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Many Parents To Visit SJMS Campus, Oct. 17-19

Many parents will be making their first visit to the campus during Parents' Weekend, Oct. 17-19. A schedule of planned activities and free time for Cadets has been arranged.

Patrons are urged to report to the Vanier Academic Center to register immediately upon arrival to the campus. Registration will qualify school guests for several door prizes to be given away during the Foundation luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 18. Parents wishing to eat meals on campus may make arrangements during registration.

Parents/teacher and staff conferences can be arranged during the afternoon, Friday, Oct. 17.

To Elect Queen

Candidates for the honor of SJMS queen will be introduced to the 99th Corps at 4 p.m., Oct. 17, in the Battalion Assembly Area of the Vanier Center. Voting will follow the presentation.

The crowning of the queen will come at halftime of the SJMS-Hope football game that evening on Perkins Field.

Following the game a dance for the Cadets will be held in the gym and a Parents' Mixer, sponsored by the SJMS Foundation, will be in the Salina Room of the Mid-America Inn, located just north of the School.

Activities on Saturday, Oct. 18, will begin at 8 a.m. with parent/teacher conferences. Conferences will end at 11:30 a.m., however, conferences may be arranged by appointment for Sunday morning.

The Foundation luncheon is set for 12 noon in the Baner Gym. Reservations must be made in advance. Cost is \$5 a plate.

Kansas U. To Honor Two Cadets

Two Cadets will be recognized by the University of Kansas Honors program. They are Travis Klopfenstein and Gary Detman.

They will be honored at a dinner Oct. 22 at the Salina Country Club.

The purpose of the program is to provide community recognition to honor seniors for outstanding academic achievement. Students in the top ten percent of their classes are recognized in the state-wide program.

At the dinner the students are introduced and presented an engraved certificate as a Kansas Honor Scholar and an American Heritage Dictionary.

Cadets will be free to spend the rest of the day with their parents. Passes will end at midnight.

An optional service of Holy Communion is set for 8 a.m., Sunday, in the Armstrong Memorial Chapel.

A special worship service for members of the 99th Corps, parents, faculty, staff and trustees will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Baner Gym.

The 99th Corps will parade and pass in review at 12 noon, following the service on Perkins Field.

After the review, passes will be granted until 5 p.m. or parents may eat dinner with their Cadet in Nichols Dining hall. Tickets must be purchased by Saturday at the registration desk in the Vanier center. Cost of each meal is \$5.

Battalion Formed

A Forming of the Battalion ceremony was held following noon mess, Sunday, Sept. 14 in the formation area.

The non-commissioned staff officers were introduced and each cadet was assigned to a unit within the Battalion.

Travis Klopfenstein is the Commander of the 99th Corps with Mike Porter as the executive officer.

Members of the staff are Robert Wachal, S-1 in charge of personnel; Ron Piniak, S-2 in charge of order and the Cadet patrol; Chuck Riley, S-3 in charge of training the Battalion, and Eric Eisenman, S-4 in charge of supplies. Special staff members are David Dumler, Battalion Chaplain and Bandmaster and Joe Larson, Mess officer.

Doug Otto is the commander of "A" company. Tim Kyle is the company first sergeant. Platoon leaders are Keith Logan and Damon Polk. Platoon sergeants are Chad Calvaresi and Gil Thompson.

Kevin Smith is the commander of "B" company with Mike Shaw as the first sergeant of the company.

"C" company commander is Gary Detman. Randy Wilson is the company first sergeant. Platoon leaders are Pat Rodriguez and Jim Rust. Platoon sergeants are Jeff Taber and Brad Heinrich.



THE COMMISSIONING

Battalion Commander of the 99th Corps of Cadets, Travis Klopfenstein, was commissioned a Cadet major in special ceremonies Sept. 13 in Armstrong Chapel. Pinning on his insignia were Nancy Chapman, School nurse, and Brian Chapman, Drill instructor. (Photo by Don McCann)

PARENTS' WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Registration	1-5 p.m., Oct. 17
	Vanier Academic Center
Election of queen	4 p.m., Oct. 17
	Battalion Assembly Area
SJMS-Hope football game	7 p.m., Oct. 17
	Perkins Field
Cadet Dance	Following game
	Baner Gym
Parents' Mixer	Following game
	Mid-America Inn
Passes End	12 midnight, Oct. 17
Parent/Teacher Conferences	8-11:30 a.m., Oct. 18
	Vanier Center & Parkview
Foundation Lunch	12 noon, Oct. 18
	Baner Gym
Passes End	12 midnight, Oct. 18
Eucharist (optional)	8 a.m., Oct. 19
	SJMS Chapel
Chapel Service	10:45 a.m., Oct. 19
	Baner Gym
Parade & Review	12 noon, Oct. 19
	Perkins Field
Passes	Following review
Passes End	5 p.m., Oct. 19

New Trustees Elected

Three new Trustees have been elected to the St. John's Military School Board of Trustees. They were guests at the July board meeting and will assume their duties at the Oct. 17 quarterly meeting.

They are H.J. Carey jr., Hutchinson business executive; C. Dean Groves, Salina insurance man, and Wayne Johnson, a Salina County farmer and son of former old boy, Bruce Johnson.

Re-elected to the board for another three-year term were Bill Nicholson, McPherson, and Alfred Schwan, Salina.

Retiring Trustees were A. Jay Andersen, Tom Dunn jr., and Bob Kastner, all of Salina.

Other members of the board are Robert J. Anderson, Ronald Green, Stewart Horejsi, Frank Norton, Dick Renfro, and Jack Vanier, all of Salina; Floyd Fairleigh, Scott City, Ks.; Fred D. Hoppe jr., Littleton, Colo.; Mert

Schwensen jr., Clay Center, Ks., and Lt. Gen. Richard J. Seitz, Junction City, Ks.

The Rt. Rev. John F. Ashby, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Kansas, is chairman of the board.

Honorary Trustees are D. Dale Browning, Denver, and Nelda Linger, Loveland, Colo.

Ad-hoc Trustees are Honald Leach, Colorado Springs, Colo., and the Rev. M. Phil Stump, Hutchinson.

Nicholson is chairman of the executive committee. Other committee members are Horejsi, Renfro, Schwensen, and R. Anderson.

Officers Receive Commissions

Officers in the 99th Corps of Cadets received their commissions and insignia during special ceremonies in Armstrong Memorial Chapel, Saturday evening, Sept. 13.

Making the presentations were Lt. Gen. Richard Seitz, (U.S. Army-Ret.) SJMS Trustee, Junction City; Col. Keith G. Duckers, President; Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean, and Lt. Col. John Nieland, Commandant.

Promoted to major and commissioned was Travis Klopfenstein, Battalion commander.

Receiving commissions as captains were Michael Porter, Robert Wachal and Kevin Smith.

Ronald Pniak was commissioned a first lieutenant. Douglas Otto was promoted and commissioned a first lieutenant.

Commissioned second lieutenants were Eric Eisenman, David Dumler, and Keith Logan. Promoted and commissioned as second lieutenants were Gary Detman and Damon Polk.

A reception for the new officers followed at the home of President and Mrs. Duckers.

99th Year Off To Great Start

The 1986-87 School year is off to a great start. Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, said, "We have an outstanding and enthusiastic Corps of Cadets. The Cadets have a positive attitude toward life at SJMS which has been shown in winning our first two football games."

Duckers expressed disappointment that fewer boys than anticipated are enrolled. He added, "We are at a loss to explain why other than the economy is, as you know, critical here in Kansas and surrounding states."

The School is now in its 99th year of operation. Duckers said, "Our long planned Centennial celebration will begin with the graduation of the 99th Corps next May. Enthusiasm is building. It will be a great historic event and the current Cadets will be a part of it."

Duckers added that the new Commandant, Lt. Col. John Nieland, is having a positive influence on the St. John's Community. The Cadets have been kept busy since arriving on the campus.

"Our Academic Dean, Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, has once again assembled an outstanding faculty," Duckers commented.



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.

OCTOBER--1936

The superintendent, the commandant, two members of the faculty and the housemother are all new this fall. Maj. R.L. Clem, the superintendent, comes from McCook, Neb. . . . Glee Club has been organized. "Although handicapped by lack of experience in part singing some progress has been made in that direction and also along the line of tone quality and enunciation" . . . St. John's beats Salina High B team, 12-0 . . . Cadets are downed by Bennington 7-6 . . . For the first time since 1927, the faculty of St. John's are wearing uniforms. They are copied after those of the U.S. Army.

OCTOBER--1945

The first regular formation of the day and the accompanying flag ceremony officially opened the 58th year at SJMS. Over one hundred cadets reported at this formation with others expected to arrive, representing more than nine states, as well as Venezuela and Alaska . . . C.A.P. program begins at St. John's . . . Beginning this year the library is being completely reorganized according to the Dewey Decimal system, which heretofore has not been used . . . Al Hart, leading dietician, chef and traditional figure of SJMS for the past 21 years, has endeared himself to the hearts of faculty and cadets alike through the medium of his culinary art . . . The Cadets of St. John's for nearly sixty years have knelt to pray, stood to praise and sat to learn in the present chapel. This chapel perches high on the top floor of the original building, built in 1887 . . . John Hughes, Director of Maintenance, observed his 20th anniversary at St. John's.

OCTOBER--1956

Roger Bacon was named Battalion C.O. . . . A record size Cadet Corps begins the 70th year . . . "St. John's Forever," official school song is being republished and will be on sale in the Q.M. soon . . . Phil Hendren, Albuquerque, was selected as the "Skirmisher" new boy of the month . . . Prospects for the rifle team do not look too bad according to Lt. Col. A.Y. Hardy . . . The weekly assembly schedule was announced.

OCTOBER--1966

Enrollment at St. John's Military School is 180, down slightly from previous years. Opening day enrollment last year was 192. School officials had anticipated a record enrollment until the school was plagued by a rash of last-minute contract cancellations . . . Military classes have been integrated into the regular academic class schedule this year. In previous years, military period followed academic classes. St. John's was admitted to the Junior ROTC program this fall as Detachment 37 of the ROTC under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fifth Army with headquarters in Chicago . . . A "Miss Sound-Off" beauty pageant is being planned to select a queen for the St. John's Military yearbook and to represent the Cadet Corps at various functions during the school year . . . The "Rat Program" is in full-swing and will be until the Thanksgiving holidays. All new Cadets eat together in the north wing of Nichols Hall; they eat square meals, walk the halls in the barracks and classroom buildings and are learning the traditions and history of the School.

OCTOBER--1976

A gift of a display booth from the Western Auto Corporation helps tell the St. John's story . . . John Livingston was named the commander of the 89th Corps . . . Lower School Cadets enjoy ecology days . . . After 21 1/2 years of replacing windows, keeping the plumbing and electrical systems in shape and also doing some fine carpentry work at the School, Oldrich Kvasnicka has retired . . . Camping-out on Saturday night is the latest Lower School activity under the direction of Lower School Director, Capt. Gerald Woody . . . Plans for a wilderness survival school and opportunities to earn merit badges are being made by the members of the Explorer Post 654 at the School.

Chapel Service Theme Set

The theme for Chapel services during the 1986-87 school year will be "To be whole is to be free" according to the Rev. Donald Davidson, Chaplain.

Chapel Schedule

Evening prayer . Wed., Oct. 1
Holy Eucharist . Sun., Oct. 5
Sing-a-long . . . Wed., Oct. 8
Holy Eucharist . Sun., Oct. 12
Practice for Parents
Weekend . . . Wed., Oct. 15
Optional . . . 8:30 a.m.
Eucharist . . . Sun., Oct. 19
Parents 10:30 a.m.,
Weekend Oct. 19
Workshop Service
Evening Wed., Oct. 29
Prayer
All-Saints Day . . . 4:30 p.m.,
(Optional) . . . Sat., Nov. 1
Holy Eucharist . Sun., Nov. 2
Evening prayer . Wed., Nov. 5
Holy Eucharist . Sun., Nov. 9
Evening Wed., Nov. 12
Prayer
Holy Eucharist . Sun., Nov. 16
Thanksgiving . Wed., Nov. 19
service

The Religious education program for the fifth and sixth grade Cadets follows the Wednesday evening services. Services on Sunday begin at 11 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

Former Trustee Dies

Cecil A. Jordan, SJMS Trustee and Honorary Colonel of the School, died Sept. 23 at his home in Wichita. The funeral was held Sept. 26 at the Mission Chapel Mausoleum, Wichita.

Mr. Jordan was the retired general manager and vice president of Consolidated Flour Mills, Wichita. He served on the St. John's Board for eight years and was selected as an Honorary Colonel for his support of the School.

Among the survivors is his grandson, E.J. Guerrant, Class of 1963. His great-grandson, Wayne Guerrant, also attended SJMS.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Military School or the St. James Episcopal Church, Wichita.

Pictures Taken

Individual pictures of Cadets, faculty and staff were taken Sept. 11 in the Battalion Assembly area of the Vanier Academic Center. The pictures will appear in the 1986-87 yearbook, "The Sound-Off".

★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

Class of 1938 . . . Fred Lavery visited the School in August. He is a photogrammetrist in Largo, Florida.

Class of 1939 . . . George Lutz visited with Colonel Clem in Denver and offered some catalogs and pictures from his Cadet days which the School will be delighted to receive.

Class of 1944 . . . Robert Porter recently retired from the fire department in Lakewood, Colorado.

Class of 1946 . . . Bob Philbrook recently mailed the School two **Skirmishers** from May and October of 1945 and some promotional brochures and catalogs from that era. He is looking forward to the grand reunion of all classes in 1988.

Class of 1947 . . . Barry Klingsmith, Texarkana, Texas, visited the School recently.

Class of 1949 . . . Marvin Schmidt and his wife visited the School. They live in Tampa, Florida.

Class of 1955 . . . Larry Rice is the new city manager of Lakewood, Colo., after serving 11 years as the manager in Highland Park, Ill. His address is 430 S. Cody Court, Lakewood, Colo. 80226-2978.

Class of 1961 . . . Jack Kaine was in Salina presenting a seminar to the Kansas Bankers Association.

Class of 1964 . . . Bob Garrison has led a varied life since he left St. John's. He spent eight years in Canada, mostly teaching. Then in 1983 when the Americans left Libya, he applied for a teaching job at the Oil Companies School there. Fortunately last year he decided he had enough and returned to the States. Last year he was employed on an Indian reservation in Arizona and earned a "Superior Teacher" rating. He is being certified to teach flying, has his pilot's license, instructor's license and instrument rating.

Class of 1967 . . . Bill Wulff has been appointed aide-de-camp and commissioned Lt. Col. to Gov. J. Harris in Georgia. He would like to hear from former classmates. His address is Route 2, Box 301-B, Franklin, GA 30217.

Class of 1968 . . . Rich McDow visited from Topeka, Kansas. He is an insurance adjuster for Prudential Insurance Company.

Attended 1967-69 . . . Larry Britagam, vice president, cash management services for the First National Bank, Salina, wrote the School after Commencement last year. He said: "There were so many people at St. John's that helped me through such a very important time in my life . . . I can honestly say that every time I face a major decision which could have a tremendous impact, the discipline and drive I was taught at St. John's helps me reach a little further in order to make the right choice. There has never been a day that I have not been proud that I attended St. John's Military School. The direction I was given by the staff has been a major factor in the success that I have experienced in my life."

Class of 1976 . . . Gary Cavey is Director of Engineering at the Boca Raton Hotel and Club, Boca Raton, Florida.

Class of 1977 . . . David Bassett and his wife, Pam, visited the School when he was on leave from the Navy. He has been in for seven years and is stationed in Newport News, VA.

Class of 1982 . . . Brad Hopper was married August 15th. He has his own business and does vinyl cleaning and recoloring.

Attended 1985-86 . . . Chris Owen has been designated a commended student in the 1987 National Merit Scholarship program and will receive a Letter of Commendation in recognition of outstanding academic promise. Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean, said the commendation was based on his performance on the qualifying test for the 23rd annual Merit program. Owen placed in the top 50,000 students of more than one million participants.

Class of 1986 . . . Luis Siles visited the school recently. He is attending Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas.

DECEASED

Clyde Shaffer, Class of 1924, in Alamosa, Colorado.

Ed Ripley, Class of 1929, on July 22 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

William Elkins, Class of 1962, passed away February 20 in Colorado Springs.

FORMER STAFF . . . Amos A. Bailey, a former teacher at SJMS, died June 15 at St. John's Hospital in Salina at the age of 100.

"Old Boy" Muleskinners

Jim Bannon
Tony Bell
Roger Bigler
H.A. Holmes
Robert Odell
Gene Ely
Alan Clem
Tim Soule
Robert Houston
Randy Earle
William Brennan
Dale Browning
Jack Kaine
Charles Morrison
James Stangl
Tom Wilson
Louis Fulton
Don Wendler
Jack Vanier
Dwight Bruening

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, hopes that 99 old boys will become Mule-skinners during the School's 99th year.

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Leadership Training Was Focus of School

Leadership training was presented at the OCS/NCO school held the week prior to the opening of the 1986-87 school year. A group of 44 old boys attended the session.

The week of training, headed by Travis Klopfenstein, Commander of the 99th Corps, included lots of physical fitness, classes on leadership and drill instruction.

Lt. Col. John Nieland, Commandant, conducted the class "Unlocking Your Potential". The course, designed for high school leaders, stressed communication skills, self motivation and goal setting.

The Cadet officers started

each day with an hour of physical training which included a group run. The length of the run increased each day and on the final day the whole unit ran down Santa Fe Ave. to Crawford St. The Cadets sang cadence as they ran to let the people of Salina know that the St. John's Cadets were back in town.

Nieland indicated that these young men are as good or better than any he has trained.



THE RENOVATION PROCESS

Historic Chapel Sports New Look

The historic white chapel on the St. John's Military campus was renovated this summer at a cost of \$70,000. Re-dedication of the Chapel will be held next spring as the School begins its year-long Centennial celebration.

The exterior renovation of the building included new roofing, new siding and the addition of a portico. The cross on the steeple was re-painted silver by a daring workman on a high ladder.

Stained glass windows will be installed during the year.

The furnace room adjacent to the lobby was removed, opening up the area. The balcony was redone.

Interior work was done with new wall board added. The existing paneling was refinished and polished. New carpeting was laid in the altar area and down the center aisle.

The pews were repaired and refinished by Capt. Gene Johnson.

The landscaping around the building is now being completed.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, said that the military chapel, called Armstrong, was purchased for \$2,000 from Camp Phillips, a southwest Salina World War II army training base, after the camp was deactivated in 1945. The chapel was dedicated at the School in 1947.

Duckers said he has been told the chapel was moved over back roads at night to avoid traffic and to avoid hitting power lines with the steeple.

The residence of Dr. William Null, staff physician, was also moved to the campus from Camp Phillips. It was known as the

"General's" cottage. The old gym was also acquired from the camp.

The School chaplain, the Rev. Don Davidson, said the chapel was built according to a design made by Gen. John J. Pershing, famous World War I military leader. Chapels built from the same design were constructed on Army bases all over the country during World War II. They were designed to be non-denominational. Curtain could be drawn over the sacristy. The altar had wheels so it could be rolled away for various types of services.

St. John's Director of Development, Donna Vanier, said the idea of building a new chapel was discussed, but some of the alumni objected to destroying the landmark. "For some, the only thing they recognize on the campus anymore is the chapel," said Vanier.

The renovation of the chapel was funded by the St. John's Military School Foundation.

Other renovation projects completed during the summer were the addition of new siding and a roof to Parkview Hall, home of the Middle School; the resurfacing of the entry drive and the laying of a new brick pavement on the formation area and the installation of new windows in Sage Hall.

Construction equipment was all over the campus for most of the summer but projects were completed before the Cadets arrived in early September.

These projects were funded by Endowment income from the Ferris and Linger trusts.

★ PROMOTIONS ★

The following Cadets have been promoted since the beginning of the School year.

Promoted to:

SERGEANT-MAJOR — Francisco Lanz-Duret.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS — Patrick Rodriguez.

CORPORAL — Marshall Wilson.

PRIVATE OLD BOY — Scott Winner, Henry Junk, John Miller, Albert Reitsma.

"Old Boy" John Pribble Dies Sept. 6

John W. Pribble, 85, died Sept. 6 in Salina. He was a sales consultant and bearing specialist for BRC Bearing Co. of Salina. He and his brother operated Lamb Automotive Supply for 50 years.

Mr. Pribble's interests ranged far beyond his business dealings. A former student at St. John's Military School, he was a strong supporter of his alma mater and frequently lectured to new Cadets.

A recently-acquired prized possession was his photograph taken with an eight-year old Cadet which he titled "The Old Boy and The New Boy". That picture of Mr. Pribble with the youngest Cadet, Rusty Taylor, appeared in the February issue of "The Skirmisher".

Mr. Pribble enrolled as a Cadet in January of 1916 and attended the School until 1919. He also attended Culver Military Academy in Indiana, the University of Nebraska and Kansas Wesleyan, Salina.

Services were held Sept. 9 at Christ Episcopal Cathedral. A memorial has been established with the St. John's Military School Scholarship fund.

Casket bearers were six Cadets.

Cadet participants were Travis Klopfenstein, Doug Otto, Mike Porter, Kevin Smith, Chuck Riley, Francisco Lanz-Duret and Ron Pniak. David Dumler was the Bugler.



HISTORICAL TOUR

A group of Cadets on the Summer historical tour view "Picketts Charge" at Gettysburg, PA. A special tour was arranged by Old Boy Al Palmer, Class of 1959. Mike Ludwig, a friend of Palmer's, showed the Cadets the advancement of the Confederate troops.

Ranger Program Begins

A Ranger program has started at St. John's Military School under the direction of Lt. Col. John Nieland, Commandant.

A group of 111 Cadets have been busy each Saturday in various stages of the training program.

Physical testing was held Saturday, Sept. 13. Cadets did sit-ups, pull-ups, standing long-jump, 40-yard shuttle, and bench and leg presses.

A 12-mile night march was held Sept. 20. The Cadets left the school at 8 p.m. and walked the flood control dike from Fifth street to Crawford street and back. All had completed the walk by midnight.

The Corps went to Ft. Riley, Sept. 27, to participate in the obstacle course and leadership reaction course. The reaction course was both a physical and mental challenge according to

Nieland. The Cadets were divided into groups of 5-10. They were given a problem with a physical obstacle involved. Each team was to find a solution to defeat the obstacle.

Those in the program practiced mountain rappelling at the main Salina Fire station. Only those cadets who wished tried this program, Saturday, Oct. 4.

A map reading field exercise is planned for Oct. 11. The candidates will fly by helicopter from St. John's to the Smoky Hill Bomb range, southwest of Salina. They will be given maps and compasses. They are to use these to reach an objective at a special time. The group will then helicopter back to the school.

Those who make the Ranger team will receive their Black Beret at a ceremony during Parents Weekend.

Cadet Center Donor Dies

Ada Belle Spencer, Denver, died Aug. 5. Funeral services were held at Wellshire Presbyterian Church, Denver, Aug. 8.

Mrs. Spencer and her late husband, John Galen, were generous donors to the fund to build the Spencer Cadet Center.

Their son, Ben, attended SJMS.

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Cadets Shutout St. Mary's

Chuck Riley and Ron Pniak each rushed for over 100 yards and a touchdown Saturday afternoon, Sept. 19 as the Cadets kicked off their prep football season with a 30-0 lashing of St. Mary's Academy.

Riley opened the scoring spree with an 80-yard touchdown jaunt in the second quarter. Mike Swisher pulled in a 45-yard TD pass from Travis Klopfenstein as the Muleskinners took a 16-0 lead into halftime.

Pniak's TD came on a 65-yard gallop in the third quarter and David Rhoads added a 12-yard TD run in the final period.

Riley accumulated 137 yards and Pniak, 169, as St. John's rushed for 340 yards in the eight-man game played on an 11-man field.

With a half-dozen returning starters to build around, SJMS coach Kelly Rudolph hopes the Muleskinners can turn the corner in 1986.

Rudolph is hoping the fastest athlete in the Post Rock League, Riley, can outrun the opposing containment and turn the corner. The 6-0, 165-lb. running back won the Post Rock League 200-meter title last spring and then qualified for state.

Rudolph said, "Hopefully, we can make a respectable showing in the league this year."

This year the Cadets have a bit of everything a coach desires. They have some speed, they have some size, they have some experience and leadership and they even have some depth.

Senior guard Mike Porter, 6-1, tips the scales at 210 pounds and he is starting both ways this fall.

Then there is honorable mention all-league center Doug Otto (5-11, 170) and end Pniak (5-11, 165) and the Muleskinners have some experience along the line as well as the backfield.

"We have the quarterback who was going to start for us last year when he was injured--Travis Klopfenstein (5-10, 160). Mike Swisher, who played some quarterback for us last year moved to end and also to running back. Rudolph continued, "It's nice for a change to have kids like Swisher, who can play several different positions for you."



RUNNING FOR A TOUCHDOWN in the game against St. Mary's was Ron Pniak. The Cadets shut-out that school in a game Sept. 20.

Foundation Membership Drive Begins

The annual membership drive for the SJMS Foundation has started according to Donna Vanier, Director of Development.

There are three membership categories--active, \$30; sustaining, \$100 and life, \$1,000 in a fiscal year.

Mrs. Vanier said that last year the Foundation purchased new boards for the outdoor bleachers and made a \$5000 contribution to the Centennial celebration budget.

The Foundation has provided the funds to renovate the Chapel. That project was completed this summer.

Other projects of the group of patrons and friends over the years include storage closet for band instruments, electronic digital thermometer for the infirmary; computers and software for the Middle School; round tables for the dining hall; air-conditioning of the science lab, guitars and a new SJMS flag.

The fall luncheon meeting of the Foundation will be held at noon Saturday, Oct. 18, during Parents Weekend in the Banes Gymnasium.

Chapel Council Officers Named

David Dumler is serving as the president of the Chapel Council. Other officers are Kevin Smith, vice president; Jeff Taber, secretary; Randy Wilson, High school representative, and Jon Treadway, Middle school representative.

New probationary members of the council are Brent Jones, Tyler Rogers, Robert Ellis, Gilbert Thompson and Seth Larson.

N. Polk Named Commandant's Cadet-of-Week

Noah Polk was selected as the first "Commandant's Cadet" for the first week of school by Lt. Col. John B. Nieland, Commandant.

Nieland said, "Polk's outstanding effort, cooperative nature and willingness to participate in all events during the OCS/NCO school made him the top candidate for the honor."

Being selected as the Commandant's Cadet authorizes the student selected to sit at the Commandant's table for all meals, is the Commandant's special aide and earns a special pass.

Jeffrey Tabor was named the Commandant's Cadet for the week of Sept. 12-19.

Ben Edwards was named for the week of Sept. 19-26 and Brooke Wilkison for the week of Sept. 26 - Nov. 3.

Fun Day Held On Campus

The Commandant's annual fun day was held Saturday afternoon Sept. 13 on Perkins Field. Various competitive games were held.

The only casualty of the afternoon was Business Manager Tom Martin who suffered a fractured ankle in the tug-of-war event.

Other events were the sack race, dizzy dilly race, egg toss, football throw, softball, three-on-three basketball and a cake walk.

During the afternoon the Cadets enjoyed caramel apples, popcorn and soft drinks. A picnic lunch was served at the end of the afternoon.

Cadets Defeat Bennington

In a stunning victory, the St. John's Cadets defeated Bennington High School, 24-18 Sept. 26 on Perkins Field.

Travis Klopfenstein's three-yard touchdown pass to Robert Mariani with 2:30 remaining in the game capped an 18-point final quarter.

The win marked the first time in recent history St. John's has won its first two games of the season and the first time they've defeated the visiting Bulldogs since the football program was resumed at the School.

"It's a great win," said SJ Military's fifth-year head coach, Kelly Rudolph. "It's the biggest win we've had since I've been here."

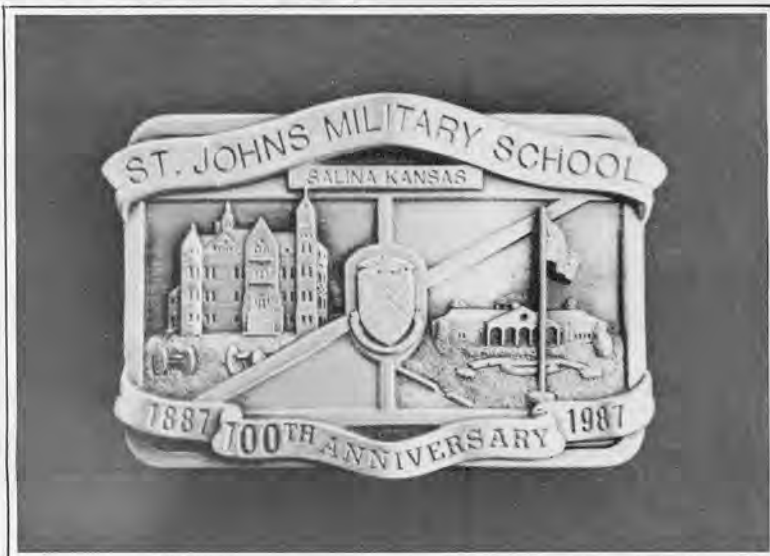
St. John's trailed 18-6 heading into the final quarter before Mariani recovered a Bennington fumble in the end zone for the

Muleskinners' second score of the game.

"That little fumble in the end zone definitely pumped us up," Rudolph said. "We were down 18-6 and we were dead. But then we got three touchdowns in such a short time. They'd run three plays and the defense would give us the ball right back."

Ron Pniak opened the game for St. John's with a 58-yard touchdown run in the first quarter.

Klopfenstein also scored in the final quarter on a one-yard run. All attempts at extra points failed.



THE CENTENNIAL BELT BUCKLE

The official unveiling of the Centennial Belt Buckle will be the feature of the Parent Mixer to be held Friday, Oct. 17, during Parents Weekend. The buckle features a picture of old Vail Hall and the new Vanier Academic center. Each of these limited edition buckles is numbered. The first five buckles will be auctioned to the highest bidders during the mixer.

News Cast Begins Day

A short news report is given each day at the beginning of the first hour. This is a project of the National Honor Society.

National, international and sports news is reported. Other items such as school club meetings, sport results, class projects and other school related items are reported.

The news is followed by a short prayer.


The first news broadcaster, selected by NHS members, was Damon Polk. The Cadet Chaplain, David Dumler, gives the prayer.

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