



Kadet Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kadets and Our Ladies,

The directors meeting was a roaring success-records were broken: almost all directors were present, and we concluded our business before our ladies returned from shopping! Our reunion will be 4-6 October, 1996, and the place is "The Homewood Suites" (downtown, on the riverwalk). Frank Van Delden is to be commended for pulling Homewood Suites out of his "magic hat." His career in construction coupled with the fact that he seems to "know" everyone in San Antonio allows him to work miracles! Thanks Frank!!

We have two new directors - Frank Salido and Ken Barnes, both class of 1945, they both joined us and hit the ground running! Mercy!

This May we will present our Kadet Medal to San Antonio Academy, San Marcos Academy, and Texas Military Institute!

God bless you all, looking forward to seeing you all in October.

Rudy Johnson '53

BRIEFS

FRANK VAN DELDEN, JR., '46, who graduated from Peacock 50 years ago, is one of our most active supporting members.

He is First Vice President of the Association, a long-time member of the Board of Directors, and is Chairman of the Reunion Committee, which was responsible for planning and making arrangements for our outstanding Bicentennial Reunion of 1994, and now making plans for the upcoming Biennial Reunion the first weekend in October.

Frank is CEO of the Van Delden Construction Company of San Antonio, and was general contractor for the \$60,000 renovation of the Wesley Peacock House seven years ago.

Frank's two younger brothers also graduated from Peacock: Ted '47 and Gerald '49.

ATTENTION: If you are a Life member or if you have already paid your dues for 1996 please disregard the enclosed blue form. However, you may want to use it to make a donation to "PAR", Peacock Academy Records, Inc., a non-profit trust fund for maintaining the historic Wesley Peacock House and the student records and memorabilia of PMA deposited therein.

**CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 1996**

The meeting was called to order by Rudy Johnson. A quorum was present with 23 of the 25 directors being present. The minutes were read by Secretary Jerry Houston and approved without change. The Treasurer's report was read by Ed Sebera and approved as submitted. This was followed by a PAR report given by Colonel Donald Peacock.

Rudy Johnson gave a report on the Peacock Kadet Medal. He reported fifteen medals have been ordered in preparation for the annual award to San Antonio Academy, San Marcos Academy, and Texas Military Institute.

Plaques have also been ordered to be presented to each school with the recipient's name attached each year.

Kenneth Barnes received a unanimous vote to fill a vacancy on the board until October's elections at the Reunion's General Assembly meeting.

Kirk Johnson presented drawings and a concept for a permanent Senior Terrace Memorial for the 15,000 Peacock Cadets who attended the Academy from 1894 to 1973. The Senior Terrace Committee includes Kirk Johnson, Frank Van Delden, Ed Ford, and Wayne Spivey. The committee will present new submissions or plans at the next board meeting.

The 1996 Reunion was discussed with the dates October 4-6 holding firm. Further information can be found in this Newsletter.

The date for the next board meeting will be October 5th at the 1996 Reunion.

LOG CABIN TO BE RENOVATED

You will be glad to know that the Log Cabin Playhouse located on the north edge of the campus, is about to undergo a complete renovation. Now over 60 years old, it is badly in need of repairs and updating. The Salvation Army Property Committee has allocated \$25,500 for the renovation, which will be done by the Van Delden Construction Company operated by Frank Van Delden '46.

**REFURBISHING OF PEACOCK
HOUSE**

Seven years ago the Wesley Peacock House, home of the Alumni Association and The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, was completely renovated at a cost of \$60,000, thanks to donations by the Auxiliary, "PAR" - the Peacock Trust Fund, the Alumni Association, and The Salvation Army.

Now a new project is underway. The first phase has just been completed. All curtains and drapes were removed and cleaned, all windows washed and wood-work cleaned, as well as all light fixtures.

The second phase will consist primarily of selecting new fabrics and upholstering the two divans, all the dining room chairs, the chairs in the roundtable room, and all the antique chairs in the House.

The total cost is estimated at \$6,000. The Auxiliary has allocated \$2,000 and "PAR" is donating another \$2,000 to this worthwhile project.

It is hoped that the remaining \$2,000 can be raised by individual contributions during the next few months.

REUNION 1996

Plans are being made to make Reunion 1996, October 4th, 5th, and 6th, a great Reunion. The Reunion Committee will take advantage of the many activities offered by the Riverwalk location. Watch for your Registration Package which will be sent out this summer. This package will include a registration card for the hotel, a registration form for the Alumni Association, complete information on the Reunion and the agenda for the General Assembly meeting. Should your plans bring you to San Antonio or if you are a resident, drop by the Homewood Suites and tour San Antonio's newest hotel on the River. I think you will agree the Reunion Committee has made an excellent choice.

Mike Vlieger '62

ALUMNI COMPUTER UPDATE

With the help and generosity of Ed Ford '62 the Alumni will be upgrading the computer which resides at the Alumni Office in the Wesley Peacock House. This is the third computer to be used by the Alumni. The first was a Radio Shack TRS 80 which served us well until Ed Ford really brought us into the computer age by his donation of a CompuAdd Computer, monitor and printer. This computer has become dated as many computers do. The new computer will again keep us in step with this fast moving technology. Many thanks to Ed for his support.

REUNION HEADQUARTERS

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MARCH DOWN MEMORY **LANE**

Do you remember?

- *Haircuts during your library period
- *The extra short haircuts for the Annual Federal Inspection
- *The smell of linseed oil in the armory as the battalion drew rifles
- *The spirit ribbons worn before the Varsity games
- *The Officer of the Day, standing on a step of Johnston Hall, ordering the smaller cadets to move quickly so as to not be late for class
- *The announcements at the end of the sixth period which sometimes began "Attention, Special Orders No. 1. The following cadets are promoted to ----"

RICHARD BRADFORD '53

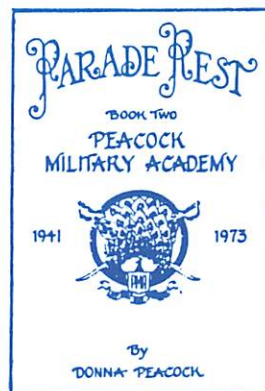
It is Sunday afternoon and I am working on the Newsletter with the television on across the room. This in itself is not unusual except this time the movie "Little Nikita" is on starring Richard Bradford. At least when I am distracted from the Newsletter, it's a Peacock Cadet responsible!

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