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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From your SJMS Family

President's Message

Capt. Skip McAlexander



During meals in the dining facility cadets often ask me what will change next month, next semester, or next year. I would like to take this opportunity to talk about change and what I would like to see for the future of St. John's.

First, let us look at the idea of "change". My experience is that it is very difficult. No matter how things are, it is often better to live with what we know than to accept change. And as one of the administrators of St. John's, I need to remember this and manage change just as I try to manage the financial and material condition of the school.

Fortunately, I really don't believe that very much about St. John's should change. The "system" of educating young men that has been developed and refined over 106 years is something to be cherished and preserved rather than changed. The concept of providing a school for young men based on Christian values and loving discipline will remain valid as long as human beings have human faults and frailties. I can envision no circumstances in which St. John's would, drop the military structure, relinquish our ties to the Episcopal Church, or accept young ladies as students. These things are basic to what we are and should be eternal.

What will change about St. John's is the tools we use to help students prepare for the future. We will make every effort to stay abreast of technology and give the cadets the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the hardware and software they will use in college. I can imagine an induction day when we will issue computers to each cadet along with his books.

As I write this we have 200 cadets enrolled and on campus. I am finding that this is about the optimum number for the facilities we have. It is also a nice number in terms of everyone knowing each other. I would eventually like to have the flexibility to expand the student body to 240. That would be four companies of 55 to 60 cadets. The additional income might allow us to add more programs and courses. I do not want us to get so large that we cannot provide personal attention to each and every cadet.

I am always available to discuss new ideas and new technologies. But I also want to talk about better ways to teach the traditional values which have helped so many old boys succeed in life.

Academic Dean's Message

LTC Kenneth Faerber



In the last issue I addressed EXCITING times at St. John's with administrative changes, new faculty/staff members, and our best enrollment in the past twelve years.

What about school improvement-curricula-changes? It has always been my philosophy to make necessary adjustments in order to meet cadet needs, stay abreast of educational reforms, and to offer the best possible education.

Therefore, with 100% support from President McAlexander, this school year offers our students many EXCITING changes. In Linger Middle School, grades 5-8, we have added several new classes. (a) All students have Spanish, (b) 5th & 6th graders have a A.M. physical education period, (c) 7th & 8th graders have semester options of Spanish, Contemporary U.S. History, Science Lab., Space Technology, Current Events, and an Educational Technology course. Mrs. Brown has improved and expanded the Inclusion program to all core subjects. We have continued the Drug Awareness Resistance Education program which is taught by Sgt. DuBois, a certified law enforcement officer.

In the upper school we have totally changed from the old shop/woodworking course to an Educational Technology format. We have (a) purchased three new computers for the Computer Aided Drafting section and have added (b) welding (gas & elect.), (c) plastics, (d) glass, (e) fundamentals of small gas engines (f) electricity/electronics(g) woods, and (f) basic house building/construction. Other changes are (1) dropped Sociology and expanded Psychology to a full year course, (2) added another section of Earth and Space Science and Biology, (3) revised the American History course of study, and (4) added the DARE program to upper school students.

Mrs. Lohmann, the librarian, has ordered a new CD Rom (paid by the St. John's Foundation) which will update our technology capabilities and greatly benefit all students and teachers. We have also added three computers to the library for student use and have the library open for evening study, three nights per week.

Yes, I'm EXCITED with all the new changes for this school year because I hear student and teacher positive comments. The excellent faculty and their special efforts makes all these good things possible.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Santa Claus was in attendance to hand out presents to 58 youngsters during the school's Christmas program held in the gymnasium on Sunday, December 12. The cadets were joined by 161 guests for this annual event.

Following the buffet dinner and Santa's appearance, the Corps took part in the Company skit competition. Alpha Company won the judges' favor for their skit portraying an Alpha Company cadet.

A special treat during the afternoon was the performance of the Cadet Christmas Carolers.

MSG Joe Stewart and Mrs. Paula Lambert deserve a special thanks for setting the stage for this successful event.



CADET CAROLERS

During December Mrs. McAlexander formed a small choral group to sing Christmas carols at various events and locations during the holidays. On the evening of December 10 they visited Kenwood View Nursing Home, McCall Manor, Presbyterian Manor and St. John's Hospital. At each location they sang several carols and visited with the residents. On Saturday the carolers sang in downtown Salina and on Sunday they sang for the Corps and guests at the Christmas Dinner in the gym.

The volunteers who contributed their talents to bring a bit of Christmas cheer to many people included Jamie Exon, Jason Merrifield, Noah Perez, Adrian Acon, Thomas Benne, Russell Davis, Garrett Hensing and Jarred Vincent. A special St. John's thank you to them and to Pat McAlexander for the hours of practice that had such excellent results.



Charlie Company's "Twelve Days of Christmas"

St. John's style, includes:

1. An SMA with a big boodie
2. Two hours tours
3. Three weeks restriction
4. Four I.D. haircuts
5. Five stolen CD's
6. Six AWOL runs
7. Seven D.I.'s yelling
8. Eight failing grades
9. Nine weeks suspension
10. Ten thousand pushups
11. Eleven Salina fluffs
12. Twelve weeks of RATT



HONORS ANNOUNCED

Academic Honors were announced for the first grading period of the 1993-94 school year

Blue Berets

The Blue Beret Club is made up of the three cadets who achieve the top three academic standings in both the Upper and Middle schools for each grading period. This achievement entitles the recipients to wear the Blue Beret and a ribbon.

The Middle School Blue Berets are: Chris Ramias, 94.50; Stephen McClure, 93.29; and Colin Guinn, 92.88. Upper School Blue Berets are Sean Radway, 97.00; David Rose, 96.88; and Geoff Hansen, 96.75.

Honor Roll

Middle School cadet Chris Ramias made the Academic Dean's Honor Roll. From Upper School are Sean Radway, David Rose, Geoff Hansen, Daniel Davidson, Michael Seeney, Jonathan Luttwak, Benjamin Dozier, Jeffrey Exon, Jeremy Baers, Danny Truong, Wesley Dakan, Travis Main, Andrew Cole, Joseph Miller, Blaine Moller, Robert Christensen and Casey Underwood.

Honorable Mention

Cadets earning a place on Honorable Mention from the Middle School are Stephen McClure, Colin Guinn, Keon Babcock, Mark Triebwasser, Lucas

West, Blake Beckman, Matt Beynon and David Anderson

Upper School cadets are Rodney Webb, Christopher Bauck, James Kirk, John Irish, Denis Belski, Douglas Morrison, Rafael Llorente, Kevin McNamara, Tyson Farmer, Eduardo McKula, Jerry Webb II, Jason Merrifield, Lee O'Guin, John Calhoun, Elliott Lefly, DeAndre Grassity, Daniel Robinson, John Melton, Christopher Allen, William Silver, Christopher Nicola,

DRILL TEAM SELECTION SY 93-94

Drill team tryout and selection started the third week in school. The team was selected from a group of individuals wanting to be part of the drill team. The overall selection was based on performance with the weapon and precision of movement. The Team Commander and returning members made the selection of the new members to the team.

Thus the team consists of Cpt. Christopher Nicola as Team Commander, Cpt. Jerry Webb as Assistant Commander, with the following as members: Cpt. DeAndre Grassity, Cpt. Andrew Cole, 1LT Jamie Exon, SFC Eric Torrico, SSG Rodney Webb, SGT Billy Silver and PFC Gabriel Canseco.

Their first performance was during the Homecoming Dance. The

performance was executed with precision and excellent mental preparation. The overall drill took over three weeks to perfect. The hours put in were worthwhile, however, after the applause they received after their performance. This is just one of many drills the Drill Team will perform during the school year.

COMMENDATION RIBBONS AWARDED

A Commendation award recognizes Cadets who perform over and above expectations for his rank and experience, and are recommendations made by the Company Senior Military Advisor. Five Cadets have received this award this school year.

Elliott Lefly received this award for organizing and supervising the cadet detail at the Senior Citizens Prom conducted by St. John's Hospital at the Central Mall. With many scheduling conflicts, he checked out every angle and conducted the Detail in a most professional manner.

Ryan Levitan helped in the kitchen of Christ Cathedral during a Womens Conference in numerous ways, making himself invaluable. He worked hard in a cheerful manner, doing each task assigned, including sorting silverware, folding napkins and assisting in the cooking, seating and serving, representing St. John's in the very best way.

R. Todd Schmidt received this reward by showing a vast amount of improvement since he arrived on campus last year. Not only does he go out of his way to assist Cadets but he is an asset to the Military Department.

Roscoe Teagues was recognized for his assistance with the nurses during morning medicine. With long Cadet lines, he was able to keep the lines quiet and orderly for several days, and also took temperatures of the sick boys.

Casey Underwood voluntarily rendered outstanding assistance to the military staff during shipment of cadets from the Wichita Airport during Thanksgiving fur-lough. Without being directed, he recognized and took control when supervision was needed.

CADETS HELP WITH RECRUITING

Five Cadets have been awarded the Recruiting Ribbon which is awarded to a cadet who has recruited a new boy for attendance at St. John's. These Cadets are Alejandro Blanco, Justin Boren, Michael Gambone, Jonathan Luttwak and David Uribe.

OLD BOYS PROMOTED

The following Old Boys have been promoted since the last Skirmisher.

MAJ DeAndre' Grassity
CPT Chris Allen
CPT Andrew Cole
CPT Chris Nicola
1LT Jeffrey Exon
1LT Lee O'Guin
2LT Ben Dozier
1SG F. Erick Torrico
MSG Wesley Dakan
MSG Casey Underwood
SFC Elliott Lefly
SFC Kevin Munro
SFC James Schultz
SFC Richard Schmidt
SFC Rodney Webb
SSG Marc Anderson
SSG Chris Borland
SSG Geoffrey Hansen
SSG Michael Harris
SSG James Kirk
SSG Rafael Llorente
SSG Jonathan Luttwak
SSG Joseph Miller II
SSG Matt Post
SSG William Silver
SSG David Uribe
SSG F. Paul Vieni
SGT Justin Boren
SGT John Calhoun
SGT James Callahan
SGT Jean Ferrell
SGT Joshua Hestehave
SGT Paul Gorsline
SGT John Irish
SGT Ryan Levitan
SGT Roscoe Teagues
SGT Mark Triebwasser
SGT Ryan Watenpugh
SGT Don Zimmerman, Jr.
CPL Ignacio Aguirre
CPL David Anderson
CPL Matthew Beynon
CPL Alejandro Blanco
CPL Cori Bryant
CPL Zachary Casebolt
CPL Gregory Coleman

CPL Gavin Combs
CPL Joshua Fabia
CPL Fernando Gutierrez
CPL Jonathan Harris
CPL Alex Hernandez
CPL Dustin Jones
CPL Timothy Lanham
CPL Travis Main
CPL Steven Marcy
CPL Newman Merton
CPL John Melton
CPL Victor Palacios
CPL Noah Perez
CPL Donald Renaud
CPL David Rose
CPL Lenard Ruterbories
CPL Joseph Sellers
CPL Danny Truong
CPL Lucas West
CPL Mark Wilson
PFC Barry Anderberg
PFC Blake Beckman
PFC Denis Belsky
PFC Nathan Black
PFC Bryan Bonham
PFC Gabriel Canseco
PFC Jose Canton
PFC Jeremy Carroll
PFC Michael Deering
PFC Paul DeShazo
PFC Charles Devin
PFC Bobby Donlan
PFC Lawrence Elkins
PFC Juis Gonzalez
PFC Colin Guinn
PFC Jung Kim
PFC Christopher Lemmel
PFC Roberto Loyo
PFC Robert McHood
PFC Justin Moore
PFC Jack Neighbors
PFC Kristofer Olson
PFC Jerry Perkins
PFC David Renz
PFC Bruce Rohr
PFC Jason Ross
PFC Adam Rush
PFC Corey Russell
PFC James Rutherford, Jr.
PFC Rodger Shriver
PFC Jarred Vincent
PFC Chris Walling
PFC Jeffrey White
PFC Matthew Young

NEW BOYS EARN OLD BOY STATUS

Twenty New Boys have earned Old Boy status since the last Skirmisher, with the following Company assignments.

Alpha Company:

Christian Chance, Luis Gonzalez, Samuel McElroy and Kristofer Olson.

Bravo Company:

Denis Belsky, Jung Kim, David McCarthy and Christopher Walling.

Charlie Company:

Jason Bredice, Joshua Clark, Jorge Consejo, Juan Ford, Patrick McKnight, Jarrett Nebrich, Steven Palmer, Troy Porter and Elijah Turner.

Delta Company:

Andre Douglas, Clinton Nivison and Richard Shield.

CONGRATULATIONS!

PROFICIENCY RECOGNIZED

The following Cadets have earned the Proficiency ribbon which is awarded to those who display a high degree of leadership, academic achievement and performance of duty during the school year: Marc Anderson, Rafael Llorente, Adam Kramer, Geoff Hansen, Bryan Marvins, Jonathan Luttwak, Ben Dozier, Roscoe Teagues, David Uribe, Keith Sedille, Erick Torrico and Jerry Webb.

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Personal Appearance Ribbon.

This ribbon is awarded to cadets who consistently present an outstanding appearance. Recommendations are made by the Senior Military Advisor.

Recipients are Chris Allen, David Anderson, Mark Anderson, Dustin Boren, Justin Boren, Alex Blanco, Chris Borland, Cori Bryant, James Callahan, R. J. Christensen, Greg Coleman, Ben Dozier, Joshua Fabia, Geoff Hansen, Michael Hummel, Ryan Levitan, Jonathan Luttwak, Edwin McClendon, Bryan Marvins, Newman Merton, Kevin Munro, Efen Murrieta, Bruce Rohr, Keith Sedille, Roscoe Teagues, Erick Torrico, Mark Triebwasser, David Uribe, Eric Wisner and James York.

RIFLE TEAM SELECTIONS MADE

Competition was strong for the 12 active shooting positions on the 1993-94 SJMS Rifle Team as sixty-three cadets tried out. All shooters gave it lots of effort, however the final round of firing found the six highest scorers on the Gold Team, followed by the next six scorers being members of the Blue Team. In addition, there are six cadet shooters on a standby list. Standbys will fire at least one shoulder-to-shoulder match during the season, and may move up to one of the other teams if one of those shooters should have academic or discipline problems.

The members of the 1993-94 Gold Rifle Team are: Lee O'Guin, team captain, Doug Morrison, Sean Radway, Ryan Watenpaugh, Eduardo McKula and David Uribe. The members of the 1993-94 Blue Rifle Team are: James York, team captain, Richard Schmidt, Alejandro Blanco, Bobby McHood and Victor Palacios. Our standbys are Michael Gambone, Barry Anderberg, Jason Ross, Paul Gorsline and Royce Henderson.

GOOD LUCK THIS SEASON TO ALL SHOOTERS!

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Rifle Team Club held it's first meeting of the year during the first week in December and selected club officers. Cadet Lee O'Guin is the President, David Uribe was selected as Vice President, Cadet Doug Morrison was selected as Treasurer and Cadet Sean Radway was selected as the Secretary.

The Club's first order of business was to designate \$75.00 from the club's account to be donated to the local Tri Rivers Detachment of the U.S. Marine Corps League's "Toys for Tots" fund.

HUNTER SAFETY

The Kansas State Rifle Association was on campus 15, 16 and 18 November to provide 26 cadets, signing up, a chance to complete the Kansas State Hunters Safety Course. The course is required for any person born after 12 July 1957 and wants to do any hunting. It's required to keep the certificate until his 27th birthday. The certificate is good in any state. If the certificate is lost, Cadets can call SF Whalen in the JROTC department to get the certificate number, then can send \$5.50 to the Office of the Secretary, Department of Wildlife and Parks, 900 Jackson St., Suite 502, Topeka, Kansas, to get a duplicate. Congratulations to all our Cadets who attended. Happy and Safe Hunting!

RIFLE TEAM COMPETITION

Missouri Military School

The SJMS Gold Rifle Team traveled to Missouri Military Academy on 19 November, for a pre-season non-league match. This was the first competition between the schools in several years.

The Cadets didn't win the contest but a fine effort was turned in. Cadet David Uribe earned his cross rifles while at the match, which means he fires his first expert rating score. Two other cadets, Lee O'Guin and Douglas Morrison, fired expert scores as well. Sean Radway and Alex Blanco rounded out the team. Eduardo McKula went along on the trip as the backup shooter.

Manhattan

The rifle teams opened their regular season against Manhattan on 2 December. The cadets turned in a fine effort on the Kansas State University range, however it wasn't good enough to beat the exceptional firing of the Manhattan team. The final score for the Gold team was 803, Manhattan 942; The Blue Team turned in their first effort with a 524.

Lawrence

Lawrence's team, The Bullet Hole", fired at St. John's rifle range on Saturday, December 11. Steve Hoover, the Bullet Hole coach, brought two members along with him.

The season has been a good one for the rifle team with many excellent improvements since the beginning of the school year.

Even though St. John's didn't win, it was good practice for the team and is one of the only matches against kids our own age. The match was very close with Bullet Hole beating St. John's by only four points, 473 to 469.

For singles, Cindy Hoover, Lawrence, came in first with a 250; Lee O'Guin second with a 247, Steve Borton, Lawrence, third place with a 223, and David Uribe took fourth with a 222.

JROTC SUMMER CAMP PLANNED

Once again it's time to begin the planning phases of the JROTC Summer Camp, held in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the U.S. Air Force Academy. This year the camp will run from 11 - 17 June 94. SJMS has seven "slots" available for participants this year. The criteria for attendance is that the cadets attending must be in good standing in the JROTC academic performance, be enrolled in JROTC in LET level 2, 3 or 4, for the 1994-95 school year. Applications will be accepted beginning in January 1994. Any cadet wanting to apply can get applications from the JROTC Department.

VETERANS DAY FOR THE 106TH CORPS



Unlike public schools, the 106th Corps was very aware of the Holiday, November 11. It may have been a typical school day for most schools across the country but not at St. John's.

Parade

Following a late wake up call, the Corps prepared for a 0930 formation to bus downtown for participation in the community Veterans Day Parade. The color guard, battalion staff, band and companies all looked spectacular, spreading out to about one full city block in length, by far the longest parade entry. The parade concluded with a ceremony at the government center where SJMS provided a backdrop for those assembled for the occasion, with St. John's color guard front and center.

Ceremony

Upon return to campus, the cadets stood at parade rest during the school's annual Veterans Day Program including as guests, members of the Tri River Detachment of the Marine Corps League. Following the reading of the Proclamation by C/SSG Rodney Webb, he recognized veterans among the faculty and staff who served in the military, totaling 432 years of service to our country, as follows:

Army.

SFC Roger Kelsey, 19 years
SFC Tom Hawks, 22 years
SFC Michael Whalen, 20 years
FR. James Cox, 8 years
MAJ Michael Miller, 20 years
Mr. Gene Johnson, 8 years
1SG Amon Tidmore, 21 years
MSG Joe Stewart, 23 years
MSG Danny Ashmore, 20 yrs
SGM Jerry Housley, 27 years
CSM Jerry Bradley, 30 years
CSM Brent Hodges, 30 years
Mr. Dean Chiles, 20 years
SFC Duane King, 14 3/4 yrs
SFC Bobby Yates, 11 years
(Nat'l Guard)
SGM Beryl Reichardt, 30 yrs
SGM Johnnie White, 20 years
COL Kenneth Faerber, 8 yrs

Navy.

Capt. Skip McAlexander, 27 years
Mr. Carl Hensley, 4 years
Mr. Charles Spielman, 7 yrs
SCPO Max Boston, 20 1/2 years

Air Force.

TSGT Lansing Werber, 20 years

Marine Corps.

Mr. Doug Randolph, 2 years

Each member in attendance from the Tri River Detachment Marine Corps League then stood and introduced themselves giving their name and military service. Leading off the introductions was the Commandant, Jan Denny, presenting a gift of the four military service flags to the school, which were mounted and raised during the respective service roll call. As Veterans of each service stood, the service song was played.

Freedom Tree Ceremony

C/PFC David Rose and SFC Roger Kelsey represented the 106th Corps by laying the wreath for those veterans of our armed forces who have served, survived or died for their country. The ceremony continued with the playing of the National Anthem, the Cadet Cannonade read by C/LTC Chad Mathis, the sounding of TAPS and the "Pass in Review" in front of the Vanier Academic Center.

HALLOWEEN HOWLS

Considering what little they have to work with, the Cadets continually come up with very unique costumes for their annual masquerade party. Sponsored by the military department, Ms. "Goblin" Lambert headed the event with a great deal of help from Ms. Brenda McCoy, Middle School secretary. Numerous faculty and staff members assisted with baking goodies, working the booths and donating prizes. Prior to the school's event, Mr. Doug Randolph, Middle School Principal, took the Goobers to various community Halloween events.

THE SKIRMISHER

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Lee O'Guin, President

Adam Burton

Jeffery Exon

David Godin

DeAndre Grassity

Brian McGuire

Doug Morrison

Sean Radway

Daniel Sterk

Tyler Yost

Mrs. Sheri Becker, Advisor



NEW ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER

Roberta Davis joined the SJMS Family in October. Roberta and her husband Bill farmed in the Belleville area for 15 years prior to moving to Salina several years ago. They have a daughter, Melissa, who is a Junior at Salina Central.

If she has any free time, Roberta likes spending time with her family and enjoys counted cross stitch and crochet work.

``CUCKOO'S NEST'' PERFORMANCE

The curtain went down following a great performance by the 6th hour Drama class's production of ``One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest''. The 2-hour long drama was enjoyed by the full Corps several days prior to Christmas furlough. DeAndre Grassity and Andy Cole did a great job in their leading roles but the supporting cast were also excellent.

Supporting roles were provided by James Dishon, Dustin Hearlson, Elliott Lefly, Edwin McClendon, Joseph Miller, Corey Russell, Richard Schmidt, Elijah Turner and Tyler Yost.

Mrs. Sue Harris should be commended for her choice of plays and for her recruitment of a couple female friends who added to this otherwise all-male cast.



CHAPEL RECEIVES GIFT

Captain Skip McAlexander has announced the receipt of a sizeable gift from a former patron. This gift, earmarked for chapel improvements, comes from Ms. Jessie Given, great grandmother of Cadet Daniel Moran, a graduating member of the 105th Corps of Cadets, in memory of his grandfather and Mrs. Given's late son, Don J. Thompson, who attended St. John's as an underclassman from 1941-44.

The refurbishing of the chapel will include the creation of a choir loft, additional pews in the main chapel area, carpeting selected areas, padded kneelers and pews and air conditioning of the entire chapel. Dan Moran writes, ``Every cadet who has attended St. John's will appreciate the padded kneelers.''

Work will begin during the Christmas furlough with a dedication ceremony planned for sometime in the Spring.

TAPS

John F. Barker, 95

Montgomery, Alabama, died July 14 at Montgomery. Born in Saline County on a pioneer homestead he taught at SJMS, the Bennington school system, Colorado University and the Air University at Montgomery before his retirement in 1972.

Richard Lipps, 80

Salina, died August 18. Moving to Salina from Germany in 1968, following a career in the Air Force, Mr. Lipps was a TAC officer at St. John's from 1970 through 1976.

Phoebe Faye Cox, 88

Pueblo, Colorado, died December 5. Mother of Canon Jim Cox, SJMS Chaplain.

MEMORIALS

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

Phoebe Faye Cox, mother of Father James Cox, Chaplain

NEWS FROM TROOP ONE

Boy Scout Troop #1 held its first quarter Court of Honor on 22 November at Christ Cathedral with cadets honored for merit badge work completed and/or advancement in rank.

In October the troop participated in the city wide Scouting for Food program, which benefited the Salina Emergency Food Bank after delivering the collected food, the scouts enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies at Christ Cathedral.

Campouts are popular with the troop. The annual weekend campout was hosted by Specialist John Hogan who camped with the troop at Moon Lake, Ft. Riley. During the time the troop was on the post, they visited all the museums including the territorial capitol, the U.S. Calvary Museum and the cemetery. They also participated in a guard dog demonstration, climbed all over, around and in an apache attack helicopter, and rode the 10-mile historic trail which qualified the boys for their Ft. Riley Historic Trail Patch. Everyone, including the leaders, raved about the fantastic time they had and how great their host was.

The troop has also attended classes in the Planetarium at the Kansas Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, aimed at identifying star constellations. They toured the future astronaut training facilities, were treated to lunch at the Hutchinson Community College Student Union and saw the Omnimax Show "The Discoverers". Normally it would take several weeks of gazing outdoors at the stars to complete the Astronomy Badge, but the boys were able to complete it in one day at the Planetarium.

Cadet Bruce Rohr has joined the troop, consisting of John Calhoun, Ryan Levitan, Joe Miller, Michael Harris, Matt Post, Royce Henderson, Blaine

SPLAT BALL

Deserving cadets had a unique opportunity on Friday, November 12, when they competed in the paintball Survival Game, advertised as the challenge of the 21st Century.

The Survival Game/Splat Ball, presented by Perpetual Motion Promotions, was operated in what they fondly call "The Disaster Area", was set up in an area at the National Guard Armory range. A game of tactics, strategy, teamwork and individual effort, proved to be exhilarating and just plain fun!

The most unique aspect of the game is the use of the "Splatmaster" marking pistol which shoots a marble sized 68

YOUTH TASK FORCE

For those of you new to the name, the Youth Task Force is a group of teenagers from Salina area schools who get together and organize drug free activities. St. John's members include Elliott Lefly, Lee O'Guin, Royce Henderson and Daniel Robinson. This various school grouping is a good way for St. John's to get involved with the community and to help out with it's welfare.

Many meetings have gone on since the beginning of the school year, one of which was organized by and led by St. John's cadets. The Youth Task Force looks forward to many more drug-free accomplishments.



cal. water soluble, biodegradable, paint pellet, powered by a 12 gram Co2 gas cartridge. The pistols are accurate up to a range of 100 feet. The game is played with as few as 2 and up to as many as 50 players, on teams that will range from 1 to 25 players. The object of the game is to accumulate the most points by capturing flags, infiltrating your opponents strong holds and eliminating players, all the while dodging splat balls yourself. The splatballs provide undisputable evidence that an opponent has been hit by leaving a colored splat ("Hence the name SPLAT BALL"). The Disaster Area set up on the National Guard Armory range, has walls, bunkers, hills, holes, crevices, cover, jungle like vegetation, and much much more, adding a significant element of suspense to the game.

Safety goggles were provided and had to be worn at all times during the game, and all other safety rules were rigidly enforced. Two teams made up from 50 honor student cadets took part in the event.

NICOLA, MARVINS LEAD ST. JOHN'S INTO SEASON

Muleskinners' wrestling team sports experience

By the Salina Journal Staff

The return of a state qualifier and a second letterman has St. John's Military School wrestling coach Devon Walter in a comfortable position.

He not only has returning leadership, but returning talent.

"Chris Nicola, a returning letterman and state qualifier, and Bryan Marvins, a returning letterman, are both juniors," Walter said. "Both are showing good, positive team leadership and have ignited enthusiasm among the team's younger wrestlers."

Nicola and Marvins provide the Muleskinners with a solid anchor in its heavy weight classes.

Nicola, wrestling at 171, finished last year with an 18-12 record and a trip to the Class 4A state championships in Wichita. Marvins is the Muleskinners' heavyweight and finished last year 14-14.

Other top returners for St. John's are: Efren Murrietta (soph., 119), Tim Lanham (soph., 130), David Godin (sr. 145) and Jeremy Breems (soph., 135).

All of St. John's experience and depth at the heavier weights is offset by inexperience in its lighter weights.

"With several new upper weight wrestlers interacting with returning lettermen, St. John's should be two or three deep in the upper weights," Walter said. "Many freshmen and sophomores make up the lighter weights which lack the experience to make us a dual team powerhouse."

The Muleskinners' strengths and team attitude should make them a solid team in a tournament setting.

"The team's chemistry is looking positive," Walter said. "We could be a successful tournament team."

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

(SJMS Reporter, 12/10/93)

After events with Osborne, Clay Center and Chapman, Bryan Marvins has a 5-1 record holding 2 pins and one 3rd place; Chris Nicola, 4-1, holds 2 pins and a 2nd place (Nicola is ranked

6th in the State in his class); Michael Deering, 2-3, one decision; David Godin, 2-3, pinned the 5th ranked boy in State in his division; and Alex Hernandez, 1-2. Other wrestlers on the 1993-94 cadet team are: Bobby Donlay, James Callahan, Tim Lanham, Corey Russell, Zachary Casebolt, Travis Main, Daniel Davidson, Jay Baerns, Elliott Lefly and Adrian Acon. Managers are Joshua Vansickle, Joe Miller and Robert Nylen

SJMS's NICOLA PLACES FIRST AT MINNEAPOLIS

(Reprint from Salina Journal, 12-12-93)

MINNEAPOLIS - St. John's Military's Chris Nicola made the most of a first-round bye and won a pair of matches to win the 171 lb. division Saturday at the Minneapolis Invitational wrestling tournament.

Nicola, 10-1, pinned Larned's Bob Richardson in the second round and then won a 14-3 decision over Marysville's Jake Slupianek for the title.

"His record is now 10-1 and he's pinned nine of the 10 wins. He wrestled real aggressive," St. John's coach Devon Walter said.

The Muleskinners also took home two other medals.

Heavyweight Bryan Marvins bounced back from a first-round loss to Marysville's Jeff Turner by pinning two opponents and then pinning Turner for third place. Marvins is now 10-2.

Newcomer Alex Hernandez placed fourth for St. John's in the 189 lb. division. The fifth seed at the tournament, Hernandez is now 4-4.

"Chris (Nicola) and Bryan (Marvins) are returning lettermen and Alex (Hernandez) is a new kid on the team. The other two have really helped him out," Walter said.

St. John's took seventh as a team with 49 points, while Southeast of Saline placed eighth (43).

Southeast heavyweight Eric Reed placed second, While Matt Schreiner (160) and Jason Wampler (145) both placed fourth.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CADETS VS. FACULTY

The gymnasium was the scene for great competition when the Middle School Cadets took on the faculty during some heated Volleyball games. But with two games completed, the teachers have met the challenge, with scores of 14-4 and 14-3 respectfully.

SJMS COMPETE IN CITY LEAGUE

Chuck Speilman, Kelly Rudolph, Clay Urbanek, Roy Lawrence and Keith Jensen have teamed up to represent St. John's in the City Basketball League. The league is sponsored by the Salina Parks and Recreation Commission.

The team has started out with a 3-0 record. WOW!

FALL ATHLETIC SPORTS RECOGNIZED

At the completion of each varsity sports season, the Varsity Athletic Ribbon is awarded to the Cadets who excels in a varsity sports. He must also earn the varsity sports letter. The following Cadets qualified for their participation in Varsity Football: Chris Allen, David Godin, DeAndre Grassity, Bryan Marvins, Jason Merrifield, Chris Nicola, Todd Schmidt, Casey Underwood, David Uribe, Jerry Webb and Don Zimmerman.

The following Cadets qualified for Middle School Football:

Keenon Babcock, Chris Borland, Cori Bryant, Colin Guinn, Sean Hoover, Joe Katin, Steve Marcy, Matt Post, Adam Rush, Lenard Ruterbories, Joe Sellers, Russ Wasinger and Damian Wilson.

The following Cadets are authorized to wear the Middle School Varsity Athletic Ribbon for Track: Keenon Babcock, Chris Borland, Sean Hoover, Joe Sellers and Ryan Watenpaugh.

VARSITY BASKETBALL STRUGGLING

St. John's opened their Eisenhower League season on December 3 by downing Cornerstone, Topeka, with a 50-48 win but have struggled offensively since that first game, with losses to St. Xavier, on December 7 and to St. Mary's on December 10.

Solomon whips St. John's, stays unbeaten

The Cadets last game before Christmas furlough came on December 14 against unbeaten Solomon. The Cadets threw the ball away 18 times in the first half with the Gorillas' pressure defense giving Solomon a 51-26 lead going into the second half.

"The game was decided early by our inability to handle their press," Coach Clay Urbanek said of his 1-3 Muleskinners. "In the second half we came out with a different attitude and were able to play with them over the final half. We made some adjustments and were effective stopping the baseline in the second half."

Leading the charge for St. John's was Juan Ford, a 5-9 freshman. Ford pounded the boards in the second half, finishing with a double-double. His 14 points and 14 rebounds were team highs for the Muleskinners. Blaine Asher had 11 for St. John's.

The two teams combined for 55 turnovers, with Solomon holding a slight rebounding advantage (42-39).

St. John's Varsity Basketball team will have a month to prepare for Bennington as it will not take to the court until January 14.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE REMAINING

Upper School

14 Jan	Bennington (Home)
17-22 Jan	LEAGUE TOURNEY
24 Jan	Wakefield (Home)
25 Jan	Hope
1 Feb	Solomon (Home)
4 Feb	White City
8 Feb	Tescott
11 Feb	Centre (Home)
26 Feb	St. Mary's Academy (Home)

Middle School

13 Jan	Bennington
20 Jan	Geneseo
22 Jan	Living Word (Home)
27 Jan	Marquette

OLD BOY CORNER - Where are they now?

Class of '46

Ralph P. ``Bill'' Bliss

(his wife is Connie Clem)
14263 W. Powderhorn Dr.
Surprise, AZ 85374
Phone 602 546-2050
(Ruth Clem will be staying
with them during February
and March. Her number is
602 214-0202.)

Class of '58

Alan Thiessen

305 East
Chestermere Dr.
Chestermere, Alberta T1X
1A2
A Christmas Letter was
received from Alan and his
wife, Chris.

Attended 1965-67

Ken Shopen

10401 Lamar Ave.
Overland Park, KS 66207

Class of '69

**The Rev. C. Eric
Funston, Rector**

St. Francis of Assisi
Episcopal Church
PO Box 65
Stillwell, KS 66085

Class of '70

**Jimmie Lee A.
Armstrong**

6822 Snowbird Terrace
Colorado Springs, CO
80918

Class of '74

Dana Tretheway

1011 Kirby Ave.
Lubbock, TX 79416

Class of '85 Fernando de Saracho

7867 E. Linden Ct.
Tucson AZ 85715

Fernando writes that he
hasn't seen or heard from
any of his classmates and
asked for a mailing list.
He shares that he has been
importing and exporting
food from and to Mexico
from the USA, and plans
to attend the University of
Arizona for the second
time in Business Adminis-
tration and Finance in
1964. He sends his best
wishes to staff who were
here in 1985 and wants to
share the following with
current Cadets: ``Study
very hard and prepare the
most that you can cleanly
and with healthy habits,
Morally, Physically and
Spiritually. For life is the
longest and Wildest
rollercoaster that you will
ride.''

Class of '91

Tom Lyon Wilson

Attending Norwich
University in Northfield,
Vermont. In November,
Tom earned his ``recognition'' as a cadet, ending
his three months ``rooks''
intense military training.
which is received by all
Freshman.

OTHER Former Members of the SJMS Family:

The Rev. Donald Overton

has retired as rector of
Holy Spirit Episcopal
Church, Bellevue, NE and
will enter a doctoral
program at the University
of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Mrs. LasRue Mueller

200 S. Emerald Dr., #82
Vista, CA 92083
Mrs. Miller, widow of
Wilbert Mueller, the
school's Business Manager
and Guidance Counselor in
the 1940's, stopped by the
campus for a visit after 30
some years. She was still
expecting to see the St.
Barnabus Hospital and Vail
Hall. She says she still has
contact with Bishop Bob
Mize and a former faculty
member, Ms. Bonnie
Houser, both residing in
California.

Honorary Member, Class of 79

Kyle Duckers

83100 Manitoba #206
Playa Del Rey, CA 90293
Kyle and his wife, Larina,
have a baby girl, Lisa
Christine, 8 lbs. 10 oz.,
born September 27.

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