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Vieni chosen Cadet of the Year

The General Douglas MacArthur Foundation, an organization founded by military and civilian personnel, perpetuates the MacArthur ideals -- Honor-Duty-Country -- by presenting the MacArthur Award to the outstanding cadets of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools.

The objective is to encourage the students of the member institutions to emulate and practice the qualities exemplified by Douglas MacArthur as a cadet at the West Texas Military Institute and at the U. S. Military Academy. The criteria for the award is the most soldierly performance by a senior class cadet considering academics, athletics and leadership.

The Reviewing Officer and Guest Speaker for this year's ceremony was Lieutenant General Richard Seitz, U.S. Army (Ret), Junction City, KS. Sixteen years ago, his late brother, Brig. Gen. John A. Seitz,



Vieni receives medal From LTG Seitz.

"Good Morning America"

Scheduled for broadcast on March 5, Corps leaders (shown below) staged a "Faces" segment for the ABC show, "Good Morning America", in front of the Mule-skinner. It was a fun-filled few minutes for those Cadets who have had lots of practice in shouting, to yell out for the marketing director of the Wichita station KAKE-TV, on a 30 degree morning in February.



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**President's
Message**
**Captain E. A.
McAlexander**

As the various decisions associated with the construction of a new building are being made, I have been reflecting on the importance of the judgments that are made concerning St. John's. In 1944 the school's Board of Trustees and staff made decisions about a dining facility that have affected the school for 53 years. The building was constructed during W.W.II when money and building materials were in short supply, and the results have been superb. We can be very proud to be following in the footsteps of these wonderfully insightful people.

In becoming acquainted with some of the old boys who were students at St. John's when this work was done, I can see the influence our predecessors had on their lives. They will tell you, often with considerable emotion, that St. John's had a profound effect on their lives. The determinations by parents and guardians that brought them to St. John's, and the decisions that guided them as cadets, made them better citizens and fathers. Their contributions have made their communities a better place to live and the cumulative effect is impressive.

In our roles as parents, staff and Trustees, we make decisions every day on what kind of building to build, and on which cadets to enroll, promote, punish or dismiss. My fondest hope is that fifty years from now our successors will have as much respect for what we accomplished as I have for the decision makers of fifty years ago.



**Academic
Dean's
Message**
**LTC Kenneth
Faerber**

Let's work together to meet these three goals: Every 8-year-old must be able to read; every 12-year-old must be able to log on to the Internet; every 18-year-old must be able to go to college, and every adult American must be able to keep on learning for a lifetime." Sound familiar? Yes, it's the beginning of President Clinton's February 4th State of the Union Address. He then explained this vision with, "a call to action for American education based on these 10 principles."

How do these impact St. John's Military School?

- 1) A national crusade for educational standards. According to Education Week's recent survey of fifty states, not many are excited about the prospects of establishing national standards.
- 2) To have the best schools, we must have the best teachers. St. John's strongly encourages all its teachers to continue professional development through workshops, seminars or advanced studies.
- 3) We must do more to help our children read. St. John's curriculum is based upon a strong reading emphases. Reading is also part of each tutorial period--either in the classroom with the teachers, or in the library with current periodicals, new books, and via the internet.
- 4) Learning begins in the first days of life. Yes, but the development and parent encouragement of positive attitudes toward learning and related education values can not be left to chance.
- 5) Every state should give parents the power to choose the right public school for their children. In our case the 'key' work is public. Parents choose private schools, like St. John's, because of the

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**Commandant's
Message**
**LTC Michael
Furlo**

The proposed new construction of the Multifunctional Facility (MFF) holds the prospect of furnishing our school with a substantial infrastructure improvement. Further, this will provide our cadets with a modern facility that compliments future revitalization efforts. Unfortunately, along with proposed modernization comes some short-term sacrifices. During the construction period we will continue to afford all services that are currently part of our school program. However, there will be modifications and at the head of the list is feeding.

When the old Nichols Hall is torn down we will utilize half of Banes Gym as our dining room and part of the present Rec. Center will become the temporary kitchen. The laundry will move from the current location in the basement of Nichols Hall to its new permanent location in the old rifle range.

In terms of projected impact on use of our facilities this plan holds the promise of having the least detrimental impact on our cadets. We will still have the use of half the gym and the completion of the MFF on schedule will not significantly impact our basketball schedule in the fall of 1997. Furthermore, most of our rifle matches will have been completed when the laundry move is made. The 1997-98 school year rifle matches do not begin in earnest until January 1998 when the new rifle range in the MFF should be ready for scheduled meets. Although services in the Rec. Center will be reduced there will still be space for a TV lounge, a couple of pool tables, and the barber shop. We are currently looking at putting vending machines in various locations to temporarily replace the loss

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Brigadiers Honored

The 1995-96 Brigadiers were honored at a dinner and ceremony on Brigadier Sunday, February 2.

Brigadiers are those individuals or organizations that donate at least \$1,000 during any school year.

Recognized this year were: Mr. Dwayne Andreas, Archer Daniels Midland Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Berkley, Mr. Jerry Bradley, Mr. Richard DeVore, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Farris, Ms. Hazel Fonck, Mr. Louis Fulton, Mr. Richard Gaven, Ms. Jessie Given, Mr. Joe Grant and Cindy Tang, Mr. H. D. Hale, Mr. Neil Jednoralski, Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, Kennedy and Coe, Mr. Charles Kielhorn, KILS, KINA, KSAJ-KABI, KSAL-KY Country, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kocher, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lehman, Mr. Leonard Lewis, Mrs. Shirley Lewis, Capt. E. A. McAlexander, Ms. Patricia McAlexander, Ms. Berniece McCullick, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller, Mr. Ronald Ryan, Mr. Alfred Schwan, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Soule, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens, Jr., Ms. Rebecca Tallman, Ms. Donna Vanier, Mr. Jack Vanier and Wardens and Vestry.

Thank you for your continued support!

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G. W. "Bill" Nicholson Wrestling Center Dedicated

The new wrestling Center, completed last summer, was dedicated on February 2. The Center was named after the late G. W. "Bill" Nicholson, a former member of the Board of Trustees. Although he served as Chairman of the Board during his last term, Bill provided very strong leadership in his role as Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee during many of his years while serving on the Board.

His widow, Carolee and family members were in attendance for the unveiling of the bronze plaque.

Following the blessing and dedication by Bishop Strickland, a reception was held for all attendees, including the Brigadiers and classmates of the MacArthur Award recipient, Cadet Captain Paul Vieni.



MacArthur Award

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U.S. Army (Ret.), was the Guest Speaker and presenter of the first MacArthur award given at St. John's in January, 1981.

C/CPT F. Paul Vieni, from Denver, Colorado, is in his fifth year at St. John's. He is currently the Battalion S-3, the Drill Team Commander, Chapel Council Officer, and a member of the NHS and varsity basketball team.

As recipient of the MacArthur Award, Cadet Vieni received a Pin-on Emblem to be worn with pride; a full scale Replica of the Medal struck by the Congress of the United States honoring General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur; a copy of "The Book of Reminiscences" signed by Mrs. MacArthur; and a \$ 50.00 U.S. Savings Bond.

Following the ceremony, he was joined by his mother and sister and his fellow officers at a reception in the Nicholson Wrestling Center.

MACARTHUR AWARD RECIPIENTS BY CORPS

109th - V. Paul Vieni
108th - Bradley Issler
107th - Chris Allen
106th - DeAndre Grassity
105th - Christopher Mackey
104th - Chad Caruso
103rd - Christopher Purdie
102nd - Brian Farrell
101st - Chad Calvaresi
99th - Michael Clinton Porter
98th - Jeffery Waltz
97th - Joseph Dowd
96th - Eduardo A. Vaccaro
95th - Kevin Zwink
94th - Matthew Minson
93rd - Scott Martin

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 December Skirmisher, by order of Captain McAlexander, President.

SO 201-97 dated 1/9/97

Adam Beem, Benjamin Molk and Jamie Roberts to PFC. Nathan Alexander, Justin Allison, Charles Beriault, Steven Brookshire, Tyler Brown, Angelo Cisneros, Blake Fleming, Maurice Harper, Joaquin Hernandez, Charles Kocher, Michael Lett, Derek Michael, Brian Vogler and Jared Wright to CPL.

SO 214-97 dated 1/14/97

Scott Norris and Sean Pollaro to CPL.

SO 219-97 dated 1/19/97

David Dickinson, John Kroitz, Reginald McGill and Richard Shield to SGT; Evan Marquez and Jake Solbakken to SSG; Matthew Bostwick to SFC.

SO 226-97 dated 1/23/97

John Childers, Daniel Clark, Ronald Credelle, Brian Droge, Neil Fitzgerald, Brian Hoal, James H. Johnson, James Keller, Rodney McCurdy, Wade Pickard, Alvaro Trujillo and Jacob Walker to CPL; C. Reagan Reese to CPT.

SO 232-97 dated 1/27/97

R. Nathan Bilotte, Michael E. Harris, Steven Marcy and Mark Triebwasser to 2LT.

FORENSICS

by Kelly Coggins, San Antonio, TX

Mrs. Chris Peterson's Forensics Class went to two tournaments during the last month. Every student competed in an event. About 12 other schools were present at these meets. Newman Merton took 4th place in Dramatic Interpretation at Southeast Saline. James Bray took 5th place in Poetry in both tournaments. Newman qualified for State Finalist. The other cadets did well also.

SO 241-97 dated 1/28/97

Michael Rolle to 1LT; Bobby Bearden and Joseph Miller to CPT.

SO 243-97 dated 1/29/97

Jonathan Coyne, Matthew Gallegos, Derek Hanlon, Charles Pittack, Arian Taherzadeh and Andrew Wert to PFC; Travis Hull and Aaron Lyons to CPL.

SO 260-97 dated 2/5/97

Jesse Osborn to PFC; Jeremiah Blakney, Ivan Cunningham, Chris Donnelly, Shelby Field, Chad Fourhorn and Ben Wallace to CPL.

SO 278-97 dated 2/14/97

Austin Cox, Terry Hodgdon, Chris Pineda, Michael Speelman and Casy VanLandingham to PFC; John Carrillo, George Gile and Jared Winer to CPL; Traevion Harvey to SGT; Mark Davis, Joseph Gabel and Osly Preston to SSG; Taylor Johnson to SFC.

SO 281-97 dated 2/18/97

Matthew Watson to PFC; Aaron Cowdin and Dustin Rekow to CPL.

SO 282-97 dated 2/19/97

Christopher Sheard to PFC.

New Boys Make Old Boy Status

Special Orders were issued for those cadets earning Old Boy status and promoted to PV2, as follows:

Jason Bourell, Hojin Lim, William Schwinn, W. Buck Meinzer, Gary Quandt, Cory Reeks, Dustin Reynolds, Kevin Zimont, James Bilotto, Jeff Dejarnett, Walter Horn, Aaron Scott, Stephen Young, Kellam Beer, Laramie Jones, Brandon Runkle, Allen Cargle, David DeMarco, Aaron Warren, Adam Wells, Michael Shaver, Joel Barnes, Lucas Burkard and Aaron Shaw.

Cadets promoted to PFC are as follows:

Stephen Carter, David Holdcraft, Thomas Stafford and Christopher Sheard.

New Weight Program

In early January, Coach Travis Shaw and Mr. Tim Chapman implemented a weight training program for those cadets interested in strengthening both mind and body. You need to establish a habit of exercising your body at a minimum of three days a week, said Chapman. He went on to say, those that are participating will see the rewards of a healthier body. Establishing a habit of self improvement will pay big dividends physically and mentally. As the class works through the first nine week cycle both coaches have seen strength levels increase.

The Muleskinner Wall of Excellence, located in the weight room, will highlight the names of those that have the top lifts in four categories: bench press, incline press, squat, and power clean. Five weight classes will be represented: --130, 130-150, 150-180, 180-200, 200--. Shaw and Chapman encourage anyone that would like to join the club to stop by the weight room. If you decide to join the group Coach Shaw stresses that it is not a hit and miss program. To see improvement you need to be dedicated. The weight room is open every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Drill Team Notes . . .

The Drill Team began it's competitive season on 18 January by participating in the KU drill meet at Lawrence, Kansas. Other meets included the Kemper Military meet on 1 February (in which they were totally awesome!)

Remaining is the Bellevue Invitation on 1 March in Bellevue, Nebraska, and the Air Force Academy meet in Colorado Springs on 19 April. Good Luck Team!

Second Grading Period Honors are Announced

Congratulations to the
BLUE BERETS

Upper School:
ROBERT "NATHAN" BILOTTE
SCOTT NORRIS
ALEJANDRO MCKULA

Middle School:
TYLER McGIVERN
DEREK MICHAEL
PHILLIP DAVIS



Shown, left to right: Norris, McKula and Bilotte

HONOR ROLL:

Making the Academic Dean's Honor Roll for the Second Grading Period from the Upper School are: Robert "Nathan" Bilotte 98.00; Scott Norris 97.57; Alejandro McKula 97.42; Stephen Streeter 97.25; David Anderson 96.57; Bobby Bearden 96.14; Christopher Reagan Reese 95.85; John Krotz 95.28; Joseph Miller 95.12; Rodger Shriver 94.86; Douglas Morrison 94.85; Christopher Ramias 94.85; Matthew Richardson 94.57; Fabio Paul Vieni 94.57; Newman Merton 94.28; Sean Pollaro 94.14; Rafael Llorente 94.12; Gerald "Joe" Gabel 93.71; Charles Kocher 93.71 and James Keller 93.57.

From the Middle School are Tyler McGivern 95.68 and Derek Michael 93.58.

HONORABLE MENTION:

Making Honorable Mention from the Upper School are Erik Carlsten 93.42; Evan Callaway 93.42; Jacob Thomas 93.28; Daniel Clark 93.14; George Vogler 93.14; Christopher Rettagliata 92.57; Taylor Johnson 92.57; Kelly Coggins 92.42; Matthew Fortelka 92.00; Cortland Dunn 91.85; Matthew Buckles 91.71; Ty

Upper School .5 Club

Many cadets made the criteria to be in the Point 5 Club following the second grading period. To qualify a cadet either has to raise his grade point .5 or if an "A" student, has to maintain the same GPA. (There is similar criteria for "B" students). The .5 Club pizza lunch was held in January.

Eighty-six upper school students and twenty-one middle school students enjoyed the occasion, a program sponsored by the Foundation/Your PTA.

Tatman 91.43; Leland Price 91.14; Steven Goodwin 90.85; Benjamin Warren 90.57; Ronald Credelle 90.57; Andrew Wert 90.57; Marcel Leichle 90.42; James Bray 90.42; Matthew Beynon 90.28; Brandon Kroll 89.71; Jeremiah Blakney 89.71; Angelo Cisneros 89.57; Casey VanLandingham 89.57; Arian Taherzadeh 89.42; Geyermo Barnes 89.28; Rodney McCurdy 89.14; James Rutherford 89.00; Nathan Silvers 88.71; Matthew Bostwick 88.66 and Randy Swisher 88.57.

Honorable Mention from the Middle School are Phillip Davis 93.09; Matthew Webster 91.85; Mark SanSouci 91.12; Rex Ribichaux 90.36 and Henry Madsen 89.70.



*Shown above, Michael & McGivern
Congratulations, for a job well done!*

Dr. King's Biography presented by Cadet Merton

Black Heritage Month recognized

A service was held at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on January 19 for the Tri County Memorial Celebration to honor the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Again, Cadets from St. John's participated in the program with a Cadet giving the Biography of Dr. King. This year's presentation was given by Cadet Major Newman Merton, from Budd Lake, New Jersey, who has attended this program during each of his four years at St. John's.

Cadets Michael Rolle, Mark Davis, Traevion Harvey, Jeffrey Wagstaff, Maurice Harper and Jamie Roberts served as Ushers during the service and all were guests at the dinner held the evening prior to this service.

Mrs. Susan Jednoralski and her husband Neil are credited for St. John's involvement in this community event.



A Cadet Color Guard also performed at the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet held at the Bicentennial Center on February 15.

Merton shares history for special assembly

On Friday, February 21, Merton gave an assembly to the full Corps. He began by sharing some information about the Tuskegee Airmen. The video, "The Tuskegee Airmen" was then shown.

Merton knows the history well and has special feelings about this because of stories shared by his grandfather, Lt Joseph Merton, who was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen. A member of the USA Corps Enlisted Reserves from 1943 - 63. He was called to active duty in 1944 and sent to the Mediterranean Theater. He flew 48 missions. He is now deceased, and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

The boat ride of a lifetime?



Cadet Captain Joshua Hesthave prolonged his Christmas vacation to take quite a boat ride.

He arrived in San Diego on December 30, spent the night at the home of his father's friend. The next day, along with this friend and his grandfather, they flew from Tijuana to Alcapulco to meet with his father. They spent two days, including New Year's Day, preparing the boat for the trip.

Leaving on January 2, it took six days of sunny, warm, perfect boating weather, to arrive at Cabo San Lucas. Upon arrival, they met up with Josh's 20-year-old brother, and another friend of his dad's. They spent two days of relaxing and getting their land legs back, just living it up.

It was a two day trip on the return trip to San Diego and the weather wasn't nearly as cooperative. It was a rough ride with lots of hard rain.

Josh describes the boat as a 7-passenger boat, 73 feet long with an 85 foot tall mast. Getting the boat ready for the trip included attaching sails to the mast, making sure lines were not frayed, to have enough food, water and gas on board.

And it's a lot of work. Everyone takes turns on 3-hour watches during the night, every 6 hours, during the day. But it's really not boring. "You see a lot of freighters, yachts and cruise lines." He also saw a whole school of dolphins and caught two marlins and five tuna.

When asked if he wanted to take another boat ride? "No!"

A big hand to the SJMS Moms

Valentine Sacks a hit!

Getting enough Moms to take care of all the 200 plus boys is sometimes quite a job says Mrs. Brenda McCoy, Mom's Club Chairman. Especially when new boys are still coming in on a daily basis.

But thanks to those "extra sacks"

provided by several Moms, all boys on campus got a valentine sack/treat on Valentine's Day.

Many years ago, the Moms' Club was started to make sure that each boy on campus on his birthday would receive a birthday cake. This tradition continues. He is assigned a SJMS Mom who is responsible to see that he receives a goody on his birthday.

Valentine's Day is also part of the Moms' Club. Each cadet on campus gets a

valentine treat.

The Moms on campus also treated the Corps to hot chocolate and Ding-dongs on a winter evening during early February.

"Moms" are about 40 individuals, both male and female, who are St. John's employees or friends of employees, friends of St. John's. **You are all the greatest, and whether you hear it from your Cadet, you are really appreciated by them.**



Pictured at top, Brenda McCoy, along with Amy Shaw look over some of the unique sacks while awaiting the cadets' arrival. Not pictured, Mule-skinners Dee and Eldon Hyle, along with Laura Wagoner and Sheri Becker, helped carry and organize sacks for the distribution.

At bottom, the fun begins!

RIFLE TEAM NEWS

The SJMS Rifle Team has made some minor adjustments in their shooting arrangements because of the construction of the new Multi Functional Building. The Rifle Team is looking forward to moving into the new facility.

Meantime, the team will continue to fire their last few matches on the road. Junior Olympics was fired in Leavenworth, Kansas on 8 February. Cadet James Rutherford won the BRONZE medal in overall competition and Cadet Rodney McCurdy took first place in his class. Good Job, Shooters.

They will complete their regular season on February 27 at KSU in Manhattan. They cap off their season with the State Match on 28 February - 2 March and the four position match on 8 March. Good luck team!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

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of the snack bar.

Of course, much of this is dependent on adherence to construction time-lines that are always subject to delays or modifications. Still this plan maximizes available resources and gives us the best possible strategy for making an orderly transition from our old to our future modern facility.

It's a Boy S

to Gerald and Amelia Martin

SHANE SHELBY

born February 5

9 lbs. 6 ounces

19 inches long

to Travis and Amy Shaw

PEYTON CHARLES

born February 18

6 lbs. 7 ounces

18 1/2" long

Congratulations!

TAPS

Joseph Coyle

Carbondale, Kansas

Old Boy, Class of 31

Robert Pepper

Wichita, Kansas

Step-father to instructor

Tammy O'Neill

Shelby Willis

Salina, Kansas

Mule-skinner for 19 years.

Academic Dean's Message

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small classroom size and individual attention their children receive.

6) Character education must be taught in our schools. St. John's definitely addresses this issue through it's religious, J.R.O.T.C., athletics programs and within the educational curriculum.

7) We cannot expect our children to raise themselves up in schools that are literally falling down. St. John's is very proud of it's campus. We are currently in a major fund drive to build a new multifunctional facility that will house (a) messhall, (b) rifle range, (c) infirmary, (d) commandant's offices, and (e) cadet quarters. Linger Middle School is only six years old and Vanier Academic Center is seventeen years old. St. John's facilities are in extremely good condition.

8) We must make the 13th and 14th years of education--at least two years of college--just as universal in America by the 21st century as a high school education is today. St. John's is proud to say that more than 90 percent of it's graduates attend some type of advanced education.

9) In the 21st century we must expand the frontiers of learning across a lifetime. St. John's curriculum is geared with the future in mind. We want our students to be sound in the basics, expand their desire for knowledge, keep up with the every changing technology, and develop 'usable' life skills.

10) Finally, we must bring the power of the information age into all our schools. St. John's recognizes the need to keep pace and are planning ways to expand all avenues of technology.

These ten goals may be attainable if the President can, as he states, "join him in a bipartisan crusade to strengthen American education." In my opinion it's St. John's family of caring, dedicated, compassionate people working together, more than anything else, that will accomplish our mission - **To provide each cadet with the opportunity to grow spiritually, morally, intellectually and physically in a structured environment.**



Jeff Gillum, project architect for the new Multi-Functional facility, works out kitchen area with Marriott Food Service Director, Kevin McCoy.



SKI TRIP QUITE A RIDE

No broken bones but possibly some bruises, and certainly a lot of tired bodies after a 3-day trip from Salina to Silver Creek and back. Oh, correction. Trujillo did hurt his leg when he ran into a woman.

Twenty-seven cadets went on the bus with LTC Mike and Sandi Furlo, Tim Chapman and SGM Roy Lawrence. Capt. Skip and Pat McAlexander met them there. Several patrons joined in the fun, too.

Due to the snow, it was about a two-hour ride from Denver to the Lodge and snow was with them for their trip home. But the Lodge was great, the atmosphere fantastic, with about five cadets assigned to each room. The mountains were gorgeous and the snow was deep - a 72" base with 12" new snow.

It appeared that the snow board was about as popular as the snow skis.

Merton says he would have had more fun with his sled.

Pictured at top, a scene looking out of the lodge.

Below, what a group!

Intern selects St. John's for practicum

Kim Oldham began working with Ms. Susan Jednoralski this semester to get her field practicum. She is expecting to get her Bachelor degree in Social Work (BSW) from Ft. Hays on May 17.

Kim is a Hays native but has lived in Salina for 10 years. She is married, and she and Mark enjoy fishing and camping when they have the opportunity.

SPARTAN NOTES

Spartans are planning several events, dates to be announced. A Ropes Course, Paint Ball Games, and a Survival Weekend are included.

JROTC Summer Camp is being planned, stay tuned for more!

YMCA

It's fun to stay at the YMCA.

by Kelly Coggins, San Antonio, TX

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the Commandant takes a group of cadets to the Y. They lift weights, swim, or even try to beat the Commandant in a game of racquet ball. The school purchased 20 memberships and is rewarded by the gratitude of all the cadets who take advantage of the opportunity. There are many different events available for them to participate in.

65 Year**(Class of '32)**

Richard L. Bagnall
Jack Bolte
Woodrow Newalla

60 Year**(Class of '37)**

Donald McCoy
Martin Verbrugge
Jack H. Willard

55 Year**(Class of '42)**

Harold B. Litz
Fred Pate
John Roth
George Schreiber

50 Year**(Class of '47)**

Reed Bauman
Barry Klingsmith
Buster Lassen
Dr. A. Hugh Livingston
Robert W. Logan
Robert L. Miller
Eugene C. Pade
Thomas Roope
Robert M. Scott
Romer Stafford
William Walker

45 Year**(Class of '52)**

Robert F. Balzerick
Edward W. Bigler
Frederico Chocano
Gary Hanna
Carrol Hiatt
Richard E. Reeves

40 Year**(Class of '57)**

George Akers
E. Tom Garrett
James E. Jeppesen
Robert L. Jewell
Garland C. King
David W. McClanahan
Ronald J. Neely

35 Year**(Class of '62)**

Thomas C. Ashley
Dr. Alan H. Brightman
George L. DeLozier
Christopher R. Gay
William C. Jobbins

Ronald D. Kelly

John F. Lang

Jeffrey S. Lantz

Richard C. London

Elias Majdalani

Richard Mattix

Earl E. Morgan

Jimmy W. Pyle

Edward Sayles

Rodney A. Vessey

Fonald D. Vogel

Tom P. Wilson

30 Year**(Class of '67)**

Barry Brown
Stephen Brown
William T. Clark
David O. Clark
John V. Condon, II
Riley G. Doing
David B. Elk
William C. Fair
Jim Finnell
Steve Fredricks
William L. Graham
Donald Hummel
Richard J. Labertew
David P. Mutrux
Carlos A. Olivo
Peter J. Pappas
David Michael Pihl
Barry Allen Reimers
Steven A. Roth
Robert Sterling

25 Year**(Class of '72)**

Thomas Fiske
Ronald D. Greer
Scott B. Hargreaves
Ken Harper
Mark A. Latham
John R. Legler
John S. Matzen
Maurice D. Niedens
Karl F. Swoyer
Jeffrey A. Urlich
John J. Vnuk
Thomas M. Wahl

20 Year**(Class of '77)**

Danyl Barbour
David E. Bassett
Rafael DelMoral
Dennis R. Harrington
John Roulston
Livingston
Douglas S. Meier
W. Jeff Zuercher

Welcome back ALL "Old Boys" for
Commencement Weekend, May 16-18.

Alumni Reception Saturday Night May 17 Salina Bicentennial Center

Make your plans now.

On this page we are recognizing members of Alumni classes for which we have addresses. But remember, it doesn't have to be a reunion year to make a reunion of "Old Boys".

Contact Ms. Sheri Becker,
(913) 823-7231 if you would like help in setting up a special class reunion.

15 Year**(Class of '82)**

John Becerra
Gustavo Carreon
John F. Cooney
Perry W. Cox
Richard K. Fawcett
Jim Foster
Walter C. Gunstream
John M. Hill
Russell A. Johnson
Lawrence W. King
George Arthur Lewis III
Asa S. McSloy
Matthew W. Minson
Steven A. Moak
Jacob P. Rast, III
Howard E. Thilenius, III

10 Year**(Class of '87)**

Paul E. Dean
Gary J. Detman
David L. Dumler

Travis Klopfenstein
Troy Dee McGinnis
Todd Franklin Probasca
Anthony Smith
Dean W. Troutte

5 Year**(Class of '92)**

Ace Austin Aldershof
Anthony Barlow
Jerry Bessie
Gabriel Christian Boyle
Chad Caruso
Daniel Frazier
Michael Chad Goins
Robert Earl Hall II
Anthony Mark Harold
Jon Hauer
Jonah Elliott Horton
Steven Huff
Christopher Richard Jagels
Henry Kessler
Chad Kopecky
Benjamin Kovar

Zeich Aron Larmonie
Isaac Magdaleno
Christopher Miller
Jason B. Mumford
eoff Nelson
Shane Patrick Phillips
Nivedan V. Reddy
Charles Lee Robertson
Matthew D. Ruge
Jon W. Treadway
Dale Alan Vandel
Luis Alberto Valez
Don Watters
Alan Witherington

*Please note the
Saturday date.
This is in place of
the Friday night
receptions held at
the Holidome. The
Military Ball will
be held on Friday
night this year.*

Where are they now . . .

Frederick Schoeb, Class of '46

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For all those who remember me, "A Happy New Year". In particular, Louis Fulton, Buster Lassen, Fred Schoeb, and the best roommate I ever had, Romer Stafford. And a special Aloha to Bill and Connie Bliss and Cub Clem.

Alan L. Thiessen, Class of '58

305 E. Chestermere Dr.
Chestermere, Alberta
Canada T1X 1X2

The McAlexanders received a nice, long, two-page letter from Alan & Chris. The Skirmisher will share some portions of it.

This last year they put together a tour for a friend from Israel and then toured with her throughout central and southern Alberta; they went to Mexico for two weeks which included daily scuba diving, naps, shopping and tours; Alan is working toward his pilots license and has several more months of classes and lots and lots of flight time hours ahead of him. Their business is continuing to prosper and they are able to travel with various missionaries when called upon to do so.

John Torgan, Class of '61

Still enlisted. Plans to be here for Commencement Weekend.

Jeff Guernsey, Atten 60-61

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Jeff wants to know where everyone is who was in "C" Company in 1960-61?

Tod Clift, Class of '79

shares new address.

905 E. 6th.
Winfield, KS 67157

Errol Waddell, Class of '80

Errol would like to hear from his classmates. He writes he is involved with Trucking Transportation in Grand Junction CO.

1250 Brookcliff Ave #7
Grand Junction CO 81501
970 241-4876

Walter John Barrier, Class of '81

752 S. Dellrose
Wichita, KS 67218
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BbarrierNco@AOL.COM

Walter writes that he is happily married and has a 10-year old son. He works for IBM installing computer systems at Boeing. He is currently completing his degree in computer information systems. He also said he came to St. John's as an orphan, so the school was his home and family for four years. He appreciates all that everyone did for him.

Jose Peral, Class of '90

E-Mail address: postetxe@giga.com

Jose writes that he is surprised he still gets *The Skirmisher* and, all the way to Mexico. He still keeps in touch with Mike Dahl. He works for a flour mill and everything is going great. He thanked the Chaplain for including his name in our prayers and sends a special hello to the Faerbers.

Tom Wilson, Class of '91

shares new address.

86 1/2 Archibold St.
Burlington VT 05401
802 658-9244

Tom asked about any news on Chris Holmes. Read about his Uncle's death in *The Skirmisher*.

Andrew Cole, Class of '94

shares new address.

1917 S. Shields, Apt. P3
Ft. Collins CO 80526
970 416-7720

Marine PFC Jeffery J. Ewert, Class of '96

An item was in the Salina Journal that Jeff recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. *Congratulations, Jeff!*

Note correction:

Liz and Keith Duckers, President Emeritus,

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duckers@midUSA.net

"My father helped reopen The School with Colonel Ganssle."

On a nostalgic trip to revisit his past, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Fiero, from Red Wing, Minnesota, visited the campus in January. As an 8-year-old boy, Lew lived in old Vail Hall with his family while his father taught at St. John's.

As young as he was Lew still has some memories of The School, but he particularly remembers stories shared by his father throughout his lifetime.

Colonel W. L. Ganssle came to Salina from Wisconsin to reopen St. John's after being closed during the 1914-15 academic year. With only an enrollment of 26 and only a handful of employees, St. John's was once again in operation in the fall of 1915.

One of those employees was Mr. Lue E. Fiero, who was the physical director and history instructor. He was there for only a couple school year before leaving to serve in the U.S. Army, eventually retiring as a full Colonel. He then returned to St. John's for a short time with his young family.

The Fieros were able to pick out their father in several of the old "Circular of Information" booklets and in the school history book. Colonel Fiero died in 1968.

Mission Work in Anadarko, Oklahoma

by ISG Amon Tidmore

Community Service goes across county and state line. St. John's Military School, Minneapolis First Baptist and the Ada Baptist Church sponsored a Work Mission to Anadarko Baptist Community Center at Anadarko, Oklahoma, February 20-23.

Sixteen teenagers painted, cleaned, and repaired things at the youth center and parsonage. They also worked with children at the center: singing gospel songs and doing skits. They are trying to do God's work!

The Anadarko Baptist Mission is an all Indian mission center representing eight different tribes. The director/coordinator is Rev. Curtis Gomez, a Choctaw. The others are Apache, Kiowa, Commanche, Cheyenne, Arapaho, Delaware and the Wichita. Their church service is always one in a native tongue. English is taught as a second language.

The work mission included students from several schools around the area. They were Salina, Minneapolis, Delphos, Carlton and Talmage. The cadets from St. John's were Matt Bostwick, Stephen Streeter, Ron Credelle, James Bray and David Dickinson. The other students were Amon Tidmore III,

Rachel Prochaska, Sarah Prochaska, Lois Prochaska, Brad Johnson, Kristina Nelson, Melissa Nichols, Tayna Plunkett, Adrienne Fisher, Kay Baccus and Trisha Shoemaker.

The trip was organized by Phyllis Cline (coordinator), Amon Tidmore and Rosie Prochaska. The other adult supervisors were: Duane King, Cathy King, Yvonne Tidmore and Janice Webster (of Wichita).

From a Cadet's perspective

by Stephen Streeter

On Thursday, February 20, six brave cadets left campus with groups from two Baptist ministries to perform a mission trip to Anadarko, Oklahoma. The group arrived around two o'clock in the morning, but was up early to begin work the next day. The teenagers and adult sponsors cleaned the Anadarko Christian Center, set up the area for events and performed incredible amounts of work on the parsonage. The youth worked hard at scrubbing and painting and did a wonderful job changing the appearance of the house for the better. The cadets demonstrated a great deal of leadership and guidance for the rest of the volunteers, usually leading the separate missions that kept the group busy all weekend. Cadets were headed by Stephen Streeter who received tasks from ISG "Mad Dog" Tidmore and

other adults. The weekend concluded Sunday, February 23 and was declared a huge success by all involved.

Cadets receive baptism and confirmation

A record number of Cadets were either baptized or confirmed during Chapel Service on Sunday, February 2, having completed eight weeks of lessons.

Officiated by the Bishop of the Diocese of Western Kansas, The Very Rev'd Vernon Strickland, those Cadets receiving Baptism were: Robert Cefarelli, Ivan Cunningham, Michael George, J.H. Johnson, Joshua Kinison, Kenny Musch, Steven Streeter, Ben Warren, Ryan Watenpaugh and Jesse Waugaman.

Cadets receiving Confirmation were Paul Baur, Bobby Bearden, Charles Beriault, James Bray, Steven Brookshire, Ivan Cunningham, Try Harvey, Frankie Hyatt, Jr., Joshua Kinison, John Kunkel, Evan Marquez, Kenny Musch, Jesse Osborn, Mike Rolle, Nathan Silvers, Steven Streeter, Mark Triebwasser, Ben Warren and Ryan Watenpaugh.

Sponsors for the Cadets were Mrs. Ruth Cox and Captain and Mrs. Skip McAlexander.



Kielhorn gives SJMS first title

Banner will be placed in new wrestling center in recognition

The first state wrestling champion in St. John's Military School's history took his biggest victory in stride.

Junior Kris Kielhorn waited until returning to campus to celebrate after winning the Class 4A 152-pound title at the Kansas State High School Championships with a 7-4 victory over his opponent, Lansing's T.J. Huhn. Kielhorn ended his season with a 27-3 record.

Kielhorn believed his background had him prepared for anything - or anybody - he might face. He was making his first trip as a competitor to the

Kansas State High School Wrestling Championships, but the SJMS junior had enough wrestling experience that he didn't expect to be in awe of his surroundings. "I was pretty much prepared and I worked hard all season," Kielhorn said. "I thought I deserved to win."

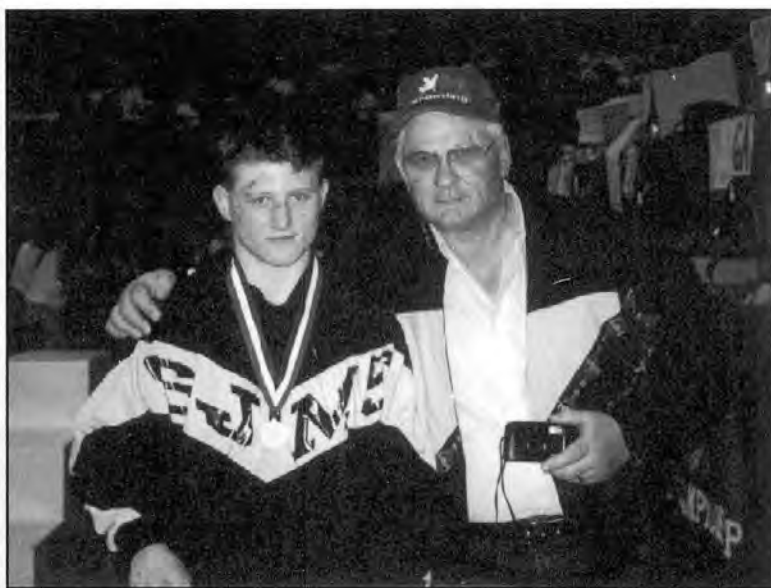
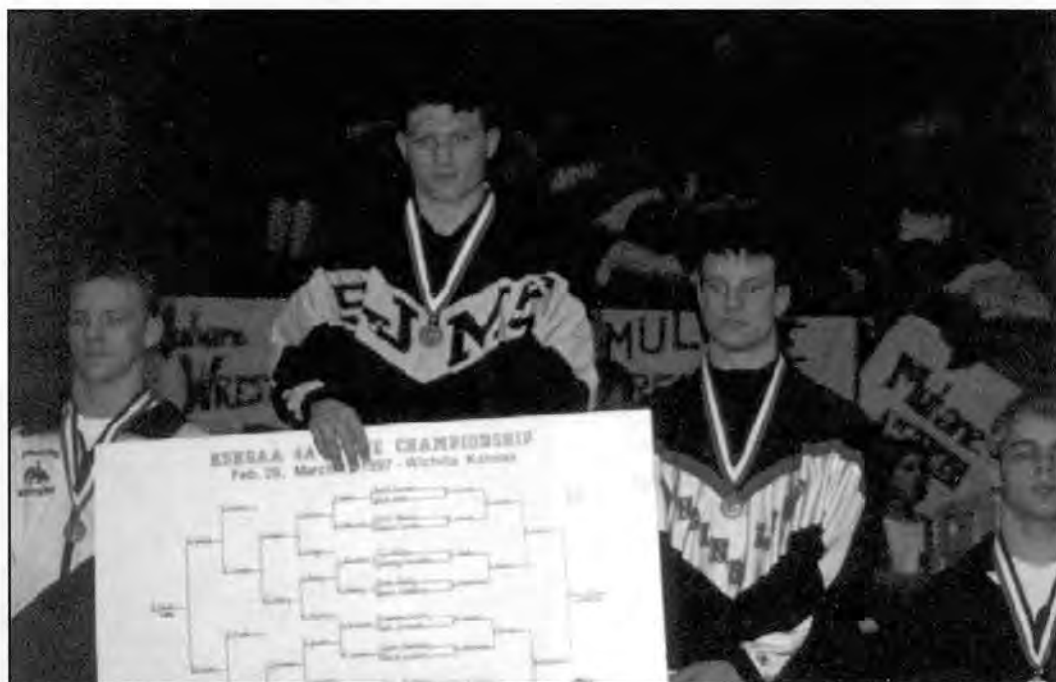
Originally from Arkansas City, where wrestling (nine consecutive 5A team titles) is a way of life, Kielhorn won state titles in Kids Wrestling as a sixth grader and again in eighth grade. In his first year of eligibility at SJMS, Kielhorn has won 24 of 27 matches, including a regional title last week at Russell and his semi-final match in Wichita against Fredonia's Brandle Tindle.

"A lot of kids in high school start wrestling when they are freshmen," Kielhorn said. "But I've been doing this for a long time. I may be nervous before I start, but once I get out there it won't affect me."

"Kris is really a no-nonsense athlete in the wrestling room," St. John's coach Devon Walter said. "He's very serious in practice and when it is over, he does a lot of extra work, running four miles a night after supper. He's a good team leader and has pushed the rest of the team very hard, just like he pushes them to challenge him in practice."

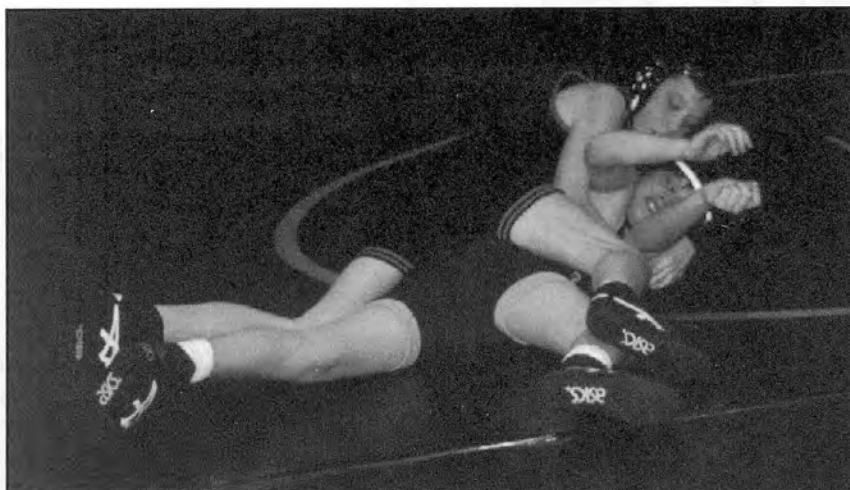
"Kris has very good technique, with a lot of upper body strength," Walter said. "He's probably one of the best I've ever had here. But he's wrestled a lot of freestyle in the summer and has had to change his style somewhat because of the rule difference. "I never really shoot for the legs," Kielhorn said of his wrestling style. "I'm use to Greco in the summer and there are a lot of differences, so I go more for the upper body."

At noon mess on the first day of classes following Kielhorn's win, Coach Devon Walter recognized the Wrestling



Kielhorn with his grandfather, Charles Kielhorn, Arkansas City, following Title..

squad in front of the Corps along with giving the highlights of Kielhorn's road to the State title. Trustee Bob Kastner, a former Salina High School wrestler, taking third place in State in 1953 in the 175 lb. class, was a guest for lunch, then shared a few words with the Corps and making the surprise announcement that on behalf of the Trustees and the Administration, there would be no classes for the remainder of the day.



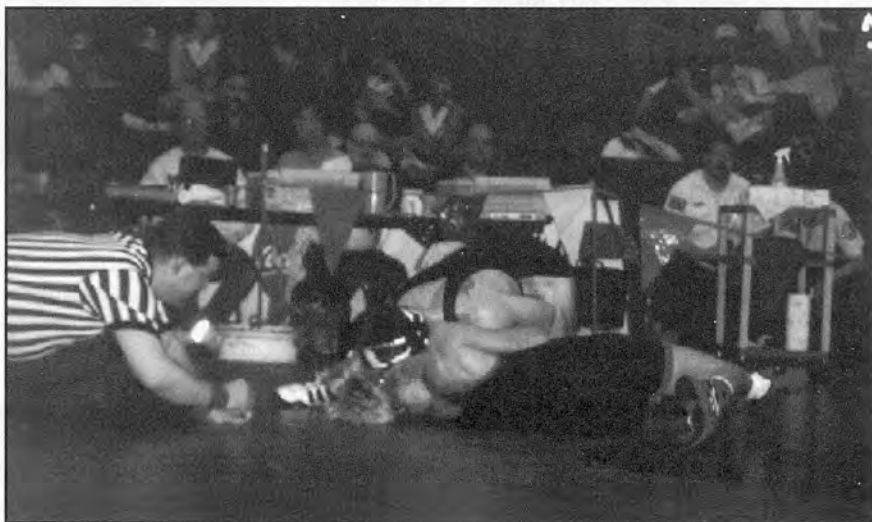
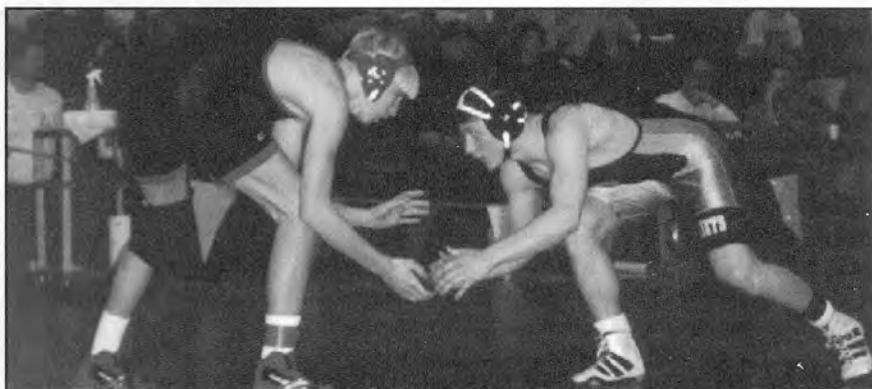
Middle School Wrestling starts later that the Upper School program and is currently in full swing.

At left, Alex Fabian, 7th grade, makes his move before the pin. Below, David Holdcraft, 7th grade, also gets a pin during the quad match at Ellsworth-Saline.

About 25 Middle Schoolers are out for the wrestling team.



Photos at right, Kielhorn in Regional Tournament where he qualified for 4A state.



The Problem We Have

by Jake Solbakken, Edmonds, WA

Before I state the problem we have as a basketball team, first you must remember that we have already trippled our wins from last year. The reason why? This years' squad has seven returning lettermen and eight players who played together last year for St. John's.

That might sound insignificant but for St. John's having that many people returning is great, even though most schools in our league have been playing together since first grade in some instances. So, in a sense, we are still just getting to know each other.

We have good players so give us a chance. You might be surprised when it comes time for the sub-state tournament.



Cadet Ricardo Greenwood rehearses for singing the National Anthem for the home basketball games.

Varsity Basketball team goes into March with a 7-13 season record.

The Cadets have their first sub-state tournament game at Council Grove on Monday night, March 3. Good luck, guys!



Middle School Basketball Score Board

<u>SJMS</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	
36	Emmanuel Christian	26
33	Tescott	25
37	Abilene Baptist	19
41	Emmanuel Christian	26
24	Solomon	40
18	Bennington	31
33	Geneseo	47
20	Marquette	32
18	Tescott	29

SJMS 4 Wins, 5 Loses

With a hot start, the Cadets just couldn't keep the momentum going, but still ended 4th place in their League. Thanks for your efforts, guys!

Commencement Weekend 1997

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 16

12:30 - 4:00 PM . . . Registration for Patrons and Alumni

1:00 - 4:00 PM. . . . Parent/Teacher/Staff Conferences
Grades 6-8, Linger Hall
Grades 9-12, Vanier Center

4:15 - 5:00 PM . . . Reception for Patrons,
Alumni and Guests
Sponsored by SJMS Foundation/Your PTA,
East Lawn, SJMS Campus

5:00 PM Evening Colors, Teardrop

7:00 PM Receiving Line, Seniors,
Salina Bicentennial Center

7:30 - 10 PM . . . Military Ball 1997
Salina Bicentennial Center
Ring Ceremony, Crack Squad Performance,
Color Guard
* Mandatory for ALL Cadets
until 9:30 PM

12 Midnight . . . ALL Passes End

Saturday, May 17

7:50 AM . . . Flag Raising Ceremony (109 Flags)

8:00 AM . . . Continental Breakfast, East Lawn
Breakfast for Cadets in Dining Hall

8:30 - 10:00 AM . . . Parent/Teacher/Staff Conferences

10:30 AM Commandant's Military Awards
Perkins Field, SJMS Campus

12:30 PM SJMS Foundation Luncheon
Salina Bicentennial Center
Everyone Welcome, \$10 per plate
* Mandatory for ALL Seniors
(Underclassmen have Mandatory Mess.
Campus closed to Patrons and Guests)

2 PM Educational Honors Convocation &
Eighth Grade Graduation
Salina Bicentennial Center
* Mandatory for ALL Cadets
(School will provide transportation for
Cadets).

4:30 - 6:00 PM . . . Cadets will return to campus to pack.

6:00 PM Passes Begin

11:00 PM . . . ALL Passes End

Sunday, May 18

8:00 AM The Senior Eucharist, Armstrong Memorial Chapel
* Mandatory for Seniors
Everyone Welcome

9:15 AM Seniors pay final respects at the Freedom Tree by
placing a flower at the base of the tree.

10:00 AM COMMENCEMENT, Perkins Field
* Mandatory for ALL Cadets
Speaker, Bill Snyder, Football Coach,
Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

11:30 AM Final Retreat Parade
Pass in Review
Dismissal - 109th Corps of Cadets