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THE BINNACLE

MARCH 18th THE UNION AT CMA

Most midshipmen are probably unaware that CMA is unionized. All rank and file employees are covered by one of four contracts. State employees are divided into Bargaining Units, each unit comprised of employees with kindered job classification. At CMA there are 4 bargaining units represented; Office and Allied Unit 4, covering the clerical employees, Education and Library Unit 3, covering the teaching staff, crafts and maintenance, Unit 12 covering gardeners and craft employees in plant operations and Custodial services, Unit 15 covering janitors food service workers and laundry workers. The units named do not just represent the employees at CMA, they represent all state employees in those classifications. The office and Allied Unit has over 30,000 members, the Education and Library Unit has only 2,300. There are 140,000 state employees covered by union contracts, there are 20 different bargaining units. California State Employees Association, an affiliate of the 600,000 member Service Employees International Union AFL-CIO represents ten bargaining units representing 86,000 of the 140,000 state workers. The Union at CMA represents the rank and file workers in their dealings with management. The state law giving collective bargaining rights to state workers is relatively new, there has been only one two year contract negotiated so far. That contract is up this July. Some of the items the union has put on the bargaining table this year that specifically affects CMA are:

1. Seapay for those employees that go on the annual training cruise.
 - 2) Class size- teachers cannot teach effectively if their classes are to big
 - 3) Tenure- Professors now serve a seven year probationary period.
 - 4) Clarification of work week group - Educators currently earn no overtime.
 - 5) Pay- Most CMA educators earn less than elementary school teachers in state prisons and mental hospitals
 - 6) Improved educational leave provisions
- The Union at CMA has a good, professional relationship with CMA management. We don't always agree, nor should we but we do make an honest effort to work out our differences in the collective bargaining forum.

PORT OF CALL: PORTLAND 1554

With only 2 days of liberty in Portland there won't be much time to spend. Blocking for the hot spots. Be careful. This column will help you find your way with out too much trouble.

Since the ship will be in the center of the city, on foot is the best. Buses are with in walking distance. If not, the bus system can bring you about any where. Be sure and keep your ticket, as it is your transfer too. About 5 blocks west of the ship is the Bus Transit mall, where you can get maps and bus routes.

For many of us getting a good staff drink will be the first thing on the agenda. Good bars include:

Rodac- 2 or 3 blocks west, Newwave music, inexpensive

Key Largo- 8 blocks north, newwave music, tropical drinks (try an Avenger (imitation))

Sports Bar across the river. Cheap beer, 6 big screen TV's

Orange Peel good rock n roll at Hillside mall, buses 45 and 56 go there

No name bar 7 blocks west, underground rock n roll and good food, across from Mier and Franks

If you need a good meal, try these:
Chick's: Specialize in sea food, 1 block 10 blocks west

Old Town Pizza: best pizza in Portland, 2 blocks west of Key Largo

If you are under 21 and want to dance go to the Starry Night/ YEU can dance on the first floor or try to get in upstairs where they serve drinks and have dancing for people 21 and over.

For the ski freaks try Mt. Hood Ma Meadows. Only 1 hour away. They have 7 lifts with lots of good runs. The prices are good and lines should be short. For transportation, look in the yellow pages. For entertainment try checking out the Zoo, Museum of Science and Industry, or the Portland Art Museum.

Stay away from the North Park Block. The Park North of Burnside has lots of crime so keep your distance. Since if that's not enough to keep you busy you're on your own. Whatever you decide to do, have a good one.

HAVE YOU GONE DOWN LATELY

The C.M.A. Dive Club has been quite active this cruise, conducting S.C.U.B.A. dives in every port. Vancouver will be no exception. The only port the club will not sponsor a dive excursion is in Portland. Cruise provides midshipmen with a multitude of diving opportunities.

Palos Verdes in Los Angeles provided poor visibility diving experience for those getting their basic certification.

Zihuatanejo proved to be a diverse area offering anything from snorkeling in the shallow waters off Los Gatos beach to tank diving on the steep walls and rocky formations of Black Rock Island.

Panama offered a sunken shipwreck a mere 50 yards from Gatun Lake Yacht Club. But the 20 person, two van caravan to Potto-ballo on the Atlantic side showed us how good diving can get. Chartering two dugout canoes to get us around a point was the ticket to paradise. Paul Laur, the Dive Club President, said it was comparable to the Bahamas.

Puerto Vallarta did not go untouched by middle divers, as we took the ship's launch to Los Arcos, 10 miles south of the harbor. The strong currents, surge and jell fish could not spoil the underwater beauty and diverse life of the "arches."

Vancouver will mean breaking out the 14 inch wetsuits, but what's life without a change? Many good dive sites for both beginners and advanced divers are abound in the Vancouver area.

The Dive Club is fortunate for getting the cooperation of the faculty in it's efforts to explore new dive areas in an inexpensive, convenient and safe way. The locker with its storage space and a certified air compressor is ideal, and the ship's boats are great for the diver's use. Mr. Molero is the club's advisor.

The Dive Club has around 60 members and is sponsored by the Student Council. It accomplishes the missions of certification and recreation. As another school year approaches the Dive Club seeks another certified instructor to replace the graduating Paul Laur, although it can continue as a club without an instructor as long as there is the desire and energy to keep it on the right track.

Charles Barrett
Dive Club Vice President/
Treasurer

NOTES FROM STUDENT COUNCIL

Just before cruise started, student council revived two committees. The food committee and the student relations committee.

The food committee had its first meeting just before Zihuatanejo. Although we had a surprisingly low turnout, we did discuss several matters and came to the conclusion that we needed your input. Thus came comment cards which are available to any midshipmen who wishes to express his/her opinion on the meals.

These cards have provided us with some excellent ideas. Keep up your input because we are listening. Comment cards will be in the school mess deck next trimester, so have your pens ready.

The student council relations committee also had a poor showing but did elect officers. Barry Fitzpatrick is the chairman and Colleen Mitchell the secretary. This committee can be a place students and faculty may voice their comments and/or complaints. In order for us to improve things we need your participation and input in these programs.

At our Feb. 24th Student Council meeting we discussed Smoker, which will take place the last night of cruise. Festivities should be quite exciting. This year Student Council will award a "perpetual" trophy which will go to the division with the best presentation. This division will be able to hold the trophy until the following years smoker when they must relinquish it to the winners....unless of course they can win it four years in a row, then they keep it.

Once again Student Council presents the annual Change-Over Dance. The dance will be held at Mare Islands Officers Club on the seventh of April, (the first Saturday after school begins). Hor's D'euvres and a live band will be featured.

The Change-Over Dance is formal with dress white uniforms optional. This dance is to congratulate the graduating class and the new seniors on their successful change over. Everyone is cordially invited. Bids are on sale now from John Seckinger, 2D, for \$10.00 per couple and will go up after cruise. Sign up now and save yourself \$5.00

John Seckinger

The annual training cruise race point competition was a smashing success. 3-D rowed to a much enjoyed upset over 2-D in the first race. While 4-D recovered from their win over 1-D, 2-E beat 1-E in the closest race of the day. Both 3-E and 4-E had fallen in the previous heat.

The engineering title decided, it was time for the test of metal vs might. The test went to might, 3-D, as they lost sight of 4-D who finally caught up as the winner sat motionless in the water. Then it was time for 2-E who had put up a good race earlier. The race started at a good clip and was close for most of the race until The hammer came down and sent the engineers back to the bilges.

Finally it was time for the Ship's Engineering 6 officers who seemed menacing after their long rest and 3-D's continual racing. Starting off slowly 3-E's spirit and speed picked up as the Comswain provided much needed inspiration. It was all over with 3-D the victor and the rest of the ship stood withered and broken in awe of a growing legacy of dominance.

VOLLEYBALL

It is almost springtime, and to twelve middies and Coach Lloyd Kitazono, that means volleyball. The college volleyball season is already a month old. The C.M.A. team will return from cruise a little out of shape and rusty, but we have a tall strong team with 5 returning seniors and several hot underclassmen.

During dockside, the team played two matches against St. Mary's college. Physically and mentally outmatched, St. Mary's was easily defeated. The spring trimester will bring tougher opponents such as Menlo Park, Berkeley J.V., S.F. City and West Valley college.

So next trimester, come on down to the gym and check it out. Get rowdy and do some screaming as we have some rivalries who hate our gym. We expect larger crowds this year as the games are fast, competitive and intense, you will not be disappointed!

J.W.

WATER POLO

The 1983 water polo season saw Cal A. rock into a position of respectability and prominence among teams in NCAA division 2. With upset victories over Cal State Fullerton, the University of Santa Clara and U.C. Davis, the team displayed unprecedented performance. Coached by Jerry Cevacko and led by team captains Eric Stark and Dave Murline, the team ended with a 19 and 16 season.

The sudden emergence of C.M.A. as a water polo power can be attributed in part to the coaching of Jerry Cevacko, who completed his second year at the helm. Another factor contributed to the success was the addition of several strong new players, and the improved play of several returning team members. Particularly improved performances were displayed by keelhaulers Don Waters and Sheldon Sweeney. Also improved were Andrew Robertson, Jim Bevaqua and Scott Bonner. Additional new players included Rich Demuth, Jim Carstensen, Brian Mayer and goalie Gary Devries.

The entire team appreciated the support from the student body at home games. Energy created by the home crowd helped the keelhaulers to defeat many teams. Thanks for the support we hope it will continue next season.

Brian Mayer

Sheldon Sweeney

Dave Murline

Sailing Team News

Most sailors consider the winter months to be the off season, however in intercollegiate racing it is the on season. With our two new boats, the sailing team has been able to participate in all races on the west coast. In January, the team raced in the Mangover Bowl at Long Beach in F.J.'s (a new two man boat). The school was represented by Ian Bower, Kevin Page, Dennis Deisenger and Gordon Clute. Of the seventeen teams, represented nationally, C.M.A. placed tenth just behind Brown University currently fourth in the nation.

The rest of the winter season is divided up into a series of west coast Regattas. The combined scores from these races will qualify schools for the Pacific coast championship in May. Cruise cuts right into the season but fortunately we have experienced fourth class who have been racing for us back in Vallejo.

Gordon Clute

MARINERS CHOIR

The Mariners Chorus had a successful winter season with major bookings in S.F. and Panama. The S.F. Yacht Club appearance went especially well with nearly twenty singers and piano accompaniment.

Back at school several fourth class have begun training in the hope of joining the chorus when the veterans graduate. A special engagement is planned at graduation ceremony and who will know if Sea-shanties will ever be the same. No recording contract has been finalized but negotiations continue. As the repertoire of songs grows the chorus has gained more skill and confidence and continues to strive towards its ultimate goal, which is not to embarrass itself.

B.W.

STUDY

Sleep comes infrequently, and then very difficult. Food stays down with much effort. Blood pressure is alternately precipitously high and threateningly low. High fever is characteristic, and beads of sweat dot the forehead. Is it Typhoid fever? Malaria? No, you have Nav. study. Engineers will fortunately never know this sensation that every one of the 1985 deck students has recently experienced on this cruise. Some have described it like 5 days of 24 hour finals. Others have described it as simply as an experience that re-instills the fear in God. In walking over the searing hot coals of nav. study, deckies have the sage guidance of 2nd officer Brian Law and Mate Bob Stewart. It is something that all deckies must go through if they are to be called navigators. Something like what the Whale's asshole is for Shellbacks to be. So here is congratulations to the first group that didn't have a clue; to the groups in Panama who are still picking up reduction forms from their sweaty forearms; to the last groups whose bringing a star down was like following a bouncing ball; and to all the groups inbetween. Here's to a job done, albeit not necessarily well.

T.C.J.

ARCHERY

I find bow hunting to be one of the great challenges of the great outdoors. It requires stealth, skill and patience. Recent technological developments have transformed this sport from a primitive one to a high tech one.

The modern archery supplies are very advanced. In the early seventies, bear archery

designed and produced the compound bow. The compound is different from the conventional recurve bow in many respects. The compound is an advanced system of cables, pulley and cams, that are rigged to the archer's advantage. A fifty pound bow in the recurve type requires the archer to pull fifty pounds in order to draw the string back to the desired spot. The compound bow on the other hand ~~only~~ takes sixty pounds to pull back to 3/4 draw, then the off center mounted pulleys work at your advantage to reduce full draw to only 30 pounds. This greatly increases the time available to aim and wait for the perfect shot. Since the force is less, the archer is able to obtain a smoother release of the string from the fingers, which is a key to accuracy. Another advantage is that string velocity accelerates faster after release, translating into a shot that is 25% faster and flatter than a recurve bow of the same draw weight.

New developments in arrows have also come out in the past decade. The implementation of new shaft materials like aluminum, fiberglass and even graphite are replacing the standard Oregon Cedar shaft. New elastic fletchings have also arrived and are replacing the old Turkey feathers. The new plastic vanes are extremely durable and impervious to wet weather. The biggest change is seen in the tips, with a system called "insert-a-point". On the end of the arrow shaft a female threaded insert is installed, to which any sort of tip can be screwed in.

The greatest lure of bow hunting is that you have to get within thirty five yards of your target. The challenge and thrill is in the stalking and attaining a feeling of oneness with nature; and not in the killing of the game. Many hunters prefer to carry a rifle accurate within three hundred yards and more and feel accomplished after downing their prey. A greater challenge would be to have stalked within thirty yards and then try for a kill. If you are interested in archery; target shooting or bow hunting, please contact Scott Allen, division 1K who has plans to start an archery club at school this spring.

Scott Allen

CRUISE SOUNDINGS

The 1984 Koona cruise is just about wound down, and all of us aboard; midshipmen, crew and faculty are in the same condition. In spite of the fact that we have not been away from the west coast of North America it has been a good cruise. We have learned a lot and have enjoyed ourselves.

Puerto Vallarta was one of the high points. Like Zihuatenejo, it is a little Mexican fishing village gone tourista, but even though it has half a dozen high rise hotels, it has not been ruined. In fact, we even found some of the hotel inhabitants dazzled by the belief that they were consorting with the future leaders and cutting edge of the U.S Maritime industry and that we had more to offer than the boys or girls back home. After all, this is only the simple unvarnished truth.

Puerto Vallarta boasts a snug harbor, which in recent years has been dredged from what used to be a yacht basin. Entering has many similarities to trying on a new pair of shoes, they are always too small. Unless a ship has bow thrusters, stern thrusters, twin screws and automatic belaying pins-most of which had not been invented 44 years ago when the bear was launched-getting into a place without turning the ship into a permanent monument in shoal water takes planning. We were forewarned of all the pitfalls so the Captain put a boat in the water to lead our charge, provide midshipmen linehandlers on the dock, and run lines over to the dock before we were alongside. This nautical version of the old Indian rope trick gave our old gypsy head and got a workout, but they too are going on vacation when we get back to Vallejo. It was a nice piece of seamanship that you don't often read about in books.

Several divisions had their cruise picnic. All were successful. It used to be that unless you read about it in the local newspaper afterwards, or the local police, outraged bar, restaurant, or club owner were not aboard the next day to see the commandant, this wasn't so. None of that happened in P.V. but in addition to the picnics being well attended, the midshipmen made their way back to the ship sunburned, happy, full of good spirits and sea eyed...well almost.

It's been a hell of a cruise, and positive proof that there will never be a synthetic trainer that can outdo the good ship GOLDEN BEAR.

Barnacle Bill

GOLDEN BEARDS

It was indeed the pleasure of at least seven if not all of the female personnel aboard the TSCB to watch and judge the growth of over thirty beards.

The annual beard growing contest was held

monotony of shaving daily.

For the actual judging of the beards there were ten criteria;

neatness-was there a clear neck line at the base of the beard? Thickness/Fullness- was it thick and even over the entire face or just a few wild hairs? Length- had it sprouted like a beanstalk or would it be at the end of the cruise when there was a shadow? Did it grow when itching- last years winner gave in because of the persistent itch. Color- red beards scored high! Sores- was touching the beard like scouring pads,

or did you want to caress it again? Appearance- was it a good looking beard? Improved looks- piratical, outdoorsman, scruffy dog, where have you been hiding all cruises? Effect a catch all.

Scoring thirty two beards was a difficult task, but we were able to narrow it down to three semifinalists. Thus allowing the girls one more touch cheek to cheek with the best of the bunch.

In the final countdown, and after much deliberation the booby prize went to Jack Maisler- who couldn't grow a beard of his own. Second prize went to James Robertson, five dollars at the canteen compliments of Walt Easton. And saving the very best for last, first prize, ten dollars at the canteen, went to Mickey Hawke.

The Judges

Order of the Barber

Twas the night before inspection and all thru the ship, all the middies were waiting in line to be clipped. The barber with her clippers all covered with hair, let each mddie have a turn at the chair. After three hundred middies and blisters on her hands, the barber collapsed at last on her can. When out on the deck there arose such a clatter, she sprang from her chair to see what was the matter when to her wondrous ears did she hear, that inspection was passed, every mddie did cheer. The Captain, McDermott, Cooper, Pavalko, Hayler, Bya Stewart, Law, McManis, Lewis, Hamaker, Wayne Ballows, Krata, Christodoulou and Shaw faster than eagles, all the middies out of sight safe liberty to all and to all good night.

Shay Bernardi

Sue Beechtree

STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

AS stated above, the purpose of this new student council CMA organization is to deal in meetings with Faculty/Administration matters on comments, positive points, and complaints. Communication between parties can always be improved upon. At the school, a suggestion box will be provided in a common rest place, and we invite your serious comments on virtually anything; it can involve Faculty/Administration relations, student-to-student relations, or physical improvements to the school itself.

For this committee to have a sufficient and significant voice for students to express opinions and ideas with current situations, we invite the entire Student Body to become members. Your membership will only require as much of your time as you really want to put into it. Watch for more information on involving students in representation in The Binnacle after the first student council meeting back at school.

If your response to our intentions to improve relations between the Administration/Faculty and students is as positive as we hope we may be able to accomplish some good things. Anyone who feels he has a concern with a problem or issue currently being dealt with can show up at a meeting to express their opinion. We can do some positive things with members and with interest. Far too often in the past, interest hasn't been expressed because of the old creeping disease common at CMA: APATHY. We're not asking for a lot of your time, we just need your support.

B.F.

Sea, wind to lift me
Sun, light to rise
Moon, light of the earth
Moon, light of the skies

No cloud above
No earth below me
A universe of sky and sea

The sun is a continuous miracle
The fishes that swim,
The rocks the bottom of the waves--
The shores with men in them--
How stranger miracles are there?

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