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167 cadets on opening day enrollment

112th

Forming of the Corps

At the end of the first day of classes, "sound off" was answered by 167 cadets as they formed up the 112th Corps of Cadets. The 100 returning "Old Boys" were joined by 67 "New Boys."

As of this writing, the Corps is made up of boys from 24 states and three foreign countries. Forty-six boys are from Colorado, 24 from Kansas, 18 from both California and Oklahoma and 14 from Texas. Arizona, Illinois, Arkansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska have from two to five boys attend-

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Long Range Planning Underway

The Board of Trustees received briefings on Phase I of the Long-Range Planning Process which was approved at the April Board Meeting. Agreeing to chair the Committee was D. Dale Browning, Trustee and SJMS "Old Boy", from Denver.

Twelve separate sub committees were established and began meeting during the summer months to discuss long range planning for the future of St. John's. This included identifying the issues, examining the needs, the weaknesses and recommending action. The committees were made up of members from the faculty, the military and support staff, Administra-

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SJMS helps in Abilene celebration



Participation in community events recently included the Dwight D. Eisenhower Day which was celebrated in Abilene on October 14. The Color Guard, drill team and the Band provided the right atmosphere as students and others arrived on the Eisenhower Center's grounds to honor General and President Eisenhower's birthday.



President's Message

Capt. E. A. McAlexander

With the addition of Soccer to our fall sports line up, we have badly needed more playing fields for our teams. Middle school football and varsity football required most of the space available, and punished the grass quite a lot. As important as it was to

providing a balanced athletic program, soccer was almost too much for our resources.

Happily, that problem is now resolved. Over the past several years we have been accumulating lots across Euclid Street to the north of the campus. Last year we purchased a lot that gave us six contiguous lots, each 75 feet by 300

feet. That gives us a field that is 450 feet by 300 feet. Over the summer we were able to clear and level the land, and grass is now growing nicely. By next spring, and especially next fall, we will be able to play on the field. It will certainly ease the crowding of our fields and give us more flexibility in planning future expansions of the campus.



Academic Dean's Message

Dr. Mike Culp

The school year is already a quarter over! We have had a good strong start with four new teachers and a different approach to our tutorials. We have added an eighth hour class this year and provide our hour of tutorials before and after

school on a needs/invitation basis.

We are excited about offering curriculum-based adventure trips to our cadets this year. This fall we're taking a group to Los Alamos, New Mexico for science and the surrounding pueblos for history. We will also take a group to Chicago to see two Broadway plays, the Chicago Art Institute and the Museum of Science and Industry - as well as the Shedd Aquarium and an example of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture. Major Randolph took a group to see the Civil War reenactment of the battle of Chickamaga in Ringgold, Georgia.

Of course, in the spring, we'll take a group of cadets on the traditional rattlesnake hunt in western Kansas! Also this spring there will be a group of older cadets going on "the" Adventure Trip which includes white water rafting, rappelling and mountain biking.

Our goal is to make our curriculum as "hands-on" and meaningful to our students as possible. We want them to be able to carry their knowledge into the real world. I would welcome any suggestions you might have as well.



Commandant's Message

LTC Mike Furlo

Welcome to the 112th Corps of Cadets! This year's Corps is off to a fantastic start and shaping up to be truly great. Already the cadets have set a high standard for professionalism and maintaining the barracks in an outstanding manner. Their performance in the annual Santa Fe Day Parade was exemplary and highly praised by many along the parade route. This pattern of excellence has been evident in all activities related to the 112th Corps -- Keep up the good work!

Every so often we have to say farewell to members of our Military

Staff family. This year, Master Sergeant Joe Stewart, Assistant to the Commandant, who has anchored the Military Staff for many years and provided a true calming influence for our cadets, has retired. He will be missed. Also, Master Sergeant Dan Ashmore has moved from the Military Staff to the Maintenance Department. We all wish Dan good luck in his new duties.

Fortunately, we have been able to gain the services of some outstanding new personnel for the Military Staff. Command Sergeant Major Roger Wang, US Army retired, comes to us from Fort Carson, CO, where he most recently served as an Infantry Brigade Command Sergeant Major. He is currently working in Bravo Company as a Cadet

Advisor. Master Sergeant Felix Moret retired out of Fort Riley and has jumped-in and is working extremely well with our cadets in Headquarters Company. retired US Army Sergeant First Class Royce Kilgore has been working part-time for us and had already proven to be a valued member of our team. He works in both Alpha and Headquarters Companies on weekends. Our most recent addition is Sergeant First Class Mark Bucholtz, US Army returned, who last served in Hawaii, but has decided to return to his roots in central Kansas. He works as a Cadet Advisor in Alpha Company.

Again, welcome to all the new staff and the entire family comprising the 112th Corps of Cadets. Let's all work to make this final year of the millennium one of the greatest in the history of our school!

Board of Trustees Reorganized

Larry Bengston was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting held in July. Larry is a local attorney. Serving as Vice Chairman is Larry Britegam, an SJMS "Old Boy" and President of Sunflower Bank, Salina.

Joining the board as a new member is Mike Berkley, Bennington State Bank of Salina. Donna Vanier, Brookville, returns to the Board.

Continuing to serve on the Board are D. Dale Browning, SJMS "Old Boy", Golden, CO, and Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh, Topeka. From Salina are Larry Dunlap, Ron Green, Bob Kastner, Bob Miller, Lawton Nuss, Dr. David Peterson, Bruce Stainbrook, The Rt. Rev. Vernon Strickland and Darrell Wilson.

Completing terms were Charlie Stevens, Salina and SJMS "Old Boy" Tim Soule, Denver.

Chaplain's Chat

The Rev'd Canon James Cox, SSC
SJMS Chaplain



I have often been asked by people who are unfamiliar with the Episcopal Church, "what does the Episcopal Church believe". The easy answer to that question is the answer The Archbishop of Canterbury Geoffrey Fisher gave when he was asked that same question. His response was:

"We have no doctrine of our own ... we only possess the catholic doctrine of the catholic church enshrined in the catholic creeds, and these creeds we hold without addition or diminution. We stand firm on that rock."

Of course, for the uninitiated some explanation beyond that quote would most surely be helpful.

For Episcopalians, worship of Almighty God is absolutely central. And worship, at its best we believe, should cultivate in us a sense of awe, mystery and glory. Thus, Episcopalians hold a "high" view of Almighty God, the holy and blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that our public worship services should express that "high" view, and should reflect what we believe about God. Thus our liturgy expresses our theology.

The very centerpiece of our spirituality is worship: The Holy Eucharist (i.e. The Holy Communion of The Mass) and the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer. The focus of these services are, of course, the Altar and the Pulpit; Word and Sacrament. (*Sacrament: An outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ, as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace. BCP p.857*)

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Mule-Skinner golf:

The 1999-2000 Mule-skinner Golf Tournament was a great success with 23 teams enjoying sunny skies and in hopes of defeating the two time defending champions led by old boy Larry Britegam.

The Salina Country Club was in top shape for the 92 golfers with Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Salina providing all the soft drinks and water. Hole prizes were available on every hole thanks to the many sponsors of the day. A special note of thanks to Stevens Contractors, KASA Controls Inc., UMB Bank of Salina, McCune Paper Co. Inc., AG Edwards & Sons Inc., Mid America Awards, American General Finance, EBC Inc., City Plumbing Co. Inc., Salina Auto Parts, and Marshall Motors Co. Inc.

Top teams were determined on gross score and net score which was determined by each team members handicap. Once again with a gross score, no pun intended, of 56 was the team of Larry Britegam, Steve Brown, Don Vandegrift, and Don Lamb. Can anything slow these guys down? I had each team use a bat as a putter on number 9 green. The wining team eagled the hole. Next year maybe a blindfold is in order. Second place, with a score of 60 was the team of Monte Shadwick, Jim Maes, Tom Harris, and Mike Rose. Third place with a 61 was a team of five players led by Mule-skinner Head Football Coach Sven Hestrand. Following Coach Hestrand for the bronze medal were Todd Blanton, Matt Blanton, Zack Hearall, and Brad Plummer. The top net score with a 53 was by A J Andersen, Steve Ryan, Paul Burket, and Tim Pestinger. Coming in second with a 57 was the team of Steve Ash, Tommy Ash, Ken Britt, and Ed Piersee. Third place went to team members John Hartmann, Brad Botz, Wayne Schneider, and Jim Kramer with a 59.

Thanks to all who participated and we encourage everyone to mark your calendars for next year's event.

New Employees

Chapman accepts position at KSU *by Tim Chapman*

New faces could be found throughout the campus as cadets returned for the 112th Corps - from the military department, to the classroom, to the quartermaster and at the infirmary.

Retiring at the beginning of this school year were MSG Joe Stewart, Aide to the Commandant, and Major Jerry Bradley, Admissions Director. Tim Chapman, the Director of Student Development, resigned in September.

Thirty years ago, for the first time, I walked through the gates of St. John's. I was not a future student of the school but a young man with a plan to play the drum in the Salina Drum and Bugle Corps. Military Advisor Capt. Jim Bell was my instructor. The ambience of it all, a military school, Vail Hall, cadets looking at me as an obvious outsider, was intimidating. But it was the beginning of a relationship I have had with St. John's that has lasted to this day.

Thirteen years ago, I was interviewed for a position at Kansas Wesleyan University by Old Boy Dr. William E. Salmon, '53. The position we talked about was Director of Planned Giving/Associate Director of Development. Bill talked about St. John's and the lessons he had learned while attending here. He talked of organization, discipline, and the need to be flexible when faced with the unknown. Bill's first question to me during our conversation has led me down a path of professional growth and personal development. He asked, "Tim, would it intimidate you if I were to give you a box of files and asked you to develop your plan of action based upon what you find in the box?"

After working at KWU for eight years I have been on staff the past three at St. John's as the Director of Institutional Advancement. The experiences of working with the administration, staff, faculty, and the cadets have placed a permanent brand upon my soul I will always carry. I now can truly appreciate the passion I have seen and felt from old boys and parents.

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MSG Tony Blair
JROTC Instr. MSG



Chris Day
Chemistry



Michelle Gabel
Learning Resources



MSG Felix Moret
Cadet Advisor



Mark Ramsey
Math



Martha Smith
Nurse



Treasa Toland
Asst. to Quartermaster



CSM Roger Wang
Cadet Advisor



Eric Winters
Am. History/Economics



Ginger Wooten
Counselor/Registrar

The Foundation **(Your PTA)** **News in Brief**

Julie Fischer

SJMS Foundation Treasurer

On behalf of the Foundation, we would like to "Thank You" for a very successful Parent's Weekend. This was the first year for the Foundation to sponsor the **Parent's Care Package** table which was located in the registration area. Informative materials and brochures about exciting places to visit and fun things to do compiled from Salina and the surrounding areas were available to everyone who visited this table. The Foundation also took this opportunity to sponsor a raffle for a SJMS blanket, which was won by cadet Cody Humphrey's mother, and to provide general and membership information about Your PTA. We are happy to report that the Foundation received over 20 new memberships/renewals and that we raised over three hundred dollars in sales! Given this success, the Foundation Board is looking forward to entertaining the faculty/staff proposals in May for cadet activities and enhancements. *Keep your eyes peeled for the Foundation Newsletter which will be coming out November 15 with further details about our other fundraising projects and for information on how you can become an active member of this exciting "on fire" organization.*

Moms & Mr. Moms **remember Birthdays**

Twenty-seven years ago a Ladie's Club was formed with the sole purpose of doing something for the Cadets. Composed of female employees and wives of faculty/staff who wished to belong, the club met four times yearly. The name has changed to "Moms and Mr. Moms" but the function is the same. Each member draws four to five cadet names and becomes their "Mom" for the year. The "Moms" remember their Cadets' birthdays by baking them a cake, and provide treats on Valentine's Day.

Employees, the greatest portion of our Mom's Club members, are expected to have personal interaction among the students and off campus activities and often take them off campus for a birthday dinner. "Moms" off campus are usually restricted to the birthday cake delivery as off campus would involve liability concerns and parental permission releases.

Members also provide baked items for the annual fall and winter carnivals, and have used proceeds from these events to sponsor special events (usually consisting of sweets) such as serving hot chocolate and Twinkies following semester exams, or an unexpected donut break during an academic day.

Long Range Planning

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Enrollment

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is one boy from twelve different states. The foreign students include six from Mexico, two from Saudi Arabia and one from Indonesia.

Currently there are 35 Seniors, Juniors and Freshmen with 44 in the Sophomore class. The middle school has three 7th grade and eleven 8th grade students.

With Capt. McAlexander coordinating and compiling the responses from the sub committees, the committee chairs met with Mr. Browning for a full day preceding the Board of Trustees meeting, and made recommendations to the Board at the Board's Quarterly meeting on October 22.

Phase II of the project, which will include wider participation and which might be the most difficult phase, will be to identify the options. Phase III will be to satisfy all participating groups, including the Administration, the Board of Trustees, the Staff and Faculty, and receiving input from the Corps of Cadets.

The final phase will be the documentation of the plan.



Leadership Camp



Eighty-one cadets got a headstart for the 112th Corps by attending Leadership (OSC/NCO School) Camp which began August 18. One of the fun events during this ten day period is the Team Building Exercises. Divided by Company, the cadets competed with the Trust Fall, Sinking Islands, Blindman Walking and Blind Squad Walking. Photos show some of these events.

Advanced Military Skills

by Zach Smith

A class of ten "old boys" are tackling military training head-on.

Advanced Military Skills or, A.M.S., began this year under the command of 1st Lt. Sven Hestrand. With seven years experience in the Swedish Army under his belt, Lt. Hestrand is passing on his acquired skills to this mentally and physically fit group of high school cadets.

During the '98-'99 school year, ten cadets from SJMS were selected to participate in a new class where they would learn military skills on an advanced level. This year's agenda involves self defense tactics, water infiltration techniques, camouflage techniques, scuba diving, the theory of reconnaissance, repelling, and CPR.

"Learning CPR is something you need to know when you're outdoors", claims Carter Barger, senior at St. John's. "I hope I never end up having to use it, but in the case that something happens, where someone gets hurt, I'll know

exactly what to do."

Already a quarter into the year, these guys have covered more than just the basics. Lt. Hestrand began the year by putting these young men through a week of intense physical training, or "PT", as they call it. After seven days of vigorous exercise, these young men separated themselves from the rest of the student body and can now honestly say that they earned their seats in this class.

Scott Smith went through that week with the rest of the team and said, "I've learned how to handle myself under stressful situations."

The week was described as not only physically challenging, but mentally challenging. "I was surprised how we became so proficient in such little time," said Cody Humphrey, member of the A.M.S. team. He went on to

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Football Season

Sven Hestrand's first year as head coach for the Muleskinners began with everything but experience. With no returning starters and little field experience, he got 30 highly motivated cadets that never lost their desire throughout the season.

Prior to serving as assistant coach last year, Hestrand spent two years as Assistant Coach at Bethany College. Assisting him with the cadets were Steve Ash, Mike Haist and Eric Winters.

With one game remaining in the regular season, St. Mary's on October 29, the cadets go in with a 2-6 record.

One of the two wins came during Parents' Weekend with a full stadium of specators to help cheer them on. Jumping out to an early lead, Duley Johnson passed for three touchdowns and ran for two more, including the game-winner in the fourth quarter, giving the Muleskinners a 50-44 win. Emmanuel Christian (0-7) had their best game of the season.

The cadets' first win came against Bennington when they picked off a school-record eight interceptions and used an aerial bombardment to defeat Bennington, 36-14. Joell Cole and Sean West each picked off three each and Cody Humphrey and Mitch McVey snared the other two. Led by the all-around play of junior Cole and the strong right arm of sophomore quarterback Duley Johnson, St. John's snapped a 17-game losing skid, dating back to October 17, 1997 when they beat Wakefield 36-30.

Opponents were able to score big against the cadets, but the offense averaged 26 points per game, keeping the games exciting.

Soccer Season

The St. John's soccer team concluded a very successful season with a loss to Goddard High School in the Regional Playoffs. The Muleskinners were the 5th cede in the tournament and finished the season with a record of 10 wins and 5 losses.

Using a system of two points for a goal and one point for the assist, first year player Chris Abouarrage became the first 50 point scorer in St. John's history by scoring 22 goals and assisting on 6 others. His booming shot was a threat to score whenever he got close to the goal. Sam Fujiwara finished his high school career with 59 points on 23 goals and 13 assists over the last two years. John Coleman ended his two year career at St. John's with 35 points on 13 goals and 9 assists. Josh Shaffer anchored the defense playing sweeper, but he still contributed 9 goals and 10 assists to the offense.

The starting lineup of strikers: Chris Abouarrage (50), Sam Fujiwara (12); midfielders: John Coleman (20), Reno Junizwan (4), Zachary Smith (6), and Mike Speelman (6); Defenders: Josh Shaffer - captain (28), Carter Barger - captain, Brandon Lancaster (2), and Edward Saldana (6); goalkeeper: Steve Katzman played an exciting brand of soccer. Three of the five losses were by one goal and twice the team scored at least ten goals in 10 - 0 and 11 - 1 victories. Mason Acomb (7), Ben Anesi, Andrew Ruckdeschel (1), Ryan North (9), Charles Beriault (1), Peter Wilcox (1), Alex Wild, Scott Smith, and Stephan Gleeson also made major contributions to the team coming in off the bench.

Steve Katzman made 76 saves, while Scott Smith stopped 38 shots, Stephon Gleeson blocked 10, and John Schladales grabbed 2. Katzman and Smith combined for three shutouts.

Brandon Lancaster and Edward Saldana made major contributions to the team as freshman as they helped anchor the defense. They were constantly challenging juniors and seniors and won the vast majority of the one on one battles they became involved in. Saldana also scored 3 goals to lead all freshman.

The team placed second in the Eagle Dome Classic losing 2 - 1 in a shootout with the combined team of Salina South and Central. The muleskinners fought hard through 80 minutes of regulation time and two 5 minute sudden death overtimes before losing 3 - 2 on penalty kicks. Sam Fujiwara and Josh Shaffer were selected to the all-tournament team.



Special Orders

announcing Promotions for the 112th Corps of Cadets

SO 1-00 dated 5/15/99

Michael T. Leonard designated Commander.

SO 5-00 dated 8/25/99

Jon Garrett White to PV1.

SO 6-00 dated 8/26/99

Cary Michael Rogers to SGT; George Brian Vogler to CPT; Cody Michael Humphrey to PV2 and Christopher James Henderson to PFC.

SO 7-00 dated 8/27/99

Lance Hoover to 1LT; John Conroy to CPT and Adam Smith to MSG.

SO 8-00 dated 8/27/99

Carter Barger, Charles Beriault, Reno Junizwan, Steven Katzman, Travis Mulder and Jonathan Smith to 2LT.

SO 14-00 dated 9/1/99

Andrew Ruckdeschel, Gregory Davis and Cody Humphrey to PFC; Nicholas McCoy to CPL.

SO 32-00 dated 9/8/99

Sean Duerr, Robert Hubbard, Nicholas Lawson, Brian

Murphy to PFC; Colin McManus, Matthew Steele and Alexander Wild to CPL.

SO 33-00 dated 9/8/99

Glenn Acomb, Derek Hill, James Martling, Joshua Shaffer and Cameron Walsh to PV2; David Holdcraft and James Wilson to CPL; Cory Lewis, Blake McMurtrey, David Miller, Michael Shriver and Daniel Sybert to PFC.

SO 43-00 dated 9/16/99

Brian Dwyer and Christopher Henderson to CPL.

SO 46-00 dated 9/19/99

John Kunkel, Richard Martinez, Joseph Mooney, Lee Strange to SGT; Michael Andrewss to SFC; Justin George and Peter Wilcox to MSG; Adam Smith to SGM and Jason Pickart to WO1.

SO 56-00 dated 9/23/99

John Coleman to 1LT; Christopher Finkey to PV2, Cody Humphrey to CPL and Mazin Kabli and David Lee to PFC.

SO 67-00 dated 9/29/99

Joshua Shaffer and Cameron Walsh to PFC; Ryan Foster to CPL and Alois Peter to SSG.

SO 77-00 dated 10/6/99

Edwin DeYoung, David Miller and Christopher Ryman to CPL; Alexander Wild to SGT; Glenn Acomb, Ian Johnson, James Martling to PFC.

SO 102-00 dated 10/19/99

Christopher Boesker to SSG.

New Boys make Old Boy

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

SO 28-00 dated 9/8/99

Bryan Averill, Richard Derby, Jessen Eckert, Casey Nelson, Jake Redd and Sean West.

SO 40-00 dated 9/14/99

Aaron Abouarrage, Michael Brown, Nathan Morris and Edward Saldana.

SO 64-00 dated 9/28/99

Hunter Allen, Alejandro Campomanes, Jesus Castillo, Chad Ingels,

Joshua Johnson, Kamil Kowalewicz, Charles Maxie, Roberto Osoy, Miguel Alejandro, Zachary Stoller and Daniel Wyatt.

SO 70-00 dated 9/30/99

Jon Heinemann and Evan Bakal.

SO 72-00 dated 10/5/99

Craig Boliek, Jason Cherry, Ethan Bosse and Richard Hardy.

SO 74-00 dated 10/6/99

Manuel Alvarez and Michael Kannady.

SO 84-00 dated 10/12/99

Robert Martinez and Kristopher Seibel.

Conroy participates at KSRA summer camp

Cadet CPT John Conroy attended the Kansas State Rifle Association's (KSRA) annual summer rifle camp from 20-22 August 1999 in Abilene, Kansas. Junior shooters, from beginner to advanced, come from all across Kansas to attend this camp to fine tune their skills. No matter what level the shooter is, they benefit greatly from the one-on-one coaching given by expert adult shooters that volunteer their time and greatly enjoy working with these boys and girls.

At the end of the camp, all shooters get to demonstrate what they have learned by competing in their separate categories. Although John had not fired a rifle since the State Championship, where he had placed second in the Junior Division, he was still able to bring home to St. John's a third place medal in the advanced individual category, and a first place medal in the team competition. First and second places went to last year's state champion and her sister. Although John stated that he had not fired as well as he had hoped, he reiterated that the purpose of going to this camp was to learn from the coaches and other shooters so that he could pass this knowledge on to this year's rifle team.

Old Boy Notes . . . Where are they now?

The summer brought several E-mail and address updates. Be sure to check the Old Boy Directory on Home Page.

Gary Hanna

Class of '52
589 Main St.
Springfield, CO 81073-1337

Gary wrote a nice long letter in July and said "Having graduated from St. John's and going on into college, I certainly appreciated the background I had as a St. John's Cadet."

Ronald Lawrence Hardin

Class of '59
3610 Broad St.
Clyde NC 28721
Phoned the school and asked to be put back on the mailing list.

Fernando de Saracho

Class of '85
He can't believe there are no E-mail addresses from the Class of 85. He has moved to Tucson, Arizona and expected to have his real estate license by this time.

Genaro Luis Siles

Class of '86
Cochabamba, Bolivia
Genaro found SJMS on the Internet and his E-mail address has been added. He attended SJMS 6 1/2 years, graduating as 4th in

his class and Captain of Charlie Company. He is presently CEO of a large international industry. He said that St. John's taught him many things, perhaps teaching him the foundation of life. He hopes to visit one day and would love to take part in a Sunday parade, eat that Sunday fried chicken, and watch old movies again. *Some of his classmates may hear from him. We shared addresses.*

Michael Noah

Class of '89
912 Turner Hill Rd.
Easley, SC 29642
E-mailed the school after being here over Commencement weekend. He said he was reminded of all the good and hard times he endured while at St. John's. He writes that although the grounds and faces of cadets have changed, he will never forget the important part that St. John's had in teaching him about responsibility and all of life's ups and downs. "I will always remember St. John's and the 1989 corp of cadets, for we are few in number we were strong together. SJMS Forever."

Brett Brown

Class of '90
46 Washington St.
Plainville MA 02762
Phone 508 643-1987

Brett E-mailed the school an update. He writes he graduated in 1995 from Pittsburgh State University and is currently enrolled as Boston College. He is employed by Daimler-Chrysler North American Financial Services as a credit analyst.

Joshua Chambers **Atten '89-91**

Joshua is currently residing in Loveland, CO with his wife Erin, a 3 year old son Drake and 15 month old twin boys Adam and Alex. After graduating with his BS in Chemical Engineering from Colorado State University, he went to work as a Process Control Engineering consultant for a company called UOP. After traveling for UOP for 2.5 years he left and took a Control System Applications Engineering position with Woodward (a control system company) in Loveland.

David Anderson **Class of '98**

Dave has successfully completed his first year at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and after a grueling 54 credits ended up with a 3.4 GPA. Classes included math, science and engineering, English, History, Meteorology, Seamanship, Aquatic Survival and Navigation. He is beginning a three month adventure to different countries such as Germany, France, England, Netherlands and Sweden.

(Dave was back during Homecoming, is looking good, and shared that he had a great trip and is really happy.)

Jeffrey DeJarnett **Class of '98**

Jeff writes that he is currently in Kosovo, after spending some time in Albania and Macadonia.

Nick Lehman **Class of '99**

Nick is studying at Indiana University and is on an ROTC scholarship.

Jon Cunningham

Class of '90
PO Box 152
LaBarge, Wy 83123
Jon is beginning his fourth year of teaching. When not working he spends most of his time in the mountains. He thinks it is one of the most spectacular places on Earth! "I may have to drive fifty miles for groceries, but I can fish and hunt ducks three blocks from my house and snowmobile right out of the garage."

Jon also gives an update on several of his classmates.

Jeff Herronen is currently working as a police officer for the city of Northglenn, CO. **Jay Macrum** is living in Mobile, AL. Has been busy with different bands around the country but is now managing a pub and planning a September marriage. **Brian Sweeney** is working for a large computer company in Bozeman, MT. **Joe Richards** is working for the Department of Defense in Manhattan, KS.

TAPS

Sadie Miller

McPherson, KS
Died October 15, 1999
SJMS Friend and Benefactor
Mother of three "Old Boys"
Former member of Board of Trustees and Foundation Board

Memorials

have been received
in
memory of

Sadie Miller

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CHAPLAIN'S CHAT *(Continued from page 3)*

We have a "high" view of Creation. The world we believe, is sacramental, abounding in signs of God's goodness and glory. "The earth is the Lord's and all that is therein." Heaven and earth are filled with His glory. Therefore appreciation of creation is expressed in worship, which used all the human senses, and employs the things of creation; music, flowers, incense, colorful vestments, stained glass, silver, gold, candles, bread, wine and water. All are used and offered to the praise and glory of God.

We have a "high" view of the Incarnation of Jesus, The Christ, the only Son of Almighty God. Our Salvation began when the Word of Almighty God, Jesus, took human flesh in the womb of His blessed mother, Mary the Virgin. God became clothed in human flesh. he humbled himself to become one of us, that we might become one with Him. Christ became as we are, that we might become as He is.

We have a "high" view of Holy Scripture as the living Word of God. Between the Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer, and the Lord's Day Eucharist, the entire Bible is read in public worship services yearly. We live under the authority of Scripture, and believe Holy Scripture to contain all things necessary for the salvation of man.

We have a "high" view of the church, "that wonderful and sacred mystery", the Body of Christ. We believe Christians share in the divine life of the crucified, risen and ascended Lord by being incorporated through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism into his Body, the Church, whose Head is Christ, and whose life-giving grace flows to its members in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We have a "high" view of the Sacraments (see definition above) believing that all of life is sacramental, and that Jesus Christ communicates His life, presence, and grace through the Sacraments. Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism we are born anew and become once and forever children of God, brothers and sisters of Christ, and inheritors of the Kingdom of God. Through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist the church is nourished and, we believe, that in the Eucharist Christ is truly and really present to us in the Eucharistic mystery of the consecrated Bread and Wine, which as Scripture insists, become His body and blood. The Eucharist is at the heart of our spirituality and devotion, and from it flows the mission and ministry of the church; outward from the Altar into the community and the world.

We bear witness to a "high" view of the Communion of Saints and Mary the Mother of our Lord. We are encouraged by their example of obedience and service; we are aided by their prayers; we are strengthened by their fellowship. We view the church as consisting of all Christians who ever lived and were believers: the church **militant** (those of us who are living now), the church **expectant** (those who once lived and were believers, and are now in the "nearer presence of our Lord", who we pray continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God, but whom we see no more), and the church **triumphant** (those who even now dwell in the very presence of Almighty God Himself, including Jesus who dwells at the right hand of the Father, and others whom Scripture assures us were assumed directly into heaven).

And finally, we hold a "high" view of Holy Orders (the ordained ministry) of Bishops, (episcopoi) Priests, (presbyters) and Deacons, (deaconoi), the threefold ministry in Apostolic succession, thus assuring our full participation in the plenitude of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

(Material for this short article was taken from numerous sources including an article written by The Rev. Richard Cornish Martin, SSC, Church of the Advent, Boston, Mass.)

Congratulations, Pat

Patricia McAlexander was recently selected as the executive director of the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas. The Salina organization helps abuse victims with temporary shelter, support groups and other assistance.

Since moving to Salina six years ago when her husband, Capt. McAlexander, became president of St. John's, Mrs. McAlexander has become very involved in activities both on and off campus. Along with sponsoring and/or assisting in many social functions for the cadets, she has provided an avenue for improving their social and interpersonal skills through formal dinners, receptions and discussion groups with young women in Salina.

Recently earning her degree in Management and Ethics from Manhattan Christian College, her clients will find a real source of support from her compassion and understanding.

Chapman

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position at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas and will leave St. John's September 15.

After accepting the challenge thirteen years ago to peer into a box of the unknown and determine a plan of action, I continue to trust upon personal and professional skills to carry my family and I through uncharted waters. I will approach this new challenge knowing I have grown spiritually, morally, intellectually, and physically, in a controlled environment of discipline, structure, and love.

My thanks to all I have had a chance to work with and a special thanks to Dr. Salmon. By asking the question, I have learned "the box" should never be seen as intimidating. It's always full of what you need, it will lead you to all the success you ever wanted, and it's accessible at anytime. Thanks Chief for opening up "my box" or the heart you saw within me!

Best of luck and may God continue to bestow blessings upon you all.

Say "cheese"



Individual pictures were taken of all cadets enrolled on campus on October 21-22. The school photographer, Steve Biggers, advised that parents should receive the proof set by Thanksgiving. An all Corps picture and individual Company pictures were also taken, along with the fall sports team pictures - football and soccer. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase any of these. Information will be received directly from Mr. Biggers, however for future contact, is phone number is 800 275-6127.

Cadets visit Civil War history

Several cadets attended a Civil War reenactment in Ringgold, Georgia on September 18 and 19. The event was the 136th anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga in which 10,000 reenactors participated and more than 22,000 spectators were present. Roughly 1,000 acres of land and eight miles of roads



were utilized for the reenactment, with 150 acres cleared for the battle sites of Snodgrass Hill and Reed's Ridge.

Major Doug Randolph, who sponsored the group, has been involved in Civil War reenactments for the past 10 years. He has taken cadets to Mississippi, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky. Merle and Boo Hodges, local physicians, got him interested in the reenactments and have been very helpful in suggesting which battles to visit. They have always been willing to answer any questions the cadets have concerning Civil War history.

Besides the soldiers, there were several civilian re-enactors, calvary, and artillery crews. Dr. Murdock's medicine show featured the Memphis Mocking Bird (singer), Thalia, the Learned Do of Wonder and the Dancing Quakers. Tents were set up throughout the area for 79 sutlers (period vendors) selling clothing, rifles and a variety of 19th century items and replicas.

Continuous Civil War music was provided by the 12th Louisiana String Band, Old town Brass, the 8th Georgia Regimental Groups and the St. Andrews String Band. The cadets enjoyed the event and learned much about that period of time.

New on Campus Scene

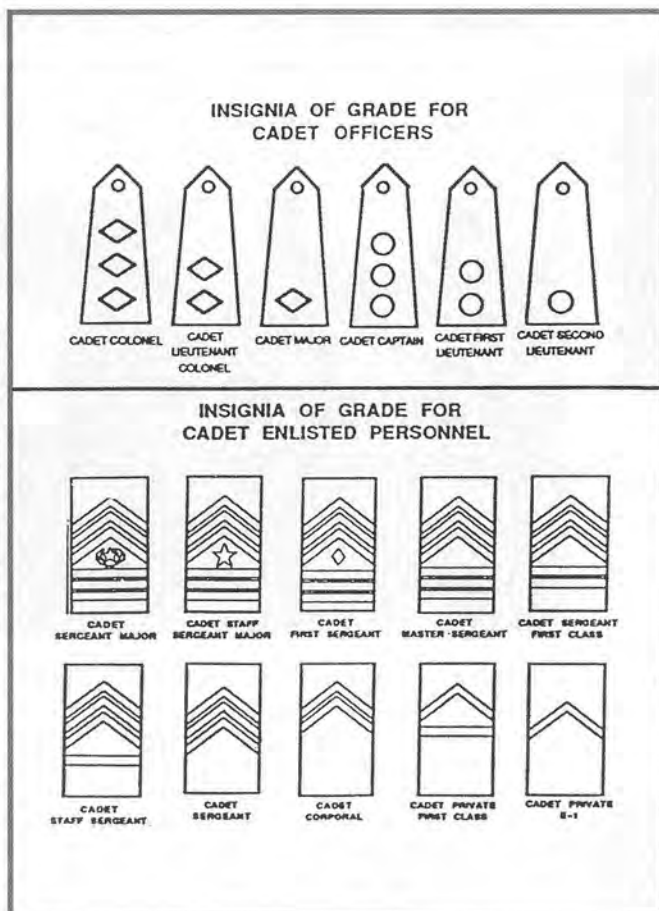


Mr. Gene Johnson gets a big hand for his design and construction of the bridge located on the approach to Perkins Field. Also completed are the new corner stones on 9th Street, the movement of the three bronze busts to the teardrop area, and (not pictured), the clearance for a playing field across the street north of the campus.



Do you know your cadet's rank?

The chart to the left shows the insignia which shows the rank for the cadet officers and enlisted personnel on their Alpha uniform, beginning with the highest. You may know your cadet's current rank but perhaps you don't know where it falls among the other rank.



A.M.S. (Cont. from page 6)
lot of self discipline.”

The A.M.S. team now commutes to a local high school where they practice underwater physical training, communication, buddy breathing, and more. When asked, the team agreed the best part of the class so far was going to the pool.

“When I was a kid I used to go swimming for fun, but now...well this is a lot different than the swimming I used to do,” said Ben Anesi, one of two juniors along with eight seniors in the class. Even though these hour and a half sessions of underwater PT are not going to stop until second semester, they are putting the team in the shape they need to be in to pass the Navy Seals’ training test which will be held toward the end of the year.

It’s obvious this team of cadets possess the self discipline it takes to do whatever they put their minds to. With the assistance of Lt. Hestrand and his Advanced Military Skills course, this discipline is being taken to a higher level, and is promising a positive future.



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