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## Famous Alumni Trio Announce Summer Fund Raiser Plans

... In Colorado and California

Two major alumni/"St. John's family" fund raisers are being planned in July and August.

The first will be hosted by D. Dale Browning, '55, internationally known banker, at the Board Room of the Colorado National Bank, Denver, July 27. Browning serves on the Board of Trustees, is President of CNB, Rocky Mountain Bankcard System and the Plus System. He is considered one of the world's top authorities on bank credit cards.

The second get-together, Aug. 4, is being organized by two of Browning's classmates, Dean Hargrove, '55, and Col. Al Ransom, '56.

Hargrove is the famous director/producer of such television shows as "Matlock", "Jake and the Fat Man", "The Father Dowling Mysteries", the new "Perry Mason" series, "McCloud", "Columbo", and "Return to Mayberry".

Ransom is a highly decorated retired Marine officer who had a distinguished 30-year career as a flyer.

The Hargrove/Ransom function will be highlighted by a Saturday evening reception on the set of the Matlock courtroom at Universal Studios. VIP Universal studio tours may be arranged prior to the reception.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, St. John's President, will give a brief "State of St. John's" message.

Board Chairman Bob Kastner will make an appeal to those attending to make a financial pledge to the new Middle School campaign.

On the Friday morning preceding, Ransom will host those interested at the San Diego Marine Recruit Depot graduation. A golf outing is also being planned for Friday afternoon for "old boy" golfers.

While formal invitations will be mailed to Colorado and California alumni later, this advance notice will allow members of the "St. John's family" to make plans to attend one or both of these functions.

Those not living in Colorado or California and interested in attending and supporting the Middle School fund drive, are advised to write the school for personal invitations. Address requests to Sheri Becker, P.O. Box 827, Salina, KS 67402.

A block of rooms for Saturday, Aug. 4, is being reserved at the Sherraton-Universal, Universal City, CA.

Announcement of a major fund raising effort will be made at the annual meeting of the St. John's Foundation, according to Larry Britegam, SJMS Foundation President.

\$1,000,000 will be the goal of the drive. This will provide funding for a new Middle School classroom building, Britegam said.

Britegam, vice-president of Salina's First National Bank, is a St. John's "Old Boy". "Parkview Hall was about over the hill when I was a Cadet 25 years ago. I'm determined to have a new 'state of the art' classroom building for our present Cadets. We're not going to stop until we're over the top," he said.

Britegam urges all facets of the St. John's family - friends, alumni, patrons, former patrons, trustees and former trustees - to attend the Foundation meeting at the Holidome at noon, May 12.

Sources say he has an exciting major gift to announce at the meeting.

## Graduation Candidates Announced

Twenty Cadets are candidates for graduation during Commencement ceremonies according to Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean.

They are Patrick Baird, Arkansas City, Ks.; Stephen M. Blazick and Jay F. Macrum, Littleton, Colo.; Brett Brown, Lenexa, Ks.; Scot T. Coghill and Michael L. Nyhus, Englewood, Colo.; Jon A. Cunningham, Laramie, Wyo.; Brian K. Farrell, Overland Park, Ks.; William L. Heath, Nevada City, Calif.; Jeffrey S. Herronen and Jonathan R. Royal, Lakewood, Colo.; Christian M. Holmes, Ft. Collins, Colo.; Thomas Keefe, Tucson, Ariz.; David W. Keller, Wickenburg, Ariz.; Christopher L. Meidell, St. Charles, Mo.; Kevin D. Peloso, Santa Ana, Calif.; Jose R. Peral, Mexico; Darrin J. Thomas, Olathe and Thomas J. Tuthill, Barrington, Ill.

### Recruiting Honored

Scott Green was awarded the Middle School Recruiting ribbon.

## Commencement Is Coming!

The 102nd year at St. John's Military School will end with a busy weekend of activities May 11-13.

Registration for patrons, friends and alumni will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 11 in the Business office area of the Vanier Academic Center.

Parent-teacher/staff conferences will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Middle School conferences will be in Parkview Hall. Teachers in the Upper School will be in their classrooms in the Vanier Center.

A reception for patrons and guests, sponsored by the SJMS Foundation, will begin at 4:15 p.m. on the lawn east of the Vanier Center.

Following evening colors at 5:30 p.m., Cadets will be free to spend the evening with their parents. Passes will end at 10 p.m. with "Taps" at 10:15 p.m., May 11.

Blue Beret members and their invited guests will have a dinner at 6:30 p.m., May 11 at the Salina Country Club.

The Flag raising ceremony of the 102 flags, representing each year of the School's existence, will start Saturday activities. The ceremony is set for 7:50 a.m., May 12 to be followed by a continental breakfast on the back lawn of the home of Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, and Mrs. Duckers.

Faculty and staff will be available for conferences from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Military awards will be given in a special ceremony at 10 a.m., Saturday, on Perkins Field on the campus.

The SJMS Foundation luncheon and meeting will be held at 12:15 p.m. at the Salina Holidome. Cost is \$8.50. Reservations are a MUST.

All Cadets, except seniors, will be required to eat lunch at the School. The campus will be closed to patrons and other guests until 3 p.m.

The Educational Honors convocation will be at 3 p.m., Saturday, May 12 in the Banes Gymnasium.

### Passes Begin

Parent passes will begin following the Honors convocation.

Evening activities will begin with the Senior Receiving line at 7:30 p.m. at the Salina Holidome. The Grand March will follow at 8 p.m. The Ring ceremony and the Crack Squad and Color Guard change of commands are scheduled for 9 p.m.

Dancing will end at 10:30 p.m. with passes for Cadets without dates ending at midnight and at 1 a.m. for Cadets with dates.

Activities on Sunday, May 13, will begin with the Senior Eucharist to be celebrated in Armstrong Memorial Chapel. Attendance is mandatory for seniors. Everyone is welcome to attend. Celebrating will be the Very Rev. Richard Hatfield, Dean of Christ Cathedral, who has served as interim chaplain this year. (Con't. on Page 2)

## Trustees Elected

Five men have been elected to the SJMS Board of Trustees with terms beginning at the close of the July Board meeting.

Re-elected to the Board for second three-year terms were Bill Graves, Robert Kastner, Ben Vidricksen and Darrell Wilson, all of Salina.

G.W. "Bill" Nicholson, McPherson, a former Trustee was re-named to the board.

Other Trustees are L.O. Bengtson, Larry Britegam, Harold Eagleton, Ronald Green, C. Dean Groves, Stewart R. Horejsi, Wayne Johnson, all of Salina; H.J. Carey, jr., Hutchinson; Fred D. Hoppe jr., Littleton, Colo., and Lt. Gen. Richard Seitz, Junction City.

Leaving the Board after serving two terms is Mert Schwensen jr., Clay Center.

Honorary Trustees are D. Dale Browning, Denver; Nelda Linger, Loveland, Colo.; and Donald Leach, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Members of the nominating committee were Kastner, chairman; Helen Loy, Gerald

Woody, Bob Anderson and the Rt. Rev. John Ashby, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas.

## Cadets Selected For Leadership

Cadets Darren Johnson and William Roberts were chosen by the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce to be in the 1990 Junior Leadership Salina program. The program consists of an intense six-session course highlighting the opportunities available in Salina. Sessions include informative presentations by a variety of area leaders as well as tours, panel discussions, and dialogue between participants and program presenters.

Eligible participants are members of the junior classes at Salina Central High School, Salina South High School, Ell-Saline High School, Southeast of Saline High School, and St. John's Military School.

### COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

Conferences.....	1-4 p.m. Friday, May 11
Foundation Reception.....	4:14 - 5:15 p.m. Lawn East of Vanier Center Friday, May 11
Evening Colors on Campus.....	5:30 p.m. Friday, May 11
Blue Beret Dinner (invited guests only).....	6:30 p.m. Salina Country Club Friday, May 11
Passes end.....	10 p.m. Friday, May 11
Flag Raising.....	7:50 a.m. Saturday, May 12
Conferences.....	8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Saturday, May 12
Military Awards.....	10 a.m. Perkins Field Saturday, May 12
Foundation Luncheon.....	12:15 p.m. Salina Holidome Saturday, May 12
Educational Honors.....	3 p.m. Banes Gym Saturday, May 12
Military Ball.....	7:30 p.m. Salina Holidome Saturday, May 12
Senior Eucharist.....	8:30 a.m. Armstrong Chapel Sunday, May 13
Commencement.....	10 a.m. Banes Gym Sunday, May 13
Final Retreat parade.....	11:30 a.m. Perkins Field Sunday, May 13





# NEWS

## ... from the past

### MAY--1920

The weather man had evidently decided "hands off" and as a result, this year's encampment of St. John's Military School was very successful. The camp was called "Camp Robb" in honor of Lt. George Robb, Salina, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. The Cadets left the barracks on the morning of May 5 and returned in time for supper, May 13. It rained only twice during the stay . . . Duke, the mascot, is dead. Cadets mourn loss of shepherd dog . . . The Junior class hosted the faculty, the senior class and guests from Salina at the Elks club. A five-course dinner was served. Guests danced between the dinner courses. Two flash-light pictures were taken during the evening.

### MAY--1930

The new school seal was unveiled. Appears for the first time on the St. John's 1930-31 catalog . . . Members of graduating class receive rings. The rings have the new crest engraved and on each side is a large eagle with its wings outspread signifying strength and observance. . .

### MAY--1940

Commencement program includes talks, honors to seniors. A sham battle to be entertainment feature. Cadets have burned much midnite oil loading blanks; likewise, the Corps has spent many weary hours at attack and defense problems to make possible the performance. Exact location of the battle has not yet been revealed . . . Jellies (boys from town) meet their Waterloo on St. John's campus.

### MAY--1950

Three new teachers have been hired for the next school year. They are Lt. Raymond Hower, Lt. James Elmborg and Lt. John Todd.

### MAY--1960

Commencement activities will feature only one speaker this year for the first time. There will be a speaker at the Baccalaureate service at Christ Episcopal Cathedral. There will be no speaker at Commencement exercises . . . New bleachers have been installed at St. John's. They have temporarily been set up east of Vail Hall to be used for Commencement activities. This summer the bleachers, seating 490, will be moved to the new athletic field. The field is being leveled and sodded. The field and stands will be used for Cadet football games. Previously, Cadet games have been played at Martin stadium on the campus of Kansas Wesleyan.

### MAY--1970

Excellent report given following JROTC inspection . . . Rattlesnakes knew enough to stay out of snow during annual snake hunt at Waynoka, Okla.

### MAY--1980

A graduate of the Class of 1955, Roger Bigler, will be the Commencement speaker . . . Hazel Fonck, long-time employee of the School, will be honored with special retirement activities during Commencement . . . Eugene Meier has joined the business staff at St. John's Military School. He will replace Renee Moomau, who is retiring at the end of this School year.

## Cadets To State

Three Cadets participated in the state Forensics Festival in Salina, April 28. They were Brock Manley and Mike Dopps in duet acting and Darrin Thomas in poetry.

Steve Blazick also qualified in extemporaneous speaking but was unable to attend.

## Parade Ribbons Issued

Several Cadets have been authorized to wear the parade ribbon. Upper School ribbons were awarded Guy Dunning, Rene Garcia, Daniel Marty, Tory Merriman and Michael Rye. Steven Stewart was issued the Middle School ribbon.

## Macrum Heads Honor Roll Fifth Time

Keeping his record intact, Jay Macrum headed the Honor Roll for the fifth time for the fifth grading period.

Scott Schneider, Scott Gruber and Macrum were named to the Blue Berets.

Others named to the Honor Roll were Chris Mackey, Adi Hasan, Isaac Magdaleno, Joshua Chambers, Brian Weber, Chad Caruso, Geoff Barton, Thomas Tuthill and Jon Cunningham.

Earning honorable mention were Scot Coghill, Josh Lemos, Michael Nyhus, Phong Nguyen, David Besikof, Kristin Mihalick, Peter Wallace, Chris Purdie, Nivedan Reddy, Ben Downing, Brett Brown, Chester Crawford, Shane May, Stephen Blazick, William Roberts, Tom Wilson, Tory Merriman, Thomas Keefe, Brian Monahan, Chris Moran, Mark Richards, Gabriel Boyle, Scott Goscha, Brock Manley, Guy Dunning and Scott Ryan.

## Stroble Heads Fifth M.S. Honors List

Alden Stroble was the leader on the Middle School Academic Honor Roll for the fifth grading period. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Andres Alduncin and Chris Nicola.

Earning honorable mention were Chad Mathis, Pat Sullivan, Thad Vesecky, Leon Neil, Levon Guiragossian, R.J. Green, Robert Hoesly, Nathan Criswell, Jeremy Gosch, Chris Gillman, Doug Morrison, David Godin, Mike Yardley, Ed Kalinoski, Robert Moore, Chris Allen, Russell Meek, Mike Slaton, Nick Stafford, Jack Hare and Mike Brisco.

## Trustees To Meet In Denver

The July quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held in Denver. Last year the April meeting of the Board was held there.

Hosting the Trustees will be D. Dale Browning, '55, Honorary Trustee.

The group will leave campus, via chartered bus, Thursday, July 26.

The Board will meet at 10 a.m. in the Board room of Colorado National Bank.

A reception for Colorado area alumni will be held at 6 p.m. in the CBN Board room.

Golf and sightseeing will be activities on Saturday with a barbeque at Browning's home in the evening.

The group will return to Salina July 29.

## Awarded Badge

Jon Hauer was awarded the marksmanship badge for firing on the rifle range.

## ★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

**Class of 1931 . . . Armand deBeque** wrote the School that he had seen the Cadets marching in the St. Patrick's parade in Denver on television. He said, "I enjoyed seeing them again. They looked sharp." He commented, "It is good to know that the basketball team had a good year, and I hope they can keep it going that way . . . I coached basketball here at DeBeque (Colorado) for 12 years, and I had a record of 120 wins and 53 losses. We never had over 40 students in the high school, counting both boys and girls."

deBeque said he had found a beautiful old St. John's pennant which he hung on the wall of his office. He ended, "Long live the Orange and Black!"

**Class of 1959 . . . Al Palmer** was made a "fellow" of the Delaware County Institute of Science in Media, Pa.--the third such honor this century. Palmer said, "We are the second oldest cultural organization in an area where tri-centennials are not uncommon. I have been asked to begin assuming the responsibilities of president at the end of the current lecture season. The prospect of steering the institute into the next century is exciting. I think that I am up to the task, but the legacy is awe inspiring . . . However, my ap-

proach to a challenge of any sort (St. John's is very much a part) is that it should be done. It will be done. I will do whatever is necessary to insure that it will be done."

**Class of 1970 . . . REUNION** -- **Michael "Dean" Blanck** and **Joel Avery** have been trying to organize a reunion. Blanck wrote: "We have had limited success in contacting several of our classmates. We were not able to obtain any other addresses other than those that you provided us last year. Our plans are to meet at the Foundation dinner and then have a small get-together later. Each person will make his own reservations. We hope that maybe those who haven't responded to our inquiries may be compelled into action. We hope to have a fine reunion even though it may be small."

## DEATHS

John M. Connolly, Class of 1983, died March 6 in Mary Lanning Hospital, Hastings, Neb. He was born June 24, 1965, in Hastings and attended Hastings high school through his junior year. He attended SJMS for his senior year. He was a student at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

## Was There A Tunnel?

Having just solved the mystery of who or what was Duke, a new question has been asked by Robert L. Miller, Class of 1947.

Was there a tunnel between the barracks and the old gym, located about where the current mess is located? He said, "It shouldn't be difficult to verify the existence of the tunnel by some Cadet of the 1935-1945 era."

Miller wrote: "Sometime before World War II, it was possible to go from the barracks to the old gym without going outside. Previous to 1937 or 1938 smoking was not permitted in the barracks. To avoid this restraint a tunnel was dug by some Cadets from the floor of the first locker in room A9 to the furnace room of the gym, a distance of approximately 90 feet. The tunnel served as an escape route for those Cadets who had been restricted to the barracks and also as an access to undetected smoking areas."

Miller recalled: "When I was first introduced to the tunnel in 1942 it was a very scary and exciting trip. There was a false floor in the bottom of the locker that had to be lifted and then one had to squeeze through a square hole of approximately 12 inches. It took some skill even for a skinny 12-year-old. It was pitch black under the floor of A9 and even darker in the tunnel which went under the road that was between the buildings at that time. It seemed to take forever to get to the furnace room, even though there was someone bigger pushing me forward. We finally reached the end and there next to the fur-

nace room and stuck away in a far reaching cranny, were some very old uniform pieces and some puttees which, stiff with age and under a heavy layer of dust, still had a shine. Needless to say, my return to the barracks was the more conventional route of going up the furnace room steps and out the slanted door and into the bright Kansas afternoon."

## Commencement

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Seniors will pay final respects at the Freedom Tree by placing flowers at the base of the tree.

Commencement activities will be preceded by a concert by the First Infantry Division Band, Ft. Riley, at 9:30 a.m.

Commencement will begin at 10 a.m., Sunday, May 13 in the Banes gym. The seniors will receive their diplomas. Brigadiers will be honored.

The speaker will be Bill Graves, Kansas Secretary of State and a St. John's Trustee.

The final retreat parade will follow.

The ceremonies and the dismissal of the 102nd Corps forever will be held on Perkins field.

A dinner meeting for Honorary Colonels of SJMS and their guests will be held in the evening at the Salina Country Club. To be commissioned as new Colonels are Floyd Fairleigh, Alfred Schwan and Bill Bunting.

## THE SKIRMISHER

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## Commandant's Comments

My overall aim for school year 1989-90 was to help lead the 102nd Corps to be the best Corps ever at St. John's Military School. For us to accomplish that goal we needed organization, meaningful communication, competitive Cadet morale, Corps esprit and dedicated Cadet leadership to assist Jon Cunningham, Battalion Commander, in his command. To make all of this happen the Corps used a total team approach in pursuing their goals. This strategy and Corps involvement achieved much more than we anticipated at the start of the school year. I feel very fortunate to have worked with so many outstanding individuals - Cadets, staff, faculty, parents and other supporters of the school which on a cooperative basis allowed us to achieve our Corps goal.

The 102nd Corps has given us much more than the many individual and team achievements gained during the school year. Already I see many of the accomplishments becoming traditional standards for future Corps to set for their goals. Bottom line of the 102nd Corps has been its inspiration, dedication and resolve to meet any goal or challenge successfully no matter what adversity. Using this Corps as an example we are planning programs which will improve Corps operations and individual Cadet leadership preparation for future Corps.

Most important - we all gave our best and feel very good about our St. John's family.

Houston E. Ward, Jr., Commandant  
LTC, USA (Ret.)



Houston  
Ward

## ★ PROMOTIONS ★

### SECOND LIEUTENANT

— Chad Kopecky.

### FIRST SERGEANT

— Alan Witherington.

### SERGEANT FIRST CLASS

— Barry Rubin.

### STAFF SERGEANT

— Brian Monahan.

### CORPORAL

— Richard Bishop, Michael Dopps, Thomas Eckland, Lawrence Ford, Rene Garcia, Jeremy Gosch, Lamar Johnson, Henry Kessler, Robert Kurtz, John Lamb, Tory Merriman, Mark Ribbobo, Michael Rye, Peter Wallace.

### PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

— Michael Slaton, Joey Westhusin, Doug Winter, Chris Allen, Jeff Clausen, Scott Goscha, John Hauer, Bobby Hoesly, Chris Jagels, Chris Koppers, Rhett Lucas, Leon Neil, Shane Phillips.

### PRIVATE OLD BOY

— Dalton Hollmann, Daniel Marty, Heath Herring, Krislen Mihalick.

## Cadets Visit Rotary Club

SJMS recently participated in the Salina Rotary club student guest program. This program is designed to recognize outstanding seniors from the local school. It also provides students the opportunity to meet local professionals and listen to special guest speakers.

Each month is designated for a certain school to send four seniors each Monday to the noon Rotary meeting. March was SJMS month. Due to Spring Break there were only three meetings where seniors could be recognized.

Cadets visiting were Chris Holmes, Darrin Thomas, Jose Peral, Steve Blazick, Jon Cunningham, Chris Meidell, Jeff Herronen, Thomas Tuthill, Wm. Heath, Jay Macrum, Chris Moran and Brian Farrell. They were accompanied by Lt. Col. Tom Martin, Vice President, and Lt. Col. Houston Ward, Commandant.

As a special treat, Martin and Ward provided these students with "Cozy burgers" after the meeting.

### Seniors Earn Privileges

Senior Privileges began effective March 12. These privileges are given seniors in good standing as a reward for their accomplishments and leadership status. Privileges consist of wearing appropriate civilian attire during the evening or on weekends and to have special pass privileges during the week. This year's seniors has accepted the program in a responsible and mature way.

### Seniors To PECUSA

The senior class visited PECUSA the weekend of April 27-29 at Stockton, Ks. Camp provides a retreat opportunity for the graduating seniors to reflect on their past year and relax.

## Uniforms Attract Girls

### ... At Presidential Classroom

Uniforms attract the girls, the four Cadets attending the Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C. learned.

Brian Farrell, Jeff Herronen, Jay Macrum and Tom Tuthill attended the week-long educational seminar, March 3-10 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

The SJMS Foundation provides the funding for four Cadets to attend each year.

Tuthill said two Cadets from New Mexico Military Institute were not in uniform. When they saw the attention the SJMS

thought they (the Cadets) had been in the pageant.

Macrum said the best of the many speakers at the conference was Gen. Carl E. Vuona, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, speaking on National Defense Strategies. Tuthill was recognized from the floor to ask the General a question.



### UP AND AWAY

Taking off to attend the Presidential classroom were (left to right) Jay Macrum, Brian Farrell, Jeff Herronen and Tom Tuthill.

Cadets were getting they switched from civilian clothes. Tuthill, a senior from Illinois, said, "Personally, I preferred the girls from the south. They are gorgeous."

Farrell said, "Our uniforms have class."

Macrum was impressed with the beautiful girls with so much class and intelligence.

### Selected To Lay Wreath

Tuthill was one of four students of the 391 attending selected to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. He said the experience was "awesome".

This was not the first time Cadets have been selected for this honor. Two years ago, Kevin Smith and Jim Rust were selected when they were attending a leadership conference.

The biggest disappointment for all four was watching the U.S. Senate in "action". Farrell said a man was just reading to the wall and another was organizing his notes. Macrum commented that he waited for an hour to get into the Senate and then nothing was happening.

Sponsored by a nonprofit Foundation, seven sessions of the classrooms are held during the year. The students at this session came from more than 100 schools in 42 states and 13 countries. Each group was divided into 10 caucuses for sessions and transportation.

The excitement for the Cadets began even before reaching Washington. Herronen forgot his wallet and a return was made to campus. The flight from Wichita was cancelled. They met Dick Clark of American Bandstand who had hosted the Miss U.S.A. pageant the night before in Wichita. Everyone at the airport

The highlight of the trip to Macrum was the visit to the Hishhorn Gallery of Modern Art. He said, "They have some really cool pieces of art work and then there would be a 20-gallon tank with two basketballs in it."

While visiting Capitol Hill, Herronen was near the House when a visiting dignitary was to address a joint session of Congress. Because he was in uniform, Herronen was on the floor of the House before someone discovered he wasn't a part of the visiting delegation.

The first day the students boarded buses for tours of the Washington Memorials and Monuments. The "Metro" was used the rest of the week. The reaction of the Cadets was "clean". They said the students from New York couldn't believe it.

Kansan Farrell had his picture taken with Sen. Bob Dole. He also met Sen. Ted Kennedy. He described the man as "pretty rude".

Several questions submitted by the Cadets were used.

To end the week, there was a dance. Tuthill said they all made a lot of friends, both male and female, who will be pen pals.

All four believe the Foundation sponsorship is a great thing.

Herronen said, "I learned more than I would in class." "You see how things really work," commented Tuthill.

Farrell added, "It was the best experience of my life." Macrum, never at a loss for words, said, "We can relate our experiences to the other Cadets in the classrooms when we return."



### FROG JUMPING CONTEST

A frog jumping contest was held following the April meeting of the SJMS Board of Trustees. "Frog Jockeys" were the Trustees, President Keith Duckers and Commandant Houston Ward Jr. They each had a Cadet assistant. Here Trustee Ron Green encourages his frog. The length of three jumps was measured to determine winners. Organizing the event was Sheri Becker, secretary for President Duckers. Each competitor and his frog had a Cadet cheering section.

## Goobers Enjoy Slumber Party

"The big boys get to do everything and we don't get to do anything" several of the youngest Cadets told Allyson Novak, School Nurse.

Novak told Tim Barnhart and Ed Kalinoski to think of something they would like to do that wouldn't cost a lot of money. They suggested a slumber party to be held in the infirmary.

Novak said naturally, they had a million ideas as to what they would like to do during the party. A night before spring furlough was selected as the nurse was sure there would be no sick boys in need of the infirmary. Somehow Cadets don't get sick before furlough time.

The 13 fifth and sixth grade Cadets attended. They watched two video movies--"The Burbs"

and "Indiana Jones, The Last Crusade". Between movies they had pizza and peps. Some Cadets played games while others watched movies.

Steve Huff, a freshman Cadet, assisted in supervising the party.

The highlight of the evening was a planned "goober attack" on Chris Meidell, the Battalion executive officer.

Everyone was in bed by 1 a.m. and all made first call at 6 a.m.

Novak said, "I look forward to the next spring break slumber party. We all had so much fun."





"GREATER TUNA", a two-act comedy was presented to the SJMS Corps, faculty and staff March 15. Mike Dopps played the role of Vera Carp (right) with Chris Holmes being the Reverend Mister Spikes. The audience met 20 outstanding citizens of Tuna, Texas and examined small town mores. Other cast members were Darrin Thomas, Patrick Baird, Brian Monahan, Cameron Smith, Jason Price, Roger Hernandez, Mark Richards, Tom Wilson and Art Cannon. Members of the crew were Tim Piowaty, Shane May and Scott Gosch. English teacher, Susie Harris, was the director. "Greater Tuna" was one of the best plays produced since I've been here!"

## Foundation To Meet In May

The St. John's Military School Foundation will hold its semi-annual meeting during Commencement, May 12-13.

Larry Britegam, Salina, was elected president of the Foundation following the October meeting during Parents Weekend. Britegam, a Salina bank officer, is a SJMS Trustee and an "old boy".

Other officers are - Ted Kopecky, Westminster, Colo., vice president and Maj. Joel Looney, SJ staff, secretary/treasurer.

Elected to the Board of Directors with terms expiring in October 1991 were Britegam, Kenneth Faerber, V.B. Loy, Kelly Rudolph, Darrell Wilson, all of Salina; Edgar Smith, Boulder, Colo.; Jerry May, Clovis, N.M.; Kopecky and William Ditto, Wamego, Ks.

Carry-over members are Nancy Odell, Winfield, Ks.; Stephen Apostolof, Westlake Village, Calif.; Warren Sprung, Houston, Texas; Donna Vanier, Brookville; Michael Sweeny, Plano, Texas; Charles Nicola, Chickasha, Okla., and Nina Livingston, Salina.

Projects funded by the Foundation this year were platforms for drum sets requested by the music department; a videotape player for the JROTC department requested by that department and sponsorship of four Cadets to the Presidential classroom program, Washington, D.C., requested by the academic department.

## Sound Off, - Count Down!!! Class of 1990

Many, many years ago We drew a simple chart, Consisting of days yet to go, Marked "X", or with a dart.

A count down, if you will, by day Until we'd graduate. Anticipation filled us. We simply couldn't wait.

The days just flew right by us. Each day marked 'long the way, Until the last week hit us In the Month of May.

We had finals, we had practice. The schedule made us dizzy. We near forgot to mark the days, They kept us so darned busy!

Now you and all your buddies Are nearing your reward. Just as we did way back when, You will mark your board.

May the best be just ahead for you. We've all been there before. So use the chart, have fun my friends, And with your "X", keep score.

Bill Meidell, Class of 1954

## It's a Boy

Gerald Martin, Government and History teacher, and his wife, became the parents of a boy, March 27. The 7 lb., 13 oz. baby was named Dru Dante Rivas-Martin.

## Urbanek To Replace Don McCann

Clayton D. Urbanek has been hired to replace Don McCann, art teacher and track coach who is leaving SJMS at the end of the school year.

Urbanek earned his B.A. degree in art from Ft. Hays State University, December 1989. He did his student teaching in Salina at Salina South Middle School and Sunset, Glennier Hills and Franklin elementary schools. He has been substitute teaching at all grade levels in the Salina public school system during second semester.

A graduate of Ellsworth High school, he will teach Upper and Middle school art, photography and physical conditioning. Urbanek has interests in cross country, basketball, track and football. He will be the track assistant coach in the Upper School.

## Trivial Pursuit Played

Playing trivial pursuit was the faculty/staff sponsored activity for March.

Lists of questions were made available each day from March 27 to April 1. Upper School Cadets had to answer 15 and Middle School Cadets, 10. When the papers were turned in, the time of the day was placed on each paper.

Winners (one in the Upper School and one in the Middle School) were determined by the number of correct answers and when the form was returned.

Prizes included bags of candy bars, cakes, packages of pencils and assorted bags of "goodies".

Participating were about 80 Upper School Cadets and nearly all the younger Cadets. Questions were about sports, music, current events, famous people and historical events.

Members of the committee were Leona Graham, Joan Dark, Lt. Henry Aguilera, Lt. Gerald Martin, Sgt/FC Dwayne King, Lt. Col. Ken Faerber, Chairman.

## NHS Inducts Four Cadets

Four Cadets were initiated into the National Honor Society in March. They were Jon Cunningham, William Roberts, Adi Hasan and Tom Tuthill.

The new members were honored at a dinner at the Sirloin Stockade, March 15. Following the dinner all members attended a movie.

Also attending the movie were the Cadets who had made the Academic Dean's honor roll for the fourth grading period.

NHS has a membership of 13. Five members will graduate this year.

## Randolph Invited To Workshop

Capt. Doug Randolph, Economics teacher, was one of 25 teachers invited to a workshop on economics at the Center of Economic Education at Kansas State University.

Randolph was selected because of the success of his classes in the Stock Market Games conducted by the Center.

Among the speakers were Alan Barkema, Regional Economics specialist of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank; Dr. Harry Shaffer, Department of Economics, University of Kansas; and Dr. Bill Walstad, Director for Economic Education, University of Nebraska.

Pat Weiss of Kansas U. spoke on international economics. Randolph said that the discussion on international economics was very interesting as Weiss explained the relationship of both Japanese and European economics markets and their impact on the U.S.

Weiss stated that international economics was one of the least studied areas due to the fact that it is one of the last chapters in most texts and often is not covered in a semester course.

## Classes Take Field Trips

The Kansas History classes, taught by Capt. Doug Randolph, have taken two field trips.

The first trip was to the Eisenhower Center and Old Town in Abilene.

The Eisenhower Center was displaying the Warlord collection, a series of paintings by Dwight D. Eisenhower and Winston Churchill.

Attending were Trevor Sullivan, James Watson, Barry Rubin, Pat Foley, Doug Winter, Josh Adams, Chris Apostolof and Dan Goldstein.

The second trip was to the Fort Larned historical site. The Cadets were given a guided tour of the fort and allowed to handle uniforms, firearms and other items used by military soldiers of the period.

They were allowed to go into a tunnel under the blockhouse that was to be used in case the fort was captured by the Indians.

On the trip back to the School, the Cadets saw several of the old historic churches in the area. They visited St. Fidelis Church, Victoria, which is known as the Cathedral of the Plains.

Making the trip were Winter, Foley, Adams, Cameron Smith, Sullivan, Chris Miller, Darrin Thomas, Dustin Robinson and Mark Riccobono.

The next trip will be a canoe trip down the Kaw River and a visit to the black powder rendezvous at the First Territorial Capitol of Kansas located at Ft. Riley.

## SJ Runners Are Competitive

Coach Don McCann said, "We have a group of bright, tough and eager young athletes but with only nine returning lettermen, there is not much experience but they are competitive."

Team co-captains are Dave Keller and Chris Moran.

The distance teams were made up of Cadets who had competed in cross country in the fall. McCann said that Coach Gerald Martin has given the distance athletes outstanding training in both endurance and speed.

Distance runners are Darren Kulju, Isaac Magdaleno, Moran, Scott Schneider, Jim Watson, Mike Dopps, Mark Richards, Barry Rubin and Shannon Shingleton.

Bill Heath, Roger Hernandez and Kulju are giving the team the strongest competitive action in the hurdles in several years.

The speedsters this year are William Roberts, Chris Purdie, Matt Ruge and Kulju.

Scott Gruber is vaulting for the team bringing experience from his former school.

Other lettermen returning were Bob Gunter, Jeff Heronen, and Jay Macrum.

Other Cadets competing are Dave Besikof, Art Cannon, Derrick Cheever, Robert Ellis, Tom Forneir, Peter Hastings, Chris Jagels, Chris Meidell, Erik Reifschneider, Trevor Sullivan, Mike Wagner, Alan Witherington, Chad Caruso, Doug Dvorak, Larry Ford, Adi Hsan, Heath Herring, Aric Inglett, Dan Marty, Gerald Miller, Brian Monahan, Shane Phillips, Will Swett, Seth Waskom and Brian Weber.

## Two Named To Flight Program

Two Cadets were selected from numerous applicants to participate in a flight program offered by McPherson College, McPherson, Ks. They were Roger Hernandez and William Roberts.

The applicants were narrowed to four finalists who then visited the McPherson campus for interviews. The other finalists were Phong Nguyen and Chris Purdie.

Hernandez and Roberts attended the flight school April 8-20.

The program consists of two weeks on campus where the students receive ten hours flying instruction in addition to the ground school classes and the certification exams.

Lt. Col. Houston Ward jr., Commandant, said the program may be expanded next year if this "pilot" program is successful.

## Crosses Given

Darren Kulju and Richard Bishop have earned the right to wear the Chapel Council cross.