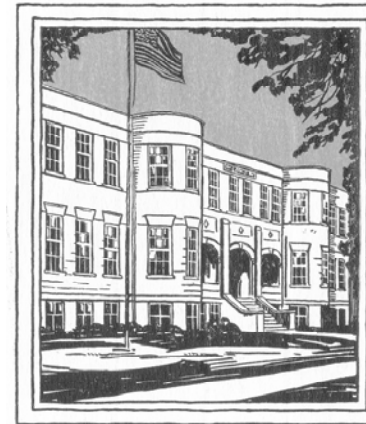


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THE LOST TOOLS OF CHRISTENDOM

Part of the tragedy of being a 21st century Christian is that Christians now live in an era without a concept of “Christendom.” It is certainly not the case that Christians, throughout history, have been perfect. It is equally not the case that the Church is worse off today than it was, say, in the 1200s. On the contrary, Christians have been as inconsistent and as bloodthirsty throughout history as the worst totalitarian dictators. Though, in our high-speed, high-tech culture, we are brought face to face with scandal, hypocrisy and immorality in the culture *and* in the Church, the Church is still growing throughout the world and has yet to reach its high-water mark.

Nevertheless, the continuing progress of the Church is facing some tough challenges, particularly in the face of the rapid growth of worldwide Islam. Patrick Buchanan points out (and statistically proves), in his prophetically gloomy *The Death of the West*, that mosques are quickly replacing churches in Europe, that every European nation (save Muslim Albania), has a declining birthrate and that the influx of Muslims into Europe (through immigration and an incomparably high birth-rate) will turn the Christian West into the Islamic West within a matter of decades.

Now, in light of this gloom and doom, two things are certain: *One*, Islamic culture and Christian culture will never, for they *can* never, peacefully coexist. Scripture teaches us this in Genesis 16:11-12: “...And you shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has given heed to your affliction. And he will be a wild donkey of a man, *his hand will be against everyone, and everyone’s hand will be against him; and he will live to the east of all his brothers.*” *Two*, through God’s sovereignty and intervention, whichever way he chooses to intervene, the crescent will not overtake the cross in human history. Scripture is clear about this as well. Isaiah 9:7 promises that “there will be no end to the increase of his [Messiah’s] government or of peace,” and in Matthew 16:18, Christ promises that “the gates of Hades shall not overpower it [the Church].” (Gates, one would note, is a *defensive* structure, indicating that the Church, rather than Hell, is on the offensive).

If all will turn out well for the Church, why then the concern over the absence of “Christendom”? For one, it may be that, in God’s plan, things will get worse before they get better. After all, Western culture is a far cry from the Christian culture that stopped the tide of Islam in the Pyrenees in 732, pressed it backward off the Iberian Peninsula and Western Europe altogether in 1492, and halted it at the gates of Vienna on multiple occasions in the last half of the 20th century. The European principalities, as divided and heterogeneous as they may have been, were united in one important respect: “the kingdoms of the world have become the kingdoms of the Lord.” Europe, its culture and all cultural implications were regarded, imperfectly *but* self-consciously, as Christendom.

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“In all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:6

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It’s not too early to start making plans for SUMMER 2005

This summer Chamberlain-Hunt is pleased to offer its **Adventure Summer School**—a challenging month-long academic, military and adventure experience—to rising seventh graders through twelfth graders. The summer session runs 13 June - 09 July.

Additionally, the Academy is offering a week long **Adventure Camp** to rising sixth through eighth graders. Camp is the week before Summer School, 06 - 11 June.

For an application and/or more information about these two great offerings, please contact the Admissions office. Information on both **Adventure Summer School** and **Adventure Camp** will be posted on the Web site in February.

The archive photo in the January newsletter was identified! Mrs. Nola Donelson's father, Leon L. Porter (class of 1914), stands in the center of the group posed on the front lawn, circa 1912-13. If you have an old photograph or other memorabilia you would like to share, please let us know!

Mark your calendar: On Saturday, 02 April 2005, we're having a Quasquicentennial Alumni Gathering. That's the same day as Port Gibson's Heritage Festival, so there'll be plenty to see and do both on and off campus!

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Sadly, there is no Christendom anymore, and there is no viable Christian institution or cultural expression that is homogeneous enough or realistically and practically capable of resisting the conquests of the "new face" of Mohammedom (Muslims are much more discreet and, for the moment, peaceful in their tactics of cultural conquest, preferring repatriation to Saladin). The West has made technological and military advances, but may lose itself to the Islamic East because it has left one flank exposed – the flank of cultural relevance. (Christians are content to pass out tracts and save a soul here and there, but have abandoned the urgency and necessity of cultural conquest, of pressing the crown rights of Christ in education, science, law, academia, entertainment, etc., resulting in an entirely new generation of Westerners who, like the Pharaoh, remember not Joseph, and are more than eager to meet Ishmael).

Whatever does happen in the future, in the sovereignty of God, has absolutely no logical or imperative correlation with what *ought* to happen. The prospect of cultural defeat does not, in other words, absolve Christians from the duty of living in and subduing all of culture and all cultural implications to the Lordship of Christ. What *will* happen is God's concern – what *ought* to happen is man's. And what *ought* to happen is clear in God's Word.

Our warfare—whether spiritual or military—against the heathen *must* be cultural: "When you besiege a city a long time, to make war against it in order to capture it, *you shall not destroy its trees by swinging an axe against them; for you may eat from them, and you shall not cut them down*" (Deuteronomy 20:19). We may be called to destroy (and we must certainly seek to eradicate all expressions of cultural wickedness) but we are not called to be swift to destruction (Romans 3:15-17). Rather, we are to press the crown rights of Christ in every area of life (Colossians 1:18), claiming, for the Church, what will be useful in her conquest and reclaiming all that belongs to her already by birthright. We are to seek that God's will be done "on *earth*, as it is in heaven." We are, in short, to recover the lost tools of Christendom, and in asserting the kingship of Christ over the kingdoms and cultures of man, bow down and kiss the feet of the King.

"Knowledge and Wisdom in Submission to God!"

- LTC Robert D. Stinson
Commandant

2004-05 Curriculum Reform



In keeping with our commitment to refine our academics to suit Cadets' needs, Chamberlain-Hunt instituted a number of curriculum changes this year that allow us better to display the unity of the created order according to our mission: **Knowledge and Wisdom in Submission to God**. Chamberlain-Hunt believes the changes will give Cadets a more accurate and more consistent framework from which to think critically and to know better their divine Creator.

Whereas we understand that a curriculum is only as good as its instructors, the principal, LTC John Mark Whitney, believes the Lord assembled a faculty capable of ministering to the Cadets in ways necessary for their development. Whitney says, "Our Creator has tasked us to do great things and continues to provide better and better resources to accomplish his plans for our Cadets."

Junior High

The addition of **Omnibus** courses for junior high Cadets provides

them basic tools to build an excellent framework to develop a cohesive worldview during high school. **Omnibus I** covers art, literature, ideas, discoveries and events from Creation to the Middle Ages. **Omnibus II** continues from the Middle Ages to the present.

Also, one section of eighth-graders has the opportunity to take **Latin I**. Not only does this give them a head-start on high school credit but also on developing grammar, which enables them more adeptly to work with the English language.

The **Focus** program has expanded. Thanks to a grant from Commonweal Foundation, **Focus** has an additional faculty member and much-needed learning resources for math and reading. Bragging on the Focus Cadets and their teachers, MAJ Linda Montgomery and MAJ Roseann Davis, Whitney remarks, "Half-way through our academic year, we have already begun to see tremendous progress in reading and math skills and, more importantly, some previously deficient students are

now interested in reading and making good grades."

High School

The principal significantly modified the curriculum with changes to the Bible department. Designed to mesh with sophomore history and literature, **Bible II—The Church** covers Christ's work and the Church's development in all facets over the past 2,000 years. **Bible III—Christian Doctrine** is primarily a junior course and covers the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms as doctrinal standards. It compares them to opposing doctrines in the light of Scripture. This course is designed to mesh with junior history and literature studies in order to give Cadets a cohesive understanding of their humanities studies.

Saturday School

Both junior high and high school Cadets enjoy the addition of "Saturday School" classes on Closed Weekends. Cadets choose one course for remediation (if needed), elective credit or hands-on skills from such titles as **Critical Analysis of Media, History of Communism, Welding, ACT/SAT Preparation, Mythology and Things all Men Should Know**. Saturday School provides opportunities for desirable courses that do not fit otherwise into the academic schedule. Due to mutual interest in the material offered, it is a welcome change of pace for faculty and Cadets alike.

SPORTS SCOOP: BASKETBALL & SOCCER WRAP-UP



The boys' varsity basketball team completed one of its most successful seasons ever with a record of 19 wins and 9 losses and finishing third in District 3-AA with a 5-5 record. Cadets Joseph Porter and Keldric Scott were voted first team All Conference players. Though the girls' varsity basketball team did not have a winning season, opposing coaches and players lauded their tough, competitive spirit. The JV boys finished 12-7 and placed third in the district.



The CHA soccer team won 3 of its last 5 games to finish 3-9, missing the playoffs by one game. Cadets Alex Clark, Dustin Kinsey and Kwab Kwarteng received all conference awards.

SPRING SPORTS

BASEBALL: 03/01 at Home
03/02 at Tallulah
03/03 at Prentiss Chr.
TENNIS: 03/07 TBA
TRACK: 03/03 at Silliman