

STEPping into Spring

Exams were the order of business as classes resumed after Christmas vacation. Second semester heralded many activities beyond the classroom including a memorable SWAT response to a simulated terrorist crisis right on campus. SC Highway Patrol Sergeant Jim Braddock and his team, good guys and bad, took Richie Boyd "hostage" and subsequently "recovered" him. Helicopter assaults, live weapons fire, burning vehicles, and convincing overall mayhem made spectators marvel.

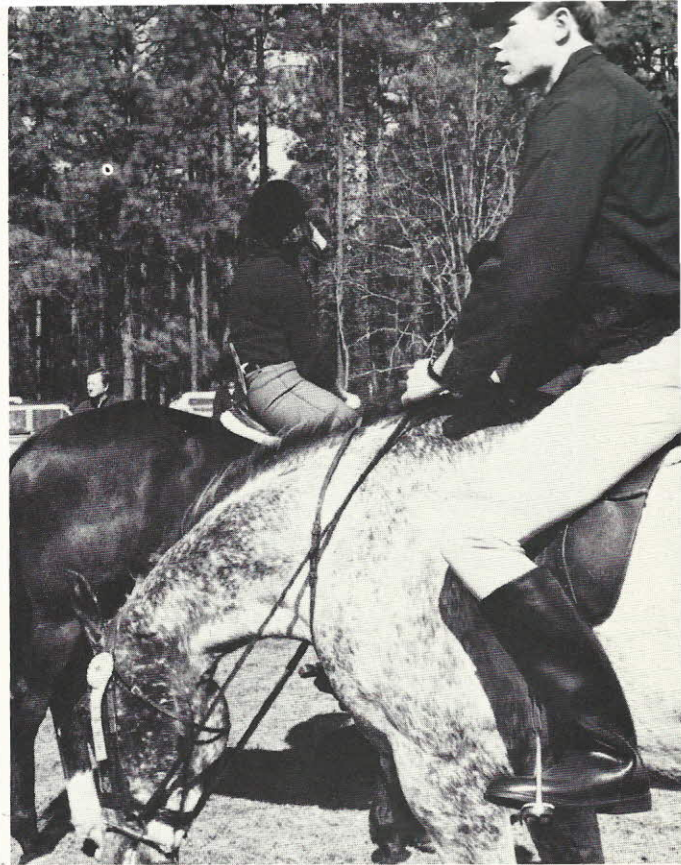
On February 25, the corps turned out proud and shined for the annual federal inspection, resulting in a rating of Honor Unit with Distinction. During weekend alumni reunion activities on March 2, LTC William Beckham, who taught at CMA for a quarter of a century, watched as his wife and grandchildren unveiled a plaque designating Colonial Hall as Beckham Hall.

Cultural and educational activity included concerts by the US Continental Army Band Wood-

wind Quartet and by violinist Sarah Johnson, Kershaw County Fine Arts Center's artist-in-residence. Inmates from the Central Correctional Institution lectured on a "Get Smart" theme: don't do it. Small group discussions were convincing that crime does not pay. Vietnam War veteran USMC (Ret) Lt Clebe McClary, disabled from multiple wounds received during that conflict, stood proud as the corps paraded in his honor. Later he described vividly his exploits, his long road to recovery from his injuries, and the part God had played in his life.

On a different note, Playwright Jay Thompson, who authored **Once upon a Mattress** and who directed a production of it here in Camden, April 11 to 21, entertained the corps with theatrical chit-chat to piano accompaniment. His insights into Camden included the observation that a resident is nobody unless he's a Dupont or a horse, and that although Camden

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Scott Patterson is in the ribbons at a Camden Hunt schooling show. His mount, Fleetwood, was a casualty of the March 12 wildfire which ravaged the Hunt Country west of CMA and burned across Woodward Field to the very boundaries of the school.



Newcomers since "mugshot" day are: John Steckel, Roger Draughon, Luciano Beeche-Morales, Mitchell Greene, Todd Ellison, John Parrott, Mark Ayers, Andrew Buchanan. 2d Row: Chris Hevey, Milan Morgan, Ty Campbell, Mark Hodge, Spencer Clark, Walt Santos, Bobby Richardson, Lonnie Long. 3d Row: Brian Fanning, Manuel Benero, Ty Ballard, Lee Weaver, David Galemore, James Suddeth, Mark Thoren, John Hendrick. 4th Row: Jeffrey Kemper, Lonnie Long, Charles McCoy, Patrick Marshall, William Brantley, Thomas Clack, Marshall Woertz. Back Row: Chris Young, Chris Edwards, Ronald Jones, Mark Tieman, Carlos Areces, Edmund Hessert, Sanders Sapp, John Crane.