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72-73 ACADEMIC YEAR SEES INCREASE IN FEES

Next year there will be an increase in fees of \$100 per trimester. \$95 will be used for tuition and \$5 will be used for student activities.

The tuition fee being charged now is being spent for room, board, and tuition. A minimum tuition of \$135 per trimester is required by the state to be charged. Room is currently calculated to be \$126 and food at \$804 per year. So to this \$930, the minimum tuition of \$135 per trimester must be added, bringing the sub-total to \$1,335.

The student council found that the present \$20 student activity fee was insufficient for the student's needs. For this reason, the student activity fee will be increased \$15 per year to \$35. Insurance must still be bought for \$10, bringing the total amount of attending C.M.A. to \$1,380 per year.

One reason for the increase is the cost of feeding the midshipmen. When steak is served, the cost for the meat alone is \$1.13 per plate. Also, wasting of food has contributed greatly to the feeding cost. If you are not planning on eating something, don't put it on your plate, because the food that is not taken does not have to be prepared.

Even with this increase the students pay only about 14% of the total amount needed to educate midshipmen at C.M.A. The remainder of the money is paid 70% by the State and 16% by M.A.R.A.D.

OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AT C.M.A.--Pete Gyben

The weekend of November 10, 1972 may have passed uneventfully for the majority of the midshipmen at C.M.A., but a few of the first class took part in an activity which could possibly mark the beginning of an extensive oceanographic research project at C.M.A.

A T-Boat manned by 10 first class, It. Keever as Captain, and Mr. Nilsen as project coordinator, spent the weekend as part of a test program to take oceanographic samples from the areas off the Farallon Islands and from the South Bay. Mr. Nilsen called the outing a definite success.

This T-Boat trip was the first step in a program which might result in the establishment of oceanographic engineering as a major at C.M.A. if Mr. Nilsen has his way.

Mr. Nilsen began negotiations with Dr. Pat Wild, University of California, Chairman of the Ocean Sciences Committee and with Sea Grant for the purpose of looking into C.M.A.'s potential as an oceanographic research station. Also, developing an oceanographic major as well as an alliance with the University of California in the field of oceanographic research was discussed by Mr. Nilsen.

Mr. Nilsen has submitted several proposals to Sea Grant as well as U.C. for oceanographic research based at C.M.A. Among the proposals are monitoring oceanographic samples along the coast, Bodega Bay and the Delta area.

Even if an agreement is reached with Sea Grant or U.C., Mr. Nilsen's plans will have to be approved by the Superintendent, the Board of Governors, the State of California and several federal agencies.

Considering the success of the T-Boat trip a couple of weeks ago, there is a distinct possibility that the curriculum at C.M.A. will contain oceanographic research as a major in the near future.

THE MYSTERIOUS MASTERS, MATES AND PILOTS STRIKE

Very little is known about the M.M.&P. strike that has been going on for a week throughout the West Coast. Neither side is making public the issues that are being discussed, but they do admit that money is not an issue.

It is possible that M.M.&P. is pushing for rotary shipping. Rotary shipping would have the shipping companies change their 2nd and 3rd mates every 6 months. All vacation must be taken at this time plus a wait of 1 month before a mate can get another job. This system is wanted by M.M.&P. to spread the jobs equally.

Another possible issue is the organization into unions of port captains, assistant port captains and port managers. Shippers oppose this move because it is sure to cost them something.

A further barrier exists before a settlement can be reached. Callahan of M.M.&P. and Flynn of P.M.A. the negotiators for the two sides, have a great dislike for each other. Last week Callahan missed a negotiating session and Flynn charged that Callahan missed the session because he was drunk. Callahan's reason for not being present was that he got caught in traffic. The incident caused the two men to stop talking to each other. Because of the numerous problems existing, there is no indication as to the length of the strike.

BINNACLE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The BINNACLE has changed dynasties and is now in the trusted hands of the third class. All are welcome to contribute to the paper. Articles, short stories, cartoons, or your own ideas are wanted for the next issue. A gripe column will be started if interest is shown. Submit all contributions to T. Dillon Room 331.