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NEWSLETTER

January - 2024

Chairman's Message

January 1, 2024

Dear Alumni and friends,

I hope everyone has had a fine Christmas and New Year celebration and a holiday season spent with family and friends.
As we say in Puerto Rico; Hasta la vista 2023! Bienvenido 2024!

Last year, our organization traversed numerous changes and challenges. I am very appreciative at the immeasurable support that we received from so many people throughout the year. The list of supporters is comprised of current AMAAF Board members, alumni, friends and even neighbors. If I were to list individual names, I would surely miss one or two, so you know who you are and I really appreciate your support!

There are however three people that I feel need to be recognized for the exhaustive amount of work they have done, are doing and will continue to do to assure the preservation of our AMA history and legacy.

Bj d'Orsay '70, current Board member:
Bj has so many AMA projects going on, that I can not recite them from memory. Yet, one project is by far the most ambitious he has taken on. That would be to scan each and every page in every grade book that we have in our

collection! That covers late 1800's to 1983! In the spirit of Bob Bradford '50 and Ed Click '50 and using his mild-mannered nature and tenacity, Bj. completed the scanning of all the grade sheets from 1953 to 1983 on December 29, 2023! That is a total of 10,415 grade sheets! Amazing!

Rich van Breemen and Chris Corrada:
Rich is our Collections Curator and on November 1, 2023 also accepted the responsibility of administering the business side of the museum. Chis is our Master Docent and Museum Historian. You will get a taste of Chris's passion of AMA's history when you read his monthly column in this Newsletter.
I can assure you that without these two men hard at work in the house, the AMA Museum would probably be in a dark place today. I can assure you that our museum is alive and well and the lights are shining brightly! Thank you gentlemen!

We look forward to an excellent 2024. Even though our event schedules will be minimized compared to years past, we will continue our Noble Legends speaking tour in the Spring and Summer of 2024. Herb Maher and Lee Ramsey have been hard at work on the planning of Reunion 2024 to be held in September. Grants to support the Museum are being pursued. Our mission to communicate with our Alumni and friends via the Museum Newsletter will continue. We have begun the arduous process of digitizing our entire Museum Collection and will be launching a new AMA Museum Webpage soon. The museum doors remain open to welcome visitors and alumni and share our rich history with all of them.

Have an excellent 2024!

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Pennock
Chairman
AMA Alumni Foundation, Inc.

AMA ALUMNI FOUNDATION NEWS

The AMA Alumni Foundation Board will hold its first meeting of 2024 on Saturday January 13, 2024 at 0900 hrs. The meeting will be held in John Craig Hall at the Old Stone Church in Ft. Defiance. All Alumni are welcome to attend.

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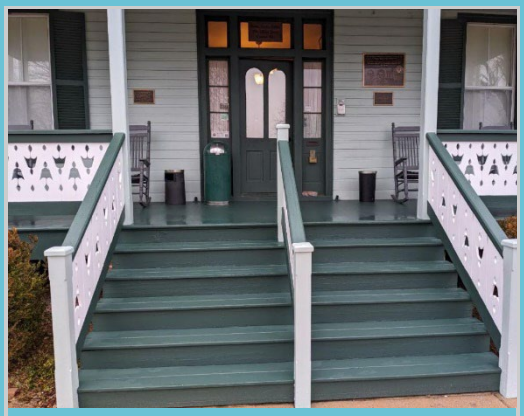
Museum paint upgrade



The Museum porch and facade got a badly needed paint upgrade in December

The newly painted rocking chairs are looking good!

December Museum Visitors

BARRACKS

The Campos Family – (left to right) son Oliver, Gustavo Campos (1981-84), wife Paola, and daughter Paulina – visited on December 26 from Doral, Florida. The family patiently waited while Chris interviewed Gus for the oral history archive. He was in the senior class of 1984 that returned from Christmas break to find the school closed – a special problem for Gus, since home was in La Paz, Bolivia. After a few nights in the Verona Econo Lodge, he transferred to Randolph Macon. Gus told priceless stories about culture shock, learning English, Stuart Hall, a $2,000 phone bill, the Last Formation, and friendship most of all. He attended Montgomery College and Marymount University, got his MBA from Troy University, has a career as a business developer in telecommunications, and visited 32 countries. After several years at Nokia Siemens, he now runs his own company, Akasia Group Holding and Investments, in Miami.

LAST FORMATION - AMA senior Gustavo Campos embraces Lieutenant Tim Thompson on 11 January 1984 a cadets received word that the school had been closed permanently. At left is Chief Chester Cole.

Last Formation – Jan 11, 1984 (Bayonet Fall 2003 p.55)

Students from Stuart Hall School visited on December 14. Chris had a great conversation with the students about the differences between their high school experience and life at the academy, the long colorful history shared between SHS and AMA, and how these two schools depended on each other. The group stayed longer than scheduled, and the students were still asking questions when their teacher had to announce that their parents were expecting them back in Staunton.

Nominations are being sought for the Class of 2024 AMA Sports Hall of Fame (SHOF). You may nominate an individual athlete, coach, team or anyone that you feel contributed in a significant way to AMA sports. Personnel / Team(s) selected will be recognized during Annual Reunion in September 2024.

Please email your nomination to **John Arthur '75** email: john.arthur@cdg-1.com AND Rich VanBreeman, the Museum Curator, email: amacurator@gmail.com. John can be reached at 757-650-6309 for any questions.

All nominations must be received no later than FRIDAY, February 23, 2024.

AMA Legacy Scholarship Season

March 1, 2024 is the deadline to submit

The AMA Alumni Foundation will be offering three Scholarships in 2024!

There will be two $2,000 Legacy, one $1,000 scholarships offered to deserving candidates.

Two AMA Legacy Scholarship in memory of Jim Towe AMA '60 ($2,000 each), (restricted to AMA descendants), funded by Al Smith '66

The Louise McVey Leonard - Robert P. Leonard Memorial Scholarship ($1,000) is funded by Bill Mcvey '60 in honor of his Aunt and Uncle who paid the tuition for him to attend AMA for 6 years and 4 years at VMI.

Applications should be received at the AMA Museum postmarked no later than March 1st, 2024.

Jim Towe '60 Memorial Legacy Scholarship Letter:

Legacy Letter

Jim Towe '60 Memorial Legacy Scholarship Application:

Legacy Application Form

Louise McVey Leonard - Robert P. Leonard Memorial Letter

McVey-Leonard Letter

Louise McVey Leonard - Robert P. Leonard Memorial Scholarship

McVey-Leonard Application Form

Applicants should look at the scoring Rubric to see how to model their application.

Scholarship Scoring Rubric

A monthly pledge from everyone that reads this newsletter means that the future of the Museum will be assured.

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MUSEUM DOCENT DUTY

THANK YOU!

To those who volunteered in 2023

Brian Miller and Vicki '67
Victor Gomez '69
Jeff Wenzel '70
Steve Trent '70
Gordon Metz '68
Bud Okey '70
Marc Aronson '68
Jorge Rovirosa '70
Garry Granger '71
Doug Pennock '72

Gary Cripps '71
Lee Ramsey '73
Tom Del Valle '73
John Arthur '75
Brett Thompson '75
Susan Yates '73 (Stuart Hall)
Bj d'Orsay '70

Charlie Pascale '69
IT Support

Visitors in December

44

2023 By The Numbers

1,373 visitors

530 groups

116 average visitors per month

44 average groups per month

29 percent increase over last year

2023 was the busiest since 2019 and the second busiest since 2011.

Museum Volunteer

***B*e a Volunteer Docent for a weekend...**

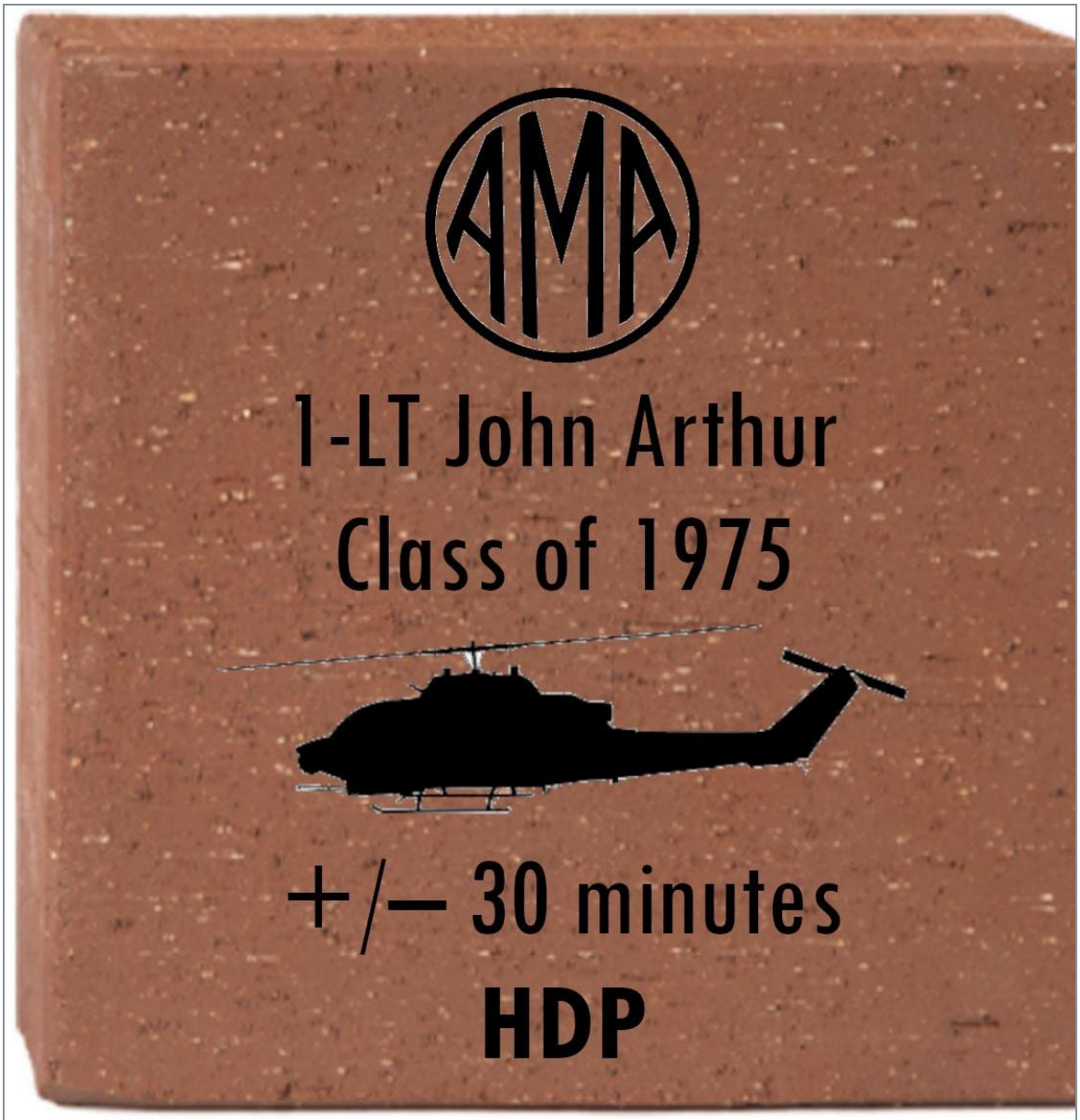
Purchasing a Paver Brick allows you to recognize anyone you knew while attending AMA

All Paver Bricks are placed in a permanent location along the sidewalk running East of the Museum

Visit the Brick virtual map HERE

Please order yours TODAY!

Brick Order Form



Shop at the PX

Notice!

The AMA Alumni Foundation would like to clarify that all of the profits of the merchandise

that is sold through our Museum PX store, the official AMA Facebook page or the AMA webpage, go exclusively to help offset Museum operation costs.

AMA branded merchandise that is sold outside the Museum PX store, an unsanctioned Facebook page or unsanctioned eBay account has no connection or benefit to the AMA Alumni Foundation, Inc. or the AMA Alumni Museum.

17 oz. Mug

Only $12.00 plus tax and shipping

To order items from the PX, call the Museum at 540-248-2007

Beautiful Wendell August Forge metal serving tray

$50.00

(Limited quantity)

Alumni Spotlight

Warren Fleming '72

On December 10, 2023, Warren Fleming was inducted into Montgomery County Maryland Victims' Rights Foundation Living Legend category. The Montgomery County Executive Mr. Marc Elrich provided the introduction of Warren Fleming to the attendees. This award is only presented to individuals that have illustrated the capability to partner with organizations and provide leadership in creating a stable environment for all citizens in the county and state of Maryland.

Warren has lobbied for funding, coordinated with many county agencies in the pursuit of preserving the rich historic history that is found in Montgomery County Maryland. Warren has collaborated with the Governor of Maryland, Congressmen, Senators, House of Delegates and County Councilmembers on the importance of supporting diversity and providing grant funding to students that need to continue their education.

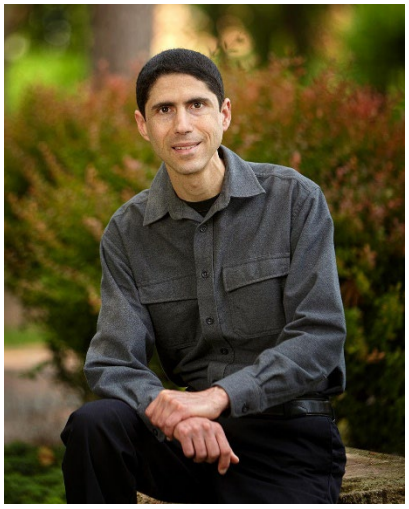
Warren was instrumental in the development of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington DC, lobbied for funding the Josiah Henson Museum (AKA) Uncle Toms Cabin that tells the true story of Uncle Tom. Warren is currently working with the Department of Recreation along with Montgomery County Board of Educations in creating outreach programs, training programs and education programs that brings the community together and provide history of Montgomery County school system during segregation and desegregation. Over the past ten years, Warren has installed ten historical Rosenwald Markers from Maryland to North Carolina. These Markers identify school buildings that once hosted African American students during segregation.

Warren also is continually active with his alumni at the Augusta Military Academy Museum. He is today actively soliciting grant money for the AMA Alumni Foundation Museum.

Over the past five years, Warren has successfully received over $850,000.00 in grant funding due to his grant writing ability.

During Warren's introduction by the County Executive at his Living Legend ceremony, the County Executive mentioned that there was not enough time to explain and list all the accomplishments.

In February of 2024 during Black History Month in Montgomery County Maryland, Warren will receive the Humanitarian of the Year award. In 2023 Warren provided a solution to the Department of Natural Resources in providing a more diverse environment in Wildlife sporting. In 2024 Montgomery County, Park and Planning along with the Department of Natural Resources will begin the planning on Warren's outdoor wildlife state-of-the-art learning Academy



Chris's Corner

Chris Correa, Museum Historian

January 1, 2024

I end the year with 2 important bits.

Bit One: Epilogue to December's Col. Hoover Article

Note: that this column is not the Paul Hoover Monthly. As important and intriguing as he is, there are many more lives to trace and events to consider, but I have new information and one facepalm of an error to explain.

It's distressing how so many hours of obsessive proofreading can still fall short. I wrote, "[t]he Recall **showed** that he graduated from Franklin & Marshall College – but not until 1932, at age 27." That was a typo about a typo. The yearbook actually gives the still-wrong year of 1930 for his F&M graduation, when he would've been 25. Instead, we know that he completed his undergraduate studies on-schedule in 1927.

That's an important correction because of what I learned next from my collaborators. While the next two years of his life remain a mystery, an exhaustive search by archivists Chaoya and Alex at the University of Wisconsin in Madison found that a Paul Vance

Hoover was a student in the summer session of 1929. Evangeline Ann Gahn, an archivist at the University of Maryland, confirmed that for school terms 1930-32, he was a graduate student taking courses in French literature in the college of education. Then, Carolyn Campion at Severn found documentation of his faculty employment at her school by 1929. Conclusion: Hoover was busy, commuting roughly 33 miles between taking classes in College Park and teaching classes in Severna Park.

It was how Carolyn learned this that was the next gem. Clipped from at least one unidentified newspaper, she found 3 articles from March 28, 1930, pasted into an archive scrapbook. The headlines:

1. ***BLOOD TRANSFUSION FAILS TO SAVE FRED LINKOUS; FLUID GIVEN BY SEVERN TEACHER***
2. ***GRID STAR DIES AFTER FRIENDS GIVE HIM BLOOD***
3. ***FORTY PUPILS OFFER BLOOD FOR LINKOUS***

In short, a Severn teacher, coach, and recent UMD "athletic star" got blood poisoning from a tooth extraction. After a hemorrhage during emergency surgery, Severn got the call late on the 27th that his last hope was a transfusion. Teachers Paul Hoover and August Keifer rushed about 40 students north to Baltimore, arriving around midnight. Of everyone tested, Keifer was a match, but Linkous died the next morning surrounded by his family. He was 25.

Death and blood tied Hoover to another teacher, this time at the end of his Severn period. Rich found census records confirming that William John Hoover, at Severn School, was indeed Paul's older brother by 9 years. He also confirmed that William died in

1942, aged 46. BJ d'Orsay '70 then found a short obituary in the *Baltimore Evening Sun* but with no cause of death. I sent William's date of death to Carolyn so she could search her archive, and, also in a scrapbook, she found a much more detailed obituary clipping from an unnamed newspaper.

Her findings added key details. William had been sick for 5 years before he died and "two years ago was relieved of the strenuous task of coaching the football squad, but his death came quite suddenly." No cause of death was given here either, but on the same scrapbook page is a clipping from an editorial by Paul Menton, sports editor for the *Evening Sun*. He calls Hoover "one of the most thoughtful men in high school athletics. He might be living today if he had spent less time worrying over the boys he handled and more about himself." That devotion helps explain his 23-game win streak from 1928-30 and the "crack 1935 team".

This scrapbook page also sharpens the question I asked last month. Why did Col. Hoover depart after at least 10 years and travel far from home and family to take virtually the same job in Ft. Defiance – and why leave while his brother's health was failing? We know nothing about William's personality or his relationship with Paul, but I can't help but wonder if Severn was simply too small for two ambitious Hoovers. William was a WWI veteran and still a coaching institution when his brother resigned in 1939, so I imagine Paul wanting a place to build his own reputation far from where he was kid brother to THE Coach Hoover.

Maybe, but we'll never know.

Bit Two: Luck of the Draw

This was just a test run, so BJ said any stack of old papers would do. Trying to streamline our document scanning, he was testing if the many kinds of old paper in our archive would slide safely through the scanner. I had a box in my office. I opened it and handed over the first folder I touched. I never expected this would blow a gaping hole in my AMA story.

History is never complete. Some facts are always missing. Even the most obsessively documented life has moments or details that were never recorded, because no recording device captures all moments. They can be too quiet for the ear and microphone or too far from the eye and camera. The brain is worse. It tends to slough off what doesn't interest the observer, and even so-called memorable events start fading, morphing, and condensing from the moment they're made. We just hope that the remaining details are enough to tell a true story and draw useful conclusions.

I think about this constantly when I tell the story of your school. The big broad details are clear enough, like the continents and oceans visible to astronauts. While their view from orbit is sure pretty, they're effectively blind to the activity of life at the surface. This leaves out so much information, that countless misconceptions of this planet would be inevitable if that perspective was all they had. Likewise, I can wander the campus, read the publications, study photos, and record oral histories. They're all vital, but untold thousands of mundane pages that document the daily operations remain unaccounted for. So long as the ink and paper survive, the data on those sheets is uncorrupted from the moment it was typed. While we have many large boxes of old files, we've simply lacked the manpower

to sort, scan, and organize them, let alone read them. For the time being, the best we can do is preserve them for when we can do that work.

In the meantime, I've gathered a vast, vivid story that's full of holes and contradictions papered over with guesses and assumptions. When they relate to the #1 most asked question, *Why did the school close?*, what I guess and what I assume may linger longest in the memories of our visitors, so I'd better be right.

Vietnam, Stagflation, Mismanagement: these are the mortal wounds described in the standard AMA postmortem. The third is the most sensitive, because it points fingers. I always emphasize to visitors that I've never seen any evidence of malfeasance, just indications of error.

By far, the error most often reported to me is Big Boy's bookkeeping. The story goes that, with the death of Col. Tom in 1946, the academy lost its steady hand on the fiscal wheel. As Brett Thompson '75 told me a couple of years ago, Tom ran the school "like a business." Meanwhile, Eugene Humphrey's '54 told me that his parents, Ollie and Marie, who worked in the kitchen, received rent-free accommodation in one of Charles' houses and a set of fine dinnerware. Col. John Ronald Green (superintendent 1981-82) told me he learned about Charles having Christmas baskets left on every Ft. Defiance doorstep but that Col. Savedge blamed this largesse for contributing to the school's financial straits. Then, as described in Emmet Rhoades' **1946 history**, there was the practice, started by the Professor, of accepting students on barter (p. 48). All of these could've hindered cash flow, trivially in the boom years but enough to force a reckoning when the

culture and economy turned toxic. The picture emerges of CSR2 as a man supremely skilled for his roles with students, sports, and public relations, but not with money. His heart was just too big. As his granddaughter, Linda Livick, famously **said** in the *AMA Way* documentary, "[w]hen he died, there was about $200 in his bank account. He always liked to share everything he had." This is genuinely heartwarming in what it says about the man's character – but chilling in what it implies about his stewardship.

It's all plausible, but I can't document a word of it, and it matters. All I have is hearsay (Col. Savedge tells Col. Green who tells me) or eyewitness accounts that are only *potentially* relevant (the gifts, the barter, and the bank account). I'm confident Mrs. Livick knew as well as anyone about her grandfather's estate, but it might be a red herring. Maybe there was a firewall between his personal business and the family business. Without documents, I don't know, and when handling the reputation of someone who's not here to defend himself, I have a heavy burden of proof.

Many days after BJ finished his test, I opened the folder, glanced at a single 1951 letter, and discovered a side of Col. Roller I'd never imagined. I saw a new thread of AMA history that I'd never considered for this period. That was in just one letter. Late on a Saturday weeks later, in a plot twist worthy of Paul Harvey, I finally got to read the rest of the folder and learned how deep this plotline ran and who and how much drama it involved.

The story now makes so much more sense, but it's also much more complicated. There's way too much to cover in this article. I'm working on it for next month, but there will be no verdict or even a conclusion. What I've found gives us new insight and clues to follow, but it settles nothing. This is History playing

hard-to-get. The good news is that this gold was just sitting in arm's reach waiting to be picked up. We're supremely lucky that, after many decades of neglect, so many more records remain in one place and in one piece.

It's long past time to start digging, and time is short, but I'm not after dirt. I'm not looking for a villain or hero. Like most good stories (especially true ones), I doubt it's that simple. This family business was as complex as its circumstances and its stakeholders. Our thousands of fragile AMA documents are a priceless mine of information to unearth, but not because they'll tell us who to exonerate or condemn for the loss of the school. Instead, I hope that more primary sources will make the times and personalities of the key players more vivid and complete for the historical record and make the lessons we take from their story more sophisticated and useful.

More to come.

Thanks for reading.

Chris

vanBreemen's Expressions

January 1, 2024

Sad Thanksgiving (Follow up)
+ RINGING in 2024

by: Rich vanBreemen

Last month you may recall the article on cadet Peter Warren (Timmy) Schoechle who died, November 9, 1961 while on a sponsored AMA hayride. The article left me with several unanswered questions and you, the readers, did not disappoint me by helping fill in most of the blanks. A short while after the Newsletter came out with the article on Timmy, I received the following email from Tom Douglas, class of ’62:

“On that fateful November evening, two farm tractors, pulling flatbed trailers with hay bales, were returning to AMA. I was on the first trailer, and as with any activity with the cadets, there was a lot of laughter, joking around and bantering between

classmates. All were having fun. As cadets from the '60's know, there was little traffic at night on Lee Highway and to my recollection it was a very dark November evening. As we neared the campus, I heard someone on the second trailer yelling to someone on our trailer to come back and ride with them.
Since I was sitting on the road side near the front, I turned to look to see who was calling or who was thinking about going. It was at this time I saw a small statured figure jump off our trailer just as a car was going past on his side of the road. I didn't see the impact but heard tires screeching just before hearing a rather loud "thump!" Then I heard gasps and screams to stop the hay ride. Both tractors stopped and we were ordered to stay on our respective trailers.
As you know that Highway is quite dark and I could not see much of anything at this point, and I don't recall seeing police arrive; just darkness and a car's tail lights and its headlights shining down the highway, well past the second trailer. We were all taken back to the barracks pretty much in total silence with an occasional question about what just happened.
The next morning, at breakfast an announcement was made that a cadet was injured in a freak accident the night before while on the hay ride. Rumors quickly spread. I think it was the next meal when we were informed Tim had been struck by a vehicle, passed and funeral arrangements are being made
As the funeral arrangements were finalized Col. Savage and several cadet officers were selected to attend the funeral. In the 1962 yearbook Doc Savage took the photos & wrote the piece about Tim.
As for "at fault", it was our understanding, and what I observed, when Tim jumped off the trailer he ended up in the path of the oncoming vehicle and with it being dark, and Tim in dark clothing, the driver didn't see him until too late."
"Final thought:

It's ironic, back "in the day" there was no stress, anxiety or grief counseling. No one was "called in" to help those having difficulty. We either dealt with it by ourself or were consoled by faculty or other cadets. Interesting how times have changed!
Tom Douglas, (AMA 1960-1962)"

Tom, thank you for your help clearing up this tragic accident. This incident occurred over 60 years ago and its obvious its something that never left him.

RINGING in 2024

Sitting down to write this month's newsletter article was a bit more difficult than normal. December was an incredibly crazy month for me personally since I was "SANTA" the whole month on the Staunton Excursion train along with my AMA duties. This left little time for reflection or research on an interesting article. As it is for all my articles, coming up with an idea is the hardest part. Enter a simple request from Doug to Chris for a photograph:

Most of you will recognize this as the view from the Old Stone Church, overlooking the AMA campus behind the gymnasium. You would march up that slope on your way to church services, every Sunday morning. Even on a bleak December day, it's a beautiful view. Imagine how this must have looked to a young Charles S. Roller in the 1870's with no telephone poles, buildings or obstructions. With the vision only a young entrepreneur can possess, he looked over this valley and pictured a school; HIS school sitting on the small hill where he could continue his dream of educating young men.

Professor Roller's dream became a reality and with time, the school flourished. Over the span of 100+ years it had its ups and downs, growth and change until it became how we know of it today.

It was while thinking of this, that it hit me; this Christmas and New Year's break, marks the 40th anniversary of the school's closing. 40 years ago, at this time (December 1983), AMA cadets' home on break were receiving word, "Don't come back – Augusta Military Academy is closed." Certainly, to some this was an answered prayer and to some it was heartbreaking news, but most certainly to everyone it was a shock. As Chris and I continually ferret out the puzzle pieces of the school's history, we can see with 20/20 hindsight that this ending was inevitable, but for those closest to the school at the time, it was a disaster from out of nowhere.

In some ways, the changes the AMA Foundation undertook this past fall may have seemed like a replay of the school's history, 40 years ago; significant changes that seemed to come from nowhere. Similar to the changes AMA faced in 1984, the year 2024 will be full of change and adaptation to a new environment. You can sit and pout about how things are changing and how you yearn for "the good old days". Or you can accept

that change is inevitable and make it work for you. The museum staff prefers the latter.
We are looking forward to expanding our knowledge of the school's history, beyond the simple write ups in the Bayonet or Recall. We are digitizing, and therefore analyzing the schools grade books and many of the records left behind at the school's closing. We have a new web site, soon going live, which will do a much better job of highlighting our proud history and making that information available to more and more of the general public. In short, we will not go away quietly into the night. We prefer to make our stand and fight to continue the legacy and vision that Charles Roller had overlooking that beautiful valley, we all know as home to the Augusta Military Academy.

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Doug Pennock's Viewpoint

January 1, 2024

Dear Readers,

Whenever I sit at my computer to work on this Newsletter, I often wonder what motivates me to volunteer my time to the AMA organization, whether

as a Board member, Chairman, or the editor of this humble periodical. I really don't have a single reason to endeavor in my various AMA related responsibilities, so let's chalk it up to a passion and love for my old school and fellow Alumni.

I am clearly not a literary virtuoso, a fact that is often shared with all of you by my grammatical shortcomings which are present in most if not all of these newsletters. I sort of apologize for that, but hopefully my passion and frank messaging style help mask those deficiencies.

Taking charge of an organization, no matter the size, requires the leader to interact with a diversity of mindsets, personalities and personal expectations and agendas. A leader's job requires him or her to navigate and understand that reality, but at the end of the day, intelligent, unemotional consensus should be the style in which decisions are made and hopefully the correct outcomes are realized. Clearly, when you have hundreds of constituents, some decision will be unpopular with a few of them. This is the reality of being a leader and I accept that.

I look forward to writing the Museum Newsletter, working with the AMA Alumni Foundation Board and for all of you in 2024. Typos, grammatical ouchies and all.

If I done did hurt your feelings along the way, it wernt my intention. So get over it…

Happy New Year everybody!

Doug out

Editor's Note:
The following expressions are mine alone. I look forward to your feedback. You may contact me directly at:
chairman.amafoundation@amaalumni.org

THE BAYONET

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Monograms Presented At Annual Thanksgiving Feasting

Twenty-One Cadets Receive Coveted Football "A", Joe Keegin Awarded Gold Ball

On Friday night after a glorious Thanksgiving day, the corps sallied forth to the mess hall in quest of our annual football banquet. It was as could a glorious repast, as may be seen by the two hours spent in the enjoyment of a genuine turkey dinner, music and revelry.

The mess hall was attractively decorated for the occasion with pennants and American flags. The tables were also very attractive with flowers and fruit in the center of each table.

The music for the occasion was furnished by the school orchestra. They played many popular numbers which were enjoyed by the corps and the many guests.

As in the days of old, when victorious warriors held a feast at which they rewarded the heroes of a battle

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Y. M. C. A. PRESENTS INTERESTING SPEAKERS DURING FALL TERM

The Y. M. C. A. of A. M. A. began its 1934-1935 season with an enrollment of seventy-three new cadets together with the renewal of memberships by a large majority of the old cadets.

Captain Wilfred S. Webb is again leader of the "Y" and is assisted in music by Mrs. Robinson.

Already this year the "Y" has presented some very interesting programs included in which were, a talk by Major Jacobs, his subject being, "Wine, Women and Song", and a talk by Major Robinson on the "Philippines."

Dr. DeJarnette, Superintendent of the Western State Hospital, Staun-

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Wishing You A

Merry Xmas

and a

Happy New Year

Thanksgiving Dances Prove Huge Success

Formal Led By Cadet Captain Frank Trotman Escorting Miss Billie Argenbright

The Thanksgiving dances at A. M. A. as in years past, proved themselves an overwhelming success.

The dances were divided into a formal dance on Friday night November 30, and an informal dance on Saturday night, December 1.

The Formal on Friday night was led by Cadet Captain Frank Trotman escorting Miss Billie Argenbright. He was aided by Cadet First Lt. Lester Hipps escorting Miss Frances McCray.

As usual Mary Baldwin and Stuart Hall girls furnished the majority of the delightful females touch to the affair although a number of the girls were invited from the Cadets' home towns.

The "lassies" dressed in the newest' latest formal attire together with the appearance of the Cadet Corps in Mess Jackets lent a very formal air to the occasion.

Among the guests were a number of Alumni including: Charlie Bennett, "Big" Reuben, "Buck" Lawson, Dabney Sandlin, "Pete" Hedges, Julian Lopez, Louis Somerville and Norman Daughtrey.

Jill Morrison and His Orchestra contributed their part in making the "Formal" one of the season' most

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A.M.A. Victorious In Thanksgiving Game Over Fishburne M.S.

Augusta's Margin of Victory Only One Point; Keegin and St. Clair Heroes

A. M. A.'s football warriors celebrated Thanksgiving day with a glorious win over Fishburne Military School in Augusta's City Bowl. The game, although played in a sea of mud, was packed with thrills throughout the entire four quarters.

The score of the game which was 7 to 6 reveals the keen competition each team offered the other.

For years Augusta and Fishburne have been stubborn rivals on the gridiron and this year proved to be no exception. Both teams played an even terms almost throughout the entire game.

Fishburne scored in the early minutes of the initial quarter after a brilliant 55 yard dash by St. Clair, one of Fishburne's greatest backfield threats. From this position Fish-

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CAVALRY COMES OUT; F. O. MAIL INCREASES; ORCHESTRA IMPROVES

The school cavalry, under the supervision and teaching of horsemanship by Lt. C. S. Roller, III., made its initial appearance on the parade ground for practice maneuvers December 8th.

The cavalry, which consisted of some twenty-six horses and riders presented a very military appearance. The section was divided into two cavalry platoons led by the cavalry officer, Lt. Roller. Platoons leaders are cadets Jones and Miller, W., two of the sections' best riders.

The mail, which has made marked progress this year, is fast reaching new fame. The next Sunday parade will probably include the mail.

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