



# THE SKIRMISHER

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Home of *The MULESKINNERS*



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## Brigadiers Recognized

In conjunction with the MacArthur Award Ceremony, Captain McAlexander recognized the school's Brigadiers. Brigadiers are those friends and supporters of St. John's that give a gift of \$1,000 or more during a school year.

Those in attendance and receiving plaques or bars were: Mr. Harry Smith (for Schwans), Mr. Tim Soule, Mrs. Donna Vanier, Ken Jennison (for EBC, Inc.), Mr. & Mrs. Michael North, Ms. Cynthia Webster, Capt. Skip and Pat McAlexander, Father James Cox, MAJ George Stelljes and Mr. Brian Dale (for Sodexho).

Not in attendance but also Brigadiers for this school year are Mr. Lloyd Bartholome, Mr. Larry Britegam, the NRA Foundation, Mr. & Mrs. Ray BonAnno, Mr. D. Dale Browning, Kennedy & Coe, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gaven, Mrs. Jessie Given, the McConaughy Trust, the Kemper Foundation, Mr. Edward Lehman, Mr. George Martinez, Ms. Berniece McCullick, Teamworx, Mr. Edward J. Muhr, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Pantera, Dr. David Peterson, Dr. & Mrs. Val Robichaux, Mr. Alfred Schwan, Mr. Charles Stevens, Mr. Jack Vanier, and Mr. Richard Walker.

## TRAVIS MULDER EARNS MacARTHUR CADET AWARD

C/LTC Travis Mulder was named the recipient of the MacArthur Cadet-of-the-year award in special ceremonies, Friday, January 26 in the Banes Gymnasium.

Each year the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation presents the award to the outstanding Cadets of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools. The objective is to encourage the students of the member institutions to emulate and practice the qualities exemplified by MacArthur as a Cadet at Texas Military Institute, San Antonio, and the U.S. Military Academy, West Point.



The criterion for the award is the most soldierly performance by a senior class cadet considering academics, athletics and leadership. Mulder, a third year student from Pine, Colorado, is the Battalion Commander of the 113th Corps.

The speaker and reviewing officer was LTC Brick T. Miller, Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion 70th Armor, at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Special guests included Mulder's mother, Roni Reynolds and his grandmother, Dor Alexander.



## OCS Graduation

Nine members of the OCS Class for 2001 were promoted to 2LT at a special ceremony in late January.

(See related article provided by Colonel Jerry Bradley on page 4)

The cake was provided by Richard Derby's parents.



### *President's Message* *Capt. E. A. McAlexander*

Later in this issue of the Skirmisher you will read an article about a formal dinner and dance that was held in the Stevens Center on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. During the past eight years we have used several different formats to provide etiquette training for the cadets. We have had four or five large dinners for 40 cadets in the library, and weekly dinners for ten in the formal dining room. This was the first time a formal dinner for the entire Corps had been attempted. Thanks to the organiza-

tional skills of Pat McAlexander and Wendy Stein, and the assistance of several members of the faculty and staff, this was an extremely successful evening.

The main dining room in the Stevens Center was never more beautiful. The table decorations and candles complimented the beautiful young people. It was a very classy setting for a group with class.

Providing an introduction to the social graces one expects from a cadet at a private military school has been one of the most enjoyable experiences that Pat and I have had at SJMS. With very few

exceptions the cadets want to learn about the traditions of fine dining, offering toasts, how to honor guests, and their uniform decorations. Giving them the opportunity to learn and practice their social skills has been very rewarding.

I want to thank Pat and Wendy for all of the planning and preparation for the dinner and dance, and the teachers and staff members who served the dinner in a formal setting. I should also thank the cadets who made introductions, offered toasts, and read original poetry. And finally, thanks to the parents, guests and dates who gave us a chance to show off. It was a wonderful evening for everyone who participated.



### *Academic Dean's Message* *COL Doug Randolph*

With the ending of February, hopefully the cadets can look forward to warmer weather and varied activities.

March and April have always been extremely busy months at St. John's and this year will be no different. At the present time, Mrs. Stein has a group of

band members participating in a military band festival at Valley Forge, Penn. A group of cadets are scheduled to depart campus late Thursday, Feb. 22, for a week-end of skiing at Monarch in the Colorado Rockies.

Coach Hestrand, Mr. Wiedeman, Mr. Haist and several cadets are gearing up for the adventure trip to Corpus Christi, TX, March 4-9. Four senior cadets will be participating in the Presidential Classroom in Washington, DC, March 3-10. The National Honor Society will be hosting a scholastic book fair the first week of March.

After Spring break comes the

annual rattlesnake hunt sponsored by Mr. Speilman and Mr. Walter, April 22. The Corps will also be working to obtain perfection in their military skills for the Annual Formal Inspection, May 2. Along with the above mentioned activities, we will also be participating in golf, tennis, and track activities, while still maintaining a vigorous academic schedule.

As you can see, this is a very busy time for the cadets, faculty and staff. However, the cadets seem to enjoy this part of the year because the time seems to fly, and the cadets truly learn to manage their time more efficiently.



### *Commandant's Message* *COL Jerry Bradley*

As we head downhill toward the end of the 2000-01 school year, we find ourselves passing those milestones that mark the way toward the eventual goal of graduating our senior cadets. In an attempt to ready ourselves for next year, we have trained several outstanding young men in our Officers Candidate School. They have been assigned to Platoon Leader positions

across the Corps of Cadets. It is from these young men, and others already commissioned, who will lead the 114th Corps of Cadets. They will be the commanders, executive officers, platoon leaders and members of the Battalion Staff in the coming school year.

The MacArthur Award winner this year was the Battalion Commander of the 113th Corps of Cadets, Lieutenant Colonel Travis Conrad Mulder. Colonel Mulder was awarded a medal designed to honor outstanding young men who emulate and practice those qualities exemplified by General of the Army Douglas

MacArthur. Colonel Mulder met each of the prerequisites and is truly deserving of this most prestigious award.

Coming up we have the ski trip out to Monarch, Colorado, 23-25 February; Spring Break, 15-25 March; the Rattlesnake Hunt sometime in April, and the Annual Formal Inspection in the first part of May. After that we have only Commencement left on our table of milestones, an event much anticipated by the cadets and their families, but an event which we at St. John's look forward to with mixed emotions.

## Second Grading Period Honors are Announced

Congratulations to the  
**BLUE BERETS**

*Upper School:*

**Kareem Dockery**

**Ryan North**

**Richard Hardy**

*Middle School:*

**Robert Korody**

**Phillip Luu**

**Mason Hendrickson**

### ACADEMIC DEAN'S HONOR ROLL:

Making the Academic Dean's Honor Roll for the Second Grading Period from the Upper School are: Kareem Dockery 95.000; Ryan North 94.000; Richard Hardy 93.750; and Derek Frailey 93.500. From the Middle School is Robert Korody 93.571.

#### HONOR ROLL:

From the Upper School are: Rex Robichaux 93.375; Eric McBroom 92.625; Taehoon Gang 92.500; Michael Moeller 92.500; Daniel Han 92.125; Christopher Hirsch 92.000; Mark Romberg 91.875; Dana Blaus-Plissner 91.625; Joseph Mooney 91.250; Brendon Harris 91.125; Nicxholas Hughes 90.875; BVlake McMurtrey 90.875; Benjamin Anesi 90.111; Gabriel Esponosa 89.875; Peter Wilcox 89.857; Matthew Webster 89.667; Stephan Gleeson 89.429 and Richard Derby 88.625.

From the Middle School are: Phillip Luu 91.285 and Mason Hendrickson 88.857.

*Our congratulations to these cadets  
for a job well done.*

**St. John's Military School  
would like to "Thank"**

**those persons  
giving to the**

**Academic Reading Program  
for their generous donations!**

## 2nd Semester opens with 28 new cadets

Twenty-eight new boys joined the Corps on January 7 and 8 starting the second semester with 182 cadets. Of the new boys, seven came from Colorado, six from Kansas, and three from both Texas and Oklahoma. Other states represented were Missouri, Alabama, Wyoming, Louisiana, Iowa, Washington and Hawaii.

A grades breakdown for the 128 students include one 6th grade student, sixteen 7th grade students, seventeen 8th grade students, 40 Freshmen, 40 Sophomores, 39 Juniors and 29 Seniors.

### Selland Accepts AFI Recognition



Captain McAlexander presents a certificate during the MacArthur Award Ceremony, designating St. John's ROTC Department as an honor Unit of Distinction to Cadet Josh Selland. Josh accepted the award as a representative of all of the cadets who participated in last year's Annual Inspection. Josh, a Freshman from Longmont, Colorado, is in his third year at St. John's.

## Congratulations Mark Romberg



The 2001 Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition, believed to be the premier high school competition throughout the nation and the state of Kansas, included two works from a St. John's cadet. Mark Romberg, a Sophomore student from Grapevine, Texas, received Honorable Mention for "Paper Factory" - a mixed media project, and "Genouille Peinteur" (Painter Frog), a ceramic sculpture. Only 203 works out of 1292 entries were selected.

Three other cadets submitted very good projects as well. George Norton submitted two works; Mike Speelman, one; Adam Radford, two, and Mark Romberg, three.

The regional exhibition of this national competition was held at the Wichita Art Museum, on display from January 27 through February 18. A list of the selected works is available at Wichita Art Museum's website:

<http://www.wichitaartmuseum.org/scholastic/2001exhibit.html>.

## Formal Dinner & Dance



A conversation was overheard outside the Stevens Center recently. It went something like this. Two cadets were peering into the mess hall. "Hey, what happened to the mess hall? The tables are all mixed up and they have pretty white table cloths on them. There are flowers and floating candles inside a glass bowl on each table. The lights must be burned out because there are two crystal candle stick holders on each table with tall red candles burning brightly. I wonder what's going on?"

"Let me see," said the other cadet. "Wow, it sure looks pretty. I can see some glitter specks on the tables and too many forks at each place setting. We even have cloth napkins and, wait a minute. It looks like we have wine glasses at each place setting. Now, that I have to see."

Along came Mrs. Harris. "What are you two young men up to?" she asked. They worried that they might be in trouble but the older cadet asked her to look inside and asked if she knew what was going on.

Mrs. Harris explained that tonight would be a special evening on the St. John's campus. "We are going to have a Valentine's Formal Dinner and Dance. She went on to tell them about the five course meal consisting of shrimp cocktail, Caesar salad, sorbet to cleanse the pallet, an entree of stuffed pork chops, wild rice and steamed asparagus, followed by banana foster, would be served that evening, and the wine glasses were for the nonalcoholic champagne that would be used to learn the art of toasting. This would be taught by Captain McAlexander. Mrs. McAlexander would be teaching etiquette and social graces. The cadets would be dressed in Alpha with bow ties. But, what she told the cadets next, really sent their imaginations to work. Some of the cadets were inviting dates. We were also expecting some mothers and grandmothers as guests!

The Valentine's Formal Dinner and Dance was made possible through the efforts of many. Mrs. McAlexander planned, coordinated, decorated and taught etiquette. She was assisted by Mrs. Stein. Faculty and staff assisted with serving and dishing the meal under Mrs. McCoy's direction.

Cadets Derek Frailey, PLO, and George Norton, Assistant PLO, were part of the team, organizing, publicizing and working.

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## Officers Candidate School **ASVAB Testing Offered**

### *Class of 2001*

Officers Candidate School began at 1900 hours on Monday, the 15th of January, and ended on Sunday, the 21st of January. Nine candidates were selected for attendance, based on their present grade in school, a recommendation from the Senior Military Advisor and the Cadet Battalion Commander, their academic standing within the Corps of Cadets, and finally, the leadership ability they had demonstrated over the first half of the school year.

Those young men selected to attend were SGT Michael Evan Brown, SSG Alejandro Campomanes, SFC Richard Michael Derby, SSG Nicholas Kareem Dockery, SGT Brendon Joel Harris, SGT James Lorne Klock, SSG Mack Garrison Redd, MSG Rex Michael Robichaux, and SGT Benjamin Thomas Walker.

These young men received instruction in the principles and traits of leadership, lessons in military ethics, the role of the officer and noncommissioned officer, and saber drill. They then were given an examination consisting of fifty multiple choice and essay type questions, and had to demonstrate proficiency with the saber in a session with the Cadet Battalion Commander. All passed each phase of the examination and were promoted in an appropriate ceremony to 2LT in front of the assembled corps of Cadets, with Captain McAlexander and some of the parents in attendance. All were then assigned to officer positions throughout the Corps of Cadets.

Cadet Chad Jimmerson has been honored by Dad & Mom, James & Carol Jimmerson, by having a brick placed in the **St. John's Military School Brick Courtyard** located in front of Stevens Center. Proceeds from honorariums are endowed for scholarships. For details contact Julie Fischer.

### **Formal Dinner**

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Derek was Master of Ceremonies and George helped with the introductions and ran the power point presentation.

Sodexo Food Service prepared a wonderful meal and the cadets and guests enjoyed a very unusual evening. A special thanks to Captain and Mrs. McAlexander for a wonderful experience!

On January 18, 2001 nearly all sophomore cadets took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) in Stevens Center on the St. John's campus. The ASVAB is a multi-aptitude test battery consisting of ten short individual tests. Subjects cover Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Arithmetic Reasoning, Mathematics Knowledge, General Science, Auto and Shop Information, Numerical Operations, and Coding Speed. Composite scores are also included and are the results of several individual tests combined to yield three academic scores: Verbal, Math, and Academic Ability.

St. John's representatives made the decision to offer the ASVAB for several important reasons: for Career Planning and Exploration, for those interested in the Armed Forces, and as one of many ways we measure how what our students know compared to the levels of knowledge of other students in other schools.

The ASVAB is one way to measure how well students have developed in their academic and occupational abilities at school, at home, and in the community. The ASVAB also measures capabilities test takers have developed so far that indicates their readiness to become proficient in a certain type of activity, when given the opportunity. Scores reflect aptitudes that are related to success in different jobs.

Some cadets are interested in pursuing military careers after they graduate from St. John's. ASVAB scores are used for military enlistment. Juniors and seniors may use their scores for up to two years after they complete the ASVAB. (A few juniors and seniors requested to take the ASVAB.) However, sophomores can not use ASVAB scores for enlistment. If any of this year's sophomores do choose to enlist in the military, they should have an advantage having previously taken the ASVAB. They will know what to expect.

Generally St. John's cadets scored very well on the ASVAB. Median Percentile Scores in all areas were above average. Percentile scores show how well test takers do in relation to others. ASVAB scores are compared to a national sample of students. Some of the best median percentile scores for St. John's cadets include the following: Word Knowledge, 81.00; Coding Speed, 78.00; General Science, 77.00; Verbal Ability, 76.50; Numerical Operations, 73.50; and Mechanical Comprehension, 73.00.

## Rifle Team

The weekend of January 28-29 offered Kansas juniors an opportunity to fire 240 shots for record in three matches held during the same weekend. In addition to the USAS SJORC, they could participate in the NRA Open (120 rd.) and Junior (60 rd.) and Smallbore Rifle Sectional matches.

### *NRA Indoor 3-Position Smallbore Junior & Open Sectionals*

The 2001 NRA Junior and Open 3-Position indoor smallbore rifle sectional matches were held on the SJMS campus. Even though the weather was generally disagreeable for travel, sixteen open shooters and 15 junior shooters took part in the weekend-long matches. Of the sixteen shooters present, eleven shot scores above 1000 for the match which speaks well for the state of smallbore position shooting in Kansas

The junior match saw very stiff competition

between several very good up-and-coming shooters. George Norton won the JROTC category with a 517-9X score. The cadet JROTC Team also competed scoring a total of 1854-25X. The team was com-

*(Article continued below picture)*



#### **Varsity.**

*Left to right: Justin George (Mgr.), Chad Walker, Jessen Eckert, Stephan Gleeson, James Kock, Andrew Ring (Asst. Coach), Roy Lawrence (Head Coach), Alex Campomanes, Chris Day (Asst. Coach), Paul Palomo, Andrew Willis, Ryan North, Orlando Evitt and Daniel Diaz (Mgr.)*

**J.V.** *Front row, left to right: Justin George (Mgr.), Lee Pace, Adam Johnson Blake Walker. Middle row: Brandon Blackmn, Ryan Scott, Tyler Deines, Chris Parizi and Dan Diaz (Trainer). Back row: Asst. Coach Andrew Ring and Coach Chris Day.*

**Middle School.** *Front row, l to r: J.Reynolds, M. Maynard, R. Korody, T. Taylor, A. Logan and J. Smith. Middle row: J. Mitchell, R. Luke, R. Ripley, S. Green and Z. Peralta. 3rd row: C. Jimmerson, C. Hoobler, D. Hill and J. Pantera. Back: Coach Kelly Rudolph and R. Malugani.*

**Rifle Team.** *Left to right: F. Batalla, R. Nordling, R. Korody, C. Palmer, G. Norton, G. Espinosa, B. Walker, N. Hughes, MSG Tony Blair (Coach) and MSG Joe Stewart (Asst. Coach).*

posed of George Norton, Nick Hughes, Benjamin Walker and Cody Palmer.

### **USA Shooting 3-Position Smallbore Junior Olympic State Championship**

Fourteen Juniors took part in the state championship match two women and twelve men. In this event men and women do not compete against each other. George Norton showed us all how much he has improved lately by firing a 518-12 for a close fourth place finish.

Other cadets shooters fired the following: Cody Palmer 484-11; Robert Korody 452-8; Nick Hughes 415-7; Fernando Batalla 384-5; Gabriel Espinosa 383-2; Ben Walker 353-4 and Ryan Nordling 348.

**Congratulations to ALL participants, you should be proud of your accomplishments! And a great big hand to MSG Tony Blair and his staff at St. John's for hosting the event.**

## Wrestling Season

**Wrestling Team: 119# - Jonathan Zoller, 145# - Richard Hardy, 152# - Rex Robichaux, 215# - Nick Martin, 275# - Karl Christenson. Sean Morgan - Manager.**

The school wrestling team started the season with about 25 wrestlers, with a few of those having some prior experience. Things looked rather promising, with many of the weight classes being filled. For many unforeseen reasons the team began to dwindle in numbers. By mid-season though, things still looked pretty good, as those who were serious about wrestling were still out. By the beginning of February we were down to those who would not give up (listed above).

With coach Jason Willis unable to finish the season because of personal reasons, Lt Scott Cantlon filled the void, volunteering his time to help with practice and matches. He has received little recognition for this and should be given a huge thank you and pat on the back.



THANKS, SCOTT!!

The high point of our season was probably the dual with SE of Saline where we tied them in team points even though we had less wrestlers (we won more matches). The low point of our season was the SE of Saline tournament where we only had three wrestlers. We finished the season at our regional in Lincoln, Kansas.

Jonathan Zoller had the opportunity to stop matches on all three mats broke his right arm below the elbow in half. (Much thanks to Sgt. Yates for helping out when Mr. Zoller got hurt.) I'm sure this will be a season he will never forget.

Richard Hardy looked the best he has all year, having good success with some newly learned moves and almost pinning his opponent from Rock Creek.

Rex Robichaux was down on points in the third period of his second match of the day when he reversed his position and had his opponent on his back. He was a split second away from pinning his opponent but ran out of time.

Karl Christenson won his first two matches easily pinning his opponents in the first period. He needed to win one of the next two matches to go on to the state tournament. In the quarterfinals, Christenson dominated his opponent early, but ran

out of gas in the second period and was pinned. The final match was do or die. Christenson again dominated and was easily winning on points. The match went into the third period with Christenson still in the lead. The long match had taken its toll and total exhaustion had set in. With 20 seconds left Christenson was still in the lead by two points. With a quick move Christenson was put on his back having 3 points scored against him, causing him to lose the match by one point. We were all very disappointed but he had given his best shot and not given up and that's all we ask.

To finish, I'd like to say that I'm very proud of those few who finished the season. It is easy to quit when the practices are difficult and when you don't win very often. It shows the character of the individuals who are willing to sacrifice their time and efforts to see something all the way through. These few should receive a big hand of applause for this.

**Thank you very much!**

**Coach Eric Winters**

**Wrestling Team.** Left to right: Coach Eric Winters, Jon Zoller, Rex Robichaux, Karl Christenson, Ben Anesi, Richard Hardy, Sean Morgan (Mgr.), and Scott Cantlon (Asst. Coach).

## Basketball Season

It's been difficult to find a win for the Mule-skinners this season, in particular, in the Eisenhower League.

Beginning the season with two wins against non-league teams, they completed their regular season play with six wins, only one win against a league opponent - Tescott, on February 2.

Gleeson and Evitt led the team in scoring with Campomanes, Eckert and Willis providing valuable play. Turnover in personnel and turnovers on the court seemed to tell the story.

With one game remaining in regular season play against Riley County, the cadets go into tournament time with a 7-10 record overall and a 1-7 League record.

### **The SKIRMISHER**

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## Special Orders

announcing Promotions for the 113th Corps  
of Cadets since the last Skirmisher

### SO 238-01 dated 1/11/01

Scott Greunke, Zachary Peralta and Michael Rosacci to PFC; Brandon Blackmon, Russell Edmonson, Dayton Hill, Matthew Miller, Darren Portman, Tarell Taylor and Bradley Weber to CPL; Joshua Crenshaw to 1LT.

### SO 239-01 dated 1/11/01

Joshua Selland to CPL; Cody Welch and Jonathan Zoller to PFC.

### SO 247-01 dated 1/18/01

Dana Blaus-Plissner, Sean Cooksey, Lorenzo Gonzalez, Ezra Howes to PFC; Joseph Aussem, Michael Harmon, Michael Maynard, John Mitchell, Joshua Steward, Adam Thompson, Andrew Willis and John Zander to CPL; Christopher Hirsch and Jesse Montoya to SGT; Hunter Allen to SSG.

### SO 248-01 dated 1/18/01

Daniel Diaz to SGT; Jessen Eckert to SSG and Eric McBroom to PFC.

### SO 254-01 dated 1/21/01

Michael Brown, Alejandro Campomanes, Richard Derby, Kareem Dockery, Brendon Harris, James Klock, Mack Redd, Rex Robichaux and Benjamin Walker to 2LT.

### SO 273-01 dated 1/26/01

Andrew Cox, Alexander Logan and Ryan Nordling to PFC; Chad Jimmerson and Phillip Luu to CPL; John Garrard and James Wisdom to SGT; Jeremy Crenshaw to SSG.

### SO 274-01 dated 1/26/01

Kevin Le, Christopher Parizi, Corbin Pratt and Benjamin Reier to PFC.

### SO 285-01 dated 2/01/01

Derrick Foster and Anthony Parsons to PFC; Chad Walker to CPL; Cory Carrizales, Karl Christenson, Nicholas

Hughes, Joseph Manning, Michael Moeller, Nathan Wiltsie and Ryan Woody to SGT; Curtis Hurwitz to SSG.

### SO 286-01 dated 2/01/01

Gregory Romeo and Cody Welch to CPL.

### SO 295-01 dated 2/08/01

Steven Williams to PV1.

### SO 297-01 dated 2/08/01

Richard Malugani to PFC; Nicholas Martin to CPL; Lee Pace to SGT; Brandon Lancaster to MSG; George Norton to WO1 and Derek Frailey to WO2.

### SO 298-01 dated 2/08/01

Scott Greunke and Adam Radford to PFC.

### SO 302-01 dated 2/09/01

Javier Smith to PFC.

### SO 304-01 dated 2/09/01

Randy Hinderberger to PV1.

### SO 308-01 dated 2/13/01

Chad Tate to PV1.

### SO 324-01 dated 2/15/01

Jason Jay, Tyler Olentine, Joachim Reynolds and Adam Thompson to PFC; Blake Walker to CPL; Gabriel Espinosa and Joshua Steward to SGT; Richard Hardy to SSG; Stephen Cambier to MSG; Daniel Wilcox to WO2, Antonio Escandon, Russell Gruber and Ryan North to CPT.

### SO 331-01 dated 2/16/01

Daniel Han, Matthew Webster and Peter Wilcox to CPT; Benjamin Anesi to MAJ.

### SO 343-01 dated 2/22/01

Adam Johnson and Christopher Propst to PFC; Corey Adams and Jeffrey Harvey to SGT; William Corkins to SSG; Jeremy Plugger to SFC; Joshua Crenshaw and Justin George to CPT.

## New Boys make Old Boy

### SO 271-01 dated 1/25/01

Christopher Hoobler to PFC; Stephen Hawley, Adam Johnson, Matthew Kenner, Christopher Kile-Rud, Reid Markus, Christopher Propst, Ray Scott, Ricky Smith, Mark Sullivan, Boguslaw Topor and Raymond Wells to PV2.

### SO 277-01 dated 1/29/01

John Coelho, William Elston, Tyler Harrington, Randy Hinderberger, Sean Morgan, Ryan Nahn and Jonathan Varbel to PV2.

### SO 281-01 dated 1/30/01

Joseph Leavitt, Shawn McLoughlin and Nash Wennstedt to PV2.

### SO 296-01 dated 2/08/01

Casey Aguayo, Tyler Deines, Aaron Johnson, Ryan Scott and Carlos Herrmann to PV2.

### SO 325-01 dated 2/15/01

Kyle Bertsch and Andres Nieblas to PV2; Willem VanRooy to PFC.

### SO 339-01 dated 2/21/01

Cyrus Moink and John Wolford to PV2.

## Memorials

*have been received in memory of*

**Walter York**

"Old Boy" Class of '44

**Gene Penny**

"Old Boy" Class of '43

## Memorial Service

*for*

**Walter York**

to be held on SJMS Campus

10 AM, March 13, 2001

## TAPS

**Mark Baker**

Baker, CO

died February 8, 2001

"Old Boy" Class of '65

*(see related story from Kent Saul)*

## Fishing, anyone?

Picture this. Boys. Men. Sitting on a river bank. Complete silence. No headsets, cell phones, lap tops. No talking.

**"It'll never fly?"**

Colonel Bradley thinks it will and is going to give it a try. In late February, appeals were made for donations of either fishing equipment or financial

donations to purchase poles. He is in hopes of supplying the club with at least twenty good fishing poles, ready to go, for the first nice week-end of the season.

"This can help these young boys develop a hobby for a lifetime."

The response was great. Within a couple days several donations were received from supporting parents.

**A great big thanks to all!**



## Visit with "Old Boy" Jeffery Schlesinger, Class of '22

During a recent trip to Oklahoma to set up an exhibit at the OCA Mid Winter Conference in Edmond, Admissions Officer Mark Bucholtz made a stop in Enid to return a book to Jeffery Schlesinger. He had loaned the book to Capt. McAlexander during a visit in December. This book includes a handwritten listing of all members of the Last Man's Fund (article in the December issue of the Skirmisher).

Mark reports he had a great visit with, perhaps, the oldest living SJMS "Old Boy," at age 94.

Mr. Schlesinger poses for the picture, wearing his SJMS ball cap.



## Denver Reunion

Neal Therrien '86

Arrangements are still underway for a class reunion for the classes of '84, '85, '86 and '87 in Denver, May 25-28. Several members of the class have still not been located, so if you can help, please get in touch with them.

We are anxious for a head count, so if you haven't responded, please do so. Wives and children are welcome.

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## St. John's friends vacation together

A recent Caribbean Cruise was the scene for a birthday celebration of D. Dale Browning's sister, Wanda Faulkner. Dale, "Old Boy" Class of '55, is pictured with classmate Al Ransom, Class of '56 and retired SJMS instructor '52-'88, Col V.B. "Lefty" Loy.



## Webb begins engineering career

The school learned from Rodney Webb, Class of '95, that his brother, Jerry, Battalion Commander of the 107th Corps, received his degree from Kansas State in December.

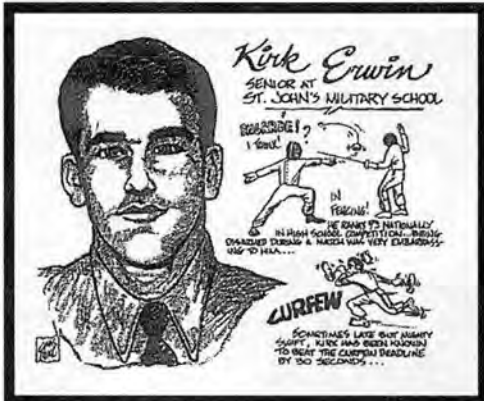
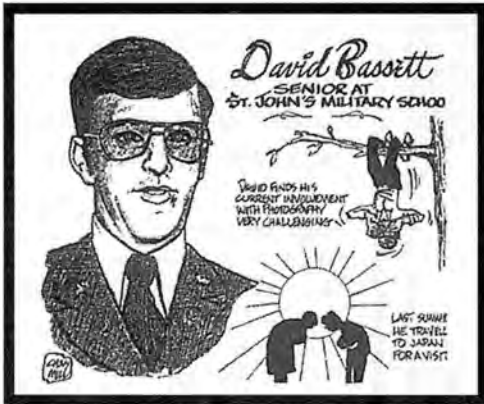
Following interviews and offers from several companies, he selected Schlumberger Limited, a French oil industry Drilling Contractor. Following a training session in Calgary, Canada, he is now in Saudi Arabia for three months on an offshore oil rig. He will be working on a new technology called "Directional Drilling." The drilling "tool" he will be working on is still under development and will be revolutionary to the oil industry.

**Congratulations Jer!** (Pictured from left, Rodney, Jerry and their Dad)

# Down Memory Lane

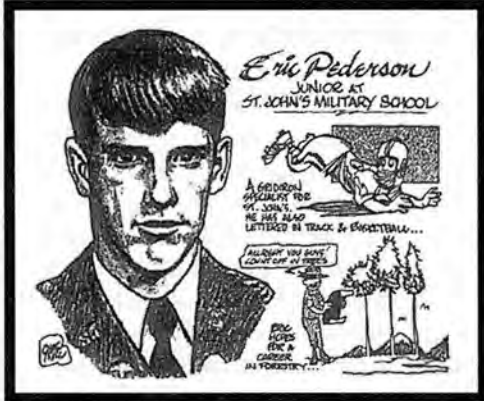
About 30 years ago, the National Bank of America recognized fine young people in the Salina schools by running a feature saluting star-spangled students. These ads were caricature drawings by Charles Milbern and included several cadets from SJMS. Recently, Carolyn Peterson, an employee of the bank (now UMB), came across six drawings which she offered to the St. John's archives.

We are still proud of our "Old Boys"



Cadets honored between 1977 and 1980

David Bassett '77  
 Kirk Erwin '78  
 Dan Siburg '78  
 Eric Pederson '79  
 Charles Greenidge '80  
 Truls Ringkjøb '80



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## ... where are they now? Letters to share

### George Merritt

*"Old Boy" Class of '55*

23 Rathmore

Warrenpoint, Co. Down

N. Ireland Bt34 3SF

Merritt wrote to add his email address to the Home Page alumni directory.

### The Ven. John C. Marlor

*(Jr. School Counsellor 1956-60)*

313 Taylor St. W.

Saskatoon, Sk. Canada S7M 0C6

"Who, you might ask, am I? I was Jr. School Counsellor from 1956 to 1960 - back in the days of Col. Clem, Lt. (as he then was) Duckers, Capt. Jack McCandless, et al. I remember sitting up until late at night with little Steve Erb who was homesick? Dale D. Browning was my sidekick and acted as Best Man at my wedding in '63 in McCook, Nebraska. Col. Clem officiated. I came within a whisker of taking up a teaching position in the Jr. School but decided instead to return to Canada to pursue studies for the ministry. Last June I retired after 37 years of parish ministry. My days at St. John's are part of my memory bank of treasures and I look forward to each edition of The Skirmisher, if only to see if the football team has managed to beat Solomon! Best wishes to you all in 2001."

### Kent Saul

*"Old Boy" (Atten. 64-65)*

email: [benner@aol.com](mailto:benner@aol.com)

Kent phoned to share information on the death of Mark Baker. Kent was a friend of Mark's before, during and after attendance at St. John's, sharing several stories, including "Mass Punishment" he endured while attending SJMS. He shared that Mark, while attending St. John's, was in the Drum

and Bugle Corps and also was quite a wrestler. Before retirement, he managed the "Mick-Nicks" hamburger chain in Phoenix, before moving to Colorado. Jack died suddenly after helping pull his wife's vehicle out of a ditch during a recent snow storm.

### Nate Marshall

*"Old Boy" (Atten. 84-87)*

Phone 303 670-5530

email [rescue1@uswest.net](mailto:rescue1@uswest.net)

"Thought I would drop a line to let the St. John's family know that on January 22, 2001, I will become regional director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Region 8. This five state area is based out of Colorado. This position is a principal advisor to the Director of FEMA who is the Chief Emergency Management Advisor to the President. Regional Directors preside over an arsenal of logistics, manpower and other resources including the Colorado Urban Search and Rescue Task Force which was deployed in 1995 to the Oklahoma City Bombing. Thanks to SJMS, a BA in Emergency Management, AAS in Fire Science, MA in Public Administration and 9 years in the fire service, I have been give the chance."

### CPT Chad A. Calvaresi

*Old Boy (Class of '89)*

AST. OPS Officer, S-3

2 BDE 91st DIV (TS)

email [CalvaresiCA@Carson-2BDE91Div.Army.Mil](mailto:CalvaresiCA@Carson-2BDE91Div.Army.Mil)

"My name is CPT Chad A. Calvaresi. I attended SJMS from 1984-89. I am currently serving my twelfth year as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army, and am stationed at Ft. Carson, Colorado. I have a wife of seven years, Kaci,

and three children, Kira, Chase and Seth. I also have two brothers-in-law that are attending SJMS at this time, Josh and Jeremy Crenshaw. I plan to visit the school for commencement weekend and another date yet to be determined. My mailing address is 7260 B Guadal Canal Cir., Ft. Carson, CO 80913, phone 719 527-6315."

### Chad Kellogg

*Old Boy ("Class of '93)*

email [chad@woodsidequinn.com](mailto:chad@woodsidequinn.com)

"Hope everyone is doing well. Glad to see St. John's is still in good hands. I am in Cleveland, OH. Life is certainly interesting for me these days. After graduating from Ohio Northern University I moved to Cleveland. I double majored in International Economics and Spanish. I am in sales by day and a musician by night. I work in the steel business and sell steel to foundries all over the U.S. I have been playing in a band for the past two years playing drums. The name is Woodside Quinn. Come see us at [www.woodsidequinn.com](http://www.woodsidequinn.com). We have quite a following up here in the New England area. We just released our first CD. All self produced in a studio in downtown Cleveland. This summer we will be touring all over the East coast playing live and promoting our album. I hope I can make it back for commencement this year. Whoever gets this, please tell Father Cox hello for me. Hope all is well for everyone. Keep sending me the Skirmisher." c/ csm Chad Kellogg retired

Several email addresses have been added since the last Skirmisher. We have also been told some are not correct. Please keep us informed of any new addresses.

# A big welcome



awaits cadets as some family members are pictured awaiting their sons' arrival at the Denver Airport to begin Christmas Break.



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