

# NEW YEAR, NEW BOYS

and a spectacularly renovated campus.

Summer 1984 concluded with a bang: the Olympics instilled in us a renewed sense of pride in our superb athletes, in our nation, and in ourselves. Clara Peller demanded *ad nauseum*, "Where's the beef?" and the year moved on with space spectaculars, four more years for President Reagan, a baboon heart implanted in Baby Fae and an artificial one in William J. Schroeder. Terrorism was rampant from London to New Delhi; industrial disaster from Mexico, DF, to Bhopal unnerved us all; and the famine in East Africa, with its political, ecological, and economic complexities, bewildered both the altruist and the isolationist. These events and many more were part of a progression of steps, both up and down, in our world just yesterday.

Late summer marked time for the CMA family to get in step once again to meet the challenge of another academic year, to welcome new experiences for the continuing education which is life. Giant steps for an improved school plant kicked off the season. Brick veneer and new roofing transformed the dining hall, barracks, and Colonial Hall from a fatigued look of World War II "temporaries" to substantial, aesthetically pleasing facilities. One greying faculty member wondered aloud if he'd gone to heaven when on a sultry September day he flipped his classroom thermostat and cool air poured comfortingly over his sweaty students, energizing them for greater learning effort.

Perspiring for physical and athletic gain here will never be the same again. A fully renovated gym, from playing floor to roof, and a new wing to house a completely modern weight room, and incidentally provide a remote location for a band practice room, adds one more first-class structure to a campus for which all of

us may be increasingly proud.

On August 27, however, the cadre arrived to construction work still in progress. The group was primed and fired up to receive, to indoctrinate, and to train new boys due the following day. LTC Wilmot T. Riley, new Commandant, was in place and a few days MSG Marvin L. McCullough joined him as JROTC Instructor. Col. Phillip Minges Jr. assumed the position of Director of Development and Alumni Affairs and three new faculty officers too were ready to launch the school year.

The Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu stated in the Sixth Century B.C., "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." And so we began our academic year, one step at a time.



The gym addition underway, its completion weeks away.



George Pagan, center, instructs members of the cadre (clockwise from left), Chad Ayers, Marc Rogers, George Pagan, Cliff Carter, Ubaldo Acosta, Don Knorpp, Gary Micko, Guillermo Contreras, and Sean Matthews.