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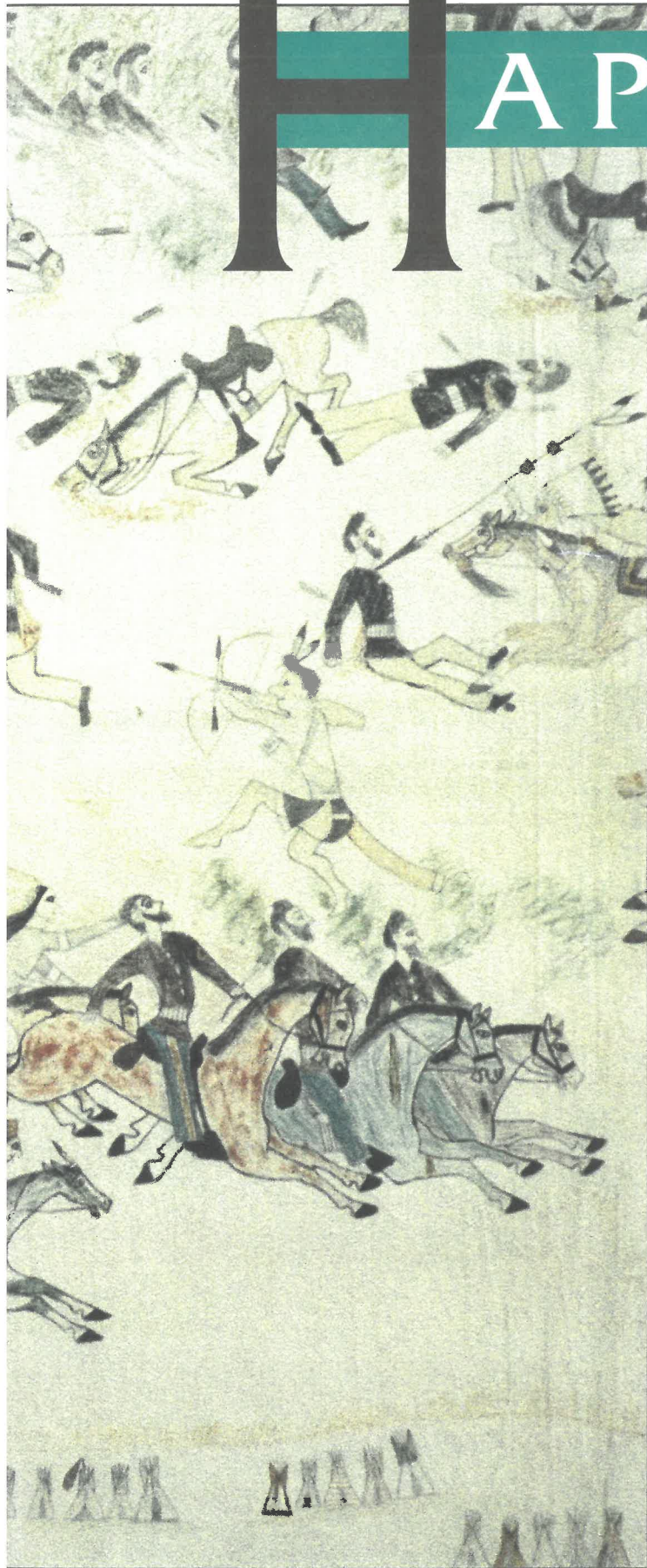
St. Joseph Museum

May / June 1998

Pictograph on muslin of the Battle of Little Big Horn by Standing Bear, a young Minneconjou who took part in the battle.

In 1876, the military was gathering up the Sioux and Cheyenne to move them onto reservations. On June 25 of that year, the Seventh Cavalry, led by Lt. Colonel (Brevet Major General) George Custer and consisting of 650 soldiers, found one of the largest gatherings of Indian warriors ever assembled—over 2,000—in the valley of the Little Big Horn River. Custer divided his regiment into three segments. He then led one group of 210 men into battle. All were killed during a fight of approximately one hour. Custer can be seen standing near the center of the picture. Standing Bear took part in the battle and later created this pictograph.

In 1890, the pictograph was purchased from Standing Bear by trader T. W. Comer. In 1918, he sold it to Allen Strong of Nebraska, who in turn sold it to Harry George of St. Joseph. The Harry L. George Native American collection was purchased by William Goetz for the St. Joseph Museum in 1946.



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WESTERN TRAILS WAGON TRAIN

Gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill in California in January 1848. By the spring of 1849, thousands of gold seekers were gathering at Missouri River jumping-off towns waiting for the grass to green-up on the prairies so they could begin their journeys to California. They were headed west in what would be one of the greatest migrations in history. One '49er wrote in his diary that it appeared that, "the Nation was disgorgeing itself and sending off its whole inhabitanace."

In April 1999, our community, as well as other communities all along the trail to California, will celebrate the very significant role we each played in our country's history. Wagon train reenactors will rendezvous in St. Joseph on April 24 and 25 for a week-end celebration. On April 26, the wagon train members, after a parade through the city, will begin their five month journey to California. Not only will this celebration be a focus of civic pride, but it will also be an opportunity to increase tourism.

The announcement of the wagon train reenactment and the celebration in St. Joseph came during an

Friendship Mission

On April 26, 1998, members of the Japanese American Society of Kansas City traveled to St. Joseph to meet Miss Hyogo. They had heard about Miss Hyogo and her 1997 visit to her homeland when Marilyn Taylor spoke at one of the society's meetings in



Photo by Krispy Hendrix

L. to R.: Jackie Lewin and Rich Nolf visit with Joe Vogel, wagon master of "Western Trails Wagon Train - America's 49ers."

April press conference. The press conference was held on the top floor of the Corby Building with its fantastic view of the Missouri River and the first few miles of the St. Joe to California Road. St. Joseph Museum staff members are serving on the steering committee for the event.

Children's Week '98



Photo by Holly Rudolf

Recent Donations to the Collections

Lance Davis - A mounted Auerhuhn collected by True Davis, the donor's father, in Austria in 1965.

Mr. & Mrs. Clark Hampton - A pencil from 1950, an ink pen from 1960, and a book of matches and a lighter from the 1970s. They all are from Hilliard Floor Treatments, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Richard Nolf - A book, *Joy through the World*, by Allen D. Bragdon.

Jackie Lewin - A 1997 business card from "Larry R. Stobbs, Mayor." The card lists facts about St. Joseph on the inside and has been signed by Mayor Stobbs.

Harry Miller, Jr. - Two commemorative spoons: one from "Elks Club - St. Joseph, Mo." and the other from "The Mills of Larabee - St. Joseph, Mo." Each is sterling silver with etched pictures on the spoon bowl. Also donated was an ashtray from "M. K. Goetz Brewing Co."

Margot F. Reck - Several Native American baskets that

Kansas City last fall. Miss Hyogo is very fragile and rarely leaves the security of the museum, so the society members decided to come to St. Joseph in order to view the Japanese Friendship Doll exhibit. Most of the visitors were surprised by Miss Hyogo's size—she is 33-inches tall. Miss Hyogo may be viewed on the museum's Web site.



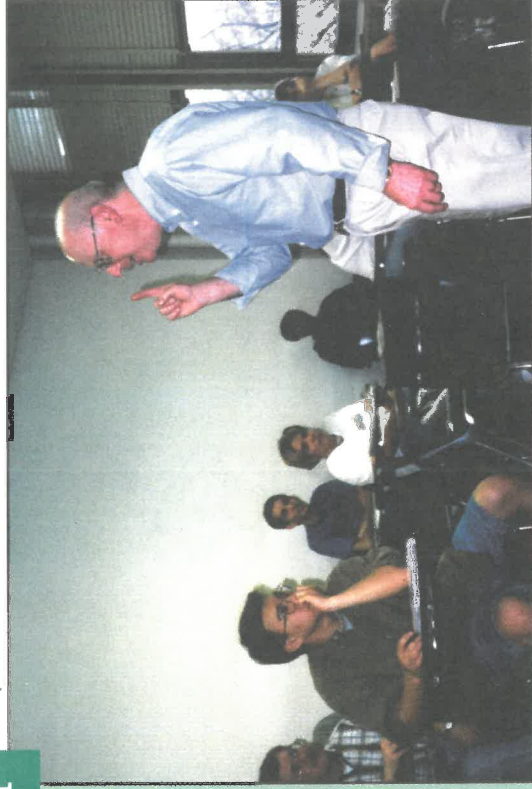
The Japanese American Society of Kansas City pays a call on Miss Hyogo.

Photo by Marilyn Taylor

Museum Outreach

On March 30, 1998, Rich Nolf returned to his alma mater to address the museum studies class of Professor George Schrimper. A 1961 graduate of the University of Iowa, Rich has regularly been invited back to the university to speak to the students and give them insightful views on administering a museum.

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Members of the university museum studies class find Rich's remarks and practical guidance engrossing.

collection. The donor is the granddaughter of Mr. George. The baskets include examples from Basin, Southwest, and California tribes. Some of these baskets date back to the 1870s.

Calendar of Events

July 4 - Independence Day. The museum is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

September 1 - Labor Day. The museum is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

September 29 - The St. Joseph Archaeological Society will meet at 7:30 p.m.

December 3 - Lighting Ceremony. The bird carvings of Jim Dick will be featured at the Lighting Ceremony.



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Memorials

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hampton in
memory of Walter L. Roth
Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hampton in
memory of Jeanne Patterson
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nolf in
memory of Jeanne Patterson

Tribute

Nancy Harms in honor of
Patty Horine—Mrs. Harms, a
tourist, was so impressed with
Patty Horine's welcoming and
helpful manner that she took the
time to write and send a dona-
tion to the museum. Patty is a
receptionist at the museum.

*Memberships and donations
received after May 31st will be
recognized in the next issue.*

Thank you for supporting the St. Joseph Museum.

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**Thank you to the many sponsors, contributors, and
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Fur Trader's Rendezvous**

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East Side Human Resource Center
Girl Scouts
Grand River Muzzleloaders
Headstart
Parents as Teachers
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Volunteers

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