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### *The Citadel School of Humanities & Social Sciences Newsletter*

#### Dean's Message

##### Dynamic Tension

As we adjust to a new provost, prepare for the arrival of a new president, and recruit a new commandant, it is a good opportunity to reflect on the unique nature of The Citadel. There are many things that make The Citadel an especially valuable college experience. The residential nature of the campus is unusual in today's college world. The strict honor code is rarely seen at other schools. However what I would like to talk about at this period of transition is the dynamic tension that exists between the academic and the military sides of the campus. I believe it is the combination of academic and military responsibilities placed on the cadets that makes The Citadel experience so unique and so successful. The pressure to measure up to the academic standards while meeting the military requirements ensures that the successful cadet is able to develop time management skills, to set priorities, to plan, to organize, and to delegate. All of these skills help prepare our graduates for life and its many opportunities and challenges.

When these demands are equally recognized, The Citadel functions at its best. This delicate balance is sometimes difficult for the greater Citadel community to acknowledge. On occasions faculty members minimize the importance of the military demands. Similarly at times the demands from the military side of cadet life interfere with academic achievement. Fortunately we usually maintain a balance.

In Native Son (1940) Richard Wright wrote "Who knows when some slight shock disturbing the delicate balance between social order and thirsty aspiration, shall send the skyscrapers in our cities toppling?" As we enter a new era, it will be important to maintain the balance necessary to continue the dynamic tension which has served us so well. We can take comfort in the fact that The Citadel's "skyscrapers" rest on a strong foundation, and we are all committed to preventing any "toppling."

#### Spotlight on

##### **SHSS Majors in the Chain of Command for Academic Year 2005-2006**

Regimental Commander Fredrick O. Nash, Psychology Major

Regimental Academic Officer Morgan P. Cina, Political Science major

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Commander Jonathan D. Lovette, Political Science major

3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Commander Matthew J. Henfey, Political Science major and Spanish minor

D Company Commander Rodney V. Baum, Political Science major and Spanish minor

E Company Commander Austin L. Fenwick, English major

I Company Commander Richard S. Ray, English major  
K Company Commander James D. Nash, English major  
L Company Commander John H. Bergmans, Political Science major  
M Company Commander Joseph C. Miller, Political Science major  
T Company Commander Brian Brennan, Criminal Justice major  
Palmetto Battery Company Commander Philip J. Wingo, Criminal Justice major.

**The Citadel Chapter of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi** - initiated 72 new members on April 24, 2005 in Summerall Chapel. Ten were Political Science/Criminal Justice majors, five History majors and one English major.

## **News from the Departments:**

### **English Department**

#### **Professors Redd and Rembert to Retire**

Within this next academic year, the English Department at The Citadel will lose two of its longtime faculty members as they retire from the college. Many of the cadets currently under their tutelage and the long line of proud graduates they have mentored consider each an icon. Professor Tony Redd and Professor James Rembert have collectively inspired generations of cadets and their life lessons will never be forgotten.

After a remarkably distinguished career on the faculty, Professor Redd will retire at the end of the 2005-2006 academic year. Prof. Redd, after earning a B.A. from Furman University (summa cum laude), M.A. from the University of Virginia (Du Pont Fellow), and Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina (NDEA Fellow), began teaching at The Citadel in 1966. His many honors for outstanding teaching include the Charles E. Daniel Teaching Award (1976); the James C. Self Teaching Award (1984); and two James A. Grimsley Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (1999, 2003).

He was one of the first Citadel faculty to be awarded a Citadel Development Foundation grant for completion of doctoral studies, and he later won two CDF Faculty Achievement Awards (1991, 1994) and two Governor's Distinguished Professor Awards (1993, 2000) and was named to Phi Kappa Phi in 1988. Prof. Redd, a Past President and long-time Board member of the Poetry Society of South Carolina and an original advisory board member (along with the poet Stephen Spender) of the poetry magazine *Illuminations*, served two terms as Acting English Department Head (1979-80 and 1987-88) and multiple terms on Faculty Council, Academic Board, and the Tenure and Promotions Committee.

But perhaps the greatest tribute of all to the beneficial effect he has had on the lives of students is the Col. T. N. Redd Scholarship, established by James A. Koppenhaver '80

and maintained and increased through gifts from many former students, which is presented each year to an outstanding English major.

Jim Koppenhaver states that, “I’ve recently learned of the retirement plans of a lifelong ‘amateur’ in the English Department, Col. Tony Redd. I say amateur both admiringly and affectionately as it was Tony Redd over 25 years ago that explained the important distinction between an amateur and a professional. An amateur has a love (from Latin *amator* or lover) of learning and is inspired by passion to constantly learn and spread that knowledge to others. A professional is compensated for their performance and can be driven by equal measures of economics and interest in self-improvement. Tony pointed out in this lecture that he always wanted to be considered an amateur and didn’t aspire to ever be considered a professional. The fact that I remember that lesson from 25 years ago in a classroom in Charleston, SC speaks volumes about the impact that Tony Redd had upon both my education and life.”

He continues on to say that, “Beyond just making a memorable class, Tony Redd has lived that life for over 39 years as a professor and mentor touching the lives of thousands of Citadel cadets passing through the English department on their educational journey leading to military and non-military occupations. Tony’s instruction and personal interest in my life as a cadet taught me to think critically and communicate with clarity, force and style. My post-Citadel experiences have covered the military, Fortune 50 corporate America and start-up companies. The lessons I learned from Tony Redd in both literature and life have been instrumental in my success across each one of these three very diverse environments.

I had the privilege over 15 years ago of establishing a scholarship in Tony Redd’s honor through both my own contributions and the generosity of a matching gift by Kraft Foods. That scholarship has benefited over 20 cadets since its inception and the corpus has grown through investment as well as donations by a select number of former cadets who have been made aware of it. As Tony Redd and Jim Rembert near the conclusion of noteworthy service to The Citadel in general and the English department in specific, it’s a fitting tribute to both men to establish or expand their influence on future generations of Citadel cadets who would aspire to be amateurs in both their professional careers and personal lives beyond our alma mater.”

Professor James Rembert, a graduate of The Citadel Corps of Cadets and faculty member in The Citadel’s Department of English since 1968, will retire in January 2006. As a cadet he was editor of the undergraduate newspaper, *The Brigadier*, and chairman of the Honor Committee, and at graduation he won recognition as the top Army ROTC cadet and as recipient of the Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award. Prof. Rembert, who earned two Ph.D. degrees, one from the University of North Carolina (1969) and the other from Cambridge University (1975), has enjoyed a highly distinguished teaching career, including a Citadel Development Foundation Teaching Award (1985), a CDF Faculty Achievement Award (1994), and a three-year CDF Faculty Fellowship in Teaching (1996-1999).

His teaching has consistently earned high praise from students, as has his contact with cadets outside the classroom, including serving as company academic advisor to T Company for many years and two other cadet companies for shorter periods. He also played prominent roles in Citadel cadet life as faculty advisor to the Honor Committee, the Round Table, the Summerall Guards, and *The Shako*, and he participated in The Citadel's community outreach to schools in the Lowcountry by serving a semester as Humanist-in-Residence (1984-85). His scholarly accomplishments include authorship of *Swift and the Dialectical Tradition* (1988; published in London by Macmillan and in New York by St. Martin's), and he was a Fulbright Lecturer at Guangdong University of Foreign Studies in Guangzhou [Canton], China, in 1994-95.

To commemorate Professor Rembert's dedication to the cadets in his charge and in honor of his years of service, a scholarship fund has been established in his honor by Sam Morton '85. This scholarship, like Professor Redd's scholarship, is also designated for a cadet majoring in English. According to Sam, "There are good teachers. There are great teachers. And then there are legendary ones like Jim Rembert whose compassion has never ended at the classroom door. Fortunately for many of us, neither did it end at commencement. He continues to be our advisor, our mentor, and our friend. No other person has had more influence over the direction of my career.

Across the country there are writers, lawyers, judges, doctors, and business people who have been taught a love of language and the discipline required to rise to the top of their professions. A significant number of Citadel graduates in the military fighting for our freedom at this very moment have been inspired by the patriotism, devotion, and sense of duty that defines James Rembert. He can discuss the finer points of Milton and in the next breath talk about navigating by the stars. He is a man of letters and a former Army Ranger. He is truly a modern renaissance man and, in his department, a role model for what every one of his students should aspire to be."

Sam further states that, "To me there is no better way to carry on his legacy than establishing a scholarship in his name so that generations of Citadel men and women will continue to be inspired toward leadership and success."

Commenting on the scholarships, Jim Koppenhaver remarks that, "I will make an additional gift to the T.N. Redd Scholarship prior to Tony's retirement and will also contribute to Col. Rembert's scholarship to honor his service. I'm hopeful that some number of Tony Redd's protégés would make a contribution to the existing scholarship in his name to mark the retirement of a great professor and mentor."

We are deeply grateful to Sam Morton and to Jim Koppenhaver for their vision and generosity in establishing these scholarships to honor their mentors. **If you would like to be a part of the legacies established to honor Professor Rembert and Professor Redd, while at the same time giving the gift of a Citadel education to others, please contact Joy Simpson at The Citadel Foundation. Her contact information is listed below. Thank you in advance for considering a gift to these scholarships.**

**The Col. T.N. Redd Scholarship Fund  
The Dr. James A.W. Rembert '61 Scholarship Fund**

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**Dr. Tom Thompson**, was elected State Director of the South Carolina Writing Project. The eight sites in the SCWP last year had a combined budget of over \$860,000 and delivered over 85,000 hours of professional development to approximately 5,000 individuals across the state.

## **History Department**

In the Spring 2005 **Headquarters Gazette**, the publication of the **Society for Military History**, there were rave reviews of their annual meeting hosted by The Citadel History Department. It was difficult to tell if they were more impressed with our Professor **Jennie Speelman** or the low country cuisine.

## **Modern Languages Department**

**Dr. Grant B. Staley**, associate professor of Modern Languages, was named the recipient of the **James A. Grimsley Undergraduate Teaching Award**. This award recognizes a professor for outstanding performance in instruction and service to undergraduate students. Grimsley, who was president of the college from 1980 to 1989, created the award in 1986. Each year the senior class votes on the recipient. Dr. Staley, a two-time winner of this award, came to The Citadel in 1972. Since then he has coordinated the annual Citadel Fine Arts Series for cadets and directs study abroad. In 2001, Staley received the James A. Grimsley Award for Undergraduate Teaching Excellence and in 2003 he received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. Dr. Staley is a graduate of Brigham Young University and the University of Utah.

**Cadet Carter Lee Palmer**, Modern Language major and **Professor Katherine Skow** were awarded **Fulbright** grants. **Professor Skow** traveled to Germany where she participated in the 2005 Fulbright German Studies Seminar Current Trends in

Contemporary German Literature June 8-25. The seminar took place in Berlin, Leipzig and Hamburg. Skow, who has been on faculty at The Citadel since 1994, is one of 20 German scholars selected from across the country to participate in the seminar. Palmer is the ninth cadet since 1992 to receive a Fulbright Scholarship and the fifth cadet in four years to receive a Fulbright grant to study in Germany. Modern Languages Department Head Col. Al Gurganus was one of the professors who coached Palmer during the year-long process. He also urged Skow to apply for the seminar.

## **Political Science/Criminal Justice Department**

**Cadet David Oaks**, a Criminal Justice major from Gambrills, MD, recently spent three weeks in Thailand as part of a joint study abroad program between The Citadel and Kennesaw State University. Cadet Oaks spent time comparing Thailand's criminal justice policies and practices with those of the United States. Oaks, along with other students, lived and studied at Chulalongkorn University and visited numerous cultural and historical sites. In lecture and discussion settings, students learned about the structure of Thailand's national police force, the Royal Thai Police Academy, criminal trials and the death penalty in Thailand. This fall Cadet Oaks will present the results of his study, which received funding from The Citadel Foundation, to cadets and faculty during a forum to be held by the Department of Political Science/Criminal Justice.

**Cadet Christopher Joseph Nastal**, Political Science major, was awarded **The Lieutenant Colonel Leigh Arnold Hochreich Memorial Award**. This award is presented to a first class cadet based on manliness, patriotism, love of fellow man, loyalty, humor, and dedication to The Citadel.

**Cadet Chad Anthony Buckel**, Political Science major, was awarded **The "TUG" Watts Community Service Award**. This award is presented by the Commandant's Department in honor of C.E. "Tug" Watts, Jr., The Citadel, class of 1932, for exemplary community service.

**Cadet Russell Campbell Kaufman**, Political Science major, was awarded **The Henry J. Taylor Cup**. This award is presented annually to the member of The brigadier newspaper staff who has demonstrated the greatest journalistic improvement during the current school year.

**Cadet Justin Ray Huddleston**, Political Science major, was awarded **The Post and Courier Award for Best Sports Story**. This award is given by the Post and Courier for outstanding student work on The Brigadier student newspaper.

**The Department of Political Science/Criminal Justice** regrets to advise you of the death of Todd A. Baker, longtime member of the faculty. Baker joined the faculty in 1967 and retired in 1996 at the rank of professor of political science. During his nearly 30 years of service he taught and counseled thousands of students. He co-founded The Citadel's Symposium on Southern Politics and was author or coauthor of dozens of professional papers, book chapters, and journal articles. In addition, he co-edited nearly a

dozen books. His scholarly work focused on southern politics, political party activists, presidential elections, and, particularly, the relationship between religion and politics. In his post-Citadel years, Baker greatly enjoyed retirement on the Sullivan's Island he so greatly loved, and he was active in his church, in prison ministries, and in other volunteer activities. Baker was a vital, productive, and highly valued member of the departmental faculty. In retirement, he occasionally visited the campus to keep up with our activities and to discuss his many interests, ranging from opera to Auburn football. He will be greatly missed.

## **Psychology Department**

**Professor Virginia DeRoma, Psychology Department**, was awarded a five year grant from the **New Morning Foundation for \$1,000,000**. The grant is to develop a health education program in the local community. The grant will allow us to offer more service learning opportunities for our students and provide a needed service to the community.

**Cadet Benjamin J. Hand**, Psychology major, was awarded **The Colonel Joseph E. Perkins Honor Committee Award**. This award is presented to a member of the Honor Committee in recognition of invaluable service to the Corps of Cadets by upholding and promoting the high ideals of The Citadel Honor System.

At the graduate level, **Chad Weaver's** research paper entitled "Tolerance for ambiguity, authoritarianism and collect milieu" won first place for papers by graduate students at the **50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Psychological Association**. Professor **Virginia DeRoma** was his mentor on the project.

The **Psychology Department** had three graduate students give presentations and thirteen undergraduate students attend the **Southeastern Psychological Association Conference** held in Nashville, TN in April. In March, **Dr. Nancy Bell**, and **Jennifer McConnell**, a school psychology major, traveled to Atlanta GA to attend the **National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention**. Ms. McConnell gave a presentation at the convention.

The **Aline Mahan Award** is presented annually to a graduate student who has demonstrated an outstanding record of scholarship, technical skill, and community service in the school psychology program at The Citadel. This year the award went to **Ms. Jana L. McElveen**, for her outstanding record of accomplishment.

The **D. Oliver Bowman Award** is given to the most outstanding undergraduate Psychology Major. This year the award went to **Ms. Jhonna Marie Casey**.