

In Closing

This was no ordinary year. Much went on outside our little world here at Camden Military Academy — some good, some bad, some outright terrible. But this year marks the turn of the decade, a chance to start over, to resolve problems which arose during the seventies.

The seventies were ten good years. We witnessed the end of the Vietnam War; increased concern for ecology; the first trans-Atlantic crossing by balloon; a test tube baby; greater concern for good physical health; ERA; the Apollo-Soyuz meeting; color pictures of Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn; digital computers, calculators, watches, and games; and Skylab was manned for three months.

It wasn't all fun and games, however. We also witnessed Kent State, Watergate, saccharin scares, Vallium abuses, busing riots, dollar-plus per gallon gas, the Iran crisis, and Skylab's descent on Australia. Events often reflected public apathy, a malaise which threatened to bring America down for the count. But she kept on punching.

The world bout with which the Class of 1980 must contend probably won't be easy rounds, but no one ever guaranteed they would be. Goodbye, faculty; goodbye, CMA; and, hardest of all, goodbye, friends. Just as we bade goodbye and farewell to the seventies, we must bid adieu to our CMA community, remembering the good times, having learned from the bad.

Look out, world. The Class of 1980 is coming.

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