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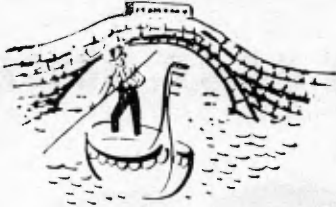


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The main purpose for having a Cadet Recreation Area is to allow cadets the widest possible variety of personal experience which will be highly beneficial to them as Coast Guard officers. The relaxed social atmosphere and pursuit of individual sports and hobbies will encourage the development of the full personality and potential of each of the Academy's graduates.

The proposed site, approximately 14 miles from the Academy in the southeastern Connecticut town of Stonington, is a 300-acre plot of rolling hills, woodlands and meadows. The master plan for the development of the area divides the entire property into four development sections.

The largest of these sections will be used for the development of an 18-hole championship golf course and parking for some 160 vehicles.

The forest area will consist of facilities for outdoorsmen activities such as horseback riding, hiking, cross country running, camping and picknicking. Development of this section will also include stables for 12 horses and a lodge for informal cadet social functions.

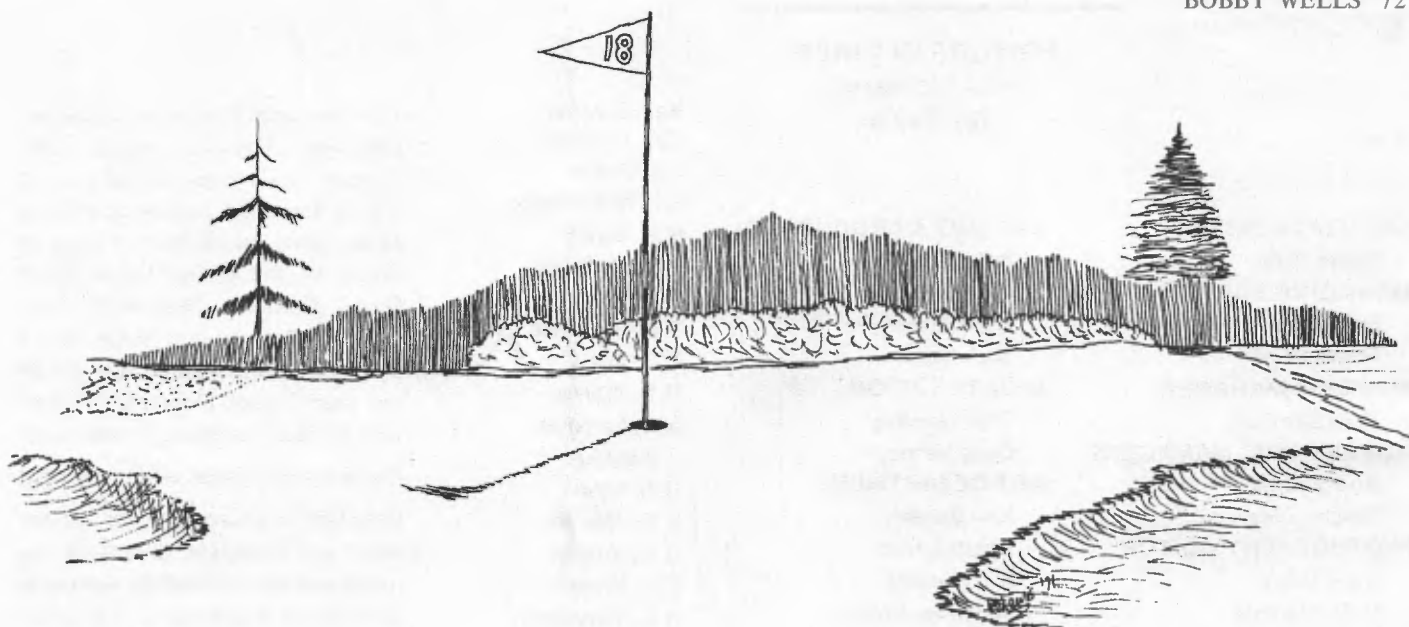
The hilly section will be developed into an alpine skiing area with two beginners slopes, one intermediate trail, and two novice trails. Also included will be a five position skeet, trap, and archery range.



Merritt Hill, the fourth area of development, will contain a complex which will become the cadet's social center. Here will be constructed a lodge and clubhouse with kitchen facilities, cadet lounges, and locker rooms. Adjoining the club house will be six tennis courts and a swimming pool with surrounding cabanas.

The development of this recreational and social area for the cadet corps is under the sponsorship of the Coast Guard Academy Foundation. This incorporated, non-profit foundation seeks to encourage gifts of money, securities, and property to provide for the Academy's important facilities, for which appropriated funds may not be used. All donations would be appreciated and should be made out to the Coast Guard Academy Foundation, United States Coast Guard Academy.

BOBBY WELLS '72



MOREHOUSE COLLEGE CONCERT

On Wednesday the first of April 1970, the Coast Guard Academy and the Committee for Inter-racial Education and Cooperation presented the Morehouse College Glee Club in a Second Memorial Concert in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The 45 voice singing group, under the direction of

Dr. Weldell Whalum, is a leading college Glee Club, having performed at such well known centers of music as the Lincoln Center in New York. The excellence of the performance was enhanced by the musical variety of the show as the group afforded all who attended a rich cultural experience.



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A Company

As the end of the academic year rapidly approaches, Alpha Company continues in its winning ways. The fine leadership of Steve Riddle has spurred the IC Varsity Soccer team to a 2 and 1 record. Both IC softball, headed by Bill Anderson, and JV soccer, headed by Rocky Schwehr, have accumulated five 3 and 1 records. Doug Stevenson and "Jake" Allard continue to help out the varsity track team with very outstanding performances. Caps Cappel, Jasbo Milo, Mac McGuinness, Al Gracewski, Bos Gansse, Pretzle Przelomski, and a score of other men from A-Co lead the various sailing teams on to victory. Not to be outdone in the military aspect of life at the academy, Alpha Company, headed by Jim Brown, is working hard toward taking top honors in drill and drill down this spring.

If A Co. can continue to fight off the pending spring fever, the final make promises to be the best of the year.

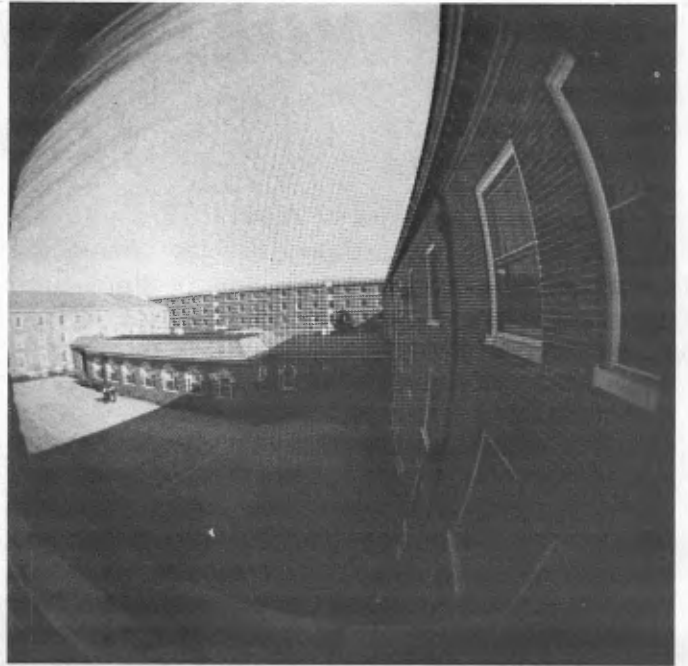
B Company

Since Spring is finally in full swing so are the B Company Bombers! We are making a last shining effort towards the overall company competition. Points are being tucked up on all fronts. On the military front, Bravo has scored high in drill and even the drill down boys are doing more than their share. The sports scene also sees the Bombers on top in intercompany and varsity levels. Again we are looking for our academic supremacy to fulfill the Manifest Destiny of the Bravo Bombers.

Even though we are working hard (or is it hardly working?) . . . everyone is anxiously awaiting graduation and summer leave.

C Company

It has been said that a company is only as good as the first class that run it. Charlie stands forth to disprove this old wives' tale. Notwithstanding this assumption, the underclass of Charlie will miss the Class of 70 come June; a regimental



notice will come out to this effect in the near future. However, before they leave, we the comic connoisseurs of C Co. would like you to see them as we have seen them and as literature and history have portrayed them throughout the ages.

First and foremost, Ed Beder reminds us of Wart in the *Once and Future King*. Ed Dennehy is no doubt the fanatic Captain Ahab. Pete Pichini possibly Pinocchio? Rich Cool and Dick Crane recall the Hardy Boys. Ketch and Murph personify Little John and Friar Tuck. Our company CPO, Ken Kreutter is none other than Gunga Din in disguise. Genghis Khan reminds us of Tom Howard. We get Thor when we think about Timmy Balunis. R. L. Cook is Captail Bligh while R. C. Cook is Hopley Yeaton. John Fearnow reminds us of Jack, of beanstalk fame. If Dickens were alive he would have recognized Ebenezer Scrooge and Tiny Tim as T-bone Taylor and Timothy Terriberly. To add nobility and culture to the company and this write-up we present Rhino Gallion as Henry the Eighth and Purt as Falstaff.

Seriously, Charlie Company will be forever indebted to these men for their sense of humor and their sense of leadership. We feel that when we meet them in the real Guard when they have their own command, they will all remind us of Admiral Nelson at Trafalgar, or perhaps Huck Finn on the Mississippi.

D Company

Spring is finally here and it finds Delta company heading for the great outdoors. The first class are driving to the parks and beaches. The second and third class get there *somehow*. Who knows how the swabs get there? Everyone in the company is looking forward to the end of classes. June week means more reviews to win, lots of priceless libo, and the company party. Rumor has it that we're going to liquify our funds and buy all the soda we can drink! . . . OK, Mr. Horsey?

E Company

With the last make in full swing the boys from Echo have resigned themselves to settling back and just riding "the machine" into first place. Under the able leadership of "Short Draws" and "Shorter Draws" Echo is looking forward to continuing its dominance in drill competition just as long as "Short Draw's" voice holds out. The I.C. soccer teams are kicking the respective leagues apart with Dave Belz and Bob Trainor as the captains. The company knows things are looking up when the softball team wins a few, and that's exactly what they're doing ever since the Duke left the mound in search of wide open soccer nets.

Well, that's it for this year; so until next time when you see the yellow pennant waving from Echo's group pole remember; "Things are never easy in Easy Company."

F Company

"April showers bring May flowers," and the Troop views the month of May with upcoming optimism and enthusiasm. It's only a short while before the first class add a little wider stripe, while everyone else adds one under the belt. May also brings finals, the Ring Dance, the year end parties, and the month of June with graduation.

In I. C. competition F Company has been steadily adding up those points in good bursts. Overall yearly competition is on the line as well as the Spring semester competition. A recent win in drill and second place finishes in Drilldown by Freddy Montoya and Mike Wisdom have bolstered the total score. With the help of Clay Fust, Dan Whicker, and Jim Reisz, the Troop swept two seconds in the I. C. rifle and pistol meets. The soccer team, with Bruce Stubbs calling the shots, is looking forward to finishing in the number one spot. The Troop's softball team is looking for its fourth consecutive championship. Yet it looks as if the winner of competition will be determined on that last tally of grades and conduct plus June Week drills and reviews. "Taz" Mills will head our drill platoon on to a sure fire victory as F-Company meets the challenge and puts competition on ice or rather on the rocks.

So as the academic year closes once more, the members of the Troop will be going their separate ways—some on cruise,

others to class, some to leave, but we would like to say that even though this year was enjoyable, next year's going to be even better—better for the TROOP. See ya all next fall. Don't catch too much sun in glorious Naples, but do get to Rome.

Ben Stoppe 3/c
Charlie Williams 3/c

G Company

Graduation looms large on the horizon in G-Co. country. With billets firmly in hand it's awfully hard for the first class to grind out those last gasp term papers, but even so, typewriters hammer out their staccato rhythm into the wee hours.

The summer programs are just developing for the underclass, and rumors of exotic ports are flying thick and fast. At this writing, it is virtually assured that no cruise will stop in Haiphong, but you never know.

On the IC front, our nifty nimrods squeaked out a win in the rifle meet. Turkey Hathaway led a fine team effort. Softball and soccer look good, and our salts should do well in the K-boats if the weather ever clears enough to let the season start. We're even starting to make threatening noises at drill with a tie for third the last time out.

With Spring so close, graduation can't be far behind—can it?

H Company

Hotel Co., the resort area (last resort??) of New England, is again proud to be a charter member of Chase Hall. As '69 left last year, the class of '70 is about to follow suit. Rumor has it '71 will leave next year. At least most of '70 is leaving—Turtle and Myron are to be the body builders for '74, and Zeus, for purely sentimental reasons, is taking in yet another Swab summer. As the first class leaves in June, they will be leaving behind them a proud tradition and many empty garages. As far as intercompany competition is concerned, Hotel Company is again competing. For those interested fans, we have a few scores from around the circuit; 8 to 3, 15-6, 10-2, and a real cliffhanger, 2-1. Even now, as we rush to press, we have a halftime score: Hotel-2.



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If we ponder over older ages of man and think deeply about the specifics of an individual's life in a particular age, it doesn't take long to realize how technological advances have brought us all our modern conveniences. The average modern American has a standard of living then did the medieval kings in their dark, damp, dreary castles. Yet, strangely, our appreciation for the advances of mankind have been lost in the sands of time.

With modern mechanisms to ease the workload, man now has more time to think, to educate himself, and to ascertain the whence, why, and wherefore of his existence. The technology that brought him more time to think is also questioned: Where is technology leading man's goals or better yet, what are man's goals? The soul-searching of the modern generation is directed in many paths—all the way from drugs to the studies of the world's great religions. Open-minded approaches often lead to a closed-minded conclusion that we are merely part of the coincidental combination of various chemicals.

Who can deny the humanitarian strivings and accomplishments of our generation? No longer are we painting an idealistic picture while hiding the injustices in our own

environment. Even in the early years of the founding of our country's great principles we were living in an illusion. Many of the men who contrived a country with equality and justice for all condoned slavery. A few great leaders such as Thomas Jefferson were even narrow-minded enough to express views that the Negro could never be equal to the white man in ability. Leaving observations such as this out of history books brought superhuman images of early leaders. Condemnation of basic intent of today's reform movements is often in vain.

The cry against the day's injustices for many seem to come with a negative attitude and resentment toward small inconveniences. The struggles in the past just to keep alive seemed to build a more positive attitude than life in prosperity. What is missing and what must take its place? Without the physical struggle to endure, the battle becomes an entity of the mind. Perhaps the mind must go through self-contrived aches of hell to find appreciation once known to mankind.

Thus, we face the future with an open-mindedness that should rest on a true understanding of the past.

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One Man's Opinions

An Interview With Captain Kelly



Due to the recent drug incident at the Coast Guard Academy, the first incident of this type at this academy, The cadet corps has called itself to look seriously upon it's own honor and integrity. Was this a reflection of the corp's concept of acceptable conduct or merely the whims of a few misfits? How did this incident effect the administration and the public? Is this incident and related issues a sign of the changing times the Military Establishment must accept or is the Academy administration valid in holding it's line in the attempt to continue producing it's traditional quality of officer?

In an attempt to gain insight into the administration's opinions along these lines an interview was granted the Howling Gale with Captain C. J. Kelly, USCG, the Commandant of Cadets. I found him to be a warm individual seriously interested in the issues affecting youth, as is reflected in the following interview.

Howling Gale: Captain Kelly, would you comment on the effect of the recent drug incident on the administration's outlook on the honor of the Corps of Cadets?

Capt. Kelly: I think without question the most significant feeling was one of disappointment that the incidents occurred. I think that the action that was taken by the Board and the Administration indicates that we view it as a very serious offense and something that should not be tolerated in the Corps of Cadets. I just don't believe that we ever associated this as purely honor offenses but they were offenses of misconduct and unacceptable patterns of

behavior. I, of course, am aware that there have been varying reactions from the Corps. They feel that this was not appropriate for our institution, not appropriate for Chase Hall, and I have a very strong feeling that it is not to be tolerated by cadets. I have confidence that there are people with very high standards and very high opinions for Chase Hall and that they would like to perpetuate and preserve them.

Gale: Sir, in investigating the incident, are you under the impression that the honor of the Corps was upheld?

Capt. Kelly: Yes, I feel that the honor of the Corps was upheld. I was a little surprised, quite honestly, that these activities had been allowed to continue as long as they had. In some cases I am sure that there was much consternation and personal struggle within the Corps by those who deplored this action. I do think that the honor of the Corps has been perpetuated.

Gale: Sir, what effect do you think this incident had on the public's impression of the CGA?

Capt. Kelly: This is varied. By and large I feel the public has indicated that the action was correct and I believe Mr. Volpe has indicated this in his most recent comments. There have been those who accused us of not being mature, not understanding the young people of our times and not being realistic to the marijuana problem.

Gale: Sir, do you think the national prominence that CGA gained through the media's reporting of this incident was beneficial or detrimental to the Academy from a publicity standpoint?

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If Not Now, When?

"For we do not work as laborers for pay; we struggle, we go on, not simply for a promised reward—because that is what we want."¹

The question at hand is, "Am I ready to accept the life of a cadet because I want it?"

If the answer is yes, one must be willing to involve himself completely and totally to the cause. In any walk of life there is no room for those who are only willing to make commitments on their own terms. This lends itself at best to mediocrity—a condition where the individual is not strong enough to accept the system and too weak to reject it. Those who can not answer yes to the above question are destined to lead a life at the Academy without purpose which results in boredom and the development of a negative attitude towards the system—they are those who are working as common laborers for pay.

Those who struggle, who go on regardless of the obstacles to live up to the ideals of cadet life do so because that is what they want—the answer to the basic question is yes realizing that this answer will require positive action even at times when phases of cadet life does not seem appealing. These are people with a purpose and therefore are able to arise victoriously in a storm even though they may have had their very foundations shaken in the process.

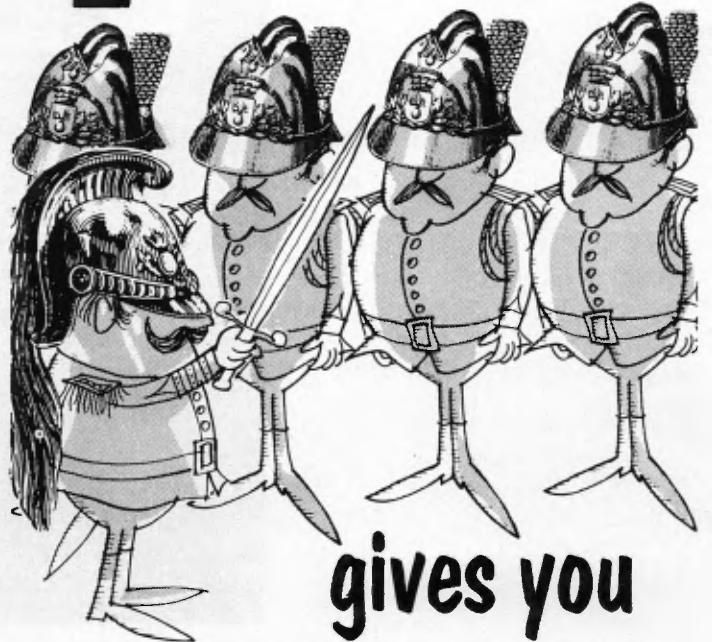
As in most walks of life, there are many reasons which attract a young man to the Academy—free education, military career, travel, prestige to name only a few. However, once he is here, the initial reason for his coming may no longer be the reason for wanting to be here. He will soon be called upon to answer for himself, "Am I ready to accept the life of a cadet because I want it?" Before he can give an intelligent answer to this question, he must be willing to at least attempt to live fully the life of a cadet.

The key to obtaining the maximum benefit of the Academy is involvement on the part of each individual. Admittedly involvement has many frustrations and discouraging moments, but with perseverance its rewards and self-satisfying and of the kind you can't find without it. A cadet who has not let himself become involved could not begin to have a full appreciation of what it means to be a cadet nor of the benefits the Academy has to offer.

Many cadets ask in one way or another, "What is the Academy doing for me?" The answer is simply the Academy can't do much for individual cadets until they are ready to give of themselves to the Academy. In any program it is necessary for the individual to respond. He must want to develop self-discipline and character and to make these part of his life. The Academy is not a group of buildings with an attractive appearance, but rather it is a group of people with a purpose. The degree to which each of us contributes to and benefits from this purpose lies with the amount of effort we are willing to put forth in its many functions. To be successful at the Academy one must feel that he has achieved a degree of excellence that was not present when he arrived and that

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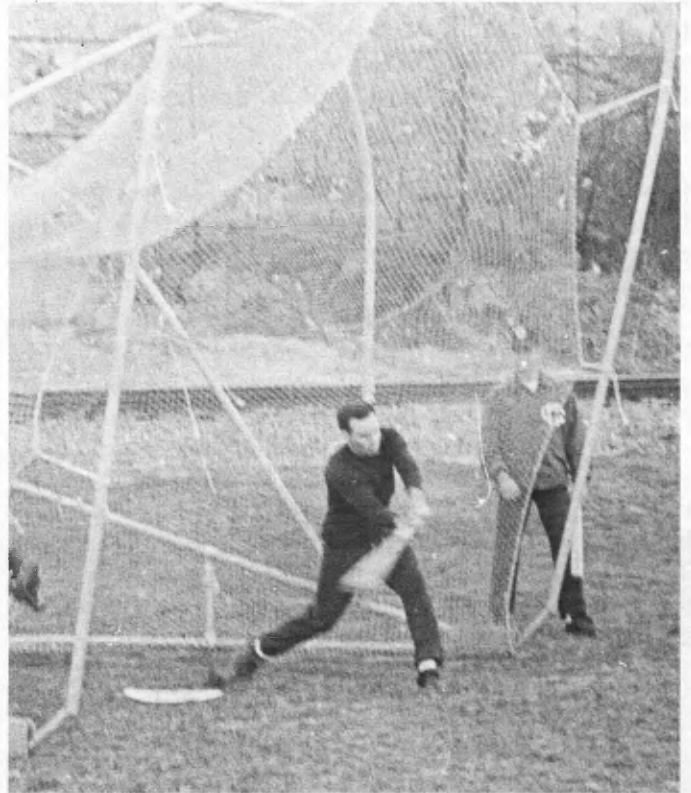
SPORTS

SAILING

The Academy sailing team is off again, always trying to improve on an already excellent record. At present, they are looking forward to the New England Championships, which will be held the second weekend in May. Being the defending champs; sailing in their own boats in neutral waters off Watch Hill, they will be the team to beat. They have just the right amount of depth and experience headed by skippers Rich Keig, Tom Bernard, Bert Kinghorn, Lawson Brigham, and strongly supported by the crews union; Pres. Al Boetig, Phil Cappel, Skip Prezlowski, and Bill Kozak. Add head coach LT Cummings, Assist. coaches Higgenbotham, LT Pettit, LT Dougherty, and it is easy to see why they are so confident—how can any one beat a team with four coaches. With even breaks, the sailing team should make it to the Nationals for the sixth year in a row, and will be looking to improve its tie for third finish of last summer.

The freshmen team is developing in similar form. Led by skippers Tom Reiser, and Chris Harvey, and coached by LT Watson and Ens. Anderson, they hope to win their New England Championships which haven't been won by an Academy team in quite a while.

Tom Bernard



BASEBALL

This year's CGA baseball team has gotten off to a great start. After a rain soaked Florida trip produced only two wins the season officially opened with a defeat to Amherst. That was taken completely in stride and a quick rebound proved the Bears superior to the Wesleyan nine at New London. This victory was promptly followed up by two big ones over Norwich.

The next game gave us a 9-2 victory over Wesleyan in the land of long hair, sandals, and beards. Trinity slipped by next with a slim margin of victory but that was Friday. Saturday we got two more from Western Conn.

Our record now stands at 6-2.

The reason for all of those big wins rests with the entire personnel of the team. The pitching duties are assumed by Wynn Harper, Jim Brokenik, Steve Putnam, and Tom "rookie" Meyer. Backing up is Kevin Scheid.

In the infield we have Jay Carmichael and Don Gilbert at second, Charlie Bills at short and Craig Eide, better known as "Viking", at third. Plate duties are shared by "Ducky" Swan, Steve Cornell, and Jim Morton. The outfield contains Tom Gilmore, Charlie Beck, Phil Sherer, Scotty Anderson, Frank Kishman, and Paul Barlow.

Coaching is still assumed by Don Pinkey and CGA's answer to Bob Hope, LCDR Combs. Managing is Art Butler with support from Bob Schmoeger and Lloyd Greer.

GOLF

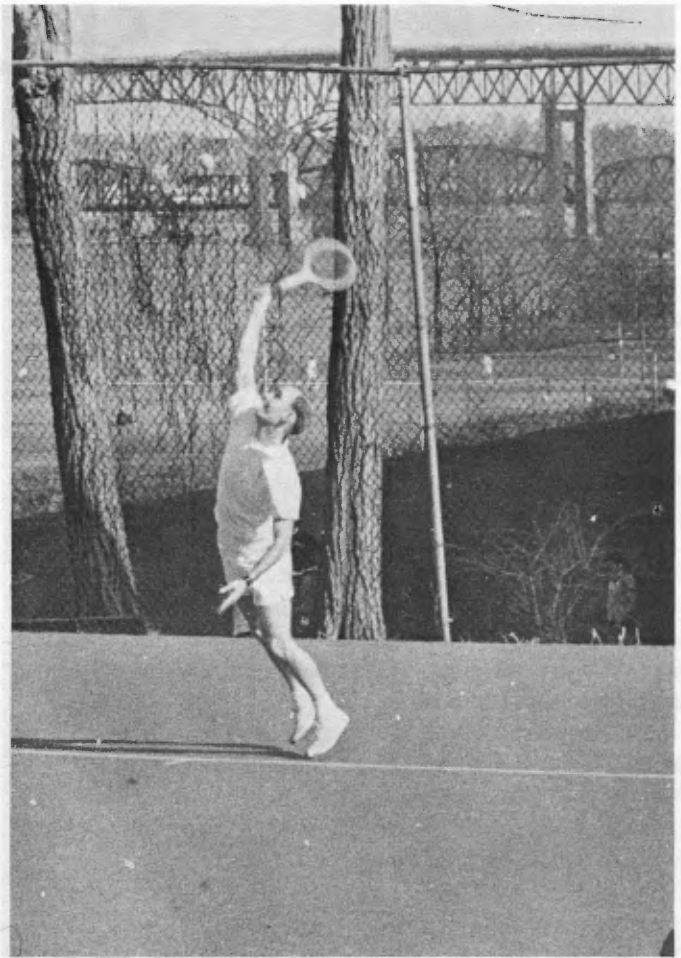
The Academy golf team played their first match in 1968. The record for that year showed 3 wins against one defeat. Last year was no exception to the first with the team posting 7 victories versus 2 losses. In two years Mr. Ralph Crandall—the team's coach—has established a golf program at the academy worthy of notoriety.

Mr. Crandall—himself a master of the game—has played golf for 45 years. He has won numerous state and New England Championships. This knowledge and experience has taken a novice team and formulated a solid core of 12 tournament wise golfers.

Coupled with masterful coaching is a home course which has 6700 yards of trees, rocks, sand, and water. Blackhall country club is a championship caliber golf course capable of outright intimidation for any golfer.

The team, captained by Al Sabol, has seven men firing in the 70's. The team members can attest to having won numerous area and state championships and one member having played in National Competition at the Future Master Tournament. If given the opportunities the golf team could prove to be a distinguishing note in the Academy Athletic program.

T.R.



TENNIS

The tennis season has once again arrived at CGA and with it are all those undeniable first signs of spring; the heavy rains and gusty winds. Nevertheless, the tennis team was undaunted in its desires and determination and so, when bad weather prevailed, the team found time to utilize "Otto Graham's body-building shop" in between 440 relays and batting practice. But needless to say, the team came through better than the U.S. Mail, this year, when "Neither rain, nor sleet . . ."

The practice primed the team for an impressive 9-0 rout of Bryant College, but proved costly to the team with the loss of single's star Jay Taylor. Jay wrenched his knee during the pre-season, and again during the URI match, forcing him to forfeit his match. His knee never did recover the second time, and Jay is sitting out this season, confining his tennis talents to the wooden tables of the lounge. Injuries seem to be the biggest threat to the team this year, and Jay was not the only hardship. Capt. and #1 singles man Jim Clarke missed two matches with an injury, and that forced #3 man Greg Johnson to lead the attack. Even with the crippled, or rather, uncrippled team, they managed to beat Clark University, 6-3. Maybe Holy Cross shouldn't have quit football? Anyway, at the time of this writing, the team feels a lot like Apollo 13 and our only hope that we can be as successful after such a beginning.

Even so, the team has depth. With the loss of only one Senior from last year's squad, and the addition of five freshmen, the team is a better one than last year's. There are two seniors on this year's team; besides #1 Jim Clarke, is #4 Ed Beder, who doubles up with Jim to form the #2 doubles team. The only Junior, minus Jay Taylor, is Pete Barrett, who has proved consistent in the singles, and has filled in at one time or another in all the doubles. Sophomore Greg Johnson has been playing #1 doubles, besides #2 singles, with classmate Phil Bird.

The team is coached by LCDR J. T. Howell, who takes part in the practices with as much enthusiasm as a 4/c packing for Christmas leave. As a cadet he was #1 singles man and found the big teams tough because the cadets did not have the depth they now enjoy. Though the record will not be as good as the track team, the ability and determination are there and hope to be shown at the New England, an event the team has not participated in before.

J.B.

TRACK

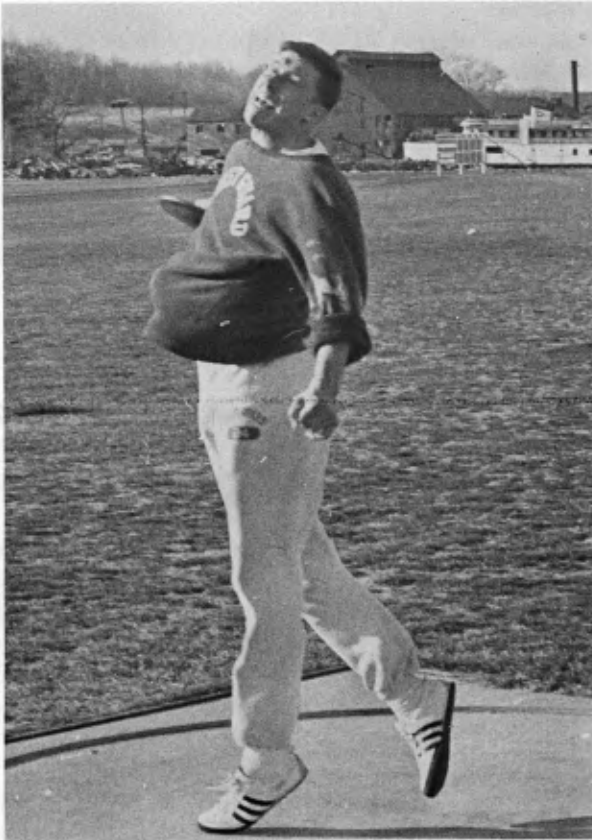
After bad weather caused the cancelling of a track meet with UConn, the track team opened its season facing for the first time ever, an Ivy League school—Brown University.

Behind strong performances of double winners Don Estes, Bruce Platz, and Tom Mawhinney, the track team beat Brown by four points, 79-75. It was a meet where every point counted, and was not decided until Tim Terriberly crossed the finish line for second place in the two mile, the second to last event.

The trackmen tasted their first defeat in three years, when they lost to Central Conn. Bruce Platz won three events, Doug Stevenson picked up his first victory in the 440 intermediate hurdles, and Dennis Bohlayer looked strong running the 880; but these were not enough to counter Central's strength in the sprints, distance, and weight events.

With seven dual meets still ahead of them, plus the Penn. Relays, and Quantico Relays, the trackmen should have a busy and fruitful spring.

P.C.



I.C. SPORTS

With it, Spring brings many attributes. Among these, love, peace, freedom(?), happiness, and I.C. Sports. Although the torrential downpours of the early Spring caused the near-cancellations of many a contest, the I.C. athletic supporter was never let down in a rained-out contest, he could always result to mud-slinging tactics.

Spring softball, commonly known as the art of zapping a pitcher with a line drive, started off with what seemed to be a repeat of last year's performance. F-troop again looks very strong, but has strong contenders in both Alpha and Hotel. All three teams have very strong fielding and batting staffs. Pick a winner? Not yet, its too close, too many things can happen yet.

Across the street in the zoo, alias Lyman Allyn field, the animals get in shape for Spring Football by playing I.C. Soccer. Hotel and Delta are the two "big" teams this year, Hotel being last year's varsity champ, and Delta, last year's J.V. champs. Bravo was under the impression that it had soccer wrapped up because about 70% of the Freshman Soccer team were Bravo Boys. Good ol' Nitch put the stops to this tremendous infraction, however, and as the rule stands now, the only former Freshmen who are playing, never got letters. Bravo is still a contender, as is Echo, so the soccer championship is still wide open.

The I.C. Rifle and Pistol matches held last month were won by Golf and Echo, respectively. J. Ng, 3/c, demonstrated outstanding ability with the rifle as he totalled up a 186. The matches were quite close, a challenge to the individual.

But, then again, aren't all I.C. Sports?

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ED NOTE: As we go to press, the Golf Team placed 8th in the Conn. State Championships and goes into, its last game with a 4-5 record. The Baseball team starts its last week of the season with a 9-8 record with tough losses to some of the top teams in the nation such as NYU and Springfield. The forever great track team stands at 6-1 with a close defeat to Central Conn. and also fine showing in the Penn and Quantico relays. The teams may not have outstanding records but their desire is second only to those teams from New York that keep winning world Championships.

TRAWLER CRUISE

Leaving for Charleston nine days before leave to bring back trawlers to the Academy seemed, at the time, a rather interesting idea. Six of us (all first class) had been recruited from the ranks of the academically agile to crew 4 (65 foot) trawlers which the Coast Guard had received from the Army Corps of Engineers for use as Academy yard boats. It was a varied assortment—Buz Johnson, Pete “do-loop” Olson, Lawson “Sweats” Bryson, “Fat” Terry Hart, Bob “Froggy” Williamson and me, “Crazy” Mac McDonough.

The trip started with typical efficiency. Leaving the Academy at 1600 (to catch a 1730 flight), we arrived at Trumbull Airport to discover that ‘Agony’ Airlines had developed engine troubles and would be delayed. By the time that we finally got out of Groton the weather started to close in. Subsequent delays caused us to miss our connecting flight out of Washington, quick foot work managed to get us a later flight.

As usually happens, luggage was misplaced, and this caused further delay. It wasn’t until 2 days after our arrival that mine was returned, ripped suitcase and all.

It was on this note that we arrived in sunny Charleston, N.C. The people at Base Charleston treated us like V.I.P.’s. We were berthed in a common room in the new barracks, and we ate at the officers mess. The meals were delicious, and needless to say everyone put on weight.

Our daily routine became fairly standard after our first day. Two of the boats had already arrived, and the Corps of Engineers was outfitting the other two. Buzz, Pete and Lawson worked at the Army base, while Froggy, Terry and I worked on getting the supplies distributed and cleaning up the boats.

The work day started at 0800 and we usually knocked off at 1600. We had free gang way, and the night spots of Charleston offered refreshment and relaxation at moderate prices.

The Army had an interesting way of getting the boats ready. They painted everything—bare metal, galvanized steel, knife edges, rubber gaskets and sacrificial anodes. Needless to say, there was no preparation of the surface before painting, and as a result, the paint flaked off in chips, and began to peel off in foot sections.

The living conditions on the boats weren’t that bad. In the after cabin, two bunks with mattresses were used, with one of the heads serving as a gear locker. The forward compartment was covered, with two bunks, the dining table, food storage, refrigerator, stove and head crammed into a space of about 32 square feet.

The deck houses varied from boat to boat. All the boats have an air pressure control with clutch. Three boats had radar (when it was working). In addition, each boat was fitted out with an RDF, walkie-talkies, PRC 29’s and regular radio comms equipment. Magnetic compasses were installed and adjusted before we got underway from Charleston.

We finally left Charleston after we had been there a little over a week. The first day set the pattern which would vary very little during the whole trip. We got underway in a column formation. The anchors were kept rigged and the towing hawsers were kept faked out. This proved to be a smart move, due to the frequency with which we ran aground. Everyone ran aground at least once, sometimes it was unavoidable. The inland waterway soon grew boring, and everyone took turns at the wheel. The cooking was divided evenly between the four on our boat, however each boat had its own arrangement.

Our biggest problem during the whole trip was the rate of mechanical failure. On one day we had one boat towing another when the day started, and ended up being towed by the boat which had originally been towed. Since they were towing along side, they didn’t even have to change their lines.

We stopped several nights at little towns along the waterway. We found these to be the most relaxing of our stops. The little country stores, the small town atmosphere, the friendliness of the people and the chance to sleep made this part of the trip bearable despite the delays and unexpected difficulties.

We stopped at Fort Macon, North Carolina one night. One of the officers set up three of us with dates for the evening. As it turned out there was a mix up and three of us ended up seeing Emerald Isle with one girl (a high school senior) who had to be in at 2200. So much for blind dates!

The most notable thing about the whole cruise was the way that we were treated by the Coast Guard personnel at the places we stopped. There was always tremendous curiosity about our boats and our trip. These people really went out of their way to help us out. It was also interesting to find new barracks and shore facilities everywhere we stopped—a good sign.

We debarked from the Naval Ordinance Lab in Maryland and found ourselves faced with driving back in one of our liberty vans. No account of our trip would be complete without mentioning this harrowing experience.

We left at about 2200 on Easter Sunday from 300 miles south of nowhere. By diligent driving (and a few wrong turns) we managed to get to Terry Hart’s house. His parents were glad to see him, as none of us had been able to get home for Easter leave. With a meal under our belts we started out again. Unfortunately, we took the wrong branch of Route 95 south of Wilmington, Delaware, and ended up in the suburbs of Philadelphia, asking directions at 2 o’clock in the morning. We finally got straightened out and got on the New Jersey Turnpike. That’s when we ran into the snowstorm which had blanketed the North East on Easter. We finally managed to get back on 95 north of New York (by way of Lower Manhattan), and were caught behind trucks which seemed determined to clog our windows with slush. Drive fifteen minutes, then clean the windows and start all over. This was exasperatingly slow. We finally made it back, with only one slight accident, and found out what positions we were to hold for the final make.

The trip all in all was extremely worthwhile. It was a good chance to handle boats and go through different evolutions before we graduate.

GIRLS OF THE MONTH

Many people have heard the song by the Beach Boys of the girls across the country. Were they wrong about beautiful women wherever you go? I don't think so. Here are three beautiful girls from three different parts of the country. And if they are not in California, Long Island, or the thriving metropolis of Kenosha, Wisconsin, their hearts are.



WEST COAST



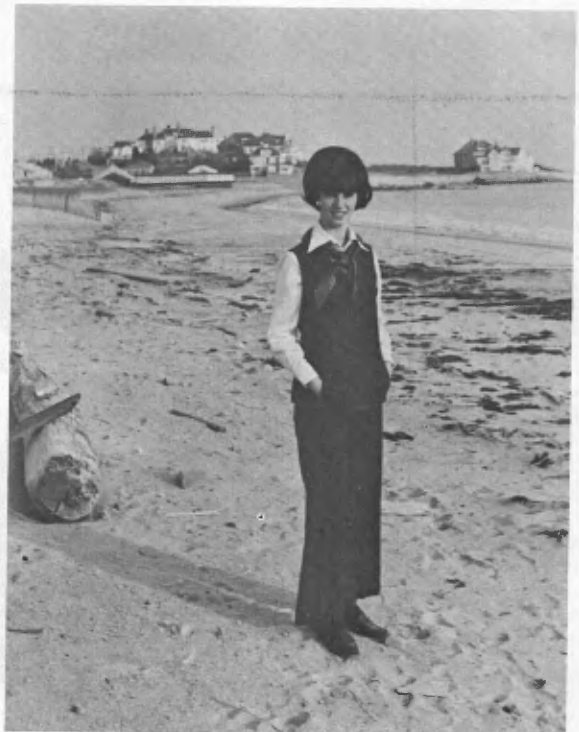
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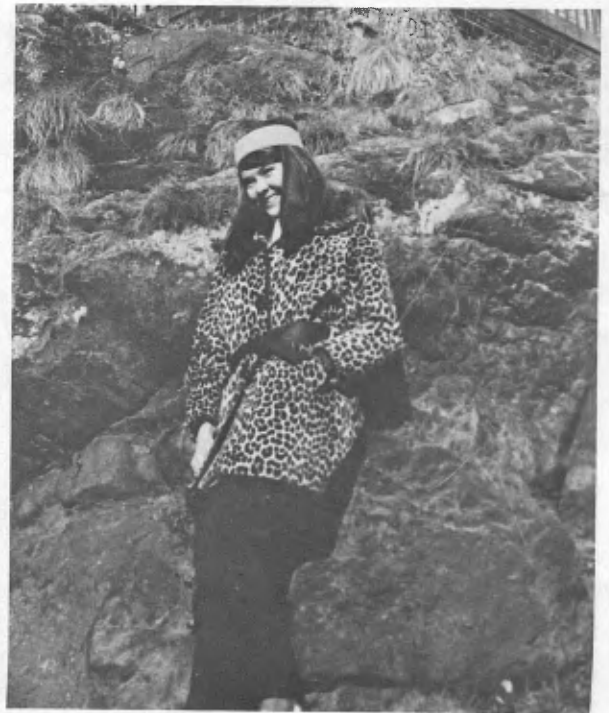
CALIFORNIA

She is Claire Fallon from Long Beach, California. Constantly criss-crossing the country would make most girls dizzy, but Claire, aided by her bubbling personality always seems to know just where she is going-East. Our California stewardess has time to make a few stops here, which are appreciated by her race driver associate.



LONG ISLAND

Coming from Long Island makes her a candidate for beautiful girl from the East Coast. Jayne Kauffold, or more popularly known as "Smuggles," is a sophomore at Wright State University. In her spare time she is a popular Dayton model. Her interests include dancing, skiing, and occasional visits to New London. She has personality, poise, and charm, which give her a radiant future.



WISCONSIN

Her name is Kris. She hails from the country that God Blesses every morning—WISCONSIN. It is only fitting that beautiful country should produce beautiful faces. Right off hand I know of one other beautiful person from the same location. Kris's interests include school, flirting with the neighbors, and the wonderful winter atmosphere.





WHEN I WAS A CADET . . .



When discussing the system or changes about the Academy it seems that invariably the old cliché "When I was a Cadet . . ." pops into the conversation. As a result of the almost endless repetition of this prosaic phrase, THE GALE has gone to the Academy's officer corps in an attempt to bring to light some of the infinitesimal variations of how it was "WHEN I WAS A CADET . . ."

WHEN I WAS A CADET

Things weren't too different from now and therefore I dispel any belief in the generation gap. Times have changed and we have to do things differently, but cadets are still the best citizens our country has.

Cdr. A.M. Danielsen

WHEN I WAS A CADET

The officers were very old. This has changed.

LCdr. Skinner

WHEN I WAS A CADET

The skirts were longer,
The officers tougher,
The barracks smaller,
The pay less,
The formals mandatory,

But

.....The products the same—

.....Moral

Live with what you have to the fullest.

LCdr. G.P. Vance

WHEN I WAS A CADET

Things were different; officers were older; cadets had more fun; worked harder, got more demerits, had fewer privileges, etc.; but who'll believe me?!

LCdr. S.F. Powers

WHEN I WAS A CADET

I didn't get my car until June, 1st class year!

LCdr. J.C. Amaral

WHEN I WAS A CADET

When I was a cadet, life was much simpler. Our main concern was following the plan of the day and passing our courses, all pre-selected as being most beneficial to our general professional development and the needs of the Coast Guard. We weren't disturbed by the requirement to select a specialty on which we had little pertinent data, nor trivia regarding the maintenance of an automotive status symbol without unauthorized financial assistance, or the procurement of an unnecessary civilian wardrobe. Despite the paucity of personal possessions, I would not say that cadetship was more trying, since any given circumstance, when clearly defined and administered uniformly to a large group, becomes an accepted way of life.

LCdr. G.T. Bush

WHEN I WAS A CADET

The girls looked a lot older,
The date usually supplied the transportation,
We had reviews on Saturday morning.

LCdr. Fletcher

WHEN I WAS A CADET

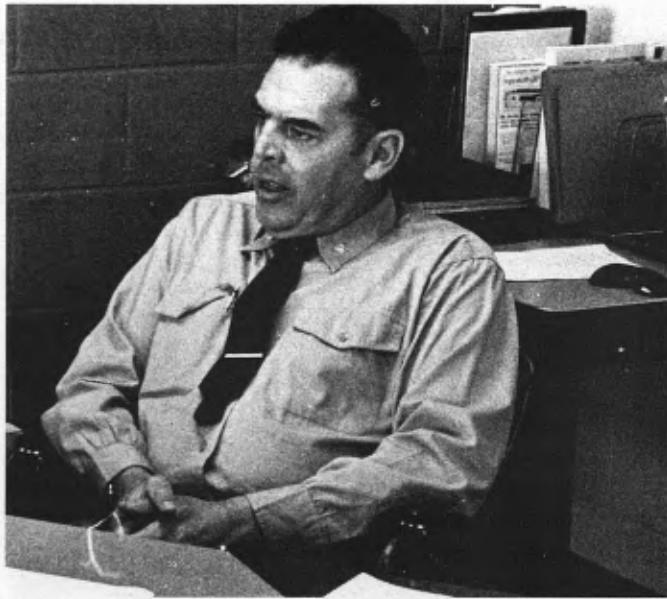
LCdr.'s were much much older.

LCdr. Hinkle



Interview with Capt. Graham

On March 15, 1970, Capt. Graham, former coach of the Professional Washington Redskins, assumed duties as the Director of Athletics. He left the Academy in 1966 where he was previously Director of Athletics and Head Football Coach to coach professional football. After being away for almost four years he returned to replace Capt. Carl Selin who is now Director of Physical Education. The following is an excerpt from an interview with Capt. Graham by 2/c Richard Harding.



Gale: Sir, a lot of changes have come about since you departed in 1966. Could you tell us your views on the facilities and the sports program in general.

Graham: Well that's a pretty broad subject. First of all with Roland Fieldhouse I was involved with the designing of the place. They were just building it when I left. In fact our original plans were to have it larger than it is, but we ran into that ever present problem you have in the Coast Guard—money or lack of money. This obviously is a great facility and makes you wonder what you did prior to having it, now you can have track, tennis, and baseball practice at the same time. Of course at that time we didn't anticipate the corps increasing to the size it is now and so lockers wise as you know we have almost outgrown it already. But the athletic program itself has certainly progressed. Golf and Indoor Track have been added since I left, of course, there are many more cadets here—roughly one and a half times as many which increases the number participating in sports. We have the same problem when I was here. Even though we had additional land space, we need more and just how we're going to solve that problem I don't know, quite frankly. But from what I have seen of the over-all problem, I am quite pleased. Of course, I've only been here a short time and there are many facts I'm not aware of or familiar with.

Gale: Sir are there any particular reasons why you returned to the Academy?

Graham: Well, number one I got fired from the Redskins so I'm out of a job. I kid about that in a way because I think it's common knowledge that they're still paying me and will be paying me for almost six years more, so I'm not exactly a poverty case. When I left the Coast Guard Academy I said at that time that I was very surprised that I ended up leaving and I was, because I am very happy here. I enjoy working with boys like yourselves and I had no intentions of leaving, quite frankly, the Redskins made me such a fantastic offer that I couldn't afford to turn it down. I had to think of my family and so forth and I'm happy I went down there because I learned a lot. I made mistakes by which I'll be able to profit from. I don't intend to make them again, of course, and I think I'll be a much better Athletic Director here because of the mistakes I made in Washington. I was most happy here before and after laying out for one full year. Inactivity for a short period of time is great. I'm sure when you men graduate and get off for a short period of time just relaxing will be great. But if you sit around for two or three months, it gets tiresome so I began to get itchy. I debated over whether I should go back with pro football or something else. I thought about the headaches of pro football and decided that the life here was much more enjoyable for me. Not that you don't have headaches here, but it's a different type of thing. I decided that this was the place to come and I let Admiral Smith know this and he of course was also interested in me sort of a mutual agreement; So here I am.

Gale: Sir, will you still in anyway be connected with professionals as in the college All-Stars?

Graham: Yes I will be coaching the College All-Stars this coming summer. Whether I will be coaching them the next summer or the summer after is strictly speculation. This will be my tenth year as coach of the College All-Stars and the most anyone ever coached them in the past was two years. The contract lasts for three more years. Whether the game will be continued or not I don't know. My guess is that I will coach them for the next three years. The Coast Guard is happy to have me do it because the load here is very light in the summer time and the publicity you receive for the Coast Guard Academy just can't be bought, quite frankly. I think if you weigh all the factors it is a good thing.

Gale: Sir, do you foresee any expansion in our present athletic programs such as new sports?

Graham: No, not really. I was asked the same question when I came here a few years ago and they thought we were going to go big time in football, but, of course, my answer at that time was, if we are going to go big time I would quit right now; not that we wouldn't try our best to win, but only that we would stay in our own competition. We are not going to go out and ask for appointments for good athletes who don't qualify academically. If we can get a boy who qualifies academically who is six foot six and weighs 240 and runs the hundred in 9.2, great, but it is not going to happen. We are restricted in athletics by the budget as I

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likewise the Academy has improved to some small degree because of his efforts.

There are many people who are giving their best for the cadets and the Academy. The challenge is here. These people are anxiously waiting for a response. I wonder if some of us are afraid to respond to this challenge. Perhaps we at times ignore the challenges and efforts of others and cry from behind our blindfolds that no one cares, and that things are dull and boring because we are afraid to face reality—to put forth the effort to make the necessary commitments, to face life as it really is. How comfortable it is to wear a blindfold and to respond in a negative manner. How rewarding it is to remove the blindfold and to respond in a positive way to the challenges that exist. Some who remain at the Academy and don't make the effort to become involved find themselves participating in a false sense of involvement. These are the people who wear the blindfolds and comfortably sit back to criticism of people, their efforts, and existing programs. They soon find themselves establishing a negative atmosphere. All this is accomplished with no effort. These people become their own enemy because they help to establish the very conditions about which they often complain. Unfortunately this negative attitude does not just hurt those who create it, but also it affects those making a positive effort because it sets in their path additional obstacles which must be overcome. Although no system is perfect, those who are willing to become involved realize that imperfections in a system must be recognized as a fact. They have the courage and are willing to push on regardless. It is these people because of their perseverance and determination who are able to make positive accomplishments and achieve the rewards of involvement. In their efforts these people do not blindly overlook the imperfections of the system, but rather offer a healthy constructive criticism which slowly brings about improvements. I use the term healthy because this criticism comes with a positive spirit from one who has become involved and sees first hand areas which need improvement. Constructive criticism builds unity and purpose among people who are actively working for a cause. If their suggestions aren't accepted, they still have the courage to keep on working because they believe in the cause.

However, negativism is unhealthy because it creates dissatisfaction and disunity. It constantly tears apart what good has been done. When it receives a set-back, it does not have the incentive to move on, but rather settles for a lower state of dissatisfaction and disunity. In the words of John F. Kennedy, "The kind of society we build, the kind of power we generate, the kind of enthusiasm we incite, all this will tell, whether in the long run, darkness or light will overtake the world."

There exists here at the Academy a community of people with a unified purpose. In order that we may best serve this community and its goals, I think each of us should spend time discovering meaningful answers to these penetrating questions:

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me
If I am for myself alone, what am I
If not now, when?"²

Much can be gained from reflecting on these questions which bring out three basic points:

- (1) the value of each individual and the necessity to recognize this value;
- (2) the individual's responsibility to others
- (3) if these points are not realized and accepted, now is the time for a beginning.

If I am not for myself, who will be for me

If I am for myself alone, what am I

If not now, when?

LT(jg) J.T. McCracken

1. Chuck Talar '69 *The Howling Gale* February 1970
2. Rabbi Hillel, *Anselmian News* Fall 1969



Lieutenant (jg) McCracken graduated from St. Anselm's College in 1964 after which he taught in Ayer High School in Massachusetts. Mr. McCracken began his Coast Guard Service with boot camp training at Cape May and soon transferred to OCS training in Yorktown, Virginia. COTP (Port Security) in Boston became his first billet but he was later reassigned to teaching duties at the Academy. Mr. McCracken has been in close contact with cadets in research done for the Ocean Systems Project.

Before Mr. McCracken returns to teaching high school, we have asked him to comment on his philosophy of life in particular here at the Academy.

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Capt. Kelly: Certainly any time you get the CGA's name in the press as widespread as it was, I suppose you could call it good publicity from the distribution sense but it certainly was adverse in other effects and it is not the prescribed way of getting publicity. I think that it was significant that the publicity we received was in the public eye intensely for one day, to a lesser extent the second day, and then it disappeared from view. The problems of enjoying good come to life when you have a major adversity and this is true not only here but in any other operation. I would much rather have used some other method of publicizing the Academy.

Gale: Sir, was this incident released to the media with this purpose in mind, as opposed to suppressing the matter?

Capt. Kelly: Negative. We would have preferred no release at all. It was certainly our desire not to comment at all publicly until we had finished all administrative actions. A contingency release is always prepared when you have incidents of a sensitive nature such as this. It is part of a standard operating procedure. In some cases you find that you never have to use the contingency release at all. However it is good to be prepared and in this case we did have a prepared statement which covered the basic facts of the situation. The Superintendent absolutely declined to release the names of the cadets involved for obvious reasons. But I can assure you the release by the Academy was aimed in no way at gaining publicity.

Gale: Sir, if the laws do change in the near future concerning the legalization of marijuana, do you see any future effect this would have on the Regulations?

Capt. Kelly: Personally I don't. I think we would view this as a serious offense much in the same way that drinking is viewed at the present time. There are many things that are accepted in our society which we don't want to accept at the CGA. We feel it is not in keeping with the high traditions that we want to establish for our young people and there are many young people who are proud of this. They

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expect this and they are just as disappointed when they don't get it. So I feel that we would not be largely influenced by any change in the Federal law.

Gale: Sir, are there any constitutional rights that are withheld cadets by the nature of their training situation?

Capt. Kelly: I presume you are speaking primarily to the Chapel program. In my view it is not a withholding of a constitutional right. It is the perpetuation of a facet of training that's considered essential at the Academy. To give you a good example of this let's get right back and talk about honor a little bit. Honor is not something new. Honor is many thousands of years old. In biblical times there was honor. It was expressed in a different sense, I feel sure, but I think right now that the Ten Commandments lay out the best guide that there is for the conduct of man's behavior. They extend beyond our concept of honor that is possessed by a young man is instilled in him by his parents, and in many cases through religious experiences of training that he has while he's part of the family.

For many years, the Academy had a concept, per se, yet you knew what you expected out of your fellow man and if he didn't give it to you in your day to day experiences, you would reject him as not being a man's man. These qualities which you sought in a man were qualities of honor.

I think that there's much that we can do at our Academy for people who do come here with a blase' sense of the importance of these characteristics. We should indicate that these are things which should be an ingredient of the type of men we want. I can't state that all of these ingredients are derived from our Chapel service. I must say that some them are.

The important part of this discussion is that our Regulations require Chapel attendance or worship at church of choice in town. Until this regulation is changed, our program will continue as it has been for decades. I would always hope that as we strive to train the finest individuals that we can, that we never lose sight of the importance of religious worship to a person's development.

Gale: Sir, since the Academy has a specific mission, that of graduating young officers, whereas society has none, other than to preserve individual rights, would you say that these rights are abridged toward cadets in order to fulfill the mission?

Capt. Kelly: Yes, I think that there is something special about what we expect of a young man who graduates from here. I believe that they have perserved for many years because they are fundamental and proven. Today our graduates are performing all over the world in combat and in non-combat areas and they are doing an outstanding job. We have a real fine thing going here at CGA, and I see no reason to change it because of the changes that are occuring on civilian campuses. I would even go further to say that the disciplining and the structuring of our society here at the Academy might well be the remedy that many of the civiliam schools need. I think that it is paradoxical that here in our military organization, we have more contact with the leaders of our student body, our Corps of Cadets, than many civilian institutions do. I think further that there are

many people who want to know that they have a stable environment for pursuing their academic studies. There are many things that can be accomplished in an organized atmosphere that can't get done by other means. For this reason we find ourselves wanting to remain in this mode. In the social areas, we must be very perceptive to the changing needs of our young people. This to me seems the important areas of change which we must stay very close to.

Gale: Sir, concerning those rights withheld from cadets to improve the training situation, is this also true in the area of military justice?

Capt. Kelly: Of course you know that there are changes being made every day in the Uniform Code of Military Justice and these changes will be felt throughout the Armed Services. I think the important thing to remember is that we at the Academy normally are not allowed to exercise UCMJ procedures against cadets except when there is involvement in capital offenses, capital crimes, or there is suspicion of one of these. Hence we are normally limited to administrative procedures here at the Academy. I think that it would be my objective to instill fairness in our administrative procedures regardless of any changes in the UCMJ. I think that when we handle the large volume of offenses that we do, some of the serious nature and others of an incidental nature, that it just wouldn't be practical to sit down with a group of lawyers and debate over these each time. So, these administrative processes are a necessity. I do feel that fairness should always be perpetuated. Certainly when it is going to affect a man's career, or his entire life, he should have every chance and every right not only to defend himself but to make sure that a proper decision is made in his case. I feel that this is largely inherent in our present system. If I had changes to recommend I would have to give it great thought before I could be specific.

Gale: Sir, when you came to the academy did you set out with any program concerning honor in either changing it or abridging any concept of it?

Capt. Kelly: Yes. I think it is natural when an officer returns to the Academy that he is inclined to take a very strong position on honor, realizing the importance of it in the service. I think that the one thing that an experienced officer must learn to do is how to apply appropriate punishment to honor offenses. I was inclined to take a black and white stand on honor; it either is honor or it is not. Very shortly after I arrived I began to see that many of the honor cases that were coming before me were questionable in the way that they were precipitated. The circumstances under which the cadets had become involved in honor were not completely justifiable, and hence if was unfair to the cadet. I found a number of cases where it was indeed a question as to whether or not there was, indeed, an honor offense committed. As a result I found it necessary to take a real hard look at this because I felt that an honor offense, if it was indeed an honor offense, and had been understood and willfully committed by the cadet as an honor offense, should result in separation from the Corps.

The greatest problem in attempting to exercise justice and wisdom when playing with a young man's life is to look into every detail as to how he got there. I feel this way particularly in dealing with the underclasses, who may not have a thorough understanding of honor as we use it at the Academy and may get into areas which will precipitate honor offenses. The difficult thing for superiors to decide is whether or not this was an act which could be called dishonor or if indeed the man is a dishonorable person. I have further found that if there is a question about this matter at all, the man should be given the benefit of the doubt. If the man is, indeed dishonorable, he will be back with another offense.

It seems to me that making instantaneous judgements of a questionable nature is not fair to the individual and is quite likely destroying young men who in reality should be permitted to continue at the Academy. This is a very difficult decision and one which I think requires very mature deliberation. I feel that you can do this without softening your position on honor.

I want to reiterate, I feel that we at the Academy should take this stand and we must use proper procedures before we put a man on report and accuse him of an honor offence. Once these things have been taken care of, then it's easier to treat honor offenses as black and white without having to go back into the thing and bring out mitigating circumstances.

Gale: Sir, Since you returned to the CGA as an officer, and since the time you were here as a cadet have you noticed any change in the honor concept?

Capt. Kelly: Well, as I told you previously, the honor concept was not a thing that was spoken and talked about when I was here as a cadet. Yet I think that cadets in my time were equally as honorable as they are today, they equally were as mischievous as they are today, and they were as equally inclined to challenge the system as they are today. When they step out of line, they have to be prepared to take their lumps which also has not

changed since my time. But I think that some of the values have changed. A serious drinking offense in my day was disasterous. I think in some cases we are more understanding, although we still do not accept abuses of this type. But I believe that the fundamental qualities of fine young men wanting to live with fine young men and maintain a high level of standards in their society here at the academy has not changed I feel that those who would make a shambles of these standards are by and large rejected by the cadet corps. This certainly was true in my day and it is true today. The cadet corps will tolerate small departures from these standards, but I think when these departures become gross, the cadet corps will reject people who do this.

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All second class cadets gain the opportunity to become involved in an exchange with Air Force Academy, West Point, and Annapolis during two specified weekends second semester. The trip to a sister academy presents a good insight into the duties of another military service as well as giving a comparison in administrative policies and academy peculiarities. This year 50 cadets were sent from CGA to the sister academies and 50 were received in return on a Thursday night. Friday's schedule generally consisted of speeches about the academy by administrative heads and regimental cadet officers. After a question and answer period, a tour of the particular academy was next on the itinerary. Cadets followed their escorts to classes, lectures, and adhered to the routine of the day to experience first hand the academy's normal operation. The return trip Sunday afternoon brought back many varied thoughts involving everything from class privileges to academics. In place of attempting to capture some of these thoughts in one article, we decided that perhaps it would be better to present the ideas of six: three letters from members of the sister academies, and three articles by three CGA cadets.



U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Jay, Old Boy,

I find that, after having participated in an exchange weekend, your Coast Guard Academy is in some ways very similar to our Naval Academy; however, there are some very striking differences as well.

The only time I ever marched to class was during my Plebe Summer here at the Academy. I was startled to witness your under classmen marching to their classes. Of course, the most outstanding difference between our academies is the small size of your school as compared to the large mass of men here at Navy. But, I feel that you are at a definite advantage going to a small school, for it makes for closer relationships with your fellow classmates and, perhaps, more lasting friendships. I noticed, also, that most of you know one another very well; that is, you know almost all the men in your own particular class.

As far as uniforms are concerned, they are very similar at both Academies; however, I envy your being able to wear your parkas as a uniform—we are not allowed to do so. And I further think that your raincoats are superior to our synthetic raincoats and capes.

When I visited your Academy the past summer, I was fully impressed by your new athletic facilities; and, on my return visit a month or so ago, I was further impressed by your new recreational hall. But, I find your pool tables very much below par—they are truly relics of bygone days. And, I find it even more difficult to play pool without sticks. Oh well, nobody's perfect.

As far as liberty is concerned, I would say that our liberty policies as well as facilities are quite similar. For instance, Annapolis is about the same size town as is New London. But, you people have a definite advantage over us, insofar as activities are concerned, for we are at a great loss for college girls—look at yourselves, though—there's Conn College right across the street! And you even have good-looking girls in shoe stores to watch—we don't have any shoe stores in Annapolis. Well, perhaps that's not very accurate, but I'm sure that some old lady runs it!

I must admit that your meal formations are quite a bit more lax than ours are and therefore, you don't have as much inspection to worry about. What I found very difficult to cope with was your campus terrain—I almost felt as if I were climbing a cliff at times! But, I really enjoyed walking over hill and dale. I really enjoyed my visit to your Academy and I look forward to the day when I can somehow repay one of my gracious hosts who so generously invited me to author this article.

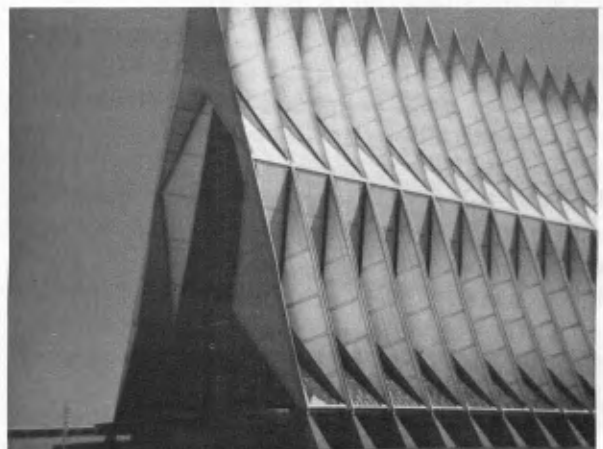
Midshipman 2/c Dick Cooper
Naval Academy

Dear Paul:

One of my reasons for visiting your Academy was its proximity to my home in West Hartford. I had also heard that it was a 'good deal' to go to the Coast Guard Academy for the exchange, but I think the underlying factor in my case was just plain curiosity. We have Army and Navy exchange officers here and we have regularly scheduled athletic contests with West Point and Annapolis, so I had a better idea of what goes on at USMA and USNA than at your place. I was happy to get the opportunity to visit your academy and talk with some of you.

I found that our two academies are very similar, with the only major difference being your orientation into the Coast

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY



Guard and mine into the Air Force. The Air Force and USAFA are still very young, and we don't have as much history (and probably tradition) as you have at your school.

Our military training and athletic programs are basically the same. Our academic programs, however, are very much different: your three main areas are strongly inclined to the Coast Guard; we at USAFA enjoy relative freedom in a wider range of academic fields.

Some of the other differences I noticed may or may not seem critical to you or me, but I thought I might mention them because they happened to catch my attention.

I can't understand how you men think it to be a privilege to have your hats on in your dormitory, and why you have to have them off while you are on the ground floors. At my school, our doolies are the ones who have to keep their hats on in the buildings.

Your fourth class system to be easier than ours. We also have been changing our system, but as yet it is not like yours. Our firsties don't have unlimited weekend privileges, and we don't get 'liberty' on Fridays, but we do allow the firsties who serve as weekend Duty Officer to sleep in their rooms (we have third classmen on duty to answer the squadron telephones), and we are allowed to have cars as soon as we become first classmen.

We're not as lucky as you to have girls in our computer courses, nor are we located next door to 1400 females. And when the warm weather comes, it's kind of hard for us to hop in our yachts and go sailing or go swimming at the shore. Another advantage which you have is the chance to know everybody in your own class, and even the other three classes. My own class has about 700 cadets, and when '73 entered last summer, they had 1450.

Cadet 2/c Bob Slusarz
U.S. Air Force Academy



U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Dear Jay,

Let me say that I was very impressed with the Coast Guard Academy. I certainly enjoyed my stay there. People were friendly and receptive towards me, and I received fine treatment as a guest. Hearty and sincere welcomes were extended to me, from the Superintendent on down to the swabs and their Thursday night skit. I liked the friendly, relaxed atmosphere at your place, and it was good to take a break from my own environment.

In comparing your academy with mine at West Point, I would say that in general the systems and basic curricula are

quite similar. As to be expected, there are a few small points of differences. For example, I found your inter-class relations to be more strict and rigidly defined than what I am used to. Whereas one of your second classmen addresses a first classman as "sir", things are much looser in this regard at West Point. Once a plebe is recognized at the end of fourth class year, he is on a first name basis with members of all the upper classes.

One thing that really surprised me was your sleeping policy. Where the Coast Guard cadets can get into trouble for sleeping during the day, we Army men look forward to crawling into the "rack" anytime after 1030 hours. Another point of importance at both academies is the fourth class system. The reform era has brought an end to bracing, and in my opinion, life is much easier for them because of this and other factors. Fourth classmen at West Point still differ from your swabs in that they don't have to double time in halls, etc. Other things, such as marching to classes, are unknown at West Point.

Then again we have no off-post privileges for the under three classes. We aren't allowed to head into town or stroll down to the nearby girls' college on privilege time. Another good deal that I observed was the meal formations inside Chase Hall. At West Point we have a number of separate barracks, and must go outside and march to the mess hall.

I noticed that USCGA makes greater use of civilian instructors than USMA. Of course both academic programs are sufficient and well-rounded. In the area of athletics, I know that cadets everywhere are tremendous sports enthusiasts. The facilities just never seem to get uncrowded.

Well, I guess that covers just about all my impressions and points of comparison. In concluding, I know from experience that cadets tend to complain often about strict regimentation. But while in New London, I observed generally good attitudes and cadets content with their environment.

Cadet 2/c Mike Hoover
U.S. Military Academy

Exchange Weekend—Annapolis

These are some of my impressions and opinions that I formed from a weekend visit to the U.S. Naval Academy. The whole weekend was enjoyable, and exciting in a few instances, but this was mainly because of the differences between the Coast Guard Academy and the Naval Academy.

There were two things that impressed me the most about USNA. The first was the size of the Academy. Everything is much, much larger there. Their dining hall is the largest in the world—capable of feeding four thousand hungry middies. Bancroft Hall, the dormitory, is again the largest building of its kind. There are approximately 4.9 miles of corridors and many acres of living space in the Hall. The academy as a whole is a very large place when compared to our modest reservation.

The second thing that impressed me about Annapolis was the daily routine that the midshipmen follow. They seem to be much more leisurely in the pace that they keep with their daily activities. The midshipmen have a little more time for meals and more time between classes and meals. There are a few disadvantages to this type of system however. One is that the midshipmen have regular classes on Saturday mornings.

Also, with a tighter routine, we learn more about budgeting our time than the middies do.

Other differences that impressed me, but to a lesser extent, include the liberty on weekends. The fourth-class at the Naval Academy have only six hours of liberty on Saturday afternoons. The other classes have liberty on Saturday and Sunday according to their class and conduct status.

I also noted that there were many similarities between our academies. Their fourth class system is very similar to ours. The procedure in the dining hall also has its similarities. In fact, I think there were more similarities than there were differences between the two academies.

As an overall opinion of my visit to the Naval Academy, I enjoyed the visit, but I'm glad I chose the Coast Guard Academy, not only for life at the Academy, but also for service in the Coast Guard as an officer.

Cadet 2/c Ralph Lewis
CGA

Exchange Weekend—USAFA

I arrived at the Air Force Academy at about noon on Thursday and was greeted by the 21st Squadron CQ (Cadet in charge of quarters—a company level JOOD). After depositing my gear in one of their two modern “dorms”, as they call them, we formed up and marched to mess. The meals were fantastic.

Thursday evening orientation lectures provided me with a general idea of the program at USAFA. The classroom procedures were much the same as ours, including deadly ZZZ fields.

All of the “zoomies” I met seemed to be very proud of their academy. I noticed very little complaining. Of particular interest was their orientation toward the future and the “Real Air Force”. These cadets knew where they were headed. (Immediately after graduation they may go to post graduate school.)

The fourth class system is very similar to ours; however, it appears to be much more effective. The “doolies” are squared away and work well as a team. Several visiting cadets who took unexpected showers can vouch for the last sentence.

I was fortunate to be the CGA representative to a navigation seminar sponsored by the cadet navigation club. At the seminar, as well as at other lectures, I felt somewhat slighted by the people who thought in terms of three federal academies. The representatives from the other academies were also surprised to learn the Coast Guard provided all loran chains.

As an overview, I found USAFA to be more modern than our academy in attitudes as well as physical plant. There are many lessons to be learned from the youngest of our sister academies. I hope they will be applied.

Cadet 2/c Charlie Wurster
CGA

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mentioned before. The only way that we can get money here is through gate receipts and donations, but basically it comes from you cadets and your dues, and I'm sure if we doubled your athletic dues to add a few sports you would scream bloody murder. The ground facility problem is also a detriment to including new sports. Crew is an ideal sport for the Academy but in order to put Crew in you've got to have forty or fifty thousand dollars; therefore Crew would be impossible unless we come up with a sugar daddy who will finance it. We ourselves can never finance it.

Gale: Sir, I thought that just a short while ago we were offered some shells but they were turned down and were given to a high school.

Graham: Well, I don't know anything about this, but even so, two or three shells being offered is fine but only a small beginning. You have to build all the facilities and by additional shells and it's just something we can't afford to do. I would love to have it if it were possible but it doesn't appear that way in the foreseeable future. Unless one of you fellows go and make a fortune in the stock market, you're all supposed to be Einstein's here.

Gale: Sir, many people feel that due to the size of the Academy that our sport programs here and our athletics in general are inferior to other Academies and other colleges in the area. Do you feel that this is true or a result of our scheduling?

Graham: You using the word inferior referring to . . .

Gale: Ability

Graham: Well, you've got to face facts. First of all, you have to recollect high school days and remember how many

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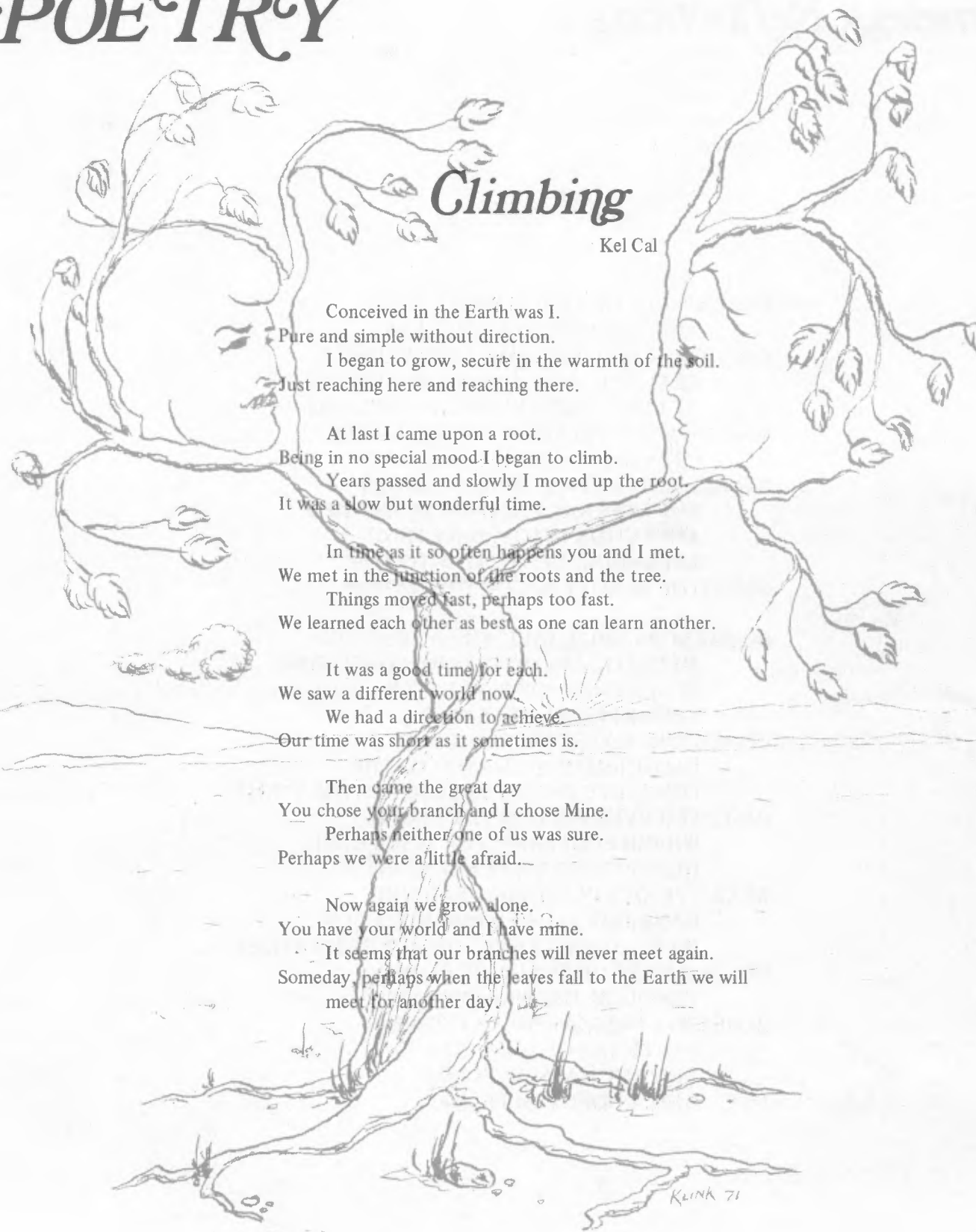
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Being in no special mood-I began to climb.
Years passed and slowly I moved up the root.
It was a slow but wonderful time.

In time as it so often happens you and I met.
We met in the junction of the roots and the tree.
Things moved fast, perhaps too fast.
We learned each other as best as one can learn another.

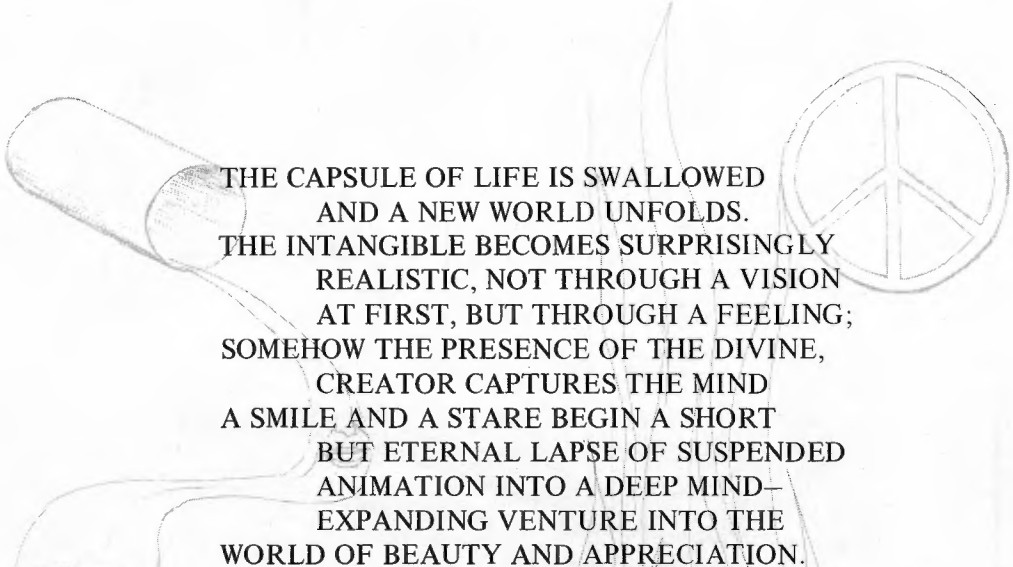
It was a good time for each.
We saw a different world now.
We had a direction to achieve.
Our time was short as it sometimes is.

Then came the great day
You chose your branch and I chose Mine.
Perhaps neither one of us was sure.
Perhaps we were a little afraid.

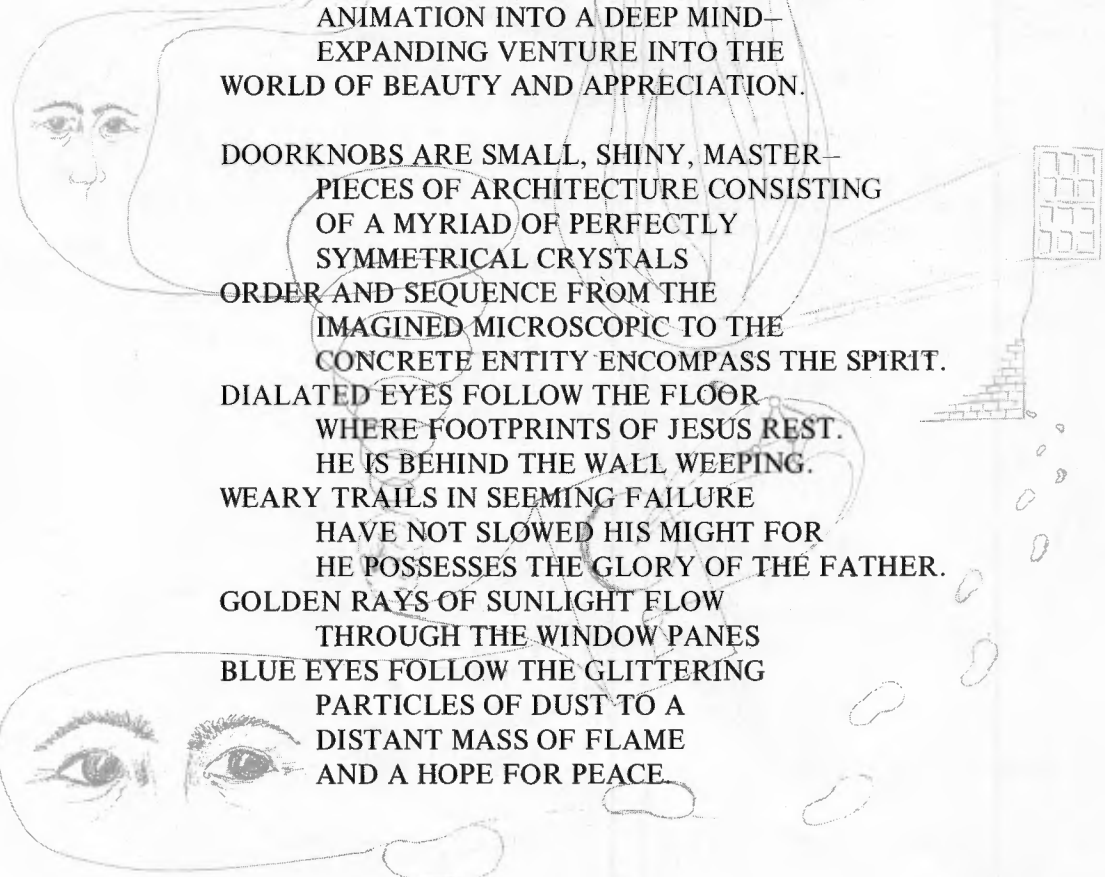
Now again we grow alone.
You have your world and I have mine.
It seems that our branches will never meet again.
Someday, perhaps when the leaves fall to the Earth we will
meet for another day.

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Timeless Reflections



THE CAPSULE OF LIFE IS SWALLOWED
AND A NEW WORLD UNFOLDS.
THE INTANGIBLE BECOMES SURPRISINGLY
REALISTIC, NOT THROUGH A VISION
AT FIRST, BUT THROUGH A FEELING;
SOMEHOW THE PRESENCE OF THE DIVINE,
CREATOR CAPTURES THE MIND
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HE IS BEHIND THE WALL WEEPING.
WEARY TRAILS IN SEEMING FAILURE
HAVE NOT SLOWED HIS MIGHT FOR
HE POSSESSES THE GLORY OF THE FATHER.
GOLDEN RAYS OF SUNLIGHT FLOW
THROUGH THE WINDOW PANES
BLUE EYES FOLLOW THE GLITTERING
PARTICLES OF DUST TO A
DISTANT MASS OF FLAME
AND A HOPE FOR PEACE.

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persons were interested in a military career . . . not many. The few who were generally thought in terms of the larger academies—Air Force, West Point, Annapolis. But there's no question about the fact that we have good athletes, generally the athletes are smaller in size when compared to the other academies. When I was here before if we had an offensive lineman here who weighed over 200 pounds, this was time to celebrate, whereas in the academies, they probably average over 200 pounds. In your schools around here they are just as big if not bigger physically. But there's no question that we have the talent here to compete with the boys in this area. As a group we have very good athletes, not great athletics, just like the rest of the academies. The outstanding athlete reads in the paper about professional football; he thinks about the glory attached to it and the money involved. He knows about the five year military obligation tied to an academy, and is just not willing to pay the price. All of the academies are suffering because of this and are just not getting the outstanding athletes they used to.

Gale: Sir, we have a question which has been circulating within the corps. Is there any possibility that you will be coaching again the next few years as a football coach?

Graham: Well, you have a football coach right now—Tad Schroeder, and Ted of course has a three year contract which has one more year to run. I just arrived on the scene so I can't really comment on anything except what might happen in the future, and I don't know exactly what's going to happen. If Tad should leave the Academy in the

future because he has a chance to climb the ladder, then I will have to make a decision whether to coach or hire someone. I honestly don't know whether this would happen. If it does happen, I'm not sure what my decision would be. Certainly I would not say for a second that I would never coach again because I enjoyed coaching cadets, and I would enjoy coaching them again. If Tad should ever leave, I would say there would be a good chance that I would coach again, but also a chance that I wouldn't so I just don't know.

Gale: Sir, there's another one of those rumors circulating in the barracks that Vince Lombardi might come to the Academy as assistant director of athletics. Would you care to comment on this sir?

Graham: Ha, ha. That's pretty funny!

Gale: Sir, we have no further questions. Thank you very much for your time.

Cadet 2/c RICK HARDING

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