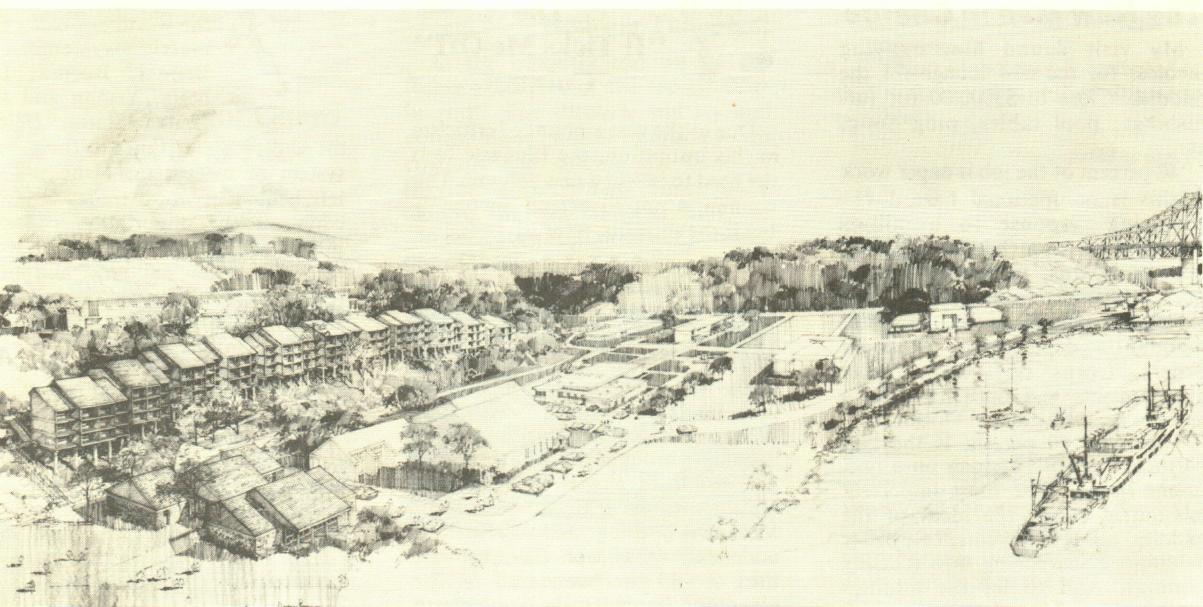


# the Binnacle

MAY 1976



## New Dorm Under Construction . . .

It's finally true. CMA will get a new dormitory. The rumors are as fantastic as they sound. But don't be surprised if this time the rumor is true.

According to rumors out of the "Green Building," the construction company has approximately 240 working days to complete the cluster of buildings. That essentially means that the first cluster may be done by the time the cruise group gets back from the winter trimester in 1977!

That is considering, of course, that nothing goes wrong.

All of the buildings are to be worked on and construction phases completed according to the master schedule. The addition to the gymnasium, library, auditorium, Administration Building are all to be worked on together (by separate contractors, of course). Out of the money allotted by the State for each addition to the campus, some of the contractors underbid the estimated figures, but there is nothing that CMA can do with the money over-allotted. It will return to the State.

The internal arrangements (fur-

nishings) of the new dormitory are being taken care of by A.C. McDermott. The plans are to make each room as liveable as possible. Of course, not neglecting the adaptability of each ones individual life style. Taking many factors into consideration, Mr. McDermott will have his hands full in trying to cope with the problems to come.

The fight was long and hard for this great achievement and I am sure that the Corps will join the *Binnacle* in thanking all of those who assisted in making the building of the new dormitory possible.



Mr. W.B. Yinger  
Appointed Acting Commandant  
March 12, 1976

### The New Man In Charge

My visit found him okaying invoices for the new lounge for the middies. Close to \$3000.00 for furnishings, pool tables, ping pong, etc...

"40 percent of the job is paper work -- this is occupational hazard #1-- involving response to a million memos a day, watch bills, demo list, hearing boards, notices to appear, accreditation paraphernalia, time sheets for employees of the Commandant's department, purchase orders, Corps staff and officer appointments, and, once in a while, a letter to dear old mom in Florida."

The other 60 percent is the best part--dealing with middies on a one-to-one basis. "The most important mission is to get the ideas of the middies' needs and wants, i.e., better habitation, sharpening info (ceasing rumors). And to let the middies experience making decisions on all levels of school business." His personal task is in assisting middies in being real professionals; the officers they are bound to be. Ideally, his task is instilling excellence in profession and personhood (people and self).

Hazard #2 is to reorganize for systems that will work and are changeable (flexible), instead of the staleness that was once prevalent in the Commandant's Office.

Bound to a desk, he is accountable to the Admiral, Board of Governors, and all of the heads of the departments for his actions. His different status has changed his part of CMA; instead of being a part of the organizations that are striving for a

better CMA, he is now in a position of orchestrating. With no experience guide to help, he has to do it his own way.

"The best thing that has happened to me in two years is Mr. L. McDermott." With the division of responsibilities, Res. Hall, appointments, etc., Mr. Yinger now can devote his time to the ship, where he is held accountable by the Captain and the Chief.

**Goals**— His goals, while in his new office, are (1) to move the Commandant's Office from being pre-occupied with credits and debits to a student services orientated type of system like the other colleges and universities; (2) to encourage enlargement of the Commandant's

department to 3 commandants and 2 secretaries; (3) to move the care and maintenance of the Corps totally into the hands of the Corps officers; (4) to widen the opportunity for social and athletic activities, which calls for the participation by clubs, student council, and the coach (as of now, the programs are derelict in providing adequate extra-curricular activities for the middies); (5) to free the divisional officers from maintenance and supervision, so they may become counselors and give help when needed by members of their divisions; (6) to make it possible, as far as the

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### The "It Ticks Me Off" Column

Due to the vast amount of criticism in this institution, the **Binnacle** feels the need to invent a new column. This column is not to offend anyone ... but if the shoe fits, wear it!

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#### Fast Food Service

Has anyone noticed how long it takes to eat sometimes? Well, if you've noticed that, then you'll notice that the reason is, for the most part, that only one of the service lines is in operation. It's something that should be brought to the attention of the people in charge. Why do the midshipmen have to suffer for the Mess Deck being understaffed? If understaffing is not the problem, then should the blame fall on the planning? It only *takes a middle* to know that at the end of breakfast, the beginning of lunch and the beginning of dinner there are longer lines than normal! This phenomena only happens almost every day (except on weekends), and it will continue to happen as the Student Body grows.

Give us shorter lines and open us both sides more often. Put yourself in our place and stand in line once in a while.

Norbert Snerd

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Rebuttals to this and other articles in the above column may be submitted to the editor of the **Binnacle** before the 20th of each month. (Names not necessary.)

### The Foot Is Out



The only countries in the world not using the metric system are Brunei, Burma, Liberia, Yemen and the United States. Unless

the United States shifts to the metric system of measurement she will be left behind in world trade. In some countries the importation of non-metric measuring instruments is restricted by law and more and more restrictions on non-metric products are being imposed by trading partners of the United States. There is increasing evidence that the U.S. measuring system is a barrier to foreign trade.

Finally, after debating the issue for 10 years, Congress has passed and President Ford has signed legislation to pave the way for conversion to the metric system of measurement in the United States. Last August AB 1836 passed the Assembly of the California Legislature. It is now coming up for consideration in the Senate. California has the unique distinction therefore to be the first state in the nation to have a coordinated metric conversion plan.

The National Park Service has gone metric, General Motors has gone metric, all Ford Pintos and Mustang II have gone metric, IBM has gone metric, European countries are saying "Go metric or we don't want your products." In view of the nature of our business here at CMA we MUST GO METRIC.

If anyone is interested in helping CMA go metric, please contact Mr. Bourke who is forming a Metric Advisory Committee.

## Scuttlebutt . . .

*(Or isn't it true?)*

...New tables are being ordered for the Chow Palace, 48 inches square, so it will sit 4 comfortably ... so pick your favorite four and make a reservation...

...If anyone's interested, there is a great sub-sandwich place on the backside of Vallejo, out Sonoma to Sears Point Road, right turn, 100 yards and across the street on your left ... Prices reasonable, foods good...

...Gymnastics equipment isn't hard to come by. If enough students show the interest it can be donated by the Foundation...

...Rumors, rumors, and more rumors. When are they going to cease? ... But the latest are: The T.S.G.B. will be going to S.F. for the Fourth of July activities.

...More reliable sources say that



### CMA Color Guard and Drill Team to Perform

The Cal Maritime Color Guard and Drill Team are still active. They have a set of performances coming up, if the Student Body is interested in seeing what they're made of.

On the 1st of May they will be in the Benicia Bi-Centennial Parade. In the parade the Drill Team and Color Guard will be more or less shaking off the loose dust and cobwebs in preparation for the Armed Forces parade in Torrance, California. This parade, held on the 15th of May, is the largest civic sponsored parade in the State.

On the 5th of May, the slated date for the Groundbreaking Ceremonies at CMA, the Color Guard will be presenting colors.

On the 19th of May, the Drill Team's firing squad and Color Guard will be in San Francisco for the Annual Maritime Day Commemoration Ceremonies. This is to pay tribute to all Mariners who have lost their lives at sea.

On the 22nd the C.M.A. Color Guard will be presenting colors for the Giants home game at Candlestick Park.

Good luck Drill Team and Color Guard.

200 more midshipmen are due next year, so 4th Class hang onto your berthing area bunking on the ship.

...Someone asked the writer of Scuttlebutt, "When are the General Studies Department personnel going to wear uniforms, and when are the Naval Science personnel going to get haircuts?" 'Nuff said!...

...How did the Academy save \$60,000 last year and still manage to look so good? Is the quality of food going up?...

...For the next cruise, rumors state the T.S.G.B. will take off for the west coast of South America. Sounds tasty...



### On to Bigger and/or Better Things...

### Retiring Teachers!

At the trimester end we will be losing a number of the faculty and/or staff. The Binnacle will try and corner these fleeing souls by the coattails and discuss the issue of leaving CMA. Therefore, each month, until the trimester ends, we will dedicate a section of our paper to one of them.

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DAVID BLASKOVICH

Mr. Blaskovich came to the Academy in the Fall of 1974 and taught Chemistry, Oceanography, and some Mathematics. His attitudes and outlooks than are not the same as they are today. He has a feeling; a feeling not uncommon of most of the midshipmen at one time or another. The feeling is a need to move-in other words *change*. Unlike us, Mr. Blaskovich is free to do as he pleases. He can act out his feelings and do the things he wants. To carry out these feelings he plans to go to Iowa and do some farming. Open land and fresh air are yours for the taking. Good luck Mr. Blaskovich in your future endeavors.

Next month: Mr. Pilcher.

...More Keema boats in the water now than at anytime in the history of CMA. Good job, Keever!...

...June 19th the T.S.G.B. may go to the shipyard. But who believes in rumors anyway? If you do, then the news has it that it won't be back for the reception of the class of 1980! Anyone for outdoor indoctrination?...

...Watch what you say, and whom you say it to in the "Green Building," remember it's Spring!...

...The issue of clothing for the Class of 1980 will be the best yet! Good job Mr. Kelly and the Uniform Committee...

...With all the noise of construction going on, the Binnacle staff hopes the 1st Class can study for 3rds. 'Nuff said...

...Good performance of J.R. Harris in *Cactus Flower*...

...Congrats to Poudrier, Lage and Stitch Productions; the *Hawsepipe* is at the press...

...Thankx to all who contributed to the making of another *Binnacle* possible!

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### Look Out for Spring Intramurals

### Cruise End

When does the cruise end?  
When you tie up alongside?  
Go ashore for the final time?  
Turn your back to the sea?

A cruise ends when curiosity ceases;  
When excitement for new discoveries wanes;  
When the Ocean is a "Ho-Hum"  
Rather than respected mystery;  
When that deep inner yearning for  
Open horizons clouds up;  
When thirst for openness and  
Privacy disappear;  
When hope and wonder flounder;  
When caring ceases.

It is so with life, also.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MAY 30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>JUNE 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Memorial Day Weekend!</b>						
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>USCG License Examinations, Class of 1976</b>						
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
Last Day to withdraw from Classes. Last Day to Validate P.E.						
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Morning, Registration for Special Summer Session Class of 1980						
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>JULY 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Last Day of Classes Spring Trimester						
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Independence Weekend!</b>						
<b>Final Examinations, Class of 1977-78-79</b>						
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
Field Day Classes 1977-78-79						
Academic Board Meets on Spring Trimester Deficiencies						



**Don't put yourselves behind the eight ball  
1st Class-3rd's are comin'!**

### **The New Man In Charge (continued)**

Commandant's Office is concerned, so that middies serve on all decision making bodies; and (7) to make it possible for the middies to have greater contact with, and have more confidence in the "Green Building."

His personal goals are to increase his knowledge concerning the maritime profession, and to ultimately get a license to sail the Duchess.

**Conflicts**— Mr. Yinger foresees a number of conflicts in his job. The reasons for this are numerous. The simple fact that no one makes a decision all by themselves (the **filter system**, a "Green Building" exclusive). If mistakes are made in his work he doesn't worry too much about them. "Give and take. I learn most from my adversaries. The only thing that is off is the timing for changes; I may want it now, but others may want it 10 years from now."

**Pet Peeves**— When asked of his pet peeves, he stated that the "cops and robbers" stereotype in regard to haircuts and uniforms rate number one on the list of many. Mr. Yinger says that if the Commandant's staff didn't have to worry about the 8 percent of the Corps that won't conform, more productive things would be happening.

"The faculty and students who label people," says Mr. Yinger, "are also added to my list of pet peeves. People should be dealt with on an individual basis, not stereotyped."

Mr. Yinger seemed calm externally at this point, but the wheels on the inside seemed to be churning fast, very fast. "The few midshipmen who persist in bringing on chaos are a concern to the department. It could be nice except for the few." Realizing this may have been said before, the look of determination crossed his face. "There are those who refuse to deal with new ideas and shrug them off by saying, 'that cost too much.' Some people don't believe in the fact that there is no such thing as a bad idea, and a problem that can't be solved."

When asked for things that he would like for the midshipmen to do on their own, he replied, "Take the initiative in keeping the Corps squared away! Don't always expect for the Commandant's staff to be the heavy." Mr. Yinger has also showed interest in the morale of the Corps by



### **Mr. L. McDermott**

#### **Number 2 (He tries harder!)**

Lewis M. McDermott was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in December, 1934. He went straight into the Air Force after graduation from high school and became a radio operator. After 4 years he got out and went to college. After a while, he was back in military life again, this time stationed in Germany for a couple of years. Later he was selected by the Air Force to finish his degree in International Relations at Arizona -- he graduated in 1962.

As an intelligence officer he returned to Germany where he stayed for a couple of years. Once again Mr. McDermott was selected to continue his education. He was enrolled at the University of Minnesota, to receive a Masters degree in history. This was a preparatory step for teaching at the United States Air Force Academy. He was there from 1968 to 1972.

Next he journeyed to Southeast Asia. For a year he was an intelligence officer in a combine unit. Finally he was stationed at the Pentagon. In October 1975, Mr. McDermott retired from active duty with the rank of Captain. He was in the service 20 years; all of those as an enlisted man. "Essentially, they (the Government) paid me to fly all over the world to go to colleges," says Mr. McDermott. He moved to California, where he enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley for graduate studies, but he saw no opportunities and advantages in getting a Ph.D., so

always having an ear tuned to the middle channel. "If a problem is in the brewing, discuss it with a group and if it doesn't get solved, bring it in to the office (in an organized fashion). Don't lie in the bilges and belly ache about it." This statement is found to be valid on many occasions by the midshipmen. Because if read carefully, the statement makes no promises, and promises are things the middies tend to steer away from in

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he started looking for a new job.

Mr. McDermott knew that CMA existed and drove by sometimes. He noticed that there was an opening for a job at CMA from the UCB Placement Office. He went through the routine process and was eventually accepted as Assistant Commandant.

Why? Mr. McDermott was interested in the size of the Corps--small. He was looking for a job where there was a one-to-one relationship, with a minimal amount of time "behind the desk."

He started during mid-winter term. His duties then were complex, but presently they have become a bit easier. Most of his time will be spent with the responsibility of the Res. Hall. He would like to start some sort of a "Res. Hall Program." (According to him, the only time the middies get together is to see *Star Trek*.) Basically, the program would make the Res. Hall more liveable by centering activities around the Res. Hall. Living with 200 other people there is always a strain. Mr. McDermott would like to see the Crops "live together and develop some responsibilities to other people besides to just themselves."

"The Corps is placed in a special situation. For one person's mischief is not looked upon as his own mischief, but as the entire Corps' mischief."

#### **Scuttlebutt (continued)**

Condolences are offered by the Corps of Midshipmen to the family of Captain Aguilar on the death of his mother.

...Loosely speaking, and speaking of loose; the faculty and staff put forth a very good showing at the "1st Class Farewell Dance 1978" held on the Balclutha! Thanx to all who contributed to the organization, and to the fun.

...Congrats to the Corps Officers for 1976-1977.

...The Dorm is to be completed in approximately 240 working days. And that isn't too far away to count down! 239, 238, 237, 236, ....



### **The New Man In Charge (continued)**

dealing with the "Green Building." Mr. Yinger also states that middies should stop relying on misconstrued scoops, bad info, and rumors. They should know that no one is unapproachable here at C.M.A. "The last on the list of pet peeves (but not last in importance) is the watches on base. They (the watches) should be taken very seriously and not so mickey-mouse. The watches are directly related to training as an officer in the Maritime and they are importantly related to the school."

It seems as though the Academy has acquired a Commandant that cares (no matter how minute it may seem to some). You've read his views on school life, functions and goals; now it's mostly up to the Midshipmen to act. You know where he's coming from; it's up to you to decide whether he's friend or foe!

### **TO: CORPS OF MIDSHIPMEN** **Future Improvements on** **Mess Deck**

An order has been placed on sixty new tables for the Mess Deck. They will be 48" by 48" and their colors will match those of the new chairs. An additional 90 chairs have been ordered. Mr. Henderson has also ordered an ice machine, a juice machine, a new tray and silverware holder. There will be new blue trays with CMA on them.

A few simple things to remember in the Mess Deck — Do not smoke in the food line and don't put your cigarettes out on the floor or the trays. Please don't take cups from the Galley; they cost 50 cents to replace. When we have them, styrofoam cups will be available for take out. Please don't leave your books on the Mess Deck after 0800, the door will be locked from 0800 to 0900.

In the morning, if you want fried eggs, stand to the right of the grill. Anyone who wants scrambled eggs or cereal bypass the fried egg line.

Finally, if you don't like something about the food, service, or equipment, **DON'T** tell your buddy or curse out the Cooks and Stewards. Tell either Mr. Henderson or Mr. McDermott.

**L.M. McDermott**  
Assistant Commandant of  
Midshipmen



### **Mac Hamburgs Under Fire**

McDonald's is the giant of the field. Sales for 1974 were a whopping 2 billion dollars. Over 150,000 teenagers work at McDonald's making them the largest employer of young people in the nation, all of them clean shaven, short-haired and acne free.

The food that those all-American teenagers serve is a nutritional wasteland according to most experts. Dr. Jean Mayer of Harvard University's School of Public Health has noted that the typical McDonald's meal — hamburger, french fries and shake — not only contains little in the way of vitamins, but he also observes that McDonald's bland, mushy food was so lacking in roughage that it did not require any chewing.

Dr. George Christakis, nutrition chief at New York's Mount Sinai School of Medicine estimates that one-third of the children raised on the all-American meal would be high risk heart attack candidates by the time they reach fifty.

According to Benjamin Rosenthal, the volatile Democratic Congressman from Queens, New York, the "Quarter Pounder" isn't even a quarter pound.

Oh well, see ya at Mac's after the game.

Dave Kintigh  
LANTHORN  
Grand Valley State College



### **WANT ADS**

**FOR SALE:** Two wetsuits, in great condition. One medium size male and one female (size 7-9). Healthways. If interested, you can try them on. See Dave Blaskovich.

**WANTED:** One cloud; must be convertable into bed. Needed while serving Earth term. Contact C. Angel.

**GIVING AWAY:** One, old retarded Sea Serpent. Cuddly and Loveable; No teeth. Does not bark, but uses gums ferociously! Goes by the name of Cecil. Contact Beannie Boy.

Any midshipman wishing to advertise in the **Binnacle**, contact the paper's business manager, M/S Brian Ferguson. **IT'S FREE!!!!**

### **Sea Quest**

Not everyone has the urge toward long sea voyaging. But once it has been felt deeply, one will not again know peace. What is this compulsion? Is it a subconscious rejection of time consciousness, from the drone of radio and television hucksters?

Partly, perhaps. Is it not wholly escape, for the intelligent modern person knows that there is no real escape. What then is the answer?

A few noted psychologists believe that the spirit that impels a man to put forth to somewhere dates from early primitive wanderings.

Whatever it is, the longings for new experiences are personal and differ as individuals differ. For one man it is to stand on the foredeck sounding the depths, as his vessel heads slowly in to a remote anchorage in a quiet bay where few small ships have ever been before, after the tension of a long passage.

For another it is calculated risk and pride in the performance of a well-handled ship. For most it is a need to come to grips with something primitive within them.

Charles Borden

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