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Don't Be Afraid of Failure Says "Old Boy" J. Fraker

SJMS Cadets were told during Commencement ceremonies that their ability to succeed is largely determined by their ability to fail gracefully and keep trying.

James Fraker, Dallas, a member of the '58 graduating class, told the Cadets to use their own judgement and not be "crippled by the good intentions of other people who will tell you how to be successful".

He urged the Cadet to think about the one thing that is the greatest limitation or handicap. "The ability to identify one's greatest handicap or limitation and to deal with it is a key ingredient in the formula for success," Fraker said.

"We all share distinct differences."

He continued, "What most people learn from mistakes is not to try again. The more failures we encounter and keep going, the stronger we become. When we run into obstacles they either bring forth our potential or drive us back into a cocoon. You'll never be called to face a challenge that you don't have the resources to handle."

A management motivation consultant, Fraker stressed the necessity for self reliance. "Problems develop because we depend on others to do things, when they are the things we should do for ourselves. We only feel let down by other people, when we have been leaning on them."

"You must develop the ability to fail and come back."

SJMS Named Honor School

St. John's Military School was named as an "Honor School with Distinction" for the 1977-78 School year. The announcement was made during Commencement ceremonies by Lt. Gen. Richard J. Seitz, US-Army Ret., representing the Third ROTC region.

The honor rating with distinction is the highest awarded Junior Rotc programs. The award was made on the basis of the annual Federal Inspection held March. 30.

Faculty Merit Awards Given

Faculty Merit awards were presented to several Cadets for special achievements.

Jami Cutsforth was honored for his work with Boy Scout Troup 654 at the School. Charles Hunter earned one for special achievement in art.

For his ability, enthusiasm and voluntary leadership in the vocal music program for the past three years, Gary Santillanes received an award.

Military Pageantry

The 1978 graduating class--27 Cadets representing 12 states and two foreign countries--finished their educational stint amid the traditional pageantry of the School's annual graduation ceremony.

The First Infantry Division Band from Fort Riley played a concert preceding the ceremonies and proved the musical background for Commencement and the pass-in review.

Diplomas were presented the graduating seniors by the Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Kansas and Chairman of the School's Board of Directors, and Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President.

Also honored were the members of the 1977-78 Brigadiers, individuals or firms contributing \$1000 in money or services during a year.

Cadet Jeffrey Turner, was named Cadet Battalion Commander for the 91st Corps, taking over from Daniel Siburg, Ranstein, Germany, one of this year's graduates.

Following the final formation and the playing of "Taps", the 90th Corps of Cadets was dismissed forever.

Good Conduct Ribbons Given

Good Conduct ribbons for the school year were awarded by special order.

Earning the award for four years were Tim Cook and Ian Snider.

Mark Bassett, Todd Clift and Charles Maxie earned the award three times.

Two-time winners were Tim Cejka, Jim Griesbach, David Hudkins, Shaun Leavers, Rick Makoski, Scott Ratcliff, Gordon Snider, and Fred Yates.

Those earning the ribbon for the current school year were Walt Barrier, Lee Blair, Paul Boydston, Thomas Bowler, Douglas Cannon, Todd Clemence, Jami Cutsforth, Kipp Dobbs, Eric Erickson, Richard Fawcett, Howard Foster, Tim Garrett, Larry Gross, Walt Gunstream, Rick Heiser, Tom Johnson, Dion Lewis, Bret Lyons, Charles Madden, Pat Malloy, Randy Mayeaux, Doug Meier, Mike Meyer, Matt Minson, Max Montgomery, Tracy Motley, Tony Nelson, Robert Olin, Willson Pechar, Kevin Price, Vincent Raetz, Truls Ringkjøb, Mike Rugan, Allen Smith, Billy Joe Tarter, David Villasmil, Marshall Wilson, Joe Williams, Thomas Wallace, Jay Welter and Ronald Zolman.



THE HARDY SABRE

The Hardy Sabre, symbol of command at St. John's Military School, is passed from the Battalion Commander of the 90th Corps, Dan Siburg, (left) to the Battalion Commander of the 91st Corps of Cadets, Jeff Turner. The 91st Corps will be organized when the Cadets return in the fall. (Photo by Paul Boydston)

New Gym To Become A Reality at SJMS

Construction of a new gymnasium to replace the old structure will begin this summer on the SJMS campus.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, said a \$225,000 metal building with brick trim will be constructed on approximately the same site as the existing gym. The building will include seating for about 500 spectators and will house most of the indoor sports programs.

Demolition of the old gym has started and should be completed in about 60 days. Construction of the new facility should be finished by October.

Col. Duckers said the building of a new gym is the realization of a long-needed facility.

The project is the second phase of a physical education expansion program at the school. A gymnasium annex housing locker rooms, a weight-training area and coaches' rooms was completed about three years ago at a cost of just over \$200,000 in donations by 278 contributors.

The new gym is being financed by the proceeds of a \$150,000 fund drive headed by Jack Vanier, SJMS trustee, and by additional donations by the Muleskinner club and other friends of the school according to Col. Duckers.

Muleskinners are \$100-a-year members of an organization supporting the school.

The building is being designed

by an architect provided by the Western Auto company headquartered in Kansas City, Mo. It will be built by the Salina firm of Busboom and Rauh.

The new gym will complete the School's immediate expansion program, but a long-term goal of an indoor swimming pool adjacent to the new structure is still on the agenda, according to President Duckers.

Cadets To Attend ROTC Summer Camp

Four SJMS Cadets will attend the Junior ROTC summer camp at Ft. Sill, Okla., June 25-July 1 according to Lt. Col. James Rose, Commandant/Senior Army Instructor.

Attending will be Thomas Bowler, Jerry Graham, Thomas Johnson, and John Weatherman.

During the week at Ft. Sill, the Cadets will participate in various military training activities. They will observe how the military functions on a day-to-day basis.

Training projects include M-16 rifle firing, airmobile operations, land navigation, physical training, and drill ceremonies. Each

Jeff Turner Named 91st Commander

Jeffrey Turner, Norman, Okla., was appointed the Battalion Commander for the 91st Corps of Cadets to be formed next fall. The appointment was made in a special order read during Commencement ceremonies, Sunday, May 21.

He was selected from among a number of highly qualified Cadets. According to Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, the decision was difficult due to the number of outstanding leaders and students in this year's junior class.

Turner was also promoted to the rank of major.

He is a member of S-Club; a wrestling letterman for two years; a football letterman, a member of the National Honor Society and wore the "Blue Beret" as one of the top three leaders on the honor roll.

Lt. Col. Rose Makes Old Boy

In a special order issued the day following Commencement, Lt. Col. James E. Rose, Commandant/Senior Army Instructor, was made an "old boy" of SJMS.

The special order issued by Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, said: "Having been around the track one time and having withstood the riggers of one year at St. John's Military School, Lt. Col. James E. Rose is hereby promoted to Old Boy."

God & Life Awards Presented Nine

Nine Cadets received the God and Life award in the Boy Scout program. They were John L. Berrey, Charles L. Maxie, Max Montgomery, Jerome Mischel, Thomas Johnson, Scott Ratcliff, Truls Ringkjøb, Gary Santillanes and Jeff Turner.

Film, Fun, Frolic Highlight Reunion

The editor of the Skirmisher is almost never at loss for words. But to find the words to capture the feeling, fun and loyalty to the School in describing the reunion of former Cadets held May 26-28 is difficult.

Bill Meidell spent a year organizing and getting fellow classmates to commit themselves to attend a reunion that was held one week following Commencement, May 26-28.

Arriving in Salina several days before the reunion were Meidell and Kirk Weilepp. They spent the next several days filming a television show at various locations in Salina and meeting planes as "old boys" arrived in Salina from all parts of the world.

Weilepp, a television cameraman with WIBW-TV, Topeka, filmed the show which was written, directed and produced by Meidell.

The premiere showing followed the banquet on Saturday night and was viewed with much laughter and enthusiasm.

The dinner was held in Nichols Hall, complete with lace tablecloths, SJMS Pewter mugs and roses for the wives.

Veteran staff members and teachers hosted a bunch on Sunday morning, May 28, in the backyard of the home of School President, Keith Duckers

and Liz. Following the brunch, classmates began departing for their homes with plans to attend another reunion in a few years.

Those attending were:

Bill & Judy Meidell; Al Ransom, Tom & Mary Sweigart, Earl & Marla Fox; Jim & Betty Vincent; Larry & Mable Rice; Don & Jeanie Pelkey; Don Ely; Kirk Weilepp; Fritz Handy; John Streigel; Charles & Rachel Morrison; Terry & Bonnie Cupps; Al & Donna Drummond; Gary & Cooky Conard; Dean & Sue Radcliffe and Jeff Guernsey.

Thespians Honored

Thespian awards were presented to four Cadets by Mrs. Carolyn Scofield, Drama coach. Richard J. Stitt and Jami Cutsforth received Certificates of Recognition. Earning the best Thespian awards for the second year were Gary Santillanes and Ian Snider.

KW Honors Old Boy

D. Dale Browning, Class of 1955, and SJMS trustee was one of three people selected to receive the 1978-79 Kansas Wesleyan National Alumni Awards. Kansas Wesleyan is a local four-year liberal arts college.

After graduating from KW, he worked at St. John's as a social studies teacher and basketball coach. Browning worked as a counselor at SJMS while attending the local school.

He left Salina in 1963 to attend the executive training program in administration and personnel in Chicago. He has been with the Colorado National Band in Denver, since 1965, and is currently senior vice president in charge of data processing and operations, as well as director of their Bank Americard operation.

Browning belongs to numerous organizations, including the American Bankers Association, the Colorado Bankers Association, the Retail Bankers group and VISA U.S.A., formerly National Bank Americard, Inc.

He is a member of the Kansas Wesleyan Board of Trustees, and is director of the 1977-78 Wesleyan Fund. He received the award for outstanding achievement in a chosen field.

"Old Boys" Begin Organizing

A constitution for an Alumni association was approved at two meetings of alumni, old boys and present and former members of the faculty and staff, according to Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Vice President for Development.

A group of 36 alumni, old boys and faculty and staff members met May 21 following Commencement ceremonies. Another meeting was held May 27 with members attending a reunion of old boys from the mid-1950's.

Membership will be open to graduates, those who have been students for one academic semester, former teachers and staff members and those who have received an honorary award from the school.

It was proposed that the group be known as the SJMS Old Boys association.

Nominated for officers were Gary Conard, '54, and Bill Meidell, '54 president; Larry Rice, '55 vice president; Kirk Weilepp, '66 and Hazel Fonck, staff, secretary treasurer.

Copies of the proposed constitution and a ballot for the election of officers will soon be mailed to "old boys" for voting.

"Write-In's" will be accepted for the various offices according to Lt. Col. Kellogg.

Lower School Scholars Honored

The Cadets having the highest average in each academic department in the Lower School were recognized during the Honors Convocation.

Douglas Cannon, Randolph Cramer, Alvin Hess and Dion Lewis had the high average in six academic departments.

Richard Fawcett and Allan Smith had the high average in five courses of study.

Those having the high average in one course of study were Lance Allen, Robert Hart, Robert Olin, Kip Dobbs and Patrick Malloy.

Meier Again Heads The Honor Roll

Doug Meier headed the academic honor roll at the end of the sixth grading period. He lead the honors list for five of the six grading periods during the school year.

Others on the list with grade averages above 90 were Kevin Price, Malcolm Gillespie, Terry Warren, Max Montgomery, Billy Joe Tarter, Jerome Mischel, Mike Meyer, Jeff Turner, Dan Siburg, Steve Denniston, Ian Snider, Scott White, Eric Pederson, Grant Broadwell, James Doty and Tim Burke.

Earning honorable mention with grade averages between 85 and 90 were Chris Simms, Craig Staley, Don Releford, John Skinner, Martin Ashwill, Rick Copeland, Jeff Griffin, Chuck Maxie, David Schaaf, Doug Buckles, Tom Johnson, Phil Frazier, Randy Mayeaux, Jami Cutsforth, Anthony Nelson-Cam Eklund, Jim Jones, Tony Verdit, John Louisot, Mark Bassett, Rick Anderson, Mike Cooper, Ken Decker, Kerry Jones, Rick Stitt, Brad Chambers, Mike Davis, Howard Foster, Brad Stone, Carl Millborg, Scott Ratcliff, David Collins, Steve Cowart, Truls Ringkjok, Rick Heiser, Ron Hipp, Mark McCracken, Eric Allen, John Weatherman, John Wright and Tim Cook.

Fawcett Heads Final Honor Roll

Richard Fawcett headed the Lower School honor roll for the last six-week grading period of the year. Others named to the list with averages above 90 were Allan Smith, Robert Olin, Gary Cline, Pat Duffy, Dion Lewis, Marshall Wilson, Willson Pechar, Randy Cramer.

Earning honorable mention were Shaun Leavers, Eric Erickson, Bill Cunningham, Vincent Raetz, Lance Allen, Robert Hart, Matt Minson, David Blair and Charles Madden.

OLD BOYS CORNER

Class of 1928 — Robert Crooks and Horace "Pete" Holmes were at SJMS for their 50th year reunion at Commencement. They had a visit with Capt. Ray Shideler, a staff member during their tenure, and Mrs. W. L. Ganssle, wife of the Superintendent when they attended SJMS.

"Pete" Holmes is a banker in Eureka, Kansas, and Bob Crooks has the oldest real estate firm in San Diego operated under one head. Crooks Realty Company has been in operation 38 years.

Registering with the Development Office during the Commencement Weekend were: **Chuck Morrison, '44, Jeff Guernsey, 1961, Dana Tretheway, '74, Walter Webb '74, Kevin Rasmussen '74, Jeff Weiland '76 and John Evans '76.**

Class of 1932 — **Charles A. Davlin**, executive director of the Lawrence Phipps Foundation, died recently at his home on the Highlands Ranch in Douglas County Colorado, following a brief illness. He was born in Alamosa, Colo., Nov. 27, 1914 and was graduated from the University of Colorado in 1939. He is survived by his wife and a son.

Attended 1967-69 -- **Maurice Niedens** visited the School several weeks ago. He is doing bronc and bull riding as a professional rodeo rider.

Class of 1973 -- **David Cain** is employed by the Department of Corrections for the State of Nevada. He lives in Carson City.

Class of 1974 — **Mike Heywood** was married to Linda Sue Mayberry at the Community United Methodist Church, Circleville, Ohio, Saturday, June 3.

"Sound-Offs" Distributed

The 1977-78 issue of "The Sound-Off", school yearbook, was distributed shortly before the end of the school year. The theme of the book is "Yesterday plus Today equal The Future."

There are two "In Memoriam" pages. One honors Sgt/Major Eugene R. Louis, bandmaster, who died last September following a fire in Griswold Hall. The other honors Jeffrey K. Peacher, who would have been a member of this year's graduating class. Peacher died at his home during Christmas fur-lough.

Bill Meidell Expresses Thanks

Following the recent reunion of "old boys", May 26-28, Bill Meidell wrote: I wish to thank everyone involved with the reunion. Hopefully the next one will be even better. Any suggestions are gratefully accepted. It is, after all, your reunion and you should be a part of it. Thanks to all who contributed to the coat. It's presently on my body. My wife had a show case built for it.

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Academic, Athletic, Leadership Winners Honored at Convocation

Excellence in academics, athletics and leadership was recognized at the annual Awards convocation held Saturday evening, May 20, in Memorial Hall.

The "Smoky Hill River Gang", Salina, entertained preceding the presentation of awards.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was led by Lt. Col. R. L. Guernsey, Science department chairman, with the invocation by the Rev. Loyd Holifield, SJMS Chaplain. Lt. Col. Kenneth C. Faerber, Academic Dean, was the master of ceremonies.

Gary Cline received the Lower School Athletic medal, with Dan Siburg earning the Athletic medal in the Upper School.

Band awards went to Charles Maxie, best bandsman, and Cliff Cernick, best buglar.

Walter C. Gunstream earned the Cheney Marksmanship and Upper School marksmanship medals and the Reserve Officers Association award for rifle team firing.

Todd Wamhoff received the Lower School Marksmanship medal.

Matt Minson was awarded the President's Medal of AMCSUS as the Lower School Cadet with the most potential for becoming an Upper School leader and the Cummings Memorial Medal for success in the face of adversity.

Richard Fawcett earned the Lower School citizenship medal, the Kansas High School activities citizenship award and the Lower School medal as the new boy with the most satisfactory record.

Ian Snider was presented the Veterans of Foreign Wars Citizenship medal.

Mike Davis received the D. A.R. Medal for excellence in the ROTC program and the Kennedy-Holifield award for his work in the Chapel program.

Gary Santillanes earned the Sons of the American revolution medal for leadership and the Sage Memorial Medal as the old boy senior making the most progress during the school year.

The Ferris awards went to Stephen Lauber, Shop I, and Gregory Bowers, Shop II.

Cook Gets Awards

Timothy Cook was presented a number of awards. They were the Heaton trophy for promoting a project at the school; Jerry Lee Mirth award; Rotary Medal for the longest service at the school, six years; the Effort Medal; Wilson Loyalty medal and the Golden Eagle award for the senior class.

Dan Siburg received the National Sojourners award.

Another recipient of numerous awards was Malcolm Gillespie. He received the Kansas State University Dean's award and the Bausch and Lomb award for outstanding performance in science; Athletic Scholarship medal; and the American Legion medal as the officer with the highest academic average.

Howard Foster earned the "I Dare You Award" given by the Danforth Foundation.

The Foundation Awards to Cadets, not commissioned as officers, with the best character ratings were given to Dion Lewis, Lower School; Max Montgomery and Mark A. Bassett, ninth grade; Douglas Meier, tenth grade; Ariel and Arnaldo Anaya, eleventh grade and Malcolm Gillespie, twelfth grade.

Richard Stitt earned the Bishop's award for the second year for his service in the Chapel.

Tony Nelson and John Louisot received the Hardy Rifleman award.

The Rose Medal for the new Cadet with the most outstanding record during the year was presented to Douglas Meier.

Robin South tied with Tim Cook for the Wilson Loyalty medal.

Eric A. Pederson received the Golden Eagle award for the junior class as well as the Lippincott trophy for outstanding effort in an activity or organization.

Books Given For Academic Leadership

Books from School Specialty Supply, in Salina, are given to the Cadets with the highest academic average in their class.

Earning the awards this year were Douglas Cannon, grade three; Alvin Hess, grade four; Randy Cramer, grade five; Dion Lewis, grade six; Allan Smith, grade seven; Richard Fawcett, grade eight; Max Montgomery, freshman; Doug Meier, sophomore; Mike Meyer, junior, and Malcolm Gillespie, senior.

Charles Maxie earned the activity leadership medal for his work with the Cadet Band.

Earning the Lower School Athletic Scholarship medal was Allan Smith.

Other Lower School awards went to Mark Mausolf, Effort medal and John D. Powell, Progress medal.

For the second year, John L. Berrey received the Ninninger award as the Cadet making the most of his talents and abilities.

Brigadiers Honored

The 1977-78 Brigadiers were honored during Commencement ceremonies, Sunday, May 21. A "brigadier" is an individual or company contributing \$1000 or more to the School in money or services during a calendar year.

Presenting the medallions to those honored were the Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas, and Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President.

Honored were Herbert Becker, D. Dale Browning, and Mrs. Edith Mayeaux, Denver, Colo.; Raymond C. Beckner, Grand Junction, Colo.; Jack Carpenter, Pueblo, Colo.; John Donati, Albuquerque, N.M.; Clyde J. Erickson, Longmont, Colo.; R. J. Fegan, Junction City, Kans.; Leon Fults, Harlingen, Texas; Joseph L. Lauber Jr., Leavenworth, Kans.; John Meade, Englewood, Colo.; Harry J. Noznesky, Reading, Pa.; Lt. Col. Donald I. Pattison, Barstow, Calif.; John Powell, Iola, Kans.; Mrs. Susan Ratcliff, Lakewood, Colo.; W. A. Standefer, Arlington, Texas; Thomas Sweigart, Dodge City, Kans.; Col. Courtney S. Turner and the Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, both of Atchison, Kans.; the Rt. Rev. Edward C. Turner, Topeka, Kans.; Marvin Webb, Leawood, Kans. and H. T. Wellman, Longview, Texas.

Brigadiers from Salina are Robert Gordon, Graves Truck Line, Hampton, Royce, Engleman and Nelson Law firm; Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg; Dr. William Null, Charles Ritter, Jerry D. Vanier, John J. Vanier and John K. Vanier.



THE CADET LINE is lead by Cadet Charles Maxie as the 90th Corps formed the aisle through which the graduating class of 1978 marched during Commencement ceremonies May 21. (Photo by Paul Boydston)

PROMOTIONS

A number of promotions were made by special orders at the end of the school year.

Promoted to:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL — Gary Santillanes, Tim Cook.

MAJOR — Eric Pederson, Jeff Turner.

CAPTAIN — Robin South, Scott Furlong.

FIRST LIEUTENANT — Todd Clift, Jerry Mischel, Rick Stitt.

SECOND LIEUTENANT — John Berrey, Rick Anderson, Mark Bassett, Mark Chardi, Rick Coutts, John Louisot, Jim Vagtborg, Malcolm Gillespie, Tim Cejka.

SERGEANT-MAJOR — Kerry Jones.

PLATOON SERGEANT — Doug Meier, Billy Joe Tarter, Phil Crouch, Scott White, David Villasmil, Mark Shadowen, Max Montgomery.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS — Ariel Anaya.

FIRST SERGEANT — Jay Welter, Rick Heiser, Jim Messner.

STAFF SERGEANT — Walt Barrier, Howard Foster, Jim Griesbach, Larry Gross, David Hudkins, Eric Sornson, Ken

Strickland, Cliff Cernick, Martin Hopper.

SERGEANT — Steve Lauber, Cameron Eklund, Bob Hart.

CORPORAL — Kevin Price, Thomas Johnson, Martin Ashwill, Troy Carlile, James Doty, James Jones, Dwight Kinder, Ed Picking, Stephen Skwarok, Scott White, Rick Copeland, Steven Denniston, Paul Hudson, Joe Williams, Brad Chambers, Bruce Liepold, Eric Allen, Eric Brakhage, Tim Bradshaw, Terry Fihaley, Brad Hopper, Paul Hughes, Pat Malloy, Mike Rugan, Mike Songster, Dean Tampke, Boyd Tyler, Todd Wamhoff.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS — John Wright, Carl Smith, Doran Allen, Brian Autry, Tim Burke, David Collins, Jeff Marshall, Kevin Nelson, Tony Peak, Brad Stone, Clayton Shelton, David Buckles, Stephen Cowart, William Cunningham, Joe Fazekas, Jeff Griffin, Gary Holt, Mark McCracken, Bill Slagle, Jeff Straub, Bob Watson, Richard Alspach, Wade Wadley, Ronald Hipp, David Baker.

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Course Scholarship Awards Given at Honors Assembly

Cadets with the highest average in each course of study at SJMS were recognized during the Honors Convocation, Saturday, May 20.

Douglas S. Meier had the high average in seven courses--French II, English II, Geometry, Media Arts, Sociology, Typing and Boys' Glee Club.

Malcolm J. Gillespie had the high average in six courses of study--American Government, Chemistry, College Prep, English IV, Physics, Psychology and Sociology.

Having the high average in two courses of study were Mike Meyer, Jerry Mischel, Max Montgomery, Gordon and

Ian Snider, Rick Stitt and Jeff Turner.

Earning awards for having the high average in one course of study were Don E. Bliss, James Bowers, Mike Clift, Tim Cook, Richard Copeland, Rickie Heiser, Thomas Johnson, Lowell Lyon, Rick Makoski, Randy Mayeaux, Jimmy C. Messner, Tony Nelson, Kevin Price, Don Releford, Craig Stewart, Billy Joe Tarter, Terry Warren, Robert A. Watson.



REVIEWING THE PARADE by the 90th Corps of Cadets were a number of dignitaries. They were (left to right) Brig. Gen. Richard Seitz, US Army-Ret; Cadet Battalion Commander Dan Siburg, Bill Usher and Jack Vanier, SJMS Trustee; The Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Kansas; Lt. Col. James Rose, Commandant/Senior Army Instructor, and James Fraker, Class of 1958 and the Commencement speaker. (Photo by Paul Boydston)

St. John's Runners Win TVEL Championships

The St. John's Lower School track teams won both boys' division titles in a recent Twin Valley Elementary League track meet.

The Cadets took the combined sixth-seventh grade division with 75 points, 24 more than runnerup Tescott. The eighth grade team won with 81 points, 15 in front of Bennington.

First place finishers for the eighth grade were Wade Wadley, softball throw; John Pow-

will, long jump; and 75-yard dash, Pat Malloy, 100-yard hurdles, and the 880 relay team.

Winners for the sixth-seventh team were Mark Phillippi, high jump and 100-yard hurdles; Brett Widmoyer, 100-yard dash, and the 440-relay team.

There are five schools in the League.

Miklos Heads Chapel Council

George Miklos was named president of the Chapel Council during the Service of Holy Communion honoring the '78 seniors at 7:30 a.m. Commencement Day in Armstrong Chapel.

The Florence Holifield Memorial Cross, worn by the Council President, was passed from Rick Stitt, the 1977-78 president to Miklos.

Celebrants at the service were the Rev. Loyd Holifield, Director of Religious activities, and the Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Kansas.

"A Senior's Farewell", written by David Clothier, Class of '75, was sung by the SJMS Choir.

Superior Cadet Decorations Given

The Superior Cadet Decorations for outstanding performance in the various ROTC courses were given to four Cadets. They were Scott White, Military I; Michael David, Military II; Charles Maie, Military III, and Dan Siburg, Military IV.

CAMERAS AND LENSES

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Young Runners Get Letters

School letters were awarded to the members of the Lower School track teams.

Earning A-team awards were Jeff Richardson, Mark Mausolf, Mark Phillippi, Monte Short, Allan Smith, Todd Wamhoff, Brett Widmoyer, Jim Allison, Gary Cline, Mike Delay, Bob Hart, Paul Hudson, John Powell, Pat Malloy, Jeff Marshall, Tom Wallace and Sheldon Zimmerman.

B-team awards went to Dion Lewis, Tim Strella, Mike Hoog, Kip Dobbs and Jeff Wherry.

Earn Drill Medals

The Commandant's medals for winning the competitive manual-of arms were presented to James E. Allison, Lower School, and Rick Stitt, Upper School.

Trackmen Earn Letters

School letters for participation in the track program have been awarded according to Lt. Dale Pierson, Athletic Director.

Earning A-team letters were Eric Pederson, David Schaaf, Jerry Mischel, Rick Stitt, Mark Chardi, Pete Peralta, Dan Siburg, Robin South, Rick Heiser, Carl Millberg, Walter Gunstream, Rick Makoski, Craig Stewart, Doug Buckles, Mike Clift and Mike Meyers.

B-team awards were given John Guemple, Rick Coutts, Billy Joe Tarter, Bob Watson, Scott Furlong, Jim Griesbach, Walter Barrier, Tom Dixon, Doug Johnston, Tom Johnson, Kerry Jones, Jeff Nieman and John Weatherman.

Martin Ashwill was honored as the manager of the A-team and Mike Cooper of the B-Team.

Pederson Named Most Valuable

Eric Pederson was named the "most valuable member" of the 1977-78 track team. He earned 88 points during the season.

Other track men and the points earned for the team were Jim Severson, 61; Damon Bird, 51; David Schaaf, 46 3/4; Jerry Mischel, 38 1/4; Rick Stitt, 34 1/4; Mark Chardi 32 1/4; Pete Peralta, 25 1/4; Dan Siburg, 17 1/4; Robin South, 9 1/2; Rick Heiser, 9 1/4; Carl Millberg, 7 3/4; Walter Gunstream 7 1/2; Rick Makoski, Craig Stewart, and Doug Buckles, 5; Mike Clift, 4; Mike Meyer, 3 1/2; John Guemple and Rick Coutts, 3; Billy Joe Tarter and Bob Watson, 1 1/4 and John Weathermen, 1.

Coach Dale Pierson said that the team won 460 1/4 total points during a successful track season.

Golf Letters Awarded Ten

School letters were awarded for participation on the varsity golf team according to Coach Dan Traub. Earning A-team awards were Kent Sechrest, Mike Cox, Bill Slagle, Jim Messner, Tim Cejka.

B-team awards went to Craig Staley, Mark Hopper, Max Montgomery, Tim Garrett and Al Stoddard.

Tennis Awards Given 13

School monograms were awarded to 13 members of the tennis teams.

Earning A-team awards were Terry Warren, Dave Collins, Mark Bassett, Brian Autry, Ariel and Arnaldo Anaya, Rick Anderson, Cameron Eklund, and Phil Crouch.

B-team letters went to Todd Clift, Steve Denniston, Nick Blackwell and Troy Carlisle.

Trackmen Take 3rd In League

The Eisenhower West League champs, the St. John's track team, placed third among the 16 schools making up the East and West divisions of the League. The meet was held May 9 at CICO park, Manhattan.

Wakefield took first with 104 1/2 points followed by Downs with 63 and then SJMS with 55 1/4.

The two-mile relay, 440-yard relay and mile relay teams all placed second and all established new school record times. Members of the mile relay team were Dan Siburg, Robin South, Jim Severson and David Schaaf.

Running the 440 relay team Rick Heiser, Severson, Schaaf and Eric Pederson. Members of the two-mile team were Rick Stitt, Pete Peralta, Schaaf and Jerry Mischel.

Pederson placed fifth in the 220-yard dash and second in the 100-yard dash.

Peralta placed fourth in the 880-yard run. Carl Millberg placed third in the 440 dash.

Stitt took sixth in the two-mile run.

Damon Bird placed sixth in the shot and fourth in the discus.

Mark Chardi finished in a four-way tie for third in the high jump.

Siburg placed fifth in the long jump.

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