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SJMS Shares In \$5 Million Trust

St. John's Military School will share in a \$5 million trust established by Lyman Linger, a member of the SJMS 1926 graduating class. The money will be split among St. John's, Colorado College and a Range Management conservation group.

It is estimated that the SJMS share will be \$1.5 million.

The announcement of the bequest was made during Commencement ceremonies by D. Dale Browning, a 1955 SJMS "old boy" and executive vice-president of Colorado National Bank. Browning is in charge of setting up the Linger trust.

The gift, described by St. John's President, Keith G. Duckers, as "the largest legacy by far ever left the School", was donated by Linger, a Colorado rancher.

The money is the School's share of the proceeds from the sale of Rattlesnake Ranch near

Loveland, Colo. The sale is expected to yield in excess of \$5 million, which will be placed in a trust at the Colorado National Bank, Denver.

Col. Duckers said the military school would use its share as an endowment. The annual yield will probably go toward capital improvements and scholarships.

If the future of St. John's was ever in doubt, the announcement coupled with the insurance settlement on Vail and Griswold Halls ensured a bright future for St. John's according to President Duckers.



★ CHANGE OF COMMAND ★

Scot Greenidge (left) receives the Hardy Sabre and congratulations from Eric Pederson (right), Battalion Commander of the 91st Corps of Cadets. Greenidge will command the 92nd Corps to be formed next fall.

Foundation Has Busy Weekend

The SJMS Foundation was involved in many activities during the Commencement weekend.

Following its luncheon on Saturday, May 19, the Foundation approved the purchase of a color television set and stand, plus the cable hook-up, and an electronic video game machine for use in the Lower School new activity center, Parkview Hall.

The Foundation also donated \$112 to add to \$388 to bring the Senior Scholarship amount to \$500. The scholarship is named in honor of the Senior Class of 1979 and Lyman G. Linger, Class of 1926.

The Foundation auction date was set for Oct. 27, 1979. Mrs. Jack Vanier gave a report of the auction held in February and plans for the October auction. She urged patrons to look for valuable and interesting articles to contribute to the auction.

The fall meeting of the Foundation will be Oct. 27 in connection with Parents' Weekend at the school.

Dr. Jack Twombly, Boulder, Colo., was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors created by the death of

director Leo Jorgenson, in November.

The Foundation hosted a Hospitality Hour at 8 p.m., Friday, May 18 at the Cavalier Court, Salina. The event was well attended by parents and friends of the School.

Mrs. B. Cecil Bassett, Pierre, S.D., presided at the meeting in the absence of Marvin Webb, who had to leave to attend the graduation of his son, Walter, Class of '74, from Kansas State University, Manhattan.

Class of '79 Honored

The Commencement Eucharist and Senior Communion was celebrated at 7:30 a.m. Commencement Day, May 20 in Armstrong Chapel.

The celebrant and preacher was the Rev. Thomas C. Chesterman, SJMS Chaplain. He was assisted by the Rev. Paul Snider, Vicar of St. Mark's Church, Tracy, Calif., and father of Cadets Ian and Gordon Snider.

Cadet participants were George Miklos, Truls Ringkjok, Ian Snider, Richard Anderson, Robin South, Scott Ratcliff, Joe Williams, Chuck Maxie, Jeff Turner, John Louisot, Mark Mausolf, Tim Bradshaw and Jim Newman.

Ringling the Chapel bell were Randy Cramer and Danny Branson.

The Florence Holifield Memorial Cross, worn by the president of the St. John's Chapel Council, was passed from this year's president, Miklos, to the president for next year, Ringkjok.

SJ Gives An Edge Says "Old Boy" Taylor

The egos of the 91st Corps of graduating Cadets weren't coddled by "old boy" John "Rick" Taylor, Class of 1964, during Commencement ceremonies Sunday morning May 20.

"If you don't perform, you'll go out the back door skidding on your can", he told the class of 25 graduating seniors.

He continued, "St. John's has prepared you very well for the world you are about to encounter. It has given you a significant advantage over your peers. St. John's has given you the biggest opportunity that you will ever have in your life. It's yours, don't blow it".

Taylor, now head of a Texas oil company, said "I know that my training here was a tremendous stepping stone in my quest for success. It is the inner strength and maturity gained here that is so important to your future as a responsible man. It will be the basis of your life, the basis of your future and your success. It will keep you one step ahead of everyone else. It will ensure that you are the one who impresses the boss so that you are the one getting the promotions."

He added, "The edge that you will take with you is what everybody has been preaching to you since you came. You will be taking with you the personal qualities of respect, loyalty, principles, discipline, honesty, integrity, honor and

knowing the difference between right and wrong".

Taylor's comments were part of the colorful program that climaxed a weekend of graduation activities at the school.

Another highlight of the program included the presentation of the Gordon Prize, the School's top honor, to graduating Eric Eric Pederson, Denver, Colo. Pederson, who headed the 91st Corps as Battalion commander, passed his command to Scot Greenidge, Boulder, Colo., who will serve as the 92nd Corps Battalion Commander next year.

The Hardy Sabre, Symbol of Command, was exchanged by Pederson and Greenidge following the reading of the first special order of the 1979-80 school term.

The 1979 graduating class -- which received diplomas from Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President, and the Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Episcopal Bishop of Western Kansas -- represented seven states, Mexico and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Brigadiers Honored

The Brigadiers of St. John's Military School for 1978-79 were presented medallions during Commencement ceremonies, May 20. Making the presentations were Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President, and the Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Chairman of the St. John's Board of Trustees.

Brigadiers are individuals or firms who have contributed \$1,000 or more in donations or services during a year.

Honored were D. Dale Browning and Edith Mayeaux, Denver; Jack Carpenter, Pueblo, Colo.; James O. Cox, Casper, Wyo.; John Donati, Albuquerque, N.M.; Walton C. Ferris, Lincoln, Neb.; Chester Hopper, Weeping Water, Neb.; Lyman G. Linger, Loveland, Colo.; Lillian T. Long, Mexa, Ariz.; M. Clare Miller and G.W. Nicholson, both of McPherson, Kans.; Dale Nelson, Kansas City, Mo.; Harry J. Noznesky, Reading, Pa.; John M. Powell, Iola, Kans.; Erik T. Ringkjok, Boulder, Colo.; Tom Sweigert, Dodge City, Kans.; Fred A. Tampke, Anchorage, Alaska; David Tombs, Springfield, Mo.; Wardens & Vestry of Trinity Church, Atchison, Kans.; and Harold T. Wellman, Longview, Texas.

Cadet Brigadiers were Ian Snider, Tracy, Calif., and Max Montgomery, Salina.

Brigadiers honored from Salina were First Bank & Trust Company; Graves Truck Lines; Kennedy and Coe, Kenneth Morrison, Milton Morrison, National Bank of America, Dr. William G. Null, Planters State Bank and Donald D. Schoof.

Recruiters Set Summer Schedule

Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant/Director of Development, and Capt. Larry M. Lysell, Admissions Officer, will be traveling this summer enrolling students for the 92nd Corps of Cadets.

Col. Kellogg was in Albuquerque, N.M., from May 23 to June 1. He visited the Wyoming area, June 3 to 9. His summer headquarters will be 6518 Eaton, Arvada, Colo. His phone number is 303-421-8089.

Capt. Lysell will be traveling in the Midwest. He will be in Oklahoma and Southwest Kansas June 18-22; Kansas City and Northern Kansas June 24-29 and Northwest Kansas and Western Nebraska, July 8-14. He will be in Wichita and Southern Kansas July 16-20.

Persons wishing to visit the campus should contact Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, or Mrs. Nancy Swisher, Associate Counselor.

SJMS Is Honor School

St. John's Military School was named an Honor School with Distinction during Commencement ceremonies. The honor is the result of the annual Federal Inspection of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program held in April.

Making the announcement was Col. Howard R. Rockhold jr., commander of the Third ROTC Region, Ft. Riley, Kans.

A Cornerstone Document

(Editor's Note: The following is the handwritten account of the founding of SJMS found in the cornerstone exactly as written with missing amounts and names.)

This material was removed from the cornerstone of Vail Hall, May 19, 1979.

Historical sketch of the founding and progress of the St. John's Military Institute to this date, Oct. 25th, 1887.

At the regular session of the Diocesan Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the State of Kansas held in Topeka, Kansas, in the month of December 1886, and on the second day of said session, the Rev. J. A. Antrim, then Rector of Christs Church at Salina, Kansas, made a motion that said convention appoint a committee to consist of three members to take into consideration the question of the establishment by the diocese of a boys school, with power to receive proposals and if thought best to locate such a school which motion was adopted by the convention and the committee appointed thereunder consisted of the Rev. J. A. Antrim of Salina, Chairman, Rev. J. H. Lee of Manhattan and Prof. Jas. H. Canfield of Lawrence.

Soon after the adjournment of said convention the said committee asked for propositions of location of such a school from certain desirable localities.

Several localities responded but only the one accepted need be mentioned here.

Salina got the prize.

Among her residents and businessmen was one A. M. Claflin who on her behalf devised the plan of purchasing adjacent to her limits a tract of land suitable for the purpose and large enough after setting apart a campus and grounds for the buildings to be divided into lots and sold for enough over and above the purchase price of the same to erect a suitable building for such school and when so erected to turn the same over to the Diocese for such purposes.

In pursuance of such plan on February 27th, 1887, one hundred and _____ acres of land were bargained for a portion of Mr. William Muir and a portion of Mr. Jacob Gottschal being on the north side of the city at a price of \$160 per acre. Judge O. P. Hamilton platted the same. Twenty acres were set apart for the school buildings and the remainder was divided into 600 lots to which was added about 40 lots donated to the enterprize by A.F. Harsh from his lots adjoining making in all 640 lots. These lots were at once offered for sale to the citizens of Salina and vicinity at \$100 per lot.

In the incredible short space of time of about ten days these lots were all sold, to be paid for in ten equal monthly installments to commence on March 10th. To legally execute the plan thus devised and now looking so promising in its features, on the 14th day of March a business corporation was formed under the name of the Episcopal Military Institute Association with charter from the state and J. A. Antrim, A. M. Claflin, A. F. Harsh, William Hogben, J. H. Prescott and M. D. Teague as its board of directors.

On March 19th this board had its first meeting under the Charter at the office of J. H. Prescott in Salina and the following were elected officers of the corporation: J. H. Prescott, President, J. A. Antrim, Vice-president, A. F. Harsh, Secretary and M. D. Teague, Treasurer.

These officers continue as such respectively to date excepting Mr. A. F. Harsh who on account of ill health and absence resigned as Secretary in September and Mr. H. S. Taggart of Salina was elected in his place.

In the month of March, Mr. Hugh King of Salina was elected architect to prepare plans for, and superintendent of construction of the school building on the _____ day of _____, the then recently elected Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Rev. Elisha S. Thomas visited Salina in the interest of said school.

The plan proposed to procure the building was fully laid before and the grounds contemplated were shown him. He approved all excepting that he wished and requested that twenty acres of land lying north and west of the school building site be purchased and added to the grounds for the school. By reason of which suggestion the tract was immediately contracted for at \$160 per acre and in three days time the amount of the purchase price was raised by subscription among the businessmen of the city.

This was very wise action on the part of Bishop Thomas in that over this tract of land most excellent drainage can be procured from the school buildings. Grounds large enough for all time are procured and a beautiful grove of trees of about 10 acres is obtained as a park for the future great comfort and pleasure of the scholars and teachers of the school. In justice to this effort it is proposed to name this grove, "Thomas Park." On the 29th day of July a contract for the construction of this building was let to Mr. R. K. Allen of St. Joseph, Mo.

To the Rev. J. A. Antrim as the first mover in the project and to Mr. A. M. Claflin as the diviser of the plan and means to carry it out and to Mr. Hugh King as architect of the beautiful design and as superintendent of the substantial work of the Edifice to be constructed here much substantial honor is due and to the liberal and progressive spirit of the citizens of Salina and Saline County in aiding such a cause in such a substantial manner as they have, true history should give recognition.

The Right Rev. E. S. Thomas delivers the address at the formal laying of this cornerstone followed by remarks from

Turner Heads Final Honor Roll

Jeff Turner headed the sixth grading period honor roll. Others named to the list with grade averages above 90 were Chuck Maxie, Richard Fawcett, Ian Snider, James Newman, John Guemple, John Louisot, Max Montgomery, Eric Pederson, Shawn Goforth, David Blair, Raul Maciel, David Samson, Gordon Snider, Terry Warren, Rick Anderson, Kevin Price, Wes Hagan, Scot Greenidge, Brian Jennings, John Weatherman, Terry Fihaley, Tom Preston, Carl Millberg, Robin Cary, Stephen Webb, Don Bliss, Dan Jones, Terry Templeton, Rick Makoski, Greg Bowers, Jerry Graham, Fred Marco, and Tom Marelli.

Earning honorable mention were Brad Hopper, Vincent Raetz, Truls Ringkjøb, Tom Bowler, Jody Gensler, Greg DeBuhr, Tom Dixon, Kent Sechrest, Tom Wallace, John Boettcher, Arnaldo Anaya, Mark Bassett, Ray Hagan, Ross Berger, Scott Ratcliff, Paul Hudson, Jim Messner, Todd Clift, Mike Cox, Matt Minson, Brian Flynn, Martin Hopper, Randy Mayeaux, Randy Morley and Nick Blackwell.

Document -cont.

The Rev. J. A. Antrim
This sketch is prepared by J. H. Prescott

The list of things deposited in this cornerstone is:

- A copy of this sketch.
- A brief Historical Sketch of Salina and Saline County.
- A map of Salina and its additions including these grounds.
- A copy of "Picturesque Salina" containing a cut of this building.
- One copy of the Salina Journal of the Daily and of the weekly issue.
- A copy of the Daily and Weekly issues of the Salina "Herald".
- A copy of the Salina Weekly "Republican".
- A copy of the "Rising Sun".
- One U.S. Postal Card of the latest issue.
- One copy of the blank contract used in the sale of the lots on these grounds.
- A copy of the program of these proceedings.
- A copy of the Holy Bible new version.
- A copy of the prayer book of the Protestant Episcopal Church USA.

This is the handwriting of:
Fred Clarke Prescott,
Fifteen years of age

★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

Class of 1969 -- Steve Verity was a May visitor on campus. He is with an oil firm in Oklahoma City.

Class of 1978 -- Tony Nelson visited Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, April 27. Tony is in the Air Force, stationed at Pease AFB, New Hampshire, after completing basic training at Lackland AFB.

"Old Boy Visitors"

Bill Meidell Class of 1954

D. Dale Browning . Class of 1955
Larry Schoof Attended 1966-68

Tom Harper Class of 1970
Ken Harper Class of 1973
Ernesto Anaya Class of 1975
Abel Anaya Class of 1975
John Evans Class of 1976
Jerry Mischel Class of 1978
Gary Santillanes . Class of 1978
Mike Davis Class of 1978
Kirk Erwin Class of 1978
David Villasmil Class of 1978

What Goes In A Cornerstone?

The box in the cornerstone was opened during Commencement ceremonies. The contents were interesting but certainly not exciting. In fact, several items that were to have been there, weren't.

Newspapers and brochures seemed to be the thing of that day. But what should go into the new box in the cornerstone?

Suggestions to date include reproductions in laminated plastic of some of the original cornerstone material, the last year's issues of "The Skirmisher", current stamps, a proof set of coins and a written resume of events leading up to the opening of the old box.

Dennis Poer and Jack Vanier copied the proceedings of the opening on tape to be placed in the new box. Think people in 2099 will know what a tape recorder is, Dennie and Jack?

Anyone with an original idea is invited to send their suggestions to Jack Vanier or Bob Kastner.

How about a U.S. Bond? Or some stock in a major company? The current best seller of the day?

Let's show some imaginations and excite our ancestors in the event they ever have to open the new cornerstone box in the sometime distant future.

The new box will be placed in the old cornerstone and be incorporated into the new building that will start rising out of the ground this summer.


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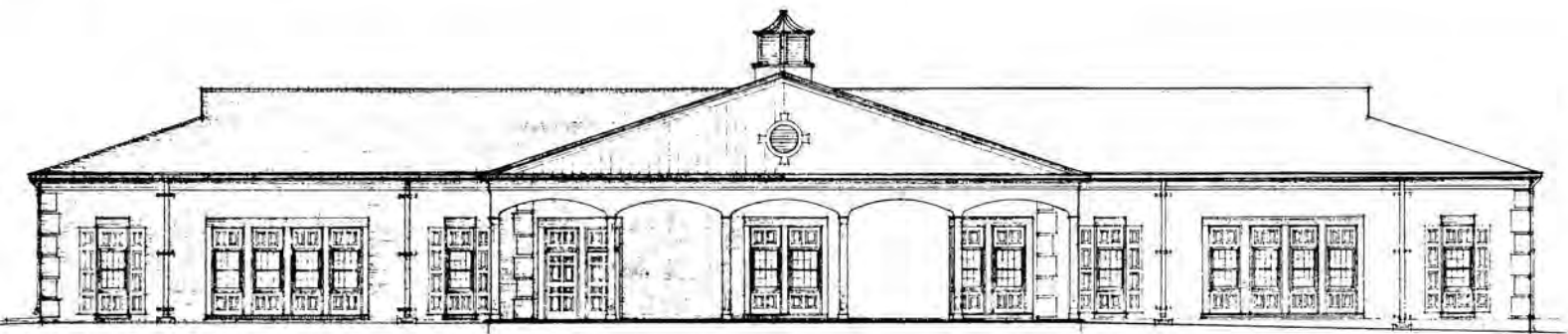
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Construction To Start Soon On New Academic Center

Construction of the new academic, administration center at St. John's Military School will begin within two weeks, after a low bid by Busboom and Rauh was accepted by the School's Board of Trustees, Friday morning, June 8.

Cost of the new 23,300 square-foot center will cost approximately one million dollars.

Construction bids were opened June 7 by the Board of Trustees. All base bids, including alternates, were above the engineer's estimates. Busboom and Rauh's bid was \$1,322,820 including four alternates.

Board members authorized funding of the base bid and three alternates, including additional basement storage space, another classroom and renovation of the Sage Hall facade. Busboom and Rauh's total bid for the approved work was \$1,085,140.

A decision on the fourth alternate, which would renovate Clem Library and Ferris Hall into a new barracks at a cost of an additional \$237,680 will be made within 30 days.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President, said a decision on the barracks alternate was postponed until the entire board could meet to discuss financing.

"We are temporarily in limbo on that alternate because we are not going to have the funds. We have to decide if we are going to borrow the money, have a fund drive, do a combination of the two, or do nothing," said Col. Duckers.

Robertson Plumbing and Heating and Commercial Electric, both of Salina, are the mechanical and electrical contractors as part of the Busboom and Rauh package bid.

Asked to Submit Bids

Contractors were asked to submit a base bid for construction of the center housing

12 classrooms for students in grades nine through 12, a central library, and academic and administrative offices.

Wilson and Co. engineers estimated the academic center cost at \$920,000. Engineers estimated the entire package including the four alternates at \$1,305,000.

The second lowest bidder was Jarvis Construction, Salina, at \$1,335,400 including alternates.

Other bidders were Bob Albers Construction, Johnson Builders, Holgerson and Co., and Harbin Construction, all of Salina.

To Open In 1980

Completion is set for August 15, 1980.

The academic center, which will replace fire-damaged Vail and Griswold Halls, will be a one-story, red brick, Colonial-style building. Windows and

other exterior features will be trimmed in white. Only the offices will be air conditioned.

The School received an insurance settlement of about \$1.2 million after a blaze destroyed Vail and Griswold Halls last November.

A system designed to circulate outside air will be used to ventilate the remainder of the building in warm weather. A hot water heating system fired by natural gas will be installed.

The building will be constructed on the Vail Hall site, facing south to Santa Fe Avenue. Workers recently completed razing the two fire damaged halls. The metal maintenance shop has also been removed.

Construction of a new combined maintenance department, general shop classroom, and art department has started on the northeast corner of the campus.

Confirmation Held

A service of Baptism and Confirmation for Max Montgomery was held May 3 in Armstrong Memorial Chapel. Presiding at the service were the Rev. Thomas C. Chesterman jr., School Chaplain, and the Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Kansas.

To Remain Military

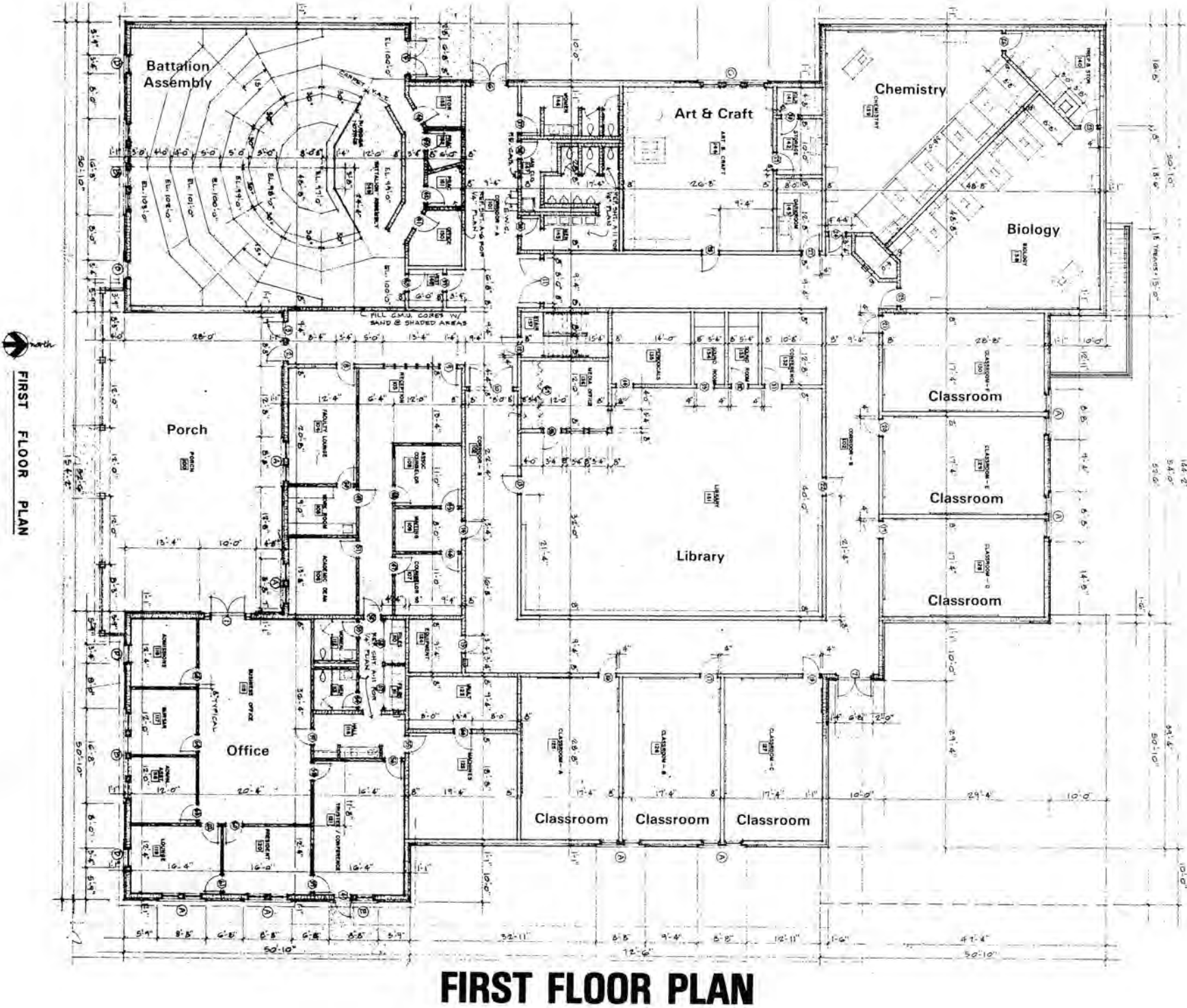
Following the bid opening, President Duckers reaffirmed the School will continue as an all-male military school.

Program changes include the admission of day students in grades three through six, beginning immediately. Duckers estimated 10 day students will be admitted for the next school year.

The day student would attend classes on campus, but live at home in Salina or surrounding communities. School officials will recommend that tuition be one-half the tuition charged boarding students.

The School's enrollment capacity for next year has been set at 160 Cadets because of the limited facilities. New facilities will allow the school to increase its enrollment to 200 day and boarding students.

Also in the planning stages is a full summer program to begin in June 1981.





RECEIVING THE DIPLOMA from the Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Chairman of the St. John's Board and Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas is Ariel Anaya. Ariel and his twin brother, Arnaldo, were members of the Class of '79. Their older twin brothers, Ernesto and Abel, were graduated two years ago.

Golf Team Ends Season

The SJMS Golf team completed a successful season under the coaching of Lt. Col. V.B. Loy.

In the Sacred Heart High Invitational the two-man team of Kent Sechrest and Mike Cox won third place medals with a team score of 178. Sechrest tied for fourth place medalist with an 82. The four-man team of Scott Ratcliff, Ross Berger, Tim Garrett and Martin Hopper placed seventh and the six-man team took sixth.

The two-man team of Sechrest and Cox played in the State Regional tournament at Ellsworth, May 8.

In a dual meet with Salina South's "B" team, the two-man team of Sechrest and Cox shot a 172, finishing three strokes behind the first place team. The four-man team of Steve Spalding, Garrett, Berger and Ratcliff, had a 412-score.

The two-man team of Sechrest and Spalding placed fourth in the Centre Invitational Marion, April 23. Sechrest tied for fourth place medals and won the play-off on the first hole. The four-man team placed seventh.

Sechrest and Spalding took third in the Lincoln Invitational April 19. Sechrest tied for medalist's honors but lost on the second hole of the playoff to take the second place medal. The four-man team took fifth and the six-man team, fourth.

In a dual meet at Centre High, Marion, the two-man; four-man and six-man teams, all took first places. Sechrest was the medalist and Spalding, the second medalist.

Sechrest was second medalist in a dual match with Sacred Heart High, April 5.

In an invitational on March 29, Sechrest and Cox took fifth place. The four-man team of Jim Messner, Spalding, Berger and Garrett also placed fifth.

Two Netmen Qualify for State

Two Cadet tennis players, Greg Bowers and Fred Marco, qualified for the State Tournament by placing fourth at the Regional tournament held in Manhattan, May 7.

The State Tournament was held at Lindsborg, May 18.

Bowers and Marco lost the first set 7-5 and were defeated 6-2 in the second set against a Lindsborg team.

Christine Shively, coach, said, "I am a minority among the coaches of boys tennis. I was fortunate to coach such hard working, talented young men. They supported me and made my job that much easier. We have some fine talent returning next year and many Cadets interested. We hope to have another fine team next year."

Four Given Track Awards

Four Cadets were honored for their participation in the Kansas State Championship track meet. Earning awards were Eric Pederson, Tyler King, Richard Makoski and John Powell.

Cadets Attend Performances

St. John's cadets attended four different performances of various Salina theatre groups during the school year.

South High School's production of "Fiddler on the Roof", Marymount's "Marat/Sade", and Salina Community Theatre's "The Odd Couple" and "The Glass Menagerie" were the plays seen.

Christine Shively, Art Teacher, sponsored the events. She said, "Salina has a great deal to offer in the way of the creative arts. We have a diverse and talented theatre selection."

Cadets attending were Gordon and Ian Snider, Tom Bowler, Max Montgomery, Truls Ringjob, Kevin Price, Scott Ratcliff, Scot Greenidge, Tom Dixon, Mike Mulvihill and George Miklos.

Trustees Elected

Three new trustees were elected and two were re-elected to the St. John's Military School Board of Trustees at its quarterly meeting in April.

The new trustees are Bill Baxter and Bob Exline, Salina, and Margaret Martin, Brookville. Re-elected were Bill Nicholson, McPherson, and Dennis Poer, Salina. Retiring from the Board after serving two three-year terms were Jack Vanier, Brookville and Bob Kastner, Salina.

Faculty Merit Awards Given

Several Cadets received Faculty Merit awards for some particular achievement.

John Louisot received the award for his efforts in Typing I. Creative excellence in art was recognized for Don Bliss.

Kevin Price earned an award for his improvement in the Glee Club.

Ian Snider was recognized for his consistently good work in drama and forensics.

Max Montgomery was honored for helping promote the Spanish club and for serving as its president.

French Club Has Dinner

The French Club enjoyed a French dinner, May 4 at The Looking Glass restaurant, Wichita. The table conversation was conducted in French.

Attending were John Guempe, Tom Marelli, Ian Snider, Mark Bassett, John Louisot, Max Montgomery, Mark Southerland, Eric Erickson and David Blair.

Accompanying the group were the Rev. Thomas Chesterman, French instructor, and Mrs. Chesterman.

Tennis Players End Season

Tennis season opened with a quadrangular meet at Abilene with Marysville and El Dorado. The team lost all but one match, going to Arnaldo Anaya against a Marysville player, 8-5.

In a triangular meet hosted by Marquette, St. John's took first against Haven and Marquette.

At Russell, St. John's Greg Bowers defeated Russell's number one man, and the double team of Fred Marco and Bowers defeated the number one doubles team.

Bowers again played number one position at Solomon against Monty Johnson (who later qualified at Regionals for State), but was defeated 7-5, 6-4. Doubles players Bowers and Marco showed drive in a comeback victory from 0-4 to win 8-4 against Solomon's number one doubles team.

St. John's placed second at the triangular hosted at home against Marquette and Solomon.

Many cadets and faculty had the opportunity to watch Bowers play singles inside the new gym against Chapman's number one man. Bowers lost by one point in a tie-breaker after the third set. The rest of the team fell to a strong Chapman team.

Tennis Lettermen Named

Varsity letters were earned by eight cadets playing on the varsity tennis team.

Letters were awarded to Greg Bowers, captain; Fred Marco, Mark Bassett, Tom Dixon, Ariel and Arnaldo Anaya, Walter Barrier, and Rick Anderson. Truls Ringjob earned a manager's letter. Sharing Most Valuable Player honors were Bowers and Marco.

Chapel Service Awards

Five Cadets were recipients of the Chaplain's service awards given by the Rev. Thomas C. Chesterman.

Honored for serving on the Chapel Council and for being readers at the Chapel worship services were Truls Ringjob, Ian Snider, Scott Ratcliff, Max Montgomery and Richard Fawcett.

Ferris Awards Given

The Ferris awards for excellence in the general shop program were given Kevin Price, Mechanical drawing; Richard Makoski, Shop I, and Gregory Bowers, Shop II.

Earns Honorable Mention

Robin Cary earned honorable mention in both the State and Three "A" divisions in the Kansas State Scholarship testing program. His field of excellence was General Mathematics.

Superior Cadet Decorations Given

Cadets with the highest average in each of the four levels of ROTC training were presented medals.

They were Scot Greenidge, Military I; Max Montgomery, Military II; Mark Bassett, Military III; and Eric Pederson, Military IV.

Drillers Earn Medals

Winners of the competitive manual-of-arms drill competition were presented the Commandant's medals. Earning the awards were Todd Wamhoff, Lower School, and Raul Maciel, Upper School.

Winners Named

Two Senior Cadets were winners of scholarships to colleges. Jeff Turner received a scholarship from Drury College, Springfield, Mo., and Eric Pederson was awarded a scholarship to attend Doane College, Nebraska.



CHECKING OUT THE GEAR during Military Field Day activities was a sergeant from Ft. Riley.



OPENING THE CORNERSTONE — Jack Vanier, St. John's "old boy" and Trustee, puffs away the 92-year old layer of dust from a penny postcard found in a box in the cornerstone of Vail Hall.



REMOVING THE CORNERSTONE from Vail Hall were Danny Smith (left), job supervisor, and Dean Chiles, SJMS Maintenance superintendent. (Photo, courtesy of The Salina Journal)

Vail Hall Cornerstone Held No Surprises

"It shouldn't take long. The box is 92 years old," said Dennis Poer, St. John's Trustee, as they began the opening of the tin box contained in the cornerstone of Vail Hall.

The ornate cornerstone had been removed from the southeast corner of Vail Hall a week before during demolishing operations. Enclosed in the stone was a sealed metal box.

The box put up a good fight, however. Jack Vanier, Brookville, also a Trustee and "old boy", was wounded in action while wielding the tin snips and removing the contents of the box.

The opening came during the Foundation luncheon in Nichols Hall, Saturday, May 19. Attending were Cadets, parents, friends and trustees of the school.

There were no real surprises in the box.

"No stocks, no bonds," Poer quipped as he finished describing the contents for the audience.

The rectangular box, about 12 inches long and eight inches high, was full of papers, all slightly damp, probably due to water used in fighting the fire which destroyed Vail Hall last Nov. 6.

The first item discovered in the box was a card giving the date, Oct. 24, 1887, and the name of the manufacturers of the box, Fitz Bros. Galvanized Iron Cornice Works.

A handwritten document describing the founding of Salina's Episcopal Military Institute (SJ-

MS) was among early finds. (The copy of this document will be found, published in its entirety, on Page 2).

A penny postcard, which really cost only one penny to mail, was also found.

Many Newspapers

Most of the box was filled with old newspapers dating from the week the stone was placed. One of those described the festivities surrounding the cornerstone laying, notably a parade composed of the Fourth Regiment Band, the Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen, the Fire department, the Salina Gun Club, the mayor and city council members and "citizens in carriages."

Salina had a few more newspapers in 1887. The box contained issues of "The Salina Herald", "The Salina Evening

Herald", "The Rising Sun", "The Salina Weekly Republican", "The Saline County Journal" and "The Salina Daily Journal."

Then, as now, the papers carried advertising. Miss N.E. Bates offered her services to "the ladies of Salina and all those desiring honest dress-making and the latest styles". Early Salinians could buy the latest thing in buggies, farm implements, cooking and heating stoves--and underwear.

Predicted Future

"The Weekly Republican" predicted a bright future for Salina because of its railroads. Salina would certainly "soon attain importance as a wholesale and distributing point."

How accurate the prediction was is apparent in comparing the Salina city map found in the box with a current one. In 1887, Cloud street and the Kansas Wesleyan campus formed the extreme southern boundary of the city.

Salinians in 1887 were proud of their city. The cornerstone contained two booklets with

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A number of promotions were made by special order since the last issue of The Skirmisher.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL -- Robin South.

MAJOR -- Jeff Turner, Ian Snider, John Louisot, Rick Anderson.

CAPTAIN -- Scott Ratcliff, Charles Maxie, Todd Clift, Matt Minson, Jim Messner.

FIRST LIEUTENANT -- Erroll Waddell.

SECOND LIEUTENANT -- George Miklos.

COMMAND SERGEANT-MAJOR -- Terry Warren.

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PLATOON SERGEANT -- Paul Boydston, Walt Barrier, Hal Robbins, Kevin Price, Kenneth Peterson.

STAFF SERGEANT -- Tom Marelli, Rick Makoski, Richard Fawcett, Eric Erickson, Jace Chiles, Tim Bradshaw, Jim Bowers, Joe Williams, Kevin Smith, Fred Marco, Arnaldo Anaya, Jeff Richardson, Mark Mausolf, Martin Hopper, Willson Cox.

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OLD BOY PRIVATE -- Mark Lawrence, Steve Sparks, William Harrington, Chris Zorn.

pictures and descriptions of "picturesque Salina".

And they were anxious to promote it. The box also contained a flyer advertising a real estate and investment firm.

As a matter of fact, the box was so filled with this type material that there was no room for a copy of the program of "these proceedings", a copy of the Holy Bible, new version, and a Prayer book of the Protestant Episcopal Church USA which the handwritten history indicates were to have been in the box and weren't.

Leader Named

A. Jay Anderson, Salina realtor, will head the 1979-80 "Muleskinner" drive to be conducted this summer. The "Muleskinners" are individuals who contribute \$100 to St. John's Military School to be used for capital improvements.

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Cadets Honored At Awards Assembly

Outstanding achievements and leadership were recognized at the Honors and Awards convocation held Saturday evening, May 19, in the Baner Gymnasium.

Earning athletic leadership medals were Mark Mausolf, Lower School, and Robin South, the Fry Athletic medal.

Band awards were presented to Todd Clift, Bugler's award; George Miklos, Best Bandsman Award; Brian Kirkpatrick, Most Improved Bandsman; Fred Marco, Best Drummer and Charles Maxie, Outstanding Cadet Bandmaster.

Medals for marksmanship were awarded Jimmy Messner, Cheney Marksmanship; Upper School Marksmanship and the Reserve Officers Association award and Todd Wamhoff, Lower School Marksmanship medal.

The President's medal of the Association of Military Colleges and School was given to Mark Mausolf as the Lower School Cadet showing the most leadership potential.

Citizenship Honored

Citizenship awards were presented Donald Patton, Lower School; James Cox, VFW citizenship medal; Richard Fawcett, KSHSAA Upper School school award and Dion Lewis, Lower School award.

Ian Snider received the Daughters of the American Revolution medal and the Kansas State University Dean's award.

Eric Pederson was presented the Sons of the American Revolution medal for leadership and soldierly bearing.

Mark Bassett earned the National Sojourners award.

Science Medal Given

Jeff Turner was awarded the Bausch and Lomb Science award.

The National Honor Society Scholarship was presented to Matthew Minson. Richard B. Anderson Jr. received the "I Dare You Award" given by the Danforth Foundation.

The SJMS Foundation awards for the best character ratings among non-commissioned Cadets were earned by Kent Kretchmar, Lower School; Richard Fawcett, freshman; Gordon Snider, sophomore; Rick Makoski, junior; and Mike Cooper, senior.

The Bishop's award for faithful service to the School's religious program was given George Miklos.

John Louisot received the Hardy Rifleman award as the rifle team members with the highest academic average.

The Activity Leadership medal for his work in promoting the Crack Squad was given Robin South. Eric Pederson received the Lippincott Memorial award.

For having the highest academic average among Cadet athletic letterman, Jeff Turner earned the Athletic Scholarship medal.

Young Cadets Honored

Earning the Lower School's awards were Willson Cox, Athletic Scholarship; Cory Harlan, Lower School medal, Mark Lewis, Effort medal and William Harrington, Progress medal.

Joe Williams was granted the Ninninger award as the Cadet making the most of his talents and abilities.

Jeff Turner was awarded the American Legion Medal as the commissioned officer with the highest academic average.

The Rotary medal is given to the senior Cadet with the longest period of service at the School. Tying for the honor were Rick Coutts, Eric Pederson and Ian Snider.

The Rose Medal, awarded to the new Cadet showing the most progress during the year, was given to Scot Greenidge. Greenidge also received the Effort Medal and the Golden Eagle award given to an outstanding junior Cadet.

Ian Snider won the Wilson Loyalty medal.

Eric Pederson won the Golden Eagle award for the senior class and the Sage Memorial medal as the senior Cadet making the most progress during the year.

The Cummings Memorial medal was awarded Richard Fawcett.

Richard Anderson was given the Hal Heaton trophy which is presented to a Cadet promoting some activity at the School. Anderson was active in setting up an ocean aquarium in the science department.

The Lyman Linger award was a new award in 1979. It is presented to a Cadet doing the most to improve the environment and ecology of the School. The first award went to John Louisot.

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Evening-at-Home Donors Named

The Evening-At-Home project, sponsored by the SJMS Foundation, is an annual event to raise funds for a scholarship honoring the senior class.

Patrons and friends are asked to spend an "evening-at-home" and send the money saved as a donation to the school.

A total of \$388 was raised this year.

Donors were Dr. and Mrs. Candido Anaya, Ponce, Puerto Rico; Dr. R.M. Arledge, San Angelo, Texas; Mrs. Reva Atkinson, Salina; Mrs. Felecia Blair, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Clare A. Gragg, San Clemente, Calif.; Mrs. Martha Jo Hofer, Northglenn, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. James C. Houghtaling, Indianola, Ia.; Cecil A. Jordan, Wichita, Kans.; Donald W. Leach, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Messner, Anthony, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. William Miles Jr., Elk Grove, Calif.; Mrs. M.J. Pederson, Denver; Henry J. Sherman, Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Slater, Saratoga, Wyo.; and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie W. Williams, Kansas City, Kans.

Classes Visit Mortuary

Cadets in the psychology, sociology and ethics classes taught by Mrs. Lois Trump and the Rev. Thomas Chesterman visited Ryan Mortuary, May 9.

Conducting the tour was Mike Ryan, third generation of the Ryan family running the mortuary. The Cadets viewed slides, and visited the casket show room and embalming room.

Making the trip were Mike Cooper, Carl Millberg, Max Montgomery, Eric Pederson, Jeff Turner, John Louisot, Greg Kowalsky, Ariel and Arnaldo Anaya, Chuck Maxie, Robin South, Joe Williams, Terry Templeton, Dan Jones, Chuck Johnson, Wes Hagan, Paul Boydston, Blake Baysinger, Scott Ratcliff, John Weatherman and Kevin Smith.

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Academic Excellence Honored

Academic achievements were recognized by special awards during the Awards Convocation, Saturday, May 19.

The School Specialty awards for Cadets heading their classes are gifts of books. Earning the awards were Marshall Wilson, fourth grade; Harry Buck, fifth grade; Donald Patton, sixth grade; Dion Lewis, seventh grade; Willson Cox, eighth grade; Richard Fawcett, ninth grade; Max Montgomery, tenth grade; Kevin Price, eleventh grade; and Jeff Turner, twelfth grade.

Course scholarship awards are also made to the Cadets with the highest average in the course. Richard Fawcett and Jeff Turner each earned five. Fawcett was honored in Algebra I, Biology, Democracy, English I and Orientation. Turner was honored in Chemistry, English, College Prep, Psychology, Sociology and Typing II.

Earning three course awards were Richard Makoski, James Newman, Gordon Snider. Earning two awards were Rick Anderson, John Guemple, Max Montgomery, Fred Marco and David Samson.

Having the highest average in one course of study were Blake Baysinger, Ross Berger, Nick Blackwell, David Blair,

Greg Bowers, Thomas Bowler, Jim Cox, Shawn Goforth, Scot Greenidge, Wesley Hagan, Daniel Hofer, John Louisot, Thomas Marelli, Charles Maxie, Carl Millberg, Matt Minson, Michael Mulvihill, Eric Pederson, Kevin Price, Vincent Raetz, Scott Ratcliff, Truls Ringkjok, Kevin Smith and Terry Warren.

Lower School Awards

Special awards are given in the Lower School for departmental achievement.

Harry Buck and Marshall Wilson each earned five certificates. They both had the high average in English, Mathematics, Reading, Science and Social Science for the fifth and fourth grades, respectively.

Earning four awards were Willson Cox, Dion Lewis and Donald Patton.

Daniel Branson earned two department awards.

Cadets earning a certificate in one course of study were Raymond Cleaver, Randy Cramer, Kip Dobbs, Todd Drury, Alan Evans, Cory Harlan, Mark Kahler, Kent Kretchmar, Mark Mausolf, Jeff Richardson and Kevin Zwick.

Buck Heads L.S. Honor Roll

Harry Buck headed the Lower School honor roll for the sixth grading period. Others named to the list with grade averages above 90 were Donald Patton, Willson Cox, Shaun Leavers, Daniel Todd, Kevin Zwick, William Hickok, Mark Kahler, Tres Melton.

Earning honorable mention were Marshall Wilson, Dion Lewis, Randy Cramer, Garry Holt, Richard Martin, Alan Evans, Kent Kretchmar, Doug Weidner and Douglas Prideaux.


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