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## Installation Ceremony For President

The Commissioning of Capt. E. A. McAlexander, U.S. Navy (Ret), as President of St. John's Military School, was conducted during a religious ceremony on Sunday evening, September 19, at Christ Cathedral in Salina.

In celebration of the Installation, the Solemn Evensong was presented by the Christ Cathedral choir. The ceremony was conducted by The Rt. Rev. John Ashby, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Kansas and the Very Rev. Canon James Cox, St. John's Chaplain (see Father Cox's Message column), with the following presenters assisting. Chairman of the Board, Bill Nicholson, presented Skip with the keys to St. John's Military School "...to be among us as one who opens and operates our time honored institution." Colonel Keith Duckers, President Emeritus, presented the schools Colors, "... to be among us as one who protects and promotes St. John's Military School." CSM Jerry Bradley, representing the military department, presented a Sabre "... to be among us as one who defends and maintains our military traditions." C/1st Chris Allen presented the Book of Common Prayer, "... to be among us as one who is an example of a man of prayer." LTC Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean, presented a plaque "... a symbol of knowledge, and be among us as one who advances the cause of education."

The President's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy A. McAlexander, of Mayetta, Kansas were among the forty-five family members and friends who were guests of the 106th Corps of Cadets on the St. John's campus prior to the Installation ceremony.



## Interview With The President

by Tyler Yost

Everyone seems to think that Captain McAlexander is "just" the President of St. John's Military School, but there is much more to the man, himself.

Captain McAlexander grew up in a small town north of Topeka, Mayetta, graduating from Mayetta High School in 1961, with 24 in his graduating class. He played 8-man football during the school year and worked the fields during the summers. He also had 12 years of perfect attendance at his Sunday school.

Captain McAlexander spent his entire college career at Annapolis and later graduated as an Ensign in the class of 1965.

He described his job at the Naval Academy as kind of a cross between the Commandant and an SMA here at St. John's. He says his favorite assignment after leaving Annapolis was teaching young pilots to fly.

Captain McAlexander spent 27 years in the Navy. His assignments included 11 years in flying jobs and six years in school. He spent about two years studying Brazilian Naval history, two years in flight training, one year at Naval War College, one year as senior fellow at the Atlantic Council of the United States, seven years in the Pentagon (usually in foreign military sales policy) and three years attached to Brazil as Naval Attache to Brazil. He also spent about 3 years in a weather reconnaissance squadron, flying into hurricanes. Positions held there were as a safety officer, schedules officer and a division officer.

Among the people Captain McAlexander has admired in his life was his immediate senior in his chain of command at the Naval Academy, Jack Renard. Renard really loved to work with young people and McAlexander had a chance to see and observe how much fun this was for Jack. He said it helped him develop an outlook on what was a good relationship between adults and young people in a military environment. "The key is mutual respect," he said. Jack Renard went on to become Dean of Admissions at the Naval Academy.

When asked what he expects from the 106th Corps, he responded by saying "I expect the Corps to help create an atmosphere where everyone can reach their full potential. That means being patient with each other so that one can make a mistake and be allowed to learn from it." He also said "I would like to see more people smile and tease rather than growl and shove. I am also utterly amazed at how well the Corps runs itself and how much gets done with very little adult supervision."

Captain McAlexander says that being around young people has taught him a lot. He says he has learned who "Beavis and Butt-Head are" from being around all the young people.

## PARENTS' WEEKEND A SUCCESS

Parents' Weekend received enthusiastic approval from parents, Cadets, faculty and staff members. The weekend provided ample time for parents, both on campus and off, with their Cadet. On the down side, the Cadets suffered another football game loss and rain put a damper on the Saturday morning activities. Family members were on hand for approximately 110 of the 190 cadets at sometime during the weekend.

Many parents arrived in Salina by Friday afternoon in order to visit with faculty and military staff. This was followed by a Parents Mixer sponsored by the Foundation on the east lawn and then the Cadet Retreat Formation in the teardrop.

More than 500 persons attended the Foundation Breakfast held in the gymnasium on Saturday morning. Due to inclement weather, the promotion ceremony was held immediately following the breakfast in the gymnasium. Parents were then invited to attend class conferences, with the afternoon free for off campus passes.

## FOUNDATION TO AID PROJECTS

The Board of Directors voted to approve the purchase of CD-ROM equipment for the Library at an amount of \$1925.00. Also approved was \$1100.00 to purchase some furniture for a recreation room in Mize Hall. This will be used as a student center for middle school students. Board members also approved the expenditure of \$1,000 to be used for some special event for the 106th Corps between now and the end of the school year.

## FOUNDATION PRESIDENT ELECTED

Mrs. Libby Marvins, Houston, Texas, was elected President of the St. John's Military School Foundation for the 1993-94 year during the Bi-Annual Foundation meeting held during Parents' Weekend. Other officers are Mr. Larry Britegam, Salina, Vice President; and LTC Joel Looney, Salina, Secretary-Treasurer.

Re-elected to the board of directors were Larry Britegam, Salina; Ken Faerber, Salina; Donna Lewick, Salina; Joseph Stewart, Salina; Rick Taylor, Ft. Worth, Texas. New members elected were Patricia Gustas, Highland, Indiana; Kent Tretheway, Derby, Kansas; and Stephen Dodd, Aurora, Colorado.

Other board members, serving their second year term, are James Craig, Derby, Kansas; Tom Kinnan, Littleton, Colorado; Libby Marvins, Houston, Texas; R. David Miller, Salina; Charles Nicola, Chickasha, Oklahoma; Nancy Odell, Winfield, Kansas; and Mike O'Hara, Dallas, Texas.

## Homecoming Queen Crowned

Ms. Allisun Marie Noe was crowned "Miss SJMS for 1993-94" at the beginning of the dance during Parents' Weekend, October 16. Ms. Noe, 17 years old, attended Berthoud High School in Berthoud, Colorado and is presently attending the University of Miami. She received her crown and bouquet from her escort, Cadet Sgt. Billy Silver of Lyons, Colorado. The queen was selected by student vote from among four candidates sponsored by the Cadets.

Also receiving roses, were candidates Melissa Dirickson of Chickasha, Oklahoma, escorted by 1LT Chris Allen; Crystal S. Nelson of Westmoreland, Kansas, escorted by SSG Royce Henderson; and Sarah J. Young, Hays, Kansas, escorted by MSG Jason Merrifield.

Introducing the candidates and their escorts during the ceremony was the Master of Ceremonies, 2LT David Godin. He was assisted by PV2 Juan Ayala and PV2 Joshua Fabia.



## HOLIDAY AND LEAVE PERIODS

### Thanksgiving Leave: (24-28 November)

Cadets may depart the campus after 1400, 24 Nov, and return by 2000, 28 Nov. Classes will resume 29 Nov. This is an optional leave. The campus will remain open with special activities planned.

### Christmas Leave: (17 December - 9 January)

Cadets may depart the campus after 0500, 17 Dec. and return by 2000, 9 Jan. Since the campus is closed during this period, all cadets are required to depart the campus. Classes will resume 10 Jan. Make travel plans early.



## President's Message

Capt. Skip McAlexander



Of all the things I would like to write about, the most important is to express appreciation for the contributions so many people have made to St. John's in the past few months. The difficult part is to limit the list of names to a number that will fit in this space.

First, I would like to thank the people involved in the Commencement Weekend festivities and Keith Duckers' retirement. It was truly a class affair and a source of pride for everyone associated with the school. While many people helped, special thanks are due to Donna Vanier, Dale Browning, Al Ransom, Lou Fulton, Rick Taylor and Sheri Becker.

Next I would like to congratulate Cadet Major Chad Mathis and the other cadet leaders associated with the formation of the 106th Corps. Not only is it the largest in the last twelve years, it is the best. I have received excellent comments from the trustees, the community and the faculty and staff. The quality of the participation in the Santa Fe Days parade, the spirit displayed at football games, the conduct of the volunteers at the National Cancer Society Marathon, and many other activities have made me extremely proud to be associated with this group of young men.

Finally, let me express my gratitude to some of the individuals who have performed miracles of organization and administration during the past few weeks. A special thank you to Joe Stratton and Terri Hunnicutt for an outstanding job in the Admissions Office. Please keep up the good work. A "well done" to Lillian Faerber for the way the Quartermaster Shop has put everyone in uniform. And, my deepest appreciation to SGM Jerry Bradley and 1SG Amon Tidmore for their superb work with the ninety or so young men who have gone through the training detachment.

We are off to a great start and it will only get better.

## Academic Dean's Message

LTC Kenneth Faerber



EXCITING times at St. John's in a panorama of change. Beginning with a wonderful '93 commencement where Senator Dole gave the address (free of politician promotions!!) to the ceremonies honoring the retirement of President Duckers.

During my twenty-four years at St. John's, which was part of COL Duckers 43 year tenure, I've been privileged to be active in many positive changes. Cogitative of the 70's and 80's I recall a myriad of change: almost an entirely new physical plant...increased faculty and staff...annually upgrading the upper and middle schools curriculum - to keep pace with technology...a multifarious cadet weekend activities schedule ...and the improvement of all support systems. In my opinion, each new change advanced St. John's status - as being one of the finest military schools in the country.

Now, with Captain McAlexander picking up the reins of leadership, we enter yet another EXCITING area. St. John's future is now in the process of systemized long range planning. Some of this reorganizational structuring began very early last summer. President and Mrs. McAlexander hosted an off campus two-day department head "brainstorming" retreat. Since that time new committees have been formed with fundamental purpose in mind - "How can we improve cadets qualify of life?"

As Academic Dean "I'm extremely pleased with a number of recent positive events. First, the best opening school enrollment in the past twelve years, 167, and as I write this column it has climbed to 187. Secondly, I'm very satisfied with the caliber of new faculty and staff members and of the many new curriculum innovations in the upper and middle school. Finally, and maybe the most significant, a smooth transition of leadership that is reflective in a happy and productive St. John's "family" of employees and cadets.

Today, when I contemplate the daily complexity of societies reforms/revolutions/movements, I'm thankful to be involved with St. John's Military School's mission - "To develop and nurture each cadet, mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually into the best person he can be in order to enable him to live a happy and productive life in our society."

## Battalion Commander's Message

- C/Major Chad Mathis



Hello. My name is C/LTC Chad Mathis. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of the Old Boys and to welcome the New Boys.

There has been a lot of changes this year with a new President and new faces on the campus, and the Corps has adjusted well. Not only new faces, but new terms that are replacing ones that have been here longer than

Chris Nicola and Dave Godin, and this is long. Such as: TACOS are now MAs and SMAs, and old boys who are reduced to new boys are now called PV1 (private one).

Overall the Corps is doing well. Morale is at a high point for this time of the year. Thank you.

## Chaplain's Message

Canon Jim Cox



Following is a verbatim copy of the message Father Cox delivered at the Installation of the President.

We have heard in the reading appointed for this evening from the gospel according to St. Luke, the summons of John the Baptist to the people of first century Judea. A summons I'm certain, the people to whom John spoke, were not anxious to receive. For you see, John's summons, was a summons to change, it was a summons to repentance, a summons to re-direct their lives. And none of us, I suspect, ever receive a summons to change the direction of our lives, gleefully, because we all know that change is initially, uncomfortable; and its uncomfortable because it is unfamiliar. The people of first century Judea were not unlike us in that respect. We don't like to be summoned to change in our lives now anymore than the people that John preached to liked it then.

But John the Baptist had been called to a mission in his life, and that mission was assigned to him by Almighty God, and his mission was to summons the people of his day (if I might be permitted to use a nautical term) to change the course of their lives, for that is what repentance means. It means much more than to be sorry for our sins and transgressions, it means literally to change our direction, to change our behavior, to begin again on new course, toward a better and brighter future.

And the future that John the Baptist called the people to, carried with it the promise of salvation! And, like all of us, when someone or some situation demands that we change, the people to whom John preached asked what they must do in order to set this "new course" for their lives.

And John told them they must cease living as they had become used to, and in effect, he told them they must return to obedience to the laws of God. They must return to the values God had initially given to them, through Moses, on Mt. Sinai. He called them back to the values which had sustained them through Israel's years of greatness under the guidance of their great king, David.

John the Baptist called God's people to repentance and to salvation by baptism in water for, he said, one is coming who is mightier than he, the thongs of who's sandals he was unworthy to untie, one who would baptise them with fire and with the Holy Spirit. And, of course, the one to whom he referred was the Messiah, the son of Almighty God himself. the annointed one, Jesus, the Christ.

And, the scripture tells us, "The people were in expectation"; expectation because their tradition taught them to anticipate a Messiah in the tradition of great David himself, one who would restore God's dominion over Israel, and bring an end the hated domination of Judea by Rome with it's pagan helenization of their society.

Today, like then, we live in a very dangerous and very fast changing world. Today, unlike then, we don't live under Roman occupation, but perhaps we live with something even more destructive to the values God has given us, than the paganism of Rome was to the values of Judea. In these present days, we live, all of us, (like the hymn we just sang says) "In Peril of the Sea", and particularly our youth are in peril; for they are emersed in and bombarded by the cultural values of a post christian, materialistically dominated, sexually oriented, M.T.V. World, which tells us and them that nothing is evil, so long as it feels good; and that surely their behavior, whatever it may be, ought not only to be accepted, but affirmed, because to be told otherwise might injure someone's "psyche", or may make someone feel excluded, or unaccepted.

They are bombarded by a cultural value system that leads them to believe that whatever is wanted, is deserved; either by citizenship or birthright. A value system in which sin simply does not exist. A value system in which all major failings, and character defects, are either "illnesses", for which no one is responsible or, the result of some victimization for which parents, or some other person is responsible. And this system of secular cultural values is resulting in the complete breakdown of family structure, the decline of acceptance of personal and social responsibility.

And as a nation we find ourselves falling ever further behind, in almost every catagory by which civilized nations are measured. And as it pulls our nation into decline, it pulls our young people into the valley of the shadow of death; death by gunshot wound, death by drugs, death by sexually transmitted disease; or perhaps, even worse, death by purpose-less-ness. We are indeed, every bit as much as the people of ancient Judea, a people in need of repentance. And, our young people are, every bit as much as the people to whom John the Baptist spoke, "In peril on the sea".

But Thanks be to God! - - There is good news! John the Baptist brought the good news of salvation, through repentance, to the people of Judea; and announced the coming of Messiah - Jesus, the Christ. And there are people and there are institutions in America who's call to repentance and change is not only clear, but constant; and we are gathered here this evening to celebrate one of those institutions, and one of those people.

St. John's Military School is an institution whose entire history, from its very inception to this very evening, is, and continues to be, dedicated to a call to change. "A change for the better", as our slogan says, change in the life of each individual young man who comes through our front portals.

And we receive them as they come to us, accepting them as they are, for who they are, and then exposing them, collectively and individually, to the very best of our ability, to a system of values, which in the words of our schools honor code, includes honesty, and dignity, and pride; and teaching them, the value and rewards of living a moral life; the value and rewards of learning self discipline; the value and rewards of accepting personal responsibility' and the value and rewards of persevering, in pursuit of educational achievement.

St. John's Military School is an institution whose historic call is a call to change, and tonight we celebrate that historic fact. And we are, finally, brought here this evening to celebrate a beginning, the beginning of a new mission, and a new mistry, and the beginning of a new era in the life of an old institution. Not unlike the mission of John the Baptist. I believe, and I know Captain McAlexander and Mrs. McAlexander believe, that the hand of our Lord has been clearly active in their lives, and clearly active in Skip's calling to this new ministry.

For as we all know, a man of faith does not believe that his role in life is accidental. A man of faith believes that his role in life is directed by the very hand of Almighty God. And like his predecessors, Skip McAlexander is a man of faith.

This school was founded by men of vision and faith; from Bishop Elisha Smith Thomas who first conceived the idea of St. John's, back in the middle 1880's, through men like Bishop Robert H. Mize Sr. and Colonel Waldorf Ganssele, and Father Remy Clem, and Colonel Keith Duckers, this school has been funded, nurtured, and protected, by men of vision and faith.

Captain McAlexander, we are gathered here this evening to witness, and to celebrate your formal installation as the 14th head of St. John's Military School. And we do so with faith, that what we witness, and what we celebrate, is the will of Almighty God, and is guided by his mighty hand.

From your early life in the small town of Mayetta, Kansas, where you learned your most basic moral values; through your training and education at the U.S. Navy Academy at Annapolis, MD, where you were prepared to lead, command, and inspire others to high achievement; into your career as a Naval Aviator, and a diplomat for our country as Naval Attache in a foreign embassy; your whole life and background has been but prelude in preparation for the responsibility you now undertake.

For now you have been called to lead an institution which is responsible for the moral guidance, the educational development, and the discipline and training, of God's most precious and valuable gift to any family, and our nations most prized resource as a responsible member of the family of nations, our youth.

To your calling, Skip, all of us connected with St. John's, pledge you and your lovely wife Pat our support, our loyalty, and our prayers; and we encourage you to strengten the call to repentance, the call to change course, the call to set a new course for those whose young lives are in peril on the sea of life; and to this end we pray you God's gracious help and blessing; and to this end we wish you smooth seas, a gentle wind, and god's speed.

+ Amen.



## WHAT IS THE MULE-SKINNER CLUB?

A Mule-skinner was a member of the U.S. Army of old that provided the faithful dedication of effort to get supplies to men in the field on time to carry out an objective. It was through this small group's untiring loyalty that our armies never faltered-----thus-----SJMS Mule-skinkners.

### The Mule-skinner Club

The original \$100-a-year club was organized in August of 1967 with a charter group of 144 prominent business and professional leaders, with the expectation of raising \$10,000 a year (100 key men at \$100 per year).

For 20 years, this Club provided funds for capital improvements. But beginning in 1988, all Mule-skinner contributions were and will continue to be invested in a scholarship fund with proceeds awarded in the form of annual grants-in-aid to worthy young men. The scholarship fund now has \$325,000 invested with investment income of about \$17,500 available for scholarships this year.

### The Mule-skinner Golf Tournament

In 1979, Jay Andersen, Bill Nicholson and Colonel Keith Duckers expanded the drive by planning the first Mule-skinner golf tournament in connection with the Stag, now known as the Chuck-wagon feed. The second year of the golf tournament, several celebrities were scheduled, including Jim Bakken of the St. Louis Cardinal football fame, to speak at the golf luncheon.

### MULE-SKINNERS 1993-94 SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

The 1993 Mule-skinkners membership drive was a success, as announced by Ron Green, Trustee and Mule-skinner Chairman. To date, the drive has raised over \$46,000 by 286 members.

Highlighting the annual fund drive is the golf tournament which carried 14 teams this year with 124 members attending the Chuck-wagon Banquet.



First place winning team in 1993 Golf Tournament, from left: Keith Duckers, Bill Nicholson, Steve Shogren and Larry Bengtson.



Chairman of 1993-94 Fund Drive, Ron Green

### STUDENT COUNSELORS ON CAMPUS

Free time can be more productive now with the addition of two students from Brown-Mackie College to assist the military staff during the evening hours. Tyson Balog and Billy Byrd will both be available for 20 hours a week, to work in exchange for their room and board. On evenings and weekends they will keep the gym and the wrestling room open, man the Library, or assist with coaching as needed.

## International Students Program



In order to provide a complete education for the cadets, St. John's will strive to accommodate a reasonable degree of exposure to foreign cultures. Besides offering languages and lectures, St. John's is instituting an International Students Program which will eventually attract students from a variety of cultures. The first and obvious step has already been taken with a successful marketing effort in Mexico.

An inquiry from the World Education Programs has resulted in the addition of an 11th grade student from Madrid, Spain, Luis Gonzalez-Quevedo, who arrived on campus September 24.

In an effort to reach out to Europe and Asia, a former Trustee, Sheriff Darrell Wilson graciously volunteered to begin the groundwork for a recruiting effort in Russia. Through professional contacts in the St. Petersburg area, he has

furnished us with the names of appropriate parties for a continued relationship. He had the opportunity to interview potential candidates, on his recommendation, Denis Belsky was accepted and is enrolled as a Senior.

The major benefit of this program is that our cadets will have an opportunity to personally interact with the roommates and classmates from other countries.

### MEMORIALS

SJMS gratefully acknowledges gifts honoring departed friends and comrades. Since the last Skirmisher Memorial gifts were received in the names of:

Floyd Fairleigh, Scott City, KS  
John Fonck, Salina, KS

### DENVER PATRON WORKING IN ADMISSIONS

Throughout the history of the school, St. John's has always had a big following in the Denver area and the Admissions Office has staffed someone to work in Denver during the summer months.

Ms. Susan Pullman, former patron and mother of Tory Merriman, Class of '93, has agreed to work for St. John's on a part-time basis. Other than personally handling inquiries referred by the Admissions Office, she will work to increase awareness about St. John's by speaking at various civic and fraternal organizations, contact selected high school counselors, leave promotional material with family counselors and Episcopal Clergy, and possibly pursue additional marketing strategies.

### AMCSUS REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Several faculty and staff members attended the Mid-west Regional Conference hosted by Wentworth Military School, Lexington, Missouri, on October 10 and 11. Representatives from Missouri Military and Kemper Military were also in attendance. Attending from St. John's were President Skip McAlexander, LTC Faerber, Academic Dean, MAJ Joe Stratton, Dir. of Admissions, MAJ Mike Miller, Commandant, Mike Whalen, ROTC Instructor, and SSG Joe Stewart, SMA.

### NEW TRAVEL SERVICE CONTRACTED

As most are aware, St. John's has contracted with Knowles-Traylor Travel Service, Salina to coordinate travel arrangements for the next few years. Hopefully, this will prove to be a very productive relationship between patrons and the school.

A charter bus to Denver will be used for the Christmas and Spring furloughs. Patrons who wish to utilize this service will be billed directly by the travel agency. Contact Ann Knowles or Barbara Vanier for assistance with your travel plans, 913 825-0537.

### TAPS

Scott Green, 6th grade member of the 102nd Corps, died at his home in early September. He and his brother R.J., of Spring Hill, Kansas were both students at St. John's during the 1989-90 school year.

John Fonck, 78, 1921 Ninth St. Place, Salina, died September 17. Lifelong resident of the area he was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, retired office manager for the Saline County highway department and a charter member of the Mule-skinkners Club at St. John's. He was husband to Hazel Fonck, an employee of St. John's for more than 40 years before her retirement in 1980 as Business Manager and Vice President. Members from the 106th Corps served as Pall Bearers.

Ben A. Sellers, 81, 16 Red Fox Lane, Salina, a prominent Salina businessman and Grandfather to Cadet Joseph Sellers, member of the 106th Corps, died on September 16. He was a veteran of the Seacoast Artillery, dealership owner of Salina Tractor and Thresher Company in Salina, Wichita and Dodge City. A Salina community leader, Mr. Sellers also served on the Kansas House of Representatives.

The entire St. John's Military School family expresses its deepest sympathies to the families and friends of those listed above and all who have lost loved ones.



## OLD BOYS PROMOTED

The following Old Boys have been promoted since the beginning of the school year.

LTC Chad Mathis  
CPT Jerry Webb  
1LT David Godin  
1LT Brian Marvins  
1LT Sean Radway  
1LT Keith Sedille  
1LT Rodney Webb  
2LT Edwin McClendon  
CSM Tyson Farmer  
MSG Ben Dozier  
SFC Wesley Dakan  
SFC Brian McGuire  
SFC Douglas Morrison  
SFC Erick Torrico  
SFC Casey Underwood  
SFC Tyler Yost  
SSG Jeremy Baerns  
SSG R.J. Christensen  
SSG Royce Henderson  
SSG Jeb Huggler  
SSG Elliott Lefly  
SSG Kevin McNamara  
SSG Blaine Moller  
SSG Kevin Munro  
SSG Todd Schmidt  
SGT Marc Anderson  
SGT Carlos Bejarano  
SGT Chris Borland  
SGT Geoff Hansen  
SGT Michael Harris  
SGT Garrett Hensing  
SGT Sean Hoover  
SGT James Kirk  
SGT Rafael Llorente  
SGT Jonathan Luttwak  
SGT Joseph Miller  
SGT Daniel Robinson  
SGT Michael Seeney  
SGT William Silver  
SGT David Uribe  
SGT Joshua Vansickle  
SGT Paul Vieni  
SGT Eric Wisner  
CPL Thomas Benne  
CPL Justin Boren  
CPL Ted Bundy  
CPL Adam Burton  
CPL James Callahan  
CPL Russell Davis  
CPL Jean Ferrell  
CPL John Irish  
CPL Brandon Kuhn  
CPL Ryan Levitan  
CPL Roscoe Teagues  
CPL Mark Triebwasser  
CPL Ryan Watenpaugh  
CPL Damian Wilson  
PFC Adrian Acon  
PFC Clint Bradley  
PFC Gabriel Canseco  
PFC Gavin Combs  
PFC Alex Hernandez  
PFC Adam Kramer  
PFC Timothy Lanham  
PFC Jody Warner  
PVC Colin Guinn  
PV1 Dustin Hiebert  
PV2 LaVerne Stika  
PV2 Timothy Lanham  
PV2 Ryan Watenpaugh  
PV2 Derek Whitehead

## Kansas Alumni Association Honors Two Cadets

Two seniors and their parents were recognized at a dinner at the Salina Country Club on October 20, during the 1993-94 Kansas Honors Program for Ellsworth, Lincoln, Ottawa and Saline Counties. Sean Radway and Jeffrey Exon rank academically in the top ten percent of their class. This is the 22nd year that the Kansas Alumni Association has recognized Kansas' most academically talented high school seniors. Accompanying the Cadets was Trustee Stewart Horejsi, a very active K.U. Alumni.

## NEW BOYS EARN OLD BOY STATUS

The following New Boys have earned Old Boy status and have been promoted to PV2, with the following Company assignments.

### Alpha Company

Barry Anderberg, Gabriel Canseco, Zachary Casebolt, Joshua Cler, Michael Deering, Charles Devins, Clayton Elkins, Fernando Gutierrez, Dustin Jones, Roberto Loyo, Robert McHood, Eduardo McKula, Travis Main, John Melton, Victor Palacios, Noah Perez, Russell Redden, Jason Ross, Corey Russell, Danny Truong, Mark Wilson and Matthew Young.

### Bravo Company

Sam Arebalo, Alejandro Blanco, Kenneth Byers, Jose Canton, James Frost, Dustin Hearlson, Jason Heitzman, Michael Hummel, Steven MacWilliams, Justin Moore, Jerry Perkins and Donald Renaud.

### Charlie Company

Matt Beynon, Joshua Cantrell, Greg Coleman, Justin Coones, Paul DeShazo, Bobby Donlay, Joseph Koehler, Chris Lemmel, Steven Marcy, Newman Merton, Robert Neu, Matthew Newman, David Renz, David Rose, Bobby Ruppel, Lenard Ruterbories, James Rutherford, Rodger Shriver, Jarred Vincent and Jeffery White.

### Delta Company

Juan Ayala, Bryan Bonham, Dustin Boren, Cori Bryant, Joshua Fabia, Jack Neighbors, John Piper, Bruce Rohr, Adam Rush and Lucas West.

The following Cadets earned Old Boy status and have been promoted to PFC: Joe Katin, assigned to Delta Co.; Kyle MacDonald and Christopher Ramias, Charlie Co.

## FAN CLUB FORMED

It's official. The Ms. Huck Fan Club has been formed. The President has elected himself to office, Battalion Staff 2LT David Godin. Vice President is Bravo Company Commander 1LT Chris Nicola. Other club officers are 1LT Brian Marvins, Secretary; SFC Doug Morrison, Treasurer and SSG Brian "The Wild Man" McGuire. Current memberships total 138.

### Position on BN staff-

Wanted: a lower school liaison (S6). Accepting resumes from all LS Cadets. Mize Hall experience required. Must be under 5'0". Live under fire escape. Shoe shining ability needed! Positive outlook on life. Applications accepted through S1.

## SJMS DRILL TEAM FORMED

The SJMS Drill Team gave an excellent performance during Parents' Weekend. Wearing their new black performance uniforms, including white belts, red cords, bar and white scarves, the nine cadets performing, included the Commander, Chris Nicola, DeAndre Grassity, Jerry Webb, Rodney Webb, Andy Cole, Jamie Exon, Eric Torrico, Billy Silver and Gabriel Canseco.

With Parents' Weekend behind them, the drill team will now add its tenth member and start preparing for drill competitions. There are many members who will be working hard for the final spot and for the two alternate positions.

## MEDIA CLUB FORMS

With the responsibility for planning, coordinating and supervising public affairs operations for the 106th Corps of Cadets, S-5 Lee O'Guin has also been appointed Chairman of the new Media Club. In an effort to take St. John's to the community, the Club's activities will include active participation with both the Community Access TV channel and local radio stations. Their prime responsibility will be the school newspaper, *The Skirmisher*.

Under the direction of Ms. Sheri Becker, Community Relations Officer, other members of the Club include Adam Burton, Jeffery Exon, David Godin, DeAndre Grassity, Kyle MacDonald, Brian McGuire, Doug Morrison, Sean Radway, Daniel Sterk and Tyler Yost.

# SJMS FAX

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## NEW N.H.S. PROGRAM

Winning election as Officers for the National Honor Society were Major Chad Mathis, President; 1st Lt. Andy Cole, Vice President; 1st Lt. Sean Radway, Secretary; and 2nd Lt. Lee O'Guinn, Treasurer.

Members of the Club also announced the beginning of a new "Tutorial" Program. Each member will volunteer one hour per week to help cadets that have been identified (by either teachers or counselors) as in need of academic assistance. Their hour of tutoring will be scheduled on the days they are not in 8th hour HSJROTC. In most cases, assistance will be given on the basic core subjects - math, science, social studies and English.

## PROTOCOL FOR THE '90s

Between Mrs. Pat McAlexander and Cadet Rodney Webb, Sergeant Liaison between the 106th Corps and the Office of the President, Cadets will be learning correct protocol for the 90's. Mothers and girlfriends alike should notice and appreciate the results. The program will include the proper and correct way to act in all social situations, including table manners, personal hygiene, dating etiquette, etc. Working with Ms. Lewick and Cadet Chris Bauck, personal reminders are already showing up in the barracks.

## CADET COURT ORGANIZED

The following Cadets are participating members of the Cadet Court: Chad Mathis, Chris Allen, Thomas Benne, James Kirk, Bryan Marvins, Chris Nicola, Todd Schmidt, Joseph Sellers and Jerry Webb.

## BLUE BERET CLUB ANNOUNCES OFFICERS

Officers for the 1993-94 Blue Beret Club are Rodney Webb, President, Chad Mathis, Vice President and Chris Allen, Secretary/Treasurer.

## FLAG DETAIL AND COLOR GUARD UNITS ORGANIZED

Authorized to wear the orange cord and ribbon as members of the Flag Detail are Daniel Robinson, Alex Hernandez, Ryan Levitan, Steven Moore and Jody Warner.

## COLOR GUARD ANNOUNCED

Authorized to wear the color guard bar, white cord, white gloves, white shoe strings and ribbon are Cadets Tyson Farmer, Jeremy Baerns, Paul Gorsline, Royce Henderson, Jeb Huggler, Geoff Hansen, James Kirk, Joseph Miller and Don Zimmerman.



PIZZA PARTY

## BOY SCOUT TROOP #1

Several of our cadets are again members of Boy Scout Troop #1 of Christ Cathedral. The faculty will be hearing about the troop through a newsletter advising of their functions and special needs.

Members include John Calhoun, Wesley Dakan, Blaine Moller, Joe Miller, Royce Henderson, Stephen McClure, Ryan Levitan, Matthew Post and Michael Harris.

The troop is fortunate to have the adult leadership of Gordon Fiedler, Scoutmaster; Jack Lambert, Douglas Miller and Henry Fair, Assistant Scoutmasters; and Gene Peterson, Committee Chairman.

## "Dear Sergeant Abby"

Beginning with the next issue of the *Skirmisher*, Sergeant Abby will begin his advice column. Cadets, if you have any problems, questions or concerns, we encourage you to write your letter to "Sergeant Abby" and leave it in the Business Office, attention "Sgt. Abby".

## CADET PATROL SELECTED

The following cadets are participating members of the Cadet Patrol and authorized to wear the red beret, white gloves and red/white cord and ribbon: Adam Burton, James Dishon, Michael Gambone, Elliott Lefly, Rafael Llorente, Joseph Miller,

# Cadets Qualify For Marksmanship

The annual Marksmanship qualification was held and Cadets earned the badge as indicated.

**Marksmen:** Barry Anderberg, Alejandro Blanco, Adam Burton, Jose Canton, Joshua Cler, Andrew Cole, Daniel Davidson, Russell Davis, Ben Dozier, Jamie Exon, Tyson Farmer, Dustin Hearlson, Royce Henderson, Michael Hummel, Roberto Loyo, Jonathan Luttwak, Travis Main, Chad Mathis, Eduardo McKula, Milo Mitchell, Steven Moore, David Renz, Daniel Robinson, Jason Ross, Corey Russell, James Rutherford, Keith Sedille, Daniel Sterk, Erick Torrico, Russell Wasinger, Ryan Watenpaugh and James York.

**Sharpshooter:** Timothy Lanham, Elliott Lefly, Steven Marcy, Victor Palacios, Bruce Rohr and Rodney Webb.

**Expert:** Fernando Gutierrez, Geoff Hansen, Alex Hernandez, James Kirk, Blaine Moller, Douglas Morrison, Lee O'Guin, Sean Radway and William Silver.



### "CUCKOO'S NEST" CASTED by Brian McGuire

This year the 6th hour Drama class will be doing a two act play called "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest". The play is about how a charming rogue who contrives to serve a short sentence in an airy mental institution rather than work in prison. The lead roles are played by DeAndre Grassity and Andy Cole. This is Grassity's and Cole's second year in drama.

The play is between 1 1/2 to 2 hours long. There are 13 people in the play. Mrs. Harris said she is looking forward to presenting the play to the Corps because there are a lot of good actors in the class and she knows it's going to be a great show. She is planning to present the play before Thanksgiving or Christmas.

### CADETS ENJOY SUMMER CAMP

Six Cadets attended the 1993 HSRUTC Summer Camp, organized by the Denver Area ROTC group, at the U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Attending were Chad Mathis, DeAndre Grassity, Garrett Hensing, Eric Torrico, Paul Gorsline and Tyler Yost. They were accompanied by SFC Michael Whalen, HSRUTC Operations Sergeant at SJMS.

The Cadets were greeted on the first night, June 5, by winds in excess of 60 mile per hour and very low temperatures. The winds leveled the tent city living quarters. Most of the Cadets endured the situation and learned about working together under adverse conditions.

Mathis and Grassity held battalion staff positions at the camp. Grassity was the Cadet officer-of-the-day on the third day of camp.

According to Whalen, the Cadets were obviously students from a military school as their demeanor, military bearing, leadership and pride in appearance was praised by the cadre from other states.

The Cadets placed well in the final day of competition. Grassity took first place in the Cadet challenge orienteering and compass course and sixth place in the confidence course. Yost won three medals and Torrico and Gorsline both won medals.

Torrico won the knot-tying competition with 234 Cadets competing.

Mathis said, "I was the Sr. squad leader and a 'private' squad member. That was a learning experience. It got me back in the ranks again, although I could have done without the latrine duty."

Grassity said, "I learned many things. I met new friends. The first few days were rough because of the wind, but we all pulled together and made it."

Gorsline said, "I think I learned that I don't know all the answers to a problem, but with team work the task can be accomplished. My favorite activity was the leadership reaction course."

Torrico said, "I was elected team leader by all my squad members on every event. I pulled my team through on the orienteering course."

Whalen said, "I feel the camp was well executed and efficiently run. Many thanks to the Denver group for allowing us to be a part of the camp."

### BATTLE OF BELMONT By Lee O'Guin

On October 1 through 3, cadets Tyson Farmer and Lee O'Guin, acting as Union, attended a Civil War Reenactment in Saxston, Missouri. Fighting the war however, wasn't the hardest part. Friday night, before the first battle, it rained, making traction almost impossible, but the Union hung strong.

The battle on Saturday was more of the Union's victory; it consisted of breaking through the enemy's base and taking over their camp. Obstacles that they surpassed were barricades, cannons, bunker holes and of course, the Confederates. After taking over their base, the Union got a bit of a surprise. The few Confederates who escaped got reinforcements and returned with a devastating force. Tyson Farmer and Lee O'Guin were in the 7th Ohio, a company who ended with no survivors; and was completely overpowered by hundreds of Confederate soldiers. Only a few Union members actually escaped and survived.

After a long war, the cadets returned anxious for a clean pair of clothes, and a refreshing shower which they definitely needed.



### BATTALION STAFF MEETS AGAIN by D.G. and D.M.

Rumor has it that on a recent Tuesday, a memorial service took place on the teardrop with the 106th Corps Battalion Staff in attendance, to honor the somewhat unknown battalion staff presently buried in the center of the teardrop, historically known as the bull ring. They were the battalion staff during the 28th Corps of Cadets, and were known to be the closest staff ever heard of. In fact, one source said that the battalion X.O. had plans to marry a sister of one of the staff members, sight unseen.

Before departing St. John's the staff vowed to all return to the school one day, but this reunion has been a long time coming. Due to wars, on and off the home front, all except one, had returned to St. John's and been buried in the bull ring. We have just learned that the missing member, the command sgt major, was buried in Germany and his location was unknown until recently. It is rumored that plans are underway to have his remains flown back to St. John's by his relatives so that he may join the rest of his staff. The staff are believed to be buried facing upwards towards then Vail Hall with a salute. We don't know if that is fact or fiction but maybe we will know soon.

These cadets were forgotten until Mrs. Faerber discovered old articles written on them. There is now talk that someone may donate a memorial to them on the teardrop which probably goes totally against everything this staff wanted. In the meantime, we will annually set a flag at half mast and have a memorial service to honor these cadets and all old battalion staffs.

### CADETS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FLIGHT PROGRAM

Six Cadets are currently enrolled in the "Learn to Fly" program, organized and supervised by LTC Ken Faerber, Academic Dean. Not a part of the "standard" high school curriculum, Faerber says this is considered a very special course.

To qualify, a cadet must be fourteen years of age, maintain a satisfactory academic/military status and receive parent/guardian approval for financial responsibility.

The instruction is given by the Jerry Moore Midway Aviation, Inc. in a Cessna 152 plane. Completion of the course, at a cost of about \$2,300.00, would earn a FAA approved pilot and program license.

Rarely does a student complete the program during one school year due to the plane availability, poor weather conditions, and no flying time during school furloughs. The Cadet keeps his log book with him, however, and can continue his progress at home or in later years while attending St. John's.

### CADET RELAY TEAM HELPS CANCER DRIVE

A team of 11 cadets participated Saturday, 25 September, in the Saline County American Cancer Society's 12-Hour Relay Against Cancer, which was held at Kansas Wesleyan University. This was the first year for this fund-raising event to benefit cancer patient support groups as well as research.

One cadet, Joshua VanSickle, ran 41 laps. The Cadet team received a lot of local publicity, not only for the 70 laps they accomplished, but for helping in the set-up and the clean-up at the end of the day. Participants were sore for the next few days but felt good about their contribution and are looking forward to next year's event.

### SJMS CADETS ATTEND JUNIOR OLYMPIC TRAINING SHOOTING CAMP

Shooting a rifle is lots of fun but even more when you get to do it in the setting of a Junior Olympic Training Shooting Camp. Two St. John's cadets, Cadet Doug Morrison and Cadet Lee O'Guin, got the chance to go to Camp Mary Dell in Abilene, Kansas for a week-end of shooting.

The camp focused on everything from basic air rifle hold and position training to advanced smallbore shooting, which is where SJMS cadets found themselves.

The camp ran from August 20 through the weekend to August 22nd. The shooters in training were both boys and girls from several different states. The campers were paid a visit by U.S. Olympic Shooting coach Martin Edmondson who displayed the running target competition. Each shooter entered into competition both individually and as a team. Cadet Lee O'Guin finished fourth in the individual competition and was the team captain of the first place advanced smallbore team. Cadet Doug Morrison also did very well.

Both of these cadets had a super time and were a great credit to St. John's by their conduct, appearance and overall demeanor. Great job guys!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORTERS

PFC Kyle MacDonald, Middle School representative on the Media Club staff, has presented names of cadets who will be assisting him in gathering news from Linger. The Media Club welcomes the help of Cadets Blake Beckman, Josh Fabia, Joe Katin and Ryan Levitan.

### BAND REHEARSES AT FORT RILEY

The band students missed an entire day of classes in order to attend a workshop with the First Division Band members at Fort Riley. According to Mrs. Wendy Stein, Band Director, the trip was the most beneficial of all the educational experiences her students have been exposed to during her tenure at St. John's.

Morning practice consisted of two marching rehearsals. The first session, without the use of instruments, included marching fundamentals - mark time techniques and facing movement. The second session included instruments and focused on bandmaster signals and the correct response from the band. Following lunch the band took part in two more rehearsals. The first session centered upon the pass-in-review ceremony and special bandmaster conducting techniques, as well as a lengthy drum cadence demonstration. The last rehearsal was spent reviewing all the lessons of the day and putting into practice what they had learned.

An Out-Briefing was attended by the four members of the First Division Band that worked with Major Mike Miller, Jason Merrifield and Mrs. Wendy Stein. They were very complimentary and expressed a desire to continue the association with the school's band.

The most rewarding aspect of the trip was the surge of excitement evident in the Cadets who are normally not excited about anything!!! They can't wait to put their knowledge into practice and perform for us.



### MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by Kyle MacDonald.

"Well, Middle School is off to a great start this year. On September 15 we visited the State Fair in Hutchinson. It was a fun experience for all cadets. One cadet was overheard in saying it was a great break from military life at St. John's. This year the Middle School acquired a part time Spanish teacher, Ms. Kelly Brady, and a new secretary, Mrs. Brenda McCoy.

In 8th grade, Mr. Hensley is teaching Consumer Math and Major Randolph is sponsoring the Stockmarket Game. The Stockmarket Game stimulates the stockmarket experience while competing with other schools at the same time.

The DARE Program has been started again this year. Saline County Deputy Sheriff Jim DuBois is the DARE instructor. The DARE program stands for and provides students with "Drug Awareness Resistance Education". The students really love the program.

Middle School bowling is off to a head start. In September there was a teacher-student bowling game. Winners were treated at McDonalds.

Submitted by Cadet Beckman

Middle School is pretty much O.K., says C/PVT Bruce Rohr. All he really wants to do is play football and go into the Marines. C/PVT Rohr thinks that since he is here he is going to make the best of it like most cadets probably try to do. The discipline is very well planned if you choose to cooperate. Everyone really hates it here but when they meet the "Old Boy" requirements it really is a lot of fun if you take advantage of it.

Submitted by Ryan Levitan.

This article is about the 5th/6th grade class. The teacher of the "Goober" class is Mrs. Tammy O'Neill. The big event of the class is the chocolate unit, which is a unit of only chocolate related activities. Units were "Anatomy of a Candy Bar", "M&M Math", "Designing a new product made of chocolate ad campaign, including a bill board, jingle and poem", "Investigating chocolate producing countries". These activities are part of a multi-curriculum involving many different disciplines such as science, language arts, math and social studies.

A new class for the Goobers is Spanish, three days a week. The teacher of the class is Ms. Brady. Another thing that is new to the Goobers is earning points for good behavior and study skills. If enough points are earned, they will go to Sunset Park for a picnic. So as you can see, the 5/6 graders are not just sitting on their behinds and doing nothing. These guys are fully occupied and are having fun.

And if that is not enough, they have the Activity Room. The activity room is for the 5/6 graders only. Inside are video games, arts and crafts, board games and other neat things. The teacher of the class is Mrs. McCoy.

They have PE with Mr. Rudolph and play many different things such as tennis, baseball, soccer, football, kick ball and basketball. Another activity is the DARE program. It's purpose is to keep kids off drugs. The teacher is Jim DuBois of the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office.

And if that isn't enough, what would be?



Muleskinners At A Glance

Without a senior on the roster, Coach Phil Kellogg will have to claim the 1993 season as a rebuilding year for his football squad. Despite being relatively young as a team and having a returning group of juniors who had excellent experience in playing together, the Cadets have had a disappointing season. A season of turnovers and penalty flags, the Cadets have one win to date with only two games remaining.

**White City.** In the Muleskinners first game, St. John's scored in the second half on a 52-yard pass play from Chris Allen to Don Zimmerman and a 7-yard run by Chris Nicola, but coming up way short, 43-14.

**St. Xavier.** The Muleskinners opened the scoring seconds in the contest when Don Zimmerman intercepted a pass and returned it 15 yards for the score. St. John's took the lead early in the second stanza when Jerry Webb caught a 14-yard touchdown reception from Chris Allen and Brian Marvins added the two-point conversion on a run. But St. Xavier answered each touchdown and went into the locker room with a 20-14 lead. The teams traded touchdowns in the fourth period, with St. John's scoring on a one-yard run by Chris Nicola. St. John's rushed for 130 yards on the night, and passed for another 79. Chris Nicola enjoyed a big night, rushing for 97 yards on 20 carries.

**Wakefield.** After a scoreless first quarter, Wakefield took over with two touchdowns in the 2nd quarter and another in the third. St. John's lone touchdown came in the fourth quarter when freshman quarterback Blaine Asher connected with DeAndre Grassity on a two-yard scoring strike.

**Tescott.** During their first and only win of the season, St. John's scored the winning touchdown against Tescott with just over a minute to go in what was a close contest throughout the night. The Mule-skinners jumped out to an early first quarter lead with Nicola providing the majority of the offense. He rushed for two first quarter scores, and ended the

night with 106 yards on 24 carries. He scored his third touchdown of the game with 1:27 to play, and quarterback Chris Allen hit DeAndre Grassity in the corner of the end zone for the key two-point-conversion, giving the Muleskinners the lead at 24-16.

Tescott nearly forced overtime. An offsidies call and two incomplete passes gave Tescott a 1st-and-goal from the four with 13 seconds remaining. On second down, with seven seconds to play, Tescott set up a perfect screen on the left flat and they rambled in untouched as the game horn sounded. On the conversion attempt, Tescott scored, apparently sending the game to overtime, but a clip on the run brought it back. Their second two-point attempt failed.

**Solomon.** Solomon dominated the game throughout with the only St. John's score coming on Jerry Webb's 53-yard pass reception from Chris Allen late in the first half. DeAndre Grassity found the end zone on a 4-yard reception from Allen in the third quarter to complete the scoring for the Muleskinners.

**Lucas-Luray.** A touchdown with 13 seconds to play in the second quarter doomed the Muleskinners and spoiled Homecoming festivities as Lucas-Luray broke a second quarter tie, and went on to capture a 26-6 win. The teams traded first quarter scores, with Chris Allen hooking up with DeAndre Grassity on a six-yard scoring strike later in the first quarter to account for all of St. John's scoring. Chris Nicola rushed for 69 yards, and Brian Marvins added 58. Two fumbles and two interceptions proved costly to St. John's who fell to 1-6 on the year.

CADETS ATHLETIC SCORE BOARD

VARSITY		
SJMS	Opponent	Score
14	White City	43
20	St. Xavier	26
0	Hope	42
6	Wakefield	30
24	Tescott	22
14	Solomon	50
6	Lucas/Luray	26
23 Oct	at St. Marys	
28 Oct	at Peabody	

JUNIOR VARSITY		
16	Centre	54
0	Wakefield	32
20	Bennington	48
8	Solomon	30
20	Tescott	18

MIDDLE SCHOOL		
0	Tescott	26
24	Hope	26
44	Bennington	36
24	Marquette	0
30	Wakefield	0
44	Solomon	22



"Whool, Whoop'n that A..!"

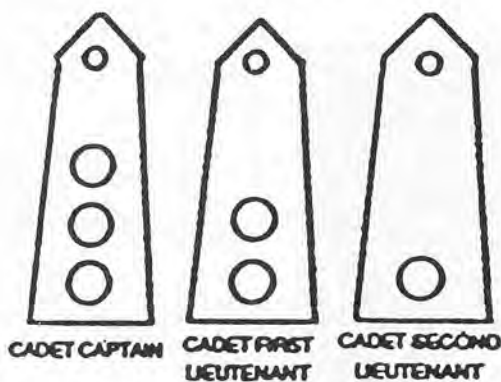
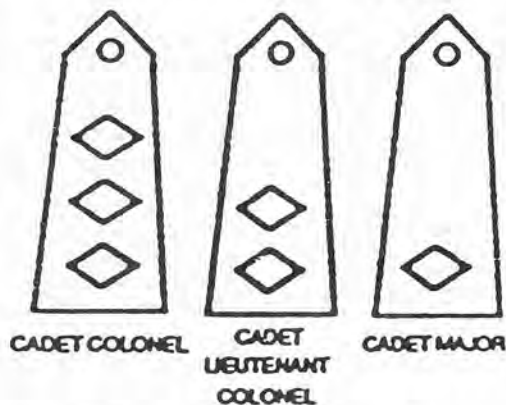
The Second Victory For Middle School

by J.F. and B.M.

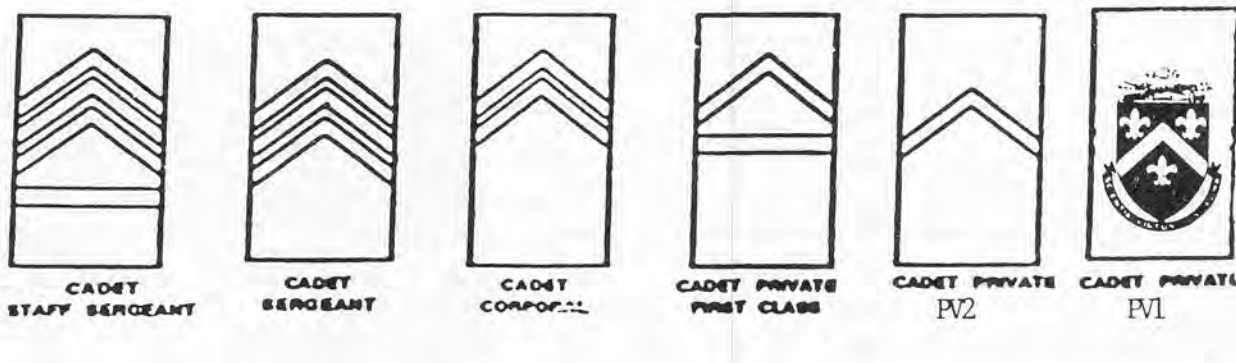
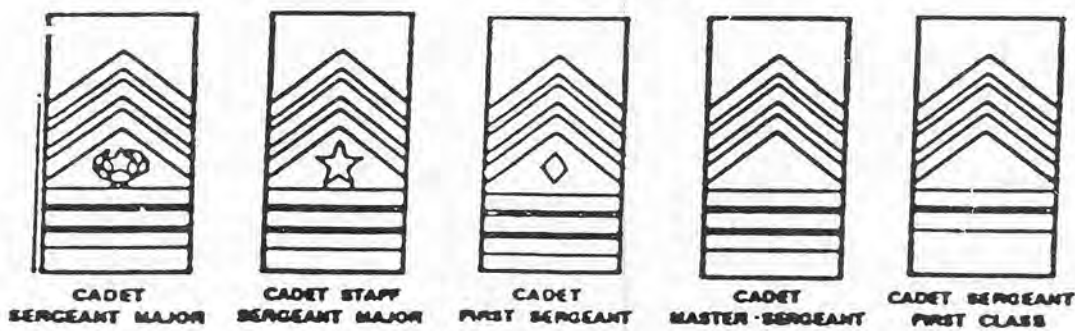
The Middle School football team played a game against the Marquette Wolverines. They were good but not good enough for the Middle School football team. In the first half the guests were leading. Coach Walter commented that Marquette had a really good defense. The Cadet fans cheered their hearts out for the Middle School team. Sgt. Major Bradley was real enthusiastic about the team. At half time the cadets thought that the cheer leaders were looking real fine. With one minute and five seconds left in the game, Middle School was ahead by 24 points. We won a glorious game of 36 to 18.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CADETS RANK?

INSIGNIA OF GRADE FOR CADET OFFICERS



INSIGNIA OF GRADE FOR CADET ENLISTED PERSONNEL





## ALUMNI SURVEY RESULTS

Following the 1993 Commencement weekend, Capt. E. A. McAlexander wrote to those "Old Boys" in attendance asking them to complete a questionnaire in order to learn how best the school could serve their interests.

The results of this survey are as follows for those who responded and for others interested.

Five topics were to be rated from 1 to 10 with 10 signifying enthusiasm. With 27 responses returned, the highest possible points for a topic is (270).

1. During Commencement Weekend scheduling an Old Boy mixer on Friday evening much like this year's roast for Keith. Each year there could be a different guest of honor. (249)

2. During Commencement Weekend, having an Old Boys golf tournament on Saturday. (165)

3. A Homecoming Weekend would be worth trying to see what could be developed. (200)

4. I would be willing to participate in a program where I would correspond with a cadet on a monthly basis. (146)

5. We would try an Old Boy newsletter on a quarterly basis. It would include address updates, alumni news, a faculty report, and articles on the history of St. John's. (233)

At the end of the questionnaire, participants were asked to provide other comments on how the administration can help the alumni. There were a number of suggestions made, but the overall consensus seemed to be the overwhelming approval of both the Alumni directory and the assignment of an "Old Boy" coordinator, which were both in the works prior to the survey.

The President, along with Ms. Becker, wants to thank those Old Boys who took the time to respond. Please let us hear from any of you at any time for whatever reason. You are all what St. John's is about.

## ALUMNI SUPPORT

Louis B. Fulton, Class of '46, has made a very generous contribution establishing a trust fund to be used in athletics here at St. John's.

It is a fund that anyone can contribute to and is a fund that only spends the interest earned by it. Your contribution will live forever.

Just think, those of you who wore the Orange and Black representing this school and those of you who didn't, can now; because whenever a Cadet Muleskinner represents St. John's, you will be a part of it.

Please consider this trust when you are making your Charitable Contributions each year.

Note: Louis Fulton is the newest addition to the Admissions Department. He is sharing the St. John's story with Episcopal churches in the State of Louisiana and is ready with brochures and video tapes for any referrals.

## VISIT WITH LEHMANS

Edward Lehman, Class of 1943, editor and publisher of the Times-Call Publishing Company, Longmont, Colorado, hosted SJMS staff members during a summer visit. President Skip McAlexander, Admissions Director Joe Stratton and Alumni Officer Sheri Becker, received a tour of his publishing company and an interview resulted in an article on SJMS in the Times-Call. Ed and his wife, Ruth, Associate Editor, have been faithful alumni of St. John's, returning yearly for Commencement weekend.



Reserve your copy of the Alumni Directory when Harris Publishing contacts you by telephone.

HANDLE CEREMONY  
Larry Rice, Class of '55

Following the 1993 Commencement, Larry sent the school a copy of his remarks made during the Handle Ceremony, which he says expresses his love and affection for the school.

"The front door handle of historic Vail Hall is a symbol of continuity and tradition at St. John's. Prior to the 1978 fire which destroyed Vail Hall - every cadet ever attending St. John's held the handle, and since that time all graduates have done so.

"Salvaged from the ruins of the fire by "Old Boy" Jack Vanier, the handle became part of the commencement ceremony in 1981 - in which cadets in the graduating class pass the handle from one to another, to perpetuate the tradition.

"But that's only part of the tradition. Old Boys attending graduation also participate in the ceremony. As they pass the old Vail handle, their ties to their alma mater are again reaffirmed.

"I first would like the 1993 senior class to take your positions for the Handle Ceremony.....Now I ask all "Old Boys" here today to join me in filling in the circle among the seniors for the passing of the handle.

"And as you do so, reflect for a moment on your own past brief time at St. John's, your good and not so good experiences here, and the friends you made in this good place - those you've kept in touch with over the years, those you wonder whatever happened to - and especially those who have passed on.

"For it falls to us to honor this tradition - most importantly to honor those thousands of cadets who have gone before us, whose memories were of a Vail Hall which has passed, as have they.

"Vail was a Gothic - some said grotesque - structure full of secret passages, uncleanable places, uncounted secrets only later revealed, and the joys and mysteries of young manhood. A place, in short, larger than reality, suited for the memories of us still living and those gone on.

"We will this morning in the presence of these cadets, parents, and friends reaffirm our love for that wonderfully ugly old place - and those dear old friends.

"Consider who and what you were as a St. John's New Boy - how you grew and matured under the guidance of Remey Clem and Keith Duckers - and on the role they and St. John's have played in what you have since become.

Finally, meditate for a moment as you pass the handle, on how these young men will in future years return St. John's on this occasion to carry on the traditional passing of the handle when we Old Boys here today are also only a memory."

Note: Jack Vanier had the handle mounted on a piece of Saline County walnut and inscribed with an appropriate plaque. The handle is on display in the Business Office throughout the year.

## OLD BOYS CORNER - Where are they now!

Attended 1927-33...Blaine H. Bolte  
10220 3rd Ave SE, Apt. 912  
Everett, WA 98208

Class of 1932...Jack U. Bolte  
40411 Lockhart Lane  
Hemet, CA 92344

Class of 1948...Kenneth Kirby  
1110 Wagonwheel Rd.  
Lawrence, KS 66049

Attended 1950-54...James McMaster  
1370 Lauppe Rd.  
Calhan, CO 80808

Class of 1960...Mike Garrett  
5555 Erindale Dr., Suite 206  
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Attended 1965-66...Greg Holzer  
4616 Winterhazel Drive  
Ft. Worth, TX 76137  
Greg visited the campus in early July, his first visit since the absence of old Vail Hall. He had been receiving the Skirmisher so was expecting the change, but it was still quite a shocker. Greg has been with Bell Helicopter, an aviation company, for the last 15 years, with travel overseas on a regular basis.

Class of 1967...Tom C. Sadler  
3280 Bayou Lane  
Pensacola, FL 32503-5875  
Tom wants news of his former classmates. He reports he has his Masters degree in mental health counseling and is in practice in Pensacola, Florida.

Class of 1969...Glenn Miller  
405B S. William  
Victoria, TX 79001  
Glenn contacted school. He attended SJMS only in his Senior Year. He said that when he stopped by the campus this summer, 12 years later, he was recognized and called by name by the TAC officer he came across. Glenn says he has

fond memories of the school and called to see if there were any plans being made for a 25-year reunion.

Attended 1973-74...Skip Bailey  
418 Lake Street  
Fort Morgan, CO 80701-3120  
303 867-3761  
Skip writes he regrets not finishing up at such a fine school. He is currently Assistant Vice President of First National Bank of Fort Morgan, Colorado. Bailey, a Colorado native, has been affiliated with the banking industry for several years. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from the National University, San

Diego, California, and he attended the Business Administration Program at the United States International University, San Diego, California. He is active in the United Cerebral Palsy Association and lists elk hunting, watching the stock market and fishing as his hobbies. Bailey is also a private pilot.

Class of 1976...Philip Gronemeyer  
501 So. Troost  
Olathe, KS 66061-4218

Class of 1986...Michael Campbell  
#3 Wood Gate Village  
St. Charles, MO 63304

Class of 1988...Cameron Miles  
2263 Grape St.  
Denver, CO 80207

Class of 1991...Tom L. Wilson  
12749 Jalepeno Avenue  
Chino, CA  
Tom is a member of the freshman class at Norwich University. He is a cadet bachelor of science major.

Class of 1992...Chad Kopecky is in the US Navy and is stationed out of Alameda, California

## ALUMNI NEWS

The Value of a St. John's Education

"Old Boys" from the '40's, '50's, '60's and '70's. Please share the various ways in which you have contributed to your community by personal involvement based on your education at St. John's. Please send to Ms. Sheri Becker, Alumni Affairs Coordinator.

## One Old Boy's Story - Harvey Cohen, Class of '50

"I will always remember my years at St. John's with fondness even though it took a little time for me to adjust and accept the school discipline and the "rat system". Looking back on my life it is very unlikely I would have been able to achieve any of my goals without the values instilled in me during the time I spent at St. John's. I came to St. John's from Germany in 1948, where my dad was stationed, at the time the Berlin airlift was starting. My parents wanted me to be in a safe haven. I wish I could have graduated from St. John's but my father, who was also a career officer in the Army, wanted me home, so there I went.

My visit to the campus during early June was the first since 1950, just after the completion of my Junior year. Many changes, sorry to see Vail Hall gone, but such is life. During the two years I attended (48-49 and 49-50) I received letters in all but track and some twice. I also was a member of the "Crack Drill Team", one year in the color guard. I also was the school bugler for two years. But most of all, I learned to be a student which has followed me all through life. I will always be thankful for that opportunity.

It is most unfortunate my letter sweater, uniforms and pins were lost during a move but I did manage to keep the paddle from my initiation into the "S" Club. Let me say the paddle was not used just for ornamental purposes. I will be sending you the paddle under separate cover in the near future.

After St. John's I attended and graduated from Academy High School in Erie, PA. Believe me, after St. John's, public schools are a breeze. Following high school I went into the Navy for four (4) years then on to California Polytechnic University using the G.I. bill. I recently retired from Hughes Aircraft Company after almost 30 years in Engineering and Operations Management of the Company's Semiconductor Manufacturing facility located in Newport Beach, California.

I plan on contacting some of my former St. John's colleagues and looking forward to receiving The Skirmisher in the future. Hopefully I will be able to attend a graduation some day.

Editor's note: (Cohen's "S" Club paddle has arrived and is on display in the business office.)



Old Boys enjoying reception.



Forming of the "F Troop" following the Flag Raising Ceremony during Commencement festivities by Alumni present.





**Kelly Brady** instructs Spanish and English. Born in Bolivia, and graduating from high school in El Salvador, Ms Brady received her B.A. degree from Kansas University. She will be teaching in both the Middle and Upper schools.



**Lansing A. Werber**, TSGT, US Air Force (Ret), is assigned to Bravo Co. Retiring with 20 years, TSGT Lansing was assigned to Korea, the Mathen AFB and the Vandenberg AFB in California, and McConnell AFB in Wichita, in the missile security program. He and his wife Deborah have three sons and one daughter.



**Brenda McCoy** is Secretary in the Middle School. Ms. McCoy's face is not new on campus as she is the wife of Kevin McCoy, the Director of Food Service and representative of Marriott. A native of Kansas City, she has traveled most of her eight years of married life due to her husband's career with Marriott. Along with caring for their son, Jacob, Ms. McCoy works part-time at Braums and helps her husband with catering.



**Karalee Huck** instructs English in the Upper School. Ms. Huck received her B.S. degree from Kansas State University. She resides in Ellsworth, is married and has two children. Her husband is a Veterinarian in Ellis.



**Julie Fisher** is the Business Manager, taking over many of the business functions previously handled by the Vice President. Ms. Fisher received her B.A. Accounting degree with a minor in Business Administration, from Kansas Wesleyan University. She worked as an Intern at Sunflower Bank before coming to St. John's. Formerly of Hays, Kansas, she and her husband, Brian, reside in Salina.



**Sherri Sewell** is the new resident nurse. Ms. Sewell is a native of Larned, Kansas. A Registered nurse, she comes to us from Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas, her last assignment being a staff nurse in the Emergency Room. She has also attended Kansas State University. Ms. Sewell and her son Jarred, a 9th grader attending Central High School, reside in the apartment adjoining the Infirmary.



**Mike Keith** teaches American History, World History, Economics and Contemporary Issues in the Upper School and will be the high school track coach. Mr. Keith received his B.S. degree from Kansas State University. He is married and lives in Ellsworth where his wife teaches elementary music.



**Brent Hodges**, CSM, US Army (Ret), joins the Military Staff. Retiring with 30 years service, and serving in Vietnam, Korea and Germany, his last assignment was in the First Squadron Fourth Cavalry, First Infantry Division at Fort Riley. He and his wife Sharon reside in Junction City. They have two sons, both in the Air Force, one stationed in England and one in Germany. CSM Hodges is assigned to Charlie Company.

**Bobby J. Yates**, SSG, born in Augsburg, Germany, attended High School in Solomon. SSG Yates has served in Kansas Army National Guard for 11 years, taking Basic Training at Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri and advance individual training at Ft. Lee, Virginia. He and his wife Connie live in Salina. SSG Yates is assigned to Bravo Company.



**Dan Walker** instructs Geometry, Algebra and Chemistry in the Upper School and is Assistant Coach for the Middle School Football team and the Upper School track team. He received his B.S. degree from Kansas State University and his M.S. from Ft. Hays. Mr. Walker is single and has recently moved to Salina.

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