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Cadets hear General Powell

When the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual banquet in January, the Corps was among the 1,200 people hearing Ret. Gen. Colin Powell give the address. Capt. McAlexander, the chamber's vice chairman, was master of ceremonies for the occasion.

As chairman of a nonprofit organization called America's Promise - The Alliance for Youth, Powell's speech concentrated on the importance of helping children become successful adults.

Speaking before introducing Powell was Kansas Governor, Bill Graves, who was sworn in for his second term just hours before this event. Also in attendance were U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran and many state officials.



Governor Graves and General Powell at the head table during the banquet.

Cadet of the Year

Benjamin M. Warren, Lakewood, Colorado, was honored as the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Cadet-of-the-year in ceremonies held at 2:30 P.M. on Monday, February 15, in the Banes Gymnasium.

Award criteria are excellence in academics, athletics, leadership and military bearing. The Cadet is selected by a secret ballot of his peers and faculty and staff.

Warren enrolled at SJMS as an eighth grade cadet in 1995. He is currently a senior scheduled to graduate May 15. He has advanced through the rank structure from new boy, currently holding the position of Battalion Commander of the 111th Corps with an LTC rank. Warren is the 19th recipient of this award at St. John's.

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Brigadiers Recognized

During the Monday afternoon ceremony on President's Day, Capt. McAlexander recognized the school's Brigadiers in attendance. Brigadiers are those friends and supporters of St. John's that give a gift of \$1,000 or more during a school year.

Those in attendance and receiving plaques or bars were: Mr. Larry Bengtson, Mr. Mike Berkley, Mark Ohrenberg for Kennedy and Coe, Mark Blaha for the National Rifle Association Foundation, Frank Norton, Mrs. Erma Lee Nuss, Mr. Jeff Gillam, Mr. Dick Renfro (pictured), Mr. Bruce Stainbrook, Mr. Charles Stevens and Capt. and Mrs. Skip McAlexander.



President's Message

Capt. E. A. McAlexander

In considering the optimum use of the time available to educate our young people, one must

consider the influences and forces outside of the school. To prepare young people to take their (I should say "our") place in the culture we must balance what they need to know with what they already know, and try to fill in as many of the gaps as possible. Unfortunately, what they already know is often the

result of media and entertainment influences that do not reflect the situations and values of the adult world.

One of the areas that has concerned me of late is the teaching of ethics. I am very proud of the way we teach religion and believe that we offer excellent opportunities for spiritual growth. But I am not confident that we have used adequate resources in the teaching of the history and merit of ethical behavior. I am certain that our cadets have been exposed to events and entertainment where the lesson is that

decent behavior is reasonable only if you are being observed.

The problems we face in introducing our cadets to the study of ethics are that these ancient concepts are not easily taught in the classroom, and teenage boys are not always the most rational creatures. Recognizing these factors, we will have several initiatives to introduce our students to the concept of ethical behavior.

The most exciting of these is the formation of an ethical society with membership including both cadets and staff. A study group has been formed and bi-laws are being drafted. The goal is to have enough of the framework completed that we can begin having regular meetings next fall. Working with the cadets on this project is extremely rewarding and I think the ethical society will have a very positive influence on the lives of many cadets.



Academic Dean's Message

Dr. Mike Culp

The 1998-99 school year is winding down at St. John's and I feel that it

has been very successful. I've learned a great deal and I hope to augment the fine work our teachers do with more and varied curriculum next year.

The administration had a

long term planning session with one of our Trustees, D. Dale Browning, recently, and many strong and exciting ideas were hatched. We plan to offer more curriculum-based field trips to our cadets as well as enriched academic programs.

I look forward to a rewarding finish to this school year, and to an exciting year to come.



Commandant's Message

LTC Mike Furlo

Security considerations have always been present and are a constant concern in any boarding

environment. We, at St. John's Military School, are continually looking for new or improved ways to upgrade the overall security climate of our school.

This year measures have been taken that we feel will have a positive effect on the protective posture of St. John's. At the beginning of the school

year we added two additional adult Military Staff members and recently we added a weekend 'roving security' advisor to assist our weekend staff. This has greatly assisted in providing expanded adult presence at key times during the school week and weekends.

The biggest step taken to improve security has been the implementation of room door locks. We are phasing in the acquisition of keyed door locks for all our barracks. This course of action has already begun with Clem/Ferris Hall being the 'test' barracks and the

indications so far exceed our expectations. This process has proven very successful and we will continue to upgrade door locks security in our other barracks over the course of the year. Right now plans call to complete door locks in Sage Hall over the 1999 Spring Break period and Mize Hall will likely have door locks installed over the 1999 summer vacation period. Hopefully, all our barracks will be ready for the 1999-2000 school year and further provide a safe and secure environment for our cadets.

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SJMS co-hosts golf tournament in Mexico

by Cadet
Michael Scott,
Burlington CO



St. John's received special recognition when they co-hosted the Rolex National Golf Tournament along with Swiss Air, in Cuernavaca Mexico.

When Dr. Mike Culp was in Mexico City for an admissions reception during January, he was especially welcomed by Alex and Virginia Benoit, parents of Cadet Andres Benoit, an 11th grade student at St. John's. During that visit, the Benoit family invited St. John's to become guests of their family and take part in the Rolex golf tournament on February 5-7.

Accompanying Dr. Culp from St. John's for the five day visit was Mrs. Culp, Cadet Benoit, Mr. & Mrs. Sven Hestrand and Mr. Scott Wiedeman. Dr. Culp and Mr. Hestrand also played in the tournament but scores weren't shared.

A St. John's booth was set up on the course where school information was handed out along with St. John's golf balls, tees and towels. A school scholarship was also presented with the Swiss Ambassador helping make the presentation.



In top picture, left from right: Sr. Alex Benoit, the Swiss Ambassador, Cadet Andres Benoit, Dr. Mike Culp, Mr. Sven Hestrand and Mr. Scott Wiedeman.

The center photo is showing a St. John's poster located in the Club House. To the right, a scene of St. John's booth on the course. Pictured are Sr. Benoit, Mrs. Hestrand, Mrs. Paula, Dr. Culp, Mrs. Culp and Mr. Wiedeman.



Following are

Special Orders

announcing Promotions since the last Skirmisher

SO 188-99 dated 1/11/99

James Chidester to SFC; Michael Leonard to 2LT; Evan Marquez to PFC; Nathan Silvers to PV2.

SO 189-99 dated 1/11/99

Steven North and John Schladale to CPL.

SO 200-99 dated 1/13/99

Brayden Kuhre, Andrew Ruckdeschel and Joshua Selland to PV1.

SO 205-99 dated 1/14/99

Justin Allison, Corey Dixon, Kareem Dockery, Brian Dwyer, Curtis Hurwitz, Lucas Moore, William Pantera, Trenton Peterson, Michael Scott, Michael Shriver, Edward Sumner, Dustin Tinney, Adam Vrana, Benjamin Walker to PFC; Drew Brown, Jason Cone, Richard Duba, Jason Hilton, Erik Howard, Ryan North and Angel Roman to CPL.

SO 209-99 dated 1/18/99

Jonathan Allaband, John Coleman, Samuel Fujiwara, Lance Hoover, Jordan Jeffries and George Vogler to 2LT.

SO 213-99 dated 1/19/99

Anthony Parsons to PFC; Andres Benoit, Jacob Crenshaw, Jonathan Hitchcock, Jonathan Smith and James Wilson to CPL.

SO 214-99 dated 1/19/99

Jordan Blevins and Joshua Shaffer to PV2; Joseph Mooney to PFC.

SO 218-99 dated 1/21/99

Brian Goracke, Whitner Graham, Daniel Han, Michael Leeds to PFC; Benjamin Anesi, John Eaves, Jason Pickart and Nathan Stevenson to CPL; Rhett Belcher to SGT and Justin George to SFC.

SO 219-99 dated 1/21/99

Ryan Knowlton and David Miller to PFC.

SO 225-99 dated 1/25/99

Ethan Noll to SGM.

SO 226-99 dated 1/25/99

Robert Bilotte to MAJ; Benjamin Warren to LTC.

SO 227-99 dated 1/27/99

Eric Stalnaker to PFC; Matthew Fallon, John Kunkel and Sherid Schonert to CPL.

SO 228-99 dated 1/27/99

Jordan Blevins, Brayden Kuhre and

Cameron Walsh to PV2; John Carson, Adam Magrum, Nathan Silvers and David Stoutenborough to PFC; James Dalzell to PV1.

SO 232-99 dated 1/28/99

John Gibas, Kody Schnase and Joshua Selland to PV2.

SO 236-99 dated 1/29/99

Bradley Cox and Adam Crawford to PFC; Jonathan Mo and Travis Mulder to CPL.

SO 249-99 dated 2/9/99

Todd Gardner and Benjamin Maertins to PFC; Jason Goss, Duley Johnson, Nicholas Lehman and Adam Reue to CPL; Dustin Rekow to CPT.

SO 250-99 dated 2/9/99

Brandon Fanning, Christopher Henderson and Christopher Preusker to PV1; Justin Wassum to PV2.

SO 256-99 dated 2/15/99

Richard Martinez to CPL.

SO 257-99 dated 2/15/99

James Dalzell, Andrew Ruckdeschel and Brett Sundmacher to PV1; Ryan Foster, Travis Foster, Cody Humphrey, Tyler Schell, Nathan Silvers and John Stowe to PV2; Matthew Gallegos and David Miller to CPL.

SO 259-99 dated 2/16/99

Richard Cuba, Christopher Henderson and Michael Shriver to PV2; Christopher Finkey and Jeramey Stanford to PV1.

SO 263-99 dated 2/17/99

David Lee and Blake McMurtrey to PFC.

SO 266-99 dated 2/18/99

Whitner Graham and Joshua Shaffer to PV2.

SO 269-99 dated 2/24/99

Michael Leonard to 1LT; H. Kevin Yoon and Thomas Zackary to CPT.

SO 270-99 dated 2/24/99

Brandon Lancaster and Adam Vrana to PV1; Brandon Fanning, Christopher Finkey, Christopher Preusker and Andrew Ruckdeschel to PV2.

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 185-99 dated 1/7/99

Andrew Miller to PV2

SO 243-99 dated 2/3/99

Omar Baisden, James Burtis, James Carrick, Robert Hubbard, Mazen Kabli, Thomas Mertens and Joseph Skidmore to PV2.

SO 245-99 dated 2/4/99

Christopher Chase, Kevin Kerns, Justin Scott, Casey Slinkard, Kelly Smith, Shane Spanier, Matthew Steele, Jerimiah Turman and James Wingfield to PV2.

SO 246-99 dated 2/5/99

Matthew Duncan, Cory Lewis, Mitchell McVey and Timothy Wright to PV2.

SO 252-99 dated 2/10/99

Jaime Casillas, Harrison Garcia, Colin McManus and Jonathan Prud'homme to PV2.

SO 262-99 dated 2/17/99

Sean Duerr, Derek Hill, Nicholas McCoy, Alexander Wild and Brendan Young to PV2.

SO 269-99 dated 2/24/99

Ian Johnson and Brett Sundmacher to PV2.

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JOKE:

Why did the "New Boys" stare at the carton of orange juice?

Answer: It said 'concentrate.'

Rifle Team active

by Coach and Sponsor, MAJ George Stelljes

This year's rifle team got off to a great start with the opening of the new range. Sixty-three cadets tried out for the team this year with twelve selected to represent St. John's. Cadet John Conroy is the team captain and leads the team with a 213 average. Cadet Jacob Crenshaw is close behind with a 200 average.

The team competes in the North Central Kansas Smallbore League against adult teams from Abilene, Delphos, Manhattan and Wichita. They have also competed at the high school level against Leavenworth High School and Missouri Military Academy. The cadets are gaining valuable experience and have shown great improvement this year.

Cadets Ben Anesi, John Conroy, Jacob Crenshaw, Jason Malmstrom, Scott Smith, Dustin Rekow and Andrew Ruckdeschel have all earned the privilege of wearing the crossed rifles by shooting a 200 or above during a match. They have worked hard to improve their shooting skills and the team scores have shown improvement each week.

Range popular among state shooters

*by Jacob Crenshaw
from Julail, Saudi Arabia*

This year's rifle team is making good use of the new shooting range in Stevens Center. With 12 shooting lanes, there are now two teams, a varsity and a junior varsity, each consisting of six shooters. With a state of the art range, teams from all over Kansas are coming to St. John's.

Most of the team has never shot in competition before and only the captain of the team, John Conroy, is a returning member. With a show start, scores are steadily increasing and most of the shooters are now experts and sporting brand new crossed rifles on their BDU caps.

Scholar Bowl

by Eric Stalnaker, Norman, OK
Considering the level of

experience, this year's Scholar Bowl team did very well. None of the team members had ever played together and it was the first year for the coaches also. Team members this year were Jacob Crenshaw as team captain, Lucas Hofman, Eric Stalnaker, Jason Pickart, Joshua Crenshaw and James Hill.

They did not win any meets, but had some victories such as winning a round over Solomon by the score of 110-0.



Bilotte receives K-State Scholarship

Robert N. Bilotte, a senior and member of the Battalion Staff, was awarded Kansas State University's \$1500 Leadership Scholarship during ceremonies January 22 at K-State. Presenting the award is Pat Bosco, Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Dean of Student Life. *(pictured at left)*

During K-State's annual Scholarship Day, students and their parents were guests of the university at a banquet. Throughout the day, they attended meetings with academic deans and student life officials. MAJ George Stelljes accompanied Bilotte.

Nathan came to St. John's as an 8th grade student and resides in LaSalle, CO.

Mom's Club gives Valentine Treats

Pictured, Ms. Monique Basel and Mrs. Linette Koranda help with distribution.



Cadets worship different Faiths

by Reno Junizwan, Jakarta, Indonesia

Even though SJMS has a strong Catholic Episcopal background, it accepts cadets from other religions.

At the beginning of this school year I was the only cadet with the Islam faith but after Christmas break Cadet Mazen Kabli enrolled. He comes from Saudi Arabia and he also shares my faith.

It was difficult to adapt at first because practically no one knew about Islam. But as time passed the other cadets learned and accepted. I want to thank everybody at St. John's for giving us the opportunity to practice our religion while enrolled here.

Forensics

A new beginning or an old end

by Steven North, Kewanee IL

Last season the Forensics team did very well and this season the team is off to an excellent start.

They have taken part in two meets under a new coach, Mrs. Barbara Nitz, English teacher. With the help of Cadets Alois Peter, Kelly Coggins and Mrs. Chris Peterson, she is having a great time.

Mrs. Nitz said "The Forensics team is doing very well and are trying very hard. No one has made it into finals yet, but with how hard they are trying they should make it."

The team has two meets remaining, February 25 and 27. GO Forensics!!!

Treasure Hunt

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Here is the first clue to a Treasure that is located on the SJMS Campus. (A vial with a note inside advises that you have located the Treasure and are to contact Mrs. Becker).

CLUE: "FIRST"

An additional clue in locating the treasure will be given weekly until it is found. The Treasure is worth \$10 immediately. An additional \$5 will be added weekly until the Treasure is found. **GOOD LUCK!** Only Cadets are eligible to participate.

Kristy Moran joins faculty

by Michael Scott, Burlington CO

Ms. Kristy Moran recently became a new member of the math department.

Mrs. Moran likes to teach and gives young people the chance to understand and reach their maximum potential. She is also going to be the assistant track coach.



Salina Youth Symphony

by Reno Junizwan, San Francisco CA

On Tuesday, February 9, the Salina Youth Symphony came to St. John's and held a concert in the William T. Banes Gymnasium. Nearly 50 students, selected through personal auditions, were led by the Conductor, Eric Stein, husband of our own Mrs. Wendy Stein.

The Symphony consists of junior and senior high schools from surrounding areas. Members practice every Saturday morning at Kansas Wesleyan University.

There are St. John's connections in the Symphony. Mr. Martin's son, Devon Martin, plays the cello and Mr. Hensley's daughter, Kelly Poprotta, plays the violin. Mrs. Corby's husband is the Equipment Manager and also plays Percussion.

During the concert they played songs such as Celebration, Hara Nagilla, and other 20th century orchestra pieces. The most interesting part of the concert probably was the Cello Quarter, an original composition by Eric Stein.

Basketball Season Varsity

9-10, 3-5 in League

by Steven North, Kewanee IL

Through the regular season, the cadets have had an exciting season. Going into tournament time, they are 9-10 and 3-4 in league play.

Coach Spielman says "I believe this team was very optimistic about our possibility of being in contention for winning our league. Now I think everyone involved is disappointed at where we're at in the league standings. I do feel we're playing our best basketball now and hopefully we can make a grand showing in the sub-state tournament held on March 4-5-6 at Rock Creek High School in St. George, KS."

The individual stats as of February 16 were:

#55 Jordan Jeffries, 16 games, 17.3 points, 12.4 rebounds, 1.4 blocks, 2.8 assists and 2.1 steals; #42 Sam Fujiwara, 15 games, 17.5 points, 5.9 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 2.8 steals; #32 Steve Katzman, 15 games, 7.9 points, 1.6 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 2.8 steals; #41 Mike Shriver, 14 games, 3.9 points, 4.9 rebounds, .6 assists and 1.2 steals; #31 Kenny Smith, 12 games, 3.2 points, 6 rebounds, .4 assists and .6 steals; #10 Duely Johnson, 14 games, 1.6 points, 3 rebounds, .9 assists and 1.4 steals; #30 Ben Warren, 15 games, .7 points, 1 rebound, .3 assists and .4 steals; #54 Justin Scott, 8 games, 2 points, 2.4 rebounds, .3 assists and .7 steals; #12 Tarik Trujillo, 8 games, 1.3 points, .7 rebounds, .5 assists and .7 steals; #20 Josh Lane, 4 games, 5.3 points, 1.8 rebounds, .5 assists and .3 steals; #40 James Hill, 5 games, 2 points, 1.7 rebounds, .3 assists and .3 steals; #11 Justin Hilton, 4 games, .8 points, .8 rebounds, .3 assists and .3 steals.

Good luck in sub-state!



Wrestling

by Richard Martinez, LaVerne, CA

The Mule-skinner wrestling season finished in February with only Tyler Schell wrestling at the state tournament held at Fort Hays State University in Hays, KS.

Eight cadets (Cory Dixon - 103 lbs., Luke Hofman - 112 lbs., Jason Cone - 135 lbs., Dave Pankey - 145 lbs., Jason Goss - 152 lbs., Chad Tate - 160 lbs., Thomas Zackary - 171 lbs. and Tyler Schell - 189 lbs. (215 lbs at Regionals and State) finished the season.

Schell did well, placing 4th in a weight class above his normal weight. Hofman took 5th place (only top 4 qualify for state) competing against the 2nd and 3rd ranked wrestlers in the state. The Regional in which the Skinners wrestled is among the toughest in the state. It didn't send one person with below a .500% record, and it contains more ranked students than any other region in the state. Tom Zackary didn't wrestle, as he was on the Washington D.C. Trip.

Over all, the season was exciting. Every wrestler medaled in at least one tournament during the season. Next year's team is very promising despite the loss of seniors Zackary, Pankey and Cone. Good luck Seniors!

Middle School Wrestlers

The Middle School Wrestling Season got underway following the varsity schedule. Mr. Doug Randolph is the Coach and Mr. Sven Hestrand is Asst. Coach. The cadets have competed in three matches and have one remaining before the Lyons Tournament on March 6.

The wrestling team roster includes Trent Peterson 90 lbs., Brandon Fanning 95 lbs., Alan Daly 100 lbs., Rex Robichaux 105 lbs., Ben Walker 110 lbs., James Wingfield 115 lbs., Ryan Foster 120 lbs., Juston Asher 127 lbs., Casey Slinkard 134 lbs., Brayden Kuhre 141 lbs., Nick Dockery 148 lbs., Scott Matney 165 lbs., Scott Edwards 165 lbs., Chris Boesker 180 lbs., and Kellen Beer 180 lbs.

Congratulations Drill Team

In a recent meet at Lawrence, the SJMS Drill Team took first place in an Exhibition Drill competing against the northeast school system. With 27 teams competing, With a margin of over 200 points, St. John's took first place at this event for the first time in 21 years. Under the leadership of Drill Team Instructor 1SG Amon L. Tidmore, and team commander Cadet John Coleman, team members are Tom Zackary, Bradley Cox, Jonathan Mo, Pedro Romero, Corey Dixon, Brandon Holsworth, Chris Ryman, Blake McMurtrey, Alois Peter, Adam Reue, Jonathan Hiller, Zachary Smith, Dustin Rekow, Andrew Ruckdeschel, Andreas Benoit, Luis Romero, Scott Smith, Lucas Hofman and Ryan North.

The Color Guard members are Chris Pineda, Cody Humphrey, Lance Hoover, David. Miller, Steven Katzman and Ethan Noll.





Warren

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The award is sponsored each year by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation to the outstanding cadets of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools across the country on or near the birth date of General MacArthur, January 26. Its objective is to encourage the students of the member institutions, to emulate and practice the qualities exemplified by Douglas MacArthur as a cadet at the West Texas Military Institute and the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York.

With Cadet Ryan Levitan as narrator, the reviewing officer and presenting the award was LTC Robert Bloomquist, Commander of the Kansas Training Center. Cadet Major R. Nathan Bilotte read "A Father's Prayer."

Cadet Comments

by Blake McMurtrey, Evergreen CO

Congratulations to LTC Warren on Cadet of the Year. Also, congratulations to each participating cadet for showing us all just how good the 111th Corps can look. LTC Bloomquist, the officer presenting the award to Cadet Warren, began his address by mentioning the sharpness and military bearing of all the cadets as one of the best he'd seen.

Commencement Weekend

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 14

12:30 - 4:00 P.M.	Registration
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.	Parent/Teacher/Staff Conferences
4:15 - 5:00 P.M.	Reception, Campus East Lawn
5:00 P.M.	Retreat Parade, Teardrop
7:00 P.M.	Seniors Receiving Line Salina Bicentennial Center
7:30 P.M.	Commandant's Military Ball/ Awards Ceremony 1999 Ring Ceremony Crack Squad Performance Color Guard
9:30 P.M.	Pass Gate Opens
11:30 P.M.	ALL Passes End - TAPS

Saturday, May 15

7:50 AM	Flag Raising Ceremony (111 Flags)
8:00 AM	Library Gift Dedication
8:10 AM	Continental Breakfast - Stevens Center
8:30 - 10:00 A.M. ..	Parent/Teacher/Staff Conferences
10:30 AM	Educational Honors Convocation and Eighth Grade Graduation Salina Bicentennial Center
12:15 PM	SJMS Foundation Luncheon Salina Bicentennial Center
2:00 P.M.	The Senior Eucharist • Mandatory for Seniors, Choir & Chapel Council EVERYONE WELCOME Chapel of St. John The Evangelist
3:15 P.M.	Freedom Tree Ceremony
3:30 P.M.	COMMENCEMENT • Mandatory for all Cadets Final Retreat Parade Pass in Review Dismissal - 111 th Corps Forever

5:30 P.M. Saturday thru noon, Sunday, May 16 - Cadets depart Campus

some scenes of winter fun



Winter Carnival breaks blahs

The annual Winter Carnival was held on Wednesday afternoon, January 13. The day started with a late sleep, optional breakfast, regular lunch time and then a 1 P.M. game time.

Mr. Devon Walter coordinated the event which is sponsored by various school clubs and organizations. Numerous contests and games were offered along with plenty to eat.

Spartan Campout

MAJ George Stelljes awarded those cadets making the Spartan team with a campout. A February campout is always risky to plan but considering what it might have been, this was a breeze. They all had a great time.

Ski Trip

Thirty-five cadets went on the annual ski trip over the February 19-21 weekend. Sponsors and chaperones included the Commandant and his wife, LTC Mike and Sandy Furlo; Senior Cadet Advisor SFC Charles Jimerson and Academic Dean, Dr. Mike Culp.

The boys had a great time trying to improve their skiing skills.

Colonel Furlo reported that it was a great weekend, probably the best ski trip since he has been going with them. Pictured are Cadets Barger and Pineda and Anesi.

Chapman visits Old Boys and Patrons

by Tim Chapman, Director of Development

The Development staff has been on the road visiting parents of current and past cadets as well as alumni from all eras. It has been great visiting with each group about the services that St. John's provides. Needless to say, several suggestions have been mentioned on ways we can improve our efforts.

Those alumni recently visited include Bill Thomas, '64. Bill continues to live in Hebron, NE and runs the Thomas Jewelry Store. Morris Johnson, '49, is retired from the world of banking in Valentine, NE. Howard Haythorn, '45, lives on the plains of Nebraska and is a long time rancher near Maxwell. Mark Huber, '75, runs a lighting business for entertainers and musicians in Omaha and has mentioned his golf game might be at a level where he would feel comfortable playing Lefty Loy. Don Wendler, '53, lives in Hermosa SD. Don is a cattle man and encourages everyone to eat beef. Cub Clem, '46, is attempting to get away from the University setting in Vermillion SD and play more golf. Jack Fike, '49, spends a lot of his time on the roads around Denver. Wes Capps '49, lives in Georgetown, CO and operates the Cob Web Shop.

Jack and Ginny Conroy of Colorado Springs were gracious hosts in greeting several parents for an evening of food and conversation. The networking between parents has been a gradual step this year through the St. John's Foundation/Your PTA. Future gatherings are planned in Denver later this spring and possibly again in Colorado Springs this summer.

Please, if you have an interest in hosting a St. John's event or have questions on future events, contact the Office of Development.

*Below, Don and Mick Wendler.
At top right, Howard Haythorn.
At right: Cub Clem.*



Class Notes

Jeff Broome

Class of '71

1900 Zinnia Court
Golden CO 80401

Jeff writes us a recent update. He graduated last December from the University of Colorado with a Ph.D. in philosophy. His dissertation was on the theological problem of evil, i.e., how it is that a loving God would permit all the suffering we find in the everyday world?

He says he has also continued with his interest in Custer and the Indian wars. Recently he found a battle site near Goodland, KS. Using a metal detector and original accounts (Custer found the massacred soldiers 10 days after their battle), Jeff was able to locate the site (bullets, buttons, shell casings, etc.). This is over a half a mile from a marker denoting where it was thought the battle occurred. He is now having a lot of fun giving talks about this to different groups.

He ends his letter with regret that he missed our October Alumni gathering and hopes to make it next year.

TAPS

Martin E. VerBruegge

Kansas City, MO

Died March 6, 1998

Class of '37

(information provided by

Class President Donald

McCoy, 3814 NE 49th

Terrace, Kansas City, MO

64119)

Gillmore John Osborne

St. John, KS

Died January 2, 1999

Atten. 1950-52

(information provided by

Vilda Osborne, 301 W. 4th.,

St. John, KS)

Davidson Collins

Victorville, CA

Died September 11, 1998

Class of '53

(information provided by

Darlene Collins, 6415

Arrowhead Lake Rd.,

Hesperia, CA 92345)

Dr. Tex E. Fury

Salina, KS

Died January 8, 1999

Member of Mule-Skinner

Club for 22 years

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

The Alumni Reception for "Old Boys" attending Commencement Weekend will be on Saturday evening at the President's home.

Please take note of weekend schedule on page 8 giving other events, and plan to sit in the Alumni Section during Commencement ceremonies.

Attention: Class of '59

Al Palmer

1506 Jefferson Ave.
Woodlyn PA 19094

Al is working on a 40 year class reunion for this May. Names and addresses have been provided but there are a lot of blanks. Let him know if you plan to attend Commencement. Give him an address of a missing classmate.

Brookville Hotel in Abilene?

The Martin family is considering relocating the famed Brookville Hotel. Because of the limited sewer system in Brookville and with no room for an expanded septic tank, the restaurant has had to truck wastewater out of town. Many of St. John's alumni are great fans of the famous family-style fried chicken dinners that have been served at the Hotel for 129 years. A trip to Brookville is a part of any visit to Salina.

The alternative is to move the restaurant to Abilene while retaining the same name, quality of food, and ambiance. If the move were to happen it would take place in the spring of 2000.



gift of surplus



Cadet Jonathan Hitchcock's parents overwhelmed everyone when they delivered to the Quartermaster 1300 lbs of field jackets, pant liners and masks, which they purchased at a surplus sale.

The cadets were thrilled with the gift and can't wait to put them to use.



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