Kemp Recognized with Young American Award

by Nathan Finnin

Jason Kemp, Southern Region chief and Eagle Scout from Mount Airy, North Carolina, was one of five recipients of the national Young American Award. The award, which includes an unrestricted grant of $5,000, was presented in May at the BSA’s National Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

Requirements for the award state that recipients must have achieved exceptional excellence in one or more of the fields of art, athletics, business, community service, education, government, humanities, literature, music, religion, or science while maintaining an above-average scholastic grade point average. Local councils select nominees for the national award. The Young American Awards are coordinated by Learning for Life, a subsidiary of the BSA.

Jason is a junior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, pursuing a degree in geography. Upon entering the university, Jason earned the prestigious Morehead scholarship. Through the Morehead Foundation, Jason worked on the Crow Indian reservation in Montana last summer. He also participates with the UNC Sailing Club and the White Ribbon Campaign to help end violence against women. Jason is a graduate of North Surry High School in Mount Airy, where he was valedictorian and student body president. He is a Vigil Honor member of Wahiwa Lodge. He has served Scouting as the SR-7B chief, conclave chairman, and Camp Raven Knob staff member. Jason serves as an assistant Scoutmaster for a new troop in Chapel Hill, N.C.

More about the Young American Award can be found at http://www.bsa.scouting.org/awards/youngamerican/

Looking Back...

by Clay Capp

Receiving the Young American Award in 1976 carried an additional surprise for National Order of the Arrow Chairman Brad Haddock, who was the 1975-76 national chief of the Order. His future wife, Terri, also was at the BSA National Annual Meeting that year in New York City to receive the Young American Award for having distinguished herself as Girl’s Nation president and as president of the Associated Students of Kansas, a state lobbying group.

The couple met at the banquet the night of the awards presentation and hit it off immediately. “People kept asking us how long we had known each other [because we got along so well],” Mr. Haddock said. They were engaged one month later and married a year and a half later. The Haddocks have been married 23 years and have two children.

“It’s great that Scouting recognizes outstanding youth leaders and encourages people to be better than they ever could be. The Young American Award is a symbol of that,” Mrs. Haddock said of the recognition that changed her life.

Butler and Walcutt Receive Silver Antelope

by Jim Cheatham

National Order of the Arrow committee members Jack Butler and Bruce Walcutt received the Silver Antelope Award at the BSA’s recent National Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. The National Court of Honor presents the Silver Antelope Award to Scouters who provide distinguished service to youth within their region.

Mr. Butler is a member of the North Florida Council and Echokotee Lodge in Jacksonville, Florida. In addition to local troop and lodge support, he serves as chair of the OA’s communications and marketing committee and has served as a lodge adviser. He has worked with national OA events since the early 1990s. Most recently, he served as lead adviser for the new lodge Adviser Training Seminar at Philmont. Mr. Butler is an account director for The Standard Register.

Mr. Walcutt is registered with the Capital Area Council and Tonkawa Lodge based in Austin, Texas. As a youth, he was active in OA ceremonies and Indian dancing. He also served on summer camp staff. As an adult, Bruce has served on the staffs of the National Scout Jamboree, Philmont Scout Ranch, Philmont Training Center, and a Wood Badge course. Currently, he is serving as the national Camping task force chair and a member of the Philmont Scout Ranch committee. Mr. Walcutt is president of The County Line Inc., a chain of restaurants headquartered in Austin.

Mr. Butler and Mr. Walcutt both have a love for the outdoors. In fact, they are scheduled to hike Africa’s Mount Kilimanjaro together in 2002.
Mentoring 101

by Bud Harrelson

A team’s continued success is guaranteed through the exchange of information and skills from one generation to the next. Mentors do not have age requirements. Seasoned team members become mentors for inexperienced team members. Experienced lodge chiefs can mentor newer lodge chiefs. Adults can mentor other adults.

Mentoring relationships work best when they are developed in conjunction with friendship and trust. A mentoring adviser must learn what motivates a youth and should be aware of the youth’s past—his achievements as well as his failures. Trust can best be established through casual conversations in informal surroundings.

Once trust has been established, the adviser can begin to aid the youth in the fulfillment of his assignment by providing resources and by referring the youth to others who have specific expertise. An adviser also serves as a sounding board for ideas and to help develop action plans. Advisers assist youths in carrying out their action plan but do not take over the project. Observing the youth’s leadership style can facilitate the reflection that follows.

An adviser can help develop the youth’s writing and speaking skills. Once the youth has drafted an article or speech, the adviser reviews and makes suggestions regarding content and delivery.

Good leaders develop their own replacements and ensure the longevity of the team’s success. By having the existing leader mentor the new leader, the team can avoid downtime that often accompanies a change in leadership.

Mentors focus on more than the skills that are essential to the team’s success—they have a holistic approach and help others develop life skills that are applicable at school, work and home. Good mentors also become lifelong friends to their youth.

Bud Harrelson is a former SR-7 section chief who currently serves as associate section adviser for SR-7B. Bud is a chemistry professor at Greensboro Middle College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Where Are They Now?

by Chad Helfin

Angelo Cappelli, who served as the 1988 national vice chief of the Order of the Arrow, has amassed a record of service to Scouting that spans nearly two decades. As a youth, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and served terms as section secretary, vice section chief, and section chief. In addition, as a national officer, he served on the national Order of the Arrow committee, national Advancement committee, and National Executive Board.

As an adult Scouter, Mr. Cappelli has been active as a member of the executive board of the West Central Florida Council, Seminole, Florida. His numerous positions include: Friends of Scouting chair, vice president of finance, council treasurer, and director of development. In recognition of his outstanding service, Mr. Cappelli has received the Vigil Honor, the Founder’s Award, the Distinguished Service Award, and the Silver Beaver Award.

Upon graduating from Yale University with a bachelor’s degree in economics, Mr. Cappelli continued his studies at Fordham University in New York City, earning a law degree and an MBA in finance. After working on Wall Street in the Management Controls Division of Goldman Sachs, he returned to his native St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1995, where he currently serves as vice president of investments, working as a financial adviser for UBS PaineWebber.

Angelo and his wife, Michelle, were married in 1994 and are the proud parents of two daughters, Anna, 3, and Sara, 2.

Profiles in Service

Paugassett Lodge

by Chad Helfin

The members of Paugassett Lodge in Derby, Connecticut, helped conduct one of the largest food drives in the history of the Housatonic Council. By day’s end, more than 42,000 cans and other nonperishable food items had been collected and distributed to three area food banks, a 20 percent increase from the previous year’s food drive.

Under the direction of Lodge Chief Patrick DiCaprio, 67 Arrowmen contributed more than 825 service hours to the project. Activities included operating three food drop-off locations, sorting and packaging nearly 500 boxes of canned and dry goods, and transporting all of the food to designated food banks in the Lower Naugatuck Valley.

In recognition of its outstanding community service efforts, Paugassett Lodge was one of eight lodges to receive the inaugural National Service Award. This award is presented by the national Order of the Arrow committee to two lodges in each region that have performed outstanding service for their council.

Lodge Chief Patrick DiCaprio was recognized in the 2000 Colgate Youth for America Campaign for his involvement in organizing the food drive.

Funds Needed to Maintain Indian Campership Fund

by Zeke Baker

Since 1971, the Order of the Arrow’s Maury Clancy Indian Campership fund has helped Scouts of American Indian heritage attend an approved council summer camp. Since its creation, more than 1,500 youth have benefited from the fund. Camperships provide funding for up to 50 percent of the cost of one week at an official BSA summer camp.

The demand for camperships in the last two years has reduced the funds available for the program. In 1999, almost $15,000 was distributed among 205 American Indian Scouts who attended a council summer camp. In 2000, more than $15,200 of the program’s funds helped send 219 American Indian Scouts to summer camp.

Because of the increasing number of camperships awarded each year, lodges and sections should give their members every opportunity to learn about and to donate to this scholarship. In addition to the annual donations by Order of the Arrow lodges and sections, the fund depends upon donations taken at the American Indian show at the National Order of the Arrow Conference.

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National Notes

DSA/Red Arrow Application Deadline. All applications for DSA and Red Arrow are due February 1, 2002.


Field Operation Guide now Available. A revised Field Operation Guide has just been made available to key section and region leaders. Copies can be purchased from the national OA office.

Arrowmen Service Award. Check out the national OA Web site to see the requirements for the Arrowmen Service Award.

2002 National OA Conference. Start making plans to attend the 2002 NOAC at Indiana University from July 27-August 1, 2002.