

# Kinder, gentler . . .

CMA Community to come.

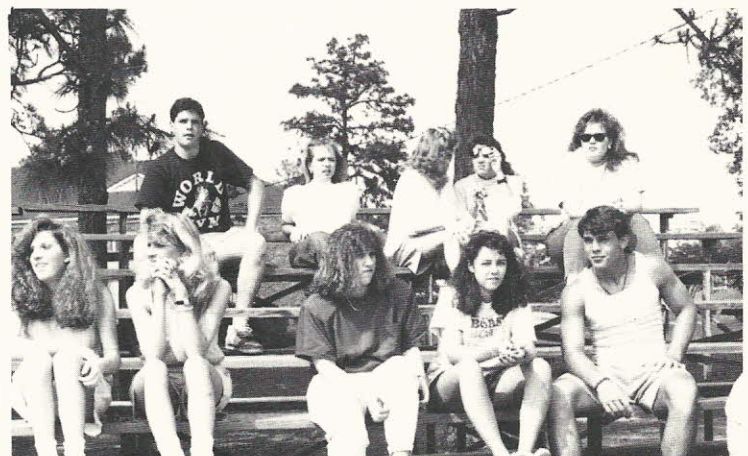
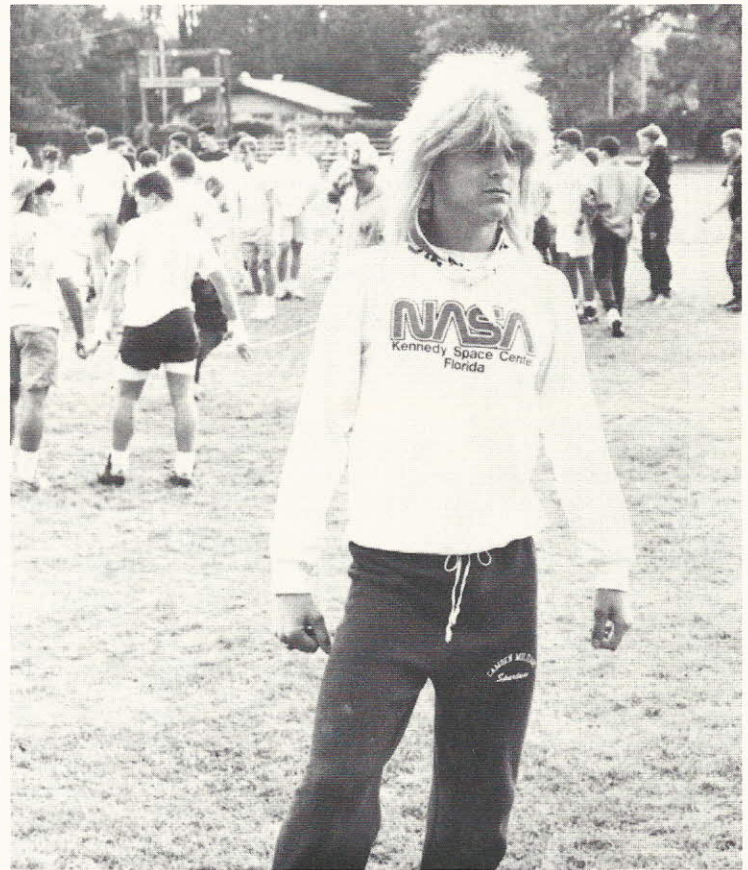
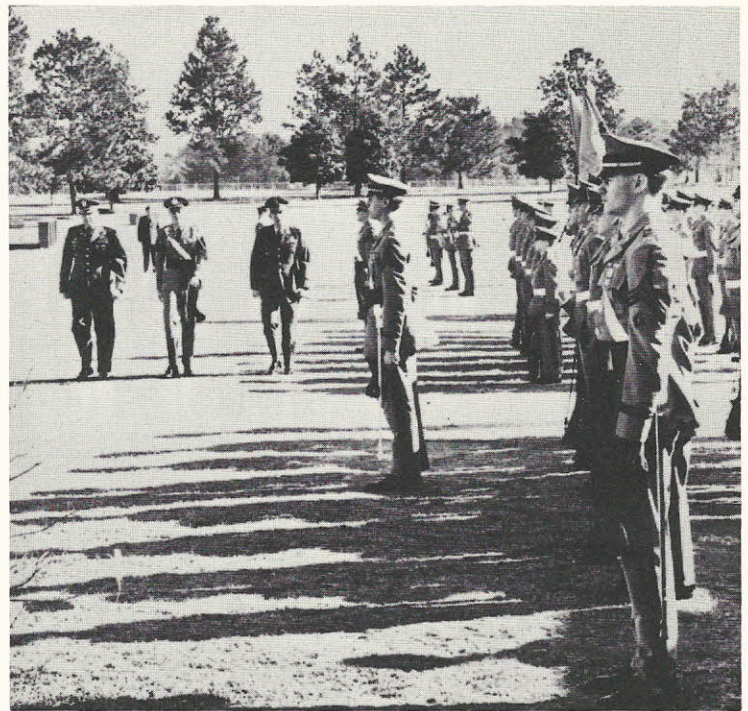
Little is immutable in our everchanging world, even here at CMA. Christmas vacation began with seniors playing Santa Claus to faculty, presenting each, at pre-holiday lunch, an imaginative present, ranging from a "check" for a million dollars for Col. Risher to a "wabbit" for LTC Eller.

Second semester commenced as George Bush launched his "just folks" presidency and Mikhail Gorbachev faced violent eruptions of nationalism in the USSR as he sought through elections a mandate for his three-pronged pitchfork of *perestroika*, *glasnost*, and *demokratizatsiya*. Alaska returned to media focus as the oiltanker EXXON Valdez struck Bligh Reef, the resultant spill fouling 800 miles of shoreline, devastating Prince William Sound, its crude-covered waters an environmental disaster. A terrorist bomb blew PANAM 747 Flight 103 out of Scottish skies and the Ayatollah Khomeini decreed death for writer Salman Rushdie, author of *The Satanic Verses*. Iran-Contra figure Oliver North prolonged his "fifteen minutes of fame," his trial ending without a bang, the whimpering just perceptible. Fever rose worldwide over cold fusion, a discovery which held potential as important as invention of the wheel. Flight of the shuttle Discovery put us back in the space race.

At Camden, John Arledge, Plant Superintendent, retired and Billy Watford, a five-year veteran here, filled the position. CSM(Ret) John Layne and Captain Keith Barlow joined the staff second semester. Key Club District 16 members elected sophomore Gary Spencer their Lieutenant Governor and Greg Baxter rated an "outstanding president" designation. CMA Voice of Democracy speech contest winner Lewis Sharp won second place in the county and third in the district while ninth grader Robby Mosier won the Kershaw County American Legion Oratorical Contest and placed second in zone competition.

An Eastern Airline strike altered many well-laid cadet travel plans at spring break, some students spending whole days in air terminals on re-routed return trips. *The Advocate*, an underground publication, and "The Lizard's Kingdom," circulated hand-to-hand, lifted cadet satire to new heights, but only confirmed Jonathan Swift's wry observation on human nature: "Satire is a sort of glass wherein beholders do generally discover everybody's face but their own." We depart filled with optimism for a kinder, gentler CMA community to come.

Photos: (right, then clockwise) LTC (Ret) Paul Cook, Cadet LTC Will Rice, and LTC John Jenkins, inspector, march past Honor Company "A" at CMA's Regional Federal Inspection, March 10. Senior Prescott Jordan sports bright orange hair for Field Day, May 11. Andres Valdano and Steve Hayes guarantee safety of Field Day supporters. A cadet from each company is ready to run in Field Day competition.



# Excalibur

# 1989

supplement