

A BUSY MAY AHEAD FOR CADETS

Among all the various aspects of Chamberlain-Hunt's program, the Crusader Challenge stands out. This week long field exercise identifies those Cadets who most embody courage, tenacity, physical toughness, mental agility, calmness under pressure, commitment to excellence and absolute devotion to duty, to collective responsibility and to God. Crusader Challenge, like U.S. Army Ranger School, does not *produce* any of these virtues in anyone. It simply *discovers* and *elevates* leaders that already exist among the ranks of the Cadets. This cycle the Challenge will be held over the first two weekends in May.

Each cycle, usually 75% of the Corps of Cadets attempt the Challenge. If history is a reliable indicator, 96% of those who attempt the Challenge fail. During the spring 2005 Challenge, the attrition rate was 100%. Last autumn, only four Cadets and one staff member successfully completed the Challenge.

The Challenge consists of a rigorous selection process, including an endurance formation, the Army Physical Fitness Test and a detailed packing list inspection. Most who begin the Challenge will not make it past the selection process. Those who do, begin a three-day physical assessment involving hours of physical training, mental and military-related tasks, a peer evaluation and classroom instruction, all with no food or rest.

Successful completion of the Physical Assessment Phase (PAP) is followed immediately by the two-day Tactical Assessment Phase (TAP), which includes land navigation instruction, classes in rifle squad and platoon tactics from the Army's Field Manual 7-8, a staff evaluation and combat patrols, graded maneuvers in which a Crusader candidate must successfully plan and conduct a small unit

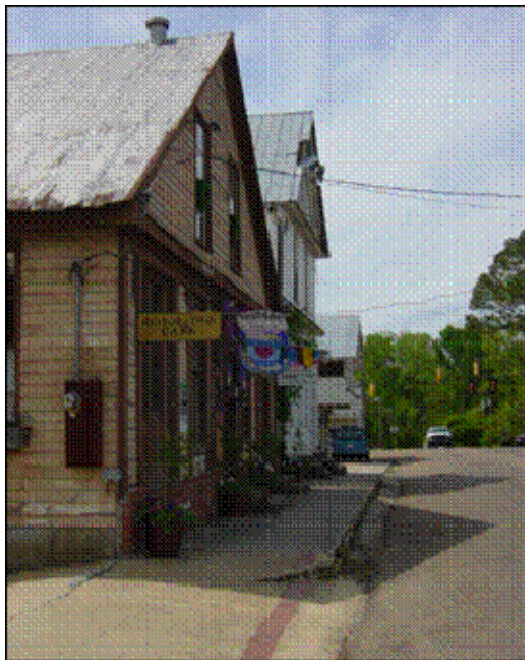
combat mission against a live enemy force while observing sound infantry tactics, techniques and procedures. The 3-4% of the candidates who remain following TAP are awarded the coveted Crusader tab and are initiated into the Order of Crusaders.

The whole Corps of Cadets will participate in CALFEX (combined arms live-fire exercise) during the first

week of May. For three days, the entire Corps of Cadets will deploy to the Wilderness, bivouacked, conduct military patrols throughout the Wilderness against a live opposing and perform, on the platoon-level, a full-scale attack on an urban site, using paintball, signal smoke, concertina wire and old-fashioned military audacity and aggression.

Whereas the ECB (Expert Cadet Badge) exercises in the autumn were the capstone for the individual skills training that characterized first semester's military training program, the spring CALFEX serves as the capstone for the collective skills

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Attention Parents:

If you would like to have lunch at *Restoration Café* after the final Pass in Review on Friday, 26 May, *you need to make reservations while space is still available.*

Call Debbie Davis at 601.437.3186 ■

GUTHRIE HALL RENOVATION UPDATE

It has been a long time coming, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel! During April, carpenters installed wide baseboards and moldings and tung-and-groove flooring and wainscoting, and hung doors. Painters painted walls, ceilings and trim with colors having such unlikely names as “Moss Mist,” “Swedish Berry” and “Ice Breaker.”

All renovation work should be completed by the final Pass in Review, leaving only the task of furnishing the 26 dorm rooms and first floor offices by August. The cost of furnishing each dorm room is \$2,9850.50 and includes two bunks and mattresses, two desks, two display units, two lockers and two chairs.

If you would like to sponsor a dorm room in Guthrie Hall or help purchase some of the items needed to furnish a room, please contact LTC Jack West, our director of advancement, at 601.437.8855 or jackwest@chamberlain-hunt.com. ■



(Above) Spring has been particularly pleasant in Port Gibson this year. Cadets do not get off campus very much to enjoy it, however. Nevertheless, every Sunday, the Corps walks the mile up Church Street from campus to the Presbyterian Church for worship and have the opportunity to observe great beauty along the way—like the mounding fuchsia Formosa azaleas in front of Oak Square, one of Port Gibson’s bed & breakfast establishments.

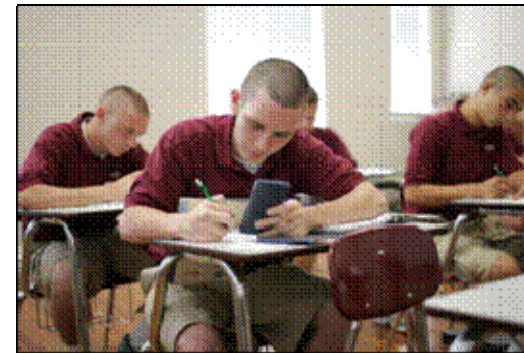
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training that characterizes second semester’s military training program. Cadets are assessed and evaluated on their tactical proficiency, as well as on the intangible, subjective qualities of teamwork, leadership, followership and *esprit de corps*. As important as the assessment is, however, the single most significant objective of the event is for the Cadets to experience something enjoyable. Poison-ivy, ticks and mosquitoes aside, mission accomplished!

Of course, May will not be all “fun and games” for Cadets. Seniors, especially, have their work cut out for them. In addition to regular final exams (23-25 May), Chamberlain-Hunt seniors must pass certain other requirements in order to graduate. Each senior sits for comprehensive oral finals, responding to questions from a panel of three faculty members. Also, each senior must research, write and deliver a speech on the topic of his choosing. This year, as is tradition, seniors will deliver their speeches to the entire Cadet Corps, faculty, staff, parents and friends from the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church on 25 May, the evening before the final Pass in Review. A panel of judges selects the best speech and a prize is awarded to the winning senior during the graduation exercises.

Other significant year-end dates to mark in your calendar are the Baccalaureate worship service at Port Gibson’s Presbyterian Church on Sunday, 21 May at 1100. The guest preacher for the service is the Rev. Dr. Neil Stewart, minister at the Second Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City. Dr. Stewart worked as a pediatrician in his home of Northern Ireland before studying for the ministry at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS. Also scheduled that day is the annual Sports Banquet.

The school year concludes on Friday, 26 May, with the final Pass in Review and graduation ceremony on the front lawn of campus.



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