Midshipmen stand before Tecumseh, god of the campus at the Naval Academy. Annapolis is celebrating its centennial and the statue, a replica of the figurehead on the battleship Delaware, stands as a symbol of Navy tradition. Pennies are tossed to it by middies going to exams, and football teams worship its spirit for a victory over West Point.

Famous, historic, rambling Bancroft Hall, for many months the center of all activity, except classes, for the plebes, freshmen. They live in dormitories partly shown in background, chow in a mess hall off to the right, and stand three daily inspections such as they are preparing for here.

An early military drill in the naval careers of these plebes shows room for improvement. Given a few weeks' instructions by veterans, and the precision for which Naval Academy drills are noted prevails. The blue brims on the sailor caps denote the wearers' status as midshipmen.

A midshipman gives a tug on the halyard of his tiny sailing vessel as it skims across the bay on a training sail.

Gymnasium period in Annapolis' super-gym keeps midshipmen in fine physical condition for the strenuous routine at the Academy.

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