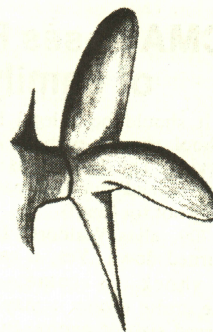
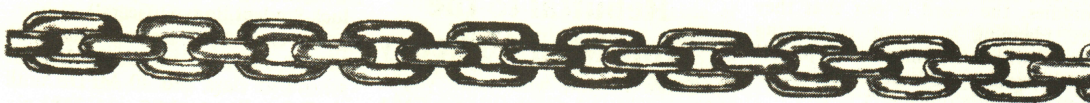


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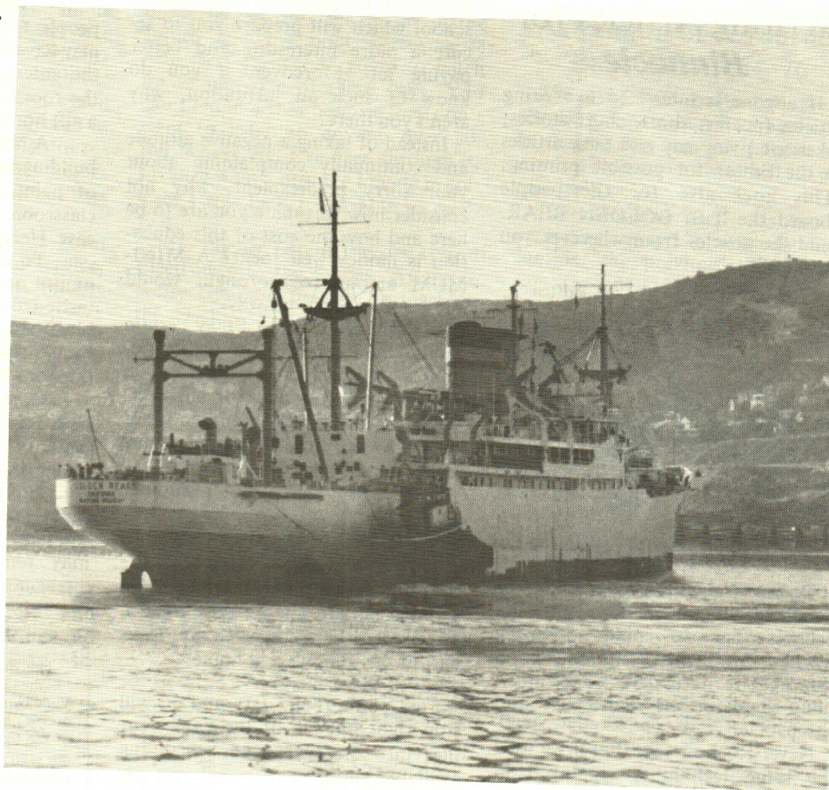


The Parting of the BEAR

On Jan. 12, 1976 the TSGB launched its sixth consecutive cruise, departing at 1100 before hundreds of friends, family and the majority of the 3rd class that was left behind.

Unlike the year before, it was a calm, relatively warm morning, inviting everyone to say their last goodbyes until March 12th when the BEAR will finally come back from their long and distant journey climaxing in the ports of Tahiti and New Zealand.

The feelings on the dock were of happiness to those who were going and of sorrow to those who were staying. After all, who wouldn't want to go! Especially the 3rd Class.



When the tug came and helped the TSGB get underway, the middies waved and whistled, pictures were taken with the T.V. cameras, and

reporters gathered news of the events. As the BEAR left, one could see on the stern, "THE GOLDEN REAR." After seeing this, you could

tell it was going to be "one of those kind of cruises."

News in General

CMA Loses Friend of Family!

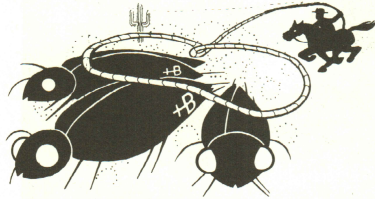
It should be a legal holiday; the school should prepare a memorial service. The Corps has lost a long time friend and companion (hopefully not for long!)

709, alias Waldorfs Liquors, has burned down. Yes, it came as quite a shock to some, and from the cruise group it may draw a deserved sigh of agony. But don't fret middies, the word is out that they are planning a grand re-opening special with everything at half price!! (Well, would you believe their planning a grand re-opening?)

Writing Articles for Binnacle

If anyone is interested in writing articles (poems; short, short stories; jokes; etc.) you may give these articles to the Editor for possible printing. (This goes also for the people aboard the T.S. GOLDEN BEAR. Send the articles from wherever you are.)

Editor



Cockroach Burgers?

Doctor V. B. Neyer-Rochow of the University of Western Australia believes that we could solve the world's problem of human food shortage by developing super-nutritious giant insects-like cattle and sheep.

Neyer-Rochow says that if we used the same techniques employed in breeding dairy and meat animals, we could produce giant cockroaches and termites that would be tastier and perhaps more nutritious than hamburger.

WILDCAT,
California State University,
Chico, California

The Cruise Schedule

(As of January 1976)

Leave	From	To	Distance	Days @ Sea	Avg. Sp.	M/D	Days/Port
1/21	L.B.	Tahiti	3575	11	13.6	326.4	4
2/5	Tahiti	Auckland	2216	6	14.9	357.6	4
2/13	Auckland	Honolulu	3826	11	14.5	348	4
3/1	Honolulu	San Diego	2175	6	14.5	348	3½
3/10	San Diego	Vallejo	480	1½	13.3		0

ARRIVALS

Feb. 1st Tahiti March 7th San Diego
Feb. 11th New Zealand March 12th HOME
Feb. 26th Honolulu

Rebuttal to the "Hole Man" Theory

Those of you who think you're "really getting screwed" by CMA are invited to find some other type of school which will prepare you to secure a more interesting and better paying job. Moreover, if you do know of such an institution, why aren't you there?

Instead of taking a negative attitude and continually complaining about your sorry predicament, why not consider how fortunate you are to be here and how the cost of this education is money well spent? A MINIMUM amount of foresight would allow you to see it this way.

You are required to "play certain games" and go through certain motions as a midshipman, just as you will be later as a mate or engineer. Whatever these games and motions are, why get upset? Why not just realize and believe that it is worth it.

—A Midshipman

Scuttlebutt . . .

...To the ship — sorry that the Bear got sick in the stomach (boilers) and upchucked some 200 gals. of fuel. That's what happens when you leave part of the "Family" at home . . .

... A new bus service is to be started soon (Feb. 1st) and it will stop right outside of the gate. Further info on *times* and scheduling available, shortly . . .

... Cdr. Heron should be recovering FROM MAJOR SURGERY BY NOW Best wishes Cdr. and here is to a speedy recovery. (C'mon group, how about a good CMA cheer???) ...

.. With the elections of the student body officers we have set precedent and have become the first class to hold

a separate student council ... (Good luck Student Body Officers!) ...

... As of Feb. 1st, we'll have 31 MFDS (More Fun Days) left of scheduled class and 40 MFDS until the T.S.G.B. returns ...

... Thanks to the maintenance people for the antennae so that we may have our color T.V. (Even though the antennae should've been put on the roof!) But they say "Don't look a gift horse in the mouth." ...

... A New Look for the engineering building has finally come in the form of paint. Rumors have it that the classroom building may catch the disease. Here's hoping!!! ...

... To the ship: The weather in the month of Jan. has been simply fantastic (70's); dockside was only a big bluff and at the time of this paper it hasn't rained yet!!! (But it may be due soon!) ...

...Monday night at the Movies may be a trend of the year. It would be better than periodically seeing a movie once in a great while ...

... Suggestions are up for a ham-radio station at the school so that we (and other winter term classes) may remain in contact with the

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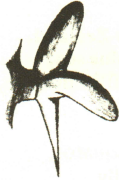
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Who's the New Who at CMA?

Interviews by Phil C. Delfin

Imon Lester Pilcher



Imon Lester Pilcher was born in Burlington, Kansas on Oct. 14, 1937. While attending Menville Senior H.S. in Oregon he worked as a milkman. Mr.

Pilcher considers himself as a very quiet person and like everybody else, didn't do too good in the academics in those days. He is now married with 2 children. Gardening is his hobby. He likes to work on his car because he doesn't trust garages.

After graduating from high school in 1955, Mr. Pilcher enlisted with the U.S.N. where he took his training to become an electrician. After five years as an enlisted man, Mr. Pilcher enrolled at the U. of Wash. with the Navy paying for the education which paved the way for a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering; later to receive a Master in the same major. He went back to the Navy, but this time as an officer.

Mr. Pilcher is now retired from active-duty with 20 years of service. It should be noted that Mr. Pilcher as an enlisted personnel in the Navy help make history by participating in **Operation North West Passage** as a crew member of the U.S.S. NAUTALUSS which was commanded by Commander William Anderson. They departed Honolulu, Hawaii on July 23 and was in Iceland on August 7. However, on August 3, 1958 the NAUTALUSS was under the North Pole traveling an average of 20 knots covering 2901 miles.

He would like it to be known that he already crossed the Equator and has a shellback card and has no intentions to be initiated. Like Mr. Donaue, Mr. Pilcher never visited either Tahiti nor New Zealand. He is assigned to be 4-E's watch officer with a third assistant engineer's license in steam and diesel.

Mr. Pilcher thinks that the academy needs improvement still. He is a strong believer in the ideals of the "Well Rounded Man Theory." "...The overall development you receive, you need that also. Humanities, the Literature, the social studies, and others are also important too. It may not

help pass your exam, but it will help you get through life a little easier."

He has great concern for the students and their progress. It is evident in this interview. "I believe that the students here need to realize that there is a more need to study. They got to learn to study first and I learn that the hard way. So that's what I am trying to do is make them study. I don't think anybody should be flunking out of a school like this simply because if they adapt themselves to it, they should make it through here... To me academics are really important in your younger years, and what's wrong with a younger man is he can't see that. He can only see so far in the future and his poor performance here as a student is going to catch up to him one of these days. You can't tell him that because they don't want to listen to anyone over 30. But believe me, I've been through it, I realize what a mistake I made in college; I was luck I was able to rectify it."

Mr. Pilcher taught Physics II and Electronics to the Snipes. After the cruise trimester he will be teaching the Deckies Physics, Electrical and Marine Engineering. A warning to the Deckies from Mr. Pilcher, "You may not like it Deckies next Spring, but you better be prepared to be busy."

Robert C. Kelly



Robert C. Kelly is presently a CMA instructor of Management and Economics. On cruise he's the watch officer for 1-E. He has a second assistant's license in steam and a third assistant's license in diesel.

He was born in San Diego, then the family moved to the Sacramento area where Mr. Kelly started his education. On completion of the second grade he moved to Iowa. After graduating from high school in 1940 Mr. Kelly returned to the "Golden State" to reside in the Vacaville area. He worked as an engineering draftsman for Mare Island.

Mr. Kelly received an appointment to CMA in Jan. 1943 and graduated in June 1944. It took 18 months to graduate because of WWII. The middies in those days marched to everything. Liberty lasted til 2200 on weekends only! The Corps was restricted to base the rest of the time. Captain Mayo was the Superintendent at the time. In Jan. 1944 Mr. Kelly lived in wooden barracks located adjacent to Capt. Mayo's house. Mr. Kelly's room was the very last one, next to the Captain's home. The site of his house is presently where the tennis courts are now. The

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SPORTS

Aftermath of A Journey Basketball '76—76

The 1975-1976 basketball season for the Keelhaulers left something to be desired for some, but for others it was a season which served its purpose well.

The record in itself was not an impressive one (6-12), especially if you consider the previous 1974-75 season record (13-6), but from a spectators point of view, the action was not decreased in any form from the previous season of play.

It was a very young ball club with only two seniors (J. Betz and S. Wanderer) to act as the backbone for the club. This is a fact that has left its mark on the scorebooks.

It was also a year for rebuilding. With a ball club comprised of 2 seniors, 4 sophomores and 4 frosh, it is very easy to see what is meant by a young ball club and a rebuilding program.

They say you learn by experience, and the Keelhaulers of 1976-1977 will have a load of experience under their belts when they tackle next year's opponents.

In essence, the season over-all was not as much of a let down as its record shows. Compliments to the men who comprised the Keelhaulers for the 1975-1976 season, with special thanks going to the seniors who will not be back in the CMA uniform, but they will be with the team in spirit.

See ya on the court next year!

WHO'S WHO (from page 3)

training ship was the GOLDEN STATE. She had a triple-expansion engine. During the war the academics were either straight engineering or deckie subjects.

After graduating, Mr. Kelly shipped 'til the end of WWII, sailing mostly on T-2 tankers and Victory ships.

After the war was over he attended Oregon State U. to get a Bachelor's degree in Geology, graduating in June 1950. Then he got married. Soon the Korean War flared and Mr. Kelly was back into the Navy 'til discharged. Then he worked as a field geologist for an oil company for awhile. Next Mr. Kelly sailed with MSTS, Military Sea Transportation Service, for 10 months.

Mr. Kelly went back to school at Georgetown U. and American U., then to U. of Washington for a Masters in Business Administration. In the following years he worked for companies like Scotch Paper Co. and Boeing in the management and administration field.

Now Mr. Kelly's family has settled in eastern Oregon. He went to sea for a few years. Later he too settled down on "terrafirma" by becoming an instructor at a nearby Community College. He commenced the new career in 1968. Mr. Kelly stayed there til the time he came back to KEEMA.

Mr. Kelly advises the Corps, "Just be ready for change. Nothing is more constant than change."

Mark Todd Donahue



The new instructor for Algebra and Basic Engineering is Mr. Mark Todd Donahue, whose hobbies are sailing, skiing and hiking. He was born in Seattle, Washington on Nov. 11, 1950.

He attended Merser Island H.S. in the Seattle area where he was an outstanding varsity wrestler. As a senior he went to the state finals in the 145 lbs. division. He continued his education at the United States Merchant Marine Academy. During the four years there, Mr. Donahue became the captain of the sailing team and the Commodore of the sailing squadron, which held the honor of being second in the nation at the time.

After graduating in 1972, he went back to Seattle to work for a tug and barge company as an assistant engineer, later to be promoted as the chief engineer. Like all men of the sea, Mr. Donahue has traveled to various places of the world but has never set foot on either Tahiti nor New Zealand. On cruise he will be the watch officer for 3-E. Don't worry 3-E, he as a legitimate third assistant engineer license in steam and diesel.

He has mixed feelings about the first trimester as an instructor. On his overall impression on the Academy, this is what he has to say. "It is a tremendous school ... it offers a tremendous opportunity for those who graduate from this school ... No questions about it, as far as I'm concerned the practicabilities and the type of things you learn here are of tremendous importance in the industry. And a person who is interested in going on to college getting advance degrees, coupled with the practical education here is absolutely unbeatable."

Finally, he advises the Corps of Middies, "Don't get down, don't party every night, save Friday night for partying."

Who?

Who borrows all your ready cash?
Who smokes the last one in the pack?
Your roommate.

Who breaks up all your chairs and lamps?
Who uses all your postage stamps?
Your roommate.

Who drinks up all your hoarded beer?
Who makes your socks all disappear?
Your roommate.

But who's a constant pal to you?
Who cheers you up when you are blue?
Who knows and loves the things you do?
Your Mother.

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Cruisin . . .

There sailed a ship from Vallejo,
A ship called the GOLDEN BEAR,
And on this ship were some middies,
Some strong, some tall, some fair.

This ship set sail for New Zealand,
A point 'cross the deep blue sea,
These two hundred and fifty middies,
Knew the roles from A to Z.

But as they crossed the Equator,
Some found so distainfully,
That the quite indomitable polywogs,
Threw the shellbacks onto the sea.

Now the training cruise is over,
The ship is around her berth,
And still the indomitable polywogs,
Can't quite control their mirth.

Polywog

SCUTTLEBUTT (from page 2)

T.S.G.B. while she is gone on cruise.
It may turn out to be more than a dream ...

... Rumor has it that the only thing stopping the remodeling of the middies lounge in the Res. Hall are the plans and material estimation. If anyone is capable of drawing these plans, it is possible that the remodeling may be done before the cruise group gets back! ...

... A quick recovery is wished to Lou Dolph who was the first casualty of the slopes this winter; a broken tibia and fibia, he's off of the slopes for a couple of weeks. Get well soon! ...

... Thanx again to that certain secretary in that certain office, Thanx A.T. ...

... Word has it that ground breaking will be around May 1st for the New Res. Hall. Remodeling for the Old Res. Hall will be done upon completion of the New Dorm ...

H. Diavatis is at it again. He's got another basketball team and goin' for another championship. Good luck Harry! (Better luck this time) ...

By now the cruise group should be very near to Auckland, New Zealand. ...

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"Much madness is divinest sense."
Shakespeare