

WEST POINT BOUND

For the third year in a row, the United States Military Academy awarded a Chamberlain-Hunt Cadet the coveted opportunity to become a West Point Cadet. This summer, Crusader Kyle Clingan will join his former roommate, Andrew Irby (Class of 2005) in New York.

Son of Lisa and Smitty Smith of Madison, MS and the late Carl Clingan, Crusader Clingan entered Chamberlain-Hunt as a seventh grader. He describes himself then as “having no goals, no motivation and no appreciation for authority.” He added with a smile, “I was chubby and couldn’t do anything right.” After two years at Chamberlain-Hunt, Clingan began to change.

Today, Clingan stands at the top of his class. He has earned just about every award Chamberlain-Hunt has to offer. In addition to having the top GPA in his class for the past two years, he earned a number of subject area awards. He earned his Crusader tab and ECB (Expert Cadet Badge) star. At last year’s final Pass in Review, Clingan received the French Homer Poe Award, which recognizes a junior Cadet for military excellence.

Not only has Chamberlain-Hunt acknowledged Clingan’s accomplishments, but so, too, have others. Most notably, the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States (AMCSUS) chose Clingan for its prestigious GEN Douglas MacArthur Award, which recognizes only 39 cadets who excel in academics, athletics and leadership out of all the cadets in military schools in across America.

Clingan’s life at Chamberlain-Hunt has not been all smooth sailing. He readily admits that the daily grind is

tough. A few years ago, MAJ Peter Van Wyk gave Clingan some advice that helped him make it through the strictures of the routine: “High school stinks; you just have to do it. If you can keep a sense of humor about it—even the hard things—you’ll get through it fine.” With a gift for parody and stand-up comedy, Clingan managed well.

Nevertheless, in the hard times, Clingan learned some valuable lessons: “If you think you are on top and untouchable, you’re not. Don’t let pride cloud your decisions,” he advises, adding, “At Chamberlain-Hunt I’ve learned to ‘man-up’ and take

responsibility for my actions. You’ve gotta’ find out what’s wrong and what’s necessary to improve, to get anywhere in life.”

Not all the life-lessons he learned at Chamberlain-Hunt were hard lessons: Clingan grins when he talks about the value of friendship and the great friends he made in school. “When you live together 24/7, people can’t be fake; you get to know someone’s true character,” Clingan observes. “I’ve made *great* friends, and we’ve been able to push each other to get the job done. We’ve also had a lot of laughs along the way!”

Clingan’s future looks bright. He is motivated to do great things to benefit others and he knows West Point will provide the environment where he can excel. He is especially grateful to his parents for “playing secretary” for him during the months’ long application process—and for making him stay at Chamberlain-Hunt in those early years when he wanted to come home. ■



[Caricatures by P. K. Livingston, circa 1976]

C ■ H ■ A ALUMNI DAY

Saturday
 25 March 2006
 10:00 AM - 2 PM

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 20 March 2006

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CADETS PLACE THIRD IN DISTRICT TOURNEY

The Cadets won 2 of 3 games to place third in the District 3-AA basketball tournament that was hosted by Chamberlain-Hunt. Chamberlain-Hunt defeated Riverfield on Tuesday night 62-51. Cadet T. Gaddy (MS) scored 19 points, J. Mims (MS) 18 points, M. Suazo (LA) 15, G. Godley (TN) 8 and S. Everhart (MS) 2. Copiah beat Chamberlain-Hunt in the semi-finals 73-50 on Friday, 03 February. Mims led the team with 18, Gaddy 17, Suazo 4, P. McLoud (NY) 4, Everhart 3, Godley 2 and D. Williams (LA) 2. The next day, Chamberlain-Hunt bounced back to win third place over Central Hinds with a hard fought 54-50 victory. Gaddy scored 19 points, Mims 14, McLoud 10, Godley 8 and Suazo 3. "I am extremely proud of our players. We faced some adversity, bonded together and played with focus to win the third place game," said MAJ Dave Granville, Chamberlain-Hunt's athletic director and basketball coach.

On 08 February, Chamberlain-Hunt Cadets lost narrowly to Columbia 57-51 in the South State play off game. Columbia was ranked 4th in the State. T. Gaddy (MS) scored 18 points, J. Mims (MS) 15, P. McLoud (NY) 8, M. Suazo (LA) 8 and G. Godley (TN) 2. "I am pleased the way we battled them to the end," said MAJ Granville. "I don't like to lose, but I feel every player gave all he had." ■



Above The Cadet Soccer Team celebrated after its win that secured the Division 2 District championship. Crusader K. Kwarteng was selected to play in the State All-Star soccer game.

Right Cadet P. McLoud (NY) contributed 10 points in the Cadets' win over Central Hinds Academy to place third in the District 3-AA basketball tournament.



Below At afternoon practice, Cadet A. Penkert (SC) is poised to catch as S. Brown (TX) connects with MAJ Granville's pitch.



SPRING SPORTS



Above Cadets collect balls after working on their drives during golf practice. Top The tennis team practices serving at the base line.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE 2006

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
28 FEB	Copiah	HOME	3:30
02 MAR	Tensas	Tensas	3:30
06 MAR	Tallulah	HOME	3:30
07 MAR	ACCS	ACCS	4:30
08 MAR	Tensas	HOME	3:30
09 MAR	ACCS	HOME	3:30
13 MAR	Tallulah	Tallulah	6:00
14 MAR	WCCA	WCCA	4:30/6:30
17 MAR	Copiah	Copiah	6:00
21 MAR	Rebul	Rebul	4:00/6:00
23 MAR	PVA	HOME	3:30
28 MAR	Campus Prep	CP	4:00/6:00
30 MAR	PVA	PVA	4:00
03 APR	Union	Union	3:30/5:30
04 APR	Riverfield	HOME	3:30
08 APR	Riverfield	Riverfield	4:00
10 APR	Union	HOME	3:30
11 APR	Central Hinds	Central Hinds	4:00
12 APR	Central Hinds	HOME	3:30

TRACK SCHEDULE 2006

Date	Event	Location	Time
11 MAR	Piggly Wiggly Relays	HOME	1000
23 MAR	Rebel Invitational	ACCS	1000
30 MAR	Curry Pharmacy Relays	Silliman	1100
05 APR	UCS Invitational	UCS	1000
12 APR	JV District Meet	HOME	1000
19 APR	V District Meet	Copiah	1000