



Read how one cadet feels about the Directorate of Cadet Activities and the impact it has on the quality of life and the cadet experience! This message was posted to the Commandant's Blog and is better than any fundraising material we could develop on behalf of Cadet Activities. A special thanks to all the graduates, parents, and other donors who support Cadet Activities. **It is YOU who have made this possible!**

DCA-Working for us!

Sir,

I would like to take a moment away from all of the complaining of bad sportsmanship, over-priced t-shirts, losses to Navy, and everything else that we have been disgruntled about and talk about something positive: The Department of Cadet Activities. How amazing have they been over the past two years? I have seen places like Grant Hall and the Firstie Club go from dismal cadet gathering places to establishments that we are proud of. With the brand new TV's, shuffleboard tables, food and beer selections, and overall atmosphere of both places, I feel like these are places where cadets actually WANT to hang out. Not to mention the new fleet of vehicles that DCA has purchased to ensure club and corps squad teams' safety on the roads. I had to drive the old vans, and I can say from a club squad perspective that the new vans were needed. We asked for them, and DCA got them for us! And how about the line up of shows at Ike hall, and the publicity that the folks down at DCA are getting for them! They have had something like 22 consecutive shows that have yielded a profit, and they have been shows that not only cadets enjoy, but that the entire community has enjoyed. They did an exceptional job putting on the Dave Matthews Band Concert, and fought their hardest to make it as comfortable and fun for cadets as they could.

DCA has acted on our complaints numerous times over the past two years, and I don't think that they get enough credit for making this institution more bearable for everyone. I am pleased that any morning that I feel like it, I can go to Grant Hall and get a great cup of whatever kind of coffee I want, while talking to my friends, watching sportscenter, and surfing the web on wireless internet. All of this has been made possible by the unselfish people who work down in the DCA offices at Ike hall. I wish that instead of complaining about a 35 dollar T-shirt (which actually paid for the 2 t-shirts, a scarf, a hat, and all the other spirit items we received) we should be thanking DCA ten fold for what they have done for the corps.

Thank you for your time,

Very Respectfully,

CDT (Name Removed)

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