

Stepping Up, and Out

Graduation weekend campus activities were underway at 0830 on Saturday, May 18, with company and individual drill competition. Athletic, military, and individual accomplishment award ceremonies followed at ten in the gym and, under clear blue skies, the corps paraded at four. Starting at nine, a formal dance for cadets, parents, and friends concluded the day. Sunday morning at nine, "Auld Lang Syne" said it all for seniors at the dress parade in their honor. Thirty-eight (two will complete graduation requirements during the summer) marched to "Pomp and Circumstance from cadet to alumni status.

Saturday's program began with Mrs. John Sink, Regent of the Hobkirk Hill Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, presenting Cliff Carter the DAR ROTC Medal. Receiving the Military Order of World Wars Medal was Ubaldo Acosta. The American Legion Medal went to Marc Rogers, the VFW Medal to George Pagan, and the Retired Officers Association Medal to Chris Sloan. Earning E. Haines Gregg Awards were: for marksmanship, Phil

Zeski; for musical accomplishment, David Anderson; and for sportsmanship, Ubaldo Acosta. Ray Hudson was selected for the John Philip Sousa Award in band. Receiving the Coaches Award for debating was Paul Tamburrino and Dwight Cauthen was recognized as Most Improved. For their outstanding qualities in Leadership Development Courses IV through I, respectively, Superior Cadet awards went to George Pagan, Chris Sloan, Don Knorpp, and Ronnie Vergnolle.

Athlete of the Year honor was Tony Stephens. In **Football**, Most Valuable Player was Marc Rogers; Most Valuable Offensive Back, Jonathon Hill; Most Valuable Defensive Back, Patrick Langley; Most Valuable Defensive Lineman, Ray Hudson; Most Valuable Offensive Lineman, Marty Graham; Most Improved, Chris Sloan. In **Basketball**, Craig Moyer was declared Most Valuable; Todd Parker, Most Valuable Offense; Nick Lopez, Most Valuable Defense; and Jonathan Lewis, Most Improved. In **Baseball**, Steve Witter was Most Valuable and Ray Hudson, Most Improved. Robbie Vergnolle

received the Coach's Award. Most Valuable in **Soccer** was Mike Stone; Best Offense, Ubaldo Acosta; Most Improved, DJ Myers. The Coach's Award went to Alex Carew. Most Valuable in **Track** was Jonathan Lewis and Most Improved, Mark Tieman. Chris Sloan won the Coach's Award. Marc Rogers was Most Valuable in **Golf** and Scott Grigg, Most Improved. Phil Zeski was Coach's Award selectee. In **Rifle**, Paul Steinberg was declared Most Valuable team member and Jimmy Lamb, Most Improved. In **Drill Team**, George Pagan was Most Valuable and Gary Micko, Most Improved. Coach's Award winner was Sean Matthews.

Reverend W. Sterne Bolte, a 1952 Carlisle Military School graduate and a retired US Navy pilot now associate minister of Trinity United Methodist Church in Sumter, was graduation speaker at ten o'clock ceremonies on Sunday. David Tindall acted as lieutenant colonel and marshalls were Denis Busby, Dwight Cauthen, Rick Coulter, Jimmy Lamb, Gary McElveen, DJ Myers, David Owens, and Chris Sloan.

Recognized for highest class averages were Damon

Edmondson, 7th Grade; James Allen, 8th Grade; Whitney Hamby, 9th Grade; Ronald Vergnolle, 10th Grade; Scott Patterson, 11th Grade; and Donald Knorpp, 12th Grade. Second highest senior was Jay Harris and Paul Tamburrino was third. Donald Knorpp received the Frieda E. Van Duyn Award for Excellence in Science. Gary Micko, "B" Company Commander, accepted Honor Company recognition for his unit as well as the Commandant's Medal, all to his subordinates' vocalized approval. Neatest cadet underclassman was Billy Manley who won the N.S. Meyer-Raeburn Scholarship, an award of \$100 toward next year's tuition. For the second consecutive year, Jimmy Lamb walked off with the Department Medal.

Among the finalists in Individual Drill Competition were Ubaldo Acosta, Chad Ayers, Chris Sloan, and David Tindall. Winner was David Owens.

Battalion Commander George Pagan received a special commendation, read to him, and the coveted James F. Risher Award, a peer selection to decide the senior most nearly exemplifying the ideal cadet.

Forty seniors, Class of 1985, honored by the corps passing in review.

