

The Skirmisher

Spring 2002

St. John's Military School

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This Side
Commentary on SJMS
 By
Jack H. Albert, Jr.
 President

When you read this commentary I will have presided over the operation of St. John's Military School a little more than 150 days. So much has happened here since December 16 that sometimes it takes my breath away. All of the accomplishments that we are enjoying result from dedicated efforts on the part of so many people and that is really worth celebrating and I believe what makes this school a special place.

Our newly developed website, www.sjms.org, is the result of an excellent team of people on the staff who with little prodding and the excellent work of Mid America Productions right here in Salina brought us a premier product. Linked to that web is www.sjmsforever.org, which is the creation of Old Boy Neal Therrien who has been working for sometime with our Admissions Director Lt. Scott Cantlon providing a great link for old boys and alumni to the school. (Watch for our online Quartermaster's shop).

New Faces

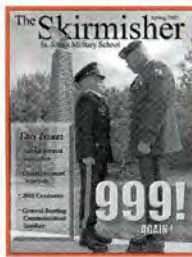
On Campus



James Williams,
 Joining the maintenance staff, James is native to Salina, has five children, loves to fish and play sports.



Verna Hulett,
 SJMS welcomes Verna who was previously employed at the Comfort Inn. She has 2 boys, 1 grandchild and "loves to do laundry!"



On the cover: Cadet Nathan Carey, of Dallas, Texas, receives a personal inspection from COL Paul Celotto, one of the Army JROTC inspectors. See story on page 10.

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Author , Lecturer and General to Speak at SJMS 114th Commencement

Head of VMI Gives Address

Josiah Bunting III has served as superintendent at the Virginia Military Institute, his alma mater, since 1995.

He was educated at VMI and at Oxford, as a Rhodes Scholar, served in the Army, and has held several posts in academic administration and teaching since that time. During his service at VMI he was charged by the school's board with the implementation of co-education.

An accomplished author, he has been published many times in his career. His 1973 novel, *The Lionheads* was selected one of the "Ten Best Novels of 1973" by *Time Magazine*.

A sought-after lecturer, who holds many honorary degrees from several colleges, he is a member of numerous honor societies and fraternities and has been a trustee of many educational institutions and entities.

General Bunting is married to Diana Margaret Cunningham and they have four children.



General Josiah Bunting III will speak at the Corps 114th Commencement on Saturday, May 18th at 3:30 PM.

Singing Their Unsung Praises

The Salina Optimist Club held its annual Unsung Hero Banquet at St. John's on April 22, to recognize students from local area high schools, including: St. John's, South, Central, Sacred Heart, Ell-Saline, and SE of Saline. Each school had one student recognized for his or her accomplishments in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. The St. John's faculty selected cadets Tyler Olentine, Patrick Johnsen, and David Kriske as this year's honorees.



From left, Chris Zerger, Tyler Olentine (10th grade), Patrick Johnsen (11th grade), COL Bradley, David Kriske (12th grade), and Mike Haist at the Unsung Hero Banquet.

St. John's Military Summer Enrichment

June 30th

July 26th

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Memory Lane

Congratulations to cadet Paul Dowling for finding the correct answer to last issue's Memory Lane photo.

In 1916 there was a return to an early tradition - the spring encampment. "Just at the time when 'spring fever' begins to be universally apparent, the boys pack up their blankets and fishing rods, fill their knapsacks, and start for camp," wrote MAJ Ganssle. The camp was located at the National Guard rifle range about 1 1/2 mile east of Salina.



Who's rockin' the house in this old archive photo? Must give names and date. If you know, call or email Barb at (785) 823-7231 ext. 7730, barbn@sjms.org with the answer. The first person with the correct answer will win a \$25 gift certificate to the **SJMS** Quartermaster.





Message from the Commandant *Jerry Bradley*

On April 11th I had the good fortune of being invited by Mr. Sven Hestrand and a group of his Advanced Military Skills cadets, to tag along with them on a trip to Las Cruces, New Mexico where they were to take part in “The Bataan Death March.” This march, designed to commemorate the actual event, began at White Sands Missile Range, and wound 26.2 miles through some extremely inhospitable desert terrain. Dominated by a steep, winding, rocky trail, and interspersed with occasional lengthy stretches of deep sand, the march route wandered across the high desert, attaining an elevation of some five thousand feet at the halfway point. The sun was relentless, the heat was blistering, and the guys experienced both the physical problems encountered when walking more than twenty-six miles in such terrain, and the constant battle to keep from falling victim to some sort of heat injury.

Approximately four thousand marchers participated in this event, coming from all over the USA and a couple of foreign countries as well. There were teams from the 82nd Airborne Division, the “Big Red One,” The United States Air Force, The U. S. Marines, some German, Canadian and Dutch Military teams, and teams from The United States Army as far away as the Republic of Korea. There were also hundreds of individual marchers, who came not only for the competition, but simply to prove to themselves that they had what it takes to complete this most grueling of marches.

The St. John’s contingent consisted of seven junior and senior cadets, who agreed to march the course in the “military heavy” category, meaning that they had to carry a pack that weighed somewhere in the neighborhood of forty pounds, over the entire 26.2 mile length of the course. The St. John’s cadets were the only high school ROTC class that chose to participate in the military heavy category, and I can tell you that I was very impressed with the grit, determination, and “staying power” of our guys. Six of them finished the march and the one who did not finish, walked 22 miles, became severely dehydrated, and was given fluids intravenously at the 22 mile marker. *(cont. page 5)*

Message from the Academic Dean *Doug Randolph*



I find it hard to believe that the harshness of winter is gone and songs of spring abound across the campus. The cadets find themselves faced with a quickly ending school year. The seniors know that all future education will be a choice made by them. I feel that the faculty has given them the tools to make positive choices about their futures.

As for the remainder of the 114th Corps, many are looking forward to summer jobs, vacations, or just relaxing for a spell. I am hoping that after vacationing for a while some of the cadets will return for summer school. This is a new and positive change for the cadets. They can sharpen their academic skills as well as having some recreational fun during the month of July.

For the seniors, best of luck; for the remaining corps members, I hope to see you at the summer’s end.



Message from the Battalion Commander *Peter Wilcox*

Thank you St. John’s for giving me friends. Friends whom I will remember for all the rest of my life - friends who shared the hardships and successes of life at this outstanding military school. Also, thank you St. John’s for helping me realize what a wonderful country the United States of America is, and how exceptionally lucky we are to be citizens of this free land where the opportunity to be anything one wishes to be is truly vast and endless. Finally, to the 114th Corps of Cadets, I would like to say thank you for a job well done

... I will never forget you.

(Col. Bradley's message continued from page 4)

Although he was determined to continue, he was medically disqualified due to dehydration. He recovered quickly, but learned a valuable lesson about the importance of keeping oneself hydrated during prolonged physical activity.

Those cadets participating in this event were CPT Nick Dockery, 1SGT Paul Palomo, WO2 Alex Fabian, WO2 Carson Pollard, 2LT Ben Walker, MAJ Brendon Harris, and CPL Blake McMurtrey. I was honored to have been there, and to have witnessed their outstanding commitment to the task at hand. I predict that at some time in the future of each of these young men, that they will have occasion to use the successful completion of this march as a yardstick against which they measure themselves.



Sven Hestrand, Brendon Harris and Paul Palomo prepare to tackle the Bataan Death March.

The 114th Corps of Cadets is working furiously in preparation for the upcoming Annual Formal Inspection - and after that - Commencement Weekend. They continue to perform outstandingly across the entire spectrum of corps activity and constantly amaze us with the expertise they display in the performance of their military duties.

(President Albert's message continued from page 2)

The website is bringing in a tremendous number of inquiries each day.

We have set in place a Summer program for the first time. That initiative is well under way. The Admissions Office and Business Office have established new pay options for tuition and fees. We have established a new Retention Team Concept that provides incentives for all employees to provide meaningful ways to mentor and counsel our boys and encourage them to return to SJMS.

Our Board of Trustees has been diligently working through a very effective committee system that brings a very active posture to our meetings. A number of significant efforts are underway. We have been authorized to pursue property purchase for the purpose of developing a camp for our boys. We have engaged the services of the Hartsook Companies, Inc. to lay out the plans for a capital campaign that would benefit every phase and constituency of the school. Our enrollment efforts and our marketing undertakings have been analyzed and assessed. I can say with confidence that we are looking at every part of our program to make it the very best it can be. These next 150 days will be critical to all of us as we develop the programs, recruit the cadets, and retain the corps that will become the 115th for St. John's Military School.

Let me share some goals that I have for this school during the next 6 months:

- Establish horseback riding program for cadets.
- Create cafeteria style dining in Stevens Mess Hall
- Develop Middle school AMS program.
- Develop Middle school leadership training program

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St. John's Military School would like to humbly request the donation of, or help with purchasing the following items:

Summer Enrichment Program

- 5 ea. soccer & volleyballs
- 5 bats & 5 softballs
- 20 softball mitts
- 5 horseshoes sets
- 3 badminton sets
- 5 camping lanterns & flashlights
- 10 - 6 person camping tents
- 20 fishing poles & tackle

Demonstrations/Presentations/ Annual Formal Inspection (AFI)

- 10- 8ft. folding tables
- 1 laptop computer

Technology Needs

- 3 computers w/printer - for college resource room/ SAT/ACT preparation & assessments
- 4 computers & 1 server - to streamline Business Office and Quartermaster which would provide better service to clients & timelier management reports.
- 2 Blackbaud System Modules - **Admissions/Registrar's Package** which would assist in detailing inquiries, reduce duplication of information. Also includes: **Development Package** which aides in tracking alumni and fund-raising.

1 Wireless Long Distance Learning Center which will profoundly expand educational opportunities by adding courses, college curriculum and tutorials.

***Please coordinate all gifts through the SJMS Business Office at (785) 823-7231 ext. 7701. Thank you.**

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

D. Dale Browning, Class of 1955

A Foundation to Build Upon *SJMS Foundation*

Mr. D. Dale Browning was born in Monett, Missouri. When he was a year old, he and his family moved to Pueblo, Colorado. Sadly, when he was four years old and his sister was ten, their mother passed away from tuberculosis.

In 1953 Mr. Browning attended SJMS, graduating with the class of '55. He achieved the rank of captain, was vice-president of the "S" Club (an athletic club), and President of the National Honor Society.

D. Dale Browning, graduating class of 1955

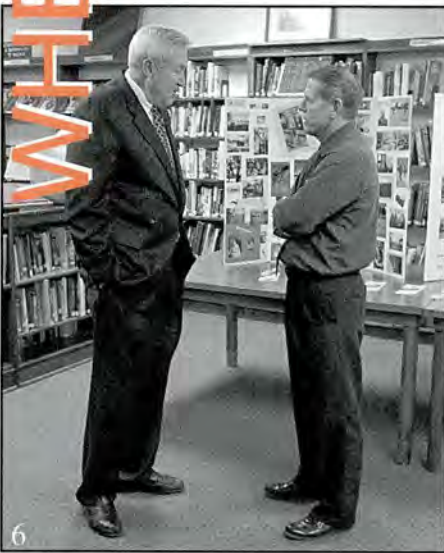


He played football, baseball and was captain of the basketball team in his senior year. Also in his senior year, he served as a member of the Chapel Club and was Commander of "B" Company.

After graduating from St. John's, Mr. Browning attended Kansas Wesleyan University, majoring in psychology and history. He received his degree in 1959. While going to college, Mr. Browning worked at St. John's as a counselor and resided on campus. Upon graduation from college, he continued to work at St. John's for four more years as an instructor. He also served as an Assistant Commandant and basketball coach. He left St. John's in 1964.

After leaving St. John's, Mr. Browning enrolled in graduate school at the University of Chicago and was also accepted on the Executive Training Program for Continental Illinois Bank in Chicago, Illinois. *(continued on page 10)*

D. Dale Browning discusses the new Summer Camp program with Academic Dean Doug Randolph during a Board of Trustees meeting. The Summer Program runs June 30 through July 26.



ANOTHER SUCCESS!

Remember seeing all those parents during Parents' Weekend carrying those brightly colored rolls of wrapping paper, packages of bows, and cardboard boxes with Innisbrook Wraps printed on the boxes? Well, thanks to all of those parents and staff members, the SJMS Foundation was able to raise \$2,000 with the Innisbrook Wraps Fund-raiser this year. The catalogs were given out during registration in August, and after the orders were counted, the Foundation had sold over \$4,000. The Foundation received 50% of the sales. The monies earned will be used for the cadets, either academically or socially. Cadets have enjoyed the ping-pong tables purchased



last year with monies raised from the previous year.

Please look for your 2002 Innisbrook catalog this August. If you miss registration in August, please call Patty Robichaux at (970)565-6259 and she'll be happy to mail you a catalog.

REMEMBER, your SJMS Foundation Board is here to help you in any way. Please call any member with questions you may have, and THANK YOU for all your support.



John Todd
 March 12, 2002
Head of the Junior school in the early 1950's

Vietta McAlexander
 March 3, 2002
Mother of Capt. Skip McAlexander

Terry Cupps
 January 29, 2002
"Old Boy" Class of '54



Bill Salmon, Class of '53, received the Kansas Wesleyan University Alumni Service Award for outstanding service. In November of

2001, he was named Assistant Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Salina. He is also a member of the Salina Chorale.

Old Boy, Cupps, Class of '54, Remembered by Friend

Terry Cupps was his "usual strong-to-the-end self," remembers friend and classmate Bill Meidell. The reason he put it that way was because of Terry's approach to life. There were no such thing as barriers. When he was in kindergarten he contracted polio and was told he would not be able to perform like other kids. "Let me tell you, in brevity, how wrong they were. Not only did he walk and run, he played football, joined the paratroopers after graduation from St. John's (over 200 jumps), and then became a Kansas Highway Patrolman," said Meidell. Meidell continued, "Terry Cupps' funeral was a sad but uplifting experience and only led credence to the old adage, 'Life's Short.' He was one hell of a guy."



Old Boys



Old Boy, Joshua Hestehave, Class of '97, visits with Mr. Martin, Ms. Seltman and Mrs. Wooten on April 5, 2002. He is currently in the Air Force getting ready to be stationed in Japan for 3 years. He is in a "Special Operations Unit."

Warren D. Berggren of Oklahoma, son of **Old Boy Warren E. Berggren,** stopped by campus on April 15, 2002 to donate his deceased father's letter sweater, Alpha suit and football pants. Old Boy Berggren attended SJMS from 1922-25 and was from Scandia, KS.

Old Boy Floyd Lotker, class of '40, and his wife visited campus and had lunch in the private dining room on February 20, 2002. Mr. Lotker was the Battalion Commander for the 53rd Corps of Cadets. While here, Mr. Lotker remembered as a cadet when the corps would march downtown to the Cathedral for church on Sundays. One Sunday he fell asleep during church service and was paddled by the Senior class. He said it was the longest march back to school knowing the punishment that was coming!



SUNDAY, MAY 19th 9:00 AM - ALUMNI
 President's Farewell Champagne Brunch & State of the School Address

Bringing Home the Medals

State of Kansas Scholarship Contest produces 14 medals for SJMS



For the first time in St. John's Military School history, cadets participated in the State of Kansas Scholarship Contest during the month of February. The contest is sponsored by the Office of Assessment and Educational Measurements of Emporia State University. A total of 238 schools participated in the eightieth annual competition with 8,633 students participating in 21,084 subject entries.

Eleven middle school students and thirty-seven high school students participated for St. John's. Cadets competed at three levels: the state level, class level with 2A and 3A schools, and at the league level.

The winners in the competition are as follows:



Ryan Nahn won 2 gold medals at the League level.

League Winners

Brandon Lancaster	Literature 11 Spelling 11 Plane Geometry	Bronze Bronze Bronze
Ryan Nahn	Literature 12 Comp. Literacy	Gold Gold
Martin Carroll	Word Processing for Windows Comp. Literacy	Gold Silver
Mack Redd	Literature 11	Bronze
Joshua McBride	Spelling 10	Silver
Luke Duncan	Calculus	Silver
Jason Benson	Biology	Bronze
Brendon Harris	American History	Silver
Joshua Crenshaw	American Gov't	Gold
Steven Dumond	Spanish	Bronze

Class Awards & State Awards

Zachary Shannon	Mathematics American History	Honorable Mention HM
Joshua Crenshaw	American Gov't	HM
Martin Carroll	Word Processing for Windows	HM
Joshua McBride	Spelling 10	HM
Brandon Lancaster	Literature 11	HM
Ryan Nahn	Comp. Literacy	3rd Place
Brendon Harris	American History	HM
Steven Dumond	Spanish	HM

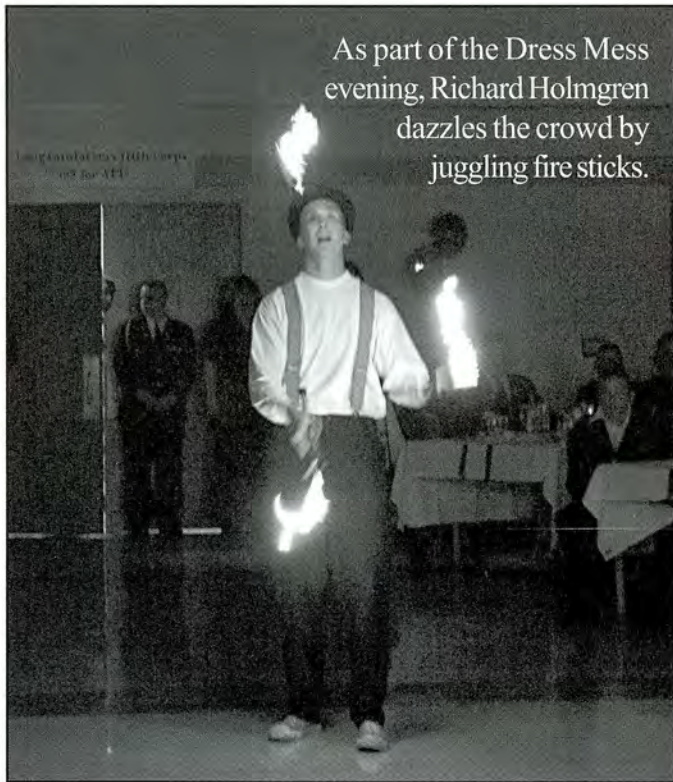


Academic Dean Doug Randolph congratulates Brandon Lancaster, left and Brendon Harris, right on their academic success.

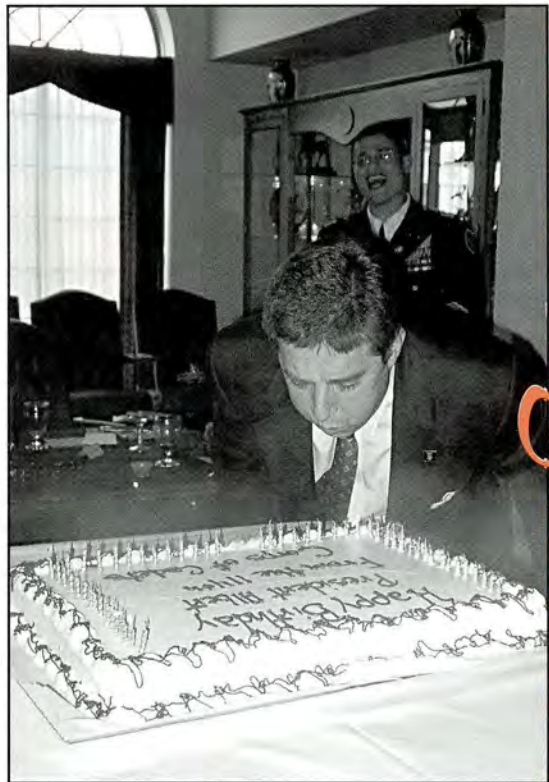


A Night For Celebration

Formal Dress Mess Honors the Cadets for their Outstanding Performance During AFI



As part of the Dress Mess evening, Richard Holmgren dazzles the crowd by juggling fire sticks.



Mustering all his breath to blow out those candles, President Albert celebrates his 54th birthday with the Corps.



If the fire sticks weren't enough, Richard Holmgren juggles three machetes, while Susie Harris and Chris Zerger cringe in horror due to their proximity.



Here's a toast to the 114th Corps of Cadets! As part of the first Dress Mess, the Corps was treated to a sumptuous buffet dinner and entertainment by Richard Holmgren. Following dinner, the Kansas Scholarship Awards were presented. At the evening's conclusion, President Albert led the Corps in a toast to the Commander in Chief, the Armed Forces, the ladies and the cadets.

999 Revisited!

The 114th Corps of Cadets under the dedicated and caring leadership of its Battalion Commander Peter Wilcox maintained the tradition of military excellence at St. John's by earning a score of 999 out of 1,000 on the Annual Formal Inspection (AFI) held on May 2, 2002. The Muleskinner Battalion has earned an average score of 996 over the previous five years. All of the hard work put into preparing for the inspection each year has paid off as the cadets have earned the reputation as being the premier Army JROTC within the 4th ROTC Region's 2nd Brigade. The Brigade is based out of Ft. Carson, Colorado and includes the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Minnesota, with over 300 high school JROTC programs. The cadets have had the highest AFI score in the Buffalo Brigade for six straight years.

The inspection began at 0900 when the Battalion Executive Officer Josh Crenshaw, serving as Commander of Troops, the Honor Guard, SJMS Band, and Corps of Cadets welcomed COL Celotto on the Tear Drop. The band sounded great, the Honor Guard looked sharp, and the Corps marched exceptionally well, forming a wonderful first impression of St. John's and the 114th Corps of Cadets.

The Battalion Staff briefed the inspection team at 0930, while the companies prepared for the in-ranks inspection in Banes Gymnasium. The many rehearsals paid off as the staff earned 99 out of the 100 points that were possible on the briefing. The inspectors commented that it was an outstanding briefing and one of the best that they had seen this year.

The in-ranks inspection was worth 200 points and each of the companies spent many hours getting ready for it. This was the fourth straight year that all of the companies earned perfect scores and the corps picked up 200 more points. Each of the cadets was standing tall and looking good as the inspectors made their rounds, checking each uniform and asking questions of every cadet. Yes, they were nervous, as every St. John's graduate knows, but they all stepped up to the challenge and it was an impressive sight to see. Battalion Staff members S-1 Jeremy Crenshaw, S-3 Brendon Harris, S-4 Rex Robichaux, and S-5 George Norton had each of their respective areas of responsibility inspected and each earned a perfect score of 50 points. Jeremy made over 5,000 entries into the cadet database and every administrative record for the upper school cadets was subject to being checked. Brendon was responsible for all of the weekly training schedules that he had written over the year and also accounting for all of the training time spent in JROTC by the upper school cadets. Rex had the daunting task of taking the inspector through a four and one-half page checklist and accounting for all of the government property on campus. The inspectors said that this was the first time all year that they had not found any deficiencies in the S-4 area. George was responsible for the public affairs program at St. John's and the interface between JROTC and all of the available



The Brigade Commander was so impressed with the effort put forth by the Battalion Staff that he gave each one a brigade coin. At right, COL Celotto presents the coin to staff.

During the in-ranks inspection, Alex Greuniesen correctly answers questions posed to him by one of the inspecting team members.



Battalion Commander Peter Wilcox reviews the corps with COL Paul Celotto.



In-Ranks Inspection, above.
Preparing for staff briefing, below.



Below, MAJ Stelljes with inspection team. Right, Band member Tyler Olentine.

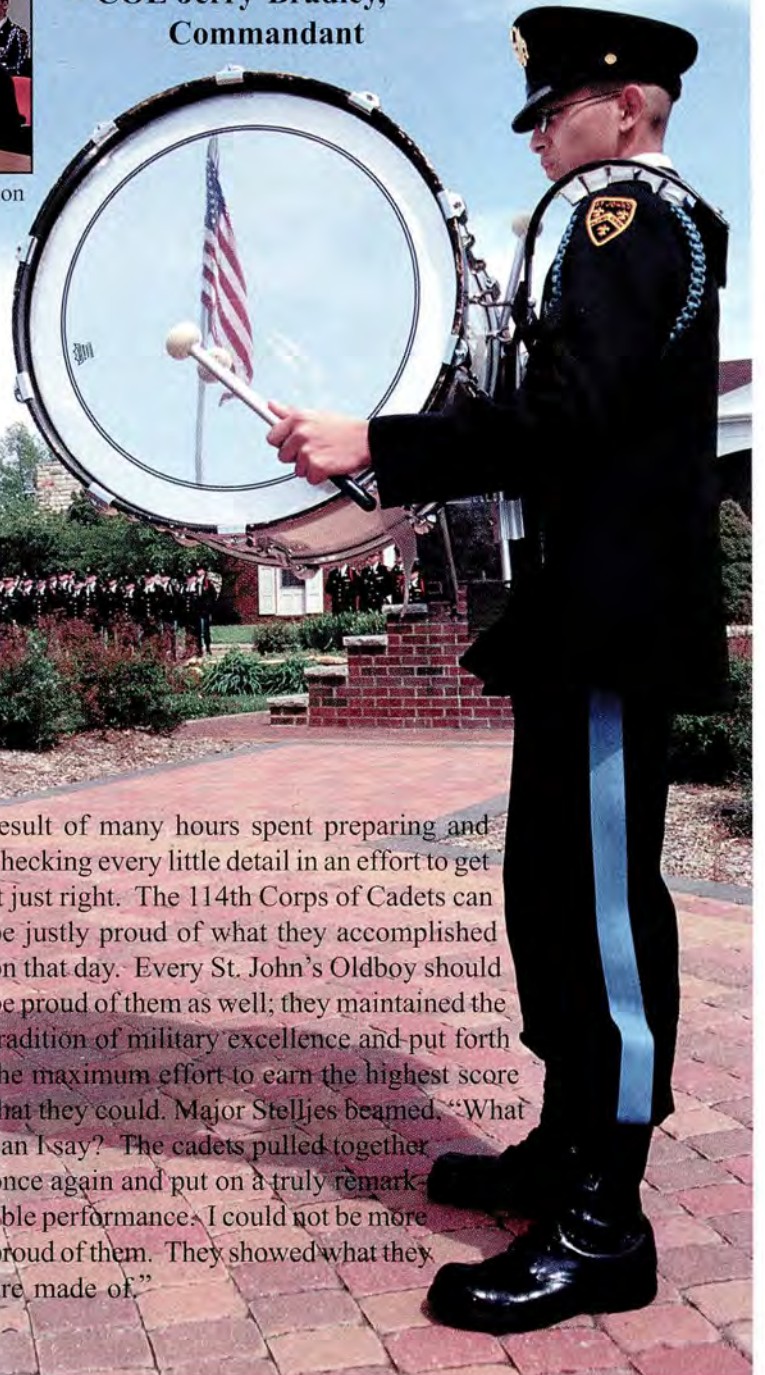


“This is a wonderful way to complete my first session with the corps of cadets. I am so pleased with the corps and the adults who lead them. This is a great day for SJMS!”

- Jack Albert, President

“To score 999 on two consecutive AFI’s is truly phenomenal, and is a direct result of the incredibly hard work expended by the 114th Corps of Cadets, and Major Stelljes’ JROTC Department.”

**- COL Jerry Bradley,
Commandant**



media assets on campus. Each of them came through with flying colors and continued the tradition of excellence from the Battalion Staff. The Brigade Commander was so impressed with the effort put forth by the Battalion Staff that he gave each member a brigade coin.

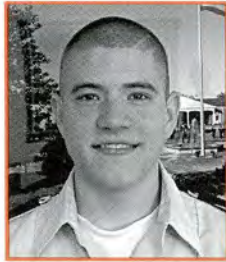
The 114th Corps of Cadets with the Color Guard performed a pass-in-review after lunch with COL Celotto as the reviewing officer and once again the cadets showed what they are made of as they earned a perfect score of 150. The inspection team commented about how impressed they were with the way the cadets marched. It was a truly impressive sight to see as the band, with cadet Alex Fabian up front, led the way and the cadets once more earned a perfect score. Cadets James Klock, Nick Dockery, Steve Williams, and Ryan Nahn led their companies well as the corps gave a dominating performance on Perkins Field.

The Final score of 999 out of 1,000 was the

result of many hours spent preparing and checking every little detail in an effort to get it just right. The 114th Corps of Cadets can be justly proud of what they accomplished on that day. Every St. John’s Oldboy should be proud of them as well; they maintained the tradition of military excellence and put forth the maximum effort to earn the highest score that they could. Major Stelljes beamed, “What can I say? The cadets pulled together once again and put on a truly remarkable performance. I could not be more proud of them. They showed what they are made of.”



Blake McMurtrey



Anthony Parsons



Peter Wilcox



Thomas McKinnon



David Kriske



Alex Fabian



Dino Bajramovic

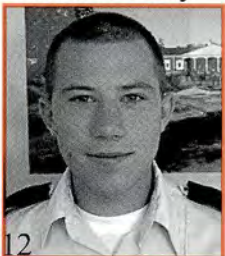


Joe Aussem



Sean Barbour

Richard Derby



2002 Commencement & Alumni Reunion Weekend

Thursday, May 16th

Jr. & Sr. Prom Night & Dinner
6:30 Dinner
7:30 - 11:00 Dance
 Salina Country Club

Friday, May 17th

7:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 Whackers & Hackers
 Alumni Golf Outing (on their own)

11:30 AM
 Alumni Registration & Luncheon
 Stevens Hall (Rec Center)

1:00 PM
 Parent Check-In
 Stevens Hall (Rec Hall)

Summer School Registration
 Vanier Academic Center

3:00 PM
 Reception for Patrons, Alumni, & Guests
 Stevens Hall
 "Ambassadors Club" to attend

Luke Duncan



Derrick Foster



4:00 PM
 Retreat Parade/Pass in Review
 SJMS Campus- Teardrop

4:30 PM
 Optional Mess

5:00 - 6:00 PM
 Alumni Reunions (on their own)

6:30 PM
 Commandant's Receiving Line
 Salina Bicentennial Center

7:00 PM
 Commandant's Military Ball & Awards
 Ceremony
 Salina Bicentennial Center

9:00 PM
 Pass Gate Opens

12:00 Midnight
 Passes End for all Cadets

Saturday, May 18th

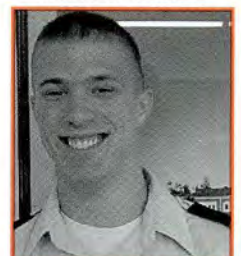
8:00 - 8:30 AM
 Flag Raising/Memorial Services/
 Pass in Review
 SJMS Campus Teardrop

9:00 - 10:00 AM
 Foundation Officers Breakfast
 Stevens Hall (Private Dining Room)

Brendon Harris



James Klock





Joshua Crenshaw



Jonathon Varbel



Eric Winkel



Michael Rosacci



Luke Propst

Continental Breakfast
All Guest Welcome/ Stevens Hall

9:00 AM
Summer School & Fall Registration
Vanier Academic Center

10:30 AM
Educational Honors Convocation
Middle School Drill Team/Color Guard/
8th grade Graduation/
Recognition of 25 & 50 year Alumni
Salina Bicentennial Center

10:30 - 12:00 Noon
Campus Closed to Patrons

12:00 Noon
Senior Luncheon Presentations
Salina Bicentennial Center

1:30 PM
The Holy Eucharist
Baines Gymnasium

3:15 PM
Freedom Tree Ceremony
SJMS Campus

3:30 PM
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
PERKINS FIELD

Dismissal of 114th Corps of Cadets
Forever!!!!



**Hats Off To Our
Graduating
Seniors
and 8th graders!**



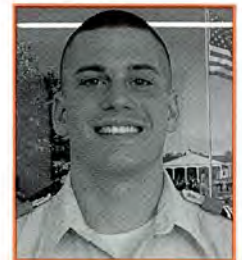
Graduating 8th graders are, *back row*; Joachim Reynolds, Robert Korody, Daniel Bell, Jesus Acevedo, *middle row*; Alfredo Gorbena, Alejandro Bertoldi, Michael Maynard, Mauricio Jimenez, *front row*; Joe Pantera, Chris Hoobler, and Zach Shannon.



Graduating 8th graders are, *back row*; Randy Hinderberger, Tarell Taylor, Michael Harmon, John Mitchell, David Gears, *middle row*; John Adams, Travis Wilson, Bryant Matthiesen, Hunter Lobertini, Matthew Walter, *front row*; Alan Nguyen, Andrew Hoppes, Jeffrey Lammers, Ben Reier.



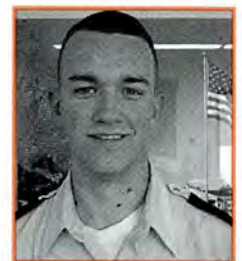
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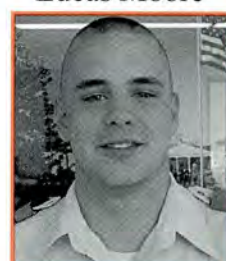
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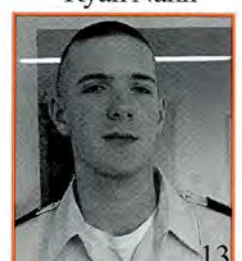
Joe Manning



Miguel Martinez



Lucas Moore



the things we do...

in 2001-2002

RANK	NAME	DATE OF RANK
COL	Wilcox, Peter	04/19/02
LTC	Josh Crenshaw	04/19/02
MAJ	Harris, Brendon	04/19/02
MAJ	Norton, George	04/19/02
MAJ	Winkel, Eric	04/19/02
CPT	Crenshaw, Jeremy	02/08/02
CPT	Dockery, Nick	12/13/01
CPT	Robichaux, Rex	10/18/01
ILT	Klock, James	03/29/02
ILT	McBride, Joshua	03/13/02
ILT	Nahn, Ryan	03/07/02
ILT	Nordling, Ryan	04/04/02
ILT	Pace, Lee	04/01/02
ILT	Redd, Mack	01/25/02
ILT	Wilcox, Daniel	10/26/01
ILT	Williams, Steven	03/07/02
2LT	Caceres, Miguel	04/05/02
2LT	Derby, Richard	01/17/02
2LT	Espinosa, Gabriel	04/05/02
2LT	Hunter, Beau	04/05/02
2LT	Kuhre, Brayden	04/05/02
2LT	McLoughlin, Shawn	04/05/02
2LT	Miller, Matt	04/05/02
2LT	Walker, Ben	02/12/02
WO2	Benson, Jason	05/03/02
WO2	Fabian, Alex	02/08/02
WO2	Pollard, Carson	02/08/02
WO1	Kriske, David	08/30/01
SGM	Martling, James	02/15/02
MSG	Woody, Ryan	05/03/02
ISG	Adams, Nick	04/04/02
ISG	Allen, Hunter	04/04/02
ISG	Chico, Bernardo	03/07/02
ISG	Palomo, Paul	01/31/02
SFC	Aussem, Joe	02/28/02
SFC	Batalla, Felipe	09/27/01
SFC	Diaz, Daniel	05/03/02
SFC	Frasier, Chris	05/03/02
SFC	Green, Scott	05/03/02
SFC	Jacob, Stanley	05/03/02
SFC	Lancaster, Brandon	02/26/02
SFC	Palmer, Cody	05/16/01
SFC	Pantera, Joseph	05/03/02
SFC	Romero, Nick	04/04/02
SFC	Winkel, Alex	10/11/01
SSG	Alamo, Eric	05/03/02
SSG	Ballesteros, Stefano	03/29/02



Third quarter Blue Berets for middle school are: from top, Robert Korody, J. R. Reynolds, Hunter Lobertini and Zachary Shannon.



Third quarter Blue Berets for upper school are: from left, Brayden Kuhre, Alex Svoboda, and Patrick Johnsen. Not pictured, Luke Duncan.



RANK	NAME	DATE OF RANK
SSG	Dumond, Steven	04/11/02
SSG	Fascilla, Brandon	04/04/02
SSG	Foster, Derrick	12/06/01
SSG	Hesselgrave, Nick	04/19/02
SSG	Lee, Robert	04/04/02

RANK	NAME	DATE OF RANK
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SSG	Neiberger, Nick	05/03/02
SSG	Pantera, Bill	05/03/02
SSG	Rosacci, Michael	12/06/01
SSG	Selland, Joshua	03/29/02
SSG	Wood, Richard	05/03/02
SSG	Zander, John	01/25/02
SGT	Acevedo, Jesus	04/19/02
SGT	Alvarez, Dennis	05/03/02
SGT	Bertoldi, Alejandro	04/19/02
SGT	Britsch, Chris	03/29/02
SGT	Carey, Matt	03/29/02
SGT	Carey, Nathan	05/03/02
SGT	Carrizales, Cory	04.04.02
SGT	Cooksey, Sean	10/04/01
SGT	Gorbena, Alfredo	04/19/02
SGT	Harman, Jordan	05/03/02
SGT	Harmon, Michael	05/03/02
SGT	Jakubowski, Brett	01/31/02
SGT	Johnsen, Patrick	05/03/02
SGT	Korody, Robert	05/10/01
SGT	Meers, Shane	04/04/02
SGT	Moore, Lucas	03/07/02
SGT	Olentine, Tyler	09/27/01
SGT	Pratt, Corbin	05/03/02
SGT	Propst, Chris	03/20/02
SGT	Reynolds, Joachim	09/21/01
SGT	Rico, Andrew	05/03/02
SGT	Sanborn, Kyle	05/03/02
SGT	Smith, Javier J.	03/29/02
SGT	Svoboda, Alex	05/03/02
SGT	Varbel, Jonathan	03/29/02
SGT	Wennstedt, Nash	05/03/02
SGT	Wilkerson, Anthony	04/11/02
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CPL	Brown, Robert	02/21/02
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CPL	Elston, Chad	04/17/02
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CPL	Jimenez, Mauricio	03/07/02
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CPL	Lawyer, Jake	02/08/02

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CPL	Maynard, Michael	05/03/02
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CPL	Moyer, Drew	05/03/02
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CPL	Nguyen, Alan	04/04/02
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CPL	Parsons, Anthony	02/15/02
CPL	Rathke, Bryan	04/19/02
CPL	Reier, Benjamin	10/11/01
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CPL	Taylor, Tarell	01/11/01
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PFC	Swindler, Ryan	04/16/02
PFC	Tyburski, Luke	05/03/02
PFC	Walter, Matthew	03/29/02
PFC	Wilson, Travis	02/21/02
PVT	Barbour, Sean	02/15/02



Congratulations to the winners of the St. John's 3rd Annual Spelling Bee: 1st Place Joe Aussem, front; 2nd Patrick Johnsen, right; 3rd Stanley Jacob, left; 4th Alex Svoboda, center.

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PVT	Bell, Daniel	02/06/02
PVT	Bowden, Jacob	04/29/02
PVT	Calvert, Ryan	04/04/02
PVT	Coelho, John	04/19/02
PVT	Cox, Andy	05/01/02
PVT	Dowling, Paul	02/08/02
PVT	Greuniesen, Alex	03/01/02
PVT	Holder, Philip	04/19/02
PVT	Kroll, Michael	04/10/02
PVT	Kuan, Tim	04/17/02
PVT	Manning, Joseph	04/17/02
PVT	Matthiesen, Bryant	02/06/02
PVT	McCoy, Timothy	04/10/02
PVT	McKinnon, Thomas	04/29/02
PVT	Mitchell, John	04/19/02
PVT	Nicol, Brent	04/29/02
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PVT	Shannon, Zachary	04/04/02
PVT	Siler, Donald	04/10/02
PVT	Steinhilpert, Dustin	02/13/02
PVT	Steinwart, Ryan	04/29/02
PVT	Wolford, John	04/10/02

REHABILITATIVE ATTENTIVENESS TRAINING
 Bergmann, John Born, William
 Gears, David



Art Selected for Juried Exhibition

Artwork by Thomas McKinnon and Corbin Pratt was chosen for the 2002 Gerry Neustrom Young Art Challenge, sponsored by the Salina Art Center. Pratt (*above*) submitted a self portrait. McKinnon (*left*) discusses "Forsaken Dreamscape" with the late Ms. Neustrom's husband, Father Willys.



First quarter U.S. Academic Achievers: Peter Wilcox, Gabriel Espinosa, and George Norton.



Second quarter U.S. Academic Achievers: Rex Robichaux, Joshua McBride, and Paul Palomo.



Third quarter U.S. Academic Achievers: Carson Pollard, Miguel Martinez and Finley MacDonald.



First quarter M.S. Academic Achievers: Jesus Acevedo, Daniel Hagen and Michael Maynard.



Second quarter M.S. Academic Achievers: Robert Brown, Nathan Carey, and Andrew Hoppes.



Third quarter M.S. Academic Achievers: Joe Pantera, Mitchell McCartney, and Daniel Hagen.

Dedication of Former Cadet Larry Britegam Helps St. John's Move Into the Future



My association with St. John's Military School dates back almost 100 years. My

mother's grandfather (my great grandfather) was a building contractor from Kansas City. He built several buildings in Salina in the very early 1900's and built a family home on Santa Fe, which my brother-in-law and his wife now live in.

One of those buildings, St. Barnabas Hospital, the first hospital built in Salina, was built on the grounds of SJMS around 1907. Although initially the Bishop ran the hospital, the agreement when it was built was to give it to the trustees of St. John's when it no longer was used or needed as a hospital. In 1923 that happened and the building became known as the Junior School Building. In my recent research of the building I found that the total cost of construction of the building was about \$20,000. Almost \$3,000 less than it costs for a cadet to go to St. John's today for one year.

I attended St. John's from 1967 to 1969 as a student. As coincidence would have it, I lived in the

same location that my great grandfather had built a building almost 70 years earlier.

My time at St. John's became a very important time in my life. Although the school was going through a tough time, as was our country, St. John's was still playing a very important role for kids throughout the United States.

St. John's was not an easy time for me. Being from Salina and going to school at St. John's and seeing all of my friends with a lot more freedom than I had was difficult to take. Yet, it was one of those defining moments for me that all of us have in our life. It gave me a focus, an inner drive and destination that I was lacking before I attended St. John's. Although I went back to public school after 2 years, I have often wondered what direction my life would have taken if I had graduated from St. John's.

As with many kids who attend St. John's, I stayed away for 10 to 15 years after I left. After I graduated from



college and went to work at Sunflower Bank, I started getting very involved in the community. Keith Duckers, one of my mentors and a close friend, asked me to get involved with the St. John's Foundation. I soon became President of the Foundation and my volunteer time at St. John's was off and running. In 1989 I went on the Board of Trustees and I am just finishing my second 6 year term on the board. I am also finishing my 2-year run as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and was Chairman of the search committee to hire President Albert. It was the second search committee that I had the honor of being

Spotlight on the Board of Trustees



St. Barnabas Hospital, 1909 - 1922 became the Junior School in 1923 and served as such until 1964.

on to hire a President for St. John's.

I have also been on numerous committees at the school and served as Chairman of both the fund drive for the Lyman Linger Middle School Building and the Stevens Center.

There are many issues that have kept me involved in St. John's. My family connection, the friendships that I have developed, and my deep sense of loyalty to the school.

As with all organizations that survive over 100 years, St. John's has always had a way of surviving. Dale Browning has always told me that God truly does care about St. John's, and I think he is right. There have been many times over the years when St. John's was going through a tough time. Each time however, fate stepped in and provided an opportunity to get through the crisis. I too believe that St. John's was put here for a reason and its mission is far from being over. The current board is very focused on assuring that the long-term viability of the school remains on track.

As we all can see, the physical structures at St. John's have changed dramatically over the years. All old buildings have either been replaced or remodeled. The current board is in the middle of developing both a short-term and a long-term plan for the campus and our endowment funds.

We now have an endowment fund that helps supplement tuition costs with scholarship dollars. It also helps fund an ongoing maintenance program to keep the school in great shape. Although not near enough, we need to focus even more energy on the development of our endowment fund.

Our educational programs continue to develop and technology will play a very important role in the future. We continue to spend a lot of money and

time in developing technology as a part of the curriculum.

Faculty and staff, religion, structure, discipline, a sense of family, and activities still form the core values of St. John's. I am constantly reminded of the deep commitment of the staff that truly is the backbone of the school. They can be as tough as they need to be and turn around and put their arm around a cadet and tell them everything will be fine.

It has been 35 years since I have been a student at St. John's. The student body today is much more street wise, more tuned into world events, has a higher knowledge of the world we live in, yet must deal with many more issues than the cadets of my generation did. But, the opportunities in their life will be unlimited. It really is up to them to decide what direction they go after they leave St. John's.

Yet in some respects, the cadets today are the same as they have always been. Most are looking or needing a more disciplined life.

My vision for St. John's is broad and very exciting. I feel a very personal obligation to assure the viability of the school for years to come.

I do not see us increasing our enrollment significantly, but I believe we could add another 20 to 30 kids.

We must work now to increase our endowment fund. It will be the one vehicle that can sustain the school forever. We should have an endowment today with \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in it. I know the money is out there. We need to work at reconnecting with many alumni.

I also see us building three to five additional buildings in the future. I would like to see an alumni center and museum of historical memorabilia that dates back to the start of St. John's. I

believe you cannot find your way into the future if you do not know where you have come from. To me, sharing the history of St. John's with the current corps and increasing that process into a more concentrated part of their time is imperative. Also included into that building would be the administrative offices and a performing arts center for the cadets to use for assemblies, meetings, and plays.

We also need to build a new gymnasium, an indoor swimming pool, and a sports complex with a new football field, baseball field and track.

The needs are many, and the needs for a school like St. John's remains strong. I cannot tell you how excited I am about the future of St. John's. The opportunity to build the school into a world-class organization has never been better. I think the best is yet to come.



At a recent Board of Trustees meeting, Chairman Larry Britegam discusses the new SJMS website with fellow members Pete Peterson and Dr. Mace Braxton.

It's a Perfect Score!
Second Year Running . . .

For the second time in two years, smallbore rifle shooters from SJMS

(President Albert's message continued from page 5)

- Hire a Deputy Commandant for Middle School/New Boy
- Establish TV Production class.
- Establish ESL Program
- Expand the College/Dual Credit program
- Expand the foreign language offerings at SJMS.
- Employ activities director for SJMS
- Expand the Boy Scout program at SJMS
- Establish Cub Scout program in Middle School
- Establish Middle school religion class.
- Expand the portfolio of the current Deputy Commandant

These are a few of the very exciting things that will be happening at SJMS. Come visit see all the great things that are happening here – join in the spirit! As I close these thoughts I have just been advised that the 114th Corps of Cadets has, for the second year in a row scored a near perfect score of 999 out of 1000 possible points. I want to commend SAI Major George Stelljes on a job well done. My sincere thanks to his adult staff and of course the entire Corps of Cadets – the 114th. These are the things that fulfill my life and enable me to feel truly blessed!

won their league's championship- this time with a perfect record of 8 - 0. Last year with eight wins and two losses, they had to go to a tie-breaker against the team from Wichita to take home the Championship plaque for the first time since joining the North Cen-

tral Kansas Gallery League in 1971. Two years ago the team equaled their losses with wins. Another noteworthy accomplishment this year was when the team traveled to Quincy, Illinois and placed second in the Mid America High School Championship.

(Browning article continued from page 6)

In 1966 he joined The Colorado National Bank of Denver as a vice president and manager of the retail banking activities.

In November of 1968, Mr. Browning became president of the Rocky Mountain BankCard System (a subsidiary of the Colorado National Bank) and continued to serve as an executive officer of The Colorado National Bank. In 1986 Mr. Browning was named President and CEO of the Colorado National Bank and continued to serve as Chairman of Rocky Mountain Bankcard until both entities were sold in 1992.

Additionally, Mr. Browning founded Plus System, Inc., an international shared ATM network in 1982 and remained President and CEO until 1993, at which time Plus System, Inc. was sold to Visa International. He continued to be involved with Visa International until 1995, during which time he served as a Senior Consultant and focused on the development of an international strategic plan for the delivery of debit card products.

In recognition of his contributions to Plus System, Inc., that company established the very prestigious D. Dale Browning Scholarship given to a St. John's cadet annually. This scholarship is the most important scholarship awarded at St. John's. The receiving cadet must display char-

acteristics of integrity, intelligence, and a desire for excellence. These are the same traits Mr. Browning has admirably displayed throughout his life and work. He has been on the Board of Trustees for St. John's since 1974.

Mr. Browning makes time for his leisure interests as well. When not playing golf, bridge, or reading, he has created a beautifully landscaped yard at his home. Last, but certainly not least, he continues to enjoy the challenge of entrepreneurship. He is currently the President and CEO of ProCard, Inc., a company which provides an integrated software system and related services designed to reduce the costs of procurement activities for large organizations in both the private and public sectors.

Mr. Browning's advice to the youth of America is "one can never underestimate the foundation one builds while in high school. Dedication, commitment, and self worth are critical to success in college and in business."

St. John's has been blessed to have a gentleman such as D. Dale Browning touch the lives of cadets, staff, and parents. This fine man shows integrity, honesty, generosity and hard work - all virtues for the cadets to aim for in their own lives. He is a perfect example to lead our youth of America forward.

Thank you, Mr. Browning. We appreciate you as a person, and we appreciate all you do for St. John's.

Tee Time

With only two returning lettermen from the 2001 season, the SJMS golf team has proven they can be successful. Adding Miguel Caceres, Geraldo Miranda, Finley MacDonald, Brandon White, Dan Bacon and Kyle Sanborn to returning lettermen Jon Zander and Kevin Kerns has made this young team especially competitive. In his first tournament for SJMS, Cadet Caceres won first place and since then has teamed up with Cadet Miranda to medal as a two-man team. If all the varsity members return next year, Coach Speilman believes there will be no stopping this team.

There is also a good nucleus of Junior Varsity players. Peter Winn took 2nd place at the Hillsboro Golf Tournament. Other regular JV players are Ryan Woody, Fernando Batalla, Jon Schafer, Corbin Pratt, and Paul Dowling. Speilman commented that several of these players have shown promise and should be varsity players in the future.



Felipe Batalla pleads with the ball to drop in the hole.

Golf

Serving Up Mixed Success

Keeping a team motivated can be a difficult job for the coach to do. Especially when your team is lacking the full depth of a 6-Man team for varsity competition. This is the daunting situation that faced Coach Gerald Martin all season. Due to having a squad of only two players last year, the team was



dropped from many schools' contracts, leaving the SJMS tennis team with only four meets to compete in. Five players received full varsity letters. They are Andrew Rico, Brendon Harris, Richard Derby, Rex Robichaux and Sean Barbour.



Richard Derby readies his backhand during practice.

Tennis



Fast Forward
SJMS track runs past tough challenges

The SJMS Track Team meant action on the track and on the field. Led by Coach Matthew Hurtt and assisted by Coach Jay Young, the boys put in long hours in an effort to attain excellence in their individual events as well as for the team. Most of the team had never participated in track before, and the rest of them had little or no experience in competition at the varsity level. Field event athletes brought home medals with consistent throws at every meet. The sprinters and long distance runners were always in the middle of the pack or better. Throughout the season coaches felt the team became more knowledgeable and competitive.

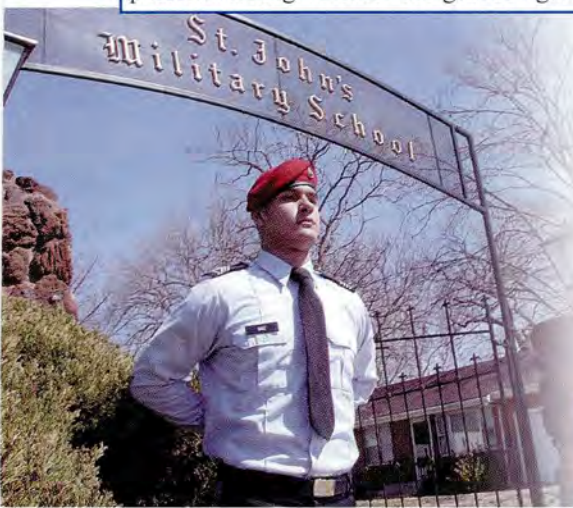
Almost taking flight, Brandon Lancaster leaps through the air on the long jump.

Track



The United States Air Force Academy Chapel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The St. John's Military School Drill Team wrapped up their season by competing against 27 schools at the Air Force Academy.

Cadet Patrol Daniel Diaz mans the front gate, directing visitors and deterring any rogue trespassers seeking to enter our guarded gate.



George Norton, James Martling, and Josh Crenshaw assist Jan Shivers with a new hair color, one of the many perks that came with the 999 AFI score.



Drill Team Wraps Up Dream Season

Record 10 trophies earned

Challenging drill routines and the hunger for trophies drove Drill Commander Blake McMurtrey to dare his team to work hard and never quit. It paid off. The SJMS Drill Team won a record 10 trophies this season. Their first performance at Abilene, Kansas for President Eisenhower's birthday celebration set the tone for the rest of the year. On the way to Wentworth, they drove through a snowstorm that would have kept most people home, but the group brought home three trophies instead.

The Drill Team wrapped up the season by attending the Grand Nationals at the U. S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Over 27 schools were represented at the meet and the SJMS Drill Team did their very best. Congratulations to Blake McMurtrey, 1st SGT Amon Tidmore, and the Drill Team.

Underwater Adventure!

This year's Adventure Trip went subaquatic as sponsors Sven Hestrاند and Scott Wiedeman headed to Athens Scuba Park in Texas.

(left to right) Lucas Moore, Jeremy Crenshaw, Alex Fabian, and Rex Robichaux (right) spent 4 tanks of air exploring the lake bottom for buses, planes and a myriad of other wrecks.



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