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“F” TROOP
Forward, March!

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The summer Skirmisher features the accomplishments of the 122nd corps and celebrates the graduation of thirty-two Seniors! Commencement week-end in pictures is sure to be a popular feature of the magazine. We could publish a coffee table book with the multitude of wonderful photographs captured by Justin Sperry, Scott Wiedeman and Terry Plumberg! Our thanks goes out to each of these dedicated folks!

On a personal note, I would like to thank, David Dumler and the "Old Boy Association" Board members for honoring me with the induction into the SJMS Wall of Fame! It is humbling to be in the company of the other Wall of Fame recipients and is most assuredly a highlight of my many years at St. John's.

Enjoy the Skirmisher!

BATAAN Memorial DEATH MARCH



CPT Brian Bell makes the trip as AMS sponsor and prepares to take a photo on the bus!

same day Connor Dempsey and Chase McNamera joined the group from the west part of Denver. Gary Stone and Joshua Batchelor were picked up in Colorado Springs, and Stephen Ritter was the last to load the bus in Pueblo, Colorado.

Snow was falling in Western Kansas that day and continued throughout the trip as the SJMS team made it's way through Colorado and on to their final destination in White Sands, New Mexico. The Raton pass was closed due a fatal automobile accident. Fortunately, cadet Ritter's Mom, Susan, contacted



Huerta, Cois, Lewis, Obad-Mathis and Batchelor cross the finish line and catch some shade!

Pastor Dave Cook of The Fisher's Peak Community Church. Pastor Cook allowed the group to stay in their activities center. The cadets and sponsors had a warm place to stay, hot showers, and were able to relax that evening by watching a movie. Up early the next day, the Ratan pass now open, the journey continued through snowy roads without incident. The cadets and staff arrived at the White Sands



Weiss, McNamara, Dempsey, Ritter and Stone catch their breathe after the long hot march in the desert!

Missile range in time to meet and listen to one of the POW's speaking the night before the march. After sleeping for a few hours in tents, at 0430, on March 21 the cadets headed to the starting line. After 7 hours and 14 minutes, the AMS team of Stone, Ritter, McNamera, Weiss, and Dempsey finished the race. At 7 hours and 36 minutes, the BMS team of Cois, Batchelor, Huerta, Obad-Mathis, and Corey Lewis crossed the finish line.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. D. Dale Browning, SJMS Headmaster, the sore, sun burned, and exhausted cadets were treated to a nice meal and a hot shower at the La Quinta Inn, Santa Rosa, NM, following the completion of the march. The cadet team, first time marathoners, finished in the middle of a record crowd of over 5,000 participants! CPT Bell applauded the cadets for finishing the march and asked upon their return, that the St. John's staff "give all of these young men a pat on the back!"



MSG Dwight Woodall, worked as a tactical officer from 1968-1983 at St. John's following his retirement from the United States Air Force. He was one of the many survivors of the Bataan Death March. *The Woodall Sabre*, carried by the SJMS Battalion CSGM each year was used by MSG Woodall while he was on active duty.

A test of endurance! An active history lesson!

The Bataan Memorial Death March honors a special group of World War II heroes. These brave soldiers were responsible for the defense of the islands of Luzon, Corregidor and the harbor defense forts of the Philippines.

The conditions they encountered and the aftermath of the battle were unique. They fought in a malaria-infested region, surviving on half or quarter rations with little or no medical help. They fought with outdated equipment and virtually no air power.

On April 9, 1942, tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers were surrendered to Japanese forces. Among those seized were members of the 200th Coast Artillery, New Mexico National Guard.

They were marched for days in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles. Thousands died. Those who survived faced the hardships of a prisoner of war camp. Others were wounded or killed when unmarked enemy ships transporting prisoners of war to Japan were sunk by U.S. air and naval forces.

bataanmarch.com



Weiss, Lewis, Cois, Ritter, Dempsey, Stone, Obad-Mathis Batchelor and Huerta-Jimenez in front of the missiles.



Enjoying snacks on the bus ride!



The tent is ready for slumber!

AFI

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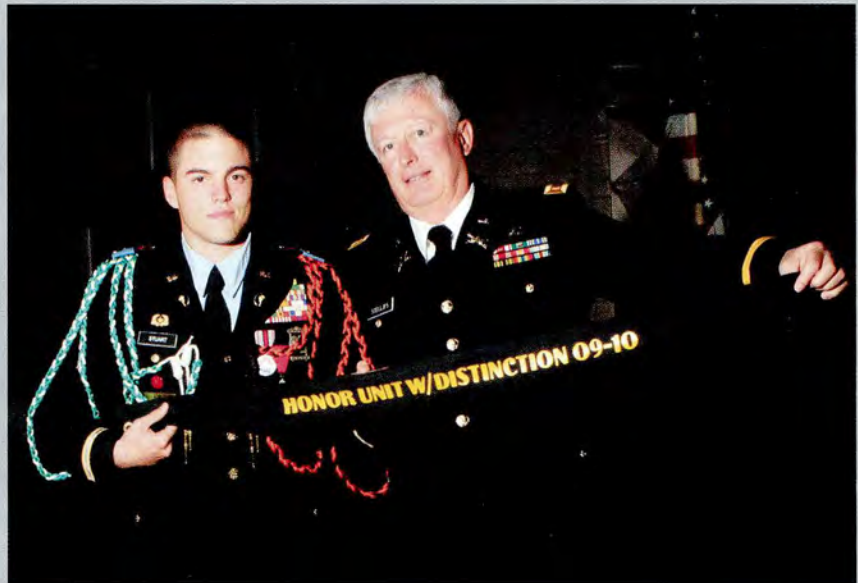
Highest Score in the Third JROTC Region

Preparations for AFI begins months before the actual event. The corps of cadets, together with the SJMS faculty and staff put their best effort forward to help ensure a successful inspection. Members of the Battalion Staff prepare a briefing, Chief Anthony Edwards, JROTC SAI, prepares the necessary paperwork, company commanders and their staff set up every cadet's Alpha jacket, and each cadet glasses (shines) his boots, and studies AFI questions to prepare for the individual inspection. AFI gives the entire SJMS family a chance to keep the tradition of earning "Honor Unit With Distinction." The day begins at 0900 hours and concludes around 1500 hours with the announcement of the score.

In keeping with tradition, the Corps of Cadets was allowed to go on pass that evening and because of their great accomplishment, school was cancelled the following day to help everyone recuperate from the long months of preparation! Hoohah 122nd, what a score!

Wendy Stein

Honor Unit With Distinction



Annual Form



Dressed in their Alpha Uniforms, Duncan Aron, Ian Brands, Luke Saunders (back turned) Gary Stone and Connor Dempsey all members of Bravo Company staff, enjoy a light moment before the day begins.



Tyler Wunderlich, Alpha Company Commander, stands by as the inspector questions Jonathan Smith about one of his ribbons.



Clockwise from top left: Edgar McBee, Dakota Strawn, Austin Strecker, Phillip Abernathy and Jonathan Gray, members of the Battalion Staff, look sharp during the football field Pass-in-Review. Bandmaster James Pena, Patrick Harden, Joshua Batchelor, Darius Bridgeman, Gregory Saville, Duncan Aron, Sergio Cois, Bryan Cerato, Michael Kelly, Jordan Carter, Tyler Schneider, Samuel Hetherington, Alexander Liu, Jacob Nash, Ryan Lynch and John Sun prepare to perform for the opening ceremony! The drill team begins the AFI performance in the gym, Commander Edgar McBee, Chandler Clark, Devon Conway, Nicholas Diamond, Cole Goodell, Samuel Hetherington, Steven Juszcyk, Ryan Lynch, Gary Stone, and Ian Vaughn. Jesse Campbell holds the guide-on for Alpha Company. Christopher Mackenrodt gets a quick uniform adjustment from company commander, Enoch Lau.

al Inspection



SJMS President, Larry M. Lysell watches the tear drop Pass-in Review as the 122nd corps begins it's quest to earn the highest AFI score possible.

1SG Tony Blair, Terry Plumberg, Director of Alumni, and SFC Geronimo Rivera aim their cameras at Justin Sperry while he captures the special moments of the day!

Commencement

May 6, 7 and 8th

Weekend

In pictures



Above Left: "Old Boy", Tom Wilson awaits the command to raise his flag while Gavin Covey gets ready to assist. Above Middle: Michael Carter renders a salute as he places a rose at the table during the final roll call. Above Right: William Johnson holds the wreath which will be placed at the foot of the freedom tree. Left: Jeffrey Provenzo, Mitchell Lamb, Mark Glaser and Nicolas Payan prepare to raise the Garrison Flag. Below left: Jacob Andrews as a member of the alter party for the Re-dedication of the Loy-Guernsey Monument. Below Middle: Joshua Batchelor plays echo taps following the final roll call. Bottom Right: Dakota Strawn delivers his final farewell during the President's Recognition Ceremony.





Steve Class, Parent's Association President, gives Haozong Huang his Junior ring!



John Sun carries the Flag of South Korea during the Parade of Flags on Saturday morning.



Col. Al Ransom, "Old Boy" Class of 1956, delivers the commencement address to the Class of 2010.



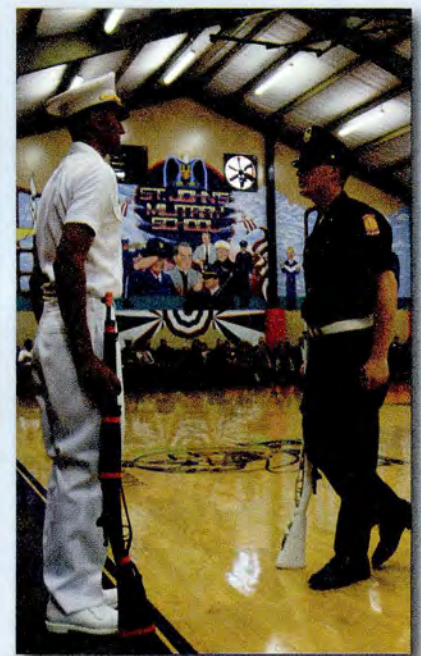
Taylor Noyes, Jacob Woolf and Kyle Stuart recite the oath of the Armed Services. MAJ George Stelljes administers the oath.



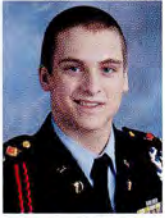
Kyle Stuart, Ryan Quintana, Edgar McBee, Devon Conway, Cole Goodell and the rest of the seniors listen to the commencement address.



Left: Samuel Hetherington plays the snare with Mrs. Wendy Stein on the Fife. Above: Bandmaster, James Pena, leads the band during the Tattoo. Right: Edgar McBee names Steven Juszczyk as Commander of the "Black Knights" for the 2010-2011 school year.



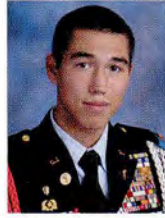
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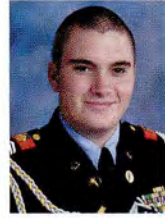
Phillip
Abernathy



Omar
Balderas



Devon
Conway



Collin
Cooper



Jonathan
Demastus



Nicholas
Diamond



Cole
Goodell



Jonathan
Gray



Sean
McCoy



Wilkeny
McGuckin



Taylor
Mullen



Ian
Niebla



Taylor
Noyes



Jeffrey
Provenzo



Ryan
Quintana



Luke
Saunders



The school administration - Ready to award diplomas!



Diplomas in hand!

Class of 2010



Joshua
Harroun



Jered
Hoffmann



Victor
Huerta-Jimenez



Matthew
Kassing



Kang Woo
Lee



Samuel
Lewis



Liam
Lueck



Edgar
McBee



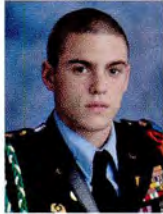
Dakota
Strawn



Paul
Strebeck



Austin
Strecker



Kyle
Stuart



Aaron
Turner



Elliot
Wood



Jacob
Woolf



Tyler
Wunderlich



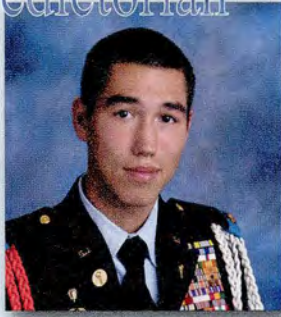
Louella Toney, mother of Ryan Quintana, holds her rose!



122nd Corps, Dismissed Forever!

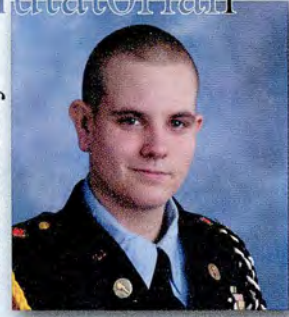
Valedictorian

Devon Conway



Salutatorian

Jonathan Gray



Blue Beret



Neil Pasion Enoch Lau Hoazong Huang Adam Thornburg

The Blue Beret Award goes to the cadets earning the highest GPA for each nine weeks period. The Blue Beret cadets are also members of the Dean's Honor Roll.

Dean's Honor Roll



Patrick Harden Steven McPherson Elliot Wood Bryan Ingram-Dubois Stepan Houtchens Luis Del Toro



Stephen Ritter Cordell Kile Jeffrey Provenzo Victor Liwag John Sun Jonathan Demastus



Benjamin Gregory Nuoya Wu Ian Brands Yechi Ma Mitchel Moshiri Jake Whitting



Benjamin Milanovich



Honor Roll



Richard Reynolds Wei Feng Kang Woo Lee Dylan Yohe Derek Bartholomay Jesse Campbell



Joshua Batchelor Jason Czerwinski Gregory Saville Matthew Kassing Corey Lewis John O'Neill



Graeme Slack East Fang Klaus Mullens Jeffrey Sapp Alexander Liu Anton Ryan



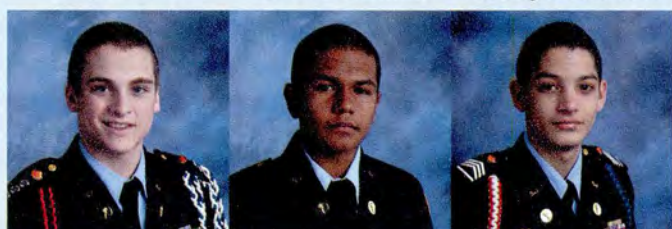
Devon Conway Bryan Long William Abikzer Kyle Stuart Luke Whitting Christopher O'Neil



Sam Lewis Duncan Aron Brandon Scalone Gregory Faith Ian Niebla Steven Weiler



Sergio Cois Victor Fontana Zakayo Lazaro Nicholas Diamond Tyler Hoeman Gary Stone



Phillip Abernathy Armando Bautista Eric Aguilar-Soler

The fourth quarter Blue Beret, Dean's Honor Roll and Honor Roll cadets are listed in order of their grade point average.

Congratulations!

Notes from Liz

It was May 1956, I had just married Keith Duckers and moved into his "penthouse" apartment

on the third floor of old Vail Hall across from the chemistry lab and math classroom.

This was to be my first SJMS Commencement. It was the first of many, thirty seven for the entire weekend and parts of the weekend for others covering a span of 54 years. I only missed one and that was in 1994 when we were on a Mediterranean cruise.



My first year was the year that this year's Commencement speaker, Albert "Al" Ransom graduated. I had gotten to know the Cadets as we went to athletic events, S-Club, hay rack rides, and trips with the Crack Drill Squad, on dates. Nothing like being chaperoned by a bunch of Cadets.

Commencement activities started on Friday with the arrival of parents. Military Field day with drill downs and company and platoon competitions were held on Perkins Field. Ransom turned over the Crack Marching platoon that afternoon and he cried as he named his successor.

In some years, under the direction of Dale Browning, we had a campus cleanup day with faculty, staff and Cadets trying to beautify the old campus.

The Military Ball was held in the gym that had been moved in from Army Camp Phillips near Salina. It never had a name except The Gym. Cadets spent weeks decorating the old structure with the main feature being a parachute hung from the rafters. Ransom commanded the Crack Drill team with the Springfield 30-0-6 rifles that were used in early World War II. They fired blanks and some future C.O.s fired so many that patrons thought they were under siege. After the performance, he turned over the command and once again, he cried.

On Sunday we had baccalaureate in the morning with a buffet lunch served from Nichols Dining Hall. A funny story from a later year had Colonel and Mrs. Clem and Bishop and Mrs. Lewis sitting on the terrace wall in front of Griswold and Vail Halls. At some point, the Colonel stood up and demanded to know what had happened to his chocolate pie. A patron standing nearby, proclaimed the "Bishop's lady is sitting in the Rector's pie." She was.

Commencement was held under the parachute in the gym. It was hot, hot, hot. No air moved under that "chute." The ceremony went on forever with the presentation of all major awards plus a speech, plus the awarding of diplomas.

Then to Perkins Field for the final pass-in-review, change of command with Ransom turning over his command and as before during this ceremony, he cried and he had everyone in the stands crying right along with him. The Corps was dismissed forever.

I wore sun glasses at all Commencements not just because of the Kansas sun but because I was crying. The boys we had known were leaving and many of them we would never see again. Some would die, some would just never return to campus, some didn't realize what the school had done for them and some just vanished forever.

We saw lots of boys mature into men. At Keith's retirement our business manager added up end of the year enrollment and estimated that about 5000 had gone through the school.

I knew Cadets from the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, early 90s. The last Cadet we knew, Doug Morrison, graduated in 1997. But because Keith and I planned class reunions we got to know Cadets who had attended in the 1920s and the 1940s. There were not many Cadets during the depression era of the 1930s.

If there is a moral to this story, it is PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH.

We do care what happens to you!!

An "Old Boy" Staying in Touch!



Hunter Lobertini, Class of 2006, frequently visits the St. John's campus while on break from serving in the United States Marines. Commandant of Cadets MAJ George Stelljes and his wife, Janice host Lobertini while he's in town and commonly invite other members of the St. John's community to join them for dinner to visit with Hunter and catch up on his exciting escapades in the Marines. D. Dale Browning, SJMS Head Master, joined George, Janice, and Hunter for an evening meal and "enjoyed getting to know this fine young man and listening to him describe the sometime very dangerous combat missions."

Wendy Stein

Wall of Fameit's history!



The Wall of Fame began during the era of President Emeritus Keith G. Duckers and First Lady Liz Duckers. Since that time, sixty-three members have been inducted. The inductees fall into four categories; Distinguished Lifetime Service, Professional Endeavors, Military Service, and Special Category. The Wall of Fame recognizes the accomplishments of the recipients who each in their own way have brought recognition to the school and contributed to St. John's by helping to sustain it's traditions. The Old Boy Association (OBA) takes pride in honoring the inductees during Commencement weekend. The Wall of Fame plaques are displayed in the hallways of Linger Hall which also houses the admissions department offices and the SJMS memorabilia museum. Next time you are on campus, stop by Linger Hall and take a look around!

Terry Plumberg, Alumni Director

2010 Inductees on page 13



Harold Brenton "Jerry" Litz , Class of 1942 (given posthumously)

Jerry Litz was involved in the Crack Drill Squad, basketball, football, boxing and Skirmisher Staff. He attended the University of Colorado and was then called into service for the US Marine Corps. He served in WWII in the Pacific Fleet Force on Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. He received the Purple Heart. Jerry worked as an engineer on projects for the US Navy, Army, and Air Force in the Martial Islands, Greenland, Alaska, and Vietnam. He loaned his Quality Control Inspection skills for two plus years to the building of the Trans Alaska Pipeline. Then as a professional engineer with his Quality Assurance skills in mechanical/electrical he was involved in the building of a number of nuclear power plants in Pennsylvania, Washington, Michigan, Texas, Louisiana, and Illinois. He retired with the Department of Energy in 1995.

ADVICE TO THE CORPS After you graduate from SJMS, keep in contact with your former classmates.

It is something you will never regret! Semper Fi!



Hilliard Griffin, Class of 1961

"Grif" graduated from SJMS in 1961 and Seattle University in 1968. Grif has chased adventure his entire life. His successful business ventures include construction, disaster relief, logistics, news media, real estate, search and rescue, security and wild land fire fighting. He is a member of the Civil Air Patrol in Albuquerque. His service as an international trade delegate involves efforts for Africa, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cheboksary, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Russia, the United Kingdom and the Urals. His extracurricular activities include academics, dancing, hiking, martial arts, sailing, skiing, skydiving and traveling.

ADVICE TO THE CORPS: Take Your Place, Make Your Mark, Live Your Life, Service to Others. SJMS FOREVER



SGM Jerry Housley, SJMS TAC Officer

Jerry Housley served our country honorably in excess of 30 years as an Intelligence Officer Sergeant, US Army Security Agency. Following this career, he joined the SJMS Staff as a TAC Office for sixteen years, undertaking and guiding many cadets onto their path and potential. Jerry was instrumental in the growth of thousands of youths into men of outstanding discipline, personal responsibility and pride in accomplishments duly earned. He took the care of his charges with utter commitment, and was unwavering in that duty. No cadet, no matter how troubled, troublesome, or otherwise would be allowed to fall between the cracks, or deviate from a posture of rectitude.

ADVICE TO THE CORPS: No matter what Corps you belonged to, one thing each of you had in common; you wanted someone to listen to you!



Hazel Hughes Fonck, Faithful Employee (given posthumously)

Hazel Fonck had a special fondness for SJMS long before her employment as the bursar. Hazel was raised on campus, and enjoyed campus life until her retirement in 1980. She had over a 50 year relationship with SJMS. Hazel loved St John's and all it stood for. She took special care of all the boy's wants and needs while the bursar. Hazel was particularly proud of being named Honorary Colonel in 1981. She and husband John attended as many events on campus as possible, and she took special pride in the Corps.

ADVICE TO THE CORPS: I never met a cadet I didn't like.



Wendy Stein, SJMS Teacher

Wendy Stein is the sound of music at SJMS. In 1984 she joined the SJMS staff, and became an extraordinarily passionate and caring teacher who instructed hundreds of students in many different musical instruments. She embraces the talents and qualities of each student musician and helps them to find their path to success. Wendy is very generous in giving of her time to the Cadets. She places the Cadets above everything else, always encouraging them to give their best. She was a member of the Salina Symphony for over 20 years, played Bari Sax in the Hays Big Band and is currently the editor of the *Skirmisher* and *Sound-Off*, the SJMS Yearbook. Wendy is a very special person who is loved by countless Cadets.

ADVICE TO THE CORPS, "PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE"



Forward, MARCH!



The Old Boys Association (OBA) was formed approximately five years ago, and to give credibility to the newly organized group, by-laws, mission and vision statements were written. The OBA was not going to let the school down, and was not going to “die” as past attempts to organize an association had done, nor would they let the “Old Boys” down.

A goal was formulated – to bring back more “Old Boys” at Commencement and to fund a scholarship for current cadets, with the ultimate goal of giving a full ride to a deserving cadet. But, before that could be established, the OBA had to gain momentum, gather resources, and organize. The association became stronger with each passing year. As time passed and Commencement weekend approached, the number of “Old Boys” coming back to campus grew. But, were we strong enough to build a scholarship?

After the 121st Commencement, the OBA Board made up of, Lou Barnett 1973; Bill Meidell, 1954; Bill Salmon 1952; Tom Wilson 1962; Richard Retrum 1966; Jefferson Baker 1986; Neal Thierren 1986; David Dumler; 1989

decided it was time... time to try our wings, and time to start encouraging “Old Boys” to give back to their Alma Mater. A scholarship criteria was roughly formed, and a designated fund was set up.

During the 122nd Corp’s Commencement, the OBA handed out their FIRST ANNUAL OBA SCHOLARSHIP, awarded to Victor Fontana and Chris Whitehead, in the amount of \$2500 each.

Little did the OBA know, we had an ace in the hole. “Old Boy” Class of 1956 and Battalion Commander of the 75th corps, Al Ransom, this years Commencement speaker, led “F” Troop in the Pass in Review with a boisterous “Forward, MARCH!” The former Marine had each “Old Boy” (approximately 55 in the Company) in step. “F” Troop received enthusiastic applause from the audience as they marched around the teardrop. After the Pass in Review, Ransom spoke directly to his troop. He reminded them how important SJMS had been in their lives, the time was now to give back, and he challenged



each one to make a pledge. The goal this year is to raise \$50,000 – and we are off to an impressive start. Over \$27,000 has already been pledged, and together with the OBA Board, Dale Browning, and Al Ransom, we are determined to follow Ransom’s words:

“Forward, MARCH!”

To make a pledge, please contact Terry at 785 823 7231 X 7700 or e-mail her at terryp@sjms.org. Any donation large or small is accepted and appreciated. Your donation is tax exempt!

OBA Vision Statement:

Reach out to “Old Boys” and to foster life long relationships among cadets and perpetuate the traditions of St. John’s Military School.

OBA Mission Statement:

Duty to Reach, Recruit and Represent.

OBA Motto:

“SJMS Forever”

WELCOME NEW OBA MEMBER

Darren Johnson, 1991, from Grapevine, TX. Darren will make an excellent board member with his expertise, enthusiasm and love of St. John’s!

Terry Plumberg



Darren and Wife, Ava!

From the desk of Terry Plumberg.

.....Making memories usually occurs with little planning. The images are burned into our brain, and are often reflected upon. Whether it is the taste of Granny’s cinnamon rolls, your favorite holiday or the sight of your first grandchild, the memories are there for us to grab and hold on to! I have asked the Alumni to send in memories of their time at St. John’s. Eventually, these reminiscences will be combined into a book and published. We are including some of the ‘memories’ we have already received! I hope you enjoy reading these and will send in your own. **October 1955:** The Crack Drill Squad and Platoon were invited to make their first appearance of the year at a Civil Air Patrol sponsored show in Omaha. Al Ransom, senior from Pueblo, CO, was named Battalion Commander..... Cadet Bob Pave escaped serious injury when he fell beneath the wheels of a hay rack loaded with Cadets and their dates. The group was enroute to State Lake at Bennington for a picnic. **February 1960:** Honor Students Reveal Secrets of Academic Success “What is the secret of making good grades?”

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“Old Boys”... Return



From the time the foundation was laid in 1887, to the present, the SJMS family has formed many friendships and woven wonderful memories. This year, over 90 “Old Boys” responded they would return to campus for Commencement. “F” Troop was the largest ever, at over 55 participating. “Old Boy” receptions and dinners were held and much reminiscing could be heard. The laughter uniting dear friends, the stories – that perhaps grew a little from the original, and the photos taken all brought the “Old Boys” back to their years on campus.

The classes of the 1950’s had special events and many enjoyed a tour of the Campus. During the Handle Ceremony, it was obvious of their love of ‘Old’ Vail Hall. In Col. Ransom’s Commencement address, he spoke of people who made a difference in the Cadet’s life. Former staff members in attendance during Commencement weekend were Liz Duckers, Paul Sommers, Katie Weckel, Bill and Joyce Bunting, Ken and Lillian Faerber, Rev’ James R. Cox and Helen Loy.

Speaking of a special love for the school, Dave Godin, 1994, had his two daughters baptized by Fr. Cox in our beloved Chapel. “Old Boys,” no matter what era you are from, it’s still a special brotherhood. The stories will still be there, the love of the school will always be present and the traditions will be passed along. Commencement next year is May 12 -14 and challenges have already been given to form a larger “F” Troop.

Terry Plumberg

Mike Garrett, Class of 1960

“My experience at the Commencement weekend at St. John’s was truly amazing. It evoked so many memories, emotions, renewed old acquaintances, and hopefully will strengthen some bonds with my classmates from 1960...a half a century ago, as well as those who still carry on the traditions of our school. Mike Gaide and I traveled and roomed together. We spent hours and hours just getting to know each other better. Edward “Corky” Brann and I have kept in touch over the years and it was so good to physically see him again. Charles Fletcher was a blessing to meet again and someone I really didn’t know prior to this past weekend. In addition, we met many other “Old Boys” from “our era” and hopefully will be able to communicate with for years to come. Special to us is you, Terry. Your dedication to the alumni is greatly appreciated and needed. You made the activities flow smoothly, handled all the situations with professionalism, and are the glue that holds the “Old Boys” together. Keep up the work with the museum as it is something that will preserve the heritage of something precious to all of us.”

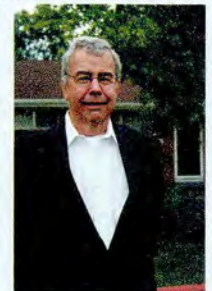
**From an e-mail sent to Terry Plumberg, after Commencement weekend!*



Joe Richards



Jeff Harronen



Randy Earle



Tom Wilson



Mike Ekiss



Bucky Schuler



TEAM ROSTER

Mitchel Hermiston
 Dakota Strawn
 Zachery Benishek
 Alexander Liu
 Coach Mark Ramsey
 Bryan Cerato
 Justin Small
 Omar Balderas



GOLF



TEAM ROSTER

Chu Wang
 Kang Woo Lee
 Darius Bridgeman
 Victor Huerta-Jimenez
 Diego Gamboa
 Ramiro Martinez-Curiel
 Coach Gerald Martin



TENNIS



TEAM ROSTER

Richard Wik
 Stefan Roberts
 Taylor Mullen
 Michael Carter
 Jacob Woolf
 Luke Whitting
 William Johnson
 Ryan Lynch
 Coach J.R. Reynolds
 James Bruno
 Connor Dempsey
 Sean Donnelly
 Jacob Andrews
 Jacob Williams
 Jacob Nash



BASEBALL



Omar Balderas Bryan Cerato Mitch Hermiston Justin Small Dakota Strawn Chris Whitehead

The Four man team of Cerato, Hermiston, Strawn and Whitehead medaled at the Sacred Heart High School invitational tournament. Hermiston placed second individually at the Southeast of Saline Invitational. Coach Ramsey stated "the other coaches were impressed with the way the cadets conducted themselves on the links. Team captain Strawn and co-captain Balderas showed great leadership during the season."



Kang Woo Lee Darius Bridgeman Ramiro Martinez Victor Huerta Chu Wang Diego Gamboa

The Doubles Teams of Lee & Bridgeman and Huerta & Martinez won 2nd Place Medals in Concordia! Wang & Gamboa won 1st place medals during the Concordia Triangular Meet!

The members of the Baseball Team spent much of the season improving skills, strength training and scrimmaging. "Old Boy," JR Reynolds, majoring in Sports Medicine and playing football at Kansas Wesleyan, helped the cadets with every component of the game. Michael Carter, Sean Donnelly, Ryan Lynch, Luke Whitting, Taylor Mullen and Connor Dempsey brought a great deal of experience to the team. Max Brooks, Terry Plumberg and Wendy Stein assisted JR with the daily practices. The SJMS faculty and staff challenged the cadets to a game on the final day of the season followed by a cook-out! We are hoping to have a competitive baseball team during the 2010-2011 school year!



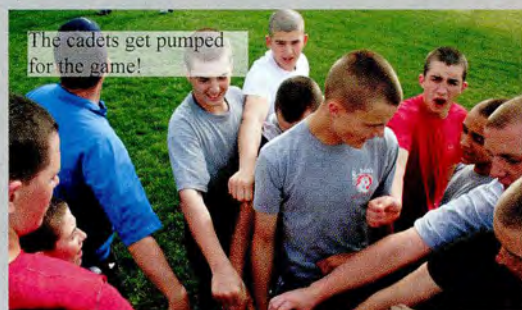
Connor Demsey at bat while Debbie Werber catches!



Michael Carter at bat while his teammates watch!



Sean Donnelly pitches while Ryan Lynch focuses on the play!



The cadets get pumped for the game!

“As I participate in this ceremony I am always impacted by the many generations of great men that gather in this circle. Each with their own story about how St. John's changed their lives. It is a tradition unlike any other as we are honoring cadets that have passed on and those that are yet to attend this great institution. The handle ties each generation and binds us together.”

David Dumler,

The Handle Ceremony

- The front door handle of historic Vail Hall is a symbol of tradition at St John's. Prior to the 1978 fire, which destroyed Vail Hall, every cadet who had attended St. John's held the handle, and since that time, all graduated have done so.
- Salvaged from the ruins of the fire by "Old Boy," Jack Vanier, the handle became a part of the Commencement ceremony in 1981 – cadets of the graduating class pass the handle from one to the other to continue that tradition.
- But that is only part of the tradition. "Old Boys" attending graduation also participate in the ceremony. As they pass the Old Vail handle, their ties to their Alma Mater are again reaffirmed.
- "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," is sung as the handle is passed around the circle of graduating seniors, and "Old Boys." The members of the senior class will in future years return to campus and step into the circle to carry on the tradition of the handle ceremony. The 2010 ceremony was one of the largest in recent memory.



1.) Bill Harrington and Ryan Quintana. 2.) Blake McMurtrey and Ben Walker. 3.) Corky Brann, Mike Owens, and Daryl Brann. 4.) Kyle Stuart receives the handle from Jack Vanier. 5.) JR Baerns and Corky Brann. 6.) John Cunningham and David Dumler. 7.) Tim Soule and Kyle Stuart. 8.) Darren Johnson and Devon Conway. 9.) David Dumler narrates the ceremony. 10.) Jeff Hamulak and Jonathan Gray. 11.) Victor Huerta-Jimenez, Cole Goodell, and Collin Cooper. 12.) Bucky Schuler and Richard Retrum 13.) Chris Coulson.



The China Trip

“This trip to China exceeded my wildest expectations!”

George Stelljes

During Spring Break this year, four delegates of St. John’s Military School traveled to China for a four city, 11 day, recruiting and development trip. Attendees were: Battalion Commander C/LTC Kyle Stuart, Commandant of Cadets MAJ George Stelljes, Director of Admissions Max Brooks, and Parents Association Board Member Liana Brooks. The delegation was joined by Dr. Jian Zhu, an associate of St. John’s, who has worked closely with the school in bringing Chinese Cadets to St. John’s through his group, American Chinese Cultural Exchange.

The delegation flew into Beijing to begin the trip and, on day two, visited the Great Wall of China during a snowstorm. Kyle Stuart wore his dress blues and had lines of local girls asking to take a photo with him!

After a train ride to Tianjin, the group met with the parents of current St. John’s Cadets Ma and Wang. Presentations were made to officials of two different local schools, and two prospective families. A special tour was arranged at the Chinese History Museum by Cadet Wang’s parents with an English speaking guide – a tour the whole group agreed was very

educational and helpful in terms of learning more about China’s rich culture and history.

Hangzhou was the group’s next stop to meet with the families of Cadets Feng, Huang, and Wu. A dinner presentation was made to the local Director of Educational Services for several schools in the area and an educational consultant company for approximately 15 representatives. Sightseeing stops in this town of six million people included some shopping at a silk market, and a tour of Hangzhou’s historic West Lake. Buoys in the lake are shown on the back of China’s 1 Yuan bill (about .15 U.S. dollars).

A quick flight to Wenzhou was next on the itinerary for meetings with a local representative of Dr. Zhu’s group, ACCE, (who may send his own son to St. John’s), and for a group of about a dozen prospective parents. Additional presentations were made to officials of three local schools.

After some local sightseeing in a National Park area of Wenzhou, the group headed back home on a flight from Wenzhou to Beijing, then Beijing to Seoul, South Korea, and changed planes (with only 10 minutes time) for a flight to Los Angeles. After a night in L.A., the group flew to Denver, and then drove from Denver to Salina.

While a very busy and exhausting trip, the group took in plenty of sightseeing and made great strides to continuing the development of prospective Cadets from China, as well as some well spent time strengthening the relationships with the five families of Cadets currently attending St. John’s. A special “thank you” to our Battalion Commander, who represented his school in an incredibly professional manner, and was no doubt the hit of the group everywhere they went!

Max Brooks
Director of Admissions and Marketing

From Top Down
Max Brooks, Kyle Stuart and George Stelljes at The Great Wall * Yulu Wang, Cadet Chu Wang’s Father, George Stelljes, Kyle Stuart, Deng Guoping, and Liana Brooks. * Possible future cadet, Gary Chen trying out the uniform! * School presentation in Wenzhou. * George Stelljes, Max Brooks, Mr. Chen, Lianna Brooks, and Kyle Stuart. * Kyle Stuart with students at a school in Tianjin. * Max Brooks, Liana Brooks, Kyle Stuart, George Stelljes, Mr. Chen and associates from David Cambridge Language School in Wenzhou.

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Jim O'Fallon: "A student shouldn't get behind in his work. You should never put off anything or you'll never get caught up." Francis Bowers: "I feel that making good grades is due to 50% effort and 50% brains. Procrastination is suicide." Steve Erb: "I think it helps to listen in class. It helps to put to work what you know. Use what you've already learned." **October 1975:** A 26-yard touchdown scamper by senior half-back Gary Cavey capped a 57-yard drive and gave St John's an 8-0 victory over White City in the season opener. SJMS was the only high school in the city posting a win that night. **December 1985:** James "Chuck" Vaile is in basic training at Ft Leonard Wood, MO. He wrote: "being in basic training has made me realize how St John's helped. When I first went there I was a lousy excuse for a human being. I didn't want to stay. I didn't know what good this place was going to do for me. Let me tell you, it did more than enough; it made a man out of me. It showed me discipline, responsibility and a strong sense of myself... so remember all you guys (new boys) stick it out, you can make it and that's what you want to do isn't it?" **April 1986:** Col. Kellogg retires. He came to SJMS in 1964 after serving 23 years

as a pilot in the US Marine Corps. He taught English and social studies for two years before being named Commandant in 1966. Kellogg and his wife Mary are the parents of three sons, Paul, Jr., Peter and Philip. **1986 Track members are:** Chuckie Riley, Jeff Baker, David Dumler, Travis Klopfenstein, Mike Porter, Neal Therrien, Chris Wallace, Mario Alcedo, Scott Brand, Aaron Calhoun, Chad Calveresi, Jon Greene, Brett Hayes, Robert Mariani, Troy Paschal, Ron Pniak, John Scott, Tom Smather, James Smith, Tony Smith and Corey Rodgers. Managers were Pat Rodriguez and Francisco Lanz-Duret. They had a great season. **June 1992:** Chris Mackey receives the School colors from Lt. Col. Houston Ward, Jr, Commandant, as he is named the Battalion Commander of the 105th Corps of Cadets. **October 1995:** Cadet 2LC Doug Morrison made a stop in St. Petersburg, Russia and visited Denis Belsky, a member of the 106th Corps. **June 1997:** Attending Commencement "Old Boys" Jim Dennett, 1943, Larry Rice, 1955, John Lange, 1962; Chad Mathis, DeAndre Grassity, David Godin, Dan Moran, Blaine Moller, Sean Radway, Chris Nicola, Jeremy Baerns and John Irish. 🇺🇸



Kansas Governor's Scholar!

This program annually recognizes the top one percent of graduating high school seniors in Kansas. The SJMS Governor's Scholar for 2010 is Devon Conway, son of John and Francis Conway, Sugarland, Texas. Conway plans to attend Texas A&M and major in Chemical Engineering.

AWARDS

American Veterans ROTC Recognition Award/Reserve Officers Association JROTC Medal/American Legion Scholastic Excellence Medal/Academic Excellence Award/AFI Commendation Ribbon/Academic Wreath/K-State Engineering Outstanding Student in Mathematics and Science Award American/Kansas Board of Regents Certificate of Recognition/ Course Award in Government

ACTIVITIES

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Congratulations, Devon!

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