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NEWMAN CLUB

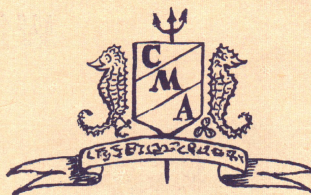
The Newman Club is a religious club for midshipmen of the Catholic faith. The purpose of this club is to keep its members active in the church while attending CMA. The Newman Club is in direct affiliation with the nation-wide Newman Clubs.

Mr. Dunham is the club advisor; Father Cassidy is the chaplain; and the present officers are M/S Fontana, M/S Bautista, and M/S Rose. Club activities consist of morning mass every Friday and holidays, and meetings held every other Thursday. New members are invited to attend.

CALVIN CLUB

The Calvin Club is a Protestant church group organized to strengthen religious beliefs and to provide discussion groups. Activities of the club include Wednesday morning breakfasts, evening discussion groups, and socials. Meetings are held at the Community Presbyterian Church in Vallejo.

Midshipmen who are interested in joining are invited to actively participate in the club and should contact M/S Schaumburg for further information.



BINNACLE EDITORIAL

At the present time general feeling within the Corps is one of improved morale and co-operation. This observation is a comparison made between the present and the not too distant past. This feeling has been sparked recently by the newly aroused interest in sports as shown by the large turn-out at the first home game of the water polo season. Furthermore, such things as Project X, the newly formed groups, and clubs are adding to this atmosphere.

We, the Editors of the BINNACLE, feel that this should only be the beginning. To keep the ball rolling, new ideas and enthusiasm are very necessary. Further, we feel that the best approach is through the field of sports. There are at present two definite plans afoot: Rooters' busses and cheerleaders. These plans are to be submitted to the Student Council as soon as the necessary details have been arranged. With approval, these plans will be in effect in time for the coming basketball season.

It is the understanding of the Editors that there are other plans on the drawing board for the improvement of morale at the Academy. We believe that it is of primary importance that all these proposals be given careful consideration by the administration. It is equally as important that each of us do our part to promote the success of these projects.

In the past it has been noticed that a lot of midshipmen have had good ideas for the raising of morale, but they never seem to rise beyond the "discussion" stage. If YOU have any ideas, first find someone who shares your point of view on the matter — almost any project that one might happen to undertake more than likely would be too much work for just one person. The next, and most important step, is to put one's ideas on paper along with the necessary facts and figures involved. The next step is to give the proposal to one's representative on the Student Council.

Progress is the life-blood of humanity. We should never be satisfied with conditions although they may seem adequate; for as time and people change, so do their needs and desires.

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Who's Who



LT. E.C. MILLER

"Develop a feeling for the sea and her power," said Mr. E.C. Miller, who retired from the navy as a commander on July 1, 1960. This newest addition to the faculty of the Deck Department, teaches Seamanship, Rules of the Road, and Marine Orientation, feels that continued self-study is necessary for improvement. In addition, he believes one must have a *desire* to be a good seaman before becoming a good seaman.

Mr. Miller was born in northern California in 1914 and was the first of his family to take to the sea. In '31 he entered the California Nautical School in the same class as Mr. Aguilar and in '33-'34 was the B.C., Sub-Commander, coxswain, and member of the sailing team. He graduated in the Deck Class of 1934. In comparing the two schools, he notes that today's courses are more varied and broader in scope to meet challenges of the future. Like the courses, the middies vary in backgrounds far more than previously. However, the competition between Deck and Engineers has not slackened.

After receiving his ticket as third mate, Mr. Miller sailed for Grace Lines on the Intercoastal and New York to South America runs. Later he taught at CMA; at the outbreak of WW II he was called into active duty and was assigned to continue teaching at the Academy until 1945. During his naval career, he had command of several vessels, among which was the *Salamonie*, a 25,000 ton fleet oiler, a troop-cargo carrier, and a general stores issue ship. This instructor believes that experience in the Navy has been beneficial in broadening his concept of the maritime industry.

Mr. Miller happily resides in Napa with his wife and three daughters. His eldest daughter starts studying at the University of Washington this year. His favorite pastimes are golf, sailing, and photography.

Welcome, Mr. Miller.

LOUIS E. KIGER

A new addition to the faculty is Mr. Louis E. Kiger. Mr. Kiger has taken over the instruction of English at the Academy.

He was born in New Jersey where he received his early education. During World War II, Combat Infantryman Kiger was wounded in action in the European theater. He also taught in the Army's Information and Education program.

Mr. Kiger's extensive formal education began at the University of Illinois. He also attended Brooklyn College and Union J.C. (Cranford, N.J.) where he received his A.A. Degree. He then enrolled at Rutgers University where he received a B.A. degree and graduated Magna Cum Laude in History. His Masters Degree was also earned at Rutgers.

Moving out to California, Mr. Kiger did graduate work for a Ph. D degree in Russian History and Slavic Literature at U.C.

Before coming to CMA he taught English and History at John Swett High School in Crockett and Russian and Russian History at the Vallejo Evening College.

The Kigers make their home in Vallejo. They have a four year old daughter, Marta. Mr. Kiger enjoys Northern California's climate which make his hobbies more pleasant. Golf and skiing are his favorites. Welcome Mr. Kiger.



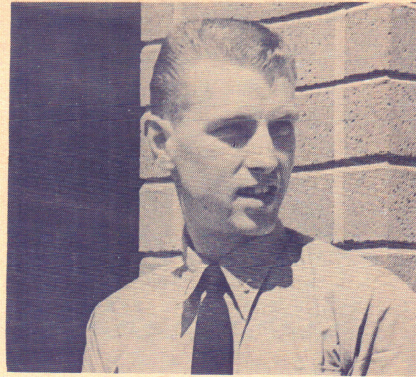
Class Officers

M/S WILLMS 1/E

FIRST CLASS PRESIDENT

Maynard Willms has been elected President of the Class of 1961. M/S Willms was born August 17, 1937. He hails from San Francisco. His hard work as chairman of the Ring Dance '60 contributed much to the success of the annual highlight.

For outside interests, Maynard likes water skiing, sports, and girls, especially Helen. Activities for the coming year include a class picnic this trimester, a class formal the third trimester, and the Sport Night Dance. It looks like the Class of '61 has a busy year ahead.



M/S ASPLAND 2/D

SECOND CLASS PRESIDENT

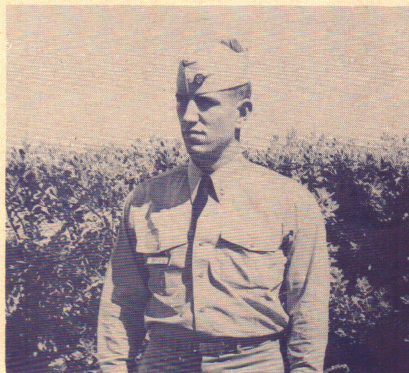
Jerry Aspland has been re-elected as President of the Class of 1962. He was born on January 12, 1940 in Richmond, California, and now resides in West Pittsburg. Before coming to CMA, he attended the University of California at Berkeley and the Diablo Valley College in Pacheco, California. Other than helping to run the BINNACLE, his hobbies include wrestling, collecting old bottles, promoting PROJECT X, and planning for his future career as an officer in the United States Navy.



M/S RUFF 3/D

THIRD CLASS PRESIDENT

Many of you have heard the deep professional tones of M/S William T. Ruff, 3/D, calling cadence as the Third Class marches from point to point. This midshipman hails originally from Annapolis, Md., and has lived all over the states, while traveling with his father, a retired Naval officer. He graduated from St. Vincents High School in Vallejo. In 1960, he ended a five year tour of duty in the Navy, attaining the rate on signalman second class. He chose CMA to acquire an officer's education and to follow the sea, and our Academy has been highly recommended to him. His hobbies are records, water skiing, and now, the Third Class.



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SPORTS

SEAHORSES PREPARED FOR COMEBACK

With only a few weeks practice under their belts, the CMA water polo team is really clicking. Thanks to the daily drills and scrimmages, the squad is ready to compete with the best of them — and will be. The season opened here against St. Mary's and will be followed by games with the University of California Frosh, Stockton College, Fresno City College, and Santa Clara University.

This year's returning lettermen are Tom Delacy, Walt Leuth, John West, Tony Pittsey, Bill Schiller, Bob Moore, Don Finley, and Scott Stratton. The other players, who include several promising third classmen, are Glen Petty, Glen Phinney, Gary Nelson, Bob Hanelt, and Jeff Quinn. The team practices under the watchful eye of Coach Thwing. The team managers are Charley "Chip" Boyd and Dave "Smiles" Allison.

In the past the team has had several bad seasons, but it is the general opinion of the team that this is *the* year. As everyone knows, morale is the key to victory. Morale on the water polo team can only be achieved by student support — so come on out and be a CMA rooter.

INTRAMURAL ROUND-UP

Division 7 opened the football season and showed its determination to gain its second straight championship with a 37 to 7 trouncing of Division 3. Two days later, Division 2 squeezed by Division 6 in an all-game thriller, 21 to 20.

Football will end in October; at which time basketball will start. Bowling and handball will also be activated soon. Late in the trimester, the annual rowing classic will be staged. The Intramural Council has approved a new perpetual trophy to be awarded once each trimester to the winner of athletic competition. So all you division athletes support your teams and gain recognition for your division.

BASKETBALL

Attention, all Bob Cousys and Dolph Shayses start practicing those free-throws, jump-shots, and what-have-you. Official basketball practice has commenced. Many lettermen are expected to return, and all new aspirations are urged to attend. "Let's get on the ball!"

NEWS

MAGIC BARREL

The more than 500,000 commuters who use Grand Central Station every day are being offered a short course in petroleum refining. The free instruction, courtesy of Cities Service Company, are not aimed at turning out "instant" petroleum engineers, but are designed to acquaint the American public with the vital role petroleum plays in our everyday lives. Highlight of the exhibit is a demonstration of some of the more than 5,000 different products obtained from a synthetic rubber, from lubricating oils to plastics, from refrigerants to paints, and from wonder-drugs to man made fabrics.

TIDEFLEET

The organization of Tidefleet Corporation, to coordinate certain activities of the expanding Flying A fleet of vessels owned and operated by subsidiaries of Tidewater Oil Company, was announced June 3 by S.H. Harrison, President of the new corporation. The Flying A fleet consists of 10 super-tankers now in service, ranging in size from 46,000 to 53,000 deadweight tons. The Tidefleet Corporation headquarters will be in the Pennsylvania Building in Wilmington, Delaware.

REDS REJECT SAFETY RULES

A proposed set of rules by which nuclear powered ships would be entitled to use international ports was rejected by the Russians on June 8, according to the *Herald Tribune*. The rules are being drawn up at the International Conference on the safety of life at sea. The committee on nuclear powered ships, under the chairmanship of the U.S. delegation, Arthur Gatewood, has recommended that each nuclear ship send ahead to a port of call a safety assessment certificate showing there was no unreasonable radiation risk and then should allow itself to be scrutinized and approved by whatever authority controls the port. The Russian delegation, headed by Capt. Alexander Savelie, announced it is against inspection by port authorities. The safety statement alone would be enough, Capt. Savelie urged.

CLUBS

BAND

It's new, it's different, it's Dunham's Denizens. This is the newly instituted band and choral group at musically minded C.M.A. which is under the direction of Mr. C. Dunham. We hope that the group will be able to play and vocalize while on cruise or for other occasions. "But ye say yer not satisfied, ye say ye want more for yer money . . . tell ye what I'm gonna do." In addition to Dunham's Varsity Denizens there will be smaller groups, combos, and the like that will probably be available for division get-togethers. We encourage all singers and musicians or even good callers of cadence to turn out for the meetings; "cuz remember, there's no class distinction at extra-curricular activities."

We of the BINNACLE wish success to the new venture and its participants.

SAILING CLUB

The Sailing Club affords an excellent opportunity for midshipmen to participate in extra-curricular activities. It also gives the individual a chance to see through actual practice how boats were handled before steam.

Morale and improvements have been greatly stepped up in the last three years. With the admission of fourteen new members this trimester, the Sailing Club hopes to accomplish more than ever before.

Activities planned are crew positions on San Francisco Bay boats, movies, entertainment, and acquisition of a large boat in the thirty-foot range.

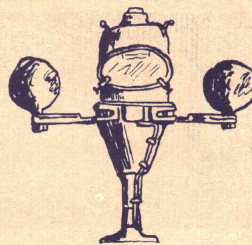
GUN CLUB

The C.M.A. Gun Club, after losing many of its top flight shooters due to their graduation, has come bouncing back with many good, new shooters and a few old ones. Many of this year's 3/c have joined, and many of them have had past experience in shooting, thus augmenting where it needs it most.

Mr. Sargent, our instructor from the Naval Science Department, has been a shooter for many years and has won many trophies. He does a wonderful job of teaching the members how to shoot properly and accurately.

Mr. Haack, our advisor from the Naval Science Department, despite the book work he has to do to keep the club running smoothly, still finds time to come up to the range every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon to observe the club member's progress and aid in any way possible to the instruction part.

M/S Bledsoe the club president has done much work in shaping the club into a well-coordinated group.



GRADUATION OF 1960

On August 20th, the California Maritime Academy graduated its class of 1960. The ceremonies were presided over by the Superintendent, Captain Richter, in Mayo Hall.

After the opening procession, with music provided by the 12th Naval District Band, various members of the Board of Governors and distinguished guests gave congratulatory speeches to the graduating class. Gordon E. Simmons, number one man in his class academically, spoke as valedictorian.

Awards were presented to various graduates for their outstanding achievements. Gordon Simmons was awarded a fine set of micrometers for his academic standing. Hernandez was awarded for having the best conduct record for the three years, while Charlie Bonham won the vote for the midshipman who contributed the most to his school and his class.

The result of three years hard work was finally realized with the presentation of the bachelor's degrees in marine engineering and nautical science and the Coast Guard licenses as third assistant engineers and third mates.

Joyously, the class of 1960 ended three years of study and opened new fields to themselves with a triumphant yell and a shower of white dress hats filling the air.

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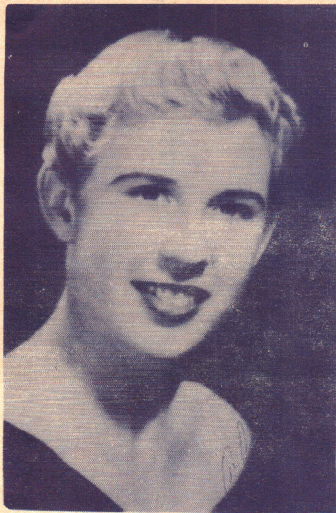
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MIDDIE'S CHOICE

The middie half of the Middie's Choice for this issue is M/S Peter Duffy, First Class Deck. The chosen half is Marie Barnes, a first class chick.

Marie was born July 31, 1939, in Thorne, California. She stands 5'5" tall, has blue eyes, and genuine blond hair. She enjoys dancing and is mad about swimming. She has all these qualities and a 1960 Impala convertible to boot.

Marie has been nicknamed "Sandy" by her friends because she spent so much time on the beach. As it happens, she met "Duff" while vacationing on the beach at Corona del Mar.

"Sandy" is at present living in San Diego where she attends San Diego State. She is majoring in philosophy.

"Duff" and "Sandy" describe themselves as "semi-engaged". If they do get married, she wants them to settle down somewhere and have a family of six children.

HAWSEPIPE PRESENTATION

Mr. Pritchett, the Medical Technician of the Academy, was presented a special copy of the Hawsepipe at the 0800 formation, 14 August. He was chosen for this honor because of his untiring efforts in behalf of the Corps of Midshipmen.



MIDDIE'S CHOICE

What's a description of a "real doll"? Ask Tom Delacey, and he'd say, "Oh, about 5'5" tall, big, blue eyes, and light brown hair." This just happens to describe his girl, Diane Schwab. Diane is the Middie's Choice for this month, and she's very choice indeed.

She was born in New York on June 19, 1940, so she is now 20 years old. She attended Vallejo High School and Vallejo Junior College where she majored in secretarial work and stenography. She is presently employed at Benicia Arsenal where she works with I.B.M.'s and tabulators.

Diane likes dancing, fashion design, art, and water sports (Sporty water polo players?). Of course, she likes new clothes, sweet smelling things, and all the other odds and ends that appeal to females.

She can be seen riding around the campus in "our car", a little, red VW usually with the top down. She is also a frequent guest at weekend parties and athletic events on campus.

Tom and Diane announced their engagement at last year's Ring Dance and will probably be married shortly after graduation in 1961.



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