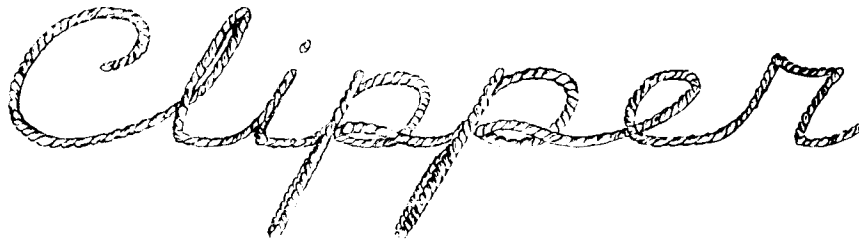


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## Academy to Graduate 63 Midshipmen June 5

### 28 Seniors Get Diplomas

Twenty-eight graduating SNA seniors will hear Rear Admiral Paul P. Blackburn, Chief of Staff, U. S. Strike Command, deliver the Commencement address at the formal graduation exercises 10:00 Wednesday, June 5, on the lake front campus. Captain Rederick W. Brink, Chaplain, Naval Training Center, Orlando, will offer the invocation and benediction.

As a part of the ceremony, attended by the Senior School battalion, parents and friends, outstanding midshipmen will be named recipients of SNA scholarships for the ensuing year.

The graduation program will begin at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, when the battalion will march in a dress parade and participate in the annual awards ceremony at the stadium. At the awards ceremony the best drilled company, the best company overall, the band and the drill team will receive recognition, while individual awards will be the Sportsmanship trophy, both Senior and Junior School, the best athlete, the best varsity and intra-mural athletes and the Clipper and Islander outstanding staff member. Several leadership awards from outside organizations will also be announced.

An intra-mural crew race on Lake Monroe at 5:00 p.m. will be another highlight of the afternoon, and all parents, friends and midshipmen will enjoy a buffet and reception at 6:00. There will be a band concert and a movie, or liberty for midshipmen with parents, Tuesday evening.

Admiral Blackburn, who will

### Graduating Seniors

Anderson, Michael  
Arguelles, Paul M.  
Argyros, James Raymond  
Bandel, William Warren  
Bass, Kenneth Ireland  
Congdon, William Holmes  
Cummings, Neal  
Edwards, Robert C.  
Ehney, George Arthur  
Garrett, Robert Howard  
Heist, Robert Bennett  
Hodges, Ronald Olin  
Hofstedt, John Alan  
Kroust, Wayne Earl  
Letterman, Kenneth S.  
Looft, James Garfield  
McFarland, James Doyle (Jr.)  
Martina, Chandler Hugh  
Miller, Michael T.  
Peacock, Willis Jordan (III)  
Pfitzner, Edward Russell  
Rollins, Thomas  
Sarrica, Robert  
Slavik, Roger George  
Standart, Jeffrey Thomas  
Van Duyn, Richard  
Walters, Lawrence Edwards  
Weaver, David Prescott

### Summer Session Starts June 17

Applications have been pouring in for the SNA summer school session, which will begin a program of integrated study and recreation on the academy campus Monday, June 17. Under the direction of a staff of year around SNA faculty, the school will be non-military, and with all the informality congruent to academic mornings and summer sports afternoons.

### 8th Grade Graduates

Aiton, Donald P.  
Anderson, Norman  
Arnold, Brent H.  
\*Burlock, Douglas  
Byars, James T.  
Calandra, James M.  
Chada, Thomas E.  
Corcoran, David.  
Crabb, Galen R.  
DeBlasio, Robert  
Diener, Paul  
Gardner, Albury  
Gardner, James K.  
\*Hanna, Mark James  
\*\*Helvenston, Edward B.  
Jones, Bradley D.  
\*Kasprow, Michael S.  
\*Kiddy, Jeffrey B.  
LaHayne, Richard D.  
Left, David M.  
Morski, Thaddeus J.  
Osborne, Martin  
Pitts, James  
Revell, Roger C.  
Sarubbi, Douglas  
Sekosky, Raymond  
Skeen, Gary N.  
\*Stefanski, John T.  
\*Suart, Michael E.  
Teague, William J.  
Vollaro, David  
Wilson, David  
Wimpee, Laurence E. III  
Woods, Richard M.  
Yost, Mark J.  
\* Honor Roll.  
\*\*Headmaster's List

### N.H.S. Convention

Out of 1,000 members of the National Honor Society attending their state convention, six midshipmen from Sanford were the only representatives of a military school. The conclave was held in Miami, at the Di Lido on the

### Junior School To Graduate 35

The Sanford Naval Academy Junior School will award diplomas to thirty-five graduating eighth graders at the formal commencement exercises to be held on the Junior School grounds Wednesday morning, June 5, at 0830.

Tying for top scholastic honors in the class, Douglas W. Bullock and Edward B. Helvenston will both give Valedictorian addresses. The featured speaker of the day will be Edward H. Talton of Senior Graduate School and principal of the DeLand Junior High School. The Superintendent and Headmaster Frank Campbell will present diplomas to the graduating class members.

Rev. Leroy D. Soper, Jr., pastor of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Sanford, will deliver the invocation and benediction, and Admiral Smith will welcome the parents and friends to the ceremonies.

### Five Seniors Get Macfadden Aid

Sanford Naval Academy has announced five members of the senior class as recipients of Bernarr Macfadden Foundation scholarships. Good for each of the four years of the usual college course, these scholarships are awarded to Seniors at SNA and Castle Heights Military Academy for "superior scholarship and disciplinary records" and may be applied to expenses at a college of the recipient's choice.

The midshipmen to be so hon-

# PASS THE WORD



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The end of the Academic school year presents many challenges for the midshipman: looking forward to graduation, dreading final exams, and generally hopeful anticipation that the school year will finally come to an end.

How the midshipman reacts to these situations is of grave concern to the faculty, administration, midshipman officers, and many of the students. Most of these people at the Academy are familiar with the "give up" attitude that some midshipmen will always take as the year draws closer to its termination. No matter how much they are warned or how many years they have spent in school, some midshipmen always manage to fall into this lethal trap. But this trap is not inescapable.

The solution to this problem is not an easy one but rather one that requires much concentration and effort on part of the midshipman who is trying to overcome the temptation of succumbing to this evil. The main line of thought that should be followed here is one of self-discipline. That hyphenated word is the commonly accepted motto of military schools and is the one you hear about the most. The self-discipline and control that a midshipman forces on himself can mean the difference between receiving a diploma or not.

Contrary to popular belief of the students, the final few weeks should be the most enjoyable. Even though final exams are approaching, the midshipman is gathering together all the knowledge he has acquired throughout the year. This is particularly true for the seniors who should be trying to summarize in a few weeks all their years in school. The seniors should also try to make a marked influence on the school in the last few weeks so that they can be proud of their accomplishments, have others be proud of them, and so they'll be remembered as alumni who are proud of their Alma Mater.

—Sam McLeod

## Seventh Grade Leads List

The seventh grade, with seven midshipmen on the Honor Roll and two midshipmen on the Headmaster's List, again led the Junior School in honor grades at the end of the fifth six-week marking period. The eighth grade, with nine of its members attaining honor grades, again followed closely behind in the runner-up spot.

The following midshipmen attained honor grades for the fifth six-week marking period.

### Headmaster's List

Sixth Grade: O'Higgins, Michael.

Seventh Grade: Gerhardt, Bradley; Smorowski, Michael; Usher,

## CLIPPER STAFF

R. Andersen

Eric Baseler

Eric Fries

Robert Herald

Sam McLeod

Marty McMullian

Jonathan Sarubbi

Jay Strafford

Lawrence Walters

### Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Bressette, Dennis; Dessert, Dermott; Lane, Stephen; Payne, Joe.

Seventh Grade: Crabb, Brent; Crawford, Curtis; German, Timothy; Moore, William; Reid, James; Smith, William; Yuknavich, Timothy.

Eighth Grade: Hanna, Mark;

## Enrollment Figures Up

Many new midshipmen will march onto the quarterdeck next September as well as the many of us who will be returning, and it will be up to the returning underclassmen to lead the battalion of 1968-69.

Admiral Smith, Superintendent, states, "Both re-enrollment of present midshipmen and enrollment of new boys for next year are running well ahead of last year. Consequently, there should be a considerable increase in the student body for the school year 1968-69. At the same time small classes and individual attention will continue to be stressed."

## Junior-Senior Prom Gala Night

The 1968 Junior-Senior Prom began very quietly at the House of Steak, Sanford, but the atmosphere effervesced into a bubbling harmony as dinner progressed, and the rhythm increased to restrained enthusiasm as the midshipmen and their dates gathered in the Halsey Room for dancing.

At the conclusion of a seven course steak dinner, Malcolm Edwards, Junior Class president, introduced Admiral Harry Smith, Headmaster Burch Cornelius, and Captain J. C. Spencer, Commandant, who gave a rundown, often humorously personal, on the highlights of the past year at the academy. Chess playing faculty also received their share of the wit.

Midshipman Ken Letterman, Editor of the '68 Islander, then presented to Cmdr. William L. Denny his personal copy of the year book, which had been dedicated to "our friend, father, teacher: Commander Denny."

Cmdr. Denny expressed his heartfelt appreciation and in turn presented to Mrs. Grace Smith her own copy of the Islander. Many notes of thanks to Mrs. Smith for her understanding and tireless efforts in behalf of her boys are to be found in the Islander's touching epilogue.

President of Cum Laude chapter, National Honor Society, Larry

## 75 Middies On Honor Roll At Senior School

The sophomore class led the Senior School in honor grades for the fifth six-week marking period, with nine of its members on the Headmaster's List and 17 on the Honor Roll. A total of 75 midshipmen attained honor grades for this period.

### Headmaster's List

12th Grade: Congdon, Krout.

10th Grade: Keller, Lange. Leader, McLeod, Murphy, Pittman, Ryk, Smith, W., Whitman.

Ninth Grade: Foltz, Haag, Hadron.

### Honor Roll

12th Grade: Argueles, Argyros. Bandel, Cummings, Edwards. Garrett, Letterman, Looft, Miller, M., Rollins, T., Slavik, Van Duyn, Walters.

11th Grade: Aas, Barnes. Browne, R., Cook, Correll. Crowther, Edwards, M., Forbes. Hamilton, Hayes, Heman, Johnson, J., Johnston, T., McMullian. Monahan, O'Bryant, Porzig, Powell, R., Reilly, Starkey, J., Taylor.

10th Grade: Bowles, Byrd. Byrne, Casey, Deutermann, Dixon, Dockray, Driscoll, Fitzgerald. Hewitt, Maddox, Malison, Papp. Rollins, P., Sarubbi, Scales. Strafford.

Ninth Grade: Akra, Castleberry. Dick, Fredrick, Freeman, Gitkov. Herald, Johnston, L. W., Smith. R., McKenzie.

## SUPERINTENDENT AND MR. BEAR TO GET DEGREES

Admiral Harry Smith, Superintendent, and Mr. George P. Bear, English instructor, will receive Master of Arts diplomas at the formal graduation exercises of Stetson University in full cap and gown on June 2. Both Admiral Smith and Mr. Bear had completed all requirements for the degree and earned the privileges of the degree, last fall, after considerable hard work going to school evenings and during the summer.

The Superintendent, with an average for the course, states he did it to show the younger

## Spring Sports Awards Dinner

Over 100 midshipmen spring sport team members gathered at the House of Steak, Sanford, at the annual spring sports banquet, where varsity and junior varsity letters were awarded. Cmdr. Jesse Harry, athletic director, gave a brief wrap-up on each team's '68 season before the coaches of representative sports presented letters to qualifying middies.

The participating teams were crew, coach Dale Hamm; swimming, coach Dennis Bluge; baseball, Senior School coach Jim Kennel, Junior School coach Joel Kelley; sailing, coach Robert Williams; tennis, coach Randy Kelley; Junior School basketball, coach Dennis Bluge.

SNA placed three midshipmen on all star teams in the past sports year, Bill Barnes making All-County football guard, and Jim Starkey, selected All-Conference basketball forward. Bill Barnes, a double winner, and Bill Driscoll were nominated to the All-State crew team.

## Netmen Lose A Squeaker

It was the last, the most exciting and tightest match of the season as the SNA tennis team lost a heartbreaking 4-3 contest to Howey Academy on the opponents' courts. Midshipmen Tom Taylor, David Weaver and Neal Cummings won their singles matches. The decisive match was fought by Midshipman Jay Stratford who played top tennis but nevertheless lost 9-7.

The Sanford netmen bowed to Florida Military Academy as they lost 7-0 in a rematch on home courts. The loss of Tom Taylor, the number one player, was a blow to the team.

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## Tankmen Win Tri Meet

Taking the lead in the first race, the SNA swimming team showed remarkable strength in all events, and toppled Florida Military School, DeLand, and Father Lopez High, Daytona, in a three way meet at the Sanford stadium pool. Scores: SNA, 67; Father Lopez, 55; FMS, 45.

First places were won by the 200 medley relay team, Ryder, Stefanski, Moore, and Seantlebury; Stefanski in 200 medley; L. Johnson, the 400 freestyle; Pletcher in the 100 breast stroke.

Dennis Bluge, coach of the tankmen, is enthusiastic over the inaugural season, and believes that with added experience and a larger squad, we should have an excellent chance for the State title next year.

## Swim Team Sets 3 New Records

The Academy's swim team ended its '68 season by swamping Florida Military School at the DeLand pool by 17 points, winning seven first places to run the score to SNA, 56, FMS, 39. Three new school records were set in the meet in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke, both by Danny Ryder, and in the 400 freestyle relay.

## Field Day Is Fun Day

Tossing aside all academic and military decorum, midshipmen competed in such events as egg toss, sack race, flour pile, and an esoteric competition known only as a "Dizzy-izzy." Entering into the spirit of the occasion the faculty had a mystery event all their own.

"Appropriate" prizes were awarded to the individual winners of each event and to the company with the most overall points went 20 points toward the annual best company competition. The tug of war was the prime event with 20 points going to the winner, Truxton company.

## Footballers Get Spring Workout

Coach Bill Klein has been concentrating on football fundamentals during spring training and getting his candidates for the next fall's eleven familiar with a few standard plays. Blocking, tackling, running, passing, and individual skills have accounted for the majority of the every afternoon practice sessions.

"In spring training," says Coach Klein, "conditioning is not an important factor. It is a period to improve on individual fundamental techniques. We should have a competitive team next year, one we all can be proud of." Coach Klein is being assisted by Joel Kelley and Jim Kennel of the coaching staff.

Forming a nucleus for the '68 gridsters will be returning lettermen Joe Ryk, Bill Driscoll, Doug Seiler, Robin Hudgins, Bill Barnes, Dale Hancock, Jim Starkey, Julio Alas, and Randy Smith. The fight for the first string quarterback spot will be a real donnybrook, with Randy Leader, Joe Akra, Jim Starkey, and Harry Smith all vying for the ball handling detail.

## Crew Ends 1968 Season

Trailing Howey and Edgewater, the SNA crew team placed third in the State crew race held on Lake Maitland, Orlando. Howey led the race from the start and Edgewater's final sprint stroke edged out the middies.

The JV crew held second place secure, but were closing fast on Howey at the end of the race. Dropping behind at the start with a slow, long stroke, the JVs resorted to their normal fast tempo and nearly made up the early deficit.

Coach Dale Hamm, when asked about the '68 team, said, "The team this year was a young and largely inexperienced crew. What they lacked in stature, they made up for in guts. They gave all they had every second of every race. The prospect for next year appear promising, and with a lot of hard work and sheer animal

## Nine Ends 4-6 Season

Winning four of their first six games, the SNA baseball team showed great promise, but midway in the season hit a slump and wound up the season, 4-6.

### Taylor High

Taylor High, with a strong hitting attack stopped a poor fielding SNA team and snowed under the middies, 11-1. This was only the second loss against four wins for the Bluejackets.

SNA scored their only run on a single by pitcher Jim Argyros, who stole second base and then scored on another single by Robin Hudgins.

### Oviedo

In the first game of the State Tournaments play-offs, Oviedo High stopped SNA 8-6. The middies led most of the game but Oviedo crashed through with five runs in the last two innings to head off the Academy's bid for the pennant. This was the second loss to the always tough Oviedo.

### Taylor

Playing top ball the middies seemed to be snake bit in a game with Taylor and lost in what was a much closer game than the 8-3 score would indicate.

### Ocoee

Ocoee shut out the Bluejackets 4-0, showing strong at the plate and putting out an air-tight defense. Ocoee is the only team this year to shut out the middies.

### Howey

In an upset victory Howey eliminated SNA from the Conference championship by the one-sided score of 16-1.

## Admiral's Sword Cuts Party Cake

Admiral Harry Smith, Superintendent, supplied his dress sword to cut the cake at a Junior School party honoring those students on the Honor Lists. The Admiral and Mrs. Smith also supplied the cakes, each inscribed "Congratulations Honor Students," a cake for each class. Using a sword for this purpose is an Annapolis tradition.

# Middies Visit St. Augustine

A group of 70 midshipmen, all members of the Spanish and Art classes of SNA recently bussed to St. Augustine on a field trip. Under the direction of Mr. Frank Phillips, Spanish instructor, and Mr. John Klopp, Art instructor, the middies spent the day touring the Castille de San Marcos, one of the oldest forts in America, the Ripley Museum, of "Believe It or Not" fame, Mission of Numbred de Dias, the Oldest School House, Zorayda Castle, and the restored Spanish quarter, where many artifacts are displayed.

Lunch for the group was at the Posada Menendez, where Paello a la Valenciona, a typical Spanish dish, was prepared especially for the midshipmen.

## JUNIOR - SENIOR PROM

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engraved silver platter from the NHS in appreciation for the personal and teaching qualities he has demonstrated at SNA.

Entering the gaily decorated Halsey Room under an arch of swords provided by a Midshipman Honor Guard, the upperclassmen and their dates danced to the music of the "Yaks," a popular Florida band. The ballroom was decorated with green and white streamers, a gondola formed a background for the band, and at the other end of the dance floor a bubbling fountain spouted water. Refreshments were served in the library.

Garbed in mufti for a change, the middies offset the strict formality with their black and white, colored, and even plaid dinner jackets.

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# Career Navy Man Donates Ship Models

Six models of famous warships, all built to scale, were recently donated to SNA by Anthony Cacasey, Aviation Machinists Mate, 2/c. While stationed at the Sanford Air Station, Cacasey became familiar with our activities as a school, and when assigned to duty on the USS America off the coast of Vietnam, thought the models would be an adjunct to our naval traditions.

Built painstakingly from illustrations in Jane's Fighting Ships, all of the models have operable running lights, turrets, and are seaworthy, able to sail under their own electric motor power. The USS Missouri, over four feet long, is the result of nine months spare time labor.

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