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another Year . . . another brick . . . Stevens Center Dedicated

(Time Line - September 1996 to present)

The Board of Trustees gives go ahead, architect is hired, the contractor is named and Chapman begins fund drive.

Transition includes moving laundry into shooting range, kitchen into Rec Center and dining area into gymnasium.

Last meal in Nichols Hall, demolition begins, and window blocks salvaged as mementos.

Ground-breaking takes place and the multi-functional facility is named Stevens Center.

The Center is completed. Military staff and nurse moves into new quarters and new food director gives trial run. Mule-skinner & Chamber After-Hours initiate new facility.

Battalion Staff moves into new quarters and registration for Enrollment Weekend takes place in Stevens Center.



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President's Message

Capt. E. A. McAlexander

As you will notice on the back cover of the Skirmisher, we will hold our Graduation Ceremony on Saturday afternoon of Commencement Weekend, rather than Sunday morning. This will give everyone traveling on Sunday an opportunity to get away early in the day rather than the middle of the afternoon.

We will still have all of the tradi-

tional activities. The Military Awards Ceremony will take place during the Military Ball on Saturday evening. The Academic Awards ceremony will take place on Saturday morning at the Bicentennial Center, and will be followed by the Foundation Luncheon. After lunch we will have a religious service for the graduating seniors and the Freedom Tree Ceremony. We anticipate that the Graduation Ceremony will begin at 3:30 PM and the final Pass-

in-Review will end at approximately 5:30 PM.

We will keep the barracks and dining facility open until mid-morning on Sunday, the 16th, for cadets who will travel on Sunday.

We hope this schedule will be more convenient for everyone and that we can retain all of the important functions while making travel and personal planning easier.



Academic Dean's Message

Dr. Mike Culp

I'm pleased to be a new member of the St. John's family. As Academic Dean I find my task of helping make St. John's Military School a truly outstanding institution on a national level a task well on its way to success even as I begin my work here. Your sons' teachers are experienced and expert in deal-

ing with young men and with their individual needs in the classroom and always striving to add to their expertise. It's my job to facilitate that process to the maximum. I hope that you will call me whenever you have a concern or a positive comment so we can work together for your son's success.

I believe strongly in the power of self-esteem and self-control, over-

used as those terms may be. I will work hard with and for your sons to achieve these attributes. I will also work with the teachers and military staff to insure a full circle of success for each cadet.



Commandant's Message

LTC Mike Furlo

The 111th Corps of Cadets is settling in well and adjusting to life at St. John's Military School. Already

this year they have established a professional attitude in all their undertaking. Their performance in the Annual Santa Fe Day Parade aptly demonstrated the 111th is on the road to upholding the long distinguished history of preceding Corps of Cadets. This Corps' morale and appreciation for doing the job well, whatever it may be, confirms that these young men

have all the attributes to make this a truly noteworthy Corps of Cadets.

This year is especially significant due to all the changes with the campus infrastructure. The new Steven's Center has become the focal point for the every day routine of our cadets. Whether it's our three daily meals, a visit to the infirmary, playing games in the new Rec and shooting on the magnificent firing range, or reporting to the Duty Office, Steven's is the center of activity. Along with the physical changes to the campus, the Military De-

partment has added some new faces to our staff of Cadet Advisors. Master Sergeant Garry Heath, USA (Ret) joins our staff after living and working in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is currently working as a night/weekend Cadet Advisor in Clem/Ferris. Staff Sergeant John Hill has previously worked for the State in Hutchinson, Kansas. He is presently working in Sage Hall as a night Cadet Advisor. Our last addition to the Military Staff is Sergeant Garrett Winn who is a Salina native. Sergeant Winn participated in the Gulf War and is currently working in Sage Hall on the night/weekend shift. We extend a warm St. John's welcome to all these folks.



Formal Receptions

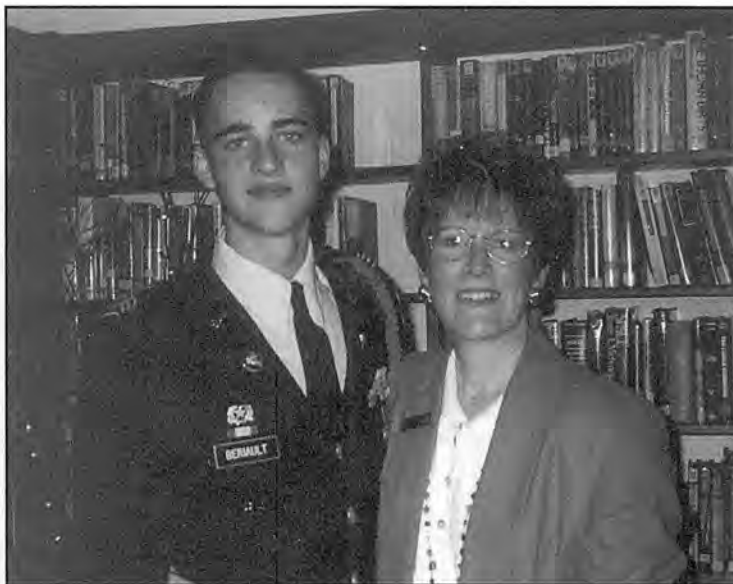
by Cadet Scott Smith

On Sunday, October 11, a reception took place in the Library of Vanier Hall with all juniors and seniors in attendance. About sixty guests from "off campus" were in attendance. Cadets were to introduce themselves to the guests along with an assigned mission to find a particular individual. In conversation, we were expected to learn things about the guests, such as their careers. After mingling and finding who we were looking for, 2LT Tom Zackary introduced the President, Captain Skip McAlexander. The Academic Dean, Dr. Culp, was introduced by SGT Michael Ratliff. SGT Cody Humphrey and 1SG Nathan Silvers then introduced a previous student of St. John's Military School, Larry Britegam. All the cadets' objectives were accomplished and it was a neat experience.

The Way to a Better Meal

by Alex Fabian

The year of the 111th corps has some changes and one of those changes comes in the form of a formal dinner hosted by two nice people who live at St. John's - Mrs. McAlexander and Mrs. Furlo. These ladies give lessons on proper and not so proper etiquette. They also teach civility and social graces. These dinners are held every Thursday evening and the ten selected cadets get a very nice dinner with entrees ranging from juicy steaks to succulent chicken breasts.



Above photo is Mrs. McAlexander with Presidential Liaison Charles Beriault. At left is a scene taken at a recent birthday party.



Our very own First Lady

When Capt. McAlexander was selected as President of St. John's the cadets got a bonus with Mrs. McAlexander. Realizing the need for a young man to know how to handle himself at social functions, Mrs. McAlexander became the social director, teaching cadets social graces from the initial RSVP to the final "thank you", including formal introductions, toasts and using proper eating utensions. In addition to the formal dinners and the formal receptions, she brings female students on campus for an exchange program and for discussion groups.

Also, hosting monthly birthday parties in her home for the cadets is a very special and popular event on campus.

Mrs. McAlexander is assisted by Mrs. Sandy Furlo, the Commandant's wife, and the cadet Presidential Liaison officer.

L. O. Bengtson elected Chairman of Board

Larry O. Bengtson was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting held in Estes Park in July. Mr. Bengtson, Salina, is an attorney at law for the firm of Clark, Mize and Linville, and began serving on the Board in 1988. He is beginning his fourth 3-year term.

New Board members are Mr. Larry Dunlap and Dr. Dave Peterson, Salina, and Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh of Topeka.

Mrs. Donna Vanier, Brookville and Mr. Stewart Horejsi, Salina, completed

two consecutive terms and were honored at a dinner at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park.

Continuing to serve on the Board are Larry Britegam, Ron Green, Bob Kastner, Lawton Nuss, Bruce Stainbrook, Charles Stevens, Jr., Karl Stutterheim, Darrell Wilson and The Rt. Rev. Vernon Strickland, all of Salina, and D. Dale Browning and Tim Soule of Colorado. The three Honorary Trustees are Louis Fulton, California, and Donald Leach and Mrs. Nelda Linger of Colorado.

"Old Boys" attending the Alumni forum on Saturday morning are pictured below. From left to right: Wes Capps, Dana Tretheway, Jack Fike, Kent Tretheway, David Elk, Jeff Guernsey, Fritz Schoeb, Nick Macauley, Jim Dennett, Morris Johnson and Robert Macauley.



Homecoming Weekend



50 Year Reunion:

Above, members of the class of '49 who were in attendance for their 50 year reunion: Wes Capps, Jack Fike, Nick Macauley and Morris Johnson.

At left: It was good to have Dana and Kent Tretheway both with us.

OLD BOY REUNION

by Tim Chapman, Director of Institutional Advancement

Twenty Old Boys returned to the campus of St. John's to help celebrate the first annual Old Boy Reunion. Class representatives from the 40s-50s-60s-70s-80s and 90s enjoyed some or all of the activities. The class of 1949 was the best class represented with four from their class making the trip to Salina.

During the Alumni Forum on Saturday morning, a small group discussed, between stories of the "old days," ways to improve the weekend for future years. A suggestion was made that representatives be asked to contact individuals by decade or by class to encourage them to come back in the fall. This would also help in the efforts to establish a current record of all SJMS alumni. Kent Tretheway '71 talked about the importance of staying in touch and contacting the school with any information regarding address changes, phone numbers, etc.

Tee times were reserved for those that wanted to play golf but the weather conditions along with some time consuming reminiscing did not allow any of us to swing a club. The weekend was a great success and the administration, staff and Corp of Cadets thank all who took time to return. In appreciation for the efforts of the staff, L. P. (Nick) Macauley '49 wrote, "Once again, you have exceeded the field of averages in your hospitality, your graciousness, your abilities to make 'Old Boys' feel welcome and above all, your administration of genuine and most sincere friendship.

It is always fun seeing old friendships renewed and to listen to stories of times not so long ago. I am grateful for the privilege to be apart of moments and days like these. The camaraderie and bond that ties all SJMS alumni together is unique. Thank you for coming home and sharing a moment of the past with those that are striving to make the future a bright one at St. John's.

Tim Soule, class of '65 and Larry Britegam, attending '64-65, were not available for the group picture but were both on hand for the Stevens Center Dedication on Sunday. Both are members of the Board of Trustees.



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Parents' Weekend superb

For the first time in many years, rain was a factor during Parents' Weekend, however the staff was equal to the task, adjustments were made and the weekend progressed smoothly. A record attendance of patrons arrived on Friday and faculty and military staff members were able to visit with many of the new parents. The Friday evening pep rally was cancelled and the cookout took place in Stevens Center, but the rain abated and with the exception of some wet bleachers, the Homecoming game took place on a beautiful evening. The cadets were defeated, but spirits were high as pass was granted immediately following the game.

The night time hours brought quite a storm with lightning, strong winds and heavy rain. But it dissipated in time for a pleasant morning. The Saturday morning formation and drill team performance took place in the gym because of the wet field surfaces, and a continental breakfast was served prior to the individual and group conferences. Following the military pass in review, also held in the gym, cadet passes were granted and the campus cleared almost immediately.

Sunday morning included Chapel, followed by the Stevens Center dedication. Charles Stevens, Jr. and Donna Vanier, both serving as Chairpersons during the period of construction, were on hand to unveil the building's bronze plaque.



CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Hallowe'en not satanism

by Father James Cox

From time to time Hallowe'en seems to suffer from some very negative publicity. As often as not in the past several years, it has been discribed by many as participation in "devil worship" or "satanism." The fact is, much of what is said about Hallowe'en, is erroneous. First off, Hallowe'en is not and never was a participation in "satanism."

The probable origin of Hallowe'en is the ancient Celtic pagan festival of Samhain, which was celebrated on October 31 by the pagan Celts as a prelude to the Celtic New Year on November 1. On Samhain, the Celts believed, the spirits of the dead returned to their former homes for an entire evening. Hearth fires were extinguished, and people awaited with anticipation the regeneration or renewal of creation. A large communal bonfire of "sacred" oak branches would be lit to announce the beginning of the New Year, and crops and animals would be sacrificed according to pagan tradition, and offered to appease returned spirits.

The traditional orange and black colors of Hallowe'en remember the darkness and the fire. The frightening spirits recall the dark emotions of the pagan Celts which undoubtedly included much fear and terror in anticipation of human death.

Masks and frightening disguises would be donned by the people to keep the returning "spirits" who were angry, or bent on revenge, away.

Then, as was often the case in the early middle ages, as Christianity began to replace paganism among the Celts, a Christian holiday was established to replace the pagan celebration of Samhain. The holiday so created was "All Hallows Day" or "All Saints Day" on November 1st, a day when all the Saints and Martyrs of Christendom were celebrated and remembered. Since Christ had conquered the powers of darkness and revealed the old pagan gods to be nothing and to have no power, Samhain's fearsome aspects, over time, became more playful; Jack O'Lanterns made of pumpkins for example. The offering of food (sacrifices) to the spirits of the dead became a sharing of food among the living in the custom of trick or treating. And the night of bonfires and fun on "All Hallows Eve" would then end with the Feast of All Saints, which celebrates the union of the dead with the living, coming together in union with Christ who is all in all.

Hallowe'en originally was indeed the pagan Celtic celebration of Samhain. It became "All Hallows Eve" preceeding "All Saints Day" but it was never about "satanism."

Enrollment

The 1998-99 school year opened with an enrollment of 149, the same number on opening day a year ago. This number is about evenly divided among new boys and old boys. At the time of this writing, enrollment has increased to 169.

We have five foreign students this year with 3 from Mexico, 1 from Indonesia and 1 from Japan. Fifty-eight boys come from Colorado and Kansas follows with 28. Texas is represented by 21 cadets. The remaining 57 students come from 20 different states.

The 9th grade holds the largest number of students with 47 assigned. This is followed with 35 in the 10th grade, 34 in the 11th, 24 in the 8th, 23 in the 12th and 6 boys in the 7th grade.

Portrayal of Whitman by Noll



Cadet Ethan Noll's father, Bruce Noll, a professor of Adult Education at the University of New Mexico, presents a program portraying poet Walt Whitman. Presentations in 19 states recently included Kansas where he was sponsored by the English Department at Kansas Wesleyan University.

"Pure Grass" based on Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" was also read during an assembly of the upper school students on the Friday morning of Parents' Weekend. His desire to share his appreciation of poetry was well accepted. Cadets were participants in his program by writing down thoughts which were he later translated into a form of poetry.

STEVENS CENTER (continued from page 1)

Parents' Weekend - Center Dedicated.

Chapel congregation walks to Center.

With Chapel Council assisting, Father Cox gives blessing.

Photos taken of donors who sponsored rooms.

Brunch buffet served.

Mule-skinners

by Tim Chapman, Director of Institutional Advancement

This past August, the 1998-99 Mule-skinner campaign began with 22 teams hitting the links in a friendly but competitive game of golf. The winners can now claim to be repeat champions. They were runaway winners last year, as the team of Steve Brown, Don Vandegrift, Don Lamb and "Old Boy" Larry Britegam '69, won in a tie breaker.

The number of teams was a dramatic jump over previous years. This can be attributed to good promotion, wonderful weather, and the opportunity for everyone to play. After the tournament participants came to the campus and enjoyed the Chuck Wagon Feed. Over 130 guests enjoyed the refreshments, the meal, and the opportunity to tour the new Stevens Center.

Currently, the Mule-skinner Fund balance is \$600,000.00. The proceeds are used strictly for scholarship assistance and all income from this fund is distributed to Cadets in the spring of each year. The need to help supplement the financial needs of the young men and their families continues to grow. Because of the need and the sense of urgency that is felt by the administration to help support the families of the young men that attend St. John's, a four year goal has been established to raise this balance to \$1,000,000.00.

The goal this year was to raise \$75,000. To date \$50,000 has been given or pledged towards this year's goal. The key to accomplishing this goal is the leadership and support St. John's is receiving from volunteers. Current members of the St. John's Mule-skinner Committee are Larry Britegam, Steve Brown, Don Dieckhoff, Kass Gray, Ron Green, Lefty Loy, Dave Miller, Aaron Morrison, Tom Pestinger, Mark Ritter, Doc St. Clair, Dr. Byron Tomlins, Don Vandegrift, Charlie Stevens, Bruce Stainbrook, Larry Bengtson and Karl Stutterheim.



Don Dieckhoff takes "Top Gun" Award again for signing on most new members.



Pictured above, the repeat Champions.

Cadet Patrol

Effective October 16, John Childers, Dustin Rekow and Kenneth Smith were authorized to procure and wear the Cadet Patrol Cord, beret, white gloves and ribbon.

Chapel Council Members

Members of the Chapel Council were named and authorized the Chapel Council Cross. Officers are Evan Marquez, Jonathan Allaband, Robert Bilotte, Kelly Coggins, Ryan Levitan, Rex Robichaux and Benjamin Warren. Other Council members are Kellen Beer, Charles Beriault, Chris Boesker, Jason Edwards, David Holdcraft, Brandon Holsworth, Nathan Silvers, Christopher Stenberg and Tom Zackary.

Chapel Choir

Participating members of the Chapel Choir are authorized to wear the Choir Cord and Ribbon as follows. Kelly Coggins receives his second Figure Four. John Coleman, Alex Fabian, Sam Fujiwara, James Hill, Jordan Jeffries, Joshua Lane, Bradley Manzanara, Alois Peter and Chris Ryman earned the cord and ribbon. Jason Smith, James Von Normann and Peter Wilcox earned the cord.



Above, photos of promotions following Leadership Camp.

Promotions since beginning of school year:

SO 2-99 dated 8/24/98

H. Kevin Yoon to 2LT.

SO 5-99 dated 8/28/98

Kelly Coggins, John William Conroy, Michael Travis Leonard, Ryan Lewis Levitan, Evan Philip Marquez, Cameron Tyler Oertel, Dustin James Rekow, Jake Casey Solbakken and Thomas Anthony Zackary to 2LT.

SO 12-99 dated 9/4/98

Ryan Norman F. Knowlton, Bradley Gene Manzanares and Trenton Lawrence Peterson to PV2; John Kunkel to PV1.

SO 19-99 dated 9/11/98

Kellen William Beer, Travis Ramsey Foster and George Brian Vogler to CPL.

SO 24-99 dated 9/16/98

John Lee Childers to SGT; John Kunkel to PV2 and Jens Alan Petersen to PFC.

SO 31-99 dated 9/24/98

Lucas Alan Moore and James Woodrow Wilson to PFC; Benjamin Howard Weir to CPL; Nathan Sterling Black and Daniel Dumitru Wilcox to PV2.

SO 33-99 dated 9/25/98

Tyler Lee Schell to PV2.

SO 41-99 dated 9/30/98

Jonathan Maxwell Allaband to SFC; Justin Walker George, Jordon Taylor Jeffries, Alois Peter and James Robert Von Normann to SSG; James Albert Hill, Rex Michael Robichaux and Peter Rica Wilcox to SGT.

SO 44-99 dated 10/6/98

John Donald Gibas to PV1.

SO 52-99 dated 10/9/98

Ethan Alexander Noll and Samuel Yoshito Fujiwara to SSG; Gabriel Thomas Martinez and Christopher Joseph Ryman to CPL.

SO 53-99 dated 10/12/98

Robert Nathaniel Bilotte to CPT; Benjamin Michael Warren to MAJ.

SO 55-99 dated 10/12/98

Justin Ray Vondrak to 2LT and Daniel Dumitru Wilcox to PFC.

SO 62-99 dated 10/15/98

John Donald Gibas to PV2; Jens Alan Petersen to CPL and George Brian Vogler to SGT.

SO 66-99 dated 10/16/98

Carter J. Barger, Drew Jordan Brown, Matthew David Fallon, Lucas Scott Hofman, Brock Andrew Howell, Duley Dean Johnsson, Bradley Gene Manzanares, David Paul Pankey and Allen Joseph Torda to PFC; Blake Robert McMurtrey and David Matthew Miller to CPL.

New Boys make Old Boy

With an opening day enrollment reflecting 65 new boys, Training Company has been a busy, busy place. This number has increased by about 30 boys since school began and is still rising. Promotion numbers rise too. Listed are those promotions pertaining to New Boys earning Old Boy status and promoted to rank of PV2 since the beginning of the school year.

SO 18-99 dated 9/11/98

Glenn Mason Acomb, Benjamin James Anesi, Carter J. Barger, Drew Jordan Brown, Joshua Douglas Crenshaw, Jacob Thomas Crenshaw, Matthew David Fallon, Christopher James Henderson, Lucas Scott Hofman, Brock Andrew Howell, Duly Dean Johnson, David Paul Paneky and Allen Joseph Torda.

SO 23-99 dated 9/16/98

Gregory Rhodes Davis and Lucas Mikah Donelson.

SO 27-99 dated 9/23/98

Jacob Daniel Ashwander, John Charles Carsen, John Robert Eaves, Jason Allyne Goss, Jason Evan Hilton, Jonathan Royce Hitchcock, Reno Pratama Junizwan, Jeffrey Ross McAfee, James Denton Robison, Zachary Wayne C. Russell, Sherid Christian W. Schonert, Patrick Arthur Scott, Richard Russell Soto, Chad Cameron Tate, Benjamin Thomas Walker and Justin Lee Wassum.

SO 30-99 dated 9/24/98

Andres Benjamin Benoit, Robert Everett Carns, Kareem Nicholas Dockery, John Donald Gibas, Jonathan Roy Hiller, Curtis Reed Hurwitz, Isaac Benjamin Knutson, Brayden Anthony Kuhre, Jason Richard Pickart, Luis Fernando Romero, John Miguel Schladales, Christopher Lloyd Stenberg and Dustin Rodney Tinney.

SO 32-99 dated 9/25/98

Brandon Lee Fanning, Christopher Lee Finkey, Erik Carson Howard, David Allen Lee, Brett Marcus Leviner, Adam Koehler Magrum, Jason Lee Malmstrom, Richard Alexander Martinez, Joseph Alfred L. Mooney, John Ross Romolo, Andrew Joseph Ruckdeschel, Adam Benjamin Smith, Jonathan Scott Smith, Zachary Daniel Smith, Joshua Levi Seland and Bradley Andrew Spielman.

SO 34-99 dated 9/28/98

Steven Charles M. North.

SO 41-99 dated 9/30/98

Jason Samuel Cone, Cody Allen Crandell, Jonathan Blaise S. Mo, Ryan Murray North, Angel Manuel Roman and Eric Robert Stalnaker.

SO 43-99 dated 10/2/98

Kelvin Mike Cooper, Edward Francis Sumner and Colin Edward Wait.

SO 47-99 dated 10/7/98

Jordan Mitchell Blevins, Travis Conrad Mulder, Brian J. Murphy, William Scott Pantera, Stephen Coulter Shuman, David Paul Stoutenborough and Toshiro Thomas Yoshida.

SO 61-99 dated 10/14/98

Nathan Alexander Stevenson.

SO 72-99 dated 10/21/98

James Robert Dalzell, Ryan Thomas Foster, Jeramey Scott Stanford to PV2.

Cadet Court appointments made

Members of the Cadet Court were designated in October with Benjamin Warren, presiding. The remaining members are Michael Leonard, Kevin Yoon, Thomas Zackary, Eric Stalnaker, Joseph Mooney and Christopher Henderson.

Cadets help with admissions

Several cadets were influential in recruiting new students during the summer and therefore met the criteria to be awarded the recruiting ribbon. The following cadets were designated to procure and wear the recruiting ribbon on their uniform.

Charles Robert Beriault, John Patrick Coleman, John William Conroy, Samuel Yoshito Fujiwara, Brian Daniel McDonough, Lucas Alan Moore, Cameron Tyler Oertel, Benjamin Michael Warren, Rex Michael Robichaux, Tyler Lee Schell and John Winston Cherin.

National Honor Society

Members of the National Honor Society for the 1998-99 school year currently consists of these selected officers. They are Benjamin Warren, President; Robert Bilotte, Vice President and Kelly Coggins, Secretary/Treasurer. Nominations for eligible members will be made during November's NHSA meeting.

Blue Berets

Officers of the Blue Beret Club for the 1998-99 school year are Robert Bilotte, President; Kelly Coggins, Vice President and Rex Robichaux, Secretary/Treasurer. Michael Leonard, David Holdcraft, Christopher Boesker and Michael Speelman are the remaining members to date.

Dr. Culp



Mr. Burgoon



Mr. Haist



Mr. Hestrand



FACULTY

Mike Culp, Ph.D., is the new Academic Dean. Dr. Culp, from Topeka, was most recently the Program Consultant for the consolidated title programs for the Kansas State Department of Education. Until June of 1996, he was an elementary principal in the Shawnee Mission, Seaman and Royal Valley districts for 23 years. He has many years of teaching experience in both graduate and undergraduate courses at Kansas Universities and Highland Community College.

Darrell A. Burgoon is a Middle School Math Instructor and the Varsity Football Coach. Burgoon has prior teaching experience at Tescott, Bennington and Miltonvale school districts.

Michael L. Haist is the Computer/Keyboarding Instructor. Haist was with Olpe Schools, USD 252, Emporia, as the Technical Director. He will also serve as on-site technician for the school.

Sven B. Hestrand is the Drivers Ed/P.E. Instructor. Hestrand was the Assistant Track and Football Coach at Bethany College last year and also substitute taught at Salina South. His prior military service includes attendance at the Swedish Army Officers Academy.

Shane D. Koranda is the American History/Economics Instructor. Koranda taught at Golden Plains, USD 316 at Rexford, KS and was Assistant Throwers Coach at Fort Hays last spring.

Lee Munk is the Chemistry/

New at St. John's

Mr. Koranda



Mr. Munk



Mrs. Nitz



for the 111th Corps

Mr. Lawrence



Mrs. Stein



SSG Hill



Geometry Instructor. His recent experience includes being the Science Project Coordinator at Emporia State, and science teacher and coach at Derby H.S. last year.

Barbara Nitz is a M.S. English instructor. Mrs. Nitz taught 5th grade at Schilling elementary school last year.

Roy Lawrence, a 12-year Cadet Advisor, transfers from the Military Department to become the Student Technology Resource Advisor.

Wendy Stein is already well known at St. John's. She returns as Band Instructor for St. John's for her 14th year, after teaching the last school year at Salina South Jr. H.S.

MILITARY STAFF (New Cadet Advisors)

SSG John M. Hill, an SJMS "Old Boy" Class of '82, has 7 years experience with the Kansas Dept. of Corrections.

MSG Garry L. Heath as 24 years of military experience and recently worked as a health technician in Colorado Springs.

SSG Garrett Winn is a Salina native who served almost 10 years on active service with the US Army including duty during the Gulf War.

SUPPORT STAFF

Judi Casstevens becomes the new Quartermaster. Judi was with USD 305 as Secretary to the Principal at Salina South High School.

Kevin Styles is the new manager of the Sodexo Marriott Food Service for St. John's. His last assignment was assistant manager at SW Missouri State College in Springfield, MO.

MSG Heath



SSG Winn



Ms. Casstevens



Mr. Styles



First Grading Period Honors are Announced

Congratulations to the
BLUE BERETS

Upper School:

Kelly Coggins

George Vogler

Erik Howard

Middle School:

Rex Robichaux

Daniel Wilcox

Brayden Kuhre

HONOR ROLL:

Making the Academic Dean's Honor Roll for the First Grading Period from the Upper School are: Kelly Coggins 97.507; George Vogler 96.947; Erik Howard 96.515; Robert Bilotte 96.491; Jacob Crenshaw 96.010; Thomas Zackary 95.637; Lucas Hofman 95.228; Zachary Smith 95.211; Ryan North 94.792; Jason Cone 94.660; Jason Pickart 93.990; Brian McDonough 93.747 and Joshua Crenshaw 93.520.

Making the Middle School Honor Roll are: Rex Robichaux 94.90 and Daniel Wilcox 94.47.

HONORABLE MENTION:

Making Honorable Mention from the Upper School are Lance Hoover 93.137; Jonathan Hiller 93.023; Michael Leonard 92.771; Benjamin Warren 92.747; Reno Junizwan 92.485; Carter Barger 92.282; Samuel Fujiwara 92.244; Jeffrey Paul 92.202; Justin Vondrak 92.200; Benjamin Anesi 92.182; Hyun Yoon 92.152; Tyler Schell 92.135; David Holdcraft 92.048; David Lee 91.991; Lucas Donelson 91.814; Peter Wilcox 91.558; Matthew Fallon 91.338; Adam Smith 91.278; Michael Speelman 91.041; Eric Stalnaker 90.961; Lucas Moore 90.911; Steve Katzman 90.657; Jason Smith 90.296; Isaac Knutson 90.112; Allen Torda 90.072; Steven North 89.831; Joshua Lane 89.705; John Schlada 89.627; Robert Carns 89.584; Joseph Mooney 89.572; D. Stoutenborough 89.570; John Carson 89.428; Alois Peter 89.391; John Coleman 89.368; Ethan Noll 89.322; Jonathan Allaband 89.092; Blake McMurtrey 88.948; Kyle Davis 88.725; Toshiro Yoshida 88.674; Jake Solbakken 88.630 and Evan Marquez 88.520.

From the Middle School are: Brayden Kuhre 93.20; Christopher Boesker 93.09; Curtis Hurwitz 92.98; Jason Edwards 90.28; Trent Peterson 90.27; Sherid Schonert 90.06; Colin Wait 89.908; Brandon Fanning 89.21; Benjamin Walker 89.18 and Patrick Scott 89.17.

Our congratulations to these cadets for a job well done!

Fall Festival

by Kelly Coggins

On Thursday, October 22, the cadets participated in the Fall Festival which replaced the annual Halloween Howl of past years. Cadets went around the gym playing a variety of games, ranging from bobbing for tennis balls to bingo to cake walks. The prizes ranged from cakes to goofy hats.

Many adults helped but the event was under the direction of Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Furlo. This committee and everyone involved deserve a very big thank you. Cadets also want to thank the many local businesses that made donations to the event.

*Pictured at right are
Troutt and Childers.*



Rolling Hills Refuge - a visit with wildlife



More field trips

Load up! Another trip!

Middle schoolers have been busy during October with several trips. Always a highlight is visiting the Rolling Hills Refuge Wildlife Conservation Center in western Saline County. Mrs. Sara Brown's husband, Bob, is the Park Director, so the cadets always feel especially welcome.

Cadets also went to the state fair in Hutchinson, took part in a leadership camp held at Kansas Wesleyan, and attended the Renaissance Festival in Kansas City.

Seen our Web Site?

Hopefully you have noticed some changes on St. John's Home Page. Cadet H. Kevin Yoon is the web site manager again this year. Spending his summer designing pages for paying customers, he came back with several innovative ideas.

The web site is used to let people know about St. John's and to keep alumni, patrons and friends updated on St. John's activities. News and information about St. John's will be updated regularly. The address of the site is

www.sjms.org.

Thanks Kevin for a job well done!

WORD SEARCH

Alpha
Company

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names

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Old Boy News

by Tim Chapman,
Director of Institutional Advancement

In 1978 Lt. Col. Paul Kellogg, as Vice President of Development, began to take the initial steps to implement, manage, and organize an Alumni Association for St. John's Military School. An association for the "old boys" was as vital then as it is now. Those first steps taken by Lt. Col. Kellogg are now being reviewed and the necessary changes are being made to solidify that 20 year old idea.

The *OLD BOY NEWS* newsletter is just one step to better serve the alumni with information, updates, and announcements that will be of specific interest to Old Boys. This first issue has been written to highlight the 50th year class of 1948 as new members of the Golden Corps Club. Also, the 40 year, 30 year, 20 year, and 10 year classes are recognized and congratulated.

Although a lot of historical information was lost in the fires of 1948 and 1978, there have been great strides taken to improve our tracking system for you as alumni and for the staff.

We hope that you enjoy the newsletter and encourage everyone to send updates, notes, or pertinent information you would like to see included in future issues.

TAPS

Timothy Jordan Lanham

Grand Junction, Colorado

Died July 2, 1998

SJMS Old Boy

Atten '92-94

Margaret C. Ekiss

Pueblo, Colorado

Died August 25, 1998

SJMS Former Patron and

mother of Mike Ekiss,

Class of '59

Thelma Wohlgemuth

Atchison, Kansas

Died October 2, 1998

Mother of Mrs. Liz Duckers,
wife to President Emeritus

Keith Duckers

Memorials

have been received
in
memory of

Thelma Wohlgemuth

Thank you

Old Boy Notes . . . Where are they now?

Perce P. Harvey III

Atten 47-50

272 Exeter Rd.

Newport News VA

32602

(see E-Mail directory
also)

Kenneth Kirby

Class of '48

Mrs. Elizabeth Kirby

telephoned and

shared that Kenneth

was too ill to attend

the Alumni Reunion

but wanted to be

remembered. He was

on campus 35 years

ago when there was

a pass in review held

in his honor and he

had lunch with the

Corps.

Joe H. Fowler

Class of '50

306 E. Parmenter

Lamar, CO 81052-3242

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Class of '82

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Sunny Vale TX 75182-

9106

Phone 972 203-8996

(see E-Mail directory
also)

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Class of '86

Bs. phone: 619 287-

4308 at MK Invest-

ments, San Diego CA

Gabriel Boyle

Class of '92

7201 W. Hampton

Lakewood, CO 80227

Phone 303 985-3264

Attending Culinary

School at the Denver

School of Performing

Arts

Brian Foley

Class of '89

802 Amber Lane

West Chester PA

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Rafael Llorente

Class of '97

1530 McCain 87 #4

Manhattan KS 66502

PFC Joe Miller

Class of '97

HHT 3-3 ACR, Box 44

Ft. Carson CO 80913

Phone 719 579-4614

(Joe wants to hear
from his classmates.)

Mark Triebwasser

Class of '98

955 Cranbrook Ct.

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Davis CA 95616

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MSG Roy Lawrence attended the marriage of Chris Clark, Class of '93. He and his wife Elissa were married in New Orleans on June 5. Chris owns a budget tree cutting service in New Orleans.

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First Year Soccer Team Does Great

St. John's fielded its first varsity soccer team this fall. The cadets compiled a 6-10-1 record and advanced to the western Kansas Regionals Sweet Sixteen before losing to the tournament's third seeded team Elbing-Berean Academy 3-0.

The cadets worked hard at developing their skills and teamwork while out scoring their opponents 52-40. Sam Fujiwara led the team with 18 goals, followed by Tarik Trujillo with 9 and John Coleman with 5. Jason Smith recorded two shutouts while playing goal keeper.

Leading the attack were Sam Fujiwara, Tarik Trujillo and John Coleman at forward. Carter Barger, Reno Junizwan and Mike Speelman started at mid field while Jordan Jeffries, Mike Leonard, Mike Ratliff and Jake Solbakken anchored the defense. Jason Smith started in goal. Charles Beriault, John Carson, Steve Katzman, Josh Lane, Ryan North, Jason Pickart, John Schlada and Justin Vondrak were able substitutes.

The team fought hard throughout the season and suffered four heartbreaking one goal losses with one being a double overtime. The Mule-skinners hit the crossbar or a goal post six times. The cadets refused to give up throughout the season and impressed the coaches with their teamwork and desire.

With only three starters graduating, the future looks bright for the Mule-skinners. The coaches are proud of the cadets and their accomplishments this year and are looking forward to next year.

tough season for football team

The cadets go into their final game of the season winless at 0-8. When Darrell Burgoon came to St. John's as the new head coach this season, he knew it would be tough. But even he didn't expect a season quite like this one. "The toughest thing is you get kids that don't always have a lot of football experience and they all have different backgrounds." This was obvious when only two lettermen returned from last year's 2-7 team, senior Ben Warren and junior Cameron Oertel.

Coming from Tescott as an assistant coach, Burgoon was familiar with the SJMS program because both have been in the Eisenhower League for many years. But having a team of thirty kids who had never played football became quite a challenge.

The cadets scored their first time of the season in their second game against Solomon. With both returning players going down to injuries, all 32 kids coming out for football each got to play. And with scoring a rarity, it's lots of fun and exciting when it happens.

St. John's finishes its season on Halloween against St. Mary's academy.

We love football, guys, so we still appreciate your effort. Good luck this weekend!



The Skinners have a new announcer this year. Tim Chapman, Director of Institutional Advancement, takes over the microphone this year to give the play by play action for football fans.

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Middle School Football

by Kellen Beer

The middle school team started on the 2nd of September and has played four games. The team consists of sixteen players and two managers. I think the parents' support is much better this year than previous years. It's obvious we are not the best team in the league. That is probably because we haven't been playing with each other since the 5th grade like many of the teams we play. But the team has improved considerably since the beginning of the year.

The coaches are Mr. Steve Ash and Mr. Devon Walter.

Members are Kellen Beer, Chris Boesker, Alan Daly, Curtis Hurwitz, Brayden Kuhre, Ben Walker, Dustin Tinney, Jason Edwards, Scott Matney, Bill Pantera, Rex Robichaux, Kody Schnase and Brandon Fanning. Managers are Nick Dockery and Sherid Schonert.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commencement Ceremonies will be held on
Saturday afternoon,
May 15, 1999, at 3:30 p.m.
rather than the traditional
Sunday morning program.

Please plan accordingly.
More weekend details will follow.



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