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OFFICERS' CALL: LTCOL CURRIE SPEAKS

Several days ago Dan Greer asked me to write this article for the Naval Orange. After searching for an appropriate subject, I realized that all of my topics lead to one thing, esprit de corps.

Are you proud of your unit? You should be, but perhaps you never thought about it. That's not at all uncommon, because pride in a unit is often realized after you have left it and had time to reflect on your experiences while a member of that unit. In most circumstances, however, you do not need to wait. Those things which you will long remember and cherish exist now; maybe you are just not aware of them. Actually, you have much of which to be proud, and developing pride in your unit while you are still in it leads to a feeling of camaraderie that instills an even greater esprit de corps.

Let's look at some achievements that have occurred on your watch. Involvement in unit activities is far greater than when I arrived three years ago. Almost everyone participates in intramural athletics. You also have excellent turnouts for the social gatherings. The battalion sponsors a Swimathon for Muscular Dystrophy, and it helps UNICEF by soliciting contributions. As a group, you are in better physical condition than in years past: far fewer are on weight control, more pass the physical fitness tests than ever before, and PFT averages are higher. New billet holders are learning their assignments quicker and are performing at a higher level of proficiency than their predecessors. The platoons and companies appear to be better led, even though we are using juniors to fill some billets. The battalion continues to come up with new ideas and activities. You held your first dining out last semester, and from all accounts, it was a tremendous success. Field meets, which are now a regular event, greatly enhance the competitive spirit among units. Underclassmen are receiving new challenges and greater responsibilities as a result of recent changes in leadership training. Because of these accomplishments, an atmosphere exists which enhances your military education and training. see page 12



Cover: This is what happens when a midshipman (Richard Harrison) takes the controls.



BATCOM'S CORNER

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have been instrumental in getting this semester off to a good start. It is team effort like yours which makes me proud to be a part of the NROTC organization. Now that we have passed the initial learning stages, we, as members and leaders of this battalion, can focus more of our energy on several exciting events coming up in the near future.

Our one and only field meet of the semester will be held on the sixth of March, weather permitting. If your team spirit hasn't surfaced by then, I'm sure it will before the Platoon Competition on the first of April. No April fool's allowed at this drill session!

The grand finale' of the semester will be Captain Sorenson's inspection on the eighth of April. By this time we each will have worked on personal improvement to the point where we each should stand as excellent examples of future Marine Corps and Navy officers alongside which any regular officer should be proud to serve. Let us keep up the good work and set the standards by which we judge ourselves now.

--Jerry Breshers



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Alumni



Assoc.

Last semester the Alumni Assoc. undertook a rigorous campaign to update our records. We made a hearty effort to contact as many graduates from the unit as possible. I am pleased to announce that it was a success.

The response we received was very generous and enthusiastic. Many of the Alumni were quite helpful in offering useful ideas and suggestions for the betterment of our program. Among those ideas was that we make some mention of past graduates in our publications. The idea set so well with us that we hope to make it a permanent part of the Orange.

Each issue, we plan to select three or four alumni at random. We will give a brief account of where they are at and what they are doing. Hopefully this section will not only enable alumni to keep up with each other, but may also lend a little insight for those of us still to graduate. We may find out what to expect later on in our careers.

So, if you have ever wondered what some of those folks who graduated 10 or 15 years ago are doing:

Cdr John W. Jarratt, a graduate of 1965, is now Executive Officer of VP-6 and is based in San Francisco, California.

A graduate of 1970, Jim Broadus is now Ltcd in the CEC. He is currently the Operations Officer for Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 62 (NMCB 62) based in Gulfport, Mississippi.

1955 saw Dr. Preston Kronosky graduate from the University and the NROTC unit. Dr. Kronosky now resides in Austin and he is Program Director for Southwest Educational Development Laboratory. Seems like they like big names in the civilian world also!

John W. Koenig now lives in Virginia Beach and is a Captain in COMSUBRON 8. Capt. Koenig graduated in 1958.

--Marcus Wait

QMC LAPOINT

Before I could talk to QMC Lapoint I first had to get his attention from a slightly Coed walking down the passageway. He seemed like a man who had gone to heaven.

Orange: Excuse me, Chief!

QMC: Huh?

Orange: Chief it's interview time.

QMC: Oh yes, let's go back to my office.

Orange: I would like to find out your past. Where are you from?

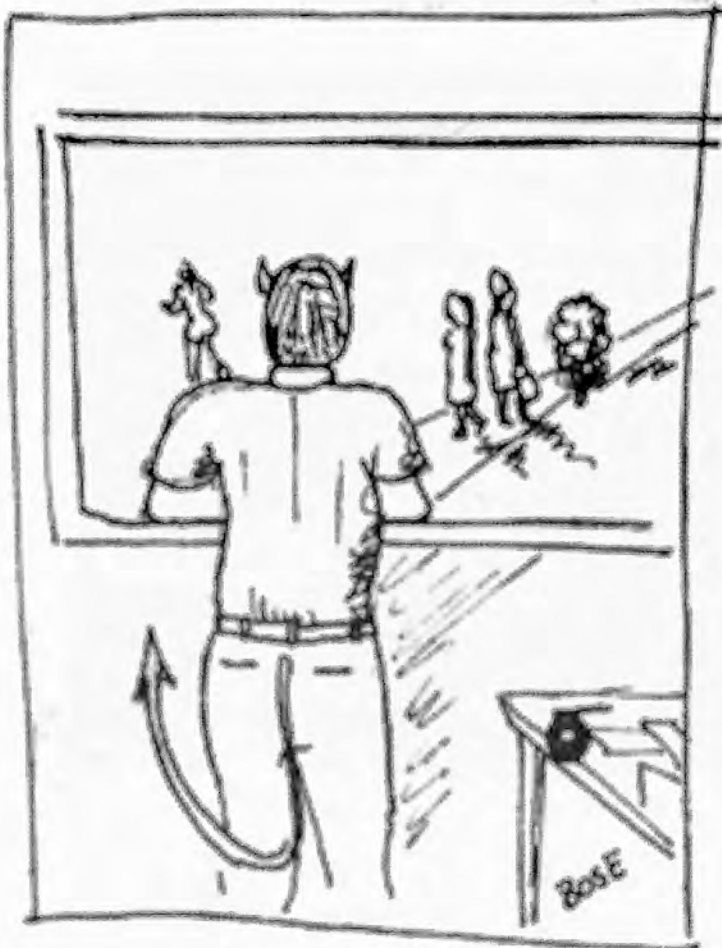
QMC: Lockport NY

Orange: Why did you join the Navy?

QMC: I didn't really care about going to college and I thought I would get into something interesting.

Orange: What were some of your past duty stations?

QMC: I went to Boot Camp at Great Lakes and from there I went to the USS KNOX (FFG-1052), where I was assigned to the deck force. From there I went to the USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14) which took me to Vietnam. Then I re-uped and was assigned to Fleet Training Group West Pac (FTGWP) in Yokosuka, Japan for 2 years. Then I went to the USS John F. Craig (DD 885). Then I was stationed in Subic Bay Phillipines for 16 months before going back to the Craig. From there I came to UT.



Orange: How would you describe your time in the Navy?

QMC: Adventurous..I've been on 5 or 6 WestPacs and I've seen alot of places.

Orange: What was your best tour?

QMC: My best tour was with FTGWP. That was great duty! I spent lots of money!

Orange: While in Vietnam, what kind of missions did your ship have?

QMC: We acted as plane guard, did Naval Gunfire Support, Search and Rescue. Once, we were pulled out of the line and ordered on a surveillance mission.

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The 1979-1980 year has proven to be a very strong season. Last semester we sponsored cookie calls, beer calls, participated in intramural sports, attended battalion functions, had a dining out, stuffed newspapers, and helped clean up Memorial stadium.

This semester will prove to be just as busy, if not more. We held a slave auction on the 29th of February at Adams Park, a cookie call on the 4th of Mar., and we are planning a beer call on 22 Mar after the PFT. Be sure to attend for the pledges will be performing skits and songs. A dining out will be scheduled later.

We will also be attending Buc meets and practices, drill, some



Anchorette Arsenal

more newspaper stuffings, intramurals, the swimathon, and an ice cream social with the NESEP and midshipman wives.

To help with this semester's events we have four new pledges: Liz Holsclaw, Erin Moore, Paula Smith, and Anne Williams. Add these new numbers to your social directory: Paula- 476-3676, Anne- 472-7506.

The new officers for this semester:

Hallie Cooper- President
Dayna Alvis- Vice Pres.
Judy Finch- Treasurer
Kim Snively- Secretary
Evelyn Artero- Historian
Lee Thordarson- Athletics
Dayna Alvis- Publications

--Dayna Alvis



Tom Bittle escorts Erin Moore during the Tapping ceremony.



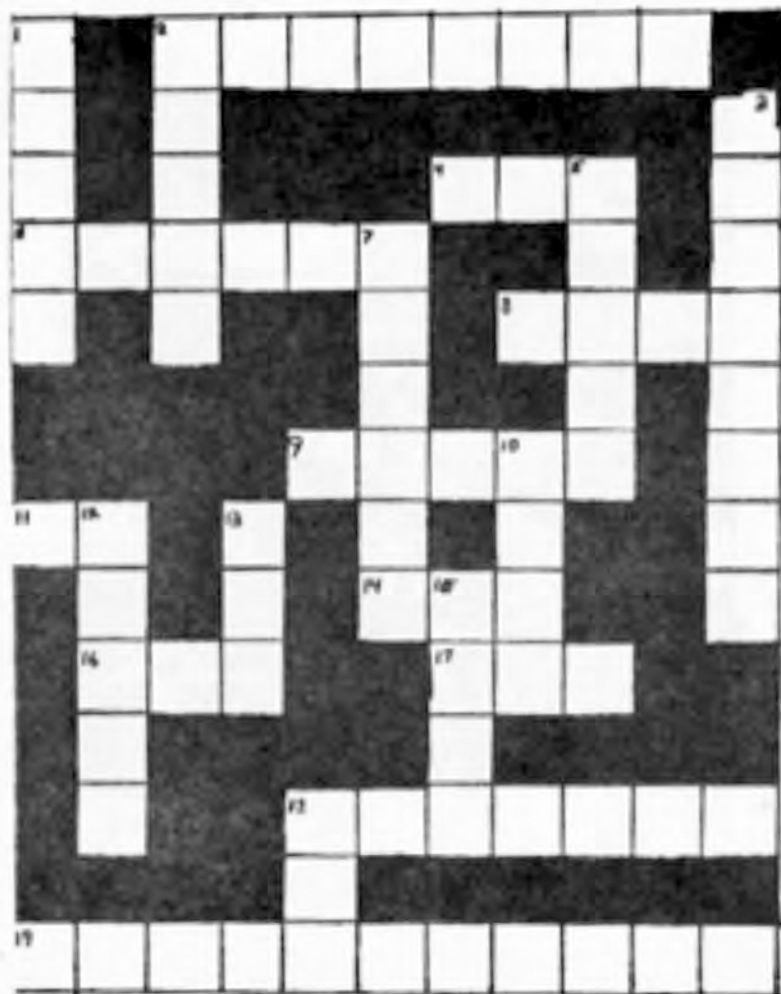
Larry New offers his arm to Paula



Liz Holsclaw displays her beautiful smile.



Tami walks the sword line with her Anchorette little sister, Ann. Who are you winking at Tami?



Salior's

Scramble



ACROSS

2. Enlisted in charge of a small boat
4. Small bed
6. Military act of courtesy
8. Shipboard toilet
9. "Bottom" area of a ship
11. Enlisted working in CIC
14. F-4 thru E-9
16. Yes "___"
17. Many years "_____"
18. Storm
19. Night watch in port

DOWN

1. Stop or Cease
2. "_____ off"-- a nap
3. Officer's dining area
5. Not here but "_____"
7. O-1
10. Rum and water
12. Type of rope
13. Black goey substance
15. Placid, Serene
18. Also

SOLUTION POSTED IN THE LOUNGE

MIDSHIPMAN ATTEMPTS SEALS' O-COURSE

Nobody thought that the SEAL looked too tough. Only about 5'9", about our build. Of course, he had a nice tan, and like all of the other SEALS we had seen, bleached hair, and a mustache. He was also wearing the regulation khaki shorts and jungle boots, and he had a survival knife wrapped around his waist.

We midshipman looked mean in comparison--dungarees that did not fit (we would not have known what to do with uniforms the right size!), t-shirts, and combat boots. We came in all sizes, small, chubby, fat, skinny, and slim. Most of us just stood in ranks and watched the girls walk on by.

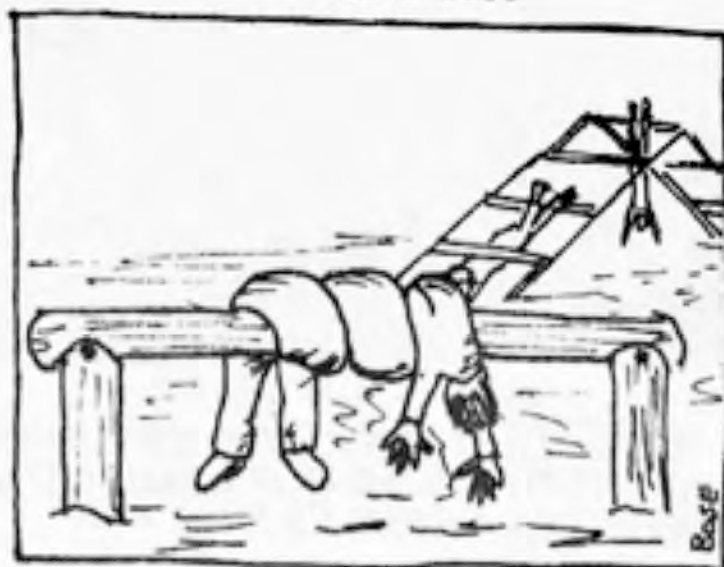
"Okay, we're going to run over there to the o-course," our guide told us. We all looked around and smiled. The run would be no problem, we thought. Of course, we counted on running in a straight line, and not over the dunes, and around in circles. We never dreamed that the SEAL would walk over there, either--not while we were running and still not keeping pace with him. We started sweating a lot, and it became hard to keep our breaths not to mention that our legs felt like weights.

"Okay, this is how you do the course, follow me. He seemed to fly over the first two walls and it was hard to keep up with him. How can he do that? We were not even doing the obstacles!

"Okay, what's your number?" I told him and he said go. I did not want to, but did anyway. Now, how did he walk on his hands over these bars? Now the walls. Grab the rope, now just walk over. All right, already. Don't yell, I'll get over. Jump down--sand in my pants. Run along this log, up to the next one and up to the higher one. Jump down--shake a leg, move it. Grab the rope, swing..oh, almost had it. Ah, there we go. Under the wire? Oh, good to lay down..sand in my shirt. Get up, sprint..Arms behind your head and let it hit you in the gut. Oooof, everything spins. Run..Hey this log is moving! Only the hurdles left...finished! Hoeyay O-course!

We all learned to respect those lay-back guys a little more. One foot in front of the other.. keep going.....

--Dave Bosc



A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Midn Scuttlebutt: "Man alive!
What is that smell?"

Midn Grog: "Oh, that's just the wind
coming from the Jester dorm
cafeteria."

Joe-shmo-the-rag-man: "Naw, that's
just the paint from the new
lounge upstairs..."

Yes, the new lounge is ready and
open for all mid's and OC's after
a crew of battalion members headed
by OC Diana Dewulf overhauled it
with paint and varnish.



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AW COME ON GUYS --
DIANA DEWULF HEADED THE
CLEAN-UP PROJECT OF THE
LOUNGE.



GET TO WORK RICK - - RICK MCGUNIGALE AND DIANA DEWULF PREPARE TO REFINISH ONE OF THE LOUNGES' TABLES.

So, on drill days, when the density of bodies outside the unit office reaches 2 per square foot, try to migrate up to the third deck and sprawl yourself across a sofa and relax while you talk with some of your friends. Our new lounge could well become a half-way house for all of us while we are on campus during the day. Why not make it your home away from home?

As of the time of this writing the new lounge has yet to be officially named. The lounge is a facility which this unit has sorely needed during the past few years. Battalion members have spent more time associating with each other on the drill field and in the classroom than anywhere else. The Crow's Nest develops a certain esprit de corps for a part of the unit, yet a place has been needed as a focal point for the entire battalion. This includes you! Freshman and Senior, OC and Mid and especially the Anchorettes.



S-T-R-E-T-C-H - - "I DON'T WANT A STOOL, I CAN REACH IT!" INSISTS JIM BAILEY, WHO ALSO FOUND TIME FROM CLASS TO PAINT.

USMC OCCUPATIONAL FIELDS CHOSEN AT TBS

For those Marine Options, or MO's-to-be, here are a few facts on how your occupational field will be chosen once you enter The Basic School in Quantico upon commissioning.

During your first couple of months at TBS, officers from many of the occupational fields are available to answer questions and/or to present a class to your company. During the period between your sixth and eighth week at TBS, a team of officers or monitors from Headquarters USMC who are responsible for making assignments will come to the school and give your company a presentation on how many openings are available in each field. For example, openings in the Intelligence field are normally limited to two per Basic School class. After that presentation, you will have about three or four weeks to decide what fields you are interested in. Then you state your first, second and third choices.

Assignment of a particular Occupational Field is made by HQMC based on: 1) the needs of the Corps; 2) your desires; 3) your class standing at TBS; 4) your background and qualifications. You usually receive one of your choices.

In addition to these factors, efforts are made to ensure that a quality spread is achieved in each field (i.e. one-third of the assignments are made from each of the upper, middle, and bottom sections of the company according to academic standings). The monitor must also ensure that one particular field does not become 'loaded' with women.

Lisa Tester

OFFICERS CALL: LTCOL CURRIE SPEAKS (CONT. FROM PG. 2)

The preceding are the significant accomplishments that I have observed as the battalion's advisor. There are many others which you may have noticed that are equally important. Each is something that you will eventually look back on and remember as the good things that happened while you were a midshipman. The purpose of this article, however, is to make you aware of the achievements and effective changes that have occurred so that you may appreciate the present long before it becomes history. Being aware of the battalion's accomplishments helps promote unit pride which is so important.

That intangible which distinguishes a good unit from just another is esprit de corps, and you, the members of this battalion, have much of which to be proud. Maintain your present course because good things are happening in your battalion--keep it that way.

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PUT IT IN, CHIEF!--Chief Thompson attempts his unique freeshot style in a tough ROTC faculty game.



UP UP AND AWAY--Lt. Bettisworth misses by inches in a jump ball.



OK, guys. Now what do I do?

SPORTS ...



The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat; that is what the media says about sports. Unfortunately for our unit teams we have experienced a little too much of the latter. The men's A-team in Basketball came away with a perfect season-- all in the loss column. However, the B-team escaped a possible perfect season with a win at their last game.

The Coed team had a better season with a 3-2 record. These sports activities have helped people stay, or get, into shape for the PFT. The PFT is scheduled for 22 MAR 80 so begin your preparations now.

Softball is the major sport to be played during the rest of the semester. Teams have been organized and we can look forward to a good season.

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Orange: How would you describe your tour here at UT?

QMC: Paradise! The Texas girls are better looking than those in California.

Orange: What do you think of the mids?

QMC: On the whole, they're all right.

Orange: How long are you going to be here?

QMC: I am scheduled to leave Sept. '82, but I might ask for a year's extension.

Orange: Thanks Chief, I'll get on this story right away.

QMC: Good, now let me get outside, I think I hear some girls out in the passageway!

--Keith Sellers



THE BUCCANEER DRILL TEAM

The Buccaneer Drill Team is readying itself for several drill meets that will be held in Texas during March and April, including the Scabbard and Blade Meet here at the University, the Trinity meet, and the A&M Meet over in College Station. Drill teams come from all over to compete in these meets, so the Bucs will face some stiff competition.

Earlier this semester, the Bucs travelled to Laredo to participate in the annual Washington's Day Parade. Well over two hundred drill teams from all over the state march in this grand parade each year, and competitions are held after the parade. When asked if he had enjoyed his time in Laredo and Mexico, one Buc member grinned widely and said, "Yup, ah sure did!"

--E Mehan

NROTC in a Sorority?
--Kelly Terry

Everybody has seen sorority girls--button-downs, Izods, top-siders, designer jeans--but have you ever seen one in a black and white NROTC uniform? I have been told that I am one of the first NROTC's to join a sorority, although NROTC's are not foreign to U.T.'s "Greek community." Of course I am sure that most NROTC's would like to join a sorority, but it happens that they do not have the right cut of uniform.

The first step to getting into a sorority is applying to go through rush, including recommendations. Once you have been accepted by the Panhellenic Council, you can plan on arriving in Austin a week before school to go through the trial known as "rush." During rush, I was one of 1200 girls in dresses and perfume walking from sorority house to sorority house, trying to keep a smile as my face seemed to be melting off. By the end of the day I was stuffed with cookies and punch, and had told my life story eight hundred times.

Sunday is the last day of rush, and that is when I found out which sororities picked me, and I chose Alpha Phi as the one that I would join. That night is known as "pledge-line night," and various fraternity "men" come and take the pledges to a party.

Going out with frats you don't know is a part of pledgship. Mixers are week-night parties where you mingle with a fraternity, and then members of the fraternity and sorority pick who they want to go out with, called "match dates." The match dates then attend a party at the frat house that weekend.

Alpha Phi also has Halloween and other parties at our house, only for members; they are great opportunities to be with my "sisters." We are not always so chummy though, as the actives usually pull pranks on the pledges and vice versa. Pledges are the workers of the sorority; answering the phone, cleaning the stadium, and participating in Sing-Song. This is all very time consuming, so the sorority provides a mandatory study hall so pledges can keep their grades up.

Finally, after various formal ceremonies and "inspiration week," I was initiated. Initiation is a very special night; after becoming an active there are many gifts and flowers waiting for each initiate at the end of the ceremony.



"We have met the enemy and they are ours."

- Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry
Lake Erie, Sept. 10, 1813

Oliver Perry was a mere pup of 11 when he went to sea. Sixteen years later, he built a fleet of ships from gourd-green wood suitable to challenge the British in the War of 1812. The next year, as an old salt of 28, he assumed command of the vitally important American forces on Lake Erie.

Since Detroit had fallen to the British, control of Lake Erie was crucial to America. And Perry was bullheadedly determined to give America what it needed.

The waters were becalmed when Perry's fleet set out to meet the enemy. Sweating, straining oxen and raw recruits struggled to pull the supply ships alongshore. But by the time they sighted the white British sails, the wind had picked up and Perry and his men were ready for a fight.

"Hoist the flag!" Perry ordered. His men cheered wildly as they read the immortal last words of Captain James Lawrence emblazoned on the ship's bright blue flag: *Don't give up the ship!* They didn't intend to.

When the smoke cleared that day, the British were beaten. Ship after ship fell to the fierce American frontiersmen and their seasoned leader. "Before the sun set," wrote one buckskinned sailor, "many a brave tar on both sides was doomed to a watery grave."

At day's end, a weary but proud Commodore Perry sent this triumphant dispatch to General William Henry Harrison: "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

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