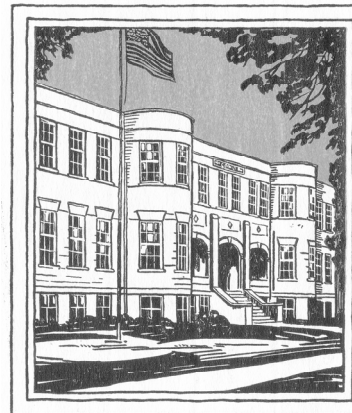


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**T**rite but true: *It seems like only yesterday* we first heard the word “Quasquicentennial.” Now, in a matter of a few weeks, the milestone will be history. To be sure, the seniors are counting down the days, all the while knowing that they must work hard to the end.

A tradition at Chamberlain-Hunt is “Senior Speeches.” On Thursday evening at 1800, 19 May, each senior must stand in the high pulpit of Port Gibson’s historic Presbyterian Church, before an audience of the Cadet Corps, faculty and staff, parents and friends, and deliver a paper, the topic of which he chose and researched. A panel of judges critiques the speeches, selecting one senior for a special honor, which the principal presents at Commencement.

In addition to this long-standing tradition is a relatively new one: *Comprehensive Oral Finals*, three words that can strike fear in the bravest heart. Seniors must answer questions regarding various aspects of Chamberlain-Hunt’s curriculum to the satisfaction of a faculty panel. Without knowing the specific questions in advance, each senior must be able to articulate unity among various academic disciplines, demonstrating his understanding of “Knowledge and Wisdom in Submission to God.” Moreover, seniors face final written exams in all their current courses of study.

Lest you think it’s *all* work for the Seniors, know that **COL Shane Blanton** treated them and their teachers to a fine Dining Out in Jackson in April and parents of seniors threw several parties just for them, too.

The Baccalaureate worship service, scheduled for Sunday, 15 May, at 1100, will be the seniors’ last worship service as Cadets at Port Gibson’s Presbyterian Church. Delivering the sermon that morning will be **the Rev. Dr. Howard Edington**, recently senior minister of First Presbyterian Church in Orlando, FL, and a direct descendant of the Rev. Dr. David Planck. Dr. Planck, as minister at the Presbyterian Church in Port Gibson from 1873 to 1888, was instrumental in the establishment of Chamberlain-Hunt in Port Gibson, and for several years he taught Bible, English Literature and History at the Academy. The Final Pass in Review and Commencement exercises are scheduled for Friday, 20 May, at 1500 on the front lawn. Mississippi’s 63rd Governor, **the Honorable Haley Barbour**, is the Commencement speaker.

With the retiring of the Colors at the end of Commencement, Chamberlain-Hunt’s Quasquicentennial year ends. One hundred, twenty-five years old... and the best is yet to come!

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

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A photograph of four young men, likely cadets, standing together and smiling. They are wearing white t-shirts with a logo. The photo is framed by a green border.

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Mississippi’s 63rd Governor, the Honorable Haley Barbour, will give the Commencement address to the Class of 2005.





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The beauty of the spring day was not the best part of the *Quasquicentennial* Alumni Gathering held on Saturday, 02 April—though it was a particularly beautiful day! As early as 0830 Alumni began to arrive at the White House; the last ones left at 1800. That in itself suggests a great day, for the scheduled hours were from 1000 to 1500.

Faculty, staff and Cadets greeted Alumni—from the 1930's to the 1990's—as they arrived on campus. **Dr. Whitfield Canon**, from the Class of 1934, drove all the way from North Carolina to see his Alma Mater. Others drove much shorter distances. Some, like **Mr. Howard Andrew Jr.** from Texas, had not seen the campus since they left it years ago; Mr. Andrew graduated in 1944!



While it goes without saying that much has changed at Chamberlain-Hunt since many of the Alumni were Cadets, their stories of Cadet life sound very contemporary. After all, boys will be boys! They seemed to relish in stories of their CHA experiences and asked many questions about the structure of Cadet life today.

We offered the Alumni a taste of current Cadet life in a short program in the Auditorium. **LTC Rob Stinson**, the commandant, served as master of ceremonies. **Mr. Tom Bowen**, former CHA president and current member of the Board of Trustees, offered an opening prayer and brought greetings from the Board. **Mr. Jimmie Person**, whose CHA pedigree cannot be matched (not only did he and his three sons attend CHA, but also he served as the public relations director for many years and as chairman of the Board of Trustees), greeted the crowd. **Mr. Carey Beam** (Class of 1958) read a letter from **Dr. Landrum Salley**, who though at CHA only a short time, influenced many lives and wrote the CHA Alma Mater. **MAJ Michael Herrin** led the Alumni in singing the Alma Mater. Two current Cadets, **Joshua Miller** (SC) and **Jamie Headley** (FL), spoke to the crowd about their experiences before **LTC John Mark Whitney** introduced a slide show of photographs—ancient and recent. Following the slide show, **MAJ Jack West** acknowledged **MAJs Sammie Etheridge** and **Allison Killingsworth**, who have each served on the faculty (and in various other positions) for over forty years and gave the schedule for the rest of the day.



Cadets and faculty gave tours of the main campus, a highlight of which was Guthrie Hall. Alumni enjoyed seeing the renovation of the building that had been their home. The cafeteria staff served a delicious picnic lunch on the White House lawn: chicken salad and tuna salad, chips, fruit and strawberry shortcake.

After lunch, LTC Stinson and MAJ West held a drawing for a framed Quasquicentennial print, and for a terracotta replica of McComb Hall



as it looked before the 1924 fire (and we trust, will one day look again!). Dr. Cannon won the drawing for the print and **Mr. Bobby Bennett** (Class of 1959) won the terracotta McComb.

The excitement did not end there, however. Alumni piled onto buses for a tour of the Wilderness. Cadets demonstrated the Confidence Course, the High Ropes and the Firing Range. While no Alumni took up the challenge on the Confidence or High Ropes Courses, several tried their skills on the Firing Range, and proudly took their targets home with them as a souvenir of the day.

Everyone who came enjoyed visiting with old friends and seeing their Alma Mater thriving. Even so, arguably the *best* part of the day for at least two of the men was finding out that their high school sweethearts were still in town and both got in a visit before leaving!

Chamberlain-Hunt values its alumni and was delighted that so many attended the *Quasquicentennial* event. Remember: If you attended CHA at any time during the past 125 years and served in the military, please send us your name, rank, branch and years of service and your years at Chamberlain-Hunt.

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