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RING DANCE A SUCCESS

The Ring Dance in the opinion of almost all who attended was an excellent dance. It was probably one of the best Ring Dances in the history of the Academy. The Officer's Club turned out to be the perfect place; it was private, the service was prompt, the drinks cheap, and the club itself was a handsome building. Not one Midshipman acted other than a gentleman and everybody still had a ball.

Real credits go to the Second class in general and the Ring Dance Committee in particular. The brunt of the work was carried by Joe Maroney and Roy O'Farrell, but many hours were put in by Bruce Toffelmier, Decorations Chairman; Gayne Marriner, Ted Otero, Jim Baxter, George Coppo, Bid sellers; Adrian Ades, Bids and Printing; John Mikesell, Publicity.

Bob Burns, one of the Vallejo hoods, was responsible for the dance being at the Officer's Club. He also arranged some of the deals on flowers and printing. The Second Class really appreciated the donation of the Club by the Mare Island Officer's Mess. The Binnacle used in the ceremony belongs to Spenger's Fish Grotto in Berkeley. If you're ever down Berkeley way, drop in and say thanks.

Gayne Marriner and Roger Sylvester contributed their Saturday morning to clean up after the dance. Gene Caselli brought the ring and the binnacle back to the Base.

The whole second class deeply appreciate the counsel and assistance of Mr. Behm, Faculty Adviser.

The Ring Dance was the best dance we have had around here for the last couple of years

and there's no reason why the upward trend can't continue. If everybody gets behind the next dance like they did the Ring Dance, we will really have a social life.

One of the most enjoyable features of any dance are the parties afterward. The Ring Dance had its share of them this year and from all reports they were entirely successful. At John Mikesell's party after the dance were Bill Koren, John Barrett, Bud Schmeltz, Knick Pyles, Bud Brown, Pete MacKenzie, Rick Corrigan, Harry Krum, Jerry Frank, and Tom O'Connell with their dates. At Jon Lucas' place, before and after the dance, we found Rick Morris, Dave Monahan, Bill Dews, Mel James, Jon Lucas, Steve Stephenson, John Davis, and Bob Kemmerrer with their dates; and finally at the almost-all-nighter at the Casa de Vallejo were Ken Franke, Bob Byrne, Bill Mellinger, Jim Dafoe, Bill Arbuckle, and Joe Maroney with their dates. A good time was definitely had by all, and the finishing touch added to an already enjoyable evening.

THE LEE SCUPPER

We received a gratifying response in labor volunteered for the bar-be-que pit although we can always use more. Anyone else who is interested should contact either Pyles, Lucas, or Brownson.

The Bar-be-que pit is just one idea for the proposed project; there are many other enjoyable features that could be achieved so let's get going on some ideas and suggestions. You can be sure your idea will receive careful

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consideration, and, if it's feasible it will receive the full cooperation of the administration and all the Midshipmen involved.

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EDITORIAL

Recently an order has come out that shirts must be worn by all Midshipmen during practical instruction. I would like to point out a few reasons why shirts should be left off under certain occasions and circumstances.

The only reasons I can see for not allowing "shirts off" are the following: injury and presenting a bad appearance to guests, etc.

Concerning injury, shirts are not taken off in the engine room or other places where injury might occur. Two and a half hours is not enough to cause a bad sunburn, especially as the average Midshipman has some tan left over from cruise.

Public relations is the biggest reason for, not against, not wearing shirts.

In Acapulco I've heard considerable talk by Americans comparing the Midshipmen working on the Ship with the average American lad, sitting in a classroom back in the States. Many good friends of the Academy and individual Midshipmen are made there in Acapulco. In the same line, people in the States like to see a bunch of healthy lads working on the ship or rowing a boat. It really seems odd that a supposedly outdoor and salty group should be a collection of whitebacks.

Of course one Midshipman with a shirt off and one with a t-shirt on do not present a pleasing appearance. But it is easily arranged that men disrobe by boat crew or deck or other turnto group.

All in all, considering health, appearance, and morale, "shirts off" is a worthwhile uniform.

ROUNDS DEVELOPMENT

Prior to graduation many improvements will be made in the Academy grounds. As in years past there will be a general clean-up. The junk pile will be hauled away, and the growth along the side of the roads will be mowed. In addition, the new flagpole will be installed. It is considerably higher than the old one; the top of the old pole comes up to the yard of the new one. Commander Keeley has his fingers

crossed in hopes that the grass will cover the entire area in front of and around the new buildings by that time.

PROPELLER CLUB OPEN TO NEW MEMBERSHIPS

The Port of California Maritime Academy of the Propeller Club is open for new memberships. The first class have turned over the con to the Second Class as of their meeting last night. Temporary officers were elected last night. They are Art Thomas, President; Bruce Toffelmier, Vice-President; and Gayne Marriner, Secretary-Treasurer. Other members are Roger Sylvester and Fred Chase. Permanent officers will not be elected until membership has reached the total of fifteen. Application blanks for membership may be obtained from Bruce Toffelmier or Phil Unger.

ROSE BOX

There will be a parade group of twenty men and color guard at the Solano County Fair opening in July. The uniform will be dress blues.

There will be field trips tomorrow and Friday to Mare Island.

Two men are needed to talk on TV about the Academy on Saturday morning the sixth of July. Anyone interested should see Pyles.

Mr. Nied is going to attend the Institute of Navigation's convention in Long Beach this coming Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

The First Class will be allowed late study in their rooms from now until graduation.

The First Class Naval Science final will be given the afternoon of 16 July.

The second class deck hands and engineers are practicing energetically for the coming whaleboat race on 1 August.

NAUTICAL QUERY

The first man with the right answer to last week's question "What is a wharfinger?" was Junior Oleott. A wharfinger is an owner or manager of a wharf.

This week's query:

What is a pyrate machine?

THE BOX SCORE

After defeating all league competition they had met, the softball team's winning streak finally came to an end, as they were beaten by the league's top team. The 8-5 score, however, does not entirely reflect the caliber of the game. Errors, which enabled numerous runs to cross the plate, were the real reason for CMA's defeat. With three more chances against each league team, the softball squad should pick up the league title.

Last night the softball team soundly defeated Sawyer's Tannery 10-5 in nine innings of play. Mr. Flanner stayed through the entire game to umpire.

SPORTS OF THE DAY

Tennis - with the matches at Wimbledon coming up soon, much U. S. hope has been placed in the direction of Althea Gibson. Having completed a recent tour of Europe, her smashing play has given her the impetus to reduce the big and conclusive test coming at Wimbledon.

Boxing - a heavyweight bout is practically arranged between Archie Moore and James J. Parker, the Canadian and British Empire champ. The bout, which should be held in Toronto, is expected to draw a large turnout.

Baseball - Jack Harshman of the Chicago White Sox made baseball history as he beat the Baltimore Orioles 1-0 while holding them to 1 hit. The highlight, which made it a notable game, was that the opposing pitchers, Connie Johnson and George Zuvernik, allowed only 1 hit between them.

Mickey Mantle is continuing to smash the little baseball and is definitely ahead of Babe Ruth's pace. But he must rack up a good amount of homers in the early season ever to be a serious threat to Ruth's crown.

It is being said that the All-Star Fall, used to pick players for the annual all-star game, may be abandoned, as it has led to a tremendous tabulating job for those concerned.

SHIRTS OFF

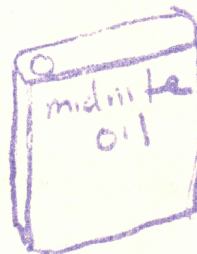
Since this paper has gone to ditto, Captain Richter has said that shirts may be taken off during turnouts, rowing, and practical instruction. They must be put back on prior to leaving the dock.

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