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## The Vanier Academic Center Dedication Set for Oct. 12

The recently completed Vanier Academic Center will be dedicated in ceremonies at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 12. The event will be the highlight and concluding event of the 1980-81 Parents Weekend at St. John's Military School.

The ceremonies will be held in front of the building in the Memorial Plaza area. The Rt. Rev. William Davison, Episcopal Bishop of Western Kansas and St. John's Board chairman, will dedicate and bless the structure at the conclusion of the ceremony.

An open house and tours will follow, hosted by the members of the St. John's Board of Trustees and members of the faculty and staff.

The name of the Center was chosen to honor the late John J. Vanier, Salina businessman, and Mrs. Vanier, both long-time supporters of the School. Mr. Vanier served on the School's Board of Trustees. Both of the Vanier's sons, Jerry and Jack, attended SJMS and are former Trustees. Their son-in-law, Joe Hale, Leawood, also is a former board member. Mr. Vanier, who had business interests in milling, banking and ranching, died in February.

The Vanier Center replaces Vail Hall, erected in 1887 and destroyed by fire Nov. 6, 1978.

### ENTHUSIASTIC

Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President, said, "It is hard for me

to contain my enthusiasm about our new facility. Our Battalion Assembly area has given us much greater flexibility in our music and drama programs. Our new library adds a new dimension to all aspects of our academic program including our reading program."

Robert H. Kastner, SJMS Trustee now serving his third three-year term, will be the master of ceremonies. The First Infantry Division Band, Ft. Riley, will be available to provide music for the festivities.

Presentation of the building will be made by D. Dale Brown, SJMS Class of '55, School Trustee and chairman of the development committee. He will be assisted by the "Bridging the Gap" chairmen including Bishop Davidson, Mrs. M. Clare Miller, Colonel Duckers, Jack Vanier, G.W. Nicholson, Kastner, Ronald Green, Gerald Simpson, Marvin Webb, James Cox, Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg and Mrs. John Fonck.

Other presentors will be Busboom and Rauh, General Contractors, and Wilson and Company, Architects and Engineers.

### RIBBON CUTTING

Cutting the ceremonial ribbon

will be Daniel Geis, Mayor of Salina; Robert W. Exline, Salina Chamber of Commerce president and SJMS trustee; Colonel Duckers, Bishop Davidson, Mr. Nicholson, chairman of the Board executive committee assisted by representatives of the Board of Trustees and the faculty and staff.

Col. the Rev. R.L. Clem, SJMS Rector and Superintendent, 1936-1967, will give a few remarks. Other remarks will be given by Sen. Robert Dole, (R-Kans.), Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum, (R-Kans.), and Congressman Keith G. Sebelius, Kansas First District Representative.

### PRESENTATION

Members of The Vanier family will present a painting of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Vanier to be placed in the Center. Colonel Duckers will accept the building and the painting for the School.

Comments on the various uses of the Center will be given by Lt. Col. Kenneth C. Faerber, Academic Dean; Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant and Cadet Maj. Scott Martin, Cadet Commander of the 93rd Corps.

Lt. Col., the Rev. Norman G. Nicholls, SJMS Chaplain, will give the invocation and the SJMS Color Guard will present the Colors.

## ROLL CALL OF CADETS

Kansas .....	79
Colorado .....	32
Nebraska .....	10
Oklahoma .....	9
Missouri .....	8
Wyoming .....	8
California .....	5
Arizona .....	4
Texas .....	3

Two each from Iowa, Illinois, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Saudi Arabia.

One each from New Mexico, Virginia, Idaho, Hawaii, Washington, Alaska, Indiana, and Venezuela.

## Enrollment Increases For 1980-81

Opening Day enrollment at St. John's Military School found 40 more Cadets arriving on campus than a year ago. Maj. Larry Lysell, Director of Admissions, said that the 175 enrollment is the second largest Corps in the last decade.

Cadets are doubling in rooms until the rooms in Clem-Ferris Hall are ready for occupancy in mid-October.

Represented in the 93rd Corps are students from 18 states, Puerto Rico and three foreign countries.

John Patrick Ditton II is the son of old boy John P. Ditton, Class of 1965.

Enrolled are seven sets of brothers. They are Martin and Brad Hopper; Tim and Steven Sparks; Scott and Dan Martin; Kent, Keith and Shawn Proctor; Edward and James Vines; Gerald and Ronald Kinser; and Alberto and Edgardo Hernandez.

Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant, said, "Despite the crowded conditions and Kansas heat, I am pleased with the attitude of the new and old boys making up the 93rd Corps of Cadets. Their willingness to be a bit crowded for a time and their general abilities lead me to believe the 93rd will be an outstanding Corps. We are looking forward to the day when we will have Clem-Ferris available for housing."

## School Has New Number

The telephone number at St. John's Military School was changed Aug. 1. The new number is:

**913/823-7231**

## Parents Weekend Is Oct. 10-12

The 1980 Parents Weekend will feature the dedication of the Vanier Academic Center and the third annual St. John's Foundation Benefit auction.

Weekend activities will begin at 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10, when the fathers of the Cadet football players will eat with their sons in Nichols Dining Hall.

Also meeting at 4 p.m. in the Conference room, Vanier Center, will be the SJMS Board of Trustees.

The SJMS dinner is set for 6 p.m. in Nichols Hall. Contestants vying for the honor will be presented to the 93rd Cadet Corps. Voting by the Cadets will follow the dinner. The girl selected will reign at the homecoming football game and her picture will appear in the 1980-81 yearbook, "The Sound-Off".

Pre-game ceremonies will start at 7 p.m. with the presentation and crowning of Miss SJMS and the introduction of the "Dads" of the football players.

The Cadets will play Downs High School in a game beginning at 7:30 p.m.

A dance, featuring "Phase Four", will begin immediately following the game in Baner gym.

Parents may meet with members of the staff and faculty from 8 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 11. Upper School parents should report to the Vanier Academic Center and Lower School parents to Parkview Hall.

The Lower School Cadets will play a football game at 10 a.m., Saturday, on Perkins Field.

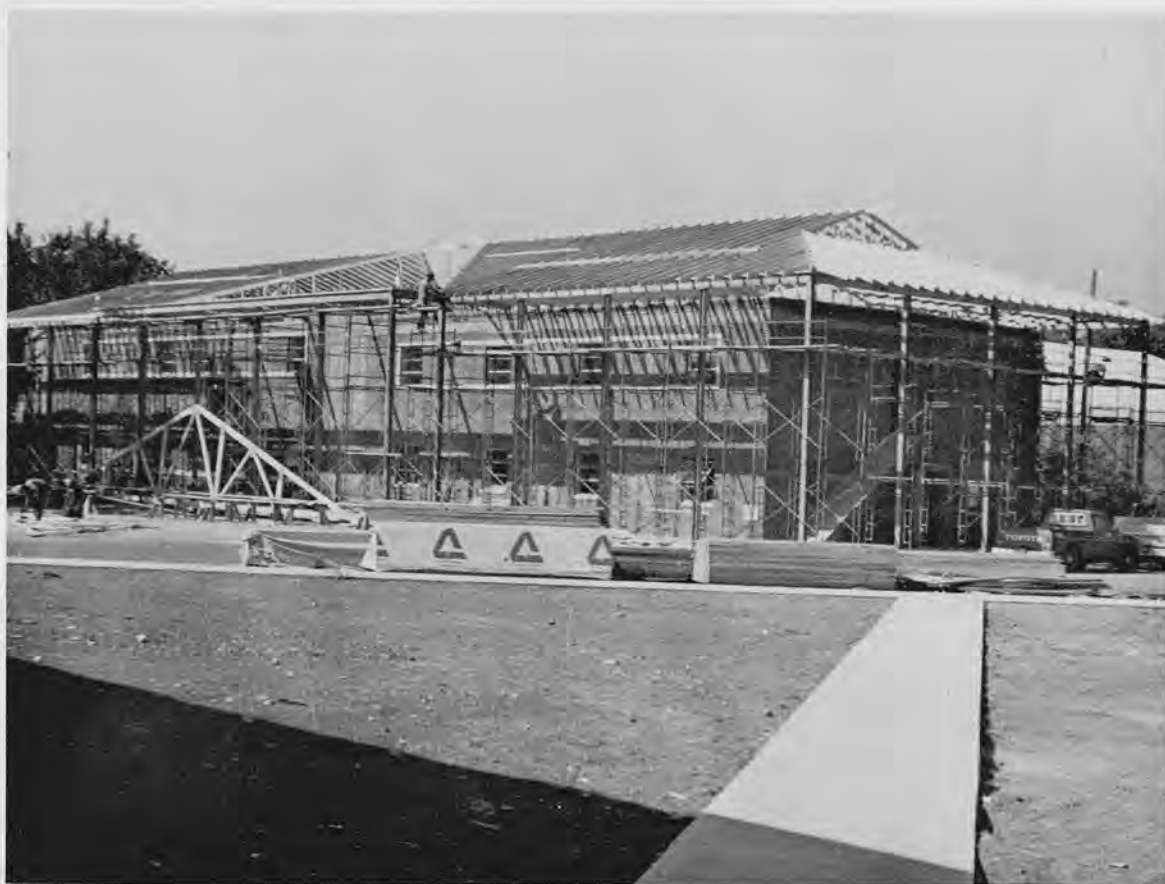
The Fall meeting of the St. John's Military School Foundation will begin at 12 noon in Nichols Dining Hall. The meeting will follow a luncheon.

The third SJMS Foundation benefit auction will begin at 4 p.m. at Big John's Steak House. The items may be viewed from 3 to 4 p.m.

Following the auction, Cadets may join their parents for dinner and evening activities.

Activities on Sunday will begin with a Chapel service at 10 a.m. in Armstrong Memorial Chapel. Following the service, the 93rd Corps of Cadets will march in review on Perkins Field.

Cadets may go on pass with their parents until the Dedication of the Vanier Academic Center which will begin at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Plaza and Fountain area in front of the building.



## CLEM-FERRIS TRANSFORMATION

The new facade, combining Clem Library and Ferris Hall into one dormitory, is nearing completion on the SJMS campus. When completed the new dorm will house 56 Cadets and will be coordinated with the architecture of the Vanier Academic Center. The library has been moved to the center of the Vanier Center as well as all classrooms.



## LTC Nicholls Is Chaplain

Lt. Col., the Rev. Norman P. Nicholls is the new chaplain at St. John's Military School. He replaces the Rev. Roy Molander, who served as interim chaplain following the resignation of the Rev. Thomas Chesterman last year.

Fr. Nicholls became acquainted with St. John's when his son was a Cadet last year. John is a freshman in the 93rd Corps of Cadets.

Fr. Nicholls has been the rector of St. Stephens church, Monte Vista, Colo. for the past two years. Prior to that he had a 20-year career in the Air Force before attending seminary. He and his wife, Marilyn, live in Mize Hall.

He was awarded a Master of Divinity and Pastoral Counseling degree from Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary in 1976. His educational background includes a B.S. in mathematics/science, Bradley University; study of Meteorology, Florida State University and education courses from the University of Southern California.

During his Air Force career, he worked with the U.S. Weather Bureau, the U.S. Air Force Weather Service, space programs and as a B-52 radar navigator.

## New School Nurse Arrives

Mrs. Viola Ebert is the new School nurse replacing Mrs. Lena Baldridge who retired at the close of the last school year.

Mrs. Ebert was graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing, Wichita, and for the past five years she has been head surgical nurse at the Southwest Medical Center, Liberal, Kans. She lives in the apartment adjacent to the infirmary in Nichols Hall.

Her son, Dominic, is a sixth grade Cadet. She also has two daughters, Patricia, Liberal; and Eve, a student at Northwest Missouri State, Marysville, Mo.



Lt. Col. John R. Albrecht

## Albrecht Named New Vice President

John R. Albrecht, a Pennsylvania native, has assumed his duties as the Vice President of St. John's Military School. According to Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President, Albrecht was selected after a year-long search to serve as his assistant.

Albrecht's duties will include the supervision of the maintenance and grounds program and the food service. He will also be the "Muleskinner" basketball coach.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Albrecht received his early education at Germantown Friends school, Philadelphia. While attending Penn, he also coached the Germantown Friends baseball and basketball teams and played semi-pro baseball. He earned his Master of Education degree from Temple University, Philadelphia.

He spent four years in the U.S. Air Force serving as a Personnel Specialist at Webb AFB, Texas.

Albrecht has traveled extensively living for one year in Germany and traveling in Mexico, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and California.

He was employed for ten years in the Wissahickon School District, Pa., where he taught American History and World Cultures; coached baseball; served as So-

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## St. John's Brigadier Dies in June

M. Clare Miller, 73, a SJMS Brigadier, and the father of three St. John's graduates, died enroute home from Frankfurt, Germany, June 21.

Mr. Miller, and his wife, Sadie, who survives, hosted the various Cadet groups that appeared in the McPherson Band Day parade held each year in May.

Survivors include his wife, a former member of the SJMS Board of Trustees, and St. John's graduates, Lance Clare, Brent Dale, and Stephen Lloyd, all of McPherson.

The funeral for Mr. Miller, 73, McPherson contractor with an international reputation, was held at 2 p.m., June 25 at the First United Methodist Church, McPherson. He was involved with the San Ore construction company with his two brothers for 50 years before the firm was dissolved in a giant equipment sale seven years ago.

Mr. Miller had time to help others in addition to St. John's through various activities. Besides Masonic organizations, he was a member and steward of the First Methodist Church, a member of the McPherson Planning Board, a board member of Methodist Youthville, a member of the board of directors of Marymount College, Salina, and a member of the Bethany College, Lindsborg, board, where he was a leader of the present Centennial capital gifts campaign.

## Former Latin Teacher Dies

Funeral services for Bula M. Tait, Latin teacher at St. John's for many years, were held August 2 at the Geisendorf Rush-Smith Funeral Home, Salina.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, SJMS School President, and Lt. Col. R.L. Guernsey, Science Department Chairman, served as casket bearers. The family had requested a Cadet group of pall bearers but due to the summer vacation the request was impossible to grant.

Mrs. Tait, 89, continued to attend Christmas parties and other functions at the School until her health failed.

Memorials are suggested to the St. John's Military School language arts program.

## ★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

**Attended 1929-30 -- C. F. Payne**, enrolled at SJMS as Payne Haycraft, visited the School in May. He is a rodeo promoter and was enroute to Missouri to produce a rodeo. His address is 1010 Mesa, Vista, Calif. He reports that Jack Bolte has a chain of malt shops in California.

**Class of 1955 -- Lt. Col. Paul Kellogg**, Commandant, and Mrs. Kellogg visited **Art Gilmore** and his family in Grand Junction, Colo. this summer. Art, his wife, Joan and daughter, Heather, raise Arabian ponies, Boxer dogs and geese. Art runs a railroad as a side occupation.

**Class of 1959 -- Leon Swartzendruber** is living in Parnell, Iowa. He hopes to visit the school in late October enroute to Denver. He wrote: "I taught college for a few years and loved it -- until I got so interested in the global hunger and poverty problems that I decided to re-think my lifestyle and rechannel my vocational interest in the direction of organizations addressing these needs. We rent a farm house surrounded by rolling hills. My wife, our girls and I love our new situation. We grow most of our own food - a lot of poultry and vegetables. And the people here are just great -- mostly farmers, mostly close or distant Menno-nite/Amish relatives."

**Class of 1964 -- Robert Garrison** has had a variety of experiences since he left SJMS. He has worked falling timber on the British Columbia coast; as a welder in Vancouver and has been a pilot. He is presently teaching in an elementary school

in an Indian Village, west of Whitehorse. His address is Burwash Landing, Yukon Territory, Canada.

**Class of 1966 -- Ron Ford** is the owner of Colorado West Insurance company, Fruita, Colo.

**Class of 1972 -- Jim Croke** is a plant supervisor at Denver Brick and Pipe Co. He and Tom Fiske hope to organize a reunion for the Classes of '72 and '73 in 1982.

**Class of 1973 -- Tom Fiske** teaches kindergarten at the Cunningham Elementary School, Cherry Creek, Colo.

**Class of 1977 -- John Livingston**, Battalion Commander for the school year 1976-77, is a senior at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. He stopped to visit the school during the summer after completing a six-week engineering training session at White Sands Missile Base, New Mexico. He said that his five years at St. John's gave him the required educational background to be successful in college.

**Class of 1979 -- Eric Peder-son** worked during the summer for the Colorado Forest Service, Sedalia, Colo. -- **Jerry Mischell** is a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. -- **John Louisot** is continuing his education in France.

**Class of 1980 -- Battalion Commander, Scot Greenidge**, was a distinguished graduate of the First Cycle Basis Camp Scholarship Competition at Ft. Knox, Ky. this summer. He was awarded a two-year tuition scholarship to attend the junior college at New Mexico Military Institute.

### Pictures Taken

Individual pictures of Cadet Seniors and members of the administration, faculty and staff were taken Saturday, Sept. 13, in the Battalion Assembly Area. Pictures will be used in the school yearbook, "The Sound-Off". Individual pictures of other Cadets and group photos will be taken later in the year.

### Receptionist Joins Staff

Mrs. Betty Dreese is the SJMS receptionist. She handles all incoming calls and connects them with the proper department or individual.

She and her husband, Jim, chief of surveys for Wilson Engineers, live at 2303 Mayfair Dr. They are the parents of three boys and a girl.

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**The Turner Memorial Alcove**

Cadets relax in the reading area of the library in the center of the new Vanier Academic Center. Furnishings for the reading alcove were given by Col. Courtney Turner, Atchison, in memory of his sister, Ethel Turner. Her picture will hang in the lounge area. (Photo, Courtesy of the Salina Journal)

## Third Benefit Auction To Raise Building Funds

The third annual St. John's Military School Auction, sponsored by the SJMS Foundation, will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11 at Big John's Steak House, Salina.

Chair-couples for this year's event are Mr. and Mrs. Ron Green and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Poer. Green and Poer are SJMS Trustees. Proceeds of the by-invitation only auction will be used to pay on the pledge made by the Foundation to the "Bridging the Gap" campaign. Items may be viewed from 3 - 4 p.m. The auction will start promptly at 4 p.m.

A number of special items have already been donated.

A matched pair of CVA Kent Rifles have been given by Jim Cox, Steamboard Springs, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nicholson have given a one-week vacation in their condominium, Palm Desert, Calif.

Well-known watercolor artist, Maleta Forsberg, Lindsborg, has given a painting for the auction.

A Thomasville bedroom set has been given by Mrs. Grace Clary. The set was completely refinished by Norm Miller of "The Shop" as a donation to the School.

Several items of sterling and

turquoise jewelry including a sterling silver Indian fetish necklace have been given by Col. John "Mike" Scanlan.

An antique trunk was given by Mrs. Donna Vanier and restored by Mrs. Lillian Faerber.

Before leaving St. John's last spring, Lt. Marvin Towse made a walnut grandfather's clock to be auctioned.

Other items are mosaic art, ceramic nativity set, case of assorted wines, paintings, ladies bowling set, afghans, latch hook wall hanging, and a ceramic cross.

## Library Aides Named

Several Cadets have been selected to serve as Library assistants.

They are Bill Cashero, Scott Powell, Howard Willoughby, Allan Cook, Allen Hysell, Bryon Clawson, Jeff Milliken, Sebastian Suarez, Mitch West and Vincent Raetz.



## BATTALION ASSEMBLY AREA

Admiring the new Battalion assembly Area in the Vanier Center are Lt. Col. John Albrecht, Vice President, and Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, while the SJMS band sets up in the background. The area features an orchestra pit, a stage and four practice or dressing rooms. There is no fixed seating. Cadet groups sit on the carpeted elevations.

### Council to Meet

The Development Council of St. John's Military School will meet at noon, Friday, Oct. 10, in the conference room of the Vanier Center.

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## ★ PROMOTIONS ★

A number of promotions have been made during the summer and since the beginning of the school year.

Promoted to:

**MAJOR** — Scott Martin, Max Montgomery, Matt Minson.

**FIRST LIEUTENANT** — Tim Bradshaw, Ken Peterson, Shawn Goforth.

**SECOND LIEUTENANT** — Paul Hergenrother, Terry Fihaley, Jon Slater, Tom Marelli, Richard Fawcett, Scott Shirey.

**PLATOON SERGEANT** — John Boettcher, Shawn Proctor, Randall Mayeaux, Dan Martin, John Little, Mitchell West.

**FIRST SERGEANT** — Walt Barrier, Todd Poteet.

**STAFF SERGEANT** — Mark Southerland, David Pennington, Kent Proctor.

**SERGEANT** — Lance Bundy.

**CORPORAL** — Dwayne Butterfield, Carry Holt, Mark Mausolf, Andy Nielsen, Tim Treagesser, Eugene Heathman, Ben Augustine, Leon Kemper.

**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS** — Jackie Hatler.

**PRIVATE OLD BOY** — Keith Proctor.

## Improvements Made on Campus

Many improvements were made on the SJMS campus during the summer months.

Parkview Hall received a new outside coat of white paint with gray trim. Classrooms and offices were also painted.

Nichols Hall's exterior was also painted white to match the new Vanier Academic Center.

New solid core doors and frames were installed in Sage Hall Cadet rooms.

The Admissions office was moved to the house on the west side of the drive where Lt. Marvin Towse lived last year. Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant, is temporarily quartered there until his new office is ready in Clem-Ferris.

All new cement sidewalks were poured around the Vanier Academic Center and also connecting other buildings on the campus. Old trees and bushes in front of Nichols and Sage hall were removed and replaced with concrete. Black top was laid in front of the Vanier Center to serve as a formation area. Four spots, to the east of the area, were marked for visitor parking.

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# New Teachers Join Faculty

Several new teachers have joined the SJMS faculty as additional staff or replacements for resigned or retired teachers.

Mrs. Deborah Hughbanks is the new librarian. Mrs. Hughbanks and her husband, Steve, live in Chapman where he is the assistant manager of Allida Co-Op.

Mrs. Hughbanks arrived on campus several weeks before other faculty members to unpack and shelve all the books moved from the Clem Library. After several busy weeks, the library was organized for the beginning of the school year. She is a graduate of Ft. Hays State College and attended Hutchinson Community College. Teaching experience includes two years at Natoma and a part-time position in Junction City.

Mrs. Sudana Wilkins, Salina, will be teaching Spanish part-time at SJMS. She also teaches languages in the Salina public school system. A graduate of the University of Kansas, she is certified to teach Spanish and Russian.

Mrs. Joan Stevens is teaching speech, drama, debate and forensics and sponsors the school yearbook. She attended the University of Kansas and earned her B.S. and Masters degrees from Emporia State College. Married and the mother of four children, Mrs. Stevens has 23 years of teaching experience. She and her husband, Bill, basketball coach at Kansas Wesleyan, live on campus.

James Lohmeyer is the Industrial arts instructor. He is retired from the U.S. Army and has worked for the Junction City Board of Education for nine years. He is working on his Masters degree at Emporia State College. The Lohmeyers moved to Salina this summer.

Barbara Werth, the new SJMS vocal and instrumental music teacher, was featured in the front page "Neighbors" feature of "The Salina Journal" this summer.

The article said: "For five years, Barbara Werth fooled her Roosevelt-Lincoln Junior High stage band members into practicing by making them believe it was fun. She also had some school administrators convinced she must be getting paid for a job she was doing for fun. Mrs. Werth, 2125 Fairdale, had been volunteer director of the school's stage band since 1975 arriving at school at 7:30 two mornings each week."

Mrs. Werth said in the story, "I believe in perseverance and determination. Sometimes I think that's even more important than talent. I think talent will come if you stick with it. I've started too many kids out in music in junior high and thought, just hang it up kid you'll never make it", then seen them in high school and they were great musicians.

The Werths daughter, Monica, entered college this fall. Her sons, Mitch and Mike will follow in a few years. So, Mrs. Werth has accepted the full-time teaching job at St. John's.

## Patrol Cadets Selected

Members of the Cadet Patrol have been selected.

Jon Slater is the provost marshal with Ernest Johnson as his assistant.

Squad leaders are Dean Tampke, Jeff Richardson, Mitchell West and Dan Martin. Assistant leaders are Shawn Proctor, Mike Hill, Kent Proctor and Greg DeBuhr.

Cadet patrolmen are Alan Sable, Edgardo Hernandez, Jock Bowers, Andy Nielsen, Mark Vest, Mark Fusaro, Philip Foster, Tim Shive, Kevin Bruner, Tim Hubert, Pat Gist, Mark Southerland and David Pennington.



## SCIENCE LABORATORY

Lt. Col. R. L. Guernsey, Science department chairman, lectures in the new science laboratory and classroom in The Vanier Center.

## SJ Trustees To Meet Oct. 10

The St. John's Military School Board of Trustees will meet at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 for its quarterly meeting. The meeting date has been changed from the last Friday in October to this date in connection with Parents Weekend and the Dedication of the Vanier Academic Center.

A dinner, following the meeting, will honor the Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Bishop of Western Kansas and Chairman of the SJMS board, and Mrs. Davidson. This will be the last Board meeting Bishop Davidson will "chair" before leaving for new duties in Ohio.

Col., the Rev. R.L. Clem, former Rector and Superintendent, has been invited to attend the Board meeting.

## Albrecht

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cial Studies Curriculum coordinators; planned and coordinated a major curriculum revision which introduced a new elective program for high school students. He also served as the Student Government sponsor, introducing a two-house legislature which maximized student participation.

Before coming to St. John's, he was the sales manager of a branch real estate office of Grosse and Quade Associates, Lansdale, Pa.

John and his wife, Suzanne, live on campus in the house formerly used as the administrative offices during the rebuilding program.

## Death Claims Prospective Cadet

Jack Haddenham, 12, had been enrolled as a seventh grade Cadet by Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, a week before he was killed in an explosion and fire at a fireworks distribution center in Laramie, Wyo.

The story of the explosion and fire made the national news in June. Jack's sister, Terri, 14, was also killed in the explosion.

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