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The Anchorettes, the Navy and Marine Corps sweethearts, went through many changes in 1989, the biggest of which was the doubling of membership.

"We're going through a lot of change this semester by updating the constitution and making the rush system better — to accommodate a wider range of people," President Danelle Draehn, government and English junior, said.

With over 50 girls actively serving the Naval ROTC, members were able to expand upon service projects. In years past, projects included baking cookies for the cadets, sponsoring and attending functions and babysitting the children of officer candidates.

In 1988, however, the Anchor-

ettes also included writing naval servicemen on ships in the Persian Gulf. This pen pal system, maintained through the U.S.O., "really helps you get a feel for what men in the Navy go through to protect our country," Michelle Moon, journalism junior, said.

New ideas also surfaced in Anchorette traditions and spirits. "We're trying to rekindle the old traditions of the Anchorettes," said Draehn. "We're stressing ceremonials now — trying to create a stronger bond between the Anchorettes."

In keeping with "creating that stronger bond," members formed an alumni association, something new that Draehn said would help form connections with the battalion even after graduation.

Larger membership expands service to cadet corps

Amidst the changes, though, the Anchorettes maintained their traditional goals.

"We're the service-support group affiliated with the Navy," Draehn said.

"We try to provide an atmosphere of a home away from home and to establish a small circle of friends within the University — not only for the ROTC unit but also for the Anchorettes."

— *Watson Fung*



FRONT ROW: Bonnie Lynn Arp, Cindy Marie Smith, Deborah Rene Hinds, Kristi Beth Fose, Jennifer Marie Reilly, Holly Virginia Hanchey, Kristin Marie Kuhut, Michelle Aimee Winkler, Danelle Annette Draehn. SECOND ROW: Kimberly Anne Schneider, Melanie Geneva Carter, Andrea Marie Tamas, Kari Lee Cunniff, Elizabeth Ann Smith, Britton Elizabeth Jackson, Chan Lien Ngo, Michele Ann Peery, Amy Carole Cotterway, Ngoc Hong Phan, Rosann Pais, Shari Jill Osofsky. BACK ROW: Nicole Elizabeth Dodae, Tamara Stephanie Schreiber, Lisa Marie Sturm, Jill Kathleen Wood, Tracy Marie Vondellarr, Valerie Elizabeth Card, Sandra Joan Dorman, Nichole Joy Fuge, Jennifer Lynn Quailie, Laura Christine Parchman, Charlotte Payne. — *photo by Varden Stedlar*

ALL ABOARD! Anchorettes and NROTC members await a hayride at "Dining Out," a Nov. 5 casual party. — *photo by Hannes Hacker*



Midshipmen prove to the country they're the best

Under the leadership of S.K. Smith, Col., USMC, and professor of naval science, the UT Naval ROTC, was rated the best nationally out of 66 other units by CNET, the Chief of Naval Education and Training.

"It's the fantastic support and commitment here on academics from the Unit Staff and upperclassmen," Battalion Commander Paul von Mosch, engineering route to business senior, said. "Tutoring is provided for underclassmen in physics and calculus, and leadership roles begin as a sophomore with responsibility for

three people, and continuing all the way up."

Members, called midshipmen, were for the first two years put into the ranks to learn the system and how to follow orders. "In order to become a good leader, you must first become a good follower," Battalion Operations Officer Bill Karau, architectural engineering senior, said.

As midshipmen assumed leadership positions, they prepared themselves for obligated periods of service as commissioned officers. After graduating, midshipmen could specialize in one of three areas of the Navy — surface warfare, aviation or submarine warfare — or they could enter the Marines Corps.

Service also played a prominent role in Naval ROTC programs. Be-

sides serving as color guard in the Veteran's Day Parade and at other military functions, midshipmen served in the SURE Walk Program, supervised stadium cleanups and brightened Halloween for many at the Travis State School for the Mentally Retarded.

Leadership and loyalty, the elements of UT's Naval ROTC's masterpiece, helped make the unit the best in the nation. Such criteria, though, called for particular individuals.

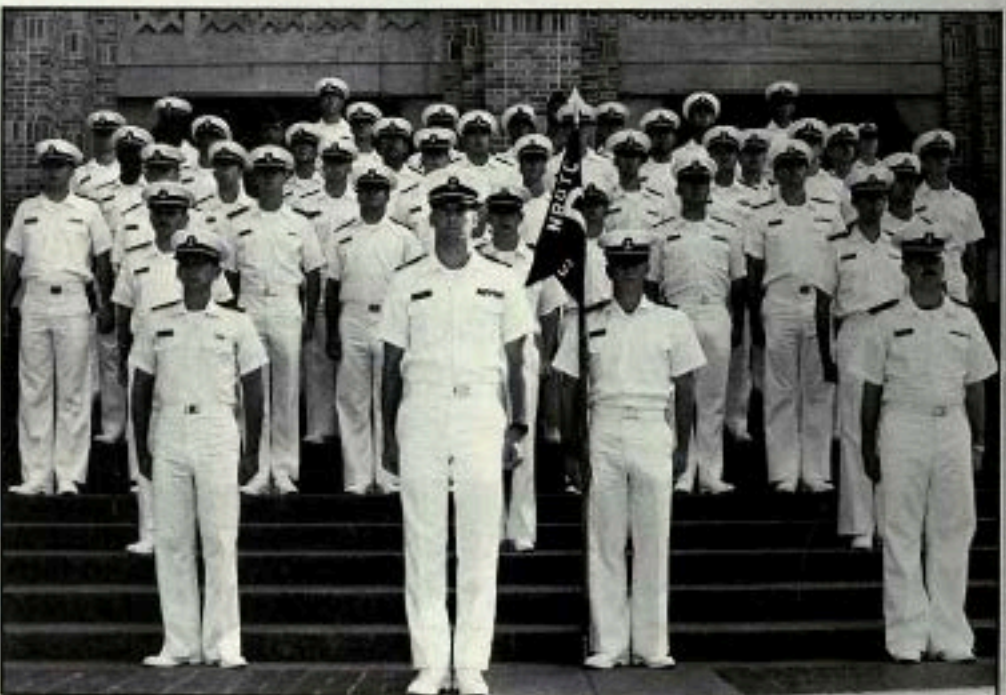
"Naval ROTC is not for everyone. Our purpose is to train officers for command at sea. It takes strong leadership potential and dedication," Battalion Fiscal Supply Officer Blair England, management senior, said.

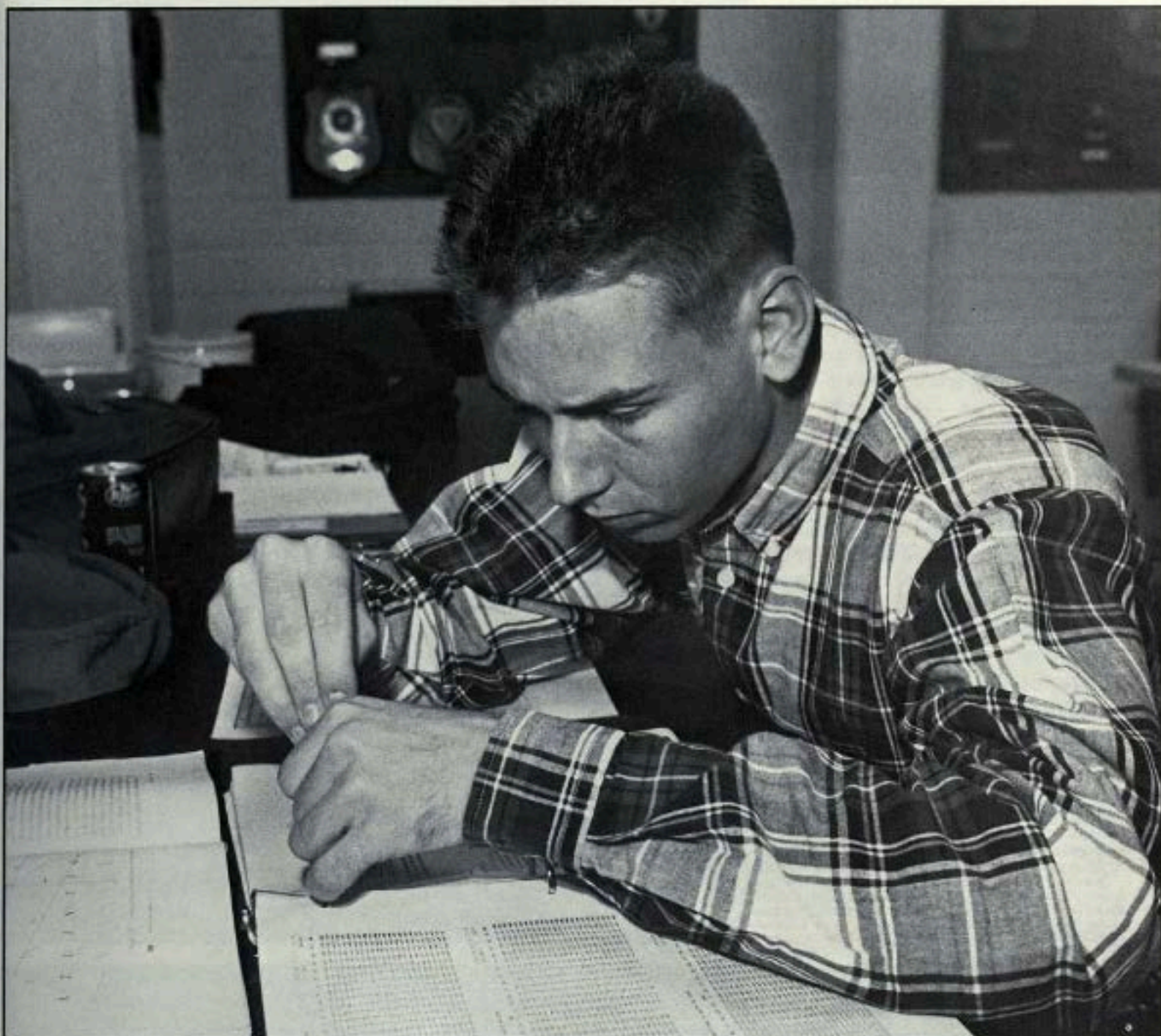
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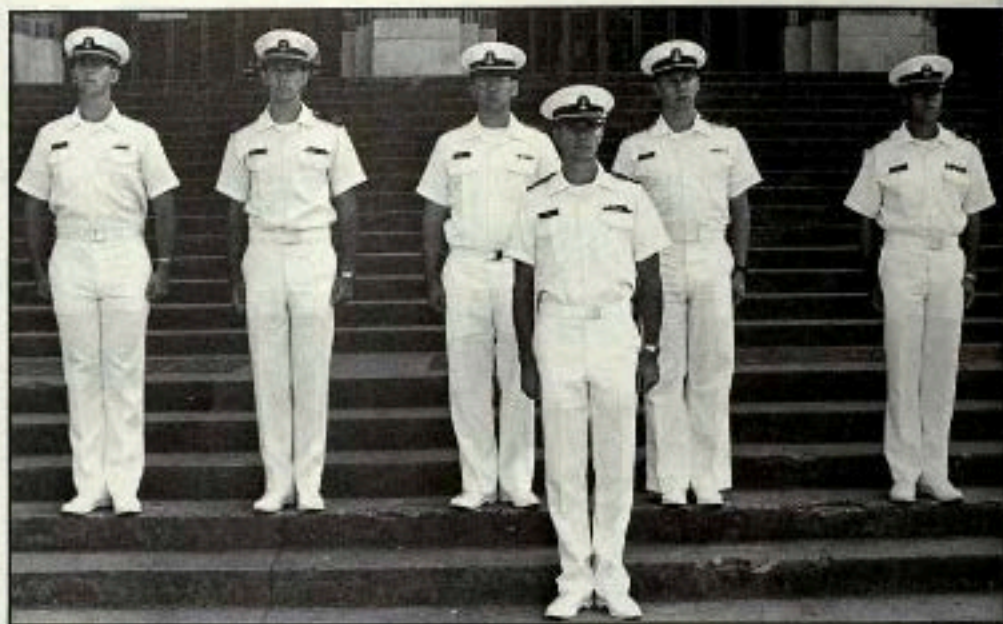




STEADY AS SHE GOES: Ted Seknicka, history junior, carefully charts a course across the Atlantic. Midshipmen were required to enroll in such classes involving navigation, naval ship systems and warfare. — photo by Francis Teixeira



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Bringing ROTC together, Guard starts tradition

The strong winds numbed the men's faces which were already flushed with anxiety. As the plane soared through the air, they could only wait their turns. The moment each jumped out of the plane he would experience plummeting 3,000 feet to the ground.

Although sounding like a scene from a World War II movie, this was actually a description of the Praetorian Guard's parachute jump near Pflugerville on April 2.

After a four-second free fall, the chute opened, and members enjoyed a two-minute descent to the ground. "It's just something we all wanted to do, so we did it," Daniel Harmon, government senior, said.

As a tri-service organization composed of Navy, Army and Air Force ROTC members, the Praetorian Guard fostered friendship among the three ROTC groups.

"Because it's tri-service, you learn about the other services just because you're friends with members of them. Otherwise, the only time you'll ever see them is when there is a tri-service field meet, and basically you're then just competing with each other," Embry said.

The Praetorian Guard also had a physical fitness program in which pledges participated in a series of physical exercises including a number of push-ups every week.

"We try to make sure that our members are qualified to participate in ROTC activities through our physical fitness program and various other activities, including fun runs such as the Capital 10K and the Union 5K," Lattimer McKenna, accounting junior, said.

"Mostly we just try and improve on the characteristics you need to become an officer," Embry said, "and one way to do that is an event like the parachute jump."

— Susan May



FRONT ROW: Michael C. Ritenour, Chris J. Gonzalez, Esteban A. Garza, Stephen Edward Arriola, Martin Krutz Deichert.
SECOND ROW: David Charles Embry, Ken Machovec, Christopher S. Stacy, Hollis A. Baugh II, Lattimer James McKenna. — photo by Art Penigree

IS IT A BIRD OR A PLANE? Rick Paripovich, skydiving instructor, guides Ken Machovec, international business junior, to a safe landing, April 1. — photo by Hannes Hacker