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97th Cadet Corps Marches Successfully Into History

... On A Lovely Morning

The 97th Corps of Cadets marched successfully into history on a beautiful Kansas Sunday morning, May 19. Comfortable temperatures with just a breeze to ripple the flags of the Color Guard, International Color Guard, and the State flags greeted the more than a thousand spectators at Commencement.

The skies were clear as 26 St.

John's Senior cadets and their classmates marched past the reviewing stand in formation on Perkins Field for the last time, signifying the close of the Commencement of '85 and the dismissal of the 97th Corps, forever.

"1984-85 was a luxuriant school year at St. John's", said Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President. "Future Corps of Cadets will be measured by the 97th—one of the best of my 35 years at the school."

The class was charged by the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Mize Jr., founder of St. Francis Boys homes, Salina, and assisting bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin, Calif.

His father, Robert Mize Sr., was chaplain at St. John's in 1898 and later returned as head of the school while serving as bishop for the Episcopal Missionary District of Western Kansas. Mize Jr. attended the School in 1922 when he was 13.

"After these years, I have looked upon St. John's as a place for discipline," Mize said.

The basic discipline that is taught at the School is similar to the discipline of the Roman Centurians, noted in the New Testament of the Bible, he said.

"It pointed them in the right direction", Mize said. "You graduating Cadets of St. John's have followed through at the best of your ability as these Centurians."

The Bishop then challenged them to leave the School with their "new responsibility" and feeling of self-worth and practice putting God first, others second and themselves third.

Named Honor School

Following the address, retired Capt. Thomas D. Dunn Jr., member of the St. John's board of trustees, announced that the School received recognition as

an "honor school with distinction," the highest honor awarded by the U.S. Department of Defense to schools that offer the Junior ROTC program. The School has won the award for 22 consecutive years.

The School was inspected April 25 by members of an Army inspection team from Ft. Riley as part of the Junior ROTC award requirements.

The Hardy Sabre, symbol of command, was passed from the Battalion Commander of the 97th Corps, John "Andy" Wolfe, to Christopher Wallace, who will command the 98th Corps to be formed next fall.

Wallace, an honor roll student, has been the company commander of C-company for the past two years. His company won all honors during Military Field Day activities. He also won the individual competitive manual of arms drill for the Upper School, and was named commander of the Crack Drill Squad.

Diplomas Awarded

Diplomas were presented to the class, and senior Cadet John "Andy" Wolfe was awarded the Gordon Prize for overall achievement. The prize, which is not given annually but at the discretion of the School President, is awarded for academic, military and athletic excellence.

Music for the ceremony and the final review was provided by the 1st Infantry Division Band, Ft. Riley, Ks.

The invocation and benediction were given by the Rt. Rev. John F. Ashby, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas. Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, USMC (ret), Commandant, was the master of ceremonies.

The "Handle Ceremony" was conducted by Jack Vanier, Class of '44 and SJMS trustee.

Kellogg's Summer Address Listed

Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant, will be spending the summer months in Denver. He will be calling on patrons, old boys and prospective students. His address is: 2732 S. Heather Garden Way, Aurora, Colo. 80014.



THE CHANGE OF COMMAND

Chris Wallace (left) receives the Hardy Sabre, symbol of command, from outgoing Battalion Commander of the 97th Corps of Cadets, John "Andy" Wolfe. Wallace will return in the fall to command the 98th Corps.

Brigadiers Honored

The 1984-85 Brigadiers of St. John's Military School were presented their medallions during Commencement activities.

Brigadiers are individuals or companies contributing a \$1000 or more in money or services during a school year.

The Brigadiers are Mrs. Sidney Abernathy, Pacific Palisades, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. E.S.F. Brainard, Canadian, Texas; D. Dale Browning, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Phyllis Cramm, Wichita, Ks.; Jerry Graham Jr., Tunas, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hoppe, Jr., and Timothy Soule, all of Littleton, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lehman, Longmont, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. John F. Murray, Overland Park, Ks.; Mrs. Joan Stout of the Hugoton Foundation, New York, N.Y.; Ben J. Taylor, Tulsa, Okla., and Trinity Episcopal Church, Atchison, Ks.

Salina Brigadiers are General Battery Corporation; Kennedy and Coe accounting firm and Frank C. Norton.

The presentations were made by Robert H. Kastner, SJMS trustee; Lt. Col. Larry Lysell, Administrative Assistant, and Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President.

Parade Awards Made

The JROTC parade ribbon was awarded to Mark Baird, Robert Logan, Shawn McDiffett, Michael Porter, Ronald Pniak and Toby Timken.

Forensics Team Earns State Ones

Eight first division ratings were earned by the Forensics team in the State Festival held at Mankato, May 4.

Earning the ratings were Mario Alcedo, prose; Travis Klopfenstein, prose; Heath McMillian, poetry and humorous solo act; Kevin Carlson and Jack Dougan, duet act; and Rick Rountree and Neal Therrien, duet act.

Earning second division rankings were Klopfenstein, poetry, and David Dumler, informative speech.

Ian Henry and Marshall Wilson earned third division ratings in prose.

Class Leaders Receive Books

The academic leader in each class receives a book from School Specialty supply company, Salina.

Receiving the books during the Awards convocation were Lorenzo Rubio, grade four; Clint Ballhagen, grade five; Marc Rountree, grade six; Joseph Smelser, grade seven; Tres Smith, grade eight; Eric McAllister, grade nine; Travis Klopfenstein, grade ten; Chris Wallace, grade eleven; and Andy Wolfe, grade twelve.

Non-Auction Successful

Nearly \$5,000 was raised in the St. John's Foundation "non-auction" according to Mrs. Donna Vanier, Development director and Foundation secretary.

She said, "As silly as it may have been, we feel so good about it. Most of the supporters have been friends of the benefit auctions from the very first."

Mrs. Vanier reports that the chapel renovation project will begin June 1, 1986. The money is available to fund the project.

A presentation of drawings for ten stained glass memorial windows to be installed in the chapel will be made next fall. They will be offered to anyone who might wish to have a lasting tribute or memorials on the St. John's campus. Several donors have already indicated they will fund windows.

Commencement Videotapes Available

Videotapes of the St. John's Military School Commencement activities are available. Patrons should specify VHS or Beta when ordering.

Tape I includes the Crack Squad drill, Freedom Tree ceremony, senior processional, Bishop Mize's charge to the seniors, each senior receiving his diploma, the Handle Ceremony, some of the final review and the dismissal of the 97th Corps, forever. Cost is \$37.50 including tape, plastic case and shipping.

Tape II is an edited, fast moving highlights of the week-end events. The tape includes all of tape I plus highlights of the platoon and company drills, the old boy drill, highlights of the individual drills, reveille race, awards convocation, military ball, commencement ceremony, an interview with Dr. John W. Wolfe, father of Battalion Commander Andy Wolfe and the reading of the poem, "Oh, Sir," by Mrs. Joan Stevens at the Awards assembly. Price is \$75.

Advance arrangements for Commencement 1986 can be made for customized highlight tapes featuring interviews with your Cadet and his friends, plus interviews with family and School officials. This tape will cost \$150.

The tapes can be ordered from Video-Cam Productions, 500 Regent, Salina, Ks. 67401.

Chapel Crosses Authorized

Several Cadets were authorized to wear the chapel council cross on their uniforms.

They were Henry Junk, Chris Morrow, Jon Treadway, Jason Mumford and Shayne Bukowsky.



NEWS

... from the past

As a monthly feature, leading to the Centennial celebration planned for Commencement 1987 to Commencement 1988, news from **The Skirmishers** of past years will be appearing on this page.

COMMENCEMENT -- 1965

The new Lower School barracks, now under construction, will be named Mize Hall. The hall will be named in memory of the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Mize during Commencement activities at the school. Bishop Mize was Bishop of the Episcopal Missionary District of Salina and during his lifetime also served St. John's as a teacher, chaplain, superintendent, rector and president of the Board of Trustees . . . The cornerstone for the new Lower School barracks will be put in place at a special ceremony during Commencement weekend. Various mementos of the school will be placed in the sealed lead box within the cornerstone . . . A weekend bivouac is being planned. Maj. Merle Morton will command the "friendly" platoons and Capt. Robert McClain will command two aggressor units. The Rev. Donald Overton, Chaplain, will conduct a church service as part of the outdoor activities. Food will be furnished by Chef Frank Moomau using methods used in "field feeding."

COMMENCEMENT -- 1975

"Use whatever authority or influence you may have purdently and fairly", D. Dale Browning, Denver, advised members of the 1975 graduating class during Baccalaureate Saturday evening at the Immanuel Lutheran Church . . . The Hardy Sabre, symbol of command, was passed from the commander of the 87th Corps to Gary Cavey who will command the 88th Corps . . . Colonel Duckers gave a ringing defense of the "Establishment" which he described as being made up of your mothers and fathers, your aunts and uncles, your adult friends . . . The Alumni reunion dinner was attended by 62 persons in the Spencer Cadet Center. Guests were entertained with a special skit written and presented by Bill Meidell, Class of '54, and Edward Duckers, son of Superintendent Keith G. Duckers and Mrs. Duckers.

Superior Cadet Awards Given

The Superior Cadet awards in the Junior ROTC program were given.

Earning the awards were Charles Levy, Military I; Christopher Wallace, Military II; Neal Therrien, Military III and Andrew Wolfe, Military IV.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

"On behalf of the other ROTC units located here at the University of Kansas, I would like to convey my sincere appreciation for the outstanding musical support provided by Wendy Stein, F/Sgt. Bunting and the marching band. Many favorable comments were subsequently received regarding the band's superb performance during our annual Spring Review . . . They provided a professional performance that was greatly appreciated by all in attendance."

Michael D. Wyly,
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding Officer NROTC unit

"On behalf of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, I would like to take this opportunity to commend Bill Keszeg (SJMS tactical officer) for his involvement in our recent Walk America-'85 campaign. He is indeed a credit to your organization."

Veryl Tiemeyer
Executive Director
High Plain Chapter, March of Dimes

Andy Wolfe Heads Final Honor Roll

Andy Wolfe lead the Upper School Honor Roll for the sixth grading period. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Chuck Vaile and Travis Klopfeinstein.

Earning honorable mention were Charles Levy, Chuck Heaney, Jon Fisher, Toby Timken, Wayne Tattershall, Robert Lossmann, Chris Wallace, Eric McAllister, Clay Weiss, Mario Alcedo, Mike Porter, Raul Carbonell, Mike Daniel, David Lomon, Luis Siles and Eric Arbach.

T. Smith Heads Final Middle Honor Roll

Tres Smith was at the top of the Middle School honor roll for the final grading period of the year. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Devin Palmer Joseph Schubert and Paul Sealy.

Colton Perna earned honorable mention.

Key Club Supports Walk America

The Key Club supported the annual "Walk America", a fund raising event conducted by the March of Dimes. The club raised \$185.61.

The Salina walk was held Sunday, April 28. Cadets obtained sponsors who pledged a certain amount of money for the entire 3-mile route.

Walking for the club were Ken Croslin, Robert Swift, Eric Eisenman, Marshall Wilson, Rick Rountree, Ron Pniak, Dan Webster, Neal Therrien, Scot Angus, Ernesto Ground, Kelly Willms, Drew Moldenhauer, John Scott, Jim Rust, Toby Timken, Mike Daniel, Richard Jenkins and Luis Siles. Raising the most money were Webster, Rountree, Moldenhauer and Siles.

The staff sponsor was Sgt/FC Bill Keszeg, tactical officer.

Foundation Funds Projects

The St. John's Military School Foundation voted at its meeting May 18 to fund two projects at the School.

The group will provide the funds to buy a copy machine for use in the faculty lounge and to buy lockers for storing band instruments.

★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

Class of 1927 . . . Phillip Shortt died Jan. 6, 1985. His wife has offered his mementoes which include his uniform, cap, Sam Brown belt, a loving cup, graduation announcement and photo album to the School. She also wants to give his father's cap and graduation announcement. He was graduated from SJMS in 1895.

Class of 1940 . . . Floyd Lotker stopped by the School to get addresses of his classmates.

Class of 1954 . . . Gene Ely has been promoted to vice president, engineering with Ingersoll-Rand and will transfer from Singapore to Houston, Texas. Gene and his family have spent 23 years in Singapore where he has had a distinguished career with Ingersoll-Rand. He has four children--Eugene, a senior in pre-medicine at Tulane; Scott, a sophomore at Louisiana State University; Erin, a high school senior who is planning to attend L.S.U., and Sarah, who is attending a British school in Singapore. Gene called to get the current address of his old roommate, Bill Meidell, Box 631, Wortham, Texas 76693. Meidell and Ely would like to hear from former classmates to begin making plans for the Grand Reunion in '88. Gene's address is 10250 Briar Forest, Houston, Texas 77042.

Class of 1959 . . . Al Palmer, 138 Crum Creek Dr., Woodlyn, Pa. 19094, has volunteered to serve as a clearinghouse for members of his class who may be interested in attending the Grand Reunion during the Centennial Celebration and graduation of the 100th class in May of 1988.

Former Trustee Drowns, May 10

Former SJMS trustee, Harvey Hoover of Salina, drowned in a boating accident, May 10, at Waconda Lake near Beloit. Hoover was also active in the Mule-skinners program, the \$100-a-year club at SJMS. For many years, he was the Salina Kiwanis Club sponsor of the Key Club.

The funeral was held Tuesday, May 14, at Christ Episcopal Cathedral, Salina.

Members of the 97th Corps were pall bearers and conducted the flag ceremony at the cemetery. They were Robert Lossmann, Kelly Coughlin, Steven Roberson, Tom Crawley, David Gambetta and Brooks Mowry. Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, USMC-Ret., Commandant, presented the flag to the family.

The family suggested memorials to SJMS.

Class of 1960 . . . John Wilson has been with the Omaha, Neb., police department for 17 years. He has two sons, the oldest graduating from high school this spring, and a daughter. He called the school for classmate addresses.

Class of 1966 . . . Franz Stangle is executive vice president of TANANA Oil company, Topeka, Ks. He is married and has two sons.

Attended 1968 . . . Mike Hodgkin is in the Air Force stationed at Sunny Vale, Calif.

Attended 1976-77 . . . Jeff Dowhower visited the campus in May. He has been working for Pizza Hut and living in Caney, Ks. He will attend Wichita State University this fall to complete work for his degree.

Class of 1981 . . . Walter Barrier is in the process of moving to Phoenix, Ariz.

COMMENCEMENT VISITORS

Class of 1953 -- Don Wendler
Class of 1966 -- Chuck Marcus
Class of 1970 -- Tom Harper
Class of 1975 -- Mike Beckley, Greg Paul, James Wellman, Mark Huber
Class of 1976 -- John Evans
Class of 1980 -- Terry Hoppe
Class of 1983 -- David Merton
Class of 1984 -- William Bolster, Mark Lewis, John Murray

★ PROMOTIONS ★

The following promotions have been made since the May issue of **The Skirmisher**.

Promoted to:

MAJOR -- Tom Cox, Brad Slupski, Chuck Vaile.

CAPTAIN -- Lynn Bogue, Tom Bollig, Chuck Heaney, Fernando Saracho, Wayne Tattershall.

FIRST LIEUTENANT -- Shawn Olseen, Clay Weiss, Mark Cerney, Charles Levy, Ricky Card.

SECOND LIEUTENANT -- Kevin Carlson.

MASTER SERGEANT -- Mario Alcedo, Neal Therrien, Kevin Huckaby, Mark Vernon, Robert Wachal, Luis Siles.

FIRST SERGEANT -- Tom Crawley.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS -- Troy Erwin, Michael Porter, Andy Frome, Joe Ingram, Lance Mack.

STAFF SERGEANT -- Troy Paschal, Curtis Bolden, Eric Borklund, Eric Arbach, Cabell Gillespie.

SERGEANT -- Colton Perna, Don Edwards.

CORPORAL -- Douglas Otto, Lawrence Swisher, Russell Butenschoen, Josh Lewis, Kelly Walter, Richard Jenkins, Toby Timken, Heath McMillian, Ben Caplan.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS -- Michael Cooper, Larry Bedard, Brian Camren, Ricky Nelson, Keith Logan, Robert McDonald, Mark Baird, Mark Bleckman, Randy Wilson, Lorenzo Rubio, Nathan Marshall, Sean Martin, Henry Junk, Otis Totten, Keith Bowman, Shawn Reitmayer.

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Highlights of a Great Year



SCHOOL BEGINS

... Sgt/FC Bill Bunting starts Lorenzo Rubio on his way through the school year.

97th Corps, C.O. Wolfe Praised

School President, Col. Keith G. Duckers, had special words of praise for the 97th Corps of Cadets.

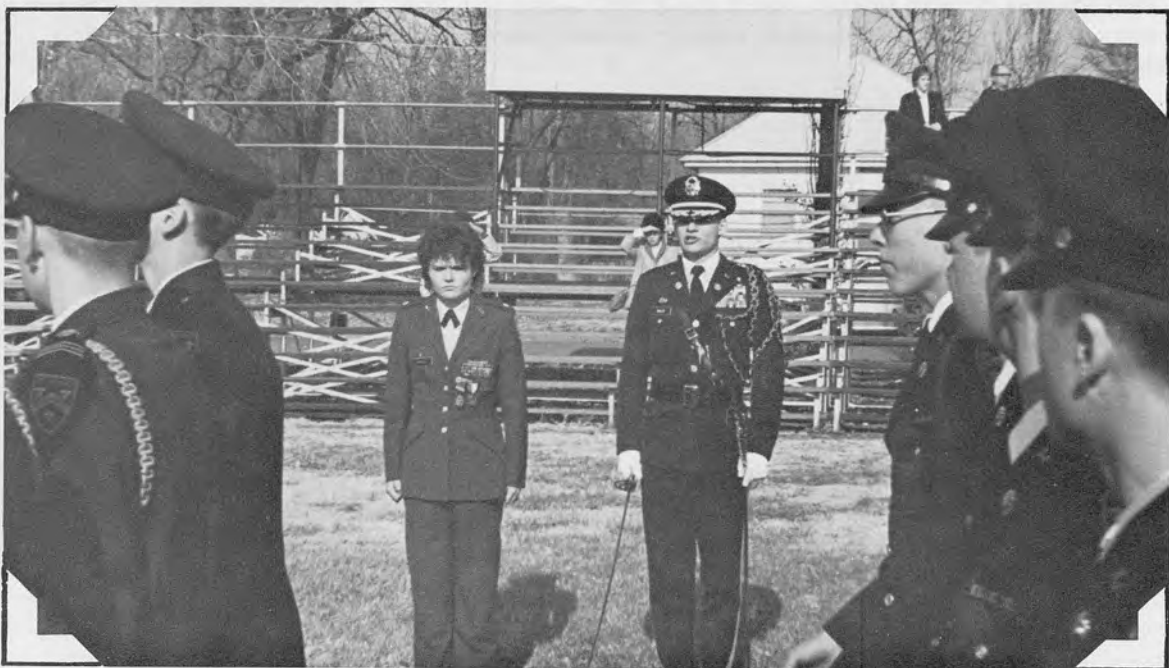
He said, "Memories of years gone by are like the rings in a cut cross-section of a tree. Some are luxuriant. Others are sparse. 1984-85 was a luxuriant school year at St. John's. Future Corps of Cadets will be measured by the 97th—one of the best of my 35 here."

He continued, "Andy Wolfe was a long-shot when I chose him to be Battalion Commander in May of '84. I knew he was smart."

"Colleagues assured me he was a 'straight-arrow', non-compromising guy. But, to be perfectly honest, I didn't expect him to rank as one of St. John's all-time outstanding Corps commanders when his senior year came to an end last month."

"Wolfe was backed by an outstanding Cadet staff and a group of young men who cooperated with him," Duckers added.

"The 97th Corps can thank Andy Wolfe for making the year what it was: Exceptional! I certainly do."



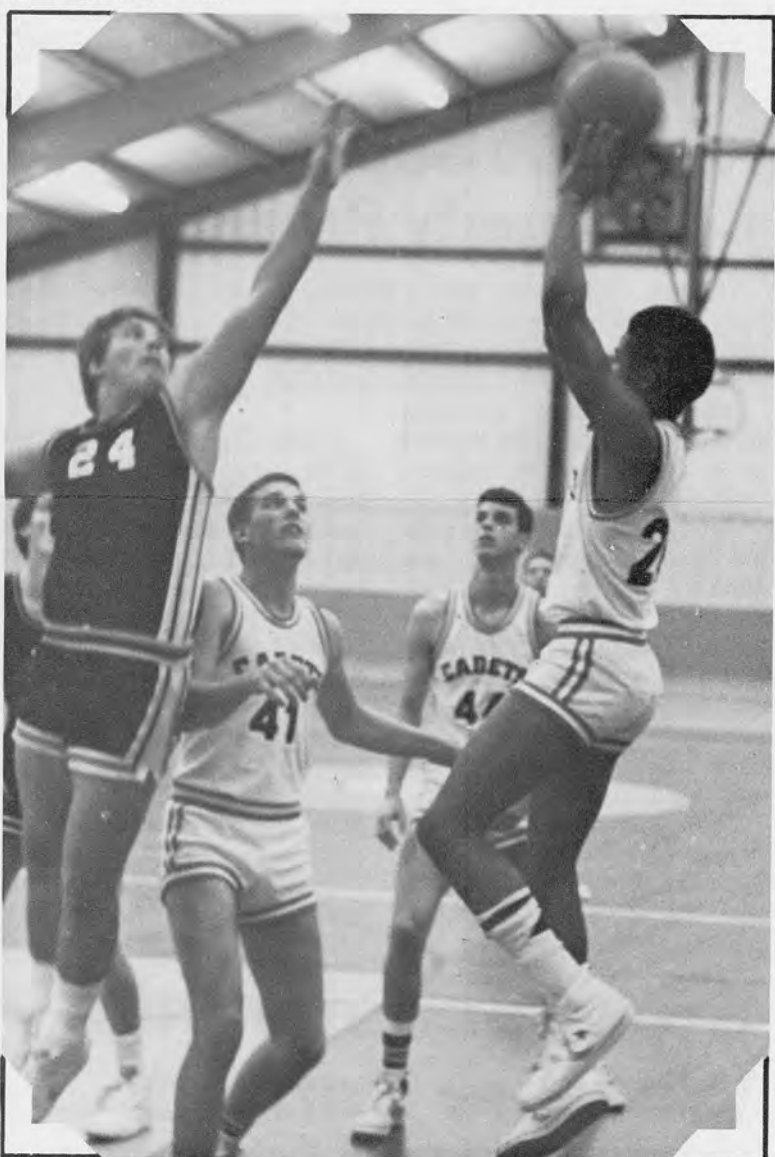
THE WEEKLY SUNDAY REVIEW AND PARADE

... commanded by Andy Wolfe



THE CRACK SQUAD DRILLED

... commanded by Tom Keil



AND THERE WERE BASKETBALL GAMES

... Travis Klopfenstein and Brad Slupski watch Chuck Riley go for the basket.



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FINALLY, THE ANNUAL FORMAL INSPECTION

... resulting in another Honor Rating as Chuck Vaile and Klopfenstein answer officer's questions.

"Oh, Ma'am,"

EDITOR'S NOTE — The following poem was written by Mrs. Joan Stevens, English teacher, about the SJMS Ladies club as it might appear to a Cadet. The poem was printed and given to each club member.

Oh, Ma'am,

*To heavy hearts such joy you bring
You ease the homesick, lonesome sting
When home is miles and miles away
And it's an "eon" 'til next May!*

*Your poster cheered me that first week,
A sunbeam shining through the bleak.
My "S.J. Mom" it said you'd be,
(With thoughtful generosity.)*

*You gave us homecoming dance and queen
And helped us "howl" at Halloween.
Bingo and carnival munchies were neat
And thanks for that loving Valentine treat!*

*The cards, the movies, the pizza, the steak!
My birthday came, you baked a cake!
So, thank you, Ma'am, for all you shared,
But I thank you most because you cared!*

Your S.J. "Son"

(by Joan Stevens)

Key Club Supports Community Projects

The Key Club of St. John's Military School sponsored many community service projects during the 1984-85 year according to club president, Luis Siles. The Key Club is a high school service group sponsored by the Salina Kiwanis Club.

Siles said club members showed the leadership learned at St. John's in the projects undertaken.

Last fall, the club helped with the Special Olympics for the mentally and physically handicapped in Salina. Lt. Col. Larry Lysell, Administrative assistant and club sponsor, supervised the group in a nine-hour shift that helped in cleaning up refreshment areas and assisting the athletes.

The next project was the Winter Carnival to raise funds in a basketball throw. Col. V.B. Loy, Social Science teacher, supervised the booth.

Cadets sold tickets and worked at the annual Kiwanis-sponsored pancake feed in March. Key club chefs fried sausage, brewed coffee, served food and cleaned tables.

Under the guidance of Sgt/FC Bill Keszeg, members participated in the March of Dimes Walkathon.

Eleven members managed games for the Salina Golden years festival for senior citizens May 1 at the Salina Bicentennial center.

Other officers were Troy Paschal, vice president, and Ken Croslin, secretary.



A BIRTHDAY CAKE is presented to Cadet Eric Arbach from his sponsor from the SJMS Ladies Club.



A BINGO GAME — Ben Caplan concentrates on his bingo card during a Ladies Club-sponsored party.



NEW OFFICERS — The new officers of the SJMS Ladies Club for the 1985-86 school year will be Mrs. Debbie Byarly, secretary/treasurer, wife of the assistant guidance counselor, and Mrs. Donna Lewick, president, reading teacher. (Photos by Leona Graham)

"Moms" Give Cookies, Support

Several hundred cakes and thousands of cookies later, the SJMS Ladies Club is still active in the support of Cadets since its organization in 1972. The Cadets have since nicknamed the group--the "Mom's" club.

Each SJMS woman -- female staff and teachers, and wives of male staff members -- "adopts" several Cadets at the beginning of the school year. The Cadets are welcomed to campus by posters or notes.

Cadets are remembered on their birthday, either with a cake or some other treat, and on Valentine's Day.

Cadets with summer birthdays will discover they have a surprise birthday sometime during the year.

Money raised, through dues and the Country Store at the Winter carnival, is used to sponsor roller skating parties, banana split socials, watermelon feeds, pep rallies or swimming parties.

During final week in January, some of the women can be found going through the barracks with hot chocolate to encourage the late night scholars. Paula McCann and Mary Kellogg dispensed hot cocoa as a surprise to Cadets in February of this year.

The barracks were invaded by members of the club in costume dispensing "treats" following October meetings in previous years.

A popular activity for the Cadets are the SJMS Ladies-sponsored bingo parties on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Prizes --cakes, cookies, pencils, comic books or just white elephants--are donated by the club members. Every Cadet wins something during the afternoon.

The women are often asked to donate "goodies" for the Halloween Howl, Homecoming dance and the Military Ball. They often act as hostesses for these events.

This club is unique among all the nation's military schools according to Mrs. Keith G. Duckers, wife of the School President. She said, "At the annual meeting of the heads of schools, the wives at other schools are amazed that women associated with the school are so willing to give of their time, talent and money for the support and encouragement of students." These wives indicate that it just wouldn't work at their particular institution.

Musicians Recognized

Cadets in the band were recognized during awards presentations.

David Dumler earned the Best Bandsman award.

Earning the Louis Memorial award for dedication to the band was Thomas Keil.

Joseph Schubert and James Rust tied for the Most Improved Bandsman medal.

Earning the Drummer award was Steven Roberson and earning the Bugler award was Jeffery Walz.

State Scholarship Winners Named

Special certificates were awarded in the State of Kansas Scholarship contest, conducted by Emporia State University, during the Awards convocation.

Cadets participating in the contest take tests in various areas and then are ranked according to all students in the state and the various high school classes in the state.

Tres Smith earned a second in Class 3A and state honorable mention in elementary health; state and class honorable mention in Science 8, and class and state honorable mention in English 8.

Scott Brent and Michael Campbell earned state and class honorable mention in general science.

Thomas Felder took class 3 A first and a state third in general science, and class and state honorable mention in spelling.

Michael Hadley earned state and class honorable mention in general business and junior literature.

Chuck Heaney earned state

honorable mention in spelling; state and class honorable mention in American government, and state and class honorable mention in senior literature.

Ian Henry placed third in the class 3 A general business competition and earned state honorable mention in the same class.

Travis Klopfenstein earned class honorable mention in general business, and Robert Lossman earned state honorable mention in junior literature.

Earning class and state honorable mention in general science was Eric McAllister.

Wayne Tattershall won state honorable mention in American government.

Chuck Vaile earned state honorable mention in senior spelling and American government.



THE PRESENTERS

Presenting the Rev. Donald F. Davidson for ordination to the Episcopal priesthood were (from left to right) the Rev. Albert MacKenzie, Lt. Col. and Mrs. George Davidson, Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Col. Keith Duckers, Cadet Andy Wolfe and the Very Rev. Arthur Rathbun. The ceremony was held Saturday, May 4, at the Armstrong Memorial Chapel. (Photo by Leona Graham)

Chaplain Ordained Priest

The Ordination of a Priest service was held Saturday morning May 4 in the Armstrong Memorial Chapel on the SJMS campus. Ordained to the priesthood was school chaplain, the Rev. Donald F. Davidson.

It is believed to be the first ordination held on the School campus.

In consecrating the new priest, the Rt. Rev. John Ashby, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas, said, "As a priest, it will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness, to

pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism, and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's body and blood and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you."

The homily was given by the Rev. Albert H. MacKenzie, priest of the church Fr. Davidson attended while attending college.

The gospeller and litinist was the Rev. Alan Tilson and the Rev. Canon H. Scott Kirby was the master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Lillian Faerber was the soloist accompanied by Leonard

Gillispie, organist.

Other participants were J.B. Morrison and Robert Orrey, crucifers; Michael Good, Clint Ballhagen, Jeremy Sawyer and Joe Schubert, torch bearers; Evan Fogleman, American flag bearer; Brian Tuttle, Episcopal flag bearer; Nathan Marshall, SJMS banner bearer; Lorenzo Rubio and Paul DeSanto, acolytes; Lt. Daniel Byarlay and Lt. Col. George W. Davidson, lectors and Luis Siles, psalmist.

Ushers were Chuck Heaney, Kenneth Croslin, Jerry Dou, Ricky Nelson and Joe Smelser. Mrs. Donna Vanier prepared the altar for the service.

Charlie Sweeps Company Honors

Charlie company, commanded by Chris Wallace, took all the company honors during the Military Field Day, May 18.

The company was honored for the best performance of the platoon drill without arms and the best company drill without arms. It was also recognized as the Honor company of the 1984-85 school year.

Chris Wallace won the individual drill with arms for the Upper School. Other competitors were Herbert Lork, Darrin Grahm and Eric McAllister.

Winning the drill for the Middle School was David Swanson. Others drilling were Curtis Bolden, Derek Schell and Michael Shaw.

The reveille race was won by Richard Rountree representing Alpha company. Stuart Maxwell represented Bravo and Jason Cartier, Charlie.

The old boy drill platoon was commanded by Maj. Chuck Marcus, Class of '66.

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SJMS Senior Cadet Praises Academic, Leader Programs

Graduating senior, William Charles "Chuck" Heaney was the speaker at the annual Blue Beret Banquet held Friday, May 17 at the Ramada Inn.

Following are excerpts from his talk:

"If you look deep into the eyes of a Blue Beret you'll see a fire that won't ever let him stop striving for the best. Being a member of the Blue Berets has taught me and these Cadets to continually work to reach their utmost potential for excellence. It has honed their competitive edge until they have become some of the fiercest fighters and their battlegrounds are the classrooms of Vanier Academic Center."

"St. John's is a school which thrives on competition and through each Cadet's struggle to be number one he learns how to be a gracious winner and a good loser. He learns to savor the taste of victory and to remember the lesson in each defeat. He gains character and independence and a sense of both pride and humility. Self-discipline is instilled in him and through this he develops a moral strength and a set of principals and values that will guide him through the good and bad periods in his life. Through being a leader, he learns to make sound judgments tempered with compassion for his fellow man."

"At St. John's you are taught more than just English, science and math—you are taught what it takes to be a man and with the help and guidance of the faculty and staff and the other Cadets they live with, I think it is an understatement to say that 99 percent of the Cadets who pass through those gates learn that lesson well."

"When I came to this school five, sometimes short, other times long, years ago I had no motivation, no discipline and no pride."

Thanks Staff

Heaney expressed appreciation to:

--"Colonel Duckers for running one of the finest schools in the Nation."

--"To Colonels Faerber and Kellogg, heads of the academic and military departments, who with gentle and sometimes not so gentle pushes helped me to get an invaluable education that didn't stop at seventh hour and won't stop at graduation."

--"To Major and Mrs. Haviland, the mother and father of the Blue Berets, who always helped us and always encouraged us."

--"To the teachers at St. John's who were patient enough to suffer me on Mondays and caring enough to get me interested in learning again."

--"To the military staff who were fathers and friends to me when I needed one or the other, and who were never too busy to sit down and talk when I wanted."

--"To the Blue Berets and members of the Corps for never letting me let up and for always being like big and little brothers. We laughed and cried, fought and joked, like brothers everywhere, but whatever we did we did it together."

--"And finally to a woman that I said I would never forgive when they were cutting my hair five years ago. I now realize I owe a tremendous debt that I'll never be able to repay. I can only say I forgive you and thanks, Mom."

Leadership Ribbons Given

Several Cadets were awarded the Leadership Development ribbons recently.

They were John Angus, Mark Baird, Scott Brand, Russell Butenschoen, Jeff Cerciello, Eric Eisenman, Robert Logan, Cameron Miles, Brooks Mowery, Douglas Otto, Ronald Pniak, John Price, Chad Simms, Lawrence Swisher, Toby Timken, Otis Totten and Jim William.

NCO's Honored For Citizenship

The SJMS Foundation awards are presented to non-commissioned officers with the best character ratings other than academic during the year.

Earning the awards were Michael Shaw, Middle School; Eric McAllister, freshman; David Dumler and Travis Klopfenstein, tie for sophomore honors; Mario Alcedo, junior, and Drew Moldenhauer, senior.

Seniors Enjoy PECUSA Outing

Members of the Class of 1985 spent the weekend of May 10-12 on the annual outing to Camp PECUSA, near Stockton.

The retreat is held each year to give the graduating seniors a last outing together before leaving SJMS.

Attending this year were Lynn Bogue, Tom Bollig, Raul Carbonell, Ricky Card, Kevin Carlson, Tom Cox, Joe Dowd, Jon Fisher, Chuck Heaney, Kevin Huckaby, Joe Ingram, Tom Keil, Charles Levy, Robert Mack, Drew Moldenhauer, Fernando Saracho, Brad Slupski, Wayne Tattershall, Chuck Vaile, Mark Vernon and Andy Wolfe.

Representing the junior class was Clay Weiss.

Marksmanship Medals Given

Medals for outstanding marksmanship were awarded.

Colton Perna received the Middle School medal for having the highest score in competitive firing.

Chuck Heaney earned the Upper School marksmanship medal for the highest score in competitive firing and the Hardy Rifleman as the rifle team member with the highest academic standing.

Troy Erwin earned the Cheney marksmanship medal for the highest score in competitive match firing and the Reserve Officers Association award for the highest aggregate score in rifle marksmanship team competition.

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Cadets Honored at Awards Assembly

Awards Recognize Leadership, Progress

Major awards recognizing academic achievement, leadership, loyalty, progress and development were given during the Awards convocation, Saturday, May 18, in the Baner Gymnasium.

The Golden Eagle awards were presented to Neal Therrien for the junior class and Raul Carbonell in the senior class. The award is given to Cadets who have surmounted the greatest odds, maintained the highest standards of fellowship and proven that they have given unselfishly of themselves to the school and Cadet Corps. Therrien also earned the Ninninger medal.

Gregory Goetting was presented the Effort medal as the Cadet making the greatest effort during the school year.

Lynn Bogue earned the Sage Memorial medal as the senior old boy showing the greatest development in the school year.

The Wilson Loyalty medal was given to Jon Fisher. He also earned the National Sojourners ROTC award.

Earning the U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete award was Robert Lossmann. The medal recognizes annually the top scholar/athletes in schools across the country.

John "Andy" Wolfe, Battalion Commander, earned numerous awards during the afternoon. They included the NHS scholarship, D.A.R. Junior ROTC medal, the I Dare You award, Kansas High School Activities Association Citizenship award, Bausch and Lomb Honorary science award, Upper School athletic scholarship medal, and American Legion medal as the commissioned officer with the highest academic average.

Earning the Kastner medal as the new boy with the most satisfactory record was Charles Levy.

Wallace Earns Awards

Chris Wallace, named Battalion commander of the 98th Corps, earned several awards. They were the Association of the U.S. Army medal, Sons of the American Revolution ROTC medal and the Lee Mirth award for leadership and a sense of humor to overcome difficulties.

Travis Klopfenstein earned the V.F.W. Citizenship medal as the Upper School non-commissioned officer with the fewest demerits; and the Tinsley Fry Athletic medal.

Tom Keil tied with Klopfenstein for the Fry Athletic medal and also received the Activity Leadership medal for his work as the Cadet bandmaster.

Chuck Heaney was recognized as a State of Kansas scholar for his test scores on the ACT.

Earning the Lippincott memorial award for effort, performance and sportsmanship was Joseph Dowd.

Heaney and Michael Good both earned the Bishop's award for outstanding work in the chapel program.

Luis Siles earned the Heaton trophy for his work in promotion of Key Club activities.

Earning the Linger award for showing respect for the great out-of-doors was Joseph Smelser.

Michael Shaw, as the Middle School Cadet with the greatest leadership potential, was awarded the President's Medal of AMC-SUS.

Earning the National Honor Society book scholarship award was Henry Junk.

Gregory Goetting earned the Rotary medal as the senior Cadet attending SJMS the longest period of time.

Middle School Awards Made

Outstanding achievement and leadership in the Middle School were recognized at the Awards convocation.

Devin Palmer earned the Middle School Athletic scholarship medal and the Citizenship medal.

Earning the Athletic medal was Colton Perna for his service in the promotion of athletics.

Alan Hatton received the Effort medal and Joseph Schubert, the Progress medal.

Earning the Middle School medal was Tres Smith as the Cadet with the most satisfactory record in the school.

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Faculty Merit Awards Given

Several members of the faculty honored Cadets with merit awards.

Jonathan Frome and Jeffrey Baker earned awards for outstanding work as library aides.

Earning awards for work in the Chapel program were Joseph Schubert, Paul DeSanto and J.B. Morrison.

Outstanding performance in woodworking earned awards for Neal Therrien, Richard Jenkins, and Thomas Crawley.

Charles Heaney was recognized for winning the local Voice of Democracy oratorical contest. Heath McMillian was honored for earning two first ratings at the State forensics festival.

Faculty merit awards for contributions to the SJMS band were given DeSanto, Ian Henry and John Wells.

Middle School Cadets Honored

Middle School students were recognized for having the highest average in courses of study.

Lorenzo Rubio earned all the fourth grade awards as did Clint Ballhagen in the fifth grade.

Earning sixth grade awards were Jerry Dou, mathematics; Don Edwards, social studies and basic English; Joshua Lewis, reading; Marc Rountree, science, and Brian Tuttle, English and physical education.

Earning seventh grade awards were Thomas Keefe, instrumental music; Nathan Marshall, geography; Randy Tremar, reading, and Joseph Smelser, English, mathematics, science and physical education.

The eighth grade awards went to Robert McDonald, basic art; Robert L. Orrey, mathematics; Brad Pence, woodworking; Mike Shaw, physical education, and Tres Smith, English, reading, social studies and science.

Course Awards Given

Cadets in the Upper School received awards for having the highest academic average in each course of study.

Travis Klopfenstein earned six awards for Algebra II, English II, World History, General Business, Woodworking II and Biology.

Earning five awards was Robert Lossman. He had the high average in American History, English III, Physical Science, Drivers Ed and Spanish I.

Heath McMillian received four awards in Art-Commercial, Drama, Pre-Algebra and Religion.

Winning three awards was Andy Wolfe in Sociology, College Prep English and Advanced Math.

Cadets awarded two certificates were Mario Alcedo, Basic English and Life Science; Eric

Arbach, World Geography and Consumer Math; Paul DeSanto, Democracy and Forensics, and Chuck Vaile, Art-photography and Psychology, and Chris Wallace, Chemistry and Spanish II.

Earning one award were Jeff Baker, Lynn Bogue, Eric Borklund, Michael Daniel, Thomas Felder, Jon Fisher, Bill Hayes, Chuck Heaney, Joe Ingram, Charles Levy, Lance Mack, J.B. Morrison, Eric McAllister, Fernando Saracho, Keith Schae-bethal, Luis Siles, Sean Sullivan, Wayne Tattershall, Toby Timken, Mark Vernon, Thomas Cox and John Wells.

Physical Fitness Ribbons Awarded

A special order awarded the physical fitness ribbon to many Cadets in the 97th Corps before the end of the school year.

Earning the ribbons were Mark Baird, Larry Bedard, Eric Borklund, Russell Butenschoen, Brian Camren, Arthur Collum, Mari DePorres, Joseph Frings, Ernesto Ground, Richard Jenkins, Cameron Miles, Douglas Otto, Kevin Smith, Dan Stabler, Sean Sullivan, Lawrence Swisher, Otis Totten, John Scott, Mario Alcedo, Jefferson Baker, Jeffrey Cerciello, Mark Cerney, James Crowley, Michael Hadley, Ian Henry, Troy Paschal, Neal Therrien, Toby Timken, Chris Wallace, Jim Williams, Scott Brand, Jack Dougan, David Dumler, Troy Erwin.

Others were David Gambetta, Cabell Gillespie, Steven Green, Travis Klopfenstein, Stuart Maxwell, Ralph McCullough, Ronald

Pniak, Michael Porter, John Price, Martin Riley, Adam Roesler, Richard Rountree, Chad Simms, Brian Stevens, Robert Swift, Kelly Wilms, Shawn McDuffett, Clint Ballhagen, Curtis Bolden, Don Edwards, Evan Fogleman, Michael Good, Alan Hatton, Gary Jackson, Thomas Keefe, Michael Morrow, Ricky Nelson, Colton Perna, Jeremy Sawyer, Joseph Schubert, Wade Snider, Jon Treadway, Brian Tuttle and Kelly Walter.

Also honored were Albie Bensimon, Marc Goldsboro, Paul Sealy, Henry Junk, Jeffrey Harnes, James Jones, Sean Martin, Jason Mumford, Robert McDonald, Donald Smith and Charles Levy.

Leadership Insignia Given

Academic achievement insignia for the ROTC leadership development classes was awarded.

Andy Wolfe earned the award in LD 4.

Earning the award for LD-3 were Ricky Card, Chuck Vaile and Clay Weiss.

LD-2 winners were Robert Lossman, Chris Wallace, Raul Carbonell and Travis Klopfenstein.

Earning the award in LD-1 were Keith Bowman, Steven Roberson, J.B. Morrison, Eric Borklund and Troy Erwin.

Ferris Awards Made

Ferris awards for outstanding work in the industrial arts program were given to Adam Roesler, Shop I; Travis Klopfenstein, Shop II and Drew Moldenhauer, Advanced Shop.

League Medals Honor Scholars

Medals were awarded in the Post Rock League scholarship competition at the Awards convocation.

Earning silver medals in junior literature and spelling was Michael Hadley.

Chuck Vaile received a silver medal for senior spelling.

Thomas Cox earned a silver medal for senior literature and a bronze for current affairs.

Earning a gold medal for freshman spelling and a bronze for general science was Thomas Felder.

Charles Heaney earned gold medals for senior literature and American government, and silver medals for high school health and senior spelling.

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