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MILLERSBURG MILITARY INSTITUTE

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DEDICATION

The 1976-1977 Sniper is dedicated to Major Charles Tanner in appreciation of his twelve years at MMI as teacher, chaplain, and friend. Of his three children - Charles Winfield II, James Cullen and Margaret - James graduated from MMI and Margaret numbered amongst the first group of young lady cadets in MMI's 84 years. 'Cap' Tanner received his A.B. degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College in Winchester, his B.D. degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia and did his graduate work at Georgetown University, Morehead University and the University of Kentucky.

Major Tanner has been engaged in the United Methodist's Pastoral Ministry for 15 years and served in many civic activities and conference offices. He was director of youth work for the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church for three years and worked with the Boy Scouts of America for 15 years.

In addition to raising black angus cattle on his farms in Harrison and Nicholas Counties he loves fishing and raising his two Collies, “Spot” and “Trouble.” ‘Cap’ especially likes working with young people, and those of us who have worked with him and under him appreciate all he's done for MMI and us. We wish him well in his new ministry in Millersburg and look forward to his continued interest in and friendship with MMI.
Message From The President

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff and Faculty I want to congratulate the graduating seniors and eighth graders for a job well done upon the completion of MMI's 84th year. We wish our graduating seniors success as they continue their education at West Point and other schools of higher learning, begin service in the Armed Forces, or enter the business world. We hope they, as future alumni, will maintain a long and close association with MMI, their Alma Mater.

Graduates and underclassmen alike can be proud of their achievements this past year. Also, the quality of the Corps of Cadets was greatly enhanced by the enrollment at mid-term of MMI's first young lady cadets, who acquitted themselves well and earned the respect and welcome acceptance by the boys. From my point of view the school year went very well, and some of the older hands maintain it was the best of many years. In either case it is a tribute to our fine Corps of Cadets who determine what type of school year we will have.

Mrs. Hadley and I want to take this opportunity to thank the parents, alumni and friends of MMI for their continuing and most welcome assistance to us this past year. Without parental understanding and support we would have little chance of successfully providing the best possible living and learning environment that all of us want for our students. We have enjoyed the association and look forward to its indefinite continuation.

With Best Wishes,

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SENIOR CLASS
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Shawn Francis Haag  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Ellis Dean Bingham III  
Springfield, Virginia

Kent Arthur Cable  
Salem, Ohio

Wayne Lewis Heines  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Anthony Wayne Niehaus  
Cincinnati, Ohio
Gregory Lawrence Woods
Xenia, Ohio

Maurey Dean Presser
Shaker Heights, Ohio

James Richard Osborne
Millersburg, Kentucky

David Stephen Rouzier
Cincinnati, Ohio

Jay Drew Herman
Cincinnati, Ohio

Craig Eugene Witherspoon
Grove City, Ohio
Ellis "Bing" Bingham leaves his ability to bum quarters and then forget them to Griff Geiss, who isn't exactly a beginner himself.

Kent Cable leaves three quarts of shampoo to Eric Anderson.

Don Geiss leaves his lovely face and cute smile to Booze.

Shawn Haag leaves his ability to escape death to Mary Howard.

Wayne Heines leaves his glowing red hair to Todd Young, with a note: "I'd rather be dead than red on the head."

Herbie Herman leaves an unused fielder's glove and a rubber arm to Willard Harris.

Tony Niehaus leaves his devotion to study to Mark Fredrickson.

Jim Osborne leaves his punctuality to Tim Franklin.

Maurey Presser leaves his scarred rotgut stomach to John Smith, who is probably a step ahead of Maurey.

Dave Rouzier leaves his gentle kindliness, his sweet, understanding manner, and shyness to Lorey Parker.

Craig Witherspoon leaves his combat boots to anyone with a strong enough nose to pick them up.

and Greg Woods leaves his mysterious ability to slip off and on campus to John Karaus, who needs it like a hole in the head.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Greg Woods wants to be a famous drummer and make a lot of money. He'll make the money all right -- inventing two kinds of shampoo: "Short and Slick" and "Long and Slippery."

Craig Witherspoon intends to be a motorcross racer. No way! He'll sip Dr. Pepper and kick tires at a Texaco station.

David Rouzier sees himself as a great businessman, but we see him selling racing sheets at River Downs.

Mo Presser dreams of being a bartender, but we see him bootlegging Boone's Farm in Bourbon County.

Jim Osborne wants to be a great tank commander, but we can clearly imagine him issuing bras to the Women's Army Corps.

Tony Niehaus plans a successful career as a business executive. Sure! Hawking watches in the Lexington Bus Station.

Jay "Herbie" Herman dreams of being an artist, but we see him selling bagels to Palestinian terrorists.

Wayne Heines insists he's going to be a business executive, but we see him as assistant foreman on a garbage truck.

Shawn Haag hopes to be an officer in the U. S. Navy. He'll come close anyway - wearing a pink Roto-Rooter uniform, sailing rubber duckies in storm sewers.

Don Geiss insists that he wants to pull sticks out of the Ohio River. Yeah, really. We don't understand it either, but we see him selling Adidas sneakers in a home for the elderly.

Kent Cable wants to be an undertaker. No kidding. We see him as a professor of unclear physics at M.I.T.

Bing Bingham is starry eyed about being a general in the U. S. Army, but we see him recruiting Wacs in the Washington YMCA.
JUNIOR CLASS
JUNIOR CLASS

Thomas C. Frazier
D. Craig Gardner
Richard E. Gillespie

Thomas M. Harris
Arnell L. Hope
John H. Kanaus

J. Brent Reed
J. Dale Ritchie
John A. Smith
SOPHOMORE
CLASS

Jeffrey A. Alloway  Stephen W. Bardill  D. Duker Bogard  Scott T. Brooks

David C. Fox

Jerry Gaskins  Griffin P. Geiss  Robert M. Jack  Lorey D. Parker

C. Scott Rowe  Mark R. Rutherford  J. Margaret Tanner  R. Todd Young
FRESHMAN CLASS

Donna M. Lukins
William J. Martini
Jeffrey T. May
Matthew T. Mitchell
Frederick B. Palazzi
Anthony C. Ponsetto
Jana L. Ritchie
Kelly L. Ritchie
Jeffrey B. Searcy
Kenneth E. Ward
MIDDLE SCHOOL
David Polk Buntin
Lexington, Kentucky

Neal Patrick Geiss
Cincinnati, Ohio

Robert Brenham Koontz
Crestwood, Kentucky

Alonzo Frank Linner
Cincinnati, Ohio

Ralph Thomas Maresco
Burnside, Kentucky

Timothy Justin Merriss
Carroll, Ohio

William Jeffery Moberly
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Roderic Lezander Moore
Southfield, Michigan

8TH GRADE
Wade Allen Rochester
Detroit, Michigan

Bruce Fairbanks Spring, Jr.
Millersburg, Kentucky

8TH GRADE CLASS
7TH GRADE

Daniel R. Adams, Jr.
Robert L. Amburn
Brant C. Collins
Scott J. Habenicht
Frank R. Moore
Melvin O. Prewitt
Daniel L. Riherd
David C. Roll
Cole Worthington
6TH GRADE

Thomas A. Dailey

Rodney S. Gilvin

John C. Huston

F. Patrick Martini

R. David Shaw

[Image of group photo]
5TH GRADE

C. Scott Clark
Shaun P. Clark
Kelly C. Morgan
Tommy C. Norris
Michael D. Shaw
Organizations
YEARBOOK STAFF

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ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB

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5 - 6 GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM

MILLERSBURG MILITARY INSTITUTE

[Image of a group of boys in basketball uniforms standing in front of a sign for the Millersburg Military Institute.]

[Image of a group of people posing in front of a building.]

[Image of a dog on a sidewalk.]
WRESTLING TEAM

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
VARSITY TENNIS TEAM

JUNIOR TENNIS
VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM
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DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARD HIGH SCHOOL

Highest Academic Average for high school

Valedictorian Award

Salutatorian Award

Highest Senior Grade Point Average

Highest Junior Grade Point Average

Highest Sophomore Grade Point Average

Highest Freshman Grade Point Average

Ellis D. Bingham III

Ellis D. Bingham III

Donald C. Geiss

Ellis D. Bingham III

D. Craig Gardner

J. Margaret Tanner

Charles K. Harris

English Awards:
Senior English - Ellis D. Bingham III; Junior English - Thomas K. Harris; Sophomore English - R. Marc Jack; Freshman English - Charles K. Harris; Journalism - Thomas M. Harris; Literature - Ellis D. Bingham.

Mathematics Awards:
Society of Professional Engineers Award - Ellis D. Bingham III; Physics - Ellis D. Bingham III; Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry - John H. Karaus; Geometry - Donald C. Geiss; Algebra II - D. Craig Gardner; Algebra - Miles S. Buntin.

Social Studies Awards:
U. S. History - D. Craig Gardner; Social Studies - Thomas M. Harris.

Science Awards:

Foreign Language Awards:
French - J. Brent Reed; German - Donald C. Geiss.

Art and Music Awards:
Art - Gregory L. Woods; Music - Shawn F. Haag; Choir - Thomas C. Frazier; Band - Gregory L. Woods.

National Honor Society:
Ellis D. Bingham III; Donald C. Geiss; D. Craig Gardner; Thomas M. Harris; John H. Karaus.

Annual Dean's List:
Ellis D. Bingham III; D. Craig Gardner; Donald C. Geiss; Charles K. Harris; Thomas M. Harris; John H. Karaus; Alex L. Kesler; William J. Martini.

Annual Honor Roll:
Miles S. Buntin; David C. Fox; Timothy Franklin; Thomas C. Frazier; Richard E. Gillespie; Shawn F. Haag; Willard L. Harris; Arnell L. Hope; Mary F. Howard; R. Marc Jack; Donna M. Lukins; Jeffery T. May; James R. Osborne; Anthony C. Ponsetto; J. Brent Reed; Jana L. Ritchie; Kelly L. Ritchie; J. Margaret Tanner; Kenneth E. Ward; Gregory L. Woods.
ACADEMIC AWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Highest Academic Average for Middle School
R. Thomas Maresco
R. Thomas Maresco
C. Brant Collins
John Charles Huston
C. Scott Clark

Highest Eighth Grade Point Average
R. Thomas Maresco
R. Thomas Maresco
C. Brant Collins
John Charles Huston
C. Scott Clark

Highest Seventh Grade Point Average
C. Brant Collins
John Charles Huston
C. Scott Clark

Highest Sixth Grade Point Average
C. Brant Collins
John Charles Huston
C. Scott Clark

Highest Fifth Grade Point Average
C. Brant Collins
John Charles Huston
C. Scott Clark

Art Award: Wade A. Rochester
Music Award: Neal P. Geiss

Eighth Grade Awards: Band - Neal P. Geiss; Spelling - Robert B. Koontz.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Awards: English - David P. Buntin; Mathematics - R. Thomas Maresco; Social Studies - Frank R. Moore; Science - C. Brant Collins; Reading - C. Brant Collins.

Seventh Grade Awards: Band - Robert L. Amburn; Spelling - C. Brant Collins.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Awards: English - C. Scott Clark; Mathematics - John Charles Huston; Social Studies - F. Patrick Martini; Science - F. Patrick Martini; Reading - Shaun P. Clark.

Annual Honor Roll: Daniel R. Adams, Jr.; Robert L. Amburn; David P. Buntin; Shaun P. Clark; C. Scott Clark; C. Brant Collins; John Charles Huston; R. Thomas Maresco; F. Patrick Martini; Frank R. Moore; R. David Shaw.

MILITARY AWARDS HIGH SCHOOL

Superior Cadet Award for LD I
Charles K. Harris
Matthew T. Mitchell
Thomas M. Harris
Ellis D. Bingham III

Superior Cadet Award for LD II
Arnell L. Hope
Kent A. Cable

Superior Cadet Award for LD III

Association of the US Army

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Military Order of World Wars

Senior Army Instructor Leadership Award

Senior Army Instructor Leadership Award

Senior Army Instructor Leadership Award

Senior Army Instructor Leadership Award

MILITARY AWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cadet of the Year - R. David Shaw

School Spirit Award - Roderic L. Moore; F. Patrick Martini; R. David Shaw.

Citizenship Awards - Daniel R. Adams, Jr.; F. Patrick Martini; W. Jeffery Moberly; Roderic L. Moore; Michael D. Shaw; R. David Shaw.

Best Drilled Cadets: Homecoming - C. Brant Collins; Graduation - David C. Buntin.

Physical Fitness Test Award - Alonzo Linner and Cole Worthington

Perfect Attendance Award - John Charles Huston
ATHLETIC AWARDS HIGH SCHOOL

Captains Awards:
Football - Donald C. Geiss; David Rouzier; Ellis Bingham III
Cross Country - Ellis D. Bingham III
Basketball - Richard C. Gillespie and Arnell L. Hope
Wrestling - Donald C. Geiss and John H. Karaus
Baseball - Anthony W. Niehaus and Jay D. Herman
Tennis - Ellis D. Bingham III and Donald C. Geiss

Football Awards:  
Best Offensive Player - John H. Karaus
Best Defensive Player - Donald C. Geiss
Most Improved Player - Arnell Hope

Basketball Awards:  
Coach's Award - Jay D. Herman
Free Throw Award - Timothy Franklin
Field Goal Award - Alonzo Linner
Rebounding Award - J. Dale Ritchie
110% Award - Arnell L. Hope

Baseball Awards:  
Pitching Award - Timothy Franklin
Best Defensive Player Award - J. Dale Ritchie
Best Batting Average Award - Timothy Franklin

Tennis Awards:  
Sportsmanship Award - Ellis D. Bingham III
Most Valuable Player - R. Thomas Maresco
Most Improved Players - Charles K. Harris and Alex L. Kesler

Cheerleading Awards:  
Mary Howard, Donna Lukins, Kelly Ritchie, Jana Ritchie, Frankie Bell, Brenda Sears and Sallie Bell.

ATHLETIC AWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Basketball Awards:  
Best Offensive Player, 8th grade - Alonzo Linner
Best Defensive Player, 8th grade - Roderic L. Moore
Best Offensive Player, 7th grade - Daniel L. Riherd
Best Defensive Player, 7th grade - Cole Worthington
Best Offensive Player, 5/6th grade - Kelly C. Morgan
Best Defensive Player, 5/6th grade - Rodeny S. Gilvin
Best Rebounder, 5/6th grade - F. Patrick Martini

Tennis Awards:  
Sportsmanship Award - John Charles Huston
Most Improved - Rodney S. Gilvin

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ACTIVITIES
HOMECOMING

Queen Judy Scheidler and Cadet Don Geiss

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Queen Sherry Ogle
and
Cadet Wayne Heines
General James Leslie
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HISTORY OF MMI

In July, 1893, Col. Meade Best and his wife came from Virginia to Kentucky to establish a school for boys. Millersburg had been an educational center since colonial times, and the Bests secured the property of the old Kentucky Wesleyan to establish the Millersburg Training School, operated in conjunction with the Methodist Church.

The first graduating class was that of 1897 with one graduate. In 1898, the school became the private property of Colonel Best. Shortly thereafter the military feature was added, and the name of the school became Millersburg Military Institute. A barbecue was held by the community at which time funds were raised to purchase guns and swords for the cadets enrolled.

In the spring of 1920, Col. Best resigned and the buildings and grounds were sold to the Bourbon County School Board. The citizens of the Millersburg community determined that MMI would continue, and they formed a corporation to perpetuate the school. The old Allen home, a stately colonial mansion built in 1852, was purchased. It became the nucleus of the school and still serves as the Administration Building and President's home.

Col. W. R. Nelson, who had been Commandant under Col. Best, became the head of the school and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1953. During these years Moffett Hall, the athletic field and stadium, Rankin Hall, and a gymnasium were added. The field was later named Rees Field to honor Major J. Ward Rees who served as coach and teacher for forty-seven years.

In 1946 a new gymnasium was erected and dedicated to the memory of the cadets who had lost their lives in World War II. Miller Hall became the school's next building, a dormitory named for Mrs. W. M. Miller, a long time member of the Board of Trustees.

Col. Nelson retired in 1953, and Col. Leslie C. Blankenship became the President, serving in this capacity until 1962. Col. W. D. Haynes became the fourth head of MMI in 1962, serving as President until 1968. In September 1963 the dining hall which had been the original gymnasium, was destroyed by fire. Funds which had been raised for a swimming pool, plus a generous donation from the Gamble brothers, made possible the construction of the present dining facility.

In July, 1968, Col. Joseph R. Johnson was selected to become Superintendent of MMI. He retained this post until 1975.

July 1, 1975, Colonel Alvan C. Hadley, Jr. assumed the Presidency of the Millersburg Military Institute, following his retirement from the United States Army. Colonel Hadley still retains this position.

Commencing with the 1975-76 academic year, the junior school was moved from the old Wesleyan College Building to Rankin Hall on the main campus. In September 1976, the Middle School (formerly called the junior school) was expanded to include the fifth grade. In January 1977, five young lady high school students were admitted as the school's first female cadets on a day student basis.

For more than eighty-four years MMI has striven to fulfill the promise ".... to develop the moral character and true manliness of each student. Self reliance and self responsibility will be insisted upon and a clear conception of honor, truth, and duty will be carefully taught."

To cling to valuable tradition and yet move with the rapid changes in modern society is the dual purpose under which instruction must operate. Preparation for further education is the basic purpose of the institution and RIGHT TRAINING IS BETTER THAN RICHES remains the motto for Millersburg Military Institute.