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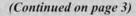


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Mrs. Given Gives Again

As you look around the campus of St. John's you see wonderful items donated by Mrs. Jessie Thompson Given. Let's travel across the campus to take a look at all this remarkable woman has done to make St. John's a school with panache.





Parents' Weekend Nears

Cadets are eagerly awaiting Parents' Weekend as an opportunity to spend time with parents and guardians. This also offers parents the first chance to see the progress their son has made since "New Boy" training. Teachers will be available for conferences with parents on Friday, October 19th from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m and on Saturday, October 20th from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. Parents will have the opportunity to take their son off campus during scheduled times throughout the weekend. Saturday's soccer game will feature parents, faculty and alumni taking the field against the cadets. For complete schedule see page 7.

114th Corps Takes Form

On September 3, 2001, the One Hundred and Fourteenth Corps of Cadets was formed. This ceremony began at 9:00 in the morning. The announcing cadet this year was George Norton. He began with the Battalion Commander and introduced his staff. He continued by introducing the rest of the companies.

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Message from the President Captain E. A. McAlexander

I will use my column this month for three purposes. The first will be to point out two articles in this edition that mention Mrs. Jessie Thompson Given. Mrs. Given recently celebrated her 90th Birthday by buying 26 new computers for the students of St. John's. Please remember Mrs. Given in your prayers.

Next, I want to inform the old boys that we are planning to have a Homecoming weekend over the Veterans' Day weekend. We hope to have activities on the 9th to the 11th of November. Please save those dates for us and we will get additional information to you very soon.

Finally, we should all welcome Jack and Betty Albert to the St. John's family. They are rapidly becoming comfortable in the quarters and on the campus. They are a great addition to our school and the community. We are currently planning an Installation Ceremony for Jack on Sunday the 16th of December. We will also provide additional information on that event in the next few weeks.

Jack H. Albert, Jr. "This Side" - Message from the President Select

A journey of 1200 miles seems like a great distance. What about a journey of 19 years and hundreds of young men and women who formed the ranks of two other military schools? The miles, the years and those young men and women are all factors that have brought my wife and me to a wonderful place. That place is St. John's Military School in Salina, Kansas.



What makes it such a wonderful place? First of all the people - cadets, faculty and staff, trustees, Old Boys, and the greater community. Second, the mission of the school. This is not some credo to which only lip service is given. It is genuine concern and care for young men - the whole man; intellectually, spiritually, and physically. Particularly in this time, for our nation and indeed the world, our mission is even greater.

I come to this new place having lived much of my adult life in the military and private school environment. It has been my privilege to visit many of our sister schools and to know their leaders. Let us not take the many great elements of the St. John's experience for granted. It is indeed a wonderful place.

Message from the Academic Dean Colonel Doug Randolph

The school year is starting off with several positive notes. The enrollment is up over this time last year and the cadets are fully involved in both academic classes and sports. The teachers are enthusiastic about their classes.

The entire St. John's family was grief stricken with the September 11 tragedy that befell this great nation. Rest assured that your boys are safe, protected and well aware of the events in the world.

Colonel Jerry Bradley Message from the Commandant

Greetings from the Military Department. The past six weeks has been a busy time for us. We began on the 10th of August with selected returning cadets reporting in to attend football, soccer and leader camps; as well as a contingent of 45 New Boys who came in early to get their New Boy training out of the way before the start of school.



During the leader camp returning Old Boys attended classes on ethics, drill and ceremonies, sat in on lectures on how to apply leadership principles, took part in team building exercises, ran an obstacle/confidence course, did a six mile march, did some land navigation exercises, and participated in paint ball "wars." Taking place concurrently with leader camp, was an Officers Candidate School which consisted of seven young Sergeants who upon graduation from OCS, were promoted to Second Lieutenant and assigned to officer leader positions within the 114th Corps of Cadets.

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Given's Donation Leads to New Computers



Capt. McAlexander and Mrs. Givens watch a Pass & Review during Commencement Weekend. (File Photo)

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Beginning with the chapel, prayer and meditation is more comfortable in large part because of the air conditioning, cushioned seats and kneelers given by Mrs. Given. Icons of saints, angels and Jesus grace the back wall of the chapel, and the gospel, cross and antique credenza in the foyer (all gifts from Mrs. Given) make it a truly beautiful place to worship. Down the path to Mize Hall students can plop down on a comfy couch in the middle school rec. room and enjoy their room furniture, courtesy of Mrs. Given. Moving across campus to the Steven's Center, the battalion staff can thank Mrs. Given for her generous gift of the drinking fountain. Her generosity continues to show in the library and the Applied Technology Center with her funding of the computers.

With technology constantly needing to be updated, Mrs. Given has again opened her heart to make sure St. John's has the newest in computer equipment. Her generosity has made it possible to fund new computers in the middle school lab, Journalism lab, upper school lab, and

library. Now ask yourself, why would such a person be so giving and caring about our school?

We can find the answer in that Mrs. Given has had two family members graduate from St. John's. Her son, Don Thompson, graduated with the class of 1946, and her great-grandson, Dan Moran, graduated with the class of 1993. There are flag holders honoring both of these gentlemen in front of Vanier Academic Center. She has also gone out of her way giving financial aid to six or seven other cadets to help them attend SJMS. Mrs. Given believes in young people and is dedicated to their success.

Jessie Lee Given Celebrates 90 Years

Jessie Lee Given of Foley, Alabama celebrated her 90th birthday on August 13, 2001.

Before World War II, Mrs. Given helped her father get his business started by cooking at his construction camp. During World War II, she ran an Army PX at Fort Leavenworth. Following the war, Mrs. Given managed and supervised three Ladies Ready to Wear stores in Kansas. Currently, she owns a shop that buys, sells and ships to places around the country. She is married to William Given.



Mrs. Given shown with great-grandson, Dan Moran. (File Photo)



Mr. Haist had his summer plans filled with setting up 60 new computers and a new file server that were donated by Mrs. Givens.

Tech Teacher Swamped by New Computers

The key words here are more memory space, more speed, and more numbers. The file server allows up to double the memory space. Moving from a fractional T-1 to a full T-1 permits connection to the Internet 500 times faster. A true benefit is being able to serve more computers. With more computers, more cadets have the opportunity to use technology.

With the new technology comes new problems. The problems consist of compatibility between the computers and the file server. Teachers, so used to being in touch with the outside world by clicking on the computer, have had to wait for the bugs in the email system to be worked out. Mr. Haist is also working on his priority of installing safety and filtering software before he will grant full access to students.

New Beginnings for the 114th

Each company is eagerly called out into position, thus beginning the official call of the 114th Corps of Cadets. Starting with the Commander of each company, every cadet takes his place.

The leaders of the corps were selected by the potential they have displayed, and the job they have done. The whole selection process of leadership started last year with the selection of the Battalion Commander down through his staff and on throughout the corps.

This ceremony is done every year in order to formally announce the corps, and to announce its leaders.





Alpha Company: Rex Robichaux, Company Commander; James Martling, 1st Sgt.; Daniel Wilcox, Company Executive Officer; Daniel Diaz, Platoon Sgt; Sean Barbour, Drill Instructor; (not pictured, Lee Pace, Guidon)



Charlie Company: Mack Redd, Company Commander; Jeremy Crenshaw, Executive Officer; Ryan Woody, 1st Sgt.; James Klock (np) & Ryan Nahn, Platoon Sgt.; Nate Wiltsie, Platoon Leader; Sean Cooksey, Company Clerk



Battalion Staff: Peter Wilcox, Battalion Commander; Joshua Crenshaw, Battalion Executive Officer; Paul Palomo, CSM; George Norton, S1; Nick Dockery, S2; Blake McMurtrey, S3; Eric Winkel, S4; Mike Speelman, S5/ OIC of Mess Hall



Bravo Company: Richard Derby, Company Commander; Joe Aussem, 1st Sgt.; Joe Manning & Luke Propst, Platoon Leaders; Nick Romero & Bill Pantera, Platoon Sgts.; (not pictured, Ricky Smith, Guidon)



Headquarters Company Brenden Harris, Company Commander; Ben Walker, Executive Officer; Hunter Allen, 1st Sgt.; Zachary Peralta & John Garrard, Platoon Sgt.; Richard Hardy, Platoon Leader; Gabriel Espinosa, Senior Drill Instructor; (not pictured, Joe Pantera, Guidon)

photos by wiedeman

Leadership Camp 2001

Camp this year began on August 10, 2001. Old boys returned on the tenth and eleventh, following the old boy registration the new boys of the one hundred and fourteenth corps of cadets took place on Sunday, August 12, 2001. The following day on the thirteenth, Football and Soccer practices began.

The Leadership classes also began on Monday. These classes covered everything from dehydration to rules and regulations of the SJMS handbook. Camp this year was packed with other activities as well; for example, paint-ball was as popular as always. The new arrival this year was the Army Reserves inflatable obstacle course which was set up in Banes Gymnasium. For some cadets, this was the highlight of camp. "The obstacle course was the most fun thing that I've ever done here at St. John's," comments Joe Pantera. With all of these busy activities, the cadets on campus still found plenty of time for rest and relaxation. Major Stelljes said "I believe that Leadership Camp went very well this year. I saw a lot of teamwork during the team building and leadership reaction course and I was impressed with how the 114th corps is coming together. We added the inflatable obstacle course this year and the cadets really seemed to enjoy going through it. Some of the cadets went through more then twenty times. We also were able to purchase some new paintball equipment and everyone had a good time participating in that activity."



Ryan Nahn and Ben Walker take a creative approach to solving an obstacle course.



Cadets depart on a motivational six-mile march as part of leadership camp.



Peter Wilcox, Paul Palomo and Josh Crenshaw take a short break from the inflatable obstacle course.

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Message from Commandant

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The reason for bringing the New Boys in early, was to be able to administer their training in an 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 regiment. This is the second consecutive year that we have taken this approach to training New Boys and are extremely pleased with the result.

The majority of those young men who came in as New Boys have now graduated, have been promoted to Private, and have taken their place among the Old Boys in the Corps of Cadets. The New Boys arriving here this year can be characterized simply as "outstanding." They were cooperative, eager to learn, and extremely well behaved.

After successful completion of all the requirements necessary to become Old Boys, they were assembled in the auditorium, and in the presence of their peers, the staff and faculty, the President of St. John's, and some family members; were officially welcomed to "The St. John's family." At that ceremony they were presented their insignia of rank and "Old Boy shields" by the Cadet Battalion Commander and the Cadet Command Sergeant Major. We are very proud of all these young men. They set an outstanding example. and established a standard which we can only hope that future New Boy classes continue to emulate.

The Things We Do...

Special Orders

Promotions for the 114th Corps of Cadets

SO 1-01 dated 5/10/01

Peter Wilcox to Major and designated Commander of the 114th Corps of Cadets.

SO 9-02P dated 8/31/01

William Pantera and John Wolford to CPL; Derrick Foster, Christopher Propst and Nash Wennstedt to SGT; Joseph Aussem, Gabriel Espinosa, Zachary Peralta, Steven Williams, and Andrew Willis to SSG; Ryan Woody to SFC; Paul Palomo to MSG; Hunter Allen to 1SG; Alexander Fabian, David Kriske, and Michael Speelman to WO1.

SO 10-02P dated 8/30/01

Jeremy Crenshaw, Richard Hardy, Blake McMurtrey, George Norton, Daniel Wilcox, Nathan Wiltsie, Eric Winkel to 2LT

SO 30-02P dated 9/13/01

Michael Emerson and Sean Morgan to PFC; Andrew Cox and Jonathan Varbel to CPL; Ryan Nahn to SSG.

SO 32-02P dated 9/13/01

John Mitchell to CPL; Ricky Smith to PFC

SO 35-02P dated 9/17/01

Daniel Hargett to PVT.

SO 49-02P dated 9/21/01

Shane Meers, Zachary Shannon, Donald Siler, Bryan Wait, and Brenden Walden to PFC; John Coelho and Brett Jakubowski to CPL; Michael Harmon, Brayden Kuhre, Joachim Reynolds and John Zander to SGT; Daniel Diaz to SSG.

SO 50-02P dated 9/21/01

Benjamin Walker to 2LT.



Major Peter Wilcox was designated the Commander of the 114th Corps of Cadets.



Old Boy John Wolford assists Cadet Lovejoy with the placement of his new rank at the Promotions Ceremony.

Once an Old Boy, Always an Old Boy

New Boys Earn Their First Stripe

SO 8-02P dated 8/29/01

Jesus Acevedo, Eric Alamo, Dennis Alvarez, Anthony Aspinwall, Stefano Ballesteros, Alejandro Bertoldi, Christopher Britsch, William Born, Matthew Carey, Martin Carroll, Joseph Christenson, Kendall Davis, Terry Dawson, Steven Dumond, Dallas Dunbar, Brandon Fascilla, Lafredo Acevedo, Nicholas Hesselgrave, Justin Hix, William Ingalsbe, Jonathan Johnson, Quentin Klepper, Oh Kyung Tim Kuan, Steven Jacob Lawyer, Jack Lobertini, Jacob Lord, Brandon Lovegren, Zachary Lovejoy, Joshua McBride, Shane Meers, Gerardo Miranda, Nicholas Neiberger, Brent Nicol, Carson Pollard, Jonathan Schafer, Donald Siler, Bryan Wait, Brendan Walden, Peter Winn, and Richard Wood to PVT.

SO 18-02P dated 9/01/01

Paul Riggs and Tyler Stone to PVT.

SO 26-02P dated 9/12/01

Beau Hunter, Jack Swanda, and Anthony Wilkerson to PVT; Miguel Martinez to CPL.

SO 31-02P dated 9/13/01

Daniel Giles to PVT.

SO 43-02P dated 9/19/01

Jason Benson, Robert Brown, Andrew Bigger, Miguel Saab, Nathan Carey, Robert Lee, and Ryan Swindler to PVT.

Quartermaster's Hours

Friday 8:00AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon



Hunter Allen visits the OM to purchase school supplies during inprocessing.

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Parents' Weekend 2001

You Won't Want to Miss This!

Make Your Plans NOW!

Friday, October 19

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Registration Parent/Teacher/Military Advisor Conferences

4:30PM

Pass in Review

4:45PM

Cookout and Pep Rally

5:45PM

Cadet Formation

6:15PM

Homecoming Football Game

Following the football game pass gate opens

12:00 Midnight

Passes end for all cadets

Saturday, October 20

8:00 to 10:00 AM

Parent/Teacher/Military Advisor

Conferences

8:00 to 10:00 AM

Continental Breakfast

10:00 AM

Morning Formation

10:15 AM

Drill Team

11:15

Pass in Review

12:00 Noon

Optional Mess

Saturday, Continued October 19

Pass Gate Opens - Cadets may have lunch off campus with parents or approved adult friends for afternoon and/or evening activity.

> 1:00 AM Soccer Game 5:00 PM Optional Mess 12:00 Midnight Passes end for all cadets

Sunday, October 22

7:30 to 8:30 AM Optional Mess

7:30 AM

Cadets may sign out with parents or approved adult friends for church, meals, and/or afternoon activity.

9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

12:15

Optional Mess

5:30 PM

Passes end for all Cadets -Parents depart campus



Varsity Football

Centre	Sept. 21
Gossel	Sept. 28
Норе	Oct. 5
Victoria	Oct. 12
White City	Oct. 19
Wichita	
Independent	Oct. 25

Junior Varsity Football

Wakefild	Sept. 17
Centre	Sept. 24
Gossel	Oct. 1
Hope	Oct. 8
Tescott	Oct. 15
White City	Oct. 22

Middle School Football

Bennington	Sept. 20
Marquette	Sept. 27
Solomon	Oct. 4
Hope	Oct. 8
Tescott	Oct. 11



Soccer

Wich.West	Sept.15
Wich. Tri.	Sept.22
Junct. City	Sept.25
Elyria Jv	Oct. 2
Flint Hills	Oct. 4
Topeka H. Park	Oct. 9
Elyria	Oct. 11
Wich. Indep.	Oct. 18

Nose to Nose

The offensive line felt their nostrils expand, their cheeks tighten, and before they knew it, the Muleskinners' football season was off and running. For Coaches Reid and Young, however, their season has continued to come on strong since the beginning of the summer with

their attendance at many football camps and clinics. In the middle of August, with all the paperwork and clinics out of the way, it was time to see what kind of talent would return to school.

With temperatures rising well into the 90's, the team took to the field for "two a days." The team showed incredible spirit and endurance that helped bond them together as a team. Impressive was the fact that all 33 players who started the camp,

also finished.



Richard Martinez encourages the defensive line during practice.

Head Coach Sven Hestrand was pleased to see the shape his team was in when he returned from Marine Corps Boot Camp. (see story on page 10) With uncertain prospects for this young teams' season, the enthusiasm and dedication remains strong. Even their hard core fans remain loyal and supportive. All the coaches hope to see parents and supporters at the Homecoming game against White City during Parents' Weekend. You can follow the Muleskinners football season by logging on at www.eteamz.com/muleskinnersfootball.

Another kind of "football" camp also began mid-August. Soccer camp that is! Also facing temperatures into the 100's, the players practiced stopped-ball plays, give and goes, and numerous other soccer drills twice a day. Coaches Stelljes and Polzella tested players in every possible position by executing 3 vs. 2 games and goalie drills.



Mike Speelman lines up a kick against Paul Palomo during practice.

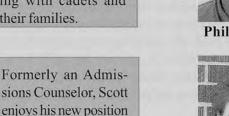
The young team started the season with low numbers but have steadily increased to 18 players. Team Captains Paul Palomo, Richard Derby and Mike Speelman are dedicated to motivating their team, even in the face of a 4 game losing streak. Palomo stressed, "While the team is not winning, we are showing improvement with each game."

New Faces in New Places



Mark Bucholtz

Previously a Military Advisor for HHC, Mark has become an Admissions Counselor. He enjoys working with cadets and their families.





Phil Kellogg



Nancy Newlin

Phil returns to SJMS after a 3 year absence. He teaches Middle School English, Algebra I, and Consumer Math.

New to Salina, Nancy has taken over as the nurse at SJMS, replacing Sherri Yates. Nancy come to SJMS from Norton, Kansas. She has two sons.



Scott Cantlon

As the new Alumni Officer, Monique is busy updating the Alumni Directory. For the past 3 1/2 years, she has worked in the Admissions office.

as the Director of Ad-

missions & Communi-

cations.



Dennis Herdzina

Dennis is replacing Bobby Yates as Senior Military Advisor of Alpha Company. He brings his experience as an MA in Charlie Company.



Monique Basel



Dan Walker

Dan returns to SJMS after a 3-year principal position at White City. He is teaching Chemistry, Physical Science and Algebra

Thomas Braddy joins

the SJMS Military

staff as an evening

Military Advisor for

Headquarters Com-

pany.

Garret Winn



Garrett is the new Senior Military Advisor of Charlie Company. He is a familiar face around campus having formerly served as an MA in Alpha Co.



Jeff Roberts

Jeff Roberts joins the SJMS Military staff as an evening Military Advisor for Alpha Company.

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Thomas Braddy



Rifle Team Aiming for Another Rewarding Year



Cadet George Norton proudly displays his accomplishments from Ponca City.



After a long tenure as the Skirmisher and Sound-Off Advisor, Sheri Becker has retired. She will truly be

missed. Taking her place as advisors to the publications are high school teachers Scott Wiedeman and Barb Nitz. Good luck Sheri and enjoy your retirement. Thanks for all your hard work!

Cadet Norton Aims for Victory

Usually the rifle team season lasts from the mid-November to the end of April. Although for one shooter this summer the season was a bit longer. Cadet George Norton has been shooting for the Muleskinners for the last two years where he has been recognized as a very talented marksman and dedicated assistant to the team's coach 1SG Tony Blair. This summer cadet Norton stayed in Salina so he would be able to attend area matches. The first was a two day all prone match in Ponca City Oklahoma. Cadet Norton was able to shoot well enough to come back with three first place trophies. A few weeks later he was able to travel to the U.S. Nationals at Camp Perry in Ohio. It was a long week and a half match during July. He shot in both the 3- position, and prone national championships. The 3-p was kind of rough, but came through in the prone championship bringing back four silver match medals and one gold. The shooting continued with the Kansas Junior Olympic camp held at St. John's in August. He ended the summer by beginning the St. John's rifle camp (during leadership camp) on August 12th. He is very dedicated to what he does and plans to win the Kansas State Gallery league trophy for another year.

Rifle Team Focuses on Another Successful Year

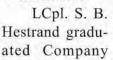
This year's rifle camp invited back all the returning riflemen and any interested newcomers. Throughout the camp new and old riflemen went through countless hours of practice and training to refine their positions and increase their chances of gaining a position on the rifle team. Through the three week camp matches were shot to analyze shooters improvement. One of the matches shot was the Kansas State Outdoor Championship. Cadets making the trip to Topeka were George Norton, Robert Korody, Felipe Batallia and Ben Walker. Also new to the group is Josh McBride. Due to a knee injury Cadet Norton was not at full form, but he was able to bring back a bronze in the junior category. Robert Korody was able to bring back an impressive gold in the sub-junior category.

"The experience learned from this year's rifle camp will help lead us to victory this year. I have faith in the capabilities of the team, and I am striving to graduate this year winning the Kansas Gallery league again," states George Norton, captain of the rifle team.





The transition to advising journalism began early for Barb and Scott, including a Photoshop software class in June, a yearbook class in July and August with George Norton, and two workshops in September with the Journalism Staff. SJMS Faculty Graduates Marine Boot Camp With Honors





Honorman for Co. G at Marine Corps Boot Camp in San Diego, California. Throughout this twelve-week period, he demonstrated extraordinary performance of duties during all phases of academic and military training.

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"Old Boys" Recently Visiting St. John's Campus:

Noah Polk (Austin, TX), attended Middle School '85 - '87, visited July 30, 2001

Frank Robinson (Topeka, KS), Class of '92, visited August 4, 2001

Barry Klingsmith, *M.S. graduate* '47, visited August 29, 2001

James Shortt, Jr., son of **James Shortt, Sr**, *Class of '23;* nephew of **Phillip E. Shortt**, *Class of '27;* Grandson of **Harry Giltner Shortt**, *Class of 1895*, visited September 14, 2001

David Dumler, Class of '87 and wife Jennifer had a baby girl, Rachel, 7 lbs. 8 oz., 20in., May 14, 2001.

Douglass Morrison, *Battalion Commander Class of '97*, graduated United States Merchant Marine Academy, 2001. Wendy Stein was able to fulfill her promise to Doug by attending his graduation in New York.

Letter from

Brian Sweeney, Class of '89, writes he and his wife Brenda had a "beautiful" baby girl on May 24th. Her name is Libby Marie. The three are living in Bozeman, MT. He works for EDS as a software developer. His email is:

summitx@avicom.net or brian.sweeney@eds.com

BoYs"



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Veterans' Day Weekend November 9 - 11, 2001



This 1923 Letter sweater was donated by James Shortt, Jr. The sweater belonged to his father, James Shortt, Sr., SJMS graduate of 1923.

Phone Number Update

Steven's Center (Rec Center) (785) 309-1168 & (785) 309-0168

Steven's Center (Battalion Staff) (785) 309-0311

Clem Ferris Hall (Alpha Company) (785) 823-6172 & (785) 823-6173

Day is Done "Taps"

Arthur James Maynard died June 22, 2001 "Old Boy" Attended '81 - '84

> Gregory S. Paul died July 17, 2001 "Old Boy" Class of '75

Renee' Moomau
died August 10, 2001
worked in the SJMS office for
many years in the 60's, also
known for her wonderful
pastries she helped her
husband, SJMS chef Frank
Moomau, bake

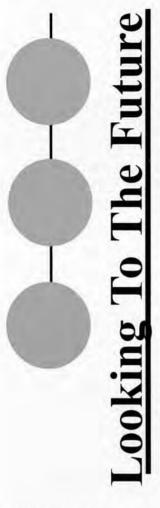
Dane Gray Bales died August 26, 2001 "Old Boy" Class of '28 - '29

Rico Richardson died August 28, 2001 "Old Boy" Class of '88 - '90



Sage Hall (Bravo Company) (785) 309-0149 & (785) 309-0013

Mize Hall (Charlie & HHC) (785) 309-0328 & (785) 309-0117



As Academic Counselor, I am excited to be starting a new school year. A component of my duties at St. John's is college counseling. Several seniors have visited with me already this year about college plans. Most college and universities require an ACT or SAT score during the admission process. All juniors and seniors

have already registered for the first ACT. The SAT is optional.

Throughout the school year, cadets have several opportunities to take various standardized tests.

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying tests (PSAT/NMSQT) will be offered Tuesday, October 16, 2001. All Juniors will take this exam. Sophomores may request to take the exam and will be admitted as space and test availability allows. The PSAT/NMSQT is great practice for the SAT and juniors who take the test may qualify to enter the National Merit Scholarships Corporation programs.

The ACT Assessment will be offered on October 27, 2001 and on February 9, 2002. All Junior and Senior students at St. John's have registered for the October ACT. The February ACT will be optional.

On November 3, 2001, the SAT I Reasoning Test will be administered on the St. John's campus. The SAT contains seven separately timed sections that may appear in different orders.

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) will be administered to all Sophomore students and any additional St. John's students requesting to participate in the exam on January 17, 2002. The ASVAB is a multi-aptitude test battery that is designed to measure individual aptitudes and abilities. ASVAB scores allow each individual to compare their test performance to a national sample of students at each grade level.

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