



# THE SKIRMISHER

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## Best Wishes from the 110th Corps

### Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols

Advent (from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming", i.e. of Christ), is the liturgical season of the church year that immediately precedes Christmas or Christ-Mass. The season always begins with the Sunday nearest St. Andrews Day (Nov.30), and consists of the four weeks prior to Christmas Day.

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## President's Message

### Capt. E. A. McAlexander

When we have 200 cadets on campus as we do now, it becomes obvious that we could use more practice fields for the various outdoors sports.

This is particularly true if we are to continue the soccer program that we started this fall. We should also plan to have an all weather track at some point in the future.

To that end, the school has been buying the properties to the north of the campus as they

become available. There are 16 lots on the north side of Euclid Street and we now own or control, nine. Of these, six are contiguous, and when cleared they will give us a field that is approximately 450 feet by 300 feet. This field will be

directly behind Vanier and Sage and will be very convenient to the gym and other facilities. We will begin work on this project next summer and hope to be able to practice soccer on the field next fall. It will be a major addition to the campus.

Our plan is to

purchase the remaining properties as they become available. If we can vacate Euclid Street at some point in the future it will almost double the size of the campus. That would give us space for the track and stadium that would be a major upgrade to our athletic facilities.



## Academic Dean's Message

### LTC Kenneth Faerber

*The Skirmisher* and *Linger News*, a cadet published middle school newsletter, make mention of the many "major" cadet activities occurring regularly here at SJMS. I wish to take this

opportunity to mention other "extended classroom" activities that often go unnoticed as part of our "all-in-a-day's work".

Teachers go to great lengths to plan and organize these activities because they realize: (a) the educational value to related curricula, (b) the impact of different environments on learning, and (c) that motivational goals 'ignite or rekindle' student interests.

Listed below is a sampling of the myriad of these activities:

### Linger Middle School - Grades 7-9

- \* One full day attending the Kansas State Fair - viewing all the exhibits
- \* Civil War Reenactment at Emporia, KS.
- \* Lunch at Wendy's & McDonald's for individual performance rewards.
- \* After school recreational bowling with many of the teachers.
- \* Workshop at Kansas State University-Salina Aeronautical Division for our Aerospace classes.
- \* Bell Choir performances at three local nursing homes, middle school league vocal music program, and a Christmas program at the

local mall.

- \* Several classes to Rolling Hills Refuge, a wildlife habitat that equals many metropolitan zoos, specializing in the preservation of threatened and endangered species. The most recent was to observe chimpanzee and orangutan behavior.
  - \* Hot Air Balloon demonstrations.
  - \* Environmental Studies class attended the Quivera National Wildlife Refuge, Cheyenne Bottoms, Great Bend, Kansas to study game bird migration.
- ### Vanier Academic Center - Grades 10-12
- \* Cosmosphere - Hutchinson, KS - is one of America's premier space museums, devoted to promotion space science through educational

and entertaining programs including: Apollo 13 command module "Odyssey", Sr-71 Blackbird spy plane, full-scale Space Shuttle replica, Mercury Redstone rocket, full-scale Apollo-Soyuz rendezvous replica, just to mention a few. Attended by Physics & Space Science classes.

- \* Ecology Classes toured the Salina Water Treatment Plant; Biology & Ecology classes worked in the O.W.L.S. (Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site).
- \* Drama classes viewed productions of "All My Sons" (Salina High School South), "A Christmas Tuna" (Great Plains Theater, Abilene, KS), and "How to Succeed in Business Without Really

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## Commandant's Message

### LTC Mike Furlo

We have passed through the 1997 Holiday Season and are reminded, again, that our cadets form long-lasting relationships and attachments while at St. John's. Besides

the frequent phone calls from "Old Boys" who want to keep up on what's happening at the school, there are those "Old Boys" who write or E-mail wanting information.

Unlike past years, we have already established our policy of Senior Privileges for the 97-98 school year. Previously, these "privs" were implemented around the Spring Break time frame. We have felt for

some time that our senior cadets are deserving of additional recognition. These "privs" include expanded pass privileges during the week and weekend as well as the use of civilian clothing. Of course, all of this is predicated on maintaining an acceptable grade point average in the classroom, and remaining conduct report-free in the barracks.

By the time this *Skirmisher* is received we will have started to settle back into a normal routine after our breaks for Thanksgiving and Christmas. As the weather takes a marked turn toward being colder many of our activities will be directed at staying indoors. The fencing program, in conjunction with the local "Coyote Fencing Club", has been initiated

for the 97-98 season. In addition, we appreciate the efforts of our local Boy Scout council to establish a scouting program at our school. We will continue to prepare and look forward to completing our annual Regional Formal Inspection and, of course, Graduation in May.

# New at SJMS

## Three new faces on campus

**Jan Shivers** replaces Laura Waggoner who is moving to Topeka. Jan, as secretary to the Academic Dean, will also serve as Receptionist for the school.

Raised in Kansas, Jan has lived in Salina for the last seven years, but still thinks of Colorado as home. She is married, has two grown daughters and two granddaughters. She enjoys outside activities such as fishing, golfing and gardening.

**Monique Basel** has joined the staff as Assistant to the Director of Admissions. She has worked at Washburn University, in Topeka, for the last four years, working in the Student Activities Office. She knows that she really loves the school and student life atmosphere, so she should fit in great at John's.

With a 20 month old daughter, Hailey, and getting settled into her home in Salina, Monique doesn't have a lot of free time but likes crafts, sports and reading. Her reading interest includes reading about different cultures.

### **The SKIRMISHER**

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## Business Office Phone System Reorganized

If you, as a patron or friend of St. John's, calls an employee or cadet frequently (for either personal or business related calls), you are **encouraged** to use that individual's voice mail. This will eliminate the number of phone calls going through the system and will go directly to your individual's phone.

You will need to get that individual's voice mail extension number from that person or from the receptionist the next time you place a call using the school's existing number, 823-7231.

These numbers,

**823-9525 and 823-9543,**

are strictly voice mail activated so you will need to include the individual's extension number following the phone number. **Directions: Dial either one of the above numbers, wait for the voice mail answering service to answer, and then enter your extension number.**

**Dennis Herdzina**, a recent retiree from the U.S. Army, joined the military department following the transfer of 1ST Amon Tidmore into the JROTC program. He is a Military Advisor assigned to Mize Hall.

Originally from Chicago, IL, his Army career included a tour in Saudi Arabi, Europe and Korea. He also served at Ft. Knox, KY and Ft. Leonardwood MO.

Stationed at Ft. Riley upon retirement, he still resides in Junction City with his wife and two daughters.

## Blue Berets announced for second 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 Nathan Bilotte 97.63, Eric Schmeer 96.59 and Scott Norris 96.15. Also making the Academic Dean's Honor Roll were Ivan Cunningham 95.33, David Anderson 95.08, James Rutherford 94.98, Jonah Rand 94.90, Benjamin Warren 93.85 and Mark Triebwasser 93.69.

Top scholars from the Middle School, and also authorized to wear the Blue Berets, were Thomas Stafford 96.35, Michael Speelman 94.43 and Rex Robichaux 92.60.

Upper School cadets making Honorable Mention were Kelly Coggins 92.70, George Vogler 92.59, Robert Gardiner 92.30, Kevin Yoon 92.18, Justin George 91.68, Taylor Johnson 91.55, Michael Scriver 91.53, G. Joseph Gabel 91.38, Michael Ratliff 91.29, Brian McDonough 91.09, Justin Vondrak 90.73, Shaun Dumas 90.62, Matthew Webster 89.92, Jesse Studebaker 89.72, Michael Crothers 88.72, Robert Fitzgerald 88.61 and Austin Porzak 88.61.

Middle School cadets making Honorable Mention were David Holdcraft 92.44, Peter Wilcox 91.84, Christopher Boesker, 91.05, Kellen Beer 90.76, Daniel Wilcox 90.00 and Alvaro Trujillo 89.24.

### Availability for Public Review

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

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

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

# Two GREAT LADIES

and special members of St. John's family

## Mrs. Faerber

by Dustin Rekow  
Fort Collins CO

One of the nicest ladies here at St. John's is Mrs. Faerber. We could fill up the Skirmisher to list all her accomplishments and value to St. John's but will have to keep the article short.

You can tell what the cadets think about her by the "Mrs. Faerber Rules" written by Cadets on the front door of the Quartermaster Store.

She came to St. John's with LTC Faerber in 1970 and she was the Middle School secretary, working with MAJ Gerald Woody.

Her children all grew up on campus and "woke up at first call and went to bed at TAPS." In the middle school she started an after school activity program for the kids who were too young to play sports. She was the official cab driver for cadets to go to the doctor's office "driving an old green '54 Ford," as she says. In 1987 she started working as the Quartermaster. Also in 1987, she was given the rank of Honorary Colonel, one of the highest rewards given at St. John's.

One of her many special gifts is her voice, whether it is filled with laughter or music or one of the many, many humorous stories she has to tell.

Mrs. Faerber is always willing to help any Cadet. Helping a nervous cadet iron his shirt for his first promotion board, or giving special attention to a homesick boy on his first day at St. John's, she is "Mom" away from home for the hundreds of cadets that have been fortunate enough to get one of her special hugs.

## Mrs. Furlo

by Michael E. Harris  
Mayer, AZ

If there is a special event on campus Mrs. Furlo is usually involved. Since her arrival at St. John's a couple years ago, one of her many involvements has been the panel discussions. The Corps junior and senior classes have had one panel discussion this year. Mrs. Furlo's comment on the discussion was that "it was good for both the cadets and the girls. The panel discussions are designed to make you think about current events and other issues." She feels that the girls who participate in the panel are given an insight into the cadets and life at St. John's.

Another event that Mrs. Furlo participated in was the reception in the library. "The purpose of having the reception was to improve the cadets' people skills," replied Mrs. Furlo.

There are still lots of events planned for the school year. One more panel discussion is planned for the fall semester and two in the spring. The dances, a cadet favorite, have had poor attendance this year but Mrs. Furlo thinks the dances would improve if more girls were informed about St. John's and its activities.

Mrs. Furlo was born in Granville, New York. She and her husband, LTC Furlo, grew up together and started dating after college.

When asked what she wanted to say to the corps she replied, "I'm glad to have a chance to get to know the cadets and work with them. I feel that we all can learn from one another, and I would like to think that I am a part of the extended family at St. John's Military School."

## Following are **Special Orders** announcing Promotions since the last **Skirmisher.**

### **SO 108-98 dated 11/5/97**

Blake Anthony Bridges, Richard Scott Crumbliss, Aaron William Holm, James Herbert Martin, Scott Andrew Matney, Steven Mitchell, Paul Notholt, James Robert Von Normann and Jesse Cole Studebaker to PFC; Stephen Edward Young to CPL; Derek Michael Pinkham to PV2.

### **SO 110-98 dated 11/6/97**

Joseph Paul Big Eagle, Thomas Martel Cargill, Bobby James Harris, Jason Edward Hawkins, Brian Daniel McDonough, Alois Peter, Pedro M. Romero, Lee Aaron Strange, Nathaniel K. Wells, Peter Rica Wilcox and Daniel Dumitru Wilcox to PFC; Samuel D. Hinderliter and Nathan Rex Silvers to CPL.

### **SO 115-98 dated 11/10/97**

Brandon H. Holsworth to PFC; Sean Michael Nash to PV2.

### **SO 122-98 dated 11/14/97**

Neil Brandon Bundy to PV2.

### **SO 123-98 dated 11/16/97**

Justin Ryan Allison, Joshua Lynn Cantrell and Christopher Anthony Pineda to SSG.

### **SO 126-98 dated 11/20/97**

Richard Cuba, Robert F. Flynn, Bradley Hayward Hopkins, Travis Anthony Hull and Lucas Alan Moore to PV2.

### **SO 131-98 dated 11/24/97**

John William Conroy, Jose Luis Gardendia, Thomas John McAllister, Jeremy David Miller and Ethan Alexander Noll to PFC; Matthew Lynne Gallegos to CPL.

### **SO 138-98 dated 12/3/97**

Ryan Norman F. Knowlton and Derek Michael Pinkham to PFC; Kenneth Anthony Bradley, Justin Walker George and Donald Leroy Reed to CPL.

### **SO 141-98 dated 12/4/97**

Michael Thomas Crothers, Michael Ryan Sriver, Wesley Lauk Thomas, Michael D. Harris and Jonah Nicolas rand to PFC; Jerry Dean Martin to SGT; Robert Daniel Kitchens to PV1.

### **SO 146-98 dated 12/9/97**

Joshua Andrew Bailey and Richard Lee Owens to PFC; John Joseph Jonas and Scott Adam Sprencz to CPL; Tarik Arturo Trujillo to SGT; Michael J. Rolle to 1LT; Christopher Joseph Ryman and Eric Wilcox Schmeer to PV1; Richard Cuba and Travis Anthony Hull to PV2.

### **SO 150-98 dated 12/12/97**

Nathaneal Dee Alexander, Michael James Andrews, Daniel John Morris and Jared Clayton Winer to SSG.

### **SO 152-98 dated 12/15/97**

Jorge Edgar Cassis, Derek Jerome Connelly, Robert Acel Gardiner to PFC; Samuel Yoshito Fujiwara, Geoffrey Alan Hauptli to CPL; Joel Christopher Vance to CSM; Robert Nathaniel Bilotte, Taylor Ian Johnson and Benjamin Michael Warren to 1LT; Mark Christopher Davis, Scott Alan Norris and Michael J. Rolle to CPT; Steven Akio Marcy to MAJ; and Mark David Triebwasser to LTC.

## **New Boys make Old Boy**

Listed are those promotions pertaining to New Boys making Old Boy Status since the last Skirmisher, and authorized to procure and wear the proper insignia..

### **SO 111-98 dated 11/6/97**

Darrel Joseph Egger, Jonathan Thomas McGuire, William Charles McGuire, Richard Lee Owens and Matthew Kyle Plunkett to PV2.

### **SO 117-98 dated 11/11/97**

Patrick Robert Tosta and Tarik Arturo Trujillo to PV2; Jeffrey Sinclair Wagstaff to WO1.

### **SO 121-98 dated 11/14/97**

Matthew Allen Burry, Jorge Edgar Cassis, Nicholas Gregory Karpowich and Thomas Roy McComber to PV2; Robert Scott Hughes and Christopher Joseph Ryman to PFC.

### **SO 124-98 dated 11/19/97**

Brandon Reed Cather, Don Dinh Dam and Dustin Alan Johnston to PV2.

### **SO 127-98 dated 11/21/97**

Kody Ray Schnase and Barry Vincent Troutt to PV2; John Michael Hinshaw, Brent Joseph Menendez, Michael G. Ratliff and Christopher Allen Simmons to PFC; Anthony Michael Alvarez to CPL.

### **SO 132-98 dated 11/25/97**

Nathan Christopher Bell, Kevin Garrett Lochran, Robert Keith Ryman and James George Martling to PV2; Chad Ivan Burkhardt, Joshua Caleb Lane and Matthew Aron Power to PFC.

### **SO 137-98 dated 12/3/97**

Matthew Robert Brown and Jordon Taylor Jeffries to PV2.

### **SO 144-98 dated 12/5/97**

Daniel Edward Martinez to PV2.

### **SO 146-98 dated 12/9/97**

Alan Edward Daly, Thomas Anthony Zackary to PV2.

### **SO 151-98 dated 12/12/97**

Cody Michael Humphrey, Adam Benjamin Jones, Peter Joseph Kaapcke, Caleb James McFall, Lucious threats, Chad Lendon Whitney

### St. John's receives gift for Scholarship

The end of the year often brings a feeling of gratitude, thankfulness and giving. St. John's Military School was grateful to receive a gift in December to establish the John and Hazel Fonck Endowed Scholarship. John and Hazel were a part of the St. John's family for a big part of their lives. Hazel, who died in August of this year, came with her family to the campus as a six-year-old, in 1924, when her father took a job as superintendent of buildings and grounds. She grew up on campus and began working in the office part time during her high school years. Following business college she began a full-time secretarial job at St. John's and retired after 42 years. Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1993.

Mark and Jane Berkley of Tescott, Kansas, provided the funds in order to establish this scholarship. Cadets that have proven themselves both in the classroom and as leaders in the Corps of Cadets will be chosen as the benefactors of Mr. & Mrs. Berkley's philanthropy. Mr. Berkley said, "Hazel had such a strong heart for those young men and always wanted to help them in anyway that she could. She would be extremely happy knowing that the young men of St. John's are benefiting from this scholarship."

An endowed scholarship is a sum of money/property that is invested by the school with the proceeds or interest being used for scholarship assistance. The principle is always kept intact and unencumbered. Once a scholarship is established, additional funds can be added at any time. A gift of \$10,000 is needed to establish a named scholarship.

# Opportunity knocks

## when we are Ready to Listen

*by Tim Chapman,  
Director of Institutional Development*

Opportunity and preparedness do not always come about at the same time. When they do, a decision to act or to stay true to a previously chosen course must be made.

This past year a strong effort was made to organize a system to provide the constituents of St. John's the opportunity to learn more about the school's current needs, as well as showing the future goals both academically and aesthetically. This information may interest some of you while others may feel that it has little value ... and that's OK. we are all unique in our interests and how we decide to move forward.

There are various levels of preparedness and when mixed with opportunity, action occurs. Good, bad, or deciding to stay the course, the level of action that each of us takes, will vary based upon our love of preparedness to accept a specific opportunity. I hope that in the new year the opportunities that St. John's provide you, through mailing programs, telemarketing efforts, personal visits, and on campus activities, will enhance your level of preparedness and interest in the Corps of Cadets.

St. John's Military School is growing in all areas. This growth can be attributed to the mission that has held true for the past 110 years and the support that the school continues to receive from individuals and businesses throughout the country.

The Office of Institutional Advancement encourages everyone to inform us of any changes in their personal and professional life. This will insure that our records will be current and the service that you expect will continue.

**Thanks for your support this past year and I wish you the very best in 1998!**

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by Kelly Coggins  
San Antonio TX

## UNIQUE

This year's drama play was a relatively small one. The play was composed into two parts - the play and a quite unique music performance. The play part consisted of a series of skits about ducks written by David Mamet.

The original music was written and performed by The Rattz, a new band made up of Alois Peter, Neil Bundy, Chris Simmons and Ricky Greenwood. Overall, the participants had a great time and the cadets appeared to enjoy the play.

The following people participating in the performance:

From left to right:  
Josh Lett, Jim VonNormann, Robbie Myers, Ace Gardner, Alois Peter, Matt Burry, Kelly Coggins, John Conroy and Director, Mrs. Chris Peterson and Chris Simmons.

## Tastes of Theater

The drama class of SJMS has attended several play performances since the beginning of the school year. In October the cadets attended Salina South High School's performance of Arthur Miller's All My Sons. In conjunction with this performance, the class discussed the life and writing of Arthur Miller.

They also read and viewed his play Death of a Salesman starring Dustin Hoffman. During November the class traveled to Abilene's Great Plains Theater to view A Christmas Tuna. This satirical comedy stars two actors who portray 22 different characters.

On Saturday, November 22, the cadets attended a performance of the Broadway play How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying. This musical comedy was performed at the Lied Center, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

Cadets who were involved in these field trips included Kelly Coggins, John Conroy, Josh Lett, Robbie Myers, Ace Gardiner, Chris Simmons, Alois Peter, Matt Burry, Jim Von Normann, Ben Warren, and Joe Gabel. Chris Peterson sponsored the field trips.

## LTC Faerber's Message (Continued from page 2)

Trying" (University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS).

\* Junior and Senior English classes have completed their research papers utilizing the resources at the newly improved and renovated Salina Public Library.

\* Spanish classes attended a local program about Mexico's Independence Day.

\* Geography and Spanish classes observed "Ballet Folklorico Mexicano", Ellsworth, KS.

\* Guest speaker Charlie Redfern spoke to Spanish classes about his experience, "Running with the Bulls" in Pamplona, Spain.

\* Two foreign exchange students, one from France and the other from Bulgaria, shared their educational/cultural experiences with the French and Spanish classes.

I'm very proud that our teachers 'go the extra mile' to enrich their programs and to continually improve the quality and increase the relevance of education for students.



## Hand Bell Choir active

Under the direction of Ms. O'Neill, the Bell Choir has been performing for many groups throughout Salina during the holiday season. The Salina community has

been high in their praise on performances they have witnessed at the various public grade school programs and at the local nursing homes. Not only is their music great, but they have become great ambassadors for St. John's. Thanks, guys!



## Recent Community Events with Cadet

Involvement have included the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament and working Concession stands. (More ambassadors for St. John's.)



**E-MAIL ADDRESS DIRECTORY**

(This directory is also on our Home Page - for users to use and update.

Thanks!

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# Class Notes

Let us hear from you on the  
Old Boy Bulletin Board  
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## William M.

### Retallack

(Atten '49-52)  
(See E-mail address in Directory on page 10)  
Bill is looking for any information on Clifford Collier who was at St. John's in the early 50's. Can anyone help him?

### Frank Morrison, Jr.

(Atten '51-52)  
and

### David 'Jon'

### Morrison

(Atten '53-55)  
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Visited campus over Thanksgiving week-end.

### Richard C. London

(CWO, USCG ret.)  
(Class of '62)  
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After retiring from the U.S. Coast Guard in 1988, Richard moved his family back to his family farm in Indiana. The farm has

been in his family since 1856 and he has been restoring the old farm house and working part time. Richard goes on to share information about his family. Richard has stopped by the campus several times in recent years and reports he is impressed with SJMS and the Corps of Cadets.

### William F. Bolster, Jr.

(Class of '84)  
(See E-mail address in Directory on page 10)  
Would like to hear from those "Old Boys" attending St. John's between '84 and '88. Bill is now living in Scottsdale, AZ working for a software developer. He is responsible for software sales to the southeast and north-east regions of the U.S. He says "Life is great here in Arizona".

## Sam Hanna

(Class of '89)

(See E-mail address in Directory on page 10)  
Sam says "Hi" to all that were at St. John's when he graduated in '89. Sam has attended the University of Iowa Business School and graduated two years ago. He currently works for Erb's Business Machines Inc. where he works as a Marketing Representative selling computer networks to large corporations. He says he loves hearing about what is happening at St. John's and hopes to return someday for a visit.

## E3 Jason Heitzman

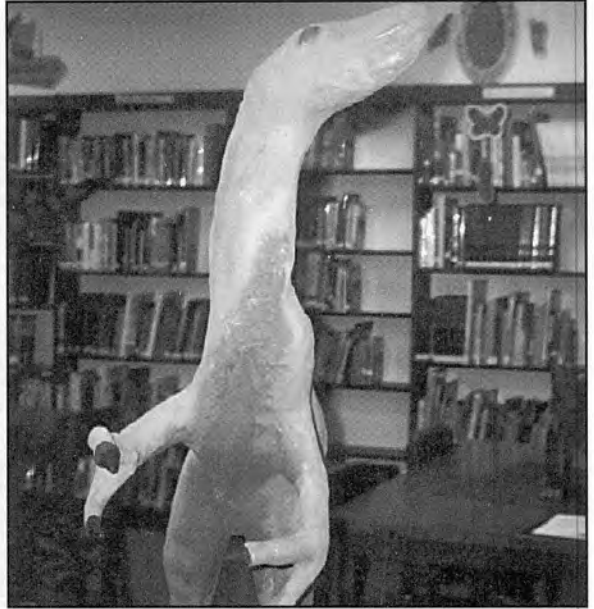
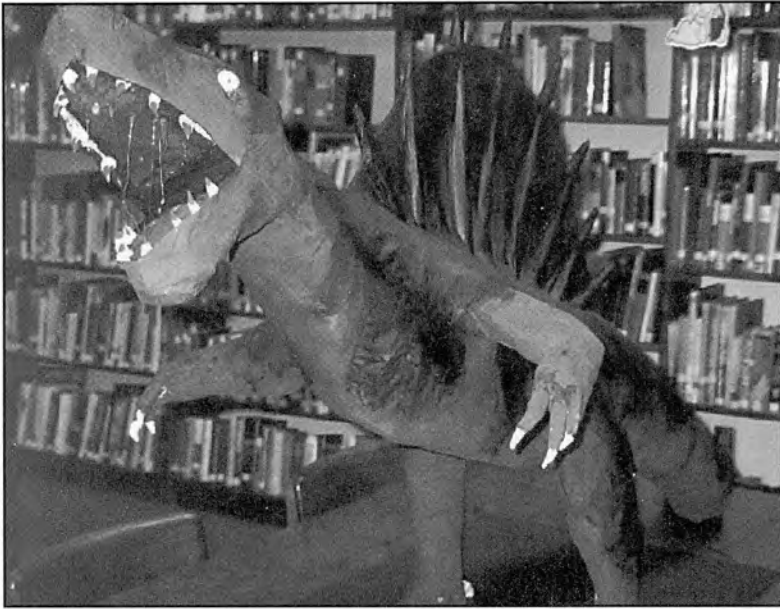
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Jason writes that in 23 days he will be M.O.S. qualified as a 14s Avenger crewmember. Following a Christmas break at home, he leaves for Korea.

## News from Old Boy, Roger Bigler

Earlier in the fall, the school received a letter from Roger A. Bigler, class of '55. This is a portion of his letter and some photos he shared with us.

"I 'semi' retired to the Philippines about 1987 and established a 'hobby' business in Architectural Stained Glass which is currently operating and providing the greatest portion of original design, custom made, stained and beveled art glass product for the Philippines. The business is self-operating and has allowed me to build a fine resort in Peerto Galera, Mindoro, Philippines. This is a 'condominium hotel' of approximately 35 rooms, with homes of of one, two and three bedrooms, which are in the 'rental' market for absentee owners. It is the finest, first class resort in the whole island of Mindoro, and has long term leases with many foreign embassys as a 'vacation retreat' for the personnel working in Manila. This resort is my personal home in the Philippines, and is the location of the best SCUBA diving in the Philippines."





## Local Foreign Exchange Students Visit Campus



*One classroom of cadets pose with girls.*

Spanish and French students had visitors in class for a few days in early December. They were Amelie Gillet from Lille, France and Elena Drenska from Sofia, Bulgaria. Both are Seniors at Central High School in Salina.

Topics discussed during class were geography of their countries, government, laws, school systems, family life, music and social customs.

The foreign exchange students also learned about SJMS. They were given a tour of the campus, including Linger Hall, the temporary mess hall, the Quartermasters and the chapel.

To show appreciation, the girls were each presented a St. John's t-shirt. "It is important to learn about other countries and cultures" said Mrs. Corby, the language instructor. "A great way to achieve this is to facilitate the foreign exchange program."

## Art Class shares talent with Corps

**(See related pictures at left)**

The art class completed a special art project just in time to share with the Corps before the holiday break.

Under Mr. Wiedeman's direction, Cadets worked in groups to make dinosaurs. This was more than just a paper mache' project. The cadets had to first decide what dinosaur to make, then had to do background research and study in order to make the correct dimensional form, correct color, etc.

The library became the scene of this very popular exhibit prior to Christmas break. When asked what was going to happen to our dinosaurs now, Mr. Wiedeman's response was "I don't really know yet."

## Lessons and Carols

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Advent also marks the beginning of the "new church year".

The Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols which the Cadets observed on the evening of December 10, is an ancient Christian practice, and is particularly observed in the Tradition of Anglicanism, the worldwide communion of Anglican Churches of which the Episcopal Church is an integral part.

The season is observed as a time of preparation and anticipation, not only for celebrating the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His first advent, but also for contemplating His second advent when He shall come again "in power and great glory" to judge all humanity and history.

The Rev'd Canon James R. Cox, Chaplain was the Assisting Priest and Gospeler for the Rt. Rev'd Vernon E. Strickland, Bishop of The Diocese of Western Kansas, Officiant. Also participating in the Liturgy were C/Maj. Mark Triebwasser, Bishop's Chaplain; C/1st Lt. Matthew Beynon, Crucifer; Cadets Michael Rolle, Charles Beriault, Casey VanLandingham, Nathaneal Alexander, Evan Marquez and Cameron Oertel, Torch Bearers; Cadets James Bray, Michael E. Harris, Robert Bilotte, LTC Michael Furlo, Mrs. Patricia McAlexander and Capt. E. A. McAlexander, Scripture Readers; and Cadets Steven Marcy, Ryan Levitan, Joshua Cantrell and Benjamin Warren, Ushers.

The St. John's Chapel Choir provided music, under the direction of Cadet Ricardo Greenwood, Choir Master, Vocal Music and Organ Master, Canon Royce Young, and Mrs. Ruth Cox, assisting.

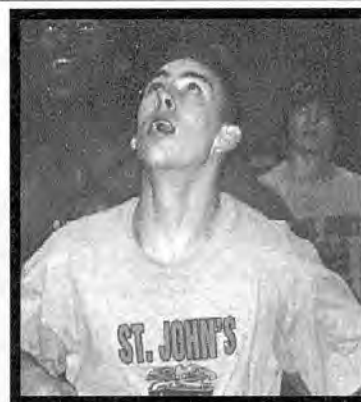
# Basketball Program

## Season opens on a high

The season began for the Muleskinners with a Flint Hills Tournament in Manhattan, and the cadets bringing home the third place trophy, winning two out of three games.

Their first home game of the season came on December 12 against Emmanuel Christian, using the Roosevelt-Lincoln Jr. H.S. gym.

With size and experience, the cadets defeated Emmanuel Christian 70-57. A 38-21 lead at halftime, the reserves got some playing time in the second half. All then Muleskinners scored with Jeff Wagstaff (17 points), Steve Macy (12) and Richard Owens (10) being the top scorers.



### Varsity/JV (remaining) Basketball Schedule 97-98

Jan 9	
St. Xavier	There
Jan 13	
Hope	There
Jan 16	
Solomon	Here
Jan 19-23	
League Tournament Week	
Jan 27	
St. Mary's	Here
Jan 30	
Centre	Here
Feb 3	
Enterprise	Here
Feb 6	
White City	There
Feb 10	
Bennington	Here
Feb 13	
Tescott	There
Feb 17	
Wakefield	Here
Feb 20	
Trinity Academy	Here
Feb 24	Open
Feb 27	Open
Mar 2-6	
Sub State Week	

### MS (remaining) Basketball Schedule 97-98

Jan 12	
White City	Here
Jan 15	
Bennington	There
Jan 22	
Geneseo	Here
Jan 26	
Emmanuel Christian	Here
Jan 29	
Marquette	There
Feb 2-7	
League Tournament, Solomon	

## Wrestling Program

The Wrestlers came back from their first meet in Lincoln with several wins. Thomas McComber received a first place as the outstanding freshman at the match. Matt Beynon and Josh Cantrell received first places in their weight class; Dustin Rekow and Matt Webster received second places in their weight class and Michael Leonard, Cameron Oertel, Tom Zackary and Tyler Schell received third place finishes in their weight classes.

### Remaining Wrestling Schedule 97-98

Jan 15	
Abilene/Beloit	Here
Jan 16-17	
Halstead Tournament	There
Jan 20	
SE Saline & Haven	There
Feb 7	
SE Saline Tournament	There
Feb 20-21	
Regionals	TBA
Feb 27-28	
State	TBA

## Paintball still popular activity

Probably the most popular event for the Cadets during an Activity Day is the movies, but coming in at a close second is Paintball.

With our own equipment, the ROTC department can schedule the event as time permits, but there is never enough time to cover the interest. Shown below, scenes from a recent war.

## Drill Team/Color Guard Competition

On December 6, the St. John's Drill Team and Color Guard traveled to Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City to compete in the Oklahoma JROTC Invitational with 37 other high schools from the Midwest.

The color guard, consisting of cadets Ronald Gray, Sam Hinderliter, Aaron Holm, and Jason Smith, under the guidance of cadet Command Sergeant Major Joel Vance, performed first and did well. They performed the routine with precision and represented St. John's very well.

The drill team was the guidance of cadet First Lieutenant Michael Harris and commanded by cadet Staff Sergeant Ryan Levitan. It consisted of cadets: Ivan Cunningham, Ronald Gray, Aaron Holm, John Jonas, Jonah Rand, Pedro Romero, Nathan Silvers, Eric Siskosky and James Von Norman. They performed in an outstanding fashion and just missed placing second in the competition.

This was the first competition this year and the cadets worked hard to get ready and learned a lot during the competition. Both units are coached by 1SG Amon Tidmore and will be back in competition on January 17, at KU in Lawrence, KS.





**Scenes from Color Guard and Drill Team Competition at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City, on December 7.** *(See article on page 15)*



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