Marching on the deck for Northwest Navy in Corvallis, the Drill Team does what it does best!

Reporting in for regulation phase in Tempe, Arizona drill meet, the team once again showed the others how it's done!

The team clowns around during one of many fund-raisers - a 100 mile swim in the Willamette River.

Exiting the competition deck at Tempe, the team shows their form.

The team performs in squad basic drill in Sugar Bowl Stadium, New Orleans, Louisiana.
DRILL TEAM

Dedication is the main ingredient of an Oregon State NROTC Drill Team. But it pays off - ask the 18 men whose 1978-79 team took first in every competition they entered. The competitions attracted the best in the United States. They were Mardi Gras, considered drill team nationals, the Governor’s Invitational in Tempe, Arizona, and Northwest Navy, held in Corvallis. The team spent three hours in practice each day, plus fund raising. Sounds next to impossible in a college student’s schedule, right? Right. But our team, led by Commanding Officer Clarke Lethin, Midn 2/C, and Executive Officer Eric Bender, Midn 2/C, accomplished every goal they set. Congratulations are appreciated, but the team will always treasure the self-satisfaction of a job well-done.

After returning from Mardi Gras, the Drill Team exhibited a few of their trophies and souvenirs.

Stacking arms at the Sugar Bowl Stadium - new to our Drill Team, but still, first place was garnered!

Clarke Lethin, team commander reports readiness for inspection phase to judges.
Team Commander Midn 2/C Mike Barnett gives a few last minute instructions to the D & B.

Midn 3/C David Leingang marches to the beat of his own drum.
The Drum and Bugle Corps entered a period of transition this year. A lack of competition has changed the scope of the Navy Drum and Bugle Corps. Previously a competition-oriented team, the D & B has become a primarily an exhibition-giving organization.

The team, under the command of Midn 2/C Mike Barnett, put in many long hours of work preparing for exhibitions.

Dad's Weekend, Corvallis and Philomath High Schools, the Lilac Festival in Washington, and a trip through California are a few of the exhibitions given by the Drum and Bugle Corps this year.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
COLOR
GUARD

An innovative, exciting year was spent by the Color Guard. The small, hard working team presented the colors at a Portland Trail Blazer game and, in Seattle, at a major football game, the Challenge Bowl. The guard also presented the colors at several basketball games at Oregon State.

Led by Midn 2/C Loren Brooks, the group is the third part of Headquarters Company with the Drill Team and Drum and Bugle corps. Midn 3/C Erica Bodner will command the team in 1979-80.
1979 was indeed the Year of the Rifle. The OSU Navy Rifle Team quickly gained momentum going into Northwest Navy, emerging with the H.D. Powell award for High Rifle Team for the fifth straight year, a first in Northwest Navy history.

They wrapped up their season with wins in the Silver State Invitational in Reno, the Hearst Trophy Postal Match, the Carter Trophy, and the high power competition in Medford.

Led by Midn 1/C Pat Gherrity, the OSU Navy team had a group of strong returning high-power shooters and the first-year-men are already showing outstanding promise.

Midn 2/C Paul Stoecker headed the pistol team this year. A second place finish at Northwest Navy was followed by a lot of practice and hard work which led to first place in the National Navy Pistol League competition. The team has already taken aim on the 79-80 season.
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FRESHMAN ORIENTATION AND SAVEKER DAY
MEN WANTED
FOR THE
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All able-bodied men not in the employment of the Army, will be enlisted into the Navy upon application at the Naval Rendezvous, on Craven Street, next door to the Printing Office.

H. K. DAVENPORT,
Comr. & Senior Naval Officer.
New Bern, N. C.,
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BATTALION
ATHLETICS
COMPANY PROJECTS
Midn 1/C Bill Hellemn and his date arrive at the Military Ball, flanked by Midn 4/C Ray Roberts.

Midn 3/C Curt Cain and Stan Steinbach wait with their dates for the receiving line to dwindle.

Midn 2/C Carl Carpenter introduces his fiancée to Commander and Mrs. Reiley.

Major and Mrs. Deichl enjoy a slow dance.

Midn 1/C Hironori Peterson chats with Midn 1/C Randy Goodman and his wife.
FORMAL DANCES ADD NEW DIMENSION TO MIDSHIPMEN TRAINING

The Navy and Marine Corps Birthday Balls, held each fall term, and the Military Ball, a winter affair, offer another facet of military life to Navy midshipmen.

The annual formal black tie dances give midshipmen the opportunity of learning to deal with receiving lines, protocol, and the nuances of social behavior while enjoying themselves.

The Navy Birthday Ball was held at the Elks Lodge in Corvallis October 13. The Marine Corps Birthday Ball, also at the Elks Lodge, was held November 8.

Co-sponsored by Navy, Army, and Air Force ROTC units on campus, the Military Ball took place in the Memorial Union Ballroom March 3.

Midn 2/C Tom Jardine and his date smile over a private joke at the Navy Birthday Ball.

Captain Ball presents the first pieces of birthday cake to Midn 4/C Mark Lagier, the youngest member of the Naval service present, and to the oldest member at the Navy Birthday Ball, CDR Eckhout.
AWARDS WON:

Chappell Award - Overall best Drill team
John F. Fergeson Memorial Award - Best Drill Team Commander
1st-Individual Drill Down (Men Without Arms)
1st-Women's PFT Team
1st-Individual Women's 1 1/2 mile run
1st-Individual Women's sit-ups
1st-Individual Women's Flexed-Arm Hang
Wonder Woman Award - Overall High PFT Score
1st-Drill Team Inspection Phase
1st-Drill Team Exhibition Phase
1st-Drill Team Regulation Phase
1st-Northeast Navy Overall Drill Team Award
H. D. Powell Award - First place Rifle Team
Individual High Score (Prone) - Rifle
Individual High Score (Timed-Fire) - Pistol
1st-Individual Men's 3 Mile Run
Eric L. Barr Trophy - First place overall Drum and Bugle Corps
NORTHWEST NAVY 1979

Northwest Navy is the annual competition involving physical fitness skills, marksmanship and precision marching events between NROTC Units from the leading northwestern universities. The event rotates among the four universities involved; this year it was the NROTC Unit, Oregon State University's turn to host the competition. The weekend of 10 February 1979 was the big event for the Winter Term among the midshipmen from OSU and three other battalions, (University of Idaho, University of Utah, and the University of Washington).

Competition began early Saturday morning with Physical Fitness competition staring at 0630. Sleepy-eyed midshipmen competed for as many points in the situps and pullups or flexed-arm hang (for time) as possible.

The men's three mile run and the women's one and one-half mile run were accomplished in pouring rain (Oregon liquid sunshine).

Rifle and pistol competition was held on the range at MacAlexander Fieldhouse. These competitions were the origin of Northwest Navy, which has evolved from the traditional Powell Trophy meet for rifle and pistol marksmanship into the multi-faceted competition of today. Expanded to include the precision drill movements, Drum and Bugle Corps performance, and male and female physical fitness competition, the day is long and jam-packed with keenly contested events.

OSU did extremely well, as usual, and is eagerly looking forward to next year's competition in Utah.
THE MARINE ORIENTATION FIELD TRIP

This year's Marine Orientation Field Trip was a tremendous success and a marked improvement over last year's event. Then midshipmen from Oregon State joined with approximately forty other students from the Universities of Utah, Idaho, and Washington in a journey, during spring vacation, to southern California. Spirits were somewhat dampened by arriving at El Toro, MCAS in the midst of a downpour while the fantastic weather of the Northwest was still fresh in everyone's minds.

The midshipmen present had a great opportunity to view the various areas of the Marine Corps. Some went to make a decision concerning their choice of service branch and others just went to have fun.
THE AVIATION INDOCTRINATION
FIELD TRIP

Thirty two midshipmen and two staff officers departed for NAS Pensacola in January for a super time in sunny Florida learning about a career in aviation.

After settling into the BOQ, many midshipmen headed for downtown Pensacola to sample the nightlife.

Aspects of flight physiology, helicopter flight and the T-34C were explained, and all were given a chance to copilot a helo.

A presentation of the NFO program and a chance to operate T-2C and TC-4 simulators and trainers was next, followed by a trip underwater on the treacherous Dilbert Dunker.

All who attended found something to enjoy.

Catch the signup sheet early next year, folks!
EARLY COMMISSIONING

Three Oregon State midshipmen were commissioned December 15, 1978. Ensigns Lynn Monroe, Wayne McFetridge, and Thomas Ballantyne received their commissions in a ceremony which took place on the quarterdeck of the OSU NROTC Unit. LTC Rice (USMC/RET) was the commissioning officer for both Mrs. Monroe (former Miss Rice) and Mr. McFetridge, while CAPT C. D. Ball III, Commanding Officer of the OSU NROTC Unit, commissioned Mr. Ballantyne.

The new ensigns are now on varied assignments. Ensign Ballantyne was assigned to the USS LYDGE MCCORMICK (DDG-8) in San Diego, CA, after completion of Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS) in Newport, RI.

Ensign Monroe is now a Student Control Officer for VF-124, an F-14 Replacement Air Group (RAG) at Miramar NAS, San Diego CA. Her job is to keep the student pilots in VF-124 on their training schedule.

Ensign McFetridge is currently at flight school in Pensacola, Fla.

Midshipmen Rice, McFetridge, and Ballantyne await the commissioning ceremony.

LTC Rice swears in his daughter Lynn and Wayne McFetridge.

Ensign Lynn Monroe receives a congratulatory kiss from LCDR Eckhardt.
SPRING AWARDS

Third Company was awarded the Color Company ribbon for 1978-79 as the highlight of the Spring Awards ceremony. Company Commander Chuck Irwin was presented with the honor by Color Girl who was given a dozen long-stemmed roses.

Midn 2/C Clarke Lethin assumed command of the battalion for fall term from Midn 1/C Jim Ryan, spring term Commander.

Many parents and guests were present to watch their sons or daughters receive awards. The weather cooperated with a beautiful sunny day for all.
Midn 1/C Jim Darnell and his date smile pretty for the camera.
The smiles seen on every face at the 1979 Ring Dance attested to its success Wednesday, May 9, at the Corvallis Elks Lodge.

A theme of "Where Do I Go From Here?" was selected for the annual formal affair.

Between 250-300 midshipmen, staff and their dates or wives attended the dance.

Following the 1930 no-host cocktail party at the Lodge (many also attended private parties), the receiving line began at 2000.

The highlight of the evening came at 2130 with the ring ceremony for the seniors. Each senior, with his date, walked through an arch of swords, presented by the drill team, to a replica of a ring at the side of the ballroom. The midshipman then untied a ribbon, which held his class ring, from around his date's neck. She dipped the ring in a golden bowl of water from the Seven Seas, placed it on his finger, and the ceremony was sealed with a kiss. The soon-to-be officer's duty station following commissioning was announced as the couple was congratulated by Captain and Mrs. Ball.

The new battalion staff for Fall 1979 was announced following the ring ceremony; BTN CO, C. R. Lethin, BTN XO, J. H. Alameda, and BTN OPS, D. R. Becker.

An evening of dancing continued until midnight when all adjourned to post-dance parties or home.
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