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Chairman of the Board of Plus Systems, Inc. To Speak

Stephen Hirsch, Chairman of the Board of Plus Systems, Inc., will give the address during Commencement ceremonies on Sunday morning, May 15.

Along with being Chairman of the Board of Plus Systems, Inc., he also serves on The New York Cash Exchange and the Medic Alert Foundation, and serves on a number of Visa Committees including Electronic Banking, Debit Card and the International ATM Advisory Committee.

Currently the Director of Administration, Product & Production Risk Management and Retail Payment Strategies for the Chase Regional Bank, Mr. Hirsch, in his 27 years with The Chase Manhattan Bank, has previously held senior management positions in Marketing, International Cash Management, Credit Card Business Management, Strategic Planning and Data Processing.

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Stephen Hirsch

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

Schedule of Events

Friday, 13 May

1:00 PM Conferences
4:15 PM Reception, East Lawn
5:00 PM Retreat Parade

Saturday, 14 May

7:50 AM Flag Raising Ceremony
8:00 AM Browning Scholarship
Dedication
8:15 AM Continental Breakfast
10:30 AM Military Awards Ceremony
12:30 PM Foundation Luncheon
2:00 PM Academic Awards
Convocation
& Eighth Grade Graduation
7:00 PM Military Ball 1994

Sunday, 15 May

8:15 AM Senior/Junior Eucharist
9:15 AM Freedom Tree Ceremony
10:00 AM
Commencement

Andrew Cole takes over Command

Captain Skip McAlexander, President, announced the appointment of Senior cadet, Andrew Cole, son of Dennis and Kathryn Cole of Ft. Collins, to the rank of Cadet Lt. Colonel and to the position of Battalion Commander of the 106th Corps of Cadets.

This appointment, the highest attainable rank for a cadet, gives Cole command over the school's total student body. President McAlexander said Cole was chosen for the command because of his maturity and leadership abilities.

C/LTC Cole is completing his third year of High School at St. John's.



President's Message Capt. Skip McAlexander

One of my concerns as President this year has been the amount of stress that is placed on our cadet leaders. To do a "good job" as Battalion Commander, Company Commander, or any of the other responsible positions, requires a considerable amount of time. This occurs at the same time the cadets should be preparing for college and participating in high school sports. The result is that some of our leaders are pulled in more directions than most 15 or 16 year old boys can handle.

To help with this, I have decided to change the way we assign cadets to leadership positions. While we are still studying exactly how to change things, something like the following scenario will take place. Rather than name a Battalion Commander and senior staff in May and leave them in place for a year, we will have three sets of leaders. One set will be named in May and will hold their positions until the Thanksgiving break. At that time we will rotate the cadets to different positions and a new group will serve until the Spring break. After the Spring break we will have a final rotation and assign positions for the Formal Inspection and Commencement Week activities.

I know that this will not be universally popular with our cadets. Change is always difficult and the St. John's system is something they care about very much. But I can assure you that we have given this idea a lot of thought and discussion, and that the time has come for some degree of change.

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Academic Dean's Message LTC Kenneth Faerber

In my other articles I've addressed the smooth professional administrative transition and a myriad of school activities that support the academic and military programs. Now I wish to share with you ideas for future changes. I've asked students and teachers to assist me with the curriculum planning and implementation.

During students pre-enrollment in April we discussed St. John's requirements and our students had the opportunity for elective input. We talked about many of the possible curriculum changes. In the middle school we wish to continue and improve the new Spanish program, alter the seventh hour physical education and health so more time may be given to health subjects, and greatly improve the computer lab.

The upper school may see two-hour block courses of Art and Ed. Tech classes, more physical education classes, JROTC classes throughout the curriculum instead of just eighth hour, the addition of a Biology II course and more cross-curriculum teaching.

All of these efforts are to improve the quality of education, help reduce class sizes and meet cadet needs.

In closing, I want to thank President McAlexander for making this major administrative change smooth and tranquil, the teachers/coaches for their professional dedication in constantly striving to improve the cadets quality of life, and yes, to the cooperation and positive leadership of the 106th Corps of Cadets -- THANK YOU!

REGIONAL FORMAL INSPECTION RESULTS

The annual Formal Inspection for the 106th Corps of Cadets was conducted on April 12 and 13. This is the first year for the modified inspection process, that now has three steps as opposed to the past process of a one day inspection.

The inspection process is broken into the following:

The Formal Inspection of cadets counts for 60% of the total score for evaluation purposes. The Unit Visit is conducted to inspect the administrative record and logistical accountability of property and supplies. This counts for 20% of the total score. The final evaluation step is The Unit Report. This counts for 20% of the score and includes a documented file of Corps activities throughout the school year.

The 106th Corps of Cadets received their Formal Inspection by the Professor of Military Science from Kansas State University, Major Steljas. Members of his team were MSG Kidwell, SFC Wise and Cpt Wedge. The inspection team was very impressed with the Corps demeanor and performance and gave them a rating of 99.5%. An excellent mark to receive!

On April 13, the Unit Visit was conducted by LTC Riddle from 4th ROTC Brigade Headquarters. His inspection was a review of all documents kept by the JROTC Cadre Staff. This inspection resulted in a 100% rating!

The final step of the inspection was completed on 14 April when the JROTC staff forwarded the Unit Report to Fourth Region. We have surpassed every requirement on this document and should receive a 100% rating on this as well.

In order for the Corps to be allowed to continue to wear the Gold Honor Unit with Distinction Star, the unit must earn 90% or higher on the inspection.

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Jessie Given Honored

Ms. Jessie Given, Alabama, and her great grandson, Daniel Moran, "Old Boy" Class of '93, were on campus during Easter weekend. She was recognized following the chapel service for her gift to refurbish the chapel, including air conditioning, the creation of a choir loft, additional pews, carpeting, padded kneelers and pew cushions.

Ms. Given was read the plaque recognizing her recent gift and this plaque is now on display in the Chapel entrance. She was also presented a U.S. Flag which was flown over the nation's capitol building on February 16, which was Ash Wednesday. The flag was presented in a walnut display box constructed by Mr. Gene Johnson, a St. John's faculty member.



Pictured from left, LTC Joel Looney, Vice President; Ms. Jessie Given, Daniel Moran, Canon Jim Cox and 1SG Amon Tidmore, Military Advisor.

Eleanor Crangle joins Support Staff

Working on her Bachelor of Social Work degree at Bethany College, which she expects to receive in May, Eleanor Crangle is a practicum student and has been working with Mrs. Susan Jednoralski, St. John's Social Worker, this semester.

Living in McPherson, Eleanor admits she has little time for hobbies, as she works two part-time jobs other than her time spent on campus, including her work at the M.C.D.S. in McPherson, a residential facility for retarded adults.

Eleanor is a very warm and caring person. Perhaps this comes natural, being one of nine children in her family.



Eleanor Crangle

Three students receive Sacrament of Confirmation

Geoff Hansen of Evergreen, Colorado, Chris Bauck of Leoti, Kansas and David Uribe of Dallas, Texas, received the Sacrament of Confirmation according to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church on Sunday, March 6, 1994 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Salina. The young men have been studying in preparation for the sacrament, attending religious education classes on Wednesday nights. They were joined by their parents for the celebration as well as ten other students from Salina Catholic and public schools.

Fred Gatschet, associate pastor of the Cathedral, commented on how impressed he was with the quality of the St. John's students. "The program of discipline and rigor that the boys participate in is evident in their behavior. I know I can always count on the St. John's guys to cooperate and participate in class," Fr. Gatschet reported. "They have been a fine addition to the group."

President's Message

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Other schools use this type of system and we are looking at what parts of other systems can be used successfully here.

Our goal is to help our students develop their leadership skills to the maximum level possible. We need to find ways to do that which are compatible with the academic and social demands placed on them.

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OLD BOYS PROMOTED

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

LTC Andrew Cole
CPT Jeffery Exon
CPT Lee O'Guin
1LT Benjamin Dozier
1LT Bryan Marvins
1LT Christopher Nicola
1LT Rodney Webb
2LT Daniel Davidson
2LT William Silver
2LT J. Erick Torrico
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1SG Jonathan Luttwak
MSG Marc Anderson
MSG Geoffrey Hansen
MSG James Kirk
MSG David Uribe
SFC Jeremy Baerns
SFC John Calhoun III
SFC John Irish
SFC Rafael Llorente
SFC Kevin McNamara
SFC Victor Wu
SSG Carlos Bejarano
SSG Denis Belsky
SSG Alejandro Blanco
SSG Cori Bryant
SSG Zachary Casebolt
SSG Gregory Coleman
SSG Fernando Gutierrez
SSG Alex Hernandez
SSG Joshua Hestehave
SSG Diego Machado
SSG Travis Main
SSG Eduardo Mc'Kula
SSG John Melton
SSG Newman Merton
SSG Milo Mitchell
SSG Victor Palacios
SSG Noah Perez
SSG David Rose
SSG Mark Triebwasser
SSG Danny Truong
SSG Tyler Yost
SGT David Anderson
SGT Keenon Babcock
SGT Dustin Boren
SGT Jason Bredice
SGT Ted Bundy
SGT Jorge Consejo
SGT Michael Deering
SGT Juan Ford
SGT Luis Gonzalez-

Quevedo
SGT Toby Harris
SGT Garett Hensing
SGT Seth Jucker
SGT Jung Kim
SGT Corey Russell
SGT Christopher Walling
SGT Ryan Watenpaugh
SGT Eric Wisner
SGT Matthew Young
CPL James Bennett
CPL Christian Chance
CPL Micah Charles
CPL James Dishon
CPL Joseph Garlow
CPL Jason Heitzman
CPL Joseph Koehler
CPL Timothy Lanham
CPL Steven MacWilliams
CPL Patrick McKnight
CPL Patrick Moore
CPL Efren Murrieta
CPL Jerry Perkins
CPL Charles Peschel
CPL Justin Romero
CPL Adam Rush
CPL Michael Townsend
PFC Jonathon Aaker
PFC David Montgomery
PFC Justin Moore
PFC John Prest
PFC Philip Scarborough
PFC Bryan Werner
PFC Matthew Weygandt
PFC James York
PFC Nicholas Aaker
PFC Barry Anderberg
PFC Joshua Cantrell
PFC Juan Chavarri
PFC Pablo Garmy
PFC Colin Guinn
PFC Michael Hummel
PFC Jerald Jerdin
PFC John Lusk
PFC Seth Nelson
PFC Robert Neu
PFC Clinton Nivison
PFC Brian Nordhus
PFC Michael O'Halloran
PFC Kevin Travis
PV2 Daryl Banzet
PV2 Adam Kramer
PV2 Jack Neighbors
PV2 Chris Ramias
PV2 Bruce Rohr
PV2 Richard Shield

CADET CHALLENGE HELD APRIL 2

All Cadets successfully completing the Cadet Challenge were authorized the Physical Fitness Ribbon for either the Upper School or the Middle School.

As a result of the Challenge, the following Cadets also qualified for the Best Platoon and were authorized the ROTC Athletic Ribbons: Jonathon Aaker, Keenon Babcock, Joshua Cantrell, Jeremy Carroll, Micah Charles, Juan Chavarri, Paul Deshazo, Colin Guinn, Jonathan Harris, Joseph Koehler, Chris Ramias, Bobby Ruppel, Lenard Ruterbories, Daniel Seitz, Mark Triebwasser, Jarred Vincent, Russell Wasinger, Jorge Consejo, Joshua Hestehave, Patrick McKnight, Douglas Morrison, Donald Renaud, Michael Tilley and Erick Torrico.

James Callahan earns II Rating

James Callahan earned a Two rating at the Regional Music Contest held at Russell High School on April 9. James was accompanied at the piano by Gwen Warner, a retired music teacher from Solomon, Kansas.

He was assigned the first time slot in the trumpet solo room and enjoyed the benefit of having his father and younger brother in the audience. His family made the five-hour trip from their Colorado home to cheer James on.

James played a trumpet solo entitled "August Moon" by Deemer. The solo is in the style of the three part song form and offered James the chance to work on many different aspects of his trumpet playing. He used free time after school to practice his solo and worked with Mrs. Stein after school on Fridays. Cadet Callahan plans to compete during his sophomore, junior and senior years, where he can proudly show his II rating while only a freshman. Congratulations James!!!

New Boys Earn Old Boy Status

Ten New Boys have earned Old Boy status and promoted to the rank of PV2 since the last Skirmisher:

Juan Chavarri, Bravo Co.; Jeffery Ewert, Alpha Co.; Pablo Garmy, Charlie Co.; Bradley Issler, Alpha Co.; Jonathan Lusk, Delta Co.; Mario Mandina, Charlie Co.; Brian Nordhus, Bravo Co.; Philip Scarborough, Bravo Co.; Daniel Seitz, Charlie Co.; Michael Tilley, Charlie Co.; and Jeffery Ewert, Alpha Co. Aaron Abel received Old Boy Status and was promoted to PFC with Bravo Co.

David Rose Tops Honor Roll

Making the Academic Dean's Honor Roll for the Third Grading Period from the Upper School is David Rose, 98.25; Jonathan Luttwak, 98.12; Daniel Davidson, 95.62; Eduardo Mc'Kula, 95.37; Benjamin Dozier, 95.12; Sean Radway, 95.00; Jung Kim, 94.62; Geoffrey Hansen, 94.37 and Joseph Miller, 94.00. From the Middle School are Mark Triebwasser, 94.13; Colin Guinn, 93.88 and Seth Nelson, 93.63.

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 Upper School Blue Berets are David Rose, Jonathan Luttwak and Daniel Davidson. The Middle School Blue Berets are Mark Triebwasser, Colin Guinn and Seth Nelson.

Honorable Mention

Cadets earning a place on the Academic Dean's Honorable Mention are as follows: R. J. Christensen, 93.87; Erick Torrico, 93.62; Daniel Robinson, 93.14; Jeremy Baerns, 92.87; Christian Chance, 92.75; Travis Main, 92.75; Victor Palacios, 92.75; Michael Seeney, 92.50; Jason Merrifield, 92.42; Jason Bredice, 92.37; Blaine Moller, 92.37; Douglas Morrison, 92.25; Chad Mathis, 92.00; Christopher Allen, 91.62; Tyson Farmer, 91.37; David Montgomery, 91.37; Elliott Lefly, 91.33; Rafael Llorente, 91.25; Christopher Bauck, 91.25; Alex Hernandez, 91.12; Victor Wu, 91.12; John Irish, 90.75; Wesley Dakan, 90.62; Andrew Cole, 90.50; Christopher Ramias, 90.37; Nicholas Aaker, 90.25; Bradley Issler, 90.25; John Calhoun, 90.00; James Callahan, 90.00; Joseph Garlow, 90.00; Jeb Huggler, 90.00; Jorge Consejo, 89.87; Roscoe Teagues, 89.87; Kevin Munro, 89.75; Matthew Newman, 89.75; Danny Truong, 89.75; Christopher Lemmel, 89.62; Gabriel Canseco, 89.25; Kevin McNamara, 89.00 and Mark Wilson, 89.00.

Honorable Mention from the Middle School are Keenon Babcock, 93.50; Justin Romero, 93.13; Stephen McClure, 92.57; Justin Coones, 91.75; Rodger Shriver, 91.38; David Anderson, 91.25; Brandon Kuhn, 91.25; Pablo Garmy, 91.00; Ignacio Aguirre, 90.86; Matt Post, 90.13; Eric Wisner, 89.75; Luke West, 89.71; Stephen McDonald, 89.50; Juan Ayala, 89.38 and Mike Harris, 89.38.

Our congratulations for a job well done!

An Experience with the 425th Trans Co.

by Noah Perez

One Platoon dead and the communication center wiped out. This is one scene witnessed by cadets Noah Perez and Jason Ross on the weekend of February 18. The two cadets spent the night with the 425th Transport Company and accompanied them on a mission which was a simulation of Bosnia.

The purpose of this simulation was to keep the troops prepared for situations so that if any did surface the 425th would be ready. The job of the 425th is to haul fuel from one destination to another. Over the weekend the cadets watched as the commander, Captain Will Merrill, led his crew in every situation which arose. There were chemical attacks on the crew and much more. Along with Captain Merrill were his executive officer Lieutenant Bradley and his first sergeant, First Sergeant Tillmore.

In an interview with Captain Merrill the Cadets were informed that the 425th does this type of thing about once a month for two days. When asked why Captain Merrill does what he does, he replied "I miss the sense of dedication in an American soldier." Good words spoken by a good man. Over all, the 425th is, in our book, a well trained company and highly respectable. To the 425th we give a big St. John's Salute!

COMMENDATIONS RECEIVED

The following cadets have been authorized to wear the Commendation Ribbon:

Juan Ford and Newman Merton were both commended for their participation in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service sponsored by the MLK Jr. Ad Hoc Committee.

Jung Kim was commended for providing services for the Battalion Staff that was above and beyond the call of duty. Kim helped organize the staff by drawing up the briefing charts used in the F.I. briefings and the briefing given to the International Reading Association.

LaVerne Stika was commended for his courtesy, helpfulness and thoughtfulness in his continuing assistance to Mrs. Reed who runs the Recreation Center Snack Bar. He helps with the clean-up of the Center and in any other way that he can. He also walks Mrs. Reed to her car during the hours of darkness. By his actions, Cadet Stika has brought credit upon himself, Bravo Company and the 106th Corps of Cadets.

WRESTLING SEASON ENDS Marvins represents SJMS at State

Missing State by Just one match last year, Bryan Marvins was back this year for revenge, wrestling aggressively at regionals.

On arrival at Fort Hays Colesium, he was ready. Marvins practiced on the mat to get use to the atmosphere. On the big day, after waiting for several hours, he stuck with the kid from Rossville but lost by decision. His next match wasn't for awhile, but he stayed focused and pumped up and won his next match 7-6 against a kid. He made it to the second day.



That night Coach Walter and Marvins relaxed at the motel and played some pool. The next day Marvins was nervous but focused on the match. He tried a few moves, but his opponent was "bigger than an OX". Even though Marvins lost, Walter said "I am still proud of the weekend's performance, and I can't wait to have him back next year for his senior year."

Middle School Has Good Year

The Linger wrestling squad had a short season but performed very well. With a season total of 98 matches, some of the win/loss records were: Andre Douglas 10-0, Keenon Babcock 2-1, Steve Marcy 2-1, Micah Charles 4-1, Matt Beynon 5-2, and Cori Bryant 3-2.

Most of the cadets had never wrestled before and Major Randolph hopes many will return next year. "This would give us an experienced base to build on," stated Randolph. Mr. Walter, the varsity coach, is in hopes that Cori Bryant, Lenard Ruterbories, Matt Beynon, Micah Charles, and Mike Harris go out for varsity wrestling next year. All of the wrestlers did a great job this season and many are looking forward to track.

Tournament Success

Andre Douglas gave up a couple of days of his Spring break to wrestle at the Delphos Junior High Wrestling Invitational. The tournament was held on Saturday, March 12 at Delphos. Andre defeated: Bachholz of Kanopolis: 5-0; Stroede of Kanopolis: 12-7; Aytes of Delphos: 19-2; Penn of Delphos: Pin (in 20 seconds)

Major Randolph was very pleased. "Both of the Kanopolis boys entered the tournament with only one loss between them and have been involved in wrestling. "I knew it would be tough for a first year wrestler in any tournament." Andre received a first place gold medal and ended the year with a 14-0 record. Congratulations, Andre!



TRACK SQUAD PERFORMS

The St. John's track squad recently had a fine outing at the Smoky Valley Track Meet held at S.E. Saline because of scheduling conflicts. Once again St. John's was one of the smallest schools invited to the meet but managed to put up several fine performances against some of the top squads in the area.

Although no medals were awarded to the cadets, almost every single athlete was able to improve their own personal bests. Some of the most improved athletes are as follows:

4x800 Relay, Anderson, Hansen, Merrifield and Seeney; 110 Hurdles, Truong; 1600M, O'Guin and Bejarano; 400M, Hansen; 3200M, Bejarano; 4x400, Anderson, Hansen, Seeney and Merrifield; Shot Put, Bundy; Discus, Anderson; Long Jump, Seeney; Triple Jump, Christiansen.

The Cadets will next be in action on April 22 at Wilson.

REGIONAL FORMAL INSPECTION

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Official word of the inspection results won't come until August, however it seems clear that the 106th Corps of Cadets have once again excelled and secured our Honor Unit with Distinction status. **Great job cadets!**

MOCK ACCIDENTS USED IN TRAINING

Juniors and Seniors attending Salina area schools assembled at the Central High School parking lot on the morning of April 18 to witness accident scenes set up as part of a disaster training session.

The re-enactments were as realistic as possible, with banged-up cars, emergency crews rolling in, victims being cut from cars, medical care being provided and helicopters from Topeka and Wichita landing to care for the critically injured. And while the bodies were being cleared away, law enforcement personnel, the police chaplains and the student actors talked about their experiences with drinking and driving.

Hopefully, the message "drunken driving kills" will make a difference at a time when students across the country will be attending proms and graduation parties.

Student actors in the mock accident scenes included two St. John's cadets, Jason Merrifield and William Silver. Their scene was also selected for the television news coverage on Channel 3, Wichita, which was viewed later that same evening.

Included in the approximately 3,000 students attending this training session were the St. John's senior cadets. The hour long session ended with a very emotional reading from a Salinan who lost her son due to a fatal accident a few days prior to his graduation, four years ago. It was a very sobering conclusion.

SJMS Band Plays in Massed Band

The St. John's Military School Band was one of several league schools to participate in the League Massed Band Clinic on March 8.

St. John's worked on the massed band music through much of January and February in preparation for the event which began with an enjoyable trip to Hope, Kansas on a big yellow school bus (bumps and all).

Upon arrival the day began with a massed band rehearsal that lasted about an hour and a half. The morning rehearsal was followed by a lunch break with yummy sack lunches provided by the school's Marriot food service. The better part of the afternoon was spent polishing up the music and meeting girls during the breaks. The conductor for the day, the band director from Kansas State University, did an excellent job helping the students interpret the music and play as a unit.

The massed band totalled approximately 150 students which gave the cadets a totally different performing experience. Following the day's activities, the band traveled to nearby Herrington, Kansas for dinner at the Dairy Queen. The cadets managed to eat a very well-balanced meal that evening!!

The day ended with an evening concert attended by parents and friends. Cadet Mark Triebwasser brought a tape machine along and managed to record the evening concert. The bus ride home was uneventful and quiet, for the cadets had worn themselves out playing their instruments for seven hours!!!

Rifle Team earns Varsity Letters

The shooters of the SJMS shooting Muleskinners were awarded their varsity athletic letters for the 1993-94 shooting season. To qualify for the varsity letter, shooters had to accumulate 1,000 points. Points are awarded for each shoulder to shoulder match, for shooting postal matches and placing first, second or third in an NRA sanction JROTC match.

Athletes Lettering this year are Lee O'Guin, Douglas Morrison, Sean Radway, Barry Anderberg and Eduardo McKula. The captain of the 1994-95 Rifle Team was announced at the awards presentation. David Uribe received his varsity letter as well as being named to the position of the new Team Captain.

Shooting for Gold

The SJMS Rifle Team ended it's season on March 10. Each year shooters are awarded medals for the top three season averages. For the 93-94 season, the gold medal goes to Cadet Lee O'Guin who maintained a 234 average for the season. O'Guin is a senior and will be going on to college.

Cadet Barry Ayala is awarded the silver medal for maintaining a 216 average. The bronze medal goes to Cadet David Uribe who maintained an average of 214 for the season.

The following cadets are all first year shooters and did a fine job. Doug Morrison, with a season average of 202; Sean Radway, a senior, with an average of 198; and Eduardo McKula, with an average of 170. We hope to have all the first year shooters back in August for the Kansas State Junior Olympic Shooting Camp.

Nice job, Rifle Team!

Bobby Rock Visit

Internationally known drummer Bobby Rock visited the Band and Middle School Music class on Tuesday, March 22. Bobby's visit was made possible through the fine folks at Midwest Music in downtown Salina. Bobby was in town as part of his month-long tour of the United States to promote Sabian cymbals.

Bobby took time out of his busy Salina schedule to come out to St. John's and visit with the cadets about life-styles and playing the drums. Mr. Rock advocates a healthy life-styles comprised of a vegetarian diet, complete abstinence from drugs and alcohol, and hard work at the drum set. Bobby answered several questions about the life of a rock and roll star. He is currently a member of the rock group "Nelson" and continues to play drums as a studio musician in the L.A., California area.

Mrs. Stein set up the St. John's drum set in hopes that Bobby would be tempted to play. It worked. Bobby treated the students to a drum solo that will not soon be forgotten.



Bobby Rock

Rifleteam Round Up

by Lee O'Guin

It has been a great year for the rifle team at St. John's. A lot was learned during the year and scores were improved dramatically. The whole team, excluding the rifle captain, were first year participants. Next year's rifle captain will be David Uribe. Unlike this year, more than likely there will be at least a few return shooters along with the returning captain.

Finishing up the year as seniors are Sean Radway and Lee O'Guin. Both members are happy with the year's results. It has been a proud year for the rifle team and next year has great promise.

Stephen Hirsch

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Along with other close friends and associates of D. Dale Browning, Mr. Hirsch will be on campus during the weekend for the naming of the first recipient of the D. Dale Browning Scholarship.

Mr. Hirsch is a graduate of the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania with a degree in economics and graduate of the Advanced Management Program at the Tuck School, Dartmouth College.

Forensics Is Doing Well

by DeAndre' Grassity

The Forensic Team has been doing a good job competing in recent competitions. Coached by Mrs. Harris, the team has had many after school practices. At the first meet at SE Saline, Chris Nicola and Todd Schmidt came in first place with their Born on the Fourth of July Duet. DeAndre' Grassity and Edwin McClendon came in fourth in improvised duet acting as well as Mike Seeney and Geoff Hansen coming in fifth. At the Beloit Invitational, Charles Peschel and Noah Perez placed fourth in improvised duet acting. At the Tescott Invitational, Chris Nicola and Todd Schmidt placed fifth and Raphael Llorente and Joe Miller placed sixth.

The team loves the competition, especially due to the girls and getting out of classes. The next meets are Lincoln, Salina Central, Regionals and the State Festival.

POWERTRONICS II SCHEDULED

A dance on May 6 has been scheduled in the 4-H building in Salina. The dance will be held from 7:30 to 11:30 PM and various bands with different styles of music will be participating. Zencraft, Seventh Angel, Mellow Yellow and others are among the bands. The Salina Youth Task Force has put together the event, and judging from the former dance Powertronics I, the dance should be a supper success. There are even more improvements over the last one.

Those who are interested in going should contact Cpt. O'Guin and hopefully if enough are interested an OPD could be formed. The Task Force is looking forward to the dance, and many other future possibilities.

Seniors visit Kansas Museum of History

On March 22, three of Mr. Keith's American History classes went on a field trip to the Kansas Museum of History in Topeka. A total of 39 students were able to make the trip, accompanied by Mrs. Huck, Mr. Walker and Mr. Keith.

The purpose of the field trip was to view the special exhibit over the Works Progress Administration that was on display there. For those of you who do not know much about the WPA, it was an agency created by the federal government during the Great Depression of the 1930's to create jobs for down-on-their-luck Americans. The students were able to view first hand just how the WPA was able to provide for Kansans who were feeling the effects of the depression.

Once the tour of the special exhibit was completed the students were able to take a guided tour of the entire Museum of History. Students were able to see firsthand how and where the first Kansans came from and how they progressed throughout the centuries up to the present day. Some of the "neat" things they saw were a full-size steam locomotive and sleeper cars located inside the museum, a gatling gun, a tepee and many other items of interest.

The field trip was completed with a picnic at Gage Park in Topeka and an "adventurous" bus ride home. Overall the cadets really had a good time and many remarks were made about how educational the visit to the museum was.

MISGUIDED MINDS OF LOVE

*Do you search a way to stretch
beyond ones reaching range to
fetch
what simply is but isn't there
those who can't resolve; unfair?
To say exactly what I meant
a hand perhaps to which I'd lent
taken from one now two can be,
do you see what both should
see?*

by Lee O'Guin

TAPS

Raymond Bloxsom, Jr., 51

Topeka, Kansas, died April 1. An "Old Boy" attending St. John's from 1953-56, Ray died of an aneurysm less than a month away from retiring from his job of more than 25 years with the city of Topeka. He was a police legal advisor and an assistant city attorney from 1968 until his death. Ray is survived by his widow, Barbara, an ordained Episcopal Minister, and three children.

Clint Chapa, 18,

Westminster, Colorado, died April 1. Clint was a 10th grade member of the 104th Corps. He had recently enrolled in the High Plains Adult Education program where he planned to get his GED and then join the Air Force. His mother, Judith Chapa, said that Clint was buried in his cadet uniform.

Ralph E. Reitz, 75

Salina, died April 3. A Certified Public Accountant, Ralph served on the St. John's Board of Trustees from 1963-66, and had been involved with fund raising activities for the school's endowment. Two members of the 106th Corps served as door greeters at both the Memorial Service and at the family gathering which followed.

Neal W. Winchell, 69

Kansas City, died February 13. Sgt. Winchell, A.O.D., was a tactical officer at Mize Hall for two school years, 1977-79. His wife, Naomi, was the Food Service Director during the same time period.

WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING BACK OLD BOYS DURING COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND A reception is planned for Friday evening at the Holidome. Hope to see you then!**

Thanks to all the readers who have called or written since the February Skirmisher and provided information to help correct "Old Boy" records.

Following is one letter received from James S. Bannon, 5184 Crystal Drive, LaJolla, California 92037

.. "The following members of my class of 1944 should be listed on your roster as deceased. (1) Scott Dotson died in Las Vegas several years ago. Cause unknown. (2) Joseph Foster died in the Wichita V.A. hospital in 1947 from wounds received in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

You might also want to add to the roster of the Class of 1943, Norman Lusk. He was in the class of 1943, but he enlisted in the Army before he graduated. He was killed in Action in the Normandy Invasion June 6, 1944. Bob Houston (Class of 1943) and I co-sponsored a flag pole several years ago in Norman's memory.

Life continues to be good to be here in Southern California in my retirement despite earthquakes, firestorms, floods, mud slides and civil riots. The only thing we have missed so far is a first class hurricane.

I spend the Winter months here in my home in La Jolla, and the rest of the year visiting my daughter in Keystone, Colorado and my son in Concord, New Hampshire.

God willing, next Spring I would like to return to South Korea to fulfill a promise made in 1951 to two Marine comrades killed in action on what we called Breakheart Ridge of the infamous South Rim of the Punchbowl...."

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Thomas Orton, Attended 1946-49

3385 West 29th. Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80211-3609

Tom wrote that he attended 5th through 7th grade. Good to hear from you again, Tom.

Buster Lassen, Class of '47

Buster stopped by campus while doing business in Salina. Works for Peabody TecTank, PO Box 996, Parsons, Kansas 67357.

Jeffery S. Lantz, Class of '62

PO Box 495
Lindsay, California 93247

Jeff stopped by the campus on April 8, the first time since his Commencement. He advised us that his parents are buried in Salina and he was back to visit their grave site.

Geramon (Jerry) Vinup, Class of '64

PO Box 492
Quantico, VA 22134-0492

Steven Ray Johnson, Attended 1970-71

Steven visited the campus a couple weeks ago and advised that he still resides in Cheyenne, Wyoming where he is a fireman.

Ryan Overton, Class of '92

813 South 2nd
Laramie, WY 82070

Shoulder Patch Collection on Display

Due to the ill health of Mr. Lou Jared, a well-known Salina collector, many of his collections were recently sold at a community auction. Ms. Paula Lambert, Secretary to the Commandant, upon learning of his plans, arranged to purchase a display of St. John's old shoulder patches and memorabilia. Lou said he acquired most of the collection from two St. John's "Old Boys", Carl Richards, Salina, Class of 1934, and Marcus Naylor, Topeka, Class of 1935.

This collection is now on display in the Vanier reception area.

Old Boy's Wife Named Colorado Mother of the Year

Gene Penny, Class of '43, from Burlington, Colorado, has shared with us the news about his wife, Dorothy Penny, who was honored as the Colorado Mother of the Year during a ceremony Saturday, February 5. This event occurred at the Governor's Mansion in Denver, with a local reception held in her honor in April.

Chosen from a field of 30 candidates, Penny was nominated by Burlington PEO Chapter AX, of which she is a member and former president.

Married in 1950, in Burlington, Dorothy and Gene have four sons, one daughter and nine grandchildren. Congratulations Dorothy for this great honor!