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Before the Ceremony

Year end at Vanderbilt offers groups across campus an occasion for gathering. For the Navy ROTC unit at Vanderbilt, its midshipmen celebrate the end of the academic year with the Spring Parade and Change of Command Ceremony, during which the graduating commander of the midshipmen battalion turns over command to the unit's new commander. During the year, activities for midshipmen include color guard, drill team, *Semper Fi* and Trident societies, as well as taking part in community service. Approximately 100 Vanderbilt students are NROTC midshipmen. Nearly 25 percent are female, and 15 percent are Marine Option students. Photo by Neil Brake.

