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"Bridging the Gap" Drive To Begin in January

A "Bridging the Gap" capital fund campaign to raise funds to complete the building program at St. John's Military School will begin Jan. 24, 1980 according to the Rev. Roy Molander, Administrative Assistant for Development.

A new Academic/Administration building is being constructed to replace Vail Hall, destroyed by fire Nov. 6, 1979. When completed the classrooms and facilities in Ferris and Clem Halls will be moved to the new structure. Those buildings will be renovated into Cadet barracks to replace housing lost when Griswold Hall was destroyed.

Cost of the new structure and remodeling of the two halls into Cadet quarters will be about \$1,620,000.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President, explained, "Insurance will cover most of the replacement cost but we must 'bridge the gap' in the amount of \$356,000 in order to accomplish the entire program. Stunned as we were by the disaster last year, we now face the future with renewed hope."

Plans for the campaign were developed by D. Dale Browning, SJMS Trustee and chairman of the Development committee of the board. An "old boy", Class of '55, Mr. Browning will also chair the alumni section of the drive.

Twelve Areas

Funds will be sought in 12 different areas including the alumni.

Mrs. M. Claire Miller, McPherson, will chair the Brigadiers section. She will be assisted by Donald Leach, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Ben Taylor, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Robert Tretheway, Kansas City, Mo. That committee met at the School Dec. 11 to plan strategy.

The Cadet Corps and the Faculty-Staff sections will be headed by Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant; Mrs. Hazel Fonck, Administrative Assistant, and Dr. Dan Bratton, Trustee Chairman of the Student Affairs committee.

The Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas, will head the committee seeking funds from the Episcopal Church.

Assisting him will be Trustee John Smith, Atchison, Kans.

Young Cadets Begin Play

The Lower School basketball team has played games against Smolan and Bennington, and lost both. Other games to have been played before the Christmas recess were against Ell-Saline and Tescott.

Members of the A-team are Fred Valentine, Don McMahon,

James O. Cox, President of the SJMS Foundation, will head the Foundation division. That group has already pledged \$50,000 over the next three years.

The income from "The Mule-skinners" during the next three years will be used to "bridge the gap". The 1980-81 chairman has not been named.

Trustees Ron Green and Jerry Simpson will head the group seeking contributions from the Salina community. They will be aided by Bill Baxter, Bob Gordon and Dennis Poer, also SJMS trustees.

School President Duckers will head the Special Gifts and Trusts and Foundations sections. Jack Vanier, former trustee; Bob Exline, and the Rev. M. Phil Stump, Hutchinson, present trustees, will assist with special gifts. Harry Noznesky, Chairman of the General Battery Corporal, Reading, Pa., will participate in the foundation and trusts area.

Contributions from current trustees will be solicited by Bill Nicholson, McPherson, Kas., and Margaret Martin, Brookville, Kas., both members of the current board.

Bob Kastner, a former SJMS trustee for nine years, and Col. Mike Scanlan, a current trustee, will ask for donations from former trustees of the School.

To Start Jan. 24

Plans call for the drive to begin Jan. 24 with a luncheon in Nichols Hall to be followed by a meeting in the Clem library.

The Rev. Molander said that St. John's has for over 90 years carried out the mission of training youth for a life of service to God and Country. "The purpose of the campaign is not to put any icing on the cake but to replace facilities destroyed by fire and to up-date others essential to the carrying out of that mission."

The pledging and collection period will cover 36-months beginning in January of 1980 and running through 1982.

Blue Berets Honor Top Students

Eight Cadets have earned the right to wear the Blue Beret during the first two grading periods of the school year. To wear the Beret, a Cadet must place in the top three on the academic honor roll in the Upper and Lower Schools. Six Cadets are honored each grading period.

Those honored this year are Max Montgomery, Thomas Marelli, Gordon Snider, Truls Ringjob, Shawn Goforth, Steve Petree, Harry Buck and Marshall Wilson.

Buck has earned the honor five times during the past two years.

Those honored wear a Blue Beret and a blue and white shoulder cord according to Maj. Scott Haviland, Quartermaster and group sponsor. The Beret and cord may be worn with any uniform at the School.

Any Cadet earning the honor twice receives a medallion, which is his to keep. The Beret, however, must be relinquished at the end of any grading period when the Cadet is not ranked in the top three.

Special privileges accompany the honor according to Maj. Haviland. Those Cadets are not required to attend study hall, may go on pass any time, have a special table in the dining hall and receive a free pass to the local theaters. Don Shaw, local theater manager, was a recent guest at the last Blue Beret announcement.

Members of the group are starting a fund to be used to assist a Blue Beret who might not be able to return to SJMS without financial assistance. They also assist other Cadets who may be having difficulties with their academic work.

Football Lettermen Honored

Cadets earning letters for participating in the Upper and Lower School football programs were honored at a banquet in Nichols Dining Hall, Nov. 16.

Earning A-team awards in the Upper School were Gary Holt, Dan Martin, Todd Wamhoff, David Blair, Matt Minson, Tom Wallace, Steve Webb, Tom Marelli, Greg Pringle, Walt Barrier, Dan Jones, Max Montgomery, Troy Meadows, Carl Millberg, Brian Jennings, Richard Makoski, Dan Hofer, Jody Gensler, Mike Cox, Ross Berger, John Weatherman, and Scot Greenidge.

B-team letters went to Mark Mausolf, Kevin Bruner, Mike Hill, Brian Kirkpatrick, Pat Gist,

Academic Building Construction Progresses

The basement is finished. The floors are poured. And the walls are going up on the new Academic/Administration building on campus.

The basement was completed in early September and houses the heating and hot water units for Sage Hall.

Job Superintendent for the million dollar building, Orville Stevens, said that the work is running right on schedule. He said, "The concrete floors have all been completed. The walls are two-thirds complete. If the weather stays good, we will soon be putting up the interior partitions and placing the structural steel for the roof."

During January, the brick masons will be laying light weight concrete blocks for the interior partitions.

Dreiling Masonry company, Victoria, Kas., is laying the outside walls with concrete block and brick facing. A styro-foam insulation is placed between the two layers. The brick is the same color as the other buildings on the campus -- Clem Library, Ferris Hall, Spencer Cadet Center and the gym annex.

Nursing Homes To Hear Cadets

A program of Christmas music will be presented by eight Lower School Cadets at Nursing Homes in the Salina area during the week of Dec. 10-17. Directing the group is Mrs. Nancy Swisher, Associate Guidance Counselor.

The group is also planning to sing at the SJMS Christmas party.

The singers are Robert Hamilton, Steven Sparks, Harry Buck, David Griswold, Lloyd Skeffington, Marshall Wilson, Danny Branson and Todd Kaley.

Stevens said that Robertson Plumbing and Heating and Commercial Electric are right on schedule with the plumbing and electrical work needed.

Stevens is no stranger to the SJMS campus. He was also the job superintendent when the gym annex was built several years ago.

The concrete floor in the new structure will be covered mainly with carpet and some tile.

The cornerstone has been permanently set inside the building in the area that will be the conference room. Other school memorabilia will also be displayed in that room.

Norman Dreiling, Dreiling Masonary, said the "nice weather" this fall has been a real asset in moving so rapidly. He added, "When we lay the interior walls of concrete block it will go fast. When we lay the exterior walls we have to lay six bricks for every concrete block."

Cadets Qualify For State Bowling Tourney

Fifteen Cadets in the Lower School bowling program have qualified for the State Junior tournament to be held in Hays, March 1-2. The young Cadets bowl on Saturday mornings during the winter months.

Those qualifying were Rodney Bruer, Rusty Edwards, Cory Harlan, Eugene Heathman, Robert Herzog, William Jernigan, Tim Keil, Dale Kemper, Mark Lewis, Greg McCann, Tom McMahon, Steven Petree, Fred Valentine and Doug Whitfield.

Ministers Visit School

Members of the Salina Ministerial Association met at the School, Thursday, Dec. 6. A group of 25 local clergy attended.

A short devotional service was conducted by Cadet lay-readers Truls Ringjob and Max Montgomery at 11:30 a.m. in Armstrong Memorial Chapel. Greetings and a brief resume of current activities at the School were given by Col. Keith G. Duckers, President of the School.

Following the service, the ministers were guests of the 92nd Corps of Cadets for lunch in Nichols Dining Hall. Each guest was assigned a Cadet escort.

Movie Filming Was Exciting Experience

"Weinberg Academy" has disappeared. The Weinberg shoulder patches, flags and pennants on the "orange and black" have reverted to the traditional SJMS crest and insignia.

The movie crew finished shooting the film on schedule. The trucks with props and equipment rolled from the campus, Friday, Nov. 16. And at just about the same hour, the Cadets left for Thanksgiving furloUGH.

The Cadets found the campus quiet on their return, except for the construction work on the new Academic/Administration center. Classes have resumed on a normal schedule.

It was quite an experience! And we think a good one.

It was fun to meet and work with such well-known personalities as Antonio Fargas, Ron Leibman, Barbara Bach and Tom Poston. The members of

the crew who have worked on many award winning movies and television shows were a great group of people.

All learned that movie filming and life isn't really glamorous -- it's hard work, long hours, being away from home and constant repetition to make perfect.

We were interested in the movie people and the work they do. And they were interested in us - the Cadets, life at the school, faculty and staff. Many new friends were made.

"Weinberg" and company, we miss you. We can hardly wait to see the movie.

Cadets Help Local Groups

Members of the Cadet Patrol have assisted as escorts and ushers at several local functions recently.

Dan Hofer was an escort at the Salina Community Theater Command Performance Nov. 29 at the theater.

Assisting at the President's Ball at the Salina Country Club were Tom Wallace and Jason Durley. Escorts at the Brown Mackie School of Business Christmas formal dance were Truls Ringkjob and Max Montgomery.

Inspection Date Set

The date for the annual formal inspection of the Junior ROTC program has been set for April 9, 1980 according to Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant.

Crack Squad Drills

The Crack Squad, commanded by Mark Bassett, drilled in a special performance at Lowell Elementary School, Salina, Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Crack Squad Begins Drills

Mark Bassett is the 1979-80 commander of the Crack Squad Drill.

Drillers are John Boettcher, Greg DeBuhr, Richard Fawcett, Terry Fihaley, Scot Greenidge, Randy Hoppe, Scott Martin, Carl Millberg, Max Montgomery, Shawn Proctor, Truls Ringkjob, Jon Slater, John Weatherman and John Wright.

Honor Society Cadets Named

Five Cadets are members of the National Honor Society for the first semester. They are Mark Bassett, Scot Greenidge, Max Montgomery, Kevin Price and Gordon Snider.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean, and Lt. Louis Lyda, Guidance Counselor, are the faculty sponsors.

Ringkjob Heads 2nd Honor Roll

Truls Ringkjob headed the academic honor roll in the Upper School at the end of the second grading period. Others named to the list with grade averages above 90 were Shawn Goforth, Gordon Snider, Richard Fawcett, Dan Jones, Tom Marelli, Mark Bassett, Eric Erickson, Richard Makoski, Scot Greenidge, Max Montgomery and Chris Zorn.

Earning honorable mentions were Dan Martin, Carl Millberg, James Foster, Kevin Price, Paul Unterweger, Fred Cutler, John Wright, Tim Shive, John Little, Vincent Raetz, David Blair, Scott Dark, John Hyde, Mitchell West, Mark Poteet, Kevin Gravel, Paul Hegenrother, Oudy Wall, Jody Gensler, Joe Sherran, Chris Johnston, Brad Hopper, Kevin Bruner, Kevin Bendurek, Robert Haught and Dan Hofer.

Petree Again Leads L.S. Honor Roll

Steven Petree headed the Lower School's honor roll for the second time at the end of the second grading period. Others named to the roll were Harry Buck, Marshall Wilson, Thomas McMahon, and Tres Melton.

Earning honorable mentions were Matthew Bratton, John Nicholls, Eugene Heathman, Robert Herzog, Francis Raley, William Hickok, Daniel Todd, John Austin and Mark Lawrence.

L-Club Listed

Members of the L-School, Lower School lettermen's group are Cory Harlan and Greg McCann. Capt. Kelly Rudolph, club sponsor, and Lt. Charles Spielman hosted a fish fry at the Spielman home, Dec. 6.

Parkview Decorated

Cadets in the sixth grade decorated Parkview Hall for Christmas. Several Cadets in the third, fourth and fifth grades selected the tree for decorating.

★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

Class of 1971 . . . John Cowger was married on March 28, 1979, to Marcia Jeanne Storm, in Gillette, Wyoming. He is in the construction business. . . **Jay Heese** is now self employed. He is establishing his own company, selling farm equipment and supplies.

Class of 1972 . . . Mark Latham is married and has a seven-month old son, Jason. He is going to College in Colorado Springs, studying architecture.

Class of 1975 . . . Abel Anaya is attending the School of Seamanship and Maritime Arts in Palm City, Florida . . . **Greg Paul** is married and lives in Englewood, Colorado.

Class of 1976 . . . Jeff Santillanes graduated from the California College of Mortuary Science. He will join his father in the Alameda Mortuary business in New Mexico.

Class of 1978 . . . Tim Cejka is stationed with the U.S. Army in Fort Eustis, Vir-

ginia. He is working in photography and has had some of work published in the Army newspaper . . . **Rick Stitt** is with the Airborne, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Visitors to SJMS during the summer include:

Jim Horney, '53, who is a police dispatcher in Garden City, Kansas.

Herb Soukup, '55, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Paul Holland, '26, Laguna Hills, California.

Franz Stangl, '66, is selling gasohol in Topeka, Kansas.

Rick Coutts and Todd Clift, '79.

Class of 1971 . . . Jeff Broome is the program director and chaplain for the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, Denver, Colo. He and his wife, Carol, have purchased a new home at 9220 Ingalls St., Westminster, Colo. **Harley Cook**, former SJMS chef, and his wife, Rose, are cooks at the rehabilitation facility.



PRESENTS CHECK -- Jim Perry (right), manager of a local motel, presents Scot Greenidge, Battalion commander, with a check. Perry sponsored a reunion of the Class of '79 during Parents Weekend and returned a percentage of the room fee to the school.

Memorials Suggested

A number of Old Boys and former students of the late LCDR H. E. Nuss have inquired about memorials. Mrs. Nuss, together with Melanie and Lawton, have suggested memorials be forwarded to St. John's Military School where an appropriate memorial or award will be established in his memory.

WRITE 'EM RIGHT!

Your book of life, volume 1980, contains 365 blank pages. Volume 1979 is closed and all its pages and chapters record the many days and weeks of that year.

But yesterday's page, last year's record is done, finished. You need not forget the book, but there is no reason to dwell on it either. You cannot change one word or alter one deed.

The important book is the current volume, and January 1 opens its first chapter. It is yours to do with as you think best.

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SECOND LIEUTENANT -- Randall Hoppe, Scott Martin, Johnni Williams, John Wright.

FIRST SERGEANT -- Tim Bradshaw, Rick Makoski.

PLATOON SERGEANT -- Ken Peterson, Shawn Proctor.

STAFF SERGEANT -- Terry Fihaley, William Morrison, Jon Slater.

SERGEANT -- Jody Gensler, Brian Jennings, Bill Jernigan, Mark Mausolf, Cory Harlan, Mark Wolfe, Kent Proctor.

CORPORAL -- Paul Hergenrother, Dean Tampke, Oudy Wall.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS -- Eugene Heathman, Gary Holt, Andy Nielson, Mike Turnbull, Tim Shive, Gustavo Ayon, Kevin Bruner, Fred Cutler, Armando Dela Garza, John Little, Keith Proctor, Todd Raley, Joe Sherran, Steve Sparks, Mike Spitze, Jim Foster, Robert Hamilton, Robert Haught, Edgardo Hernandez, Mike Jones, Sebastian Suarez, Fred Valentine, Mitchell West, Brian Dark, Mark Poteet.

PRIVATE -- Kent Gravel, Steven Petree, Lloyd Skeffington, Dan Todd, John Austin, Kevin Bendure, Mark Hamacher, Loren Hill, David Pennington, Tom Keil, John Nicholls, Scott Shirey.

C. Millberg Heads Key Club

The St. John's Military School Key Club has been organized with Carl Millberg as president. The club is a Kiwanis-sponsored service group for high school boys.

Other officers are Max Montgomery, vice president, and Richard Fawcett, secretary - treasurer.

Members are Tom Bowler, Kevin Bruner, Shawn Goforth, Mike Hill, Randy Hoppe, Brad Hopper, Dan Martin, Vince Raetz, Gordon Snider, Mike Spitze and Paul Unterweger.

Maj. Larry Lysell, Admissions Director, and Lt. Col. V.B. Loy, Social Science instructor, are the faculty sponsors.

Gifts Made

Cadets in Lower School art program have been making Christmas gifts for their SJMS "Moms" and also to take home for their parents.



THE CADET CORPS ON PARADE -- The Corps of Cadets, commanded by Scot Greenidge (front), parades at 12 noon each Sunday during the School year. When the weather is unfavorable, the parade is held in the Baner gymnasium.



Christmas Whys

Why Christmas December 25 . . .

To the early Christians, birthdays were a pagan custom. It was unthinkable to celebrate one's own birthday, much less the birthday of Christ. It was sacrilege even to suggest that a Divine Being had a birthday.

In the next 300 years this attitude began to change, and in 354 A.D., the Bishop of Rome declared December 25 to be the anniversary of the birth of Christ.

Why Christmas Gifts . . .

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas dates back to the Three Wise Men who appeared out of the desert bearing gold, frankincense, and myrrh for the new-born Infant.

Since then, the act of giving has been shrouded in an air of mystery that surrounds both giver and gift.

Why Christmas Cards . . .

Henry Cole, an Englishman, was the originator of the idea of sending greeting cards at Christmas time. He took an artist's drawing, hand-painted it, and sent it as a greeting to a friend at Christmas time, 1846. The English Royalty took up the idea as a most gracious way to extend greetings to their friends at Christmas.

Year after year, the Christmas card, the messenger of joyful remembrance, has grown in popularity.

Why Holly and Mistletoe . . .

Holly was first used in English windows to indicate Christian worship, as the red berries were supposed to represent the blood of Jesus. The holly was believed to keep evil spirits away.

Mistletoe was sacred in many ancient religions. The Druids of England cut it with a golden knife and hung it over the doors, believing that only happi-

ness could pass under the branch. They also used it in their marriage ceremonies, originating the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.

Why Carols . . .

The custom of singing Christmas carols dates back to ancient times when waifs and minstrels sang them in the streets.

The first true Christmas carols originated in Italy during the thirteenth century. These carols, with folksonglike quality and childlike simplicity, gave way to more dignified, solemn Christmas hymns in the eighteenth century. With the nineteenth century came the writing of the beautiful *Silent Night, Holy Night*.

Tree Decorations Are Symbolic

Decorating the Christmas tree is attributed to several sources: One story has Martin Luther putting candles on an evergreen to represent the stars on Christmas eve.

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Ringkjøb Runs Cadet Patrol

The Cadet Patrol has been organized under the leadership of Truls Ringkjøb. The patrol assists with parking and other supervisory duties for events on the School campus.

Squad leaders are Dan Hofer, Ken Peterson, Brett Scherck and John Wright. Jon Slater is the executive officer.

Assistant squad leaders are Ross Berger, John Boettcher, and Brian Jennings.

Members are Walt Barrier, David Blair, Tom Bowler, Greg DeBuhr, Jason Durly, Shawn Goforth, Mike Hill, Brad Hopper, Tom Marelli, Scott Martin, Kevin Price, Scott Pringle, Kevin and Shawn Proctor, Steve Webb and Oudy Wall.

Cadet Testing Program Ends

Standard tests for use in the guidance program and for college/career counseling were completed Dec. 12 according to Lt. Louis Lyda, Guidance Counselor.

All entering freshman and all new Cadets took the Development Aptitude test for use in high school curriculum selection.

The junior Cadets took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude tests Oct. 23.

All junior and senior Cadets have taken the exams of the American College Testing program and Vocational Placement tests.

All seniors and a few juniors took the Scholastic Aptitude tests of the College Boards, Nov. 3 at Salina Central High School.

Another tells of St. Boniface when he was a missionary in Germany in the eighth century. Trying to discourage a pagan regard for the oak, he led a group of people into a forest and gestured at a fir tree. He said it pointed to the Christ Child and commanded them to take fir trees into their homes as a sign of their worship.

And still another story credits medieval German drama with the origin of trimming and lighting a Christmas tree. In their plays, the Germans used decked-out fir trees as the "tree of Paradise," the Garden of Eden.

The custom was introduced in England in 1841 by Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's German husband. German immigrants brought it to America.



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"PADDY," THE SALINA POLICE DEPARTMENT MASCOT, keeps a close eye on TV star, Ron Leibman, as he leaves Parkview Hall during the filming of "The Brave Young Men of Weinberg". Paddy is visited each year at the local department by the Lower School Cadets. To play her role in the movie, Paddy was provided with a tailored Cadet uniform.



SECOND PLACE FINISHERS in the Junior High football league were members of the Lower School's A-football team. Pictured are front row (left to right) Steve Petree, Bill Hickok, Ben Augustine, Mark Lewis; second row, Randy Yates, Fred Valentine, Dale Kemper, Greg McCann, and Mark Lawrence; third row, Coach Chuck Speilman, Tom McMahon, John Quick and Coach Kelly Rudolph.

FILM TALK

Barbara Bach, the guns and ammunition instructor in the movie, is best known to American audiences as the seductive Major Anya Amasov, 007's beautiful enemy in the James Bond thriller, "The Spy Who Loved Me."

Tall and slender with wide hazel eyes and high cheekbones, Bach made the Cadets wish that their military instructors really did look that way.

Robert Downey, director of "The Brave Young Men of Weinberg", is considered a maverick by the filmmaking community. He still considers himself a writer first. During his salad days back in New York he wrote seven plays and one was finally produced off-off Broadway. Discouraged by the day-to-day aggravations that go along with theatre production, Downey began making his feature films.

Marvin Worth, co-producer of the movie, had Lenny Bruce as his most noteworthy client in his early years and managed him through his first big breaks in show business.

Worth co-produced "Lenny" on Broadway with Cliff Gorman in the title role and produced the film with Dustin Hoffman and Valerie Perrine as Lenny and Honey Bruce. Among Worth's other credits is his latest "The Rose", a film about a self-destructive rock singer starring Bette Midler recently released.

The other producer, Danton Rissner, was United Artists' senior vice president for West Coast production and also served as a United Artists vice president in charge of European production and Warner Bros. vice president also in charge of European production.



"So far, I just smell strong."

Harry Stradling jr., director of photography for the film, was photo director for such recent films as "Prophecy", "Convoy", "Midway", "The Man Who Loved Cat Dancing" and "The Way We Were".

Tom Poston, who is best known for his comedic work, particularly as Mr. Bickley in "Mork and Mindy", was a very popular member of the cast. If you didn't get an autograph or your picture taken with him, it was only because you didn't ask.

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