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The SJMS band led off the Saturday morning ceremonies and the raising of the 110 flags.

Following the flag raising, "Old Boy" Dale Browning was

on hand to make the D. Dale Browning Scholarship presentation to 1LT Benjamin Warren. A continental breakfast was held on the east lawn following the ceremonies.

"What a beautiful morning on the green, green grass of Perkins Field," said Donna Vanier, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, as she began her remarks to "once again welcome Dale Browning back to

St. John's", this time as the Commencement speaker.

The Acme Fife and Drum, Salina, provided a concert prior to the program and played for the final review.

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Commencement '98



The "Applied Technology Center" was dedicated during the Saturday morning ceremony. In honor of her son Don Thompson "Old Boy" Class of '47 and her great-grandson Dan Moran "Old Boy" Class of 93, Mrs. Jessie Given was on hand to share her love of St. John's. This technology will provide computer graphics, robotics, visual communications, power and energy, pneumatics, biotechnology, transportation, laser, flight, video production and computer aided drafting. This is the most recent of many gifts Mrs. Given has provided St. John's in recent years.



President's Message Capt. E. A. McAlexander

After a wonderful Commencement Weekend, we are cleaning up the campus and preparing for the 111th Corps. I want to thank everyone who attended the various commencement activities. It was truly a great weekend. Several of you have asked for copies of Dale Browning's address. We will be glad to give you a copy of the videotape now, and we will transcribe it

over the summer for those who want paper copies.

The Stevens Center is essentially complete now and we will begin moving in after the 4th of July. It is a beautiful building and will make things much more convenient for the cadets. It is a wonderful addition to the campus.

We have filled the vacancies on the staff. The Academic Dean is Dr. Michael Culp. He is coming to us from the Kansas State Department of Education. He has served as a principal

in several school districts and brings a wealth of valuable experience to St. John's. Our new Quartermaster is Judi Casstevens, and she is busy moving the store into what was the recreation center. Wendy Stein will be back at St. John's this fall and we were very fortunate in finding a superb group of teachers to fill our other vacancies.

We are doing some extensive landscaping projects over the summer and the campus will have a different appearance in September. I am looking forward to a great year and an excellent Corps.



Academic Dean's Message LTC Kenneth Faerber

Ken and Lillian wish to THANK the Faculty, Staff, Board Members (especially Donna Vanier and Dale Browning), Old Boys, friends and cadets for a wonderful Retirement/Commencement Weekend.

We sincerely appreciate the gifts, cards, phone calls and the special dinners. We consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity of being associated with the life long friends developed through the St. John's family.

Thank you, we love you, and God Bless You.



Commandant's Message LTC Mike Furlo

I would like to use this Skirmisher to explain our leadership camp program. Over the past couple of years

there has been some questions about this activity. Most of the queries have centered on the selection process and the various actions conducted during the program.

First, the 10-day leadership camp is designed to bring the projected leaders for the upcoming academic year together and weld the group into an effective leadership team. Events include: classroom instruction on principles of leadership, drill and ceremony, inspection techniques, and

first aid. There are also a variety of off-campus activities such as the Fort Riley obstacle course, a field compass and capture the flag program, and a host of other outdoor exercises designed to build a tight-knit leadership team to direct the incoming Corps of Cadets.

There are two levels of leader development conducted during the camp. One is the Officer Candidate School (OCS), where those cadets who meet the established criteria to become officers are schooled in the principles to become junior officers in the Corps.

The other program is the noncommissioned officer (NCO) program, which seeks to bond together the hard-working nucleus of NCO's who are vital to a smooth functioning Corps of

Cadets.

We begin the process of determining those cadets who will be invited to attend the camp in early June each year. All cadets in the rank of sergeant and above are automatically invited to return for the camp. Those cadet corporals who have demonstrated potential for leadership roles in the upcoming Corps are invited to attend leader camp.

Because the thrust of our program is geared towards leadership and preparation for the upcoming year, we do not have cadets in ranks below corporal attend the camp. There are normally between 30-50 cadets who return to St. John's early for this program.

Concurrently with the leader camp,

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The Foundation/Your PTA continues the tradition of providing class rings to those Juniors who are planning to return for their Senior Year. During the Military Ball a sabre arch is provided for each cadet as he is escorted by members of his family or a friend. Mrs. Janet Watkins, the Foundation President assists with the ring ceremony. Shown above, C/1SG Evan Marquez is being presented his ring.

The Eighth Grade Graduation was held during the Academic Awards Ceremony on Saturday afternoon.

Twenty-seven cadets were recognized.

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Following the commencement address, C/COL Mark Triebwasser gave an emotional Corps Commander's farewell before turning over the command to Ben Warren who will lead the 111th Corps to be formed in the fall.

C/1SG Austin Porzak was presented the Woodall's Sabre by Mrs. Dwight Woodall, as the next Command Sergeant Major.

The tradition of the Handle ceremony was led by "Old Boy" and Trustee Larry Britegam. The singing of "God Be With You" and the "SJMS Alma Mater," were led by Mrs. Lillian Faerber and C/SSG Ricardo Greenwood. They were accompanied on the piano by C/CPL Peter Wilcox.

Prior to presenting diplomas to 32 graduating seniors, a farewell was given by both LTC Kenneth and Lillian Faerber as they begin their retirement.

The Faerbbers were Reviewing Officers for the Pass in Review prior to the Dismissal of the 110th Corps forever!

During the Saturday Formation of the Corps, Headquarters Company looks in good shape with direction from C/2LT Casey VanLandingham.



Members of the 109th Battalion Staff were selected to review the troops following the Military Award Ceremony on Saturday morning. After hundreds of formations, this was their first on the review side.

From left to right, Joe Miller, Josh Hesthave, Paul Vieni, Doug Morrison, and Battalion Commander Mark Triebwasser.

Academic Awards



Pictured, Mrs. Sara Brown presents the M.S. Effort medal to Peter Wilcox. Mr. Kelly Rudolph presents the M.S. Athletic Medal to Josh Lane. Nathan Alexander receives an award from Fr. James Cox.



Major awards for outstanding achievement were awarded during the Academic Awards Convocation on Saturday afternoon, May 16.

Top winners were junior Nathan Bilotte and 7th grader Rex Robichaux. Bilotte, from LaSalle, Colorado, received the Ferris award for best performance by a General Shop II student, the U.S. KSHSAA Citizenship Award, the Superior School & Office award for Grade 11, the Honorary Science Award donated by Bausch and Lomb, the U.S. Athletic Scholarship award and the Wilson Loyalty medal.

Robichaux, from Cortez, Colorado, received the M.S. Citizenship Medal, the M.S. Athletic Scholarship Medal, the M.S. Medal, the Superior School & Office Award for Grade 7 and the SJMS Foundaion Award for Grade 7.

Other Ferris Awards went to Derek Connelly for General Shop I, Matthew Beynon for Advanced Shop, and M.S. students Kellen Beer and Henry Madsen for 1st and 2nd Semester.

Other Middle School recipients were Joshua Lane for the M.S. Athletic Medal, Peter Wilcox for the M.S. Effort medal; the M.S. Progress Medal went to Blake Bridges; the GREAT award to Jason Edwards, and the KSHSAA Citizenship Award to Christopher Boesker.

The remaining Superior School & Office Awards went to Thomas Stafford (Gr. 8), Thomas McComber (Gr.9), Kelly Coggins (Gr.10) and Scott Norris (Gr.12).

Religious Awards. Mark Triebwasser received the Father Remy L. Clem Award and the Kennedy-Hoilifield Award.. James Bray, Evan Marquez and Cameron Oertel each received the Bishops Award.

SJMS Foundation Awards. U.S. students receiving this award were Ivan Cunningham (Gr.9), Cameron Oertel (Gr.10), Thomas Zachary (Gr.11) and Jeremiah Blakney (Gr12).

The Lyman G. Linger Award went to Benjamin Warren; the "I Dare You" award to David Dickinson; the Activity Leadership Award to Kelly Coggins; the Tinsley C. Fry Athletic medal to Steven Marcy; the Dean's Award from Kansas State to Scott Norris; the Jerry Lee Mirth award to Gerald Gabel; the Rotary Medal to Mark Triebwasser; the Kastner Medal to John Conroy; the Effort medal to Aaron Cowdin and the Sage Memorial medal to David Dickinson.

Music Awards. James Rutherford received the SGM Eugene R. Louis Memorial Award; Robert Ryman, the John Phillip Sousa and the Best Bandsman Award; Matthew Webster, Jim Rutherford, Alex Fabian and Peter Wilcox, the Most Improved Bandsman; Matthew Fortelka, the Best Drummer Award and Peter Wilcox for the Best Bugler Award.



Military Awards Ceremony Honors Cadets

Awards for military excellence and leadership were given during a military ceremony, Saturday, May 16 on Perkins Field.

Narrated by C/SSG Ricky Greenwood from Conifer CO, the program began with the Formation of Troops, Presentation and Honors, Inspection, Honors to the Nation, Military Awards, and March in Review.

The Commander of Troops was C/LTC Steve Marcy from Upland, CA. The Host Commander was COL Mark Triebwasser from Granite Bay, CA. The Reviewing Party consisted of four members from the 109th Battalion Staff: Doug Morrison, Paul Vieni, Josh Hestehave and Joe Miller.

Military Awards

C/MAJ Scott Norris received the Golden Eagle Award in recognition of his distinction as a cadet who has surmounted the greatest odds and maintained the highest personal standards of fellowship among his peers.

C/PV2 Joshua Lane was awarded the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the U.S. medal, as the 8th grade cadet who best exhibits potential to become an outstanding ROTC Cadet.

C/1LT Robert Bilotte was awarded the ROTC Distinguished Award for Scholastic Excellence, for having attained the highest overall academic average for the 1997-98 school year.

C/SGT Samuel Fujiwara, C/1LT Robert Bilotte, C/1SG Cameron Oertel, C/COL Mark Triebwasser received the Superior Cadet medals for being the most outstanding JROTC Cadets in their respective L.E.T. Levels, based on the top grade point average in JROTC, leadership in the classroom and character both in the classroom and in the barracks.

The Academic Wreath, awarded to individuals in the top 10% of each ROTC Class was presented to C/CPT David Anderson and C/COL Mark Triebwasser for Level 4; C/1LT Robert Bilotte, C/CPT David Dickinson, C/MAJ Scott Norris and C/CSM Joel Vance for Level 3; C/SSG Kelly Coggins, C/1SG Michael Leonard and C/1SG Cameron Oertel for Level 2; C/PFC Rhett Belcher, C/SGT John Conroy, C/SSG Ivan Cunningham, C/PV1 Robert Gardiner, C/SGT Bobby Harris, C/CPL Lance Hoover, C/CPL Steven Katzman, C/SGT Thomas McComber, C/SGT Eric Schmeer and C/SGT Thomas Zackary for Level 1.

The American Legion provides several awards of recognition. The medal of General Military Excellence, was awarded to C/COL Mark Triebwasser for being in the top 25% of his ROTC and academic classes and for demonstrating outstanding leadership, discipline, citizenship and character traits. The medal for Scholastic Excellence was awarded to C/MAJ Scott Norris for being in the top 10% of his classes, the top 25% of his ROTC class, and demonstrated leadership qualities. The Legion School Medal was presented to C/LTC Steve Marcy for his demonstration of courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service. The Legion School Certificate was presented to C/MAJ Michael E. Harris for his high qualities of leadership and true patriotism.

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Military Awards



Pictured above: the Commandant presents awards to the Battalion Commander (Mark Triebwasser) and the Command Sergeant Major (Joel Vance) to commemorate their service. C/SGT Samuel Fujiwara receives the Superior Cadet award 1SGAmon Tidmore. Assisting Major George Stelljes was the narrator, C/SSG Ricky Greenwood.

Scholarships announced



Pictured: Capt. Skip McAlexander presents the Cozy Inn Scholarship to Kelly Coggins. Mr. Leonard Lewis presents the Mark Delane Lewis Memorial Scholarship to Jared Winer. Mrs. Donna Vanier presents the John K. Vanier Scholarship to Ivan Cunningham.

Scholarship recipients were announced at the end of the Academic Awards ceremony on Saturday, May 16.

N.H.S. and Blue Beret Scholarships. David Anderson and Scott Norris tied for the H.N.S. Scholar of the Year Award. Receiving the \$75 N.H.S. Textbook Scholarship was Thomas Zachary. Scott Norris received the N.H.S. \$150 College Scholarship. Ben Warren received the \$500 N.H.S. "Old Boy" Scholarship and Rex Robichaux received the \$300 Blue Beret "Old Boy" Scholarship.

The \$100 Russell L. Guernsey Scholarship was presented to Michael E. Harris.

The \$500 Dwight Woodall Scholarship was presented to Austin Porzak. This scholarship is funded by the family of Dwight Woodall and is presented to the cadet designated as Command Sergeant Major for the succeeding year.

The \$1,000 Cozy Inn Scholarship went to Kelly Coggins. This scholarship was funded by the estate of Mrs. Kathryn Pickering.

The \$2,000 Richard Anderson Scholarship went to Rex Robichaux. This scholarship was funded by endowed proceeds of the 1995 Mule-skinner drive.

The \$1,000 Litchman Scholarship went to Nathaneal Alexander. This is given to a cadet who is an active member of the Episcopal Church and of outstanding service to the Chaplain and Bishop throughout the school year.

The \$1,000 Mark Delane Lewis Memorial Scholarship was presented to Jared Winer. This is given in memory of "Old Boy" Mark Lewis, Class of '84.

The \$1,000 Hazel Fonck Memorial Scholarship was presented to John Conroy. This was a new scholarship established in memory of Hazel Fonck, a former SJMS employee.

The \$1,000 Jesus Martinez Scholarship went to Christopher Pineda. This was also a new scholarship this year provided by the family of Mr. Martinez.

The \$1,000 SJMS Memorial Scholarship went to Justin Allison. This scholarship is provided by proceeds received from memorials to the school.

The \$1,000 Ryan International Airlines Scholarship was presented to Thomas Zackary.

Vanier Family Scholarships. The \$1,000 John K. Vanier Scholarship was presented to Ivan Cunningham. The \$3,000 Lesta Vanier Scholarship was presented to Samuel Fujiwara and the \$5,000 J. J. Vanier Scholarship was presented to Robert Bilotte.

D. Dale Browning Scholarship. The full ride scholarship for one-year tuition, provided by an endowed contribution from the members of the Plus System, Inc., in honor of "Old Boy" D. Dale Browning, was presented to Benjamin Warren.



Blue Berets announced for last grading period

Top scholars from the Upper School (those three students receiving the highest grade point average and authorized to wear the Blue Berets) were Robert Bilotte 97.41, Thomas McComber 97.35 and Scott Norris 96.97. Also making the Academic Dean's Honor Roll were James Rutherford 96.33, David Anderson 96.05, Michael Scriver 95.86, Anthony Alvarez 95.61 and Thomas Zackary 94.85.

Top scholars from the Middle School and also authorized to wear the Blue Berets, were Thomas Stafford 96.73, Rex Robichaux 96.45 and David Holdcraft 95.61.

Upper School cadets making Honorable Mention were Benjamin Warren 93.45, Robert Gardiner 93.42, Robert Fitzgerald 93.07, Lance Hoover 92.78, Jeremiah Blakney 92.70, Matthew Beynon 92.56, Matthew Webster 92.55, Tyler Schell 92.28, Gavin Moore 91.87, John Conroy 90.73, John Cherin 90.37, Thomas McAllister 90.03, Pedro Romero 89.50, Michael Ratliff 89.33 and Joshua Lett 89.13.

Middle School cadets making Honorable Mention were Darren Egger 92.12, Alvaro Trujillo 92.03, Alexander Fabian 91.85, Joshua Lane 89.99, Paul Notholt 89.82, Jason Edwards 89.54 and Jeffrey Paul 89.39.

Course Awards Presented

A Course Award is presented to the cadet that has the highest grade for each class instructed at St. John's.

Upper School.

Receiving one award was Matthew Beynon for Educational Technology; Jeremiah Blakney for Art; Gerald Gabel for Forensics; Michael D. Harris for JROTC II, Ryan Levitan for Yearbook; Brian McDonough for English I; Eric Siskosky for Economics; Jason Smith for Consumer Math; Justin Vondrak for French II and James VonNormann for Drama.

Receiving two awards were Eric Schmeer for Desktop Publishing and Calculus; Michael Scriver for Driver's Education and Geometry B; Joel Vance for Weightlifting and Family Life; Benjamin Warren for American History and Physical Education/Health.

Receiving three awards were David Anderson for Business Technology, Physics A and JROTC IV; Kelly Coggins for French I, World history and English II; James Rutherford for Band, Instrumental Music and Physics B.

Receiving four awards were Mark Triebwasser for Algebra II, Chemistry B, JROTC IV and Spanish II; George Vogler for Biology, English II, Geometry A and Space Science.

Receiving five awards was Ivan Cunningham for Algebra I, French I, JROTC I, Physical Science and World Geography.

Receiving six awards was Robert Bilotte for CAPT/CAD, Chemistry A, English III, JROTC III, Spanish I and Trigonometry.

Receiving seven awards was Scott Norris for Anatomy, Bible Literature, Ecology, English IV, Government, Morals & Ethics and Statistics.

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Pictured: C/MAJ Scott Norris, HNS President and C/ILT Nathan Bilotte, Blue Beret President, present the N.H.S. and Blue Beret scholarships. Mr. Steve Ash offers to help C/CPL Rex Robichaux carry his awards.

Senior Plans

by David Anderson

This year our senior class consists of thirty one cadets, a rather large number considering past years. Most of the seniors have already made their most influential decision - what they will be doing after graduation, whether it be attending college, taking some time off to work or joining the military. All seniors have been waiting to embark on the world and offer it their uniqueness and talents. Below is a list of the seniors and their plans after graduation.

David Anderson (see related story). Adam Beam is planning to attend the University of Memphis.

Matt Beynon is planning to attend Kansas State University.

Jeremiah Blakney is going to attend the University Northern Colorado.

James Bray is joining the United States Army.

Josh Cantrell is going to Cowley County Community College.

David Celmer is planning on attending Denver University.

Aaron Cowdin is going to attend Washburn University.

Mike Crothers is going to Ohio State University.

Mark Davis is planning to go to school in Washington.

Jeff DeJarnett is joining the United States Army.

David Dickinson is going to Colorado State University.

Matt Fortelka is joining the United States Marine Corps.

Ricky Greenwood is planning on attending the Art Institute of Minneapolis.

Bobby Harris is going to attend Johnson Community College.

Michael Harris is going to attend the University of Northern Arizona.

Sam Hinderliter is planning on attending Texas Tech.

James Johnson is deciding between Aimes Community College, Colorado State University and Metropolitan State.

Taylor Johnson is presently undecided in his future plans.

Steve Marcy is going to play football for Garden City Community College.

Jerry Martin is going to McPherson

University of Colorado at Boulder.

Eric Siskosky is going to take a year off and work before college.

Jason Smith is going to Michigan Community College.

Scott Sprenz is going to the University of Northern Arizona.

Mark Triebwasser is planning to go to school in California.

Joel Vance is going to Arizona State University.

Ben Wallace is undecided



Anderson to Merchant Marine Academy

Cadet David Anderson, senior, was nominated by U.S. Congressman David Skaggs and received an appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He has orders to report on July 10. He also received nominations to the U.S. Air Force Academy and to the U.S. Naval Academy.

David has attended SJMS for five years and was recently promoted to the rank of Captain. He was a member of the Quiz Bowl, Media Club, Spartans and the Blue Berets. This past year he was named a Kansas Honor Scholar for his outstanding academic record. During his five years at SJMS, he has held the following positions: Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Platoon Leader, First Sergeant, Company Commander, and Battalion S-4. David has been working this year as Mr. Tim Chapman's assistant.

In his spare time David enjoys horseback riding and racquetball.

Congratulations, David!

College.

Scott Norris is deciding between Cal Poly, Missouri State University and Kansas State University.

Michael Rolle is planning to go to school in Florida.

James Rutherford is going to the University of Northern Colorado.

Robert Ryman is joining the United States Army.

Eric Schmeer is going to attend the

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the school begins the football training program. Annually, this preparation begins two weeks before the start of the school year. Some cadet leaders are also members of the football squad and thus divide their time between the two programs. During the past couple of years we have refined the schedules for both activities to allow those cadets who are both leaders and athletes to maximize participation in each program.

Following are **Special Orders**

announcing Promotions since the last **Skirmisher**

SO 335-98 dated 4/29/98

Mark Triebwasser to COL; Steven Marcy and Michael Rolle to LTC; Matthew Beynon, Mark Davis, Michael E. Harris and Scott Norris to MAJ; David Anderson, David Dickinson and Taylor Johnson to CPT; James Rutherford to 1LT; Jeremiah Blakney to 2LT, Matthew Fortelks to WO4; Joshua Cantrell, James Johnson and Scott Sprencz to MSG; Adam Beem, Aaron Cowdin and Eric Siskosky to SFC; James Bray, Michael Crothers, Jeffrey DeJarnett, Jose Garmendia, Ricardo Greenwood, Jerry Martin and Benjamin Wallace to SSG; David Celmer, Bobby Harris, Samuel Hinderliter, Robert Ryman and Eric Schmeer to SGT.

SO 339-98 dated 5/1/98

Austin Cox, Alan Daly, Jason Edwards, Blake McMurtrey and Benjamin Weir to PFC; Lance Hoover to CPL.

SO 342-98 dated 5/5/98

Derek VanMichael to PV1.

SO 344-98 dated 5/6/98

Brandon Cather, Travis Foster, Ryan Knowlton and Jeremy Miller to PFC; Nathaneal Alexander and Charles Beriault to SSG; Nathan Silvers to CPL and Brent Sztrik to PV2.

SO 347-98 dated 5/7/98

Barry Troutt to PV1.

SO 350-98 dated 5/8/98

Lucas Moore to PV2.

SO 351-98 dated 5/11/98

Tyler Brooks to PV1.

SO 352-98 dated 5/12/98

James Bilotto, Matthew Brown, Derek Connelly, John Conroy, Robert Fitzgerald, Justin George, Michael D. Harris,

John Hinshaw, Brandon

Holsworth, Cody Humphrey, Jordan Jeffries, John Jonas, Chad Landers, James Martin, Thomas McComber, Brent Menendez Steven mitchell, Erhan Noll, Alois Peter, Michael Ratliff, Pedro Romero, Michael Scriver, Kenneth Smith, Eric Tibbetts, James VonNormann and Thomas Zackary to SGT; Jonathan Allaband, Ivan Cunningham, Matthew Gallegos and Ronald Gray to SSG; Jared Winer to SFC.

SO 359-98 dated 5/14/98

John Cherin, Brent Hardrick and Gabriel Martinez to PFC; Rhett Belcher, Robert Hettchen, James Hill, Christopher Ryman and Daniel Sybert to CPL.

SO 360-98 dated 5/14/98

Tyler Brooks, Derek VanMichael, Jens Petersen, Barry Troutt and Nathaniel Wells to PV2; Austin Cox, David Holdcraft and Lee Strange to CPL; Joshua Lane, Tyler McGivern and Jesse Studebaker to PFC; Jake Solbakken to SSG.

Military Field Day

Competition for Military Field Day was split into two days during May. The following Cadets, Company and Platoons excelled above and beyond performance.

The Commandant's Medal was awarded to C/ISG Michael Leonard for the Best Individual Drill with a Rifle.

C/MAJ Scott Norris, Company Commander and Guidon Bearer was presented the Best Platoon Drill which was won by Charlie Company, 2nd Platoon, under the command of C/SFC David Winer.

The Best Company Drill was won by Headquarters Company, and presented to C/1LT Ben Warren, Company Commander and Guidon Bearer.

C/SGT Thomas Stafford of Headquarters Company won the JROTC Commendation Ribbon for the Best Manual of the Guidon during the Military Field Day Competition.

C/PFC Austin Cox and C/ISG Cameron Oertel were awarded the JROTC Commendation Ribbon for winning the Best Individual Drill Without a Weapon Drill Down during the Military Field Day Competition.

BRAVO awarded Honor Company

This year's Honor Company was awarded to Bravo Company, under the command of C/2LT Justin Vondrak.

The Honor Company is selected through annual competition in Military Field Day events, Cadet Challenge, overall daily appearance for uniforms, barracks, police calls, and all formations. This also included conduct by Company members, Company academic standing, and overall performance in everything throughout the school year.

The announcement was made at the completion of the Military Awards Ceremony on Commencement Weekend.

**Congratulations
Bravo!**

Special Order #1-99

dated Sunday, 5/17/98

A. Cadet Benjamin Michael Warren is promoted to the rank of Captain and is authorized to procure and wear the proper insignia.



B. Cadet Benjamin M. Warren is designated Commander of the 111th Corps of Cadets of St. John's Military School.

Military Awards (Continued)

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars Citizenship ribbon was awarded to C/SGT Thomas Zackary in recognition of his superior performance as a non-commissioned officer, coupled with his contribution to the school and his country by service with loyalty and a positive attitude.

C/SGT Jeffrey DeJarnett was presented the AMVETS award for his outstanding diligence to duty and willingness to serve the U.S.A.

C/MAJ Scott Norris was presented the Daughters of the American Revolution Medal in recognition for being in the upper 25% in ROTC and academic subjects, excellent character, leadership and patriotism.

C/SGT John Conroy was awarded the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, for being the sophomore in the upper 10% of ROTC, of good character, military discipline, patriotism and understanding of the importance of our American heritage.

C/ISG Austin Porzak was awarded the Retired Officers Association medal for exceptional potential for military leadership as a member of JROTC.

C/ILT Robert Bilotte was awarded the U.S. Army Recruiting Command Award in recognition of his being in the top 25% in academic standing, providing demonstrated leadership and participation in school activities.

C/ILT Ben Warren was awarded the U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award for being an outstanding scholar and athlete while at St. John's.

C/CPT David Anderson was awarded the Association of the U.S. Army medal for excellence in military history.

C/COL Mark Triebwasser was awarded the National Sojourner ROTC Medal in recognition of his high attributes of Americanism and support of the U.S. as a member of JROTC. He also received the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution medal as the cadet officer who best displayed excellence in leadership and soldierly bearing. The Reserve Officers Association award was presented to Triebwasser for his outstanding competence in the arts and sciences of National Defense.

The U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award was awarded to C/LTC Steve Marcy for his display of courage, poise and self confidence as a high school athlete. Receiving the middle school award with the same criteria was C/CPL Rex Robichaux.

The Good Conduct Ribbon was awarded to Robert Bilotte, Kelly Coggins, John Conroy, Aaron Cowdin, Alan Daly, David Dickinson, Matthew Fortelka, Rex Robichaux, Thomas Stafford, Justin Vondrak, Peter Wilcox and Thomas Zackary for their outstanding conduct during the school year.

C/ILT James Rutherford was presented the Hardy Rifleman Award for being the rifle team member with the highest academic standing. He also received the Cheney Marksmanship medal for maintaining the highest overall average in competitive marksmanship throughout the year.

SUMMER RECEPTIONS SCHEDULED

If you are a former or current "Old Boy" or family member of an "Old Boy," or just a friend of St. John's, we hope you will join us at one of the receptions held nearest your home during the summer. Various staff personnel from the school will be attending these functions.

Kansas City, Sunday, July 12, 3-5 PM

Overland Park Marriott, 10800 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, Kansas

Seattle, Sunday, July 12, 3-5 PM

Seattle Marriott, 3201 South 176th St., Seattle, Washington

Oklahoma City, Sunday, July 18, 7-9 PM

Oklahoma City Marriott, 3233 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK

Wichita, Sunday, July 19, 3-5 PM

Wichita Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, Kansas 67227

Denver, Saturday, July 25, 1-4 PM

Denver Marriott Southeast, Interstate 25 and Hampden Road, Denver, CO

Dallas/Fort Worth, Sunday, August 9

DFW Airport Marriott, Irving, Texas

For more information on any of the above, please contact Jerry Bradley, Director of Admissions, (785) 823-9525, ext. 7704.

Faculty Merit Awards Presented

Ms. Tricia Corby presented an award to Nathan Silvers for answering the most questions correctly for Quiz Bowl Season 1997-98.

Mr. Gerald Martin presented an award to Adam Beem for Top Chess Player for the 1997-98 School Year.

Father Jim Cox presented David Dickinson and Matthew Fortelka awards for assistance rendered to the Chaplain and the SJMS Chapel program.

Mr. Scott Wiedeman presented an award to Josh Cantrell for his commitment, assistance and efforts in developing this year's Art Club. Peter Wilcox, David Holdcraft, Justin George, Casey VanLandingham, James Rutherford and Jeremiah Blakney received awards for excellent academic achievement in Art, Good Character and Positive Attitude.



Invading the campus this summer were the serenading cicadae.

Philanthropy vs. Mortality

submitted by Tim Chapman,
Director of Institutional Advancement

Phyllis Wattis, who at age 93 had disbursed over \$70 million to various organizations, said "I had a brush with mortality in the hospital, and I thought I had better do the things I wanted before it was too late."

Mrs. Wattis is a long time philanthropist in the San Francisco area and has given millions of dollars to organizations she supports. "I like to do things that I initiate," she says. "You can help an organization and you can shape an organization."

Philanthropy comes in all shapes and sizes. The needs of an organization, the progress, and the direction in which it moves, are fully dependent on support that is given.

St. John's Military School has taken steps to build and strengthen the foundation established in 1887. Educational literature is being sent (*LIFETIMES* newsletter and *THE AMERICAN BENEFACITOR*) to targeted groups. Follow up pieces with information on estate planning strategies are available upon request.

For Mrs. Wattis, it took a brush with her own mortality to realize there is no better time than the present to take care of business.

The importance of planning for tomorrow can not be emphasized enough. The interests and priorities that are important to you now, will benefit greatly, if you take the initial steps to insure growth and security.

The American Benefactor: Spring 1998, pg. 50-51, article by Joan Chatfield-Taylor.

TAPS

Joseph Dallas Berkley

Bennington, Kansas

Died May 4, 1998

SJMS Friend and Benefactor

Memorials

have been received
in
memory of

J. D. Berkley
Gene Penny
Dwight Woodall

Old Boy Notes . . . Where are they now?

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Alumni directory on Home
Page. After 37 years, would
like to hear from class-
mates.

Michael Scott Martin

Class of '81
3648 E. Ludlow Dr.
Phoenix AZ 85032

Gordon Snider

Class of '81

Added his E-Mail address
to Alumni directory. He
moved from California to
Arizona about 7 years ago.
Is taking voice lessons and
is active in the local
community theater
program.

Rick Cory

Attended '84-85
11912 Pawnee Lane
Shawnee Mission, KS
66210

Stopped by campus for
short visit.

Luis Bonnet

Class of '91
E-mail address added to
Alumni directory. He
would like to hear from
classmates.

Course Awards *(Continued from page 7)*

Middle School.

Receiving one award were Daniel Wilcox for Instrumental Music 7/8, David Holdcraft for Art 7/8, Kody Schnase for Academic Resources 7/8 and Jeffrey Paul for Pre-Algebra.

Receiving two awards were Kellen Beer for Aerospace Technology 7/8 and Computer Aided Principles of Technology 7/8, and Peter Wilcox for Band 7/8 and World History 7/8.

Receiving three awards was Michael Speelman for PE/Health/Sports 7/8, Current Events and American History 8.

Receiving five awards was Thomas Stafford for English 8, Math 8, Environmental Studies 7/8, Computer Aided Study Skills 7/8 and Earth Science 8.

Receiving six awards was Rex Robichaux for English 7, Math 7, Life Science 7, Kansas History 7, Geography 7 and Science Lab 7/8.

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Alumni Reception - Commencement Weekend

The numbers were down overall, but a good group of "Old Boys" from recent years were back.

**Traditional Homecoming
Alumni/Parent Weekend
October 16-18**



Don Wendler, a faithful who never misses, was joined by a classmate who hadn't been back since their class graduated in '53, Bill Crumrine.

John Greene, Class of '88, joined us this year too..

Glad you could make it, guys!



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