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Christmas at St. John's

With only a few days remaining before Christmas furlough and energies high, the Corps was really ready for the Annual Christmas program which took place on Sunday afternoon, December 11, following Chapel. Cadets, faculty, staff and invited guests attended the dinner.

A great thanks goes to Ms. Paula Lambert for coordinating the program and assisting Santa Claus, portrayed by Cadet Edwin McClendon, with his responsibilities. Pictured at right, Cadet Jonathan Lusk awaits his bag of goodies.

Cadet Chris Nicola shakes hands with Mr. Gerald Woody following a special presentation. A faculty member and instructor when Nicola arrived on campus eight years ago, Mr. Woody is being presented a St. John's sweatshirt by Chris, now a Senior, to commemorate the eight-year link between the two of them.

Battalion Commander Chris Allen, as Master of Ceremonies, introduced each Company prior to its Christmas skit. Judged by Brenda McCoy, Martha Lohmann and Sgt. Mike Whalen, Alpha Company was proclaimed the winner. MA Chief Boston, portrayed by Cadet Chris Muhr, doesn't appear to be getting the respect of Cadet Paul Vieni and Company — isn't that a smile on their faces?

Captain Skip McAlexander took the occasion to present a flag box to three former Trustees to show appreciation for their service to St. John's - Larry Bengtson, Harold Eagleton and Ron Green. Also receiving a flag were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Berkley of Bennington.



President's Message

Capt Skip
McAlexander



One of our works in progress at St. John's these days is the development of a Mission Statement. We are using the methodology and philosophy contained in Dr. Stephen Covey's best selling books on management. We have a committee made of employees from all departments of the school. Mrs. Susie Harris is our chairperson and we will continue the task for as long as it takes to define the "mission" of St. John's Military School. We hope to be able to have participation by employees, cadets, trustees, alumni and parents. If any of you would like to give us your ideas on what our mission is, or should be, please contact Mrs. Harris at the school.

When we have reached some sort of consensus on the mission of the school we will use it as a basis for a long term planning process. I do not want the long term planning process to become a straight-jacket that will keep us from taking advantage of a new technology or opportunity. However, there are things we need to plan for and goals we need to set if St. John's is to continue to thrive into the 21st Century. Building a new dining facility is one example. I will use this column to keep you informed of our progress in this area. Any comments on the mission statement or the future of St. John's would be welcome.

Finally, from the on-campus St. John's family to the family around the world, HAVE A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!

Academic Dean's Message

LTC Kenneth
Faerber



MIDYEAR - HISTORY & NEWS!!!

By the time this Skirmisher reaches you Christmas Furlough and the end of the first semester will be history. What have we accomplished and what's ahead?

Enrollment has been 'great' and admissions forecasts many new boys at semester time. Academically, there has been significant improvement in adjustment - to eight classes per day, attitude - working toward one's potential, and overall improved G.P.A.'s. The athletic program continues in high gear with a good number of enthusiastic cadets participating in basketball, wrestling and rifle teams. The drama class has completed, with much laughter, it's first major production "Scapino". The Quiz Bowl participants have experienced considerable competition. Biology II students - what a rare educational outing - viewing human cadavers at Kansas Wesleyan University. New technology — accessing the information highway via Telecommunications; Salina Public Library, K-State U. Library, Classroom Prodigy, INK (Information Network of KS) and new CD ROM's. And, in my opinion, the cadet leadership during the first semester has been excellent — THANK YOU.

It has long been a standing tradition, following first semester exams, to begin the second semester with a fun day — Winter Carnival. Many are already making plans for the February Ski Trip - a nice long three days in Colorado. Following the league and state basketball and wrestling tournaments, we begin to experience longer days of beautiful Kansas blue skies and bright sunshiny days. Combine the renaissance of mother nature's wonderful colors and enjoyable fragrances with cadets golf clubs, tennis rackets, running attire, and we have, in my opinion, the best time of the year—SPRING. On yes, even a few are excited about the annual Rattlesnake Hunt — a "different" kind of three-day

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First Grading Period Honors are Announced

Congratulations to the

BLUE BERETS

Upper School:

WESLEY DAKAN

JOSEPH MILLER

BRIAN LUNGU

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 Wesley Dakan, 96.49; Joseph Miller, 96.42; Brian Lungu, 96.23; Bobby Bearden, 96.19; Eduardo McKula, 95.97; Daniel Davidson, 95.76; Geoffrey Hansen, 95.65; Bradley Issler, 95.64; Jonathan Luttwak, 95.24; David Anderson, 94.83; Mark Treibwasser, 94.80; Jeremy Baerns, 94.50; Jerry Webb, 94.43; Travis Main, 94.40; John Calhoun, 94.07; Keith Sedille, 93.92 and Blaine Moller, 93.87.

Making the Middle School Honor Roll are Nathan Bilotte, 96.25; Morgan Goldberg, 95.13 and Warren Parker, 94.25.

HONORABLE MENTION:

Making Honorable Mention from the Upper School are Rodney Webb, 93.11; Douglas Morrison, 93.05; Christopher Buack, 92.80; Matthew Post, 92.48; Christopher Allen, 92.28; Jorge Consejo, 92.07; Erik Carlsten, 92.04; Benjamin Dozier, 91.87; Christian Chance, 91.78; John Irish, 91.71; Fernando Gutierrez, 91.52; Christopher Ramias, 91.50; Mark Wilson, 91.37; Timothy Pettit, 90.62; Rafael Llorente, 90.30; Cory Russell, 90.29; Christopher Reese, 90.08; Kevin McNamara, 90.07; John Melton, 90.06; Michael Seeney, 89.86; Newman Merton, 89.57; Edward Jones, 89.50; Paul Vieni, 89.40; Brandon Ashcraft, 89.34; James Dishon, 89.33; Michael Harris, 88.97; Roberto Loyo, 88.94; Daniel Robinson, 88.04; Christopher Walling, 88.91 and Efen Murrieta, 88.81.

From the Middle School are Stephen McClure, 92.88; Cole Rodenbeek, 92.57; Joshua Fabia, 92.50; Jonathan Lusk, 92.00; Charles Dickinson, 91.63; Scott Rideout, 91.43; Lucas West, 91.38; Russell Daniels, 91.00; Shariff Mostafa, 90.13; Chase Hardwicke, 90.00 and Jack Neighbors, 89.13.

Czech Couple Interning at St. John's

Adjusting to military life along beside the "New Boys", and living on campus has been quite an experience for Pavel and Martina Adam, teachers from the Czech Republic.

Pavel says that English is now the most popular language and Czech citizens are eager to learn it. While studying our education process by substitute teaching and helping with numerous school activities, cadets are also learning a lot about Europe and the Czech Republic and what living in a communist state is like.

Serving as interns to get a taste of learning systems in an American school, they are also learning about cadet life at St. John's. The Adams compare their barracks housing to the flats they live in at home. But unlike home, is the abundance of personal vehicles in America. Public transportation or bicycles is the mode of travel in his country, says Pavel.

Along with Cadets, the Adams went home over Christmas furlough looking forward to seeing family members and especially, Martina's dog.



Veteran's Day at St. John's

by Ben Dozier

The annual Veteran's Day ceremony this year took place during typical Veteran's Day weather - cold and windy. Participating in this year's program was a guest who was special to many old boys from years past. SFC Dwayne King assisted C/CPL Jonathan Lusk in placing the wreath on the Veteran's Memorial. SFC King was a Tactical Officer at St. John's until the 105th Corps and a favorite of many Cadets.

The ceremony was respectful to United States soldiers of all the services, those who lost their lives in defense of our country and those who would have if necessary. The ceremony paid special tribute to those soldiers that work at St. John's and those from the various veteran organizations in the community who we were fortunate enough to have joined us to pay our respects on that special day. The ceremony was concluded with a Pass in Review by the 107th Corps of Cadets in commemoration to all Veterans.

"Schindler's List" attended by Cadets

Mid State Cinema was the Salina host theater for a special showing of Schindler's List. Bill Lonsdon was the theater manager hosting this showing.

On behalf of the Governor's Office and the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, a free showing was made available to local high schools who wished to participate. A study guide was also sent to the participating schools for discussion both before and after the movie.

The only schools who attended the special presentation in Salina were St. John's Military School and Lincoln High School.

At left, Cadet Bob Neu is shown holding one of the speakers in place during the strong wind.



JUNIOR LEAGUE INSTRUMENTAL CLINIC HOSTED BY ST. JOHN'S

On November 10, organized by Mrs. Wendy Stein, St. John's Military School was host to the junior high league instrumental clinic. One hundred and fifty junior high students from throughout the league descended on the St. John's campus at 1:00 p.m.

Thanks to Mrs. Lewick and her keyboarding students, each of the band members was greeted with a sign indicating where they were to sit in the massed band formation and welcoming them to St. John's. The clinician, Mr. Tom Stidham, from Kansas University, spent a better part of the afternoon inspiring the young band members to watch the dynamics, pay attention to key signatures and follow his baton!

Charley Dickinson and Ryan Levitan made up the St. John's Military school delegation. Charley plays Alto Saxophone and Ryan is the crash cymbal man for the 1994-95 St. John's Band.

The rec center was used for afternoon and dinner breaks, staffed expertly by Mrs. Shirley Reed and a few of the upper school cadets. The opportunity room in Linger Hall served as the hospitality room for visiting directors and bus drivers. Doug Randolph, Brenda McCoy and Sheri Becker made sure all our guests were made to feel welcome and had plenty of snacks to munch on throughout the afternoon.

The evening concert featured members of the St. John's Crack Squad in an exhibition Drill which was received very enthusiastically by the many in attendance. The massed band program featured a Spanish tune "Viva Espanole", "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" from the Lion King, "Proud Mary", "Across the Field March" and an overture entitled "Addison Way".

Members of the rock band "Altimate Experience" from the Tescott, Kansas area, coached by Bill Burrows, added an extra bit of sparkle to the program.

Rifle Team already winners

The 94-95 SJMS Rifle Team started their season off great with the firing of the Sidney Lanier JROTC Postal Match which was fired on November 30. The team consisted of David Uribe, Douglas Morrison, John Irish, Seth Strike, James York and David McClellan. To win a spot on the team, the Cadets had to compete with 60 other cadets. The top six comprise the team. The team manager is Cadet Rutherford.

SJMS Fired 245 points higher in the Postal Match this year than last year. The Postal Match has about 40 other schools from around the nation competing. The official results won't be known until later January. "However with this kind of improvement we are already winners" says Coach Whalen.

Part of this great increase in scores, Whalen says, is due to better equipment. He's referring to the six new Anschutz 1903 match rifles purchased by the Foundation last Spring. The rest of the increase is due to having returning shooters who want to be winners!! **Good job, Cadets!**



Randolph Reenacts Union Soldier

Mr. Keith's American History classes had a real treat recently. To help the students "get a feel" for how a typical Union soldier must have looked like and acted during the Civil War a reenactor was brought into the classroom. The reenactor was none other than our own Doug Randolph, principal of the Middle School.

Mr. Randolph has been quite active over the past years participating in Civil War

reenactments throughout the United States and has become quite an authority on this time period. Students under the guidance of Mr. Randolph were able to load and fire a mid 1800's rifle and practice typical marching drills. They were also able to get their hands on various artifacts used in the battles of the Civil War. A fun time was had by all and a big thank you to Mr. Randolph for sharing his time and knowledge with us.

Financial Advice by Vice President

Students in Mr. Keith's Economics class recently were able to receive financial advice from our own Vice President, Joel Looney, in a guest presentation. His topic covered the effects of compound interest and how by saving money now the students would be able to enjoy more of a windfall in their later lives.

Benjamin Franklin Visits St. John's

Benjamin Franklin was at St. John's. Well, actually Fred Krebs, professor at Johnson County Community College and also a historical reenactor, was here. Through a program called History Alive which is sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council, Mr. Krebs was able to portray one of the most influential founding fathers for the cadets.

The program was divided into three parts where Mr. Krebs assumed the role of Benjamin Franklin the scientist, writer, politician and diplomat (shown at left). In the second portion of the program he stayed in character and fielded various questions from the cadets. While in the last segment he stepped out of character and fielded questions as Mr. Krebs.

Those classes in attendance were Mr. Keith's American History classes, Mr. Martin's American Government classes and Mrs. Huck's English classes. A fun time was had by all and several comments were made about how much they had learned in the short time they spent with Mr. Franklin.

T.V. Exposure for Cadets

Along with Capt. McAlexander, C/MAJ Jerry Webb was interviewed on "Viewpoints", a program aired on Sunday morning, December 4 over Channel 10, Wichita.

Jerry did a great job telling the St. John's Story.

As regular volunteers on the production crews for Community Access TV, members of the media club had the opportunity to produce their own program on "Teen Talk", aired Wednesday night, December 7.

Media club members (also the Skirmisher staff), made up the entire production crew, with Josh Vansickle, Director; Eric Siskosky, Asst. Director;

Brian McGuire, C.G.'s; Joe Katin, audio; and Mike O'Halloran, Tom Welsh and James Dishon as camera operators. Discussing the Capital Punishment issue, were cadets Garrett Hensing, Ben Dozier, Doug Morrison and Newman Merton, with Joe Miller as Host. Sharing the limelight was their guest for the show, the Warden of Ellsworth Corrections facility, L. E. Bruce.

"Teen Talk", a creation of Saline Co. Sheriff Deputy Jim DuBois, is a format being made available for area high school media students. Cadets are planning to do two more shows during the school year, probably during February and March.

BEARDEN GIVES PICTORIAL PRESENTATION



Bobby Ray Bearden assisted Mrs. Stein with a presentation during the Salina Symphony Winter Concert Monday night, December 12. Bobby was given the opportunity to create a visual presentation to go along with a "Lincoln Portrait" written by American composer Aaron Copland. The work consists of a symphonic portrait followed by a section with narrator. Bobby was

given the script and asked to create a pictorial narration to follow the dialogue. Mrs. Stein provided three books from the Salina Public Library for Bobby to use for his picture selection. The pictures were made into transparencies to be shown on an overhead projector the evening of the concert. Mrs. Stein would like to thank Bobby for the special care he put into this presentation and for his help the evening of the concert.

Allen takes Command

C/MAJ Chris Allen receives the ROTC flag as C/MAJ Jerry Webb transfers the Command of the 107th Corps for the 2nd Set. Assisting the Battalion Commander is his Staff, as follows: Capt. Fernando Gutierrez, BN S-1; Capt. David Uribe, BN S-2; MAJ Chris Nicola, BN S-3; Capt. John Irish, BN S-4 and Capt. Ben Dozier, BN S-5.



Drama Class Presents

Starring, from left to right: Joe Miller, Edwin McClendon, Michael Rolle, Juan Ford and Rafael Llorente.

The Drama Class presented the play, Scapino, on December 9. The entire Corps enjoyed the play that was inspired by Moliere's "Les Tourberies de Scapin." It is the story of a young man who doesn't want to marry the woman his father has chosen for him and mistaken identity. The cast included Rafael Llorente as Scapino, Russell Davis, Joe Miller, Edwin McClendon, Jim Dishon, Mike Redman, Jeff Ewert, Ted Bundy, Juan Ford, Mike Rolle, Alex Hernandez, Mike Harris and Brian McGuire. The lighting crew included Jarrett Nebrich and Chris Chance. The show was directed by Mrs. Susie Harris, drama instructor.

Cadets in Post Rock League Clinic

A portion of the vocal music class attended a league vocal clinic in Hope, Kansas on November 8. Tom Welsh, Ricky Greenwood, Damian Wilson, Bobby Bearden, Robert Bosler and Efren Murrieta were members of the 120 voice strong massed choir formed from the schools which make up the Post Rock League. The clinician, Marilyn Killian, from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas kept the students on their toes for the entire afternoon. Mrs. Killian offered suggestions to the students on vowel placement, breathing techniques, correct posture and how to show emotion when singing.

After a long afternoon of rehearsing Mrs. Stein took her charges to nearby Herington, Kansas for a well deserved pizza supper. Following the supper break we returned to the high school for the evening concert.

The massed choir numbers were: "Sing Unto the Lord" by Henry Purcell, "I Hear Liberty Singing" by Greg Gilpin, "He's Gone Away" arranged by Grier and "Ezekiel's Wheel" arranged by Philip Kern.

New Receptionist in Business Office

Mary Kay Robertson replaces Dana Schaich in the Business Office following Dana's departure to go back to full-time work. Assisting Ms. Terri Hunnacutt, Mrs. Robertson is the part-time receptionist, providing extra help during the lunch hour breaks and helping out whenever work demands.

Quickly becoming a part of the St. John's family, Mary Kay says she and her husband Glenn, retired from his business of Robertson Heating & Plumbing, enjoy bible study, reading historical novels and love camping.

Their immediate family includes two grown children, three grandchildren, and their pet dog "Laddie". Part Lab and part Collie, at one year of age, Laddie is still growing, weighs over 60 lbs. and choice of seats at home is usually Glenn's lap???

Rolling Hills Refuge a favorite among Middle Schoolers

Bob Brown, who is the husband of Sara Brown, (Linger M.S. teacher) has an interesting profession which the M.S. Cadets get to see first hand. Mr. Brown is the director of Rolling Hills Refuge, a wildlife conservation center, located 7 miles west of Salina. RHR is an educational, nonprofit foundation dedicated to the conservation and preservation of rare and endangered species. It is owned and funded by Salina resident, Charlie Walker.

Each year the Middle School cadets take a field trip to the refuge to see and learn about the 44 different species which currently reside there. These include reticulated giraffes, Bactrian and dromedary camels, brown bears, ostriches, mountain lions, snow leopards and a female African lion. The highlight of the field trip is when the cadets get to hand feed carrots to the giraffes.

Mr. Brown said the best way for kids to learn about animals and their plight in a shrinking world is to see them up close and learn first hand what their needs are in order to survive in our world. "Our goal has been to promote the conservation of nature by enlightening the individual, especially the youth of today who will all too soon be the keepers of tomorrow", says Brown. "For nature to be preserved and cherished in the future, kids must learn the value of such endeavors now."

Mrs. Brown works in conjunction with this goal by teaching Environmental Studies at Linger. The goal of the class is to acquaint students with environmental issues that they will be facing in the future and prepare them to make responsible decisions.

Rolling Hills Refuge is expanding to accommodate more endangered species for the specific purpose of breeding and research. They plan to eventually have 90 species including Indian and white rhinos, which are due to arrive in the spring of 1995. Although RHR is currently closed to the public, they hope to be open for exhibition in May of 1996.

Explorer Post Team bring home medals

Cadet Mike Hummel, in his second year with the Saline Co. Sheriff's Office Explorer Post, was a team member attending the Wichita Police Explorer Conference this fall. The four member team spent a day participating in classes and competed with 14 other teams from around the state in five events.

The Saline Co. team received a first place medal in domestic violence and a second place in felony car stop. Congratulations to Cadet Hummel and the Saline Co. Explorer Post. That's great!

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Calvary Museum visited

Mr. Keith's American History classes recently visited the Calvary Museum at Ft. Riley. All of this was in conjunction with the in-class studying of the Plains Indian Wars and the settling of the west. Students were able to see firsthand the dress, weapons, and lifestyle of a calvary soldier during the late 1800's. Mr. Tim Weis, Martina and Pavel Adam accompanied Mr. Keith and the cadets on their trip.

Texan wins cowboy hat

The Quartermasters sponsored a Christmas Give Away. All a cadet had to do was sign up and then see if his name was drawn. From the many, many, many names entered, the Lucky Winners were:

Chris Ramias - a cup with candy; Lucas West - a cup with candy; Charles Nelson - Far Side Calendar; Adam Ross - Far Side Calendar; Charley Dickinson - Camera; and John Melton - our famous orange cowboy Hat and a wonderful Santa watch.

"From the excitement generated by these giveaways, you would think we were giving away a cadillac" says Mrs. Lillian Faerber.

LTC Faerber

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adventure in Oklahoma. Also, let us not forget the junior/senior dance, the special senior weekend, and of course, the important annual military inspection. Then, Spring Furlough and the most exciting event of the entire school year — Commencement.

These major events, coupled with a very challenging academic curriculum and the structured discipline environment, all provide the framework necessary to fulfill our mission.



SFC E7 Roger Kelsey, ROTC instructor, is recognized at employee's in-service training session on Friday, December 16. CSM Jerry Bradley is shown congratulating Kelsey for the Meritorious Service Medal. Although his retirement from the U.S. Army is effective December 31, he will remain on the faculty for the remainder of the school year.

Double Overtime for Season Opener

Winning the season opener in double overtime against Living Word was a great way to start out, says Coach Clay Urbanek, following the 51-50 game.

Return starter and last year's leading rebounder, Juan Ford, along with new comer Drayton Dunwoody, led the Mule-skinners in scoring, with Dunwoody scoring 21 and Ford adding 14.

The extended Christmas furlough will allow only 16 regular season games with no games scheduled from December 13 through January 13.

Middle School Basketball

The Middle School team has 17 members this year. They started practice on November 14 and have played 3 games to date. They played an A-B-and C game at Tescott on the 1st of December and lost all three games.

But then they played Solomon on December 8 and the A team won 41-34, followed by playing Living Word on December 10 and also winning 32-25.

Much improvement has been made since the beginning of the season, says Coach Kelly Rudolph.

Middle School Cadets get instruction during time-out.



All League Football Selections Made

At a league head football coaches meeting following the football season the following All League teams were chosen, as follows:

1st team - gold medal
Chris Nicola - Linebacker

2nd team - silver medal
Chris Nicola - Running Back
Jerry Webb - End (offense)
Chris Allen - End (defense)
Davie Uribe - Kicker

Honorable Mention
Brian Marvins - Noseguard
Don Zimmerman - Defensive Back
Rodney Webb - Running Back

Letter to 107th Corps from Chad L. Kopecky, Class of '92

"I came to the school as a member of the 101st Corps, and have seen the school go through many changes. I saw the original Training Co. first hand, and believe me things were a lot different then. At that time, the Commandant of the 101st was LTC Ret. Richard Pack, and my company Tac Officer was MSG Joe Stewart. It was one of the most miserable times of my life, thanks to floor meetings, push up parties, white glove inspections and ID haircuts.

The goobers lived upstairs in Charlie Co., Mize hall; goobers Chris Nicola and Chris Allen lived there. These weren't ordinary goobers, these were the ones that didn't take showers until they were made to, kept small animals, reptiles and in-

sects in their lockers, and led goober attacks on old boys like Heath. Later goobers like Jerry and Rodney Webb were introduced to this so called life of middle schoolers. I spent three out of four years living and working with these unique little rug rats, but it was definitely worth it to see the way they grew up and became true leaders for St. John's Military School.

There are many more cadets than the ones I just mentioned, unfortunately too many to put in this letter. Please don't be offended if I didn't say anything about you. All of these young cadets have grown up in this school and become great leaders. I only wish that I had some of the programs that you have now. Some of them were

ideas that myself and other cadets had tried to implement for years, and for some reason weren't able to. However, you guys took the ball and ran with it. Congratulations to all of you for that, because it is a great accomplishment. I will use Training Co. as an example. We tried to get it back for years but weren't able to. You did it.

The new LDR program is excellent, giving new ideas and directions for staff and company level leadership a chance to shine, and allowing more cadets to realize their own self worth and ability. You are also being introduced to a technological curriculum that is comparable to what is being used by businesses globally. You guys really are a cut above.

Anyway, I really believe that an 'atta boy' is deserved from the alumni of St. John's, not just to the cadets but also to the new President, USN Capt. (Ret) Skip McAlexander. You guys are a team and it shows. Also I'd like to put out the welcome mat for Chief Max Boston, who I am sure has been very instrumental in changing the structure of St. John's Military School. Good luck to the final staff of the 107th, and to the young ones coming up from the ranks, the goobers. Seniors, remember to take care of the goobers so that you can be as proud of them some day as I am now."

Sincerely,
Chad L. Kopecky

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Candido 'Abel' Anaya, Class of '75

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LTC Faerber received this letter today.

"It's been almost twenty years since I left Salina. I do have very fond memories of my years as a cadet at St. John's.

I always read your newsletter and it is my opinion that St. John's Military School has come a long way for the better. St. John's was like home to us. I still remember the first day of school, I did not know how to speak English, but Ron Smith, who was my first roommate, took the time to teach me some, and also some rock and roll by Led Zeppelin.

Right now, I live in St. Thomas U.S.V.I. where I work at one of the top 49 resorts in the world in the capacity of Executive Chef. Maybe your cafeteria food inspired me to learn how to cook.

I am married with four kids, Abel Jr. 14, Francisca 8, Poloma 4 and Carolina 1 month old. Any time you come this way,

please stop by and come to visit us.

Well, say hello to coach and my classmates ('75) for me. I hope we can reunite once again. Is it true that James Wellman is a rich man now? If so, how about a loan? Just kidding.

Keep up the good work.
Abel Anaya

where are they now?

Patrick Kennedy,
Class of '66
3738 Tara Dr.
Destrehan, LA 70047
Pat stopped by the campus a couple of weeks ago and had lunch with the Corps.

Thanks for stopping in, Patrick!

Glenn (Orendorff) Nesbitt (Attended 1968-69)
3300 Palm Drive
Apt. 425
Fullerton, CA 92631

Errol Waddell, Class of '80
1250 Bookcliff Ave. #7
Grand Junction, CO
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Errol writes asking about how to purchase a class ring. He also says that he purchased an alumni directory but was disappointed that it didn't have more listings from the 1975-1980 period.
We're sorry too, Errol!

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Photo shared by Old Boy 'Rick' Taylor, Class of '64

The Platoon, commanded by Cadet Maj. Ted Jones was in the New York City area for a series of public appearances from Feb. 11 to 14. The purpose of the trip was to participate in the induction of a Cadet Squadron at St. Paul's School on Long Island. The trip was an outgrowth of a visit to the St. John's Squadron by a group of CAP officials from the Northeast Region last October.

Following attendance at the show's dress rehearsal, a group of five Cadets and Maj. R.L. Guernsey were given seats near the front in case there was time for an introduction.

Arriving at the theater that evening, the Cadets found their chairs had been taken by Jimmy Durante and his party, including his new bride. But the attendance at the show was not without recognition as the St. John's group had their pictures taken with some of the performers on the show including Peggy Lee and Henry Fonda.

Cadets making the trip were Ted Jones, Jim Adams, Tom Ashley, Bill Beaver, Ted Bryant, Ron Clouser, Skip Cunningham, John Ditton, Steve Erb, Ken Halama, Phil Hargrove, Jeff Lantz, Steve

Lobaugh,

Richard London, Richard Mattix, Nick Olmstead, John O'Loughlin, Scott Poage, Bill Protz, David Snow, Joe Starbuck, Martin Stark, Rick Taylor, Gary Westover, Doug White, Jim Pyle, Tom Agnew, Alan Brigman, Tim Arnott, Jack Kaine and Steve Oakford.

CADETS VISIT SULLIVAN - Members of the St. John's Military School crack platoon are pictured in New York City with Ed Sullivan (behind Cadet John Ditton), Peggy Lee, Paul Anka (third from left) and Henry Fonda (standing between Jack Kaine and Ted Jones). *Caption and article taken from February 1961 edition of The Skirmisher*



Letter to SJMS Friends, from Jim Howden, Class of '60

"This letter is long overdue as I have been meaning to write for several years. After reading Vol. LXXX No 1 of The Skirmisher I felt the time was now.

I graduated with the Class of 1960 and often wonder where the other 14 are today as I don't see their names in the Skirmisher too often. At any rate, I thought I'd let them know where I'm at and what I'm doing in hopes they might write and do the same.

I have just completed twenty-five years of teaching and coaching in New Mexico.

Most of those years were here where I live in Bernalillo (10 miles north of Albuquerque). I have retired from public education this year after many good years filled with excitement and rewards. I have coached football, basketball, cross country and track twenty-three of those years and I am proud to say that my teams have produced two state championships, several seconds and thirds and a number of individual champions. However, with the changes in today's public schools I have left the classroom to pursue my

hobbies and coach a 9th grade girls basketball team. I am glad that St. John's still believes in hard work and discipline combined with the basics in academics and a well-rounded athletic and activity program. Keep up the good work SJMS and maybe our public schools will learn from you someday.

I thank God I had the opportunity to attend St. John's as, so often when the times were tough, that self-discipline carried me. I've earned the good life now, and my wife retires in a couple of years as well. My son

will graduate from U.N.M. this year and soon I'll have the time to visit SJMS.

Thanks for everything."

With fond memories,

Jim Howden

Star Rt. 57

Bernalillo, NM 87004

P.S. C. Squad Commander

Cadet Capt., Crack Squad,

Crack Platoon, "S" Club,

Football, basketball, track

(Thanks for the experience - athletics has put a lot of bread and butter on the table)

Aviation Summer Camp Planned on Campus

St. John's will host a "Careers in Aviation Camp" July 16 through August 11. Campers will spend 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 4-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 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.

Herbert Lork, Jr.
(Attended 1983-85)

61 Chapin Ave.

NY, NY 10304

Herb telephoned asking for a classmate's address and gave us an update on himself. He is no longer acting and is now a stockbroker on Wall Street. He said his St. John's tie with "Old Boy" and producer Dean Hargrove helped give him his start in his acting career which provided the income allowing him to complete college and attaining the position he now holds. *Good to hear from you again, Herb!*

Letter from Mario Julio Alcedo, Class of '86

Following are excerpts from a letter received recently:

"... The reason I'm writing you this letter is, of course to say hello, to congratulate you on your work on the Alumni Directory, which I found excellent and have already got in contact with a couple of old friends. But the main reason I'm writing you is because I want to make sure that in May '96 our class' 10th year we may have a class reunion.

"I don't really know why so many names from our class are missing from the directory, I hope you are able to find them, in any case I will be getting in contact with all

my classmates and maybe some of them know the whereabouts of the others.

"Right now I'm working for a family business of transportation and warehousing, we store containers and work with the ports in Panama, I got married in December 93 and also Eduardo Vaccaro who graduated in '84 married my sister. (Vaccaro is not listed in the Directory so if you could include him in your files. He receives his mail at the same address as I do and he works for the National Brewing Co.)"

Mario Julio Alcedo

Apartado 7600

Panama City 5, Panama

Mario went on to write that he plans to do a lot of telephoning to his classmates to get some response for a 10 year reunion. If any of you are reading this, why don't you write him? Also, any help on addresses of classmates will be appreciated by both of us.

Sheri Becker,
Alumni Affairs