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## "Bridging Gap" Drive Off To A Good Start

### ... A Third of Goal Raised

St. John's Military School's "Bridging the Gap" capital funds appeal got off to a start at a "kick off" luncheon and meeting held on campus Jan. 24. Thirty five trustees, committee chairmen, Cadets, faculty, staff and other SJMS friends attended.

A large campaign board displayed the various divisions with chairmen and committee personnel named along with objectives. Before the afternoon was over, the "chalk board" section of the display indicated several significant advance gifts and pledges.

Two pledges representing one-third of the goal were announced on the opening day of the "Bridging the Gap" drive. Jim Cox and Marvin Webb, present and past presidents of the St. John's Foundation, announced that the Foundation has received and pledged \$50,000 over the next three years. Jay Anderson, Muleskinner chairman, announced that funds from the Muleskinners during the next three years will go to the fund. That group annually gives \$25,000 with \$60,000 to go to the rebuilding project during the next three years.

The Cadet, faculty, staff division have substantially oversubscribed their goal of \$8,500.

## SJMS Has A Full House

Enrollment on Feb. 12 was at capacity according to Maj. Larry Lysell, Admissions Director. A total of 160 Cadets are enrolled.

He said, "We are full at this time, but are still taking boys as we deem appropriate who can live in crowded dormitory conditions through the rest of this year. Next fall when the new Academic/Administration building is finished and Clem Library and Ferris Hall have been renovated into dormitory space we will be able to spread out and accept more boys."

A number of Cadets are already enrolled for the 1980-81 School year according to Maj. Lysell.

He continued: "Our retention rate this year is considerably higher than during the 1979-80 School year. We feel that being able to see the new building under construction is a plus. We plan on conducting tours for the boys on Saturdays as soon as the weather permits; so the Cadets can see first hand what the new building will offer."

Maj. Lysell is optimistic about the next school year. He said, "All in all, signs for next fall point to a good opening day enrollment and a considerably larger Corps of Cadets. 'Obviously', he continued, "we cannot tell what the economy is going to do."

Present trustees of the school had pledged or gifts totalling some \$17,000 to apply toward their objective of \$30,000.

The Salina community phase of the appeal got underway on Jan. 29 with a breakfast for twenty-five workers who will seek support from 150 area businesses.

With preliminary reports in at this writing, some twenty-five per cent of the \$35,000 local goal has been reached.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President, said that it is expected that a significant gift from Warner Bros. will be announced during the course of the campaign. Warner Bros. filmed a movie, "The Brave Young Men of Weinberg", on the SJMS campus last fall.

## Ringjob Leads Chapel Council

Truls Ringjob is the president of the Chapel Council for the 1979-80 school year. The council helps plan and assists with the Chapel programs.

Other officers are Max Montgomery, vice president, and Gordon Snider, secretary. Council members are Walter Barrier, Danny Branson, John Nicholls, Vincent Raetz, Randy Yates and Richard Fawcett.

## Ski Trip Planned

A ski trip to Steamboat Springs, Colo. has been planned for late February.

The 11 Upper School and nine Lower School Cadets will stay with Mr. and Mrs. James Cox, parents of Cadet Mike Cox, who live in the Springs.

Sponsors are Lt. Larry Mattison and Lt. Kelly Rudolph, coaches at SJMS. The School van will provide transportation.

## Faculty, Staff Reach Goal First

Members of the St. John's Military School staff and faculty were the first to exceed their goal in the "Bridging The Gap" drive. The goal set was \$7500 and a total of \$9851 has already been given or pledged.

## Speech Program To Be Added

Plans are being made to reinstitute a drama, debate, forensics and speech program for the 1980-81 school year. Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean, is conducting a search for a teacher.

The school also plans to fill the music position which was left partially vacant this year because of a lack of facilities. The Battalion Assembly area in the new Academic/Administration center will provide an area to be used for band and vocal music classes.

Several reductions in the faculty were made this year because of the anticipated low enrollment due to lack of dormitory space.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, said, "We feel that our academic program suffered because of these reductions and now with a predicted increase in enrollment, I am urging that we begin to 'beef up' our academic curriculum."

## Wichita School Gives Concert

A choral concert was presented by a 60-member group from the Wichita Collegiate School at 1 p.m., Feb. 6, in the Baner Gymnasium.

The program included modern songs of faith, spirituals and popular numbers. The four sections of the program featured the mixed chorus, boys glee club, girls glee club and the madrigal singers.

Headmaster of the Wichita school is Randall Storms.

## Announce Retirement

Two long-time employees of St. John's Military School have announced they will retire at the end of the school year. They are F/Sgt. Ben Titus, Tactical officer, and Mrs. Renee Moomau, bookkeeper and mail clerk.

## Cadets Pledge A Thousand

The 92nd Corps of Cadets has pledged \$1,000 toward the "Bridging The Gap" building fund drive.

Each Cadet will contribute one week's allowance and the clubs are giving 25 percent of profits from the Winter Carnival.

A fund raising project, such as a "slave" day or car wash involving all Cadets, will be held later in the school year.

Members of the Cadet committee are Scot Greenidge, Max Montgomery, Rick Fawcett, Jason Durley, John Nicholls, Dale Kemper and Johnnie Williams.

## Duckers Optimistic About SJMS Future

"There are many indications at long last that we have finally turned the corner at St. John's Military School," said Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, in his quarterly report to the Board of Trustees.

He said, "Enrollment is up. Morale is high. Construction is ahead of schedule. Bill Baxter, construction supervisor and also a SJMS Trustee, tells me that 67 percent of the work on the new academic center has been completed in 52 percent of the time allotted to complete the project."

The "Bridging the Gap" fund drive is off the ground and flying high."

He continued, "A year ago we had every reason to be discouraged after the fire, but by pulling together as a good team must, we have changed a discouraging picture into one of optimism."

## Cadets Assist At Service

Participating in a Festival service at Christ Episcopal Cathedral, Sunday, Feb. 10 were 12 SJMS Cadets. The service was held to install the Rev. H. Scott Kirby as a Canon of the Cathedral.

The installing celebrant was the Rt. Rev. Stanley Atkins, Bishop of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The Cadets were Scot Greenidge, Truls Ringjob, Carl Millberg, Max Montgomery, Mark Bassett, Chris Johnston, Walter Barrier, Randall Hoppe, Tom Keil, John Nicholls, Tom Marelli and Oudy Wall.

## Hazel Fonck To Retire

Mrs. Hazel Fonck has announced she will retire before the beginning of the 1980-81 school year next fall. Mrs. Fonck has been employed at St. John's Military School for more than 40 years.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, announced that a search is underway for a vice president to fill the position vacated by Mrs. Fonck. The new vice president would become the business manager and development officer for the School.

## Search Begins For Chaplain

A search has started for a chaplain to fill the post vacated by the resignation of the Rev. Thomas Chesterman last fall, according to Col. Keith G. Duckers, President. The Rev. Roy Molander, Development officer, is serving as the interim chaplain this school year.

The Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Kansas and Chairman of the SJMS Board of Trustees, is assisting in screening candidates for the chaplaincy.

## Cadets Attend Science Day

A group of Cadets attended the annual Science Day program at Kansas Wesleyan. The morning program consisted of lectures in science and mathematics. The afternoon was spent observing and participating in various experiments.

Attending were Mike Cox, Walter Barrier, Dan Jones, Tom Marelli, Terry Fihaley, Max Montgomery, Gordon Snider, Dan Hofer, Scot Greenidge, Carl Millberg, Truls Ringjob, D. Johnston, Mark Bassett, Paul Unterweger, Ross Berger, Vincent Raetz, Kevin Price, Dan Martin and Steve Petree.

Accompanying the group were Lt. Col. R.L. Guernsey and Mrs. Lois Trump, science and mathematics instructors.

## New Look At SJMS Entrance

The gateway into St. John's Military School has a new look. Shrubbery has been planted in front of the rock wall and gate. The plantings are a memorial to Dan Kastner, Dorothy Coe, Hal Heaton, Sgt/Maj. Eugene Louis, Larry Janeway, and Vern and Fern Frazier. Their names are inscribed on a bronze plaque mounted on a larger boulder. Another plaque mounted on one of the pillars says, "St. John's Military School, Founded 1887."

The white neon-lighted sign over the gate has been replaced with a wrought iron arch. The School's name is spelled out in "Old English" gold letters.

The wrought iron gates used during the filming of "The Brave Young Men of Weinberg" were given to the School by Warner Brothers and have been installed at the entrance. The gates can be closed and locked creating an interesting effect.



## Warner Bros. Executive Thanks Cadets, Staff

Charles F. Greenlaw, executive vice president of Warner Bros. Worldwide Production Management, wrote Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President, expressing thanks for the cooperation of the staff, teachers, Cadets and parents in the movie production.

He wrote:

"We at Warner Bros. are especially pleased by your comments concerning our production representatives on the film and their cooperation with St. John's and with the people of Salina. Too often, in the hectic business of getting a film made, motives of the motion picture people involved are misunderstood and the disruptions caused by a production unit are annoying to the residents of the area being used. Thus, it is especially pleasing to us to have your comments, singling out especially Ira Loomstein and Peter Wooley. You can be sure we will pass your comments on to both of them, as well as to the rest of the company.

"At the same time we would like to thank you and your staff, as well as the people of Salina, for the very high level of cooperation and understanding which they extended to our production unit. The cooperative attitude of everyone involved was in great measure responsible for our completing the film very close to schedule and budget, and I know that the entire unit is grateful to everyone there for their understanding and assistance.

"Please extend our thanks to your staff, the cadets, their parents, and the citizens of your city."

THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER, DECEMBER 3, 1979

## Kansas Film Commission eagerly pressing production

By JOHN AUSTIN  
International Editor

SALINA, Kan. — Immediately after Gov. John Carlin formed the Kansas Film Commission in March, the commission wasted very little time promoting film production for the state.

Carlin appointed Richard Shank as director of the commission, who immediately appointed a 17-member advisory panel.

The first film secured by the KFC was Warner Bros.' "The Brave Young Men of Weinberg," a Marvin Worth production directed by Robert Downey.

According to Shank, Col. Keith Duckers, the commandant of Salina's St. John Military Academy was instrumental in encouraging the production to locate in Kansas. Production manager Ira Loomstein made the final selection of Salina over approximately seven other locations which had been considered. Production started in September and was completed Nov. 15.

"We received full cooperation from the citizens of Salina," Loomstein told The Hollywood Reporter. "In one instance all airport traffic was re-routed by some 20 miles so as not to interfere with production."

For local Donna Vanier, who acted

as liaison between St. John's and the production company, the production was an exciting challenge. "We're gonna miss 'em a bunch," she said in her down-home, Midwestern accent.

Salina is the fifth largest city in Kansas and was first used for location by "Picnic." That production brought \$1.5 million into the state's economy, small by today's standards. However, Shank did point out to The Hollywood Reporter, "That amount is even more than it takes to run the Department of Economic Development for a full year even today."

"Kansas people," commented Shank, "are very fiscally minded people. There is no public debt and they have a \$200 million surplus in the state treasury. If we don't have the money on hand, we don't buy it."

Shank, a walking, talking encyclopedia of Kansas, pointed out his state has over 350,000 acres of lakes, four forts all intact, and is rich with historic value.

Coronado Heights, which is the highest point in or around Salina, was the site where the Spanish conquistador ended his vain search for the seven cities of gold.

Shank is presently at work trying to lure other production companies to the state.

## Erickson Heads Third Honor Roll

Eric Erickson headed the academic honor roll in the Upper School for the third grading period. Others named to the list were Dan Jones, Gordon Snider, Tom Marelli, Max Montgomery, Tim Shive, Richard Fawcett, Shawn Goforth, Kevin Price, Paul Unterweger, Scot Greenidge, Richard Makoski, George Hamilton, Steve Webb, James Foster, Chris Johnston, Mark Bassett, Kevin Gravel, Carl Millberg and Truls Ringkjøb.

Earning honorable mention were John Little, David Blair, Jon Hyde, Robert Haught, Vincent Raetz, Brad Hopper, John Wright, Oudy Wall, Chris Zorn, Dan Hofer, Mark Poteet, Ross Berger, Greg DeBuhr, Jody Gensler, Randy Hoppe, Johnnie Williams, Paul Hergenrother and Alan Sable.

## Petree Heads Lower School Third List

Steven Petree headed the Lower School's academic honor roll for the third grading period. Others named to the list were Marshall Wilson, Harry Buck, Daniel Todd, Matthew Bratton, and Thomas McMahon.

Earning honorable mention were John Nicholls, Eugene Heathman, Daniel Branson, Tres Melton, Francis Raley and John Austin.

## Capt. Woody's Mother Dies

The mother of Capt. Gerald Woody, Lower School Director, Mrs. Margaret Woody, died Jan. 20 in Lincoln, Kas.

Cadets representing the School at the funeral Jan. 23 were John Austin, Matthew Bratton, Tim Sparks, Robert Plummer, Todd Raley, Lloyd Skiffington, Danny Branson, David Griswold, Marshall Wilson, John Quick, Harry Buck, Roger Crosby, Robert Hamilton, Robert Herzog, Loren Hill, Lee Hurley, Jay Maggard and Steven Sparks. They are all students in Capt. Woody's classes.

Accompanying the group were Capt. Kelly Rudolph, Lt. Chuck Speilman, Lt. Lee Hoge, and Lt. Col. and Mrs. Kenneth Faerber.

## ★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

**Class of 1927 . . . Frank Nesmith**, attended 1926-27, visited St. John's at Christmas while in Salina visiting relatives. He lives in Galveston, Tex., and owns Nesmith Electronics in Galveston.

**Class of 1952 . . . Gary and Donna Hanna** have moved to Pueblo, Colo. where they are managing a 100-unit apartment complex.

**Class of 1956 . . . Fred Handy** has accepted a position with the Metropolitan Denver Dental Association.

## 1980 Census Begins April 1

The 1980 census, which begins April 1, will mark the 20th time in the Nation's history that Americans have counted themselves.

The number of questions and the uses of census data have both grown considerably since the first count, and quill pens have yielded to computers, but the census has never lost its roots in the Constitution.

When the delegates to the Constitutional Convention met in 1787, they decided that population distribution should be the basis for direct taxation and for apportionment in the House of Representatives, so they approved a Constitutional requirement that every person in the Nation be counted at least once every ten years, beginning in 1790.

For nearly two centuries since then, the decennial census has monitored the growth and development of the Nation, yielding invaluable information about ourselves as a people: who we are, what we do, how we live. Taken together, these ten-year assessments of the developing republic form the backbone of our history.

For the first census, Congress appointed Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson to direct it in 1790. Jefferson delegated the responsibility to the 17 United States marshals, who in turn hired as many assistants as they needed. These census takers, or enumerators, were paid between one-third cent and two cents for every inhabitant they counted in the 16 existing States and the Southwestern Territory.

They traveled by foot, boat, or horseback through areas with few roads and bridges. Maps were scarce, town and county boundaries were vague or unknown, and numbers of superstitious or untrusting citizens were uncooperative.

The count took 18 months for a population under 4 million.

**Class of 1964 . . . Robert Johnson**, attended 1963-64, visited the School in January. He is in the real estate and insurance business in Stafford, Kans.

**Class of 1970 . . . Joel Avery** is with General Electric in Billings, Mont. He writes that he has three beautiful daughters.

**Class of 1975 . . . Abel Anaya** has finished his skipper training course and has begun working on a ship. He needs a year of experience to get a license as captain of a ship. He and his wife are expecting a baby in May.

**Class of 1977 . . . David Bassett** was graduated from U.S. Navy basic training at San Diego, Calif., Jan. 4. He was named the honor man for the company and also earned the honor of academic man for the highest test scores. He was on the Crack Rifle team for the graduation ceremonies. David spent a weekend with a former SJMS student, David Howard. Howard is working on an oil rig out of Ventura, Calif. Bassett is attending electronics school in San Diego before reporting to Great Lakes, Illinois in two months.

## L.S. Team Ends Regular Season

The Lower School basketball team has completed its regular season with a 1-6 record. The team will be playing in the Twin Valley Elementary League tournament. Coach Kelly Rudolph said the team has improved and he hopes to win a trophy in the tournament.

The B-team finished the season with a 6-1 record.

## Two Former Teachers Die

Funeral services for two former SJMS teachers were held recently. They were for John M. Cummings and William E. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson was headmaster at SJMS from 1942-1948. He died Oct. 21 at Grand Island, Neb. Mrs. Thompson also taught at St. John's during that period. She died Sept. 24, 1961. Their son, Dean Thompson, requested the address of a Capt. Baldwin who was on the staff when the family lived on the SJMS campus.

Services for John M. Cummings, 32, North Platte, Neb. were Jan. 8. He died Jan. 4 in an Omaha hospital. He was the son of the late Bruce and Marie Cummings, Salina. Bruce Cummings was the Lower School director at the time of his death. John returned to teach in the Lower School for a few years before moving to Nebraska.


He is survived by his wife and son, Linda and John Thomas.

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# A Letter To Salina, SJMS From Peter Wooley

*[EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter appeared in The Salina Journal in late December. We thought the SJMS family would enjoy sharing the thoughts.]*

"Dear Salina:  
"This is the first love letter I have ever written to an entire city, but I want to say what's in my heart.  
"From my first visit in July with Ira Loonstein to see if 'Salina will work as Weinberg' until I drove out of town at four in the morning in November with our pointer, Ben Massi, I had an on-going love affair.  
"From Keith Duckers to Karen Graves, to Donna Vanier, to Pat Guernsey, and finally to Richard Shank we were promised and got cooperation. Not a grudging cooperation, but an all-out push to see to it we got our movie made. Their energy seemed to spill over and envelope the rest of the city. In the four months I lived there, I never met anyone who was not willing to help us.  
"Indeed, looking back, it seems that we must have touched everyone in those last three months. The contractor remod-

eling the church across from Kansas Wesleyan would stop running his jack hammer while we were shooting. The real estate people who gave us leads on possible shooting locations. The many people who allowed us into their homes to scout locations. The people who let us disrupt their lives and businesses by allowing us to film in their homes and stores. The police who held the traffic for us, and the people who sat in their cars and waited for us to shoot a scene. The trains that did not run behind the hotel at night so we could sleep. The restaurants and clubs who put up with us in the evenings. The great love and patience shown by the staff at the Hilton. **The almost super-human patience shown by the cadets, staff and crew at St. John's Military School.** The restraint shown by Kansas Wesleyan in allowing us to change the front of their university, and

leave it that way for such a long time. We actually took away their identity while they were starting a new school year. The local news media who kept the city aware of what we were doing, and went out of their way to let everyone know we weren't such a bad bunch after all. The clubs and service organizations who invited me to breakfasts and lunches and gave me the opportunity to meet so many people and talk about how movies are made. All the people who fed me. From Fran Robertson's ground beef pie, to Jack Vanier's frog legs, to Betsy Poer's hot fudge, I felt welcomed and loved. (My waistline not withstanding.)  
"Barbara and Dennis Wisbey who provided me with a terrific car and gave me a place to hide from time to time. John Woody and Patty, who gave us a lot of laughs, and even more friendship. The fire department who 'hung in there' with us while we blew up our building.

"The list goes on, but I hope you get the message. In the sixteen years I have been doing this, I have never had such cooperation, such love, and such good old-fashioned friendship as I had in Salina.  
"Salinans should be proud of their city. It has a sense of itself not very often seen anymore. It has a kind of pride that seems to be disappearing from the American scene, regrettably. It's good to know it still exists. Salina should be proud of its citizens.  
"So this is my love letter. With the holiday season in full swing, it's a good time to look back and be thankful for good friends, good times, and good cheer. I am thankful, therefore, for Salina. God bless and keep you all.

Gratefully,  
Peter Wooley  
Production Designer,  
Warner Brothers  
Pictures"

## Chapel Plans Announced

Chapel service plans for February, March and April have been announced by the Rev. Roy F. Molander, interim SJMS chaplain.  
St. John's Military School Sunday will be March 9 at Christ Episcopal Cathedral. Chaplain Molander will preach and several Cadets will assist with the service.  
The Chapel Council, headed by Cadet Truls Ringkjøb, is working on worship plans for the Lenten season, Holy Week and Easter.  
Chapel services on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 20, will feature a penitential service with the traditional imposition of ashes. Worship services during Lent will emphasize the journey of Christ to the cross.  
Cadets will be permitted to attend special services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.  
The celebrant at the Palm Sunday Eucharist, March 20, will be the Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas. He will also administer the Rite of Confirmation.  
An Easter Sunrise service will be celebrated April 6 to be followed by an Easter breakfast.

### Episcopal Women Visit Chapel, School

The Episcopal Church Women from Christ Episcopal Cathedral visited the SJMS Campus, Jan. 24, for their monthly meeting.  
A group of 28 attended the 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Chapel service and heard about the School at a coffee hosted by Mrs. Donna Vanier and Mrs. Elizabeth Duckers in the Development office. Tours of the campus were made after the meeting.

### Cadets Fill Out Job Applications

Job applications were completed in the reading classes taught by Mrs. Donna Lewick. She said the exercise provides a practical application of reading skills.  
Bonnie Byer, a training and management consultant, visited the class and evaluated the applications. She explained to Cadets what prospective employers expect on an application.

## Activity Room Busy On Snow Days

The Activity room in Parkview Hall was opened to the entire Corps of Cadets Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8-9. Regular classes at the School were not held due to a record 17-inch snow fall.  
Many teachers were unable to reach the School to teach classes.  
The Lower School Cadets spent the morning in the activity room. Groups of ten Upper School Cadets were permitted to use the room on Friday afternoon and Saturday.  
Mrs. Lillian Faerber, Lower School secretary, said that about 70 Cadets enjoyed playing games, reading and watching the animals during the two days.  
Cadets in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades used the room following classes three days a week and some evenings when Capt. Gerald Woody, Lower School director, opens and supervises the activities.

## SJ President's Mother Dies

Mrs. Sadie B. Duckers, mother of SJMS president, Col. Keith G. Duckers, died Dec. 12, 1979 at Asbury Hospital, Salina. Funeral services were held Dec. 14 at the First Methodist Church.  
Mrs. Duckers and her husband, Charlie L., moved to Salina July 8, 1970 and attended many events at St. John's School during their nine years in Salina.  
Mrs. Duckers was born Dec. 20, 1892 in San Saba, Tex. The Duckers had celebrated a 65th wedding anniversary, Feb. 24, 1979.  
Surviving, besides Col. Duckers, are her husband, Charlie, 673 Starlight Dr.; three daughters, a sister, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.  
A memorial fund in her honor has been established at the School.  
The Cadet pallbearers were Scot Greenidge, Carl Millberg, Truls Ringkjøb, Max Montgomery, Shawn Goforth and Mark Bassett. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery, Salina.

## ★ PROMOTIONS ★

A number of promotions have been made by special order since the Cadets returned from Christmas furlough.  
Promoted to:  
**MAJOR** — Matt Minson.  
**FIRST LIEUTENANT** — Scott Martin, Randall Hoppe, Johnnie Williams.  
**MASTER SERGEANT** — Tom Marelli, Shawn Goforth, Ken Peterson.  
**PLATOON SERGEANT** — Ross Berger, Paul Hergenrother, John Slater.  
**STAFF SERGEANT** — John Boettcher, Brian Jennings, Douglas Johnston, Mitchell West, Oudy Wall, Tom Wallace.  
**SERGEANT** — Kevin Bendure, Jim Foster, Chris Johnston, John Little, Todd Wamhoff, Dean Tampke, Mark Lewis, Jim Wilken.  
**CORPORAL** — Jody Gensler, Troy Meadows, Alan Sable, Sebastian Suarez, David Pennington, Steven Sparks, Kevin Gravel, Scott Shirey, Robert Westbrook, Joe Sherran, Paul Unterweger, Fred Cutler, Armando De LaGarza, Robert Hamilton.  
**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS** — Mark Fusaro, Douglas Whitfield, Tom McMahon, Ben Augustine, Mark Mausolf, Rod Bruer, John Nicholls, Robert Plummer.

**PRIVATE** — John Hyde, Bill Sherman, Jock Bowers, Curtis Ford, Mark Lawrence, Allan Cook, Roger Crosby, Gary Holt, Tim Treagesser, Robbin Becker, Greg Goetting, Robert Herzog, David Griswold, Ernest Johnson, Leon Kemper, John Loomis, Tom Smith.

### Unterweger Earns Honors

Paul Unterweger was named both Cadet of the Month and Waiter of the Month for January according to Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant.  
The Cadet of the Month honor was based on military bearing, appearance, attention to duty and academic standing. His work in Nichols Dining Hall earned him the second award.

## NHS Plans Book Fair

The annual Book Fair, sponsored by the National Honor Society, will be March 5 in the Clem Library. Lt. Lou Lyda, Guidance Counselor, and three NHS members will select books at the Palmer News Warehouse, Topeka.  
English classes will visit the fair during class time to select books.

### Kellogg Visits Denver

Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant, visited prospective Cadets, high school guidance counselors and Episcopal clergy in Denver, Jan. 31 - Feb. 4.

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**REBOUND BATTLE** — Bennington's Gail Johnson (No. 34, dark jersey) pulls down a rebound as Cadet Carl Millberg blocks his way. Bennington's team effort offset a fine individual performance by Cadet John Weatherman as they defeated the Cadets 56-34. Weatherman scored a game-high 16 points and his hustling defense several times parted Bulldogs from the basketball.



**SEARCHING FOR A WAY** past John Wright (left) and John Weatherman (right) was John Schuster of St. John's of Beloit. The Cadets lost the game 80-56. Wright was the high point man for the Cadets with 16 followed by Carl Millberg with 13 points.

## 7 Wrestlers Advance To Sub-State

Seven of the eight Cadet wrestlers competing in the state regional tournament qualified for the sub-state tournament. The sub-state tourney was to be held at Gypsum, Kas., Feb. 15-16.

Pat Gist, heavyweight, placed second in the regional. Wrestlers winning thirds were Oudy Wall, 112-lb.; Brian Jennings, 138-lb.; Jody Gensler, 155-lb. and Kevin Bendure, 185-lb.

Placing fourth were David Blair, 145-lb., and Walter Barrier, 167-lb.

Also competing was Tom Marelli in the 119-lb. class.

## Young Cadets Play YMCA Basketball

Two teams from the Lower School are playing in the YMCA basketball league. The fourth grade team has won two and lost three. The sixth grade team has yet to score a victory.

## New Boys Join Corps

A large number of new boys enrolled for the second semester at St. John's Military School according to Maj. Larry Lysell, Director of Admissions. According to Major Lysell the School is at capacity at the present time. Only selected Cadets who are capable of living in crowded dorm conditions will be admitted.

The new boys are David Allen, Overland Park, Kans., Gr. 8; Robbie Becker, Wichita, Kans., Gr. 7; Jock Bowers, Marion, Kans., Gr. 11; Dee Burk, Bee, Neb., Gr. 8; Dwayne Butterfield, Dodge City, Kans., Gr. 7; Byron Clawson, Great Bend, Kans., Gr. 8; Kevin Compton, Wichita, Kans., Gr. 11; Mike Conquest, Olathe, Kans., Gr. 10; Roger Crosby, Bonner Springs, Kans., Gr. 6; Russell Edwards, Olathe, Kans., Gr. 8; Curt Ford, Shawnee, Kans., Gr. 10; Ray Franklin, Kansas City, Mo., Gr. 10; Mark Fusaro, Topeka, Kans., Gr. 11; Tom Gillelan, Augusta, Kans., Gr. 7; Edward Goldsmith, Collinsville, Ill., Gr. 7.

Tim Hamacher, Olathe, Kans., Gr. 7; Jackie Hatler, Jr., Dodge City, Kans., Gr. 9; Tim Hubert, Colby, Kans., Gr. 11; Lee Hurley, Topeka, Kans., Gr. 6; Ernest Johnson, Manhattan, Kans., Gr. 9; Mark Johnson, Tuscon, Ariz., Gr. 9; Ron Kinser, Junction City, Kans., Gr. 10; Jay Maggard, Salina, Kans., Gr. 6; Jeff Milliken, Tuscon, Ariz., Gr. 8; Larry Nelson, Manhattan, Kans., Gr. 8; Scott Phillips, Olathe, Kans., Gr. 6; Scott Powell, Albuquerque, N. Mex., Gr. 8; Alan Redburn, Kalvesta, Kans., Gr. 6; Mark Southerland, Golden, Colo., Gr. 11; T. J. Sparks, Parker, Colo., Gr. 3; Howie Thilenius, Perryville, Mo., Gr. 10; Paul Tolen, Boswell, Ind., Gr. 11; Mark Vest, Meade, Kans., Gr. 9; Robert Westbrook, Jr., Sargent, Neb., Gr. 7.

## Contracts To Be Mailed

Enrollment contracts will be mailed March 14. The contracts to present patrons will be similar to the ones signed when their Cadet originally enrolled at St. John's according to Maj. Larry Lysell, Admissions Director. "If they want another type of contract, the parent or patron should notify us," he said.

## Cadet Does Art Work

The art work on the "Bridging The Gap" brochure was done by Shawn Goforth, a junior Cadet.

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