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"It's the software that distinguishes the winners from the losers"

**... says
Commencement Speaker
Stephen Hirsch**

Because of the response received following the Commencement Address presented by Mr. Stephen Hirsch (pictured below), Chairman of the Board of Plus Systems, Inc., his speech has been included in the Skirmisher, starting on page 14.



Computer Grant Received from ADM

During the Quarterly Board of Trustees Meeting on April 22, one of the Trustees, Mrs. Donna Vanier, presented Capt. McAlexander with a check from Archer Daniels Midland Foundation in the amount of \$25,000. The check is the first of three annual payments for a \$75,000 grant to be used for educational technology in the Linger Middle School. LTC Looney stated that the grant will be used to purchase new computers for the computer laboratory.

Mrs. Vanier assisted LTC Faerber in preparing the request for the grant. Her interest in the school is greatly appreciated.

Radway Makes Academic Team

Sean Radway was selected as one of The Salina Journal's County Top Scholars. Ten of Saline County's top graduating high school students were recognized by the newspaper, representative of those high school seniors in Kansas who are in the top 1% of the state in their outstanding academic achievements.

Radway plans to attend Colorado University, Boulder, in the fall, considering psychology as his major. In an interview with the paper, Radway said "I took a course in psychology and it was interesting. I want to understand why people are the way they are."



JERRY WEBB NAMED 107TH CORPS COMMANDER

Jerry Webb, Casper, Wyoming, was named the Battalion Commander of the 107th Corps to be formed next fall with the implementation of the new Leadership Development Rotation (see Major Miller's Message on page 2).

At left, Capt. Skip McAlexander, President, is presenting the school flag to Webb during the change of command ceremony prior to the final pass-in-review and parade on Sunday, May 15.





President's Message Capt. Skip McAlexander

Thanks to all who attended and participated in Commencement Weekend. It was truly a wonderful experience for me and the comments from everyone have been very complimentary. Steve Hirsch gave a superb graduation address, the dedication of the Browning Plaque was very moving, and the weather cooperated throughout the weekend.

Now we are in the summer cycle of paint, plan, repair and recruit. The Board of Trustees approved a budget of \$300,000 to refurbish Mize Hall and that project is already underway. By the time the 107th Corps forms we will have new furniture, new paint and tile, air conditioning, and doors on the rooms.

As you saw on the cover, we have been fortunate in receiving a grant from ADM for a new computer suite for the middle school. We have already ordered the first installment of equipment and will soon have a computer lab second to none.

Another new use of technology will be in our language training for next year. We are purchasing a satellite dish and will be offering our high school language classes through a program with Kansas State University. They will do twice weekly broadcasts of language instruction, grade exams, and provide standardization of our program with other programs. When we are comfortable with this technology we will consider other courses, possibly offering more than one language.

As you can see, we will have several projects underway this summer so that things can start smoothly in August. For a change of pace, several of us will be attending the receptions which are listed elsewhere in this Skirmisher. We hope to see as many of you at these events as possible. Have a great summer.



Commandant's Message MAJ Mike Miller

"Leadership Development Rotation" (LDR) has formally begun at St. John's Military School with the mid-May announcement of assignments for the Fall rotation which is the first quarter of school year 1994-95.

Starting with the 107th Corps, cadets will have the opportunity to develop leadership skills by holding positions of responsibility in one or more of the LDR's. The Winter rotation will correspond with the second quarter, while the Spring LDR will extend throughout the entire Spring semester to facilitate preparation for the Annual Formal Inspection in April and Commencement Activities in May.

The following leadership assignments were announced for the Fall LDR:

Battalion Commander - Jerry Webb
Battalion Exec. Officer - Edwin McClendon
CMD Sergeant Major - Jonathan Luttwak
S-1 Adjutant - Geoffrey Hansen
S-3 Oper. & Trng. - Keith Sedille
Band Master - Bryan Marvins
Command Briefing Team - Chris Nicola and Rodney Webb
Battalion Liaison - Dan Davidson
CMDR Training Co - Chris Allen
Senior Drill Instructor - Wesley Dakan and Todd Schmidt
CMDR Alpha Co. - Casey Underwood
CMDR Bravo Co. - David Uribe
CMDR Charlie Co. - Ben Dozier

Temporary rank will be worn while holding the leadership position assigned. Military courtesies and respect will be shown equally toward temporary and permanent ranks.

Battalion S-2 and S-4 positions will not be filled until the Winter LDR. Selections for the Company leadership positions of Platoon Sergeant, First Sergeant and Platoon Leaders will be made in August during Leadership Camp. All Cadets attending



Director of Admissions Message MAJ Joseph Stratton

As we move into the hot months of summer here on the Great Plains of Kansas I cannot help but remember the great days of the past school year. A capacity enrollment was achieved in January as anxious parents once again brought forth more young men ready to benefit from the "St. John's Experience."

All patrons of past and present realize how disturbing it is to hug their son one last time before heading back home to a house which has grown sedate. Yet all parents realize since St. John's is a boarding school a temporary absence of their son is necessary in his evolution of personal, academic, and spiritual traits which will be strong enough to carry him into his adult life. In some sense, St. John's helps to lay the groundwork for an orderly entrance into a not-so-orderly world where the values of our culture are many times unclear for our youth of today.

No doubt each family member and Cadet must go through an acute period of adjustment during the New Boy training phase. Yet, a radiance does finally emerge which pulls everyone together to conclude that St. John's is a wonderful opportunity for total growth. It is true, the entry to a boarding school is many times agonizing, but the rewards can be great for everyone involved in the encounter.

This summertime finds the admissions staff at St. John's in full swing to develop a 107th Corps of Cadets. Each one of us in the department must remind one another to be patient with those patrons, particularly new ones to the school, who are experiencing considerable emotional stress in making that final commitment to enroll their loved one. We know it is not easy for you to allow us the occasion to help raise your son for a limited time, but we are all committed to a common goal of knowing your son is a wholesome member of society both now and in the future.

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Russian General Reviews Troops



Pictured from right: C/SFC Denis Belsky, General Veniamin Petukhov, director of the St. Petersburg region police department, C/SCM Tyson Farmer, C/LTC Andrew Cole, Battalion Commander and Capt. Skip McAlexander, President, with Sheriff Wilson shown in the background.

During a side trip from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson, a delegation of four Russian police officers from the St. Petersburg region, visited the campus, inspected the troops, ate lunch in the Mess Hall and talked with Salina news media.

The reason for the visit and acting as interpreter for the day was Cadet Denis Belsky who was recruited last fall by some members of the St. John's family who were also members of a law enforcement delegation from Kansas visiting St. Petersburg. These persons, also responsible for arranging the Salina visit on May 7, are Salina Co. Sheriff Darrell Wilson, member of the Board of

Trustees, and his wife Carol, and "Old Boy" Cowley Co. Sheriff Bob O'Dell, '61, and his wife Nancy, a Board member of the Foundation. Culminating the Salina visit was the hospitality of Trustee member Stewart Horejsi at his home followed by dinner at the Brookville Hotel.

"Kansas Live" on Campus

Randy Picking, News Director for KSAL, arranged for Dave Fore and "Kansas Live" to go outside the studio for a remote broadcast for their May 13 morning program.

Included in the hour-long broadcast, staged on the portico of the Vanier Academic Center, were Cadets Rodney Webb and Chris Nicola, "Old Boy" D. Dale Browning, and the school's President, Capt. Skip McAlexander. Also taking part in the interview were Patrons arriving for Registration during the first day of Commencement Weekend, Mrs. Diahn Romero, of Friendswood, Texas and Mrs. Libby Marvins of Houston, Texas along with their sons, Cadets Justin Romero, 7th grade and Bryan Marvins, 11th grade.



New Members Elected to Board of Trustees

At the April Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees, five regular and three honorary Trustees were elected to serve on the St. John's Board of Trustees with terms beginning at the close of the July Annual Board Meeting.

The regular Trustees elected to hold office for a term of three years are Mr. D. Dale Browning, Golden, Colorado, "Old Boy" Class of '55; Mr. Robert Kastner, Owner of City Plumbing Company, Salina; Mr. Bruce Stainbrook, Director of Schwan's Sales Enterprises, Salina; Mr. Lawton Nuss, Attorney for Clark Mize & Linville Chartered, Salina; and Mr. Karl Stutterheim, President of KASA Industrial Controls, Salina.

To serve as Honorary Trustees are Mr. Donald Leach, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Ms. Nelda Linger, Loveland, Colorado and Mr. Louis Fulton, New Orleans, Louisiana, "Old Boy" Class of '46.

Three of these persons are not new to the St. John's family. Mr. Browning has served as Honorary Trustee since 1981-82 and has served for several years on the Trust Committee. His recent retirement with Plus System will allow him the time to serve as a regular Trustee. Mr. Kastner has served on the Board more than any other individual, beginning in 1968, and serving continuously with the exception of the one year requirement to go off the Board after every two consecutive terms. Mr. Fulton, Vice President of Sales for Workload, Inc., has been active in Alumni affairs and has served on several committees, starting the Fulton Athletic Fund. All three are Honorary Colonels and have been Brigadiers.

Returning to the Board to complete an unexpired term with one year remaining is Darrell Wilson, Sheriff of Saline County, Salina.

Patron Donates School Sign

Last Fall during a football game on Perkins Field, Merv Eckman, father of Gregory Eckman, Class of '83, approached Capt. McAlexander and asked if there was any reason why there was unused space from the top of the scoreboard to the top of the sign posts. He suggested and offered to provide a sign with the school's name.

By Commencement Weekend the sign was in place. Thanks, Mr. Eckman!

ANESSA PARMENTER JOINS FACULTY

Ms. Anessa Parmenter joins the SJMS Family. Acquiring a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kansas Wesleyan, Anessa was on the Dean's Honor Roll for 4 years. Her teaching experience has been at Meadowlark Ridge in Salina and the Solomon High School.

Anessa will be teaching 7th & 8th grade English, 5th & 6th grade English and Social Studies and Spanish via the KSU satellite program.

CLYDE SALLEE NEW MILITARY ADVISOR

Clyde G. Sallee, Junction City, will join the military staff for the 1994-95 school year. A Medical Specialist, he has been working in hospital administration. Within his 20 year military service, he has been stationed in Europe for 9 years, served at Ft. Hood and Ft. Sam Houston, and has spent 8 years at Ft. Riley. He likes sports, Country Music, and looks forward to working with Cadets.

OLD BOYS PROMOTED

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

COL Andrew Cole	SGT Timothy Lanham
LTC DeAndre Grassity	SGT Christopher Lemmel
MAJ Jeffery Exon	SGT Steven Marcy
MAJ David Godin	SGT Patrick McKnight
MAJ Lee O'Guin	SGT Charles Peschel
CPT Edwin McClendon	SGT Jason Ross
CPT Chris Nicola	SGT Matthew Young
CPT Sean Radway	CPL Jonathon Aaker
1LT Elliott Leftly	CPL Nicholas Aaker
1LT William Silver	CPL Micah Charles
1LT Erick Torrico	CPL Michael Hummel
1LT Casey Underwood	CPL Jerald Jordin
2LT Marc Anderson	CPL Ryan Levitan
2LT Denis Belaky	CPL David Montgomery
2LT Geoffrey Hansen	CPL Jarrett Nebrieh
2LT James Kirk	CPL Clinton Nivison
2LT James Schultz	CPL Troy Porter
CW3 Jason Merrifield	CPL Adam Rush
CSM Tyson Farmer	CPL Lenard Ruterbories
MSG Jeremy Baeris	CPL M. Philip Scarborough
MSG Blaine Moller	CPL Michael Townsend
MSG Kevin Munro	CPL Kevin Travis
MSG Victor Wu	CPL Bryan Werner
SFC Christopher Bauck	PFC Samuel Arebalo
SFC James Callahan	PFC Joshua Clark
SFC Zachary Casebolt	PFC Jeffery Ewert
SFC Alex Hernandez	PFC James Francie
SFC Travis Main	PFC Bradley Isler
SFC Milo Mitchell	PFC Robert McHood
SFC Victor Palacios	PFC Clinton Neher
SFC Daniel Sterk	PFC Jack Neighbors
SFC Danny Truong	PFC Steven Palmer
SSG Paul Goraline	PFC Bruce Rohr
SSG Corey Russell	PFC Hernan Ruiz
SSG Joshua Vansickle	PFC Bobby Ruppel
SSG Christopher Walling	PFC Richard Shield
SGT Gordon Brown	PFC Eric Siskosky
SGT Adam Burton	PFC Matthew Weygandt
SGT Gabriel Canseco	PV2 Daryl Banzet
SGT Paul Deshazo	PV2 Clint Bradley
SGT Charles Devin	PV2 Kenneth Byers
SGT James Diahon	PV2 Juan Chavarri
SGT Jason Heitzman	PV2 Andre Douglas
SGT Jung Kim	PV2 Jeb Huggler
	PV2 Robert Nylen
	PV2 Michael Rolle
	PV2 James Rutherford
	PV2 LaVerne Stika

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1993-94 Brigadiers to receive Medallions

A very special thanks to the 1993-94 Brigadiers, those individuals or organizations donating \$1,000 or more in donations or services during the school's fiscal year.

The 1994 Brigadiers are Archer Daniels Midland Foundation, Decatur, Illinois; Ms. Nancy Becker, Lakewood, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Berkley, Bennington, Kansas; Mr. Gordon Brown, Sr., Champaign, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Duckers, Salina, Kansas; Mr. Louis B. Fulton, New Orleans, Louisiana; Mr. Richard Gaven, Lisle, Illinois; Ms. Jessie Given, Foley, Alabama; Mr. H. D. Hale, Shawnee Mission, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Horejsi, Salina, Kansas; Mr. R. Crosby Kemper, Kansas City, Missouri; Kennedy and Coe, Salina, Kansas; KILS, Salina, Kansas; KINA, Salina, Kansas; KSAJ-KABI, Abilene, Kansas; KSAL-KY Country, Salina, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lehman, Longmont, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lewis, Dodge City, Kansas; Capt. E. A. McAlexander, Salina, Kansas; Ms. Patricia McAlexander, Salina, Kansas; Ms. Bernice McCullick, Salina, Kansas; MAJ Mike Miller, Salina, Kansas; Mr. Cloyd Pugh, Topeka, Kansas; Mr. Alfred Schwan, Salina, Kansas; Mr. Jack Vanier, Brookville, Kansas; Ms. Donna Vanier, Brookville, Kansas and Wardens and Vestry, Trinity Episcopal Church, Atchinson, Kansas.

These Brigadiers will be receiving Medallions which will include the engraving of their name and the total number of years as a St. John's Brigadier.

TAPS

Rev. Arnold M. Lewis, 89

Died May 2, Daytona Beach, Florida. He was the first Episcopal bishop chosen for the armed forces and served until retiring in 1970, the first rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Westhampton Beach, NY, and in 1956 he became the Bishop of Western Kansas, serving as Chairman of the school's Board of Trustees for approximately 10 years.

Honorary Colonels Commissioned

Three individuals were commissioned as new Honorary Colonels in special ceremonies, Sunday Evening, May 15 at the Salina Country Club. Honored were The Very Rev. John Ashby, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Kansas, Mr. Stewart Horejsi, Brown Industries, Salina, and a surprise inductee, Capt. E. A. McAlexander, President of St. John's.

The Trustees recognize as Honorary Colonels people who have given beyond the call of duty to the School, in service, devotion, loyalty and contributions. Those honored are presented a plaque and another plaque is placed in the hall of the Vanier Academic Center.

Bishop Ashby's plaque read: "... was consecrated in May 1981 in Banes Gymnasium; has officiated at countless SJMS functions, representing the historic ties of St. John's with the Episcopal Church . . ."

Mr. Horejsi's plaque read: "His business acumen and world-wide experience along with his interest in education has enabled him to bring extremely valuable talent and leadership to the Board of Trustees. His financial advice has meant extraordinary monetary gains for the school's Endowment. One of St. John's strongest supporters . . ."

Captain McAlexander's plaque read: "President - St. John's Military School; In one short year Skip has generated an atmosphere of excitement, positive thinking and responsible action. His motto: "Trying to do God's Work."



Displaying plaques, from left, are Mr. Horejsi, Bishop Ashby and Capt. McAlexander.

Graduation '94

Old Boys, parents, families and friends were on hand over Commencement Weekend to honor the 106th Corps of Cadets, and in particular, the 24 well-prepared young men ready to take the next step along life's path - on to college and later life as productive and successful St. John's men of the twenty-first century.

The photograph to the right, taken at the opening moments of Saturday's 106 Flag Raising Ceremony, strikingly captures the spirit of the celebration.



Shown with the bronze plaque following the ceremony are, from left: Capt. Skip McAlexander, President; Mr. Stephen Hirsch, Commencement Speaker; Mr. D. Dale Browning, Old Boy '55; Mr. G. W. Nicholson, Chairman of the Board and C/1SG Doug Morrison.

Immediately following the Flag Raising was the Dedication of the D. Dale Browning Scholarship Grant. Following Dale's St. John's story by his sister, Ms. Wanda Faulkner, Dale took the podium and announced the name of the first cadet to receive this scholarship. Selected as the Cadet who best displays the characteristics of integrity, intelligence and desire for excellence, those same characteristics earning Mr. Browning the respect of the international banking community, was Douglas C. Morrison.

Cadet Morrison will be entering St. John's in the Fall as a 10th grader, coming to St. John's five years earlier. He has been a member of the Band, the Chapel Council, the Honor Guard, the National Jr. Honor Society, the Best Drill Company, the Honor Company, the Rifle Team, the Varsity Athletics and the Media Club. The recipient of the Military Colleges Scholarship Award in 1992-93, Doug presently holds the rank of Cadet 1st Sergeant of Charlie Company, a rank not normally given to a Freshman.

Following an outdoor brunch, the morning activities continued with the Military Awards Ceremony on Perkins Field where over 50 awards were presented. The picture below shows C/CSM Tyson Farmer looking on as C/CPT Chris Allen is presented the National Sojourner ROTC Medal by Mr. Hugh Thompson, representing the Ft. Riley Kansas Chapter #321.



The Foundation Luncheon was held at the Bicentennial Center where the seniors were recognized and made Honorary Members of the Foundation. The Educational Honors Convocation followed.



C/COL Andrew Cole, Battalion Commander, gives the "Corps Commander Farewell" during Commencement Program.



For the first time in many years, our 8th Grade Cadets were recognized and honored. Receiving his diploma from LTC Faerber, at left, is Michael Harris.

Saturday evening - The 1994 Military Ball, beginning with the Seniors Receiving Line, the Ring Ceremony, a performance by the Drill Team, and the traditional Grand March. The dance was attended by approximately 700 persons.

Sunday morning - Graduation Day has arrived! The culmination of many days of hard work, concentrated study and active participation in the many facets of a cadet's life at St. John's.

Leading the procession onto Perkins Field at the beginning of the ceremony is the Senior Class (pictured below).

After "Taps" sounded, the hushed silence which followed was ended by the Battalion Commander's dismissal of the 106th Corps of Cadets forever! The command resulted in a joyous tossing of caps into the air bringing forth the handshakes and comradely hugs of congratulations and emotional goodbyes. The graduates were now truly Old Boys!



Ring Ceremony Held during Military Ball

All Junior Cadets who indicated they will return for the next school year were presented with the official SJMS ring during the program held during the Military Ball.

In an impressive ceremony, Libby Marvins, President of the Foundation, presented the rings with the assistance of the ring sponsor, Major Joe Stratton.

The rings are gifts of the Foundation with the understanding that the recipient must uphold the standards of SJMS in his adult life. The ring may be recalled if it is felt the wearer is not worthy to possess it.

"It is a simple yet handsome ring - a black stone, a band of white gold with the school crest engraved," announced the Ring Chairman for the 1993-94 school year, Tyson Farmer, as he described the ring during the ceremony.

The 33 Cadets were escorted by the presenter of their choice, who placed the ring on the Cadet's finger as they passed through the sabre arch. The Junior Cadets receiving their rings were Chris Allen, Jay Baerns, Chris Bauck, Gordon Brown, Ted Bundy, John Calhoun, Zac Casebolt, Wesley Dakan, Daniel Davidson, Ben Dozier, Geoff Hansen, John Irish, Jonathan Luttwak, Travis Main, Bryan Marvins, Edwin McClendon, Kevin McNamara, John Melton, Blaine Moller, Chris Nicola, Noah Perez, Daniel Robinson, Jason Ross, Corey Russell, Todd Schmidt, Keith Sedille, Michael Seeney, Michael Townsend, David Uribe, Jerry Webb, Rodney Webb and Don Zimmerman.

SFC Chris Bauck, Class of '95, has been selected by the school's President to serve as next year's ring chairman, a capacity he serves in for life.

The sabre arch was provided by Seniors David Godin, James Kirk, Elliott Lefly, Jason Merrifield, Lee O'Guin and Sean Radway.

Cadets Carry State Flag

A special part of the Commencement Program is the Flag Detail, representing the 24 different states and 4 foreign countries making up the 106th Corps of Cadets.

"It gives me great pleasure", announced C/2LT Geoffrey Hansen, "to present our Flag Detail consisting mainly of representative cadets carrying their own country or state flag."

Each flag was carried across the field as Cadet Hansen announced the state and the cadet's name carrying the flag, and then displayed throughout the commencement program. The countries and states, and state representatives were as follows:

Mexico
Venezuela
Spain
Russia
Arizona
California
Colorado
Florida
Georgia
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Mexico
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
South Dakota
Texas
Utah
Washington
Wyoming

Alejandro Blanco
Carlos Bejarano
Luis Gonzalez
Jorge Consejo
Michael Hummel
Mark Triebwasser
Michael Townsend
Bradley Issler
Philip Scarborough
Gordon Brown
Douglas Morrison
Charles Devin
Toby Harris
Joseph Sellers
David Renz
Marion Mandina
Ted Bundy
Blaine Moller
Timothy Lanhan
Stephen Moore
James York
Joshua Fabia
Steven Palmer
Cori Bryant
Seth Jucker
Jeffery Ewert
Michael Gambone
John Prest



Kevin McNamara receives his ring from his Mother.

24 Seniors Awarded Diplomas

Diplomas were presented to 24 seniors during Commencement exercises Sunday, May 15.

Receiving diplomas were Marc Anderson, Boulder, CO; Denis Belsky, St. Petersburg, Russia; Gabriel Canseco, Veracruz, Mexico; Andrew Cole, Fort Collins, CO; Jeffrey Exon, Topeka, KS; Tyson Farmer, Las Vegas, NV; David Godin, Troy, MI; DeAndre Grassity, Topeka, KS; Jung Kim, Houston, TX; James Kirk, Shawnee, KS; Elliott Lefly, Arvada, CO; Chad Mathis, Elkhart, IA; Jason Merrifield, Glendale, AZ; Ervin Mitchell, Soldier, KS; Kevin Munro, Bozeman, MT; Lee O'Guin, Seattle, WA; Sean Radway, Pueblo, CO; James Schultz, Broomfield, CO; William Silver, Lyons, CO; Daniel Sterk, Ames, IA; LaVerne Stika, Jr., Marion, KS; J. Erick Torrico, Dallas, TX; Victor Wu, Denver, CO; and Matthew Young, Colorado Springs, CO.

MAJ Miller

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camp, with a rank of Sergeant and above, will be evaluated and considered for these company positions and, upon being selected, will be authorized to wear the "TR" for that position. (Example: When a SGT is selected to be a Platoon Sergeant, he will be designated a (TR) SFC. If an SFC is selected to be a Platoon Sergeant, he will continue to wear his permanent rank SFC insignia.) All temporary ranks (TR) will be authorized for wear on a Special Order (SO) for the LDR position assigned.

Dakan Heads Final Honor Roll

Wesley Dakan led the fourth grading period honor roll with 98.75. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Blaine Moller, 97.50 and Geoffrey Hansen, 97.00.

Cadets also making the honor roll were Jung Kim, David Rose, Jonathan Luttwak, Robert Christensen, Eduardo McKula, Joseph Miller, Daniel Davidson, Jerry Webb, Danny Truong, Douglas Morrison, Michael Seeney, Benjamin Dozier, Sean Radway, Victor Palacios, Erick Torrico, John Calhoun, Jason Merrifield and Jeremy Baerns.

Earning honorable mention were Travis Main, Bradley Issler, Christopher Bauck, Jason Bredice, Christopher Allen, John Irish, Alex Hernandez, William Silver, Rafael Llorente, Zachary Casebolt, Patrick McKnight, Rodney Webb, Michael Gambone, Chad Mathis, Daniel Robinson, Christopher Nicola, Christopher Ramias, Elliott Lefly, Gabriel Canseco, Tyson Farmer, Barry Anderberg, Andrew Cole, Jeffrey Exon, Kevin Munro, Paul Vieni, Christopher Lemmel, Nicholas Aaker, Christian Chance, Chris Walling, Victor Wu, Lee O'Guin, Marc Anderson, James Dishon, Fernando Gutierrez, Tyler Yost, Jeb Huggler and James Callahan

Our congratulations to these cadets for a job well done!

FLIGHT CLUB HONORED

Kevin Munro, Geoff Hansen, Jonathan Luttwak, Brian McGuire, Matt Post and Jason Ross are participating members of the Flight Club and were authorized the silver flight cord.

Kevin Munro, Jonathan Luttwak and Jason Ross are also authorized the ROTC Half Wings for completing a solo flight.

Course Certificates Given

Certificates were presented to Cadets having the highest average in each course of study offered at St. John's.

David Rose earned eight certificates and Sean Radway earned four certificates.

Earning three certificates were Erick Torrico and Victor Wu. Two certificates were awarded to Wesley Dakan, Daniel Davidson, Benjamin Dozier, Geoffrey Hansen, James Kirk, Jonathan Luttwak, Joseph Miller and James Sedille.

Earning one certificate were Barry Anderberg, Jeremy Baerns, Kenneth Byers, John Calhoun, Christopher Chance, Robert Christensen, Jeffrey Exon, Juan Ford, Alex Hernandez, Jung Kim, Elliott Lefly, Eduardo McKula, Douglas Morrison, Kevin Munro, Lee O'Guin, Victor Palacios, Richard Schmidt, Casey Underwood, Jerry Webb and Rodney Webb.

School Specialty Awards Presented

A book personally selected and gift-wrapped is presented by School Specialty to the cadet of each class with the highest academic average for all courses during the year.

Receiving the gift and ribbon this year were James McClure, Grade 6; Brandon Kuhn, Grade 7; Mark Triebwasser, Grade 8; David Rose, Grade 9; Eduardo McKula, Grade 10; Daniel Davidson, Grade 11 and Sean Radway, Grade 12.

On hand to present the gifts and ribbons were Mr. Earl Bess, Sales Representative of School Specialty.

Romero Heads Middle School Honor Roll

Justin Romero was at the top of the Middle School honor roll for the fourth grading period with 97.38. Justin along with Seth Nelson, 95.63; Keenon Babcock and Mark Triebwasser, both with a 94.13, were all named to the Blue Berets.

Earning honorable mention were Brandon Kuhn, Adam Kramer, Stephen McClure, David Anderson, Colin Guinn, Pablo Garmy, Ignacio Aguirre, Cori Bryant, Adam Rush, Lucas West, Juan Ayala, Joshua Fabia, Jarred Vincent, John Prest, Jeremy Carroll, Eric Wisner, Matthew Post, Dan Seitz and Dustin Boren.

Our congratulations to these cadets for a job well done!

Young Scholars Honored

The Cadets with the highest average in each department in the Middle School were honored during the Awards Assembly.

Earning six awards was Stephen McClure and earning five awards was Justin Romero.

Colin Guinn, Brandon Kuhn and Keenon Babcock each earned three awards.

Earning two awards were Adam Rush, Clint Nivison, Adam Kramer, David Anderson and Rodger Shriver.

Earning one award were Lucas West, Jack Neighbors, Seth Nelson, Justin Boren, Dustin Boren, Damian Wilson, Steve Marcy, Michael Harris, Eric Siskosky, Matt Post, Mark Triebwasser and Eric Wisner

Middle School Cadets Honored

Middle School Cadets were honored by several major awards during the Awards convocation.

Steven Marcy received the Athletic Medal for rendering the greatest service in the promotion of athletics.

Cori Bryant received the Citizenship Medal which is awarded to the cadet most outstanding the citizenship, based on the least number of demerits and his contribution to the School and Country in service, loyalty and attitude.

The Athletic Scholarship Medal, given to the cadet who wins his letter in athletics and has the highest academic standing, was presented to Keenon Babcock.

The Effort Medal was presented to Stephen McClure, the Cadet who has made the greatest effort throughout the school year.

Making the greatest progress during the year and earning the Progress Medal was Stephen McClure. Cori Bryant earned the Middle School medal as the Cadet with the most satisfactory record for overall performance during the year.

Foundation Awards Presented

The SJMS Foundation sponsors medals and ribbons to one cadet in the Middle School and one in each Upper School grade, excluding commissioned officers, for the best combined rating for characteristics other than academic, to include class attitude, application to duties, courtesy and manners, appearance, leadership and deportment.

Recipients were Cori Bryant, Middle School; David Rose, Grade 9; Victor Palacios, Grade 10, Jonathan Luttwak, Grade 11 and Tyson Farmer, Grade 12.

ACADEMIC AWARDS PRESENTED

(not included in other articles)

SGM Eugene Louis Memorial - Jason Merrifield
 Best Bandman - Jonathan Luttwak
 Most Improved Bandman - (US) James Callahan, (MS) Michael Harris
 Battalion Drummer - Michael Seeneey, Tim Lanham, Michael Gambone and Adrian Acon
 Battalion Bugler - Jason Merrifield
 Ferris Awards (General Shop I) - Zachary Casebolt (General Shop II) - Alex Hernandez
 (Advanced Shop, US) - Victor Wu
 (Advanced Shop, MS, 1st Sem.) - Chris Borland
 (Advanced Shop, MS, 2nd Sem.) - Seth Nelson
 D.A.R.E. Awards (MS, 1st Sem.) - Stephen McClure (MS, 2nd Sem.) - Jarred Vincent
 (US) - Joseph Miller
 KSHSAA Citizenship Awards (US) - Jerry Webb II (MS) - Michael Harris
 Lyman G. Linger - Jason Heitzman
 "I Dare You" - Tyson Farmer
 Activity Leadership - Lee O'Guin
 Tinsley C. Fry Athletic - Chris Nicola
 C. Lydon Lippincott Memorial - David Godin
 N.H.S. Scholar of the Year - Sean Radway
 N.H.S. Textbook Scholarship - Joseph Miller II
 N.H.S. College Scholarship - Jeffrey Exon
 Dean's Award from KSU Dept. of Engineering, Outstanding Student in Mathematics & Science - Sean Radway
 Russell L. Guernsey Legend - Tyson Farmer
 Honorary Science - Jonathan Luttwak
 US Athletic Scholarship - David Rose
 Jerry Lee Mirth - Jung Kim
 The Nininger Award - Edwin McClendon
 Rotary Medal - David Godin
 The Kastner Medal - David Rose
 The Heaton Trophy - Lee O'Guin
 Pribble Memorial Scholarship - Ben Dozier
 Mark Delane Lewis Memorial Scholarship - Chris Bauck
 Wilson Loyalty Medal - David Godin
 Effort Medal - John Calhoun III
 Sage Memorial - Jason Merrifield

MILITARY AWARDS

Asan of Military Colleges and Schools of the US - Mark Triebwasser
 ROTC Distinguished Award for Scholastic Excellence - Jamie Exon
 Superior Cadet Medal - Andrew Cole, Jerry Webb, Jonathan Luttwak and David Rose
 Academic Wreath - Jamie Exon, Jerry Webb, Jonathan Luttwak, Eric Torrico, Jeremy Baerna, Daniel Sterk, Zachary Casebolt, Danny Troung, David Rose, Douglas Morrison, Michael Deering, Joseph Miller, Denis Belsky and Travis Main
 The American Legion Medal General Military Excellence - Andrew Cole
 The American Legion Medal Scholastic Excellence - Eric Torrico
 The American Legion School Medal - Jamie Exon
 The American Legion School Medal Certificate - James Kirk
 The AMVETS Award - Tyson Farmer
 The Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America - Mark Wilson
 The Retired Officers Association - Jerry Webb
 The US Army Recruiting Command Award - Daniel Davidson
 The Asan of the US Army - Kevin McNamara
 The National Scholar Athlete - Chris Allen
 The National Society of Sons of the Amer. Revolution - Chris Allen
 The VFW Award - Tyson Farmer
 The ROTC Cadet Citizen of the Year Certificates - David Rose, Jonathan Luttwak, Daniel Davidson and Ben Dozier
 The US Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete - Chris Nicola
 The Marine Corps League - Steven Marcy
 The Reserve Officers Asan - Eric Torrico
 The Hardy Rifleman - Sean Radway
 The Cheney Marksmanship - Lee O'Guin
 US Marksmanship - James Kirk
 MS Marksmanship - Steven Marcy

AWARDS PRESENTED BY CHAPLAIN

School Chaplain, The Rev. Canon Jim Cox, presented several awards during the Educational Honors Ceremony.

The Bishop's Award was presented to three cadets who, through personal effort, has been of greatest service to the Chapel Program and the Chaplain during the academic year. Sponsored by the Diocese of Western Kansas, recipients Andrew Cole, David Godin and Douglas Morrison received crosses and plaques.

The Litchman Scholarship Award is given annually to the Cadet who, as an active member of the Episcopal Church, has been of continual and outstanding service to the Chaplain and Bishop during the school year. Chris Allen received the award, \$578.50, which will be applied toward his tuition during the next school year.

Chris Allen was also recipient of the Father Remey L. Clem Award, given to the Cadet Chaplain/Chapel President, for service to St. John's Military School Cadets, St. John's Chapel, Cadet Chapel Council, and St. John's Chaplain during the school year. This award is a leather bound Book of Common Prayer, with the Cadet's name embossed in gold.

The Cadet who, by example, has exerted the most positive Christian, spiritual and moral influence on the Corps of Cadets during the school year, receives the Kennedy-Holifield Award. This year's award went to Mark Triebwasser.

MAJ Stratton

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Over the next couple of months we will be in contact with your family as we all prepare for another excellent school year. The 107th promises to be bigger and better than those of recent memory so we look forward to your son's presence in the teardrop when the Corps of Cadets forms on 29 August 1994.

Smoky Valley Meet at SE Saline

The St. John's track squad had a fine outing at the Smoky Valley Track Meet held at S.E. Saline on April 15. 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 his own personal bests. Some of the most improved athletes are as follows:

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

Tennis Season Ends

"Everyone on the Varsity and Jr. Varsity medaled at least once," reported Coach Gerald Martin. St. John's won the Chapman quad (4 teams) very easily.

On the Varsity Team:

- 1st Single - Matt Young
- 2nd Single - Garrett Hensing
- 1st Double - Victor Palacios & Jorge Consejo
- 2nd Double - Victor Wu & Kevin Munro

On the Jr. Varsity:

- 1st Single - Alejandro Blanco
- 2nd Single - Don Zimmerman
- 1st Double - Gabriel Canseco & Rafael Llorente
- 2nd Double - Steven Moore & Joshua Clark

Overall, it was a very successful year.

Results of Lucas/Luray Track Invitational

The St. John's Cadets finished the year strongly with a fifth place finish at the Lucas/Luray Meet held at Russell on April 29. Teams participating were Kensington, Palco, Sylvan, WacondaEast, Wilson and Lucas/Luray.

Those earning points for the squad were as follows:

110 Hurdles	Danny Truong	5th place
4x800 relay	Keith Sedille	6th place
100M Dash	Hansen, Seeney, Perkins and Bejarano (Medaled)	3rd place
1600M Run	Juan Ford	5th place
4x100 Relay	Carlos Bejarano	6th place
400M Run	Moore, Sedille, Davidson and Ford	4th place
300M Hurdles	Geoff Hansen	4th place
800M Run	Mike Seeney	6th place
200M Dash	Carlos Bejarano	6th place
3200M Run	Juan Ford	6th place
4x400 Relay	Carlos Bejarano	4th place
	Davidson, Christiansen, Seeney and Hansen	3rd place

Coach Keith and Coach Walker would like to congratulate all members of the 1994 squad for a job well done. "We look forward to building on the program next year."



GOLF SEASON SHORTENED

The St. John's golf team had an abbreviated season this year due to the inclement weather. They participated in five varsity tournaments and two JV tournaments.

The varsity tournaments were held at Hillsboro, Chapman, Ellsworth, Minneapolis and Beloit. The JV tournaments were held at Ellsworth and Halstead. The best the team did was to place fourth at the Minneapolis tournament and the members on that team were Chris Walling, Jeremy Baerns, John Melton, Tyler Yost, Sean Radway and Laverne Stika. The best that an individual did was when Chris Walling placed third at the Ellsworth tournament. The two-man team of Chris Walling and Jeremy Baerns placed fourth at the Beloit tournament out of ten teams. Jamie Exon placed fourth at the JV tournament held at Ellsworth.

Two cadets stayed after Commencement to participate in the State Regional Tournament for class 3A schools. The tournament was held at the Minneapolis Country Club in Minneapolis, Kansas, on Monday following Commencement. The two cadets were Jeremy Baerns and John Melton. Although they did not qualify for the state tournament their efforts and willingness to stay and participate was appreciated by Coach Spielman. Coach Spielman would also like to thank the parents and relatives of Jeremy and John that were at the regional tournament supporting them during the day.

Those cadets earning varsity letters for the 1993-94 golf team were Chris Walling, Jeremy Baerns, John Melton, Tyler Yost, Sean Radway, Jamie Exon, Laverne Stika and Jeff White. They earned their varsity letters by competing in at least half of the varsity tournaments. One cadet earned a JV letter this year, James Callahan.

Coach Spielman is very enthused about the returning lettermen next year and hopes to have a lot more cadets out for the 1994-95 season.

Scenes of Old Boy participation during Weekend Activities



Larry Britegam takes the podium as guest speaker for the Blue Beret-National Honor Society Banquet.



Paul Tuthill taking part in Freedom Tree Ceremony



Jerry Vinup inspects the Troops during Military Awards Ceremony.



Brian Foley and friend share stories with Bob Odell at reception.



Chris Mackey and LTC Joel Looney pose for picture.

OLD BOYS ATTEND WEEKEND EVENTS

Several Old Boys were on campus this weekend for another alumni get-together.

Friday evening the Old Boys were honored with a reception at the Holidome. Those attending had a great time and it is hoped that this number will grow in years to come.

Registering in the Vanier Academic Center during Commencement Weekend were:

H. A. Holmes, '28
Robert Sperling, '45
Bill Bliss, '45-46
Don Wendler, '53
D. Dale Browning, '55
David Musgrave, '59
Al Palmer, '59
Bob Odell, '61
Paul Tuthill, '64
Jerry Vinup, '64
Rick Taylor, '64
Paul Tuthill, '67
David Elk, '67
Steve Brown, '67
Paul Smith, '69
Larry Britegam, '67-69
Kent Tretheway, '71
Michael Hall, '84
Jon Fisher, '85
Brian Foley, '89
Derek Barth, '89
Bob Odell, '89
Chris Mackey, '93
Mark Richards, '93

Old Boy Roll Call submitted by Capt. Skip McAlexander

Each year several old boys, their families and friends, send gifts of money to St. John's. We gratefully endow the money and send a note of thanks.

Starting this summer we will have a more formal way of recognizing the donors and insuring that the money is used appropriately. We are in the process of mailing letters on the subject to old boys, their families, and formal faculty members. For those of you who are Mule-skinners or Foundation members please follow your own preference in deciding whether to answer the "roll call".

If you do not receive a letter and are curious about the roll call, please call Sheri, Joel or I at 823-7231.

Thanks to all the readers who have called or written since the April Skirmisher.

Jerry Vinup, Old Boy, PO Box 492, Quantico, VA 22134-0492, was back during Commencement Weekend and agreed to be reviewing officer during the Military Awards Ceremony. He provided us the following information, which we want to share with his former classmates.

Alfred C. Christensen Class of '44

14105 N. 132nd St.

Omaha, NE 68142

Phone 402 238-2872

A.C. called. Asked about several of his class members. He shared a story that he was instrumental in convincing Capt. Mahoney, the sports director at that time, to play baseball (nobody was playing baseball). The St. John's team (with Jansen as catcher and Christensen as pitcher), won State their first year. Mahoney finally got more excited about baseball than track, because it became more popular with the cadets. Christensen also told us that he dated the Homecoming Queen from the Salina high school.

William (Bill) Black Class of 46

Old Boy Louis Fulton brought us up to date on Bill. He has recently gone through by-pass surgery. Lou says

he probably breathes easier now than he has since being at St. John's. Is that right, Bill?

Ronald Fifield Class of 54

P.O. Box 507

Clifton, CO 81520

Edward Sayles Class of 62

7 Wheeler

Bolton, MASS 01740

Phone 508 779-5364

James Garvey Class of '68

2527 Peck Slip

New York, NY 10038

Joseph Schwinn Attended 67-69

PO Box 5102

Santa Rosa, CA 95402

LtCol Vinup graduated from St. John's in the class of 1964 as a 1st Lt. He received the Sons of the American Revolution Medal for Military Excellence and the 5th Army Medal for Superior Military Achievement.

LtCol Vinup enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in February of 1965 and was discharged a Sargent in 1968. He then attended Millersville State College in Pennsylvania and earned a Bachelors Degree in Secondary Education.

He again enlisted in the Marine Corps and was commissioned a 2nd Lt in 1972. LtCol Vinup was trained as an artillery officer and has served as an 8

inch self propelled Artillery Platoon Commander and Company Commander. He also served as an instructor of tactics at the Field Artillery school at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

Vinup has attended the Amphibious Warfare School and the Armed Forces Staff College and holds a Masters Degree in Education from the University of Virginia. He currently is completing a tour at the Marine Corps Combat Development Center, Quantico, Virginia, where he has held the position of Academic Supervisor at the Amphibious Warfare School and the Director of Fiscal and Administration at the Command and Staff College of the Marine Corps University.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS, May 15, 1994

by Stephen Hirsch

Thank you, Chairman Nicholson, for that very kind introduction. I'm absolutely delighted and very flattered to be asked to offer this year's commencement address to the faculty, friends, very proud parents and relatives; and, especially to the St. John's Military School Graduating Class of 1994.

Having spent the last 27 years of my life working for The Chase Manhattan Bank in New York, having attended approximately 11,232 meetings during that period, having worked directly or indirectly with approximately 6000 people at Chase, having stepped on a few corporate land mines along the way and, after all this time, still enthusiastic about adding value to the Corporation, still enjoying what I do, and still getting paid, I consider this a welcome and unique opportunity to offer you some insight, and perhaps guidance on some key aspects of life in Corporate America.

Now, being a banker, I could talk about the impact of the national debt on U.S. corporations or the growing importance of the Pacific Basin and Latin American regions on the U.S. balance of payments or the risks associated with derivative financial instruments. But, I know, even with visual aids - as Ross Perot proved - any one of these topics would have you all sound asleep within 4 minutes. However....if any of you have trouble sleeping, those speeches are available on cassette for \$9.95 or on CD for \$14.95. What I do want to talk to the Graduating Class of 1994 about is:

WINNING IN CORPORATE AMERICA

Because, as you will see, winning in Corporate America is no different than winning in college, winning on the job or winning in life. For the next several minutes, I'd like to share with you, my formula for winning and leave you with the knowledge and confidence that, sitting here today, you are well equipped to win.

But first...let's begin with an understanding, an agreement among ourselves, that WINNING isn't a dirty word. It's a word like profits, particularly bank profits. These words do trigger emotions - but believe me - profits are better than losses and winning is better than not winning. WINNING IS OK.

The reason the phrase "WINNING IN CORPORATE AMERICA" has an emotional bite to it, is because the phrase conjures up images of people in dark blue pin stripe suits clawing their way up the corporate ladder - usually at the expense of someone else.

We think of the character of Gordon Gekko in the movie WALL STREET proclaiming "GREED IS GOOD" and we rightfully say "THAT'S REPULSIVE." However, I'm pleased to say that most of Corporate America today would agree that Gordon Gekko's way is not the right way to win. Gordon Gekko gives winning a bad name. Corporate cultures in the 1990's are based much more on dog help dog than dog eat dog - but more about that later.

Is winning that important?

What about that wonderful expression: "It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game." That phrase reminds me of another phrase that sounds good ... until you put it to the test.

A young couple, about to have a baby, will say: "I don't care what it is, as long as it's healthy." I doubt if they would be very happy if the doctor came out of the delivery room and said: "I don't know what it is, but it's healthy."

WINNING IS IMPORTANT

Unfortunately, whether we like it or not, the trophies and prizes

don't go to the teams that played the game with the most integrity. It goes to the team with the most points. So, assuming both sides are playing the game with equal integrity, which is most often the case, it's a lot better to win.

But the concept of winning has its extremes and its moderates: Red Sanders, coach of Vanderbilt University in 1953, said: "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." Although that might seem like an extreme statement to apply to a football game; it isn't too extreme when we talk about other situations; like armed conflict.

General Douglas MacArthur said, in a speech to the Republican National Convention on July 7, 1952: "It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it."

I think Vince Lombardi had a very good perspective on winning; when, during an interview in 1962, he said: "Winning isn't everything but wanting to win is."

Maybe that's the bottom line! One more very important thought on winning. Winning does not mean you have to become president of the corporation or chairman of the board - it doesn't mean you have the biggest house on the block or the fanciest car - nor does it mean you have to come in first in a track meet. Winning could just be running the race faster than you ever ran it before. Winning is setting corporate or life goals and reaching them. The goals should be realistic but challenging and should be modified from time to time as your vision of winning changes.

Winning, however, does imply something else: In order to win, there has to be competition within yourself; conquering your fears and self doubts; competing within yourself to gain self-esteem. Competition is unavoidable in life. Let me give you some data to prove the point:

- * About 2.6 million young people will be graduating high school in the US this year.
- * About 24,000 young people will be graduating public high school in Kansas, alone, this year.
- * About 62% of high school graduates will be entering college this year.
- * While 78% of the people who graduate high school will be participating in the labor force, only 61% of the people who do not graduate high school will be working within one year after dropping out.
- * Finally, in opinion surveys among young people, 84% of the men and 77% of the women said that finding steady work and achieving success in work are primary life goals.

This data suggests that it is likely you will be competing in college, or for a job; or, for that matter, to keep your job. The good news is; you have already been competing for academic awards, your drill team competes, your rifle team competes, you compete in all kinds of sports. The not-so-good news is, the testing will never end.

Since competition is unavoidable and winning is better than not winning, let's get to the heart of the issue. How can you win? And why do I sincerely believe you will win! Not just in Corporate America, but in everything you do.

The key to competing and winning is being prepared and having adequate resources at your disposal. If it's a war - it's strategies and weapons. If it's team sports - it's equipment, training, practice and a good game plan. And if it's corporate life or your personal

life; prepared to win means having, what I will call, the right hardware and software...and I don't mean an IBM PC with Lotus 123 and Word Perfect.

First, let's talk about hardware: I include in your hardware set all of the skills, St. John's, your parents and your friends have armed you with. There are three: the academic skills, the performance skills and the social skills.

Your academic skills include, for example: mastery of the English language - your ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing. Do not take this skill for granted.

I remember my first summer job. It was a supermarket. I arrived at the store - my first day - to find another kid who was also starting work that day. The produce manager came over to us and said: "I don't want none of you guys doing nothin' til I tell you not to"...so we didn't do nothin' 'til he told us not to."

Math is another academic skill, part of your hardware set, that you may not have appreciated as you struggled to master trig or calculus or statistics. I'm sure you don't think you'll ever use trigonometry or calculus unless you become an engineer or unless it's required in college. Not true, math is an essential part of business and personal financial management - and even more important, math trained you how to think about a problem; how to analyze and solve problems. Math training is invaluable. The sciences, mechanical drawing, language skills; they are all key parts of your hardware arsenal.

The second component of your hardware inventory is: The performance skills. The ability to play a musical instrument, take a photograph, play a sport, or drill with a rifle. These skills are peripherals that simply enhance your set of hardware components and increase its value.

And the social skills. Knowing the right thing to do in social situations. If you ever want to see the antithesis of social skills, try getting off a subway in the middle of New York at rush hour. It's every man for himself. Winners have social skills, others don't.

I think, at this point, you know what I mean by hardware. You need the hardware to win. No doubt about it. The better your hardware, the more powerful your system.

Now the bad news. It is also true that a very large percentage of the 2.6MM people graduating high school this year will have been equipped with hardware equal to yours. I believe, therefore, the different between each of you and those 2.6MM graduates that you will be competing with is the quality of the software you bring to the battle.

Now what do I mean by software? By software I mean your value system. Your attitudes and your attributes, your honesty, your sense of fair play, the discipline you exhibit, your humility, your willingness to share, your ability to be a team player and your faith.

Let me elaborate on just a few of these components of the value system. A positive attitude has to be one of the most critical pieces of software in your library. There are so many people who see weeds not the flowers, faults not virtues and constraints not opportunities. Their lives are negative paradigms. These people are a drag on the corporation, on friends and family.

One piece of evidence of a positive attitude, I deem essential, is your willingness to work hard for what you want.

One of my favorite quotes comes from Alexander Hamilton - He

said: "Men give me some credit for genius. All the genius I have lies in this: When I have a subject at hand, I study it profoundly. Day and night it is before me. I explore it in all its bearings. My mind becomes pervaded with it. Then the efforts that I make are what people are pleased to call the fruits of genius. It is the fruit of labor and thought."

We know, too, that a positive attitude can increase the rate of healing and, in some cases, promote miraculous medical results. Let me tell you a true story. On Sunday, September 8, 1985, a 19 year old young man was playing touch football in a park in Ithaca, New York. He went up to catch a pass - the defender, in his zeal, hit this boy at the knees while he was in the air. The young man spun in the air, coming down on the back of his head. The fall caused the fourth and fifth vertebrae in his neck to crush the nerves in his spinal cord and he lay on the ground paralyzed. He was rushed to Ithaca College Hospital. They couldn't help him. . .so they moved him to Syracuse Upstate Medical Center. I got a call about the accident at one o'clock in the morning while I was in London on business. The young man is my son, Robert.

Over the first 72 hours, Robert regained feeling in his legs and arms, but he couldn't move them on his own. After a week, he was stabilized and began to gain some movement in his limbs. We had to charter a first aid plane and fly him to New York University Medical Hospital where spinal surgery was performed. The doctors used a bone from his hip and fused his vertebrae. He began physical therapy almost immediately. The doctors couldn't believe the progress he made and the success of the operation. After five months of therapy, he rejoined his class at Ithaca College after missing just one semester. Today, you could never tell anything ever happened to him. The doctors said one case in 20,000 turns out this way.

But now let me tell you the real story. The first thing Rob said to me when I saw him in the Intensive Care Ward was: "No sweat - no way I'm gonna let this beat me. My spinal cord is damaged, but OK - as long as I have a shot at being 100%, I'm going for it." So while my wife and I were praying, he was fighting. I even played the theme from the movie ROCKY a hundred times to help him - actually, it was to help me.

From the beginning, his attitude was unbelievable. There was a 16 year old girl in the hospital following an automobile accident. She had a neck injury similar to Rob's. Her father heard about Rob's attitude from the nurses. His daughter was terribly depressed, wouldn't eat, and cried all the time. He asked if his daughter could spend time with Rob - to cheer her up. Rob spent a couple of hours with her. His attitude was contagious. She left that room happier than she had been in a long time, and even more important - with a desire to fight. To be able to get out of that place as soon as possible.

During those terrible few weeks, we all gained strength from Rob's winning attitude. I am convinced that his positive attitude, his fighting spirit made the difference. With all due respect to some terrific doctors, his software made the difference.

Honesty and integrity are also key software applications. I was recently at a Chase Board of Directors luncheon sitting across from the retired president of a very large oil company. We started talking about value systems. He was very direct and specific in telling me he considers HONESTY as the value that separates the winners from the losers; both in people and companies.

What are some of the other software applications that make a difference. Well surely...faith. St. John's has provided you with the opportunity to build on your faith: love, kindness, caring,

humility, respect and devotion. What an incredibly powerful software package that represents.

And, to elaborate on just one more part of the software set, the ability to be a team player - the ability to say not me, us. How well that applies to marriage, company and community.

There are 34,000 employees at The Chase Manhattan Bank - all over the world. We recently began a corporate program to establish a formal value system throughout Chase. We established five primary values.

1. Customer focus. We believe it. We live it. The customer always comes first.

2. Respect for each other. We treat our colleagues like respected clients. We respond with integrity, courtesy, candor and urgency.

3. Teamwork. We build on each other's strengths. Chase first, my unit second.

4. Quality. I can make a difference. Quality starts with me.

5. Professionalism. Customers and colleagues count on me because: I am committed; I have high standards; I get the job done; I'm knowledgeable; I take every opportunity to sharpen my talents and skills.

People at Chase will be judged first on their performance relative to the value system and then on their contributions relative to financial results and other job related objectives.

Living the values is not an option at Chase. The combination of hardware and software comprises the total package; and may I suggest again, it is SOFTWARE, not hardware that distinguishes the winners from the losers. Let me give you some examples that prove the point.

Charles Keating was chairman of Lincoln Savings Bank, a very large Savings and Loan organization in Arizona. He had plenty of hardware; ex-fighter pilot, Olympic swimmer, the pillar of his community. He was articulate; had money and power; but he didn't have the software. Today he is in prison on fraud and racketeering charges. His crimes cost U.S. taxpayers \$2B.

What about Tanya Harding. Pretty good skater, good hardware - bad software.

And Mike Tyson - terrific boxer but knocked out by his own value system.

And, being from New York, I can't resist the opportunity of citing an example of someone who has neither hardware nor software - Joey Buttafuoco.

And now, in stark contrast, look at Ben and Jerry's ice cream. Do you think their ice cream is much better than everyone else's? I don't think so. What makes them so successful is their software - their positive attitude - the courage to take an idea to the marketplace and, even more importantly, their commitment to being quality citizens - to give something back to the community. That's what made them so successful. Not the higher butter fat content of their ice cream.

One final example. A graduate of St. John's Military School, who rose to the level of President of Colorado National Bank, President of Rocky Mountain Bank Card Association and President of Plus System Inc., a person who is involved with more than a dozen charitable organizations - a person who sets the standard in the banking industry for honesty, integrity and achievement - your own, D. Dale Browning. He wrote the book on outstanding hardware

and software.

Winning in Corporate America, or in life, will be based more on your value system, your software, than the particular tools you bring to the game.

Perhaps I can give you one more piece of advice on winning based on a quote from Yogi Berra. For those of you who don't know who Yogi Berra is - he was a catcher with the New York Yankees, later to become manager of the New York Mets. He had a very interesting way of expressing himself. Yogi said: "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." Now as silly as that sounds, it actually makes some sense.

First, by taking a fork in the road, it suggests - *do something, don't stand still*, and second, Each of you, graduating today, will take one of the two forks in the road. You'll either go on to college or join the work force (military or civilian). So, Yogi might say, either path, school or work, can lead to success, happiness, and reaching your goals. In other words; winning.

My young friends, you should feel very good about yourselves, about your hardware and software package, about your ability to compete and about your ability to win. You are now prepared, academically, physically, socially and psychologically to make this a better world; for yourselves, your families, your company, your community and your country. Please don't waste the opportunity.

You are winners. Believe in yourselves and there isn't any goal beyond your reach. I salute you and wish you all the best life can offer, a safe journey and God speed.

Thank you very much.

Patron/Alumni Receptions Set

Receptions have been scheduled for this summer. If you are a former patron or Old Boy, current patron or Old Boy, or prospective patron or New Boy, you are urged to join us for this St. John's family get-together. Various staff and faculty members will be hosting the functions.

Kansas City

10 July - Sunday - 3 PM to 5 PM
Overland Park Marriott
10800 Metcalf Avenue
Overland Park, KS 913 451-8000

Oklahoma City

15 July - Friday - 7:15 PM to 9:30 PM
Oklahoma City Marriott
3233 Northwest Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK 405 842-6633

Wichita

16 July - Saturday - 7 PM to 9 PM
Hilton-Airport
2098 Airport Road
Wichita, KS 316 945-5272

Phoenix

17 July - Sunday - 7 PM to 9 PM
Scottsdale Marriott Suites
7325 E. 3rd Avenue
Scottsdale, AZ 602 945-1550

Denver

29 July - Friday - 7 PM to 9 PM
Denver Marriott West
1717 Denver West Blvd.
Golden, CO 303 279-9100

Houston

6 August - Saturday - 7 PM to 9 PM
Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza
2222 West Loop South
Houston, TX 713 961-7272

Dallas

7 August - Sunday - 3 PM to 5 PM
Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport Marriott
8440 Freeport Parkway
Irving, TX 214 929-8800