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## ... a family affair ... eight pairs of brothers enrolled

Believed to be a record in the history of the school, St. John's is thrilled to have eight sets of brothers enrolled this school year.

The Wilcox brothers are from New Prague, MN. Peter (Gr.10) and Daniel (Gr. 9) are in their third year at St. John's.



*Cadets are shown, from left: Crenshaws, Hendricksons, Hillers, Justices, Martinez's, Redds, Wilcox's and Winkels.*

Joshua and Jeremy Crenshaw's parents reside in Saudi Arabia. This is Joshua's (Gr. 10) second year and Jeremy's (Gr. 9) first year. Their older brother Jacob, was in the class of '99.

Gabriel and Richard Martinez are

*See page 6*



## Brigadiers Recognized

Capt. McAlexander began the ceremony by recognizing Brigadiers in attendance, including Mr. Kenneth Jennison, EBC, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Dick Renfro, UMB; Mr. Charles Stevens, Stevens Contractors, and Mrs. Pat McAlexander.

## Leonard named Cadet of the Year

Michael Leonard, Yukon, Oklahoma, was awarded the MacArthur Cadet of the Year award in special ceremonies, February 4 in the Banes Gymnasium. The award is given to the senior Cadet with the most soldierly performance considering academics, athletics and leadership.

This is the 20th year the MacArthur Foundation has sponsored this award, given to the outstanding Cadets of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools. The objective is to encourage the students to emulate and practice the qualities exemplified by Douglas MacArthur as a Cadet at Texas Military Institute and the U.S. Military Academy, West Point.

Leonard received a pin-on emblem, a full scale replica of the medal struck by the Congress of the United States honoring General, a copy of the book of Reminiscence by General Douglas MacArthur, which has been signed by Mrs. MacArthur, and a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

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### President's Message

**Capt. E. A. McAlexander**

One of my personal goals is to make it easy

and pleasant for old boys to return to the campus. We will support any kind of reunion, at any time of the year, to the maximum extent possible. Please contact Sheri Becker or me and let us know how we can help organize or host any group.

We also should be proactive in scheduling activities. You will see on another page of this issue of the Skirmisher that we will host an "Old Boy" weekend on the 10th, 11th, and

12th of November of this year. We hope that will be convenient for everyone. We realize that we are taking a risk with the weather in November, so let me provide a few words of background.

Many old boys enjoy returning to campus for the commencement ceremony in May. The Handle Ceremony is particularly meaningful, and we want to encourage participation. To do so, we have had an old boy reception one evening during the weekend and will continue that practice. Unfortunately, that weekend belongs to the graduating seniors and most of the staff is

heavily involved in other activities.

In order to provide more time for interaction between old boys and the staff and cadets, four years ago we started having an alumni weekend in the fall. After one year of having it separate from Parents'/Homecoming Weekend, we have tried three years of having the old boys and parents on the same weekend. I have been involved in all of them and can assure anyone that there are complex factors involved in scheduling a homecoming weekend in the fall. Everything from the weather to the Kansas State University football schedule impacts on who is available and what activities can

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### Academic Dean's Message

**Dr. Mike Culp**

One of the main attributes we try to teach your son at St. John's Military School is responsibility. As I was working

with a cadet the other day on that issue, it occurred to me that I should review my own responsibilities as to how we can better assist your cadet. As I thought about it, I realized that my major responsibility to your son should be for his security, learning, spiritual, moral and intellectual growth. I want to assure you that I take these areas very seriously.

Please feel free to contact me at

any time you have concerns or questions in any of these areas. By working together, we can make your son a stronger, wiser and more mature young man who learns to handle his own responsibilities successfully. I always enjoy hearing from you as to how we can better assist you and your son, so keep in touch.



### Commandant's Message

**LTC Mike Furlo**

The first Officer Candidate

School (OCS) class of the new century has recently graduated seven St. John's cadets. Besides intensive classes in ethics and leadership, these cadets have been

schooled in team building, as well as, what we expect from our cadet officers at St. John's Military School.

With an eye to the future, we plan on taking a hard look at incorporating New Boy training into our cycle of training prior to the start of the 2000-2001 school year. Elements of this proposed program would

include the possibility of combining our Leadership Camp with the New Boy training program. The initial phase of studying a proposed change to New Boy training has already been undertaken. Shortly, we will begin the process of gathering input from cadet leaders and the adult staff to develop an outline for any possible future changes to our training programs.

## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY HUNT FOR THE HEARTS . . requiring some knowledge of history and obscure facts about St. John's



The winning team (pictured above) included Cadet Richard Hardy, Cadet Daniel Wilcox and Mrs. Brenda McCoy. Coming close but just inches from picking up the last heart was Cadet Kelly Coggins teamed up with Mrs. Paula Lambert. Also successfully answering questions were entrants MSG Tony Blair and Major George Stelljes. **Congratulations!**

A fun event was sponsored by Major Doug Randolph for cadets and employees for the week prior to Valentine's Day. Five clues were posted on Monday thru Thursday with 10 clues posted on Friday. The first 25 clues led to locating one wooden Heart, and the last 5 clues led to the 2nd Heart. Correct answers to ten questions had to be turned in to Randolph on Valentine's Day. Participants could work individually or as teams.

For cadets, the prize included a heart shaped cake, a Mrs. McCoy cookie, 2 liters of pop, a bag of Valentine candy and \$20 in cash. The winning adult received dinner for two at Applebee's and a movie pass for two at any Salina Theater.

**The questions are listed on page 11 for the possible interest of our Skirmisher readers and alumni.**

## Chaplain's Chat

I would like to use this means to express my deep and heartfelt thanks to the many cadets, cadet family members, "old boys," staff, faculty, and board of trustee members, who expressed their good wishes for a healthful and speedy recovery from my recent surgery. I am recovering "on schedule," as my doctors say, although I must admit I am often impatient to be progressing even more rapidly. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to St. John's Military School as an institution, and to the President, Captain McAlexander, for the supportive way in which those of the St. John's "family" are so completely supported when adversity invades their lives.

I am grateful to God for the skill of those most excellent medical practitioners, doctors, surgeons, nurses and others from whom I received such

excellent care. I am equally grateful to those many people of faith who offered prayers "without ceasing". We are all aware that it is the skill of the medical professionals and the outstanding medical technology that saves us from so much suffering. But we must also be equally aware that it is God and God alone who "heals" us from our infirmities, both spiritual and physical.

I want to offer a special thanks to those who were so especially helpful

during my absence. To Bishop Strickland who assured that the Altar and Pulpit at St. John's was never without a priest; to Fr. Ron Johnson of St. Francis Academy who filled in so well. To Mrs. Pat McAlexander and Tom Frankenfield who so competently covered my classes. And most especially to my soul mate and my best friend, and the finest around the clock nurse in the whole world, my wife Ruth. May God richly bless you all!

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## St John's Rifle Team 1999-2000

*by Coach MSG (RET) Tony Blair*



Tryouts began in November when 60 boys competed for the 10 slots that would make up this year's team. Along with high scores, boys were picked according to natural ability and ability to train. During the season the team shoots against teams from Manhattan, Alma, Abilene, Wichita, and Delphos, making up the North Central Kansas Smallbore Gallery League. The other teams consist of mostly adult shooters who have competed an average of 15-20 years. Although this may be detri-

mental to our win/lose ratio, the cadets benefit greatly from the knowledge and experience that these opposing shooters are more than willing to share. We also shoot against other JROTC teams such as from Missouri Military Academy and Leavenworth High School.

As with all of the other extracurricular activities offered at St John's, the team has had to deal with changes in their roster. The current roster consists of the following shooters: Cadet MAJ John Conroy (Team Captain), Cadet LT Reno Junizwan, Cadet SSG Rex Robichaux, Cadet SGT Scott Matney, Cadet CPL George Norton, Cadet CPL Antonio Escandon, Cadet PV2 Jeremy Plugger, and Cadet PV2 Austin Roper along with their coach, MSG (RET) Tony Blair. Other than the coach and the team captain, all shooters are first year shooters.

The year began with a postal match hosted by the Sidney Lanier Rifle Club out of Montgomery, Alabama. Out of 13 teams, St John's took 5<sup>th</sup> place with MAJ Conroy placing 4<sup>th</sup> out of 14 individual shooters. Not a bad start with only one week of practice under our belts.

The team shoots a total of 11 shoulder to shoulder league matches. Every Thursday evening a league match is fired, with most of the matches taking place on St John's new rifle range. Wichita and Abilene both call our range home, making it convenient for us. Sometimes, however, it makes for a long night when Abilene, Wichita, and St John's are shooting at home.

During league matches, everybody has an opportunity to compete, with St. John's entering two teams of four shooters each. When all shells are expended and the dust clears, the top four shooters are placed on team number one and the last four are placed on team number two. Anyone left over does not make the team roster for that competition.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of February both St John's teams came home from Manhattan with a victory against the team from Alma. MAJ Conroy, CPT Junizwan, and PVT Roper all shot their top score to date with John shooting a 264, Reno a 240 and Austin a 221. Even though CPL Norton fired a 228 it did not compare to his performance on 27 January when he scored a 256 against Delphos. This is the same match that PVT Plugger fired his top score of 220. It is only a matter of time before SSG Robichaux, SGT Matney, and CPL Escandon break the 200 mark during a match. I have never seen a harder working and dedicated group of shooters in my coaching tenure as I have seen in this team. **Both you and I can be proud of these boys.**

**The season will come to a close on the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> of April when St John's hosts the Kansas State Smallbore Championship. I truly believe St John's could take the Championship.**

### Abilene Rifle Match

It was a big night for the Rifle Team on Thursday night, February 17. Coach Blair doesn't believe that St John's has ever beaten Abilene in a shoulder to shoulder match. But on this night three rifle team members shot their highest scores yet, making a place in the school's history. George Norton fired a 257, Austin Roper a 250, and Jeremy Plugger fired a 230. Other team members that fired over 200 were John Conroy with a 234, Reno Junizwan with a 226, and the coach himself with a 249. When all of the shooting had finished the final score was St. John's 990 to Abilene's 980.

Articles provided by  
S-5 Scott Smith, Apple Valley, CA

## AMS

If you don't know by now, AMS stands for Advanced Military Skills. The cadets are taught how to defend themselves, with classes on camouflaging, repelling, scuba diving and soon, skydiving. In April the AMS class will march 26.2 miles in the Battan Death March in New Mexico. The team currently consists of eight members, often subjected to grueling P.E. tests to keep them in shape. The cadet pays a high price for taking the punishment, but the rewards are well worth the pain endured. The team expects to earn their scuba and skydiving licenses by the end of the school year.

## Drill Team

The drill team has changed in looks since the beginning of the year in faces, numbers and drill. The drill team's commander is Cadet 1st Lt. Scott Smith and it's XO is Sgt. Blake McMurtrey. The team performs as often as they can, being invited to numerous events such as basketball game half times at other schools. At a recent meet in Lawrence, Kansas, the cadets brought home a 2nd place trophy for Regulation w/ weapons. This was the first competition for them in Regulation. They also received a 5th place in Exhibition Drill. The judges for this even were drill

## Now it's complete - Blood given with sweat and tears

The American Red Cross held a blood drive on the St. John's campus in February. A total of 17 persons volunteered in advance to donate blood including 11 cadets. Donors must be at least 17 years of age in order to be candidates. Pictured above is cadet Zach Smith, a senior, who appeared to take the process in good form.

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sergeants from the Marine Corps. The cadets are looking forward to attending the national competition in Denver, Colorado in April.

## OCS Class 2001

Every year after Christmas vacation, selected cadets are chosen to take the OCS (Officer Candidate School) Class. These hard working cadets are taught the skills of an officer. A graduation ceremony is held at the end of the two-week class. This year's class included cadets Benjamin Anesi (Gr. 11), David Miller (Gr. 11), Joseph Mooney (Gr. 11), Matthew Webster (Gr. 11), Jonathan Hiller (Gr.10) and Ryan North (Gr. 10). Immediately after graduation in May, they begin their command position.

## Strange takes Command

Among the many changes that occurred at second semester, was the command of the Mess Hall. Cadet Lee Strange was given the command of the Mess Hall after Scott Smith moved to the position of Battalion Staff S-5.

Cadet Strange attended St. John's in the 110th and returned for the 112th. He started out waiting tables as a white coat and worked his way up to the red coat realm.

**Good job, WO Strange!**



## SKI TRIP

Returning from the annual Colorado ski trip at Silver Creek Lodge were 36 very tired cadets. Leaving late Thursday night, and traveling by bus, they arrived at the resort at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday morning. With rooms not yet avail-



able, cadets immediately hit the slopes. Activity included skiing, snow boarding and snow blading with no apparent beginners among the group.

They returned to the lodge after 3 p.m., checked into their rooms, took showers, and were free to make dinner arrangements for the evening. Saturday was pretty much a duplication of Friday, with the return trip home on Sunday.

The commandant, LTC Mike Furlo, along with Senior Cadet Advisor SFC Charles Jimerson and his wife, were chaperones for the trip. With an opportunity to see their sons again, parents of Conroy, Pickart and Robichaux also joined the cadets during the fun weekend.

*(Pictured above, the "Mexican Connection")*

## Les Miserables

*"Will the future ever arrive? . . . Should we continue to look upwards? Is the light we can see in the sky one of those which will presently be extinguished? The ideal is terrifying to behold, isolated, a pinpoint, brilliant but threatened on all sides by the dark forces that surround it; nevertheless, no more in danger than a star in the jaws of the clouds."* Victor Hugo

On Thursday, February 17, a group of cadets attended a performance of *Les Miserables*, a musical based on the novel by Victor Hugo. Set in Paris in the 19th century, this musical tells the story of Jean Valjean, a prisoner who has been released on parole after 19 years on the chain gang. His life represents the invincibility of the human spirit as he encounters the challenges, disappointments, and relationships in his life.

The following cadets attended this matinee performance at the Music Theater in Kansas City: J.D. Crenshaw, Alois Peter, Lance Hoover, David Miller, Jason Pickart, Mazin Kabli, Reno Junizwan, John Schladale, Bryan Averill, Brian Vogler, Michael Scott, Justin George, Grant Garrison, Tom Moore, Greg Davis, Brian Dwyer and John Conroy. The trip was sponsored by Chris and Garry Peterson and Scott Wiedeman.

## Brothers, Welcome! Continued from page 1

from Laverne, CA. Both Gabriel (Gr. 12) and Richard (Gr. 10) are in their second year at St. John's.

Three sets of brothers come from Oklahoma. The Hiller brothers, from Collinsville, OK include Jonathan (Gr. 10) in his second year at St. John's and his brother Donovan 'Ryan' (9th Gr.) in his first year.

The Redd brothers, from Ponca City, include Jake (Gr. 10) and Mack (Gr. 9). Jake arrived in August and Mack at the beginning of 2nd semester. The Hendrickson brothers come from Tahlaquah, OK and both Clinton (Gr. 9) and Mason (Gr. 8) arrived during 2nd semester.

Eric (Gr. 10) and Alexander (Gr. 8) Winkel come from Pratt, KS and have both been here for the full school year.

The Justice brothers are from Silverthorne, CO. Matthew (Gr. 9) and Jack (Gr. 7) both began at the beginning of 2nd semester.

*The faculty and staff appreciate the confidence these parents have in us and we thank them. These boys are a great part of the St. John's family.*



## Good season for cadet basketball

With one game remaining in regular season, the cadets get ready for tournament play. After a hot start in January with a 3-0 record, cadets lost momentum during a 3-week Christmas break, suffering four straight losses before posting another win.

The first loss was a forfeit because of a scheduled game with Tescott prior to cadets returning from Christmas break. Their second game, with Solomon, fell with just two days of practice following the break. With a close game at half time they just ran out of steam in the stretch. A tournament in Solomon continued the losing streak until their game with St. Mary's Academy on January 25, where the cadets built a double-digit halftime lead and never looked back.

This was followed with some big wins, some big losses and a really exciting close one against Centre. The cadets will be going into their final game with three straight wins and some hopes to do something in sub state which starts a few days later.

12/7	Enterprise	89* - 56
12/10	St. Mary's	62* - 39
12/13	Emmanuel Chris.	62* - 27
1/07	<b>Tescott</b>	*Forfeit
1/11	<b>Solomon</b>	54 - 36*
1/14	<b>White City</b>	71 - 37*
League Tournament, Solomon		
1/18	Bennington	65 - 36*
1/21	Hope	59 - 39*
1/25	St. Mary's Acad.	52* - 46
1/28	<b>Hope</b>	54 - 40*
2/01	Flint Hills Christian	71* - 43
2/04	<b>St. Xavier</b>	76 - 45*
2/08	Centre	73 - 72*
2/11	<b>Wakefield</b>	61* - 50
2/15	<b>Bennington</b>	69 - 54*
2/18	Emmanuel Christian	59* - 37
2/22	Enterprise	72* - 61
2/25	Wichita Trinity	

\* designates St. John's score

**Bold- Eisenhower League Games**

## J.V. Season

With varsity taking players from the J.V. team, especially after Christmas break, the bench wasn't too deep. At times there was only one man on the bench and he was restricted from play due to the quarter requirements.

Five players, deserving a special hand for playing most of each game are Chris Boesker, Mack Redd, Mike Speelman, Alex Fabian and Ryan North.

Going into their last game of the regular season, Coach Day's team has a 5-8 record, winning their last three.

*St. John's, with one game remaining in regular season, is 8-9 overall and 1-7 in League play.*



*Come back to earth, Gleeson! (photo by MAJ Stelljes)*

## wrestlers look forward to next year

The wrestling team finished off the year with the regional tournament held at Russell, KS. Although none of the St. John's wrestlers qualified for the state tournament they all have something to be proud of. They were able to stick it out and finish the season in such a demanding sport, all the while keeping up their grades and military responsibilities.

The 1999-2000 team was a young team with no seniors so the future looks bright for the St. John's grapplers. The possible returning wrestlers are Craig Boliek (9), Daniel Wilcox (9), Bryan Averill (10), Gregory Davis (10), Miguel Schladales (10), William Corkins (11) and Wade Phoenix (11). The coaches are looking forward to the 2000-2001 season and hopefully more cadets will become involved in the sport.

## M.S. Season

Small enrollment can sometimes make team sports difficult at St. John's and this was certainly a factor. Eventhough they never became a threat to their competition, the cadets showed great improvement throughout their season, had some fun, and gained a lot of floor experience. Under the direction of Coach Rudolph, these guys deserve a big hand.

## Special Orders

announcing Promotions for the 112th Corps of Cadets since the last Skirmisher.

### SO 214-00 dated 1/13/00

Evan Bakal, Alejandro Campomanes, Grant Garrison and Nathan Morris to PFC; Hunter Allen, Bryan Averill, Jessen Eckert, Christopher Finkey, Russell Gruber, Jake Redd, Alexander Winekl and Jon White to CPL.

### SO 215-00 dated 1/13/00

Juston Asher and Carlos Del Rio to PV2; Jon Bates, Stephen Cambier, Kareem Dockery, Casey Nelson and Edward Saldana to PFC; Michael Brown, Nicholas McCoy and John Schladales to CPL.

### SO 227-00 dated 1/20/00

Craig Boliek, Jesus Castillo, Gregory Davis, Chad Ingels, Jon Liu, Charles Maxie and Michael Shriver to CPL.

### SO 228-00 dated 1/20/00

Brandon Lancaster to PV2.

### SO 230-00 dated 1/21/00

Benjamin Anesi, Joshua Crenshaw, Jonathan Hiller, David Miller, Joseph Mooney, Ryan North and Matthew Webster to 2LT; Lee Strange to WO1. *This order also assigned Miller as Company Commander of HHC; Mooney as Company Commander of Charlie Company and Lee Strange to Battalion Staff as OIC of the Dining Facility.*

### SO 231-00 dated 1/23/00

Jonathan Hitchcock and Michael Scott to SGT.

### SO 247-00 dated 1/26/00

Ethan Bosse to PV2 and Edward Williams to PV1.

### SO 249-00 dated 1/27/00

William Corkins to PFC and Roberto Osoy to CPL.

### SO 253-00 dated 1/28/00

Blake Collins to PV2; Jessen Eckert and Daniel Han to PV1.

### SO 255-00 dated 1/31/00

Justin Randolph to PV2.

### SO 260-00 dated 2/2/00

Peter Wilcox to 1SG.

### SO 261-00 dated 2/2/00

Edwin DeYoung, Sean Duerr, Daniel Han, Joaquin Hernandez and John Kunkel to PV2; Brandon Lancaster to PV1.

### SO 264-00 dated 2/3/00

Jared Hammond to PFC; Daniel Diaz, John Garrard, Stephan Gleeson, Richard Hardy, Thomas Moore, Edward Saldana and Joshua Selland to CPL.

### SO 265-00 dated 2/3/00

Kareem Dockery and Isaac Knutson to CPL; Christopher Ryman to PFC; Donavan Hiller, Richard Ciresan, Brian Dwyer and Edward Williams to PV2; Robert Hubbard to PV1.

### SO 275-00 dated 2/9/00

Jon Bates, Stephen Cambier and Richard Derby to CPL.

### SO 277-00 dated 2/10/00

Casey Nelson and Cody Terpenning to PV2.

### SO 279-00 dated 2/11/00

Robert Hubbard to PV2.

### SO 282-00 dated 2/14/00

Gregory Romero to PV2.

### SO 284-00 dated 2/15/00

Evan Bakal, Ethan Bosse, Jessen Eckert and Brandon Lancaster to PV2.

### SO 288-00 dated 2/16/00

Edwin DeYoung, Sean Duerr, Daniel Han, Joaquin Hernandez, John Kunkel and Lucas Moore to PFC.

### SO 289-00 dated 2/17/00

Steven Katzman to PV2 and Nicholas Lamarca to PV1.

### SO 293-00 dated 2/20/00

Antonio Escandon, Mazin Kabli, David Lee, Cory Lewis and Michael Speelman to SGT; Colin McManus, Joshua Shaffer, Zachary Smith and Zachary Russell to SSG; Richard Martinez to SFC.

## New Boys make Old Boy

Promoted to the rank of PV2, the following cadets met the criteria of "Old Boy" Status.

### SO 217-00 dated 1/14/00

Ronnie Luke.

### SO 260-00 dated 2/2/00

Clinton Hendrickson, Jack Justice and Mack Redd.

### SO 266-00 dated 2/4/00

Joseph Bryan, Orlando Evitt, David Kriske, Wade Phoenix and Owen Postma.

### SO 273-00 dated 2/8/00

Mark Ebinger and Matthew Justice.

### SO 280-00 dated 2/11/00

Rodolfo Otanez and Matthew Taylor.

### SO 286-00 dated 2/16/00

Travis Gadino, David Kay and Eric Palacios.

## Jr/Sr PROM

April 21, Salina Country Club

Parents will be receiving  
information soon.



## Second Grading Period Honors are Announced

Congratulations to the

### **BLUE BERETS**

Upper School:

**George Vogler**

**Kelly Coggins**

**Michael Leonard**

Middle School:

**John Garrard**

**Kevin Kerns**

**Richard Hardy**

### **HONOR ROLL:**

Making the Academic Dean's Honor Roll for the Second Grading Period from the Upper School are: George Vogler 99.428; Kelly Coggins 97.333; and Michael Leonard 95.428.

From the Middle School are John Garrard 95.000 and Kevin Kerns 94.857.

### **HONORABLE MENTION:**

Making Honorable Mention from the Upper School are: Lance Hoover 93.000; Mark Romberg 92.375; Wisam Hibri 92.250; Carter Barger 92.125; Christopher Boesker 91.750; Garrett White 90.875; Brian Dwyer 90.625; Mitchell McVey 90.625; Michael Francis 90.500; Michael Leeds 90.500; Thomas Moore 90.500; Nicholas McCoy 90.250; Rex Robichaux 90.250; Zachary Smith 89.888; Reno Junizwan 89.875; Edward Saldana 89.625; Jessen Eckert 89.500; Samuel Fujiwara 89.500; Ryan North 89.500; Matthew Webster 89.500; Jonathan Smith 89.375; Richard Ciresan 89.250; Joseph Mooney 89.250; Jonathan Hiller 89.000; Joshua Crenshaw 88.750; Jeremy Crenshaw 88.500 and Robert Sherman 88.500.

From the Middle School are: Richard Hardy 93.428; Roberto Oscoy 91.000 and Carlos Del Rio, 88.857.

Our congratulations to these cadets for a job well done.

## MacArthur Award

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Leonard has attended St. John's for five years. He has maintained a 91.60 GPA and has earned the academic wreath three times, the blue beret three times, and the national honor society ribbon. He has lettered in soccer once, wrestling once, and three times in football. He was also selected as a captain of the football team for the 1999 season. He has served in numerous leadership positions including company commander and battalion commander.

His mother, Margaret Welty, was in attendance for the presentation.

Reviewing officer and speaker was Major General Gregory B. Gardner, the Adjutant of Kansas.

The military ceremony included the Adjutant's Call, Presentation and Honors, Inspection, Honors to the Nation, Presentation of the Award and playing of the Army Song by the St. John's band.

Cadet Jason Pickart was the ceremony narrator.

We welcome Carolyn Saltzman to the SJMS family. She is our new Assistant Quartermaster.



Mrs. Stein writes of visit from Old Boy Michael Wagner, Class of 1991

I was busy tucking my youngest child into bed when the phone rang. The voice on the line was very familiar and the young man spoke of playing the trombone and baritone. "Do you remember me?" Of course I did, it just took me a minute to go back in time. Michael was coming to Salina to have one of his trucks worked on. I had a million questions for him but we decided that we could catch up during his visit.

Michael manages the Co-op in Gorham, Kansas. He is married and has a beautiful two year old daughter. Michael treated me to breakfast and we quickly caught up on what had been happening since he graduated. We decided to work on putting together a reunion for the Class of '91 and had great fun pouring over pictures in the yearbook.

Many jobs have perks, but they pale in comparison to the joy I feel when an old boy returns to campus with fond memories in his heart.

Thanks for the breakfast and for the visit, Michael!

Mrs. Wendy Stein

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## **Old Boy Notes . . .Where are they now?**

***Be sure to check the Old Boy Directory on Home Page***

### **Alfred Palmer Class of '59**

Widener University  
One University Place  
Chester PA 19013-5792  
Recently had an article of his published in the February 2000 issue of Science Teacher magazine, titled "Measuring Raindrops."

### ***It was great having several Old Boys visit the campus in February.***

**Chris Keller, (attended 1982-84).**  
Currently living in Albuquerque, NM as a Manager Fleet & Customer Rep. Stopped by on his travels across country with  
**Tom Crawley (attended 1984-86)** who is a PGA of America at the Cresthills Country Club in Cincinnati, OH.

**Fred Marco,  
Class of '79**  
1453 Prince Edward Island  
Olathe, KS 66061  
913 768-0786

Fred would like to hear from classmates interested in planning a 20-year reunion.

### **Christopher Apostolof, Class of '91**

Beginning to think about 10 year class reunion. Would like to hear from classmates. Bs. phone: 919 382-7987. Home phone: 919 846-5038. E-Mail chrisa@CCBS.com.

**Mike Wagner, Class of '91**  
(See article from Mrs. Wendy Stein on this page)

**Jonathan Lutwak, Class of '95**  
Jonathan, who graduated from West Point in June, is now stationed at Ft. Riley with the rank of 2LT. He was on campus one day during February and

said that we should start seeing him fairly often. We hope so, Jonathan!

**Mike Pavlovsky, Atten. 94-95**  
Colorado Phone 303 239-9352  
Telephoned. Currently living in Colorado with his fiancé and his daughter. Has a moving van, moves people, equipment, etc. Would love to hear from former classmates.

**Keith Sedille, Class of '95**  
**Ksedille@hotmail.com**  
Would like to hear from old classmates and advisors. He is in his 3rd year of a 6-year stint in the U.S. Army.

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Joshua.Hestehave@moody.as.mil  
Josh is in the Air Force, is married, and stationed in the State of Georgia.

**David Pankey, Class of '99**  
Recently joined the Army. Going to Germany this month. Wanted to thank several individuals for always pushing him to do his best whether it was in the barracks, in the classroom, or on the football field. "You gave me the courage and pride and honor and integrity that I needed to join our great Army." He ended his email saying that words could not express what SJMS did for him and he hopes it continues to help mold today's young teenagers into better citizens and soldiers that we need in today's society.

**Tom Zackary, Class of '99**  
Stopped by while in town to visit parents. Attending Westminster College in Fulton, MO. He said he had a great year playing DIV III Football as a running back. He is also in the Platoon Leaders Cadet (Marine) Program.

Please note -

## **“Old Boy 2000” Reunion Veterans’ Day Weekend November 10-11, 2000**

**Make plans now to come home to St. John’s for a special homecoming weekend. Get reacquainted with your buddies, meet new people, see improvements to the campus, tell a story about when you were here. Plan your class reunions and take part in various events with the 112th Corps of Cadets.**

**(See President’s Message on page 2 for related information)**

## **Classes of ‘49, ‘50 and ‘51**

**Combined Reunion plans are already in the works for these classes. Because of the small class sizes, it was agreed to try to plan a combined reunion. William Shakespeare and Mike Owens have already done some leg work for the 50 year class. Morris Johnson ‘49 and Louis Wyman ‘51 are going to be working on their classes. If you are one of their classmates, please contact one of those listed below and let them know of your interests.**

### **William C. Shakespeare**

*Class of ‘50*

1485 W. Ellis  
Levelland TX 79336  
Phone 806 894-7403

### **John M. (Mike) Owens**

*Class of ‘50*

5049 Gasconade Ave.  
San Diego CA 92110-1345  
Phone 619 276-4880

### **Morris Johnson**

*Class of ‘49*

204 East 4th. St.  
Valentine, NE 69201  
Phone 402 367-2563

### **Louis Wyman**

*Class of ‘51*

3895 County Road #29  
Craig, CO 81625  
Phone 970 824-6431

## **St. Valentine’s Day HUNT .. Questions**

*(See article, page 3)*

1. What brothers were listed on the roster as I, II, III, IV, V.?
2. What 12 schools started the Dwight D. Eisenhower League?
3. What were two new features added to the 1976-77 school calendar?
4. What is a RAT according to the Old Corps?
5. What nurse suffered a broken leg during a football game?
6. Ganssle and Wier took part in killing this.
7. What stood where Mize now stands?
8. Where were “The Towers”?
9. Was Thomas Jefferson a Company Commander at SJMS? If so, when?
10. Were William Shakespeare and Benjamin Franklin roommates at SJMS? If so, when?

**For answers (or to check your answers), you may contact Major Randolph at 785 823-7231, ext. 7770, or email Brenda McCoy, [brendam@sjms.org](mailto:brendam@sjms.org). Good Luck!**

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be scheduled. I will be happy to discuss all of these factors with anyone interested.

For this year we will try the weekend of 10 to 12 November. Saturday will be Veteran’s Day and we will participate in a suitable

ceremony on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. We will have mixers Friday and Saturday evening, golf, sporting events, etc. I hope that many of you will be able to attend and that we can help organize some class reunions. For

the football fans, Kansas State will play Nebraska in Manhattan on Saturday. If you can find tickets, that will be another great reason to come to this part of the world.

Please let us know your plans. We will provide more details later.



## Panel Discussions

Pat McAlexander and Sandy Furlo have contributed a great deal to St. John's Military School during the past few years. Many of the programs they have initiated have largely gone on unnoticed. One of these programs, The Panel Discussions, has enabled the cadets to interact with girls from the local high schools.

Panel Discussions are held four times a year on Sunday evenings. Junior and Senior cadets have the opportunity to volunteer to be a part of the panel. These cadets attend a planning meeting prior to the panel in order to decide on the issues that will be discussed. Each of the cadets becomes somewhat of a 'moderator' during the panel discussion. Some of the topics discussed during the 1999-2000 school year have been: teen suicide, ethnic cleansing, premarital sex, why are we worried about Y2K? The discussions have been extremely animated and have offered the cadets lots of reasons to reflect on important teen issues.

A social hour follows the discussion which allows the cadets to get to know the girls a little better.

A big thanks to Mrs. Furlo and Mrs. McAlexander for introducing such a beneficial program to the cadet corps.



## Winter Carnival/ Valentine treats

Sponsored by the academic department, the Winter Carnival is a St. John's tradition, giving various clubs an opportunity to raise money.

This event, along with the annual Valentine Day's "treat bag" distribution, provides cadets a couple afternoons of fun and treats to break the winter blahs.



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