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As good as it gets .. a score of 999

St. John's Military School earned the Honor School with Distinction rating based on the Annual Formal Inspection held on May 1. This designation means that the school finished the inspection within the top 20 percent of the Fourth HSROTC Region High School Programs.

Receiving this designation is nothing new for St. John's. SJMS has now received the highest score in the region for the fifth straight year. This year's score of 999 out of a possible 1,000 points was, however, the best ever.

The Chief Inspector was Brigade CDR Col Celotto, of the 2nd BDE 4th Region JROTC high school programs. He was assisted by OIC Major Boven and NCOIC SFC Pitchford. In the critique following the day-long inspection, the Battalion Staff were told that they looked for progress in the eight-state program, with St. John's being the final inspection in 52 high school programs. "You have done an excellent job. It is harder and harder to attain the 'Honor School with Distinction' rating, and not every program succeeds."

For their reward, the cadets were given the next day off - with late sleep, no classes, and a whole day to do only what they wanted.



Cadets help with cleanup following F-4 Twister



Several days after a tornado ripped through the town of Hoisington, a small community 65 miles southwest of Salina, several St. John's cadets were among the thousands of volunteers that gave their time and energies to help clean up the community. The tornado tore a path six city blocks wide and one mile long, with 200 buildings destroyed and another 85 severely damaged, about 1/3 of the town. Devastation of this proportion will certainly never be forgotten by the cadets or any volunteer helping with the cleanup.

Cadet volunteers were CSM Michael Andrews, MAJ Ben Anesi, SGT Karl Christenson, 2LT Kareem Dockery, WO2 Derek Frailey, CPT Russell Gruber, 1LT James Klock, CPT Matthew Webster and CPL Jon White. Sponsors were SSG Michael Reed and SSG Stephen Young.



President's Message

Capt. E. A. McAlexander

This edition of the Skirmisher marks the end of an era. For eight years Sheri Becker has been responsible for all of the details involved with publishing the Skirmisher. Using the cadets involved in the media club as reporters, and cajoling the rest of us for our columns, she has turned out edition after edition with amazing

good cheer.

Sheri will be retiring from St. John's after 12 years. She, and her husband Dick, are having a house built here in Salina and it will be wonderful to have her in the area. She is involved in so many things, I am sure we will call on her several times as we make the transition to a new system for the Skirmisher.

That new system will be to in-

corporate the Skirmisher and the yearbook into a journalism class to be taught by Barb Nitz and Scott Wiedeman. They have permission to try some new things with both publications and it will be interesting to see their ideas develop.

But, we will miss Sheri's smile and sense of humor. I am sure you all join me in wishing her fair winds and following seas in her well-earned retirement.



Academic Dean's Message

COL Doug Randolph

With graduation day still fresh in my mind, I reflect on how quickly the year passed and how much was accomplished.

From the educational area, the faculty worked very hard in getting everything ready for the state QPA (Quality Performance Accreditation) visit. The state QPA visiting team was very pleased with

the work done and felt the school is on track and doing a great job.

In looking forward to next year, Dan Walker will be returning to St. John's to teach Chemistry. Dan has been working in the White City School District but wants to return to the Salina area.

I personally feel it was a good year for several reasons. We had 28 seniors graduate with 80% planning to attend either college or entering a military service. The 113th Corps of ca-

dets scored 999 out of a possible 1,000 points on the AFI (Annual Formal Inspection). This is the highest score recorded in the history of St. John's under the current scoring system.

COL Bradley and I worked very well together and I feel this was reflected in the number of cadets retained at the end of the year. We had a great year with a great group of staff and cadets to work with.

I would like to wish everyone a very pleasant summer and we look forward to an even better 2001-02 school year.



Commandant's Message

COL Jerry Bradley

Commencement Weekend was extremely busy, almost frantic at times, as the 113th Corps of Cadets with pomp, ceremony, and an amazing ability to both do things right, and on time, marched into history. Many complimentary remarks were heard from parents and visitors alike, concerning a performance that was truly superb. Your expert performance in things military, set a standard for excellence that will be extremely hard to improve upon.

As we walk around this hushed campus, through eerily quiet dorms,

and down hallways echoing emptily with our footsteps, we are reminded that without the young men we serve, we are simply a collection of empty buildings, devoid of the component that gives us purpose, those individual young men who come to be known collectively, as "The Corps of Cadets." And although this brief summer respite is needed, it won't be long at all until we are eagerly looking forward to welcoming them back for this Fall semester.

And speaking of the Fall semester, on the 10th of August, we will greet cadets who have been invited to our football, soccer and leader camps,

and on the 12th of August, we will say hello to the new boys as we welcome them to St. John's, so that they may begin their introduction to life at a military school. We plan to mail out invitations for attendance at our series of camps, sometime later in the summer.

In closing, the military staff and I congratulate each and every member of the 113th Corps of Cadets, and wish to say "thank you" for the absolutely outstanding example you set on the military side of things. Good Luck to all of you, and please remember to keep in touch. For those guys who will be members of the 114th Corps ... "See you in the Fall.."

Trustee gives Commencement Address

“Old Boy” gives Handle Ceremony



Dr. Mace Braxton, member of SJMS Board of Trustees, was the speaker during Commencement exercises, May 19, on Perkins Field. His remarks was an interesting analogy comparing a vehicle to the road in life. Braxton is a local heart surgeon.

Capt. Chad A. Calvaresi, ‘Old Boy’ Class of ‘89, led the Handle Ceremony. Currently serving his twelfth year as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army, Chad is stationed at Ft. Carson, CO., he and his wife, Kaci, have three children - Kira, Chase and Seth. Two cadets, Josh (Gr. 11 and Jeremy (Gr. 10) Crenshaw, are his brothers-in-law.



New President Announced

Approximately one year after Capt. Skip McAlexander announced his intentions to resign, the national search ended for a new president. Mr. Larry Britegam, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, announced that Jack H. Albert, Jr., will assume duties as the president, replacing Skip McAlexander, who has served as president for the past eight years.

Albert is currently the President of Massanutten



Military Academy in Woodstock, Virginia, and has been associated with military schools for almost 20 years. Capt. McAlexander has known Mr. Albert for several years and considers him to be an excellent choice. He is expected to arrive on campus sometime during the fall semester, work alongside Skip, and take the helm sometime prior to the end of the school year.

He and his wife Betty, were on campus during Commencement weekend.

Honorary Colonels

Three individuals were commissioned Honorary Colonels by the School’s President during Commencement Weekend. Honorary Colonels are individuals who have made significant contributions to the school.

The first honoree, Capt. McAlexander knows well ... Patricia McAlexander, his wife and “First Lady” of St. John’s. Pat has created and established many programs and activities designed to instruct the Cadets in the social graces of society. She gives willingly of herself and her time to the betterment of this school, and her plaque reads “A real ‘Big Sister’ or ‘Mom’ to the Cadets Corps.”

The Rt. Rev. Vernon E. Strickland, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas from 1995-2002, has been an active and interested member of the SJMS Board of Trustees and maintains the religious tradition of our school. His plaque reads “A spiritual leader to many ... A friend to all.”

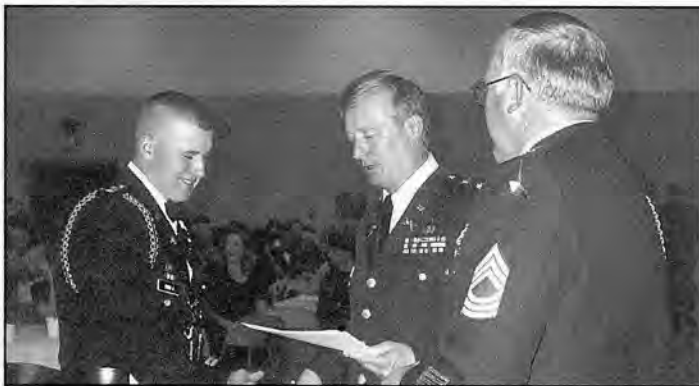
Family members of the late F/Sgt. Ben Titus accepted the commission in his honor. Ben’s tribute reads that he had a true love for SJMS and the Cadets. During the school year, he always volunteered for activities that involved extra effort and time. He thrived on helping the cadet who was having difficulty adjusting to St. John’s. *Our congratulations to the Honorary Colonels Class of 2001.*



Military Awards

COL Jerry Bradley

Leadership and excellence in the JROTC program were recognized during the Military Awards Ceremony during the Military Ball Ceremony on Friday evening, May 18.



JROTC Medals Awarded:

The Golden Eagle Awards - Travis Mulder (Sr.) and Peter Wilcox (Jr.)

The AMCSUS - Joseph Pantera
The ROTC Distinguished Award for Scholastic Excellence - Peter Wilcox

The Superior Cadet Medals - Richard Hardy (LET I), Antonio Escandon (LET II), Peter Wilcox (LET III) and Travis Mulder (LET IV)

The Academic Wreaths - Travis Mulder (Level 4), Peter Wilcox and Daniel Han (Level 3), Antonio Escandon, Kareem Dockery,



Brendon Harris, Rex Rob ichaux and Jessen Eckert (Level 2), Derek Frailey, Richard Hardy, Michael Moeller, Eric McBroom, Cory Carrizales, Nick Hughes, Bernardo Chico-Uriza, Christopher Hirsch, Gabriel Espinosa and Nick Martin (Level 1).

The American Legion Medals - for General Military Excellence - Derek Frailey, for Scholastic Excellence - Matthew Webster, the School medal - Michael Andrews and the School Certificate - Russell Gruber.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Citizenship ribbon - Michael Andrews

The AMVETS Award - Travis Mulder

The Daughters of the Amer. Revolution Medal - Ben Anesi

The Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America - Daniel Wilcox

The Retired Officers Association - Peter Wilcox

The U.S. Army Recruiting Command Award - Russell Gruber

The U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award - Ben Anesi

The Association of the U.S. Army Medal - Matthew Webster

The National Sojourner JROTC Medal - Richard Hardy

The National Society of Sons of the American Revolution - Travis Mulder

The U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award - George Norton

The Reserve Officers Association - Ben Anesi

The Good Conduct Ribbons - Fernando Batalla, Richard Derby, Antonio Escandon, Gabriel Espinosa, Richard Hardy, Jeffrey Harvey, Jesse Montoya, George Norton, Lee Pace, Mark Romberg, Zachary Russell, Daniel Wilcox, Peter Wilcox, Nathan Wiltsie, Ryan Woody and Brendon Young.

The Hardy Rifleman Award - Nicholas Hughes

The Cheney Marksmanship Medal - George Norton

The U.S. Marksmanship Medal - Blake Walker

The Cadet Challenge Medals - Eric McBroom (1st), Travis Mulder (2nd), Daniel Diaz (3rd), Nicholas Romero (4th), and Paul Palomo (5th).

The JROTC Commendation Awards - S-1 Matthew Webster, S-3 Antonio Escandon, S-4 Russell Gruber and S-5 Jake Redd; Alejandro Campomanes and Richard Martinez - Alpha Co., Ryan North and Wade Phoenix - Bravo Co. Josh Crenshaw and James Martling - Charlie Co., and Peter Wilcox and Zachary Russell - Headquarters Co.

Military Field Day

The Best Platoon Drill - Alpha Company, 2nd Platoon, under command of Jessen Eckert.

The Best Company Drill - Charlie Company, under command of Joshua Crenshaw.

The JROTC Commendation Ribbon - Joseph Pantera, HHC Company

The Best Individual Drill Without a Weapon - Kamil Kowalewicz of Alpha Co.

The Honor Company for the 2000-01 School Year - Alpha Company, under the Command of Alejandro Campomanes.



Academic Medals Awarded:

Religion Awards. The Bishops Award - Mark Romberg and Jessen Eckert. The Father Remey L. Clem - Ryan North. The Kennedy-Holifield - Richard Hardy. Cadet Choir Master - Peter Wilcox.

Band Awards. SGM Eugene R. Louis Memorial - Daniel Wilcox. John Phillip Sousa Award - Jeremy Crenshaw. Best Bandsman Award - Brendan Young. Most Improved Bandsman - Lorenzo Gonzalez (U.S.) and John Mitchell (M.S.). Battalion Bugler - Cody Palmer. Battalion Drummers - Kevin Kerns, Corey Adams, Tyler Olentine, Thomas McKinnon and Richard Hardy. Best Drummer - Thomas McKinnon.

M.S. Awards. Athletic Medal - Michael Maynard. Citizenship Medal - Joe Pantera. Athletic Scholarship - Robert Korody. Effort Medal - Dayton Hill. Progress Medal - Corey Adams. M.S. Medal - Fernando Batalla. GREAT Award - Richard Malugani and Randy Hinderberger. DRAGNET Award - Robert Korody. KSHSAA Citizenship - Zachary Peralta. SJMS Foundation - Joachim Reynolds II (Gr. 7) and Richard Malugani (Gr. 8). Ferris (1st Sem.) - Robert Korody. Ferris (2nd Sem.) - Ronnie Luke.

U.S. Awards. Ferris General Shop I - Daniel Wilcox Lyman G. Linger Award - Peter Wilcox. "I Dare You" - Mike Andrews. Activity Leadership - George North. SJMS Foundation - Gabriel Espinosa (Gr. 9), Eric McBroom (Gr. 10), Richard Martinez (Gr. 11) and Derek Frailey (Gr. 12). KSHSAA Citizenship - Peter Wilcox. Tinsley C. Fry Athletic - George Norton. Athletic Scholarship - Kareem Dockery. Jerry Lee Mirth - Mike Andrews. Rotary - Matthew Webster and Justin George. Kastner - Derek Frailey. Wilson Loyalty - Antonio Escandon. Effort - Michael Andrews. Sage Memorial - Travis Mulder.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

N.H.S. Scholar of the Year - Nick Dockery. Textbook Scholarship (\$75) - Peter Wilcox. "Old Boy" Scholarship (\$400) - Ryan North. Blue Beret "Old Boy" (\$200) - Robert Korody. Dwight Woodall (\$2,500) - Richard Martinez. Milton Morrison (\$2,500) - Mack Redd. Schwan (\$2,000) - Eric McBroom. Unsung Hero (\$3,000) - Richard Hardy and (\$1,500) - Nick Romero. Cozy Inn (\$2,000) - Nick Dockery. The Litchman (\$2,000) - Ryan North. Mark Delane Lewis Memorial (\$2,000) - Thomas McKinnon. Hazel Fonck Memorial (\$2,000) - James Klock. Jesus Martinez (\$1,500) - Cory Carrizales. SJMS Memorial (\$2,500) - Joshua Crenshaw. J.D. Berkley (\$2,000) - Fernando Batalla. Tim Soule (\$3,000) - Dan Wilcox. Richard Anderson (\$2,000) - Joe Pantera. John K. Vanier (\$2,000) - Brendon Harris. Lesta Vanier (\$3,000) - Peter Wilcox. J. J. Vanier (\$5,000) - George Norton. Russell L. Guernsey Legend Scholarship (\$500) - Christopher D. Hoobler. Sadie Miller (\$500) - Nash Wennstedt. **D. Dale Browning Tuition Scholarship - Rex Robichaux**

Academic Awards

COL Doug Randolph, Academic Dean

Major awards for effort, progress and excellence were given at the Saturday morning convocation at the Salina Bicentennial Center.



Senior Class of 2001



Manuel Alvarez



Michael J. Andrews



Benjamin J. Anesi



Stephen L. Cambier



Alejandro R. Campomanes



Karl A. Christenson



William L. Corkins



Sean M. Duerr



Jessen A. Eckert



Antonio Escandon



Orlando J. Evitt



Derek C. Frailey



Justin W. George



Stephan C. Gleeson



Russell T. Gruber



Daniel S. Han



Anthony R. Lucchesi



Travis C. Mulder



Wade V. Phoenix



Jeremy K. Pluger



Adam N. Radford



Jake P. Redd



Christopher J. Ryman



Chad C. Tate



Matthew W. Webster



Cody M. Welch



Jon G. White



Brenden P. Young

**Eighth
Grade
Graduates**



Fernando F. Batalla



Russell L. Edmonson



Michael S. Emerson



John P. Green



Chad J. Jimmerson



Ronnie J. Luke



Phillip D. Luu



Richard J. Malugani



Reid P. Markus



Zachary T. Peralta



Ray T. Scott



Javier J. Smith

Fourth Grading Period Honors are Announced

Congratulations to the **BLUE BERETS**

Upper School:

Kareem Dockery

Derek Frailey

Richard Hardy

Middle School:

Phillip Luu

Robert Korody

Joachim "J.R." Reynolds

HONOR ROLL:

Making the Academic Dean's Honor Roll for the Fourth Grading Period from the Upper School are: Kareem Dockery 96.375, Derek Frailey 95.375, Richard Hardy 95.375, Christopher Hirsch 95.375, Eric McBroom 94.500, Ryan North 93.875, Peter Wilcox 93.375, Michael Moeller 93.000, Nicholas Hughes 92.500, Rex Robichaux 92.375, Matthew Webster 90.667, Curtis Hurwitz 90.500; Shawn McLoughlin 90.500, Brendon Harris 90.333, Nathan Wiltsie 90.125, Darren Portman 89.875; Benjamin Walker 89.875, Dana Blaus-Plissner 89.250, Mark Romberg 89.125 and Andres Nieblas 88.875.

Making the Middle School Honor Roll are: Phillip Luu 94.000, Robert Korody 92.757, Joachim Reynolds 92.714, Steven Hardy 92.571, John Coelho 90.875, Corey Adams 90.000, Zachary Peralta 90.000, Chad Jimmerson 89.714, Zachary Shannon 89.714, John Bergmann 89.571 and Richard Malugani 88.714.

Our congratulations to these cadets for a job well done!

Commencement Weekend Scenes



Ring Ceremony, when Juniors receive rings provided by the Foundation.



Drill Teams perform during Military Ball.



Following the new M.S. drill team performance, Joe Pantera receives the Command for the 2002 School Year.



The parade of flags includes flags from each state, country, representing the 113th Corps of Cadets.



The Battalion Commander, Travis Mulder, gives the Corps Farewell



Capt. McAlexander presents Rex Robichaux a ribbon for the D. Dale Browning Scholarship.

Promotions since last Skirmisher

SO 387-01 dated 3/30/01

Tyler Deines to PFC.

SO 399-01 dated 4/06/01

Ronnie Luke, Christopher Propst and Ryan Scott to PFC; Richard Malugani to CPL; Joseph Pantera and Blake Walker to SGT; Nicholas Hughes and Michael Moeller to SSG; Hunter Allen and Paul Palomo to SFC; James Klock to 1LT.

SO 400-01 dated 4/06/01

Cory Carrizales to SFC; Sean Duerr, Kevin Kerns, Kamil Kowalewicz and Anthony Parsons to PFC.

SO 410-01 dated 4/11/01

Charles Riney to PV1.

SO 418-01 dated 4/12/01

Andrew Cox, Randy Hinderberger and Raymond Wells to PFC; Derrick Foster, Christopher Hoobler, Adam Johnson, Ryan Nahn and Tyler Olentine to CPL; Joshua Selland and Andrew Willis to SGT; Cody Palmer and Brendan Young to SSG; Alejandro Campomanes to 1LT.

SO 419-01 dated 4/12/01

Adam Radford and Steven Williams to CPL; Christopher Ryman to PFC; Ryan Steinwart to PV2.

SO 420-01 dated 4/12/01

Travis Mulder to COL.

SO 435-01 dated 4/19/01

Tyler Perlick to PFC; Andre Cruz, Stanley Jacob and Jason Jay to CPL; Michael Maynard and Eric McBroom to SGT; James Martling to 1SG; Russell Gruber and Jake Redd to CPT.

SO 436-01 dated 4/19/01

Lucas Moore to SGT.

SO 453-01 dated 5/1/01

Jose Chico-Uriza to SSG; Russell Edmonson to PV2; Ryan Steinwart to PV1; Benjamin Walker to PFC and Cody Welch to SGT.

SO 454-01 dated 5/1/01

Dino Bajramovic, Tyler Harrington, Stephen Hawley, Joseph Leavitt and Shawn McLoughlin to CPL; Joseph Aussem and Ezra Howes to SGT; Joshua Steward to SSG; Richard Derby and Rex Robichaux to 1LT.

SO 460-01 dated 5/3/01

Christopher Propst to CPL; Ryan Nordling to SGT; Bradley Weber and Ryan Woody to SSG; and Orlando Evitt to SFC.

SO 461-01 dated 5/3/01

Sean Barbour to SGT.

SO 471-01 dated 5/8/01

Stephen Cambier, Dominic Casement, Sean Duerr and Adam Koch to PV1.

SO 477-01 dated 5/10/01

Nicholas Adams, David Barber, Brett Jakubowski and John Wolford to PFC; John Green, Randy Hinderberger, Aaron Johnson, Alexander Logan, Andres Nieblas, Tyler Perlick, Matthew Stevens, Carlos Herrmann, William VanRooy, Nash Wennstedt and Jonathan Zoller to CPL; Andre Cruz, Robert Korody, Christopher Parizi, Zachary Peralta, Michael Rosacci and Steven Williams to SGT; Jose Chico-Uriza to SFC; Mack Redd and Brendon Harris to 1LT.

SO 482-01 dated 5/11/01

Manuel Alvarez, Jessen Eckert, Orlando Evitt, Jeremy Pluger and Jon White to 2LT; Benjamin Anesi and Antonio Escandon to LTC; Stephen Cambier, Sean Duerr and Adam Radford to SSG; Alejandro Campomanes, Justin George, Russell Gruber, Daniel Han, Jake Redd and Matthew Webster to MAJ; Karl Christenson, Christopher Ryman and Cody Welch to SFC; William Corkins to MSG; Derek Frailey and Stephan Gleeson to WO3; Anthony Lucchesi, and Chad Tate to SGT; Wade Phoenix to SGM; and Brendan Young to 1LT.

SO 473-01 dated 5/9/01

Brandon Blackmon to PV1.

SO 484-01 dated 5/11/01

Steven Hardy to PFC.

SO 495-01 dated 5/16/01

Scott Greunke, Adam Johnson and Ryan Nahn to SGT; Cory Carrizales to SSG; Richard Hardy, Curtis Hurwitz and Cody Palmer to SFC; Mark Romberg to WO2; Daniel Wilcox to WO3 and Kareem Dockery to 2LT.

SO 496-01 dated 5/16/01

Christopher Frasier to PFC.

Unsung Heroes



The Salina Noon Optimist Club honored 17 area students at its annual Unsung Heroes banquet which was held at SJMS on April 23. These students are cited for their contributions to their school, family, church and community for which they have not received recognition.

Nominated by school counselors, the three cadets among the honorees were Daniel Wilcox, Wade Phoenix and George Norton. Each received a certificate and a monetary gift.

Former Prisoner of War Speaks to Corps

Col. Edward L. Hubbard, a motivational speaker, was welcomed with a Corps formation when he came on campus to share a breakfast and talk to the 113th Corps of Cadets on Wednesday, April 11. Author, artist, management consultant, and internationally known speaker, Ed culminated a 28-year, active duty, military career in August, 1990, of which almost 25 percent (six years, seven months and 12 days) were spent as a prisoner of war.

He followed his speech, directed at helping overcome obstacles by developing the correct state of mind, by answering questions and autographing his book "Escape from the Box: The Wonder of Human Potential," published in January 1994.

New Boys make 'Old Boy'

SO 421-01 dated 4/12/01

Nicholas Adams to PV2 and Michael North to PFC.

Old Boy Notes . . . Where are they now?

Robert W. Sanders

(Atten. 39-40)

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Floyd Lotker, Class of '40, shared a letter received from Sanders in March. In his letter Sanders wrote about the death of his brother and "Coach" (Dr. Wilfred N. Sanders), the athletic director at SJMS from 1938 to 41 (see TAPS on page 11). The memorial service and final interment of the cremains will be in late spring or early summer. Sanders also writes that he and his wife have spent the prior 15 winters in Hawaii, January thru March, so the winter at home has been long, with from 4-5" of snow still on the ground.

Thanks, Floyd and Robert, for the update.

Eugene Ely

Class of '54

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Gene updates address and shares information that he was married on April 1. His plans to marry Diane on March 31 were cancelled when, following the rehearsal dinner on March 30, he suffered unbearable chest cramps. Following a call to 911, a trip to the Epat Methodist Champions, and a consultation with his oldest son Wes, who is a cardio pulmonary surgeon, he was released from the hospital and wedding plans were reinstated for Sunday, April 1. On Monday, he went back to St. Lukes Hospital, for a double bypass. Prognosis is good. He said he had no heart damage, believes he is really better than before, he is married to his best friend and life is beautiful. *Congratulations, Gene and Diane.*

Timothy Dorsey-Olsen

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Class of '65

Tim writes in response to the February Skirmisher and the TAPS for classmate Mark Baker shared by Kent Saul. He writes that he has a ranch on Mount Palisades in the Valley of the Storm at Cedar Springs, Colorado. He tells us of

the passing of his adopted father, Mr. Ralph Calvin Olson at the age of 85, and shares news of his ranch life. He has a great love for big-bore pistols, re-building .45 pistols to exact .001 tolerances for the Bullseye, National match and championship target master shoots. He and his father, Commander (Ret) P.C. Dorsey (US Navy Aviation), send their best to the 113th Corps.

David Elk

Class of '67

David shared news of the death of his father. He also shared personal memories about Mark Baker. David roomed with Mark during his freshman year on the 3rd floor of Vail Hall. David also sent a **message to the Class of 2001:** "Best of luck as the Class of the New Millenium. Never, ever, stop learning about the world you live in. Please search for your destiny and remember life is very short, even though at times you may doubt. Do not be cynical about religion. The universe knows you well, better than you know yourself. Rest assured it is incredible beyond imagining. Work hard, plan for the future, but realize; all we ever have is the present. Vaya con Dios!"

Thanks, David!

William "Bass Billy" Block

Class of '76

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Bill writes that he lives in Alabama, working as a consultant for Bell South. He thinks about his days at SJMS a lot and wants to hear from some old friends.

Arnaldo Anaya-Lucca

Class of '79

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Arnaldo gives SJMS an update. Arnaldo lives in New York City for the past 15 years. He worked as a men's wear designer for Polo Ralph Lauren for 10 years, and in '97 became a fulltime fashion photographer. You can check out his work by going to www.chrisboalsartists.com and clicking on his name. He attached a photo of himself and singer Ricky Marter after a shoot with him for Vibe magazine in Miami. He writes that he thinks of SJMS often and especially his friends made

during his 4 1/2 years here, mentioning several classmates, teachers and administration members. Asking for some emails, he said that he will never forget all the good times he shared with so many.

David Dumler

Class of '87

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David shares new address and also he and his wife Jenn, announce the arrival of their daughter, Rachael Anne, born May 14. *He provides a link to the website where Rachel's Photo is posted.* <http://www.growingfamily.com/webnursery/hospitals/template/babypage.asp?URLID=2E0U4W5N00> *Congratulations!*

William Roberts

Class of '91

William stopped by the campus and gave an update. Following SJMS he attended community college in K.C., KS. He then went into the army, but re-injured a knee when stepping in a hole while carrying an 80 lb. ruck sack. He remembers the first time he injured his knee well. He said it was while playing basketball for SJMS against Hope. With this latest injury, his Army career ended with 3 months basic training. He then went to VoTech, and now has his own body shop, Images. He and his wife, Esperanza, have five children.

Chris Allen

Class of '95

On May 12, Chris will receive a degree in Kinesiology and Biology from West Texas A&M. He writes that he plans on using his experience from SJMS and from college football to go into teaching and coaching. He has had some offers but hasn't made a choice yet. It will probably be either Amarillo or Garland, TX. He says that he can't believe that someone is going to pay him money to coach football and be under those Friday night lights. "I hope to be as successful at coaching as I was at

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Old Boy Notes . . .

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SJMS. I hope that your graduating seniors can find something as fun as what I am doing after SJMS. Please give them my congratulations."

Joe Miller
Class of '95

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Cadets are not the only ones that count down. Joe writes that he has exactly 380 days left in the army. He then plans to stay in Colorado to finish up school. He is being deployed to the national training center in California so will miss Commencement this year but will try to make the next one.

More Commencement Scenes

TAPS

Michael Corey Mitchell

Winnsboro, TX
Died June 11, 1999
SJMS Old Boy
(1992-93 - 11th Gr.)

Dr. Wilfred Sanders

Ontario, OR
Died February 21, 2001
Former SJMS Athletic
Director

John Robert Elk

Died March 5, 2001
Father to SJMS Old Boy
David Elk, Class of '67

Robert Kasselmann

Salina, Kansas
Died April 1, 2001
SJMS Old Boy

Leif Wang

Westby, Wisconsin
Died April 9, 2001
Father to
CSM Roger Wang

Don Dieckhoff

Salina, Kansas
Died April 23, 2001
SJMS Mule-skinner &
"Top Gun" Whip-cracker



Following staff, the Seniors take part in the Freedom Tree Ceremony.



Father Jim Cox and COL Doug Randolph lead the Processional.



Richard Martinez receives the Woodall Sabre from the Woodall family as the new Master Sergeant.



Peter Wilcox receives the school flag during the Change of Command Ceremony.

A night for dancing

The Jr.-Sr. Prom was held at the Salina Country Club on April 28. Fifty people enjoyed a sumptuous buffet followed by an enthusiastic wild frenzy of non-stop dancing. A big thanks to the sponsors, teachers and moms who joined the cadets for one of the best proms ever.



Admissions Summer Schedule

- June 24-27 Counselors Assoc. Portland, OR
Scott Cantlon
- July 1 Reception Law Vegas, NV
Terri Hunnacutt
- July 13 Open House SJMS Campus
SJMS Staff
- July 19 Reception Oklahoma City
Mark Bucholtz & Scott Cantlon
- July 21 Reception Dallas, TX
Mark Bucholtz & Scott Cantlon
- July 28 Reception Denver, CO
SJMS Staff
- Aug. 12 New Boy Enrollment

"Old Boys" and Patrons are encouraged to join us when we are in your area.

Senior Steak Feed



Continuing tradition, the McAlexanders hosted a steak feed for graduating seniors.



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