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#### LAST DITCH ISSUE

The editors and staff of the Binnacle have come up against a wall of disinterest at the Academy. Due to the lack of time and clairvoyancy in the staff, the cooperation of every Midshipman is essential to the issuing of a good paper. In previous issues we have put out pleas for scoops and information from the Corps. With few exceptions getting news has been like pulling teeth.

The staff devotes Tuesday evenings (rack time) to the typing and editing of the paper and the Wednesday afternoon "caulk off" period to its printing. We feel that this time is well spent if the paper gets the support of everyone and is appreciated. If the Corps is not interested in having a paper it might as well be discontinued and may very well be.

There have been many improvements made in the Binnacle, and there are many planned. For instance, movie and other entertainment scoops could be published, and we planned to enroll in a national news service. These improvements are rather pointless, however, without the support of the readers. The paper cannot possibly continue to operate with its present amount of contributing writers. Clubs wishing news items published may contact a member of the staff before Monday evenings.

The Editors