



# THE SKIRMISHER

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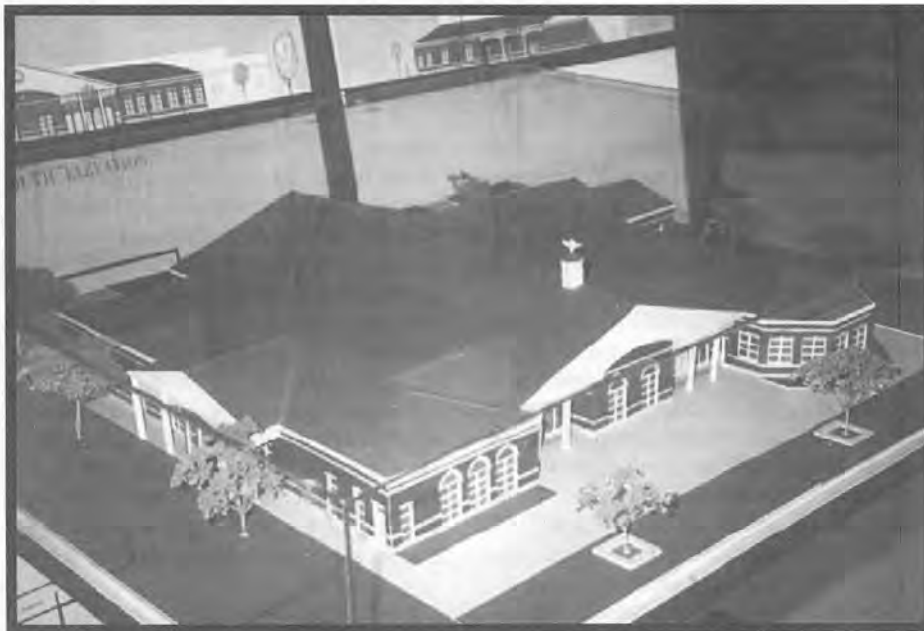


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## MULTI-FUNCTIONAL FACILITY PLANNED



### New dining facility seen as cure-all for all support services

If it isn't a classroom or a dorm room, its future is going to be affected by the construction of the new proposed multi-functional facility. The architect is expected to have the plans ready for bids by the first of the year with construction to start during Spring break.

(See the President's Message on page 2 for further information).

### Stevens Elected Chairman

At the annual meeting of the SJMS Board of Trustees, Charles Stevens, Jr. was reelected Chairman. Stevens begins his second three-year term and his second year as Chairman. Stevens joined the Board in 1993 and chaired the Buildings & Grounds Committee, leading the Board and the school through significant campus improvements. Stevens is owner and operator of Stevens Contractors of Salina.

#### New Member

Larry Britegam joins the Board again following a one year absence. Beginning his third three-year term, Larry, an "Old Boy", has kept close association with the school, currently serving as Vice President of the Foundation.

### Queen & her Attendants from Colorado *Vienis in Spotlight*



Chosen by cadet balloting, Vanessa Rose Vieni, 15, a sophomore attending Overland High School in Aurora, was crowned this year's Queen during halftime of the Homecoming football game on Friday night during Parents' Weekend.

Vanessa and her two attendants are all high school students in Colorado.

Escorting Vanessa was her brother, C/1LT Paul Vieni, a Senior at St. John's. First runner-up was Lindsay Kocher, sister of C/PV2 Alexander Kocher. Lindsay is a Junior at Douglas Co. High School in Parker.

Second runner-up was Rebecca Speer, a friend of C/2LT Stephen Streeter. Rebecca is a Junior attending Highlands Ranch High School in Denver.



## President's Message

### Capt Skip McAlexander

This is a very exciting time to be associated with SJMS. On September 4, 1996, the Board of Trustees approved the construction of a

new building that will truly make life better for our cadets. We are calling it the Multi-Functional Facility (MFF) and, as presently envisioned, it will include a new dining room and kitchen, the infirmary, the cadet recreation center, the Commandant's suite of offices, and a new world class rifle range. We have hired Jones and Gillam, an

outstanding architectural firm here in Salina, to design the building and we hope to begin construction next spring. At the same time we will put a new facade on Mize Hall and build some decorative fencing along the Ninth Street boarder of the campus. We will maintain the Williamsburg motif in all of this construction.

The MFF will be located where the Dining Facility is currently and will contain something over 18,000 square feet on the main level. This will give us room for a kitchen and dining facility for 250 cadets, a recreation center and infirmary approxi-

mately the same size as the ones we have now, and the commandant suite. It will have a full basement that will contain the rifle range and other facilities.

We anticipate that during Spring Break we will move the kitchen and dining room to another location and the laundry to a permanent location at the current rifle range. We will break ground in late March and hope to have the MFF completed by Christmas Break.

When the building is completed in late 1997, we will be able to move the Quartermaster into the current Rec Center, and make the present infirmary building into a

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## Academic Dean's Message

### LTC Kenneth Faerber

### BLACK & ORANGE DAYS!!

Yes, these are the St. John's school colors, but this

school year they also represent our method of 'color coding' the alternate days in our new Block Class Schedule. Beginning every September morning at breakfast cadets have been hearing, 'this is your BLACK schedule day .. or this is your ORANGE schedule day -- take your books for your BLACK or ORANGE schedule day.'

If that's not enough to boggle the mind, we are constantly announcing the period

"time check" to assist teachers and students with this new ninety minute class schedule. I told students and teachers that we would do this all during the month of September. I think everyone is happy October has finally arrived -- especially the new boys!!

In order to help simplify this new ninety minute daily block schedule, I've made a new student enrollment class schedule form (see sample later in column). This schedule tells student and teacher (a) top line-name, grade level, I.D.# and term/semester, (b) first block indicates period(s) 1-2-3-4, and, the time per period, (c) center block-Monday-BK=BLACK followed by the time, name of the course, teacher name, and room number, and (d) third block - Tuesday,

OR=ORANGE followed by the time, name of the course, teacher name, and room number. Then, you will note the month SEPTEMBER which tells students and teachers either BLACK or ORANGE schedule day. Middle school has a colored flag (black or orange) posted outside the building in order to help tell the students the daily schedule.

To date many teachers and students have told me they are very happy with this new block schedule. However, to get a more accurate measurement how the program is functioning, I will distribute a student and teacher survey at the end of each semester.

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## Commandant's Message

### LTC Michael Furlo

All of us in the Military Department want to extend a warm welcome to the 109th Corps of Cadets! This year's Corps is off to a fine

start with a very positive attitude and high spirits. This spirit is due, in part, to the efforts of the Corps' Battalion Staff that has already established itself as a well-knit team headed by the Cadet Battalion Commander, C/Major Doug Morrison.

We have been very fortunate this year in retaining our experienced adult military staff. There have been only a few new additions to our team over the summer.

Staff Sergeant Mark Bauman, U.S. Army (ret) has joined our staff and is working as a late night military advisor. Staff Sergeant Bobby Yates has moved from the ROTC department to be one of our weekend Military Advisors as well as continuing to guide our color guard and drill team. We are also fortunate to have the services of Master Sergeant Tony Blair. Sergeant Blair is working for us on a part time basis as a late night Military Advisor. Several years ago he was assigned to St. John's as an ROTC instructor where he also directed our school rifle team.

Already this year we have observed a marked improvement in the quality of cadet leadership. During our cadet leadership

camp in August, we had the opportunity to run our first Officer Candidate School (OCS) class -- 1-96, along with our tailored Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) training program. Officer training classes addressed topics such as ethics, management techniques, the role of NCO's, leader problem solving, and a variety of field training exercises. At the end of Leadership Camp we graduated nine cadet officers as newly appointed 2nd lieutenants. The NCO training course was highlighted by leadership reaction exercises, drill and ceremony, as well as, the same field training given to the officer course.

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*During one of the events, Kris Kielhorn saves his team's score applying his skills with a rope.*

## Adventure Course

### Leadership Reaction Courses

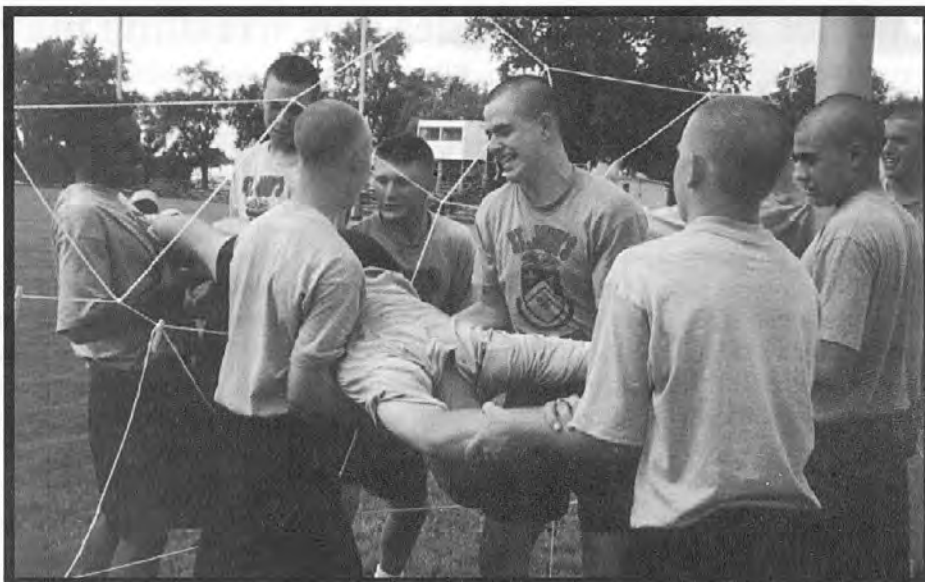
From the staff's re-treat during the summer through the Cadet Leadership Camp in August, this school year's training has included some interesting and fun times at St. John's. And with this fun has come . . . team work with a capital T, from the outstanding corps leadership to the successes of the football teams.

Leadership Reaction Courses were set up dividing OCS cadets among NCO groups. All groups passed the course with flying colors. Some of the course ideas came from an Adventure Course presented to the staff during their summer retreat at Ft. Hays State College. The Commandant, LTC Mike Furlo and the new ROTC Instructor, MAJ George Stelljes should both be commended for the great camp.



*Above, you will need to ask the suspects, LTC Ken Faerber and Ms. Terri Hunnacutt, and to their right, Mrs. Julie Fischer, just what these adventures were about.*

*A "spider web" will never be the same - since cadet leaders and staff alike have now experienced being physically and mentally moved through the web.*





# St. John's recipient of several recent gifts

## Jessie Given refurbishes Rec Center in Mize Hall

Many improvements were made to the Middle Schoolers' Rec Room this summer, thanks to



another generous gift from Mrs. Jessie Given, a well known benefactor of St. John's. Improvements included everything from wall paneling, new lighting and curtains to new furniture, a TV set and a ping pong table.

## Charles Kielhorn provides new wrestling mats

A current patron, grandfather to Cadet Kris Kielhorn, helped complete the new wrestling annex with a gift of new wrestling mats.

## Katheryn Pickering lists St. John's as one of three beneficiaries

Cozy Inn, the famous, 6-stool restaurant, located in the heart of downtown Salina, and known for their onion-laden grilled mini burgers, has always been a Salinan tradition, but in particular a St. John's tradition. So much so, in fact, that St. John's was named as a beneficiary in the estate of Mrs. Kathryn Pickering, who died in May. Mrs. Pickering had been the owner of Cozy Inn since 1930. The proceeds from the sale of the restaurant, along with her other assets, will be divided between the school, Kansas Wesleyan University and Salina Regional Health Center.

## President's Message

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museum and visitor's center. These moves will cause some inconvenience for everyone for several months, but the results will be a vast improvement in convenience and quality of life for everyone.

As I said, this is an exciting time to be associated with St. John's. We are all busy planning for this transition and finding ways to get the most for our construction dollar. If any of you would like more information, please write or call. I will be happy to provide plans and sketches and to hear comments and suggestions.

## TAPS

**Lena M. Baldrige**

Age 90

Former SJMS Nurse, 1979-81

Died July 31, 1996

**William Patrick Smith**

Age 51

Old Boy, Atten 59-60

Died June 15, 1996

**Robert M. Porter**

Age 52

Old Boy Class of '44

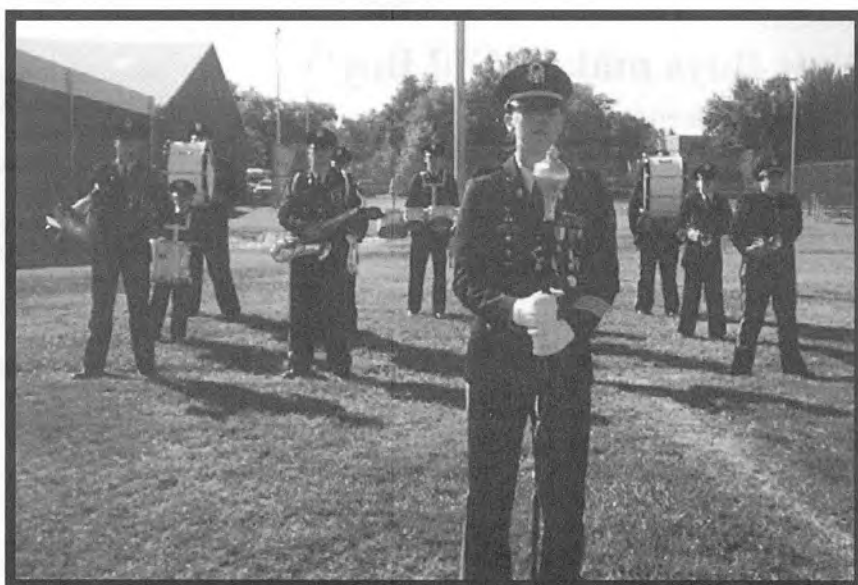
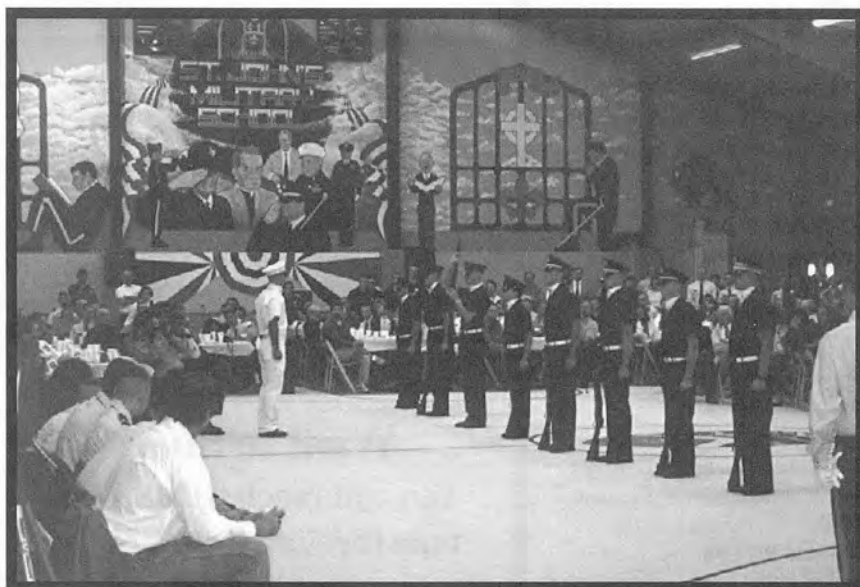
Died April 17, 1996

**Phillip Dale Speed**

Age 20

Old Boy Class of '93

Died May 13, 1996



## 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 since the beginning of the school year, by order of Captain McAlexander, President.

### SO 1-97 dated 5/19/96

Douglas C. Morrison to Captain.

### SO 2-97 dated 7/1/96

Ricardo Greenwood to CPL.

### SO 5-97 dated 8/29/96

David Anderson, Bobby Bearden, Matthew Beynon, Erik Carlsten, Jason Heitzman (with Distinction), Joseph Miller (with Distinction), C. Reagan Reese, Michael Rolle and Stephen Streeter to 2LT for passing Officer Candidate School, Class 1-96.

### SO 6-97 dated 8/29/96

Travis Langdon to CPL; Michael Leonard and Jake Solbakken to SGT; Cortland Dunn to SFC and Paul Vieni to 1LT.

### SO 10-97 dated 9/3/96

Alexander Ryan to SGT.

### SO 15-97 dated 9/6/96

Tyler Brown to PV2 and James Chidester to CPL.

### SO 16-97 dated 9/6/96

David Jend and Kris Kielhorn to PV1.

### SO 18-97 dated 9/9/96

Leland Price to PV1.

### SO 21-97 dated 9/10/96

Michael E. Harris to WO2.

### SO 23-97 dated 9/11/96

Reginald McGill to CPL; Shane Brooks to PFC; Shelby Field and Taylor Marshall to PV2.

### SO 24-97 dated 9/13/96

Brandon Ash, Carlos Machado and Timonty O'Brien to PFC; Daryl Banzet to PV2 and Chad Fourhorn to PV1.

### SO 28-97 dated 9/16/96

Kelly Coggins to CPL.

### SO 33-97 dated 9/18/96

James Bennett, Aaron Cowdin, John Krotz and Matthew Richardson to PFC; David Jend, Kris Kielhorn and Leland Price to PV2.

### SO 34-97 dated 9/18/96

Brent Jones to CPL; Douglas Morrison to MAJ.

### SO 40-97 dated 9/20/96

Mark Triebwasser to SGT.

### SO 48-97 dated 9/26/96

Newman Merton to CPT.

### SO 54-97 dated 9/27/96

Andre Amaro, John Carrillo and Clayton Doan to PFC.

### SO 56-97 dated 9/30/96

Chad Fourhorn to PV2; Grant Haun to CPL and Jason Smith to PFC.

### SO 61-97 dated 10/1/96

Matthew Buckles to CPL; Jacob Thomas and Jeffrey Wagstaff to SGT.

### SO 75-97 dated 10/10/96

Evan Marquez to SFT; Matthew Bostwick to SSG; Nathan Bilotte to SFC.

### SO 78-97 dated 10/11/96

James Bennett to CPL; Victor Brane and Jesse Waugaman to PV1; and David Jend to PFC.

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**Alumni (Mrs. Sheri  
Becker)  
[SJMSOLDBOY  
@Informatics.NET](mailto:SJMSOLDBOY@Informatics.NET)**

## New Boys make "Old Boy"

### SO 38-97 dated 9/19/96

Damien Parson, Wade Pickard and Michael Valdez to PV2.

### SO 52-97 dated 9/26/96

Christopher Pineda to PV2.

### SO 60-97 dated 10/1/96

Justin Allison, Daniel Clark, Jonathan Coyne, Steven Goodwin, James Johnson, Alexander Kocher, Rodney McCurdy, Sean Pollaro, Randy Swisher, Casey VanLandingham, George Vogler, Jacob Walker, Matthew Williams and Jared Winer to PV2.

### SO 63-97 dated 10/2/96

John Childers, Angelo Cisneros, Blake Fleming, George Gile, Matthew Hood, Dustin Rekow, Jared Wright, Travis Hull, Joshua Lett, Derek Michael, Kenny Musch, Michael Speelman, Alvaro Trujillo, Matthew Watson and Rex Robichaux to PV2.

### SO 64-97 dated 10/3/96

Charles Beriault, Jeffrey Frasier, Mark O'Dowd, Ivan Cunningham,

Alexander Fabian, Henry Madsen, Jesse Studebaker, Matthew Webster, Cody Welch and Alexander Buck to PV2.

### SO 68-97 dated 10/8/96

Nathaniel Alexander, Maurice Harper, Joaquin Hernandez, Benjamin Molk, Austin Porzak, Christopher Sheard, Ronald Credelle, Christopher Donnelly, Matthew Gallegos, Brian Hoal, Martin Penn, Jens Petersen and Adam Spexarth to PV2.

### SO 74-97 dated 10/10/96

Chad Fairchild, Jonathan Allaband and John Kunkel to PV2.

### SO 77-97 dated 10/11/96

Dale Hill, Geyermo Barnes and Tyler McGivern to PV2.



## Academic Dean's Message (Continued from page 2)

Hopefully these surveys will give me the necessary information to make any adjustments. Also, I will publish the results of the surveys.

In closing, allow me to be the first to say that many students and teachers helped to make this a success. A special THANKS goes to Mrs. Waggoner, my secretary; Mrs. McCoy, middle school secretary; Ms. Peterson, Computer teacher; and Mr. Walker, math/science teacher, who spent MANY hours on the computer with our new software. And, I would be remiss if not acknowledging cadet Doug Morrison, 109th Corps B.C., his staff, and company commanders for their total support. It has been a TEAM EFFORT, and I want you to know I appreciate your support - THANK YOU.

## Commandant's Message (Continued from page 2)

OCS classes will be offered two or three times during the school year to accommodate those cadets who meet all the requirements and have a high enough score to qualify for attendance. Our NCO's will continue to go before the monthly promotion boards to gain rank and further responsibility within the Corps of Cadets. Hopefully these programs will provide our school with a solid base of cadet leaders for not only the present but future years.

Again, let me take this opportunity to welcome all our cadets and wish you all the best in our 109th year.

Student Timetable St. John's Military School		
Class Schedule Doe, John D	Grade SENIOR ID 1928	Term 1
	Monday	Tuesday
1st 8:00am - 9:30am	BK 800-930 BUSINESS TECH (1) PETERSON, JAMEY L. V-06 - COMPUTER	OR 800-930 ENG IV-C.P. 12 (1) HARRIS, SUSAN R. V-09 - CLASSROOM
2nd 9:35am - 11:05am	BK 935-1105 PHYSICS A 12 (1) SPEILMAN, CHARLES W. V-14 - CHEM/PHY LAB	OR 935-1105 R.O.T.C. III (4) STELLIES, GEORGE V-18B - JROTC
3rd 12:15pm - 1:45pm	BK1215-1345 ADV MATH 12 (1) POLZELLA, MARC V-05 - MATH	OR1215-1345 GOVERNMENT 12 (3) MARTIN, GERALD D. V-07 - CLASSROOM
4th 1:50pm - 3:20pm	BK1350-1520 FRENCH 1 (1) CORBY, TRICIA I. V-04 - CLASSROOM	OR1350-1520 TUTORIAL (13) WHALEN, MICHAEL R. V-18C - JROTC

## SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 BLACK	3 ORANGE	4 BLACK	5 ORANGE	6 BLACK	7
8	9 ORANGE	10 BLACK	11 ORANGE	12 BLACK	13 ORANGE	14
15	16 BLACK	17 ORANGE	18 BLACK	19 ORANGE	20 BLACK	21
22	23 ORANGE	24 BLACK	25 ORANGE	26 BLACK	27 ORANGE	28
29	30 BLACK					

## School's Smoking Policy Endorses Kansas Law

by LTC Michael A. Furlo, Commandant of Cadets

As of July 1996 the new smoking prevention law enacted in the state of Kansas was directed toward attempting to stem the ever widening use of tobacco products by juveniles. The basic provision of this law is that it is now illegal for juveniles, under the age of 18, to have tobacco products in their possession. Proposed fines for possession of tobacco products will start in the \$25.00 range for first time offenders.

SJMS supports the effort to increase awareness of a problem that continues to plague our society as a whole. This law is a preventive plan designed to make juveniles think twice before using tobacco products. In line with the state effort, we at SJMS have established a proactive agenda that endorses our state law. However, instead of turning offending juveniles over to local police authorities, St. John's is initiating the following program.

As a minimum, minor cadets, those under the age of 18, will be fined \$5 each time they are caught with tobacco products in their possession. This fine will be taken from the weekly allowance funds and placed in a school fund that will be used to benefit all the cadets at St. John's. This means that money in this fund will be used for school parties or to purchase items that provide enjoyment for all our cadets. Ultimately, this will cause a burden for both those cadets who continue this type of behavior and the cadet's sponsor. However, there are two points that are relevant. First, the cost incurred with an internal school fine is much less than if the state statute is enforced. Secondly, all our cadets can benefit from this venture. No measures will totally eliminate this problem, but we hope this measure will assist all of us with our effort to make offending cadets think about their actions.

# Mountain Bike Racing



## Triebwasser a climber

Prior to his return to St. John's for Leadership Camp, Mark Triebwasser, 11th grader, has spent most of his last three summers mountain biking. As a member of Champion Cytomax, which is an "all junior" team, he expects to enter many races throughout the U.S. next summer, hoping to race at the expert level and qualify for the Junior National Team.

Triebwasser's summer competition included the Tahoe Series Races, in which he took six 1st place finishes in the Junior Sport Cross Country weekly Races. He took a 1st and a 3rd place in the Open Sport all-ages Cross Country races in the weekly city competition.

At Big Bear Lake in Snow Summit, California, out of 31 entries, he took 1st place in the NORBA (National Off-Road Bicycle Association) National Championship Series #4, with a time of 1:26:08.74. He also took 1st place in the 27 mile point-point Adventure Race with a time of 2.10, in the Coyote Classic Sport Junior class.

Pictured above is Mark with his personal coach, Leigh Donovan, who was the 1995 World and National Downhill Champion and the National Dual Slalom Champion. At left, Mark is shown on his Ventana bike which is made close to his home.



## Summer School

### A big hand to Mr. Mike Keith & 1SG Amon Tidmore

With enrollment lower than hoped for, the first academic camp was a great experience for both the boys enrolled in the camp, and the staff involved. Directed by 1SG Amon Tidmore, Mr. Mike Keith gave class instruction in History.

The campers had a great time, and were reported to say it wasn't at all like being here during the school year. Offered from July 21 through August 17, the 4-week camp provided a lot of R & R, sports and field trips along with the classroom.

Boys attending were Mike Advincula, David Dickinson, Michael Rolle, Roger Shriver, Luke West, Taylor Johnson and Ricky Greenwood.





# coggins collections

## Chris Peterson

The new 10th grade English teacher was intrigued by St. John's successes and she said she wanted to be a part of the unique experience St. John's provides. So, at age 45, Mrs. Peterson was granted her wish. Mrs. Peterson has two sons, Todd, who is 23 and is studying Pre-Med and Matt, 18, who is studying Criminal Justice. Her husband Garry, a State Farms Insurance agent, is 49.

Mrs. Peterson got her Bachelor of Arts degree at Bethal College. She earned her Masters at Wichita State University and did some graduate work at John F. Kennedy University in San

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## Travis Shaw

Mr. Travis Shaw, the new head football coach, is looking forward to a good football season. Coach Shaw has always loved football and he decided to teach it because he could not see himself not involved in the sport. He decided to work at St. John's because of the attitude towards Education and he also wanted experience as a head coach. He says "I love working here because the cadets are great, the faculty is wonderful and it's a fun place."

Shaw teaches Middle School English and he believes the younger Cadets want to learn and fear authority. He has been welcomed and is already considered an integral part of the St. John's family.

by Kelly Coggins, Gr. 9, San Antonio, TX

## Scott Wiedeman

"I am impressed by St. John's mission." Mr. Wiedeman came to St. John's with a mission of his own. His mission was to share and teach art to the cadets at St. John's. Mr. Wiedeman got his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at Fort Hays State University in Hays, KS. His main decision on becoming an art teacher was the fact that he enjoys art and believed that teaching is a noble career. He enjoys working at St. John's "The faculty and staff are very supportive and enjoyable to work with," said Mr. Wiedeman. "I also think the cadets are willing to explore the world of art and make each day a new adventure."

# New Year - New Faces

Nancy Anderson



Several new members have been added to the faculty and staff.

**Nancy Anderson** is the receptionist in the Business Office. Nancy worked at Salina's Red Lobster prior to living in Indiana the last two years.

**SSG Mark Bauman**, Abilene, retired U.S. Army, is a new Military Advisor assigned to Mize Hall.

**MSG Tony Blair** returns to St. John's after two years abroad. An active member of the U.S. Army, Tony is working weekends as a Military Advisor.

**Kathy Bowen** is the new Assistant Quartermaster. Kathy has a secretarial background and has lived in Salina for about three years.

**Chris Peterson** instructs English, Speech, Drama and Forensics in the Upper School. She has a Masters Degree from Wichita State University and has 14 years of teaching experience.

**Mark Polzella**, Abilene, came to St. John's during second semester last year. He is the math instructor for the Upper School teaching Algebra I and II, Trig and Calc. From the U.S. Military Academy, he has a BS degree in Engineering.

**Travis Shaw** is the 6th grade Instructor at the Middle School. He is also the upper school head football coach. He has a BS degree in Secondary Education from Pittsburg State. He and his wife Amy live on campus.

**Major George Stelljes**, Active U.S. Army, is the Senior Army Instructor for the JROTC program. He was formerly with the K-State JROTC Program.

**Scott Wiedeman** is the Art Instructor. Scott has his BA degree in Art Education from Ft. Hays State University.

Scott Wiedeman



Major George Stelljes



SSG Mark Bauman



MSG Tony Blair



Kathy Bowen



Chris Peterson



Mark Polzella



Travis Shaw



## "drop"

From the classroom and the hard top to the practice field, **everyone** is doing push-ups. Used as a discipline for violations to a reward from staff personnel, "push" is becoming such a popular term that cadets are "drop-ping" at the football stadium for entertainment.

MAJ George Stelljes does a uniform inspection every class period. If everyone passes, he does 20 push ups. If a cadet fails, the cadet does push ups.

If cadets are doing something really good, he rewards them by doing pushups. If he sees some violation (for example, wearing a hat in a building) they know its "push" time.

Sixty push-ups in a minute is one of the requirements to become a Spartan. This shouldn't be a problem for any member of the 109th Corps with all the practice they are getting.

Major Stelljes reports that the most he has had to do in any one day is 100 times.



## formation

A big part of life at St. John's. Before each meal daily, not to count the numerous times in between, such as police calls, P.T., special formations, which include Chapel, laundry, etc. Shown is a candid taken at the beginning of the school year, with a little different look than in their uniforms during, say "Parents' Weekend". Cadets are instructed in appropriate ways to stand. While standing at "attention", they are to have knees slightly bent. At "parade rest", they stand with feet shoulder-width apart.

## Editor's Note

When I first stepped off the bus this year I was told that I would be the S-5 (Public Affairs Officer). I immediately started thinking of ways to make our Skirmisher more exciting from the cadet's point of view. To a cadet the Skirmisher is something you might get your name mentioned in or even a picture every now and then. Well, this Skirmisher is for everyone in the St. John's family so I'm asking for any teen-related articles that are educational but also entertaining. I would like to devote one section of every Skirmisher to cadets. The alumni and parents will still see the same SJMS news and current events, but you will also see a more teen-oriented section to build cadet interest.

If you have any jokes, drawings, ideas, pictures, or articles you think will help make this happen, please contact our Advisor, Mrs. Becker, at: E-Mail SJMSOLDBOY@aol.com, or mailing address PO Box 827, Salina, KS 67402, phone 913 823-7231. Thanks for your time and support.

Joseph Miller  
Phoenix, AZ  
Editor

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Jeffrey Frasier

## PETERSON

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Francisco.

Mrs. Peterson enjoys traveling, reading, writing and playing the piano. She decided to teach English because she loves literature and interpreting it. She also appreciates the sharing of ideas. She also teaches Drama and Speech at St. John's.

## Dear Pablo:

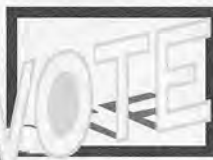
I was writing you to discuss the subject on Oppression on Middle Schoolers. Why don't we get as much recognition as Upper School. For example, last week at our football game, the Corps didn't even cheer as hard as we do for Varsity. Please write and tell us what you think.

Love,  
Oppressed Goobster

## Student Election for President

Who would you vote for if you were given the chance? Well, you will get a

chance to pick the candidate of your choice. You've heard the issues and you've heard about the conventions. Who impresses you the most? Clinton or Dole. Be prepared. An instructor will be giving out a ballot for you to choose.



## New Boys Interviewed

by Michael Rolle and Chris Rettagliata

We recently asked several of sixty "New Boys" of the 109th Corps two questions - **What do you expect to learn at St. John's and how are things going for you at St. John's?** These are three of the responses.

**Jeffrey Frasier**, Gr. 10, Carrollton, Texas, said he expected to learn discipline. "My training is pretty hard, but I can't wait to be an Old Boy.

**Matthew Watson**, Gr. 7, Ft. Worth, Texas, said he wants to be a good cadet. "Doing PT is probably the hardest thing at this point."

**Maurice Harper**, Gr. 9, Lawrence, Kansas, answered "How to stay out of trouble and learn self-respect. Things at SJMS are going fine.



Matthew Watson



Maurice Harper

## The BC

by Joseph Miller,  
Phoenix, AZ

This year the Battalion Commander is C/MAJ Doug Morrison. Cadet Morrison is in his eighth year at St. John's and feels that this year will give a chance for younger leaders to grow and understand how to handle the responsibility of the situations they'll face in the upcoming years.

Guidance and support from the faculty and military staff at SJMS will give cadets of the 109th the opportunity to grow into mature young adults.

Cadet Morrison doesn't have many goals for this year, but does have some demanding and challenging ones - one is to put military back in military school. He wants cadets to be proud of what they do, to be and act as a cadet, have pride in what and how they do something, and to make cadets realize they will face situations in life like at SJMS and give them skills needed to handle situations they may face.

The main emphasis for this year will be the overall readiness of the corps to any situation it may face. The only thing our BC expects for this year is that it doesn't matter what an individual accomplishes, as long as he has tried his best and has given his all. Morrison doesn't expect perfection, but he does expect 110% effort.

The commander believes that in the past there has been good years and bad years. Some of them were a direct reflection of those in charge. This year will rank among the best if not the best the school has ever seen.





# The Fun Begins

## Watermelon Feed and Pep Rally

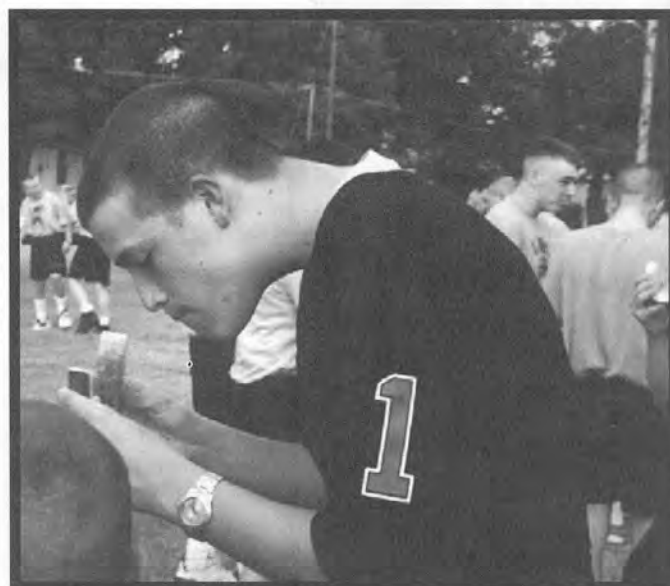
by James Bray, Gr. 11, Concordia, KS

Certainly a favorite among the Corps family is the Watermelon Feed and Pep Rally which has been a tradition at St. John's for almost twelve years. Usually held on the afternoon of the first home game, this year's feed required about 30 melons weighting between 20 and 25 lbs. each.

Mr. Walters, the Ed. Tech and Advanced Shop teacher, when asked who he thought ate the most watermelon, he said "Most definitely it was Ms. Peterson, the computer teacher in the high school. She had nine pieces which was three more than David Dickinson!"

As for other comments, when asked if this tradition would continue, Academic Dean Col. Faerber, said "Yes, I believe so. The Cadets enjoy it very much as do the faculty and staff." Since it is the really first activity of the school year, the Cadets do like the break in their schedule, and it also gives the new boys a chance to see that St. John's isn't really that bad.

This Pep Rally will be remembered more than most because the first varsity game ended in a victory for SJMS as well as a major victory for the new head varsity coach, Mr. Shaw, who teaches in the middle school.



Above, Cadet Damien Parson and Coach Shaw (at left) along with Cadet Rafael Llorente (at right) seem to be enjoying themselves. Below, Coach Walter is giving instructions to his team during a timeout.

## Now you know M.S. Football

by Evan Callaway, Gr. 12, Honolulu, HI

In questioning the Coach about this year's expectations, Devon Walter said that it was a much bigger team and more of a power team. He said we should see more of a running game than we saw last year.

Any good players this year? Ask Phillip Davis, Tyler McGivern, Jesse Waugaman, Kenny Musch, Traevion Harvey and Andre Amaro.



## SCORE BOARDS

### Varsity

	US	THEM
Tescott	30	14
Goessel	18	42
White City	54	6
Wakefield	46	0
Hope	36	58
Solomon	40	8
Wakefield	THERE	
Bennington	HOME	
St. Mary's	HOME	

### JV.

	US	THEM
Tescott	28	18
Goessel	14	12
White City	36	22
Emman.	40	16
Hope	28	0
Solomon	48	8
Wakefield	HOME	
Bennington	THERE	

### MS.

	US	THEM
Geneseo	30	50
Bennington	16	14
Marquette	38	68
Hope	26	34
Tescott	20	66
Solomon	42	16
White City	HOME	

## Muleskinners looking tough

### Seniors showing leadership

With 14 seniors this year and experience on both the varsity and junior varsity teams last year, the season has started off with lots of excitement.

Travis Shaw, the new varsity football coach, is taking on his first head coaching job at St. John's this year and his first association with eight-man football. He was quoted

in the Salina Journal as saying "I have no idea what they did here in the past. I took all the football knowledge I had and designed an offense. I tried to make the blocking schemes very simple, knowing they would be learning something new and they haven't worked with each other a lot."

Whatever he's doing, it seems to be working. One cadet worth mentioning, is Junior tailback Steven Marcy. With his liking to cut back and his exceptional breakaway speed, Marcy has been a big factor

in our win column. But the Coach and players agree that there is a real **TEAM EFFORT** out on the field. Keep it up guys!

## JR. VARSITY remains undefeated

It's been a great season again for the Junior Varsity squad. The Out of six games played to date, there has really only been one close one. Several get to play in the Varsity games so it can't get too "ho hum".

## Interview with Paul Vieni

by Andre Amaro, Gr. 8,  
Wichita/Dodge City  
Cadet Paul Vieni feels great about this season. He is the defense end and for offense he is tightend. This is his 6th year playing football and he is getting better and better by the day. He is hoping that at the end of the season he will leave 8 and 1. Personally, I think that would be a great going-away gift for the Senior football class.

Note: When he first started playing football it was only flag because Mrs. Vieni was scared Paul would get hurt. So far the team is 3-1 with two games won on the 45 point rule.

*Pictured above, the Varsity team gets together following a big win.*

*As shown in the stands, the success is really a team effort. The "New Boys" have added a new dimension to the fan section.*



## "Old Boys" together in Bosnia

Rick Taylor, Class of '64 and Hilliard Griffin, Class of '61



John "Rick" Taylor, Class of '64, as CEO for Terra Link Communications, Ltd., Ft. Worth, Texas, made a trip to Sarajevo. Terra Link has the contract to provide telephone communications for NATO countries. Hilliard Griffin, Class of '61, as partner and Director of International Relations for the company and as the on site manager, went to Bosnia last January to set up the first uplink with the British. Rick said that Griff would be leaving in a few weeks to install a satellite uplink for about 12 sites in Russia, and then 4 to 6 sites in China.

*Pictured, at left is William E. Merritt, an*

*International attorney who represented his organization and negotiations with the Bosnians. In center is Griff and at right is Rick.*

### Chris Mackey has Wedding Reception

**SFC Roy Lawrence attends.**

Chris, class of '93, married in March of '96 but celebrated his marriage with a family reception in Canada on July 6. Lawrence fit the trip in as part of his summer travel, and said that he had a great time.

Chris, a Corporal, and Brenna, a PFC, are in the Army stationed at Ft. Bragg in North Carolina. Both are "jumping out of planes" advised Lawrence.

Chris sends his best to the SJMS family and shares their address: 6467 Kelmscot Ct., Fayetteville NC 28303.



## Daily Times-Call

**Ed Lehman, "Old Boy" Class of '43**

Congratulations are in order to Ed Lehman, Publisher of the Daily Times-Call in Longmont CO which recently celebrated it's 125th anniversary. An April Anniversary Edition was shared with the Skirmisher staff which includes quite a background and history of the St. Vrain Valley newspapers and publishers.

The Times-Call modern history began on February 1, 1957 when Ed and his wife, Ruth, both Denver attorneys, fell victim to what Ed called "an incurable ailment - printer's ink in the veins," and purchased the controlling interest of the Daily Times-Call. Ed was named president and editor and Ruth was named secretary, later becoming editorial page editor and company comptroller.

As it celebrates its 125th anniversary this year, the Daily Times-Call has an average staff of 150 full-time and 67 part-time employees. It became a seven-day a week operation in 1985 with the introduction of the newspaper's successful Sunday edition. When the Lehmans took charge, the newspaper had a circulation of 4,000. Today, circulation has grown to more than 20,000 daily and 23,000 on Sundays.



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**Jack A. Jansen**, Class of '44  
1010 6th Avenue SW  
Vero Beach FL 32962  
Telephone 561 778-2415  
SFC Jimerson gave Jack and his wife a tour of the campus during a summer visit. They hope to come back for a commencement weekend.

**Robert Scott**, Class of '47  
Robert M. Scott Associates, Inc.  
5120 Dovewood Road  
Memphis TN 38134  
E-Mailed school. Still looking for his own roommate, Richard Goodhart.  
*Can anyone help him?*

**William A. Crumrine, Jr.**, Class of '53  
9956 E. Ironwood Dr.  
Scottsdale AZ 85258  
Bill and his wife Pat visited campus this summer, first time since graduating. He is a recently retired banker.

**Walter C. York**, Class of '44  
4360 Milan Court  
Riverside CA 92505-2956  
Walt wrote following Commencement to share pictures and praise of weekend activities including the new hi-tech building. He said as a student for 11 years, faculty member for 4 years and 52 years as an alumni, he has seen quite a few changes and growth. On his way home he visited with Old Boy Fitz Schoeb in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma who was recovering from a heart by-pass operation. He has also talked with Old Boy Paul Riley.

**David A. Smith**, Atten 54-55  
2317 Monteaale  
Colorado Springs CO 80909  
Visited campus. Retired from Chrysler Corp in 1990. He shared that his year at St. John's was "the one year in my life that made it for me."

**Rod Ellison**, Class of '55  
Suffering from an illness and in a wheelchair, Rod was able to travel and visit the campus this summer with his wife and daughter. He had a good tour and an opportunity to reminisce.

**Jerry Rutschman**, Atten. 56-57  
120 E. Northview  
McPherson KS 67460  
Working for KFC but expecting to be relocated to western Kansas soon.

**George Akers**, Class of '57  
351 N. Meridian #81  
Apache Junction AZ 85220  
Akers phoned school. Hadn't been on mailing list for years and hadn't been back on campus since his graduation. Didn't know about the Vail Hall fire.

Said he had lots of memories of St. John's and had been thinking about us recently.

**Thomas D. Carmody**, Atten 60-63 (gr.7-9)  
E-Mail - TOMCARMODY@aol.com  
After graduating from public school in 1966 he served 4 years in the Navy and spent 18 months in VietNam. After honorable discharge he spent another 7 years in the reserves, training as Military Policeman.

He earned his M.S. in Forensic Science and has been with the San Diego Police Department for 21 years, planning to retire in a few years. After spending 16 years of that time on the streets, he is now the senior sergeant in the D.A.R.E. Unit, which has 34 officers. He read in the Skirmisher where Patrick Farris, Mike George and Phillip Davis won D.A.R.E. medals, and wished them the best.

**John Lang**, Class of '62  
PO Box 1243  
Twain Harte, CA 95383  
His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lang of Willows, CA, visited the campus in September, giving the Library a check for \$100 and giving current addresses for both John and themselves. *Thanks for your visit and kind gift!*

**George S. Bartley**, Class of '63  
Found SJMS on internet. He shares he is in his last year of a graduate social work program at New Mexico Highlands University. He said he has spoken with Roger Young recently and they look forward to communicating by email. He also asked about "Old Boy" Pete Pappas.

**Jonathan Henderson**, attend '68-69 (Gr. 7-8)  
2981 Cashel Lane  
Vienna, VA 22181  
Called to give an address update. Hopes to visit campus soon.

**The Rev. C. Eric Funston**, Class of '69  
10945 West 170th Terrace  
Olathe KS 66062-9582  
E-Mail - SMTP:freric@qni.com  
**Jeff Woodall**, Class of '69  
8502 149th Terrace  
Overland Park, KS 66223

**Wendell Holland**, Class of '71  
1720 N. Elm St.  
Russell KS 67665

**Bruce Patterson**, Class of '75  
503 Gwynne St.  
Urbana, OH 53078

E-mail = bpatter 729@aol.com

**Jeff Francis**, Class of '76  
120120 Nelson Rd.  
Olathe, KS 66061

**Charles Peaslee**, Class of '76  
E-Mail - charles-peaslee@hp.com  
Was asking about a reunion for the class of '76 and hoping there would be a 20 year get-together. Charles is married and has two children, ages 18 and 19. His wife is employed by Corning Laboratories in Greeley and he is the coordinator for the packing department for Colorado Memory Systems, a division of Hewlett Packard, in Loveland.

**David Bassett**, Class of '77  
315 Buccaneer Dr., Apt D  
Corpus Christi TX 78411  
David stopped by during summer. Recently retired from Navy career completing 18 years mostly stationed in Norfolk, and just getting settled in Corpus Christi, TX.

**Steve Petree**, Atten 79-80  
921 N. Hester  
Stillwater OK 74075  
Steve's father sent us his correct address.

**Kevin Price**, Class of '80  
E-Mail - SMTP:kevin.price@worldnet.att.net  
Kevin found the SJMS web page and contacted us. He said he has so many great memories, that "SJMS was there to guide and shape my life when I needed them the most, that I can't imagine what my life would be like without those great years." He asked about several staff members including Col. Kellogg, Col. Loy, Col. Faerber, Mrs. Trump, and adding that he would kill for a good Don Martin haircut right about now. He shared that he was one of the original Blue Berets, that he moved to Arizona after graduation and worked in the semiconductor industry in Mesa at Motorola. He later went to work at Intel where he began working with computers and is currently working at Microchip Technology, Inc. in Chandler and living nearby in Mesa. He is primarily a database/groupware developer. He is wanting E-mail addresses from Old Boys of '78, '79 and '80.

**Terry Fihaley**, Class of '81  
925 Navasota Dr.  
Garland TX 75040  
Discovered SJMS on WWW. Asked to be included on E-mail list.  
E-Mail - SMTP:tjfhaley@mymail.net

**Michael Scott Martin**, '81

3648 E. Ludlow Dr.  
Phoenix AZ 85032  
Telephoned school to give current address. Claims that while he was Battalion Commander, it was the "Best Corps Ever".

**Jim Foster**, Class of '82  
DMC International  
Kruisweg 615  
2132 NB Hoofddorp  
The Netherlands  
E-Mail = SMTP:jfoster@euronet.nl  
He found home page for SJMS and recognized Col. Faerber's name. He shared that he went from being at the bottom of his class in public school to the top at SJMS. "At the time I actually hated military school but the older I get the more I appreciate the personal growth which has served me well after graduation."

**Brad "Stix" Hopper**  
110 East F. Lot #4, PO Box 349,  
Weeping Water, NE 68463-0349  
Brad brought us up to date on his family members and shared that he helps with his mother's restaurant in Weeping Water and also has a Mail Order Company, listed under Hopper Enterprises. He hopes to re-establish contact with some of his old classmates.

**Jacob P. Rast III**, Class of '82  
Jacob writes he was Charlie Co. Commander and started the flight school program at SJMS. He says he has been married for 6 years and they are expecting their first "goober". He has a BS in Elect. Engineering from Pitt., is a computer consultant and owns and operates a recording studio in Overland Park, KS. "The alt.rock band I'm in is recording our second effort and I am producing several local groups as well as a few from L.A. Any Old Boy's that are into music are welcome to e-mail me, jrast@unicom.net."

**Christopher Apostolof**, Class of '91  
1309 Hillbrow Lane, Suite 103  
Raleigh NC 27615

**Alex Hernandez**, Class of '95  
16801 Grand Ave.  
Belleflower CA 90706

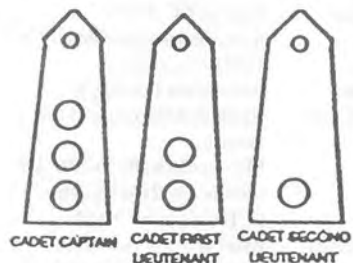
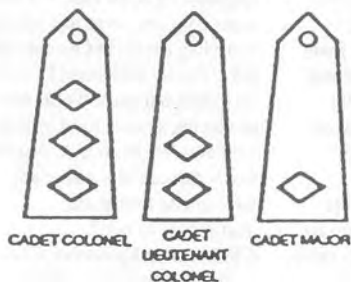
**Keith Sedille**, Class of '95  
Write to:  
PFC James Keith Sedille 415  
Charlie Co. 2154 Infantry  
Ft. Benning GA 31905  
**Brad Issler**, Class of '96  
Kansas State University  
Marlett Hall, Room 109  
Manhattan KS 66506



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