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Smart and Strong

Darren Alexander Haws of Apache Junction, Arizona, is a well-rounded young man in sports as well as in the classroom. He graduated salutatorian of his class, took four years of early-morning seminary and a full academic load, and was on the varsity teams in tennis and wrestling. He was state champion in tennis his senior year. He has received numerous honors for his abilities as a wrestler.

Darren served as student-body president and was chosen as homecoming king. In academics, he was named outstanding senior and received an award every year of high school for outstanding academic achievement. He received the Presidential Academic Fitness Award and the National Scholar/ Athlete Award.

He has been appointed to the United States Air Force Academy and plans to serve his mission during the "stop out" program, which allows cadets to take leave from the academy for a worthwhile purpose.

Darren is first assistant to the president of his priests quorum and has played the piano or directed the music in priesthood meetings since he was 12. Darren is in the Mesa 26th Ward, Mesa Arizona Salt River Stake.

Outstanding Senior

Carol Livingston, senior class president, delivered the farewell speech to her fellow classmates during graduation exercises. This was the culmination of many outstanding achievements by Carol during her high school years.

Carol also served as freshman class student council representative, sophomore class president, and junior class representative, in addition to senior class president. She was a member of Kiwanis Key Club and National Honor Society and made the honor roll all four years. In addition to her studies, Carol likes to be active. She was a member of the drill team and a starter on the varsity volleyball team.

In Church, Carol was a four-year graduate of early-morning seminary and served as president of her Beehive, Mia Maid, and Laurel classes as well as serving several times as a counselor.

Carol is a member of the Craig First Ward, Meeker Colorado Stake.

Early Riser

Every morning during the school year, John Dougall, Jr., gets up early. And his persistence has paid off. He graduated from early-morning seminary with a perfect attendance record for four years.

In addition to his perfect attendance, John was recognized as a master sriptorian. To attain this award, John read all four standard works, located 160 scriptures, and memorized 100 of them.

John is an outstanding student as well and is a member of National Honor Society. He has also earned his Eagle Scout badge.

John is a member of the Raleigh Hills Ward, Beaverton Oregon Stake.

Makes Five

Alan Dutson, a deacon in the Iona Third Ward, Iona Idaho Stake, finished a family tradition. He received his Eagle Scout badge, following in the footsteps of his older brothers Rodney, Brent, Larry, and Joe.

Alan also received his On My Honor Award. In school he is on the honor roll and a member of the National Honor Society and the Miler Club, a club for academic honor students. He has served as counselor and president in his deacons quorum.

Brothers Joe and Larry are also on the honor roll and members of the Miler Club. Each has served as his respective quorum president and is an ace at playing chess and checkers, having earned awards in Varsity and Explorer Olympics for both.

[photo] Makes Five: (left to right) Rodney, Brent, Larry, Joe and Alan.

Knows History

Daniel C. Baker of Republic, Washington, was named to the United States Achievement Academy for his high rating in history and government. Besides being an excellent student, Dan enjoys singing. He sings with his junior high school chorus and also performed a duet with his older sister in the community choir Easter cantata.

Dan is a deacon in the Republic Branch of the Colville Washington Stake.

Regional Winners

The Gonzales Ward, Baton Rouge Louisiana Stake, has won top spot in the regional basketball tournament for the second consecutive year. Every member of the team is a member of the Church. Team members are: bottom row, left to right, Heather Hyatt, Karen Bradley, Celina de los Santos, Ashley Nickens, Renee Stelly, Jill Richardson; middle row, Valerie Richardson, Toni Sharkey, Donna Tanner, Michelle Hyatt, Tiffanie Burns; top row, Shanon Kinchen, Kennon Tullos, Susan Bradley, Michelle Causey, Vickie Richardson, Kim Guerrero, and Coach Kay Price.

Perfect Attendance

Caryn Dale Hansen was honored by the Palm Springs Region for four years of perfect attendance at early-morning seminary. Caryn attributes her success to good health and a commitment to learning about the gospel. She was a member of the winning scripture chase team for the past three years.

Caryn is a member of the Sunnymead Ward, Riverside California Stake.

Budding Artist

Maria Lynn Barney from Zillah, Washington, graduated from high school with honors. She was a member of the National Honor Society, editor of the yearbook, and three-year member of Future Farmers of America. Maria also graduated from seminary.

She lettered three years in basketball and was a four-year letter winner in track. She went to state three times in the 1,600-meter run.

Maria is studying commercial art and recently won a logo-designing contest. She belongs to the Toppenish Ward, Yakima Washington Stake.

Three Missionaries

The Smyth family of Londonderry, Ireland, may have set a new record. As far as they have been able to

determine, they are the first family in Ireland to have three sons serve missions for the Church. All three served their missions in California.

David Smyth served in the California Oakland Mission. Stephen followed his brother and also served in the California Oakland Mission. Lloyd is presently serving in the California Anaheim Mission.

All three young men are outstanding athletes and have won both school and national honors for their abilities.

Brothers Succeed

David Jenkins from Liberty, Missouri, took the first-place medal in class 1 at the United States Gymnastics Federation—Missouri Boys' State Meet held in Columbia. He is a priest in the Liberty Ward, Liberty Missouri Stake.

Michael, David's younger brother, took second place in class 3 at the same meet. He is a teacher in the Liberty Ward.

[photos] David Jenkins; Michael Jenkins

Double Quartet

When eight young men from the Gunnison Utah Stake were asked to sing a special number for a stake meeting, something was started. The song was successful, and the boys continued to rehearse together under the direction of Sister Elmont. She was their accompanist and prepared special arrangements of music for their performances.

The double quartet sang in sacrament meetings and in other church activities. They sang at the dedication of a new seminary building in Gunnison and at youth conferences. They were also invited to perform at the state PTA convention for an audience of two thousand. They received superior ratings in region and state music competitions.

Now the double quartet has broken up. All eight are serving missions in areas around the world: Scotland, Japan, Minnesota, Argentina, Peru, and Guatemala.

[photo] Double Quartet: (back row, left to right) Garth Sorenson, Brett Elmont, Sister Claire Elmont, Jed Dyreng, Kenneth Nielsen; (front row, left to right) Kay C. Caldwell, David Warren, Kerry Brown, Mark Elmont.

Outstanding Scholar

Lee Singleton of the Marion Branch, Kingsport Tennessee Stake, has earned much recognition for his scholastic achievements. He was valedictorian of his graduating class, had four years perfect attendance at high school, is a National Merit Scholar, and has earned the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. He received scholarship offers in engineering from two prestigious universities.

Lee was also a member of the championship scripture chase team for his stake. He accepted a scholarship for his freshman year, after which he plans to go on a mission.

North to Alaska

Members of the Ramsey family are high achievers in their schools and active in Church assignments. Peter Ramsey, 15, was elected student-body president of his school in the Eskimo village of Anaktuvuk Pass, Alaska. His sister Sarah, 13, will serve as student-body secretary. Peter is a teacher and enjoys sports, including swimming, baseball, and hunting caribou for the family food supply.

Sarah is a Beehive and enjoys ice skating, cross-country skiing, music, and collecting stickers. The Ramsey family lives in the Fairbanks Bush Branch and holds church meetings in their home.

Christopher Ramsey, 17, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. He attends high school and seminary in North Pole, Alaska. He is a member of the basketball team and enjoys swimming, hunting, and reading. Christopher lives with another LDS family while he finishes his schooling and spends vacations in the Eskimo village with his parents and brother and sisters. Chris is a priest in the North Pole Ward, Fairbanks Alaska Stake.

[photos] Christopher Ramsey; Peter Ramsey; Sarah Ramsey

Lone Scouts

Steve Hammond, 14, of King Salmon, Alaska, is an Eagle Scout, but he didn't have a troop to help him reach his goal. Steve was following in the footsteps of his 16-year-old brother, David. Both boys earned their Eagle badges as Lone Scouts.

Their father became a registered Scoutmaster so he could supervise their work. He wanted his sons to do their work the right way. He says, "I was probably tougher on them than another Scoutmaster would have been."

Steve had a wonderful time earning his fishing merit badge. He hooked a 36-pound king salmon.

Steve and David made something of a competition out of earning merit badges. They received their awards together in a special court of honor. As an Eagle project, Steve and David took on the restoration of a nearby Russian Orthodox church cemetery.

Steve and David are in the King Salmon Branch, Alaska Anchorage Mission.

Master Scriptorians

Eight seminary students in the Oregon City Oregon Stake achieved a master scriptorian rating. This award is available to seminary students in their final year of seminary. It is achieved by reading all four standard works during their years in seminary, locating 160 designated scriptures, and memorizing 100 of those scriptures and quoting them to a member of the stake presidency.

Those working toward the master scriptorian award met together several times during the year at the home of one of the early-morning seminary teachers to learn memorization techniques, discuss scriptural meaning, and lend support to each other.

In addition to the 8 master scriptorians, 38 students earned the scriptorian award, achieved by reading assigned portions of the Old Testament, locating 40 scriptures, and memorizing 25 of them. Twenty-five students earned the associate scriptorian award, which required memorizing 15 scriptures.

Those earning the master scriptorian award are Lisa Harwood, Lisa Boice, Stephanie Craven, Jenny Rhodes, Lorinda Mallonee, Andra Gordon, Sandy Session, and Huck Dilg.

[photo] Oregon City Stake Master Scriptorians: (left to right) Lisa Harwood, Lisa Boice, Stephanie Craven, Jenny Rhodes, Lorinda Mallonee, Andra Gordon, Sandy Session. (Not pictured is Huck Dilg.)

Festival Winner

Ryan Pugh of Lynden, Washington, won the title of Mr. Ski to Sea in the annual Whatcom County Ski to Sea Festival. The title comes with a \$1,000 award. Ryan also took first in the categories of talent, private interview, and social skills.

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Ryan is a member of the Ferndale Second Ward in the Bellingham Washington Stake.

“Understanding is a two-way street.”

—Anna Eleanor Roosevelt

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Someone Special



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Merit badges? Ryan's got 'em all

Winter was approaching, but so was his 18th birthday, so Ryan Pugh decided to go for it.

It was Oct. 18, 1983. Pugh was out to earn a Boy Scout merit badge for water skiing, one of a handful he needed to achieve the rare distinction of earning all 119 merit badges in the Boy Scout Handbook.

"I had the lake to myself that day," Pugh recalled. Although he admitted the water in Lynden's Wiser Lake was pretty cold, "the friction of the weeds kept me warm," he joked.

He fell twice, but, he said, "if you quit you're never able to do it." So Pugh got back up and was eventually able to complete the requirements for the badge.

It was one of 30 badges Pugh earned between his 17th and 18th birthdays. A scout begins to earn badges at the age of 11 and can earn them until his 18th birthday — Pugh's was April 18.

In January, he compiled a "countdown" list of 15 badges he needed to complete.

Pugh called January "really tense," as he raced to beat the calendar and complete one of the toughest merit badges — rabbit breeding.

His rabbit was bred at the beginning of January, but late that month she gave birth prematurely and all in the litter died.

To earn the badge, Pugh had to raise the rab-

bits to at least six-weeks old, and Pugh's birthday was 11 weeks away.

He started again, and rabbits' well-earned reputation for productivity did not fail him. His rabbit gave birth in late February and all survived to make it to six weeks old — eight days before Pugh's birthday.

But rabbit breeding wasn't the last badge Pugh earned.

He had been struggling for months with learning Morse Code and flag signals, but "finally, a week before my birthday, I said, hey, I got to do it...I kept thinking, what if I do them all but one?"

Pugh buckled down and spent two hours a day studying the code and finally fulfilled the requirements for that badge.

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After completing his seven-year accomplishment, "It was just like, ah, I'm done, now I can relax."

It was a rest well earned.

Boy Scout District Executive Mike King termed the feat "extremely hard" and said he knew of no other scout in the four-county district who has done it.

To earn an average badge, Pugh said, "if you buckle down to do it, you can usually do it in a couple months."

"It's better to really concentrate on something and really do it well, rather than do it a piece at a time."

Pugh began earning badges when he was 11. He earned four that year, and recalls, "I kind of thought someday I might earn them all."

By the time he was 14 he had the 21 badges necessary to become an Eagle Scout.

His family was very supportive of his efforts. They belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which has adopted Boy Scouts of America as its official youth activity.

Pugh's dad, Warren, was his troop scout master for the last

three years.

Pugh earned so many badges that the sash where they are usually sewn became full and many badges had to be sewn onto his scout shirt's sleeve.

Still, he said, the purpose of Boy Scouts is not to earn badges, but "to make better boys."

Pugh, far from being just a scout, played high school football and was one of the four members of Lynden High School's Knowledge Bowl team that finished fourth in the state tournament this past school year, the highest finish of any Class A school.

Pugh graduated this spring and will attend Ricks Community College in Idaho this fall to study business administration. After his freshman year, Pugh plans to go on a 1½-year mission with the Mormon Church. Eventually, he plans to attend Brigham Young University in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He also plays the piano, organ and harpsicord. He has been playing since the fourth grade and says he plans to continue to do so.

"It would be a waste for me to quit."

It would also be out of character.

— DON JENKINS