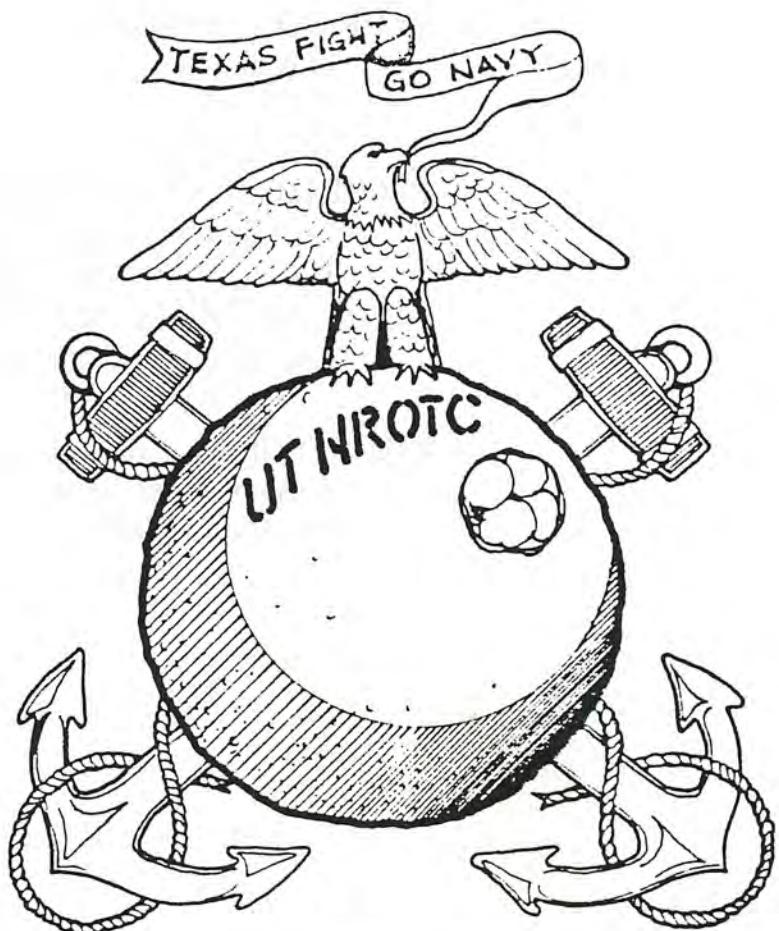


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Colonel's Corner...

by Midn 3/c Anthony Aranda

The Naval Orange staff felt the Colonel's Corner should be a little different this semester. Midn 3/c Aranda in an interview with Col. Walters, simply asked the Colonel to pass down anything that the Colonel felt the Battalion should know. The following is what the Colonel had to say.....

The thrust of the message that I would like to convey to the midshipmen is that they have a golden opportunity, based upon their selection, qualifications, and the competition that they have endured in order to be selected as midshipmen, to hopefully be commissioned as Naval or Marine officers. They should realize the importance of their selection as midshipmen.

We (the staff) seek to commission young men and women that have the highest professional competence, and also the highest professional integrity. Our mission is three fold: a physical, mental, and moral development that will help to prepare our midshipmen for a commission in the Naval services. I think the training that the midshipmen will receive here and during their summer cruises will well-prepare them for their eventual commission.

I feel that the midshipmen here must have a commitment to overall excellence. Academic excellence is a critical part of overall excellence and is the primary focus here. It takes up the greatest amount of energy and time. The academic portion of NROTC training helps to prepare well-rounded, well-educated leaders. In order to become a leader, they must succeed in the academic arena, and that requires

individual initiative and drive, which stems from deep within. Drive is very crucial in this stage of development because it lays the foundation for post commission training.

The most difficult aspect of NROTC training will be leadership development. As a young officer, I can remember a lot of uncertainty and anxiety because I lacked experience. But as time went on, I developed a lot of confidence and assuredness. I tried my best and was usually successful, but sometimes I fell short. When I fell, I was always able to pick myself up and try again. The care of my men was always foremost in my mind. Caring for your men and women in a professional manner will, undoubtedly, be one of the most time consuming aspects of being a leader. Part of being a leader is being able to foster, with your subordinates, a father/mother to a son/daughter relationship. Not cruel or demeaning, but in praises offered with a lot of care, concern, and firmness. As a unit, we will maintain high standards of conduct and performance, and we will treat everyone with respect.

I want the midshipmen to enjoy their stay here. I want them to think of this as a challenging, rewarding time. Almost like a little fraternity. The (NROTC) unit is going to be our "home away from home". I mean that sincerely. When I tell them to enjoy their stay here, I think that fond memories and enduring friendships will be, and should be, a part of that. These memories and friendships will help to give the self-satisfaction and pride that stems from striving for a goal and achieving it. That goal is not an easy one; it requires dedication and sacrifice. I want them to set their goals high and give it their best, but they must have fun in the

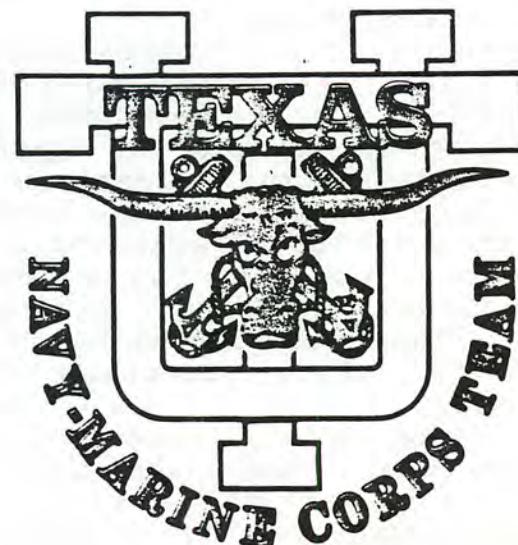
process. Keep a good sense of humor.

The results of the IG inspection show that the unit is in outstanding shape. We have done extremely well, and we can be very proud of ourselves and the quality of achievement we have attained. The midshipmen in this battalion are, in my opinion, one of the finest groups America has to offer. They are blessed with good health, energy, enthusiasm, youth, bright minds, and they also have the heritage of duty, honor, and freedom. When commissioned, they will be endowed with a special trust and confidence, and that is why I place so much emphasis on integrity: being truthful, honest, and admitting your mistakes. No one is perfect, but try your best.

The future is going to be full of additional competition, especially for those seeking careers. It is incumbent for the midshipmen to do their best. Substantially smaller forces will mean a greater emphasis on good leaders. Although the future is full of some very real challenges, it is still very bright. The NROTC program is probably the most flexible in options of all the other programs. The Navy is least affected, among the other services by force reductions and budget cuts. There is a continuing need for well-educated, well-rounded, strong leaders. And for those who do not make the service a career, they will be a step up to their civilian counterparts, who will not have encountered such responsibility as early on in their lives.

We now see the crumbling of the Communist Empire, and we welcome the reduction in the nuclear arsenal, but there will always be tyrants, people who impose their will on others and, therefore, will always be a need for the military. This is a real fine unit, one of the finest in the country. We are in the greatest country in the world. And because

of the recent victory in the Persian Gulf, one of the finest in the annals of military history, the midshipmen in this unit will become part of one of the greatest military forces in the world. This background and the traditions associated with it, give our midshipmen every reason to believe that their's is a very noble profession, one that requires the best that America has to offer. THEY ARE THE BEST.



Welcome Aboard...

SKCS Ali...by Midn 2/c Tina Clark



This semester the unit welcomed aboard SKCS Naushad Ali. SKCS Ali replaced SKC Hart as the Logistics Officer in supply.

SKCS Ali was born in Bangladesh, where he grew up and graduated from high school. After graduation, he moved to the United States and attended Columbia University. There he received a degree in business administration.

SKCS Ali enlisted in the Navy on 9 August 1975. He said he made this decision because he was sick and tired of working in Chicago as a cab driver and an employee at Wilson's Sporting Goods. SKCS Ali says, "There was nothing better than the Navy."

SKCS Ali's previous duty station was the Navy Recruiting Operations Unit in Florida, where he served as inspector and trainer. Prior to this, he served aboard the USS Mahan (DDG-42) and the USS Semmes (DDG-18) and at the Polaris Material and the Navy Recruiting District Columbia.

SKCS Ali's interests include stamp collecting and ping pong, which he openly challenges anyone who thinks he can beat him. As for his future after the Navy, SKCS Ali would like to teach children at the middle school level.

Lt Maudru...by Midn 2/c Tina Clark



This semester the unit also welcomed aboard LT Joseph D. Maudru. LT Maudru replaced LCDR Shannon as the navigation instructor. In addition to this, he is the 2/c advisor, Scholastics Officer, and Recruiting Officer.

LT Maudru was born in Boulder, Colorado and grew up in California. He graduated from Blackford High School in San Jose and then moved to Texas, where he graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington.

After college, LT Maudru decided to become a naval officer through the Officer Candidate Program. LT Maudru graduated from OCS and was commissioned on 5 February 1987. He joined the Navy because he desired to serve his country, and "there was less paperwork to fill out for the Navy than the CIA."

LT Maudru's previous duty station was aboard the USS Gray (FF 1054), serving as Communications Officer. Among his previous billets were Fleet Center Division Officer and Security Department Head at Naval Command Station Philippines and San Miguel RP.

In his free time, LT Maudru enjoys reading history, running, good wine, and activities with his church. As for his future after the Navy, LT Maudru says, "I would like to stay in Austin and get a degree in something like Public Administration."



SSgt Haehn, a 1978 graduate of Channelview, Texas High School, enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1978. SSgt Haehn attended basic training aboard MCRD San Diego, in California. After completing his basic training, as a PFC, he was sent to the Marine Corps Movement Center in lovely Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii for on-the-job training in his MOS (1833), Basic AAV Crewman, better known as "trackers" in the fleet.

SSgt Haehn spent the next three years in the Fleet Marine Force (FMF), with the 3rd AA Bn. While stationed with the 3rd AA Bn., SSgt went on no less than three West Pacific tours and was promoted to Sgt, as well. SSgt. was then transferred to camp Del Mar, aboard Camp Pendleton, where he continued training in his MOS. After spending some time out in the fleet, Sgt Haehn decided it was time to take a more active role in the shaping of new Marines. In 1985, Sgt Haehn returned to MCRD San Diego, only this time as a Drill Instructor.

While aboard the depot, Sgt Haehn attended a Water Safety-Survival Instructors course and became a certified WSSI instructor. SSgt left the depot in July of 1987. He returned to the FMF and was again stationed with the 3rd AA Bn. on Camp Pendleton. Here, SSgt had the opportunity to attend a

Primary Marksmanship Instructors course and become a pistol coach, as well as attend Armored Vehicle Leaders Course (AVUL) and become a platoon Sgt.

In August 1990, the 3rd AA Bn. was sent to Saudi Arabia. SSgt was the platoon Sgt in charge of mechanized assets for the combat engineers in the breaching section of Task Force Ripper. SSgt's platoon was responsible for transporting the engineers wherever they needed to be in order to blow breaches in the Iraqi mine fields.

What did the SSgt have to say about his experiences in the war? Well...SSgt was involved in a few fire fights while in Saudi, and he describes the period of time it took "Ripper" to breach the Iraqi's initial defenses and fight to Kuwait City as "four of the most interesting days in my life." SSgt also commented that he felt a great deal of satisfaction in knowing "how I would react under fire", as well as knowing "that I was able to lead my Marines in and bring all of them out of battle."

SSgt brings to the unit 13 years of Marine Corps experience. He feels that the goal of this unit should be to "produce a leader who isn't afraid to lead, and a follower who isn't afraid to question." SSgt also deemed it wise the battalion have a "heads up" on a few of his "pet peeves":

1. LACKADAISICAL ATTITUDES
2. POOR DRILL
3. the words "I CAN'T"

Midshipmen displaying any of the above will be granted a personal invitation to "chat" with the SSgt.....

Freshman Orientation...

by Midn 2/c Michael Titcombe



Freshman Orientation for this year included more rigidity than I recall from the week I attended two years ago, but then everything always seems better when looking back. The incoming freshmen really worked hard and impressed many of the staff members including Captain Dwiggins who said they had hit the ground running. Staff Sergeant Haehn expressed his surprise when he said, "I was expecting that as soon as they got their haircuts, they would become brain dead like most people, but they didn't. Overall, they were a good group." He also added, "Their motivation, desire, and esprit were outstanding, and I was surprised

how quickly they learned." Lt. Maudru, a first timer at Freshman Orientation, said, "It reminded me of O.C.S. - but not nearly as controlled or as rigid. O.C.S. was much more regimented."

Of course, not everything can go as well as expected, and this year's Orientation was no exception. Midshipman Beall was quoted as saying she washed her belt and did not realize how much it shrank until Midshipman Kazmier asked what was wrong with it. It really is amazing how much those belts do shrink when washed for the first time. Just ask me.

An anonymous source quoted Midshipman Geddie, upon being asked by Captain Dwiggins if he were Einstein, as saying, "No, but close." Apparently, Mr. Geddie was not fully aware of Captain Dwiggins' position at the time, but I am sure he is now. Lt Maudru also pointed out a couple of humorous occurrences during Orientation. He said, "I thoroughly enjoyed responses to questions such as 'Who is the Secretary of the Navy?' and hearing answers like 'Colonel T.D. Walters' or 'Who is the X.O.?' and someone saying 'Commander James Dwiggins'." Lt Maudru also said, "I was positively gleeful when Staff Sergeant Kazmier verbally dismembered one of the freshmen in a very quiet voice but left the student quivering in his shoes."

The week ended on a positive note with a Decker Lake picnic. With the hard times behind, a midshipman can leave Freshman Orientation with a sense of accomplishment and self-pride which are essential qualities for success in the NROTC and the University. I would like to welcome all of the freshmen and say how important it is to stay focused. Good luck!



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THE POLAROID.



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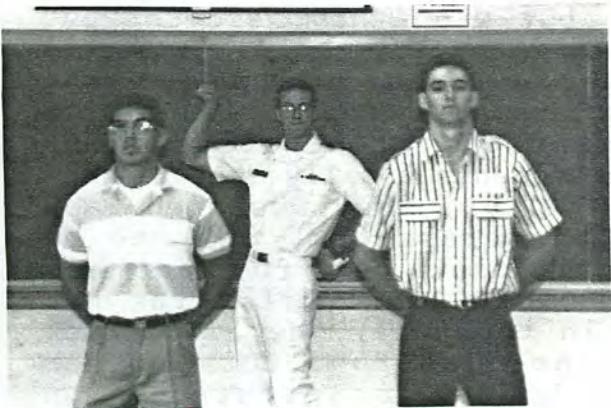
ANDRÉ FINDS A FORMAL DATE.



DAMN, THEY NEVER SHOWED US HOW TO DO THIS AT DI SCHOOL.



JUST A LITTLE OFF THE SIDES WITH A BLOCK IN THE BACK.



THE SEAL OF APPROVAL!!!



I FORESEE A RISE IN THE WATER LEVEL.



-WHAT A STUD... NOT!!



HERE'S THAT WEST MALL CROWD AGAIN!



SMEAR THE QUEER

Freshman Orientation...Different Perspectives

It all happened so fast. As soon as the sun came up, he knew that it was going to be an awful morning. This was the start of another day in the life of a UT freshman.

The alarm buzzed at 0630. He ran to the desk to shut it off so it would not wake his roommate. Today was the second day of Navy Orientation for this young freshman. He did not know what to expect. He looked at his tentative schedule again, just to be sure that he was not going to be late. It was made clear to him that being late was bad. The midshipman then gets out of bed and puts on his PT uniform, blue shorts and white t-shirt. He grabs his gear and heads out the door to the loading dock behind RAS. The officers then called roll and quick-stepped to Clark Field for a little exercise. The large, ominous guy, whom they only knew as "Sir", started them out on their first PT excursion. After the calisthenics, they proceeded to a van, which no one had seen drive up, for a cool refreshing drink from girls they did not know. After their two minutes were up, they mustered on the track for an early morning jog. The cadences they ran to were now inaudible to everybody, because after getting winded you usually cannot tell what you are saying; but when "Sir" ran up beside them, they had to say something, so they tried to listen.

When the jog was over, they mustered at the van once more. After cool-down, they rout-stepped back to RAS to get their gear. The next stop was Gregory Gym where they cooled off some more under the shower. At 0845, everyone met on the third deck at RAS. The advisors came into the room and corralled everyone out in the hall

for something new. The freshmen were dumbfounded when they started asking questions about knowledge. Great! Crash time! Let's just hope they remembered it and found that spot on the wall. After the harassment, they were shouted back into the room, where they listened to lectures for the next two hours.

Lunch never came around too soon, but when they were let out earlier than 1200, it was a morale booster. For lunch, one of the upperclassmen showed them to one of the many different restaurants where students usually ate.

At 1245, they mustered back into the classroom, only to be brought back out for another KNOWLEDGE CHECK. After the hot time in the hall, they went back into the classroom for another three hours of lectures. On occasion, the officers let them relieve themselves and stretch, but then it was back to the hard desks.

They were all ready for that time where they could leave that cozy little classroom and relax outside the dangerous RAS building.

This went on for about a week-and-a-half. All the freshmen improved, some faster than others.

Now they know why their rears were chewed for that first week. To get them ready for the next four years of their life. Probably the only event that will remain in their minds for a long time will be that on Tuesday, the day before classes started, the Army and Air Force began their orientation. A short three hour time period, where they got their uniforms, and they got cookies. HOW SWEET?

by Midn 4/c James Barosh

The military was a totally new aspect of life. Here I was at the University of Texas at Austin with no idea of what to expect. My best friend in high school was at the Air Force Academy and had written a lot about the way they were treated by upperclassmen, and I was totally scared. My mentality at the time was to just come up here and be open to anything and everything. From the first command, "Attention on deck," to the inspection on Tuesday, I knew I was in the right place. All the upperclassmen were here with the idea that they had to teach us everything we needed to know, and we were very intent on learning! As Fourth Class Midshipmen, our focus had to be clear that this was the United States Navy, and we were someday going to be officers in the greatest force on this earth. The Knowledge Questions, Physical Training , and all the lectures on military courtesy and bearing helped us maintain our focus. The thing that stood out most about the entire orientation was the fact that while the Midshipmen Officers were very intent on teaching us so much in a short time, they were also helpful in letting us blow off steam and getting a leg up on the rest of the freshman class. Thank you.

by Midn 4/c Robert Perales



It's the Principle...by Midn 3/c Carl Smith

It has been said that honesty is like pregnancy, either you are or you are not.

I do not purport to understand how environment and heredity influence our morals, but I do know that it really does not matter. If the authorities arrest you for robbery, the questions asked of you are not going to be about your unhappy childhood. If you lie to your commanding officer, he is not going to care if you could not help it and really did not mean any harm. At this stage in our lives, and particularly in relation to the military service, the standard mentioned before holds --either you are honest or you are not.

Signing a statement of honor does not make one honorable. Our concept of integrity, principles, and morals have already been established. The statement we all signed should be looked at as a reminder of the ideals we should already possess as members of the armed services. This (the military) is one of the last bastions of honor. Do not weaken it by bringing a weak moral foundation into its ranks.

Yes, we are going to make mistakes, and yes, there will be gray areas. However, when you are filling out your travel claim, totalling your mess bill, putting in your study hours, or taking a test, never forget who you are. Remember that you represent one of the most formidable fighting forces in the world. Always be sure that even though you may lose everything else--never lose your honor. For when you get right down to it and everything else is stripped away, what else matters?

The majority of people know what responsibility is and how to act responsible. The problem arises when people are said to have not acted responsibly. Therefore, it is this abstraction of responsibility that should be addressed. What better way to define something than to state what it is not.

The foremost act of not being responsible is to not be present at a time when you are expected to be present. This action, termed unauthorized absence (UA), is the ultimate degression from responsibility. Whether it be from oversleeping, forgetting, or just not wanting to see your platoon commander's face, there is no worse offense.

Responsibility can further be broken down into the categories of professional responsibility, personal responsibility, interpersonal responsibility, and sexual responsibility.

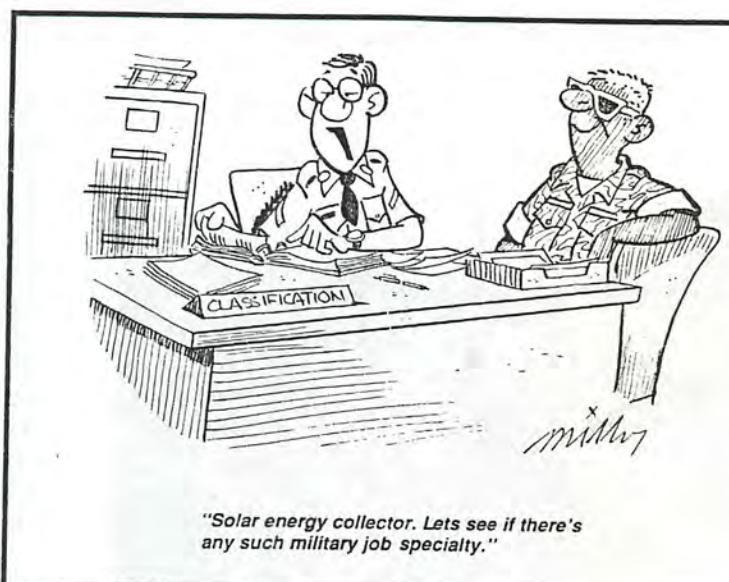
Although professional responsibility encompasses maintaining your GPA, respecting all superiors, and maintaining proper decorum in and out of uniform, it is not walking by the fourth class Naval Science class before the bell and yelling, "Attention on Deck!". Personal responsibility (a.k.a. staying out of jail) is considered not to be running up your credit limit on cheap beer or frivolous parties and not bringing beer on the Drill Team bus while enroute to A & M for a drill meet. Interpersonal responsibility (dealing with other relationships) is not doing things such as putting chalk on a friends winter blues or mixing cherry jello in your roommate's toilet. Sexual responsibility, although being a very delicate subject, can easily be defined as not dating two women at the same time, even though they may be affiliated with the Anchorettes. Please do not confuse the

categories, putting chalk on cheap beer and yelling "attention on deck" while dating women can be very detrimental.

I sincerely hope that this enlightened, abstract perspective will, if not give you instruction on what to do, keep you from taking the wrong action and being labeled irresponsible.



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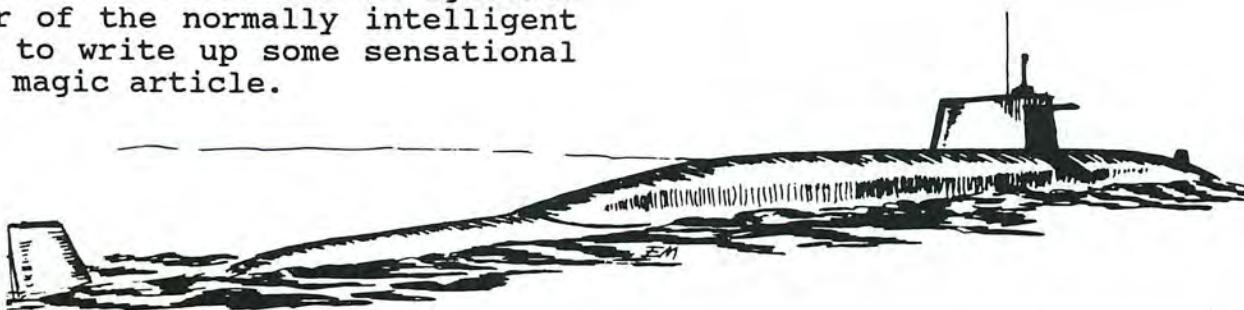
The Nuclear Witch Doctors...by Midn 4/c Scott Daniel

How long will we continue to see movies being produced by misinformed individuals depicting a thermonuclear explosion occurring because of a "core meltdown"? I think that the people of America will continue to be misinformed on the true manner in which nuclear reactors are built, and live in needless paranoia until more people become knowledgeable about pressurized light water reactors. Only then can we laugh at lines like Jane Fonda's "Oh my God, the reactor has gone supercritical!" in the movie "The China Syndrome".

There is a certain similarity between the current large scale fear of nuclear power and the fear of the unknown in primitive tribal cultures. The people are manipulated into fearing an unexplained phenomenon by a witch doctor who is equally ignorant of the actual processes involved in the mystery. The advantage to this is that the people will work as virtual slaves to their own ignorance because they believe whomever speaks the loudest.

When was the last time you saw an article decrying "the end is near" due to a thermonuclear explosion caused by a nuclear power plant written by someone who had the credentials to do more than write a sensationalist story? The truth is that if this were some other field like medicine, it would be against the law for an ignorant member of the normally intelligent press to write up some sensational black magic article.

In the future, this author would like to see an ad campaign by the Navy to help illuminate the darkness of ignorance into which a few overzealous people with a pen have plunged not just many people but whole countries. I have seen a few attempts by civilian reactor facilities, but there should be a little more explanation than just a couple of men fishing safely in a nuclear plant coolant reservoir. It is up to the Navy to lead the way, as we have lead the way in nuclear power operation and design for decades. Perhaps there would be more overseas countries that would be willing to let a nuclear ship dock in their ports and less political resistance on the homefront.



Homosexuality in the DoD...by Midn 4/c Scott Daniel

Before I start this article, I would like to point out that the following opinions expressed are based on my own experiences and opinions and do not necessarily reflect the stand of this NROTC Unit or the Department of Defense on this matter.

As I was reading the Daily Texan recently, I ran across an article asking "Why doesn't the military accept gay applicants?" I stopped for a moment and reflected on this question, while trying to place myself into the perspective from which the journalist wrote the aforementioned article. I believe the truth of the matter is that most DoD personnel do not give this question a second thought because they feel that the gay community does not really want to be in the military. Perhaps gay members only think that they do because it is a novel idea.

When a person goes into the service they are required to sign several forms indicating that they have not, are not presently, nor ever will become engaged in any homosexual activity. If an individual has previously demonstrated such a sexual pattern, then without question, there is an excellent chance that the individual will repeat the act. Also, from the moment that the form is signed, the person has lied to get into the military which is, under any such condition, grounds for a courts-martial. A person who has lied to get into the armed forces also poses a phenomenal security risk due to his/her susceptibility to blackmail.

Although it is easy to think when living in the liberal environment of a college campus that a huge fraction of the people of the world have or have to have the ability to work easily with, and respect gay people, the general attitude of the base majority of Americans is prohibitive to having

such an ideal working environment. Namely, it would be demoralizing for the enlisted men and women who have little privacy and often community showers to have a gay person in their midst. Looking at this issue from a different aspect, to be a good officer, one must be a role model in order to deserve the respect of his/her subordinates. It is evident to the most casual observer that the men and women of today's armed forces do not see homosexual behavior as being a positive trait. Ultimately, being homosexual in the military is not just a matter of what a person does in his/her own time. Homosexuality may not affect that person's job performance, but it will negatively affect that of his/her co-workers and is therefore not conducive to efficient operation.

The most controversial area is the gay rights movement's declaration that one cannot control one's own sexual orientation. However, thinking of the act and performing it are two different things. Once again this falls on the security and integrity area in that if someone of flag rank performs one of these acts, their whole career is at stake if they are caught. Hence, they could be easily exploited by hostile forces.

As one can see, race and sex are characteristics that one cannot hide, whereas sexual activity is and should be. Thus, the DoD has, and I hope will, continue to implement the policy of not allowing any known gay activity in the armed forces.

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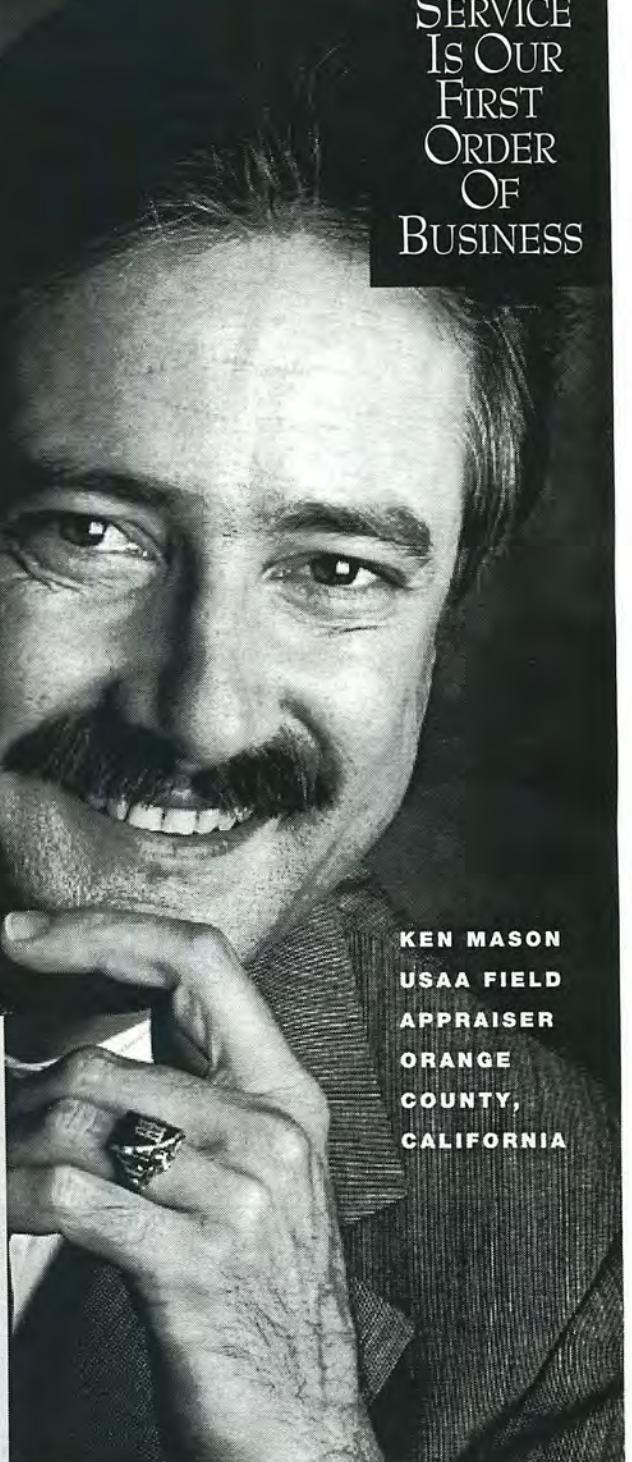
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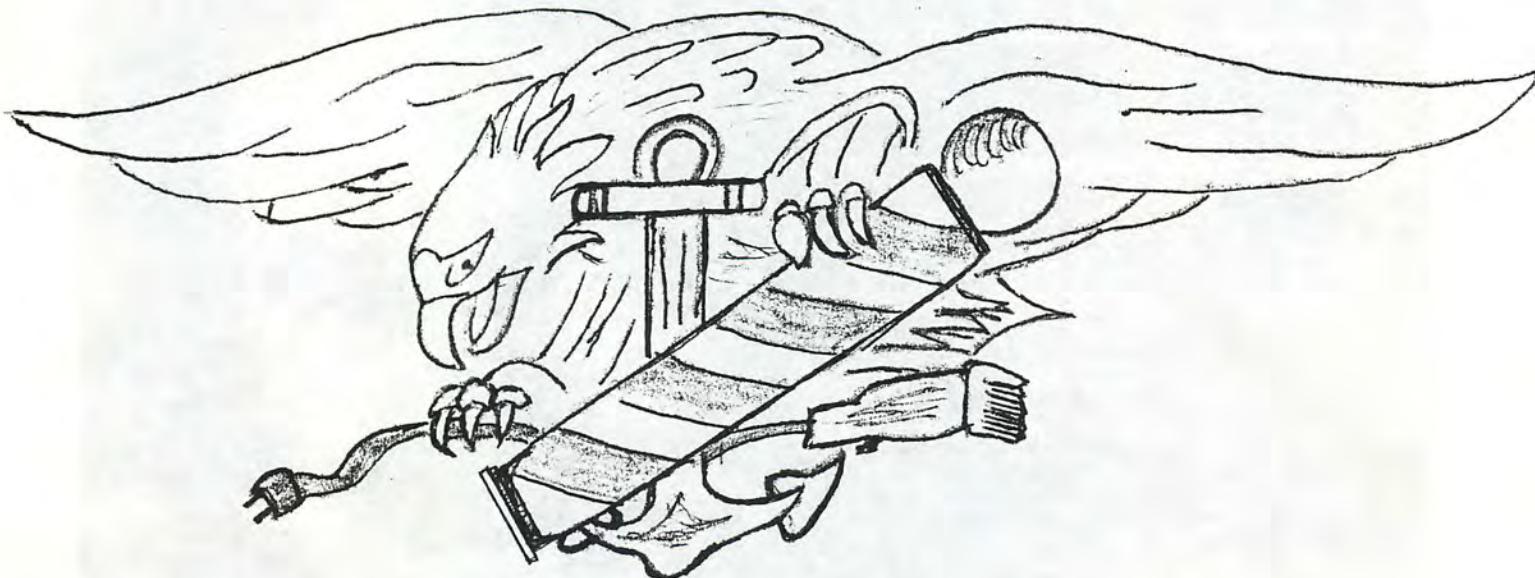
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