

NROTC Alumni Newsletter

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MIDSHIPMANS Foundation

May - July 1997

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Max Miller, 1957
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Bruce Byron, 1970
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Robert Gartner, 1965
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Gary Schoen, 1966
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James Adkins, 1955

Bruce Byron, 1970

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William Docekal, 1965

Kenneth Fletcher, 1963

Clay Fulcher, 1955

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John Hitchcock, 1965

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Rodney Koenig, 1962

Gary Schoen, 1966

Max Miller, 1957

Ex Officio Members

CAPT Bill Graner, USN
(Professor of Naval Science)

Ray Adams, 1980
(Membership)

James Broadbuss, 1970 (NROTC
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Robert Gartner, 1965
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UT Midshipman Foundation Trustees

Kirk Cansler, 1945

J. Weldon Koenig, 1958

Will McCann, 1961

CAPT Bill Graner, USN

Max Miller Presents Trust Fund Scholarship Awards

NROTC Alumni Foundation President, Max Miller, 1957, presented Trust Fund Scholarship Awards of \$500 each to three deserving Midshipmen. The awards were presented at the annual NROTC Spring Awards Ceremony. This year's recipients were Midn 4/c James C. Richie, Midn 4/c Robert A. Waterston and Midn 4/c Marcus A. Griggs. Recognizing that scholarships given early in a midshipman's career at the Unit can have a very positive effect, the Trustees, acting upon advice of the Professor of Naval Science, selected junior midshipmen who had demonstrated positive attributes of future Naval and Marine Officers.



Max Miller, 1957, Presents \$500 Scholarship awards to (L-R) Midn 4/c Richie, Midn 4/c Waterston, and Midn 4/c Griggs.

The Alumni can and do have a pronounced affect upon all midshipmen through these awards and perhaps even more so with fourth and third class.

Max also presented the H. Malcom Macdonald Sword award to Midn 1/c Dennis S. Lloyd. The award is presented annually to the most deserving senior midshipman or officer candidate in the graduating class.

Joe Smith former MIDSHIPMANS Foundation Director and distinguished alum from the WW II Navy class at UT, also, attended the Spring Awards Ceremony and presented the WW II

Foundation scholarships to Sgt Christine Tanner and Midn 2/c Stuart Fugler.

These awards represent the long term goal of the Foundation to establish a trust fund for scholarship and other awards for presentation by the alumni to UT NROTC midshipmen and officer candidates.

Calendar of Events

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| Board of Director's Meeting | 26 July 1997 |
| Fall Commissioning | |
| Board of Director's Meeting | 13 September 1997 |
| Board of Director's Meeting to Select New Officer's | 25 October 1997 |
| Alumni Reunion/Election of Directors | 25 October 1997 |

Operating Fund Summary

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| Beginning Balance 5/97 | \$4,086.11. |
| Income | |
| Interest | \$6.87 |
| Contributions | \$25.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Newsletter & Mailing | \$722.61 |
| Navy Sword Award | \$380.50 |
| Other Postal | \$32.00 |
| PNS Discretionary | \$1,000.00 |
| Ending Balance 2/97 | \$1,982.87 |

President's Corner

This past spring I had the good fortune to personally meet and present scholarships to some deserving midshipmen. I feel good knowing that we alumni have helped them financially with funds from the University of Texas Midshipmen Foundation (UTMF). I hope we can do even more this next year. As you will note when reading the information contained in this newsletter, we have made good progress towards our goal of establishing a \$100,000 endowment for the purpose of helping midshipmen. "A job well done" goes out to those contributors who have made our success to date possible.

Our UTMF Fund increases by additions of earned interest on the fund corpus and by donations from members. One way to increase our foundation contributions is to encourage alumni who have not yet become donors to make an initial donation to the fund. And, we will encourage donors to increase their gifts. Of course it is easier said than done and it takes an effort by all hands who are able to give to achieve this goal. We can all help out by trying to enlist more alumni and encourage them to donate to the UTMF. I resolved to personally contact as many of my classmates as I could before our 1997 reunion. Some of them have dropped out of sight and it has not been an easy task to find them. However, if each member can personally contact a few alumni, we can add to our numbers and that increase in numbers will enable us to attain our goal of reaching \$100,000 for the UTMF sooner, thus providing a permanent endowment for future scholarships

I have asked the UTMT Board of Trustees to prepare and mail to each alumni a letter giving the particulars on making a donation. This will include the information relating to company matching gifts explained in this Newsletter.

A sincere "thank you" to our donors to the UTMF and to those of you who will donate in the future.

Max Miller, 1957

President

PS. Don't miss the reunion, 25 October 1997!

The University of Texas Midshipman Foundation Trust Fund Financial Report

The Trustees of the University of Texas Midshipman Foundation are pleased to inform you, the NROTC Alumni, that the Trust Fund continues to grow toward the goal of having \$100,000 in the fund corpus. Generous donors are assisting us annually and today the fund is at a level of \$62,739.14 (which includes income and alumni organization transfers). The graph, on page six, depicts the steady growth of the fund since its establishment in 1990. As you can see from the present contributions of \$54,410, the increase is due to income on the invested corpus less scholarships and other trust fund operating costs.

The Trustees began awarding scholarships in the Spring of 1996. Awards of \$500 were made to Midn. 2/c Roquemore, Midn. 1/c Holguin, and Midn. 1/c Kai. In the Fall of 1996, awards of \$500 were made to Midn. 3/c Galvan, Midn. 3/c Jacobo and Midn. 3/c Tatavak.

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Excerpts from Letters of 1996 Alumni Scholarship Recipient Midshipmen and Other Awards

"I sincerely appreciate the scholarship you so graciously awarded to me. It is contributions {from Alumni} like this that allow me to focus on a demanding academic schedule...."

—*James C. Richie*, Midn. 4/c

"I want to thank you VERY much for the scholarship that you so graciously awarded me....Your generous contributions {from Alumni} allow students like myself to focus on academic achievements and excellence....I will make it a goal to be able to pass on the same generosity to a needy individual one day."

—*Robert A. Waterston*, Midn. 4/c

"I am deeply appreciative to the Midshipmen Foundation for awarding me with this scholarship. I will continue to strive in the NROTC program, and hope that I will set a good example, both academically and militarily, for the new midshipmen to follow."

—*Marcus A. Griggs*, Midn. 4/c

"...thank you once again for the H. Malcom Macdonald Sword Award that you presented to me....It is a great honor for me....I would also like to thank the Alumni Association on behalf of the entire Battalion. The time, effort, and money that the alumni have contributed to our Battalion is greatly appreciated by all of our members. Your efforts have helped make our time here at the University of Texas that much more enjoyable."

—*D. S. Lloyd*, Midn. 1/c

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Treasurer's Report on the Alumni Operating Fund Status for 1997

Bob Gartner, 1965, submitted the following Treasurer's Report to the Board of Directors at the May meeting:

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| Beginning Balance | | \$4,086.11 |
| Income | | |
| Interest (2 Months on Checking Acct) | \$6.47 | |
| Member Checks/Cash Contributions | 25.00 | |
| Total Income | | <u>\$31.87</u> |
| Total Operating Fund | | \$4,127.98 |
| Expenses | | |
| Postal Service (Newsletter Mailing) | \$135.23 | |
| Kinko's (Newsletter Printing) | 404.32 | |
| Lonestar Direct (Newsletter Handling) | 133.66 | |
| Postmaster (Return Postage) | 49.40 | |
| CAPT W. R. Graner, USN (PNS Discretionary) | 1,000.00 | |
| Navy Sword Award (For Trust Fund) | 380.50 | |
| Postmaster (Roll of Stamps) | 32.00 | |
| Total Expenses | | <u>\$2,135.11</u> |
| Ending Balance, May 3, 1997 | | <u>\$1,982.87</u> |

Bob Gartner, 1965
Treasurer

Current Value of the UT Midshipman Foundation Trust Fund

The Board received the following report from the Trustees of the current value of the University of Texas Midshipman Foundation (UTMF) trust fund at the May meeting

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| The Bond Fund of America | 2,88.687 shs @ 13.640 | \$28,498.69 |
| Prudential Securities Account | | 2,733.00 |
| John Hancock Fund | 1,551.995 shs @ 14.59 | 22,643.61 |
| Bank One Account | | 5,419.56 |
| UT NROTC Scholarship Fund Account | | <u>3,050.00</u> |
| Total Value | | <u>\$62,344.86</u> |

Weldon Koenig, 1958
Secretary, University of Texas Midshipman Foundation

Thought for the Day!!!

"Weapons have always been less decisive than the skill of the troops. This has been true throughout history, and is still true today."
excerpt from Digital Soldiers: The Evolution of High-Tech Weaponry and Tomorrow's Brave New Battlefield by James F. Dunnigan; New York: St. Martin's Press, 1996 as reviewed by Vice Admiral Robert F. Dunn, USN (Retired) in "Naval Institute Proceedings," July 1997.

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Excerpts from letters of these last 3 were published in the last issue of the Newsletter. Lastly, this Spring, awards were made to Midn. 4/c Griggs, Midn. 4/c Richie and Midshipman 4/c Waterston in the same amount of \$500.

The Trustees have also began the funding of the H. Malcom Macdonald Sword Award given annually to the number one graduating senior midshipman. This sword was presented to Midn. 1/c D.S. Lloyd at the NROTC Spring Awards Day. Additionally, \$100 cash awards were given by the PNS from his fund from the Alumni Foundation to Midn. 3/c Q. Smith, Midn. 1/c L. Gregory, Midn. 1/c Indalecio M. Hernandez and Midn. 4/c D. Gates. Excerpts from letters to the President of the NROTC Alumni Foundation of all these Springs awardees have been included in the Newsletter.

A personal letter from CAPT Graner thanking the Alumni for the scholarship awards is also included.

The following Individuals, families, and businesses have contributed funds in the amount of \$3,110 in memory and honor of CAPT Dale Allen who passed away in January of 1993. The Trustees and alumni are grateful to them for their generosity:

- Mr. and Mrs. Graydo Allen
- Travis Vista Property Owners Association
- James A. Broaddus
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goodman
- Lillian D. Holmes Jerry D. Box
- Agnes T. Nelson Paul Nelson
- John W. Christian Robert Higley
- James S. Allen Susan Kessler
- Otis O. Cavenss Ann M. Rusch
- Ann Elizabeth McAvey
- Mildred Dalrymple Judith Fine
- Enfield Place HOA Nelson Pruett
- Mr. & Mrs. James L. Allen
- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Boniey
- Dr. & Mrs. Matt Kreisle
- Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Fine
- Mrs. Charles Fitzgerald
- Mr. & Mrs. Norman Kramer
- Mr. & Mrs. Alfred D'arezzo
- Mr. & Virginia L. Dennis
- Mr. & Mrs. Gary Holm
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rotman
- Mr. & Mrs. Chester E. Ollison
- Mr. & Mrs. Thompson
- Mr. & Mrs. Frank Grossman

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“I am very grateful for the cash gift”

—*Derek Gates*, Midn. 4/c

“I feel that is a great privilege to have received this scholarship”

—*Leo S. Gregory*, Midn. 1/c

“I am writing to express my gratitude at your selecting me as a recipient of your cash award. Awards such as these serve to motivate midshipmen in the pursuit of excellence”

—*Zuentin Smith*, Midn 3/c

“Thank you very much....I will use the lessons learned here at NROTC to make myself a better leader and to serve my country to the utmost of my ability.”

—*Indalecio M. Hernandez*. Midn 1/c

**Letter from CAPT William Graner, USN,
Professor of Naval Science, NROTC Unit,
University of Texas to Max Miller,
President, NROTC Alumni Foundation**

“Dear Max,

I wanted to personally thank you and the Alumni Association for the three \$500.00 scholarships presented at the spring Awards Ceremony. The support from the Alumni Association is deeply appreciated by myself, the Unit staff and most of all the midshipmen. It has been a great pleasure working with you. Once again, thanks for the scholarships and your continued support.

With warmest regards,

Bill”



Max Miller presents the H. Malcom Macdonald Sword Award to Midn 1/c Dennis F. Lloyd.



Joe Smith, Former Director, Midshipmans Foundation, presents the WW II Foundation scholarships to (L-R) Sgt Christine Tanner and Midn 2/c Stuart Fugler

**Board Director Ken
Fletcher Appointed
Regional Director
Liaison**

NROTC Alumni Foundation Board of Director Ken Fletcher, 1963, accepted liaison responsibilities with the Regional Directors (RD). He will work closely with the four RD’s, Bob Gartner, 1965, Central Texas, Ray Adams, 1980, Dallas/Fort Worth, Ben Krause, 1965, East Coast and Robert Hancock, 1967, West Coast, to ensure viable regional chapters for NROTC Alumni. Although a Board Director, Keys Curry, 1958, has accepted responsibilities for the Houston Area. RD’s are encouraged to attend Board meetings when possible and to participate in discussions.

Ken was, early on, the RD in the Dallas/Fort Worth area of Texas and was instrumental in getting that area chapter up and running. He will be a sounding board, information source and contact point to the Board to help the RD’s establish local chapters for the alumni to meet socially between reunions and to find ways to support the NROTC Unit at the University in their area.

In late May and early June, Ken contacted each RD and solicited ideas about what to do to initiate and revive local alumni meetings. Ideas flowed both ways. Several ideas to improve, establish, reestablish viable chapters revolved around something unique, PNS visits, guest speakers, a UT game watch and midshipmen recruiting sessions.

More practical aspects to encourage local alumni to participate in local meetings were:

1. Each RD to contact local alumni
2. To schedule meetings on week end nights
3. To share what each area is doing and planning through Newsletter articles.

All of the ideas are targeted to raise the awareness of the organization to potential active members. In the past the RD’s were on their own to plan, organize, and conduct a local meeting. The responsibility is still there, but support by the Board is now available through Ken. You may contact him at 1-800-658-0855 anytime with ideas.

See “Regional Directors” (Continued on page 5)

Summary of Board of Directors Meeting—15 February 1997

Financial Report: Bob Gartner stated that the operating fund had received only 86 donations when there have been between 112 and 120 donors. This left the fund approximately \$800 below normal.

Trust Fund: *Motion Approved. The Brd authorized the Trustees to propose change to the Trust Fund Agreement to expand investment opportunities and other areas as necessary.*

Discussion: October 25th, 1997 was selected as the next reunion date. John Hitchcock will prepare the next few newsletters pending selection of a permanent editor. Dr. Macdonald, for which the Alumni give an award, was ill. He has been the ROTC sponsor with UT for years and an avid supporter—*Motion Approved. The Brd authorized flowers be sent.* LT Powell, Alumni liaison, stated the \$500 plaque board of contributors to the Trust Fund was almost at capacity. *Motion Approved. Emboss future \$500 contributor names to brass plaques instead of granite. As \$500 contributors increase to \$1000, move to new board and dispense with old board.* CAPT Graner and LT Powell will determine costs for new board. *Motion Approved. \$300 approved for costs of new board.* CAPT Graner reminded the Brd that the Brd had sponsored a table for Midshipmen at the annual Military ball through the Austin Chamber of Commerce. The Navy was in charge this year and he thought the Midshipmen would enjoy and learn from the experience. *Motion Approved. The NROTC Alumni Foundation will be a Corp. Sponsor for one ten place table at the Austin Military Ball, April 12, 1997, in the amount of \$500. Motion Approved. \$500 authorized for the purchase of a sword for presentation to outstanding graduating midshipman. (Op Fund to be reimbursed by Trust Fund—previously approved by Trustees). Motion Approved. \$500 approved for the PNS discretionary fund for midshipman support.* Jim Braoddus stated that the University has formed Veterans War Memorial Committee. A memorial plaza at the north end of the Darryl Royal Memorial Stadium is planned and they will oversee the design.

Gary Schoen, 1966
Secretary

Ed. The latest approved minutes of the Brd meeting will be summarized regularly in the newsletter in the future.

Matching Gifts to the Trust Fund

Many employers have a gift program that matches employee gifts/donations on a dollar for dollar basis. In order to allow alumni who would like to take advantage of such a program by their employer, the Trustees have established a matching gift account with the Office of Associate Vice President and Business Manager (Development Office) of the University of Texas at Austin. The account is “Naval Science - Naval ROTC Alumni Scholarship Fund” number 30-7446-9093. The PNS is an authorized distributor of the funds and is a Trustee of the Trust Fund. The full board of Trustees advise the PNS on the recipients of the fund moneys. The account is an interest bearing account but only after \$10,000 is in the account. The moneys can only be used for scholarship purposes payable to a individual recipient per University policy. This money, including the moneys given by the alum donor, is not available to increase the fund corpus. This is in accordance with the uses established by the Trust Fund agreement with the alumni for gifts and is used for current gifts. Interest on the corpus can then increase the corpus for future gifts.

If you have available through your employer such a program and would like to take advantage of this opportunity, the following instructions are given:

1. Obtain the Matching Gift form from your employer and complete the “Donor section” and return it.
2. Complete the UT NROTC Midshipman Foundation Trust Fund Form and mail it with the Matching Gift for and your check payable to the University of Texas (including acct #30-7446-9093) to MIDSHIPMANS Foundation, UT NROTC Alum, P.O. Box 143562, Austin, TX 78714-3562. *Note: The Foundation Treasurer records and then transfers the matching gift donations to the Trustees. It is then sent to the PNS who prepares a “Gift Transmittal” form to the UT Vice President.*

3. The Development Office verifies each gift and deposits each check into the account. A receipt is sent to the contributing alumnus and completes the educational institution part of the matching gift form from your employer and returns it to the employer for completions. When the employer has verified the form, the employer will forward the matching funds directly to the Development Office for Deposit.

Letters with the appropriate Trust Fund form will be coming to Alumni from the Board of Trustees during the upcoming Trust Fund Drive. Or you can request a form from the Foundation Treasurer.

“Regional Directors” (Continued from page 4)

Sharing what has worked and what has not worked in the past may help with events in the future.

Alumni can contact your closest RD with ideas and support at the following:

- Ben Allen Krause, 1961, East Coast
(H) 804-486-3721
- Robert Hancock, 1967, West Coast
(H) 619-586-0036
- Robert Gartner, 1961, Central Texas
(H) 512-331-0976
- Ray Adams, 1980, Dallas/Fort Worth
(H) 214-596-7188
- Keys Curry, 1958, Houston
(H) 713-783-8185

Ken Fletcher, 1963
Brd Director and RD Liaison

In Memoriam

As we went to press we learned that Dr. H. MacDonald had passed away. More in the next

Things to Come in the Next Issue of the NROTC Newsletter

—*Reunion 1997 Update, everything you ever wanted to know about attending this year's reunion. At least what we know at print time!*

—*CAPT William Graner, USN, and Professor of Naval Science, UT NROTC Unit retires.*

—*COL John Cipparoni, USMC, assumes duties as the new Professor of Naval Science.*

—*H. Malcom Macdonald, professor emeritus of government at UT, retired naval officer, and longtime ROTC liaison officer, died at 83 on 5 July 1997. We will have an article about Dr. Macdonald and why our Navy Sword Award has been named for him.*

—*The status of the MIDSHIPMANS Foundation Operating Fund, what it provides to you and to the NROTC Unit.*

—*Updating the Master Data Base of NROTC Alumni.*

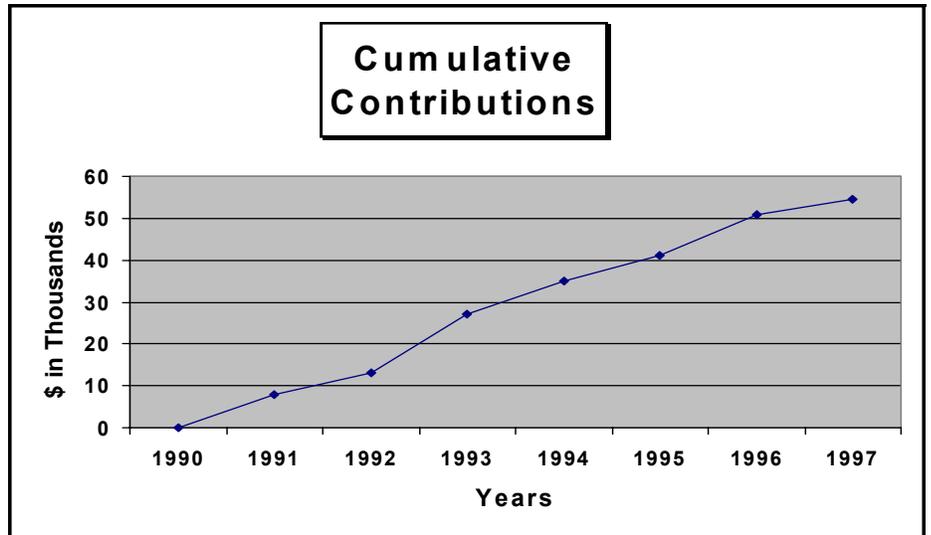
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Mr. & Mrs. Joe A. Young

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred N. Fowler

CAPT and Mrs. C.E. Jackson, USN, (Ret) CDR & Mrs. Paul G. Adams

CAPT & Mrs. Nicholas Brango, USN, (Ret)



Weldon Koenig, 1958

Secretary, University of Texas Midshipman Foundation

Ed. See the Excerpts from the most recent recipients on page 2.

MIDSHIPMANS Foundation

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Trust Fund Issue

Spring NROTC Awards

Financial Reviews (Operating and Trust Funds)

Latest Board Minutes (Summary)

Regional Directors Get Board Liaison