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## Commencement Address by Governor of Kansas

A native of Salina, the 43rd Governor of Kansas, will be the speaker at Commencement on Sunday morning, May 19.

Attending high school and Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Graves later pursued graduate studies in business administration at the University of Kansas in Lawrence and served eight years as Kansas Secretary of State prior to assuming the Governor's Office on January 9, 1995.

Involved in a variety of civic and community activities, the Governor has served on a number of executive boards including St. John's Military School's Board of Trustees.



## Honor Unit with Distinction rating earned

On April 23, the 108th Corps of Cadets had their Annual Regional Formal Inspection (RFI). After months of painstaking preparation, their hard work paid off as the Corps received an overall rating of 97.3. A score of 90 or higher is required to retain the corps status as Honor Unit with Distinction.

The inspection began as the Honor Guard welcomed the Inspection Team on the SJMS campus. Following the introduction to the staff and faculty, the Battalion Staff gave an automated Briefing in the Vanier Academic Center Board Room, using a program called Powerpoint. The team was indeed impressed with this briefing media. The inspection team was then taken on a tour of the campus while Companies prepared for their in-ranks inspection. Following this the cadets provided a Pass in Review Ceremony, followed by the Color Guard and Drill Team Presentations.

## Memorial Service for Ruth Clem

A memorial service is planned for Saturday morning during Commencement Weekend for Ruth Bassett Clem, wife of the late Colonel, The Rev. Remey L. Clem, who was St. John's Military School's Rector and Superintendent from July 1936 to September 1968.

A plaque in Vanier Academic Center recognizing Ruth as an Honorary Colonel for St. John's in May of 1987, reads

"Came to St. John's as the bride of Colonel R. L. Clem in 1951 and served as First Lady until 1967 . . . Her professionally trained, beautiful soprano voice thrilled and entertained the entire St. John's family . . . This gracious Lady extended warmth and sincerity to Cadets, Patrons and visitors alike."

Ruth Clem, 91, died on February 28, 1996 at Aurora, Colorado. She was born Ruth Bassett at Brookline, Mass. and was a resident of Colorado since moving from Salina in 1968. Prior to her marriage, she sang professionally in the Chicago area for 26 years.

Survivors include a stepdaughter, Constance Clem Bliss of Westcliffe and Surprise, Arizona, and a stepson, Dr. Alan L. Clem of Vermillion, S.D., seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Congratulations 108th for a  
job well done!**

(See related picture on page 3)



## President's Message

### Capt Skip McAlexander

As I walk around the campus this spring I see several things for which we should be thankful.

The most visible is the new annex to the gym that will give our wrestling team an excellent practice area. With 5000 square feet of enclosed area it will also provide storage space for our track and football equipment. It will not be ready for dedication on Commencement Week-end, but the outside will be finished (watch out for some mud) and you will be able to see that the Gym looks much bigger.

I am also very happy with our new basketball floor. We are still experimenting with cleaning solvents to remove the boot marks after a drill team practice, but it is a vast improvement over the old floor. We also have the Moran Computer Laboratory, the new organ in the chapel, the continuing progress on the OWLS project, and the 205 cadets that give purpose to the school.

While we are counting our blessings, we are also looking to the future. The Board of Trustees has approved the purchase of new bleachers for the Gym, some new furniture for Clem-Ferris and dozens of other

relatively minor improvements to be accomplished during the Summer.

Finally, the Board of Trustees has chosen an Architectural Firm to make drawings and build a model of a new dining facility. Construction has not yet been approved, but we have moved to the stage where enough information will be available to make logical decisions. And, we have a dedicated and caring Board of Trustees to make them. As I said, we have much for which we should be thankful.



## Academic Dean's Message

### LTC Kenneth Faerber

### "The Block Schedule"

Your cadet may have informed you that he has completed the first step of our pre-enrollment procedure. Last week Mr. Hensley, counselor, and I explained the changes from our present standard eight, forty-eight minute classes to the new 96/97 block schedule.

not rushing into this without thorough preparation, that teachers, administrators and some students have researched this process a total of eighteen months.

We explained just how this new eight hour/seven credit day will operate. Next, we gave all cadets a sample copy of this block schedule and 'slowly' walked them through the process. There were many good questions, and we answered all to their satisfaction.

record, on another form, their present required classes. Then we discussed St. John's requirements, basically that each cadet is required to take a math, science, English, social studies and ROTC class each year. Also we wanted to take time to thoroughly explain all the new curriculum changes that may affect their choice of electives. Some of the major changes are as follows: the total revamping of our computer curriculum to include -- Advanced Business Technology, Desktop Publishing, Computer Principles, Business Technology, Business Principles, Computer Aided Drafting, and new middle school computer programs; Street Law, the Art of

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## Commandant's Message

### LTC Michael Furlo

This year we have established a more professional and evenhanded process for selecting our

Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) leaders. In the past, promotion to NCO ranks was dictated by either longevity at the school or predicated on the recommendation of each military advisor.

At the beginning of the 95-96 school year, we were determined to make the process more fair. Toward this end we initiated a Promotion Board System that required a cadet to meet an established set

of criteria. For each rank there is a required cutoff score based on academics, ROTC (if the cadet is in high school), physical fitness, and barrack performance in order to be eligible to go before the board.

Eligibility for a promotion board is no guarantee the cadet will be promoted. The promotion board is comprised of all the Senior Military Advisors, the Assistant to the Commandant, the Corps of Cadets Battalion Commander, and chaired by the Commandant. Each cadet coming before the board is asked the same series of questions by each of the board members and graded on the response. High school

cadets are asked questions based on school and ROTC requirements, while middle school cadets are asked a different series of questions. Scores are totaled for each board member and averaged to determine the cadet's promotion board score. There are different minimum promotion scores based on the rank for which the cadet is being considered. So far approximately 80% of our cadets who have come before a promotion board have been promoted.

Although this is a fair method, it is also demanding and challenging for the cadets.

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## Jessie Given furnishes computers for Upper School Moran Computer Lab dedication set for Commencement Weekend

A gift of \$32,000 was received by benefactor Mrs. Jessie Given to upgrade the upper school computer lab. Equipment was installed during Spring break and the Moran Computer Lab will be dedicated on Saturday morning during Commencement Weekend.

The computer instructor, Ms. Jamie Peterson, and cadets alike are ecstatic with the new equipment and what it will mean in their curriculum.



## FURLO

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On the other hand, the interview skills demonstrated before the promotion board are good practice for the future. Most of us who have had job interviews can attest to this fact. Additionally, cadets learn the value of promotions and are much more appreciative of the rank. There is a real sense of accomplishment that is rightly deserved.

As this process continues to evolve, we have plans to broaden the scope of our promotion and leader development systems. In the future, we hope to establish an NCO academy that will train our junior leaders to be more effective in applying learned leadership skills. This course should serve as a solid foundation for providing the school with a cohesive nucleus of future leaders. In addition, we are in the process of instituting an Officer Candidate School to develop cadet officer corps. Initial planning has already begun as we will very likely offer cadets the opportunity to attend the Officer School during the 96-97 school year beginning with the Leadership Camp in August 1996.



## Exhibition Drill Team News

The SJMS Exhibition Drill Team recently entered a Postal Drill Meet with teams from around the country. The Cadets finished third out of 15 national teams. **Congratulations!**

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Physical Expression (Weight lifting), French, and more Spanish classes, Physics A & B, and Chemistry A & B. There are other changes within established courses that we know cadets will enjoy.

Then we asked students to record their next year's required classes and a minimum of five electives. We informed all cadets that in their envelope with the final grades would be a form stating; (A) cumulative credits, (B) 96/96 SJMS required courses, (C) their choices of electives, and (D) information pertaining to additional credits needed to gain class/grade level, via summer school or correspondence -- as per individual situation.

All during this lengthy research period/pre-enrollment process, I felt cadets, teachers, and administrators were sincerely interested and ready to explore another exciting educational challenge.

If parents have questions or concerns about the block schedule, please feel free to contact me or visit with any of the teachers during commencement weekend.

Remember, my goal is to constantly **IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION.**

## Scene from RFI

A big part of the RFI is the **Personal Inspection**. Pictured above, C/PFC Matt Richardson takes it in stride as C/PV2 Chris Ramias looks on.



## Cadets get a taste of ... Government

(at left) when Cadets Nathan Bilotte, Morgan Goldberg, Marcel Leichle and Mark Triebwasser got a taste of State Legislation accepted an invitation by State Senator Ben Vidricksen to act as Pages for the Kansas State Senate.



## ... Politics

(below) when a bus full of Cadets went to Russell, Kansas to welcome hometown Presidential contender Bob Dole.



## Mule-skinner Express Grows

The Model Train Club is going strong. Under the direction of MSG Dan Ashmore, MSG Joe Stewart and TSGT Lance Werber, the club meets once a week for an hour in the basement of Spencer Cadet Center. Currently the club is fourteen cadets strong.

Using an HO scale, the track is laid out on an L-shaped base approximately 16' x 4', which includes a lighted mountain with tunnel, a working water fall, a coal mine, a recreation center and a farming community.

Ashmore became interested in trains about five years ago and he and his son has a personal collection of about 80 engines and 400 building stock. The school's inventory has grown from numerous contributions from his personal collection, plus cash contributions by faculty and staff. More donations are always welcome.

Ashmore invites anyone interested in seeing the track to look him up. He's always ready to show it off.



## Third Grading Period Honors are Announced

Congratulations to the

### BLUE BERETS

#### Upper School:

David Anderson

Cortland Dunn

Rafael Llorente

#### Middle School:

Kelly Coggins

Edwin "Andrew" DeYoung

Michael Leonard

#### HONOR ROLL:

Making the Academic Dean's Honor Roll for the Third Grading Period from the Upper School are David Anderson 97.90; Cortland Dunn 97.52; Rafael Llorente 96.84; Carson Brusch 96.44; Stephen Streeter 96.43; Nathan Bilotte 96.22; Alejandro McKula 96.20; Adam Kornitzer 96.12; Morgan Goldberg 96.09; Bobby Ray Bearden 95.93; Matthew Beynon 95.57; Douglas Morrison 95.56; Mark Triebwasser 95.37; James Winans 95.33; Zachary Cruz 95.25; Christopher Reese 95.02; Christopher Ramias 94.47 and Gary Dunmire 93.67.

Making the Middle School Honor Roll are Kelly Coggins 96.32; Edwin "Andrew" DeYoung 96.08; Michael Leonard 94.78; Michael George 94.74; Phillip Davis 94.43 and Jonathan DuPuis 93.88.

#### HONORABLE MENTION:

Making Honorable Mention from the Upper School are Eduardo McKula 93.47; Justin Vondrak 93.33; Patrick Farris 93.32; Joseph Miller 93.22; Jason Palenske 93.18; Shane Brooks 92.96; Paul Vieni 92.95; Eric Frenzel 92.62; Rodger Shriver 92.59; Joshua Styer 92.48; Fernando Gutierrez 92.46; Matt Richardson 92.32; Jeremy Huscher 92.32; Christopher Taylor 92.31; Erik Carlsten 92.12; Newman Merton 91.97; Shaun Dumas 91.82; Michael Hummel 91.81; Brad Issler 91.72; Frank Kuechenmeister 91.59; Nathan Shires 91.58; Christopher Rettagliata 91.30; James Wright 91.28; Leland Price 91.26; Matt Weygandt 90.83; Michael Rolle 90.71; Carlos Bejarano 90.40; Jake Solbakken 90.18; Marcel Leichle 90.08; Jeffrey Ewert 89.77; Geoff Dynowski 89.48; Andy McNaughten 89.42; Joe Gabel 89.27; David Jend 88.98; Brandon Kroll 88.84; Daniel Snider 88.78; Christopher Muhr 88.76 and Taylor Johnson 88.75.

From the Middle School are Ty Tatman 93.30; Michael "Scott" Rideout 93.28; John Krotz 92.91; John Coleman 92.34; Christopher Schmidt 91.70; Fernando Wiggins 91.60; Traevion "Tray" Harvey 90.69; Luke Gloystein 90.34; James Sherman 89.30; Joshua Fabia 89.24; James Martling 88.90; John Samuel 88.86; Jacob "Brandon" Thomas 88.77 and Stephen McClure 88.55.

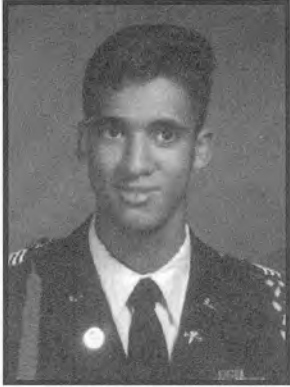
*Our congratulations to these cadets for a job well done!*

## Summer Camps

St. John's Military School will host two summer camps. The camps will be available to Cadets entering the 8th grade through the 12th grade. The first camp will consist of a basketball camp under the direction of SFC Roy Lawrence. The basketball camp will run from July 15 through July 20. The cost is \$275.00 per camper overnight; day campers will be \$200.00.

Immediately following we will have an academic camp for 4 weeks with a driver training course running simultaneously. The camp will offer one-half high school credit in American History and will include field trips to various locations of historic interest in Kansas. The camp will be directed by 1SG Amon Tidmore with Mike Keith teaching the history class and Doug Randolph in charge of the driver training course. The camp will run from July 21 through August 18 with Leadership Camp and Football Practice following on August 19 for the 1996-97 school year. The cost of the academic camp is \$2,199.00 with additional \$300.00 for the drivers training course. If you have any questions feel free to give one of the directors a call at 913 823-7231.

# ***Presenting the***



***Carlos Bejarano***



***Tom BonAnno***



***John Connett***



***Zach Cruz***



***Russ Davis***



***James Dishon***



***Jeff Ewert***



***Paul Gorsline***



***Fernando  
Gutierrez***



***Garrett Hensing***



***Mike Hummel***



***Brad Issler***

# ***Senior Class***



*Frank Kuechenmeister*



*Eduardo McKula*



*Chris Muhr*



*Efren Murrieta*



*Michael O'Halloran*



*Jason Palenske*



*Troy Porter*



*Josh Reynolds*



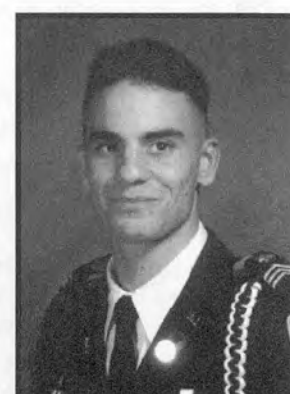
*Willie Smithback*



*Dan Snider*



*Michael Stewart*



*Matt Weygandt*

***of the 108th***



## 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 February issue of The Skirmisher.

### SO 301-96 dated 2/21/96

Brandon Cook to NB; James Sherman to PV1; Christopher Smith to PV1.

### SO 304-96 dated 2/22/96

Brandon Cook, Matthew Richardson and Jake Solbakken to Old Boy Status and PV2.

### SO 305-96 dated 2/23/96

Daniel Westgate to Old Boy Status and PV2; Michael Hummel and Ryan Watenpugh to CPL.

### SO 310-96 dated 2/27/96

Christopher Ramias to PFC; Miguel Ramirez and William Smithback to PV2.

### SO 313-96 dated 2/29/96

Grant Haun and Carlos Wiggins to PV1.

### SO 318-96 dated 3/1/96

John Carrillo to Old Boy Status and PV2; Carson Brush and Steven Miller to PFC; Taylor Marshall, Matthew Weyer and James Winans to CPL; Michael Panter to PFC.

### SO 320-96 dated 3/3/96

Travis Landon to Old Boy Status and PV2.

### SO 326-96 dated 3/5/96

Joshua Brandage and James Sherman to PV1.

### SO 332-96 dated 3/7/96

Thomas BonAnno and Matthew Weygandt to 2LT; Paul Gorsline and Eduardo McKula to CPT; Christopher Muhr to MAJ and Fernando Gutierrez to LTC.

### SO 337-96 dated 3/10/96

Mark Davis to SGT; Morgan Goldberg to SSG and Matthew Beynon to SFC.

### SO 345-96 dated 3/14/96

Eric Smith, Brent Jones and Billy Pollay to Old Boy Status and PV2; Frank Kuechenmeister, Jason Palenske, Patrick Farris and Bryan Werner to CPL; Joseph McEvoy and Maurice Thompson to PFC; Ryan Watenpugh to SGT.

### SO 347-96 dated 3/13/96

Clayton Doan, Shaun Ediger, Kris Kielhorn, Richard Shield to PV1.

### SO 348-96 dated 3/25/96

Carlos Machado to New Boy Status.

### SO 353-96 dated 3/27/96

Paul Vieni to 2LT; Christopher Moss and Nicholas Wiberg to PV2; Grant Haun to PV1.

### SO 356-96 dated 3/28/96

Carson Brush, Allen Jones and Shane Sehnert to PV1; Todd Devlin, James Sherman and Brandon Ash to PV2.

### SO 369-96 dated 4/3/96

Steven Brookshire, Kelly Coggins, John Coleman, Andrew DeYoung, Gerard Gabel, David Jend, Adam Kornitzer, Brandon Kroll, Aaron Lyons, Reginal McGill, Matthew Richardson, Jake Solbakken, Luke Seely and Matthew Spitz to PFC; Matthew Buckles, Evan Callaway, Jonathan DuPuis, Matthew Fortelka, Justin Holton, Taylor Johnson, Michael Keophontheapha and John Samuel to CPL.

### SO 370-96 dated 4/3/96

Victor Brane, Tharin Deist and Ty Tatman

to PFC; Reagan Reese to SGT.

### SO 371-96 dated 4/4/96

John Connett to SGT; Tyler Brown to PV1; Eric Smith, Shane Sehnert and Carson Brush to PV2.

### SO 372-96 dated 4/5/96

Michael Glivar to Old Boy Status and PV2; Andrew Lyons to Old Boy Status and PFC.

### SO 376-96 dated 4/8/96

Shelby Field and Lee Perry to PV1; Traevion Harvey and James Griffin to PV2.

### SO 385-96 dated 4/12/96

Hunter Cole and Michael Advincula to Old Boy Status and PV2; Chadrick Fourhorn, Michael D. Harris, Michael Pantera and Raymond Wakefield to PFC; Alex Ryan to CPL; Allen Jones and Lee Perry to PV2.

### SO 389-96 dated 4/12/96

Matthew Bostwick, Gary Dunmire, Jarod Guy, Daniel Morris, Nicolas Otomo, Joel Vance, Justin Vondrak and Stephen Streeter to SGT; Patrick McKnight to MSG and Erik Carlsten to SSG.

### SO 393-96 dated 4/15/96

Patrick McKnight designated First Sergeant; Paul Baur to PV1.

### SO 396-96 dated 4/16/96

Neil Fitzgerald and Nicholas Wiberg to PVC.

### SO 399-96 dated 4/17/96

Carlos Bejarano and Alejandro McKula to 1LT.

### SO 401-96 dated 4/18/96

Christopher Smith to PV2.

### SO 408-96 dated 4/22/96

James Bennett, Garrett Hensing and Taylor Marshall to PV1.

### SO 413-96 dated 4/24/96

Brandon Ash, Andre Amaro, Paul Baur, Tyler Brown and Fernando Wiggins to PV2; Charles Dickinson to PV1.

### SO 419-96 dated 4/26/96

Brent Jones and Billy Pollay to PFC; Geoffrey Dynowski, Steven Miller and Christopher Taylor to CPL.

### SO 420-96 dated 4/26/96

Shane Brooks, Jason Smith, Sean Thurston to PV2; James Bray, Shaun Ediger and Grant Haun to PFC; Jeremy Huscher and Jerry Martin to CPL; Jarrett Nebrich to SGT.

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## **It's a Boy!**

*Devon (Shop Instructor) and Shelia*

*Walter became*

*proud parents to*

*Riggston Danrae Walter*

*born April 8.*

*He measured in at 6 lbs.15 oz.*

*and 21 inches long.*

***Congratulations!***



# The Five Part History of Percussion

Dean Kranzler, local percussionist presented a five part series of performance/lectures to the SJMS band at the beginning of second semester. The lecture series was developed for the "Arts Infusion" program of the Salina Arts and Humanities Commission. Kranzler usually does about 40 presentations a year for the Arts Infusion program.

Dean is one of the premier percussionists in the Midwest. He teaches percussion at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas and at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. He also maintains a private music studio at S.M. Hanson Music in Salina. Dean is considered to be an authority on any aspect of the drum and continues to seek new areas of research and performance techniques. Mr. Kranzler is a member of two professional area bands, Jazz Tangent and the Blades. Both groups perform to sold-out houses whenever they appear in Salina and the surrounding areas. Dean leads ACME Fife & Drum which is composed of area musicians performing music of the American Revolution and the Civil War on period instruments. He also plays Timpani in the Salina Symphony and is the principal of the percussion section. We were indeed fortunate to be able to have him on campus for these wonderful lectures.

The five lectures covered topics beginning with the Native American drum and the techniques used to make and play these drums. Dean has been an avid collector since he was a small boy. He brought a magnificent tribal drum as part of his demonstration materials. The lectures covered the development of the drum through the Revolutionary War, The Civil War, the late 1800's, the trends occurring in the beginning of the 20th century, up to the present. Mr. Kranzler brought many types of drums to show the cadets and performed period solos on many of them. The cadets marveled at Dean's ability to play rudimental solos and enjoyed his lecturing style immensely.

We thank the administration for providing the funding to accommodate such a wonderful lecture series. The cadets will long remember the performances by Mr. Franzler and the many new instruments that he introduced to them. **Thanks, Dean!**

- I. Native American Percussion
- II. Music of the American Revolution
- III. Music of the Civil War
- IV. History and Development of the Modern Drumset 1890-1940
- V. Modern Percussion



Dean Kranzler

## JROTC Physical Fitness Awards authorized

The JROTC Department awarded Physical Fitness awards to cadets in April. Carols Bejarano and Garrett Hensing received the **Gold Lamp**.

**Silver Lamps** went to Jeff Ewert, Fernando Gutierrez, Jason Heitzman, Rafael Llorente, Joseph Miller, Douglas Morrison, Eduardo McKula, Michael O'Halloran and Paul Vieni.

**Bronze Lamps** were presented to: David Anderson, Bobby Bearden, Matthew Beynon, Thomas BonAnno, Erik Carlsten, Paul Deshazo, Patrick Farris, Michael E. Harris, Allen Jones, Steven Marcy, Newman Merton, Alejandro McKula, Charles Naparstek, Rodger Shriver, William Smithback and Mark Triebwasser.

Receiving **Ribbons** were Nathan Bilotte, Matthew Bostwick, Victor Brane, Carson Brusch, John Carrillo, Mark Davis, Charles Dickinson, Shaun Dumas, Cortland Dunn, Eric Frenzel, James Harris, Justin Holton, Jeremy Huscher, David Jend, Brent Jones, Kris Kielhorn, Chad Kohman, Brandon Kroll, Marcel Leichle, Evan Marquez, Taylor Marshall, Steven Miller, Danny Morris, Chris Moss, Reginal McGill, Andrew McNaughten, Jarrett Nebrich, Nicholas Otomo, Michael Pantera, Billy Pollay, Shane Sehnert, Richard Shield, Nathan Shires, Jason Smith, Jake Solbakken, Matthew Spritz, Walter Stalder, Michael Stewart, Stephen Streeter, Joshua Styer, Joel Vance, Justin Vondrak, Jeffrey Wagstaff, Benjamin Warren, Matthew Weyer and Michael Wingate.

## SUMMER RECEPTIONS SCHEDULED

In an attempt to reach as many of those who have inquired about St. John's as possible, and to renew old acquaintances, we have scheduled a full round of receptions during July and August. Dates, times and locations are listed:

July 14, 1996, Sunday, 3-5 PM  
 July 19, 1996, Friday, 7-9 PM  
 July 20, 1996, Saturday, 7-9 PM  
 July 21, 1996, Sunday, 3-5 PM  
 July 21, 1996, Sunday, 7-9 PM  
 July 28, 1996, Sunday 7-9 PM  
 August 9, 1996, Friday 7-9 PM  
 August 11, 1996, Sunday 7-9 PM

Overland Park Marriott, Overland Park, KS  
 Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills, Tulsa, OK  
 Oklahoma City Marriott, OKC, OK  
 Wichita Marriott, Wichita, KS  
 Scottsdale Marriott Suites, Scottsdale, AZ  
 Denver Marriott Southeast, Denver, CO  
 Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, Houston, TX  
 DFW Airport Marriott, Irving, TX

# ***Tips*** *for a great "Old Boy" Reunion Weekend '96*

***1. Cancel all your plans for May 17-19***

***except Commencement (Old Boy Reunion) Weekend.***

***2. Call hotels early for reservations.***

***3. Call the Alumni Office, Sheri Becker, for any assistance (913) 823-7231***

***4. Get ready to reunite ... the classes of '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91 and any other class.***

***5. Special Alumni events include the Friday evening reception, the F-Troop formation following the Flag Raising Ceremony on Saturday morning, and the Handle Ceremony during Sunday morning Commencement.***

## **Girls on Campus**

**No, we haven't gone COED**

The Cadets had a unique assembly when the Dodge City Drill/Dance team gave quite a program in the Banes Gymnasium recently. Needless to say, the Corps hope this becomes an annual event.

Pictured below, they "caught" Michael E. Harris and Newman Merton in a performance too at the beginning of their program..



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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**Mike Harper, '63**  
8317 West Pocahontas Ave.  
Tampa FL 33615  
913 886-8976

"Just a line to give you my new address after 23 years.

I am still with Tampa International Airport Police Department as a Police Officer, and can retire in 3 years but WHO is counting!!! My wife Suzanne & I have bought a home in Bryson City, NC, where I will be moving to in 1999.

We will be coming to graduation if all goes well."

**Rick Taylor, '64**, was talking with SJMS Staff on 2/28/96 when his phone conversation was interrupted by an overseas call. He called the school back shortly, telling that his call was from **Hilliard Griffin, '61**, who was calling from Bosnia located in Sipovo. Griffin is working for a company that is providing home phone service to the British living there.

**Timothy S. Olsen Dorsey, '65**  
PO Box 165

**Drake CO 80515-0165**

Tim writes an update. Attended college, served in the US Army, and presently building up his mountain cabin and grounds. Along with his father and 10 yr. old son, sends his greetings to the Cadets of the 108th Corps.

**Bob Odell, '89**  
c/o Governor's Office  
Finney State Office Bldg.  
130 S. Market St.  
Wichita KS 67202

Bob has been in contact recently and has asked for St. John's brochures and the Centennial poster for placement in the Governor's Wichita reception area.

**Kevin Peloso, '90**  
1773 Ashbury Dr.  
Concord CA 94518  
Phone 510 609-8960

Kevin is an electrician in

Concord.

**Steven Huff, '92**  
5750 Huff Rd.  
Elton, FL 32033

**FAX 904 692-2642** (Call before Faxing as machine is usually turned off)

Steve reports that is doing real well with own computer business.

**Don Watters, '92**

**Dorm H**  
**PO Box 1388**  
**Clearfield UT 84016**

Don is taking diesel mechanic courses. He is moving to Ketchikan, Alaska on June 25.

**Dan Robinson, '95**  
15768 SW Bristlecone Way  
Tigard OR 97223

*The Skirmisher wants to share two responses received over E-Mail in recent weeks.*

**Chad Kopecky, '92**, thinks it's great that he can keep in touch with the school this way.

**Robert Miller, '47.**

"It is a pleasure to receive the Skirmisher and the No. 3 Vol. LXXXII (February 1996) was no exception. I was pleased to see Eugene Pade's address. If I recall correctly he was my first roommate at St. John's in 1938. (He probably deserves some sort of recognition for this, and probably wonders to this day why he was punished with that chore). He did an excellent job and demonstrated many qualities that I later made an effort to use.

I have been living in Hawaii (Kauai) now for approximately thirty years, having retired from a supervisory position with a sugar plantation.

As with most Cadets, I think of St. John's, the faculty and cadets very often. It was a time of learning and experience gathering that has no parallel.

Please give my warmest Aloha to Hazel Fonck."

## E-Mail Address List for SJMS Alumni & Faculty

A few more addresses have been received since the February Skirmisher. Please add to your February Skirmisher list:

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### REMINDER:

**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](mailto:djohnson@dallas.net). See the February issue along with this issue for a complete listing to date. As more is received, we will share them with you in The Skirmisher.

## MEMORIALS

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

**RUTH CLEM**  
**JACK McCANDLESS**

### It's a Boy!

*Devon and Shelia Walter became proud parents to Riggston Danrae Walter born April 8.*

*He measured in at 6 lbs.15 oz. and 21 inches long. Congratulations!*



## *Skidders make good showing at Track Meets* \*\* New SJMS Records

### **Belleville - March 27**

The St. John's Track Team put forth a good effort to get the season off on a positive note at the Belleville meet, March 27. Several fine performances were put forth by several cadets who set school records but did not medal.

Those include:

Eric Carlsten - Javelin - 138'3"  
John Connett - Javelin - 147'3"  
Aaron Lyons - 100 Meter Dash - 11.1"

Medaling for the team were:

Carlos Bejarano - 3rd place - 1600 meters  
Cortland Dunn, Rodger Shriver, Bobby Bearden and Carlos Bejarano - 3rd place - 4x800 Relay

Others who deserve recognition for their hard work include:

Matt Richardson, William Smithback, Matt Beynon and Jeff Ewert for the 4x100 relay.

**Good job!**

**Coaches Keith Jansen and Dan Walker want to compliment the team for their hard effort during these meets.**

### **S.E. Saline Invitational - April 2**

The St. John's Track squad had another successful outing at the S.E. Saline Invitational on April 2. The cadets placed 11th out of 15 teams, a large improvement from the previous year. To give an idea how close this heat was, the point difference between 11th and 4th place was only 18 pts.

Those scoring points for the Muleskinners include:

William Smithback - 4th place - 110 high Hurdles  
Aaron Lyons - 5th place - 100 Meter Dash  
Carlos Bejarano - 5th place - 1600 Meter Run  
Matthew Richardson - 6th place - 400 Meter Run  
William Smithback - 5th place - 300 Meter Hurdles

Bobby Bearden, Rodger Shriver, Carlos Bejarano and Cortland Dunn - 4th place - 4x800 Meter Relay.

### **Solomon Invitational - April 9**

The St. John's cadets had an outstanding effort from the Varsity Track squad at the Solomon Invitational. The 'Skidders' finished a strong third out of a field of nine. The teams success can be attributed to a total team effort as both the track and field events scored points for the Cadets.

Those earning points for the cadets are as follows:

Troy Porter - 6th - Shot Put  
Gary Dunmire - 5th - Discus  
Steven Streeter - 4th - Discus  
Rodger Shriver - 6th - Long Jump  
Eric Carlsten - 6th - Javelin  
John Connett - 4th - Javelin  
William Smithback - 5th - 110 High Hurdles  
Cortland Dunn - 4th - 400 Meter Run  
William Smithback - 5th - 300 Intermediate Hurdles

Those medaling for the cadets:

Mark Triebwasser - 2nd - 3200 Meter Run

**Carlos Bejarano, Bobby Bearden, Rodger Shriver and Cortland Dunn - 3rd - 4x800 Relay.** \*\*

### **Wilson Invitational**

On April 19th at the Wilson Invitational, in a field of nine teams, the Cadets finished a very close fifth; one point out of fourth and nine out of third. For the first time this season a balanced effort from both track and field led to the team's success.

Scoring points for the team were:

**\*\* John Connett - 6th - shot put 35' 9 1/2"**

Rodger Shriver - 4th - high jump

John Connett - 4th - javelin

**\*\* Aaron Lyons - 4th - 100 m dash 11.96**

William Smithback - 6th - 100 m dash

Aaron Lyons - 6th - 200 m dash

Carlos Bejarano - 4th - 1600 m run

Mark Triebwasser - 6th - 3200 m run

Smithback/Ewert/Lyons/Richardson - 4th - 400 m relay

Those scoring points for the Muleskinners include:

William Smithback - 4th place - 110 high Hurdles  
Aaron Lyons - 5th place - 100 Meter Dash  
Carlos Bejarano - 5th place - 1600 Meter Run  
Matthew Richardson - 6th place - 400 Meter Run  
William Smithback - 5th place - 300 Meter Hurdles

Bobby Bearden, Rodger Shriver, Carlos Bejarano and Cortland Dunn - 4th place - 4x800 Meter Relay.



Pictured: Shriver in the High Jump, Bejarano in the Dash, and Murrieta in the Javelin.

