OSU SWEEPS NORTHWEST NAVY

"Best in the West... and the Rest"

NORTHWEST NAVY IS

Northwest Navy is what occurred on the OSU campus February 8. The day of events saw Oregon State NROTC proving to be "Best in the West... and the Rest."

Five months of effort payed off, in trophies and the preserving of a heritage of excellence. Our Drill Team again triumphed, winning Inspection, Regulations, Exhibition, and Best Commander. Our Drum and Bugle Corps were also victorious, also winning Inspection, Regulation, Exhibition, and Best Commander. Northwest Navy is also the Powell Rifle and Pistol meet. Our teams ranked 1st and 3rd respectively. This improvement of past years is the result of hard work on the part of the teams, who now boast a 9 and 0 record.

Northwest Navy is also the newly formed PT competition, yet another win for OSU NROTC. With an average score of 334, the winning team members were Bill Carroll, John Henderson, John Guevremont, Joe Rowley, and Phil Saladen.

Other trophies won by OSU personnel were best individual Drill down of men without arms, won by Don Wilson, high overall rifle score, won by Bert Marsh and Bill Carroll won top PFT score with 371.

Northwest Navy is not only the competition. It's also the planning. Greg Young, Northwest Navy Committee Chairman, wishes to thank all those involved for helping to make Northwest Navy 1975 the biggest success in its history.

Northwest Navy is also the Awards Banquet, held at Nendels Inn. Nearly 350 people were present to hear the awards. RADM Zech brought the 13th Naval District rock band who provided good tunes for a good evening.

Northwest Navy is more than just drill competitions, shooting matches and feats of physical performance. It's a lot of people, a lot of emotion, a lot of planning, a test.

Northwest Navy let us meet the test in front of the world, and we won. Again. For the 13th time in a row.

We did it all this time. With the professionalism that makes us "Best in the West... and the Rest!"

--Jerry Weltner
CAPTAIN'S CORNER

It is Northwest Navy Competition Time. As hosts, the entire Battalion has been working diligently to provide our guests and competitors with the very best. Per usual, things are jumping at the unit and all hands are really involved.

Congratulations to the Drill Team and D & B Teams for their sweeping victory at Northwest Navy. "Atta Boy" also to the Rifle Team for their first Powell Trophy win since 1968.

I noted with pleasure that over 50% of all 1/C and 2/C midshipmen received a 3.00 GPA or better (5 members received 4.0's) with the 3/C close behind with 45% and 30% of the 4/C at the 3.00 level or better. Continue to work hard as your grades become a permanent part of your record for life. The Unit's representation on campus is again excellent, ranging from varsity athletics to student government. Keep up the fine efforts and continue to maintain our goal of "Best in the West and the Rest". Have a good term in all respects.

--The Skipper

FALL TERM COMMISSIONINGS

For three of the Unit's seniors, December had two Christmases. For former midshipmen 1/C Rick Brown, Stan Liss, and Mike Sharp, it meant graduation and commissions.

Second Lieutenant Rick Brown, who graduated from the School of Forestry, is assigned to the Marine Officers Training School at Quantico, Virginia.

Ensign Stan Liss graduated from the School of Business and Technology. He is now attending school in San Diego and later will be CIC officer on the USS Craig.

Ensign Mike Sharp, who graduated from the School of Engineering, is attending Nuclear Power School and later hopes to be assigned to a nuclear powered submarine.

The Albatross Ground Crew and the entire unit wishes the best of luck and smooth sailing to these officers and their ensuing careers.

--Warren Byrum

COMPANY NEWS

Headquarters Company Project

The project that Headquarters Company assaulted this term was Northwest Navy. The Drill Team members wore their bodies sore with rifle maneuvers and regulation marching. Not blowing their cool, but some hot and heavy notes, the D & B put in many hours of practice preparing for the big win.

Preparation also included trips to high schools for halftime exhibitions. The D & B played for an outstanding crowd at Reynolds high school, alma mater of CO Craig Enos. Both teams went on an outing to southern Oregon for a double-header (both teams for two days), to keep keyed for the big event. Headquarters company also has tentative plans for a field day for the battalion.

First Company Project

Besides keeping members of First Company busy on campus and off, First Company as a whole group has plans made for a fund-raising for the Children's Farm Home and are also looking into more bike racks for the unit. First Company is really showing its Beaver energy.

Second Company Project

Second Company leads off the civic action for the term with an outing for underprivileged children of Corvallis. The children were given a thrill when they were picked up in a fire truck (donated for the occasion by Pi Kappa Alpha). Plans to see a movie were also included.

Third Company Project

Third Company has set about to fixing the unit doing odds and ends in preparation for Northwest Navy. Third Company proved their eagerness and many volunteers stepped forth to help with Beaver Open House and Northwest Navy. Substantial repair was also done to the new Black Students Union Building.

--Sami Rhyner
WHO IS WINNING THE "REAL" GAME?

I hear the comment the other day that we "the midshipmen" are here playing Navy and the real world starts upon the day of graduation and commissioning.

Basically, the real world is all around you! You know your next step is a step into your future. Some of us here are not playing games. You are the future of the Navy and the Marine Corps. Our investment of time, concern and help is the strength of that future.

So the "game" we are playing is necessary and a part of the real Navy. The Aptitude is real-now and well into the future. You will be asked with evaluating those junior, and senior to you as well as your peers. This evaluation should be derived from the concern and desire to help develop someone into a better and more purposeful professional.

A reminder, if you are assuming the responsibility of passing judgement on or evaluating someone, then you have assumed the moral obligation to know him as well as it is his responsibility to know you.

You are a witness to your history and it is being recorded daily. Please endeavor to make it a meaningful one.

---Lt. Cmdr. Larry Eddingfield

FIVE NEW SCABBARD & BLADE MEMBERS INITIATED

Five NROTC midshipmen were initiated into Scabbard and Blade Society, the military academic honorary, on January 17, 1975.

Initiated Friday night were (left to right) 2/C Bill PANABAKER, 2/C Rich GALVEZ, 2/C Brad HUPY, 2/C Bob WEEKS, and 1/C Wes COLBURN. Presiding over the ceremony, which took place in M.U., room 206, were Scabbard and Blade president Steve RAYBURN (Army ROTC Brigade Commander) and Midn. 1/C John HENDerson, initiate committee chairman.

A banquet was held at the Townhouse in honor of the 18 new initiate. immediately following the ceremony. The guest speaker was Col. R.P. WRAY, USMC ret.

Scabbard and Blade is responsible for the Military Ball, held February 21 this year, and nearly all tri-service information pertaining to students.

Selection for the Scabbard and Blade is based on academic performance, superior performance at respective ROTC units, and interest in furthering the aims of the Scabbard and Blade.

Well done to all hands involved!

---Mark Cook
WHAT'S IT TAKE TO WIN N.W. NAVY?
WHAT'S IT TAKE TO WIN?

It takes sharp CO's
and confidence that shows,
It takes giving up beer
and the one you call dear,
It takes quick decisions,
and midnight revisions,
It takes rarely remembering school
and trying to remain cool
That's what it takes to win.

It takes shaved heads
and rarely used beds,
It takes knowing you're better
and courage to the letter,
It takes marching for hours
in Oregon showers,
It takes polishing for days
and trying new ways,
That's what it takes to win.

It takes PT thru a puddle
and an 18 hour shuttle,
It takes Marine Drill Sergeants
and losing teams' laments,
It takes harshed voiced Captains
and pull-ups like spartans,
It takes the Admirals Band
and a Marine Corps van,
That's what it takes to win.

It takes a Henderson mile
and an Elley Johnson smile,
It takes a Jim Marsh score
and the cleaning-up chore,
It takes Greg Young planning
and team guide manning.
It takes energy of Al Park
and Doug Coe remarks,
That's what it takes to win.

It takes the big psyche-out
and taking the long route,
It takes Midwatch concessions
and Nendel's conventions
it takes Sailing Club lunches
and S, O, P, 's by the bunches.
It takes a video recorder
and an Albatross reporter.

That's what it takes to win,
And, damn it, WE WON!!!!!!

--Jerry Weltner
SOLO SAILING IN THE SKY

Four FIP (Flight Indocritnation Program) members are now well up on their way to receiving their private pilots license.

Tom Branch, Rich Graham, Craig Allen and Mike Daw have all been through the ceremony of slicing their neckties, symbolizing the cutting of ties with the land, and opening a new life of flight.

The four second class midshipmen have soloed, and now are working toward 40 hours in the air, after which they can take the FAA test to get their license.

Sixteen first and second class midshipmen are involved in this learn-to-fly program paid for by the government, and open only to upperclassmen. Albany Flyways provides the single engine, side-by-side seating Cessna 150's the FIP'ers use. They take off for Albany during their free time during the week, and practice flying the 100 mph Cessna.

Think you could get high on this program? See Lt. Knowles, or Dan Rider, midshipmen Flight Officer.

--Warren Byrum
Jerry Weltner

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DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY CENTRALIZED

For those of you in the unit who have had to scramble like crazy to get a needed photograph taken and out of the way, your worries are over.

Midn. 2/C Jim Carlo is the head of a new organization which will take care of all such problems in the future and, as a side benefit, will also provide basic photography instruction to anyone who is interested.

Midn. Carlo will coordinate all photography requests in the unit. If a photograph is needed by a member of the staff, by the Albatross, or by anyone else, they turn the request into Mr. Carlo. He then assigns a photographer or photographers to obtain the necessary pictures. Once this is done, he has the film processed and the pictures printed.

For those interested in becoming photographers themselves, Mr. Carlo will either instruct them himself or will find someone who will instruct them. The instruction normally includes basic use of 35 mm. single-lens reflex cameras, picture composition, and basic darkroom techniques.

--Mark Cook

"ONE THOUSAND, TWO THOUSAND, THREE THOUSAND (hope it opens), FOUR THOUSAND!"

This is a highlight of jump school, just one of the activities available to midshipmen who meet the qualifications for obtaining a set of no-cost orders.

"No-cost" does not mean the midshipman is given free training. In fact, it means just the opposite -- the training is at no cost to the government.

As stated in the Midshipmen Regulations (para. 905), no-cost order arrangements...have (in the past) been made for midshipmen who want to participate in specialized training...Most of these training assignments are made in addition to the regular cruise requirements and are, by necessity, at no cost to the U.S. Government.

The most common of such "specialized training" programs are jump school and extension of cruise for various reasons.

To obtain a set of no-cost orders, a midshipman must first indicate a desire for some particular training, such as jump school.

Then based on the judgement of the MOI, the midshipman may be accepted into a pre-jump training program coordinated by the MOI. He must pass this training to get his orders.

The primary criteria for acceptance, as put by Maj. J.W. Ripley, MOI, are that if the midshipman...has the correct mental attitude and is physically qualified, he will be accepted at this unit under the direction of the MOI."

The popularity of such training is evidenced by the fact that in the past three to four years, the number of sets of no-cost orders issued has almost doubled.

"There is a healthy interest in this unit in adventure-type training during cruise," said Maj. Ripley. He went on to say that as long as there is exceptional performance by midshipmen in these activities, the high interest will continue.

But even though this interest may remain high, the number of sets of orders available may not.

The word is that in this period of budget cutbacks and tight money, the Army is being forced to cut back training midshipmen. Whether or not the orders remain available is uncertain, but what it may boil down to is another form of the ever-present inter-service rivalry.

But for now, the orders remain available to those qualified. Persons interested in such specialized training should contact the MOI at the earliest opportunity so we can apply for possible quotas.

Happy Landings,

--Bob Clarke
Another first can be entered in the record books for the Oregon State NROTC unit—reorganization of the Leave of Absence (LOA) program.

In the previous years, most midshipmen took LOA between their junior and senior years, but the program has now been changed to where a midshipman takes LOA after his senior year in order to retain the maximum amount of continuity in his NROTC training.

This fifth-year LOA program was pioneered at Oregon State last year and has now become a recommended procedure by the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET).

Leave of Absence may be granted to a midshipman who, "due to illness, academic schedules, degree requirements of other special reasons may require more than four years to obtain his degree," according to the Midshipmen Regulations. The request must then be approved by the CNET. If the LOA request is approved, the midshipman will receive no pay or benefits during the LOA period.

A request for LOA from a midshipman goes directly to his class instructor, who then reviews the request with the unit executive officer and commanding officer. If the request is disapproved, the midshipman is told specifically why. The type of request that is most frequently turned down is one where a midshipman feels he has a personal problem that warrants LOA. Only in very special occasions, at the discretion of the commanding officer, are such requests granted.

A request approved by the CO and XO is sent to CNET for approval.

There are currently only three midshipmen on LOA, but this number should increase next year because of the number of senior engineering students.

These students maintain contact with the unit through periodic discussions, or updating of the midshipman's activities, by his instructor. This is done to minimize the midshipman's relaxation from being away from the unit during the year before his commissioning.

The fifth-year LOA program appears to be working well—another credit to the unit, particular its staff.

---Bob Clarke

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UNDERWATER CONSTRUCTION

SAME 30 JANUARY

On January 30, the Society of American Military Engineers hosted Lt. Gary Sniffin of the Civil Engineering Corps as their guest speaker. Lt. Sniffin presented his interesting slide show-lecture on Underwater Construction to a mixed University audience at 7:30 p.m. in MU 208.

Lt. Sniffin, who is stationed at the Civil Engineering Laboratory at Port Hueneme, California, talked about the Navy Underwater Construction Teams and their work in Submarine Cable repair. With the use of a great number of slides of one particular repair and splicing operation, Lt. Sniffin described the resources and equipment available to the construction teams and the varied problems that are faced in a typical repair operation. The particular mission described took 42 hours to complete, after 2 months of planning and involved some of the latest in submarine construction equipment.

Lt. Sniffin is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. After 6 months of diving school, he was sent to San Diego, California, where he served as maintenance officer with the Mark II deep dive system. While there he earned the nickname "The Wizard" for his problem solving ability. His next job was at Port Hueneme where he was assigned to the Navy Underwater Construction Team of the West Coast.

---Robert Hansen

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THURSDAY - JAN 30

MU-208 7:30 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME!
MIDSHIPMEN IN SPORTS

Nearly all of Oregon State's midshipmen are involved with some sort of athletic activity or other. The "middles" involved with the intramural sports program are too numerous to mention and so, unfortunately will remain unmentioned.

The teams and clubs that participate in intercollegiate contests under the banner of Oregon State are many and varied. Nearly all of them (except for the Model Railroad Club and the Table Tennis Club) are strenuous and challenging. A number of midshipmen (approx. 21 to date) are rising or have risen to these challenges and so far have come away shining. These sports range from volleyball and swimming to football and wrestling.

The midshipmen that are out for the more "grueling" sports tend to have higher PFT scores, so those of you who want to raise your score and have some fun at the same time, get involved and try out for the sport of your choice.

The unit sponsors a few intramural sports, such as the flag football team, and presently, the basketball team. The team membership seems to vary from game to game. Only four players showed up for the first game, against Delta Upsilon, but a dozen plus prospective players showed for the second game against the Amphillinas. The unit team now boasts of a 2-0 record with a 24-20 decision over a "gritty" Delta Upsilon squad, and a 55-27 rampage over the Amphillinas. Those interested, call Bob Monnie for further details.

There is also a possibility of a unit soccer team in the spring, but in order to make it a reality, there has to be an interest shown.

---Rudy Hooven

ALUMNI FUND

The Alumni Fund has now received more than $1000 in contributions.

Lately we have used part of this money to help pay expenses incurred by the sailing club and the Rifle and Pistol teams, for routine maintenance on the Unit's special services vehicle, and transportation expenses to send a midshipman to the regional PNS conference held in San Diego and December of 1974.

The Alumni Committee is currently working on a newsletter which will be sent to all graduates of OSU NROTC. The newsletter will be published once a term and will contain information such as an alum's present job and location. Through the newsletter we are attempting to keep alumni informed about their classmates and possibly facilitate a means of communication between them.

The goal of the Alumni Committee at this time is to gather names and addresses on as many alumni as possible. Currently, we have fairly complete lists for all of the classes back to 1956.

Before this term is over we will have a list which goes back to the first OSU NROTC graduate (Merrit R. Willis, 1947). Our job will then be to get the list updated and keep it that way.

The Committee is in need of volunteers to help dig up names and addresses. Any help by anybody would be appreciated.

---Mike Hoy
PAST AND REVIEWED

The Court Martial of Lt. William Calley

Close to seven years after the My Lai Massacre, and two months following the reversal of Army Lt. William Calley's conviction, ABC-TV presented "Judgement: The Court-Martial of Lt. William Calley."

Produced and directed by Stanley Kramer, the script was based mainly on the trial record. Powerful performances were evident by the three trial principals, Tony Musante, who portrayed Calley, Richard Baschquet in the role of George Latimer, Calley's civilian attorney, and Bo Hopkins as Capt. Aubrey Daniel, the dynamic and forceful Army prosecutor.

Despite frequent bias allusions by Kramer following commercial breaks, the re-creation was in all aspects outstanding. To insure privacy for those involved, only Latimer, Calley, and Daniel were referred to by their real names. They also served as consultants during the production phase.

The play delved deeply into areas of Calley's defense which purported he was only following orders. Constant contradiction between witness testimony, and obvious personality clashes, endowed a sense of incredulosity to the entire proceedings. One still wonders whether Calley was solely guilty or not. In closing, Kramer added, "And isn't it strange that one lieutenant— not one captain, not one major, not one colonel, not one general and not any of four commanders-in-chief—share the responsibility? But one lieutenant."

This overall assumption is spiritually correct, for Lt. William Calley to many the world over is My Lai, but is lacking intrinsically. One need just look at Former Major Gen. Samuel W. Koster, the American Division Commander, under whose command Calley served, who resigned as Superintendent of West Point, and was subsequently demoted. Many officers and men down the ranks received censures.

Calley on ABC, of course, as in real life, was found guilty of his actions that March 16, 1968. That conviction was overturned though, in September, 1974, by Judge J. Robert Elliot of the U.S. District Court at Columbus, Georgia. Elliot cited pre-trial publicity as the primary factor in the reversal.

Calley was paroled by Army Secretary Howard Callaway last November. He is, therefore permanently released. The Army will challenge the Georgia Court decision on matters of principle though one important aspect being the interrelationship between civilian and military justice systems.

Was Calley carrying out orders? If he was, was it a lawful order? What constitutes a lawful or unlawful order, in the courts, on the battlefield, and in the minds of different individuals? These questions, debated by many, are difficult to answer. Perceptive thought and consideration should be given to them, for in some instances, a very fine line exists—voided by interpretation.

--Rick Anderson
ALBATROSS EGGS

Scrambled Eggs—What is a good unit newspaper, anyway? Anything with a dumb name like "Albatross" has got to be trouble, right? I mean who works for a paper when you don't really get anything?

A newspaper is a vital part of the communications of a unit. It gives a chance to expound on information more in depth and entertaining than the P, O, W. Also, it gives subscribers parents a link with one of their midshipman's biggest activities. And it is another means to tell other units what we do, too.

It also provides yet another activity for the unit midshipmen. Some don't have the time, talent, or interest for Drill Team, D & B, sailing club, rifle/pistol teams, etc. The Albatross gives an important outlet for Midshipmen abilities and creativity. Ask anyone on the Ground Crew if they don't really get off on seeing their product in print and circulation.

Some say they can't write. There is more than writing involved. A lot of work goes into seeking information, the actual assembly/production, and dispersing of the bird. And it doesn't take a great deal of time if enough are involved. Teamwork improves efficiency and enjoyment.

So join the team. Be a Birdman of Albatross.

Ham and Eggs—Part of being able to produce a paper like the Albatross is the financial backing required. Please utilize the services of those who advertise in the Bird, because without them, you would have no paper.

Eggs Cruising—Four midshipmen took the opportunity of a 10 day winter cruise that eventually entailed a snow storm at sea, a fly-by of Lake Tahoe, and a tour of the aircraft carrier Ranger in San Diego. MIDN 1/C Rolf Stinson, and MIDN 4/C Dwight Filer, Scott Olsen and Jim McLean really enjoyed their first tour of sea duty while aboard the USS Rodgers (DD876).

—Rudy Hooven, Ralf Stinson

Hard Boiled Eggs—Sailing Club has really hit the seas with their "First Mate" school. Soon 20 people will be taking the practical part of the test to qualify them for official Red Cross certification.

Grecian eggs—For one week this term certain Midshipmen are being kept very busy at their living groups. Those living groups are the fraternities and these midshipmen are being initiated. They are as follows: Scott S. Olsen—Alpha Sigma; Douglas M. Robinson—Phi Kappa Sigma; William A. Murphy and Jon Zazeretti—Farmhouse; Brian Linde and Mark Fote—Lamda Chi Alpha; and Thomas Ballantyne—Phi Delta Theta. We wish them well as they continue at their new home.

—Warren Byrum

WHAT SORT OF MAN READS ALBATROSS?

What sort of man reads Albatross? The man who considers himself a winner. The winner surrounds himself with the best; the best profession, the best women, the best drinks, and the best newspaper. The winner reads Albatross, because he knows he finds the best of news, features, sports, comedy and competition. Fact: Albatross has covered every major competition CSU NROTC has entered since its existence. So be the winner. Go with Albatross.

CAMELING ANYONE?

Reno, Nevada is a city of fun, casinos, and everything else that is illegal in most states. Yet for forty midshipmen from this unit their stay in Reno will be mostly work and little play.

The Drum and Bugle Corps and the Drill team are participating in the drill competition that is held there annually. This year, as in the past, the competition is being held in the Centennial Coliseum, during the 22nd of March. The teams are leaving Corvallis on the 21st and are staying across from the coliseum. In previous years, the drill team has taken first places in Inspection, Regulation, Exhibition, and overall, and therefore, was awarded the Sierra Trophy. The Drum and Bugle Corps has fared quite well taking second place in every event last year. Yet they plan things to go different this year with the team putting in extra hours of practice.

The Albatross ground crew wishes the teams the best of luck.
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MEET YOUR MIDWATCH

Meet your midwatch is a new column for the Albatross. We will try to feature members of our auxiliary support group every issue. Try to meet the girls you see here, and let them show you a good time.

Sharon Kelly and Karen Wimberly are two Midwatch new to the unit. They are both in Landscape Architecture, and became interested in the unit from other Midwatch friends. Sharon is a freshman from Scappoose and now lives in Cuthorn Hall. This 5 ft, 10 inch beauty has been involved with the Midwatch keggers, cookie bakes, N.W. Navy concession stand, and was escorted by Banquet Chairman Doug Coe to the N.W. Navy awards ceremony. She looks forward to the Spring Term.

Karen Wimberly is a sophomore from Brookings, and a member of Alpha Phi Sorority. She has hopes of acceptance into the U. of O. Architecture School. Karen, too, has been involved with the Midwatch activities, and the N.W. Navy Drill Judges were especially fond of her easy going nature.

Make an effort to meet these girls. They're here to help us!

--Jerry Weltmer

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