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Commencement Activities Are Set

... For May 21-23

Commencement activities will begin with an Awards Assembly at 7 p. m., Thursday, May 20, in the School gym.

A second Awards Assembly will follow the annual Alumni Dinner in Nichols Dining Hall, Friday, May 21. The dinner will be at 6 p. m. with the assembly scheduled to begin about 7 p. m. on Perkins Field. Following the awards presentations, the spring dramatics production of "No Time for Sergeants" will be given in the gym for parents and friends.

Activities on Saturday, May 22, will begin with parent-teacher conferences from 9 to 11 a. m. Appointments should be made by parents wishing to confer with teachers and staff members.

The St. John's Foundation luncheon will be at 12 noon at the Hilton Inn in downtown Salina.

Military Field Day activities will be at 2 p. m. on Perkins Field. The best company and platoon as well as the best individual driller will be selected at this time.

The Military Ball, honoring the seniors, will begin with the senior receiving line at 7:30 p. m. in Memorial Hall. The Van Cleef orchestra will play until 9 p. m. The Crack Squad drill and the change of command will come at 9 p. m. The "In and Out" combo will play for dancing from 9:15 to 11:15 p. m. Taps will be at 1 a. m.

Services of Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7:30 a. m., Sunday, May 23 at Christ Episcopal Cathedral and Sacred Heart Catholic Cathedral for those wishing to attend.

Baccalaureate is scheduled

for 10:30 a. m., Sunday, in the Salina High Central auditorium. The speaker will be John Patrick Ditton, Class of 1965.

A buffet luncheon will be served at 12 noon from Nichols Dining Hall. The First Infantry Band from Ft. Riley will play a concert during the lunch hour.

Commencement exercises for the graduating seniors will begin at 1:30 p. m. on Perkins Field. Diplomas will be presented, the Hardy Sabre will be passed from this year's commanding officer, Dwight Bruening, to the Cadet who will command the 84th Corps of Cadets, and commissioning ceremonies will be held for the charter members of "The Brigadiers". Following the retreat parade with review the 83rd Battalion will be dismissed forever.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies scheduled for the afternoon will be held during Baccalaureate.

Development Group Meets

The Development Council of St. John's School met April 30 in the Spencer Cadet Center. The group is working to increase the enrollment of the School and to obtain more financial support for its programs and scholarships.

New members of the Council are D. Dale Browning, Denver, and Donald Leach, Pueblo, Colo.

5 Trustees Elected To SJMS Board

Four men and one woman have accepted election to the St. John's Military School Board of Trustees with three-year terms beginning next fall according to Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent.

They are Dr. James C. Dowell, Salina physician; Dan Enich, Atchison; Mrs. Verla Joscelyn, Salina business woman, the Rev. Douglas Mould, Rector of Grace Episcopal church, Hutchinson and Dr. William G. Null, Salina pediatrician. The Rt. Rev. Edward C. Turner, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, will serve as a trustee-at-large on the board.

The new members will replace retiring members Dr. Frank Bosse, Atchison; Robert Kastner, Thomas J. Kennedy and Roger Morrison, all of Salina.

The new trustees will be special guests at the June meeting of the St. John's board.

Carry-over members of the board are Willis Bell, Pat Bolen, James Greenwood, C. N. Hoffman Jr., Harvey J. Hoover, Dr. Vernon Osborn, John C. Ryberg and Larry E. Shoffner, all of Salina, and Thomas R. Brunner and Ralph W. Cramm, both of Wichita. The Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas, is the president ex-officio of the Board.

COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

Parent-Teacher conferences	9-11 a. m., Saturday, May 22, By appointment
Foundation Luncheon	12 noon, Saturday, Hilton Inn
Military Field Day	2 p. m., Saturday, Perkins Field
Military Ball	7:30 p. m., Saturday, Memorial Hall
Taps	1 a. m., Sunday, May 23
Holy Communion	7:30 a. m., Sunday, Christ Episcopal Cathedral
	Sacred Heart Catholic Cathedral
Baccalaureate	10:30 a. m. Sunday, Salina High Central Auditorium
Buffet Luncheon	12 noon, Sunday, Nichols Hall
Commencement	1:30 p. m., Sunday, Perkins Field

Charter "Brigadiers" To Get Commissions

Charter "Brigadiers" of St. John's Military School will be commissioned during Commencement ceremonies Sunday afternoon, May 23.

To become a Brigadier an individual has contributed or has been responsible for acquiring a gift of \$1000 or more during the year according to Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent. Charter members of The Brigadiers were elected by the St. John's Development Council.

The first Brigadiers are Dr. Frank Bosse, Atchison; Donald Leach and Jack Carpenter, Pueblo, Colo.; Ralph Cramm and Cecil Jordan, Wichita; Mrs. M. Lewis Marsh, Lakewood, Colo.; C. Dale Miller, M. Clare Miller and Lloyd Miller, all of McPherson; Dr. William G. Null, Salina; Tweed R. Ross, Beloit; Mrs. Adabelle Spencer

(Mrs. John Galen), Littleton, Colo., and the Trustees of St. Matthew's Permanent Endowment Fund.

These Brigadiers are responsible for \$54,768.50 in gifts, estates and scholarships during the 1970-71 school year.

Choir & Band To Perform

The St. John's Choir and Band will perform on May 15 and 16 and again on May 21 in conjunction with the production of "No Time for Sergeants."

The choir will be featured during the intermission. Under the direction of Mrs. Robert Vishneske, they will sing an Israeli folk song — "Tum Bala-layka" and "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head." John Cooper will be featured in a harmonica solo with the Choir. Featured during the intermission will be a guitar duet by Dave Carlock and Tom Fiske.

Members are Robin Clary, Joe Davis, David Elsner, Ken Evans, Henry Freeland, Larry Hazzard, Peter Kimball, Don Krewson, Ron Lee, Richard Martin, Dean Mini, Steve Schott, Dana Tretheway, Walter Webb and Bart Hoffman.

The program will be opened by the St. John's Band, under the direction of SFC Ted Hammer, and the "Star Spangled Banner".

The band will also play "Love Is Blue", "Chim Chim Cher-ee," "Men of Ohio," "The Swinging Shepherd Blues," "Joy of Man's Desiring," "Whatever Will Be, Will Be," "A Bed Time Story" and "El Capitan."

John Beckner will be the master of ceremonies.

NOBLOCK MAKES OLD BOY

Peter Knoblock was found to be qualified to wear the "old boy" shields. He was also promoted to the rank of private first class.

'65 Grad To Be Baccalaureate Speaker

A graduate of the Class of 1965, Capt. John-Patrick G. Ditton, will be the speaker at the Baccalaureate service at 10:30 a. m., Sunday, May 23 in the Salina High Central auditorium.

Capt. Ditton is presently a Rotary Wing Instructor pilot at the Army Aviation school at Ft.



Capt. John-Patrick Ditton

Rucker, Ala. He received his wings as a Rotary Wing pilot in March 11, 1969 and was assigned to Vietnam.

In Vietnam, Capt. Ditton served as a lift platoon leader with the 135th Assault Helicopter Company. During his tour of duty he received the Bronze Star, four Distinguished Flying Crosses for heroism in aerial flight, the Army Commendation medal, the Air Medal with 32 Oak Leaf clusters, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the Vietnam service ribbon, Vietnamese campaign ribbon, Good Conduct medal and the National Defense Service Ribbon.

Capt. Ditton attended St. John's from 1959-1965. Following graduation he attended North Platte Junior College and Colorado State University. Prior to entering the Army, he was a radio announcer.

He received his commission as a second lieutenant in December of 1967 after completing Infantry Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Play Cast Changes Made

Three minor changes have been announced in the cast of "No Time for Sergeants", the spring play to be produced on May 15, 16, and 21, according to Lt. Robert Stevens, play director.

Kirk Hiatt has assumed the role of the psychiatrist. In addition to their previous roles, James Rucker will play Capt. Charles and Robert Loughrey will portray Lt. Gardella.

The show goes on each night at 7:30 p. m. in the gymnasium.

The 83rd Corps Has Pride, And Wins "Firsts"

Every Corps of Cadets at St. John's Military School is an unique group of young men. We've had the "sandwich" Corps that wanted to make sandwiches of almost anything that was served. There has been the "early bird" Corps that always marched into the dining hall ten minutes ahead of schedule.

Jimmy Lee Armstrong headed the 82nd that started being very, very silent when the Corps thought it was time to be dismissed.

But the 83rd Corps has a certain pride and sharpness that caused the ROTC inspector to comment that the Cadets were as sharp as any he had seen. The head of another school said wistfully, he wished his corps looked as sharp.

This might be the Corps of "firsts". The Crack Squad brought home the first place trophy from the Mile-High competition. And that Squad, co-commanded by Dennis Purinton and Dwight Bruening, continues to bring home compliments from people who have seen it drill such as at the Naturalization Ceremonies at Schilling Manor. The Cadets made more of an impression than did the Kansas Governor. The Rifle Team brought home trophies and medals in abundance and is probably one of the finest high school teams in the country. The SJMS Band is constantly in demand.

Track was revived in the Upper School this year and those 37 Cadets brought home a first place in competition with other private schools in Central Kansas. The Basketball team was the first Cadet group to compete in a regional tourney in years and played an exciting style of ball.

But along with this pride, these Cadets have shown compassion and concern for others and the future. At Christmas time, one company gave its party money to the Salvation Army to be used for the needy. The Corps bought a bike for a boy who had his stolen. Instead of having fancy dinners for themselves, the clubs contributed money to purchase trees to be planted on campus to be enjoyed by future generations of Cadets and to purchase a copier for the library.

Who but this bunch of boys would get up at 5:30 a. m. to waken Commandant. Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, at 6 a. m. with the band playing and the entire Corps singing "Happy Birthday". This was in the midst of the North Central evaluation and the ROTC inspection when an extra hour of sleep would have been welcomed.

To you in the 83rd Corps we'd like to say—it takes real courage, at your age and in these times, to wear a uniform and have your hair cut short. But, you not only have done it, you have made the BEST of it.

You've been a great bunch to know and you are the type of young men who are going to have other "firsts" in your lives.

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Graduation Candidates Listed

Maj. Larry Dwyer, Director of Studies, has announced that 32 Senior Cadets are candidates for graduation during Commencement ceremonies May 23.

They are Brian Adams, Wichita; William Randolph Ames, Golden, Colo.; John M. Beckner, Grand Junction, Colo.; Barton L. Bowling, Kansas City, Kans.; Jefferson J. Broome, Littleton, Colo.; Dwight J. Bruening, Liberty, Mo.; Charles Burrell, Overland Park; David G. Carlock, Shawnee Mission; John W. Cooper, Storm Lake, Iowa; John W. Cowger, Loveland, Colo.; Richard A. Dahlene, Topeka; David W. Donoho, Omaha; Donald Patterson Duncan III, Shreveport, La.; Michael A. Fitzpatrick, Idaho Springs, Colo.; Raymond Garvey III, Littleton, Colo.

Randy Lee Greer, Harlan, Iowa; William A. Griffith, Pisgah, Iowa; Michael T. Hanmer and Frank C. Hazzard, Salina; Jay C. Heese, Pender, Neb.; Barton R. Hoffman, Tacoma, Wash.; Michael L. Lipp, Lawrence; Sigthor Petursson, Boulder, Colo.; Dennis L. Purinton, Kansas City, Kans.; Peter A. Tarnawsky, Alburquerque, N.M.; Scott J. Teschke, Wichita; Robert F. Thomas, Lakin, Kans.; Richard A. Thompson, Littleton; Kent R. Tretheway, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; George W. Ward II, Killean, Texas; and Richard C. Watkins, Osawatomie, Kans.

Raymond R. Spencer, Merriam, was graduated at the semester.

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Old Boys' Corner

Class of 1969—Steve Blake-more is in the Army Signal Corps and has been in Vietnam since April.

Class of 1966—Douglas Harwood is in the Navy in Vietnam. He will be discharged soon and plans to attend the University of Colorado this fall.

Class of 1963—Mr. and Mrs. Keith Talley, parents of John Talley, visited the School in April. John is now in the plumbing business and is attending junior college in Denver. He has three children.

Attended 1959-61—Steve Mericle visited the School recently. He lives in Wellington. . . Robert de Alminana is an engine foreman with the Missouri Pacific railroad. He and his wife visited the School recently.

Class of 1955—In "The Denver Post" of April 28th, there was a picture of Dale Browning, vice president of the National Bank of Denver, receiving a plaque awarded by the International Newspaper Advertising Executives for the Bank-Americard ad in The Post. It was chosen as one of the best 15 ads from 1,000 entered in the INAE contest. . . Roger Bigler's father stopped to visit the School recently. His son, Ed, was a graduate in the Class of 1952.

Attended 1921-28—Harvey Moe (Scandy) visited SJMS recently. He now lives in San Ysidro, Calif. He reported that Robert Crooks, 1921-28, lives in San Diego, and Paul Holland, 1925-28, lives in Newhall, Calif. He plans to send the School Skirmishers and catalogs he had saved from his Cadet days.

Class of 1933—Charles M. Shakespeare is assistant vice president of the Jefferson County Bank, Lakewood, Colo.

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A FISH STORY—Senior Cadet Mike Hammer displays the string of fish he caught during the senior outing at PECUSA, the Episcopal church camp on Lake Webster near Stockton. The seniors spent the weekend of April 30 to May 2 at the camp. (Photo by George Ward)

Fish, Fun, Food Featured at PECUSA

(EDITOR'S NOTE—The following story is a compilation of stories written by the seniors who are enrolled in journalism following their return from PECUSA.)

To most people the word "PECUSA" has little meaning, but following the week-end of May 1, it has a special meaning to the members of the Class of 1971—fun.

Each year, in early May, the seniors are permitted to go to the Episcopal retreat camp located on Lake Webster. With commencement just around the corner, the seniors feel pretty free and that is when the fun begins.

This year the seniors invaded the camp in two groups. The first party, delayed on the road for an hour and a half when the bus blew a rod, finally arrived for a late dinner. Senior members of the track team entered the camp area about midnight.

The weather was perfect. The lake, however, was a cold contrast to the burning sun.

Five Cadets decided to take a Saturday swim from the banks of the lake to an island about a half mile away. Randy Ames, Mike Fitzpatrick and Charles Burrell made it with little trouble. But two others, Jay Heese and Ray Garvey, had to have assistance. One of the helping hands came from Bill Griffith who found it easier to walk to the island on a trail of sandbars than swim.

There was lots of music listening, kite flying, sun burning, "500" playing, frisbie throwing, and pillow fighting, not to mention the ringing of the mess hall bell. If 36 straight times was not enough rings at midnight, the Cadets tried again at 3:10 a. m. Sunday.

After a busy night of surveying the camp grounds Saturday, most of the Cadets had a case of the "lazies" Sunday morning. They were housed in four-man rooms, with every two rooms

having an adjourning bath. But one Cadet, after a heated debate with a roommate, spent the night sleeping in the chapel.

The adults who accompanied the seniors also found relaxation at the lake, whether fishing on the lake or trying to sleep in their cabin. The fisherman award went to Maj. James Hamilton, SAI, who pulled in more than a hundred, although it took almost 14 hours to do it.

The Cadets enjoyed Sunday lunch and then spent the remaining hours cleaning the cabins and playing some last minute games. The 2:30 departing time was delayed by some of the more adventurous seniors who had decided to take a hike to the spillway on the lake and had not returned.

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Faculty Bowlers Win First

The St. John's Faculty-Staff Bowling team won first place in the Civic League. The team bowled every Wednesday night beginning in September and continuing through April.

The team had a record of 85 wins and 55 losses.

Team members and their averages were Sgt. Mike Torpey, team captain, 160; M/Sgt. Frank Hazzard, 153; Lt. Ken Faerber, 167; Maj. Larry Dwyer, 160, and Lt. Gary Tucker, 179.

Promotions

The following promotions have been made by special orders since the April issue of "The Skirmisher".

Promoted to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT — Brian Adams (band), Tom Wahl (band) Gene Strickland (band).

SECOND LIEUTENANT — Steve Cusser, Mark Smith, Tom Fiske.

PLATOON SERGEANT — John Cooper, Randy Ames (band), John Matzen (band).

STAFF SERGEANT — Ron Greer, John Matzen, Peter Tarnawsky, Douglas Putney.

SERGEANT — Keith McReynolds, Ken Evans, Bryce Sketon, Randy Anderson, David Cain, Mark Faulkner, Larry Millican.

CORPORAL — Xavier Flowers, John Morton, Richard Shanbour, Jim Long (band), Jim Rucker (band).

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS — David Elsner.

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Exchange Day Successful

An Exchange Day was held between students of St. John's Military School and Sacred Heart High School Salina, Thursday, April 29.

A group of Cadets attended classes at Sacred Heart and were hosted by its students while a group of Sacred Heart students were guests of Cadets in the 83rd Corps.

Attending classes at Sacred Heart were Ray Garvey, Craig Coburn, Tom Fiske, Mark and Ken Harper, Pat Duncan, Robert James, Mark Thomas, Rik Thompson, Gene Strickland, Steve Johnson and Dana Tretheway.

Cadet hosts to the visiting students from Sacred Heart were Brandon Bowers, Richard Renwick, Fred Van Winkle, Steve Phillips, Randy Greer, Paul Schmeck, John Matzen, Mark Smith, John Vnuk, Mike Hawkesworth, Jim Croke, Dwight Bruening, David Donoho and Brian Adams.

Maj. Larry Dwyer, Director of Studies, said that the day was a great success and that the co-operation with Sacred Heart was excellent.

Golfers End Season

The St. John's golfers wrapped up regular season play in the Minneapolis Invitational on April 30, capturing a second and a fifth place.

Gene Strickland and Bob Thomas played on the two-man team, and members of the four-man team were Leroy Kindred, Jay Heese, Dana Tretheway and Terry Carpenter.

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VISITING WITH THE ROTC INSPECTOR during a faculty coffee were (left to right) Lt. Col. R. L. Guernsey, Commandant Emeritus; Lt. Col. Edward Tompkins, inspecting officer, professor of military science at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.; Maj. James Hamilton, St. John's Senior Army Instructor; Maj. Larry Dwyer, Director of Studies, and Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent.

Varied Academic Program To Be Available Next Year

A diversified academic program will be available to Cadets next year according to Lt. Paul Sommers, Guidance Counselor.

Students who are short credits may make up this work through correspondence courses offered by the University of Kansas. Work in these courses has faculty supervision.

Cadets may take courses at the Salina Area Vocational-Technical School. Lt. Sommers said that this school is considered one of the best in the state.

If 12 students are interested in one area, classes can be taught at the Kansas Technical Institute. The Institute is a two-year-junior college offering courses in aeronautics, civil engineering, computers, electronics, and mechanical technology.

Lt. Sommers said that for the

first time selected seniors will be able to enroll in courses for college credit at Marymount College in Salina.

The Guidance Counselor pointed out that SJMS Cadets have the opportunity to apply for the scholarships given by service ROTC groups and to be nominated for appointments to the service academies at West Point, Annapolis and Colorado Springs.

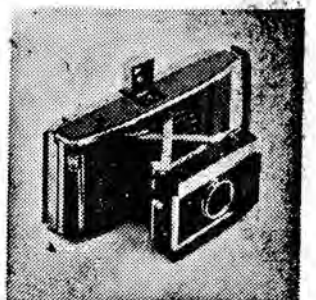
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THE RECORD HOLDERS — Meet and track records were set by the SJMS team this spring. Pictured are Mike Hammer, who set new marks in the javelin and shot put; George

Ward, who kept breaking his own School record in the low hurdles, and Mark Faulkner, who jumped to new heights in the pole vault and high jump. (Photo by Randy Greer)

Track Team Sets New School Records

The St. John's Cadets broke five school records and four meet records to take first place in the Wichita Collegiate Invitational track meet April 30 in Wichita. Track Coach, Capt. Bruce Cummings, presented the individual medals following dinner May 3 and presented the first place trophy to Maj. Larry Dwyer, Director of Studies, to be placed in the School's trophy case.

The Cadets won 26 medals in scoring 87 points. Wichita Collegiate was second with 75, followed by Berean Academy with 67, and Central Christian with two.

Mark Faulkner set a new school record in the pole vault at 11-1½, then set another school mark in the high jump at 5-9¾. Mike Hammer set marks of 43¾ in the shot put and 158-9 in the javelin. Dwight Bruening set a meet record with a toss of 122 feet in the discus.

George Ward established a new school record of 22.9 in the low hurdles but finished second.

Individual Results

High hurdles—Tom Jacobs, second; Paul Ham, fourth.

100-yard-dash—Larry Replogle, first; Rik Thompson, second.

Mile run—Ray Garvey, third.

Low hurdles—Ward, second; Don Krewson, third; Robert Plewes, fourth.

The St. John's medley relay team finished second.

Two-mile run — Peter Knoblock, fifth.

220 — Replogle, third; Thompson, fourth.

The mile relay team finished second.

Pole vault—Faulkner, first; John Matzen, fifth.

Shot put—Hammer, first; Bruening, third.

High jump — Faulkner, first; Steve Phillips, third; Bart Hoffman, fourth.

Discus — Bruening, first; Ham, third; Phillips, fourth.

Javelin — Hammer, first; Bruening, third.

Long jump—Jacobs, second, Faulkner, third, Tim Jackson, fourth.

Track Letters Awarded

School letters for participation in track have been awarded according to Capt. Bruce Cummings, Coach.

Earning "A" team letters were Tom Jacobs, Ken Harper, Tim Jackson, Steve Phillips, Larry Replogle, Fred Van Winkle, Mark Faulkner, John Matzen, Bart Bowling, Dwight Bruening, Charles Burrell, Dave Donoho, Dennis Purinton, Scott Teschke, Rik Thompson, George Ward, Mike Hammer, Ray Garvey and Paul Ham.

Earning "B" team monograms were Pat Duncan, Mark Latham, Brian Adams, Bart Hoffman, Tom Cory, Don Krewson, Robert Plewes and Peter Knoblock.

Managers' awards were given Gary Casey and Glen Vandenberg.

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Cadets Enjoy End-of-Year Picnics

Many groups and organizations have been treated to special dinners both on campus and in Salina as the end of the school year nears.

The first was a sports appreciation dinner held on campus in the backyard of Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant. He was assisted by the coaches and their wives in honoring the athletes.

Both language clubs also held dinners. The Spanish Club, under the direction of Lt. Henry Aguilera traveled to a Spanish restaurant for a feast. Mrs. Mark Ramsey hosted the National Junior Classical League to a picnic in her backyard.

In a mass exit from campus the 45 members of the Drama Club and nine faculty members and their spouses went to the home of Mrs. John Weckel for an outdoor cook-out and Thespian initiation.

The student librarians were honored at a dinner by Mrs. H. E. Nuss at her home. Mrs. Nuss was assisted by Mrs. Robin Rauh. Following the dinner they went to a movie. The Choir with Mrs. Robert Vishneske went out for pizza on May 2.

The dinners continued as Crack Squad and Yearbook Staff were honored in separate dinners in the front yard of Lt. Robert D. Stevens and Harley Cook.

Cook also took his waiters out for a meal and the Band under the direction of SFC Ted Hammer enjoyed an on-campus picnic.

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Bart Bowling and Richard Watkins earned Room-of-the-Week honors for the inspection period ending May 7. They live in Griswold Hall.

Garland Griffin earned Room-of-the-Week honors for the period ending April 16. He lives in Mize Hall.

R. Thomas Earns Scholarship

Senior Robert Thomas has received a \$500 Equal Opportunities Act Scholarship to attend Marymount College in Salina next year. He also was granted a \$700 loan from the National Student Defense Loan.

Thomas plans to major in psychology.

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Jim Long was found to be qualified to wear the "old boy" shields and was promoted to the rank of private first class.

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