



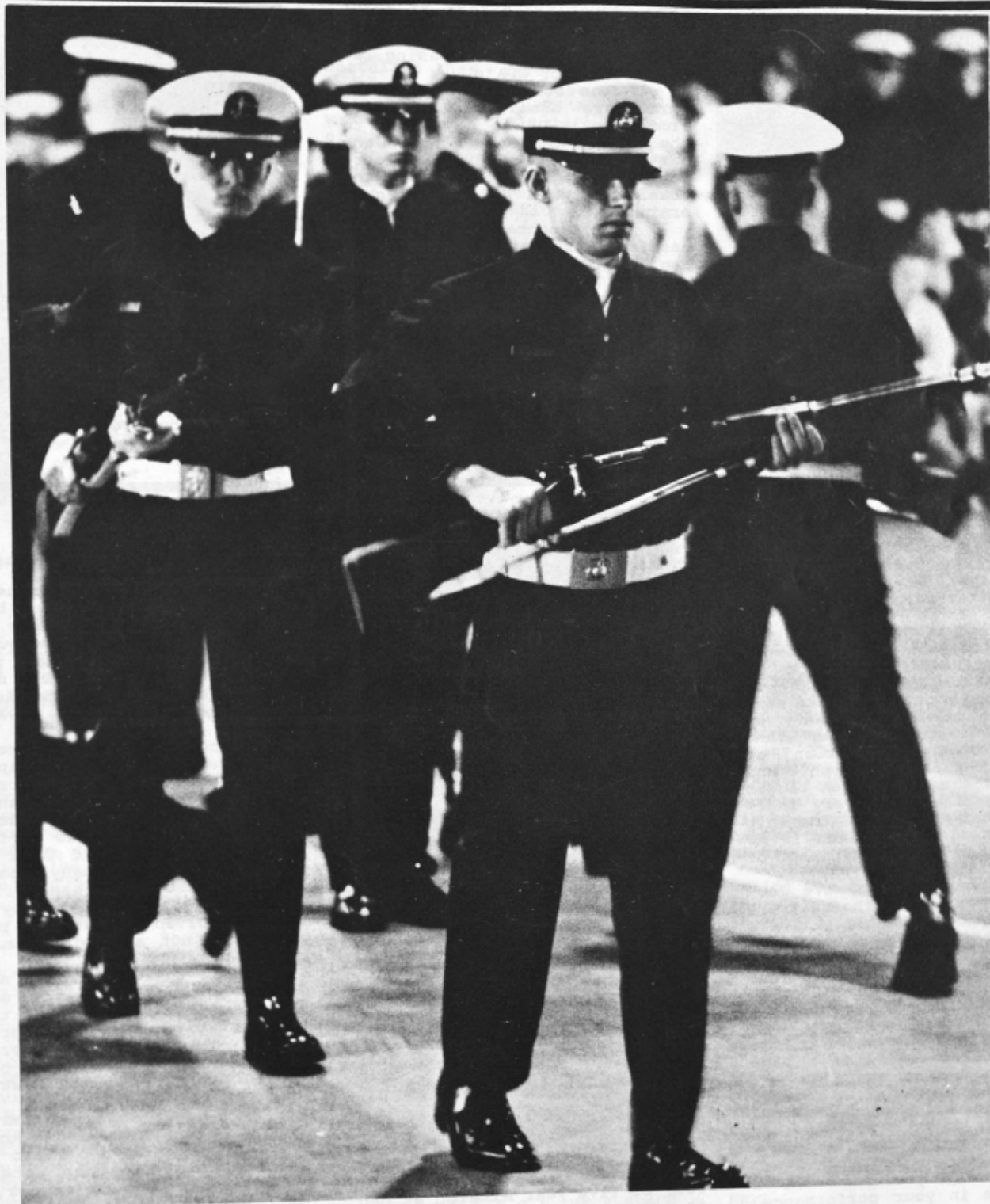
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## COMMANDER ROBERTSON

The end of Winter term is upon us. For some that means Spring Break. For five midshipmen and three officer candidates it signifies a new beginning as they receive their commission in the Naval Service. Each will go his separate way but they will always keep a small part of the Best in the West and all the Rest.

Northwest Navy is history. Although we did not win every event, we were always in the hunt. Three firsts, five seconds and a third made the other units pale by comparison. With continued hard work (I don't believe in luck) many of those seconds can be firsts next year when we host NW Navy at OSU. We had a larger (and better) cheering section at Seattle than any other unit and next year should be even bigger at home. I expect every individual who is a part of the unit next year to be involved in NW Navy, either as a participant or as a spectator.

You continue to move forward academically. The unit GPA has never been higher. There are still a few who have not realized their potential. It is a waste of time and talent if your potential continues to be unrealized. Plan now to get serious Spring term.

Finally, on a more upbeat note, I am convinced that I am working and learning with the finest men and women our country has to offer. Whenever anyone asks what I do, it is with tremendous pride that I say-- "I'm the XO at Oregon State." Remember only you can make a difference in your performance. Press on!

## MAJOR HENSLEY

The 1985-86 school year has been highly successful to date. Fall term academic endeavors were outstanding, especially in light of the ever increasing requirements for GPA's.

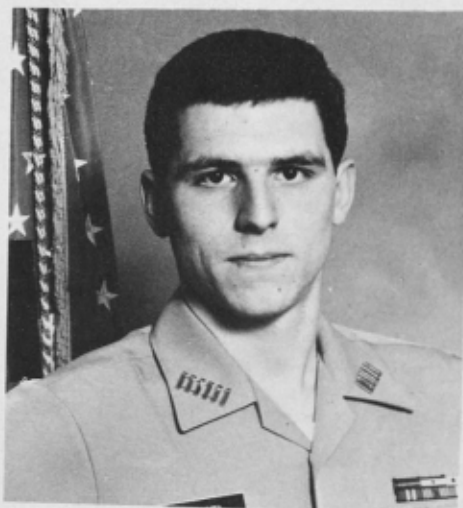
The other events of the term were equally well done. From "Rookie-O" in September to the change of command in January, this battalion has performed with professionalism, enthusiasm, and a spirit of cooperation.

As expected, winter term has found the Battalion continuing its high level of performance. A particular note was the superb job done at Northwest Navy. To me, the performance, spirit, support, sportsmanship, and the professional conduct displayed by all was absolute proof of why OSU NROTC is "The Best in the West and the Rest," and why the Navy and Marine Corps receive such outstanding officers from our unit.



Much still remains to be done before summer though, so do not let down. The Ring Dance, San Antonio, Joint Service Review, and many more special events are yet to come and I look forward with confidence and pride to your participation in them.

Keep up the good work in academics and professional development for you are "The Best in the West and the Rest."



## BATTALION COMMANDER

It is our goal here to obtain a commission in the United States Navy or Marine Corps. There are three things we should stress in our lives during our four or five year mission at OSU in order to obtain our goal.

First, we should be diligent in our studies. We need to obtain a college degree before we can serve as a military officer. Efforts here show our desire to achieve our goal. Hard work at the base builds a strong foundation. Academics is the basis for a rich and rewarding career.

Second, we must devote time and effort to our participation in this unit. The structure of the unit, the battalion, and the teams provides an excellent training ground for us as future officers. We should take every advantage of the many learning opportunities it presents. The best way to do this is by getting involved as much as possible, but not at the expense of academics.

The third thing we should stress in our lives as we strive for our goal is attention to detail. By applying this principle to everything we do for ourselves and for attainment of our goal, we will reap the most from our efforts.

Do your best now and keep your options open and your future bright. Do not limit yourselves, you have the potential for an outstanding career, and OSU NROTC is a great place to start building.

## CHANGE OF COMMAND



MIDN 2/C P.A. SPILSBURY

On the evening of 21 January, at Gill Coliseum, the midshipmen Battalion formed for the Change of Command ceremony. MIDN 1/C S.B. DORMAN, after serving the battalion for the first half of the year, was relieved of his duties as Battalion Commander. In his remarks to the Battalion, MIDN DORMAN thanked his staff, and the Unit, for their hard work and dedication. He also stated that the battalion has made impressive progress since September.

MIDN 1/C CHARLES A. GUNZEL was chosen to fill the position of Battalion Commander. To help administer the Battalion, MIDN 1/C M.A. PHILLIPS and OC A.F. BROCK were selected as Executive Officer and Operations Officer, respectively.

MIDN GUNZEL is from Salem, OR, and resides there with his wife, Rhonda. He is in the College of Business majoring in finance, and was previously in charge of the NROTC Events Committee before being appointed Midshipman Battalion Commander.

MIDN 1/C K.R. YOUNG



MIDN 1/C G.L. NEGELSPACH

## WINTER COMMISSIONING

The four years of college, that seemed as though it would take forever when they arrived as freshmen, has come to an end. We would like to wish congratulations to those who, on 21 March, joined the ranks of the United States Navy and Marine Corps.

ENS ANDREW M. BILTON-SMITH  
Aviation  
ENS JOHN A. BOTTENBERG  
Nuclear Power  
ENS TOMMY J. JOHNSON  
Surface Warfare  
ENS JOSEPH T. LAVINE  
Surface Warfare  
ENS JUANITO D. NEPOMUCENO  
Surface Warfare  
ENS CHRISTOPHER A. NUSBAUM  
Surface Warfare  
ENS KEVIN J. SUDBECK  
Surface Warfare  
2nd LT STUART W. BRACKEN  
The Basic School



MIDN 1/C G.L. NEGELSPACH

## COLONEL'S INSPECTION

On 21 January, the year's first Colonel's inspection was held at Gill Coliseum. Before falling into ranks, midshipmen quickly performed many typical last minute rituals such as delinting uniforms or tucking excess hair under their covers or over their ears. Still other midshipmen put the finishing touches on their shined shoes via the trouser leg method while hoping they would be asked questions they could answer.

Before very long, the battalion was called to attention, and Colonel Stein focused his sharpened eye on the appearance of his outstanding midshipmen. The accompanying staff assisted by pointing out our discrepancies.

At the conclusion of the inspection, the majority of the midshipmen were commended for their overall appearance, but all of us were reminded to pay extra attention to the little details such as irish pennants that always seem to stand out at such occasions. As spring term arrives, we can all look forward to another CO's inspection in May.

MIDN 4/C D.P. RAUSCHE



MIDN 3/C B.A. SHEVCHUK

## SENIOR MESS NIGHT



MIDN 3/C B.A. SHEVCHUK

Every year as January arrives, the Senior class begins to anticipate Senior Mess Night. This year the event was held in the banquet room in the Townhouse Restaurant on January 24th.

An informal hour of cocktails and fellowship opened the evening, while the guests were introduced to the midshipmen. The affair officially began when dinner was called. After grace, OC T.D. HENNING "paraded the beef." MIDN 1/C S.B. DORMAN, the president of the mess, sampled the beef and pronounced it fit for consumption. Dinner was served and toasts followed.

After the initial toasts, recognition of the violations of the mess were quickly noted. MIDN 1/C M.A. PHILLIPS and MIDN 1/C C.J. DOLSON made sure many of the violations would not go unnoticed. Oddly enough, the vice president, MIDN 1/C R.G. GARTZ, seemed to be the focus of their attention. While defending himself from various launched projectiles and accusations, MIDN GARTZ managed to recognize the violations and levy the appropriate fines.

The room quieted down at the guest of honor, MAJOR GENERAL M.E. CARL, USMC, RET, captivated his audience with tales of his experiences as an Aviator in the Marine Corps. The Major General's impromptu speech was followed by the anxiously awaited announcement of Spring billets.

Once all was said and done, the room turned once again to hearty toasts, rowdy cheers, and boisterous laughter which could be heard for many hours into the night.

MIDN 1/C T.L. CLARK



MIDN 3/C B.A. SHEVCHUK

The Drum and Bugle Corps had a very busy Winter term. Much time was spent preparing for the show at Northwest Navy.

The D&B performed excellently at the Opening Ceremonies for the midshipmen and officers, including RADM TAYLOR, Deputy CNET.



MIDN 1/C L.W. HELLEMN

## DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

Spring term will be even busier for the D&B. We will spend four days in San Antonio to perform in the Fiesta celebration. This will include two parades, and at least one exhibition. Among the other spring activities are Mom's Weekend, the Joint-Service Review, and the Portland Rose Festival Starlight Parade.

Throughout this year the team has been led by MIDN LT(jg) A.R. BARKMAN and his staff. The motivation displayed by all the team members has enabled the D&B to live up to their motto-- "Excellence is All We Know."

MIDN 4/C B.R. POGUE

# WINTER AWARDS

Fall term 1986 is finished and the time for receiving awards is here again. Congratulations are due to the midshipmen and officer candidates who worked to earn these awards.

MIDN 4/C A.R. GASCON  
MIDN 4/C B.T. GOULD  
MIDN 4/C R.E. HUNTER  
MIDN 4/C M.N. LEE  
MIDN 4/C P.A. MEHL  
MIDN 4/C J.C. MIKKELSON  
MIDN 4/C D.E. ROBERTSON  
MIDN 4/C K.D. VAIL



MIDN 3/C B.A. SHEVCHUK

MIDN 3/C W.J. BECKER  
MIDN 3/C J.V. BETSCHART  
MIDN 3/C D.W. McMORRIES  
MIDN 3/C A.L. RONDEAU  
MIDN 3/C B.A. SHEVCHUK  
MIDN 3/C J.M. WILCZYNSKI  
MIDN 2/C J.J. BONNER  
MIDN 2/C M.D. KAMMERZELL  
MIDN 2/C A.S. KING  
MIDN 2/C E.W. MILLER  
MIDN 2/C G. RIEHL  
MIDN 2/C L.J. SLEEPER  
MIDN 2/C G.D. TRAFFAS  
MIDN 1/C R.J. ARNOLD  
MIDN 1/C S.M. BROGAN  
MIDN 1/C J.P. DAY  
MIDN 1/C C.A. GUNZEL  
MIDN 1/C R.P. HEARON  
MIDN 1/C M.D. JENSEN  
MIDN 1/C J.L. MAHAFFIE  
OC D.W. ALLDRIDGE  
OC A.F. BROCK  
OC R.E. CARLSON  
OC R.A. CRAWFORD

MIDN 3/C B.A. SHEVCHUK



MIDN 3/C B.A. SHEVCHUK

# SQUAD COMPETITION



MIDN 4/C J.W. HAGERTY

Squad Competition, as an inspection, ranks right up there in importance with Colonel's inspection, and maybe, just maybe, Platoon Competition. Many extra hours are spent preparing for the competition by making shoes shine, and the uniforms stand on their creases, and practicing marching maneuvers and memorizing leadership principles. Hours are spent learning your left from your right, the general orders, the leadership principles, and YOUR chain of command, only to have the inspecting midshipman ask who the new Secretary of the Air Force is.

The squads are chosen for their extraordinary abilities to march, follow commands, and their general "squared-away-ness". Each squad that is fortunate and talented enough to be asked to participate, is put through a grueling drill inspection and an equally demanding personnel inspection.

The squads that participated include MIDN 3/C J.Y. CARLSON, C.E. CRABTREE, J.H. ECELSON, D.W. McMORRIES, MIDN 2/C E.W. MILLER, G.J. RIEHL, and OC S.R. PAULUS. MIDN 3/C McMORRIES' squad took first place this year.

MIDN 4/C P.K. DAY





MIDN 2/C P.A. SPILSBURY



MIDN 1/C L.W. HELLEMN

# NORTH NAVY



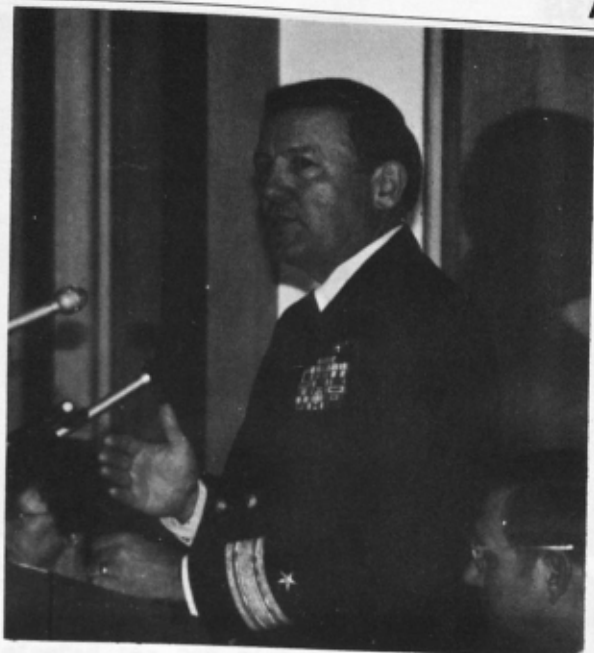
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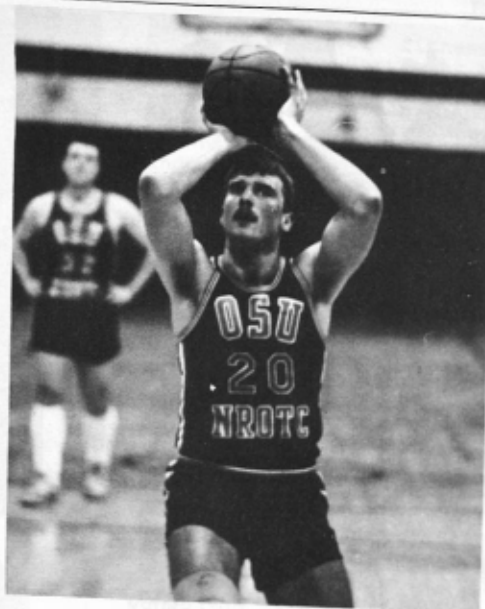
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# WEST 1986



MIDN 1/C L.W. HELLEMN



MIDN 2/C P.A. SPILSBURY



MIDN 2/C P.A. SPILSBURY



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Does OSU have a first place pistol team? A first place women's physical fitness team? A first place Color Guard? The Naval ROTC does. This year the teams returned home from Northwest Navy with 17 first place awards from nine different divisions of competition.

Each year, since 1953, the NROTC units from the Universities of Idaho, Washington, Utah, and Oregon State, have held a competition appropriately named Northwest Navy. It originated as a drill competition, but over the years it has evolved into a rivalry between the schools and the individual teams. This year's festivities were held at the Sand Point Naval Air Station, in Seattle, Washington. From the opening ceremonies the enthusiasm, teamwork, and esprit de corps ran high. Approximately 400 midshipmen, from all four schools, competed in the competitions ranging from shooting matches, to drill, to physical tests of skill, stamina, and endurance. As in past years, the weekend was one to be remembered for its triumphs, celebrations and overall good time.

MIDN 3/C K.M. ABREU



MIDN 2/C P.A. SPILSBURY

## SWIM TEAM

"Swimmers, take your mark." BANG! And they are off. OSU pulls out fast with MIDN 3/C J.Y. CARLSTROM setting the pace. University of Washington is second, Utah is third, and Idaho is last as they finish the first lap. OC J.E. MANN, from OSU is the first to leave the block for the breaststroke lap of the 200 yd medley relay. And as this race comes to an end, OSU NROTC again shows its skill and competence with another first place finish.

The swim team made an outstanding showing at Northwest Navy this year. Both the men's and the women's teams came to compete and win, and that is

what they did. The mixed 200 yd freestyle relay came in first place as did the women's relay. The men's 200 yd medley relay and the men's freestyle relay both took second. Individually, as well as being part of a team, everyone performed well.

Although it only brought us a second place, OSU made its best showing ever with a total score of 49. If extra points were awarded for heroism, MIDN 3/C Q.M. HAMEL, and OC J.T. LAVINE deserve them for their quick actions in the saving of a Utah swimmer from drowning. With Northwest Navy here next year, OSU is sure to snatch the trophy away from Washington once and for all.



MIDN 1/C L.W. HELLEMN

## RIFLE TEAM

Hard work and determination are what make the OSU NROTC Rifle Team a success. MIDN 3/C D.W. McMORRIES, the team commander, helped lead his team to a second place finish at Northwest Navy. The competition was difficult but outstanding performances were given by the team commander, who received honors for shooting the highest aggregate score, and by the team members who worked together to make to make Northwest Navy a competition.

The future is bright for the Rifle team to continue toward the goal of "The Best in the West and the Rest."

MIDN 1/C T.L. CLARK

"The Pistol Team Dynasty continues." This phrase is quickly becoming the watchword for the OSU NROTC Pistol Team, and it has never been more accurate than at Northwest Navy this year. For the third straight year, the Pistol Team has defeated all opposition. Not only is the team award once again ours, but three of the four individual awards were claimed by our own members. MIDN 3/C B.A. WADSWORTH shot the highest aggregate score. MIDN 4/C R.C. LAGRONE came away with the best timed fire score, and MIDN 3/C T.N. PHAM captured the high rapid fire award. These individuals as well as the other team members combined their efforts for an outstanding performance.

Northwest Navy was followed by an unprecedented performance at the Intercollegiate Sectionals. For the first time in a number of years the NROTC Team soundly defeated the OSU Pistol Team. The Navy captured the team awards in Free Pistol and Standard Pistol. MIDN 1/C M.A. PHILLIPS received top awards by placing first in Free Pistol, Air Pistol, and first in ROTC while MIDN 1/C T.L. CLARK placed second in Standard Pistol and first in ROTC.

## PISTOL TEAM



MIDN 2/C P.A. SPILSBURY



MIDN 2/C P.A. SPILSBURY

## PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST



MIDN 1/C L.W. HELLEMN

## DRILL TEAM

"Sir, the OSU NROTC Drill Team is formed for the exhibition phase."

"Aye, aye Sir."

The phase was the last of the three required for the Northwest Navy competition. The inspection and the regulation drill portions had been completed earlier in the day. As OSU began their final phase, the sounds coming from the rifles were enough to quiet the crowd that had formed to watch the competition. The pride that is the tradition of the drill team was evident in the precision marching and maneuvering shown by each member of the team. The drill team returned home with the regulation drill trophy.



MIDN 2/C P.A. SPILSBURY

The physical fitness test competition at Northwest Navy is not for everyone. It is a test of endurance, stamina, and speed in three categories. The pullups or bent-arm hang, the situps, and the 3.0 or 1.5 mile run are a challenge to those who compete. OSU NROTC supports both a men's and a women's team. This year, both teams did outstanding jobs. MIDN 3/C S.R. TRAUTWEIN brought home the individual high score trophy for his 48 pullups. MIDN 4/C V.J. LUCCIO returned with the high score trophies for a 130 second bent-arm hang and the 1.5 mile run in 9:47. Several members of the men's team were able to "max" the test including MIDN 3/C R.P. JOHNSON, MIDN 2/C G.D. TRAFFAS and S.R. TRAUTWEIN, and OC R.A. CRAWFORD. MIDN LUCCIO was the only member of the women's team to max the test, but strong showings were made by MIDN 4/C N.W. MARTIN, K.L. KLOTZNER, and MIDN 3/C J. SOTO. The women were able to return victorious with the overall team award also.

# BASKETBALL

Winter 1985



MIDN 4/C J.W. HAGERTY

The competition was the first ever for a Color Guard at Northwest Navy. All four of the schools participated, but only one was to bring home the trophies.

The time spent in planning, memorizing, and drilling was to be put to the test on Friday evening. Nerves were tight as anticipation of the event took its toll on each member of the team. The competition began with the inspection phase, proceeded to the drill phase, and concluded with the exhibition phase. As the OSU NROTC Color Guard marched through the final phase, the confidence and the pride they had in their abilities was there for all to see. Led by MIDN 3/C J.V. BETSCHART, this excellent performance earned the Color Guard the marching, the team commander, and the overall team trophies.

The Color Guard is planning to attend the Fiesta celebration in San Antonio, Texas, in the spring where they again will be able to show the pride they have in our unit and our country.



## COLOR GUARD



MIDN 2/C P.A. SPILSBURY



MIDN 1/C L.W. HELLEMN

The OSU NROTC Basketball team played three outstanding games at Northwest Navy on their way to a 2-1 record and a second place finish. After beating Idaho and Utah in their first two games, the Beavers lost a hard fought battle to the Huskies of Washington.

The basketball team started their season fall term with workouts and tryouts in December. Once winter term began, the team played in the intramural league on campus to prepare for Northwest Navy. They also had two practices a week in addition to the games.

The team was lead by the allstar performances of MIDN 1/C T. . MCKINNEY and OC K.W. ALVEY. Both players were selected to the tournament allstar team, the first such team to be selected at Northwest Navy. MIDN 3/C A. L. RONDEAU received a special award from the unit for his team effort in the games. OC D.S. KUNZMAN, MIDN 2/C D.P. CLARK, and MIDN 4/C J.D. CHRISTMAS and J.W. HAGGERTY were also major factors in the course of the three games.

The team gained some valuable experience this season and will return many of the players next year. They will be more than ready to capture the championship when we host the games next year.

## WIND OR NO WIND

"MR. GARTZ, what's the rope on the left side of the boat called?" An opening line to a tragedy. The indoctrination to sailing began one evening in the junior classroom. As the sophomores drifted in, MIDN R.G. GARTZ discussed sailing in detail, covering two interesting points with zeal. The first was that boats do NOT have ropes, they have lines. The second was to confuse those of us who have trouble remembering our left from our right, boats have port and starboard. I feel for the man that forgets sailing jargon.

The midshipmen use Jones' Pond for sail training. Jones' Pond is nice, for a gravel quarry. The first part of the hands on training was spent rigging the Alpha sail-boats. We carried them to the water and proceeded to untangle ropes, oops, lines, and throw around other boat parts with interesting names. Finally all the Alphas were ready to hit the open water.

We broke up into groups of three per Alpha. As luck would have it, I was able to sail with MR. GARTZ. Soon the Alphas were underway, and drifting across the pond were questions of "Who has right of way?" and "Are you going to tack or jibe?" These questions would have made sense,



MIDN 3/C B.A. SHEVCHUK

if we'd had any wind. During the five minutes of wind that we were able to enjoy, the answers floated back, "You have right of way, sir."

"Right, and why?"

"Because you outrank us sir!"

In spite of the fun we had, it is true that sail training is important. Even though the U.S. Navy only has one sailing ship, knowledge of the rules of the road, experience in team work, and attention to detail are needed for a successful cruise.

MIDN 3/C C.B. WEBSTER

## MOCK COMPETITION

"Do NOT get anything on your uniform before the inspection and DON'T scuff your shoes!" Comments like this are often heard drifting across the drill deck before Mock Competition begins. Mock Comp provides an opportunity for the marching teams to hone their skills prior to Northwest Navy. For the newcomers to the team, this year's Mock Comp provided their first experience with inspection and exhibition phases under the expert's watchful eyes. The teams have gone through arduous practicing and training to prepare for Mock Comp and Northwest Navy. They spend as much as ten hours a week in preparation. This year, the Drill Team is led by MIDN 2/C G.R. HILBERG and the Color Guard is led by MIDN 3/C J.V. BETSCHART. Though there were still a few rough edges showing during this year's Mock Comp, the pride and confidence that exists within the marching units will insure superb performances that are the tradition of Northwest Navy.

MIDN 1/C T.L. CLARK



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