*Life at the Naval Postgraduate School*

The Naval Postgraduate School, generally referred to as the NPS, is located at

Monterey, California. It is a very good school in all respects and placed at a magnificent

oceanside locale. Although I have not had the opportunity to make a visit to

Viet Nam, I am quite sure that Monterey has a nicer coastline.

They teach only postgraduate courses at NPS. The students are mostly U.S. Navy

Military, with a smattering of foreigners. The students are dedicated. They have to

be. Some of the foreign students were said to be put before a firing squad on return

to their homeland when they failed. I don't know if this was true, but I was a bit

more lenient on them because of that.

Strangely, the NPS contributed significantly to the rise of microcomputing in the

early l970's.

Breaking from the UW's B5500 computer mainframe was tough for me. Recall that

I had the B5500 to myself for hours at a time. The B5500 had been my rather large

personal computer. Now, I had to use that IBM System/370 at the NPS, just like any

other programmer.