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Treasures of the Czars

Taking advantage of this exhibit

being in Kansas, the 108th Corps and faculty felt very honored to have the opportunity to see the opulent artifacts under glass viewed just a few feet away.

An average of 200 people toured the exhibit every 15 minutes during the five month showing in Topeka.

Topeka was one of two hosts for the exhibit in the United States, the first being St. Petersburg, Florida.

Student audiotapes guided the cadets through 12 rooms of treasures depicting the Romanov Dynasty. The Romanovs ruled from the 17th to the 20th century and within the dynasty there were 18 czars, 14 men and four women, who ruled Russia. Cadets learned that the 300 years when the Romanovs ruled was one of the richest times of Russia's history.

There were lots of wars and social changes. There was also a lot of painting, music, dance and literature. The czars and czarinas collected a lot of treasures, they had beautiful churches and palaces, and many visitors brought gifts. They eventually kept their treasures in a place called the Kremlin, in Moscow, Russia.



Not allowed to take pictures in the museum, the photo is a postcard of the Tricentennial "Easter Egg" of the Romanov Dynasty. Made of gold, silver, steel and diamonds by master Henrik Wigstrom of the Fabergé firm in 1913, the "surprise" of the egg is a revolving globe of burnished steel showing Russia's borders in 1613 and 1913.

At right, Santa remembers Cadet Paul Baur too.

St. John's family celebrates Christmas

Following chapel service the 108th Christmas program on December 11 began with a buffet dinner in the gymnasium followed by a visit from Santa.

The historical Company Skit competitions then took the stage with Charlie Company selected the winner.

While the judges were out to make their choice, the Commandant's Dream was read and is being shared on page 3.





President's Message Capt Skip McAlexander

I recently opened an envelope addressed to the school to find a check with a post-it note attached. The

note said, "Thanks for improving my life." From the name on the check we were able to ascertain that it was from an "old boy" who had been at St. John's for only one year and had graduated over twenty years ago. Our records indicated that we had not had contact, or a current mailing address for him for many years. The remainder of this column is my reply to him.

Dear:

Thank you so much for your note. The check was very nice and greatly appreciated, but the note was extremely important. I shared it with our staff and faculty and it brightened a dismal December day for everyone. After all, the only purpose for St. John's is to make life better for our students. It is wonderful to know that we do make a difference and are appreciated.

Since we have not had a current address for you for several years, I will give you a brief update on St. John's. To begin, let me assure you that most things are as they were

when you were here. We are still all boy, all boarding, and all military. The cadets form up at least twice a day and go to chapel three times a week. There are approximately 150 cadets in the high school and 50 in the middle school. We have four companies and a battalion staff. We play eight man football and compete in basketball, wrestling, tennis, track, golf and rifle. All of the high school students take Army JROTC. I think you would find the 108th Corps very similar to the one you knew.

We try to stay current in the curriculum and a few other areas. We do everything possible to make technology available in
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Academic Dean's Message LTC Kenneth Faerber

"Cultural Exchange"

I'm pleased to inform you that this year St. John's has

the honor of hosting Mr. Gen Fujii. Mr. Fujii is a twenty-five year old college graduate. He's in the states to study our culture, to understand teaching/education philosophy, and to "improve his English speaking skills."

President McAlexander and I have encouraged Mr. Fujii to share and teach

many aspects of his culture with our cadets. The following will give you some idea of what I mean by "Cultural Exchange." In the Middle School, Mr. Fujii has taught the cadets about: (1) English classes - Japanese Language - it's symbols, writing and reading methods, (b) Social Studies classes learn about Japanese geography, history and culture, (c) math classes enjoyed learning about writing numbers and Japanese math education, and cadets especially liked asking questions about what Japanese kids do!

While in the Upper school Mr. Fujii

taught: (a) Economics - comparing monetary systems and values, (b) Japanese constitution and Emperor's powers - in the government classes, (c) the Japanese Language - to our English classes, (d) 'Kitaro, Soujiro' songs and Japanese music - to music classes, (e) Japanese advertising to Consumer Math classes, (f) Shuji, how to draw Japanese language charters to art classes, (g) Japanese history - to World History classes, (h) comparing technology systems - taught to our Ed. Tech. classes, (i) explain Buddhism and Shintoism in Fr. Cox's religion classes, (j) talked about Japanese family customs in Family Life classes, (k) demonstrated 'Kabuki', which is

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Commandant's Message LTC Michael Furlo

One of the prime topics of interest around the school has been the disciplinary system

we have initiated this year.

Beginning with the fall semester we have instituted a "tiered" approach to disciplinary actions. At the lowest level we have established the system of merits and demerits discussed in the last Skirmisher. In essence, this level is not punishment, but is an effort to make cadets aware of shortcomings that need correction. At the next level is the traditional conduct report. This is a recommendation for cadet

punishment that is written by a member of the cadet chain of command and adjudicated by the Commandant based on a coordinated established disciplinary chart. A copy of this chart can be found in the 1995 Cadet Handbook. This year a concerted effort has been made to provide standardized, uniform punishments for school offenses. Of course, this is not always possible but we continue striving to be fair and equitable with our written disciplinary procedures.

The last level of disciplinary proceedings is when a cadet is brought before the Commandant for disciplinary action. In all cases the cadet is accompanied by the

responsible adult military advisor. In these instances the disciplinary response can be more severe and generally leads to a formal counseling statement being put in the cadet's file. Further, a letter outlining the reason for the disciplinary process is sent to the cadet's sponsor.

Disciplinary actions are of little value if not balanced by rewards that instill a sense of increased personal pride and self-worth. The merit system provides cadets with an opportunity to make corrections for incorrect behavior and to receive positive feedback such as extended pass privileges and points toward promotions. Merits are awarded for exceptional service, such as assisting teachers with school activities,

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The Commandant's Dream

*'Twas the night before LTC Furlo's furlough, and wouldn't you know, not a K-det was stirring, not even Ziola-Doerr.
The chew was stashed behind the stereos with care in hopes that Joe Stewart would never look there.*

All our goobers asleep in ole' Mize Hall dreaming of staff and P.T. in the fall.

The President in his nightie and Pat in her wrap were just settling in for a long Winter's nap.

When over in staff I heard a loud crash and I thought to myself, Muhr is on the warpath.

So I called First Sergeant Sallee and Mrs. Lambert too, to see what was going on in Ye Ole' staff cube.

The moon on the drifts of the new fallen snow gave the luster of midday and the campus aglow.

The clamor wasn't made by McKula, E's threats but a man with a sleigh and eight mouthy K-dets.

This guy was well rounded like Reese - but much thinner, and I knew in a flash 'Twas the old Muleskinner.

This group was the sharpest in St. John's fame and he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now Merton, now Morrison, now Vieni and Ralph. On Issler, on Hensing, on Gorsline and Josh.

To the top of Clem-Ferris, then Mize and Sage Halls, they ran with the speed of Wakefield going AWOL.

And then in a twinkling was heard on the roof the prancing and pawing of each shiny boot.

so I called all the TAC-O's and as they gathered around into the guard room he came with a bound.

His pack was filled with hook sheets galore and he laughed as he dumped them all over the floor.

His eyes - how they twinkled, his laughter - how merry, his nose was very red, like a marachino cherry.

Just a pinch of Skoal held T'ween gum and cheeks, just like the stuff that kept Ewert restricted for weeks.

He had a kind face like Lillian or Col. Faerber but definitely not the type of a Justin Massaro.

He was happy - eager - and a jolly old elf, and I smiled when I saw him in spite of myself.

*He spoke not a word but went straight to a chair, then with a laugh and an ear splitting grin he flew out the door with
Gutierrez's bottle of Gin.*

He sprang to his sleigh, gave the old skinner a shout, to the staff and faculty who were beginning to pout.

And I heard him say as he passed from our sight, Merry Christmas 108th and to St. John's a happy good night.

President's Message

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the classroom. We have computer labs in both the upper school and the middle school, and computers in the library and most of the classrooms. All of the dormitories and classrooms are air-conditioned and we hope to build a new dining facility in the next few years. I believe you would be very proud of the way St. John's has maintained the traditions you knew, and adapted to a changing world where necessary.

Since you did not designate a use for your donation I will put it in the endowment where the interest will be used for scholarship funds. As when you were here, it is a financial sacrifice for families to send a young man to SJMS. We recognize that, and are doing everything possible to increase the portion of the endowment used for scholarships.

We will put you on the mailing list for the Skirmisher and hope that you will visit us in the near future.

Trying to do God's Work,

Commandant's Message

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helping other cadets, recruiting, and for superior academic achievement. Additionally, all adult Military Advisors are routinely conducting one-on-one discussions with cadets to point out shortcomings and reinforce those things the boys are doing well. Expanding the scope of after-school activities is also an important part of developing a well-founded individual. Some of these activities will be covered in future articles.

Academic Dean's Message

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Japanese style of acting, to drama class, and in general, has tried to broaden the scope of education. Some cadets have given up their late afternoon time in order to be with Mr. Fujii and learn the Japanese language.

We have enjoyed Mr. Fujii and the opportunities to learn about another major world culture.

Also, all of the cadets were taken to Topeka, Kansas to view the Treasures of the Czar exhibit. This was a rare educational experience, because Topeka was one of only two cities in the USA that were given the opportunity to host the exhibit.

So you can see that the cadets have been given a very special opportunity to enrich their lives through this "Cultural Exchange."

MEMORIALS

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

DOROTHY DUCKERS

Cadet Musicians Perform with the Best

Reynolds performs with Heart of American Band

Joshua Reynolds, senior from Boulder, Colorado, participated in the Heart of America Band Concert, a band comprised of central Kansas music teachers, college professors, college students and a few select high school students. The band performs annually in different communities throughout central Kansas.

Joshua accompanied Mrs. Stein and area band directors to the three rehearsals held prior to the concert. Cadet Reynolds was very glad to be a part of this fine performing ensemble. He enjoyed the chance to play challenging symphonic band literature while also being able to see other parts of the great state of Kansas.

The concert was held in Wamego, Kansas on November 19 in a beautifully restored historic Kansas concert hall. Congratulations Joshua on being a member of the Heart of America Band!

Winnans and Siskosky compete with Kansas Music Educators

Cadet J. R. Winnans and Cadet Eric Siskosky traveled to Junction City, Kansas to try out for the Kansas Music Educators District Three Honor Band. Both students worked hard preparing for the audition. Eric was chosen as an alternate Tenor Saxophonist and J.R. gained a spot in the French Horn section. Many of the member schools belonging to the KMEA District Three have a large student body which made the competition extremely tough.

Following the announcement of membership in the honor band J.R. was given music to practice. Cadet Winnans was allowed to practice the honor band music during fifth hour band and spent some of his Thanksgiving furlough preparing for the December 2 concert. The honor band held rehearsals the morning of December 2 at Manhattan High School. The guest clinician for the band was Dr. Jay Gilbert from Doane College in Crete, Nebraska. The concert was held at 2:30 p.m. on December 2 and was a rousing success.

Congratulations J.R. and Eric!

RIFLE TEAM NEWS

Morrison makes excellent showing

On December 1, the SJMS Rifle Team traveled to Mexico, Missouri to compete in a three military school match. Firing in the match was Missouri Military, Kemper Military and St. John's. This was the first match of the season for the cadets, who finished 2nd.

The cadets placed well in the individual competition with Cadet Doug Morrison finishing first in the standing position. Morrison and Jamey Stalder tied as second place finishers in the kneeling position. Morrison finished third in overall competition for a total score of 246.

Cadets competing in the match were Eduardo McKula, Doug Morrison, Jamey Stalder and James Rutherford.

The cadets will fire against Missouri Military again on 12 January when they travel to SJMS.

Schedule of Matches

12 Jan - Missouri Military

18 Jan - Wichita

25 Jan - Delphos

1 Feb - Abilene

8 Feb - Manhattan

9 Feb - Leavenworth 3 position sectional

16 Feb - Leavenworth 4 position sectional

22 Feb - Wichita

29 Feb - Delphos

1-3 Mar - Kansas State 3 position smallbore Championship

7 Mar - Abilene

28 Mar - Manhattan

Cadet Challenge

During one fall Saturday morning at the completion of a Company run, Josh Hestehave is observed trying to catch his breath.



First Grading Period Honors are Announced

Congratulations to the
BLUE BERETS

Upper School:

David Anderson
Bradley Issler
Bobby Ray Bearden

Middle School:

John Krotz
Phillip Davis
Michael "Scott" Rideout

HONOR ROLL:

Making the Academic Dean's Honor Roll for the First Grading Period from the Upper School are David Anderson 97.51; Bradley Issler 96.88; Bobby Ray Bearden 96.84; Mark Triebwasser 96.52; Stephen Streeter 96.17; Christopher Ramias 96.00; Eduardo McKula 95.73; Alejandro McKula 95.50; Nathan Bilotte 94.55; James Winans 94.52; Morgan Goldberg 94.33; Erik Carlsten 94.21 and Doug Morrison 94.05.

Making the Middle School Honor Roll are John Krotz 96.48; Phillip Davis 95.58; Michael "Scott" Rideout 95.14; Michael Leonard 95.04; and Lee Perry 93.64.

HONORABLE MENTION:

Making Honorable Mention from the Upper School are Matthew Beynon 93.94; Paul Vieni 93.79; Frank Kuechenmeister 93.51; Joseph Miller 93.34; Jeremy Huscher 93.13; Jeffrey Barstad 93.06; Michael Harris 93.03; Rodger Shriver 93.01; Rafael Llorente 92.67; Nathaniel Bailey 92.62; Shane Brooks 92.56; Shane Sehnert 92.17; Keenon Babcock 91.95; Mike Keophontheapha 91.78; Michael Rolle 91.51; Patrick Farris 91.41; Fernando Gutierrez 91.03; Marcel Leichle 91.02; Eric Siskosky 90.95; Lee Price 90.90; Newman Merton 90.83; Christopher Muhr 90.78; Jason Palenski 90.62; Ryan Pettyjohn 90.58; Grant Haun 90.40; Christopher Rettagliata 90.18; Joshua Reynolds 90.09; Cori Bryant 89.79; Nathan Shires 89.57; James Dishon 89.44; Zachary Cruz 89.38; Bryan Shanafelt 89.36; Alex Midyette 89.36; Nicholas Otomo 89.32; Eric Frenzel 89.17; Charles Naparstek 89.06; Daniel Snider 88.96; Christopher Taylor 88.84; Garrett Hensing 88.83 and Joshua Hestehave 88.68.



Muir appears to be enjoying his pizza when the NHS provided a pizza lunch to those cadets improving their grades from one grading period to the next. This treat is held after each grading period.

From the Middle School are Joshua Fabia 92.33; Ty Tatman 92.25; James Sherman 91.70; Cameron Oertel 90.85; Cole Rodenbeek 90.81; Stephen McClure 90.61; Clayton Baxter 90.16; Steven Kenney 90.10; Jacob "Brandon" Thomas 89.76; John Samuel 89.67; Jarod Guy 89.52; Luke Gloystein 89.42; Miguel Ramirez 89.20; Michael D. Harris 89.15; Fernando Wiggins 88.94 and Calvin Dacus 88.55.

Our congratulations to these cadets for a job well done!

Basketball

season opens

The Varsity basketball season began on December 2 with St. John's hosting the Invitational tournament in Baner gymnasium. The Cadets lost both of their games but gave a hopeful performance. They lost a close game with St. Xavier, 29-25, and took losses against St. Mary's and Solomon as well.

Clay Urbanek, in his fifth season as head coach, expects growing pains again with the large-scale turnover, returning only two starters and one additional letterman, with no returning Seniors.

Unlike the football season, not as many cadets signed up as expected, but those that are in are wanting to play. Urbanek doesn't look for a high-scoring team, so strategy is to cut down on turnovers and play great defense.

One of the returning letterman, Paul Vieni, junior, runs the show at point guard while sophomore letterwinner Andy Nsubuga will see more action at off guard alongside newcomer Jason Palenski. The other returning starter, junior Ralph Llorente opens the season at center while sophomore forward Rick Williams is expected to provide help inside at starting forward.

Delivering some depth at guard is William Smithback, Steve Marcy and Chris Muhr. Jeff Clark and Mike Stewart will back up Llorente and Williams on the front line.

Middle School shares Junior Varsity Record

We apologize for lack in details, but the Middle School has one win and one loss also to date.

Wrestlers take to mats

Despite good numbers to work with, Coach Devon Walter admits that most of St. John's wrestlers are still rather young and inexperienced. With 38 kids out, many are freshmen.

Most of the returning wrestlers with experience will compete in the lower and middle weights. Matt Beynon is expected to be one of the team leaders at 160 pounds. Seniors Newman Merton (125) and Efren Murrieta (140), and sophomores Mike Rolle (112) and Mike Harris (135) round out the St. John's wrestlers with varsity experience.

Among the top newcomers for the Muleskinners is freshman Andre Douglas at 103 pounds, Sean Thurston (135), Cortland Dunn (189) and Shawn Ediger (152).



Vieni makes the call during quick court briefing.

JV has exciting start

With two games under their belt, the Junior Varsity basketball team has a 1-1 record. If the remainder of the season continues like it began it's going to be a stressful and exciting team to watch. The cadets lost their first game against St. Xavier 29-28 when St. Xavier scored with a free throw with 2 seconds remaining in the game. St. John's won their second game against Solomon, 41-40, when Reginald McGill stole the ball and scored with 3 seconds remaining in the game.

Football Team Members Receive Certificates

Both Upper School and Middle School athletes were recognized in separate ceremonies to receive certificates for taking part in the football program. Pictured, Cadet Steven Kenney II, 8th grader from Cave Creek, Arizona, played on the middle school team.



The Buzz about MSQB

by Jonathan DuPuis

"I like it because it is academically challenging and I get to use all those strange facts I know", says Cadet Corporal Jarod Guy. What is he talking about? Middle School Quiz Bowl, that's what.

Members John Samuel Cam Oertel, Jarod Guy, Josh Fabia, Jeff Putnam and Jonathan DuPuis all enjoy the challenge and friendship that MSQB brings about. Says team member Jeff Putnam, "It's fun. I like it because we get to leave class and get away for awhile."

Mrs. O'Neil, is coaching MSQB for her first year. She was asked by Major Randolph to coach MS Quiz Bowl at the beginning of the year and gladly accepted. She enjoys the kidding and playing around that goes on.

On December 12, MSQB will be having a home meet against Solomon, hopefully emerging victorious. Until next time!

JROTC Program

The JROTC Department sponsors the Color Guard, the Exhibition drill team, the Spartans, the Air Rifle Team and the .22 caliber Rifle Team. Below are the names of cadets affiliated with these organizations.

Spartans Make Rope Bridge

About 25 cadets were involved in Spartan training, trying to earn the title of "Spartan". Eleven cadets met all of the standards to be a Spartan. On their first outing of the year these Spartans went to the woods and used their team work skills to build a rope bridge across a fifty foot wide section of the Niles River. The water in this section was about 4 1/2 feet deep, as all the cadets would soon find out! They worked in concert with each other and completed their task in just under three hours. Each Spartan ended up in the water during the construction process. Those cadets on the outing were Carlos Bejarano, Jeff Ewert, Eduardo McKula, David Anderson, Mark Triebwasser, Paul Gorsline, Shane Ediger, Bobby Bearden and Rodger Shriver. Two other Spartans who were not at the outing are Keenon Babcock and Fernando Gutierrez.

Air Rifle and .22 Caliber Rifle Team tryouts were held in October. About 68 cadets tried out for the teams.

Cadets making up the 95-96 air rifle team are Regan Reese (team captain), Jeremy Huscher, Stephen Streeter, Nathan Shires, Osly Preston and James Dishon.

Making up the .22 caliber rifle team are Eduardo McKula (team captain), Douglas Morrison, James Rutherford, Michael O'Halloran, Eric Siskosky and James Winans.

Congratulations to all Shooters!

The Drill Team selections this year were made with the following cadets being named to the team. Paul Gorsline (Commander), Paul Vieni, Carlos Bejarano, John Connett, Erik Carlsten, Michael Harris, Bradley Issler, Ryan Levitan, Eric Siskosky, Jason Smith, Mark Triebwasser and Richard Williams. Congratulations Drill Team!

The school received it's first on-line Admissions inquiry in December.

Stunt Man demonstration given by Mrs. Harris's former high school student



A rare treat was in store for several classes when Ms. Susie Harris invited one of her former high school students from Solomon High School to visit St. John's.

Shilind McCall and her friend Darrin Whitley, working as a stunt man in Los Angeles, gave demonstrations and hands-on instruction on some basic stunts. Cadets got to team up and put some of their instruction to action.

Shilind and Darrin both made fans of the Cadets. Shilind is working for a career in animation and we will be watching for her "Bubba" to make it big time.

New Boys make the grade

Special Orders have been written for the following New Boys who have earned Old Boy Status:

SO 77-96 dated 10/18/95

John Samuel to PV2

SO 101-96 dated 10/31/95

Kaleb Toll and Clayton Baxter to PV2

SO 117-96 dated 11/7/95

Carson Brusch to PV2

SO 140-96 dated 11/17/95

Brandon Ash, Chadrick Bishop and Raymond Wakefield to PV2

SO 163-96 dated 12/1/95

Samuel Bell and Alex Ryan to PV2.

SO 172-96 dated 12/5/95

Mark Branham, Joel Embree, Andrew McNaughten, Steven Miller, Timothy Woods and Philip Ziola-Doerr to PV2.

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SPECIAL ORDERS -Promotions

Special Orders from the Military Department are a daily occurrence by Commandant LTC Furlo, and following are Special Orders reference promotions, issued to date, by order of Captain McAlexander, President, since the October issue of The Skirmisher.

SO 82-96 dated 10/23/95

Shane Sehnert to PV2

SO 96-96 dated 10/27/95

Garret Hensing to Master Sergeant

SO 97-96 dated 10/27/95

Robert Blase to PV2

SO 108-96 dated 11/3/95

Joshua Brundage to PV2

SO 109-96 dated 11/3/95

Nat Bailey, Matthew Bostwick, Shane Brooks, Tyler Brown, Evan Callaway, Jeffery Clark, Calvin Dacus, Shaun Dumas, Gary Dunmire, Chad Kohman, John Krotz, Frank Kuechenmeister, Michael Leonard, Jack Lindley, James Martling, Justin Massaro, Daniel Morris, Michael Mosher, Timothy O'Brien, Michael Pantera, Jeffrey Putnam, Bryan Shanafelt, Nathan Shires, Walter Stalder, Steven Streeter, Chris Taylor, Sean Thurston, Jeffrey Wagstaff, Benjamin Wallace, Carlos Wiggins, Fernando Wiggins, James Winans and John Wingate to PFC

SO 110-96 dated 11/3/95

Neil Fitzgerald, Richard Shield and Timothy Evans to CPL.

SO 115-96 dated 11/6/95

Leland Price to PV1.

SO 121-96 dated 11/9/95

Mark Davis to PFC.

Aaron Cowdin and Michael Harris to PV2.

SO 126-96 dated 11/12/95

Andereya Nsubuga to Sgt.

BBobby Bearden, Nathan Bilotte, Jason Heitzman, Reagan Reese and Michael Rolle to SSG.

David Anderson and Bradley Issler to SFC.

Christopher Muhr to CPT.

SO 132-96 dated 11/15/95

Jeffrey Barstad, Joel Barton, Victor Brane, James Bray, Taylor Johnson, Ryan Pettyjohn, Michael Stewart, Ty Tatman, Maurice Thompson and Joel Vance to PFC.

Shaun Ediger, Manuel

Escalante and Jarod Guy to CPL.

Kristoffer Bauer and Leland Price to PV2.

SO 138-96 dated 11/19/95

RaBradley Issler to MSG.

Paul Gorsline, Newman Merton and Douglas Morrison to 1LT.

SO 146-96 dated 11/22/95

Erik Carlsten and Matthew Weygandt to PFC.

SO 147-96 dated 11/27/95

Charles Dickinson, Curtis Estes, Michael Keophonthea, Evan Marquez, Reginal McGill, Nicolas Otomo, Justin Vondrak and Michael Webb to PFC.

Cortland Dunn to CPL.

Taylor Marshall and Lee Perry to PV2.

Shane Sehnert to PFC.

SO 167-96 dated 12/1/95

James Chidester, David Dickinson, Geoffrey Dynowski and Jerry Martin to PFC.

Jason Smith and James Wright to CPL.

SO 171-96 dated 12/5/95

Daryl Banzet, Joshua Brundage, Timothy Evans, James Griffin, Timothy O'Brien and Cole Rodenbeek to PV1.

SO 175-96 dated 12/6/95

Andre Amaro, Neil Bundy, Kevin Deitch, Jason Figueroa and Justin Mason to PFC.

John Connett, Chris Rettagliata, Michael Stewart and Cameron Oertel to CPL.

SO 177-96 dated 12/7/95

Todd Devlin to PV2

TAPS

DOROTHY DUCKERS
(Sister to President Emeritus,
Keith Duckers)

JOHN MARTIN PACK
78, Concordia, KS
died November 16, 1995
Former member Board of Trustees

Cadet Participation Recognized

Special Orders have recognized those Cadets who have met the criteria to be authorized cords and ribbons as participating members of various organizations. Since the last Skirmisher the following Cadets have been recognized for these accomplishments.

BAND. Michael E. Harris is a participating member of the school Band and authorized to wear the blue band cord. Samuel Bell and James Harris are participating members of the Band and authorized to wear the band cord, bar, gloves and ribbon.

MEDIA CLUB. Alejandro McKula, Grant Haun and Jonathan DuPuis are participating members of the Media Club and authorized to wear the Media Club cord and ribbon.

COLOR GUARD. Shaun Ediger, Christopher Ramias, Richard Shield, Ryan Watenpaugh, Jeffrey Wagstaff and Bradley Issler are participating members of the Color Guard and authorized to wear the white cord and ribbon.

DRILL TEAM. Joel Barton, Mark Davis, Shaun Dumas, Marcel Leichle, Alejandro McKula and Michael Hummel are participating members of the Drill Team and are authorized to wear the Drill Team red cord.

HONOR GUARD. Christopher Muhr is a participating member of the Honor Guard and authorized to wear the orange figure 8 cord.

CHOIR. Cortland Dunn is a participating member of the school Choir and is

authorized the Choir Cord and ribbon.

MARKSMANSHIP. Jeremy Huscher, Rodger Shriver, Bradley Issler, David Dickinson, Grant Haun, Ryan Pettyjohn, Alejandro McKula and Joseph Hedges have qualified for the Sharpshooter Marksmanship Badge. Michael E. Harris, Curtis Estes, Jason Smith and Nathan Bilotte have qualified for the Marksman Badge. Patrick Farris, Victor Brane, Erik Carlsten and Matthew Weygandt have qualified for the Expert Badge.

RIFLE TEAM. Douglas Morrison, James Rutherford, James Winans, Michael O'Halloran and W. James Stalder are participating members of the Rifle Team and authorized the Rifle Team Cord. The Expert Badge Silver Lamp was earned by Doug Morrison, the Expert Badge Bronze Lamp to James Rutherford, the Expert Badge ribbon to James Winans and Michael O'Halloran and the Sharpshooter Badge ribbon to W. James Stalder.

AIR RIFLE TEAM. Participating members authorized the Expert Badge are Reagan Reese, Jeremy Huscher, Bryan Shanafelt and Stephen Streeter. James Dishon was awarded the Sharpshooter Badge.

Activity Day - Movie Day

The first Activity Day, an event sponsored by the SJMS Foundation, was held on December 6 as a reward following the first grading period. Because it turned out to be such a cold day, the majority of the Corps attended movies. It was a toss up on which was the most popular choice of movie - "Top Story" or "Golden Eye".

A few cadets did take part in bowling, however, and a few chose to remain on campus and play basketball or work out with weights.

Mr. Fujii demonstrates holding chop sticks

Todd Devlin watches closely.



Cadets train for Production Crew

Members of the Media Club have put in several hours recently to train as volunteers for the Salina Community Access television station. Seven cadets were on the team that had one 3-hour session on video editing, and received certification on another 3-hour session with camera operation. Following the classes, another evening was spent doing some practice editing with more time already scheduled following Christmas break.



Above, the editing class receives instruction from Mike Henry, Community Access Director.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**George Curtis, Atten
33-35**

**2143 Melrose Lane
Salina KS 67401**

In November it was learned that George received his 50 year pin and a life membership certificate with the Shrine organization. He was the Potentate of the Isis Temple in 1980

**Bill Payne, Old Boy '65
2591 E. 126th Way
Thornton CO 80241**

During phone call he shared that his last trip to St. John's was when Colonel Kellogg retired. *It's time again, Bill!*

**John D. Atkins, Old
Boy '69
8890 W. Hampden Ave.
Lakewood CO 80235**

The school received a donation from John with a note attached "Thanks for improving my life!"

(See the President's column, page 2)

**Gary Santillanes, Old
Boy '78,
9420 4th St.
Albuquerque NM
87114**

Gary saw the school's E-Mail address and wrote the school on America On Line. He shared that he is President Elect of the New Mexico Funeral Service Association and also serves on the policy board of the National Funeral Directors Association.

**John M. Hill, Old Boy
'82**

**1401 N. VanBuren
Hutchinson, KS 67425**

John called to advise us of new address.

**Victor (Joe Don)
Brave, Atten 80-84
2966 Coddington Ave.,
Apt 3**

Bronx, NY 10461
Currently working at the Smithsonian National American Indian Museum in New York City. Is anxious to hear from any of his old SJMS friends.

**Anthony Smith, Old
Boy, Atten 86-87
8861 E. Florida Ave.,
Apt. B5
Denver CO 80231**

**Mark Cerney, Old Boy
'86
6701 Carthage St.
San Diego CA 92120**

**Darren Johnson, Old
Boy '91
804 Park Hill Dr.
Eules, TX 76040**

Darren writes that he is a sales rep. and HTML developer for ScendTek Internet Corporation, a Kansas based World Wide Web provider company. He wants to compile a list of St. John's Alumni who have internet email addresses and has built a World Wide Web home page that will enable the alum to email him directly. **(See block at bottom of this page)**

**Sharif Mostafa, Atten.
'94-95**

**800 Circle Court
South San Francisco,
CA 94080**

Sharif's grandmother remembered St. John's at Christmas. She advised that Sharif is doing very well at his current school but misses many of his friends at St. John's. Mrs. Galeotti shared that Sharif was the envy of his friends because of his great physique and he credits St. John's for that.

**Mark your
calendar now to
plan to be on the
SJMS Campus for
Commencement
Weekend '96, May
17-19.**

Michael Fulton chip off the old block?

Louis Fulton, Old Boy '46, appears to have a grandson that is following in his footsteps when it comes to athletic ability. Michael, a 6'1" Senior at Vanden High School at Travis AFB in northern California averaged 165 yards and 7 points a game to help his team into an undefeated season and section champions.

Lou was quite a football player in his day but is probably more famous for his basketball playing, known for his "thrusting the ball downward through the hoop" at a time before the "slam dunk" term originated. Lou went from St. John's to play both football and basketball at Kansas Wesleyan and made the all service football and basketball team in the Armed Forces, winning 25 games with 1 tie.

Mr. Fulton's love of St. John's and sports continues. He sponsors the St. John's Athletic Fund which has provided numerous items of sports equipment and uniforms for the school.

Darren Johnson, Old Boy '91, is developing an E-Mail Address List for SJMS alumni and faculty. To add your name and address to the list go to the <http://www.dallas.net/~djohnson>. You can also leave comments for Darren by going to the InfoGather form at the end of the home page. Darren's E-Mail address is djohnson@dallas.net. We will ask Darren to give us a list to publish in the Skirmisher's next issue.