



# THE SKIRMISHER

ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL  
Home of *The MULESKINNERS*



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## Armstrong Chapel Story

**"new" building with old charm**

One of the oldest buildings on campus and one of the few buildings remaining for "old boys" visiting, is the Armstrong Memorial Chapel of St. John The Evangelist.

Back in the early 40's, with the Corps outgrowing the chapel located in Vail Hall, the school's superintendent, COL Remey Clem, dreamed of erecting a new chapel on the campus, but wartime restrictions had hindered this accomplishment. When World War II ended in the fall of 1945, Camp Phillips, an army training base southwest of Salina, was deactivated and many of the buildings at the camp were sold by the government.

During the interim, fate entered the picture. John Bradford Armstrong, who was stationed at the Smoky Hill Army Air Field near the School, endeared himself in a very short time to many Salina people both in and outside the Church. After his untimely death, a movement was begun to have a new chapel to be dedicated as a memorial to this young man who so splendidly represented the high type of manhood idealized at the School. A very generous gift by Armstrong's aunt which was matched by an equal amount given by the National Council of the Episcopal Church and a number of other gifts, made up the cost of the building.

On November 9, 1945, the Board of Trustees approved filing a bid of \$1500 for one the Chapels at Camp Phillips, with the selection of the chapel being left to Colonel Clem. This first bid was rejected, but The Colonel succeeded later in purchasing the building for \$2000. The building was moved to the School campus, remodeled and furnished. It was dedicated and consecrated by Bishop Nichols in 1947.

The chapel was renovated in 1986. Rather than having a fund drive to build a new one it was decided to restore the old structure (originally designed by Gen. John "Black Jack" Pershing.) The restoration project was funded by a \$75,000 grant from the St. John's foundation. An additional \$20,000 was given by several individuals to purchase ten stained glass windows which depict Old and New Testament stories.

In the fall of '93, the chapel was once again refurbished thru a most generous donation given by Mrs. Jessie Given. She gave this gift in memory of her late son, Don J. Thompson, who



The five windows on the north side of the chapel are dedicated to the events of the Old Testament or Hebrew scriptures, while those on the south side are from the New Testament. Plaques are placed below each window which shows donor's name:

- (#1N) "Creation" window - Cloyd Pugh, in memory of Maj Dennis G. Pugh
- (#2N) "Noah and the Ark" - Jerry & Sammie May, Clovis, NM
- (#3N) "Abraham and sacrifice of his son Isaac" - In memory of Stephen J. Hoppe, SGT/USA, 1960-82
- (#4N) "Moses - Parting of the Red Sea" - Honald & Evelyn Leach, in memory of Arthur Clay Leach
- (#5N) "Mighty Counselor" - D. Dale Browning
- (#6S) "Pentecost" - Jack and Donna Vanier
- (#7S) "Resurrection" - LTC Paul H. and Mrs. Mary E. Kellogg, USMC (Ret)
- (#8S) "Last Supper" - Lt. Col and Mrs. Virgil B. Loy
- (#9S) "Suffer the Little Children" - Denny and Judy Dumler in honor of David L. Dumler, class of '87
- (#10S) "Nativity scene" - Keith and Liz Duckers

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## President's Message

### Capt. E. A. McAlexander

In reflecting on our effort to continually improve St. John's, it has occurred to us that perhaps we do not

ask the parents and guardians of our cadets for enough feedback. While I feel we have sufficient dialogue with most of our patrons, it is usually about specific topics or situations. We communicate concerning grades, promotions, travel arrangement, etc., but we rarely talk about how we can improve the service that St. John's provides. And, if we asked pertinent questions during one of our typical

conversations, the responses would probably be influenced by the original topic.

In an attempt to find out what things we can do better, we will have a trial program this semester in which each patron will be called once a month by one of the faculty or staff. The caller will not necessarily be someone who knows the cadet, and the purpose of the call will not be a progress report. Rather, the purpose of the call will be to answer any general questions a patron might have about the school, and to ask the patron a few questions. Our questions will deal with the patron's perception of how

we are fulfilling our mission, and where we can make improvements.

Obviously we will not make substantial changes based on one or two calls. But, I will be personally interested in the comments, and we will look for trends and problems areas. I will discuss the responses in future columns, and provide as much feedback as possible.

I hope that all of our patrons will take a few minutes to visit with the callers, and will honestly respond to any questions they might ask. Together we will find ways to improve St. John's and ensure it meets the challenges of today and the future.



## Commandant's Message

### LTC Mike Furlo

Hopefully all our cadets had a good Christmas break. From our Military Staff's view there were very few problems and nothing

to dampen the atmosphere of this festive holiday season. We are all looking forward to the challenges of the second semester of the 98-99 school year.

The Military Department is now taking cadet applications for the Officer's Candidate School (OCS) class which will be conducted in January 1999. The requirements for a cadet's acceptance for the OCS

program remain unchanged. First, and for most, all prospective cadet officers must be academically sound. Thus, the minimum acceptable grade point average is an 85%. Secondly, the cadet must be a second semester sophomore or above. The other two requirements are that only cadet/sergeants and above are considered and a recommendation by the cadet's Senior Cadet Advisor are essential in order for cadets to attend the program. This process has gone a long way toward training our leader cadets.

A few years ago we instituted "Instant Tours" for some school rule infractions. This meant that cadets received immediate feedback for breaking certain

school rules. I'm glad to say we now also have established the "Commandant's Pass" and "Get Out of Jail" cards as a means of instant reward for good or helpful behavior. The "Commandant's Pass" allows a cadet to have an off-campus pass for one Friday evening, while the "Get Out of Jail" card can reduce the number of punishment marching tours by up to 5 tours. Both of these rewards have proven to be useful tools in our quest to re-enforce acceptable school behavior.

Again, from all of us in the Military Department, we hope all have had a joyous and safe Holiday Season and best wishes for the new year.



## Academic Dean's Message

### Dr. Mike Culp

I just want to make a short comment that I believe it was a good semester.

With the numerous field trips planned including the ski trip and snake hunt, I expect the second semester to be even more exciting.

The Winter Carnival will be the Cadets' first social event of the semester and this is always appreciated after their sometimes reluctance to return from the Holidays.

I am making a recruitment trip to Mexico City, January 6-11, and am looking forward to visiting with some of our current and future St. John's parents.

# Best Wishes for the coming Year.

## Second Grading Period Honors are Announced

### Congratulations to the BLUE BERETS

(Those three students receiving the highest top scholars from the Upper School and Middle School)

#### Upper School:

Kelly Coggins  
Jacob Crenshaw  
Robert Bilotte

#### Middle School:

Rex Robichaux  
Daniel Wilcox  
Curtis Hurwitz

#### HONOR ROLL:

Making the Academic Dean's Honor Roll for the second Grading Period from the Upper School are: Kelly Coggins 97.028; Jacob Crenshaw 96.628; Robert Bilotte 96.525; Brian McDonough 96.172; George Vogler 95.968; Lance Hoover 95.557; Pedro Romero 95.353; Michael Leeds 95.336; Ryan North 95.272; Thomas Zackary 95.207; David Holdcraft 95.172; Jonathan Hiller, 95.105; Peter Wilcox 94.818; Joshua Crenshaw 94.557; Zachary Smith 94.408; Erik Howard 93.668 and Todd Gardner 93.534.

Making the Middle School Honor Roll are: Rex Robichaux 95.535 and Daniel Wilcox 93.595.

#### HONORABLE MENTION:

Cadets earning a place on the Academic Dean's Honorable Mention from the Upper School are: Benjamin Warren 93.497; Carter Barger 93.461; Michael Leonard 93.370; Nicholas Lehman 93.171; Jason Pickart 93.041; Hyun Yoon 92.888; Joseph Mooney 92.772; Robert Carns 92.354; Adam Reue 91.814; Reno Junizwan 91.655; John Schladale 91.532; Lucas Hofman 91.428; Cameron Walsh 91.311; Chaim Beaumont 91.306; Jacob Ashwander 90.607; Joshua Lane 89.904; Isaac Knutson 89.902; Blake McMurtrey 89.462; Lucas Donelson 89.348; Jeffrey Paul 89.164; Luis Romero 89.147; Jason Malmstrom 89.124 and Eric Stalnaker 88.711.

From the Middle School are: Curtis Hurwitz 92.987; Christopher Boesker 92.936; Trent Peterson 92.490; Benjamin Walker 91.575; Sherid Schonert 91.246; Jason Edwards 90.501; Brayden Kuhre 90.232; Brandon Fanning 90.218; Kareem "Nick" Dockery 90.053; Patrick Scott 89.807; and Alan Daly 88.513.

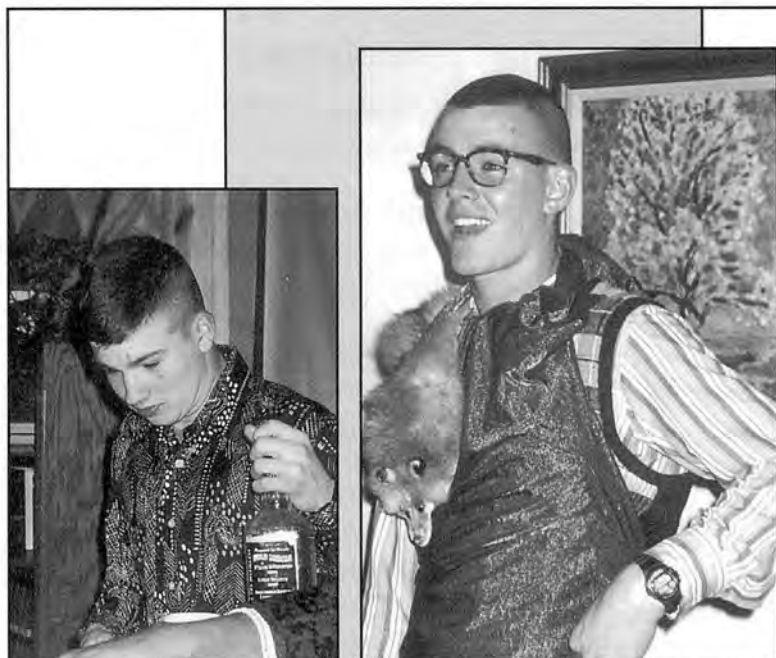


## Corps takes part in Salina's Veterans' Day Parade

*Pictured, Battalion Staff and Color Guard take the lead.*







# The Nerd

by Larry Shue

**Presented by the Drama Department**

**Directed by Mrs. Chris Peterson**

*Performances were held on*

*November 18 and 20*

## *Starring:*

*Jordan Jeffries as Willum Cubbert*

*Alois Peter as Rick Steadman*

*Kelly Coggins as Tansy McGinnis*

*Dave Stoutenbourough as Axel Hammond*

*John Cherin as Warnock Waldgrave*

*Sam Fujiwara as Clelia Waldgrave*

*James Wilson as Thor Waldgrave*

## *Crew:*

*State Managers - James Wilson, Chris Preusker and Jason Goss*

*Lights - Steven North*

*Sound - John Conroy and Ed Sumner*

*Costumes - Salina Community Theater*

*Publicity - Kelly Coggins and Brian Vogler*

*Chef - Kelly Coggins*

*Set Construction - Garry Peterson, Jason Goss, James Wilson, Ed Sumner, Dave Stoutenbourough and Chris Preusker*

*Art Work - Jason Goss and Dave Stoutenbourough*

*Makeup - Maggie Koerth, Jenny Lincoln and Dustin Stovall*

## 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.

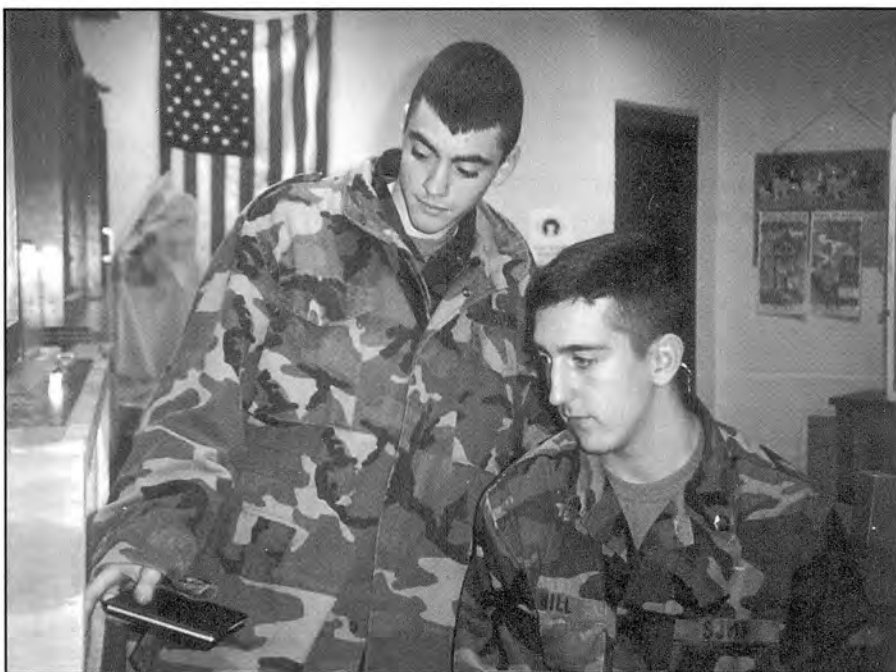
Any questions concerning the inspection/management plan should be directed to Dean L. Chiles, who has been designated as the Asbestos Program Manager for St. John's Military School.

# Happenings on Campus

## Houdini returns

After escaping from its cage four months ago, the snake returns to captivity. Mrs. Nicholson's four year old snake, Houdini is back and on display as cadets Jordan Blevins and James Hill looks on. Mrs. Terri Nicholson is Biology Instructor for the Upper School.

Below, John Gibas closely watches his crickets before dissecting begins.



Annual flu shots were administered by Nurse Sherri Yates. About 190 shots were given. Above, Cadet Justin Allison is trying to decide if the pain is worth the candy bar reward.

### ***The SKIRMISHER***

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## Battalion Staff Reorganized

With recent **Special Orders**, some new assignments have taken place. Listed are those Cadets in Staff positions:

**Battalion Commander - Ben Warren**

**S1 - Kelly Coggins**

**S2/S5 - Thomas Zackary**

**S3 - Ryan Levitan**

**S4 - Jake Solbakken**

**HHC Commander - John Conroy**  
**Alpha Co. Commander - Dustin Rekow**

**Bravo Co. Commander - H. Kevin Yoon**

**OIC of Dining Facility - Michael Leonard**

**Command Sergeant Majors - Ethan Noll.**

## Chapel Story

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attended St. John's from 1941-44. The restoration included the creation of a choir loft, additional pews in the main chapel area, carpeting, padded kneelers and pews and air conditioning of the chapel. Mrs. Given's great grandson, Daniel Moran, also was a graduating member of the 105th Corps.

The latest addition was a Johannus digital organ given by an anonymous donor which was dedicated in October '95.

With required chapel attendance at least three days each week, the cadets appreciate the many modern improvements along with the remaining old charm.

# Ribbons authorize

special orders recognizing participation

## Community Service

**Ribbons** - John Childers, John Kunkel, Christopher Pineda, Colin Wait, Jonathan Allaband, John Coleman, Jason Goss, Michael Leonard, Tyler Schell, John Schlada, Patrick Scott, Bradley Spielman, James Wilson, Steven North, Christopher Boesker, Rex Robichaux and Alan Daly.

**Ribbon Bronze Lamp** - H. Kevin Yoon, Thomas Zackary

## Band Members

**Band Fig. 8, Brass Pin, Lyre, Ribbon** - Jacob Crenshaw.

**Band Fig. 4, Brass Pin, Lyre, Ribbon** - Alois Peter

**Band Cord, Brass Pin, Lyre, Ribbon** - Glenn Acomb, Joshua Crenshaw, Lucas Donelson, Alexander Fabian, Christopher Henderson, Jason Malmstrom, John Schlada, Peter Wilcox.

**Band Cord, Brass Pin, Lyre, M.S. Ribbon** - Alan Daly, Brandon Fanning, Sherid Schonert, Patrick Scott, Bradley Spielman and Daniel Wilcox.

## Spartans

**Beret, Cord, Bar Pin and Flash** - Benjamin Anesi, Lucas Hofman, David Pankey, Jonathan Smith, Zachary Smith, George Vogler and Benjamin Warren.

## National Honor Society

**Cord and Bronze Lamp** - Robert Bilotte.

**Cord and Ribbon** - Kelly Coggins.  
**Figure 8, and Bronze Lamp** - Benjamin Warren.

## Blue Berets

**Blue Beret Figure 8** - Robert Bilotte.

**Cord and Beret** - Kelly Coggins.  
**Cord, Beret and Ribbon** - Erik Howard, George Vogler, Brayden Kuhre and Daniel Wilcox.

**Cord, Beret and Gold Star** - Rex Robichaux.

## Drill Team

**Figure 8, Brass Pin and Gold Lamp** - Ryan Levitan.

**Cord, Brass Pin and Bronze Lamp** - Charles Beriault, John Coleman, Alois Peter, Christopher Ryman, Nathan Silvers and James VonNormann.

**Cord, Brass Pin and Ribbon** - Brandon Holsworth, Steven Katzman and Ethan Noll.

## Color Guard

**Figure 8, Brass Tab and Ribbon** - Christopher Pineda.

**Cord, Brass Pin and Bronze Lamp** - Steven Katzman and Michael Ratliff.

**Cord, Brass Tab and Ribbon** - Lance Hoover, Cody Humphrey and David Miller.

## Cadet Court

**Figure 8 and Bronze Lamp** - Benjamin Warren.

**Cord and Ribbon** - Christopher Henderson, Michael Leonard, Joseph Mooney, H. Kevin Yoon and Thomas Zackary.

## Chapel Council

**Chapel Council Officer's Cross** - Nathan Silvers.

**Chapel Council Cross** - Glenn Acomb, Robert Carns, John Carson, Alan Daly, Kareem Dockery, Brandon Fanning, Lucas Hofman, Curtis Hurwitz, Scott Matney, Ryan North, Trenton Peterson, David Pankey, Dustin Rekow and Colin Wait.



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

### **SO 78-99 dated 10/26/98**

Matthew Borwn and Robert Carns to PV1.

### **SO 85-99 cated 10/29/88**

Geoffrey Hauptli to PV1.

### **SO 88-99 dated 10/30/98**

Jacob Ashwander, Jonathan Hiller, Renoi Junizwan, Isaac Knutson, David Lee, Brett Leviner, Jason Pickart, Luis Romero, Zachary Russell, Zachary Smith, Richard Soto and Christopher Stenberg to PFC.

### **SO 89-99 dated 10/30/98**

Joshua Lane to PV2.

### **SO 93-99 dated 11/2/98**

Gregory Davis to PV1.

### **SO 105-99 dated 11/6/98**

Robert Carns, Duley Johnson and Adam Magrum to PV1.

### **SO 107-99 dated 11/6/98**

Andres Benoit, John Carson, Jason Cone, Joshua Crenshaw, Lucas Donelson, John Eaves, Brandon Fanning, Christopher Finkey, John Gibas, Erik Howard, Jason Malmstrom, Richard Martinez, Joseph Mooney, John Romolo, Angel Roman, John Schladae, Sherid Schonert, Bradley Spielman, Adam Smith, Jonathan Smith and Chad Tate to PFC.

### **SO 122-99 dated 11/13/98**

Jacon Brenshaw to PFC; Eric Stalnaker, Robert Carns, Gregory Davis, Adam Magrum and Blake McMurtrey to PV2.

### **SO 123-99 dated 11/16/98**

Brian Murphy to PV1.

### **SO 126-99 dated 11/17/98**

Ryan Levitan, Dustin Rekow, H. Kevin Yoon and Thomas Zackary to 1LT; James Martling to CPL; Christopher Henderson, Jason Hilton and David Stoutenborough to PFC.

### **SO 127-99 dated 11/17/98**

Lucas Moore, Jeramey Stanford and Barry Troutt to PV2.

### **SO 129-99 dated 11/18/98**

Steven North to PFC.

### **SO 130-99 dated 11/18/98**

Matthew Brown and Duley Johnson to PV2.

### **SO 134-99 dated 11/20/98**

Jonathan Hitchcock, Ryan North, Nathan Stevenson and Justin Wassum to PFC.

### **SO 135-99 dated 11/22/98**

Christopher Boesker, Alexander Fabian, David Holdcraft, Lance Hoover and Steven Katzman to SGT; George Vogler to SSG.

### **SO 138-99 dated 11/24/98**

Glenn Acomb, Patrick Scott and Barry Troutt to PFC; John Conroy to 1LT.

### **SO 156-99 dated 12/2/98**

Jason Goss to PFC; Carter Barger and Lucas Hofman to CPL.

### **SO 157-99 dated 12/2/98**

Jordan Blevins and John Gibas to PV2; Brian McDonough to SGT.

### **SO 171-99 dated 12/11/98**

Jonathan Mo, Adam Reue and Christopher Wharton to PFC; Joshua Crenshaw, Lucas Donelson, Christopher Henderson, Brock Howell, Reno Junizwan, Jason Malmstrom, Bradley Manzanaras and Daniel Wilcox to CPL; Pedro Romero to SSG; Ethan Noll to MSG; Charles Beriault to WO1, Kelly Coggins and Jake Solbakken to 1LT and Ryan Levitan to CPT.

### **SO 172-99 dated 12/11/98**

Joshua Selland to PV2 and Tarik Trujillo to SGT.

### **SO 174-99 dated 12/14/98**

Gregory Bonhan to PFC; Jonathan Hiller, David Lee, Adam Smith, Zachary Smith, Christopher Stenberg and Allen Torda to CPL.

### **SO 175-99 dated 12/14/98**

John Kunkel to PFC and Nathan Silvers to PV1.

### **SO 177-99 dated 12/16/98**

Robert Carns, Gregory Davis, Duley Johnson, Nicholas Lehman, Lucas Moore and Travis Mulder to PFC; Isaac Knutson, David Pankey and Luis Romero to CPL; James Hill and Peter Wilcox to SSG; John Coleman and Jordan Jeffries to SFC.

## New Boys make Old Boy Rank

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 90-99 dated 10/30/98**

Joshua Shaffer to PV2.

### **SO 100-99 dated 11/4/98**

Kyle Davis and Adam Reue to PV2.

### **SO 113-99 dated 11/11/98**

Nicholas Lehman, Benjamin Maertens, Nathan Juarez and Christopher Wharton to PV2.

### **SO 125-99 dated 11/16/98**

Michael Blacker to PV2.

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## Zackary a finalist for military academy

Growing up in a military family, it's not too surprising that senior Thomas Zackary, Salina, is considering a military career. He remembers traveling to a wrestling practice as an 8th grader, and telling his father he also wanted a military career. His dad will soon be completing 20 years in the Marine Corps.

In November, Zackary was one of 23 students competing as candidates from throughout the First District who had applied for admission to the U.S. Air Force, Military, Naval, or Merchant Marine Academies. Of the 23 candidates, there were three cadets, including one from Wentworth Military School and one from New Mexico Military Institute.



Candidates met personally with Kansas Congressman Jerry Moran during the First District Academy Selection Board meeting held at the Kansas Cosmosphere in Hutchinson.

It was a long day for the candidates which included both individual and group interviews. The 16-member selection board was made up of Kansas veterans, reservists, educators, administrators and local officials. Once the final process of evaluating the candidates was completed, the selection board forwarded its recommendations to Moran. Service academy nominations are based on a combination of test scores, class rank, grade point average, school records, extracurricular activities, leadership potential, motivation, recommendations and final interview evaluations.

Zackary has been notified that he has received a Competitive Alternate nomination for both Westpoint and the Naval Academy. *We wish you luck Tom!*

## Spotlight on the Band

by Jacob Crenshaw  
Jubail, Saudi Arabia

This looks to be a promising year for the St. John's Band. The major reason is that Mrs. Wendy Stein, band director and music teacher at St. John's for 14 years, is back after a one-year break. A part of St. John's from 1984 to 1997, she couldn't stay away for long. When asked how long she's going to stick around this time, Mrs. Stein replied, "I'm back until I'm too old to march."



The Stein family is pictured as they perform at one of the Formal Receptions.

With only a few band members returning, the band this year is a "young" group made up of mostly first year cadets. With so much going it didn't take the new cadets long to learn the ropes of marching band and they are doing a great job. Performances to date have been three parades, Parents' Weekend, a band clinic where the band had a chance to play together with other school bands as one large band, and various varsity sports games.

## New Boy Promotions *(Continued from page 7)*

**SO 129-99 dated 11/18/98**

Chaim Beaumont to SGT; Gregory Bonham and Anthony Parsons to PV2.

**SO 156-99 dated 12/2/98**

Whitner Graham, Christopher Preusker, Michael Scott, Michael Shriver and Tyler Wagenseller to PV2.

**SO 166-99 dated 12/10/98**

Adam Crawford, Corey Dixon, Brian Dwyer, Brandon Scott, Brandon Lancaster, John Stowe and Cameron Walsh to PV2.

**SO 170-99 dated 12/11/98**

Justin Allison and Bradley Cox to PV2.

**SO 176-99 dated 12/16/98**

Beau Foulk, Todd Gardner, Brian Goracke, Daniel Han and Michael Leeds to PV2.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Watch for the February issue of the Skirmisher to get your first clue in a **Treasure Hunt** to be held on the SJMS Campus. All cadets are invited to take part for a cash reward starting at \$5. Cash will be added weekly until the Treasure is found.



# Class Notes

## TAPS

LtCol Arthur W. Long  
Des Moines, Iowa  
Date Unknown  
Former SJMS Instructor

Paul Simpson  
Loveland, Colorado  
Died October 27 at age 93  
Former SJMS Instructor

Margaret Culp  
Belleville, Kansas  
Died November 4 at age 91  
Mother to  
Academic Dean Dr. Mike Culp

Shirley Walter  
Lincoln, Kansas  
Died November 9, 1998  
Mother to  
Instructor Devon Walter

Armand deBeque  
Denver, Colorado  
Died December 5  
SJMS Old Boy  
Class of '31

Robert Barringer Crooks  
San Diego, California  
Died December 9 at age 89  
SJMS "Old Boy"  
Class of '28

Elroy A. McAlexander  
Mayetta, KS  
Died December 14 at age 81  
Father to School's President

*(Some related information  
follows)*

LtCol G. W. Vinup USMC (Ret), and "Old Boy" Class of '64, advised the school of the death of **LtCol Arthur W. Long**, date of death unknown, but believed within the last year.

He is better remembered at St. John's as Major Long, professor of Military Science. Vinup learned of Long's death while reading the Marine Corps Mustang Association News and was able to share with the school his bio which was extracted from a book compiled by John Darracott, "Mustangs of the Corps." (A copy of this is available upon request.)

In between several tours of active duty, Colonel Long was an educator including his instruction at St. John's from 1961 thru 1966. Upon his release from active duty in 1970, he began a 20-year career in the Des Moines Public School System as Science Teacher and Chairman of the Health Service Department, Des Moines Technical High School. He continued to reside in Des Moines, Iowa until his death.

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Edward Lehman "Old Boy" Class of '43, wrote the school of **Paul Simpson's** death, as did Paul Simpson, Jr., son of the deceased. Robert "Bones" Snyder, Class of '46 also called and shared memories of Simpson.

CPT Paul Simpson was an instructor of mathematics from 1929 thru 1944 at St. John's. Following three years of military service he returned for the 1947-48 school year as the Commandant.

The obituary provided information that Simpson was born in 1905 at Harper, Kansas and received his master's degree from Kansas State University.

He married Dorothy Gross in August '41 in Salina who preceded him in death in 1996. He was a teacher and school administrator at Iolani H.S. in Honolulu before moving to Loveland, Colorado in 1995. He was 93 at time of death.

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Armand "Gene" deBeque, "Old Boy" Class of '69 wrote that his dad, **Armand deBeque**, Old Boy, Class of '31, died on December 5 after a long battle of Parkinson's disease.

Gene said that his dad was very proud of having attended SJMS and shared many memories of Colonels Perkins, Clem, Kellogg and Duckers, along with Al Hart, the school chef. Gene remembers playing TAPS at Al's funeral while he was in attendance. Al had been a night watchman at that time.

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The school received the obituary of "Old Boy" **Bob Crooks**, who was the Battalion Commander of the 28th Corps of Cadets. He was also president of his senior class, editor of the school paper, Captain of the Crack Squad, expert rifleman plus recipient of other honorariums. In recent years he has been recognized as an Honorary Colonel and Brigadier at St. John's.

Crooks was a real estate broker, maintained his own office on Point Loma for 51 years, served on numerous national and state realtor association boards and supported many civic and business organizations in the San Diego area. He is survived by a daughter.

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**Clark Turner**, "Old Boy"  
Attended 1928-29,  
391 Coconut Dr.  
Indialantic FL 32903

Mr. Turner telephoned the school recently advising that he hadn't been back on campus for about 40 years and was wondering what the school was like now. One of his several questions was did we still have horses. Information and photos were mailed to Turner, who resides in Florida, to help bring him up to date. *Good to hear from you again, Clark!*

**Robert Taylor**, "Old Boy"  
Class of '89  
7200 Pierce St.  
Yakima WA 98908

Robert called to see if any of his classmates would be returning to St. John's for a 10 year reunion. He is anxious to hear what kind of a turnout we'll have. *Let us know, class of '89!*

## REMINDER Commencement

**will be on  
Saturday  
afternoon,  
May 15,  
rather than  
the  
traditional  
Sunday  
morning  
program.**

# Basketball Program

## Season look'n good with return talent

Going into the basketball season this year, the Mule-skinners have high expectations. Enough talent from last year's 13-8 squad is back to give players, coaches and fans reason to expect good things this season. After finishing second last year in the Eisenhower League before advancing to postseason play, team concept and a more workmanlike attitude is expected to make the difference, said Coach Chuck Speilman. St. John's returns four letter winners including three starters who led the team in scoring and rebounding - Senior Jake Solbakken and Juniors Jordan Jeffries and Sam Fujiwara.

Even with their height, rebounding and quickness, the cadets lost their opening game. A disastrous second half against Trinity Academy in Wichita on December 4, resulted in the cadets being outscored 26-10 in the final two quarters and losing 55-32. Sam Fujiwara led the cadets with 10 points. The cadets couldn't handle their man-to-man press in the second half after keeping a close first half.

The cadets used a 9-4 closing run to score a 59-54 victory over Enterprise Academy on Dec. 12. They rallied from a 40-39 deficit heading into the final eight minutes to improve to 2-1 for the season. The coach applauded his team's defensive effort down the stretch, saying they were getting good shots and rebounding well. Fujiwara, a 6'4" junior, led with 22 points, Jordan Jeffries added 15 points, nine rebounds and three blocks, while Steve Katzman contributing 13 points.

The cadets had back-to-back wins when they played St. Mary's Academy on December 11 and Enterprise on December 12. They beat a good St. Mary's team by a score of 59-59. The leading scorer was Steve Katzman with 20 points, followed by Sam Fujiwara with 19. The game was tied with Jeffries hit 9 of 12 field gola attempts and finished with 19 points for the Mule-skinners. Fujiwara finished with 24 points.

The game with Enterprise on December 12 was a close victory due to good defense in the last four minutes of the game. With the game tied at 50-50, the cadets went on to outscore their opponents 9-4, ending with a 59-54 victory. Three cadets scored in double figures with Fujiwara leading at 22, Jeffries with 15 and Katzman with 13 points.

Making defense their prime focus for their next game, they beat Emmanuel Christian on December 14, 71-36, improving their record to 3-1 in the

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### Varsity/JV (remaining) Basketball Schedule 98-99

Jan 8	
Tescott	Here
Jan 12	
Solomon	There
Jan 15	
White City	Here
Jan 18-23	
League Tournament Week	
Jan 26	
St. Mary's	Here
Jan 29	
Hope	Here
Feb 2	
Kick a Poo	Here
Feb 5	
St. Xavier	There
Feb 9	
Centre	There
Feb 12	
Wakefield	There
Feb 16	
Bennington	There
Feb 20	
Emmanuel Christian	Here
Feb 23	
Enterprise	There
Mar 1-6	Sub State Week
March 10-13	State

### MS (remaining) Basketball Schedule 98-99

Jan 14	
Bennington	Here
Jan 25	
Emmanuel Christian	There
Jan 26	
St. Mary's	Here
Jan 28	
Marquette	Here
Feb 1-6	
League Tournament, Tescott	



# Wrestling Program

by 2LT Thomas Zackary

Skinner Wrestling is off to a good start for the 98-99 season. With a great showing at our first tournament of the season held in Lincoln on December 5, individual results were as follows. Receiving 1st places were Lucas Hofman and Tyler Schell. Second places were taken by Greg Davis, Cartter Barger and Tom Zackary. Receiving 3rd places were Matt Brown, David Pankey, Jason Cone, John Carson and Y. Kevin Yoon. Ben Maertins placed 4th and both Eric Stalnaker and Josh Crenshaw placed 5th. As a team, St. John's took third place with 150 points.

St. John's hosted a tournament on December 10 with two tough matches against Minneapolis and Lincoln. Even though the Cadets lost, these matches were close duals.

The triangle included four double troubles. Winning both matches were Hoffman, Zackary, Schell and Pankey pinning both of their men. Others credited with a win were Brown by a pin and Cameron Walsh by a forfeit. The final team scores were Minneapolis 45, St. John's 36, Lincoln 57 and St. John's 23.

The cadets will be taking part in the Minneapolis Tournament and hosting Beloit and Belleville prior to Christmas break.

## Remaining Wrestling Schedule 98-99

Jan 7	Beloit/Russell	Beloit
Jan 14	Abilene/Beloit	Abilene
Jan 15	Halstead	Halstead
Jan 16	Halstead	Halstead
Jan. 19	Southeast/Haven	Haven
Feb. 6	S/E Tournament	S/E

## Basketball Program

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final game before the holiday break. The Cadets went into halftime with a 40-12 lead. Jeffries hit 9 of 12 field goal attempts and finished with 19 points. Fujiwara finished with 24 points for the Mule-skinners.

"A big part of our game is the transition," Fujiwara said. "We've got good outside shooting, but even our big guys down low are quick and we can get the ball down the court." "With Jordan in the middle, he's getting rebounds and always looking down the floor," Speilman said.

## JV plays same schedule. . .

The Jr. Varsity team also won against Emmanuel Christian, 36-26, after losing their first three games. They lost to St. Mary's Academy 28-46 and to Enterprise Academy 56-42. Leading scorer for the cadets was Jason Hilton with 12 points in each game. Hilton and Speilman ended with 9 points each in their win against Emmanuel Christian.

## M.S. fun to watch too . . .

A lot of enthusiasm and even some talent is obvious when the Middle School Cadets take the court. Their first home game was a close loss to Tescott, 31-35. They came out strong and beat Emmanuel Christian, 35-15 in their next game. But losing their home court advantage, they lost their next two games at Solomon and St. Mary's.

Under the direction of Coach Kelly Rudolph, the team is led by starters Dustin Tinney, James Martling, Brandon Fanning, Trenton Peterson and Chris Boesker, all 8th graders. Four games remain in the regular season followed by a tournament in Tescott during the first week in February.

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