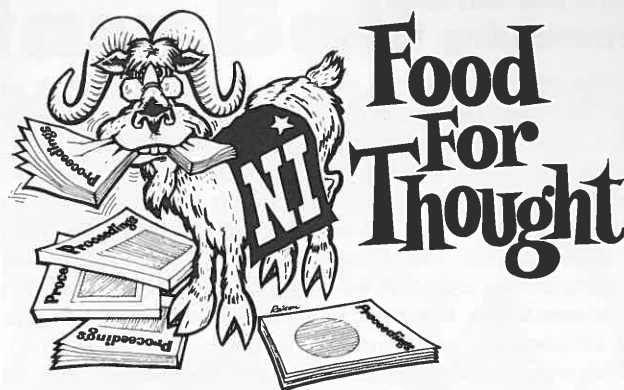
In competition, the team executes three phases: regulation (movements in the Landing Party Manual), inspection, and exhibition. In exhibition, the team performs varied movements with such colorful names as the Sardine Manual, the Right Oblique, Diagonals, the Marching High Toss, and the Suicide Squeeze. The rifles used by the team are .30-caliber M-1903s made in the United States by Remington and Springfield Companies.

"It's very competitive," commented VAN DYKE. "The alumni expect winners." And winners they are! —Terry Wickwire

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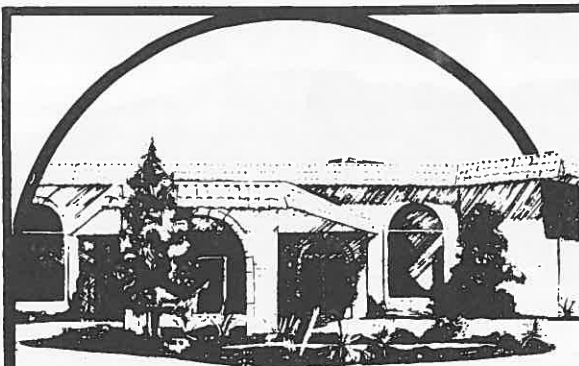


Third Company, First Platoon Commander R. S. McEWEN (far right) drills his platoon in preparation for the platoon phase of drill competition.



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## From the Battalion Commanding Officer . . .

I'm glad the *Albatross* asked me to write an article. It isn't often that I get to express some of my ideas to the whole Battalion. As Winter Term Battalion Commander, I tried to keep in touch with all of you and not become isolated at the top. I tried to think back a few years to when I was a fourth-classman and remember what it was like to be down there filling that last link in the chain of command. I have had the opportunity to make decisions, but my main task was to supervise — to make sure that the responsibilities and tasks that I delegated were understood and completed. I spent many a sleepless night wondering if Midshipman so-and-so completed this or knew about that. You see, as battalion commander, *anything* that goes wrong within the Battalion is ultimately my responsibility. The point is that I wasted a lot of my time worrying when nothing really went wrong.

Winter term ran rather smoothly. Why? Not because of the

senior billet holders. It was a rewarding term because of the outstanding performance and cooperation of the underclassmen — the second-, third-, and fourth-classmen who make up the core of this Battalion. You are the people that make this Unit what it is, and on behalf of my staff and myself I would like to thank you. Thank you for giving us a chance to develop our leadership capabilities. I'm sure that my staff would agree with me when I say that holding a major billet has been an invaluable experience. When we enter the Navy or Marine Corps, we will be able to fall back on knowledge gained here at OSU.

In closing, I would like to say that OSU NROTC is highly respected and well-known throughout the Navy and Marine Corps. The things I have been discussing in this article are part of what makes OSU NROTC what it is now and always will be — "The Best in the West and the Rest." I hope that you all have an enjoyable spring vacation and that when you return, you will be ready to support the Spring Term Battalion Commander as you did me. —MIDN CAPT M. G. WESTMORE, *Battalion Commanding Officer*

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USS CORAL SEA (CV-43) departs San Francisco Bay for her last Westpac deployment. Following the completion of her

tour of duty with the Seventh Fleet, she will become the West Coast training aircraft carrier.

# 1977 Military Ball

Photo by Ed Chow



## Annual Military Ball

For the fifty-sixth year, the Military Ball once again joined the three ROTC units on campus together in a social function. This traditional event, sponsored by the tri-service honor organization, Scabbard and Blade, was held at 2030 on 25 February in the OSU Memorial Union Ballroom.

The dance, traditionally only for military personnel, was opened to civilians this year for the first time. It gave the midshipmen and cadets an opportunity to become familiar with the proper protocol which they will encounter at social events as commissioned officers. For example, those who attended gained experience in passing through a receiving line. In fact three hundred couples passed through it in less than an hour!

Steven Smyth, Mike Sutton, Tony Van Dyke, Dean Vaughn, Larry Weber, Daniel Weiland, Jeff Wilson, and Frederick Wolff. Once again, the members of Scabbard and Blade made this evening a truly enjoyable and rewarding experience.

—4/C S. J. McCULLOCH

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Music was provided by the Thirteenth Naval District Dance Orchestra. The event was free to midshipmen who were members of Taffrail. The night was highlighted by the introduction of the new Scabbard and Blade initiates: Gloria Ancheta, Dale Atkinson, Karen Beitzel, Julie Bever, Harold Bochsler, Robert Breitmayer, Mark Bunker, Don Bussel, Russell Flatz, Mark Foote, Royce Gibson, Greg Goeks, Al Haggerty, Melodee Holden, Mark Ketelson, Anton Larsen, Kathy Lee, Brian Lewis, Kent Listoe, James Lyman, Jim Mason, Thomas McCoy, Jim McLean, Dave Mollahan, Mark Musgrave, Steve Newcombe, Don Palmrose, Robin Poe, Larry Raaf, Marty Smart, Harry Smolen,



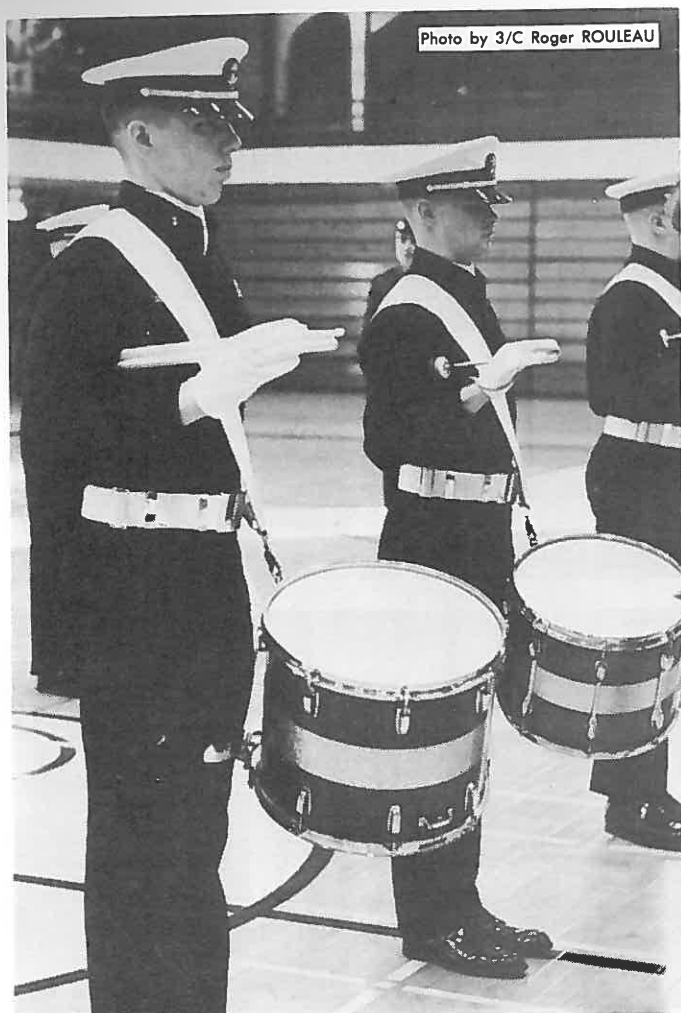


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**Drum and Bugle Corps stands at attention at Northwest Navy.**

## Pistol Team

After last year's revival which saw the Pistol Team take first place at Northwest Navy and capture top honors in the National Navy Pistol League (NNPL, an association of 17 NROTC Units throughout the nation), it appears the team is going to stay right where it's at — on top.

This year's team is led by MIDN LT(jg) Steve NEWCOMB who has been a member since coming to OSU three years ago. Other returning members, all from the sophomore class, include Mark W. BARTLETT, Russell E. GEORGE, Ian E. HARROD, and Clifford H. RATTE.

After stiff competition earlier this year, four new shooters were added to the line-up: MIDN 2/C Jeremi L. KOWALIK, 3/C Robert J. PALMQUIST, 4/C Thomas E. ROLLMAN and 4/C Paul E. STOECKER. With daily practice and several matches in the Willamette Valley Pistol League (WVPL) to their credit, these new members are shooting better than their counterparts of last year. With the steady increase in scores, we are apt to see some record performances.

Last spring, thanks mainly to the efforts of GYSGT WALKER, a .45-caliber team was started. Plans for competing in high power matches are slated for spring term. In addition, Gunny WALKER has done work in assembling equipment for reloading ammunition for these weapons.

Everything considered, this year's team has shown itself to be nothing less than the best; and more importantly, it can expect to remain so. —3/C Ian HARROD

## Mare Nostrum

Mare Nostrum is branching out! Due to the great deal of interest expressed by midshipmen, Mare Nostrum has expanded its horizons to include scuba diving as a club activity. Through a special arrangement with Aqua Sports of Corvallis, lessons were offered at a reduced rate. The midshipmen who participated in the scuba diving were:

1/C A. A. FORREY  
D. J. HUDACEK  
P. J. RHYNER  
2/C R. C. HOOVEN  
3/C R. E. BELLANT  
D. L. PIERCE  
N. E. DODDRIDGE  
4/C D. A. MEYER

They all made their check-out dive at Hoodspoint, Washington, on 26 February, where they were both NAUI and PADI certified.

Progress has been made in obtaining sailboats for the club as well. Mare Nostrum now owns a ten-foot Sea Scouter donated by Ann-Mari Madison of Beaux Arts Village, Washington. It was transported down from the Seattle area by MIDN 1/C A. A. FORREY and MIDN 3/C R. E. BELLANT. With this addition, it is hoped that the club can resume the sailing instructions which were discontinued due to the lack of a sailing vessel. Attempts are being made to obtain more boats. However, nothing definite has been finalized yet. —4/C V. I. MADISON

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With white belts gleaming against Navy blue uniforms, brass shining, and eyes straight ahead, the platoon advanced onto the drill deck and halted before the reviewing officer. Commands were delivered; the platoon formed a spearhead, and as bugles flashed in a ripple, the exhibition phase began.

The OSU Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Drum and Bugle Corps has been a winner since 1968! It started as a four-man team just ten years earlier and in 1959, bugles augmented the corps to bring its present strength to seventeen members. It consists of six soprano bugles, two tenor bugles, two bass bugles, one cymbal, one bass drum, two tenor drums, and two snare drums. This year, the platoon breaks down into eight freshmen, three sophomores, five juniors and one senior.

"Members are on the team for three years," commented Corps Commander MIDN 2/C Jeff LEWIS. "However, we lost some freshmen and sophomores due to class conflicts so we have a senior, Pat FERRAL, on the team." The staff of the Drum and Bugle Corps is as follows: Executive Officer, MIDN 2/C John TERRELL; Mustering Chief Petty Officer MIDN 2/C Dennis HUNT; Chief Petty Officers, MIDN 2/C Rod LUND and MIDN 2/C Warren BYRUM; First Squad Leader, MIDN 3/C Mike LAUZEN; Second Squad Leader, MIDN 3/C Ray BELLANT; and Third Squad Leader, MIDN 3/C Dan DISBROW.

In 1968, the Drum and Bugle Corps entered its first competition at Northwest Navy. It won first place, of course.

"A large part of it is camaraderie," said LEWIS. "You go through everything together."

There are four phases to perform in competition: regulation, inspection, exhibition, and "Men Without Arms Individual."

"In the regulation phase, the commander is given a list of

commands to put his team through in a limited amount of time," said LEWIS. "At the Reno Invitational Drill Meet in 1975, due to the geometry of the floor, we marched out with the side rank rather than the front. We had to go through regulation sideways." The corps took first place, however. "Everyone was thinking and working together," continued LEWIS.

In the competition phase, the team goes through a variety of movements such as quadrants, the French Box, Black Out, and some French counters — all in cadence with their music. They play the Marine Corps Hymn, a fanfare, a drum solo from "Inna-Godda-Da-Vida," the Triumphal March from Aida, and finish with Anchors Aweigh.

For the Men Without Arms Individual phase, a team enters up to four members who are lined up on the deck and eliminated through a series of quick, close order commands. The last man standing wins a trophy for himself. Mike LAUZEN of OSU won it in Reno in 1976.

The main competitions are Northwest Navy, the Reno Invitational, and the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. The trophies offered at these competitions are the Commander's Trophy, Regulation Trophy, Inspection Trophy, and the Exhibition Trophy. All trophies "rotate" from school to school each year depending upon the winner. At the completion of the Northwest Navy Drum and Bugle Corps competition, the points are totaled for each NROTC unit and the team with the highest score receives the Eric L. Barr Trophy. Also, the Roger T. Okamoto Memorial Award is presented at Northwest Navy to the platoon commander exemplifying the highest degree of leadership as manifested by his ability to command his team through its various phases. MIDN 1/C Dave HUDACEK won that last year.

"The team as a unit knows how it did after each competition without being told," LEWIS said. "You can feel it." —Terri Wickwire



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## Special Feature

During third class cruise last summer aboard the *USS Hamner (DD-718)*, I had the opportunity to make friends with several members of the ship's company. One of the crew, SA Greg Hines, recited to me a poem he had written about an ex-

perience he had while standing an after-lookout watch one night. When he finished, I asked him for a copy which he gave me. Greg requested that I share his poem with my fellow midshipmen, something I was happy to do. In cooperation with the *Albatross* staff, then, I would like to present to the Battalion "The Albatross." —3/C Bob ADAMSKI

## The ALBATROSS

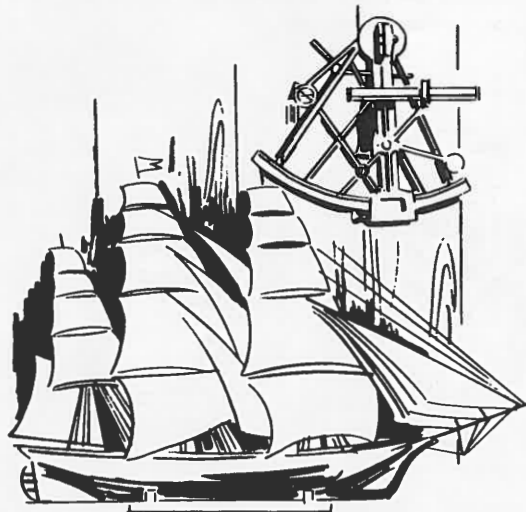
The Albatross is here, the Albatross is there,  
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flying low to the water, not dragging a wing.  
And he flies by day in his own special way.  
And he flies by night, oh that gleaming streak of white.

So, if you ever want to see this most beautiful sight,  
just go to sea, and if you're lucky,  
you might.

Greg Hines, SA  
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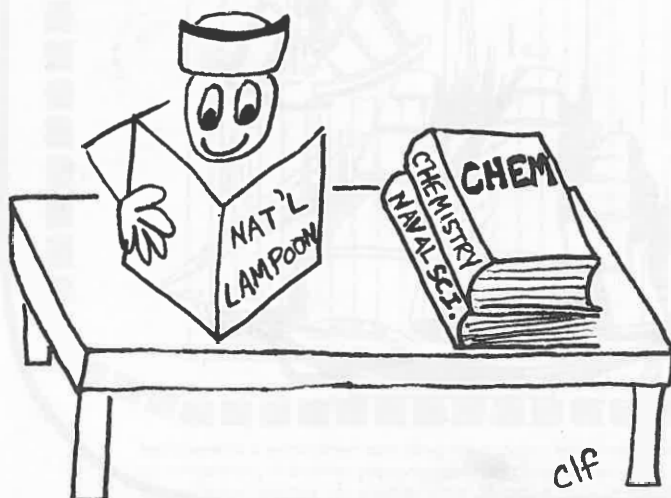
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## Editor's Comment

The *Albatross* traditionally has honored our highly successful competitions at Northwest Navy each winter with front-page coverage and this year is no exception! Reporter Ray BELLANT (himself a member of the winning team) kept that indefatigable spirit needed to win alive as he wrote the copy for the article on the bus while returning from Moscow in order to meet the publisher's deadline. The result speaks for itself. It's hard to lose with this kind of dedication toward achievement.

This year's *Albatross* staff, I feel, measures up to the examples set by our Unit's triumph in Idaho. Of considerable note on the team is its newest member, civilian Terri Wickwire. Terri's boundless enthusiasm and alacrity toward her duties as business editor have contributed significantly to the high calibre of the "bird." As if handling a quarterly budget of just under five hundred dollars were not enough, "Wick" insisted upon getting her hands dirty in virtually every area of operation that a newspaper has to offer: from copy to press, from assembly to distribution. And yet for all these labors, her only external gratification will be a hearty "well done" — unless someone can recruit her. Terri is the second staff member majoring in journalism.

The other is Shelly DUFF. While still recovering from an unfortunate series of ambulatory mishaps, Shelly dauntlessly proceeded with her task of organizing the articles, photographs, and advertisements into a presentable form. Under her direction, the *Albatross* this term returns to its usual twelve-page format.

Turning to one of the more unique features in this term's issue, a few words of special thanks are due to be extended to Bob ADAMSKI for his thoughtfulness in submitting "The *Albatross*" for publication. With this in mind, the Battalion as a whole is reminded that the *Albatross* exists for our own journalistic enlightenment as well as for our enjoyment. It is the policy of this staff to encourage such submissions in addition to essays, editorials, articles, critiques, photographs, and the like. Every attempt to print quality material will be made. —Editor

Left to right: Tic HOWARD, Terri Wickwire, Edri LEONARD, Vivian MADISON, Stacey McCULLOCH, Shelly DUFF, and Roger ROULEAU.

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