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## St. John's loses good friend

Serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the time of his death, G. W. "Bill" Nicholson, 67, McPherson, died Friday, March 31, following a long illness. Bill was completing his sixth 3-year term as a Trustee, beginning in 1976.

In addition to his service on the Board of Trustees, Bill held the position of Chief Executive Officer of the National Manufacturing Company, Lincoln, Nebraska, after that company was bequeathed to St. John's following the death of Walter Ferris in 1983. Following a major fire in 1984, Bill remained in that position throughout the liquidation of the business. He was also an Honorary Colonel and life member of the school's Foundation.

Nicholson was born February 27, 1928 at Hutchinson and became a McPherson resident in 1939. He graduated from high school at

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"Never  
give less  
than  
your  
best."



## FURLO NEW COMMANDANT

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm "Muleskinner" welcome to Lieutenant Colonel Michael A. Furlo, US Army, who will assume duties as Commandant here at St. John's for the 108th Corps of Cadets. LTC Furlo comes to us after serving more than 27 years on active duty. He enlisted in the Army in 1966, serving as both an enlisted soldier and non-commissioned officer during the Vietnam War. After graduation as a



Distinguished Military Graduate from Alfred University, in western New York, he served in a variety of Armor assignments in the Federal Republic of Germany and the U.S. In this capacity, he performed duties

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## "Old Boy" is Commencement Speaker

Along with his picture on the Wall of Fame in the Vanier Academic Center is the quotation at the left of this picture. After a professional career spanning 33 years managing cities, Larry L. Rice, Class of '55, must have practiced this. He will be in Salina to give the Commencement Address to the Class of '95.

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## President's Message

Capt Skip  
McAlexander



This is the time of year when we begin planning for next year and personnel matters become a top priority. As most of you know, Joel Looney has accepted the position of Director of Business and Finance for Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas. This is an excellent career move for Joel and, though we will miss him greatly, I am very happy for him. He will be with us through commencement so please take time to congratulate him.

At this time, I do not anticipate trying to replace Joel with one person. He does so much for St. John's that this would be impossible. Rather, I intend to realign his administrative functions and hire one more person.

Joe Stratton will be assuming some of Joel's duties and changing primary functions. After seven years in admissions, Joe will be moving to a new office to administer our various fund raising programs. As I think of all the things that need to be done to improve St. John's, I am very eager to get this new office up and running. Jerry Bradley will be moving from the Military Department to the Admissions Office and will have primary responsibility for the admissions process. You will read also in the Skirmisher that we have hired a new commandant for next year. Mike and Sandy Furlo will arrive this summer and will be great additions to the St. John's family.

You will also read that we lost a close member of the SJMS family with the death of Mr. Bill Nicholson. Bill had been a member of the Board of Trustees for several generations of Cadets, and had been Chairman for the past two years. I cannot express how much I will miss Bill's sound counsel and knowledge of St. John's. We have truly lost a friend.

## FURLO *(Continued from page 1)*

as a Tank Platoon Leader, Tank Company Commander, Tank Battalion Staff Officer and Armored Division Staff Officer.

Upon receiving a Masters Degree in Latin American Studies from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California, LTC Furlo was assigned to various positions as a strategic Intelligence Officer. This service included duties as an Intelligence Analyst for the country of Nicaragua, both in Washington, DC and in Nicaragua. In addition, he served in Brazil as the Assistant Army Attache, and spent more than three years on the Army Staff in the Pentagon working on intelligence issues.

LTC Furlo brings a proven track record as a combat unit commander combined with demonstrated ability to accomplish tasks. He and Mrs. Furlo will be on campus for several days in conjunction with the commencement weekend and will be moving to the campus in July.

We wish Lieutenant Colonel Furlo, his wife Sandy and three children: Jay, a sophomore at Berkee College of Music in Boston, Mass; Jim, a freshman at Northern Virginia Community College in Woodbridge, Virginia; and daughter, Jill, currently in the 7th grade, a most hardy welcome to "Muleskinner" Country!

## Academic Dean's Message

LTC Kenneth  
Faerber



(913) 823-7231 or FAX

We have much to be thankful for and to celebrate.

Seniors may rejoice because they have finally completed a major portion of their education, and are anxiously anticipating commencement and future opportunities.

Other students may be excited about the fact they are one step closer to their educational goal. Many are anticipating their leadership and athletic possibilities, and how they foresee their role and contributions to the 108th Corps of Cadets.

And yes, even faculty and staff are exuberant about the completion of another highly successful school year. Other than the "pinkeye" episode, that certainly caused much concern, the 94-95 school year was a positive experience.

Now it's time to combine talents and build for better tomorrows. With administrative restructuring new cadet leadership ideas, "block," curriculum possibilities and improved technology, I enthusiastically await the dawn of another NEW BEGINNING.

## FR. COX HONORED

When Christ Cathedral was without a Dean last year, the Bishop of the Diocese of Western Kansas appointed Canon Jim Cox to serve during that time. For this ten month service, Fr. Cox was honored on Sunday, April 9, and named Provost of the Cathedral. His picture will hang in the Hall of Deans at the Cathedral.

### The SKIRMISHER

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## KANSAS COSMOSPHERE TRIP

Following a field trip to the Cosmosphere, cadets were asked to write a report. Mrs. Nicholson chose two of the better reports to share with Skirmisher readers.

By Shaun Ediger

"We took off for the cosmosphere at 7:30 a.m. in a freezing cold of the morning. We all passed out within minutes. Before we knew it we were at the cosmosphere. We started our tour with a nice tour guide lady who really told us lots of interesting things about the lunar lander and showed us this hall of pictures with all of the missions and all of the astronauts in those missions.

"We then proceeded to Dr. Goddard's lab where his wife talked to us about how to make a rocket go and why it goes. After all of the exciting experiences there, we went to the omnimax where we saw a movie about space, and how we're going to have to set our goals higher. Then when we were leaving, the teacher pushed out in front of a car who tried to run me over. At last we'd eaten and were on our way back to school."

By David Uribe

"Yesterday, the Space Science class and I took a field trip to the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson. The Cosmosphere is a museum mostly dedicated to space and space exploration. They had a real lunar lander and a lunar rover that were displayed in the middle of the museum. They also had many exhibits on NASA and the Astronauts. The tour guide was very nice and explained a lot about each of the exhibits. Progress is also underway to expand the Cosmosphere to include a full sized SR71 Blackbird. The new building looks like something I might want to see. The class and I enjoyed a very educational field trip."

## Western Kansas Consecrates Its Third Bishop

The Ven. Vernon E. Strickland was consecrated as the third Bishop of Western Kansas on the feast of the Annunciation, March 25, at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Cathedral, Salina. The new bishop was archdeacon of Wyoming when he was elected last October, and he succeeds the Rt. Rev. John F. Ashby, who retired. A congregation of about 800, including the 107th Corps, was present at the two-hour ceremony which was marked by ritual pomp and pageantry, and was the ordination of the 904th Episcopal bishop in the United States. The crucifer, torch bearers, and ushers were members of the cadet Chapel Council.

The Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, Presiding Bishop, was consecrator, with the Rt. Rev. Bob G. Jones, Bishop of Wyoming; the Rt. Rev. C. Christopher Epting, Bishop of Iowa; the Rt. Rev. Rustin R. Kimsey, Bishop of Eastern Oregon; and Bishop Ashby as co-consecrators.

Bishop Strickland is a native of Holopaw, Florida. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Virginia Theological Seminary.

He will hold the position of ex officio for the school's Board of Trustees and will be present for the Commencement program on Sunday, May 14.



The new bishop and his wife, Joyce, are parents of a daughter, Teri, a student at Bethany College (pictured above).

## Crime Stopper program organized

To encourage a crime-free campus, St. John's is one of five Salina schools that has started a Crime Stopper Program this school year. Sponsored by Mrs. Sheri Becker, Cadets Paul Vieni and Brian McGuire have both attended training sessions, one in McPherson and one in Wichita, on how to start school programs.

The cadet board was selected in time for all members to attend the school program session held during the annual Kansas

Crime Stopper Conference held in Manhattan on April 4.

Crime stoppers is a program that offers cash rewards for information leading to the clearance of a crime. St. John's informants will remain as confidential informants rather than anonymous, which is normal in many small school programs. The local Salina-Saline Co. Crimestopper Board gave the school \$250.00 to start their reward fund. The Fund Raising Committee will be responsible

for methods of raising funds in the future.

The Publicity Committee has implemented a contest for designing the school's crime stopper program's logo.

CSM Jerry Bradley is the program coordinator and also attended the state conference along with Mrs. Becker. The cadet officers are: President-Paul Vieni, Vice President-Brian McGuire, Secretary-Alex Midyette and Treasurer-Nathan

Bilotte. Other board members are Joe Miller, Publicity Chairman; Eric Carlsten, Fund Raising Chairman; David Anderson, Nominating Committee Chairman; and Mike Hummel, Assisting Committee Chairman.

This Board will serve for the remainder of this school year and continue into the next school year.





Blood makes the grass grow and when it gets too long, I'm the lawnmower.



Going home!

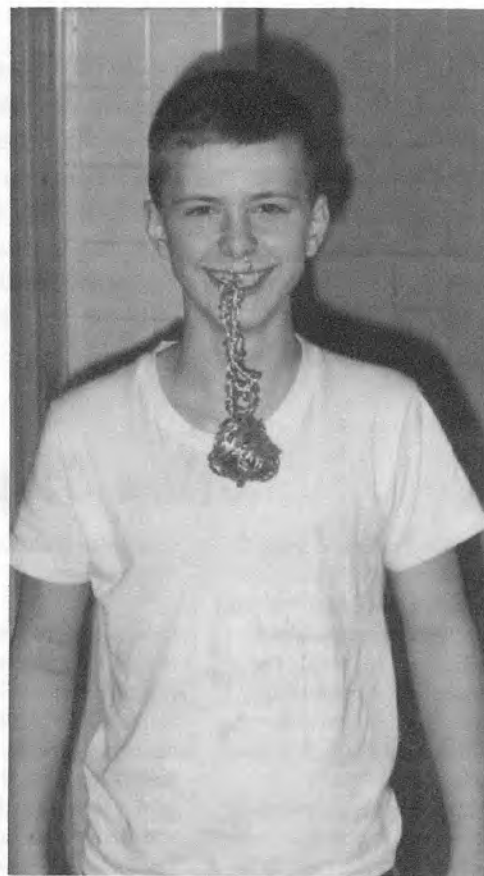
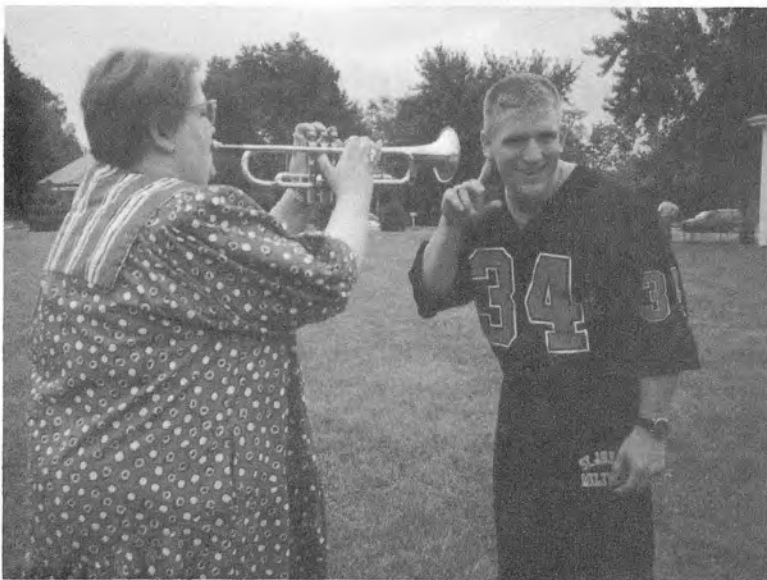


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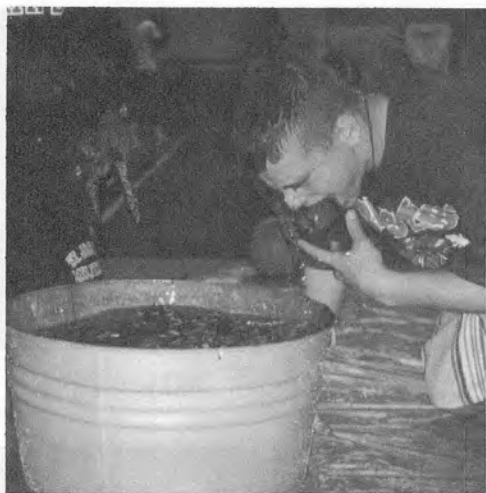


Morrison, you're out of control.

## Yearbook Staff's



Proof that brain failures exist.  
"Say wha?"



All this for an apple?



The Sergeant Major's got a date.

## *Rejects*



It moved. I swear it did.



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Where teachers learn new torcher.



Lawnmower man



CHRIS ALLEN



JAY BAERNS



CHRIS BAUCK



TED BUNDY



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## *Presenting the Class of 1995*



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DAN ROBINSON



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## *Senior Class of the 107th*



COREY RUSSELL



KEITH SEDILLE



MIKE SEENEY



DAVID URIBE



CHRIS WALLING



JERRY WEBB II



RODNEY WEBB



MARK WILSON, JR.

## Third Grading Period Honors are Announced

Congratulations to the

### BLUE BERETS

#### Upper School:

DAVID ANDERSON

ERIC BROWN

BOBBY RAY BEARDEN

#### Middle School:

NATHAN BILOTTE

MORGAN GOLDBERG

WARREN PARKER

### HONOR ROLL:

Making the Academic Dean's Honor Roll for the First Grading Period from the Upper School are David Anderson, 97.25; Eric Brown, 96.17; Bobby Ray Bearden, 95.55; Mark Triebwasser, 94.95; Patrick Farris, 94.81; Bradley Issler, 94.52; Wesley Dakan, 94.12; Erik Carlsten, 93.83; Trey Stout, 93.82; Eduardo McKula, 93.71; Matt Post, 93.71 and Daniel Davidson, 93.68.

Making the Middle School Honor Roll are Nathan Bilotte, 96.63; and Morgan Goldberg, 96.00; Warren Parker, 94.75 and Eric Frenzel, 94.38.

### HONORABLE MENTION:

Making Honorable Mention from the Upper School are Nick Naparstek, 92.82; Fernando Gutierrez, 92.75; Jonathan Luttwak, 92.54; Timothy Pettit, 92.50; John Calhoun, 92.37; Benjamin Dozier, 92.26; Christopher Bauck, 92.17; Geoffrey Hansen, 92.17; Alejandro McKula, 92.14; Joshua Giles, 91.81; Joseph Miller, 91.77; Jeremy Baerns, 91.70; Paul Vieni, 91.62; Jorge Consejo, 91.59; Doug Morrison, 91.52; Rafael Llorente, 91.46; Blaine Moller, 91.34; Matt Weygandt, 91.16; Chris Walling, 91.06; Efren Murrieta, 90.82; Jerry Webb, 90.47; Chris Ramias, 90.44; Mike Hummel, 90.32; Marcel Leichle, 90.17; Newman Merton, 90.09; Jesse Weller, 89.81; Billy Tyler, 89.73; Ricardo Greenwood, 89.69; Travis Main, 89.64; John Melton, 89.53; Matt Beynon, 89.40; Mark Wilson, 89.17; Christopher Reese, 89.03; Erin Realmo-Lautt, 88.92; Josh Hestehave, 88.92; Keith Sedille, 88.77; Rodger Shriver, 88.56 and Alex Hernandez, 88.55.

From the Middle School are Luis Serrano, 93.25; Scott Rideout, 92.71; Joshua Fabia, 92.00; Charles Dickinson, 91.38; Cole Rodenbeek, 91.29; Tash Kovacs, 91.00; Lucas West, 90.75; Ryan Fiegl, 90.75; Brandon Thomas, 90.63; Stephen McClure, 90.50; Joseph McFadden, 90.38; Jarod Guy, 90.13; David Walker, 89.75; Jack Neighbors, 89.63; Tray Harvey, 89.43; Russell Daniels, 89.38; Jim Wilson, 89.38; Sharif Mostafa, 89.13; Ben Warren, 88.63; Manuel Escalante, 88.50 and Mike Westphal, 88.50.

Our congratulations to these cadets for a job well done.

## "Old Boy" LARRY RICE *(Continued from page 1)*

He will be in Salina to give the Commencement Address to the Class of '95.

Larry entered St. John's as a 7th grader in 1949 and graduated six years later. During that time he was on the Crack Squad, President of the "S" Club, Commander of the Drill Team, and received the Gordon Prize. Larry counts his years at St. John's as some of the happiest of his

life, including some unforgettable floor shows performed with classmate Dean Hargrove, now a successful television writer and producer in Hollywood, in the school's dining hall.

Recently retiring as City Manager of Elgin, Illinois, he also managed cities of Lakewood, Colorado; Highland Park, Illinois; and Albany and Cottage Grove, Oregon. He

holds both his Bachelor's and Masters degrees from Kansas University.

Larry is currently working with the United States Government and other international agencies on assignments in Russia, Eastern Europe and Southern Africa on local government restructuring, management information systems, and other municipal programs.

Larry lives in Elgin with his wife, Reverend Mabel Rice, pastor of Hebron United Methodist Church. They have two grown children, Donna and Kevin.

Many of his former classmates will be on hand to hear his address as a big turnout is expected on campus for a 40-year class reunion being organized by classmate Dale Browning.



## MEMORIALS

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

**Rev. Earl Minturn**

**G. W. Nicholson**

**Richard H. Pickering**

**Ann Wright**

## TAPS

**Rev. Earl Minturn, 80**

Clay Center, Kansas, died March 28. He was ordained an Episcopalian minister in 1939 serving in Kansas. He was St. John's Chaplain from 1969-71.

**G. W. (Bill) Nicholson**

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## Bilotte receives DAR Good Citizenship Medal

Cadet Robert Bilotte, 8th grade, was the recipient of a special award given by the Mary Wade Strother Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at their Washington Day Tea held February 18.



The chapter National Defense Chairman, Doris Wyatt, presented the DAR Good Citizenship Medal to Cadet Bilotte and explained that it is given to a young person who exemplifies the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. He was chosen by this school for this honor. Shown, SFC Roy Lawrence who accompanied Bilotte to the Salina Country Club for this presentation.

## Aviation Summer Camp Planned on Campus

St. John's will host a "Careers in Aviation Camp" July 16 through August 11. Campers will s five nd 5 hours a day in classes learning about the different career areas associated with aviation, to include Aerodynamics, Management, FAA Rules, History, Space Futuristic Trends, etc. The cost for this four-week camp is \$2,300 and is open to boys, grade 9 through 12, or ages 14 through 18. Each Friday a field trip will be planned,ed and Saturdays and Sundays will be relaxing days for students to be able to use recreation facilities and computer labs.

The summer camp will not be military in nature. The dorms will be supervised by adults and college camp counselors. The students will have a schedule of class time and planned recreation and leisure time. The aviation instructors are on staff at KSU-Salina. If further information is desired by patrons, please refer them to Tim Weis, Counsellor.

**March with the F Troop on Saturday morning.**

**Remember, Commencement weekend, May 12 thru 14. A reception is being planned just for you on Friday night.**

**"Pass the handle" on Sunday morning**

## a letter from an "Old Boy"

*"In response to our request, Old Boy Walter C. York, Class of '44 wrote to share some memories. He writes that covering 11 years in a column won't be too easy. Following Walt's graduation at St. John's, he attended Kansas Wesleyan earning his BA degree. During this 3 1/2 year period he worked at St. John's as Assistant to the Commandant, operating the Rec Hall and teaching 7th & 8th grades in the Junior School. He says today he would be happy to teach in a school like St. John's, but would have no part in the public school system in California.*

### My Life at St. John's - Class of 1944

I arrived at St. John's in the fall of 1933, and capped off eleven years of military experience in May 1944. In retrospect, St. John's was my home and sufficed as a family. I can say that the 11 years passed in a big hurry. The school fostered my attitude of RMA (Right Mental Attitude) that took me through my service life in good shape. I wasn't the best athlete, but I loved to compete in football, basketball and track. We played softball between the clubs (Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marines) where I was a good fielder. During those years, one had to complete his first year before becoming an "old boy". I remember running the belt line at the end of the year - made one feel that I was



*This is what the St. John's Uniform was during the period around 1916-1918. On the left is my brother Frances, and on the right is my brother, Harvey.*

now one of the gang. Had a few recognitions during my stay, and felt lucky at being selected as Captain of the Army Club one year, President of

the "S" Club my senior year and Corps Commander. One other thing that I might mention (as Col Clem related to me) and that is being the

first officer commissioned in his junior year at St. John's. During those eleven years, I was lucky enough to have won a few personal awards.

Over the years, the names of Al Hart, Mr. "T" (Tolbert), Hazel, Simpson, John Hughes, Bishop Mize, Col. Ganssele, Col. Clem, are just a few people that left an impact on my life. They supported me when I needed it the most, and they kicked my behind when I deserved it.

Some highlights during this time was the school taking us to see the original Harlem Globetrotters when they came to Salina. A few of us were lucky to get to go to Dodge City, KS for the premiere of a movie and got to see many movie stars. The Cracksquad performed and St. John's marched in the big parade. I remember talking with Buck Jones, the Lane Sisters and several others. I can remember when Jack Dempsey and 3 cadets from his home town in Colorado had their picture taken together. One other thing worth mentioning is the two-week Spring Encampment after our tests were complete. We went out around Junction City and pitched our tents for two weeks. After we struck the camp, we'd head for school, have our formal commencement dance on Saturday, graduation and field activities on Sunday, and the last formation on Monday morning.

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**Jim Robertson,**

Attended 41-43 and 45-46  
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Sonoma, CA 95476

*Jim telephoned the school advising he was moving and came across some things he will be mailing to the school. He shared some memories with us. He said that the reason for his break in attendance was because his father was a prisoner of war. When he returned, Captain Mahoney and he started the L Club again, with himself serving as President. He believes he was the youngest cadet ever in attendance at St. John's and believes to be the youngest to win a letter in the junior school. Jim said that Arnold Hall was named after the Spanish Explorer, Gen. Happ Arnold. He personally wrote a letter to Gen. Arnold and still has the response to his letter and approval to use his name. He advised his last visit to the campus was in the late 60's.*

*Thanks for calling, Jim!*

**Robert "Scottie" Scott,**

Class of '49

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*Robert writes that he looks forward to the Skirmisher hoping to see if there is any news from members of the class of '47. He is still trying to find out "anything" about his roommate for 3 years, Richard Goodhart, at that time from Denver. He says the best three years of his life were the three years he spent at St. John's. He added . . . "I had the pleasure of contacting Father Nale and his wife Alberta later in San Diego, CA, and went to their church in Chula Vista and stayed with them while I was in the Navy and later while married and living in San Diego."*

**Thomas Stells, Class of '61**

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**Mack Hahn, Class of '65**

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## where are they now?

**Scott D. McKenzie,**

Attended 67-68

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*Although Scott graduated from Topeka West, he wrote and asked for help in locating some members of the class of 1970. In particular he was wondering about classmates J. Allen Armstrong, (Class of 68) and his former roommates, Robert Fitch and Michael Hodgkins.*

*He went on to write . . .*

*"I have visited SJMS from time to time, the last time being when the Viet Nam Memorial Wall was on campus. Until 1989, I was a court appointed guardian ad litem for over ten SJMS cadets that were in SRS custody, and had limited contact with the commandant at that time. I figure it is time to visit again commencement weekend . . . I have been a lawyer longer than I have been anything else so it must agree with me. I married my high school sweetheart, Susie Galbraith, and have three girls ages 13, 12 and 3, and one son who turns 9 next month. I still have my first car purchased at age 15, which is a restored 1926 Ford Model T sedan."*

*Scott received his Bachelor of Science from Kansas State University and his Juris Doctor from Washburn University School of Law in Topeka. Prior to his law degree, he worked as an Internal Auditor for Capital City State Bank and Trust in Topeka and as Accounts Payable Manager for General Merchandise Distributors, a division of the Fleming Companies in Topeka. His career in law includes his association with Cowan, Jarboe & Korte of Topeka, and now as sole practitioner, engaging in general trial practice of law with emphasis on domestic relations, child custody, estate planning, probate proceedings and commercial collections.*

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*Tony wrote to the Faerbers and they shared his letter for the Skirmisher readers:*

*"My wife and I are having a wicked good time living in New England. We are both working as software engineering contractors at the Lockheed Sanders Corporation (soon to be called Lockheed Martin Sanders, I think). Lockheed merged with Martin Marietta so people are starting to affectionately call it Lock-Mart. Anyway, we are developing software for the Air Force Mission Support System. Our current task is to program the cryptographic keys for the global positioning satellite interface. During our free time we enjoy the competitive sport of driving through the Boston Area. P.S. Hope to attend my 20 year reunion in '96."*

**Justin A. Hoese, Class of '91**

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Granby, CO 80446

*"Hello to the 107th Corps and to the faculty and staff. I would like to give all the cadets some advice. Enjoy St. John's while you can. Although I was only there for my Junior and Senior years, I have so many memories, and the good ones outweigh the bad ones a million to one."*

One of my fondest memories of the school is the person who had the most influence in my life - Col. Jon Cunningham. At 5'6", he was 7 foot tall in my eyes. He was everything St. John's stood for - Scientia virtus Disciplina. For the new boys who have never heard of him, ask Nicola (he's been there since Reagan was President).

Everyday I find myself thinking about St. John's and remembering the good times and the bad. So enjoy it while you can because you will miss it when you're gone. I will see all of you at graduation this year. I promised Nicola I would be there to see him graduate.

For my former classmates, I live in Granby, Colorado. I am part owner of a restaurant (The Silver Spur) and own a professional mountain biking team. Former St. John's cadet of the 102nd Corp, Scott Coghill, rides for my team and will be with me at graduation. I will also be getting married in June - so all in all, my life is going pretty well. I will see you all soon! Esprit De Corp!"

**WALTER YORK,**

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I was the fourth "York" to attend St John's. My two oldest brothers attended around 1916 to 1918. My brother John went from 1932 through 1936 and was Corps Commander. I ordered a flag pole with the plate to read "THE YORK'S" and listed John - 1936, and my name WALTER - 1944. There are a lot of highlights I could mention, however space forbids listing them all. I was exposed to some mighty fine and upstanding people in my St. John's tenure. I won't forget their input into my school life. I never met a cadet or teacher that I didn't like. It is my belief that a St. John's Cadet is a cut above the others. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at school, and turn things over to the younger generation in which I have high regard for, and feel that they will carry the school tradition in fine fashion. I salute them."



## Track Season has started



Up and over. Travis Hladik clears the bar at the high jump competition in middle school track meet.

### Spring is here and Baseballs' in the Air

SFC Mike Whalen, the JROTC SAI, coaches a Junior League baseball team in Salina. When his players, aged 13-15 were searching for some pre-season competition, he formed a 13-15 year old cadet team. This allowed for both: a team to scrimmage against, and a chance for cadets to play some baseball.

Sgt. Whalen arranged for a playing field and a coach for the players: TSGT Lance Werber. The cadets have looked very good in their first three games, winning two of three. Other St. John's staff are also involved in the games. SFC Roger Kelsey, MSG Joe Stewart and Capt. Skip McAlexander have umpired.

### Golf Team in full swing

Under the direction of Coach Chuck Speilman, the golfers for the school year are Jay Baerns, Mike Harris, Josh Hestehave, Mike Hummel, David McClellan, John Melton, Chris Nicola, Mark Triebwasser, Brad Vinning and Ricky Williams.

Returning lettermen are Baerns and Melton.

The team has played in two matches to date with four remaining. weather permitting. Nicola took a 3rd in the Chapman match and a 2-man team placed 5th out of 11 teams at Hillsboro.

### Tennis Team

The team has started working out under the coaching of Gerald Martin with 5 matches remaining in the season.

Team members are: Garrett Hensing, Brandon Ashcraft, Norman Saupe, Alejandro McKula, Jorge Consejo, David Renz, James Bennett, Michael Pavlovsky, Eric Brown, Marcel Leichle, Dan Snider and Chris Rapier, Manager.

The second track meet of the season was held on April 7 at the S.E. Saline Invitational. In a very large 4A and 5A meet, the team as a whole finished in a tie for 11th out of 15 teams.

Members of the team are Allen Jones, Trey Burks, Bobby McHood, Ted Bundy, Brad Issler, James Dishon, Rusty Davis, Geoff Hansen, Mike Seeney, Joe Miller, William Smithback, Chris Moore, John Luttwak, Steve MacWilliams, Pat McKnight, Dan Davidson, John Connet, Eric Siskosky, Dan Seitz, Bobby Bearden, Erin Realmo-Lautt, Chase Rohrer, Mike Redman, Carlos Bejarano, Drayton Dunwoody, Andy Nsubuga, Kevin McNamara, John Newport, Jason Brady, David Uribe and Cortland Dunn.

In an outstanding effort, Carlos Bejarano ran the 1600 meter (1 mile) in a personal best 5 minutes and 9 seconds, trimming 25 seconds off of his time from the previous meet.

Almost every individual and team improved dramatically from the previous meet. Some of the most improved were: Davidson in the 300 meter hurdles; MacWilliams, Smithback, Newport and Davidson in the 4x100 relay; Connet and Dunn in the Javelin and in the first tries in competition; Rohrer in the High Hurdles and Moore in the 800 meter run.

### NICHOLSON

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Wentworth Military Academy in 1945, and from Kansas State University in 1949. He was also an Army veteran of the Korean War. He was the former owner of Consolidated Motors and served on numerous boards in the McPherson community.

Survivors include his wife, Carolee of the home; two sons, Bill of Olathe and Bob of Russell; a daughter, Jean Nicholson of Denver; and a granddaughter, Kristen of Lee's Summit, Mo.