

## THE BRAZILIAN CONNECTION

Most people do not live in places where history lessons take shape on white sand beaches. Thiago Moura, whose home is Natal, Brazil, is an exception. Natal is located on the “hump” of Brazil by the mouth of the Potengo, a tropical river feeding into the Atlantic. It is large: over 700,000 people. It is historic: European navigators first visited in 1501 and established a village there on Christmas Day, 1599. Hence, the name (*Natal* is Portuguese for *Christmas*). The beautiful city hall dates from these early days and faces the beach where visitors and natives alike bask in the sun. During WWII, American military personnel used strategically-located Natal as a base for launching Allied maneuvers in North Africa. Today, Natal is a mecca for tourists seeking tropical tans in charming surroundings.

“Old time” alumni remember the days when Chamberlain-Hunt enjoyed a steady stream of Cadets from exotic sounding places all over Latin America. Two years ago, in a cooperative venture between Chamberlain-Hunt and the Mississippi Presbytery of the PCUSA (which maintains strong ties with the Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil), Diego Moura and Dayan De Paiva became Chamberlain-Hunt Cadets for a year. In January 2005, Diego’s brother Thiago enrolled in Chamberlain-Hunt.

The younger Moura thinks that his academic training here, particularly his biology class with MAJ Beth Gaither during the spring semester, better prepared him for college entrance exams back in Natal. Natal sponsors a college entrance exam each November. Eight high scorers receive scholarships to a college in Natal, where the winners begin their academic pursuits the following February. Should Thiago qualify, he will study biology. He wishes eventually to work in a genetics laboratory, a love he developed when studying biotechnology in Natal.

When asked about differences between Brazilian and American schools, Thiago identified the organization of

the academic day. Here, the students go from class to class while the teachers remain stationary. In Brazil, the students stay put and the teachers move. He added that classes here were harder at first, mostly because of the language difference. He proved, however, that he overcame that difficulty when he gave a senior speech to the Cadets, faculty and staff at the end of the summer school session—even ending it with some off-the-cuff remarks to challenge his fellow Cadets.

Despite an impending heavy academic schedule in his own country, Thiago plans to continue his study of English. He knows it will be a useful tool when he returns to the United States in a few years to pursue both Master’s and PhD degrees in his chosen field. Meanwhile, he will be Chamberlain-Hunt’s chief recruiter in Brazil. ■



**ADVENTURE SUMMER SCHOOL 2005**



Cadet T. Moura embraces Linda and George Bates of Natchez after the final Pass in Review of Adventure Summer School. Mr. Bates served as liaison between the Presbyterian Church and Academy, helping work out the details of Moura's time at Chamberlain-Hunt.

Perhaps your church supports overseas missions and would like to facilitate opportunities for foreign boys to attend Chamberlain-Hunt. If so, please contact the Admissions office at 601.437.8855 or e-mail [admissions@chamberlain-hunt.com](mailto:admissions@chamberlain-hunt.com) for information.

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# ADVENTURE SUMMER SCHOOL AWARDS

“School”—the word evokes images of textbooks, homework assignments, tests and essays. At Chamberlain-Hunt, however, school is not just academic; it includes friendly competition and building character as well as body. During *Adventure Summer School*, competition, demerits and *esprit de corps* played major roles in selecting *Cadet of the Week* and *Squad of the Week*. Each week covered the time period of Sunday morning through the following Saturday night when LTC Stinson or COL Blanton announced the awardees. Categories for selecting Cadets and squadrons for these coveted titles included afternoon activities, demerits and *esprit de corps*, the last being the only subjective criterion.

The first of these categories, the demerit system, worked on a reverse ratio; the fewer demerits a squad had, the more points they earned. At the end of the week, the commandant tallied demerits. The squad with the least demerits earned ten points. The remaining squads earned points according to the demerits received. For instance, the squad with the next fewest demerits earned nine points, then eight points, etc. The fewest number of points received was five so that even if one squad had more demerits than any other squad that week, it still received five points. If a squad ended a week with a perfect record (in other words, no demerits), that squad received a bonus of five points, or fifteen points altogether.



Cadet W. Hamilton (FL) receives his Iron Man Award certificate from COL Blanton and LTC Whitney at the final Pass in Review. In addition to having the highest overall score on the APFT, Cadet Hamilton also earned the title *Cadet of the Week* during the first week of *Adventure Summer School*.

The second category, afternoon activities, involved intramural sports such as volleyball, basketball, softball and flag football. The same system of awarding points determined this facet of weekly competition. The squad with the most wins received ten points. The squad with the next number of wins received nine points and the team with the fewest wins receiving five points.

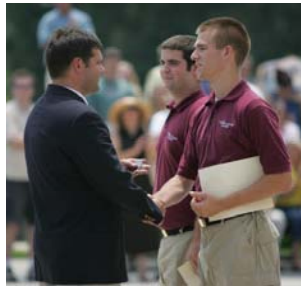
Staff assessed *esprit de corps*, the third category, by considering Cadets’ spirit of cooperation, relationship to fellow Cadets and overall response to the rules of *Adventure Summer School*. This category, as the others, carried a weight of ten points for the squad with the best *esprit de corps* and ranging down to five points for the squadron with the least *esprit de corps*.

At the end of the week, points were tallied with the maximum point count being 35. There is more to the competition than a title and number of points, however. Squads vie with each other for an end-of-the-week trip such as to the movies and Baskin-Robbins, a fitting reward for a week well done.

The same merit system determined the *Cadet of the Week*. This title comes from individual rather than corporate scoring. Therefore, though a Cadet obviously will have the same number of points as the rest of his squad in intramural sports, his scores in number of demerits received and *esprit de corps* will determine his being chosen *Cadet of the Week*. As *Cadet of the Week*, he received the same rewards that the *Squad of the Week* did: a night at the movies and Baskin-Robbins.

Once the commandant named the *Cadet of the Week* and *Squad of the Week*, the process began again and earnest competition started on Sunday morning. It was possible for Cadets, as well as Squads, to earn the title more than once, and those who had a taste of the rewards were among the fiercest competitors for these titles. ■

The *Squad of the Week* for the first period of summer school was the second squadron from the first platoon: P. Atkinson (NY), R. Booles (AR), B. Crist (LA), J. Gant (LA), D. Hungerford (WA), J. McNair (MS), H. Mercer (MS), B. Miller (MS) and C. Ward (AL). The first to win *Cadet of the Week* was W. Hamilton (FL).



COL Blanton congratulates Cadets N. Walker (MS) and A. Penkert (SC), who were named Honor Cadet and Distinguished Honor Cadet for the 2005-06 summer session.



(top) Among the popular rides on a hot day at Six Flags is the Log Ride—both exhilarating and refreshing. Cadets D. Hungerford (WA) and C. Ward (AL) enjoyed the splash at the end of the line.



(middle) Cadet L. McCool (MS) drives the ball toward the goal during afternoon activities in the shade of the pavilion. After working their brains in the classroom and their bodies on the athletic field, Cadets enjoyed a daily dip in the pool to cool off and relax before supper.



(left) Before returning to Kazakhstan for the balance of the summer, Cadet O. Aitzhanov (KZ) (left) proved you don’t have to be an American citizen to love baseball, hotdogs and apple pie—well, at least hotdogs. Aitzhanov beat Cadet B. Crist (LA) (right) in the hotdog eating contest at the High Country Outfitters campgrounds during the Ocoee whitewater rafting trip as LTC Stinson, SGT Tankesly and other Cadets watch in amazement.

## CADETS OF THE WEEK AND SQUADS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

The other *Cadet of the Week* awardees were O. Aitzhanov (KZ), A. Sellers (MS) and A. Penkert (SC).

The other *Squad of the Week* awardees were

1st Squad, 2cd Platoon: L. Adger (LA), D. Bush (MS), L. Cosby (MS), P. Hudson (MS), T. Lofton (CA), A. Mineo (NY), N. Putnam (PA), G. Trotter (MS) and W. Williams (MS)

1st Squad, 1st Platoon: T. Adcox (MS), O. Aitzhanov (KZ), C. Burkhalter (MS), B. Christiansen (TN), J. Flemming (NC), A. Gammage (LA), L. McCool (MS), R. Malcolm (NY) and A. Sellers (MS)

3rd Squad, 2cd Platoon: J. Fortier (MA), C. Hill (MS), J. King (LA), E. Morgan (MS), E. Paige (TN), J. Remington (MS), K. Scott (MS) and J. Trahan (LA)

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND COMMENDATION WINNERS

### Junior High Awards

- English—A. Mineo (NY)
- English—L. McCool (MS)
- FOCUS Reinforcement—L. Cosby (MS)
- FOCUS Reinforcement—P. Hudson (MS)
- Mathematics—C. Gant (LA)
- Mathematics—L. McCool (MS)

### Senior High Awards

- Algebra I—W. Schaffner (AR)
- Algebra II—D. Bush (PA)
- English I—R. Garcia (LA)
- English II—L. Adger (LA)
- Fundamentals of Art—A. Gammage (LA)
- Geometry—S. Clayton (SC)
- US History—C. Hill (MS)

### Physical Fitness Awards

- Iron Man Award—W. Hamilton (FL)
- Most Improved—J. Fortier (MA)

### Staff Awards

- TAC Officer Award—A. Sellers (MS)
- TAC Officer Award—N. Fakouri (LA)
- Honor Cadet—N. Walker (MS)
- Distinguished Honor Cadet—A. Penkert (SC)