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Salinan crowned Homecoming Queen



Summer Caldwell, a Junior at Salina South High School, was crowned "Miss SJMS" of 1995-96 during the Homecoming Dance on Saturday evening during Parents' Weekend. Escorted by Cadet Rafael Llorente, Summer was selected by student vote from among 8 candidates sponsored by the Cadets. The candidates were introduced at halftime of the football game on Friday night and again at the dance.

Other candidates were Bethany Logsdon, Salina South, escorted by Daniel Snider;

Memories of Lesta

St. John's lost a dear friend when Lesta Kauffman Vanier passed away on July 1, 1995 at 97 years of age. Mrs. Vanier was chosen as an Honorary Colonel at St. John's in 1984 and her plaque reads

"First Lady of Vanier family ... quietly encouraged her husband to support many philanthropic causes including St. John's ... Vanier Academic Center named for Mr. and Mrs. Vanier ... Mother of "Old Boys" Jerry and Jack ... Son, Jack, carries on Vanier tradition at St. John's."

Her late husband, John J., and her two sons, Jack and Jerry, also served as Trustees of St. John's, and Jack's wife Donna is currently on the Board of Trustees.

Her lovely smile will be missed by all of us.



Meridith Morrison, Highland, IN, escorted by brother Doug Morrison; Briana Shambaugh, Ottawa HS, escorted by Paul Gorsline; Nicola Beard, Salina Central, escorted by Eric Siskosky; Erin Dugar, Boulder, CO, escorted by Keenon Babcock; Marisa Stalder, Grand Junction, CO, escorted by Jamey Stalder and Christina Martling, Whitewater, KS, escorted by brother James Martling.

Parents enthusiastic about weekend

It's been a long month and a lot of homesickness for many of the members of the 108th Corps, but with parents on campus for the traditional Parents' Weekend, emotions were high on both sides.

The weather cleared up in time on Friday for a perfect football evening. The pep rally was followed by a bar-b-que, but without the scheduled bon fire due to the strong winds. Even though the Cadets lost, the football game was full of action and the Cadets enjoyed having their parents in the stands.

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President's Message

Capt Skip McAlexander

During the past several months I have had the pleasure of participating in the Leadership Kansas program. Without

going into detail about the program, I will simply state that it has given me the opportunity to visit several cities in Kansas and observe different industries and educational facilities. This has given me a new perspective on the importance of technology in the classroom. From the stockyards near Garden City, to

Sprint headquarters in Kansas City, the ability to use and appreciate technology is an important part of any employment situation. If St. John's is to prepare our students for employment we must expose them to as much technology as possible. Currently, we are doing well in this area. Our various systems are in good shape and the cadets have good access to computers and other technologies. This is, however, a very dynamic situation and we must continue to update. I have many ideas on how to do this. Unfortunately, a great deal of money can be wasted in this area so we will proceed judiciously.

If anyone has any ideas on this subject, or would like to donate some new or used equipment, please contact someone here at the school. For those of you who use E-Mail we now have America On Line available in the library. The address is StJohnsMil. We will make that connection available to cadets for E-Mail, but we request that patrons provide their cadets with AOL account access if they want to use E-Mail for regular correspondence. For internet E-Mail please use StJohnsMil@Aol.com or Stjoh1lb@ink.org and put the addressee in the subject line. Please contact me if you have any questions on this or any other technology subject.



Academic Dean's Message

LTC Kenneth Faerber

Fantastic Beginning

I'm elated to inform you that the 108th Corps of Cadets began this 95-96

school year with a very large enrollment, "cooler" living conditions, and positive cadet leadership. Yes, 183 cadets formed the Corps on the early morning of September 4th. A few days later, the Corps grew to 190 and by the time this paper reaches you, admissions predicts a capacity enrollment. To reach this plateau before the end of September is unheralded. CMS Jerry Bradley and his

admissions staff are to be commended. The Board of Trustees approved sufficient funds to air condition Clem/Ferris and Sage Halls. Now all cadet living quarters have new cooling and heating systems. This year's cadet leadership camp, under the direction of Commandant Lt. Col. Mike Furlo, began the same time as upper school football practice, 20 August. These groups (many participated in both) experienced two weeks of intense training. Now we are reaping the results of their effort and personal sacrifices. Cadet participation has been extremely active. The upper school football team has more than one-third of the corps involved,

so many that additional equipment was ordered. The middle school has thirty-one of their forty-seven cadets playing football. Others are active in the Spartans, bike and chess clubs, and becoming involved with rifle, drill and Quiz Bowl teams. Captain McAlexander is forming a new computer club where interested students may play, repair, or just experiment with new programs.

Teachers report that cadet moral appears to be high and certainly will escalate when new boys have completed required training and are promoted!

Yes, this has been a FANTASTIC BEGINNING and we all look forward to another challenging school year.



Commandant's Message

LTC Michael Furlo

The Military Department welcomes the 108th Corps of Cadets to another challenging year at St. John's.

First, let me say that it is a pleasure and honor to finally be here and actively working as the Commandant. Besides myself, we have also added SFC James Ervin and SFC Charles Miller to our exceptional staff of Military Advisors. James has recently retired from active duty in the Army and has rapidly become a fine addition to our staff. Charles is active in the Kansas National Guard and brings further skills in art and the martial arts that will

enhance our ability to interact with the boys. Our goals this year are simple. First, we will work toward improving the military bearing and appearance of the Corps. This can only be accomplished through improved leadership and with the support of both the Cadet and military cadre. This is noteworthy; for both the Cadet Battalion Commander, Fernando Gutierrez, and I listed this as the most important goal for the 108th Corps. Secondly, we must strive to improve the overall discipline within the Corps. This, of course, goes hand-in-hand with our first intention and like the first goal can only be attained through leadership. Our last objective is to imbue a sense

of personal responsibility in each of the Cadets here at St. John's Military School. The phrase "personal responsibility" is currently in vogue around the country. However, for our Cadets it is the fundamental building block for achieving our initial goals and any other we may hope to accomplish in the future.

Toward these ends we have established new or variations to existing policies or procedures here at the school. One of the first steps has been to modify the Leadership Sets from three iterations down to two: with the provision to carry-over those leaders who perform in an exceptionally outstanding manner into the second set. Not being selected for the second set in a leadership position is not a reflection on

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Chaplains Chat

It is always difficult and a little sad to have to say good-bye to the graduating class of cadets in the late spring of each year, knowing that after being a part of their young lives for a few years we may not have the opportunity to see some of them again, perhaps for many years. It is equally joyous, however, to welcome returning "Old Boys" and the "New Boy" cadets to a new Corps of Cadets at St. John's in the fall. For each fall brings with it not only a new Corps, but new beginnings and renewed opportunities. And I suppose there is a lesson in that cycle for each of us. Life itself is, after all, a series of magnificent joys on the one hand and sad departures on the other. Yet none of us at St. John's would be willing to avoid the sadness of the partings at graduation time each year, if it meant missing all the joys and blessings of being a part of those young lives, and those new beginnings every fall.

As staff, we are given a wondrous and God given privilege as members of the St. John's "family", and are grateful for it. The privilege of helping, guiding, and teaching our young charges, and ultimately watching them grow into confident, polite, mature and successful young men. We are constantly aware of the tremendous trust that each of our patrons and benefactors have placed in us to provide the appropriate guidance necessary to accomplish that task. Hence we are constantly conscious of our stated mission: *"...to provide each Cadet with the opportunity to grow spiritually, morally, intellectually, and physically, in a structured environment."* This formula has been successful for one hundred and seven years now, and with God's grace it will continue.

Capacity Enrollment

Parents' Weekend saw an enrollment of 205 boys and an "admissions waiting list", something only dreamed about just a few short years ago.

Not since the 1960's has St. John's opened with near capacity enrollment. In the last two years, enrollment peaked in January, but this year, the first day's enrollment matched numbers reached in November during the last two years. St. John's is licensed for 210 boys, however 205 is a more comfortable number.

Training Company is always the largest in September with 100 plus new boys and cadet staff assigned to Mize Hall. The remaining cadets were assigned to rooms in Sage and Clem Ferris, while awaiting the installation of an air conditioning system in the two halls. As construction dust settled and enrollment increased, boys were playing musical chairs.

STEVENS ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Charles Stevens, Jr., was elected Chairman of the St. John's Board of Trustees. He has appointed the following Trustees to serve on the Executive Committee for the 1995-96 school year: Larry Bengston, Darrell Wilson, Donna Vanier, Carl Stutterheim, Ron Green and Stewart Horejsi.

MEMORIALS

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

***Lesta Vanier
Ida Mae Cook***

SJMS Foundation

Fall Meeting

The Foundation Board of Directors met on Saturday morning of Parents' Weekend for their Fall meeting. The Foundation then hosted a coffee break and open meeting with approximately 125 patrons and their families in attendance.

From faculty and staff requests, the Foundation Board approved items for the weightroom, chemistry and physics labs, and 150 replica 1902 Springfield rifles for use in parades, competition, and manual of arms. The total cost for these items, \$5,170, was raised through individual donations to the Foundation. The Spring meeting of the Foundation is scheduled during Commencement Weekend, however donations are accepted throughout the year. For more information, contact Joe Stratton, Director of Student Support.

Commandant's Message

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any boy's ability. We have many fine Cadets who need to hold leadership positions. Thus, it is highly probable that only a few Cadets will remain in the same positions. Additionally, we have revamped a system of Merits and Demerits. This effort has resulted in a level of discipline which rewards those cadets who distinguish themselves while performing an indicator improper behavior that falls short of punishing Cadets. This method gives the Cadet an opportunity to take corrective action without the stigma of being punished for relatively minor infractions. During the coming year I will endeavor to pass on more of these revisions in future issues of the Skirmisher.

As with all our efforts, the principal aim is to improve the quality of life for the Cadets and as our school mission statement declares "Provide each Cadet with the opportunity to grow spiritually, morally, intellectually, and physically in a structured environment."

PIPES



During the 1994-95 school year, Mrs. Stein decided she wanted to study the bagpipes. As a way to involve the cadets in piping she imagined the St. John's Color Guard being escorted to special events throughout the school year by a set of pipes and drums. After applying to the Foundation for funding, Mrs. Stein began her quest for the pipes.

This image is now reality with his first successful performance during Parents' Weekend.

Cadet Michael O'Halloran was chosen to be the first cadet to learn to play the pipes. His Irish heritage was one determining factor, as well as his talent for picking up different musical instruments. Throughout his time at St. John's, Mike has played the clarinet, trumpet, saxophone and drums. He has always shown an unusual interest and dedication to his music and continues to enjoy music through the study of the pipes.

Cadet O'Halloran accompanies Mrs. Stein to the city of McPherson, Kansas, about 30 miles south of Salina, each Wednesday evening. The McPherson Pipe Bank has 'adopted' Mrs. Stein and Cadet O'Halloran, seeing to it that they are trained correctly in the manner of the pipes. At the Scottish Games in McPherson on the weekend of September 23-24, Cadet O'Halloran and Cadet Michael Harris witnessed the flory of Scottish music and culture Mike purchased a kilt during the weekend and can now be seen and heard on campus practicing his pipes in his kilt. Cadet O'Halloran has begun a journey that will lead him to meet many wonderful people over a lifetime and will provide him with a life skill that can be used to sustain him for many years to come.

Congratulations, Mike and Mrs. Stein, for bringing another art form to St. John's!

Santa Fe Day Parade

The Santa Fe Day Parade held in downtown Salina in mid September is always the first parade of the school year that the Corps of Cadets takes part in. About the length of a city block, the Corps really looked great. No one could have guessed that almost half of the Corps were new boys, having only been at the school a short three weeks. The Commandant said they looked as good as some adult units he's seen, and had high praise for them. Special Orders have been written authorizing 176 Cadets to wear the Parade ribbon.

Proud to be an American

by Bobby McHood and Josh Hestehave
Members of the Kansas National Guard made a presentation to the St. John's Corps, showing the history of the U.S. Flag (The Stars of Freedom). It was quite a show with a video showing how our nation's flags came to be. This was a great experience not only for the cadets who did not know much about the history behind the American flag, but even for those Cadets who saw the show last year. Very memorable, of course, will be the musical video performance by Whitney Houston singing the National Anthem. We thank the National Guard for this presentation.



JROTC Summer Camp a Big Blast!

Ten SJMS cadets attended summer camp from June 4-10, at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. The Cadets had a wide range of experiences from being on winning volley ball teams to winning prestigious individual awards.

SJMS Cadets made an exceptional showing at the summer camp with Cadet Jeff Ewert winning the Military Order of World Wars medal as the exceptional cadet from Charlie Company. Jeff also was Charlie Companies' representative in the push-up competition, cranking out 98 push-ups in two minutes!

Alex Midyette was also in the limelight as he led his company to victory in the volleyball competition.

All the cadets enjoyed the challenges of the confidence course and the obstacle course. The cadets were disappointed that the rappelling tower was closed for safety reasons because of rain and mud. Each cadet held leadership positions at the camp as the key leader position were rotated daily.

Cadets attending were Jeff Ewert, Alex Midyette, Pat Farris, Trey Stout, Matt Beynon, Dan Seitz, Reagan Reese, Robert Bosler, Erik Carlston and Mike O'Halloran.

Spartan Club

by Matt Weygandt

The Spartans is not just an organization that you can join in order to get a ribbon and a cord, or a club where membership counts points for promotion. It is a commitment that a group of individuals set for themselves and is a challenge that only selected people in the Corps can pass. But Carlos Bejarano, the Spartan Commander, says that for the ones that make it, involvement in lots of outdoor activities rewards that challenge of becoming a Spartan.

Apollo 13

by Reagan Reese, Prior Lake, MN

On September 8, about 20 cadets were selected to attend a speech at Bethany College, Lindsborg. The speaker, Cpt. James A. Lovell, Jr., was the commander of the famous Apollo 13 mission.

During his entertaining, yet informative speech, he conveyed the seriousness of the situation and how they had to deal with their problems. Foremost, getting home before they ran out of air.

Needless to say, they were successful in their efforts. In his book, *Lost Moon*, published in 1994, Lovell tells his harrowing tale.

After retiring from the space program, Lovell has had an active career. He has been a senior executive with Bay-Houston Towing, a company involved in harbor and coast towing, mining, and the marketing of peat products, continuing with Fisk Telephone Systems and the Centel Corporation. After retiring from Centel, one of the nation's largest telephone communications companies, he formed Lovell Communications.

Captain Lovell is very concerned with physical as well as mental fitness. He is a past Chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and remains involved to this day.

Captain Lovell's book, *Lost Moon*, is available at all major bookstores.

Blue Berets

Wearing a blue beret as part of the uniform is the way of recognizing those top students in each grade who have the highest grade point average for his class. The following cadets are currently participating members of the Blue Berets: David Anderson, Bobby Bearden, Nathan Bilotte, Morgan Goldberg, Joseph Miller, Douglas Morrison, Stephen McClure, Eduardo McKula, Robert Nysten, Christopher Ramias and Mark Triebwasser.

Muddy sneakers for Pizza

Alive with pleasant cheeps and chirps and the rustlings of a variety of birds and squirrels, the serene and attractive O.W.L.S. (Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site) was interrupted by about 25 cadets, all who were willing to give up regular classes one morning in early October, to do gardening. With shovels and rakes in hand, trees and shrubs were added for the fall planting, flowers transplanted and flower gardens weeded. Due to the rain several days before hand, the grounds were perfect for digging but not too good for sneakers. Between the gardening project and lunchtime, cadets had about one hour to go to their dorms to de-mud, shower, change into uniform and return to the President's deck for a pizza lunch.

The cadets and faculty are excited about the site. With areas such as the wildlife food plot, the wildflower and the butterfly gardens, the park-like atmosphere should become a favorite learning center for the cadets. Perhaps surprisingly, many of the cadets came into the project saying they had prior gardening experience. They did a great job, but probably the real work came afterward when they attempted to clean their sneakers. Where's Mom?

Recruiters recognized

In telling the St. John's story, some cadets have been instrumental in the recruitment of New Boys. Recruiting ribbons have been authorized to Fernando Gutierrez, Ryan Levitan and Michael Hummel.

We want you to meet

LTC Mike Furlo

by Joseph Miller, Phoenix, Arizona

As time grew closer to retirement with the U.S. Army, LTC Mike Furlo was looking for a career with an education environment. When Captain McAlexander started talking to him several months ago about St. John's, the combination of both education and military appealed to him.

Some new policies have already been instituted under Furlo. The merit and demerit system are one way he intends to help balance out the problems with the good. If Cadets do well they earn merits, which can earn rewards. This will act as an incentive to do good. Demerits, on the other hand, are a way of saying you messed up, not bad enough to march tours yet, but a warning you'll be marching tours soon if you keep it up.

What's a "RUCK"

The Ruck tours are a new addition this year to help discourage cadets from doing petty things such as cusing, chewing and keeping civilian clothes. This year cadets will be carrying and caring for rifles. The Commandant says this will help teach cadets responsibility and proper maintenance for their own rifles. In closing, the Commandant's idea for the future of this Corps is simple. . . **"I want to see a well-rounded cadet leaving at the end of the year."**



Jamey Peterson

by Doug Morrison, Highland, IN

I would like to introduce you to one of St. John's newest faculty members, Ms. Peterson. Ms. Peterson will be teaching Keyboarding and Computer Applications. Other than the normal class objectives, she plans to have her students master Microsoft Works, the word processor, database and spreadsheets. She also plans on having the cadets perfect their typing skills while not watching the keyboard.

Ms. Peterson grew up in the small town of Burdick, Kansas. She first acquired a taste for computers as a Freshman at Kansas State University. Since this first brush with a computer she has become very fond of computing. Her interest is so strong that she plans to further her education with a Masters Degree in Computer Technologies.

Ms. Peterson is also a very down-to-earth person who enjoys many of the joys of life, like walking her dog "Tucker", shopping too much, and some quiet reading time.



**Different employees will
be selected for the next
Skirmisher issue.**

Tricia Corby

Mrs. Tricia Corby teaches English and Spanish in the middle school and Spanish I and II in the upper school. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Spanish and has studied at the "Institute of Oaxaca" in Oaxaca, Mexico, having teaching experience in both junior and senior high schools. She will also be the Quiz Bowl sponsor. Mrs. Corby is married and her husband is a professional musician.



Stephen Ash

After 20 years in Army, Ash returned to Kansas State University completing his BS degree in Elementary Education. He is working on his ROTC Certification. He teaches middle school science and math and assists coaching middle school athletics.

Ash is married, has three sons, and they are residing in White City.

Chapel Choir

Choir is now being offered as an accredited class with instruction by Mr. Royce Young. When this announcement was made the interest was overwhelming. About sixty "Old Boys" signed up for the thirty seats available, not including "New Boy" enrollment. Joseph Miller was chosen as Choir Master with Steven MacWilliams and Efren Murrieta assisting. The following cadets are participating members of the choir: Daryl Banzet, Matthew Beynon, Joshua Cantrell, Russell Daniels, Russell Davis, Tharin Deist, Charles Dickinson, James Dishon, Clayton Doan, Andre Douglas, Shaun Ediger, Timothy Evans, Richard Shield, Patrick Farris, Shelby Field, Traevion Harvey, Allen Jones, Ryan Levitan, Timothy O'Brien, Michael Pavlovsky, Christopher Rapier, Reagan Reese, Jason Rideout, Cole Rodenbeek, Shane Sehnert and James Wright.

SCHOOL BAND

Band members are: Michael Harris (Bandmaster), Mark Triebwasser, Joshua Cantrell, Charles Dickinson, James Griffin, Jeremy Huscher, Ryan Levitan, Michael O'Halloran, Christopher Rapier, Reagan Reese, Joshua Reynolds, James Rutherford, Eric Siskosky, Carlos Wiggins, Fernando Wiggins, Richard Williams and James Winans.

Following are the current members of the Spartan Club: David Anderson, Keenon Babcock, Bobby Bearden, Carlos Bejarano, Shaun Ediger, Jeff Ewert, Paul Gorsline, Fernando Gutierrez, Eduardo McKula, Rodger Shriver and Mark Triebwasser.

Exhibition Drill Team

Paul Gorsline, Paul Vieni, Keenon Babcock, Carlos Bejarano, John Connett, Erik Carlsten, Michael Harris, Bradley Issler, Ryan Levitan, Eric Siskosky, Jason Smith, Mark Triebwasser and Richard Williams.

A great year is in store for the 108th Corps. The interest and enthusiasm is contagious. Special Orders have been posted showing membership in numerous clubs and organizations.

COLOR GUARD & FLAG

DETAIL

Color Guard members are John Connett, Garrett Hensing, Allen Jones, Steven MacWilliams, Efren Murrieta, Andereya Nsubuga and Richard Williams. Jeffery Ewert is Color Guard Commander. The Flag Detail includes Eric Frenzel, John Connett, Manuel Escalante, Allen Jones, Joshua Reynolds, William Smithback and Richard Williams.

Cadet Patrol

Paul Gorsline, Joshua Cantrell, Russell Davis, Allen Jones, Marcel Leichle, Ryan Levitan, Michael O'Halloran, Reagan Reese, Joshua Reynolds, Rodger Shriver, Eric Siskosky, Benjamin Warren and Richard Williams.

Presidential Liaison

Cadet Daniel Snider

Chapel Council

Members authorized to wear the Officer's Cross are Nathan Bilotte, John Connett, Paul Gorsline, Garrett Hensing, Rafael Llorente, Douglas Morrison, Cameron Oertel, Mark Triebwasser and Paul Vieni.

Authorized to wear the Chapel Council Cross are: Michael Andrews, Daryl Banzet, Bobby Bearden, Carlos Bejarano, James Bray, Joshua Cantrell, Zachary Cruz, Tharin Deist, Charles Dickinson, Manuel Escalante, Neil Fitzgerald, Michael Harris, Grant Haun, Marcel Leichle, Ryan Levitan, Steven MacWilliams, Newman Merton, Jeremy Mogel, Robert McHood, Joseph Miller, Christopher Rapier, Cole Rodenbeek, Michael Rolle, Richard Shield, Rodger Shriver, Jason Smith and Michael Westphal.

Cadets earn Old Boy Status

Promoted to PV2 by SO 66-96, 67-96 and 73-96, 10/14 and 10/ 17/95

John Wingate, Anthony Brooks, Ty Tatman, Nathaniel Bailey, Jeffrey Clark, Jason Palenske, Frank Kuechenmeister, Michael Mosher, Stephen Streeter, Christopher Taylor, Sean Thurston, Joel Barton, Matthew Bostwick, Evan Callaway, Aaron Cowdin, Kristoffer Bauer, Kevin Deitch, David Dickinson, Gary Dunmire, Joseph Hedges, Jeremy Huscher, Taylor Johnson, Michael Harris, Steven Kenney, John Krotz, Michael Leonard, Jeffrey Putnam, Andre Amaro, Neil Bundy, J. Chadwick Fourhorn, Luke Gloystein, Maurice Thompson and Taylor Marshall. Justin Massaro, Daniel Morris, Leland Price, Bryan Shanafelt, Nathan Shires, Walter Stalder, Jeffrey Wagstaff, Benjamin Wallace, James Winans, Mark Davis, Fernando Wiggins, Geoffrey Dynowski, Shaun Dumas, Chad Kohman, Evan Marquez, Jerry Martin, Michael Pantera, Ryan Pettyjohn, Osly Preston, Tyler Brown, Calvin Dacus, James Martling, James Chidester, Christopher Smith, James Harris, Curtis Estes, Jack Lindley, Joshua Brundage, Matthew Buckles, Lee Perry and Carlos Wiggins. Joel Vance, Nicholas Wiberg, Justin Vondrak, Ronald Bresears, Todd Devlin, Miguel Ramirez, Michael Stewart, Matthew Weyer, Reginal McGill, Michael Kephonthepha, Nicolas Otomo, Jeffery Barstad, Victor Brane, Robert Cefarelli, Jason Figueroa, James Griffin, Justin Mason and Michael Webb.

Promoted to PFC by SO 66-96 dated 10/14/95

Paul Baur and Christopher Rettagliata.

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.

SO 1-96 dated 5/14/95

Cadet First Lieutenant Fernando Gutierrez to the rank of Captain and Cadet Captain Fernando Gutierrez designated commander of the 108th Corps of Cadets of St. John's Military School for the Fall Leadership Development Rotation.

SO 2-96 dated 9/4/95

2LT(T) Paul Gorsline, Battalion S-1; Joshua Hestehave, Battalion S-4; Rafael Llorente, Commander, Trg. Co.; Eduardo McKula, Battalion S-3; Newman Merton, Commander, B Co.; Douglas Morrison, Commander, C Co.; and Paul Vieni, Commander, A Co. MSG(T) assigned as Battalion Command Sergeant Major: Jeffrey Ewert. 1LT Battalion Executive Officer: Christopher Muhr.

SO 14-96 dated 9/18/95

PFC Robert Sykes. Cadet Sykes obtained the rank of PFC in a prior JROTC program and has completed the necessary requirements at St. John's Military School.

CPL Erik Carlsten to SGT

PV1 James Sherman to PV2

SO 17-96 dated 9/20/95

Steven MacWilliams and Robert McHood to CPL.

John Connott to PFC

Ted Evans, Marcel Leichle, Christopher Moore, Christopher Ramias,

Joshua Reynolds and Daniel Snider to CPL.

SO 19-96 dated 9/22/95

PFC Shane Sehnert to CPL

SO 24-96 dated 9/25/95

Shaun Ediger, Jared Guy and Grant Haun to PFC.

Michael Andrews, Patrick Farris and Cameron Oertel to CPL

SO 41-96 dated 10/4/95

Daryl Banzet and Phillip Davis to PFC.

SO 43-96 dated 10/6/95

Andre Douglas and Richard Williams to CPL.

SO 54-96 dated 10/10/95

Robert Blase to PV1.

SO 59-96 dated 10/11/95

Shane Sehnert to PV1.

SO 60-96 dated 10/12/95

Paul Deshazo to SSG

Michael O'Halloran to SSG

SO 64-96 dated 10/12/95

Jeremy Mogel to PFC

Zachary Cruz to SGT

James Dishon, Alejandro McKula,

Efren Murrieta and Troy Porter to SSC

Mark Triebwasser to SFC

SO 74-96 dated 10/17/95

Fernando Gutierrez to MAJ

Availability for Public Review

In accordance with the Asbestos Emergency Response Act, St. John's Military School has met the federally mandated deadlines for asbestos inspection and management plans for all school buildings under the control of St. John's Military School.

A copy of this inspection/management plan is on file and available for public review at the Vanier Academic Center and Maintenance shop.

Any questions concerning the inspection/management plan should be directed to Dean L. Chiles, who has been designated as the Asbestos Program Manager for St. John's Military School.

Yearbook Staff chooses theme

September was Journalism month for Yearbook and Media Club Cadets. Accompanied by Mrs. Sheri Becker, the Yearbook Staff's Advisor, Efren Murrieta and Carlos Bejarano, attended a one-day workshop at Kansas Wesleyan University, put on by Josten's. During this workshop, a Josten artist put their 1996 Yearbook theme and cover design to paper.

On the following day, they, along with Doug Morrison and Joe Miller, representatives of the Media Club, attended the KSPA Fall Journalism Conference at Kansas State University, Manhattan. The full day program included numerous sessions relating to journalism, student newspapers, yearbooks, photography and video productions.

During the first week of October the Yearbook Staff was thrilled to welcome a third member to their team, Cortland Dunn.

Organ Dedication

The new Johannus digital organ which has been given to the school by an anonymous donor, will be dedicated in the Armstrong Memorial Chapel in a series of three Sunday afternoon concerts during this school year.

The first concert, on October 29, features Royce Young, the school's organist. Mr Young will share the spotlight with the Eric Stein family on January 21 and with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Diederich on April 21. If you would like to receive an invitation for one of these concerts, please contact Sheri Becker, Community Relations Officer.

TAPS

LESTA VANIER

(See article on page 1)

IDA MAE COOK

Salina, died July 4
(Mother of JoAnn Griffin,
Laundry Service)

JIM BANNON

(See article on page 12)

LEOTA KEETEN

Glade, KS, died September 2
(Grandmother of Linda Grau,
Receptionist)

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ARSENIC & OLD LACE

by Cadet Jim Dishon

Imagine this scene. Two grandmas in a 1940's style living room. You begin talking to them and tell them about how you have no real family, that everybody is either dead or gone. Then comes the elderberry wine. It tastes normal enough except that it has an extra tang. But when you realize what it is, your dead.

This fast-paced comedy, attended by Drama Club students on September 27 at the Salina Community Theater, is about just that. Two old ladies, Aunt Abbey and Aunt Martha, live with Aunt Abbey's son, Teddy. Ted is a bit crazy. He thinks he is Teddy Roosevelt. They also live with Aunt Martha's son, Mort. He is a critic ... literally. He is a drama critic with the local paper. Mort is the unlucky one to find the 12th stiff. Yes, twelve. Mort, as it turns out, is adopted. But Mort doesn't know this until the play is over.

The chaos starts when Mort finds the stiff. To make it worse, the real second son, Johnny, comes home. His was accompanied by his accomplice, Dr. Edward Einstein, who is a plastic surgeon and has practiced on Johnny. His family has no idea that Johnny is Johnny, you see, because he looks like Boris Koloff. But Dr. Einstein isn't the only traveling companion Johnny has. He brought his own stiff to be buried in Panama.

According to Teddy, the basement is Panama, the upstairs is Bunker Hill. In Panama, Teddy builds the locks for the Panama Canal. The locks usually become graves for the yellow fever victims which happened to also be poisoned by elderberry wine. Just before Johnny's arrival, Teddy dug a new lock and asked the General, Dr. Einstein, to inspect the lock. Einstein found out and soon Johnny and the Aunts begin a power struggle over the lock. Meanwhile Mort began to work on a plan to save the day. And on top of all this, his fiance wants to know what is going on. Soon, by "a stroke of luck", and "a down on his luck", the screenwriter is also a cop.

To make a long (day) story short, Mort saves the day, gets the girl and buries the dead

Cadet visits Russia

During a summer trip abroad, Cadet 2LC Doug Morrison made a stop in St. Petersburg, Russia and visited Denis Belsky, a senior member of the 106th Corps. The group Doug's family was traveling with was able to contact Denis in advance to advise him that a Cadet from St. John's would be visiting St. Petersburg, but Denis didn't know who to expect until the prearranged reunion took place.

Doug said they had a great time, spending the better part of two days together, sharing memories during Belsky's year at St. John's and touring St. Petersburg. Doug got to meet Denis' fiancé (pictured below) saying they are planning to marry soon but neither have been successful in finding employment yet. In the meantime, Denis is very proud of his knowledge of the English language and is instructing his fiancé.



Middle School Cadets ride again

by Stephen McClure

On September 11, 43 middle school cadets and five teachers went to the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. The trip took about one hour. The first thing we saw when we stepped through the gates were some army vehicles. One was a Hummer, which is a vehicle used over all kinds of land. We went to the Kansas Building first. Inside we saw the largest pumpkin, watermelon and sunflower. and a butter sculpture that looked like a carousel horse. We also saw different produce, like peppers, tomatoes and wheat. Next we went to the Oz Building. Inside were pieces of the Berlin Wall. We walked around and read the signs that were with the displays. Next we went to see some kind of small circus show that was going on. There was a



guy doing a balancing act, a guy doing the Wheel of Death, and two guys and a girl doing some kind of a balancing act on a motorcycle. After that the Middle Schoolers had lunch.

When we finished eating we got arm bracelets and went and rode on the rides. Some of our favorite rides were the Gravitron, the Kamikaze and the Zipper.

Cadets waiting in line to purchase "Armbands" for the rides.

Tough season for Varsity

by Christopher Muhr

Despite the Mule-skinner's record this year, the coaches are not unhappy with the team. Coach Kellogg says that "with only one returning letterman, the team has played well over it's potential. Coach Speilman says the same thing. "With an inexperienced defense, they are doing well over what is expected of them."

What about Homecoming? Going into the game with one game against Wakefield behind us, the Coach felt we had some advantage. The Cadets lost the first game, 38-8. "We are more experienced now and know what to expect, so we should play them much harder." And it was an action-packed game with the Cadets holding the lead at halftime. But the Buffalos came back to outscore St. John's, 44-34.

Coach Kellogg says that with the experience gained this year, St. John's should have a really well-rounded ball club next year.



Steve Marcy carries the ball on a touchdown during the first half of the Homecoming game against Wakefield. This 65 yard run was possibly the biggest this Season during a Varsity game.

Middle School has unique stats

Four games later - 0 wins 0 losses

by Tharin Deist

Coaches Walter, Keith and Ash are doing a great job with the Middle School football program, which is high on number of players but low on number of winning games.

The A team has won only one game this season. The B team has played four games with a record of 0 wins and 0 losses - tying every game played.

Junior Varsity has great Season

by Nathan Bilotte

The Junior Varsity football is doing really well this year. With a 5-1 record they have wins against Wakefield, Hope, Solomon and Bennington, with a forfeit from Kickapoo. Their only loss comes from Center.

J.V.'s quarterback this year is Ralph Llorente. The running backs are Tim Evans and William Smithback. The ends are Carlos Vejarano and Steve MacWilliams. The J.V. has one more game this season and if they come out with a win they will have one of the best records in St. John's history.

Drama Club Presents . . .

by Tom Welsh

Are you weak or faint at heart, scared of things that go bump in the dark? If so, be prepared for the Prince of Horror. Dracula is a recovering lunatic brought back. There's a catch. Dracula has come back to a very wacky house. Among the guests are a punk robber, an escaped female lunatic and many other characters. Mrs. Harris's drama class is proud to present to the 108th Corps Renfield of the Flies and Spiders or tell Dracula to bug off. Showtime is expected sometime before Thanksgiving.

PARENTS' WEEKEND

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Saturday morning activities included some informative sessions between parents and faculty personnel, and a promotion ceremony on Perkins Field prior to gate passes opening.

The Saturday night dance began with a receiving line by the Battalion Staff, followed by the Crowning of the Queen, a performance by the drill team under the direction of Paul Gorsline, and ended with dancing to music provided by Complete Music.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The following "OLD BOYS" either visited the campus this summer or wrote and gave us an address update. It's always good to hear from you to let your classmates know where you are. **Keep coming!**

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90th Birthday Celebrated

Walter York, Old Boy, Class of '44, tipped off staff and numerous classmates, that former SJMS teacher Paul Simpson, would be celebrating his 90th birthday on July 29. Paul was the head math teacher for several years before called into service during WWII. Old Boy Garrow Wessendorff, Class of '44 advised that Paul was most pleased with all the cards he received, including the SJMS ball cap, Capt. McAlexander sent him.

OLD BOY JIM BANNON INTERMENT

... another first at St. John's

The school learned from Walter York "Old Boy", Class of '44, on July 25 of Jim Bannon's death, dying from an aneurysm while vacationing at Lake Tahoe. A few days later "Old Boy" Bob Houston, Class of '43, called and advised that Bannon had requested in his will that his ashes be buried on the St. John's campus.

Prior to COL Keith Ducker's retirement as President of St. John's he arranged to have the campus be designated as a placement for ashes of deceased friends of St. John's. A permit was acquired in 1991 however no plans were established.

Since Bannon's family request, the Board of Trustees have met and reviewed several ideas. In September they chose to have the columbarium located on an interior wall of the Armstrong Memorial Chapel. The unit has been ordered and will be installed during the first of November.

Funeral services for Jim Bannon "Old Boy" Class of '44, and a former Marine, are scheduled for Friday, November 10, in conjunction with the Marine Corps birthday. The local unit of the Marine Corps League have been invited for the 11 AM service along with an invitation to have lunch on campus with the Corps.

Friends and family are invited.



Two members of the 107th Corps of Cadets were married this summer, Andrew Cole, June 24, in Estes Park, Colorado (pictured above) and Christopher Nicola, August 12 in Abilene, Kansas. Many members of the St. John's family attended both ceremonies. **CONGRATULATIONS!**