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The shoes are shined, uniforms are pressed, and millitary information is memorized... Once again it's time for the annual competition between OSU NROTC squads. This year's event was nothing but "intense and fierce."

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Excellence is our standard--domination is our goal. The unit teams look their finest as all prepare to "dominate Northwest Navy." Read about the dedication and hard work that has become an OSU trademark.

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EDITOR'S NOTE...

Fall term is the most challenging term for just about everyone. NROTC and the Public Affairs Office are no exceptions. The staff not only had to train new members and coordinate the first complete computer layout design, but they also had to maintain other NROTC activities and pursue their demanding academic endeavors. Congratulations to all those who put their time in.

We hope our readers enjoy this issue. We present it with pride.

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CAPTAIN'S CALL

CAPTAIN R.E. CURTIS, PROFESSOR OF NAVAL SCIENCE

To say that I am extremely impressed after my first few months by all that I see here is a gross understatement. Your outstanding reputation throughout the NROTC program and across the campus is obviously well earned. The enthusiasm, vigor and dedication with which the battalion attacks everything, from academics to social activities to athletics and team competitions is truly awesome. I have constantly found myself running hard just to keep up with you.

With all that does go on around here I want to stress once again that we must keep focused on the single most important aspect of your time here at OSU, and that is, of course, academics. The education, skills and knowledge that you can obtain are a lifetime investment that will remain long after the details of extracurricular activities are forgotten. And the grades that are earned are a written record of personal achievement and future potential that will be with you forever, and in many cases the largest influence on whether career options are open or closed. You owe it to yourself to apply yourself in earnest and make the best of this opportunity to keep your future options open. Bear down —— The goal of a 3.0 GPA for the unit is a realistic goal, and we're very close to that now.

Having said all that, continuing our historic dominance at Northwest Navy is also a realistic goal. I am most impressed with the efforts the teams are making. Your dedication to the teams and to excellence is obvious. I feel comfortable that domination will once again be ours.

I hope it's clear from the preceding that I am very excited to be here at OSU, caught up with your infectious enthusiasm and extremely proud to be associated with what has to be the very finest unit in the NROTC system .... Just remember: A 3.0 GPA and dominate NWN! PRESS ON!!!

BNCO'S CORNER

OFFICER CANDIDATE S.W. MURDOCK, MIDSHIPMAN BATTALION COMMANDER

We are calling this THE BIG YEAR. So far it has lived up to its billing. We have already accomplished the most successful Rookie-O ever, receiving the finest group of Freshmen to enter this NROTC unit in years. Each team is at full strength, working towards the immediate goal of going to Seattle, laying waste to anyone who dares to compete with us, and returning home victorious in every event. We have new academic goals which will set new levels of academic excellence for every member of the unit. We have undertaken the most ambitious fundraising effort the Oregon State NROTC unit has ever seen. We have continued to involve ourselves in community activities, volunteer work, intramural sports, the Greek system, as well as maintaining strong clubs within the unit. And the year is not even halfway over.

With so many things going on, it can sometimes be hard to keep up the intensity. Occasionally, thoughts can creep into your mind that maybe it is not worth it or that it is all too much. That is when you have to remember your ultimate goal: To gain a commission as a United States Navy or Marine Corps Officer. Everything we do here at Oregon State has a purpose. There is a lesson to be learned from every event and every activity that we undertake—lessons in leadership, teamwork, discipline, time management, attention to detail, patience, and friendship. Each lesson learned brings you closer to being a quality individual and a quality officer. So never lose heart. Seek strength from within, guidance from your leaders, and friendship from your teammates. Keep up the intensity, and strive to be the best.

Let us attain each goal we set for THE BIG YEAR. Let us not rely so much on tradition, but rather, let us start our own tradition. Let us strive for a level of excellence so that out in the fleet, people will see us and will know that we epitomize leadership and excellence. Let us do it together as a team. See you on the Honor Roll, and see you in Seattle.

WELCOME ABOARD....

SOPHOMORE INSTRUCTOR LT STOREY

BY MIDN 4/C NOLASCO

LT Kurt D. Storey is the new sophomore instructor for Oregon State NROTC unit. He comes to us after having served three years on the Spruance class destroyer, USS Elliot.

Eager to become a "Beaver", LT Storey arrived May 2nd, after being detached on May 1st from the Elliot's homeport of San Diego, California. While on the Elliot, he performed the duties of the Communications Officer, the Electronics Warfare Officer, and the Main Propulsion Assistant. LT Storey will be working on his MBA while stationed here at OSU.

Originally from Colorado Springs, Colorado, LT Storey was an Air Force brat who decided to join, according to his beliefs, the "Real Service". Fate landed him at the Naval Academy where he played Division 1A, 150 lb. football while pursuing a degree in mathematics. In 1984, LT Storey graduated from the Academy and entered the Surface Warfare Community. Although his first aspiration was to fly, he found a challenging and rewarding career as a Surface Warfare Officer.

LT Storey also keeps physically fit and works out regularly with his academy shipmate LT Zahm. When questioned about the competitive match-ups between the two of them, LT Storey replied,"Zahm might know basketball, but he doesn't know Didley."

LT Storey has found NROTC to be an excellent commissioning program. LT Storey states, "Just having been here a short time, I feel the ROTC program is as good, if not better, than the Academy program."

Being the only instructor at the unit who is single, LT Storey's immediate social goals center on female companionship. "I'm looking for love but in all the wrong places," remarked LT Storey. Even though his social future is hazy, the OSU NROTC unit would like to give him a hearty welcome aboard and wish him a bright future here at OSU.

WELCOME ABOARD, SIR!!!!

ASST. MARINE INSTRUCTOR GYSGT STEVENS

BY MIDN 4/C NOLASCO

The OSU NROTC unit has a new Assistant Marine Officer Instructor (AMOI); he is Gunnery Sergeant Ralph D. Stevens. "Gunny" comes to us from Parris Island, South Carolina. During his two year tour at Parris Island, Gunny Stevens served as a Drill Instructor(D.I.), a hell- spawned demon that turned civilians into Marines.

Gunny originally hails from Beeville, Texas. In October of 1975, Gunny started his Marine Corp career at Parris Island as a recruit in boot camp. Since that fateful day in October, Gunny has enjoyed a 14- year career that has taken him to Cuba, Honduras, Virginia, Okinawa, California, and a good number of other places.

When asked about an eye-opening experience during his career, Gunny took a few thoughtful moments to reply. "An eye opener for me was to see the determination of the American youth in boot camp at Parris Island. America can still be proud of its children."

Gunny enjoys hunting, fishing, and teaching. During his tour here at the OSU NROTC unit, he plans to do a little traveling, see the Pacific Northwest, and visit Canada. He has taken the AMOI billet here at OSU for two reasons: 1) to see the West Coast, and 2) to try to help mold, shape, and teach future Navy/Marine Corp officers.

Gunny's goals after his tour as the AMOI are to go back to the Fleet Marine Force and to get his 20 years in.

Upon closing the interview, Gunny passed on these few words of advice for future Ensigns and 2nd Lieutenants: "Watch, wait, listen, and learn. Don't be intimidating to your men."

WELCOME ABOARD, GUNNY!!!

SQUAD COMPETITION

BY MIDN 4/C SCHIMMEL AND MIDN 3/C JIMENEZ

The drill phase, lasting only five minutes, provided the sole opportunity for each squad to prove their drill expertise.

"You can practice and prepare all you want, but once you get on the floor, you always wish you would have practiced more." -- Midshipman 3/C Martin Balakas

This year's Squad Comp winner was the Pistol Team, led by Midshipman 2/C Trupp. The significant point margin between the first place squad and the others showed that Pistol Team knew what it took.

Squad Comp, organized by Midshipman MCPO Welch, was held in Gill Coliseum on 21 November 1989.

There were seven squads competing this year. First, Second, and Third companies were represented by two squads apiece (one squad per platoon). Headquarters company was also represented, sending one squad, the Public Affairs Office.

The competition consisted of a drill phase and two inspection phases. The inspection phase incorporated two separate inspections; one administered by Sgt. Arceneaux and the other by Midshipman LT Austin.

Midshipmen were checked for preparation of uniforms, quizzed over military information, and pushed to their mental limits of courage and grace.

The drill phase, lasting only five minutes, provided the sole opportunity for each squad to prove their drill expertise. Gysgt. Stevens was the overall judge and official. He was assisted by Midshipman 1/C Himstreet, Midshipman LTJG Baldwin, and Midshipman PO1 Torgersen.

During the drill phase, squads demonstrated their abilities of precision, organization, and teamwork. From the spectators vantage, it was obvious much time was spent practicing.

Of a total 400 points possible, 100 points were from each inspecting officer and 200 points were from the drill. The head judge scored on a total of 100 points possible with the three assistant judges' scores averaged and added to the head judge's score for a possible 200 points.

Final results are as follows:

1ST PLACE	Pistol Team	332.67 pts.
2ND PLACE	Rifle Team	323.00 pts.
3RD PLACE	PAO	318.67 pts.
4TH PLACE	3-1	317.00 pts.
5TH PLACE	2-1	313.00 pts.
6TH PLACE	3-2	312.60 pts.
7TH PLACE	2-2	305.00 pts.

According to Midshipman 3/C Balakas, "You can practice and prepare all you want, but once you get out on the floor, you always wish you would have practiced more. You just don't know how well you did until the results are posted."

Congratulations to all competing squads on an outstanding job. Oorah!

ROOKIE ORIENTATION

BY MIDN 4/C HORENSTEIN

On 18 September 1989, I found myself in a setting in which I had virtually no rights. "Welcome to 'Rookie O,' Rookie. Are you highly motivated, highly dedicated, Rookie?...We shall see, we shall see," the man barked.

Before I knew it, I was wearing a dungaree uniform (bell-bottom jeans, dixie cup hat) right out of the old Navy movies. Wearing the uniform around the fellow rookies was tough enough, but strutting the bell-bottom jeans across campus made me feel a decade out of place. Fortunately, we only had to dress in the dungarees for the week.

On day two, and for the rest of the week, we were ordered up before the crack of dawn. During the summer I would have been just getting into my pajamas about this time and from the looks of my comrades, so would they.

Our first task was to line up alphabetically, but the staff could not decide if the line should start from the left or right. Therefore, they had us form and reform about ten times before they thought they had pleased the Battalion Commander (BNCO).

From here, the staff had more motivational plans. "Time for P.T." shouted the fit-looking Midshipman Officer... "Marine Corps style." The physical training (P.T.) was not set up to be too rigorous, but after a long summer of eating Mom's cooking and being a couch potato, it was far from easy.

Throughout the week, we received a variety of beneficial lectures. The lectures emphasized teamwork, academics, and unit participation. These hours were a bit more relaxed. We received encouragement from Captain Curtis and from OC Murdock.

Occasionally, the staff would break the monotony by commanding the Rookies to act out a fictional character or a type of seagoing mammal. Foolishness spiced up the afternoon.

After lunch breaks (complete with a quick but therapeutic 15-minute nap), we found ourselves at the "Grinder," where we learned the basic drill maneuvers. On an individual basis, they were not too difficult, but synchronizing the movements within the squad proved considerably more challenging.

During inspections, our appearance was evaluated and our knowledge was tested. The tough part was keeping our bearing, especially when the staff created characters such as "the 500 million dollar stealth Rookie," and "Rookie F-14s." Though tired and frustrated, we found these parts of the indoctrination enjoyable.

The week went on. Each daily routine was basically the same, but big changes occurred in attitudes. A great sense of respect and camaraderie developed between the Rooks and the staff; the very basics had been instilled in us. Also, the staff had a great opportunity to get hands-on experience at leadership.

Captain Curtis, OC Murdock, and the staff deserve a lot of credit for the success of "Rookie-O" week. Credit also goes to the Rookie Midshipmen for supporting each other as teammates. The next four years will be a time to grow together, and to develop all the traits required of Naval Officers.

Captain Curtis stated that to this date, the U.S. military has not found a better way to bring a group of people together as a team, and after completing "Rookie-O", I completely agree.

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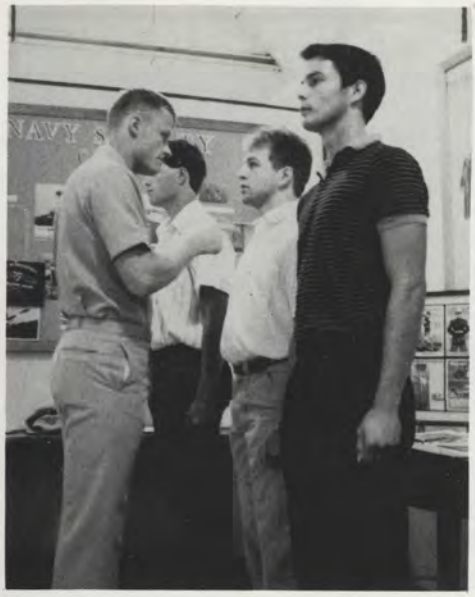
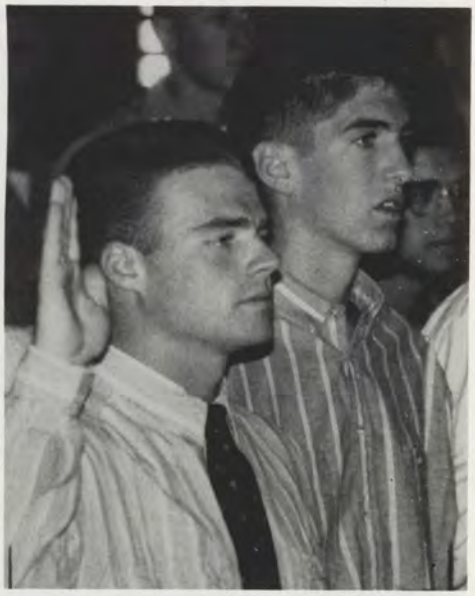
...A WEEK TO REMEMBER...



FIRST DAY: With so much to do in so little time, the staff spared no time beginning instruction.

MID-WEEK: Every day, the Rookies were faced with a new challenge. Inspections tested their motivation.



THE FINAL DAY: The swearing-in ceremony marked the significant point of becoming a Midshipman.

SAVEKER DAY

BY MIDN 4/C NOLASCO

Saveker Day capped off an emotional and physical Rookie-O week. The event provided the freshmen with their first real chance to relax and get to know their new midshipmen friends.

The day was spent by Rookies gorging themselves at a barbecue picnic after having lost to the seniors by a scab touchdown in the flag football tournament.

The Rookies were also able to get a measure of satisfaction by having the chance to dunk the Rookie-O staff members on the dunk tank. After a demanding week of indoctrination, the Rookies were more than willing to turn the tables and seek revenge.

Saveker day is sponsored by CAPT David R. Saveker in memory of his son, Richard Lloyd Saveker who was a midshipman at Oregon State NROTC.

The history behind Saveker Day is on a plaque at the unit on the awards wall. The plaque was given to the unit by Midshipman Saveker's parents in remembrance of their son.

But the ultimate reason for Saveker Day is to remember a special person's sacrifice and what that sacrifice means to each and every individual of the unit. Remember, if you or anyone you know is having difficulty in anything, there is someone here at the unit who is willing to help. Please, reach out and ask--don't keep it inside. There is always someone willing to help you here at the OSU NROTC unit.

UNIT TEAMS

COLOR GUARD

BY MIDN 4/C BILLINGSLEY

"Live free or die," is the motto of the OSU NROTC Color Guard. The Color Guard's mission is to ensure that the dignity and respect of the National Ensign is never violated. In addition, they are also tasked with the responsibility of escorting and carrying the flags of the Marine Corps, Navy and state of Oregon.

By practicing three times a week, the Color Guard is well on its way towards achieving the goals they have set this year. The goals include taking first place at the Albany Veterans Day Parade, and sweeping all three trophies at Northwest Navy.

Throughout the year, the Color Guard performs at basketball games, parades, and competitions in Oregon and Washington. Midshipman LTJG Freudenthal, Commanding Officer of the Color Guard, feels that with their four new team members, the Color Guard will have "an excellent and outstanding year."

DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

BY MIDN 3/C CALER

Certainly, the-best sounding team that this NROTC Unit has is the Drum and Bugle Corps. Not only does this team march, but it also plays musical instruments—and plays them well.

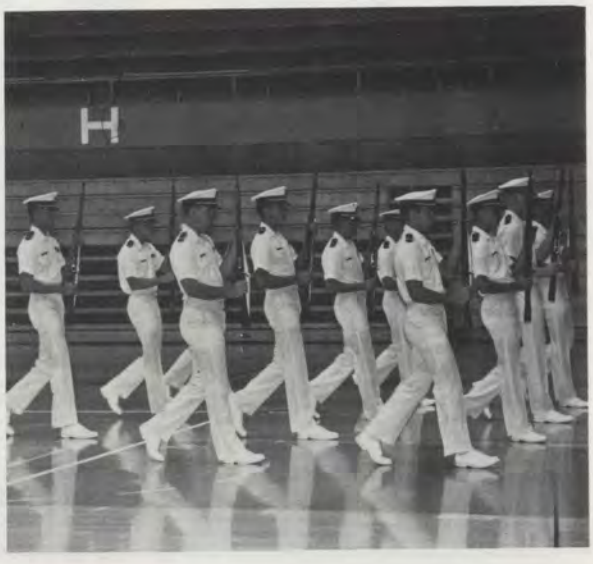
The team competes in parades as well as at Northwest Navy. Performances include OSU basketball games, NROTC balls and ceremonies, and other NROTC functions.

The Drum and Bugle Corps practices four times a week, holds inspections at least once a week, and has mandatory study sessions to keep up academics.

With Northwest Navy right around the corner, the team is preparing intensely for the competition. This year, the team added five Rookies. According to Midshipman LTJG Pontier, D&B Commanding Officer, the new members are "really motivated and seem to be enjoying the team". With the arrival of Captain Curtis, the D&B is motivated more than ever to perform outstandingly.
GOOD LUCK, D&B!!!

DRILL TEAM

BY MIDN 2/C JOHNSON



"They're back, bad, and ugly!" That's the response Midshipman 2/C Baldwin gave when asked how he felt the OSU NROTC Drill Team would do at Northwest Navy this year. Mr. Baldwin, the CO of the Drill Team, feels that with his motivated staff and the outstanding freshman turnout, nothing but victory awaits his team in Seattle.

There's no disputing that the Drill Team is the hardest working, closest knit, and most highly motivated of all the teams in the unit. All one has to do is review a Drill Team member's schedule and attend one practice session to come to that conclusion.

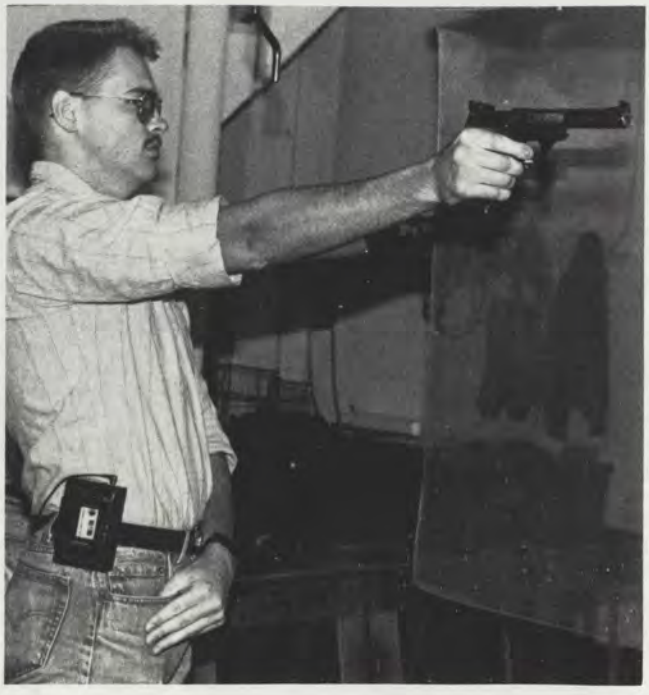
At one of the practice sessions I attended, I questioned Midn. 2/C Torgersen, Drill Team MPO, on what he thought the outcome would be at Northwest Navy. The reply he gave was cut-and-dried. He stated, "We plan to dominate like no other drill team has ever dominated before!"

I'm sure all of the teams have the same goal, but the Drill Team surely deserves a "hats off," for the tremendous time commitment and rigorous training schedule that they adhere to six days a week. Good Luck!

UNIT TEAMS

PISTOL TEAM

BY MIDN 3/C CALER



Another decade is approaching us, and with it we encounter a newer, better trained group of people who can only be called...

"The Pistol team of the 90's."

This team is one of OSU NROTC's finest, whose members this year are highly motivated and eager for competition.

Instead of a seasonal schedule, the team competes in various events throughout the school year. On a national level, the team competes with NROTC units across the country and participates in the National Navy Pistol League. Closer to home, the team competes in the Willamette Valley Pistol League. To maintain its competitive edge, it holds intense practices Sunday through Friday, for an hour each day.

The team has done quite well in competion this year. The main matches included team divisionals on 29 OCT 89 and OSU vs. NROTC on 3 DEC 89. Part of the team's success is due to the large number of newcomers to the team. The Pistol Team Commanding Officer, Midshipman LTJG Wood, says, "We have an outstanding Rookie team that has great potential." He also feels that the team's greatest loss of the year was Robert Lagrone, now a commissioned officer in the United States Navy.

With one term down, the team is well on its way to an outstanding year. Through its hard work and dedication, this "Pistol Team of the 90's " sets a fine example of Navy Pride and Tradition.

Keep up the great work, Pistol Team!

RIFLE TEAM

BY MIDN 3/C HOBART

"Ready on the right, ready on the left. All ready on the firing line. You may lock and load one round. The range is now open for live fire."

Settling into prone position, I have to blink my eyes to focus clearly. Breathing deep, I sight in on a tiny black dot at the end of the range, intending to prove my prowess as a marksman. Aim, squeeze, and . . .

Thus begins another practice for the marksmen of the OSU NROTC Rifle Team. Be it morning or afternoon, weekday or weekend, Rifle Team (RT) members and staff are always on the go, preparing for ultimate domination on the range, on the drill deck, in the classroom, and wherever else they may be.

Practice, practice, and more practice makes perfect. That is what the highly dedicated Rifle Team does. Members commit one Saturday and two weekday sessions per week to practice on the range. They attend at least one of two study sessions during the week, in addition to the full-team session on Sunday night.

Tuesday mornings at 0600, the team is found setting an example of excellence and dedication during inspections and drill. For the past two years, this dedication to excellence has paid off... Rifle Team has had the winning Squad Comp squad.

Physical fitness is the third activity Rifle Team undertakes as a team. Friday mornings at 0600, they muster at the O-course (obstacle course) to improve their health and well-being. And to improve stealth, agility, and speed, there's nothing like a rousing game of "Red Light, Green Light" afterwards.

Being the current holder of the Powell Award from Northwest Navy '89, RT anticipates, and will be ready for, tough competition this year. With the expertise of the Rifle Team CO (Midshipman LTJG McKenna), the OSU team has an undeniable edge. Last year, Midshipman McKenna won the High Prone trophy at Northwest Navy and also captured third place in the 1989 NCAA Collegiate Sectionals.

As one can see, a Rifle Team member devotes a great deal of time and effort to team activities. Though at times it may seem unnecessary, every moment spent at practice contributes to the success of the team as a whole. With the talent, pride, and strong spirit of motivation backing the Rifle Team this year, success is only moments away.

PANCHO DE FOOTBALL

BY MIDN 4/C SCHIMMEL

Pancho! Now, where does a name like Pancho come from? Ask anyone on the football team, they can tell you. It comes from none other than Duane "Pancho" Vila, just one of the outstanding defensive backs on the Navy/Marine flag football team's bone crushing defense.

Once again, the battalion took on another season of what Midshipman LCDR Chambers calls, "Hard charging, low dragging football."

The team, led by head coach and offensive coordinator QMCS J.E. Rose, again dominated O.S.U.'s Air Force and Army ROTC units, as they have for two consecutive years. The Naval offense cruised up and down the field and the Air Force and Army provided only token resistance.

Yet, a dominating offense cannot win without a bone-crushing defense. The defense, led by assistant coaches Midshipman 2/c Yordy (defensive back) and Midshipman 2/c McKenna (defensive line/linebacker), stonewalled the disorganized assault of the Air Force and Army.

Certainly, the team has not let their dominance go to their heads. "We did our talking out on the field," commented OC S.W. Murdock. Since actions speak louder than words, the Army and Air Force must have gotten the message—NROTC dominates.

The team showed its dedication by practicing two times a week for two hours a session.

The NROTC team consists of nine offensive and nine defensive players. The football game is played on an 80 x 60 yard field with markers at every 20 yards—first down markers. Scoring is the same as pro football—6 points for a touchdown and one or two point conversion attempt. There are no field goals attempted.

Though the Navy's domination was short and sweet—playing only two games—there is always another season of domination. Don't miss it! NROTC football rocks!

PRT / PFT

BY MIDN 1/C HOFFER

This year's fall term Physical Readiness Test was held on Saturday, 11 OCT, at 0900. The PRT consists of three phases and a flexibility test. The first phase is maximum push-ups in two minutes, followed by maximum sit-ups in two minutes. After the stretch test (touching toes) the test moves outside for a one-and-a-half mile run.

The maximum score is 300 (100 points for each phase), with a score of 290 or higher qualifying midshipmen for the PRT Honor Roll. All midshipmen are required to take the test twice a year. It's a different challenge for each midshipman.

For Midshipman 1/c Greg Hicks, the morning started early. Unable to sleep in, he awoke at 0700 with a nervous, queasy feeling in his stomach. He showered, suited up in his PT gear, and ate a light breakfast. When he finished eating, he slowly jogged over to the unit.

After an agonizing wait, the test finally started. Greg gave it his best effort. "The push-ups were okay," he said, but was disappointed with his performance on the sit-ups. The last event was the run. To warm-up, Greg jogged to the starting point.

Events Committee was last to go so he had time to stretch a little. After pounding out his one-and-a-half mile run, he responded in short, deep breaths, "Thought I did well." Checking his time revealed an improvement on his run and in his overall score.

After it was all over he helped himself to a healthy bowl of Navy chili. When asked about how he felt about the 0900 starting time, Midshipman Hicks replied, "Thought it was nice to start later in the morning. People were actually smiling."

Others had positive comments on the PRT: "I liked it because I found out what I could achieve. I look forward to improving in the Spring," said Midshipman 4/c Foster. According to Midshipman 3/c Balakas, it was a "truly motivating experience."

Congratulations to those who did well, and let's see everyone improve in the spring.

NAVY-MARINE BIRTHDAY BALL

BY MIDN 3/C HOBART & MIDN 4/C HORENSTEIN

The autumn of 1775 saw the birth of two branches of the United States Armed Forces: the Navy and the Marine Corps. Throughout their respective 214 years of existence, both branches have come to be the most active defenders of our nation and her ideals, while maintaining global peace.

On 3 November 1989, Unit Staff, Officer Candidates, Midshipmen and guests gathered to celebrate the passing of another successful year of operations for the Navy and Marine Corps.

Held at the Corvallis Elks Lodge, this year's celebration followed in the tradition of formal military functions, merging ceremony with contemporary partying.

The evening began with the presentation of colors by the Color Guard, along with the Drum and Bugle Corps' musical salute. Captain R.E. Curtis, Commanding Officer, then took the floor in his address commemorating the occasion. Commander C.J. Michael, Executive Officer, presented the annual birthday message from the Secretary of the Navy, and Major R.M. Cotten, Marine Officer Instructor, followed with the address from the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

In keeping with the service-wide tradition of cake-cutting by the oldest and youngest serviceman present, QMCS (SW) J.E. Rose and Midshipman 4/C Tuley were privileged to sample the cake first. The ceremonies concluded with the Drill Team's sword arch, a fine example of precision and grace.

At last, it was time to "loosen up" on the dance floor. It was not long before jackets, ties, and high heels were shed. Whether freshman or senior, staff or guest, everyone

mingled and did their part to make the evening a truly festive occasion.

The annual Birthday Ball was not only a reason to socialize, but also a time to contemplate the necessity of our services.

Without the Navy and Marine Corps, peace and justice would be hard to find nationally as well as globally. And so it is that we commemorated this 214th birthday with the pride and esprit de corps that are hallmarks of the Navy and Marine Corps.

SPRING AWARDS

BY MIDN 3/C JIMENEZ

September is traditionally a time for new beginnings. New classes, new majors, and renewed ambitions all come with autumn. At the OSU NROTC Unit, the Awards Ceremony is traditionally a time at which the previous term's academically successful midshipmen and officer candidates (OCs) are recognized for their accomplishments.

The academic awardees earned their award by attaining a 3.50 GPA or better, while taking a minimum of twelve graded credit hours.

Among those awarded for professional excellence were OCs T. A. Biggers, D. M. Carsten, and G. A. Van Rijn. Each received a Navy Good Conduct Award. Officer Candidate J. W. Hagerty was also among the distinguished for his promotion to Petty Officer Third Class.

In his comments, Captain R. E. Curtis, Commanding Officer, stressed the Unit's goal of attaining a 3.00 GPA for the year. If the caliber of this ceremony's awardees is any indication of what can be expected of midshipmen in upcoming terms, then the Unit is well on its way to having a very distinguished and outstanding battalion.

Midshipmen First Class	GPA
David Wilkening	4.00
Nancy McGrew	3.75
Brian Nelson	3.67
Trevor Ivory	3.50

Midshipmen Second Class	GPA
Cyrus Kelly	3.82
Ernie Johnson	3.69
Stephen Gueck	3.56
Jeffery Revels	3.56

Midshipmen Third Class	GPA
Chris Moore	4.00
Patrick Mack	4.00
Duane Vila	4.00

Midshipmen Third Class Cont.	GPA
Jeffery Hauser	3.77
Lawrence Dorn	3.76
Paul Tabaka	3.73
Tim Grizzel	3.71
Hector Jimenez	3.71
Scott DeVore	3.67
Rose Hobart	3.67
Sean McDonald	3.53

Officer Candidates	GPA
Dillon Sanders*	4.00
Mark Galvin*	4.00
Stewart Hunter*	4.00
Jeff James*	3.77
Robert Bowers*	3.71
Mel Guyman*	3.67
Michael Quan*	3.55

Marine Enlisted Commissioning	GPA
Alan Arceneaux	4.00

* These Officer Candidates also received academic awards for the summer term.

FAREWELL SENIOR CHIEF

BY OC BOWERS AND MIDN 4/C SCHIMMEL

February nineteenth, the NROTC Unit will lose one of its most colorful and experienced members. That's the day that QMCS(SW) Rose expects to depart.

Senior Chief Rose is leaving us to attend the Senior Enlisted Academy, prior to reporting to the USS New Jersey (BB-62), homeported in Long Beach, California, as the Assistant Navigator.

"I've been here 3 1/2 years. I've seen a lot of people come and go out of this place," commented Senior Chief Rose, with a nostalgic smile, "I had fun with whatever I did."

Senior Chief Rose realized a number of personal goals at OSU. He completed an Associate of Science degree in Liberal Arts, he attained the rate of Senior Chief Petty Officer, and he made a lot of friends along the way. "If I had not been stationed here, I would never have accomplished my goals," said Senior Chief Rose. "The Unit allowed me to pursue my academics while carrying out my military duties, thereby enhancing my naval career."

Senior Chief Rose's contributions to the Unit have not been limited to his duties as Assistant Junior Instructor, or Textbook Custodian, which is how most people think of him. Senior Chief Rose was instrumental in the formation of the Unit's Junior Varsity Basketball Team and the Surface Warfare Club. He coached the Salty Dawgs (the active duty softball team) to their current status as Corvallis C/D champions. He coached the unit football team in last year's victory over the other ROTC teams. He taught an Honors course about the Vietnam War, from the "ordinary person's" point of view.

With all this, Senior Chief Rose has never lost his rapport with the students. He doesn't often stand on formality, and has been known to tell an off-color joke from time to time. He is a fleet sailor's sailor, a never-drying fountain of information about what it's really like out there. Whether he's bailing someone out of jail, giving advice to someone who's got a problem, or telling sea stories, his genuine concern for people and his authentic dedication to the Navy are always evident.

"This year's senior class, from top to bottom, has the people to produce a corps of outstanding officers for the Navy and Marine Corps," said Senior Chief Rose, "and I have thoroughly enjoyed the time I have had here with the students." With his unique blend of humor and professionalism, Senior Chief Rose has been thoroughly enjoyable to work with.

From all the midshipmen and officer candidiates at OSU NROTC, farewell, Senior Chief, and following seas.

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