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Home of *The MULESKINNERS*



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then & now

Memorial Service for Bishop Mize

An Honor Guard of Cadets, attending the service for the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Mize, Jr. on September 29 at the Christ Cathedral in Salina, represented the hundreds of cadets whose lives were influenced by the Mize family.

Better known as the founder of the St. Francis Boys Homes, now active in seven states, Bishop Mize also had ties with St. John's. His father, The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Mize, Sr. served as Superintendent of St. John's for several years between 1899 and 1934. He

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Old Boy chairs Board of Trustees

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, held in Estes Park in July, Larry Britegam was elected as chairman.

Larry, President of Sunflower Bank in Salina, attended St. John's in 1967-68 as an 8th grade student. He continued his close relationship with the school and is beginning his 11th year on the Board. He led two major fund drives and is currently heading the Search Committee for the President.

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Kastner alias Mr. St. John's

When his second 3-year term ended in July, Board of Trustee member Bob Kastner completed 32 years of service in that capacity. For someone who never attended as a student, he has probably heard the school's alma mater more than his own.

Mr. Kastner began serving during the 1968-69 school year, the same year COL Keith Duckers became Superintendent of the school. In the 100 year history book, Col. Duckers is quoted as saying his first recollection of Bob was when, as a high school lad during the summer of 1954, he helped install a new boiler in Vail Hall. After college, when he joined his dad in the

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New Titles at Helm

Two staff members make up the major change for the beginning of the fall term.

COL Jerry Bradley, after a year's absence, returns to St. John's to hold the position of Commandant. COL Doug Randolph moves from Linger to become the Academic Dean.

Bradley served as a Military Advisor for

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Pictured from top: Britegam; Kastner; Randolph & Bradley.

**Don't miss
"OLD BOY 2000"
Alumni/Reunion
Veterans' Day Weekend
November 10-11
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President's Message

Capt. E. A. McAlexander

It occurs to me that I have not given the readers of the Skirmisher an update on the school's endowment for a few years. First some historical perspective. In May of 1993 the value of the endowment was approximately \$3.6 million. With the construction of the

Stevens Center and the other improvements to the campus we have spent over \$4.5 million since that time. The other improvements include the Wrestling Annex to the gym, the air-conditioning of all the barracks, and the acquisition of the land to the North of the campus that will eventually become our track and stadium.

As of mid October, the value of the Endowment was something over \$7.3 million. We should all be very proud of what has been accomplished at St. John's with the resources we have been given. We have a very nice start for the new century and the financial health of the school is excellent.



Academic Dean's Message

COL Doug Randolph

I am very pleased with how the current school year is progressing. I find it hard to believe the end of the first grading period is rapidly approaching. Although I have been at St. John's for twenty years, this is my first year as the Academic Dean. It has been a busy beginning with several cadets attending the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, visiting the Sternberg Museum in Hays

and traveling to a Civil War re-enactment in Lexington, Missouri. The Corps of Cadets also marched in the Santa Fe Days parade, and are involved in the football and soccer season..

The cadets are also involved in a school-wide reading program in which they meet with their reading group teacher to read, discuss and format book reports. The program is designed to place the cadets into small group settings and hopefully increase both their reading level and interest.

Several clubs and activities are in the beginning stages of organization and should be in operation by the middle of October. This would include a fishing club, bowling and the voyager (canoe)

club.

My main emphasis for the school year is keeping the cadets focused on their academics. I am also totally committed to the Quality Performance Accreditation process and making sure St. John's receives high marks in the state's endorsement.

I would like to thank the faculty and staff who have been great in helping out and working with the cadets. I would also like to thank Colonel Bradley and his staff and Cadet Major Mulder and his staff for all their help in getting the 113th Corps of cadets off to a positive school year.



Commandant's Message

COL Jerry Bradley

The past five weeks have been a busy time for us. We began on the 13th of August with selected returning cadets reporting in to attend various leader camps. And for the first time in the history of St. John's, New Boy Training began three weeks prior to the start of school.

Greetings from the Military Department.

Classes for returning Old Boys were designed to teach leadership and teamwork, and were used to help us select those young men who will run the 113th Corps of Cadets. Old Boys attended classes on subjects such as ethics, drill and ceremony, and how to apply leadership principles. They also participated in team building exercises, ran an obstacle/confidence course, did some land navigation exercises, and

paint ball "wars."

Officers Candidate School which consisted of seven young Sergeants who upon graduation from OCS, were promoted to 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to officer leader positions within the Corps of Cadets. A list of those cadets who were selected for leader positions can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Skirmisher.

The reason for bringing new cadets in early was to be able to administer their training in an

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the tribe has spoken

Leading the Corps of the 113th

Battalion Staff

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Battalion Commander - MAJ Travis Mulder; XO - 1LT Benjamin Anesi; S1 - 2LT Matthew Webster; S2 - 2LT Antonio Escandon; S3 - 2LT Jon White; S4 - 2LT Justin George; S5 - 2LT Daniel Han and CSM - SGM Michael Andrews.



Alpha Company

Company Commander - 2LT Ryan North; ISG Richard Martinez; Platoon Leaders - SFC Rex Robichaux and SGT Richard Derby; Platoon Sergeants - SGT Stephen Cambier and CPL Paul Palomo

Bravo Company

Company Commander 1LT Joseph Mooney; Executive Officer - 2LT Jake Redd; First Sergeant - SGT Wade Phoenix
Platoon Leaders - SGT Christopher Braziel and PFC Adam Magrum; Platoon Sergeants - SGT Christopher Ryman and CPL Sean Duerr

Charlie Company

Company Commander - 2LT Russell Gruber; Executive Officer - SSG George Norton; First Sergeant - SGT Brandon Lancaster; Platoon Leader - SSG Kareem Dockery
Platoon Sergeant SGT Michael Brown

Headquarters Company

Company Commander - 2LT Peter Wilcox; Executive Officer - CPL William Corkins; First Sergeant - SSG Zachary Russell; Platoon Leaders - SGT Orlando Evitt and SGT Jorge Salome; Platoon Sergeants - SGT Hunter Allen and CPL Jose Chico

Alpha



Bravo



Charlie



Headquarters



Kastner retires from Board

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family plumbing business, he quickly developed an interest in St. John's. Bob's father, Dan, served one 3-year term as trustee beginning in 1953.

Current by-laws stipulate that no Board Member can serve more than two 3-year terms without being off the board for one year. Since Bob began serving on the board in 1968, he has missed five years as an active Trustee. During his 32 years, he has served as Chairman of the Board, and served and chaired several committees. Probably his greatest impact at St. John's was his years serving on the Buildings & Grounds Committee, where he was personally involved in the improvement and/or construction of most existing campus facilities. As President of Salina City Plumbing Co., he also has spent thousands of hours opening up clogged drains on campus.

Bob was serving on the Board during the devastating fire that destroyed the school's 91-year-old administration building, Vail and Griswold Halls, in November of 1978. He gave willingly and freely of his time and effort to deal with the problems associated with the interim program and the decision to rebuild. He was responsible for having the Battalion Assembly Area included in the design of Vanier Academic Center.

Along with being a charter member of the Mule-skinners Club, which began in 1967, Bob also holds the titles of Brigadier and Honorary Colonel.

Thank you, Bob!

Archive note. During recent research, it was learned that five individuals served a 24-year period continuously, from 1927 through 1951. These gentlemen were E. A. Hiller, W. Lee Ganssle, Charles F.W. Seitz, Earl C. Woodward and Col. Fred R. Fitzpatrick.

Parents' Weekend Scheduled

Parents Weekend, designed to permit parents and guardians to spend a maximum amount of time with their Cadet, is scheduled for October 13-14-15.

Events for the weekend will include parent-teacher-military advisor conferences on Friday with the pep rally, cook out and homecoming football game against Victoria on Friday evening. Saturday events include a continental breakfast followed by the morning formation, a drill team performance, and a Pass in Review on Perkins Field. A soccer game with Father/Faculty/Alumni challenging the Cadets is scheduled for Saturday afternoon with the remainder of Saturday open for cadet passes. Pass gate opens again along with an invitation to attend the Holy Eucharist in the Armstrong Memorial Chapel on Sunday morning.

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Message from Commandant

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environment that was free of the pressure of having to do academics at the same time they were doing those difficult things that are required as part of the New Boy training regimen. Although we were apprehensive at the onset, we are happy to report that this "experiment" was an unqualified success.

These young men that began as New Boys have been outstanding in every way. They were cooperative, eager to learn, well behaved, and for the first time in memory, not a single one tried to run away. All 42 of them graduated on time; six with perfect scores on their Old Boy exam. Afterward, they were officially welcomed to "The St. John's Family," and presented their insignia of rank and "Old Boy Shields" by the Cadet Battalion Commander and the Cadet Command Sergeant Major, in the presence of all the faculty and staff. We are very proud of all these young men. They set a wonderful example, and established a standard that we can only hope future New Boy classes strive to emulate.

Pictures Scheduled

Individual pictures of cadets, faculty and staff will be taken on October 16 and 17. The pictures will appear in the 2000-01 yearbook, "The Sound-Off." Parents will be receiving proofs and order forms directly from the photographer, Mr. Steve Biggers, phone 800 275-6127.

A full corps picture will also be taken at this time and made available for purchase. If your son plays a fall sport, individual and team football and soccer pictures are also available for purchase.

New at Helm (Continued from page 1)

five years before becoming Director of Admissions, a position he held for five years before retiring. After one year of retirement he was ready to return to accept the position of Commandant.

Randolph has been at St. John's for 20 years; the last nine years as the Assistant Dean and serving as Principal and instructor at the Middle School. He will continue to instruct economics. Mrs. Barbara Nitz returns to the classroom after a semester absence. She is teaching English, speech and forensics. Roy Lawrence, the Student Technology Resource Advisor and Varsity Basketball Coach will take over the position of Athletic Director, which Colonel Randolph had also held.

Two military advisors, Chief Max Boston and SGM Beryl Reichardt, retired during the summer. 1SG Clyde Sallee retired to accept a position at the Fort Riley Alcohol & Drug Abuse Center. Replacing them in the military department are SFC Alvie McCluskey, SSG Mike Reid and SSG Steve Young.

We also welcome Mrs. Stella Adkins who began working in the Laundry room this year.

Bishop Mize (Continued from page 1)

also served as a teacher, chaplain and President of the Board of Trustees at various times during this period.

In 1921, when his father was consecrated as the Bishop of Salina, Bob Jr. was 13 years old. He and his brother Ed appeared in their new uniforms as cadets arriving during the Christmas holiday. Their career as cadets lasted five months. "We learned the meaning of discipline centered on obedience. Unlike home or public school, there was no place for 'ifs' and 'ands.' Halt meant halt." Because of their mother's illness, they were given the privilege of becoming day students. "We were the first and last day students at St. John's" he is quoted in the St. John's history book.

Bishop Bob and his brother Ed both were involved with St. John's later when the Depression hurt St. John's enrollment. Their father assigned Ed to the Chaplain position and assigned Bob the task of representing St. John's on the road. He spent three summers recruiting, and later served on the Board of Trustees when he, himself, served as Bishop for the Diocese of Western Kansas. Father Bob retired as the Assisting Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin in Fresno, CA.

Mom's and Mr. Mom's Organize

Being away from home on a birthday is pretty tough. To try to make the day a little special, members of the faculty and staff become **Moms or Mister Moms**. They select several boys whom they make sure receive a cake or something edible on their birthdays. They also provide a sack of treats to their assigned cadets on Valentine's Day. Ms. Brenda McCoy is heading the Club again this year.

The Foundation (Your PTA)

Last May the Foundation Board of Directors held its annual Commencement Weekend meeting. To encourage increasing membership and greater parent involvement, the Board approved a membership level beginning at \$10.00.

Each year the Foundation accepts requests from faculty and staff. This year three requests were granted. They include purchasing three canoes for the voyager club, a weather station, and new TI-83 calculators for the math department. All this is possible due to the various fund-raisers sponsored by the Foundation.

This year the Foundation again sponsored the Innisbrook wraps and raised approximately \$1,500.00. The Foundation would like to thank Patty Robichaux for all her time and hard work in the Innisbrook wraps fund-raiser. Without the support of parents like Mrs. Robichaux the Foundation would not be able to accomplish all it does. The www.schoolpop.com, from which customers can purchase items over the internet, returning a percentage of the sale to the school, is also a Foundation program.

The Foundation is also sponsoring a care package program. Parents, grandparents or friends can purchase a care package that will be delivered to their cadet on a set day. Single or multiple plans are available. If you need more information call Scott Cantlon at 785 823-9525 ext. 7719 or email scottc@sjms.org.

Board of Trustees

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Three new Trustees elected to the Board in July are Dr. Mace Braxton, Pete Peterson and Harry G. Smith, all of Salina. Returning to the Board are Charlie Stevens, Salina, and Tim Soule, Denver. Retiring trustees are Bob Kastner, Lawton Nuss, Bruce Stainbrook and Karl Stutterheim of Salina and D. Dale Browning, Denver.

Other board members are Larry Bengtson, Mike Berkley, Larry Dunlap, Ron Green, Bob Miller, Dr. David Peterson, The Rt. Rev. Vernon Strickland and Darrell Wilson of Salina; Donna Vanier of Brookville, and Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh, Topeka.

Varsity Football

The scores show that there is always lots of excitement when Cadets are on the field. Even with the losses, there is lots of activity. With five games under their belt, the Mule-skinners go into their second month with 2 wins and 4 losses.

Tescott	L 62-32
Bennington	L 54-22
Wakefield	W 46-28
Centre	L 74-24
Gossell	W 56-38
Hope	L 67-20

The coaching staff this year consists of Sven Hestrand (Head coach) and Joe Stewart and Mike Reid as assistant coaches.

The Mule-skinners key players have been returning lettermen Stephan Gleeson, Matt Webster, Daniel Han, Jessen Eckert and Ben Anesi, along with new-comer Eric McBroom who has made his presence known. The remaining team members are Derek Frailey, Chris Braziel, Dominic Stokes, Jake Redd, Daniel Wilcox, Jon White, Michael Andrews, Lucas Romero, Zackary Wagner, Michael Brown, Wade Phoenix, Joseph Manning, Joe Mooney, Orlando Evitt, Ryan Woody, Mack Redd, Travis Mulder, Curtis Hurwitz, Cory Carrizales, David Kriske, Nick Dockery, Ryan North, Adam Radford and Kevin Kerns.

Cadet Soccer

Sweeper Brandon Lancaster and midfielder Mike Speelman are the two returning starters from last year's team that went 10-5 and advanced to the second round of the regional playoffs. Also returning are defenders Russell Gruber, Blake McMurtrey and Lucas Moore. This year's team is very inexperienced with only three seniors, and is off to a slow start with a record of 1 win and 5 losses.

Numerous first year players are making a positive impact on this year's squad. Richard Derby, Paul Palomo and John Zander are beginning to make great strides on offense. Antonio Escandon and Clinton Hendrickson are working hard as midfielders, while Chris Ryman and Cody Palmer have shown great improvement on defense. Alejandro Campomanes, David Barber and Blake McMurtrey have shared the goalkeeping duties. Sean Barbour, Sean Cooksey, Richard Hardy, Nick Hughes, Nick LaMarca and Thomas McKinnon have provided support off the bench.

The young Mule-skinners are working hard and looking to the rest of the season with the hope of putting together a winning streak and closing out the year on a high note. Coaches George Stelljes and Marc Polzella have been pleased with progress made by many of the players.

Cadet Patrol Organized

Participating members of the Cadet Patrol for the 2000-01 school year are Antonio Escandon, Leader; and members Richard Derby, Daniel Diaz, Richard Hardy, William Pantera, Jeremy Plugger, Gregory Romero, Michael Speelman and Alexander Winkel.

Lawrence earns "Top Gun" Mule-skinner award

Fourteen teams competed in the Annual Mule-skinners Golf Tournament held at the Salina Country Club on Friday, August 4. Participants picked up their prizes and team pictures at the Steak Feed held in Stevens Center later in the evening, with about 100 members attending.

The "Top Gun" award this year went to Roy Lawrence by recruiting the most new members. He received the traveling plaque along with a gift certificate for a weekend stay in Kansas City. Scott Cantlon, Chairman of the Mule-skinner program, also recognized Don Dieckhoff, Salina, for his "Top Gun" billing last year. He was presented a SJMS throw for his years of support to the Mule-skinners.

The Mule-skinners Club is made up of approximately 350 members annually. The club began with \$100 a year memberships but now includes several levels of giving. All proceeds, about \$50,000 annually, go into a scholarship fund. Salina businessmen, patrons, alumni, employees and friends of St. John's make up the membership.

Community Service

Benjamin Anesi was awarded the Silver Lamp; William Corkins the ribbon; Joseph Mooney, Travis Mulder and Wade Phoenix the Bronze Lamp; and Lucas Moore, the Gold Lamp.

Cadets help with Recruiting

By assisting the admissions personnel with the recruitment program, cadets can earn ribbons. Awardees to date include William Corkins, Richard Derby, Antonio Escandon, Russell Gruber, Brendon Harris, Mark Romberg, Matthew Webster, Alejandro Campomanes, Jake Redd and Justin George.

Summer Rifle Camp a Huge Success

Three returning lettermen and five new shooters chose to cut their summer short and returned to the St. John's campus early to improve their shooting skills and their chances of making the 2000-01 Rifle Team. These young men attended the first ever Summer Rifle Camp where most days consisted of six hours of shooting practice along with mental management classes and competitions thrown in.

The activities also included a trip to the two day Kansas state Rifle Association's Junior Shooting Camp held at Camp Mary Dell, Kansas. This gave the Cadets an opportunity to show what they had learned from the previous week's long practice sessions. "I could not have been prouder of a group of boys as I was of the cadets that went to Camp Mary Dell" stated Coach Tony Blair. "This is the first time that more than two Cadets have ever attended this camp and these boys represented St. John's exceptionally well, both socially and competitively."

Cadets Cody Palmer and Branden Harris took the third place



team medals; Cadet Rex Robichaux, along with his civilian partner, took the second place team medals; and Cadet Mark Romberg, along with his civilian partner, won the first place team medals (pictured at left).

The big news was with the individual category. Cadet Antonio Escandon shot fourth overall while Cadet George Norton, this year's team Captain, took first place. These two shooters, along with the second and third place winners of the individual match, TJ Harris and Emily Bruce respectively (at left), will represent Kansas at the NRA National Championships held at Camp Perry, Ohio next July.

"As far as I know, this is the first time in the history of the school, a shooter has earned the prestigious honor of shooting at the Nationals" exclaimed Coach Blair.

Reading for Pleasure

To encourage interest in reading and to improve writing skills, a reading program has been initiated which should benefit cadets, parents and faculty alike.

These sessions will be held at random during different class periods. A cadet will be able to select his own book or articles. He will then be expected to write a report on his selection. He can use the whole 90 minute block period for reading, or he can use part of this time to write a letter home. It will also be an opportunity to visit one-on-one with the instructor about how his classes are going, etc.

It is hoped this will encourage reading for pleasure and letter writing, and will let both parents and faculty know how things are going in his life.

Cadets will earn points for their participation, that can be used for special awards and snacks.

Audio coverage over Internet

Listen to live play-by-play action of the varsity football and basketball action, world-wide.

EBC Inc. began carrying high school sports on the internet this Fall. Every St. John's game will be heard on the internet. Just go to www.ebclink.com. At this site, click the yellow "Audio Channels" button, locate the SJMS broadcast on EBC1 and click the "play" button.

Half-time will include such things as interviews with cadets, calendar activity information, or visits with various faculty and staff members. If you have some ideas on what you would like to hear, share them with us.

We also want to know if anyone is listening. Let us hear from you!

Special Orders

announcing Promotions for
the 113th Corps of Cadets

SO 1-01 dated 5/13/00

1LT Travis Mulder to Major and designated Commander of the 113th Corps of Cadets.

SO 4-01 dated 8/17/00

Michael Andresws to SGM.

SO 7-01 dated 8/23/00

Benjamin Anesi to 1LT.

SO 17-01 dated 8/31/00

Joseph Manning to PFC; Richard Martinez to MSG, Paul Palomo to CPL and Christopher Finkey to PFC.

SO 18-01 dated 8/31/00

Christopher Braziel, Michael Brown, William Corkins, Orlando Evitt and Wade Phoenix to SGT; Sean Cooksey, Jessen Eckert and Scott Green to CPL; Sean Duerr and George Norton to SSG; and Adam Magrum to PFC.

SO 27-01 dated 9/5/00

Joshua Selland to PV2.

SO 31-01 dated 9/7/00

Brendon Harris, Mason Hendrickson and Kevin Le to CPL.

SO 41-01 dated 9/14/00

Christopher Horn to PFC; Fernando Batalla and Jose Chico to CPL.

SO 42-01 dated 9/14/00

Kevin Kerns to PFC.

SO 44-01 dated 9/15/00

Michael Leeds, Mack Redd, Christopher Ryman and Benjamin Walker to SGT; Manuel Alvarez and Kareem Dockery to

SSG.

SO 48-01 dated 9/19/00

Blake McMurtrey and Lucas Moore to WO1.

SO 53-01 dated 9/22/00

Stephan Gleeson and Adam Magrum to CPL.

SO 60-01 dated 9/28/00

Joseph Aussem, Eric Burnett, Karl Christenson, Derrick Foster, Christopher Hirsch, Adam Koch, David Kriske, Eric McBroom, Jesse Montoy, Adam Radford, Bradley Weber, Andrew Willis, Nathan Wiltsie, James Wisdom and Ryan Woody to PFC.

SO 62-01 dated 9/29/00

Jose Chico, Blake Collins, James Klock, Paul Palomo and Alexander Winkel to SGT; Brandon Lancaster to SFC; Wade Phoenix and Zachary Russell to SFC.

SO 63-01 dated 10/1/00

Nicholas LaMarca, Jeremy Plugger and Brendan Young to SGT; Stephen Cambier and Richard Derby to SSG.

SO 65-01 dated 10/2/00

Eric Winkel to SSG.

SO 70-01 dated 10/4/00

Gregory Romero and Zachary Wagner to PV2.

SO74-01 dated 10/5/00

Corey Adams, Jeffrey Alcee, Gabriel Espinosa, Dayton Hill, Chad Jimmerson, Robert Korody, Joseph Pantera and James Patton to PFC.

SO 76-01 dated 10/5/00

Kamil Kowaleicz to PFC.

SO 80-01 dated 10/6/00

James Martling to SSG.

New Boys make

Old Boy Special Orders

SO9-01 dated 8/25/00

Jorge Salome to rank of SGT.

SO 15-01 dated 8/31/00

Corey Adams, Jeffrey Alcee, Joseph Aussem, David Barber, Tyler Bruno, Eric Burnett, Karl Christenson, Luis Colon, Gabriel Espinosa, Derrick Foster, Michael Harmon, Dayton Hill, William Hill, Christopher Hirsch, Christopher Horn, Nicholas Hughes and Chad Jimmerson to PV2; Sean Barbour, Cory Carrizales, Russell Edmonson and Taehoon Gang to PFC.

SO 16-01 dated 8/31/00

Adam Koch, Robert Korody, Eric McBroom, Thomas McKinnon, John Mitchell, Jesse Montoya, Lee Pace, Joseph Pantera, Adam Radford, Charles Riney, Matthew Stevens, Zachary Wagner, Bradley Weber, Andrew Willis, Nathan Wiltsie, James Wisdom, Ryan Woody and John Zander to PV2; Benjamin Reier and Dominic Stokes to PFC.

SO 40-01 dated 9/14/00

Derek Frailey and Steven Williams to PFC; Matthew Kenney to PV2.

SO 52-01 dated 9/22/00

Anthony Lucchesi to PV2.

SO 61-01 dated 9/29/00

Jason Christo, Lorenzo Gonzalez and Lucas Romero to PV2.

SO 79-01 dated 10/06/00

Geoffrey Boeck, Robert Ripley and Joshua Steward to PV2.

Qualifying for Spartans

Making Spartans for the beginning of the 2000-01 school year, and under the direction of Travis Mulder, are Richard Derby, Jessen Eckert, Orlando Evitt, Ryan North, William Pantera, Matthew Webster and Daniel Wilcox.

JROTC

athletes recognized

Meeting the criteria for the Cadet Challenge held at the end of the 1999-00 school year were seven returning cadets. Authorized to wear the JROTC Athletic ribbon are Michael Brown, Richard Derby, Daniel Diaz, Jessen Eckert, Orlando Evitt, Michael Ledds and Ryan North.

Joining the Uniform Ranks

A special promotion was made this summer when Mrs. Paula Lambert earned the rank of master sergeant and designated Administrative Assistant to the Commandant. Paula has been secretary to the Commandant's Office for eight years.

Don't you think she looks sharp in her uniform?



“Old Boys”

Where are they now . .

Letter from

Jefferson S. Schlesinger, Class of '22
Schlesinger wrote a letter to be shared at the Old Boy Reunion in November but we wanted to share part of it. He writes that he was the youngest in his class, age 16, and now probably the oldest still living from his class, at 94.

Denton Farnsworth, son of **D. Kermit Farnsworth, Class of '27**
During the first part of September, Denton K. Farnsworth, Longmont, CO, visited the campus where his father had attended. He and his wife wrote back, sharing information about his father's life (known to them as Denny K. Farnsworth), and commented how excited they were to find his father's picture on the wall with his graduating class of 1927. Denton said he has his father's saber displayed on his office wall.

Robert A. Houston, Class of '43
3219 Country Oak Drive
Orange Park, FL 32073
Bob, his wife Kiyoo, and Salina friend Marilyn Hines, visited the campus in mid June.

Tom P. Wilson, Class of '62
2601 S. Bon View Ave.
Ontario CA 91761
Tom wrote a very entertaining letter on their summer move from Oklahoma to California. His experiences with purchasing, remodeling and then the big move, could probably be made into a comedy mini-series. Thanks, Tom. We wish you and Carol the best. Tom also writes that his son **Tom L. Wilson, Class of '91**, was to be married on September 9. Congratulations!

Lucien Rice III, Class of '64
Albuquerque, NM
Visited in July. First visit since graduation.

Picture taken at Denver Reception



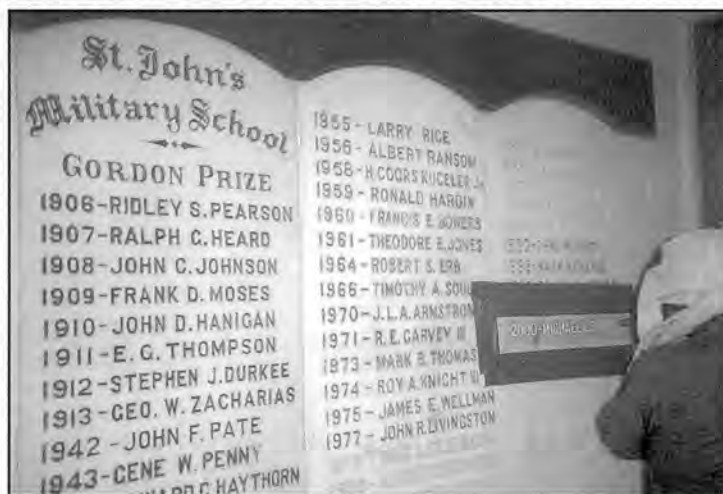
The staff appreciates the attendance of those Old Boys who attended the receptions held this summer. It's always good to hear stories shared from the past, and we also appreciate comments shared during the recruitment portion of the reception. Above is a picture taken at the Denver reception. Pictured with Roy Lawrence are Chuck Robinson '92, Gabe Boyle '92 and Tory Merriman '93.

Robert Fitch, Atten '67-68
Visited campus. Owns Robert's Firearms Company in Aurora, CO

Tony Wilson, Class of '76
3663 Fillmore St. NE
Minneapolis MN 55418
On visit, donated several boxes of videos including quite a collection of military history and biographies. These were given to the school in memory of his father, Shoria G. Wilson.

PFC Matthew Beynon 3387, Class of '98
HHC S3 2-327
Camp Bondsteel Kosovo
APO AE 0934
Matt was deployed to Kosovo for six months on a Peace Keeping Mission. His wife Connie will remain at Ft. Campbell, KY until his return. Matt's classmate, **Steve MacWilliams**, is to be stationed at Ft. Campbell also.

Michael Leonard's name added to Wall



Gordon Prize winners are still honored with their names engraved on a marble plate located in the Vanier Academic Center.

Tribute to Allison

A former patron was on campus in July to place a spray of flowers at the base of the Veterans Memorial in tribute to "Old Boy" Dick Allison.

She said she was in attendance during the dedication of the Memorial on February 14, 1988, when Allison, Class of '44, donated the eagle that flies atop the brick pedestal. The eagle, with a 37" wing span, was created in Italy and shipped to Salina for the installation. The Memorial was established as a tribute to all "Old Boys" who have served their country in the armed forces.



TAPS

Ethel Brown
died in July, 2000
mother of "Old Boy Al Ransom '56

Rita D. Speilman
died July 30, 2000
wife of SJMS Instructor Chuck Speilman

The Rev. Paul M. Snider
died August 5, 2000
father of Old Boys Gordon Snider '81
and Ian Snider '79
Served on SJMS Foundation Bd. '75-81

Richard Allison
died August 10, 2000
"Old Boy" Class of '44

The Rev. Loyd W. Holifield
died August 20, 2000
Served as SJMS Chaplain '71-78

Benjamin C. Titus
died September 19, 2000
Served as SJMS Military Advisor '68-81

Mary Clem
died September 28, 2000
wife of "Old Boy" Alan Clem '46

We want former faculty and staff to join us for the Alumni Weekend too. Complete the registration form on next page and return.

Memorials

have been received in memory of

Mary Clem

wife of Old Boy Alan Clem,
class of '46

Ethel Ransom

mother of Old Boy Al Ransom,
Class of '56

Ruth Speilman

wife of Instructor Chuck Speilman

Ben Titus

former SJMS Military Advisor

Fulton Memorial Service

A memorial service was held in the Armstrong Memorial Chapel, Father James Cox, officiating, on Monday morning, August 14. Louis B. Fulton, Old Boy, Class of '46, died on April 27 while he and his wife were vacationing. His ashes were placed in the Columbarium inside the Chapel, along side two of his classmates, "Old Boys" Robert Philbrook, Class of '46 and James Bannon, Class of '44.

Along with members of the Fulton family, two former classmates were in attendance - Fritz



Mrs. Fulton along with Bill & Connie Bliss shown with Lou's picture located on the Wall of Fame.

and Barbara Schoeb and Bill and Connie Bliss. Jack and Donna Vanier, Keith and Liz Duckers and several current staff members, as well as, several members of the Cadet Corps were also in attendance. A luncheon was shared with the Fulton family following the service.

Lou always said that SJMS was like a father to him because he lost his as a 4th grade boy. He really loved St. John's and felt indebted to the school because he learned how to get along with people and communicate. "St. John's taught me how to live."

“Old Boy” Reunion 2000

We hope to see you at this year's Reunion planned for Veteran's Day Weekend - November 10-11. For those who have not been back in quite sometime you can expect to see a beautiful campus.

Class reunions are being planned for the 60-year, 50-year, 30-year and 25-year classes. But your class doesn't have to be celebrating a class reunion to be with us on Weekend 2000. All “Old Boys” are encouraged to attend.

Please get your registrations forms in. Or register by contacting Mrs. Becker, phone 785 823-7231, FAX 785 823-7236, or email sherib@sjms.org. The school mailing address is PO Box 827, Salina, KS 67402.

Schedule of Events

Friday, 10 November

- 0830 Registration – Stevens Center
(coffee and donuts available)
- 1000 General Assembly, Battalion Assembly Room - Vanier
Academic Center
- 1030 Campus Tour (Barracks open for alumni inspection)
- 1130 Luncheon with Corps - Stevens Center
SJMS Veterans Day Roll Call and
Alumni Introductions
- 1300 Alumni March and Drill Competition
Tests the performance of alumni as they relive the
glory days of their youth
- 1400 Flag Raising and Handle Ceremony. All alumni will form
a circle on the Teardrop in front of the Corps of Cadets
(SJMS Alma Mater)
- 1500 Bus tour of Salina and/or Individual class reunions
- 1830 Alumni Banquet - Elks Country Club. Cash bar
Dinner will be served at 7 PM. \$15 per person
Please pre-register

Saturday, 11 November

- 0900 Alumni Brunch/Cadet Forum - Stevens Center
- 1100 Veterans' Day Program - Sunset Park (113th Corps
participates)
- 1300 Golf Outing (weather permitting)
(Shotgun start) Elks Country Club. This event is for all
levels of play and spouses are encouraged to participate
Pre-register. Pay at time of event
- OR** Remaining time available for individual class reunions
- 1730-1900 Mule-skinner Mixer, Holidome Deck area
(for Old Boys not part of class reunion groups)

Sunday, 12 November

- 1100 Armstrong Memorial Chapel

Symbolism of SJMS Shield Explained

The St. John's School Shield or "Seal" as it was called then was adopted and presented in the Commencement edition of The Skirmisher, May 27, 1930.

The Shield was designed by Colonel Perkins and the Rt. Rev. Robert Mize, Acting Head of the school. Perkins studied books dealing with heraldry and designed the shield which appeared for the first time in the 1930-31 catalogs.

The interpretation of the shield is as follows:

Crest: On a wreath, an eagle with extended wings resting on a rifle and unsheathed saber.

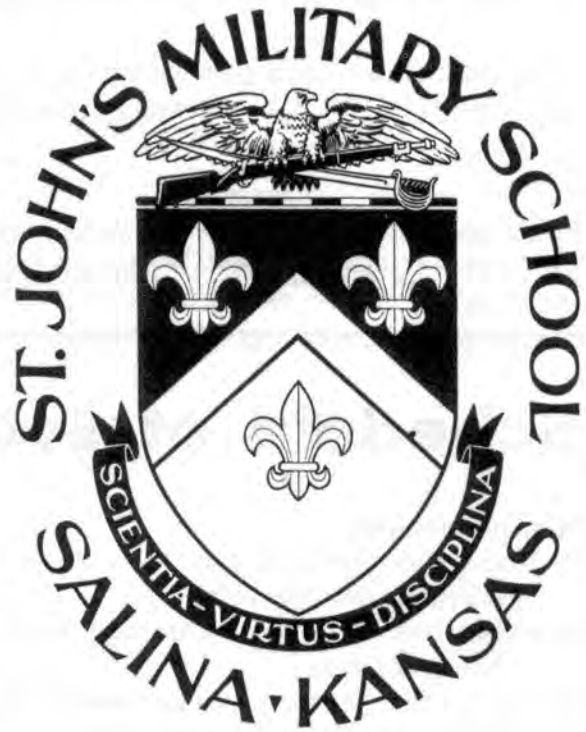
Shield: Orange and black with gold chevron and three fleurs-de-lis.

Motto: Scientia - Virtus - Disciplina (Learning - Vigor - Courtesy).

Description of Crest: The eagle is fearless, possesses far vision, is

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