

The

Skirmisher

Spring 2003

St. John's Military School

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ANNUAL FORMAL INSPECTION

9999!

three years running!

This Side



by Jack F. Albert, Jr.
President

As you look at the cover of this edition of the *Skirmisher* you see the feet of one of our boys as he prepares to stand for inspection as part of our Annual Formal Inspection. There was some discussion about just what kind of cover we wanted to use to announce our third straight 999 score for this almost sacred event. Our editors chose well. The simple picture says so many things that it has caused me to reflect on it as the basis of my remarks to you.

This image speaks of pride and care, and it represents probably better than any other picture we could have chosen - a long, long line of cadets who have attended AFI, photographer Scott Wiedeman ended his search with the top-to-bottom shine of Cadet Scott Green.

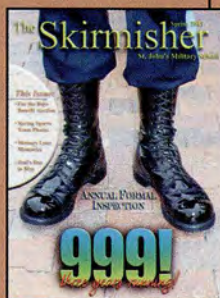
lines for meals. Just think of the miles and miles that cadets have marched over the years. Those same feet that are shielded by the high gloss boots represent the feet of boys who have run on our fields or courts in search of the gold ring of victory for the Muleskinners. These are the feet of a boy who represents all the old boys who have defended our country and even this day stand in harm's way. These are the feet so elegantly prepped that carry the boy who bear colors of the nation and who traverses the sacred altar of Armstrong Chapel.

As our boys search to find their own footsteps and hear their own cadence, it is our hope that the paths they march lead them to their greatest potential.

Best wishes for a safe and pleasant summer.

On the cover:

On a quest for the shiniest boots during AFI, photographer Scott Wiedeman ended his search with the top-to-bottom shine of Cadet Scott Green.



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MARCHING Towards 999!

The 115th Corps of Cadets, under the dedicated and caring leadership of their Battalion Commander, Rex Robichaux, made history on May 1, 2003, as St. John's became the first Army JROTC program to earn three consecutive AFI scores of 999.

The Muleskinner Battalion has earned an average score of 997 over the last seven 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, 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 seven straight years.

The inspection began at 0900 when the Battalion Executive Officer, Nick Dockery, served as the Commander of troops as the Honor Guard, SJMS Band, and Corps of Cadets welcomed COL Dennis 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 115th Corps of Cadets. The Brigade Commander, COL Dennis smiled as soon as she stepped out of the car and commented that the Corps looked sharp.

The Battalion Staff briefed the inspection team at 0930, while the companies prepared for the in-ranks inspection in Banes Gymnasium.



"Who ever understood the point of these boot bands anyway?" Eddie Campbell assists Jesse Skinner with last minute preparations as Corbin Pratt helps with Jesse's tie.

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Message from the Commandant *Jerry Bradley*

It seems like only yesterday that we were saying “welcome” to the 115th Corps of Cadets, and all too quickly we have arrived at that time when we must bid farewell. To Colonel Robichaux, the Battalion Staff, the Company Commanders, First sergeants, *and all of the Corps of Cadets*, I send my heartfelt “*thank you*” for the truly outstanding performance of duty you displayed throughout the entire 2002-2003 school year. You guys were awesome, and as is your tendency, when the stakes are high, you “rose to the occasion” time and time again. At Parent’s Weekend, at AFI, and at Commencement, you were simply *incredible*, and as a result of the professionalism and maturity you displayed at these events I heard nothing but praise for each and every one of you. I wish you all a wonderful summer, and am looking forward to welcoming many of you back in early August, for Leader, Football, and Soccer Camps . . . Until then, I ask that you be safe, have fun, listen to your Mom and Dad, and do something *meaningful* . . .

Message from the Academic Dean *Doug Randolph*



Another school year has all too rapidly ended with 32 graduated seniors starting a new phase of their lives. Second semester was highlighted with SJMS receiving their third 999 in a row for the AFI. What an outstanding achievement!

I am already planning for the next school year which will bring some new faces in the academic area. I have just hired a new Spanish teacher and am currently interviewing to fill a new math position. The schedule will be slightly different with the cadets taking seven classes per day.

Our enrollment this year was excellent and indications are that next year will be just as good. We currently have cadets involved in an interim program and are getting ready for the Academic Leadership Camp. This year’s summer program will be an exciting learning experience for all cadets who attend. If you have a young man (grades 6 through 12) who would like to attend and has not signed up yet, please contact the Admissions Department immediately.

This will be my 23rd year at St. John’s and I’m hoping it will be as notable as my previous 22. I wish all the cadets a fun-filled enjoyable summer and we look forward to their return in September.



Message from the Battalion Commander *Rex Robichaux*

(excerpts from Colonel Rex Robichaux’s farewell address . . . I can still remember sitting in those small wooden folding chairs 7 years ago, listening to Doug Morrison [Battalion Commander, 109th Corps, *Class of ‘97*] recount his time at St. John’s, and the lessons he had learned. I could, at that time, only dream of one day having the great honor of being in his position. Well, many years later, here I am, preparing to leave this place as well. I can only hope that the impressions and lessons I leave behind, may one day have as large an effect on others as Doug Morrison did on me.

What I will really be leaving behind, and missing the most are the people I have come to know and to depend upon so much. If it were not for you, who have touched my life with so many blessings, there is no doubt that I would not be here right now. If I were to recite the actual thank you list, it would be nearly endless. I truly thank you all who will always have a special place in my heart and in my life.

Lastly, I will conclude with a huge acknowledgment of gratitude to the 115th Corps. This Corps has truly been incredible in all that it has accomplished. Not only the unbelievable score of 999 on the Annual Formal Inspection for the third time in a row, but in all that it has done in the past year. I have never seen a greater Corps, and could never have asked for a better one. Each individual in the 115th Corps is unique, and it has been a distinct honor to be your Battalion Commander. I give you my truest thanks and gratitude, and to each and every one of you, good luck with what lies ahead of you, and my very best wishes that the future holds great things for you.

Memory Lane



Famous Photo Evokes Many Memories and Responses!

This famous photo certainly brought back some long ago, tucked away memories! The following former cadets all wrote in with their recollections of their time in New York back in 1961 . . . or was it 1960 . . . or was it 1962?! Whatever the date was, their memories and stories are wonderful. All four will receive a St. John's Alumni polo shirt. Thank you for continuing to share your stories and memories with us! Your information is helping us find and catch up with Old Boys.



Robert John Alminana, III
attended '61, '60,

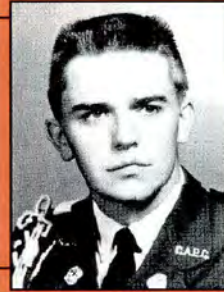
“Hello from a somewhat silent Old Boy. In answer to the Memory Lane question, the cadets pictured are on the *Ed Sullivan Show*. The year should be 1961. Let see here, on the far right is Scott Poage, then Sgt. Lobaugh whose first name is lost to the ages. To the right of Lobaugh is a very young rendition of the late Col. Guernsey. On the Col.'s right is Sgt. Jones, and to the right and behind Lobaugh is Nicholas “Needles” Ohlmsted, then next to Jones is an unknown-to-me celeb, but back against the curtain to the right is Jobbins. I believe then back to the front row is the platoon Commander. Bill Wright. Behind whom with head bowed to get in the picture is Skipper Cunningham, next to Skip is Scott Halama, then Ed Sullivan with his hands on the shoulders of Tim Shy. In back of Sullivan is Steve Oakford. The blond's name escapes me. Next to the blond is Rick Sharp and



John Richard Taylor
graduate '64

“The photo was taken on the *Ed Sullivan Show* stage in February 1962 in New York City. From left to right: Paul Anka, Rick Taylor '64, Peggy Lee, John Ditton '62, in front of Ed Sullivan is Jack Klein. Henry Fonda, Ted Jones '62, Major Guernsey, Commandant, Scott Lobaugh '62, and Scott Poage. [Later Email] Note, Ted Jones was the Crack Platoon Commander. The Crack Squad Commander was Doug White whose head sticks up in the very back (middle) right behind Skip Cunningham. Another person to note is Phil Hargrove. He is the face to the left of Henry Fonda. His brother Dean was a classmate of Dale Browning. Dean is a famous TV producer (*Matlock* and others.)”

behind Sharp are the Brown brothers. Well, let's just see how I did. I'm doing this all from memory.”



John Laroy O'Loughlin
graduate '61

“This picture was taken back stage of the *Ed Sullivan Show* either in the fall of 1959, or the Spring of 1960. The female performer was Peggy Lee and the other I believe to be Frankie Avalon. The trip included a train excursion from Salina to our nations Capital, with a visit to the Senator of Kansas' office, with a continuation to New York City for an overnight and attendance at the *Ed Sullivan Show*. Some of us got into some trouble at the hotel, but otherwise it was a memorable tip. We won't talk about that experience!”



Jack William Kaine
graduate '61

“The picture was taken in 1961 in NYC. We went back to be on the *Ed Sullivan Show*. The group is the Crack Platoon. We could not be on the show because we were not Union Members. We flew back on a National Guard Air Force plane. Commander Nuss was the facility member for this trip.

The stars are Paul Anka, Peggy Lee and Ed Sullivan is standing behind John Denton. Peter Fonda is standing beside the great looking cadet, Jack Kaine.”

Top-Hat Dancer Brought Belly Laughs to All!

Who is under that top-hat that made a special presentation demonstrating the fine art of dancing? If you think you know the answer to the “mystery picture,” call or email Barb at (785) 823-7231 ext. 7730, barbn@sjms.org with the correct answer. The first correct answer will win a \$25 gift certificate to the SJMS Quartermaster.



SKINNERS' OLD BOYS



Cpl. Michael Philip Scarborough, graduated 3-15-02 from Marine Corps Boot Camp in Parris Island, SC.



Noah Perez, attended '94, visited campus 3-10-03. You can reach him at P.O. Box 24, Red Bud, IL 62278.

*Folks Have
Been
Asking
About You!*

Enclosed in this issue of *The Skirmisher* is an Old Boy information update card. Please complete and return so we can update our records. We look forward to hearing from you!



Kenton D. Bose
attended '67

Brad Post
class of '84

William Valentine
October 21, 2002
attended '57 - '58

Michael Torpey
March 6, 2003
Former SJMS Counselor

Robert "Bob" Kastner
April 20, 2003
SJMS Board of Trustees



Lawrence G. Miller, class of '48, visited campus during Commencement Weekend. You can reach him at P. O. Box 330, Holcomb, KS, 67851.



Tom Zachary, class of '99, visited campus during Commencement Weekend. Tom graduated from Westminster College in Fulton, MO with 2 degrees in Computer Science and Management Information Systems. He was a varsity football player for four years, playing in Frankfurt, Germany last summer. In December 2003, Tom plans on entering OCC Marine Corps in Quantico, VI.



At St. John's we are saddened at the passing of **M/SGT Joe Stewart**, February 26, 2003 (right). He is shown here watching the 115th Corps perform a pass in review with friend and fellow employee SGM Johnnie White (left). This dear gentleman will be missed by SJMS staff, faculty and cadets.



Former BC Peter Wilcox Takes Experience From St. John's to VMI

Former Battalion Commander, Peter Wilcox, '02, left, visited SJMS during Commencement Weekend. He is shown with former cadets Tom Zachary, '99, and Charlie Beriault, '00 during graduation exercises.

Excerpts from an email from Peter Wilcox to President Albert dated 2-16-03 . . .

I have not forgotten the moment that changed my life forever. I want you to know that to this day I am glad to be at Virginia Military Institute (VMI). I am doing well. From the moment I walked into the Jackson Arch the words, "YOU MAY BE WHATEVER YOU RESOLVE TO BE" jumped out at me. It makes me think, especially during the Rat Line, which I'm sure you're well aware of. Although it is over, I carry a lot of memories of leadership characteristics that the Cadre possessed. It reminded me of when I was in 8th grade and came to St. John's as a New Boy. Foreign to the environment, a haircut that didn't fit a military manner, a body whose physicality of military was unknown. Now it seems almost the opposite. Thanks to a place (SJMS) who truly shaped my character and maturity to model that of a true American citizen.

Academics are difficult and challenging. It's not like high school where you can take thirty minutes to study for a test; it's more like studying for three hours or more! But that's OK, that's life, that's hard work.

I had no problem getting used to the ways of VMI. I just wanted you to know that I'm doing well. Well, sir, have a great day and tell Colonel Bradley that he can smile once in a while.

Respectfully,
Peter R. Wilcox (rangers_7@hotmail.com)



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

Demonstrations/Presentations/ Annual Formal Inspection (AFI)

10- 8ft. folding tables

1- laptop computer

Paxton ActionLab Series, 1 computer

- Modules would allow state-of-the-art technical training to include electricity, laser, flight technology, robotics, pneumatics, and more

1 Bar Code Scanner & Cash register

to enhance process in the Quartermaster store.

1 Blackbaud System Modules - Admissions/Registrar's Package

which would assist in detailing inquiries, reduce duplication of information.

30 1.6 Ghz Computers - Equip each teacher and classroom with complete on-line internet, Prostar and e-mail abilities.

Games for Playstation - needed for Playstation systems in the Rec. Center for cadet leisure time.

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

1 Electronic Spiral Binding System

2 Office Printers for Maintenance & the Infirmary

1 Slide Projector for recruiting purposes


2 - 4 drawer file lockable cabinets for business office documents

Bleachers for the Soccer Field

Baseball Bats (Various weights & lengths) to enhance the newly developed baseball program

1 Baseball pitching machine

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



Mr. Steven Hirsch, Wichita, KS: Subscription to Air and Space Magazine

Ms. Louise Cox, Cox Enterprises, Salina, KS: 4-drawer file cabinet

All memorials given in honor of Robert Kastner, Mike Torpey, and Joe Stewart

Mr. & Mrs. David Bergmann, St. Louis, MO: Baseball videos

Dell's Ivy Acres Nursery, Brentwood, CA: Flowers for SJMS grounds

ATTENTION!

Classes of **1949, 1950 and 1951** are planning a reunion for next year! Contact: Morris Johnson, (402) 376-2563 in Valentine, NE **OR** John Mike Owens, 5049 Gasconade Ave., San Diego, CA, (619) 276-4880.

Look for full coverage of **Commencement Weekend** and **Prom** in the next issue of *The Skirmisher!*



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The many rehearsals paid off as the staff earned 100 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 fifth 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. Each cadet had to study a list of 60 questions and was asked two questions from the list. The pride and determination to succeed was evident in the faces of the cadets.

Battalion
Commander
Col.
Robichaux
joins Col.
Dennis on the
reviewing
stand.



The Corps with the Color Guard performed a pass in-review after lunch with COL Dennis and Robichaux as the reviewing officers. Once again the cadets showed what they are made of as they earned 149 out of 150 points. 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 Kevin Kerns up front, led the way. Cadets Fernando Batalla, Nick Adams, Patrick Johnsen, and Jordan King led their companies 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.” Every St. John’s Old Boy should be proud of what the 115th Corps accomplished that day.

“What can I say?! To earn three consecutive 999’s is truly a remarkable achievement. The cadets pulled together once again and put on a truly special performance.”

- Senior Army Instructor MAJ George Stelljes



The St Johns Military School Marching Band, led by Drum Major Kevin Kerns, honors the 115th Corps of Cadets by trooping the line to start the Pass in Review.



1. Honor Guard Commander Nick Dockery, prepares to escort Col Dennis, through the Honor Guard Inspection upon arrival. 2. Major George Stelljes assists the S-4, Major Ben Walker, during the monthly inventory of JROTC equipment. 3. Logistics Inspector Hampton tries out a rifle team weapon during the arms room inspection. 4. The Corps awaits anxiously as Battalion Commander Col Robichaux prepares to give the results of the AFI. 5. Presidential Liaison Christian Hopper and his assistant, Aaron Gallegos, greet Col Dennis prior to escorting her on a campus tour. 6. Saxophonist Jim DeBoer marches along side trombonist Harold Greenwood during the Pass in Review. 7. Evan Friarson stands tall while Inspector Gary Fredrickson drills him on his JROTC knowledge during the in-ranks inspection. 8. The Drill Team receives a salute from their Coach, Amon Tidmore after an exhibition performance. 9. Travis Giannini awaits questions from Maj Barszcz during in-ranks inspection while his Company Commander Nick Adams looks on. 10. The Battalion Staff along with President Albert focuses on Maj Barszcz's out-brief; formally bringing the AFI to a close.





The Spring induction of the National Honor Society at SJMS was held March 10, 2003. New inductees were, *back row*: Daniel Persing, Nick Adams, NHS President, Nick Dockery, Christian Hopper, and Jonathan Aspinwall. *Front row*: Travis Sachse, Matthew Rohlman, Manuel Escandon, and Hector Osuna. Inductees are chosen by their excellence in the following four areas: *Scholarship* - the student must maintain an 85% grade point average; *Leadership* - the leadership criterion is considered highly important for membership selection; *Service* - service contributions may

be made to school, classmates and community; and *Character* - the student demonstrates respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring and citizenship.



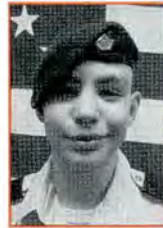
3rd Qtr.
Blue Beret
High School
Nick
Dockery



3rd Qtr.
Blue Beret
High School
Nick Adams



3rd Qtr.
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Chris
Hoobler



3rd Qtr.
Blue Beret
Middle School
Nathan Dixon



3rd Qtr.
Blue Beret
Middle School
Zach
FitzGerald



3rd Qtr.
Blue Beret
Middle School
Ben Roman



3rd Qtr.
*Academic
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High School
Aaron
Gallegos



3rd Qtr.
*Academic
Achiever*
High School
Gum Ngaak



3rd Qtr.
*Academic
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High School
Kyle Resch



3rd Qtr.
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Casey Baker



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Alex Halasi



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Middle School
James
Williamson



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FitzGerald



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Blue Beret
Middle School
Casey Baker



At the invitation of **Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius**, **Col. Rex Robichaux** was selected to attend the *20th Annual Governor's Scholars Award Program* on May 4, 2003, in Topeka, KS. The recognition ceremony honors the top academic one percent of Kansas high school seniors. Scholars are selected from accredited public and private schools in the state.



Presenting a newspaper plaque to Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius were *left to right*, **Joe Pantera**, **Rex Robichaux**, **Gov. Sebelius**, **Seydou Soumare**, and **Kyle Brunton**. President Albert, along with Mrs. Nitz and Mr. Wiedeman accompanied the cadets to Topeka for a series of presentations to Kansas dignitaries. Also visited were Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh, Kansas Supreme Court Justice Lawton Nuss, and Attorney General Phill Kline.



The *Annual Military School Band Festival* was held in February 2003, in Charleston, South Carolina on the campus of the Citadel.

The days were spent in rehearsal and training. **Kevin Kerns** and **Tyler Olentine** learned Mace moves and commands from MCM Jeff Meyers, The Drum Major for the President's Own Navy Band in Washington D.C. **Matt Walters** was under the baton of Major Herbert L. Day USMC (Retired) the conductor of the MSBA symphonic band.

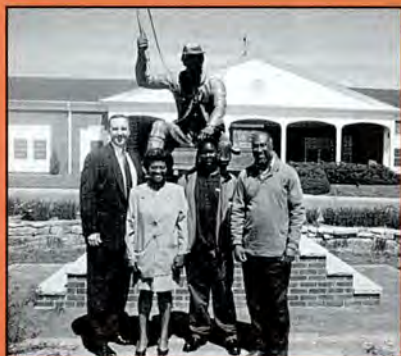
Mrs. Stein participated in seat auditions, judging the Baritone Horn players, giving them a score for their playing ability, and assigning chair order in the band. Matt Walters was assigned fourth chair in the percussion section.

The drum major competition consisted of each drum major commanding a unit through left turn, forward march, counter columns and mark time movements. Both Kevin and Tyler performed very well.

The MSBA Concert featured the symphonic and jazz bands, as well as a display of the drum majors during a patriotic march.



The **May Birthdays** are shown here with host President Albert. Each month President and Mrs. Albert welcome the "Birthday cadets of the month" into their home and celebrate with cake and ice cream. Each cadet is also issued a game ticket for the door prize drawings that take place throughout the evening. After cake and ice cream, the President begins a rousing game of bingo. Each cadet has the chance to win a prize, either by winning BINGO or by having their number drawn for a door prize. No cadet is left out. The "Summer Birthdays" also attend these gala celebrations.



Cadet Peter Longchamp, along with his parents enjoy a moment together with the Secretary of State, **The Honorable Ron Thornburgh**. Thornburgh also serves on SJMS Board of Trustees.



The **Middle School Color Guard**, under the direction of Maj. Carl Lloyd presented colors before a Lady Jayhawks' game. Taking time out to meet "Baby Jay" were, *left to right*: **James Williamson**, **Levi Sanderson**, **Baby Jay**, **Benjamin Roman** and **David Williamson**.

SKINNERS' SPORTS

2003 Spring Sports Team Photos



Above right: Travis Sachse selects a club in preparation for a golf match.



Right: Matt Rohlman makes a practice swing before driving the ball down the fairway.

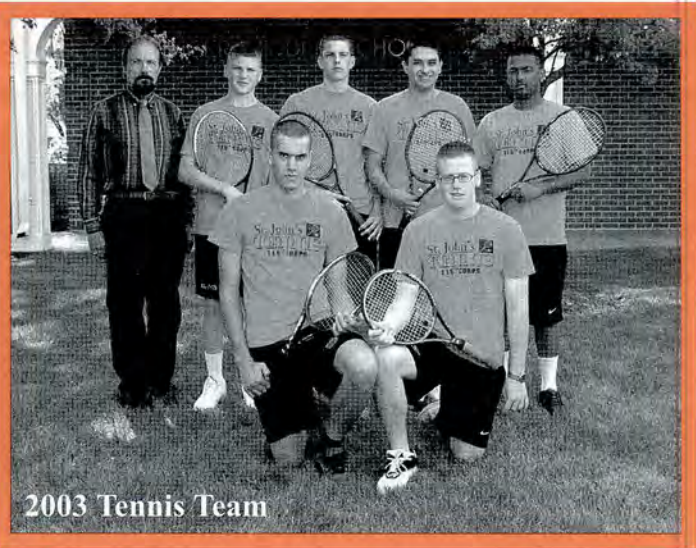


2003 Golf Team

Back row: Coach Reichardt, Kris Rainsberger, Kevin Kerns, Daniel Bacon, Travis Sachse, Alex Hamilton, Jonathan Aspinwall and Coach Beck; Middle row: Ryan Swindler, Justin Williams, Matt Rohlman, Felipe Battala, Jordan Lee; Front row: John Zander, Thomas Klausmeyer, Spencer Terry, Ty Fossett.



Jesus Castillo sends over a serve as Angel Borja readies for the return during doubles practice.



2003 Tennis Team

Back row: Coach Gerald Martin, Matt Carey, Angel Borja, Jesus Castillo, Stanley Jacob; Front row: Christophe Javelly and John Norland.

Fencing Takes a Foothold at St. Johns

Five cadets participated in the Fencing Club this year, learning terminology of the equipment, basic fencing moves, and got the chance to fence with other members of the Kanza Fencing Club which sponsored the lessons.

May 3rd Remy Smith, John Irwin, Anthony Wilkerson and Jason Benson participated in a tournament hosted by Kanza. Jason Benson medaled in the event.

Cadets interested in the next year's Fencing Club should contact Mrs. Stein. (\$120.00 per month)

left to right: Brandon Lovegren, Remington Smith, Jason Benson, John Irwin, and Anthony Wilkerson



2003 Fencing Club



2003 Track Team

Back row: Coach Felix Martinez, Daniel Diaz, Robert Lee, Rex Robichaux, Nick Dockery, and Coach Matthew Hurtt; *Middle row:* Jonathan Shannon, Brian Lindstrom, Ray Parker; *Front row:* Josh Selland, Tyler Olentine, Roane Holman, Gum Ngaak.



Above: Gum Ngaak receives a smooth pass of the baton from Brandon Lee during a relay race.



Left: Jonathan Shannon launches himself into the sand during the long jump.



2003 Middle School Track Team

Back row: Manager Seydou Soumare, Ryan Calvert, Drew Mardian, Zach FitzGerald, Marcus Elliston, Josh Sibio, Nathan Dixon, David Williamson, Kyle Brunton Coach Phil Kellogg; *Middle row:* John Bergmann, Mitch McCartney, Eric Cook, Levi Sanderson, Devon Francy, Zachary Schossow, Eli Soukup, Robbie Seyam, Manager; *Front row:* Chase McGraw, David McCalm, James Williamson, Casey Baker, Mat Cervantez, Peter Longchamp

Back row: Assistant Coach Josh Werber, Cory Ray, Stuart Ford, Jon Chamberlain, Assistant Coach Eric Speilman, Joey Voiron, JR Reynolds, Nick Hesselgrave, Head Coach Lance Werber; *Middle row:* Chauncey Miller, Ryan Woody, Phillip Jackson; *Front row:* Ryan Storck, Norman Cook, Harold Greenwood, Jeff Lammers



2003 Baseball Team



Left: Pitcher Ryan Woody winds up for the first pitch of baseball season. *Above:* 3rd baseman Harold Greenwood completes the first half of a double play before throwing to 1st for the other out.

It's All "For the Boys"

You heard about it during commencement, Elvis displayed a sign about it at a PSO reception and the posters advertising the event have become a hot item.

A new tradition has been started at St. John's Military School. The event has been named

"For the Boys," a Benefit Auction to be held during the annual Parent's Weekend Festivities.

This year's auction will be held October 2, 2003 at the Salina Country Club. The per-person cost of \$60.00 includes a wonderful dinner of a 6oz filet with Burgundy sauce, White Lake salad, new potatoes with Rosemary, and homemade ice cream with pirouette cookies! There will also be a cash bar, dancing to the music of the *Hays Big Band* and many items to view on the silent auction table.

Everyone can help to make this event a smashing success. We need people to attend the auction and spend lots of money. We need people to donate items to be auctioned. We need people to help spread the news about the wonderful young men at St. John's who will benefit from the money that will be raised. We are also looking for people to underwrite some of the production costs for the event. If you feel that you would be able to contribute to this worthy cause, please contact ex officio co-chair Marilyn Lammers, or long-time St. John's Patron and committee member Sue Dieckhoff or Wendy Stein.

The money raised from the auction will be used to provide scholarship money for deserving cadets with a proven record of achievement at St. John's. We will also use some of the proceeds to enhance cadet life on campus through the purchase of new equipment, classroom supplies and funding for enrichment trips.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon. Together we can make this event something to remember!

Marilyn Lammers:

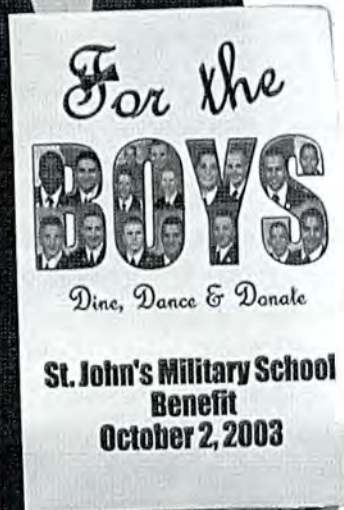
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Artist Talent Tapped to Help the PSO



Cadet Tyler Olentine is known on campus for his pen and paper drawings. Most of his work and the images he creates are elaborate fantasy characters. Most of his work remains in the paper tablet he carries with him at all times.

Mrs. Stein approached Tyler about putting his pen to work for a project that the PSO had decided to pursue. Ginny Conroy, a member of the board of the PSO, thought producing note cards depicting some of the beautiful St. John's campus buildings would be an excellent fundraising project for the PSO. Tyler accepted the challenge and within days had sketched a nice image of the St. John's Military School Armstrong Chapel.

The note cards are available by calling any PSO Board Member. The PSO is hoping to generate a substantial amount of money with this project and are planning to enlist the talents of other cadets to add to the collection.



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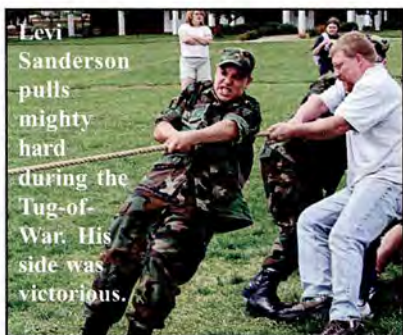
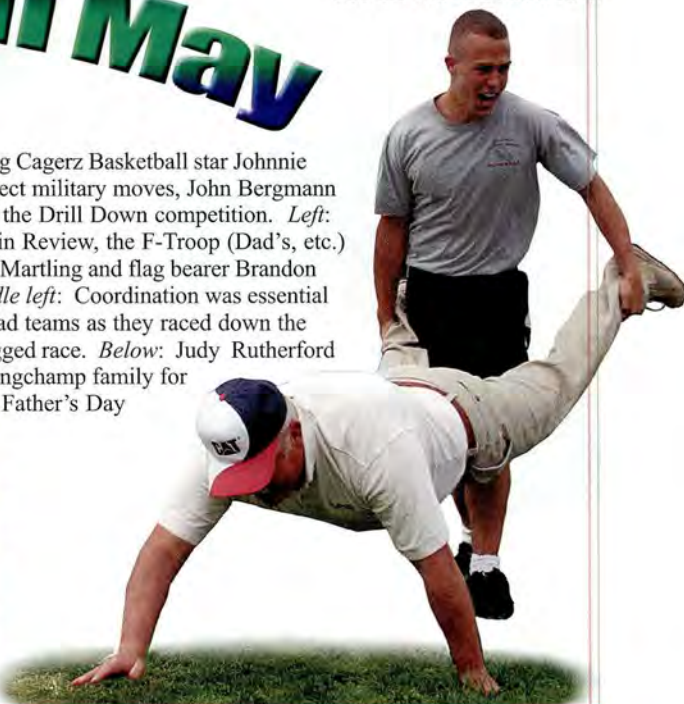
1st Annual Father's Day in May

May 3, 2003

Battalion Commander, Rex Robichaux and his father Dr. Val Robichaux, won the Wheel Barrow race.



Far left: Showing Cagerz Basketball star Johnnie Jackson the correct military moves, John Bergmann instructs him for the Drill Down competition. Left: During the Pass in Review, the F-Troop (Dad's, etc.) were led by Jimi Martling and flag bearer Brandon Frohbeiter. Middle left: Coordination was essential for these cadet/dad teams as they raced down the field in the 3-Legged race. Below: Judy Rutherford welcomes the Longchamp family for the First Annual Father's Day in May.



Levi Sanderson pulls mighty hard during the Tug-of-War. His side was victorious.



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