

ALUMNI DAY 2006

March ended on a high note with a great *Alumni Day*. While a handful of Cadets helped at Port Gibson's *Heritage Festival* on Saturday, 25 March, the remainder of the Cadets on campus got some visitors. This year, in addition to the Alumni assembly, lunch and campus tours, Chamberlain-Hunt offered dorm inspections to the 60-some-odd Alumni who attended.

Before lunch in the Dining Facility, Alumni observed a Pass in Review on the Parade Deck, which was new to many of them who recalled their Pass in Reviews taking place on the front lawn of campus. Cadet officers joined the Alumni for lunch, and the other Cadets, who ate earlier, made ready for inspection. Alumni particularly enjoyed seeing their old dorm rooms and visiting with the boys who inhabit them now.

The day started with registration and refreshments at the White House, known to most Alumni as the President's House. Alumni visited with each other or with teachers on the lawn, or sat around the board table looking at old yearbooks.

At 11 o'clock, the group assembled in the auditorium where they joined the Cadet Chorus singing the *Alma Mater*, the words of which were written by Dr. Landrum Salley during his first and

only year teaching at Chamberlain-Hunt—more than 50 years ago.

Dr. Salley and his wife, who now live in Nashville, were special guests of the day. Alumnus "Wid" Himel (Class of 1954) spoke briefly about Dr. Salley and his contribution to the lives of Cadets and COL Blanton presented Dr. Salley with a framed Chamberlain-Hunt print. Teachers were reminded that though they may not immediately know their influence on Cadets, it can live on in Cadets for years to come. Following the honoring of Dr. Salley and a song from the Chorus, Cadet T. Johnson (WA) favored the assembly with a rousing rendition of "Alexander's Ragtime Band" on the piano and Cadet D. Bogenreif (CA) wowed them with a violin piece.

Though these were difficult acts to follow, COL Blanton, MAJ Key

and LTC West rose to the occasion and reported on various aspects of life today at the Academy. MAJ Pamudji's slideshow rounded out the program.

Following the dorm inspection, Alumni loaded on the buses, which took them out to the Wilderness to see Cadets demonstrating their skills on the high ropes, the paintball arena and the pugil pit. The beautiful spring day concluded with door prizes and cold Cokes back at the White House. ■



At Chamberlain-Hunt, the arts play an increasingly important role in the curriculum. Not only does the Academy's Chorus sing for churches and civic organizations, art students exhibit their work "on the road." MAJ Terrell took (front row) Cadets B. Nickolaus (AL), J. McNair (MS), D. Lewis (TN), (back row) J. Ochoa (GA), J. Bonvillian (LA) and W. Schaffner (AR) to the Oak Forest United Methodist Church in Little Rock for an art show.



Landrum Salley and Wid Himel at the White House



Performing “Shenandoah” under the direction of MAJ Bray Wilkins (who was recently named a finalist in the Lottie Lenya musical competition in New York), the Chamberlain-Hunt Chorus sings at *Alumni Day*. This month they also sang during Sunday worship at Port Gibson’s First Methodist Church and at the Rotary Club in McComb, MS. Chorus members include C. Hill (MS), A. Mineo (NY), T. Johnson (WA), D. Garrett (MD), R. Garcia (LA), J. Atkinson (NY), W. Schaffner (AR), D. Bogenreif (CA), M. Trono (OR), I. Chauvin (LA) and C. Gravios (AL).



MAJ Chuck Terrell offers a critique as Cadet W. Schaffner puts the finishing touches on a piece to be exhibited at an art show in Little Rock, AR.



Representing Chamberlain-Hunt in the district junior high spelling bee were X. Audhya (CA), A. Gammage (LA) and G. Panicker (MS).

This school year is quickly drawing to a close. On Thursday, 13 April, Cadets are released for the Easter Break. They report back on Monday, 24 April, for the last five weeks of the semester. During that time, they’ll spend a week of CALFEX training in the Wilderness. Seniors will be busy preparing for Senior Speeches and final Oral Comprehensive Exams. The Rev. Dr. Neil Stewart, minister of the Second Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City—formerly of Belfast, Northern Ireland, will preach the Baccalaureate service at 11 AM on Sunday, 21 May, at Port Gibson’s Presbyterian Church. The final Pass in Review will be held on Friday, 27 May, at 10 AM on the front lawn of campus. Following a brief respite, work resumes on Saturday, 03 June, with the start of *Adventure Summer School*, which lasts until Friday, 30 June. ■



(Above Left) Cadet H. Mercer (MS) welcomes Alumnus Sonny “Pete” Peaster to the Dining Facility.



(Below Left) Cadet R. Iannarelli (GA) and Crusader D. Edwards (MS) hear what Chamberlain-Hunt was like in the “old days” from Alumnus Frank Huber.

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