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letters

Dear Editor:

In the last year our "group" has spent over \$2,000 visiting U.S.N.A. From this marvelous social experience we have reaped the following benefits: 1 marriage, 1 engagement, ½ baby, 1 illegal trip into Bancroft, 26 broken hearts, 8 "I'll never come back", mucho vail, D.C. "tours", 1 case of mono, 1 case of beard burn, bad cold, 5 June weeks, 2 Army Navy Week-ends, misc. dances, 1 Ring Dance, 2 sailing Lessons, 1 Broken down bus, 3 nervous breakdowns, . . . hangovers (yours & ours . . .), busted from 2 motels, several articles of mid's clothing . . . (could they be yours?). X number of great times . . . we love you! 1 free "wrestling" lesson by visiting Princeton crew jock, many free meals . . . X number of pizzas.

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Dear Editors:

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Well—let's do something about it! We already have AMVETS, UNICEF, BS of A, GS of A, SCI, NBA, NYBS, ABS, IHB, DAV ad infinitum. One more will hardly be noticed so let's add DRAG!

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letters (cont'd)

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All we need is leadership. A chairman. Come, mothers of mids, who will lead us?

Why don't I become chairman? Well, yes, I agree it is my idea. Yes, I do have the enthusiasm to put it over, but, (this is hard to admit) my energy is running thin, for, you see,

I'm a

Grandmother of a midshipman.

We gave to the DRAG FUND

Dear Drags and Mids: In The Name of Women's Lib!!

Girls!—Are you tired of being called "Drags"? Since Women's Lib has come about I think its time to up-date an old title. After all, some of us have been dating Mids for sometime. We certainly deserve a more appropriate name than the one which has descended upon us—probably by some Mid who got bored one night. So come on Middies, give us a break! Wouldn't you rather have a Miss'shipman by your side than a drag?

Love

Your Miss'shipman

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that you once took advantage of a certain Miss Cathryn Mary C. when she tried on your hat. It may be the custom (crude as it seems) to kiss any & every girl found under your hat but really!—this was the first time you ever met Miss C. In the handbook—it does say use

discretion. Did YOU use discretion?? NO!!! It's just like you midshipmen to take advantage of any young girl that happens to come your way. And Cathy is a young girl—in fact, she's practically a babe in arms (not your arms!!).—You know it really is a shame that a midshipman—who's supposed to be fine & upstanding—has undertaken the task of corrupting such a fine young lady as Miss C. That's what I call lowering oneself.

There is only one bright spot in the whole underhanded affair. No one's heard any complaints from Cathy.

Compliments of Cathy C.

Kathy P. Pledge

To the 14th Co.:

The other day I was at my orthodontist and while waiting I happen to pick up the January issue of the "Log". Was I ever surprised to see my picture among the 14th Company Cuties—

I declare—I never dreamed there'd be a day when I'd have a Secret admirer. I'd be ever so glad to know who my secret admirer is—'cause I know June Weeks 'a com'in and I've heard that you fellors have an awful swell time with all them company cuties!

I'd surely like to know how you got hold of my picture—thankgoodness it's one of my better ones!!

I just wanted you boys to know that I appreciate your thoughtfulness, and I'd be more than delighted if you would print in your next issue who my secret admirer is...

So for now, you boys in Company #14—so long—

With Kisses and hugs. . .

LURETIA

To all midshipmen:

As a "lifer" and as a gung ho Army brat, it's been a difficult task to see the Navy side of any issue, especially in regards to the Army-Squid games. I know that Army is SUPERIOR and nothing can change my position!

But I take this opportunity, in a letter to *The Log*, to express my

thanks to my "special" Mids for trying. I enjoy our verbal rivalry.

And a particular thank you to the Mid who gave me *The Log* for a present. I've enjoyed reading about the other side....

I hope I get a chance to meet many more Midshipmen—you all are wonderful people.

Sincerely,
Cyndy Gorwitz
P.O. Box 2668
Mary Washington College,
Class of '74
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

To the editor:

In the past six months, while working in the Mid-Store, I have come in contact with a large number of the Brigade. I am sorry to say that a great percentage of these mids need some lessons on manners and common courtesy, as well as to review the differences between their rights and privileges.

In the recent exchange weekends, the mids have failed to "Beat Army" or the Air Force cadets in good nature and thoughtfulness towards others.

As a navy junior and future navy wife, I only wish to inform the mids about how they appear to others and how important it is to their career.

Linda C. Dalton— Midshipmen's Store

To the administration:

We are pleased with the renovation of the Navy, but we are now pleading with you to focus your attention on the Brigade of Midshipmen. These "men" who are supposedly being trained to fill your shoes, are being suppressed by the antiquated regulations of naval tradition.

Bumper stickers propagandizing midshipmen as "leaders of tomorrow" are ridiculous, when you come to the realization that these men are not even allowed today's responsibilities.

Unable to own and operate their own cars, (a privilege any sixteen year old civilian is allowed), these men are expected to jump into the realistic world after four years of hibernation, and not only own and operate cars, but command ships!

These "men," socially unable to function in the civilian world, cannot be expected to understand their subordinates well enough to adequately command them, because of their totally different orientation.

If the Naval Academy wishes to instill in the minds of these men the responsibility necessary to enable them to function as a qualified officer, they should begin by granting them real responsibility now.

The Naval Academy could achieve its goals much more efficiently by teaching these men to budget their own money rather than its present method of distributing "allowances." They give them credit for being the top thinking men in the nation, and yet compel them to abide by rules which at times insult their intelligence.

We hope that you will encourage your fellow officers to review the situation at U.S.N.A. and determine which of the regulations now being imposed on midshipmen are achieving the desired goals.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely, Towson Drags

Dear Gentlemen of the Brigade:

In almost two years of LOG reading I have seen you slandered, battered and generally "romped on" by a series of female discontents. By now you must be wondering if there are any females remaing who have a kind word to say for the "Mids." Though perhaps we're growing rapidly extinct there are those of us who actually do value you and the strange 'Brew' that is your makeup.

Because, to us, you see a Midshipman is a rare breed of crab, clown, doer, dreamer, leader and lover.

He is capable of soaring to heights of ecstacy—over an army victory or plumeting to depths of despair on arrival back at Mother B after Christmas leave.

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on a Saturday night and guide a yawl in without so much as flinching on a Sunday afternoon.

He'll tell you his plane arrives home at 1700 and then put you on a *movement order* to be there!!

He is determined enough to put card board in his socks for added height on the entrance physical and clown enough to rip open his service dress blue to reveal red, white & blue suspenders.

He thinks he has a real racket going when he pulls off an rendezvous Friday night in the library or has a girl whose job allows her to call toll free! from North Jersey.

He may leave his heart in Norway or find it after a 2 year interim in the U.S. He is constantly running Plebes and to formation. He can sing up a storm on Glee Club tour, yell up a storm at any football game and love up a storm on Liberty. He'll always stand by you and behind you, but just occasionally he'll step right on you. He lives for June Week and Christmas Leave. He'll save his money for

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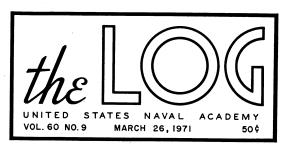


I offered the gals 32 pages and a chance to cut their male chauvinist Mids to pieces. Not that I expected a bunch of Kate Millets...but I thought most femmes would relish this opportunity to "get back." As it turned out, however, all but a few femmes were complacently loyal. Women's Lib ran second: Midshipmen are very lucky.

To the gals: much thanks. This is a great issue. I received 5 times as much material as I could use, most of its was good (some of it was late . . . sorry), and what was not used will be passed on to next year's editor. I must admit, that Lou Murphy and I were terribly tempted to contact a few of the femme poets. However, we finally managed to restrain ourselves to a business level only.

To the guys: if the poetry's a little too heavy, try the bilge dept. and letters. Lucretia and others would like to have a word with you.

-Steve Clawson, ed.



Male Chauvinist Advisors

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Another World in 310, Found this metal quite a prize. So here's to you Mr. Superintendent, An Army Brat's idea of surprise.

True, many weekends have come and gone, Sorry the three stars weren't back sooner. But just want old Navy to realize, You haven't heard the last from *Hot Tuna*.

Hey middies, GHET Hold of the right figures, Rumor has it: mysterious disappearance of two stars. Next time we won't settle for three, We'll go for bigger and better things. . . i.e., the bars.

Poets: Hot Juna, Munk, and Sadie





what you think, I always thought you were a great kid. (Funny. I would of thought 36-24-36 measurements put me out of the kid class, oh well, back to the sand pile.)

About that girl on the last day of my leave. I'll let you figure it out. I believe I'm building up a reputation. (Yea, for your kind of reputation the latest miracle cure is "Pampers.")

I myself didn't know how to really have fun, clean fun, until I was shut up in here for 6 months (Oh, come now). Anyway, I'm not doing bad for myself these days. There are plenty of mature people who know how to live. (Someone must have drawn you a picture)

Hope that no one missed me when I came back early. (right on—mid)

I'm getting very tired now so I'll go hit the sack. Don't let any of my letters bother you because we're big people now (ughhhhh) (After four years you finally reached the height of stupidity!!!)

John

Dear Jane:

I just got back to the room and rather than call you collect I thought it better that I write. (A completely unique experience, no doubt.) I talked the weekend over with my roommates, and they seem to feel that it is ridiculous for you and I to continue our present relationship. (What relationship?)

Jane, our weekends just don't measure up to all the other guys' standards. Sure you're a nice kid, and I have a lot of fun with you but we mids must live up to our image. (What image, apple pie and mother?) After coming here right out of high school, I haven't really had a chance to meet many girls, and I don't think I'm ready to settle down with one steady girl yet. (That's for sure: let alone a woman.)

Perhaps if you get an apartment in Annapolis next year when I'm a firstie we could try it out. (Try what out?)

I really wish you luck in the future, (what as, expectant mother of the month?) and I'm sure the guy you finally snare will be the next best thing to a midshipman. (Heaven help me if it's not...)

Sincerely,

Mid'n. J. B. Jones, '72

P.S. I want you to know that I really appreciate the way you've helped me out with the payments on my car. (Right on, dad.)

Dear Jane:

You thought I would never write and you think I'm a snob. (I was hoping you wouldn't, because I knew you were.) This letter is a mess mainly because I'm sitting in my rack—bed to you civilians—with an ice pack on my swollen knee. (It's a shame it's not an ice pick in your swollen head!)

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When your roomie is a drag . . .

Little did I know when I walked through the door on that first day of college that my orientation would include the wild and wonderful world of Midshipmen (or why the 25th Co. is better). The pennant that already hung in my room should have been a warning of things to come, it said-NAVY.

I spent most of the first day accomplishing that awkward and hazardous mission, meeting my roommate, Emeralda (a somewhat descriptive alias). Everything seemed to be coming off smoothly, that is until she so calmly described herself as a "drag." Naturally I didn't jump to conclusions, I just started repacking.

I gradually got accustomed to this new terminology, however there were a few mornings during those days of transition that I thought I was in Bancroft, instead of Miley Hall (boy, do I have an imagination!).

Decorating the dorm room is a memorable part of college life and I tried to go more than halfway in meeting my roommate's wishes. Even our color scheme was unique (would you believe blue and gold?) but when she wanted to hang a life-sized picture of Admiral Zumwalt on the wall I decided I had exceeded the limits of patriotism.

I must admit I have learned to accept my roomie's peculiarities, in fact I've grown to think of them as

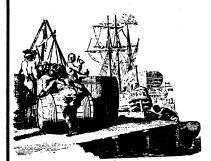
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quite humorous. I have learned much about the Academy through our conversations, both while she is awake and while she is asleep (the latter is the *most* informative).

Then there were her trips to Annapolis for Homecoming and the Army-Navy Game and the stories she told about PDA (whoever he is). Well I guess it was at this point I submitted to her relentless indoctrination. To my amazement several days prior to the game I was arguing with her over who would be victorious and I was betting on Navy (such optimism—I was for the Mets in '69 too).

Ah, such trials and tribulations but I have come to the conclusion that life is never dull when your roomie is a drag.

-Donna M. Fitzwilliam

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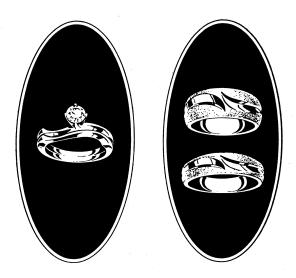
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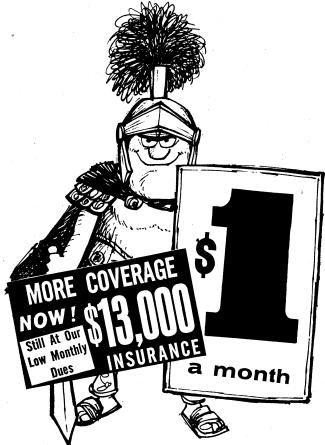


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DEAV SIR,

Takke recent issue of the

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CERTAIN Photograph unverthe "14th

Company Cuties". I thought that the

guy that was fortunate enough to

date hucretia should have his

Name printed in the Logistemmes

Edition! He happens to be a

CERTAIN 1/C IN the 27th Co. (Not the

14th) NAMED DAVE LEE.

If this is Women's Lib

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now, Baby,
And a Gold Bar soon, I pray.
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long way to go!!!!!!!

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Saturday Night at USNA

A lonely drive,
a crowded parking lot
filled with smiling, hopeful faces.
The flashing of lights being
turned off

one

by

one.

Formation!

The exodus of exuburant faces, tired, but excited faces.

An embrace

a kiss.

Escape!

The confines for an evening of fun-

a party a movie a dance.

Anything light and funto interrupt the mundane life.

The constant eye cast
upon a timepiece.
That dreaded hour of
hurried good-byes
plans for the future
a hurried kiss

A dash!
The lonely drive—
a Navy drag.

by jacquie van dyke

"Plea to Mother Bancroft"

You tell him he must rise at six
And get dressed in a "shake";
And even the there's time for
sleep,

You make him stay awake.

You herd him into classes
Filled with tests and quizzes
galore;

And each prof thinks his class most important,

So the homework piles up more.

You make him take courses which are hard and twice the chore;

And you make him read for hours, Til his eyes are red and sore.

You tell him just what time to eat And show him where to sit;

You tell him when to leave; and, no doubt,

You even tell him where to # % \$

You tell him to be active, Yet you find little sympathy When he plays his heart out at your game,

And ends up with a busted knee.

You make him study constantly, You've worn his nerve ends bare. With all the pressure, all the worry,

He's losing half his hair.

A

Girl's View

Tomorrow

While i walked along the beach today

i tried to imagine youin your other world.

Losing the touch of the sand beneath my feet

Oblivious to the wind against my face-

i pictured youin your other world.

Tomorrow—We will walk the beach-

Together

Sensuous to the sand beneath Our feet

Aware of the wind against Our faces

No longer must We imagine.

... Our worlds will be one!

patti short 1970

You keep him working all the time—

Every hour, every minute; And when on breaks he calls me Even that time you always limit.

On weekends you're 'so' generous—

Inspections and a carfew;

It's so discouraging when your boyfriend

Has to be in before you!

Oh, Mother Bancroft, loosen those apron strings;

Please let my poor mid be.

He's so tired, sick, and in need of rest,

He needs some time with me....

karen bruke



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Caricatures MAVY

by robyn hatfild

NO

Happiness is a graduated Mid.



LOVE and other things

Love is...

four years of anxiety

taking 3 suitcases for a weekend

giving me his sweater if I'm cold waiting for his weekly calls

listening to his problems sympathetically

writing down everything we do to put in a scrapbook summer consisting of 3 weeks cramming things into 11/2 day weekends getting a ponpom at a football game reading his letters over and over checking the mailbox everyday meeting the guys in his Company four years of Company friendship going all over town to get a Washington Post to read about USNA sports wearing a USNA parka cooking at Company parties trying to memorize Navy lingo sitting through 3 graduations and thinking of the fourth one going to three formals during plebe year and none now watching the first snowfall during Army being on a seperate bus during Army waiting two months only to find PDA rules having the airport fogged in sitting in the L.4. for hours getting ready for the Ring Dance getting blue stain on my dress after the ring dip letting me drive his new car buying cards for him knowing he'll be a half hour late for dates picking him out of 4,000 men going to the airport an hour early to wait for him sending him his horoscope knowing he won't read it helping him pack at the end of leave

walking in the snow together four years of calendar counting squeezing his hand saying goodnight to a picture driving during June Week as he cringes taking care of his car looking for engagement rings planning our future facing each day alone telling each other about it once in a while making me smile feeling great about US the greatest Christmas gift of all—Love being thankful I found him first giving and receiving a special look counting until the day it'll be Ens. and Mrs. being a drag and liking it

by elaine taseos



We couldn't find the goat, sir, but . . .

My Favorite Things?

Girls in white dresses, complexions all creamy.

Mids wearing dress blues, the ball is most dreamy.

Don't let this fool you—it's not quite so pat,

After four years I have learned where it's at!

E.D. on the weekend that I came to party.
P.D.A.'s risky, the penalty hearty!
No car, so the walk through the slush was divine,
My drag house T.V. room was crowded by nine.

My love's thoughts of papers and p-works instilled fear.

We brightened by boozing it up on pure root beer. Six-thirty on Sunday, he's back or gets fried, "I'll write." he said meekly. "Yea, monthly." I sighed.

When my mid's down,
When he needs cheer,
When I'm full of doubt:
I simply remember that June is so near—
And as of the ninth . . . he's out!

by jill richardson

THE HOPES OF 24



Poochie Stradtner, pinned to a youngster, likes squirrels, bunnies, and moles.

Miss Jo Anne Miller, from Buena Park, Calif., is pinned to a certain 3/c, who wishes U.S.N.A. was in L. A. not Annapolis.



Kathy Ruth of Johnstown, Pa. is pinned to a very lucky 2/c.

Sue Cornelius, 19, is a freshman at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., and makes life beautiful for a certain 3/c.



Miss Janie Hewitt, a sophomore at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., is pinned to "Max" at "NAVAC."



Miss Loretta Guerrero, 18, of Annapolis is a favorite of the 24th Company 2/c.



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THE WOMEN OF 25



Miss Paulette Winkowski a 21 yr. old from Pittsburgh, Pa. has hooked herself a youngster.

A freshman at University of Arkansas, Debbie Meek makes Academy life bearable for a 2/c.



From Lynchburg, Va., Debbie Mettenet, 18, is pinned to a lucky 3/c.



Pulchritudinous Stephanie Hoff is looking forward to first class cruise.

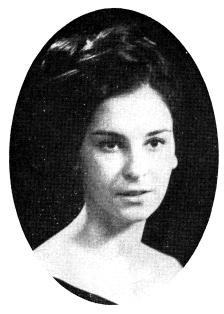


Miss Patricia Mewheney has won the hearts of all the men of 25.

18-year-old Wenda Massee is a ski bum from Bloomington, Minnesota.



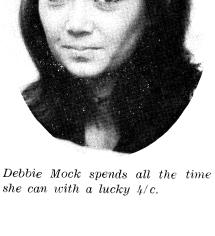
THE DRAGS OF 26



Barbara Brannan is a sophomore $at \ LSU$

Marcia Allen, a freshman at East Tennessee State University, looks to the future with a lucky 1/c.





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Hailing from Texas, Barbara Peterson looks forward to spring leave and her youngster.



A certain 3/c is anxiously awaiting his next letter from Mary Jo Marasco.

Jan Morgan is a senior at West-



THE COMPANIONS OF 27



Our 4.0 plebe looks forward to mail from Margie Letter.

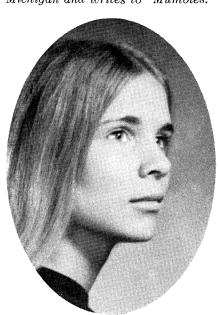
Mary Jane Bachmann is pinned to our 3-striper, she attends St. Agnes Nursing School.



Holly Prescher, of Wisconsin Rapids, dates a 3/c.

Here

Deb Van Kampfen lives in Holland, Michigan and writes to "Mumbles."



Lee Kozozenski, a soph at Southwest Missouri State, writes to a 1/c.

Cheryl Ann Aylesworth wishes her 4/c could get home more often.



THE GIRLS

FIRST, MOM

NEXT,

(Bringing up Mother—short)

In the almost breathless waiting period between nomination-to-compete and appointment, the mother of the mid-to-be pores over the Naval Academy catalog. Ah! How stirring is the "Mission of the Naval Academy"; how comforting the references to religion and moral training. In rosy imagination, her fledgling becomes a squire maintaining the vigil before knighthood.

He is appointed! Mother wishes she could wrap and tie the candidate and hold him for delivery in late June, as he embarks upon a course guaranteed to reduce parents to incoherency. It's "Today we live, tomorrow a plebe"; and he tries to crowd half-a-lifetime's activity into that period before the gray walls enclose him. Yet, how quickly the moment of departure arrives, and it's "So long," to Dad and Mom, sisters and brothers. (Bite the lip, Mom. If he sees tears, the lump in his throat might dissolve and spoil the image of the young man bravely facing the unknown.)

During plebe summer, with its melange of activities, our plebe alternates between elation over new accomplishments and near-despair over the rigors of the program. Then, it is Parents Open House. The plebe's first spoken word after Mom's exuberant greeting is, sternly, "The midshipman does not display affection in public places." The second is, with anguish, "You've wiped out my shoe shine." And the third, "Did you bring me a chow package?" The amenities completed, we set out to enjoy the weekend.

It is a blend of color and conferences, excitement and fatigue, stirring music and sober, thoughtful moments. He has surmounted plebe summer; and he's proud of his attainment. Mom must now see the place where he has chosen to spend the next four years; and while seeing it, she enjoys being seen in the company of this tall young man so recently a boy.

The Brigade returns, academic year begins; and it's countdown until Army-Navy game. It's a thrilling game, "we" win, and the Brigade's post-game exhilaration is followed by celebration in the hard-drinking Navy tradition. (At home, the question of drinking was a standoff. His parents never convinced him that teenagers shouldn't drink, and he never convinced them that he didn't. Mom breathed easier when he left, knowing the restrictions the Academy imposes. But she failed to reckon with Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia, and points east, west, north, and south.)

Mom has other fancies harpooned: She has seen her son as a Trident scholar, a six-striper, a young man outstanding in mental ability and qualities of leadership. Her scholar steers a course midway between Trident and anchorman. Her early disappointment yields to admiration. She marvels that her son (or anyone else's) can so adroitly balance studies, athletics, extracurricular pursuits, professional training, and a healthy interest in the opposite sex.

The months and years at the Academy are passing—and, yes, (Cont'd on page 31)

("What's it like to meet a

I am always excited to hear of couples at Navy that are the result of being childhood sweethearts. Mike and I were not that lucky. but, if anything, we must have the most unique courtship on record. Let me elaborate:

To begin with, we met up at West Point! I was dating a cadet at the time.

Our first real date was in Princeton at the Squash Intercollegiates. We spent half the evening trying to get the steering lock off in my car and the other half of the evening trying to eat Chinese food at a table that was located over the restaurant's dishwasher motor.

We were pinned four weeks after we met! It was anything but super romantic! The chain lock on the "N" wouldn't open and Mike had difficulty finding something to pin it all on (if you know what I mean).

Being as poor as church mice, even the drag houses were too expensive for me so I stayed for free at a "hippies pad." You probably saw us enter and exit the Academy at times—via a large black hearse. It was that "hippie" who taught me what it is to call someone a friend—and mean it.

Parties in Washington consisted of being evicted from one room only to be placated by house detectives with the immemorable Suite F-141 (In case you're wondering why Tecumseh had F-141 on him during June Week.)

Washington will never forget the day our party tried to give away pieces of the mess hall's cake. Everyone we stopped thought it was

STRIKE BACK

THE GIRL

FINALLY, WOMEN'S LIB

Mid... The hard way?")

everything from laxatives to goodies from Tijuana.

Long awaited June Week ended in seeing Mike off Sunday night for early cruise. Thanks to the "guys" no one was feeling any pain. We all literally and physically swung from the rafters of our June week cottage. June Week was also the time I cooked seven pounds of spaghetti sauce for our gang.

Summer was a phone call from Greece that cost us fifty dollars. And my traumatic experience of having the car blow up at 10:30 p.m. on US 301. I am now the world's expert on draining (Cont'd on page 31)

(What the United States Naval Academy needs in WOMEN!!)

As a frequent visitor of the United States Naval Academy, as well as an interested female for women's rights (not necessarily liberation!) I feel that what the great academy on the bay needs most is female midshipwomen and fast!! This change would not only benefit the girls and the mids, but the female population of the Annapolis area, and also any female visitors to the area. What I mean is that it has become absolutely embarrasing to walk the streets of Annapolis or walk through the academy without being stared at by at least two hundred female starved midshipmen! The truth

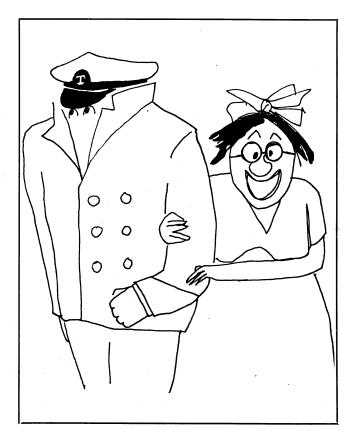
> hurt guys doesn't it! Just sit and recall what your reaction was the last time you saw a girl sauntering up Stribling Walk?

> Having female mids at USNA would help alleviate the problem of eye strain for the mids. Girls would then be considered equals (almost) and not be considered freaks to be stared at like a circus side show! It is my belief that mids leave the academy with very little ability to associate with the opposite sex.

So what if you're a mid who is pinned or otherwise tied up and you really don't care about any females on or around USNA? What would be in the institution going coed for you? Well your girlfriend could attend school with you! Or then consider your classes. Can you realize what a one sided education you are getting among nothing but male classmates! You are completely indoctrinated in the "Man's World" which no longer exists on the outside world. Did it ever occur to you that females may have just as good ideas and opinions as you have, as well as just as much brains [sic]? Shocking isn't it? But true! So why should females be denied the right to obtain a superior education from a military academy? Females in your classes might open your eyes to some whole new concepts that males would never think of. It would be a big help to you to be educated among today's females who will be tomorrows leaders, like it or no!

As for how social conditions would change. Things certainly would be shaken up in the hallowed halls of Bancroft with the coming of panty hose, hair dryers and ravishing perfumes? Can you imagine for one moment some poor girl walking down any wing or deck in Brancroft today? How would she be treated?

It's about the time when the United States Naval Academy should make the break from archaic rules and add females to their ranks and help beautify Bancroft Hall and the yard!! How about it??





Susy Case

LOVE

Decision to Love

He came into my life
One summer day
Touching each other
Our lives entwined
We slipped through the months
Accompanied by precious memories
Summer was the sound
And fall summers echo.
For we then departed
There were no good-byes
Instead of promise to return
To test the spoken words



patti sh**or**t

Compromise

Warmly the sun does rise. So does my Love. With soft silence in his eyes, Whispering sweetly, compromise.

Brightly the sun gives light. So do His eyes. Loving and trusting in my sight Speaking gently, compromise.

Closely sun rays enfold the earth. So His arms do me. Two hearts, then one, love's birth, Touching tenderly, compromise.

And it's fired with words "I Love You."
But too soon only memories left.
For goodbye and a tear are partners two.
And both are forced into compromise.

a girl

Goodbyes

Its so early yet so late.
Too early for goodbyes.
Too late to say you just can't go.
Goodbyes must come. . . but why?

Airports should look pretty at dawn
With the rising sun wishing us good morning.
But this isn't goodmorning—
—just goodbye.

Ear-splitting noises fill the gateways
While ticket agents drone flight no's, through the
air—

I feel so crowded...
Beautiful machines...beautiful people—
All at once making it so hard.
But you once said to me...
Beauty is a state of mind.
Could it be...
Goodbyes are too?

m.c.c.

Of Time And Love

Every day
is an unlit candle.
Only the sound
of your voice
can ignite the wick
And give light
and warmth
to my day.

Without a word from you The sun forgets to rise And that icy day passes in darkness And without meaning.

Is there anything Sadder Than a day witout meaning?

by mil

Love is like a wave approaching the shore majestic, awesome, and powerful until the end
When a slow flowing of calm incompasses all.

linda zoulek

"By A Star"

How often my Mother has asked of me, Where are you planting your family tree? Uprooting the children and moving each tour, How can they possibly feel secure?

How can I explain about children's hearts? When love is present, fear departs. We love a man who strides the earth, Who visits Hong Kong, Crete and Perth.

This love will always keep us secure And give a peace that will endure. Someday I hope to make Mother see We live by a star—Not by a tree. While walking along the beach at dawn, alone-..

I stopped and wrote "I love you"
On the cold, damp winter sand, knowing full well
Our so-called love will pass
Maybe before the tide returns
I will miss you.

birdie roddy

Your tenderness moves softly
through my mind,
never leaving
yet always leaving
a melancholy sweetness;
the after-taste
of gentleness remembered
births its own hungered need,
gently gently
my memory cups your love
carrying this warm life
-suspendedin the deep elusive core of my
mind

of my soul of my life.

unbounded,
rather escaping, spreading,
the soft odor of its waves
wash through the halls around
the corners of all thoughtways
—receding again
to the source
to the well of this gentle memory.
My soul drinks deeply.

Quiet in its ceaseless motion your Gentleness held thus, close within this cup holds me wholly in your hand.

tonya l. lanham

june bride

...and love lost

Yesterdays Song

i passed you once (do you remember?) wandering through the mass of beings we commonly call humanity.

(how long is it until forever?)
our beings blended beautifully.
you
were no longer
only

i was no longer only me;we were us.but then i passed on.

you;

gail gandenberger

'70

Nothing grows where once you stood

For nothing grows in darkness.

That barren spot, nourished now by

naught but fantasies

Watered by the stream of my never-ending tears

Grows nothing.

The absence of your sun leaves only

empty

space.

Love touched my heart and swelled as the sea swells with the tide.

But, unlike the tide, my love did not linger and swell with the moon

But was washed out to sea to the icy depths

of loneliness.

_dedee

...Only Existing

The withered branch from winter's work is like my heart within,

A dried up soul, a core of dust—through hell and back it has been.

Those crying nights and lonely hours did penetrate the key

Which closed that loving heart, before had opened up to he.

And now it lies within my breast, a seed which did not prime,

A former piece of love, but now a tick-tock of my

_dedee





Well, a whole year has elapsed since the last Salty Sal article and I certainly have seen and learned a lot this past year!—i.e., Admiral Zumwalt's Z-grams (haven't helped the mids, huh?) cars for 1st class since right before Army, restrictions for being bad at the Air Force game (shame!), a fantastic Army victory (and that was a totally new experience), AND unlimited weekends for 1st Class (eat your hearts our plebes!).

I must admit that Admiral Calvert has taken some of last year's Salty Sal to heart and read the suggestions (refer to 1970 Femmes Log). He has not let girls come to the Academy yet on a co-ed basis, nor have beer machines been put in the basements, but he has given the green light on cars and weekends. I swear, the Academy of today looks like a large new car lot. I understand that a few mids even bought "land and sea" cars. How is that warranty holding up??

So, here I sit, attempting to write without any special outside information from you femmes.

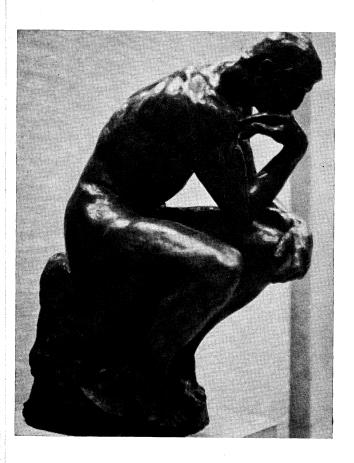
Thanks a lot girls. . . Seriously, Sam has had this problem all year. We all know that Salty Sam is always everywhere, but his 15 sets of ears and eyes just don't pick up everything. I think he needs your help. Your stories are always the funniest, so drop them in his box. (I won't mind!)

The liberty policy this year has been so fantastic that Sam likes to call it the new "Ensign (jg) philosophy." I understand that some guys ran the 3-striper liberty pretty well, but the Commandant is still going to take a long look at it. I didn't know that some of the guys had become day students. Is that true?? Being able to see more of Sam this year, I have noticed quite a change in his attitude. More free time, more parties, less dances, less formations and Sam has been taking many more liberties (choke!). Writing as Salty Sal gives me the opportunity to apologize for Sam in that he has not made himself quite so controversial. But he is actually allergic to torture of any form-especially Form 2's.

I must admit that this year has been quite an interesting year, but it has certainly gone by fast. I guess first class year always seems that way. Everytime Sam and I had the opportunity to go out this year and especially when we were among friends, inevitably something would happen that was funny or embarrassing. Sam would always smile and say ". . . don't worry, they'll read about it maybe!" One thing I did learn this vear from being out with Sam a little more than before: the Academy should offer(?) courses in social graces for plebes and youngsters!! They were really amazing to see in action.

Well girls, that about wraps it up for this year . . . hope that you are getting all ready for June Week and esecially good luck to all you femmes out there who are seriously on their way to becoming Navy Wives. May we always get the chance to meet up somewhere, sometime, somehow. Have a good spring!

Salt Sal, '71



Scattered Thoughts

Promises

Starving children with protruding stomaches ... Hunger beyond feeling Encompass our great newspapers To die there between the pages

From the small dark faces A screeching plea is sounded... Through the tiny lips hang limp in the corners.

And the promises like the newspapers Are left to mount on society's doorstep For society is on vacation.

patti short

Revealed

Slow is the steel band of darkness Giving way to scattered streaks of early morning;

Night slowly lifts its protective curtain, Dim rays of down gain momentum.

A poised baton falls...

Quietly the overture begins.

Pale beams of light pirouette across the horizon

Preparing the world's stage. . .

The stage for a day's crescendo.

Clashing cymbals bring forth the piercing sun.

In the revealing light

Stands a soul, center stage, naked, alone.

A soul without masquerade for pseudo-animated

With beating pulse holding fast the belief

That in shadows, twilight's prelude. . .

This day, too, shall retard:

That a chord of darkness shall user forth the

A dark night, to release twinkling stars Allowing tranquil rest for a tortured soul.

geraldine newcum lemaster

Peace is a word That some fail to know Till Uncle Sam calls And it's their turn to go.

kathy crist

Thrusting Waves

terror. with Then

foaming

jowels their

back

ebb

monsters;

like а

mad

meek lamb.

rise Waves

as

. . . Silence

Dance across ebony rocks Tossing white drops Into the heavens Surely it's choreographer must be-

patti short

revelation, or the dreams death

he was always quiet; but those who knew him best realized that somewhere inside lay something very special... something not yet discovered even by himself.

he was never called a dreamer; that title they save for me. but when looking into the stars he saw more than just flaming gaseous bodies. it seems strange, doesn't it?

that he, of all people, was actually like me. so quiet; so shy; so sad . . . and yet so happy. at least i hope he was. just think-my own brother. . .

then they sent him away not because he didn't fit in, but because they thought he did into their style. into their dreams. he was so beautiful.

he stayed for themeven dreamers have responsibilities.

he'll continue to stay and live that way—for a while. so quiet; so shy; so sad; so real.

i saw him yesterday, and ya know, he doesn't look at the clouds anymore

except to check the chill factor. he doesn't smile much; do you think they might try to do that to me too?

i've witnessed the death of my dreamer. . . i don't mourn him though. because somewhere inside the something special remains. he is still beautiful.

gail gandenburger

Once upon a time there was a thing called West Coast Cruise and a place called North Island. South of North Island was a beach where Midshipmen could meet young girls, lie around and play in the sun and the surf all day. They called this wonderland Coron-

susi lyon

a man

I've seen him. He's the one who stands tall and shortens others. He's the one who faces problems and doesn't escape reality. The sharp one. You've seen him, too; the one who stands out in the crowd. He's pride, a man.

I've see him excelling. I've seen him giving, not taking. Accepting opportunities and making others. The one who symbolizes America by being what he is. He's humbleness, a man.

I've seen him. He's not far away. He's here constantly if not in body, here in thought, memories, and deeds. He's here with pride in his country and honesty from the soul. He's honor, a man.

I've known him. To know him is to be proud. He's the one with all the ingredients: pride humbleness honor (and a bit of the devil in him, too!) A man, he's my brother.

debbie anderson



A DAY AT SEA

Last summer I went sailing at the Academy for the first time. I say "sailing" in the broadest sense of the word because to a non-experienced sailor like myself, I thought it was more like swimming. Walking down to the dock, I was confident that everything would turn out fine. In fact, I was actually looking forward to it. Then I saw the boat—now I don't want to knock the Academy's sailboats, you understand, but do they have to be so small, and skinny, and heavens, so low? I mean, when the smallest thing a person has been in is a river barge, that sailboat looks awfully small?

Then the crew starts workingactually all they look like they're doing is hanging bed sheets on a vertical clothesline but they fuss and fume more than an old washer woman. Everything must be perfect! If you close your eyes, you'd believe you were in an operating room—"Slats please," "rope please," "hold steady please," etc. And, of course, we girls feel definitely out of place seeing all we can possibly understand to do is to try to stay out of the way. And in that tiny craft, with three lumbering mids aboard, it's almost impossible.

Finally, all is in readiness. One mid is at the little steering wheel in the back, one is holding the main

line, and one is untangling the sails. The wind is ripping, the waves are splashing around you, fish are jumping—and you're not moving. Turning around, one discovers the rope tying the boat to the dock is still tied. This remedied, we literally take off.

Now tell me this, why, in the movies, do they film boats as being comparatively steady, with gentle winds, when in reality the safest place in that tossing craft is up near the front, flat on your stomach grasping the life preserver? And why only *one* preserver? There are *five* occupants in that boat!

I rather liked my position on the bottom of the boat, in a puddle of water, gazing up at the shifting skies and sprays of icy water. The only difficulty was that everyone kept tripping over my feet when they tried to shift from one side of the boat to the other . . . like my 5'7" frame became a stumbling block.

The excursion continues for perhaps an hour until the crew makes sure you are soaking wet, then they decide to go in. Sighing with relief, you figure that this is the end of all your navigation problems. Ha! It seems that the day you plan to sail, everyone plans to sail and everyone decides to dock at once, and everyone decides to take the

same route. Now our navigator, being a perfectionist, wanted to rely on his skills and maneuver the boat home by himself and not with the aid of a tow boat. Fine. No one minds getting a little wetter, after all, you can only get so drenched. You circle, then circle again and still another time until you can't decide whether your navigator wants to get in or out.

I huddled in my usual position on the bottom of the boat, patiently wringing out my hair and clothes, waiting, waiting. All of a sudden, "Look out for num—" CRASH—well, I guess every able-bodied seaman has at least one collision a trip and we were no exception. So we broke a shaft—I'm a taxpayer. All I worried about was more water coming into our already water-logged craft but we were lucky, no more than two feet was found.

I can't explain the thrill of that docking! Never before have I witnessed such inexpressible joy at setting soggy foot upon firm ground. And yet when asked by my companion how I liked it, I managed a feeble grin and said, "Oh, I loved it!" Well, come to think of it, I did and I shall brave the Severn again next year, weather permitting, mid willing and preserver handy.

susie renee

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WOMEN

SYMBOL: WO(E)

ATOMIC WEIGHT: 120—varies from meal to meal.

OCCURRENCE:

- 1. Can be found wherever man exists.
- 2. Always appears in disguised conditions.
- 3. Boils at nothing and freezes at any point.
- 4. Melts when properly heated.
- 5. Very bitter if not used correctly.

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

- 1. Extremely active in presence of men.
- 2. Great affinity of gold, silver, and precious stones.
- 3. Able to absorb expensive foods at any time.
- 4. Not soluble in liquids but activity greatly increases when saturated with a spirit solution.
- 5. Sometimes yields to pressure.
- 6. Turns green when displaced by better specimen.
- 7. Highly dangerous explosive in inexperienced hands.

Soon . . .

Others will watch

I have loved you in so may ways close and far away

Letters, pictures, cherished memories fondled in my mind Increasing my love.

I have watched lovers whispering, laughing, seen that certain look, special touch . . . All the time dying.

Replaying those cherished memories in my mind.

Yes . . . I have loved you in many ways . . . so beautiful the close, and meaningful the far away.

Soon . . . others will watch The whispering, laughing will be ours to ignite new memories and kindle the old.

patti short

When it rains —

Don't go now for the leaves are changing color. I want to walk through the leaves and hear the rustling beneath our feet. Wait until tomorrow when it rains.

Don't go when the first snow silences the city. I want to roll in the snow and snuggle up to you by the fireplace.

Don't go when the flowers peek up their sleepy heads.

Let's climb trees and cool our
toes in the stream.

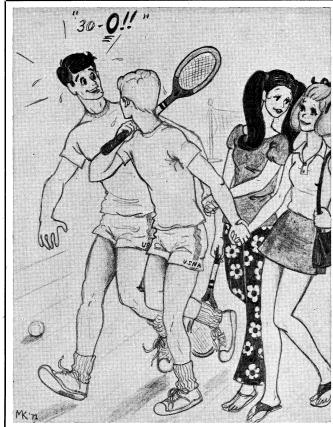
Wait till tomorrow when it rains.

Don't go when the warm summer breezes fill the air.

Let's go swimming in the early
morning mist and count love.

Wait until tomorrow when it rains.

marti montague



"Love means nothing to him—and I mean that literally."

(DECEMBER 1970—ON A RAINY AFTERNOON)

If I could be shut up in my roof with myself
And the whisper of the rain outside my window—
The dark heavy sky pressing down
Against the dripping pane—
And if I knew that it couldn't come into my cosy haven of thought—

Then

Without a soul to interrupt my perfect dreams, I could think of you and how your voice sounds When you tell me I'm beautiful.

I know I'm not.

But in your eyes filled to the brim with love, You cannot see past your dark eyelash That blinks quickly,

And my reflection is mirrored

Into a thousand sparkling teardrops—

And I am beautiful.

karen kalen



Reverence for life
Our concern is life
Life before birth...life at birth

And a healthy birthright for every child GIVE TO THE MARCH OF DIMES

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letters

(Cont'd from page 3)

months and then blow it on a car and diamond all in one week.

He gets vegetables constantly in the mess but ocassionally he'll get a real live pumpkin through the mail from his girl for Haloween! He can pull together a coed volley ball games during June Week in no time at all. He'll rarely be able to make Firday night proms at your school but if anything in your life goes wrong he'll be right there with a \$10 hour long phone call.

He dreams of corvettes for all, unlimited weekends, spiked Rootbeer at Buzzy's & 1/c yr. He'll offer you an old paper for your English assignment and then tell you that the title is "Ballistic Missiles." He can drop your hand faster than anyguy you know!!!! And he'll tell you that the Naval Academy the saying goes "You don't have to go out but you always have to come back!" He'll teach you those intangibles of honor, intergrity and loyalty just by being and that even big girls still get chills during the Stars Spangled Banner.

He's always gone all too soon and makes you realize that weekends are never really long enough.

There are times when you can't live with him but you know you could never live without him.

His a special breed. McHale has absolutely nothing on him!!! . . . but just the same you know you'd crew under him anytime at all!

My Love

A not so secret admirer Thanks-ed.

"Mom"

(Cont'd from page 20)

Mom has been brought up short. While her son does not conform to her concept of "The Perfect Midshipman," he continues to build on the foundation established in his earlier years; and she ponders the verses of Kahlil Gibran:

"You may give them your love but not your thoughts,

For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls,

For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow...."

Her child becomes a man and forms a life apart. That this transformation takes place at the Naval Academy is to his credit, for he could have chosen a much easier path; and Mom's could have been harder!

Mrs. Carl E. Gross

"Girl"

(Cont'd from page 21)

mudpuddles for water for the radiator. August was cancelling my contract to teach in Anne Arundel County due to a lack in funds for moving.

Fall brought some visits to Tighman's out in town. And Mischief Night, Notre Dame Weekend, brought a diamond. So now we were engaged. I still wear my pin, for sentimental reasons.

Army weekend was a taco party and birthday party, the fantastic game and score, and hot toddies afterwards.

The Christmas Formal was attempting to take the Santa Claus out of Dahlgren Hall and being stopped by none other than Mrs. Marshall. Christmas was seeing Mike off once again with the squash team. New Year's was driving 100 mph home with six minutes to spare just to "be home for New Years."

January and February was trying to begin to put a wedding together. Take if from me—Elope!

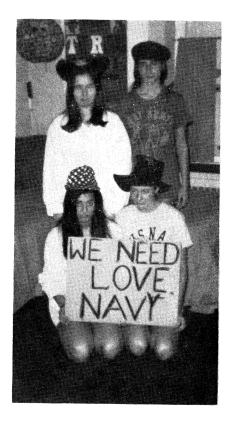
Of course the crowning moment was winning the Army-Navy Sports Weekend. And winning in Squash 9-0. It was exactly one year to the day that we met!

It's been an out-a-sight year. And no matter where the Navy chooses to send us, no matter if we are together at a base of separated by the sea, our memories of Annapolis and our year at Navy will always be cherished.

My only suggestion to a girl who would like to meet the man of her dreams would be.

"Date a Cadet—if you're lucky you'll meet a Mid and then . . . You've only just begun.

Marie Hammond



the LOG

SHE—"I think dancing has made my feet larger."

MID—"Oh yeah?"

SHE—"Just look at my shoulders—their development comes from swimming."

MID—"Great! and Ahem—I suppose you ride too?"

the LOG

1/c: Since I met you I can't eat, I can't sleep, I can't drink.

DRAG (coyly): Why not.

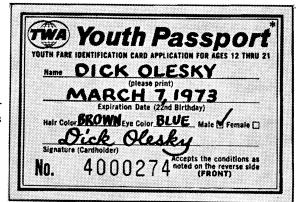
1/c:I'm broke.



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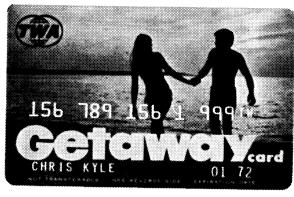
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