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Guard fulfills bodyguard legacy

by Marc Neves

Members of the **Praetorian Guard** marched across campus every Thursday night.

They marched to prevent rape on campus through the Students Association's S.U.R.E. escort service.

In other uniforms on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the guard developed the characteristics sought by the Roman bodyguards that inspired their name.

"We give all the members of the guard the discipline, tenacity, bearing and leadership abilities to make them outstanding military personnel," Executive officer Rick Donohue, secondary education senior, said.

The guard was a Navy, Army and

Air Force military and social fraternity dedicated to developing mid-



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shipmen and cadets as officers.

"One of the most important

aspects of the Praetorian Guard is that it is the only ROTC organization that gives a common ground on which all three services can meet and exchange ideas," Commanding Officer Thomas Langlois, chemical engineering senior, said.

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The guard participated in several community projects; the most important was helping emotionally disturbed children. Members raised funds for the Austin Settlement Home by helping in a garage sale.

Left: David Sylvester, government freshman, escorts Andrea Bym, business junior, during the Praetorian Guard's weekly S.U.R.E. duty. Right: Jaura Simpson approaches the S.U.R.E. table for an escort from David Sylvester, government freshman, Matthew Ramos, history senior, or Sapphina James, natural sciences freshman.



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FRONT ROW: Lisa Faye Coughlin, Courtney Renee Brewer, John Geront Post, Christopher D. Marotta. SECOND ROW: Stephen Vanderhijde, Daniel Joseph Strub, Thomas Lucian Langlois, Eugene Patrick Donohue, Candace Lynn Philips. BACK ROW: Matthew R. Ramos, William Henry Adams, Mark David Woodside, Christopher Delarosa.

Group reduces rivalry

by Eunice Monforte

Is interaction, cooperation and respect between the different branches of the military service an impossibility? Not with the **National Society of Scabbard & Blade**, a military honor society that helped reduce some of the traditional interservice rivalries.

Outstanding cadets, midshipmen and officers in advanced military courses were chosen for membership by a selection board from the Navy, Army and Air Force ROTC units, based on leadership qualities.

"Our organization focuses on helping us to think like leaders," Susan Martin, Navy cadet captain and

history senior, said.

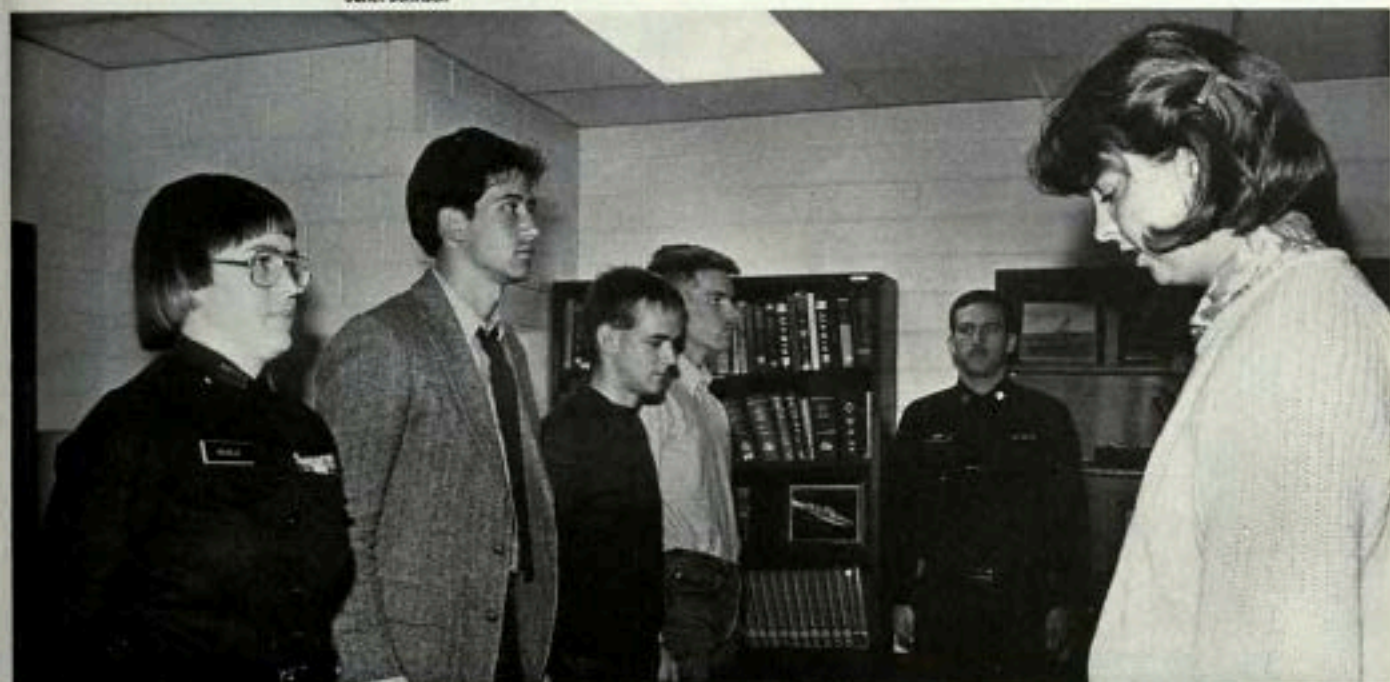
Having a chance to meet and mix with students in all branches of the service, the military leaders of tomorrow found they shared common ideals.

"Normally, I would only meet Air Force cadets, but by being in Scabbard and Blade, I've had a chance to meet and know others. This helps in reducing some of that rivalry," Air Force cadet 2nd Lt. Jeff Phillips, RTF junior, said.

Guests from different branches of the service spoke to the students at meetings. "They tell 'sea stories,' giving us an insider's view," Martin said.



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Top: Ben Herr, political science senior, and Alyson Headle, geology senior, examine a sabre inscribed with the names and service records of previous commanders. Bottom: Alyson Headle, geology senior, Rob Friedenberg, liberal arts sophomore, Steve Freeman, Latin American studies sophomore, Mart Witzel, business junior, and Ben Herr, political science senior, await the final rap from the gavel of Susan Martin, history senior.

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Vanderhijde, William Paul Scherer, Thomas Lucien Langlois, Daniel Joseph Strub, Jeffrey Mack Phillips, Susan Melinda Martin.

Navy regulars seek education

by Boyd Bauer

Stationing Navy enlisted personnel at the University may have seemed like an odd idea. Were they navigating Waller Creek? Or holding bombing practice at the Littlefield Fountain? Actually, they were getting an education, like civilian students, through the **Navy ROTC**.

"I came to UT to get an education and to get some experience leading people," Battalion Cmdr. Gary Gilmartin, electrical engineering senior, said.



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Gilmartin said his time in the Navy before coming to the University was a great help. "It helped me see my priorities, since I worked for a living before I came to school. It helped me appreciate the opportunity to come here and learn," he said.

The ROTC unit "helps with academics," Rudy Cantu, history senior, said. "It helps with problems that pop up in the midshipmen's school years," Cantu said.

The enlisted personnel, because they were Navy regulars, were paid by the Navy. In effect, they were sta-

tioned at the University for the duration of their education. The shared goal after school was to be an officer.

"From here, I go to Newport News, Rhode Island, and Officer Training School," said Gilmartin, who added that the UT experience was a valuable part of officer preparation. "The chance to, long with your degree, participate in the military ex-

perience, learn some leadership skills and acquire a flavor for what it's like is important," Gilmartin said.

Naturally, there was an emphasis on academics, and the Navy enlisted personnel took pride in their academic achievements. "I was a semifinalist here at the University for a Rhodes Scholarship that I never would have tried for," Gilmartin said.



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Navy ROTC members Mark Witzel, business junior, Robert Pereboom, aerospace engineering sophomore, Michael Sinex, pre-med sophomore, Blair England, mathematics sophomore, and Jeffrey Ledford, physics sophomore, participate in a drill session at Memorial Stadium Feb. 4.



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Gunnery Sgt. Michael Gomez, liberal arts junior, inspects members of the Navy ROTC during a drill session at Memorial Stadium.

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Navy motivates ROTC students

by Boyd Bauer

The military experience was not for everyone, but for some it provided the challenge of a lifetime. In the same respect, college wasn't for everyone, but for a group at the University, the combination of the Navy and an education through the Navy ROTC was their formula for success. The students were not actually enlisted in the military, though the Navy provided some scholarships, and many held part-time jobs to cover the costs of education.

The lack of comprehensive financial aid from the Navy did not dampen enthusiasm of the program. "I like the way the military operates," Platoon Cmdr. Monica Brewer, international business senior, said. "I like the structure and working environ-

ment and the respect that is in the chain-of-command orientation."

The experience from ROTC had a dual benefit for some. "Leadership



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benefits you in anything you do," Battalion Executive officer Alyson Headle, geology senior, said. "It helps your motivation if you have some-

where to go after graduation," Headle said.

The group was involved in community services such as fund-raisers for the Special Olympics in the spring and campus blood drives. Social events included formal military banquets and dances at the end of each semester. Brewer said, though, that "academics is our No. 1 concentration."

"We have to maintain an average above the average of our class and of our school," she said.

The military way was adapted to fit the needs of the ROTC students. "The Navy is promoted toward the search for excellence," Brewer said. "You always have an objective and you're trained how to achieve that objective efficiently."



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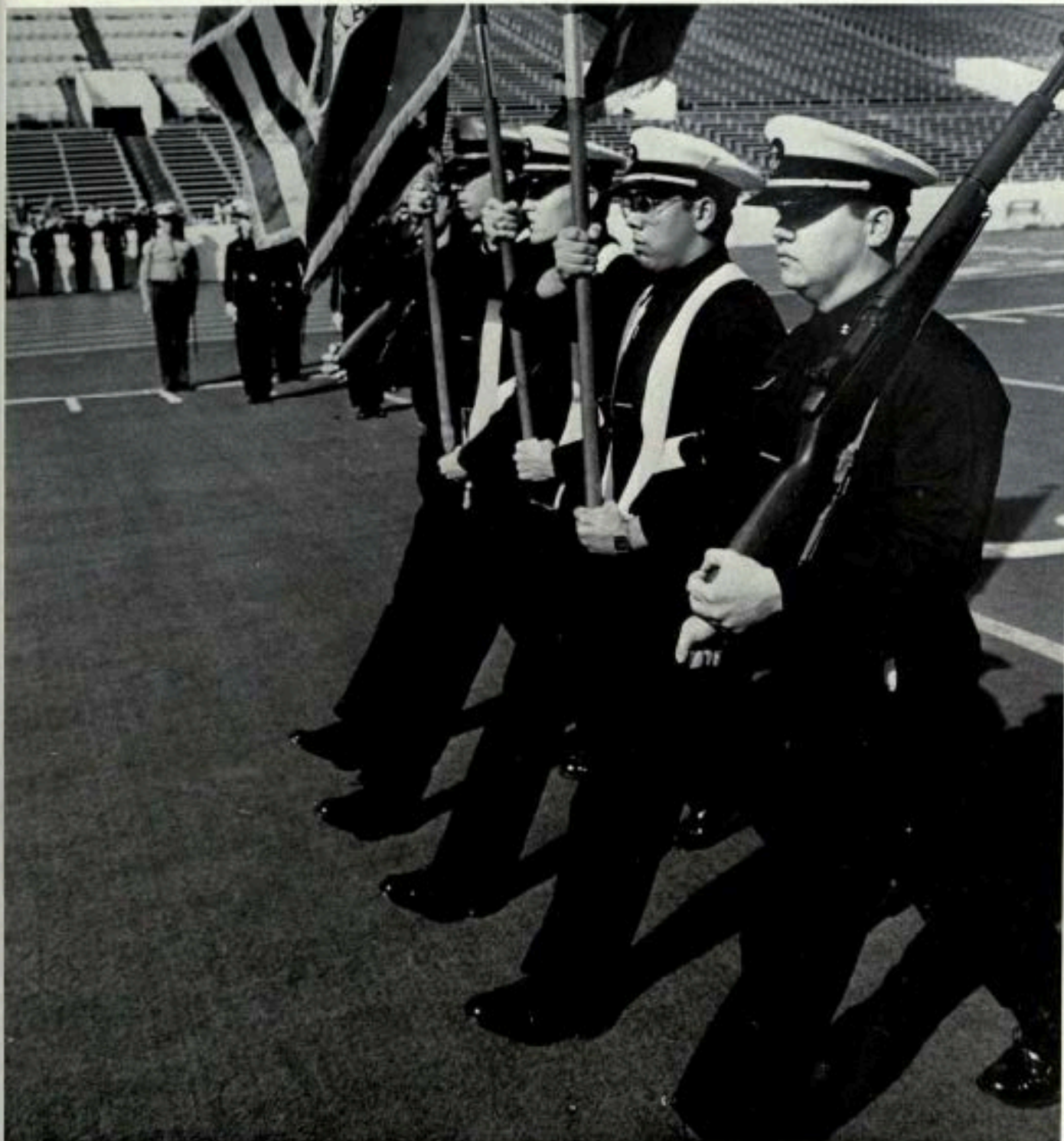
Left: Midshipmen 1st Class Alyson Headle, geology senior, and Randy Lovell, chemistry senior, stand at attention at a Feb. 4 drill. **Right:** Harold Gunji, architecture senior, strikes an attentive silhouette.



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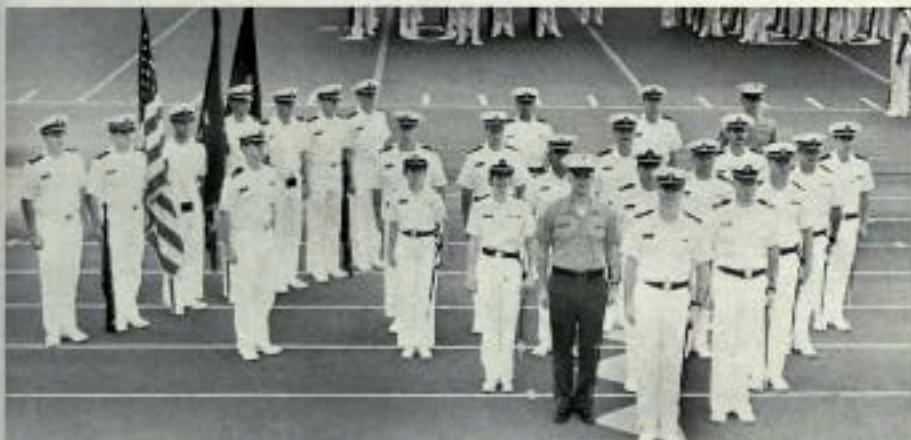
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Navy ROTC color guard members Eric Jones, biology sophomore, Nick Morales, pre-business sophomore, Andy Pickell, chemical engineering freshman, Lee Lytle, mechanical engineering freshman, and Charles Hans, natural sciences junior, march into Memorial Stadium on Feb. 4.

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