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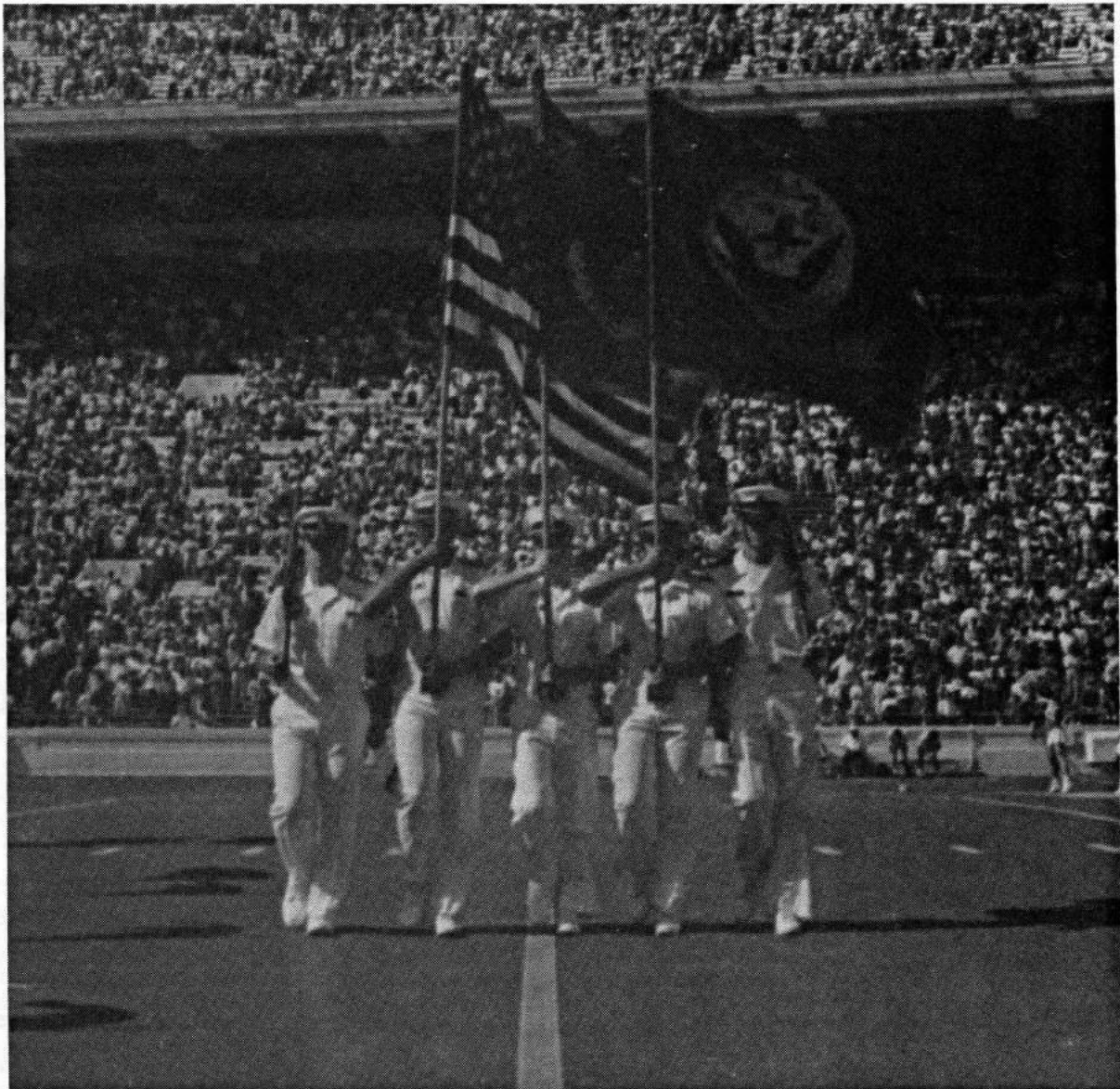
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## Ombudsman's Corner

by Chaplain Dave Shafer

Pollsters like George Gallup survey the American church scene and report a remarkable anomaly, more Americans report church membership than in many decades, but the outward evidences of changed lives is modest. What's going on? This deserves to be thought about in this Advent season as we all prepare for Christmas, whatever our views on faith.

I think clearly the faith of many people is shallow and not well defined, much less carefully thought out, and that is remarkable. When we slow ourselves down enough to look beyond the next set of deadlines, papers due, examinations and all the rest, we quickly realize, if we are thoughtful, that our lives are brief, even if we live to our 80's. None of us is making any plans for, say, 150 years down the road. Even if the road is still here, we won't be. My point, of course, is that even people of faith don't dig very deep into it to learn how to enrich their lives now and to prepare for a much longer future quite apart from this life.

Since Christmas is now close at hand it can't hurt to remind ourselves that it signifies the birth of one named Jesus, known in the Bible as the "Messiah" or anointed One of God. For those of you who do not identify yourselves as Christian, just file this away as valuable information in a culture which remains predominantly Christian. But Jesus is of historical interest to all in that He challenged people of all nations, races and tongues with a startling claim - that

He was God Himself! Very few of us have made it to this far in our lives without giving some thought to existential questions, and here is Jesus claiming to answer your existential questions. "No one can come to God except by me," Jesus claims. If true, it changes your life, and mine.

When the dust settles on this semester's academic work and you set out to seriously put yourself in holiday mood, stop and ponder this claim. Even if you ignore it, it doesn't go away as Oxford professor C.S. Lewis realized when he described Jesus as either the one true Lord, an out-and-out liar, or a sadly deranged lunatic. Pretty complete argument. It seems it must be one of the three choices, and the details of His life point to one conclusion alone. In a not quite biblical quote, "We can run (from spiritual matters), but we can't hide." The Lord God will eventually chase us down.

I have found enormous strength and guidance once I examined all the available evidence and came to believe that surely Jesus was who He claimed to be, Lord. If you would like to wrestle with this idea, please place a note in my folder in the Graduate Student drawer in Admin. No matter what you think about all this, I wish you the most wonderful and blessed Christmas season you have ever enjoyed. And may it bring you fresh spiritual insight. Merry Christmas!!

## Happy New Year

## The Tuskegee Airmen a historical note

by Baron Jolie

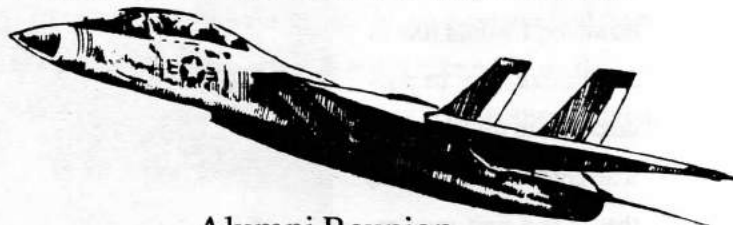
Although there were no black pilots in the U.S. military service in WWII, black pilots were a productive part of the Army Air Corps during WWII. In America, right before WWII, segregation of restrooms, restaurants, theaters, schools, and the military was widespread. In this atmosphere it was easy to deny blacks who wanted to be pilots because of popular "belief" that black people lacked the aptitude to fly. This "belief" continued even in the light of contrary fact that Eugene Bullard, a black American, was a pilot in the French Aviation Service during WWI and Bessie Coleman was a black female stunt flier in France.

Because of increased pressure by civil rights groups, Congress, by Public Law 18, in April 1939 approved the use of the Civilian Pilot Training Program, whereby negroes would be trained as pilots at one of six civilian institutions. Still, by early 1941 the Army Air Corps had not assigned any blacks to the program at any of the schools, including the Tuskegee Institute. Finally, under increasing pressure from Congress the Army formed the 99th Pursuit Squadron and a Flight Training School at Tuskegee Army Air Field. Attempts to develop a black, segregated squadron were undermined by the policies of segregation, itself. Since white pilot instructors, as well as ground and maintenance crews, were needed for teaching the blacks, desegregation was in effect taking place.

When the 99th was assigned to the 33rd Fighter Group in the Mediterranean, the commander of that unit was hostile and segregated the unit, even in combat. The 99th did score though. On the morning of 27 January 1944, after flying more than three weeks of close air support, 15 pilots of the 99th, flying P-40's, encountered a squadron of Germans flying the much superior Focke Wulf 190. The 99th shot down six and damaged four others.

The 332nd, under Col. David White, incorpo-

rated the 99th and earned the unique distinction of never having a lost a bomber to an enemy fighter. On 25 June, Lt. Pruitt and Lt. Pierson sank a German Destroyer using only machine-guns. The heroism exhibited by the 332nd, the products of the "Tuskegee Experiment" was more the norm than the exception. These black pilots made a valid contribution to the military objectives of WWII. They were outstanding pilots; but more so, they were pilots, not an inferior group. They earned their wings repeatedly.



## Alumni Reunion

By Rick Fabby

The annual NROTC Alumni Reunion held on 27 October was a great success. Among the alumni attending were RAdms. John W. Koenig and H.C. "Cub" Amos and Adm. Fanklin J. Crow. Former unit CO Col. Smith and former unit XO Cdr. Williams were also present.



The reunion began with a reception and meeting at the NROTC building. Following the reception, the alumni were able to watch the Texas Longhorns football team dominate the SMU Mustangs at Memorial Stadium. Later that evening a cocktail/ dinner party was held at Mr. Charlie Simmons' house. Everyone had a great time reliving old stories of life at the University and in the Navy.

# The Sailing Corner

by Paul Jack

With the Fall 1990 semester coming to a close, I would like to recognize those individuals who showed outstanding performance in attaining their sailing qualifications and general sailing skills. First, however, I would like to emphasize the importance for to midshipmen who are not 'B' qualified that it is a unit requirement that you must attain your 'B' qual. It is imperative that come next spring you make every attempt to get out sailing

and get the quals. out of the way. As of now, about 80% of the midshipmen who are not 'B' qualified need only 2 hours or less of logged sailing time. Lets get this out of the way next semester.



Most of you know that Bravo Company won the Sailing Regatta as a result of Lentz Rodgers and James Brown placing first and second respectfully. However, the two other finalists, Sgt. Martinez and Paul Mueller, also showed excellent seamanship in what was an outstanding final heat of the Fall Battalion Regatta. I would also like to recognize the 5 freshmen who attained thei 'B' qual this

semester: Clay Hinton, Sarah Biddle, Lentz Rodgers, Richard Laufgrin, and Harold Aagard.

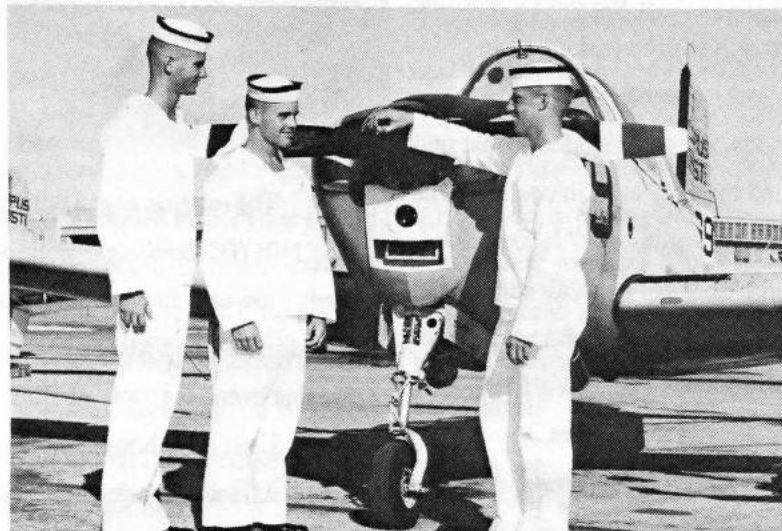
Next spring promises to hold some great sailing. So when the studying gets you bogged down, take a break and lets have some fun!

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## About Face

UTNROTC Midshipmen at NAS Corpus Christi

11 August 1961



## C-Company Post Semester Brief

by John W. Broomes

A hardy BRAVO-ZULU to Charlie Company for its outstanding performance in the company and platoon competitions this semester. The determination of these men has made my job very rewarding this semester.

The semester started off with both platoons making strong showings in CPT, and the company as a whole doing very well. We then proceeded to another victory in the Battalion PRT with an average score of 281, and with 2nd platoon achieving an unprecedented 286. Alpha Company and the Tug-of-War caused us to stumble a bit during the Battalion Field Meet, as did Bravo Company and the Sailing Regatta. C-Company bounced right back with victories in the Battalion Commander's Inspection and finally, participation points. This sealed the victory for C-Company as Honor Company with C-1 as Honor Platoon and C-2 finishing a mere 15 points behind in 2nd place. Charlie Company capped off the semester with a party at Chris Stacy's house. There were plenty of burgers and drinks for everyone, and if you missed it, you missed a real good time.

To all the members of C-Company, I express my sincere thanks for all your time and efforts. Have a safe and happy holiday season and I'll be looking forward to seeing you in the spring.

## Public Affairs

by William Haynes

The Public Affairs Committee had 2 main projects for the Fall 1990 semester: the Battalion T-shirts and the Hogg Boards. The Hogg Boards are now near completion and the T-shirt sales have gone well. Next semester, the Public Affairs Committee hopes to have the Hogg Boards finished fairly early in the semester and to conduct a service project that will gather support from the whole Battalion.

## A Letter from the Scholastics

### Department

By Richard A. Healey Jr.

As we approach the end of the semester and finals, I would like to congratulate everyone for their academic efforts this semester. Even though the semester is almost at an end, do not let up now. In some classes you may just be trying to preserve your current grade, but do not forget that finals can also improve your grade. Many a person find themselves in a position where it might take a 101 on the final for an "A" or a 17 for a "B", so they don't bother studying. There are at least two good reasons to try and improve your grade.

1. A teacher who has a low class GPA may decide to curve, although they may have never told the class.
2. Some teachers will unexpectedly round some 89's or 88's to "A's", if students scored well on the final.

I know from personal experience that both of these can happen. Unfortunately, I was only able to take advantage of the professor's good will on one of two such occasions.

The Scholastics department would also like to let the battalion know that much work has been completed on the test file and that we intend to open the file for submissions during the spring semester. Again, congratulations on your hard work and have a fun Christmas!



# Battalion Athletics

by Barry Harrison

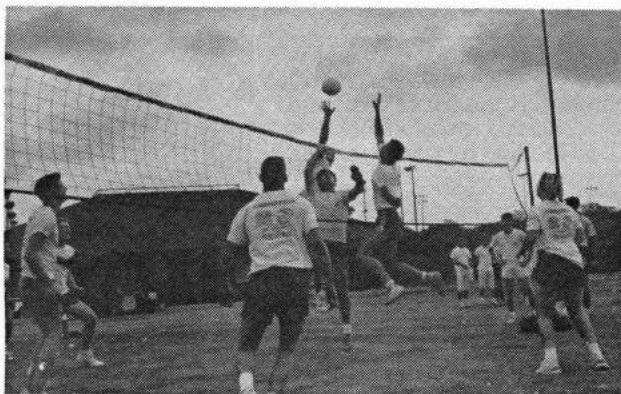
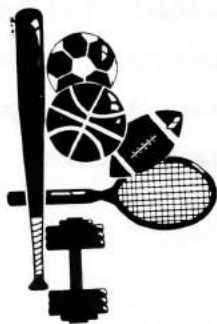
The athletics department has enjoyed another busy and successful semester. As a whole the battalion has performed in an outstanding manner. At every athletic event sponsored by the battalion, the level of motivation exhibited by the midshipmen and officer candidates was superb.

The action all started in late August with freshmen orientation. For five days, the incoming freshmen got the opportunity to PT at 0700 and learn a little bit about life in the Naval Service. After school started, the CPT program began four weeks of intense competition for the highly prized CPT trophy. Charlie company came out on top, with Alpha and Bravo close behind. A field meet was held to see which company had the "right stuff" in such events as the dizzy-izzy and the tug-of-war. Alpha com-

pany won it followed by Charlie and Bravo. The PRT came next on the agenda and the battalion really performed well. 100% of the midshipmen and OC's passed it, with 66% scoring "outstanding." To keep in shape after the PRT, the battalion began having weekly "fun runs" around campus. These continued until the Thanksgiving break, when cold weather arrived.

The battalion fielded three intramural teams in the Fall: football, soccer, and volleyball. All three achieved winning records and the volleyball team made the playoffs. The highlight of the Fall semester as far as athletics is concerned is always the Navy-army game. This year the army pulled off their first victory.

Physical fitness and having fun were the goals of the athletics department this semester and with the help of every member of the battalion fine Navy tradition.



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## Fall Commisionees

Rosalind Andrus  
Stephen Arriola  
Jeff Baumgarten  
Jeff Bice  
William Cody

Gurl  
Student SWO  
SNA/ NUC App working  
SNA  
Student NFO

Marty Deichert  
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