

PULL FOR THE SHORE

For two consecutive years Chamberlain-Hunt's Cross Country team finished second in the State. The first year second place felt like victory, but last year, second place felt more like defeat. The Cadets were undefeated during last year's regular season and fully expected to take first place at the overall State meet. They trained hard, they knew the course and they knew the competition, or so they thought...

As the team was stretching and warming up thinking that they were poised to take the gold, one voice asked, "Hey coach, who is that team in the green uniforms over there?" The coach respond, "I think that is the team from Silliman Institute, a team that we have yet to face." Everyone's hearts began to beat a little bit faster as they scouted the new competition and began to realize that they now had a real race on their hands. There was complete silence as the team finished its warm up and approached the starting line.

From the very beginning of the race everyone knew



that it was going to be close. As the race progressed, and then as Chamberlain-Hunt's top runner began to cramp-up on the final straightaway, they soon realized that it was going to be exceptionally close. The teams gathered around the stage to hear the times read, and it became evident that Chamberlain-Hunt would take second place for the second year in a row. Though the outcome was not what the team anticipated, disappointment is a valuable lesson.

Because this year presents a new set of challenges, no one expects or assumes that Chamberlain-Hunt will take first. In addition to loosing its top two runners, this year's team also lost the crucial first week of practice due to Hurricane Katrina. Nevertheless, for many on the team this is their senior year and thus their last chance to win State. They came out ready to work hard in order to win.

The lack of a superstar runner forces the rest of the team to pull together and pick up the overall pace. This is exactly what they have done. At each practice and at each meet the Cadets have run together as a team for the first two miles, and then as they enter the third mile a select few begin to pull away. From that few, one runner digs deep to pull ahead and lead the team across the finish line.

Interestingly, the lead runner changes almost daily. At the beginning of the year, senior A. Clark (MS), routinely came in first. Then, when it came to the first meet, B. Weiss (NE), a third year veteran, took the lead. At the second meet, K. Kwarteng (GA), who had finished fifth the week before, took over the first place spot with a time of 20:57. Other

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runners such as K. Clingan (MS), S. Clayton (SC), R. Iannarelli (GA) and T. Daily (TN), follow right on the heels of the top runners, clocking in times faster than they and their coach thought possible.

Will this be the year the Chamberlain-Hunt Cross Country team takes State? Though they finished on top in the first two meets, they recall the lesson learned last year. No matter how fast you think you are, there is always somebody faster. No matter how certain you may think the victory may be, there are always circumstances outside your control. So, the Cadets run to the best of their ability for God's glory alone and trust that the results will be determined by his good and sovereign hand. "We will heed not the rolling waves, but bend to the oar; safe in the life boat, sailor, cling to self no more! Leave the poor old stranded wreck, and pull for the shore." (Phillip P. Bliss) ■





2005 Cross Country Team—Front Row (l to r): T. Daily, A. Clark, J. Knox; Second Row (l to r): B. Weiss, K. Clingan, K. Kwarteng; Third Row (l to r): S. Clayton, C. Kodiak, C. Dalgo; Fourth Row (l to r): R. Iannarelli, K. Carter, B. Godfrey. Fifth Row: MAJ Josh Anderson. Not pictured: A. Bly and MAJ Chris Blackwell.

The Chamberlain-Hunt Academy Cross Country team opened its season with a first place finish in its division. The team finished fourth overall behind Jackson Prep, Jackson Academy and Lamar School. Cadet B. Weiss led the Chamberlain-Hunt team and finished 25th overall in the 5K run, with a time of 21:17. Weiss was closely followed by Crusaders A. Clark (21:21), S. Clayton (21:54), K. Clingan (21:56), and K. Kwarteng (22:08). The following runners also gave a good showing at their first meet: R. Iannarelli (22:35), T. Daily and C. Dalgo (23:04), C. Kodiak (23:29), K. Carter (24:23), B. Godfrey (24:39), J. Knox (24:48), N. Zaricor (27:35) and A. Bly (28:23). ■

FEMALE CADETS TRAVEL TO DC

Under the direction of MAJ Rebecca Fulwood and Mrs. Harrison Key, the female Cadets from Chamberlain-Hunt toured Washington, DC. They departed from Chamberlain-Hunt on Thursday, 15 September and returned on Monday, 19 September and stayed in the home of MAJ Drew Harris's parents. On Friday, the Cadets toured the Capitol as guided by a member of Congressman Chip Pickering's staff, visited the National Library, the Spy Museum and Chinatown. They toured the monuments of the Mall, Arlington Cemetery and the Smithsonian Institution on Saturday. Sunday was a restful day that included morning worship and an afternoon at Mt. Vernon.



The Cadets who went to DC were seniors, K. Davis and B. Hannis; sophomore, A. Thompson; and freshman, A. McCrain. While the small number of female Cadets limits some opportunities, it also offers other types of opportunities that enhance the girls' educational experience while at Chamberlain-Hunt. The girls will enjoy special events, such as this trip to DC, throughout the year. ■

