

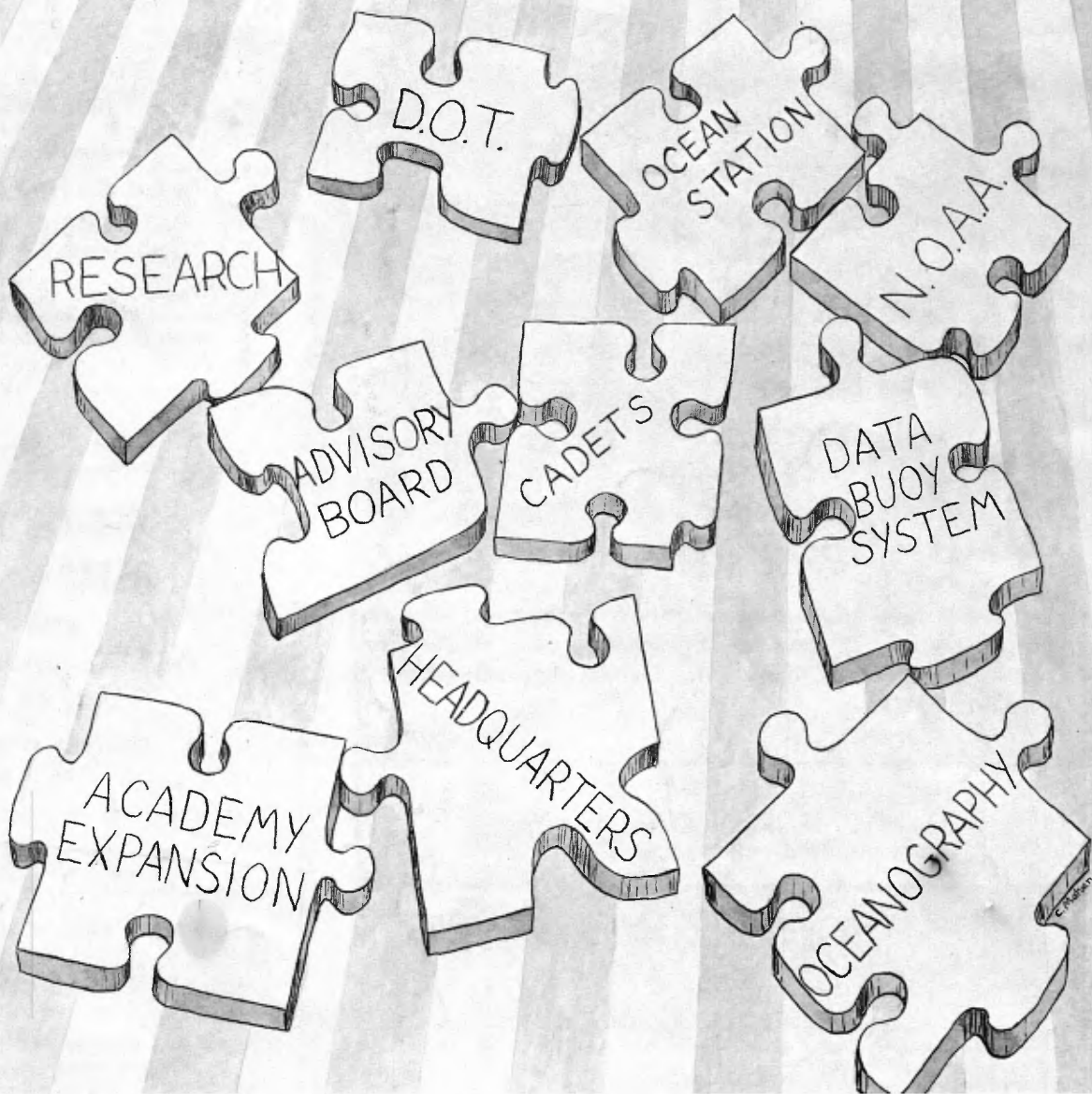
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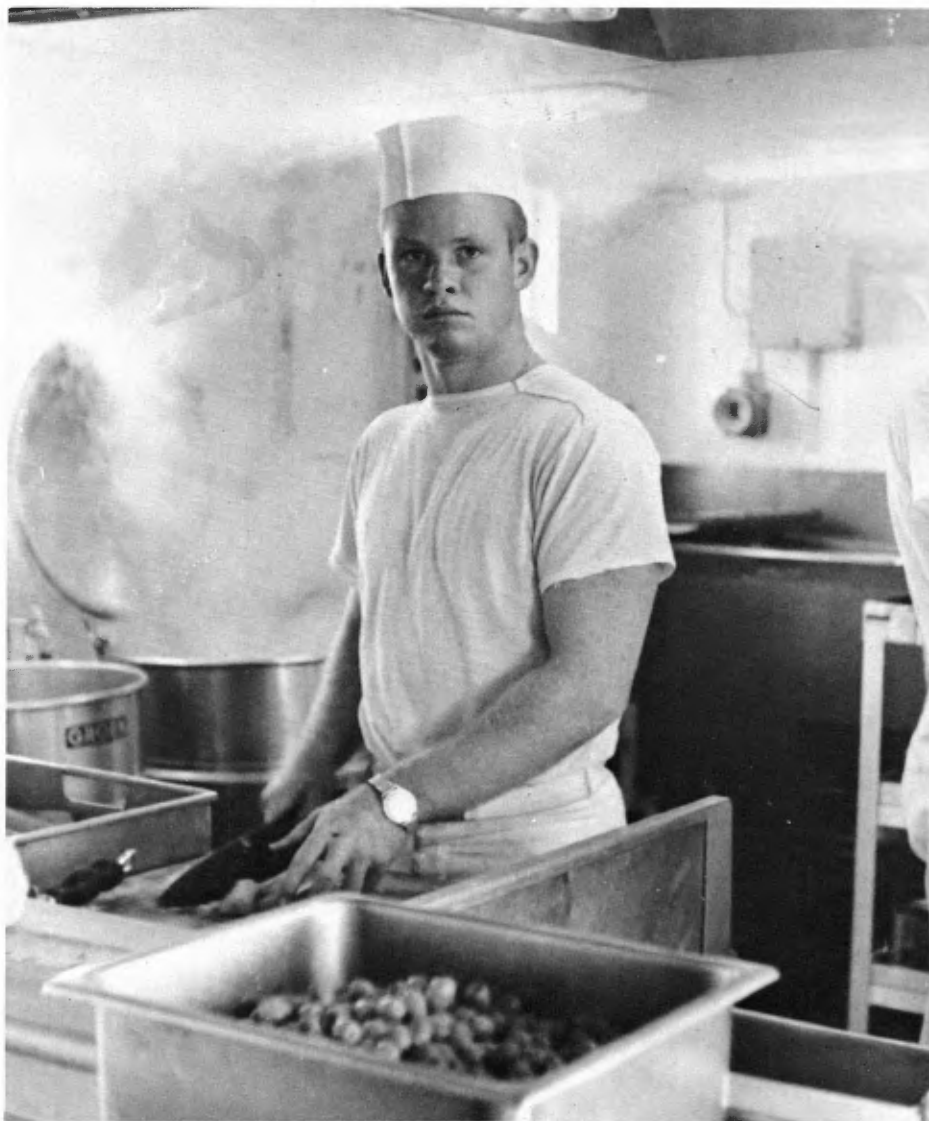
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In this the last issue of the 1968-1969 year the Howling Gale has turned to examine the world of the cadet and the service he will serve in. In past issues we've dealt with topics and people that reflected what's going on outside these walls, the unrest that has taken over so many of today's campuses, the thoughts of one cadet who chose to seek a career elsewhere and views and impressions of the first co-ed's across the street at Conn. Now we wish to look around us within the boundaries of the Academy and service.

It is an honor that we were able to interview Coach Nitchman. His presence here at the Academy is often taken for granted but certainly not by anyone who has been in one of his numerous class sections or who has been involved in I.C. sports. Denny Pittman spent an enjoyable hour with Mr. Nitchman and rambled over his long career in coaching. The quiet dedication and inspiration of the gentleman we all know as "Nitch" is clear in the interview that appears on page 20.

Beyond the immediate areas of contact with cadets we were very fortunate to be able to chat with Dr. Hagerty, President of Drexel Institute and Chairman of the Academy Advisory Board. We also spoke with the other members, Dr. Flemming of the University of Washington and Dr. Coles.

These eminent men meet twice a year to consider the progress of the Academy and to make recommendations concerning largely academics but also other areas of concern

such as cadet housing and morale. We think that what they had to say concerning the development of the Academy academically will have great significance to those who would belittle a military oriented institution on the basis of our system of living or the goals of service we work toward. Also their comments on Corps morale should draw considerable interest and controversy in the barracks.

And finally, but by no means least important, the Howling Gale was granted the opportunity to interview the Commandant—Admiral Willard J. Smith. He offered ideas and hints on just where the Coast Guard may be going in the near future and later during the careers of those now in the Academy. The opportunities in areas such as oceanography and Departmental jobs at DoT present possibilities that anyone interested in the Coast Guard should welcome. Other topics covered included Academy expansion, the possibilities in research, additional duties that may fall to the Coast Guard in the future and even his thoughts concerning the future of cadet Training under sail.

In covering this full range of thought concerning our position as cadets and the Coast Guard in general we hope that this issue of the Howling Gale will give everyone something to think about over the summer months. Be sure to pack a copy in your gear—it's not much heavier than some of that other cruise reading matter!



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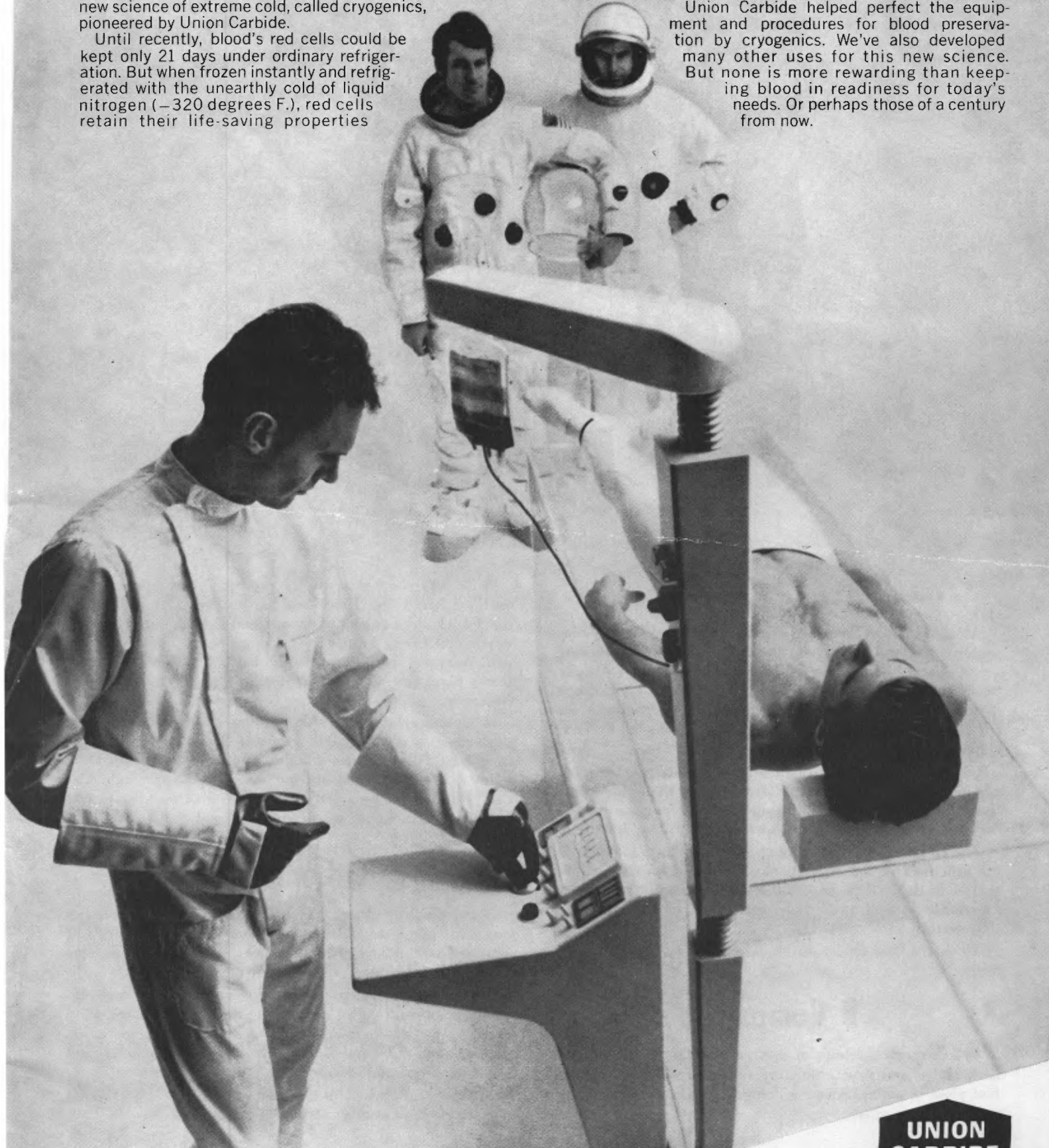
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## A Company

Alpha Company, led into the final make by Fred Wilder continues to lead the way for the rest of the Corps. In spring sports Alpha is well represented by Steve Hungness, Randy Squires, Rabbit Cross, Bill Thomas and Barney Turlo doing their thing for the track team. Ben Satterwhite is knocking 'em out for the golfers and the sailing team is being led by Fred Wilder, Al Berry, and Gary Pavlik.

On the I.C. level, the Alpha softball and soccer teams, led admirably by Barry Kane and Daryl Waldron have lost some tough decisions but still have made their presence known. The Alpha boys, led by Tex Worley took the I.C. rifle competition.

The company recently showed a sign of things to come on the drill field in the spring competition as it finished a close second in the second drill. Bill Wissman recently proved his superiority at drill down as he again took first place for his third victory.

When the dust finally settles, Alpha will be sure to be out ahead.

## B Company

In I.C. sports the boys of Bravo are holding their own with Rick Muller and Paul Abernathy sailing to within 1 point of first place in sailing. Soccer is doing well and softball promises to be stiff competition.

B Co.'s prowess in baseball is nowhere more apparent than on the varsity team. The infield has Jim Smith, Steve Cornell, and Chuck Bills as part of the original 9. With Larry Bouis a starting pitcher and Phil Sherer playing center and going for a new Academy record (presently batting 380); to say that Bravo Company was well represented would be an understatement.

B Company's firsties will become world travelers when proceeding to their first assignments. The new billets range from Viet Nam to New London and snowbound Maine to sunny Hawaii. Rounded out by California, Boston and "The City" the new ensigns will literally travel all over the world. Good luck and smooth sailing to all of them!

## C Company

As graduation draws nigh, Charlie Company is coming down the home stretch right into finals. Soon the coffee will flow and the midnight oil burn as we join the rest of the corps in last minute learning.

As it stands, things are bright for Charlie Company. Thunder Thorton pulled a second in drill down, the company looks better and better at every review and I.C. sports are looking good. T.G. and Sleepy have a first going in sailing and the softball team stands second.

As the year ends with this last issue of the H.G., Charlie says have a good summer and see you next year.

## E Company

E-co. paused in its pursuit of a winning spring semester, to represent the Coast Guard at President Eisenhower's funeral. With a first in wrestling and swimming under the leadership of Bob Acker, E-co. has started moving. Due to this last make, however, Bob has moved up to Second Battalion Commander, and E-co. is now under the guidance of Paul Garrity, ably assisted by his XO, Al Hindle, and is surging ahead.

As the reality of summer leave and European cruises gets closer things have picked up. Since finals come before June week, there is some anxiety over grades, but everyone hopes to be around to sew on that extra stripe and watch the mad scramble for second place by the other companies come graduation day. Until the next ish., "don't give up the ship", and watch for the E-co. machine.

## F Company

Well, things are pretty much the same up here in old F-Troop, winning everything in sight. As of this writing, we've managed to garner a third and a first place respectively in the two reviews to date. Continuing improvement in this aspect last fall led to our winning fall competition, and it looks like we're taking up where we left off. In fact, the commander of a company in hot pursuit in spring competition has already conceded all spring reviews to us.

Meanwhile, on the I.C. sports circuit, our softball team is continuing its winning streak, now at twenty. That has to be some kind of record. "Budda" is still handling the sticking chores with help from everyone, while "Connie" has been the perennial iron man on the mound. Our soccer team lost their first three games because of a somewhat lack of scoring punch-zero goals in all three. Now they've put together three wins and are acknowledged currently as "the best". Their defense is good and if the offense holds, they'll be in with a second. The sailing team chores have been handled admirably by the "Buzzard". They're currently entrenched in third place with an excellent shot at second.

So all in all things haven't changed, and when awards for spring and yearly competition are awarded—well, we won't gloat too much. Least we'll try not to.

## H Company

Well, its finally June, and as we look back on the merry, merry month of May, we see yet another month passed for the happy-go-lucky boys of Aich-Koe (H-Co.). May brought an end to Spring I.C. Sports, where Hotel's socking soccer team led the league. The tenacious defense did not allow a single goal to be scored by the opposition during any regular game. May also marked the beginning of Drill Competition, as Doc and Fat Joe led the Best Company toward that as yet unreached goal of first place. Preparations for June Week are in full swing and Hotel's chances for taking overall competition in June are looking good.

Now that the academic year is past, the boys of Hotel are looking forward to the annual company party. So as graduation nears, Hotel Company can only say "Good Luck" to the class of '69 and to everyone else, "See you in the Fall!"



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## AN INTERVIEW WITH THE COMMANDANT

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### *Admiral Willard J. Smith Discusses The Coast Guard With Members Of The Howling Gale*

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*The highlight of the Editors' trip to Washington was the opportunity to interview the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Willard J. Smith. The setting was informal and the questions were directed from the standpoint of cadet interest and concern. The following is a summary of the important issues discussed.*

Gale: Admiral Smith, what do you see as the future of the Coast Guard in the DOT?

Admiral Smith: Generally I envision an expansion of Coast Guard activities and duties. There is of course, with our activities in South Vietnam, a reaffirmation of our military obligations. The expansion of the Coast Guard really began in the 1950's with the Dulles capital improvement program. It was at that time that the functions performed by the Coast Guard began to branch out and become more involved. The DOT is a very large and complicated federal department. What it does is to take a large number of heretofore autonomous agencies and put them under one

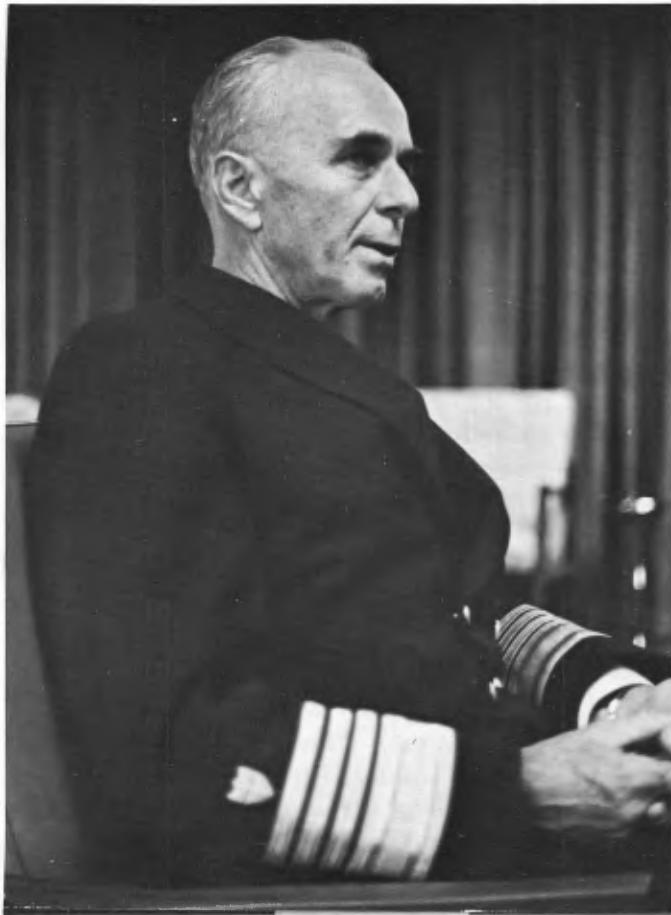
roof and one central administration. The DOT is a good place for the Coast Guard to be, it is the logical place for the Coast Guard. Within the department there is excellent support for Coast Guard programs. The Coast Guard is also fortunate in having been transferred as an entity to the DOT and not having, as did many agencies, just its functions transferred. This enabled the transfer to take place without any loss or disruption of Coast Guard responsibility. Besides our military preparedness, the Coast Guard's main responsibility within the DOT will be in the growing area of marine transportation. In addition, there is a great potential for the Coast Guard in the areas of the marine sciences and Oceanography. Just before you came in for this interview, I held a briefing on the National Data Buoy Program. There is much interest in the Coast Guard taking over the development and management of such a national system. Right now, with the exception of the Navy, the Coast Guard is the greatest contributor of



oceanographic data. We are particularly active in the collection of weather information and oceanographic measurements, many of which are useful in ASW applications. The Coast Guard is also becoming more involved in the Arctic area. For example the icebreaker Westwind will assist in the Manhattan Project this summer.

Gale: Admiral Smith, you mentioned the increased amount of interest being directed towards oceanographic work within the Coast Guard. There have been some suggestions that the Coast Guard be transferred from the DOT into a new agency, a sort of underwater NASA whose main concern would be the exploration and exploitation of oceanic resources.

Admiral Smith: The Coast Guard is bound to become more deeply involved in the national oceanographic effort. Everyone will agree to the need for the United States pursuing a more vigorous program in the development of the Oceans. Because of this increased involvement, many departments have interests in the Oceans. The Coast Guard will certainly become more involved in underwater operations and law enforcement areas. Right now the Coast Guard has some responsibilities in this area assigned to it by law—for example the safety inspection of submersible vehicles. Insofar as Coast Guard participation in the proposed NOAA (National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency), no official comment is available. Secretary Volpe has expressed the firm position that the Coast Guard must



remain in the DOT. Of course, any final decision rests with the President.

Gale: Admiral, do you foresee any lessening of the military posture of the Coast Guard as it becomes more involved in domestic activities.

Admiral Smith: I believe the Coast Guard will retain its present military posture and at the same time broaden its other activities. I foresee no dramatic changes in our relationships with the Navy. The new ships of the Hamilton Class have made the Coast Guard more efficient in its ASW capability. This can be easily modified to constitute an effective ASW fighting force. Coast Guard efficiency in the Market Time Operation in Vietnam also demonstrates the preparedness of our Service to play a wartime role.

Gale: Admiral, we flew to Washington with the Advisory Board and had the opportunity to interview some of the members at length. We know that you had your yearly meeting with the Board earlier today. What is your opinion concerning the recommendations made by the Board, and the general function of that body as it relates to the Academy.

Admiral Smith: I think that the Academy and the Coast Guard is very fortunate in having a group of so highly qualified men working for its improvement. The Advisory Board is able to make recommendations which are generally acceptable. At times, funds are a limiting factor, but usually over a period of time we give consideration to the areas brought up by the Board. During my meetings with the Board, specific recommendations are discussed and opinions aired. Later a written report is submitted which may later be examined in detail.

Gale: What are some of the changes which have come about largely because of recommendations by the Advisory Board, Admiral.

Admiral Smith: The Advisory Board has played a large role in diversifying the curriculum at the Academy as evidenced by the offering of more courses and electives. The Board is very interested in the counseling available to cadets, and to this end the separate military and academic counseling has been instituted. They are very much concerned, as we all are, with growth at the Academy, and many of their recommendations deal with the upgrading of our physical plant and instructor staff. To give an example: the Board has recommended the acquisition of more computer staff personnel, and the planning for the eventual acquisition of a bigger computer unit to replace our 1620 which is now working at near capacity. Of course there are many small recommendations made by the Board, and we try to give all of them some consideration.

Gale: Admiral since you were Superintendent of the Academy, what do you see as the most significant changes which have taken place?

Admiral Smith: Of course the Academy has gotten bigger, with a corresponding improvement in plant facilities and teaching staff. Important I think is the improvement in the

quality of our faculty since I was at the Academy. Our officers now need a year of graduate school before coming to teach at the Academy. In addition, the quality of the civilian staff has been significantly upgraded.

Gale: What is the value of the Academy over OCS and the other means of acquiring officers, Admiral?

Admiral Smith: Right now over one half of the Coast Guard's officer corps is Academy graduated. The Academy is a necessity, its officers provide the glue which holds the entire Coast Guard together and make it the great organization that it is. This is not to say that I think it would be a good thing if all our officers came from the Academy—diversity of experience and background is essential in our service. But for the well qualified, career officer we continue to look to the Academy.

Gale: Admiral, how does increased growth and expansion at the Academy relate to the growth of our service as a whole.

Admiral Smith: Actually, the Academy growth, as rapid as it is, is not quite keeping up with the growth of the service. Right now our officer corps is growing at a rate of 3-4% a year. In 1960 we had 3000 officers, today we have over 4000. This increase will continue in the future. In keeping with this, even more expansion is to be anticipated at the Academy. On the books are the addition of a new library and the completion of Chase Hall.

Gale: Admiral, what is the future of the Eagle? It is getting



old—will it be replaced by another training ship when it no longer is of service?

Admiral Smith: The Eagle will be with us for a long time to come. Its hull and main structural supports are still very sound and we have been spending a good deal of money to update and improve its machinery and accommodations. I believe the Eagle is a valuable asset to Academy training and endorse its continued use in the summer training program. However, when it does become too old to use safely, I doubt if another sailing vessel will be built especially for cadet training.

Gale: Admiral Smith, you mentioned the great expansion of Coast Guard duties which is to be expected within the DOT. What are the possibilities of Coast Guard officers serving in governmental capacities within the Department?

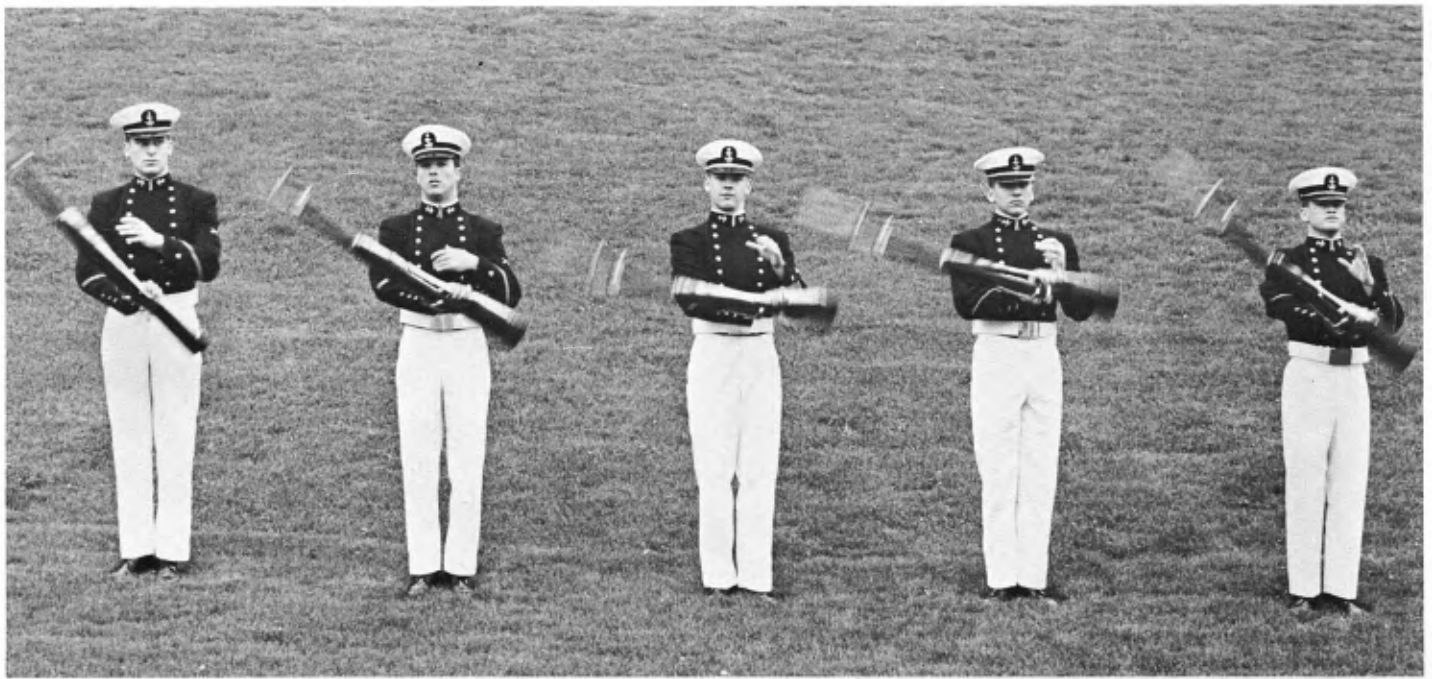
Admiral Smith: Right now the Secretary of Transportation has the power to use Coast Guard officers in any position within his Department. There are presently eighteen officers assigned to the DOT, and they perform a wide variety of functions. Their positions are on a regular rotation basis, which I think is preferable to any permanent type arrangement.

Gale: Admiral, all the other service academies have programs whereby they send some graduates directly to graduate school upon graduation. What are the possibilities of the Academy initiating such a program.

Admiral Smith: Personally, I have no objections to such a plan. However, it is widely felt that a year at sea before advanced training helps to round out an officer and better adjust him to the service. We will continue to send as many people as possible to graduate school. Such advanced training is of course a great benefit to the service.







Left to Right: Jay Sadilek, Tony Souza, Greg Voyik, Roger Coursey, and Ralph Utley execute a rifle spin.

## Photos By-Moore '70 1969 DRILL TEAM Story By-B.E. H Griffiths '69

Commanders Bruce Griffiths and Butch Hartney.



Mention "Drill Team" to the Cadet on the street and he instantly associates phrases like "per diem" or "cosa nostra" to the enigmatic thirteen which are the cadet drill team. The Drill Team is only exposed to the Corps at fall football games and thus its main purpose in being, spring drill competition, escapes the normal curious cadet's purveyance. For the general edification of all hands, then, a description of the Drill Team and its associations will be given.

The trick drill routine which the Corps sees in the fall at football games is an abbreviated version of the one used in the spring drill meets, as most competitions demand six to eight minutes minimum floor time. This trick team, however is not the only participant in a drill meet as the meets have other facets of competition. A description of normal drill meet schedules will best explain.

The drill meet usually starts in the morning around 0800 with competition between Infantry Drill Regulation Teams (abbreviated IDR). This competition is similar to our spring platoon competition with standardized commands and Marine Corps judges. However, there is a rigorous personnel inspection prior to the actual marching portion of the routines and all units are held responsible for general military knowledge.

After, or sometimes during, the team IDR competition there is an individual IDR competition which is analogous to our drill down. There is one big difference between academy and drill meet competition in both team and individual IDR and that is that commands are given from the Army Drill and Ceremonies Manual, FM-22-5, which includes commands foreign to the cadet ear, like "sling arms".

The IDR portion of the meet usually ends around noon and after a break for lunch the trick competition begins. At some meets there is an individual trick competition between single members of the various competing schools. If this individual competition is held it is immediately succeeded by the team trick competition, of which the corps gets a taste of at football games.

The meet ends around 1700 with a closing review of all teams present, usually five to fifteen teams. The trophies are presented at this review or at a ball held that evening which the commander attends. Trophies are given for first, second, and third places in all four of the competitions mentioned and in addition over-all trophies are awarded for points amassed in the team portions of the competition.

This year your Drill Team climbed out of the abyss of inter-collegiate obscurity and brought home six (count 'em) trophies. Greg Voyik, for the first time in at least four years, placed a CGA entrant in individual IDR by taking first place in the Connecticut Yankee Drill Meet sponsored by UConn. Incidentally, Greg is next year's Drill Team Commander. In addition, Coast Guard IDR and Trick Teams won 2nd and 3rd places in two of the three meets in which they participated. Prospects for a replay next year are good as this year there was a fourth class team, providing able substitutes for next year.

In closing a reminder. The Coast Guard Academy is the *only* military academy which enters inter-collegiate drill competition. The preponderance of participating teams are



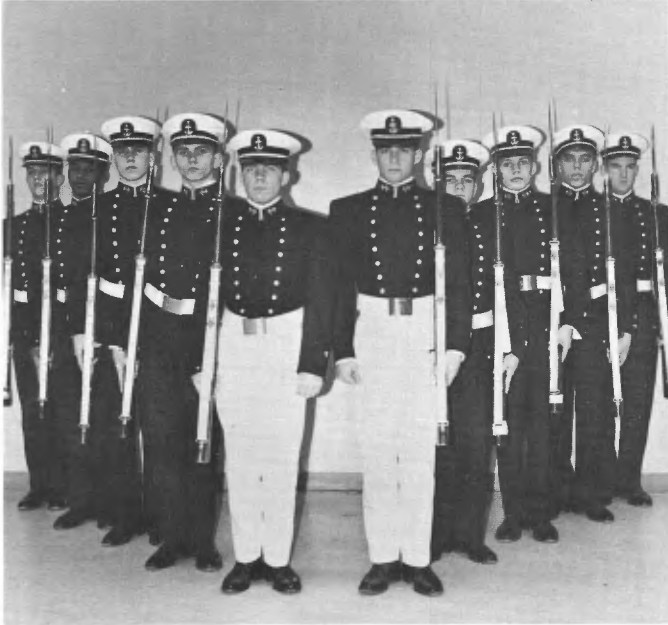
Above: Jay, Tony, Grey, Roger, and Hoot demonstrating a ripple spin to right shoulder arms.

Left: Roger takes a walk through "death row" as rifles exchange on both sides.

Below: The twelve man trick drill team.



college ROTC units, units which take the competition as seriously as a football player takes football, and often practice as much as that football player. Drill at any military academy has a stigma which inhibits that academy's outlook toward drill competition. CGA has tried and has been successful in overcoming that handicap, but changes are necessary to insure



Members of the Fourth Class Exhibition Drill Team, l. to r.: Bob Schmoeger, R. T. Brown, H. Piascowski, Ed Beasley, Bruce McCurdy, Buck Baley, Ed Thompson, J. Kosinski, Gary Westling and Pete Dolan. The team performed at numerous freshman football games and indoors at Prov., R.I. Highlight of the season was their fine showing during halftime at the Penn. Mil. Academy football game in Convention Hall, Atlantic City, N.J. Commander of the team is Cadet 1/c Bill Bowen.

Greg and Jay execute an order to order exchange.



a successful future. The drill team need identity. Identity comes from recognition as a unit, a recognition which must come from the corps. Believe it or not, the Drill Team does put a lot of time into preparing for competition, so do your part, take a drill team member to lunch or at least think about the Drill Team more often.



Jay and Tony practicing an extremely "difficult" unsynchronized rifle spin.

Ralph and Tony keep Roger still while Jay and Greg try not to collide overhead.







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This last spring session marked the 79th meeting of the Advisory Committee. The Board consists of seven members, each appointed for a three year term. The membership includes the following:

- Dr. William W. Hagerty, President, Drexel Institute of Technology
- Dr. William H. Hale, President, Langston University
- Dr. Wesley J. Barta, President, Mississippi Valley Barge Line Co.
- Dr. Richard H. Fleming, former Chairman, Department of Oceanography, University of Washington
- Dean Linsey Cowen, School of Law, University of Georgia
- Dr. M. Cecil Mackey, former Assistant Secretary of Transportation

## **THE ACADEMY ADVISORY BOARD**

*The editors of the Howling Gale were recently invited to Washington for an interview with the Commandant. We flew down with the Advisory Board which was enroute to deliver its annual report in Washington. The flight down provided an excellent opportunity to interview some of the Board members and to find out more about how the actions of this seven member body influences life at the Academy.*

**Dr. James S. Coles, President Research Corporation**

Both the titles and experience of these men indicate that they are all prominent in their respective fields. Several are noted educators. The Advisory Committee meets two times a year—once in the Fall for a short meeting and again in the Spring for their main session. The latter is culminated by a visit to Washington and a report to the Commandant. Members of the Committee receive no financial remuneration, and the hard work and concern exhibited by the members is a measure of their dedication.

The Committee is concerned primarily with improving the academic curriculum offered at the Academy. To this end they visit classes, review instructor qualifications, and inspect plant facilities during their visits to the Academy. On the basis of

their findings, the Board makes recommendations to the Commandant, where they are evaluated and generally acted upon.

To gain an appreciation of just how much Academy life is influenced by the workings of the Advisory Board, it is instructive to review some of the proposals submitted to the Commandant at last year's Spring meeting—along with the action eventually taken:

- a. **INCREASED FACULTY ATTENDANCE AT LEARNED SOCIETY AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS:** Travel was arranged for six faculty members who requested it. The Administration fully endorses faculty attendance at such educational and professional meetings, but the primary limitation is most often one of funds. Along similar lines, efforts are being made to make CGA the site of more such gatherings. The recently held and nationally attended meeting on the National Data Buoy System is an example.
- b. **RECRUITING BY CADETS:** The policy was endorsed and indications were for its continuance.
- c. **REEXAMINATION OF COUNSELING STRUCTURE:** Academic advisors were assigned to all four classes, and the number of company advisors has been increased. In addition, a new counseling psychologist has been placed on the Academy staff.
- d. **EXPANDED VISUAL AIDS DEPARTMENT:** A request was submitted for a complete visual aids staff.
- e. **STUDY OF COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS:** The Director of the Computing Center conducted a detailed study into the need for acquiring a bigger and more modern computer, with an increased capability. The availability of funds is however, a primary consideration.
- f. **PROGRAM DESIGN FOR THE SCIENCE BUILDING:** The faculty was asked to design the program before the architects were commissioned to draw up plans for the building.
- g. **CADET CORPS BIFURCATION PROBLEM WITH RESPECT TO CURRICULUM:** The establishment of the marine science option was the first step in the solution of this problem. It was noted that as the faculty expands and more specialists become available, the Academy would be in a better position to offer a more varied program of course sequences.
- h. **ESTABLISHMENT OF REGISTRAR'S OFFICE:** The need for such a position was presented by the Committee, and several prospects were interviewed.
- i. **ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO MEET MORE STUDENTS AND VISIT MORE CLASSES:** This proposal was clearly enacted at the recent Spring meeting.

From this list of recommendations and the summary of the actions taken, it can be seen that the Board exerts a pronounced influence on Academy life. To find out more about how the Committee operates, we interviewed its Chairman on the way to Washington.

Dr. William W. Hagerty, President of the Drexel Institute of Technology, is Chairman of the Board, having been appointed by the Commandant to succeed Dr. Arthur S. Adams. Commenting on the past achievements of the Board, Dr. Hagerty mentioned faculty development as one of the recurrent concerns. In response to this interest, the Board has recommended:

1. one year for officers at the Graduate level before coming to teach at the Academy for a three year tour of duty.
2. a program which would allow permanent teaching staff officers to acquire doctorates.
3. the allocation of research monies to attract civilian professors, and a higher pay scale for doctorate degree holders.

The Academy is a growing part of a growing service and one of the recommendations submitted by the Board focuses on this aspect. The Board suggested the commissioning of a faculty support staff which would be responsible for the production of qualified instructors in advance of anticipated needs. Our present building program projects to 1980—this last proposal would provide for the staffing of new facilities in anticipation of a greater number of cadets.

Dr. Hagerty commented that the Academy is making "great strides" toward a more generalized education. He said that the Board was "very pleased that the number of elective courses is being increased." The Board is very conscious of the need for a diversified education and have been largely responsible for the splitting of the traditional curriculum into various paths of study—management, engineering, and the new oceanographic study areas. The philosophy behind this diversification was expressed by Dr. Hagerty as the need to produce "more broadly educated graduates for a career of public responsibility."

Dr. Hagerty expressed the concern of the entire Board over the high attrition rate not only at CGA but of all the service academies. The problem is viewed not only as how to retain more cadets, but also how to retain more career officers. In this last respect, the Coast Guard enjoys a marked advantage over the other services. This year the Board recommended an in depth study of attrition. Dr. Hagerty saw as one possible solution the giving to 3/c and 4/c a more detailed introduction to life in the actual service while they are at the Academy.

Dr. Hagerty was asked if during the Board's stay at the Academy, he felt that he had had adequate contact with cadets to assess their particular impressions. To this he replied that cadets were in attendance at many of his briefings, and that "burning issues were always brought to the attention of the Board."



Dr. Richard Fleming, former Chairman Department of Oceanography, University of Washington





Photos By Marc Pettingill

## *Girl Of The Month Kathy Tumicki*

*Quickly dispelling any derogatory notions about Connecticut femininity is Kathy Tumicki, May's Girl of the Month and a native of the Nutmeg State. This pretty Mitchell Coed is intent on becoming an executive secretary. A sun and fun-lover, Kath has a passion for summer and the beach. She also loves cats (she has ten). In addition to these interests, much of her attention is directed toward a certain Charles Company rhinoceros.*





# AFTER FOUR YEARS

Dan Ryan '69

It is quite the in-thing to do nowadays, to sit and trade euphemisms on the subject of the unalterable traditions that tie the hands of modernization at the Coast Guard Academy. Basing my opinions on four years as an active cadet, I disagree with the argument that the Academy is so steeped in tradition that it has not changed. The Academy *has* changed noticeably over four years, in both military and academic areas. The direction of this change has been toward a general liberalization of the Academy education, in the attempt to modernize a military education and to put it in step with the surrounding drum beat.

Education has changed because people have. The generation of the post war baby boom is unlike the generation that attended college during the fifties. The generation of 1960 college students are members incorporate in a very vocal minority, actively involved with life and making their own marks on society. Cadets are members of this contemporary youthful college generation, fascinated with life, politically, socially, and intellectually. The present trend of liberalization at the Academy is an attempt to shape the Academy with the times, to make it challenging and worthwhile to the now generation of young adults, who form the pool from which future leaders will be drawn.

At this point, I could play the rather hackneyed game of "Back when I was a Swab, Things were Tough!" The ultimate conclusion of this exercise is to concede that Hopley Yeaton had it the toughest of all. The first year is always tough. Divorced of the ritual of bracing up and assorted other training aids, fourth class year is a painful transition stage in an individual's life, difficult of itself because it represents a change of outlook, a change of personality, a change in the whole mental and physical approaches toward living. The present liberalization of the military aspect of cadet education does not mean that "in absolute terms" the transition between civilian and cadet is any easier, and I doubt that the quality of cadets will be diminished in any way by this slackening of the fourth class system.

Perhaps my saddest memory as a cadet is remembering good friends who did not "make it" at the Academy. I say it is sad, because many of these ex-cadets had strong desires to be officers, but they quit because they were frustrated and discouraged and could see no point in the long and drawn out affair of "being a swab." Lacking the necessary perspective and perhaps a sense of humor, they became fogged in and bogged down with the immediate, short term goal of surviving in the day to day harassment of being "squared away," and thus lost sight of the long term objective of becoming an officer and making a military career. The trend toward liberalization of the fourth class system has recentralized this

primary goal, that of becoming an officer, and likewise has decentralized the objective of merely coping with the day to day trials of "being a swab." I feel that this change has been the most constructive one I've witnessed here at the Academy. It gives the cadet a chance to concentrate on the matter at hand: becoming a well balanced, enlightened military officer.

The primary goal of the Coast Guard Academy is to graduate educated officers, capable of demanding respect in all aspects of living and who efficiently carry out the duties assigned to them. The goal has two parts: one, to graduate a military man with professional skills and confidence and two, to graduate an educated adult, with the intellectual capacity to comprehend and cope with a world often frustrating and complicated. Both parts converge to a man who is capable of leadership.

There has been a cry recently for "compassionate leadership." Hand in hand with a compassionate leader is an enlightened one, who realizes that men are not lead by the whip or to the tune of veiled threats, but by words and inspiration. The key to compassionate leadership is the ability to motivate the men working for you. Thus, an understanding of human nature is essential to effective leadership. This understanding comes in part from education, especially in the social and humanity sciences.

And here spotlights another change I have witnessed. The recent inflow of humanity-oriented studies into the Academy curriculum is an important change in the direction of Academy education. Before stressing the practicalities of engineering, and down grading the importance of English, literature, and economics, the Academy graduated a man with unequalled prowess on the slide rule, who often balked at writing a simple English sentence, whose means of expression was in numbers, not in the words of his own language. It is obvious that the Academy understands that a subject in the humanities is no longer a waste of time, that it does serve a function even in a primarily engineering, service-oriented environment. With this curriculum change, the road to compassionate leadership is made much smoother.

Then, after four years, what have I seen? I have seen a gradual trend toward liberalization of the Academy, in both areas of military and academic training. The end result of this training, I feel, is a better balanced individual, more aware of the forces that shape his life, and better equipped to use these forces to the best advantage. What better qualification for a leader is there?

D. D. Ryan



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# REFLECTIONS

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## UNTIL AND BEHAVE

R. Scholze

Until hated playing in the rain but it rained every day and he liked to play, so he played in the rain (what else could he do? His friends often asked him too). What killed him was the sand in his yard was always wet and rusted his toys, which were not new but at least serviceable, until they rusted—which was all the time. Until played doggedly despite the rust, he felt he must, even though it killed him. It really did.

Behave lived only next door and came all the time to see him (in the rain). She was his friend. Until could not help thinking that Behave liked the rain and was not so concerned as he about the rust on his toys. That killed him too. He had a suspicion that the sand in Behave's yard was drier than his, but he wouldn't let on—he couldn't be sure. (It was only a thought). He often wondered what she did sometimes (when it wasn't raining) and why he liked her so much (she was his friend). What killed her—he wanted to know.

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## CONDOLENCE TO A PSYCHOPATH

Thornton, R.B.

You say there's a guy leadin' your country  
Who believes men are equal, white, black or brown?  
You hate him for this but don't know just why,  
But all your mind tells you is shoot him down.

You say a black man's got a creed  
Called non-violence and freedom goin' 'round,  
And you feel a nasty and urgent need  
To go find a gun and shoot him down?

And you say it's a man runnin' for office  
To the poor and downtrodden one of renown,  
But helping the poor is a terrible vice.  
What's called for is merely shoot him down.

You were right, you were right in your act.  
Men of Justice, freedom and love, on them frown.  
It's a free society, that's a fact,  
So if you disagree, shoot 'im down!

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Thornton, R.B.

Once in a time  
When my thoughts were greener,  
And my heart touched new soil,  
I looked upon the late sun  
And dreamt of homecoming.  
Now I am in front of it,  
Facing the abyss called time.  
And in pleasanter moments  
My mind saunters back to then  
And lingers once more  
In that lost dimension,  
Where I did fancy  
And after love a scar as proof,  
Where wings that once were gossamer  
Became baize and called the sky's bluff,  
Where I stood at the place.  
I tabernacled and saw the universe.

To Kathryn

Thornton, R.B.

I see you in the raindrops  
That cleanse the cool spring air  
And make happy songs on my window.

I see you in the falling leaves  
That run scarlet in autumn's hand  
And make a consoling blanket for me.

And I can see you in the new snow  
As it puts to rest all the old  
And dances for me a ballet of pureness.

And I see you in the sun's rays  
That bring warmth and light,  
And I know I'd surely die without warmth and light.

From seeing I've come to know this:  
From among all my gifts from God  
I count you the most precious.



# COACH NITCHMAN

*An Interview With Denny Pittman '70*

*1. Where did you go to college and how did you break into the coaching profession?*

I went to a small college, Union College, in Schenectady, New York. I played varsity football, basketball, and baseball three years there and was captain of the basketball team. When I finished there, I didn't go directly into coaching. I worked in business for a year and then I was asked to come back as director of freshman athletics and coach of the freshman sports. Having played in the three sports, they assigned me to freshman football, baseball, and basketball. I was lucky enough to have three undefeated teams the first year I coached—I had some pretty good talent to work with. In due time, I moved up to assistant basketball coach, head basketball coach, and ultimately, head football coach. I moved to Colby College in 1941 and was there only one year. We had the first state championship team in football there in eighteen years. I went into the service in 1942 and came to the Academy that same year as a lieutenant J.G. I took over as head basketball coach and we had two of the best seasons in Academy history. I worked from assistant football coach into head football coach and for about eight or nine years I coached both football and basketball here. Then I became coach of the Academy baseball team, but I only held that post for two years. Finally, the authorities here felt that my administrative abilities were such that I should enter into administration so

that in 1959, I was made Assistant Head of the Physical Education Department. Also, with the expanded cadet corps, I was made director of the inter-company sports program. This is how I arrived to my present position which involves the two previously mentioned duties as well as some teaching.

*2. Which sport, football or basketball, is your favorite?*

I like both sports very much, but I'm inclined to like football a little more because it's a more predictable game. Basketball, particularly under the present rules with pressurized defenses and outstanding shooting by certain teams at certain intervals, is a game where you might have a real good night, then your shooting might be off and you're handicapped.

*3. How has the game of basketball changed through the years?*

Originally, there was a center-jump after every point that was scored. There was only one official. The game was rougher. I think that the defense and the ball-handling of fellows who played in my day, was better than it is today. I don't think their maneuverability and over-all offensive ability parallels what they do today. The jump shooter and the versatility of people who play offensively is superior in today's ball. When the center-jump was eliminated, it took away a lot of roughness and produced more scoring. Then the ten second

line came into play and the game today is played more on the full-court than half-court. The coaches of today have to devote a lot of time in working against pressurized defenses—where they pick you up all over the floor, particularly after a field goal or foul shot has been scored. But the game has really advanced through the years. I think the shooting today is phenomenal! Ball-handling could be improved and I think that defense should be stressed a little more.

4. *In addition to your early coaching assignments, didn't you also play some semi-pro or what was then pro-ball, yourself?*

Yes, I played with a team in the Capital District in New York state. I played semi-professional football, but I didn't care for that because we didn't get much time to practice, and you're not as organized. In basketball, we had six or seven fellows from the area who had all played college ball, we knew one another's style pretty well, you play in more games together, and consequently, you solidify more rapidly. But that was good experience and I enjoyed it. I played for a couple of years but quit when I got involved in coaching because it took up too much of my time.

5. *How do the objectives of a physical education program at the service academy differ from those of a general college?*

At a general college, they don't stress physical education as much as they do here. Our emphasis here lately seems to be more toward "Carry-over" sports—more badminton, squash, handball, etc.

6. *Isn't a carry-over sport more of the type that we would use to keep in condition in our later adult years?*

That's right, that's the lifetime sport concept. Tennis, golf, badminton, and bowling are the four that are stressed by the Lifetime Sports Organization in Washington. Handball and squash are a little more active, but these too fall in the same category. This would give you something to do if you were stationed somewhere and there was a Y.M.C.A. in the area.

7. *What should any young man gain from a physical education program on the college level?*

I think he should learn proper conditioning. If he has certain physical weaknesses, he should try to rectify these with the proper exercises. He should be exposed to team sports so that he not only understands sports as an individual, but he also gains some knowledge of what the varsity competition must comply with under game conditions.

8. *How has the Academy I.C. sports program changed since you took over the 1959?*

The program has been enlarged completely. When I first took over, they had inter-class sports, here. This was brutal in the sense that a first-classman would sometimes become irritated with a fourth-classman. There would be fisty cuffs and hard feeling and lots of this was carried over into the barracks as you might well imagine. The first thing we did was to put the program on an inter-company level. As you know, the teams now have an identification, various colored jerseys for the different companies, and there's a tremendous amount

of spirit and competition. We try to make the most extensive use of the facilities that we have available. We hold a couple of football and softball games each day. With the addition of Roland Hall, we have been able to add things like handball competition and indoor I.C. track meets. We could expand further if we had more outdoor facilities. This is one of our problems. Fortunately, we are granted the use of the Lyman Allyn field through the courtesy of Connecticut College in reciprocation for the fact that we used to let them use our pool before they had a pool. We also have a few individual skill contests that involve such things as wrestling, handball singles tournaments, basketball free-throwing and shooting, pass accuracy and punting in football. I think handball is a great game and I'd like to see us get a couple of outdoor courts that we could use when the weather is favorable. So this gives you an idea of how this program was embellished, and as you know, the I.C. competition is very keen.

9. *Is there a possibility that any new I.C. sports will be added to the program in the future?*

I would think that we'd be able to add something when we get the facilities that are essential. In particular, I have in mind a game that is a combination of lacrosse and Jai-alai. You operate the ball and screen like you do in lacrosse and probably use a field goal net similar to the one that we use in soccer.

10. *Could you tell us a little bit about the program with which you were involved in the Pacific this past Summer?*

Well, I was astounded to be given this opportunity from the Defense Department. The Air Force was my sponsor. Upon inquiry, I understood that I had written a couple of articles on intramural and also outling our program here at the Academy and it had strong appeal with the Air Force Commander in the South Pacific. He wrote and asked if I would come out there and establish this clinic. The five areas that I visited were Hawaii, Thailand, Okinawa, Japan, and Korea. At these areas, I would lecture to people involved with physical education and show them the format that I would use in establish a program, be it a small one like ours or one for a large institution. I took into consideration facilities, trained personnel, monetary considerations, how to budget, how to best care for the equipment, and a multiple use of facilities. In each one of these areas, I brought to bear after careful scrutiny what I felt of their facilities, what they could do to augment their program—get more people involved, and make better use of their facilities. For example, in Hawaii they had no swimming meet. They had a beautiful pool that was just recreational. I showed them the value in that type of climate of being outside and erecting outdoor handball courts. At the termination of this program, I asked for a commentary from the instructors. The comments were very favorable and I received some very nice letters in commendation of the presentation that I gave at those places. So, it was a wonderful experience for me personally, and I think that I was able to contribute something which indirectly reflected upon the Coast Guard, and the Coast Guard Academy in particular.

# SPORTS: Jay Taylor '70

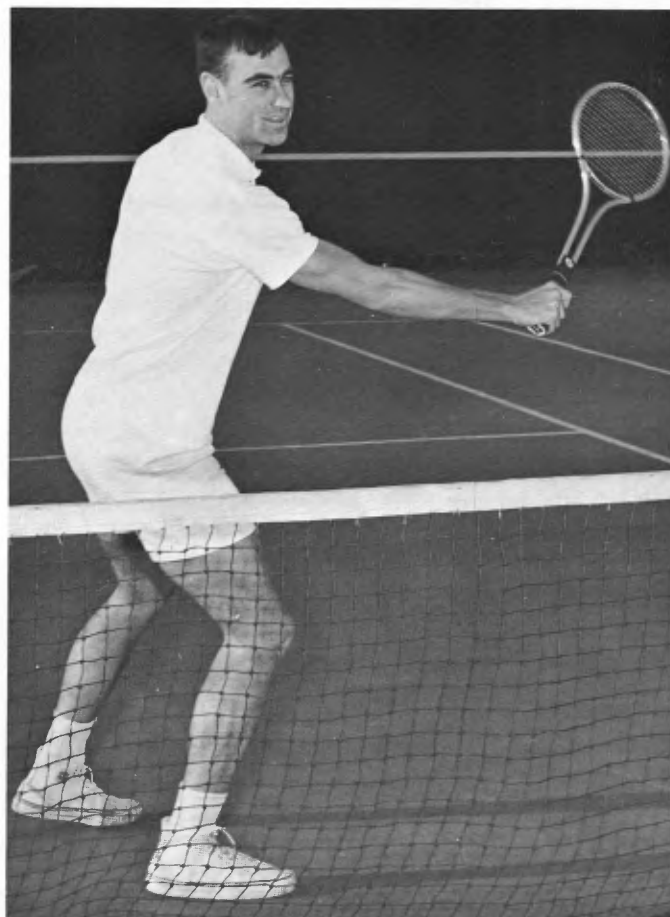


After the last match with the University of Bridgeport the tennis team assured itself of a strong winning season. The big six who comprise the varsity squad are Jim Clarke, Jay Taylor, Greg Johnson, Ed Beder, Bob Thorne, and Stu White. Pete Barret, Phil Bird, Phil Abbot and Bo Josephson have also contributed to team victories. In JV matches Brad Bullington, Tom Gerner, Carlos Penera, Craig Coy, Bob Rollison, Tom Youngs, and Mark Noll have defeated Mitchell College and the Valley Forge Military Academy.

Categorizing each player's type of game is an easy task after almost a whole season of competition. First, there is Jim Clarke who plays an aggressive and sometimes impetuous type of game. His strokes consist of deceptive wrist shots with an abnormal amount of topspin at times. Jay Taylor is the second man who has vied with Jim Clarke for the #1 position since the beginning of the season. He plays an even-tempered game concentrating on exploiting the main weaknesses of the opponent. His teammates have even considered chipping in and buying him a trophy for his extraordinary sportsmanship. The #3 position is filled by Greg Johnson, a recent import from Oregon State where a successful businessman offered to back him financially in professional bowling. Greg turned in this offer and his three years of study at Oregon State to become a gentleman, scholar, and tennis player as at the Academy. Smooth strokes and keen placement best describe Greg's type of game. The #4 position is presently held by that well-known orator and conniver, Ed Beder. Ed has unbelievably choppy and unconventional strokes typical of an inexperienced tennis player. However, Ed has been practicing his forehand and backhand strokes in front of a mirror to perfect his style and has staged an amazing comeback after losing his first two matches of competitive tennis. Well-known athlete Bob Thorne plays #5. He has a strong will to win and seemingly never gives up, but he wins most of his points by using grunts, groans and gestures to convince his opponent that his bad shots were actually in. Last but not least is Stu White, the team captain. Stu's game is characterized by an innate form of idealism in that he thinks that some of his shots might even go over the net.

Since four members of this year's varsity squad will be returning, we are contemplating another fine season next year. Best of luck goes to two graduating seniors, Stu White and Bob Thorne.

# TENNIS



This year's two graduating seniors, Quigs Thorne and Stu White, the team's co-captain.





# BASEBALL

## David Binns '70

The Coast Guard Academy baseball team is well on its way to a second consecutive winning baseball season under Coach Don Pinhey. At this time, the Bears are 12-13 with a doubleheader against the University of Hartford left in the season.

The Bears got off to a rocky start on their southern trip. They won three and lost one to come in second in the Quantico tourney. However, when they reached Florida, they lost the next seven games to some very powerful teams from down South. Upon returning to New England however, the team has gone 9-5.

The accent this year has been on speed and hustle. Phil Sherer and Tom Mawhinney lead in the stolen base department. The hitting has come around quite a bit since the beginning of the season. At mid-season, the team average was only about .167, but that has risen to .250. Phil Sherer is the top hitter, batting close to .400. Late in the season Jay Carmichael started to hit well and he broke into the line-up, and along with Wynn Harper is hitting over .300.

The pitching, which took the Florida trip to get warmed up, has turned in some fine performances with Co-Capt. Dave DuBois leading the way with a 6-3 record. His last two victories have been one hitters, and his E.R.A. is 1.19 compared to last year's 1.28. Larry Bouis moved up to the varsity from last year's freshman team and has been a very effective starter, registering a shutout against Norwich, 1-0.

There are four seniors on this year's team who will be missed next year. Jim Smith who has been playing first base for the past three years; Jim Gynther, who has been an infielder for the last two seasons; Co-Capt. Fred Scmitt who has been the catcher for three years; and Co-Capt. Dave DuBois, a starting pitcher for the past four seasons with the Bears.

However, returning next year will be three starting sophomore infielders. Steve Cornell, Tom Mawhinney, and Chuck Bills have played together for the last two seasons, with Bills and Mawhinney having played together in high school in Dalton, Massachusetts.

Next year's team will have the pitching of Larry Bouis and Wynn Harper to go along with the hitting of Phil Sherer and Jay Carmichael. All in all this was a good year with the prospects for next year being pretty good.

# SAILING

## NEW ENGLANDS

I once heard an old sage sing a little ditty that contained the treasured phrase "... through surf and storm and howling gale ..." Unbeknownst to him, he had accurately described the weather conditions for the New England Championships. Unfortunately, sages aren't "in" these days so for all the oceanographers I'll say that Frank Beaufort would rate the weekend of sailing as a six with gusts to seven.

**Engineers:** The craft used in the experiment became very unstable once hull speed had been exceeded, which in a number of cases caused a drastic shift of the body to a lower state of equilibrium.

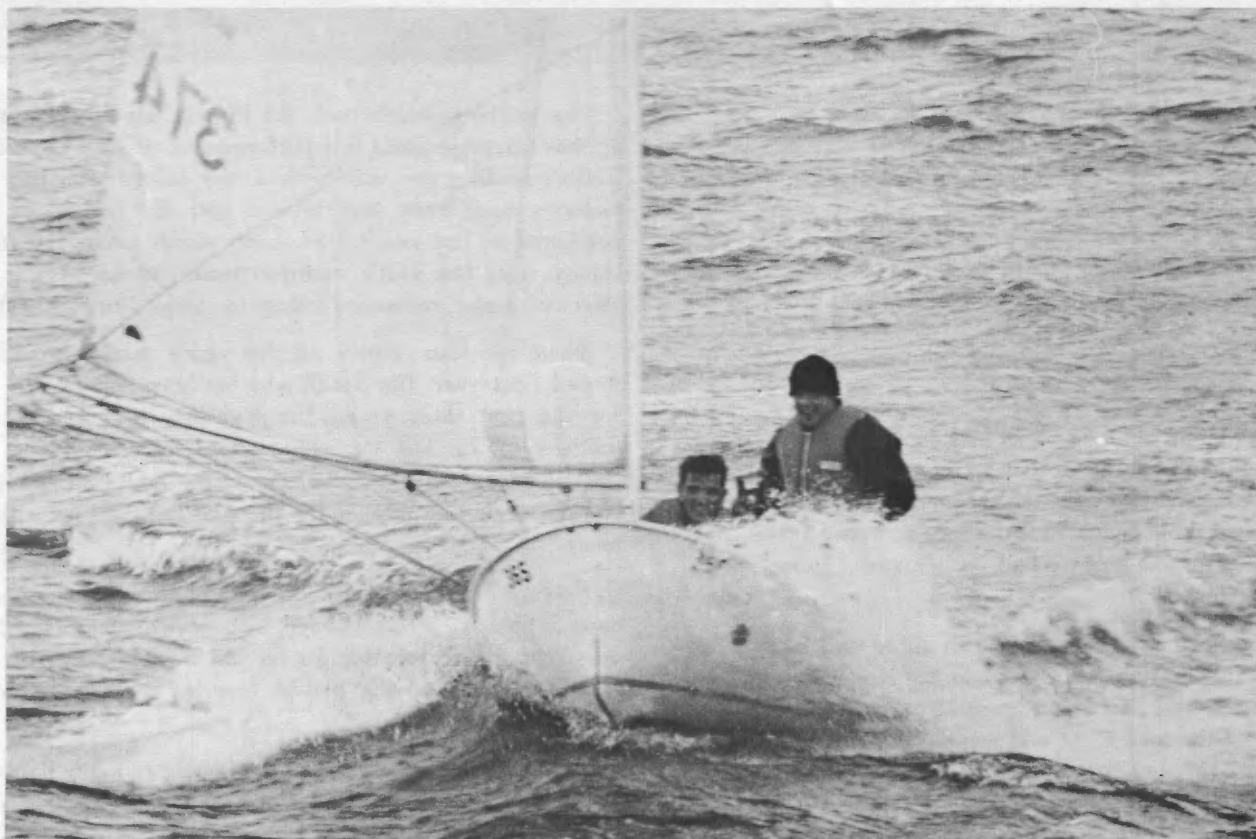
**Managers:** Much dissonance resulted amidst shattered booms and torn sails because it was rough as -----.

The box score on the low point system was Coast Guard 54, MIT 62, and URI 74. Tom Bernard skippered in B division with Phil Cappel acting as navigator, psychologist and crew. Jeff Cotter never stopped screaming as skipper while Gary Pavlik resembled that mythical church mouse as they lent their talents to A division.

Next, it is off to Bellingham, Washington for the North American Championships. Any phone numbers available?



Tom Bernard and Phil Cappel at the New Englands.



Jeff Cotter and Gary Pavlik at the New Englands.

# TRACK TEAM

The track team rolled into the outdoor season with a head of steam built up during its undefeated indoor season. Led by Coach Ed Tucker and the consistent winning efforts of co-captains Greg Magee and Doug Brown the team was prepared to put its 9-0 record from last year on the line.

Fairleigh-Dickenson was the first team to challenge what was to be an unbeatable combination: Coach Tucker's insistence on action not words and the cadets' desire to win. Although a close meet was anticipated the final score 104-41 told a different story. The track team was on its way. Bridgeport, Colby, and Wesleyan easily fell to the cadets. "Rolling Home" is the best way to describe the team at this point. Consistently good performance by Magee, Brown, Tomargo, Turlo, Platz, Jackson, Lynch, Hungness, Norman, and Rottier formed the backbone of the scoring effort.

Trenton State wandered into the Second Annual CG-Central Conn slugfest with an optimism tempered with innocence. CG and Central battled it out blow for blow for the larger part of the meet with Trenton running around in the background picking up 3rds and a 2nd when possible. With two events (the 3 mile and the mile relay) to go the score CG 70 and Central 70 told it like it was, close, too close for comfort. CG's mile relay wasn't to be counted on for a win against the strong Central team. Hamstring injuries plagued most of our quarter

milers. The meet was to be decided by the 3 mile with the mile relay as an anticlimax. "Boob" Peterson, "Bones" Alling and Tim Terriberry rolled on to a 1-2-3-sweep and the victory was assured.

Once again an undefeated season seemed possible: the victory over Central Connecticut was at once a relief and a goal to do better. Trinity, WPI and Southern fell in their turns. The last meet of the season against MIT last year's "Easterns" champ was expected to be another close meet with the possibility of defeat very real. The threat never materialized and while we didn't exactly coast in the meet and the undefeated season was guaranteed well before the last event.

With the dual meets behind, the team now is out to collect the gold at Easterns and the New England meet.

On the way to the undefeated season, many records fell. Bruce Platz broke his own high jump record as well as the triple jump. "Boob" Peterson ended his career with both two and three mile records. Every time Brownie stepped into the ring the discus record was in danger and was moved out 4 times. Greg Magee had his share in three record performances, the 120 high hurdles, the mile relay with Rabbit Cross, Randy Squires and "Uncle Marcie" Pettingill, and the 440 relay with Joe Tamargo, Rabbit, and Tom Lunchman.

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*The following was a Howling Gale discovery in a staff member's oceans notebook. We include it verbatim. Believe it or not . . .*

**Antartic Bottom War**—1.9° Arctic Deep Water (2.2-3.5°)C

**Canary Current**—Fairly weak, not strong. It is large, but really small on a larger scale, I.E.—fairly intermediately large and miniscule.

Water tends to form big ugly tongues caused by upwelling and such, unbelievably huge these tongues and salty in various degrees. These tongues, by some strange force of nature, are magically transformed into saline wedges now selling at the A&P for 29¢ a pound.

Warm water moving down, as we know, increases evaporation tremendously, killing off thousands of sea birds not otherwise affected by saline wedges or other dangerous ocean phenomena, as for example, fairly strong currents moving with the speed of a wave. When we look at the Artic Ocean, we wonder why, it doesn't move south, and vice versa. Scientists are hunting tongues there also with a view toward reaching definite conclusions. They note a tremendous wasting of saline wedges near Peru, or Australia; caused by bitter self-comparisons between Antartic Bottom Wabtuh and the Mediterranean Intrusion Gang. This problem does not occur in the Atlantic, as it has never been observed there, or steadfastly ignored. Scientists predict a discovery there sometime tomorrow, fairly significant (T.G.—pretty large) that is, other than small, but not too large for an ordinary discovery.

*(Stolen from the notebook of Ron Scholze '70)*

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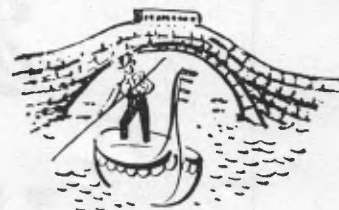
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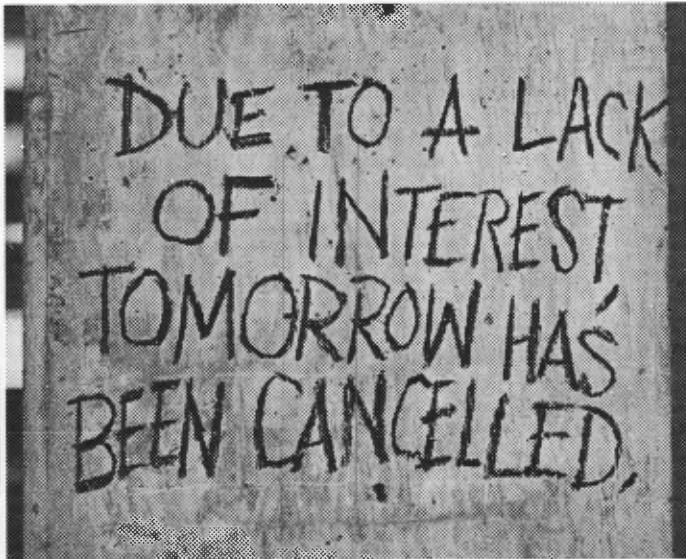
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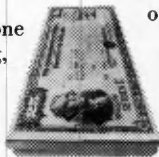
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