

CADET LIFE



CADET HACKER BIDS FAREWELL

Here's a riddle: What do Weird Al Yankovic, Emmylou Harris, Ben Stein, Johnny Bench, Jodie Foster, Cindy Crawford, Justice Byron White, Kevin Spacey, Senator Harry Byrd and Cadet Steven Hacker (IL) have in common? Among other things, each earned the distinction of being named Valedictorian of his high school. The following is the text of Cadet Hacker's valedictory address, given at the final Pass in Review for Chamberlain-Hunt's 127th commencement on 18 May 2007:

"Welcome all Cadets, faculty, teachers and parents to Chamberlain-Hunt's Pass in Review 2007. I am honored and humbled to be giving this address on a wonderful day that 120 Cadets have looked forward to and counted down to all year. This is a very happy day for me; thank you all for sharing it with me.

"Throughout my tenure at this fine institution of learning, I faced many trials, hard times and God-only-knows how many push-ups. Of these many trials, the one I found most difficult to overcome is myself. I have struggled with who I am and what kind of man I want to become. Am I the all-district basketball player and valedictorian from Mississippi, or am I a rebellious Yankee who is just too stubborn to submit to any kind of authority put over me, even God himself? This is the double life I have lived for almost 5 years now. I thought the life I lived at Chamberlain-Hunt had to be completely separate from the life I lived at home. With these two separate lives came two totally different people with two totally opposite worldviews. This double life hindered me for many years from figuring out who I am and what kind of man I want to be. I have come to realize I must take the things I have learned here and apply them to all other aspects of my life. This institution is a great place to live, and it has helped me become a strong man of God who is prepared for the most rigorous challenge of all... living a godly life no matter what our society says is right. For that, I sincerely thank you, Chamberlain-Hunt.

"Teachers and staff, I realize it cannot be easy dealing with the 'boys in blue' day in and day out. I would like you all to know your hard work is not going unnoticed. You affect Cadets positively in numerous ways. All of you—from the president all the way to the amazing cafeteria staff—played vital roles in molding me into the man of God standing before you today. I encourage you to keep on fighting the good fight, saving the world one Cadet at a time. You truly are what makes this place great. Thank you for all your hard work and devotion to the 'boys in blue.'

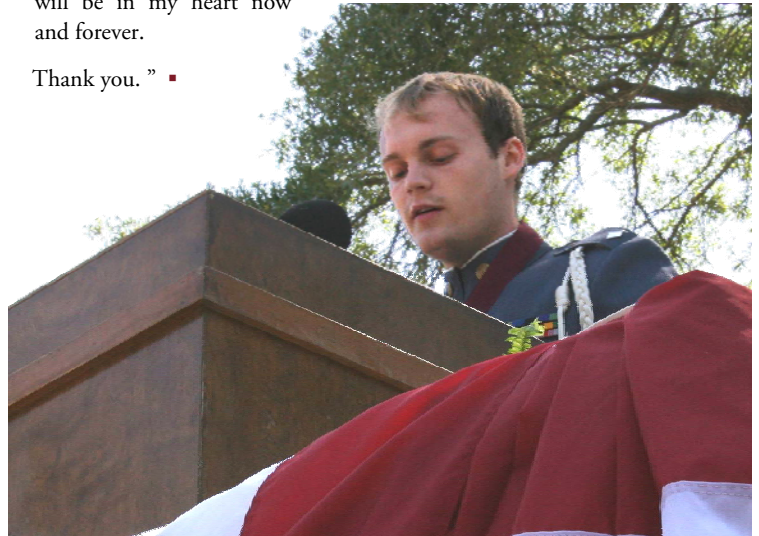
"Seniors, it has been a wild and crazy year. We laughed, cried and learned a lot together. We lived together, and we know way too much about each other. You are all my brothers and sister, and I have no doubt all of us will do great things and be wonderful citizens. I encourage you not to seek just 'personal peace and affluence' in your life. Furthermore, I pray all of you will find your 'metaphysical absolute' in God and seek the plans he has for you. With this, will come true happiness and fulfillment in life.

"A few individuals have had the greatest affect on my development. First, I would like to thank you, Mom, for keeping me here. Even though this

place is not for everyone, you were wise enough to know Chamberlain-Hunt was exactly where I needed to be. You have always loved and supported me even when I did not deserve it; for that I sincerely thank and love you. Next, thank you, 'Coach' Granville, for never giving up on me. I am definitely a better person for knowing you. You taught and showed me how to be a honest man in our relativistic society today. Lastly, growing up I never had a brother, but here at Chamberlain-Hunt I found one in Niven Walker. Niven, you have always been there to listen, give girlfriend advice and just hang out with to pass the time. You are the best friend a man could ask for, and you will forever be my brother.

"Well, Cadets, as we go our separate ways, take what you have learned here with you. Learn from my mistake: Don't leave valuable life-lessons here as I did for so many years. You are all stronger people for having been here, and it is now up to you to show the world just how great you can be. Parents, your sons have accomplished a great feat in hanging in there and finishing this year. It has not been easy for any of them. Congratulate them for their accomplishment and keep leading them in the ways of God. Farewell and good-bye, Chamberlain-Hunt; I will always love you and you will be in my heart now and forever.

Thank you." ■



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HONORING LOVED ONES—HELPING CADETS

MEMORIAL GIFTS FOR APRIL & MAY

Mrs. Frances Lou Blackwell
Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Mitchell

Mr. A. Shane Blanton
Mr. Mark C. Orgler

Mr. H. H. Blanton
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blanton
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Comans
Mr. Frank E. Hankinson III and
Benjamin, Steven, Peter and Frank IV
Dr. and Mrs. Jack H. White

Mr. Daniel L. Bolina, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Roan, Jr.

Mr. Samuel M. Brand, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Marcus J. Byrd

Mr. Marion Buchanan
Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Barksdale
Mr. and Mrs. Temple Barry
Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Batte
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burghard
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Crawford
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cox
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Decker
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Edwards
Mr. and Mrs. Lundy Gunn
Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Horne
Mr. R. C. Howard and Sue Dumont
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hyland III
Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Crane Kipp
Mrs. Tressa K. Love
Mr. and Mrs. Wiley P. Lowry
Mr. David W. Miller
Ms. Susan M. Morgan
Mr. Robert S. Murphree
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ramsay
Mr. and Mrs. James B. Stuart
Talisman Club
Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Tipton
Mr. and Mrs. Watts Ueltschey
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weathersby
Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Welch
Mr. and Mrs. Ed H. Williford
Mr. and Mrs. Ben S. Yandell

Mr. J. Clark Cochran
Mr. John Gardner West

Mr. Johnny Wayne Comans
Mr. and Mrs. A. Shane Blanton

Dr. Clyde Copeland
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cox

Mr. Mark E. Cox
Mr. John Gardner West

Mrs. Ruth McMillan Craven
Mr. Kiffin R. Craven

Mr. Joe Damico
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sistrunk

Mr. Stacey Malone Dobbs III
Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Mitchell

Mr. Charles W. Evans
Mrs. Charles Evans

Mr. Thomas Garrett
Mrs. Christine W. Garrett

Mr. James Hudson
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Montgomery

Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Jenkins
Ms. Anne J. Bethea

Mr. Jack Kavanaugh
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Montgomery

Mr. Allison Killingsworth
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Helman
Mr. and Mrs. Philip McIlwain
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Montgomery

Mrs. Ora Ledlow
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Comans

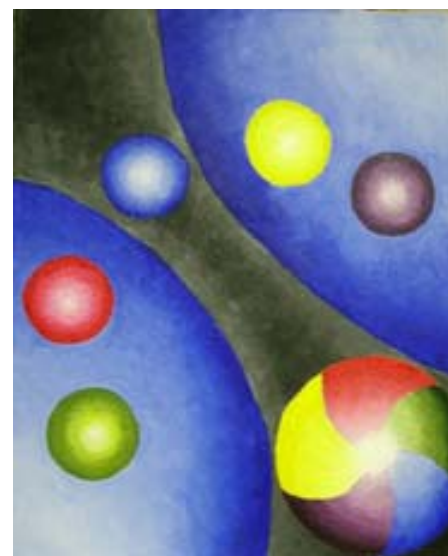
Mrs. Charlotte Minyard
Mrs. Emily H. Lowry
Mr. and Mrs. Wiley P. Lowry, Jr.

Mr. John Ed Nelson
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Montgomery

Mr. Bert Roy
Mr. Ray Guess

Mrs. Helen Rush
Mrs. J. C. Shannon

Mrs. Sally W. Porter
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Roan, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Mavar, Jr.



An exploration of the elements of art
by Cadet M. Dyess (MS)

Mrs. Colleen Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Montgomery

Rev. Mr. Jerry G. Wise
Mrs. Edwina M. Wise

HONOR GIFTS FOR APRIL & MAY

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bowen
Miss Elizabeth Cook

Mr. Sammie Etheridge
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Helman
Mr. and Mrs. Ed H. Williford

Mr. Earl Heard
Mr. and Mrs. Ed H. Williford

Mrs. John L. Hyland
Ms. Camille W. Atwood

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Pugh
Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Ball

Mr. Winston Smith
Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith

Mr. Winston Sykes
Ms. Susan M. Morgan

Dr. A. C. Tipton, Jr.
Mr. John M. Tipton

APRIL & MAY

WERE FULL OF ACTIVITIES, TOO NUMEROUS TO DESCRIBE IN THE SPACE AVAILABLE: CRUSADER CHALLENGE, CALFEX, SENIOR BANQUET, BACCALAUREATE, SPORTS BANQUET, LEADERSHIP LUNCHES, CAMPUS GUESTS, FIELD TRIPS AS WELL AS REGULAR DAY-TO-DAY LIFE. SOME SIGNIFICANT EVENTS ARE CAPTURED IN THESE PHOTOS...

Below: Chosen by their English teacher, MAJ Peggy McLemore, to represent Chamberlain-Hunt in the MPSEA District Spelling Bee, Junior High Cadets J. Goodwin (TX) and J. Harper (MS) placed 4th and 3rd (respectively) and advanced to the State level.

Right Twice a year, Cadets participate in the MS Blood Services blood drive. Crusaders C. Callahan (AR) and B. Pitcher (LA) gave blood for a good cause.



Above: In April, four Cadets completed the strenuous week-long Crusader challenge: Seniors T. Daily (TN) and J. Headley (FL), and juniors C. Whittemore (FL) and L. Barber (MS). The Crusader Class of 2007 was recognized at final Pass in Review: N. Walker (MS), Daily, C. Callahan (AR), Whittemore, Barber, Headley and LTC Dave Granville. (Not pictured are COL Shane Blanton and MAJ Chris Blackwell.)

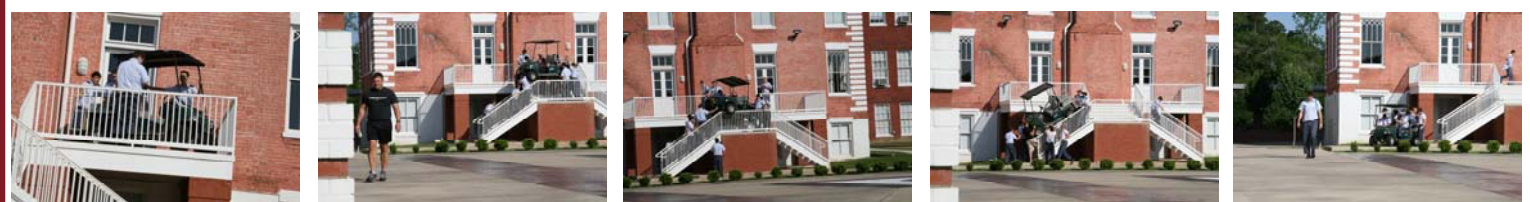
Left MAJ Josh Anderson and SGT Chris Tankesly took five Cadets to the Balkans in April. Cadets on the trip included T. Fulton (CA), M. Spivey (MS), C. Talley (LA), J. Tipton (TX) and D. Hull (OK). After the troupe enjoyed local food in Pogradec, Albania, Cadet Fulton and some sheep walked off the meal along a high stone wall.



Below Chamberlain-Hunt's 127th Graduating Class (l to r) - C. Kearney (MS), G. Godley (TN), T. Daily (TN), S. Hacker (IL)-valedictorian, N. Walker (MS)-salutatorian, L. Adger (LA), J. Headley (FL), N. Arcemont (MS), D. Bonvillain (LA), N. Putnam (PA), J. McCraine (MS) and A. Hubbard (MS).



Above: Six of Chamberlain-Hunt's highest Cadet honors are awarded at final Pass in Review. Cadet R. Bisson (TN) received the *Thomas H. Bowen Bible Award*; Cadet A. Hubbard (MS) received the *Robert Michael Greenlee Sportsmanship Award*; Cadet W. Smith (IL) received the *Allison Killingsworth Chemistry Award*; Crusader C. Callahan received the *French Homer Poe Memorial Award*; Cadet S. Hacker (IL) received the *Ellen Steele Satterfield English Award*; and Cadet L. Adger (LA) received the *Judge R. D. Gage Senior Speech Award*.



Every senior class worth its salt has a year-end prank. This year's class, during the night, hoisted COL Blanton's golf cart onto Guthrie Hall's back porch overlooking the parade deck. After a little encouragement from COL Blanton the next morning, they did not take long getting it down. ■

2006-07 AWARDS & HONORS

PERFORMANCE AWARDS

The *Principal's Service Award* recognizes Cadets who maintain the highest level of military bearing, courtesy and professionalism in the classroom. This year's awardees are J. **Bonvillain** (LA), M. **Chavoustie** (CO), J. **Cook** (MS), M. **Cross** (SC), T. **Doiron** (LA), C. **Momberg** (MS), J. **Propst** (AL), and D. **Seymour** (LA).

The *Citizenship Award* is presented annually to the Cadets who demonstrated exemplary citizenship through a significant contribution made to the local community. This year's recipients were D. **Daughtry** (FL), W. **Descent** (FL) and C. **Goyne** (LA).

The *President's Award* is presented annually to the Cadets who most exemplify the traits of spiritual maturity, military bearing, academic proficiency, athletic achievement and tactical/technical excellence. This year's awardees were D. **Bonvillain** (LA) and C. **Callahan** (AR).

The *Commandant's Military Excellence Award* acknowledges those Cadets who best exemplify the highest standards of military bearing. This year's recipients were L. **Barber** (MS), W. **Flake** (GA), J. **Headley** (FL), M. **Kennedy** (LA), J. **McNair** (MS), D. **Neal** (MS), J. **Remington** (MS) and K. **White** (LA).

The *Distinguished Cadet Award* is given to Cadets who modeled the highest qualities of servant-leadership and who distinguished themselves by outstanding achievement. This year's *Distinguished Cadets* were L. **Adger** (LA), J. **McCraine** (MS) and C. **Whittemore** (FL).

The *Distinguished Performance Award* is given to the Cadet who most distinguished himself by outstanding meritorious service over the course of his Chamberlain-Hunt career. This year's *Distinguished Performance Award* was presented to C. **Callahan** (AR).

The Association of Military Colleges and Schools presents a leadership award to one cadet nominated from each military school in the United States. D. **Bonvillain** (LA) was this year's Chamberlain-Hunt recipient.

The General Douglas A. MacArthur Foundation presents a leadership award to one cadet nominated from each military school in the United States. N. **Walker** (MS) was this year's Chamberlain-Hunt recipient.

Each year the Daughters of the American Revolution gives an award to a senior who

exemplifies traits of highest citizenship, leadership and academics. This year's awardee is T. **Daily** (TN).

Each year the Academy gives *Achievement Medals* to Cadets who exhibit outstanding attitude, performance and leadership inside and outside the classroom. This year's recipients were Cadets L. **Aydell** (LA), L. **Braddock** (KS), M. **Collins** (FL), N. **Dean** (TX), W. **Schaffner** (AR), M. **Spivey** (MS), A. **Paredes** (CA) and I. **Williams** (MS).

The *Spirit of Learning Award* is given to Cadets who have an exemplary desire for self-improvement and a hunger for knowledge. This year's recipients were R. **Mease** (MO) and B. **Davis** (MS).

The *Faculty Award* is presented to the Cadet whom the faculty judges best to exemplify and embody the spirit and mission of Chamberlain-Hunt. This year's award winners are L. **Adger** (LA) and D. **Bonvillain** (LA).

The *Jr. High Faculty Award* is presented to the Jr. High Cadet whom the faculty judges best to exemplify and embody the spirit and mission of Chamberlain-Hunt. This year's award winner was T. **Wegman** (LA).

Each year Chamberlain-Hunt awards scholarships to Cadets from Claiborne and Jefferson counties, in memory of Mr. Clyde Lang. Recipients are selected on the basis of their academic standing and commitment to community service. This year's Lang Scholar was A. **McCraine** (MS).

ACADEMIC AWARDS

This year, the *Academic Achievement Award* for the highest standing in each class was awarded to the following Cadets:

7th Grade: T. **Wegman** (LA)

8th Grade: S. **Diggedin** (CA) and J. **Goodwin** (TX)

9th Grade: M. **Collins** (FL)

10th Grade: W. **Schaffner** (AR)

11th Grade: R. **Bisson** (TN) and C. **Hill** (MS)

12th Grade: S. **Hacker** (IL)

Bible & Theology Award

7th Grade Bible: T. **Albert-Faluyi** (UK)

8th Grade Bible: B. **Haskins** (MS)

Bible I: M. **Collins** (FL)

Bible II: D. **Bogenreif** (CA)

Bible III: R. **Bisson** (TN)

Bible IV: D. **Bonvillain** (LA)

English

7th Grade English: T. **Wegman** (LA)

8th Grade English: S. **Diggedin** (CA)

English I: T. **Giordano** (GA)

English II: W. **Descent** (FL)

English III: C. **Whittemore** (FL)

English IV: S. **Hacker** (IL)

Math

7th Grade Math: A. **Robledo** (CA)

Pre-Algebra: T. **Wegman** (LA)

8th Grade Math: M. **Boudreaux** (MS)

Algebra I: Z. **Goins** (MS) and D. **Neal** (MS)

Algebra II: W. **Schaffner** (AR)

Geometry: W. **Descent** (FL)

Advanced Math: D. **Bonvillain** (LA)

Science

7th Grade Science: T. **Wegman** (LA)

8th Grade Science: T. **Rodriguez** (MS)

Biology I: W. **Sykes** (MS) and M. **Collins** (FL)

Anatomy & Physiology: L. **Adger** (LA)

Chemistry I: D. **Bonvillain** (LA)

Chemistry II: T. **Daily** (TN)

Social Studies

Logic I: T. **Wegman** (LA)

Logic II: S. **Diggedin** (CA)

Omnibus I: C. **Madison** (MS)

Omnibus II: N. **Tucker** (LA)

Mississippi History: C. **Gravois** (AL)

U.S. History: J. **Propst** (AL)

World History: W. **Descent** (FL)

Geography: D. **Parnell** (AZ)

Government: L. **Adger** (LA)

Economics: C. **Kearney** (MS)

Languages

French I: C. **Goff** (LA)

French II: D. **Boganreif** (CA) and A. **Thompson** (MS)

Latin I: T. **Giordano** (GA)

Spanish I: W. **Descent** (FL)

Electives

Computer: N. **Putnam** (PA)

Art Fundamentals: T. **Doiron** (LA) and D. **McClure** (NC)

Advanced Art: N. **Putnam** (PA)

Choir: C. **Gravois** (AL)

Each year the Mississippi Private School Education Association sponsors the *Academic Betterment Competition* among students in every academic discipline from all its member schools. Congratulations to T. **Giordano** (GA), who placed 1st in Latin, A. **Thompson** (MS), who placed 1st in French, and to A. **McCraine** (MS), who placed 2nd in Spanish. ■

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

All year long Cadets heard adults speak behind the imposing pulpit in Port Gibson's Presbyterian Church. At the end of the year, Cadets got their chance to speak—the seniors did, at least. Chamberlain-Hunt's long-standing tradition requires senior Cadets to address the Corps of Cadets, staff, family and friends with a researched speech on a topic of their choosing. The speakers this year were judged by three staff members and two guest judges, who rated them on vocal projection, diction, appearance, content and stage presence. All the seniors did a fine job speaking, and I know the scores were close. However, the Cadet judged to be this year's *Best Speaker* and recipient of the *Judge R. D. Gage Senior Speech Award* was Lane Adger (LA) (*below*).

I am glad Cadet Adger was selected because his speech offers me the opportunity to borrow a few good quotations. Adger began his speech by asking, "This school offers experiences that we will always remember, *but what can we learn from it?*" The lesson, he stated, is this: "I think the main goal of Chamberlain-Hunt is to take young men—like myself, place a challenge before them and guide them in the direction that will make them good men who display true leadership." Adger was right. He continued, "This country needs strong, confident, godly leaders who will step up and do the right things. This is the lesson to learn, how to be a good leader." He was right about that, too. He was also right when he challenged the audience with the truth that "...[E]veryone here tonight is in one way or another leading someone." This truth challenges me and our staff daily as God calls us to model truth and grace to the Cadets he sends our way.

I am proud of this year's Corp of Cadets—and the senior class, especially—for its hard work. Knowing that they are learning the lesson is a big encouragement to us, and it makes me look forward to our 128th year, which begins in August. In the meantime, we have a full summer ahead—but more about that in the June/July issue of *Cadet Life*... ■

Knowledge and Wisdom!

A. SHANE BLANTON
COL, CHAMBERLAIN-HUNT
President





ARTISTIC PURSUITS

MAJ Jaime Coon kept her art classes busy with projects and a field trip this semester. In April, several Cadets from the fall and spring semester art classes traveled to Jackson to see the Walter Anderson exhibit at the *Mississippi Museum of Natural Science* and visited *Mississippi Cultural Crossroads* in Port Gibson to view an interesting exhibit, as well as the quilts that are always on display. During their time in class, the budding artists explored the seven elements of art, created a geometric name design with acrylic paint and a Walter Anderson-inspired watercolor and ink *mandala* (circular design), composed and scripted in calligraphy a *cinquain* (five line poem), and stretched their own canvases on which to paint their original ideas.

Twelve Cadets' work was hand-picked and shown in Vicksburg's *Firehouse Art Show* in April, competing against Warren County's public and private junior high and high school art students. Cadet A. Thomas (CA) won 3rd place in watercolor with his scorpion mandala (*above*), and Cadet K. Smith (CA) won 1st place in pen and ink with a drawing entitled "Sting of Death." Also, MAJ Coon's 6th period art class repainted the Academy's seal on the parade deck.

Always the artist, Cadet N. Putnam (PA) laid a palette of colorful sushi at *Ichibon* at lunch following the Walter Anderson exhibit (*right*). It is little wonder that he received the *Advanced Art Award* for 2006-07. Cadets T. Doiron (LA) and D. McClure (NC) earned this year's *Art Fundamentals Award*. ■



A great tradition at Chamberlain-Hunt is the Senior Banquet held at *Denmery's* in Jackson. This year's menu included salads, rosemary roasted pork tenderloin, mahi mahi with mango relish, chicken cordon bleu, green beans amandine, no-shell stuffed baked potatoes, buttered broccoli—and desserts: cheesecake, peach cobbler and pecan pie.

However, the thing that makes the banquet special is that each senior invites one staff member who played a significant role in his time at the Academy. After supper, each Cadet tells everyone about his guest's impact on his life and education; then, the guest speaks about the impact that Cadet had on him.

Cadet J. McCraine (MS) is pictured (*above*) with his banquet guest, COL Blanton. McCraine, who attended Chamberlain-Hunt since 7th grade, enlisted in the Army National Guard in 2005 and completed basic training at Ft. Sill in 2006. This summer he will undergo Advance Individual Training at Ft. Lee before enrolling at Mississippi State University in the autumn. ■



Like clockwork every Wednesday afternoon, MAJ Dennis Staer arrived on campus to pick up the Drum Corps to put them through their paces. MAJ Staer, selflessly volunteering his time and talents, not only played the bagpipes for chapel every Thursday and other special events, but also trained Chamberlain-Hunt drummers for their important role in the 127th Commencement and final Pass in Review. The Academy recognized MAJ Staer for his dedicated service early in the year, awarding him its highest honor *The Chamberlain Award*. Members of the Drum Corps pictured above are (*front*) T. Johnson (WA) and J. Walker (AL); (*back*) A. Paredes (CA), W. Descent (FL), B. Rainer (LA) and A. Gammage (LA). ■