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VETERAN OF 'DESERT STORM' NAMED ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR AT PSU

From September 1990 to April of 1991, Kevin Cvitko, a native of Upper Marlboro, Md., was a sergeant assigned as a Special Operations Weather Observer with the U.S. Air Force during Operation "Desert Storm" in which the U.S. and its allies defeated Iraq.

For his service, he received an 82nd Airborne Division Combat Patch and a Commendation Medal.

Upon his discharge in '92, he entered Pembroke State University as a junior (having taken two years of college work elsewhere), and has won many honors, including the latest: being named a Collegiate Scholastic All-American.

- His other honors include:
- * Being Army ROTC cadet commander at PSU. He will become a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army when he graduates from PSU in May and plans to make the Army a career.
 - * Being selected to Alpha Chi, the highest scholastic society at PSU.
 - * Being chosen to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."
 - * Being named a Distinguished Military Student in PSU's Army ROTC.
 - * Being awarded the Professor of Military Science Award for Leadership.
 - * Winning the Military Proficiency Award, which was presented at Ft. Bragg to the top five percent of cadets in the areas of physical training, land navigation, and marksmanship.
 - * Being elected a senior senator at PSU and also parliamentarian.
- He was nominated for the Collegiate Scholastic All-American awarded by Dr. Diane Jones, PSU assistant vice chancellor for student

affairs. By being chosen, his name will appear in the Scholastic All-American Collegiate Directory, a national publication.

To qualify as a Collegiate Scholastic All-American, a student must earn a 3.30 or better grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school official or other qualified sponsors are accepted.

In notifying Cvitko of his award, Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the U.S. Achievement Academy, said: "Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in American history. Certainly, winners of the Scholastic All-American Collegiate Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

Cvitko is the son of Mrs. Diane R. Cvitko. His father is deceased. Cvitko, 28, was a 1983 graduate of Frederick Douglas High School in Upper Marlboro, Md.

He told of the years he wasted for a couple of years after finishing high school, telling how he did poorly in his first attempt at a higher education. However, his life began to change after he joined the Air Force and served from 1985-92.

"I give all of the glory to the Lord Jesus. My father was born again and so was I," he said. Cvitko's father later died of cancer at age 51.

While in the Air Force, Kevin Cvitko took college course through Campbell University and Fayetteville State University during the time he was stationed at Ft. Bragg. So when he got out of the Air Force in '92, he had two years of college credit which he transferred to Pembroke State where he started to school in August of '92.

Military all the way and proud of it, Kevin Cvitko is a good example of how a person can turn his or her life

around and reach heights never previously dreamed of.

EARLY REGISTRATION FIGURES SHOW 2,847 ATTENDING THIS SPRING

Early registration figures for the spring semester at PSU show that 2,847 are attending this spring. Of these 2,500 are undergraduate students, and 338 are graduate students. This is the second largest spring enrollment in school history.

CONTRACTORS GATHER FOR PRE-BID ON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The pre-bid meeting was held recently at PSU when various contractors were briefed by representatives of Obrien, Atkins and Associates architects of the Research Triangle Park concerning the future PSU Administration Building.

The final bid date is Feb. 3 at 3 p.m. in Room 100 of PSU's Oxendine Science Building.

Chancellor Joseph Oxendine, in speaking to the contractors at the pre-bid meeting, said: "We are delighted to have you here. We worked very hard for the bond package that made this possible. This may be the first initiative (in the UNC system) in terms of holding a pre-bid hearing on the new construction (in the system)".

Oxendine was told that it might not be the first initiative in that regard, but "we are going to work to get our bids in before the others do."

To this the chancellor responded, "We are excited by what we will receive from you and are looking forward to the bid date and the groundbreaking. We will rally around you and look forward to all of this."

The contractors replied, "We will be looking forward to the open house (on the building)."

Ken Cvitko

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

by Dr. Ken Johnson

The weekly meeting of the Pembroke Kiwanis Club was held at the Town and Country Restaurant on Tuesday evening. Program Chairman Albert Hunt presented Mrs. Dessie Lowry as speaker for the meeting. Mrs. Lowry is the Loan Officer for Southern National Bank in Lumberton. Her speech dealt with the nature and purposes of the "Community Reinvestment Act." The Act rules against discrimination in making loans to low income borrowers. Services cover many areas, mainly in loans to people buying double wide mobile homes. It is hoped that laws will be made to allow loans to people desiring to buy single wide mobile homes. Loans are for moderate income families with incomes less than \$20,000. No one can be denied a loan who can qualify and who is able to pay the 3% down payment. The CRA coordinator sees to it that banks are properly complying to the Act's provisions. "We are really pushing the program and hope to be able to make loans for single wide mobile homes," Mrs. Lowry said.

Mrs. Lowry also discussed the 1993 tax forms. Questions and answers followed Mrs. Lowry's presentation. The Club voted to sponsor Cub Scouts thus enabling them to get their charter.

Presiding-Buddy Bell, Song leader-Ed Teets, Prayer-Vardell Swett, Program-Albert Hunt, Reporter-Ken Johnson.

The Coach's Corner

by Dr. Ken Johnson

"The NFL Play-Offs"

Reno odds pick Buffalo over the Kansas City Chiefs by four. They pick the Dallas Cowboys over the 49ers by 31/2. So who do you pick as your favorite? Well, your choice probably depicts the one you want to win, as does mine. All four quarterbacks have been so very good. Troy Aikman, last years winner should be the favorite to win. Joe Montana of the Chiefs has superior experience with his three Super Bowls wins. But the cold winters in Buffalo with his injury riddle body and his age may go against him. Especially with an inspired Jim Kelly after three unsuccessful trips to the Super Bowl may bring the intensity up for the Bills. I feel sorry for Joe against the "mad Bills." They may play like "gun slingers".

And it looks like the 49ers shot their wad against the Giants, 44 to 3. But you never can tell, the 49er quarterback wishes to prove himself better than Joe Montana. Steve Young sure did it against the Giants. But they are the underdogs against Dallas. Maybe they'll win. It sure is close trying to pick a winner. I hope the Bills can win the whole thing since I'm from Western New York. Jamestown, NY, been here since 1964 though.

K.J.

REFLECTIONS by Alta Nye Oxendine

97 YEARS OLD

Sunday, January 23 marks Mother's 97th birthday. Although the nursing home residents have just come through an epidemic of very bad colds, Mother seems to be making a good adjustment to life there. In our last phone call, she said: "They give me good food and good care." I'm glad, since her own three children are all so far away. Of course, she has lots of friends and relatives in that area. We're thankful she's still alert and interested in other people.

If anyone would like to send her a note (she even likes getting postal cards) her present address is: Alta R. Nye, Madison County Nursing Home, Box 308, Sheridan, MT. 59749. Let's remember to pray for ALL elderly persons, wherever they may be. And for the families of those, like "Miss Cam" Lowry and "Miss Beauty" Martin, who have recently gone to the next life.

A FRESH START

New Year's is not the only time we can make a new beginning. Each new day can be a fresh start for every one of us.

When we sorrowfully CONFESS our own weaknesses and SINS, humbly and sincerely ASK for divine forgiveness, TURN away from those old dangerous sinful desires, and then RECEIVE true forgiveness from our Savior and Lord, we have a tremendous sense of relief, a feeling of being washed completely CLEAN inside.

But we don't SUDDENLY start living a life without any more problems or temptations. In fact, the same old temptations may hang around to haunt (and taunt) us. Like I said before, I seldom heard about SIN when I was growing up. But there certainly seems to be an evil force in our midst subtly turning us toward the wrong road whenever such an opportunity comes up. And this STILL happens, even after we become a Christian and begin

this NEW LIFE journey. In addition, most of our old problems are still there. They do not suddenly MELT AWAY.

But NOW there is a DIFFERENCE! We no longer have to face our trials and temptations all ALONE. Now we have a GREATER POWER—a loving, understanding SPIRIT/PERSON—to go with us each an every day for the rest of our lives!

Each NEW DAY, as we thank God for His LOVE and countless blessings, we can place our hand in His (so to speak) letting HIM GUIDE US WHERE WE NEED TO GO. And allowing Him to keep us from straying into thoughts, actions, and places where we do NOT need to go (because they can, sooner or later, cause trouble or heartache for us or for others).

But WHAT can we do when we have pulled our hand away from that secure, loving Hand of our Divine Parent, and then started darting off toward a different destination?

We must realize our mistake, the SOONER the BETTER. As John reminds us (in 1 John 1:9), "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

THIS is when we can pray, in our own words (at any time of day or night) the "Evening Prayer" I mentioned last time. "If I have wounded any soul today, if I have caused one foot to go astray, if I have walked in my own willful way, Dear Lord, forgive!"

When C.M. Battersby wrote these words, he captured the disappointment of the new (or older) Christian who has "missed the mark" for that day.

But when we actually hand our life back over to our LIVING, LOVING Lord, He can once again fill us with that wonderful INNER PEACE and JOY. When we allow Him to be our ultimate SAVIOR and GUIDE, each new day can be a brand new FRESH BEGINNING!

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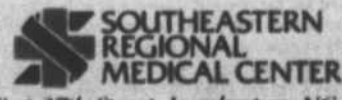


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