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WHAT’S NEW:
OSU NROTC Computer Club

The mission of the NROTC OSU Computer Club is to have every midshipmen in the battalion not only be computer literate but also be able use a computer as a tool in their everyday lives and in their future naval careers. We are working on many projects to meet this goal. Some of these projects are a Web page that will be the main source of information on the battalion events as well as classes to teach midshipmen how to use computers effectively. The main purpose of the NROTC OSU Computer Club is to encourage the active participation of the battalion in the dissemination of battalion related information and professional knowledge.

Be on the lookout for upcoming announcements and events. If you have any questions contact Midn. Johnston, Midn. Richerson, or Midn. Bass via E-Mail or in person. You can find the Battalion Web Page at http://www.orst.edu/Dept/nrotc.

Editor’s Note: The unit staff would like to extend a BZ to the above listed Midn. for their time, energy and initiative in developing and implementing this concept and club for the benefit of the entire battalion.

ABOUT THE COVER:

Oregon State University NROTC’s 50th Year Anniversary celebrates our long heritage of excellence. Pictured here is a Final Pass and Review Ceremony, Circa 1955.
50th Year Anniversary!

In recognition of Oregon State University, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps’s upcoming Fiftieth Year Anniversary, Captain M. R. Rice, Commanding Officer NROTC extends his invitation to all OSU NROTC Alumni to help celebrate this milestone in Oregon State’s history. In conjunction with Oregon State University’s Fall 1995 Homecoming the Battalion will be Celebrating this 50th Year at the Annual Navy - Marine Corp Birthday Ball to be held on Friday, October 20, 1995. Additionally the Beaver Battalion will be hosting an Open House and Tailgate Party immediately prior to Homecoming Game Time. All OSU NROTC Alumni are cordially invited to participate in the festivities. Further information will soon follow in the Alumni Newsletter.
CAPTAIN’S CALL

CAPTAIN M. R. RICE
PROFESSOR OF NAVAL SCIENCE

Congratulations on completing an outstanding Fall term. The Beaver Battalion has continued to excel in academics with a term GPA of 3.15, which marks the 15th consecutive term the Battalion has exceeded the goal of 3.0. Special recognition goes to our freshman class where over one-third not only exceeded the 3.0 objective, but achieved Honor Roll status.

WELL DONE! I mentioned in my first Captain’s Corner that my highest priority for the Battalion is excellence in academics, and I am happy to see we are on track with this goal. Now, what I would really like to see is every individual in the Unit achieve a minimum of 3.0 in his/her course work at OSU.

As I write this, the Winter quarter is almost history and the major event of the quarter, Northwest Navy, is behind us. I was very proud of the Beaver Battalion’s performance at Northwest Navy, especially the way we performed as a team. We won some events and lost some others, often by only a small margin or the judgment call of an official. I saw some great individual performances and a lot of superb team play. What I took away from my first Northwest Navy competition was the camaraderie and spirit displayed by our Unit that seemed to set us apart from the others. Your all did great, and I’m already looking forward to next year.

Now we are looking forward to all the events of the Spring quarter that culminate with the Spring Awards, Joint Service Review, and Commissioning. It will be a very busy quarter with Senior Mess Night, the parade in San Antonio, and the Ring Dance. In addition, many will be making preparations for summer cruise, so remember to keep these events in mind as you balance your workload and program your time. As I observe the people in the Battalion, and compare you to the other students on campus, I am reminded of the old adage that says, “If you want something done well, give it to a busy person.” With all the added commitments and responsibilities associated with NROTC, I’m convinced you all carry a much heavier load than other students, but despite the load, you continue to be head and shoulders above your counterparts. I think you will find that through your ability to manage your hectic schedules, you will be much better prepared for life after college than the vast majority of your peers.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the superb job done by the Battalion staff during their recent tenure. The BNCO Midn Galyon, provided the strong leadership required to keep the Battalion focused and moving forward, but as any CO knows, he is only as effective as the people who support him. So to Midshipmen Springer, Banning, Stoddard, Casad, and Cavins, as well as Officer Candidates Freemys, Rich and Coleman -- BRAVO ZULU -- you did a great job!

To the entire Beaver Battalion, keep up the good work, and PRESS ON!
CAPTAIN’S CALL (cont.)

In honor of the Beaver Battalion’s 50th Anniversary, a copy of this edition of the RIPTIDE is being sent to all our alumni. It is our effort to stay in touch with you and to let you know that although we are a smaller unit than you may remember, we have not lost any of the pride, enthusiasm, and esprit de corps for which the Battalion has traditionally been known.

We continue to send the finest, best prepared officers to the Fleet and to the Corps. It is our hope that you will be able to join us for our “50 Years of Excellence” celebration. I would also remind you that we are in continual need of donations to our Scholarship Fund. So if you have a little something left over from your tax rebate and don’t know what to do with it, we would be grateful for your consideration. **Hope to see you in the Fall.**

BNCO’s CORNER

MIDSHIPMAN CAPT. DON D. GALYON
BATTALION COMMANDER

When I was asked to write for the Riptide once again, I said, "It can't be time to do another article? I just finished the article for the Fall Riptide." Well, as the saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun!". The last 3 months have been no exception. After attaining an outstanding unit GPA of 3.15 for the Fall Term coming back after Winter Break, the Battalion was in high gear preparing for Northwest Navy 1995 in Moscow, Idaho. With some teams practicing in the wee hours of the morning and others in the afternoon, supporting the raffle on the weekends along with Dad's Weekend and Open House, there always seemed to be something going on. I am very happy to report that we met our fundraising goal and went to Moscow and dominated the competition as usual. This came, of course, as a direct result of the entire Battalions hard work and commitment to excellence!

In the 5 years that I have been a member of the OSU NROTC Battalion, I have seen the battalion roster dwindle in numbers to less than half of what it was when I arrived. This obviously reflects the downsizing that has occurred in the Navy and Marine Corps and elsewhere in the past few years. In spite of this, our Battalion has continued to accomplish the same tasks and evolutions that we have always had to accomplish. And, in my opinion, done so more efficiently and professionally than ever before. This is hard proof of the old adage that "Great accomplishments are the direct result of great efforts."

As my time as OSU NROTC Battalion Commander comes to a close, I would like to thank all of you for your hard work, enthusiasm and positive attitude. Being in a position of leadership is a lot easier when you have quality people to work with. I hope that all of you will continue to excel and push yourselves to the limit. Continue to do as you have done for me and you should have a very rewarding career in the UNITED STATES NAVY! Never stop being PROUD of who you are and what you do!!

Good Luck!!

BNCO
MOI'S CORNER
MAJOR D.K. Hough
Marine Officer Instructor

The Marine Corps Option MIDN, PLC's and MECEPS at Oregon State University have done an outstanding job this academic year. The ranks have doubled from 9 to 18 highly motivated young men and women and I look forward to the incoming fall class. The success of the NROTC program at Oregon State is directly attributed to the high caliber of the young men, and women and NCO's we have aspiring to become 2Lt's in the USMC. Through drill, weapons proficiency, and battalion activities, the Marines have provided a significant contribution to the Unit. I am confident that you will continue to excel. GySgt Luebke moves on to Camp Lejeune to join 1st Battalion 8th Marines. We wish him fair winds and following seas, assured that the marines of 1/8 will benefit from his leadership. Welcome aboard to SSgt Yoho joining us from Sierra Battery 12th Marines. SSgt Yoho will carry on with the Oregon State tradition of producing the finest Marine Corps Officers in the West.

SEMPER FI

While the rest of the battalion runs around on their daily schedules training to become proficient in the ways of the sea, there is a sub-culture within the battalion that is also training. This group, known to some and feared by all, is the Semper Fi club. This is an opportunity for all the Marine Options, and some motivated Navy options, to gather four times a week. Three of these meetings are PT sessions, while the fourth is the weekly evening meeting. Occasionally, Semper Fi will hit the field in order to practice various skills they have learned about in the meetings.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1600 (that's 4 o'clock to some people) the Semper Fi club performs weekly PT. PT consists of many different activities, from running and swimming to low crawling through several inches of mud. PT sessions generally last about an hour, depending on the training schedule. During the winter term, a little more intensity was added by implementing a competition within the group. Competitors are grouped into upper- and lower classmen, and compete among their respective groups.
Semper Fi (cont)
Competitions are timed and scored events including the PFT, swimming, rock climbing, and various others. At the end of the term, winners are awarded a K-bar knife in recognition of their effort.

While at Northwest Navy, the Semper Fi club members competed in almost every event. Drill, Rifle, and Pistol Teams all had Marine Options in their ranks. The Semper Fi club competed as the PFT team. The Men's team, behind the leadership of Midn 3/c Faught, placed second, while the Women's PFT team, lead by Midn 2/c Sandoz, captured first place in their field. Midn Faught also placed first in the pull-up portion of the PFT, with 42 completed pull-ups! A big OOH RAH should be extended to all first place finishers for their outstanding efforts!

With spring term approaching, Bulldog Prep is getting ready to kick off. Bulldog Prep is a program designed to prepare the Marine Options going to OCS this summer for the rigorous training, screening, and evaluation they will face there. The intensity will continue to rise until everyone is completely ready to "Get Some!" at OCS. Semper Fi!

Welcome Aboard
Welcome Aboard to our new Sophomore Instructor, Lieutenant Mike Sowa.
Lieutenant Sowa is a native Oregonian and an Oregon State University NROTC graduate. He grew up in Woodburn, Oregon and went on to graduate from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nuclear Engineering. He received his commission in June of 1989.

Soon after receiving his commission Lieutenant Sowa went through the "pipeline" of nuclear training schools. He started with six months in Orlando, FL at Nuclear Power School. Then he spent six months in Idaho Falls, for Prototype Training. Finally, he finished with three months of Submarine School in Groton, CT. After successfully navigating the pipeline Lieutenant Sowa found a home for his new skills on board the USS Houston (SSN-713). During his tour on the USS Houston he completed two Western Pacific Deployments.

Now, after three years and ten months at sea, Lieutenant Sowa is at his first assignment ashore. He is excited to be back at Oregon State and close to his family. When asked what he thought about OSU NROTC he said "A lot has changed, When I was going through NROTC there were over 200 midshipmen in the unit and over 100 in the Freshman Class alone. Now there are under 100 midshipmen in the entire unit. The downsizing of the Navy can really be seen in comparison to when I was here last."

When asked what he would like the unit to know about him he said, "I tell my students that I maintain an open door policy. I'm very easy going and will try to make time for everyone who needs it. I'm glad to be back at Oregon State and I'm looking forward to a good two year tour."
Lieutenant Sowa has been married to his wife Mary for nine years. They have three boys, Matt, Mark, and Paul. by Midn Bartram
ADMIRALS CALL

On the 22nd of January, RADM Gustafson, Commander Submarine Group FIVE, took time out of his busy schedule to visit NROTC Unit Oregon State University. His visit was mainly intended to discuss the leadership role that all the Midshipmen and Officer Candidates will play in the future of the United States Naval Service, however it was also an excellent opportunity for the Beaver Battalion to display our professionalism and military bearing through a formal Admiral’s Inspection. After the inspection RADM Gustafson gave the Battalion a “front-line” update on some of the current changes taking place in the Navy. Individual questions were also answered by the Admiral. RADM Gustafson gave a very positive and optimistic brief which gave everyone a sense of a strong future career in the Naval Service.

by OC Ron Rich
NORTHWEST NAVY 1995

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Color Guard

The day had arrived, and OSU NROTC's Color Guard was prepared to face fierce competition against University of Washington (UW), Washington State University/University of Idaho (WSU/UI), and University of Utah (UU) during the Annual North-West Navy (NWN) competition. OSU's Color Guard was represented by SSGT James Barklow (Marine Color), OC Keith "Buzz" Buzalsky (Navy Color), OC Andrew Fitzpatrick (Right Rifleman), OC Rick Potter (Left Rifleman) and was lead by OC Rob "OB" Oberlander (National Ensign).

The trip to University of Idaho was uneventful and long; eight hours later we were in Idaho and becoming familiar with our new surroundings. The Color Guard competition was scheduled for Sunday at 0730 and we were allowed one practice on Saturday to get accustomed to the drill deck at WSU (located 10 minutes away from UI). We worked out our small inconsistencies at our final practice Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon was spent studying the inspection phase of OSU's Drill team and the evening was spent in our motel room's preparing for Sunday's event. We groomed each of our uniforms, studied our required inspection knowledge, and shined our shoes and brass. Our uniforms were immaculate, our knowledge was keen, and our marching skills were impeccable. We were ready for Sunday's competition.

The Color Guard competition was composed of three elements: The Inspection Phase, Regulation Phase and Maneuver Phase. During the Inspection phase, each member was inspected and asked inspection questions. During the Regulation phase, each University's Color Guard did the exact same sequence of maneuvers: present colors, counter-march, right turn, 2 left turns, counter march and eye's right. During the Maneuver phase, a series of cones were placed on the drill deck and each color guard was required to march around the cones in a specific order, ensuring the color guard stayed within the lines and didn't hit any cones. The Color Guard Commanders were evaluated on every aspect of performance during each phase, and the best Color Guard Commander won the Color Guard Commander's trophy. The Color Guard with the best combined score from Regulation and Maneuver phase won the Regulation trophy. The highest overall score won the Best Overall Color Guard trophy.

Sunday came too quickly. OC Potter was exhausted from playing 2 basketball games on Saturday, yet we were ready. We headed for UI and went to our "green room" to dress and prepare for the competition. The first phase was upon us. We were inspected, and we fared well. We were not allowed to watch the other teams during their phases, so we were uncertain of how we compared to the other 3 teams. The second phase was completed without any problems and we felt confident we had done well. Phase three started out a little rocky but we finished strong. The rest of the day we waited for the NWN banquet to find out the results the competition. UW won the Inspection Trophy, WSU/UI's color guard commander won the Color Guard Commander's trophy, and UU won the Regulation and Best Overall Color Guard trophies. Overall, I feel OSU's Color Guard did extremely well; we came in second in Regulation (3 points from first), but next year OSU's Color Guard will DOMINATE North-West Navy and bring home the trophies.

By OC Robert Oberlander
Weapons

Recently the Weapons Platoon brought home one of the most prominent trophies of Northwest Navy. Led by their valiant leader Midn 2/c Murray, the rifle and pistol shooters of the Weapons platoon won by decisive margin in its quest for victory.

With the expertise and brilliant coaching techniques of Major Hough coupled with his demanding attention to detail and quest for perfection, the best in everyone was brought out for Northwest Navy. Those pistol shooters who competed in Northwest Navy include veteran shooters, Midn 1/c Pindell, Midshipmen 2/c Bishop and Anderson. New shooters included OC Caron, Midn 4/c Teague and walk-on shooter Midn 1/c Springer. Midn Teague was the big surprise of the tournament shooting a personal best and making a huge contribution to the team effort. The pistol team reclaimed its trophy from the University of Washington after a ten year reign, and this year marks the beginning of another “Decade of Dominance.”

Gunnery Sergeant Luebke provided the support and the insight for the rifle shooters. Using his expertise as a Marine Corps sniper, the rifle team brought home its seventh consecutive win, led by its fifth-year shooter Midn 1/c Banning and relative newcomer Midn 3/c Starmer. Midn Banning, who won the individual award in prone and kneeling shooting, has completed his competition eligibility and is followed by some strong freshman talent. Midn 4/c Richerson handled the pressure and shot a personal best, while Midn 4/c Plew provided moral support. Veteran shooters Midn 2/c Murray, Switzer and Sheehy also contributed to the total team victory. Once again weapons Platoon has come out on top! Our tradition and excellence continues to reign in the Northwest Navy Tradition

by Midn 2/c Switzer

Battalion Fund-Raiser

The Battalion fund raiser was a great success this year. The battalion raised over $7,000.00 on the Rifle and Ski raffle combined. A Well Done needs to go out to all who were involved. This year we were able to achieve 100% participation from the whole battalion. Well done to Midn Casey Casad for selling the most raffle tickets (over 100!), Midn Guenther for selling 80 tickets and Midn Traci Wagner for volunteering to attend over 10 raffle events throughout the fund raiser. These individuals truly set the standard for everyone to emulate.

The drawing was held on 29 January at the NROTC armory. Captain Rice drew the winning Rifle ticket, which surprisingly went to Midn Brian Neal. The Battalion Commander, Midn Don Galyon, drew the winning Ski ticket, which also went to a battalion member, OC Rob Oberlander. It was good to see the hard work of the battalion pay off and keep the winning prizes within the battalion. Congratulations to the winners and Bravo Zulu to the battalion for a great and successful fund raiser.

by OC Ron Rich

And The Winner Is...
NROTC HOOP DREAMS

The 1995 NROTC basketball team forewent city league competition, and instead opted to beat up on the "frat boys" in intramural competition. Their teamwork, endurance, and deep bench paved the way to an undefeated intramural season (5-0).

Next, came Northwest Navy... four NROTC teams competed for the trophy that has comfortably resided in the OSU trophy case for the past three years. The University of Utah (UU) was our first victim, with the University of Washington (UW) to follow. After giving the UW a 15-0 head start, the OSU "hot shots" executed the run and gun to regain the lead by half-time, and finish the Huskies' pummeling in the second half. While not as impressive as OSU, Idaho also won their first two ball games. This set the stage for a Championship rematch-- only this time (Idaho was quick to point out) the battle was in their house! This year, things were different: OSU took the lead form the jump and never looked back... well almost never. In keeping with last years tradition, Idaho staged a late comeback and stole the win in the closing seconds of the game. OSU clearly had the better team, but the momentum shifted and...well that's basketball. Jim Odone was selected to the tournament MVP team for his never say die play at post. When asked how he felt about receiving the NWN MVP award, Jim Odone replied, "It was great to play with this talented and fun bunch of guys like this. All of us were MVP's. I see it as a team trophy rather than a personal award." No time for sulking, our next victims laid waiting. The

Army has had the tri-service basketball trophy since they bought it a few years ago. So, the Navy crushed them and the Air Force "with gargantuan margins of victory." Now there is a Tri-service Championship Trophy to replace the trophy that is residing in Idaho (until NWN 1996!). You can always count on those other services to lift us up when we're down!

Overall, the team had a very successful and exciting year, suffering only one loss ten games. Coached by Joe Coleman, the team was ably led by the hot hands of seniors Rich Springer and Brian Neal, while Casey Casad, Joe Page and Graydon Uyeda displayed their talents as point guards. Jim Odone, Rick Potter and Don Galyon gathered the rebounds and put-backs in the paint. Unfortunately, all of these players are graduating this year, but with the creativity of Casey Plew (freshman) and the consistency of Ken Creameans (junior), the OSU team promises to be a force to be reckoned with next year. Go Beavers!

by OC Coleman
HONOR ROLL

The following Unit Personnel through their hard work and determination made honor roll for the Fall Term and significantly contributed to the Unit's impressive overall GPA of 3.15.

4.0
Boom, Derrick (So. Computer Science)
Coleman, Joseph (Sr. Nuclear Engineering)
Evans, James (Jr. Geography)
Krisman, Michael (Fr. Engineering)
Marks, Christopher (So. Nuclear Engineering)
Reese, Scott (Sr. Speech)
Rumbaugh, Linda (Jr. Business)
Sears, Alan (Fr. Pre-Engineering)
Stoddard, Martin (Sr. Electrical Engineering)

3.9
Bartram, Scott (Fr. Computer Science)
Fitzpatrick, Andrew (Jr. Business)
Rich, Ronald (Jr. Political Science)
Rule, Robert (Sr. Nuclear Engineering)

3.8
Albelo, Jason (Jr. Political Science)
Freeman, Bryan (Jr. Political Science)
Lippy, Robert (Jr. Psychology)
Uyeda, Graydon (Sr. Nuclear Engineering)

3.7
Freemysers, Stanley (Jr. Business)
Casad, Casey (Sr. Geography)

3.6
Hauge, Michael (Fr. Psychology)
Jackson, Justin (So. Forestry)
Martin, Michael (Jr. Psychology)
Potter, Ralph (Sr. History)
Sensabaugh, Timothy (Jr. Liberal Arts)
Wagner, Traci (Freshman)
Weiss, Walter (Fr. Political Science)

3.5
Johnston, Mickaila (Fr. Radiation Health)
Odone, James (Sr. Mechanical Engineering)
Partin, Eric (Jr. Nuclear Engineering)
Richerson, John (Fr. Mathematics)

NEW BATTALION OFFICERS

BNCO -------------- MIDN Casad, Casey
BNXO -------------- SGT Freeman, Brian
BNMCPO ----------- MIDN Bishop, Jay
N-1 --------------- MIDN Potter, Ralph
N-2 --------------- OC Boom, Derrick
N-3 --------------- MIDN Murray, Kenneth
N-4 --------------- OC Oberlander, Robert
N-5 --------------- OC Rich, Ronald
N-6 --------------- OC Freemysers, Stanley
N-7 --------------- OC Thompson, Timothy
N-8 --------------- MIDN Reese, Scott
N-81 -------------- MIDN Albelo, Jason
N-82 -------------- Mowry, Jim (USAF)
N-83 -------------- Chandler, Mike (USA)

H/S Company
Company CO ------- MIDN High, Randy
SCPO -------------- OC Fitzpatrick, Andrew

H/S Company (cont)
1st Platoon CDR ---- OC Rumbaugh, Linda
1st Platoon CPO ---- MIDN Farris, Lisa
2nd Platoon CDR---- MIDN Sandoz, Kathleen
2nd Platoon CPO---- MIDN Partin, Erik

ALPHA Company
Company CO ------- OC Buzalsky, Keith
SCPO -------------- MIDN Switzer, Steve
1st Platoon CDR ---- MIDN Sheehy, Ryan
1st Platoon CPO---- MIDN Starmer, Jason
2nd Platoon CDR---- OC Washburn, Gary
2nd Platoon CPO---- MIDN Jones, Howard

BRAVO Company
Company CO ------- MIDN Donnelly, Michael
SCPO -------------- MIDN Le, Brian
1st Platoon CDR ---- MIDN Hansen, Michael
1st Platoon CPO----- MIDN Krisman, Michael
2nd Platoon CDR----- MIDN Funk, Patrick
2nd Platoon CPO----- MIDN Carson, Jamie
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I am interested in more information about the NROTC Program at Oregon State University. Please have a Naval Service representative contact me, or send me additional information.

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_______ High School (Name)

_______ College (Name)

and will graduate in__________________

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