Let them pose, I'll keep on eating.

What the *Eg*%$#@! is a Burger-Ball Game??

"CATCH THAT BALL, YOU DUMMY, AND PASS ME A BEER . . . . SIR!!"

Midwatch, Staff, and the Battalion rubbed elbows at a picnic which offered a welcome change of pace after the grueling Captain's Inspection, Co-sponsored by the Navy Society on 10 April, the Avery Park Picnic started at 3:00 pm and lasted 30 gallons. Excitement, laughter, and good times served to make the picnic a great success. Captain C. G. "Slugger" DIMON came off the bench to belt a long fly which, due to a remarkable series of subordinate mistakes, resulted in a homerun. First class to fourth class, Midwatch to girl friends, all had a great time and produced one of the most . . . unusual . . . games in the history of OSU-NROTC; in fact, one of the most unusual games in the history of baseball for that matter! Spectators and participants numbered in excess of 150, and consumed all available burgers and hotdogs in record time.

THANK YOU MIDWATCH AND NAVY SOCIETY.

"Say, . . . does anyone know when the next picnic is??

Midn 2/c Bettyjo BRUNER

A FACE LIFT FOR THE UNIT

Major changes were in the training schedule at the Unit last month. With $1500 from the Building Improvement Fund, the Midshipman Loft Committee has performed a face lift on the lounge in the form of paint and new furniture. The improvement is not over yet; a sandwich bar, potted plants, and other articles will be added to the loft before the term is over.

Working for 3 weekends, the committee of Allen PARK, Cathy and Frank MILLER, Curt JUDD, Terry HARVEY, and Eric NORRIS, painted and panelized the walls and bookcases. Their major improvement was the new furniture which was bought for $1000 from Rubenstein Clearance Center. Credit for this purchase must go to Mrs. Ripley who arranged the deal.

Terry HARVEY and Eric NORRIS are hard at work on a sandwich bar. Though faced with many problems, they hope to have it built and placed in the lounge before the term is over.

At present, the committee, which is directed by Lt. SELMER, consists of all second class midshipmen. "We'd like to change that," said Allen, "We would like to see the committee consist of all third and fourth class midshipmen. That way the committee wouldn't end with graduation."

Anyone interested in working on the committee should get in touch with those on the committee. Ideas for the improvement of the loft should be submitted in the Squak Box.

Midn 4/c Bob HANSEN

What, Us Worry?

The Marines are still looking for a few good men.

The Chef -- Alan PARK
"HEY FELLAS,... CAN I PLAY?"

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Spring is here, and I know we are all glad of it! The Reno trip was a lot of fun and next year we should have an even better time. Oregon State walked away with the majority of the awards and I'm proud to say our unit, again for the second year in a row, was the overall top team. The D & B won the peoples choice award and received the only spontaneous standing ovation as they completed their exhibition phase.

The Marine Field meet was a fantastic success and OSU-NROTC again excelled. Bob HANSEN deserves a special pat on the back as he emerged victorious over world renowned athlete Capt. Jones, USMC in the River Swim.

Things are really on the upswing and we have many more fun things between now and 2 June. Have fun but please remember to keep that GPA in respectable condition.

THE SKIPPER

SCHOLARSHIPS VALUED AT MORE THAN $94,000

The Easter Bunny came early this year for fourteen NROTC Midshipman who were awarded two, three, and four year scholarships.

In a modest ceremony which took place April 10th Captain C. G. DIMON, Professor of Naval Science, conducted the swearing-in procedures for the recipients. Viewing the ceremony were the Officers and Midshipmen of the OSU NROTC Unit, and various visitors including Colonel W. H. RICE, USMC, Professor of Naval Science at the University of Washington.

Each scholarship student will receive tuition and fees, textbooks, and living expenses of $100 per month for the remainder of his, or her, studies at OSU. After graduation, they will receive a regular commission as an officer in the Navy or Marine Corps, and will serve a required four years. Oregon State has the largest voluntary NROTC program in the country, with 90% of the 250 students on the scholarship status. The new Midshipmen joining the ranks will take part in regular activities including mandatory drill and summer cruise. Welcome Aboard!

Midn 4/c Rich GOWARD

GET YOUR SIERRA TOGETHER

In the fall term issue of the ALBATROSS, during my stint on the Public Affairs committee, I wrote an article detailing the outstanding achievements of the OSU midshipmen on this past summer's cruises. I also stated that those attending the various cruises in 1974 would have a fine reputation to uphold. Well, its almost that time of year again, when everyone starts preparing for the upcoming summer, with seabag issues, receiving cruise orders, and the anticipation to go along with all this.

In the process of getting your "stuff" together, don't overlook the most important part of your preparation, that is, getting your mind and body prepared.

For those of you attending 2/c cruise and for the "candidates" that are destined for Bulldog, you should be well on your way to getting yourself in shape physically. That is something that is more or less left up to the individual. Mental preparation however is something that you can get some help in obtaining. Talk to the people in the classes ahead of you and find out what will be expected of you on cruise. There will be orientation lectures in the unit for each cruise, and I urge you to take advantage of these. Don't be afraid to ask any upperclassmen anything about cruise, after all, they're the experts on this matter around the unit. They should be more than happy to do anything to keep you from reporting in, not knowing your ASROC from a hole in the ground.

Midn 1/c R. A. BROWN
Battalion Commander

LAO-TSAU

A leader is best
When people barely know that he exists,
Not so good when people obey and acclaim him,
Worst when they despise him,
But of a good leader, who talks little,
When work is done, his aim fulfilled,
They all will say, "We did this ourselves."
The brasso and boot polish were out and in use at the OSU-NROTC Unit in preparation for a special inspection by a reviewing team from the NROTC Unit at UCLA. Led by Captain C. N. AMMERMANN, the team was composed of Major Nelson L. HENDRICKS, SKC CHilton L. PERKINS, and YNC Ronald L. SANDERS.

The purpose of the inspection was to promote an exchange of ideas, and to improve the NROTC Program from within. The three-day effort included a review of the Unit and its operations, plus an inspection of Headquarters and Second Companies.

Commenting after the inspection, Captain AMMERMANN complimented the Midshipmen on the Unit's togetherness.

"Individual pride in this Unit," said the Naval Academy graduate, "is evident in every Midshipman here; and it is this individual concern that makes this an outstanding Naval ROTC Unit."

Midn 4/c Bob HANSEN

From Russian interpreter to the CO of a fighting ship, Captain C. Neal AMMERMANN has had a varied and interesting career. After graduation from the Naval Academy, he was assigned to a Destroyer, but was soon made the skipper of a PCE Patrol Craft. After three years at sea, he was transferred to the Pentagon to be a Russian Interpreter with Naval Intelligence. He earned a Master's degree in Mathematics in the Post Graduate program, was then ordered to the USS Oklahoma City and was aboard this ship in the Tonkin Gulf during the United States first involvement in Vietnam. His next tour was as a Mathematician for the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at Cal–Berkeley, which was followed by another stint at the Pentagon, only this time with the Department of Defense.

Three years later, Capt AMMERMANN was Captain of the USS John S. McCain and back in Vietnam, The Captain is now in more placid waters at UCLA as the Professor of Naval Science.

Captain AMMERMANN has seen many sides of the Navy, old and new, and is pleased with the "new" Navy. He forecasts a return to the professionalism of the pre-WWII Navy. He also anticipates a complete change-over to nuclear propulsion in the Navy of the Future. He urges Midshipmen to consider the Nuclear Navy as a career.

Midn 4/c Bob HANSEN
Midshipmen and Cadets from Oregon State University are not normally connected with the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant, On Saturday 13 April however, a group from the S.A.M.E. Student Post ran wild at the plant near Ranier, Oregon. The leader of the mob, supposedly a tour guide, was Midshipman Rick WILLIAMS who works for Hoffman Construction, the sponsor of the jobsite tour.

In spite of some of the Middles previous knowledge of Navy Nuclear Power, they gained much from the tour. They noticed that Trojan uses a pressurized water reactor, which is a product of Navy-funded research and development.

Perhaps the most reoccurring observation during the two hour tour was the number of safety systems built into Trojan. Why, there were safety systems built into the safety systems.

Two of the Middles participating in the tour had previous practical experience with Nuclear Reactors in the Navy. Midh Bill DIXON will graduate in Nuclear Engineering and is ear-marked for Admiral RICKOVER's elite Naval training aboard two types of nuclear powered vessels: the USS Drum, which is the Navy's newest nuclear sub; and aboard eht nuclear surface vessel, USS Truxton.

Other Midshipmen to be accepted into the Navy Nuclear Program include Gordon HAMS, and Parks WALKER. All four of the graduating seniors will receive commissions in the Navy; then, as Ensign, they will receive one year of intensive training in Nuclear Propulsion School. After completion of training, the men will head for either surface or submarine forces.

THE CONTINUING SAGA OF S.A.M.E.

A small group had gathered together in a reserved room of the Country Kitchen on the night of April 18th. They stood talking, and milling about smartly. What was to happen here? What were they doing here? Were they getting ready to sneak the Navy Unit? Or much worse, were they going to paint the Navy Unit?!!! No ... its that infamous S.A.M.E. group up to its usual interesting, and innovative evening activities, like watching Lt. JANIK trying to kill his cold, or perhaps drowning it would be more concise! To be more descript, this was the annual awards dinner of the Society of American Military Engineers.

After a feast of roast beast, the lights were dimmed, and OSU Professor of Geology, Dr. Keith OLES, took to the floor to relate his background of Geological Exploration of the Alaskan North Slope. Fantastically beautiful slide photos, and a witty and spellbinding commentary captured the romance and untamed beauty of the North Slope. Captured, that is, until the good Doctor mentioned the hoards of mosquitoes and other flying beauties; at this point, the audience began to look for a return flight to Corvallis.

Upon their return to Corvallis, the con was shifted to Midn 2/c John J. GUEVREMONT, Student Post President. A special token of thanks was given to Past-Advisor Mr. Paul TAYLOR, for his outstanding support through the last three years. Outstanding members of the Student Post were then awarded for their work, Army Cadet Ron DAVID, Vice-president; Midn 2/c Bob LOONEY, Treasurer; Midn 2/c Anne LAIR, Secretary; and Midn 2/c Rick WILLIAMS, Programs Chairman; were honored by the Post President.

John GUEVREMONT, deserves a "well done" for the effort that he has made on behalf of the Society.

The evenings closing note was offered by Mr. BILL JOHNSON, S.A.M.E. Portland Post President, a special guest at the function. Mr. JOHNSON called for an active Student Post to assist in sponsoring the Northwest Regional Conference of S.A.M.E., scheduled for Portland next spring.

Look for more of the S.A.M.E. in May, when Mr. Tom SAWYER will be the guest speaker at the May 18th RAFT FLOAT.

Midn 1/c Chuck WAGNER
Midn 2/c Rick WILLIAMS
Midn 3/c Anne LAIR
Midn 2/c Rick WILLIAMS

by Miss Nancy Bauer
NAV SOC BIKE HIKE

Navy Society took to the highways Sunday, April 21, on a bike hike to Peavy Arboretum.

Approximately 15 daring cyclists joined the adventurous crew, including Lt. Selmer and Lt. Moore. Cold beer and other refreshments awaited the pedal-people after the 7-1/2 mile trek northward. Good weather harvested an overcrowded, lcp-sided game of fris-ball (football with a frisbee), in which many tricks played backfired.

In resentment to those of the group that drove, the bikers attempted to sink the USS Ruptured Duck (LSRT-1: LANDING SHIP Row type) skippered by Mich 2/c John CUEVREMONT. After sustaining heavy battle damage, the pseudo-captain saddled the craft and took on all boarders.

Rare Oregon sunshine bathed the bikers on the easy return trip. An excellent afternoon, compliments of the newly formed Navy Society.

Another such bike hike is planned in May. For more information, drop by the NAVSOC meetings, or ask any active member.

Midn 4/c Jerry WELTNER
Midn 2/c Bettyjo BRUNER

REMEMBER THE RUPTURED DUCK!
Hey... watch it! signed, The ALBATROSS

A WORD FROM THE BIRD

A building is only as good as the foundation under it. This same idea applies to new projects, such as the ALBATROSS. A sincere thanks should go to Tom HAGEN and Kurt HANSEN for the work that they've done in starting the ALBATROSS.

This term has seen an increasing Unit participation in the publication of the "Bird". From the Midshipmen and Staff, to the highly motivated "Ground Crew", a surprising level of input has culminated in the publication that you're now reading. Persons with special talents such as art and graphics have also contributed their time. As you read, please notice the persons who have written the articles, they deserve a lot of credit.

As pointed out by Bert MARSH in his story on page 6, "If there is something that you want to do in the Navy, ASK." Further, if there is something that you'd like to see changed, or done, ASK! Get INVOLVED! GIVE A DAMN!!!

The Editor

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LOOK OUT BELOW: MEDICAL ASPECTS OF DIVING

Captain Tor RICHTER, MC, USN, who is CO at the Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, Maryland, visited our unit on Monday, April 29.

The Captain was at Oregon State speaking on Biological Sciences, Fitness to Dive, and Human Engineering of Diving Equipment, which included the problems of helium speech, small submersibles and saturation diving systems. Commenting on the career paths for Navy Divers, RICHTER said "The trend is now to take men who already have their technical training, and make divers out of them, rather than train divers to be scientists."

His main speech, presented to the University Tuesday night was on the medical aspects of diving and the various effects of such things as the bends and oxygen toxicity. He also mentioned such things as the use of liquid breathing as an alternative to conventional gas breathing mixtures.

Captain RICHTER practiced medicine in New York until he entered the Naval service in 1960. He then completed training in submarine medicine and nuclear health physics at New London, was the Commissioning Medical Officer aboard two SSBN's and now after several other positions of staffing research divisions, is presently serving as the Commanding Officer of the Navy Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, Maryland.

MIDSHIPMAN PORPOISE

During the last summer I was allowed to visit and work at the Marine Life Science Center, which is part of the Naval UnderSea Research and Development Center in San Diego.

It didn't take me long to find out who ran the place; it was definitely an animal's world. From a pet sea gull we affectionately called "dumb bird", to a fairly sophisticated porpoise named Pinger, men were being trained by animals.

It's unusual to closely observe training procedures, especially when the obvious teaching and learning processes are reversed. While watching a trainer attempting to coax a porpoise named Sandy to enter a cage, I noticed a tendency of the animal to work the trainer. This animal had a habit of slapping its fluke (tail) when angered; she would often demonstrate this trait as she toyed with her trainer.

To continue this story, I must introduce my favorite porpoise, Ivan, a veteran in the games played between man and animal. His picture and mine appears at right. By the way, he's the one in the pool.

He is at present the subject of nutritional studies which require that he be fed, by hand, a specially prepared ration. So, picture a person hand feeding this mindful master of his fate; and the games he will play by taking a piece of food and dropping it out of your reach. Thusly he plays his own version of fetch the stick only doing to a human what we do to a dog.

In all it was an exciting experience! I hope many will have a chance to see these amazing animals. Speaking of chances, make your own; ask about what the Navy has and what you can do, anything is possible, even spending a summer with Ivan.

Ivan's Feeder
Midn 1/c Bert MARSH

Bert MARSH and his Trainer Ivan
Glancing around the "centerfold", you will see several photos, and the system emblem of the DEEP DIVING SYSTEM MARK 2 MOD 0. During 2 weeks in the summer of '72, my duties included topside handling operations and standby swimmer on two 180 foot saturation training dives. Another week was spent as a working diver cleaning sea-growth off the Naval Undersea Center Research Tower (fondly known as "mucking mussels"). Last summer I spent one week aboard standing watches under the instruction of the diving watch-officers on another saturation dive.

As "Leading Midshipman aboard", it was quite an experience. Navy Divers love to "rattle your cage"; but if you're interested, the men will knock themselves out to explain every part of the diving system to you, no matter how long it takes.

I'll try to give you an idea of just what the MK 2 DDS is; hopefully, I'll not get too involved, as it's a vitally interesting subject... to me.

The Navy needed a diving system that could be used for both Large Object Salvage and the Man-in-the-Sea program. Studies indicated that a saturation diving system capable of sustaining eight men, for two weeks, to a depth of 850 feet, would fill the bill. Accordingly, in 1967 the DDS MK 2 MOD 0 was installed aboard the IX-501 Elk River for operational evaluation, and as range support for Sealsab III.

An operational overview of the MK 2 DDS would be that the Personnel Transfer Capsule (PTC) is a pressurized elevator which transits between the shipboard Deck Decompression Chambers (DDC) and the underwater work site. Without going into an explanation of saturation theory, let me say that by providing the DDCs aboard ship, and by transferring the divers in the pressurized PTC, the men are able to stay pressurized to their dive depth for the entire length of the operation, and still have the relative comfort of the dry, heated, DDC between their dives. This factor not only increases the habitability of salvage diving operations, but is critical in shortening the "decompression time" needed to equalize the divers to surface pressure at the completion of diving operations.

A striking example of the benefits of saturation techniques was pointed out by Captain Tor RICHTER, MC, USN, during his recent visit to OSU. "The salvage of the submarine Squalus, in 1939, required approximately 640, 10 minute working dives, using hard-hat diving crew," said RICHTER; "the total operation lasted over five months." "Using saturation diving, the same work could now be completed in two weeks."

The men of the MK 2 DDS hold the World's Record for Open Sea Saturation Diving to a depth of 1010 feet of sea water. Additionally, two former MK 2 Aquanauts: Don RODocker and Chris DeLucchi, now of Saturation Systems Inc., successfully planned, fabricated, and operated a portable saturation diving system to a depth of 250 ft, in their expedition to salvage the sunken Italian luxury liner Andrea Doria.

Three weeks of my summer vacation, and a set of no-cost orders (no cost to the government), have resulted in many exciting experiences and interesting friendships. If any possible benefit comes from this article, it will be if just one Midshipman sees a Naval activity that interests him, he'll put out some effort and ASK SOMEONE ABOUT IT!!
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UNIFORM CHANGE APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT OF NAVY

A special uniform issue has been authorized for the Midshipmen at OSU, and will take place next fall. Due to the amazing consistency of the precipitation in Corvallis in the past, and especially of this past year, the PNS has deemed it necessary to provide a special new uniform for the protection, comfort, and convenience of the Midshipmen. This new uniform, pictured below, will prepare the Midshipmen for the usual phenomenal rainfall of the Corvallis area. Also, should flooding similar to that experienced this past winter occur again, the Midshipmen will now be ready for it. They will be able to swim to classes and drill should they find it necessary to do so. And although OSU Midshipmen are known for their miraculous achievements, they will find it much easier to swim in the water than to walk on it.

The uniform will consist of a working blue wetsuit and flippers. Name tags and ribbons shall be worn as on all uniforms.

The major problem area will be drilling. Perhaps the main problem to be encountered in this area will be maintaining an adequate atmosphere of seriousness and military bearing. It is not hard to see that some midshipmen may find it difficult to keep a straight face while marching to the grinder in company formation during a foul weather drill with flippers! Also, even the most basic of drill movements such as about faces could become very comical indeed! One thing is for sure -- drill is going to be something else next fall!!!
MODEL UNITED NATIONS OF THE FAR WEST, XXIV SESSION

For Midshipman 2/c Russ ROBISON and Midshipman 3/c Rick ANDERSON, Tom SIEG and Craig ALLEN and MRDN 4/c Sami RHYNER, the four day period April 17-21 culminated two years of preparation. Along with Cathi GALATTI, a member of our Midwatch contingent, these students were Secretariat officers at the Model United Nations of the Far West, XXIV Session. Hosted by Oregon State at the Hilton Hotel in Portland, the conference brought together over 1000 students from 82 schools.

Rick ANDERSON and Russ ROBISON were each committee chairman of one of the five main committees. Rick’s committee, the Special Political Committee looked into Apartheid in South Africa and the concept of U.N. peace keeping forces. Russ’s Second Committee considered various Industrial and Environmental issues. Cathi GALATTI and Craig ALLEN teamed together as Chairman and Legal Officer, as their Fourth Committee probed the questions of human rights in Namibia, and the problem of territories under Portuguese administration. As presiding officers of committees, each with over 100 delegates, these three were the parliamentarians of the conference, ensuring that the committees ran smoothly and effectively. Craig and Cathi’s Fourth Committee met one morning until 4 A.M., Sami performed in the Office of Public Relations.

Tom SIEG held the position of Special Assistant to the Secretary General, and was in charge of overall security at the conference. Faced with problems of administrative nature, and that of boisterous partying, some by Secretariat members themselves, Tom performed commendably. At the conclusion of the conference he was honored with an award from the Oregon United Nations Association, for his outstanding contributions in preparing for and working at the conference.

For all concerned the Model United Nations of the Far West, XXIV Session was an educational and fraternal experience. The friendships made, the good times and the troublesome times (like twelve straight hours of committee meetings) were an experience for all concerned. Next year Oregon State University will not host the conference, but will send a delegation representing the U.S.S.R. and one other nation, to the XXV Session of the Model United Nations of the Far West, which will be held at the Disneyland Hotel. Alright!!!

Midn 3/c Rick ANDERSON

OFFICER-ENLISTED RELATIONS

Mutual respect was pointed out to be an extremely important factor in Officer-Enlistedmen Relations during the Spring term Leadership Seminar held on Wednesday evening, 16 April.

MMCM G.A. MARTIN, AMC H.F. FREEMAN and QMC L.R. ERICKSON were guest speakers at the seminar which touched on such topics as: Midshipmen-Enlisted relations during cruise fraternization; all-volunteer forces; and Marine-Navy friction.

Knowing your men, and watch out for them will help to build respect. The Chiefs also said that use of the chain-of-command was the best way to get the job done.

The question of Midshipmen-Enlisted relations was discussed and drew a comment from MMCM MARTIN. "Go along with the fun, and you’ll ride steady. Every man who comes aboard gets the same treatment."

QMC FREEMAN pointed out that the quality of the new Navy enlisted man is very high. "Because of similar educational backgrounds, some Officer-Enlisted familiarity may result. This is bad for both parties, and should be discouraged."

"Naval Air and Submarine Services are almost completely separate communities", said YNC ERICKSON. The Chief went on to say that although pilots must place much trust upon their enlisted ground-crew for the safety of their aircraft, proper respect can still be gained without too much familiarity.

Poor attendance did not hamper the flow of discussion. Better turnouts in the future are hoped for.

Midn 1/c Bryan ROLLINS
Midn 4/c Jerry WELTNER

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OUR DRUM AND BUGLE also
Had a great day
They GOT A STANDING OVATION
When they went to play,

SECOND IN EVERYTHING
Ain't really too bad
But if you'd have heard them
You'd know they were had,

Inspections were tough
Our teams helped each other
And that Army Drill Sergeant
Oh boy, what a mother,

OL' COE dropped a rifle
BUEKELDER gave a roar
But it was FREEMAN'S stately answer
That really got a score,

"Fifty April First"
Howard Johnson told us a lie,
It was still a pile, ............
Ten stories high,

Those who went down there
WILL never forget
Five broken fan belts
And a Mile of sweat,

If you think this was big
Wait til you hear the talk,
When on May 11
We take home Lilac.

Midn 4/c Jerry WELTNER
MARINE FIELD MEET

The second Annual Marine Field Meet, sponsored by Semper Fidelis Club of Oregon State NROTC, was a grunting success. Held April 20 at the OSU Crew Dock Athletic Field, the event drew approximately 200 spectators and participants.

Competition centered around four main groups; OSU midshipmen, U. of W. PLC and midshipmen, commissioned officers and enlisted types, as well as a strong contingent of Marine recruits, soon to depart for Boot Camp, from Medford, Ore.

Contests ranging from the standard PFT (with five man teams) to an exciting free-for-all "King of the Square" game kept the globe and anchor men bouncing.

Teams of 20 men each participated in matches such as a 40 yard low crawl, overhead body-pass, casualty evacuation drills and an audience entertaining Izzy-Dizzy relay.

Individual events featured a grenade toss, an obstacle course, beer keg puts, and a smashing show of pugil stick fights.

Memorable occurrences included the pugil stick fight between OSU MOI Major J. W. RIPLEY and his eager beaver nephew M. R. BROCK. Also not to be forgotten was the 2.8 mile swim race down the freezing Willamette River that was won by MIDN 4/c Bob HANSON, on his back.

Keeping the spirits high throughout the event Murphy's Blitz flowed freely, as did Murphy's owner, Woody BENNET (USMC Capt., ret.), who supplied the beer.

Special awards went to the winning PFT team, from OSU. The "Big J" (for Big J-O-C-K) award went to Midn 1/c G. IAMS, W. CONKLIN, Midn 2/c J. HENDERSON, and J. GUEVERMOND, and Midn 4/c Mark GRENIER.

Midn 4/c Don DARLAND won the "Butt Kicker" award given by the Portland recruiting command.

"Marines are looking for a Few Good Men". As can be seen from this Field Meet, they already have quite a few.

Midn 4/c Jerry WELTNER

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"Sunny Side Up"
The ALBATROSS has experienced many positive changes lately. "Bird Droppings", which have been splattered all over the Command Bulletin Board, have made quite a hit. The "Bird" even made a surprise landing on the BuCO's desk recently.

No longer are the writers of this paper called "staff"; we are now the "ALBATROSS Ground Crew". YOU provide the fuel for the "bird"; and we make sure that she's flightworthy. This is a people paper, and your inputs are what will make it a success. The Ground Crew is prepared to help you write your paper. When you have ideas, call on us.

"Over Easy"
The OSU NROTC Drill Team and Drum & Bugle Corps are strong influences on making our Unit the "Best in the West, and the Rest". They are a corps of hard working people; but, they are people just like everyone else. We can learn from these men of the pride that they have for their Unit; our Unit. Let's support them in every way we can, because when we do, we are supporting ourselves as well.

"Hard Boiled"
Of the two hundred and fifty Midshipmen in our Unit, Alan PARK stands only to a shoulder, in height. In terms of service, however, he stands at least a foot taller than most.

Partly through his efforts, the Navy Society was born, the Midshipman Loft was refurbished, the Midwatch-Navy Society Picnic was a success, and the Navy Society Bike-Hike was in gear. Through his service, our Unit sails much smoother.

Thanks, Alan.

"Scrambled Eggs"
Every service academy supports a Parents Club, or something like it. We at the NROTC Units should take notice; and OSU should again by #1 in implementing an effective project. There are enough parents in the Oregon, Washington, California area to justify a yearly get-together. With a strong Parent's group, Mon's and Dad's Weekends would be that much better, and everyone would benefit.

The ALBATROSS will kick things off by "flying" to each midshipman's home this term; now, someone needs to pick the idea up from there. Company project idea, anyone?

WHAT NEXT???
A LOOK AT MAY 6 JUNE
May 4
Mom's Weekend;
Drill Competition
Open House
May 11
Spokane Drill Competition
May 17
Ring Dance & Banquet
May 18
SAME-St-NVSO
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May 21
TRI-SERVICE REVIEW
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Admiral's Reception
May 28
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PACTRAMID II 7/8 - 8/6
PACTRAMID III 8/12-9/13
PACMDTRAXON 6/10-7/25
LANTRAMID II 7/15 - 8/16
INTRAMID II 8/19 - 9/13

2nd Class
PACNARMID I 6/25 - 7/10 Corpus Christi, 7/18 - 8/9 Corpus Christi
AIRBORE - NARMID III 7/12 - 8/2 Ft. Benning

1st Class
PACTRAMID III 8/12-9/13
PACMDTRAXON 6/10-7/25
SBN LANT 6/8
SBN LANT 6/15 - 7/21
MEDTRAMID II 7/6 - 8/6
FEMALE TBA

"Thanks Chief," Ed.

Cruise Homework:
Check your Vocabulary!
Mail-Buoy Watch
Relative-Bearing Grease
Prop Wash
Water Hammer
Left-Handed Wrench

For assistance, contact any upperclassman

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The above is a photo of the stern aspect of an ALBATROSS
"That's all folks!!

The GROUND CREW