

# Bullets Have Good Outlook

The "Bennington Bullets" ended its short holiday basketball season recently with an even two-won, two-lost record, and Coach SH2 Roderick Harris says things look good for the Bullets' upcoming spring league.

Plagued with frequent player absences due to holiday leave, the team nevertheless managed to dunk opponents from the destroyers McCann, 69-33, and the Eversole, 48-40. Losses were to the center carrier Princeton, 63-38, and the destroyer Turner Joy, 59-40.

Coach Harris, who is also manager of the Ship's Store, expects the team to have a better season this spring. The new league will begin in late January and will probably run through mid-March. By then, he said, all team members will have completed their leave periods, so more time can be devoted to practice. During the holiday season, about 20 ships and Long Beach-area naval activities participated in the league.

"I think we have a very good outlook with the way we're sitting now," Harris observed. "But, like I say, nobody can predict the future."



**BENNINGTON BULLETS**--Shown here are seven members of the ship's basketball team. In the back row, from the left, are Robert W. Vanellen, center; Charles A. Reichert, forward; Alvin I. Robinson, forward, and Vernard B. Wade, guard. In the front row, from the left, are Roderick Harris, team captain and guard; Jeff Klanott, guard, and Martin U. Manuyac, guard. Not present are Charles Casteel, forward; John D. Girard, forward; Ronald E. Thompson, forward; Richard Hargett, guard; James W. Abell, forward, and LCDR Thomas Groce, guard.



## Have a Good Time

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Of all those rights with which we Americans believe God has endowed us, there is none we take more seriously than the pursuit of happiness. If you are not convinced of this, look at the book...the checkbook, that is. A recent study shows that in a typical year Americans spend five per cent of their income for recreation, another four per cent for alcoholic beverages, two per cent for tobacco, one per cent for cosmetics, and one per cent for television. Now this totals 13 per cent of our total income which clearly goes for the pursuit of a good time. We do take it seriously, this business of pursuing happiness.

Lest there be any misunderstanding, this is not to say that we are opposed in any way to having a good time, but rather because we believe God meant for us to have it; our seeking the good time is not the great concern, but the tragedy is in our missing it. No one could say how much of our pursuit of happiness is really flight from meeting God, we generally agree, however, that the foundation of a more happy life is in relationships that have been kept right.

Surely, we are mature enough to know that life is not all one great burst of happiness. Only the immature would expect that. Life is made up of a great variety of experiences. But when our basic relationships are true, to ourselves, to those about us, and most of all, to God, then all these experiences find their proper perspective.

To a generation frantic and fretful in its pursuit, God offers an invitation to help make happiness more than just a goal... but a wonderful way of life. Our moral standards are not designed to keep us from having a full life but to help us find it.