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Nineteen Hundred Seventy Eight

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One flew east; one flew west; one flew over the Crow's Nest and found the Navy Co-Op still coping with sanity. The only organization of its kind in the country, Crow's Nest provided housing, cooperation and fellowship for Navy midshipment attending The University of Texas.

Inside the co-op hung the bell from the USS Tripoli, a World War II ship. The bell clanged in case of emergency when members ran from their rooms, armed with sticks and clubs, and prepared to defend their nest.

Crow's Nest held a traditional dining-in, a dinner which involved a set of formal procedures for seating, serving and toasting. As the wine flowed, the toasting turned into roasting. Animated comments were exchanged by members of rival military branches.

Crow's Nest

- *Navy Housing Co-Operative*
- *Held Dining-In Ceremonies*



▲ **FIRST ROW:** James Carlton Degenhardt, Danny Thomas O'Neil, Steven Mark Robertson, David Bradley Knox, Michael Keith Stacey. **SECOND ROW:** James Finley Darrah, James Keith Sellers, Dennis Craig Stanczak, Laron Paul Beverage. **THIRD ROW:** Richard Keith Downs, Glen Urban

Shoup, David Vincent Bose, Norman Jose Farley, Raymond James Adams, Raymond Andrew Melton, Terry Joseph Sullivan, Larry Curtis New, Timothy Joseph James Harrop. **FOURTH ROW:** Marcus Paul Wait, Robert Allen Langworthy. **FIFTH ROW:** Ricky Verne Richards, Ted Gettinger III, Carlos Joaquin Espinoza, William Arthur Olsen.

Navy ROTC midshipmen had a chance to sail on the high seas much sooner than many of them expected. Three different cruises were available this year.

The third-class cruise lasted from four to six weeks, and gave ROTC members a chance to assume the duties of enlisted men. Middies learned the finer points of swabbing decks.

The second-class cruise was a four-stage process including phases in aviation, submarines, surface ships and infantry and artillery. A week or more was spent in each stage, giving midshipmen practical experience in the particular field.

Two options were available on the first-class cruise. Navy ROTC members chose between a three-month patrol on a ballistic missile submarine or two and one half months on a foreign ship in a foreign exchange program. In both cases, the time was spent understudying an officer on board.



Middies, like Danny O'Neil, take required courses in navigation and ship systems.

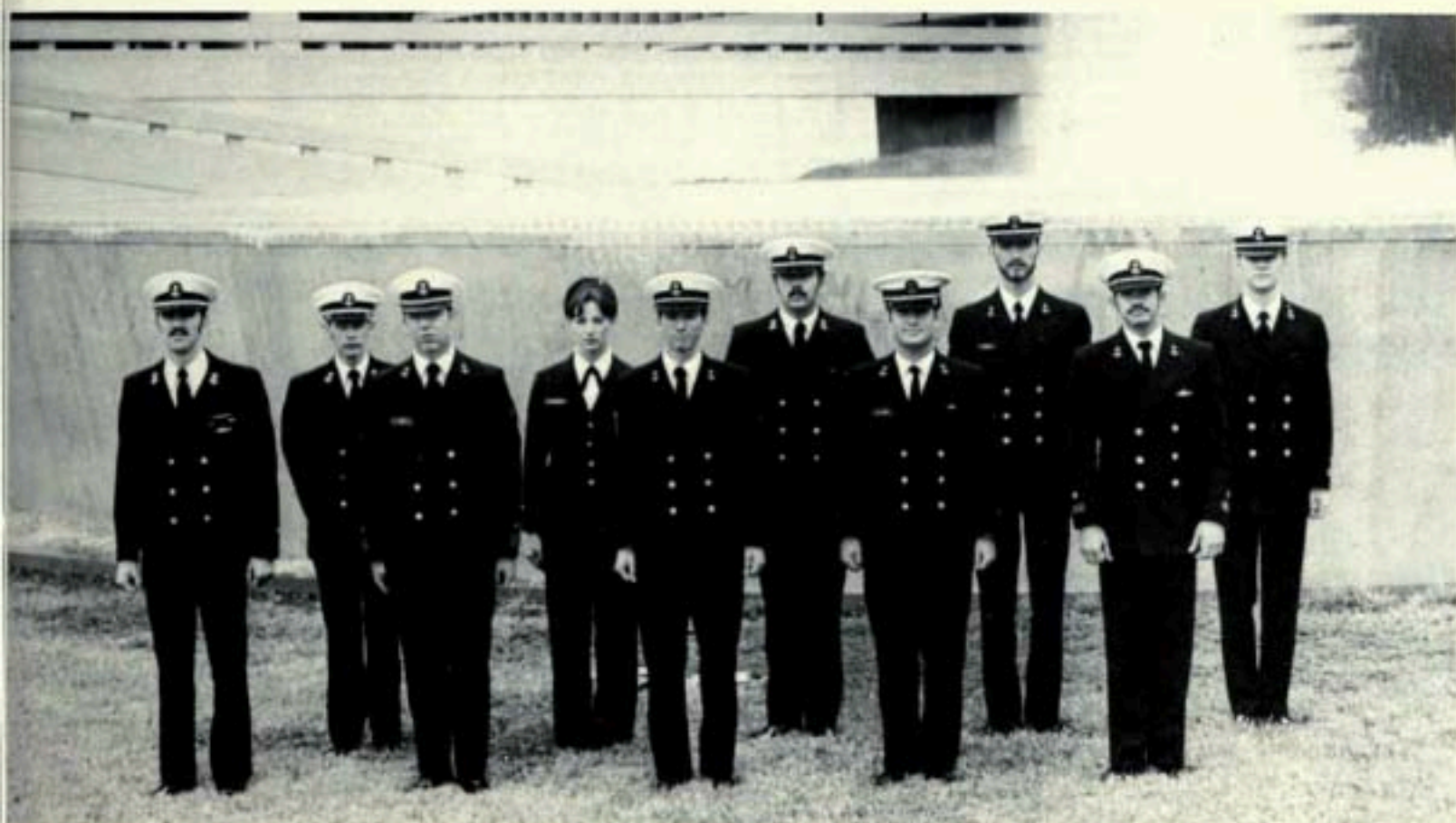
Unit Staff

FRONT ROW: Eileen E. Hagebusch, Captain Curtis Alvin Sorenson, Nancy Ann Remmel. **MIDDLE ROW:** Major Herbert L. Currie, Commander Max Richard Rumelhart, James Wilson Pippin. **BACK ROW:** Lieu-

tenant Vern C. Lochausen, Morris F. Abbott, Joseph L. Norita, Paul S. Gonzales, Lieutenant Commander Joe A. Ylitalo.



Navy ROTC



FRONT ROW: Gregory Lawrence Goode, John Warfield, David Mark Epstein, James Samelson, Joseph Jesse Barrientos Jr. **BACK ROW:** Paul

Charles Gage, Cynthia Luann Mahanna, Jerry Lee McWithey, Paul Byron Cravens, Keith Edward Burtner.

Battalion Staff



Charles Beavers was one of 18 to receive a commission from Brig. Gen. Robert W. Taylor.



Midshipmen were inspected twice a semester.

A Company

FIRST ROW: William Randel Drake, Charles Craig Harbuck, Robert Bruce Barron, William Arthur Olsen, Michael Vincent Meed, William Monroe Hessenius, Daniel Fusco. **SECOND ROW:** Keith William Blohm, Michael Edward Kidd, William Randolph Thomas, Carlos Joaquin Espinoza, Ricky Verne Richards, Paul Randal Donnelly, Ann Catherine Glover, Jose Ignacio Villarreal, James Carlton Degenhardt, James William Stallings. **THIRD ROW:** Kenneth Martin Rome, Raymond Andrew Melton, David Wayne Moody, Laron Paul Beverage, Floyd Richard Cordell, Kevin Herbert Hugman, Glen Urban Shoup. **FOURTH ROW:** Danny Thomas O'Neil, Robert James Zepeda, James Witt Hurst, Bobby Gene Breeze, Carlotta Elizabeth Cooper, Wesley Otto Thomas, Raymond James Adams, Larry Dean Snyder, Craig Darrel Vaughn, Ronald Karl Rippon.



FIRST ROW: Robert Jeffery Wiseman, Roger Portland Murdock. **SECOND ROW:** Steven D. Smith, David Bradley Knox, Bruce Allen Lewis, Richard George Martin, Gary Lee Eiland, Marcus Paul Wait, James Keith Sellers, Steven Marcus Robertson, Michael Keith Stacey. **THIRD ROW:** Michael Craig Geron, Kevin Lance Wooster, James Lott Lloyd Jr., David Vincent Bose, Daniel Scott Greer. **FOURTH ROW:** Arturo Rene Garcia, Gary Charles Puschak, Clark Robert Kent, Steven Jeffrey Chrans, Robert Jack Birdwell, Alexander Hamilton.

B Company

Navy

FRONT ROW: Gabriel R. Salazar, Gary Don Atkinson, James Michael Hale, Douglas Edwin Jividen, Ted Gettinger III, Richard Keith Downs, Kevin Lewis Farris, Raymond John Thornber, Andre Mielcarek. **MIDDLE ROW:** James Warren Shaw, Robert Allen Langworthy, Dennis Craig Stanczak, Tom Duncan McLaughlin, Gary Lynn Tittle, Bruce Daniel Zaloski. **BACK ROW:** Terry Joseph Sullivan, George Oliver Jenkins Jr., Larry Curtis New, Jeffrey Harrison Lucas, Kenneth Paul Buell, Timothy Dean Turner.

H Company



Beer calls and picnics provided a change of pace for NROTC members.



Capt. T.V. Solan handed over command to Capt. Curtis A. Sorenson in September.

N Company

FIRST ROW: David Riojas Flores, Michael Joseph Hoeninghaus, Charles Richard Beavers, Michael Jerome McGehearty, Charles Edward Ogier Jr. **SECOND ROW:** Arlen Ray Becker, Walter Eugene Hetzel, Larry Meredith Edwards, Christopher Cleo Whitehead, Billy Dean Martin, Jesus Garcia Borrego. **THIRD ROW:** Jerry Cecil Breshers, Michael Joseph McGrath, Robert Anthony Petolillo, John Edward Barr, Myron Louis Lasher II, John Wesley Baker. **FOURTH ROW:** Diana Ann Dewulf, Randal Dean Baker, Eduardo A. De La Cruz, Roy Curtis Vaughan, Marcelino Molina Robles, Michael David Williams, Steven Allan Creech. **FIFTH ROW:** Carlos Lozano, Ricardo Jorge Martinez, Mark Thomas Blagen, Steven Michael Williams, Lawrence Ray Carter, Christopher M. Hollingworth, Darrell George Lee. **SIXTH ROW:** Dennis Wayne Wilborn, Richard Alan McGunigale, Thomas Ross Hamman, Norman Edelbert Vincent Jr., Jonathan Wes Martin, Claude Michael Whittle. **SEVENTH ROW:** Ernest Westley Barringer, Jessie David Arnold, Robert Edger Simpson, Victor D. Williams, Alfred Ledesma, Travis Russel Smith, Mark Alden Hatzenbuehler.



The Buccaneers, the oldest ROTC drill team in the United States, practiced year round for precision drill competition.

Navy

Anchoresses



FRONT ROW:
 Noreen Myra Jasper
 Kathryn Louise Romanchek
 Cherry Lynn Holmes
 Anita Beth Isbell
 Karen Jean Ellis
 Wendell Ann Whatley
 Karla Sue Woods

BACK ROW:
 Cindy Lou Pedigo
 Catherine Marie Bain
 Victoria Lynne Hunt
 Alice Elizabeth Adams
 Anne Lori Pedigo
 Catherine Elizabeth Suttle
 Judith Alice Hightower
 Carolyn Jane Schroeder



A "candle light" celebration marked the engagement of an Anchoress.

On certain mornings, Anchoresses, wide awake at 3 a.m., stuffed Daily Texans to earn money. Their early morning earnings provided funds for celebrations known as "Cookie Calls," held after Navy ROTC's Tuesday Drills in Memorial Stadium.

Anchoresses, a women's auxiliary group, provided support for the Navy ROTC unit. They also initiated a Big Sister program for incoming midshipmen to facilitate their adjustment to college life.

As proof of their culinary skills, the Anchoresses occasionally made Sunday dinner for men living at the Navy cooperative "Crow's Nest." A select few of the women accompanied the precision rifle team, the Buccaneers, to New Orleans during Mardi Gras for drill meet.

The Anchoresses ended the school year by helping prepare for the annual Ring Dance which honored graduating seniors. The ceremony revolved around a binnacle, a ship's compass holder, which is filled with salt water. As a parting gesture, each senior dips his class ring in the salt water, symbolically ending his college ROTC days.



Steve Williams gets into the missile cleaning service project.

Working in a haunted house may not seem customary for members of a national military honor society, but members of Scabbard and Blade were present and accounted for at the Malevolent Mansion. Members assisted in the construction of the "Star Wars" room at the Halloween happening which was sponsored by the Austin Rape Crisis Center. Some even got into the spirit and dressed up as characters from the popular movie to aid the ghoulish festivities.

The Annual Southwest Regional Drill Meet was hosted by Scabbard and Blade. Held in the spring, the meet drew competitors from schools in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Both basic and fancy drill contests were held with judging done by Marine officer experts from Austin.

Scabbard and Blade

FRONT ROW: William Randel Drake, Terry Lynn Ponton, Jerry Lee McWhitney, Jessie David Arnold, Daniel Mumford Baughman, Dennis Wayne Wilborn, David Bradley Knox, Donald Glen Drummer, William Arthur Olsen, K. Harold Malone III, Barbara Susan Pryor, Robert Bruce Barron, Theresa Ann Halligan, Stephen Anthony Scott. **BACK ROW:** Terry Donald Tosh, Gary Don Atkinson, Leslie Allan Palmer, Keith Edward Burtner, Ronald Ottis Blocker, Michael Keith Stacey, Timothy Brian Cyr, Robin Lee Strong, Steven Dale Smith, Philip Edward Kruger, Charles Craig Harbuck, Henry Bruce Longino, Michael Richard Danis, Lori Lee Lewis.

