



# We're back

and on track.

Summer 1988 wound down, as summers will, and our CMA family reassembled from far corners of the globe to trigger the start of a new school year. Newsworthy world affairs reordered themselves. While interest in Latin American and Middle Eastern military and political confrontation cooled, concern heated up over the environment.

Global warming, the greenhouse effect, took on immediate importance as the whole planet felt the heat last summer. Worsening the environmental crisis is the depletion of the ozone layer. Scientists now fear that the very foundation of the food chain, disruption of plant growth and the process of photosynthesis, may already be upset. Carbon-dioxide loads, chlorofluorocarbon residues and forest destruction have pushed the world's life-support system to the very brink of breakdown. Toxics, smog, and acid rain problems compounded themselves and remain largely unresolved. The specter of AIDS grimly evidenced itself in hospital waste, syringes and tainted blood-testing jetsam, which appeared in coastal waters and washed up on sea beaches.

Gloom, however, was not universal. While our contemporaries, according to media reports, may be preoccupied chiefly with the triple C's of crack and crime and casual sex, the three R's occupy us here. New faculty and staff complemented old stalwarts, the Baldrige SAT Preparation Course became an optional addition to the curriculum, and alumni giving permitted a sevenfold increase in scholarship awards. An expanded Military Department affords closer cadet direction throughout the battalion with a tactical officer assigned to each company.

Physical change is most notable in the disappearance of the firing range, which stood on county property, and the erection of a new air terminal, with direct access from US Route 1, only a few feet from the former range site. Work crews completely renovated faculty apartments opposite Band Company and thinned and limbed stands of longleaf pine which dot the campus.

Summer switched to autumn. Presidential election campaign and Discovery and Atlantis countdowns held our attention, and XXIV Olympiad competition in Seoul brought the world together. In a media extravaganza, the US and USSR combined to save two of three California gray whales stranded in pack ice off Port Barrow, Alaska. That cooperative effort was prelude to the immense new challenge of managing what may be the last stages of the cold war and of inventing a new economic and political world role for the United States.

For all these happenings, singer Bobby McFerrin crooned background music, his number one single "Don't Worry, Be happy." At CMA we were back and on track.

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Photos, clockwise: Troup Partridge (above left) heads for the game while stump removal goes on, literally on the track . . . Mike Nelson, Neil Jackson, Brad Mullins, and Mike Worsham find their way through a tree thinning operation . . . Newly arrived Howard Bond, burdened with his supply issue just after reporting . . . Sunday dress parade gallery includes Mrs. John Feltham, Bobby Self (CMA '83), Mrs. Lanning Risher, and Mrs. Thomas Eller . . . Early drill practice for newboys Bearden, Hausman, Davenport, Walker, Hardesty, Witherspoon, Fryar, under supervision of Burnikel (front) and Sciulli (right) . . . JJ Campbell looks on as Billy Dial and Todd Scholl examine Spence Benham's dresscoat and Shermon Frett stands by. Center: Dr. Julia Quick, violinist, and Mr. Billy Shepherd present a Kreisler Mini-Concert, part of Kershaw County's Arts and Lecture Series, October 7, 1988 . . . LTC Dallas introduces SC Department of Corrections inmates who tell it as it is, Operation Get Smart, September 19, 1988