

## CHAMBERLAIN-HUNT BEGINS ITS 126TH YEAR

August is always an exciting month. We try to squeeze out the last few drops of fun and relaxation from vacation, golf, tennis, swimming and cooking out—the whole summertime routine. We do this knowing that, just around the corner, a new school year begins...

New school years are filled with excitement, too. This one is no exception! Chamberlain-Hunt added several outstanding new faculty members: MAJs Josh Anderson, Julien Jones, Harrison Key, Vance McGee, Eamon McGraw and Chris Shaw. We have a full compliment of TAC officers this year, too. Be on the lookout for their profiles in the upcoming issue of *FCA Today/CHA Cadet Life*, published jointly with French Camp Academy.

Right on the heels of the in-service training, faculty got class assignments and Cadets arrived. First, the new Cadets registered and went through three days of Basic Training before begin inducted into the Corps of Cadets. An outstanding group of boys, these new Cadets are, as a group, bright, athletic and good looking! Together with the large number of returning Cadets, we know the Corps will make us proud this year.

You may be interested in some statistics about the 2005-06 Corps of Cadets: It has representatives from 20 states and one foreign country. Just over one-third of the Corps comes from Mississippi and almost one-fifth comes from Louisiana. Georgia and Tennessee tie for third place, each sending nine Cadets. The Corps is 80% Caucasian, 17% African-American and 3% Other. 46% of the Cadets found out about Chamberlain-Hunt through the Internet, and friends or family members referred 38% of the Cadets. One-quarter of the Corps comes from Baptist backgrounds. Six Cadets are females, attending as day Cadets from the local community.

With Cadets the caliber of the current Corps, we are happy to launch a new travel component to our educational opportunities. In September, under the direction of MAJ Rebecca Fulwood, the female Cadets

will spend a week in Washington, DC. In addition to tours of monuments, Arlington and the Smithsonian, the Cadets will be hosted by Congressman Chip Pickering (R-MS) for a tour of the Capitol. In October, MAJ Julien Jones will lead a small group of Cadets on a trip to France. MAJ Drew Harris will lead another group to Peru in January.

Through a new on-line store to be opened this semester, the Chamberlain-Hunt Web site will offer a number of items that will make good birthday, Christmas or graduation gifts for your favorite Cadet or alumnus. Look for coffee mugs, travel mugs, glasses, caps, car tags, pens, t-shirts and sweatshirts.

The renovation of Guthrie Hall continues. We expect the size of the Cadet Corps to be significantly bigger in the 2006-07 school year when Guthrie reopens. Plans are underway to construct a new dining hall to replace the one that we are already outgrowing.

As Chamberlain-Hunt continues to grow, look for a new, professional journal to be published this year. This journal will contain articles by our own faculty and by guest authors on education-related topics.

Also, watch for information about October's *Founders' Day Convocation*, November's *Veterans' Day* event and April's *Alumni Reunion*. We'll keep you posted!

We would love the opportunity to tell you, your friends, civic group or church more about the great things happening here. If you would like a representative of Chamberlain-Hunt and a couple of Cadets to do a presentation, please contact the director of advancement, LTC Jack West (601.437.8855 or [jackwest@chamberlain-hunt.com](mailto:jackwest@chamberlain-hunt.com)), to arrange a date and time. ■

PS: August ended with Katrina's rains and high winds. God perserved us from any damage. We all—Cadets, faculty and staff—spent Tuesday picking up limbs. Wednesday, power and water came back on, and we started classes again on Thursday.

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old fortress of Verdun and the trenches of the Western Front, as well as the medieval city of Troyes and the town of Vézelay, from which a fiery sermon of Bernard of Clairvaux launched the second Crusade.

MAJ Drew Harris, in his third year of teaching Bible at Chamberlain-Hunt, is leading the Peru trip, January 5th - 12th. MAJ Harris spent the past summer in Cusco, a city in the Andes, working in two orphanages. Cadets on this trip will visit these orphanages and help the boys there by conversing with them in English.

Cusco is a tourist center and the ability to speak English aids local residents earn a living. Not far from Cusco are the ruins of the ancient Inca city, Machu Picchu, where the Cadets will learn about Inca history and architecture. Not only will the Cadets see the magnificent Andes Mountains, they will also visit the two other major regions of Peru: the Jungle and the Coast.

For more information about either of these trips, please contact Denise Pamudji, the assistant to the principal, at 601.437.4291 or [denisepamudji@chamberlain-hunt.com](mailto:denisepamudji@chamberlain-hunt.com). ■



# CADET PROFILE: OLZHAS AITZHANOV

Faraway names and faraway places... these things give rise to dreams. Though Kazakhstan sounds like it might be found only in fairy tales, this former Russian satellite occupies over 1,000,000 square miles along part of the southern border of modern-day Russia. Composed of mostly Kazaks and Russians, this multiethnic nation has two main religions: Sunni Muslim and Russian Orthodoxy. It is rich in mineral deposits, as well as in petroleum and natural gas, and exports them and its agricultural products of grain, wool and meat all over the world. With an impressive literacy rate (99% for men and 97% for women) and a rapidly expanding economy, Kazakhstan left its subservience to Russia behind and is forging its own spot in the world economy. Its geographic location between Russia to the north and China and Pakistan to the east and south, respectively, places it in a key location in today's turbulent world.

Olzhas Aitzhanov, a native Kazak, thinks little of these facts and figures. A typical sixteen-year-old, he spent part of his summer studying geometry in Chamberlain-Hunt's *Adventure Summer School* and earning the title *Cadet of the Week* for his accomplishments during one week of summer school. Math is his favorite subject and, though he admits geometry was a tough course, he knew that he needed it before taking calculus. Aitzhanov returned to Chamberlain-Hunt as a sophomore this autumn.

Cadet Aitzhanov, normally called "OJ," first came to the United States when he was five. Kazakhstan had recently declared its independence from Russia and had become a founding member of the Commonwealth of Independent States. It had also established ties with the United States, having signed an agreement with an American company, Chevron, to develop its oil industry. Aitzhanov spent his next five years in the United States—Houston, Texas to be specific—though his family maintained their home in their native Kazakhstan. When they returned to Kazakhstan, Aitzhanov's older brother remained in Houston, eventually not only attaining his citizenship, but also earning a degree in engineering from the University of Texas and working for Bechtel Construction.

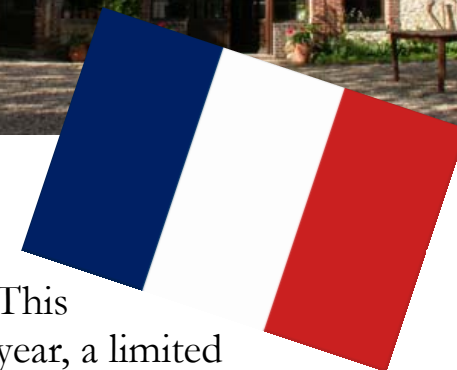
Cadet Aitzhanov lived with his parents in Kazakhstan for the next four years, though visits to the US were frequent. He and his parents returned to the States at least five times a year, and his brother made two or three trips per year back to Kazakhstan. On one such trip, his brother married his Kazak sweetheart and took her back to Houston to live. Not long after, Aitzhanov's parents sent him to live with his brother in Houston, making the brother his legal guardian in this country. It was this brother, in fact, who first heard of Chamberlain-Hunt at the Presbyterian church he attended in Houston.

Now, having tasted different facets of American life, Cadet Aitzhanov himself plans to become a citizen although he will never lose his ties to Kazakhstan. ■



CADET LIFE

# CADETS SEE THE WORLD



This year, a limited number of Cadets has two amazing opportunities for world travel...

## France and Peru.

It is vital in every young man's education to be exposed to the diversity of God's kingdom. Opportunities to travel open new horizons that can change someone's life forever. Travel awakens a hunger for discovering new places, new cultures and new languages.

MAJ Julien Jones, a new language instructor at Chamberlain-Hunt, grew up as the son of missionaries in southern France. October 28 - November 5. MAJ Jones is leading a small group of Cadets to France, which will give them first-hand experience of the French language and allow them to discover France's rich history. In addition to sightseeing in Paris, the trip will cover WWI battle sites such as the

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