

THE BINNACLE

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STUDENT COUNCIL - The Student Council meeting will be held Tuesday night October 2 in Room 110. Many interesting topics are going to be discussed such as the yearbook. First Class should make a point of talking to Brian Bishop, Carl Clark, or M. O. Fagernes.

RESIDENCE HALL VISITORS-It seem ridiculous that visitors are not allowed into the Residence Hall. A person can't entertain visitors very well in the lobby or in the T.V. Lounge. Before locks were put on the doors of the rooms, the "no visitor policy" was valid beacuse of valuables in the middie's rooms. Now that each door can be individually locked there is no reason why visitors shouldn't be allowed in student's rooms. If visitors were allowed in the Residence Hall, there would be a definite improvement in appearance of the Residence Hall. Why don't we make the Residence Hall more livable?

YEAR BOOK APATHY-It seems that a lot of people want the yearbook to be something more than just the standard issue put out every year, but refuse to put any time, effort, or even thought into the improvement of OUR yearbook. We can, just by outline, make this yearbook an expression of our stay here at Kamp Keema or we can cater to the public and censor our yearbook to the point where we ourselves can't relate to it. If you want to get your ideas across to the yearbook committee for the purpose of making a general outline, do so this next Tuesday at 1915. First Class are really needed for this committee. A C.P.C. Editorial

FROM THE ESPRIT D'CORPS DEPARTMENT-Well folks, Mr. Ross, his Chow Palace, and his staff of dietary experts are still roaming around doing whatever it is they do. I've noticed those old-time favorites, stuffed bell peppers (stuffed with what?) are still with us. How about eggs any style (except the way you like them)? The Academy has been receiving a barrage of letters and telegrams complimenting the Commissary Department on the delicious abalone that was had by all on Alumni Day. As you may know, the abalone feed almost didn't come off for lack of a pan. Fortunately a midshipman (whose name

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at this moment remains a mystery) selflessly offered the use of his popcorn popper and everything turned out all right.

Gourmet Editor Kript

FLICKS-This year there will be "flicks" during cruise. We have westerns and other fantastically exciting movies for '74 cruise. Everything is in the hands of Big John. Next edition of your fantastic school paper will have a list of the movies we'll all enjoy.

John Hill

Football season has started once again and the Public Health Hospital has reported a sharp increase in C.M.A. patients. However, the hobbling Middies are smiling. Actually the season is exciting and we hope to see you up there - unless you're bigger than I am! ! !

Mr. Jones

EQUALITY?? As C.M.A. begins practicing equality for the sexes (i.e. accepting applications for midshipwomen), the Board of Governors or rule enforcers should be allowed to disregard midshipmen's hair regulations without suffering the same consequences, so should midshipmen. This is not the case as the men can be seen working off Extra Duty on deck plates and Residence Hall doors. The Midshipwomen also enjoy other relaxed regulations.

EQUALITY?? (Part 2) As C.M.A. begins practicing equality for the sexes (at 249 to 4 it's hard to be equal), the middies should consider the problems involved. It is my opinion that the midshipmen should be able to wear their hair down to their ankles. It is also my opinion that the midshipmen should be able to wear nylons and light blue skirts to the knee and get thrown on for dirty hose and smudged make-up. If the women are enjoying relaxed regs. they are certainly repaid for it by all the snide comments from the middies. I think that most of us have shown that we want to do our share. We want to get along with everyone, without special privileges and without special hassles. Don't worry though, Seymour - we'll get it on cruise.

FRONT HEADERS - Rumor has it that Landon is finally learning to weld - in A.C. Lab? ?

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Jonsie, when are you going to go sailing? Hey P.O., what is the selection of flicks for this year's cruise? Still 25¢?

REAR HEADERS - Dana, you've really got to do something about your bulkhead!! Oh, come on now Steve, he's not the longest lasting soap pad in town! Who's that cute guy with the wig? Somebody with a lot of Moxy said Hey Uncle Tom! Worse yet, he said it to Uncle Tom. Palmer (I mean Sea Lawyer), you better check your charts. Did one of those deck teachers tell you that the T-Boat is an amphibious vessel? Bum Scoops. There are very few people who can take a Thursday afternoon special and turn it into a week and a half's car trouble, but Suzie Surfer seems to have managed it. This production has nothing to do with the opinions of the Editor, the Faculty Advisor, the Staff, The Cooks, The Admiral, the Board of Governors or their mothers, wives, or aardvarks.

THE C.M.A. skin diving club is again one of the most active clubs. On three different weekends, the club members braved the cold and surging ocean to pry for abalones. The first weekend saw Mr. Beland and Mr. Rogers take the midshipmen on a dive. This dive yielded 23 abalones. Mr. Beland was the only one who got them. Several weekends later, the club netted 54 abalones. The next weekend a scouting party was formed and was very successful. It seems Gary Blakesly has a magical attraction for the "abbs"... something is fishy the way he consistently brings up the best hauls.

After obtaining the abalone, the real work begins. First the mussel must be removed from his shell and the intestines removed. Then it must be trimmed and sliced. Next it is pounded and is ready for eating. When the feast is to begin, the properly prepared mussels are a real treat.

The club held a barbecue on Sunday, the 23rd of September. The food was limited, but what there was was really great! The 30th of September is the proposed date for the next feast and is scheduled for 45 people.

Future events include fish barbeques on cruise. Keep up the interest people, as you are the ones who make the happenings happen.

Paul Grosso

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MESSAGE FROM THE CORPS COMMANDER-The secret in maintaining harmony among the midshipmen at the academy is that everyone must have a clear understanding of the activities and regulations under which we live. Most important is how these activities benefit the corps, the Academy, and the related industries.

We live and work together, but take advantage of these conditions to help yourselves learn more and retain that education longer. Your Corps Officers have dedicated their own time this year to help their divisions accomplish the goals we are striving for. Good communication with your corps officers will be instrumental in helping prevent you from misunderstanding regulations, having hard feelings, or outright apathy. There are good reasons for every rule we must follow and these rules in turn help educate us. The people who uphold these rules care about your welfare or they wouldn't spend the time to help you understand.

We have even rougher seas to sail, with midterms on the horizon. But as our predecessors have already proven, it is well worth those long nights and many cups of coffee to see what lies over the next crest.

SALTY STUFF-Well we've set sail for another exciting year of sailing in the clear blue waters off the CMA pier. The club is really active this year with over 40 members. So far we've held two monomoy races-one won by Mike O'Callaghan, and one won by "T-Boat" skipper (our very own First Lieutenant) Mr. John Keever. Of course the best aspect of the race occurs after the final gun has sounded and the boats have tied up to the committee ("T") boat. Barbequed hamburgers with all the fixings really taste great after a hard sail. The sailors sit around and talk about why they lost or anything else that crops up. You wouldn't believe some of the things that are said out there.

We've been getting in some good sailing on board the Alumni's boat BARUNA lately. Last weekend 14 of the sailing club members spent Friday night aboard and helped sail her over for the Alumni Day. On the return trip six middies were treated to a fine meal of crab and oyster stew at the Bow and Bell. We tied up at Jack London Square in the Oakland Estuary and had a great time thanks to the Alumni on board who made it possible.

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