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## A TRADITION CONTINUES

COMMAND SALUTES NAVY'S 212th ANNIVERSARY

by Midn 3/c Hicks

Last Tuesday marked the 212th year for the proud U.S. Navy. This birthday was celebrated by the OSU NROTC unit 12 OCT 87 at noon with the traditional cake cutting ceremony on the quarterdeck. The cutting of the birthday cake has been a tradition at OSU NROTC since 1947, the year of our unit's formation and attending that ceremony was many officers, retired veterans, and midshipmen.

The cake was cut by the oldest US Navy veteran in the area and the youngest Midshipman at OSU NROTC. Having that honor was Captain S.D. Simpson USN Ret. commissioned at the US Naval Academy in 1925, and MIDN 4/c Todd R. Siler. Commander Michael commented, "The oldest sailor represents our pride in the past of the Navy that is our rich heritage. The youngest Navy Midshipmen present represents our hope for the future of the Navy which is the continued success of our great fleets."

**OSU NROTC**

*Presents The 1987*

*Navy-Marine Corps*

★ Ball ★

*Nov. 4 At The*

*Elks Lodge*

*Receiving Time*

**1900**

## BREAK OUT THE CIGARS

In a Lamaze style birth, where both mother and father are present, Alyssa Noelle was delivered to Lieutenant Mark and Wendy Lindsay on 28 SEP 87 at Good Samaritan Hospital here in Corvallis.

The baby girl weighed in at eight pounds, ten ounces and was 21 inches long. She was born at 12:46.

It was the, "Most wonderful thing I've experienced in my life," said Lieutenant Lindsay about the Lamaze Birth Method. He said that those people who are planning to have a child while they're out on deployment and don't want to come back until the child is potty trained are, "Missing out on everything."

## TODD THRUSH REMEMBERED

"I remember that he wanted to fly in the worst way, he had an intense desire to fly." This is the way many remember Todd Thrush.

Todd Thrush, a past member of our unit passed away 19 SEP 87 in a tragic logging accident. He is most remembered for his intense desire to fly for the Marine Corps. As evidence was his "gung ho" attitude and high regard for Esprit de Corps.

Thrush, who would have been a junior this year, is also remembered for his positive attitude and the unselfish assistance he provided to people in need.

Throughout his stay at the unit he always showed true pride and professionalism. His devotion to duty and love of country were symbolized by how well he wore his uniform.

We will always remember Todd Thrush with the highest regard and his dream will live forever in our minds.

## MIDDIES ATTACK CARS WITH SOAP AND WATER

CARWASH RAISES \$1000

by Midn 4/c Acklin

On the 17th of October the unit, in an effort to create funds for the special teams, held a carwash. Unlike other carwashes, this was a wide-spread effort involving the main avenues of Corvallis. Four stations were set up across town at traffic chokepoints, with each company manning a station.

For the most part, the community supported the effort. Among the easiest people to convince were the veterans. A few individuals even donated money without getting their cars washed. A few clever sign-holders would go up to cars stopped at lights and start up conversations with drivers. A few of the more fanatical sign carriers took it to the limits to see how close cars could come to their body in the name of advertisement. The police soon took an interest to this type of advertising, needless to say.

A word of thanks also goes out to everyone who brought equipment, as the task would have been impossible without it. In all, the effort netted almost \$1,000 to be used towards our teams sweeping more competitions and adding more trophies to our already swollen collection.

## ROOKS PLAY ON SAVEKER DAY

On Saturday, 26 September 1987, the freshman class at OSU NROTC was sworn in as midshipmen, climaxing a grueling week of Rookie Orientation. After the ceremony the new midshipmen finally had the opportunity to "blow off some steam" at the Saveker Day picnic and games. Saveker Day for many freshmen is the first time they get to casually meet and make new friends in the unit. They enjoyed sporting events with the upperclassmen, who were known as "sir," only a week before.

The day is held in memory of Richard Lloyd Saveker, who passed away while a member of our unit. His father, Captain David R. Saveker, in appreciation for the friendship and support Richard received from his fellow midshipmen, donates money to the unit so that the tired but proud 4/c midshipmen can enjoy some fun and games after the rigors of Rookie-O.



# SUMMERCRISENEWS

by Midn 4/c Lee

## 1/c CRUISE

Midshipman First Class J.M. Standish's cruise was on the USS CAYUGA LST(1186) home ported out of Long Beach, California. One experience Standish won't forget involves the trip he took to Tijuana, Mexico while on liberty. He and his shipmates will long remember the experiences which occurred at a little place called Bambi's. They had such a great time that both Standish and his friends decline to comment about the details of their excursion.

Cruise brings back fond memories, such as, nicknames given to some of the men. These names ranged from Hoss to PeeWee. We can only guess what they mean. Standish's most memorable moment while on ship came when he got the opportunity to work with the Marines. During that evolution Mr. Standish got the opportunity to fire the powerful 40mm grenade launcher.

## 2/c CRUISE

This past summer, Midshipmen Second Class Robertson took a four week fun filled Cortramid (Career Orientation Training for Midshipmen) cruise consisting of training in the four warfare specialty areas of the Naval service. Robertson was aboard the USS SCHENECTADY (LST 1185) home ported out of San Diego, California. While aboard, she had the opportunity to fire .44 caliber pistols, and M14 and M60 rifles.

During the second week she was transferred to the USS SALT LAKE CITY (SSN 721) where she practiced man overboard drills, toured a deep submersible vehicle, and ate pizza she claims, "Was better than Woodstocks."

The third week she travelled to Camp Moffit in San Jose, California. She toured the NASA Ames Research Center, and received 15 hours aboard a P-3 patrol aircraft with some stick time. While on the stick she, "Started cloud-doggin' to try to make the co-pilot sick."

During the last week, which she refers to as the "Best week," she was at Camp Pendleton, California. The O-Course, Disneyland, and Combat Town were all memorable experiences. She was assigned her own M16 and had a chance to, "Fire blanks at real Marines." While in Combat Town, someone told her to break-a-leg, which she unfortunately did while repelling.

## 3/c CRUISE

Officer Candidate Bob Field's third class cruise was aboard the USS CHANDLER home ported out of San Diego, California. The funniest experience he encountered while on cruise was when an ensign, third class midshipman, and a seaman took turns standing watch for a mail buoy. We all know there is no such thing as the infamous mail buoy, but these men were relentless in their search which lasted three days.

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## A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

### ROOKS SPEAK OUT

Another Rookie Orientation has past blessing us with a flood of new blood. Over 80 rookies were sworn in this year as Midshipmen 4/c. For the most part, they came from small towns and families with prior military service.

The week itself was very physically and mentally demanding for the rooks. "Its an interesting feeling when you are able to continue even after your body shuts down," commented Midn 4/c Schafer. It was the generally accepted opinion that muster at 0500 hours was an idea from some medieval inquisitor's handbook of torture. Everyone involved all expressed their patriotism, for defending this nation with our lives

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is our job. Some took a cockie-t view. "I am not willing to die for my country, but I'm sure as hell willing to kill for it," spouted Midn 4/c Crevier, a product of a four-year JROTC program back home.

We also had a handful of females go through Rookie-O. "I appreciated being regarded on an equal basis with men. That does not happen often. I'm afraid, in this world," said Midn 4/c Anglin. At the beginning of Rookie-O, she had wondered how she might be treated. One instance that sticks out in this reporter's mind is when we were having our gig lines adjusted. The squad leader was stymied as he contemplated Rookie Anglin's gig line, only to say it was fine.

# Pigskin Takes a Spin

by Midn 3/c Montgomery

A chill has developed in the early mornings at Oregon State University. Fall is definitely upon us, and with the approach of Fall comes the excitement of football. While the NFL struggles through negotiations and entertains their fans with unknown players, the Battalion begins preparing their Unknowns for football of a different kind. The ladies of the Battalion have once again formed a team of motivated players to compete in the OSU intramural football league.

The team, composed of twelve ladies from the Battalion, is coached by David Mintz and led by MIDN 1/c Jenny Soto. Many of the players are returning from last year's team, and some are veterans of the Unknowns' first season two years ago. The games are rough and often played in

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fields inches deep in mud. The reasons given by these ladies for playing such a rough sport ranged anywhere from, "I like the team spirit we share on the team," to, "It gives us an excuse to destroy Sorority girls!"

The first game the Unknowns played was against their biggest rival, the Delta Delta Sorority (Tri Deltas), on Tuesday 13 October. They lost that game by 1 but, rebounded the next week to beat another sorority. The ladies are encouraging anyone who has some free time to come to the game and show their support. Last year they won their division and made it to the semifinals. This year they want to go all the way. "We are anticipating domination, but the primary purpose is to have a good time."

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