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Flag Project Huge Success

All 100 flags for the Centennial celebration have been purchased by donations from old boys, staff members, trustees and friends of the School.

The flags will be raised during morning colors on Saturday morning, May 23. It is hoped each donor will be present to raise his flag.

The teardrop area or the bull ring, as known by many old boys, has been filled with new top soil and the concrete bases to hold the 18-foot flag poles are being installed. A new automatic sprinkler system is also being added.

Additional donations will be used to purchase trees for the Centennial forest. These trees will be placed on the west part of the campus to provide screening from Ninth street.

Each donor will have his name inscribed on a granite marker.

The donors of the final flags are:

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In tribute to Col. Keith G. Duckers, by Gary Conard
Douglas T. Otto, '88
The Rev. Loyd W. Holifield jr., by the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. William Davidson
"Colorado" by Helene Marsh

St. John's Receives Publicity

St. John's Military School has been the subject of six recent stories in magazines and newspapers.

The Ft. Riley newspaper, *The Post*, had a story about life at St. John's in its March 6th edition. Featured in this story were Cadets Todd Probasco and Aaron Lines.

Pictures and a story appeared in the spring issue of "Kansas". The title of this feature was "Only The Best, St. John's Military Academy in Salina has prepared young men for the 'real world' for the past 100 years."

"Kansas Too", a publication for school students, featured SJMS and Douglas Otto, junior Cadet, in its February-March issue.

"St. John's Cadets march through a century" was the featured story in the Progress edition of *The Salina Journal*, Feb. 22. The story traced the 100-year history of the School as a centennial spotlight.

"The Prairie Spirit", publication of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas, had a picture of a chapel service and one of the front gate and campus on the front page of the March issue.

"Military school Cadets at ease while on leave" was the title of a feature in *The Daily Oklahoman and Times*, Oklahoma City, Feb. 9. Pictured were all the Cadets from Oklahoma attending SJMS. The story was arranged by Janet Massad, mother of Cadet Rodney Massad.

COMMENCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Old Boys Stag 5:30 - 7 p.m., Friday, May 22
Holidome
First Raising of 100 flags 7:30 a.m., Sat., May 23
Military parade 10 a.m., Sat., May 23
Foundation luncheon 12 noon, Sat., May 23
Salina Country Club
Awards Convocation 3 p.m., Sat., May 23
Banes Gymnasium
Banquet and Military Ball The evening of Sat., May 23
Salina Bicentennial Center
Commencement exercises 10 a.m., Sunday, May 24



Travis Klopfenstein

Klopfenstein Gets Academy Appointment

Travis Klopfenstein, Battalion Commander of the 99th Corps of Cadets, has been appointed to the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs.

Klopfenstein is the first Cadet to earn appointment to the Air Academy. Other St. John's graduates have attended the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, and the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis.

Klopfenstein was nominated for the post through the JROTC Honor School program. Each School earning the Honor School with distinction rating is entitled to nominate three students for Academy appointments.

A total of 12,000 students applied for the appointment with only 15 percent being accepted. Klopfenstein will report to the Academy on June 30 this year with academic classes beginning in the fall. He will be a member of the Class of '91.

Enrolling as a freshman at SJMS, Klopfenstein has been named to the Blue Berets, academic honorary, for all except one grading period during his four years.

He is president of the Blue Berets and the National Honor Society. Holding the rank of Cadet lieutenant colonel, Klopfenstein is a driller with the Crack Squad, was quarterback of the football team and was a member of the basketball team. He is the son of Larry Klopfenstein, Stockton, Calif.

Marine C.O. To Speak At Commencement

Col. Al Ransom, USMC, Class of 1956, will be the speaker at Commencement Sunday morning, May 24.

He is the first commanding officer of the newly designated Marine Corps Air Station, Camp Pendleton, Calif. In August of this year, he will be giving up his command and retiring following 29 years of active service.



Col. Al Ransom



Cadet Al Ransom

Ransom wrote: "In this, my final year of military service being a part of St. John's commencement is even more

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Cadets March In St. Pat's Parade

A unit of 31 Cadets marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Denver March 14. The Colorado Cadets, who were on spring furlough, volunteered their vacation time to appear at the event.

The parade was a great success and was viewed by over 200,000 people in the Denver area. It was broadcast on TV Channel Seven in the Rocky Mountain region.

Coordinating the event was Mrs. Joan Miles, mother of Cameron Miles of Denver.

Marchers from the Denver area were Daniel Archer, Adam Baker, Thomas Berry, Maxwell Brooks, Travis Klopfenstein, Jon Cunningham, Chad Calvaresi, Gary Detman, Brian Douglas, David Dumler, Darren Fred, Adam Gibson, Kenneth Grant, James Haptonstall, Jeff Herroren, Chris Johnson, Aaron Lines, Keith Logan, Jay Macrum, Nathaniel Marshall, Steven Myers, Michael Noah, James Rust, Douglas Simmons, Kevin Smith, Jeff Taber, Roy Vogel, Cameron Miles and Randy Wilson.

Successor Named For Commandant

Command Sgt/Maj. Robert Strait was named to replace Lt. Col. John B. Nieland as Commandant of Cadets effective in early February.

Nieland, who succeeded Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg last fall, submitted his resignation to Col. Keith G. Duckers, President. He cited personal reasons for his resignation.

Nieland formerly was senior army instructor at Camelback High school, Phoenix, Ariz. He and his wife, Louise, returned to Phoenix.

Strait, 49, has been at SJMS since September 1985. He was a St. John's Junior ROTC instructor. He has a 30-year record of service in the U.S. Army with tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam. He also has run high school ROTC programs at Canon City, Colo., and Omaha, Neb.

Crack Squad Wins First At KU Drill

The Crack Squad, commanded by Chuck Riley, placed first in the exhibition drill with weapons during the seventh annual Jayhawk Invitational drill meet at the University of Kansas.

The competition was held March 21 in Lawrence.

Three Cadets placed in the top 20 of 200 drillers in the individual drill-down. Travis Klopfenstein won a trophy for placing third. Marshall Wilson placed fourth and Ron Pniak was in the final 20.

Seven JROTC schools were represented at the meet.

Other SJMS drillers were David Dumler, Bob Wachal, Kevin Smith, Jim Rust and Cameron Miles. They were accompanied by Sergeant First Class Sherman.



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.

MARCH--1922

Cadets on hunts. They take advantage of the snow and hunt for rabbits. . . The art of boxing was until recent years looked upon as prize fighting and not an art of self defense. But now people are beginning to realize the importance of acquiring the art. And in due respect to this fact a class has been organized at St. John's. . . Rumors have been circulating about the school that St. John's is to have a radio in the near future. It would enable cadets to listen and enjoy the concerts, addresses and sermons, music of all kinds from cities and towns within a radius of 700 miles at a small expense . . . The sunset gun which has been long expected arrived last week from an arsenal in California. It will be fired at the first note of reveille and the last note of retreat.

MARCH--1967

SJMS Cadets prepare for ROTC inspection . . . Ministers from each Cadet's home church have been invited to the second annual Pastors' Day at SJMS . . . Salina men to discuss careers with Cadets at the second annual Career Day . . . A **Skirmisher** editorial asked: "Are Drill Squads, units of the past?" . . . Junior NHS chartered.

MARCH-1977

Capt. Paul Kellogg jr., coach and athletic director, announced his resignation effective at the end of the current school year . . . Former Cadets now at KSU commend SJMS program. A former Cadet said, "Teachers at SJMS are people who are genuinely concerned" . . . Junior Honors group admits six cadets . . .

Chapel Move Described

The recently renovated Armstrong Chapel on the St. John's campus was moved to the School during October of 1946 from Camp Phillips, an Army post located near Salina.

The following account of that move appeared in the February, 1947 issue of **The Skirmisher**.

"The chapel that was purchased from Camp Phillips last year has finally arrived on the campus. As is already known the chapel was supposed to be on location long ago, but delay has been due to the shortage of moving materials and labor difficulties on the part of the company engaged to do the work. Transportation of the building has been a source of speculation for many months.

"First of all giant redwood timbers had to be shipped from California to serve as supports as the structure is rather large and required more than the usual amount of time in preparation for moving. When finally on the road, new difficulties were encountered. Just outside the city a small bridge presented a traffic waterloo temporarily. Two trestles had to be constructed in order to get the chapel over and across the railings and large hydraulic jacks were required in raising and lowering the load.

"Because highway 40 was under repair at the time, the delivery of the chapel had to wait until the road was opened, to say nothing of the innumerable wires that had to be cut to permit passageway."

SJMS Receives Old Deed

An old deed between the Episcopal Military Institute Association and F.G. Barker was mailed to the School by John F. Barker, Montgomery, Ala., a former teacher at SJMS.

The deed features an elaborate drawing of Vail Hall. The deed is signed by F. Hageman and Judge John Prescott, early Salina founders.

Barker explained the holes in the deed. He wrote: "The burned places came about when my grandfather was loading his shotgun. Some way his finger slipped on the barrel, the gun went off and blew a hole in my mother's saratoga trunk where valuable papers were kept."

Detman Heads Fourth Honor Roll

Gary Detman was the leader on the fourth grading period honor roll. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Travis Klopfenstein and Douglas Otto.

Damon Polk was also named to the honor roll.

Earning honorable mention were Keith Logan, Jay Macrum, Gil Thompson, Kipp Ertl, Jeff Bahr, John Marshall, Chris Pinson-Smith, John Stebbins, Ed Clementson, Kent Churchill, Hans Krogh-Hansen, Scott Weaver, Patrick Sparks, Cameron Miles, Brad Heinrich, Jeff Shore, Chris Moran, Neil Bandy, David Dumler, Chad Calvaresi, Mike Porter, Randy Wilson, Chris Allen and Jason White.

Gary Detman Heads Third Honor Roll

Gary Detman was at the top of the honor roll for the third grading period. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Pat Rodriguez and Travis Klopfenstein.

Others named to the honor roll were Jay Macrum and Doug Otto.

Earning honorable mentions were Keith Logan, Jason White, John Stebbins, Scott Weaver, Chris Pinson-Smith, Kipp Ertl, Kent Churchill, Gil Thompson, Damon Polk, Joe Richards, Chad Calvaresi, Ray Duckstein, Aaron Gillespie and Jeff Bahr.

Pemberton Heads M.S. Honors List

Sid Pemberton was the leader on the Middle School's fourth grading period honor roll.

He was named to the Blue Berets with Lorenzo Rubio and Chad Wing.

Earning honorable mention were Robert Ellis, David Hale, Rusty Taylor, Kendall Lang, Dustin Robinson, Noah Polk, Albert Farley and Ron Henning.

Middle School Names Honor Cadets

Shane May was the leader of the third grading period honor roll in the Lower School. Sid Pemberton was also named to the honors list.

Selected as Blue Berets were May, Pemberton and Robert Ellis.

Earning honorable mention were Rusty Taylor, Dustin Robinson, Lorenzo Rubio and Peter Hastings.

★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

Attended 1927-32 . . . George Tallchief will attend Commencement activities in May. He will arrive on Friday and leave following Commencement on Sunday.

Class of 1944 . . . Ed Lehman, editor and publisher of the Longmont, Colo., Times Call, has announced a \$3 million building and equipment addition to the newspaper plant. The major expansion will include a three-story high addition which will more than double the present plant. The corporation also publishes the Loveland Daily Reporter-Herald and the Canon City Daily Record. The presswork and many phases of production of the six-day a week Loveland daily are done in the Longmont plant.

Ed and his wife, Ruth, are planning to attend Commencement festivities.

Class of 1946 . . . Lou Fulton called the School to nominate himself and "Bones" Snyder for platoon leaders in the Centennial parade.

Class of 1954 . . . Gary Conard is managing two radio stations in Bakersfield, Calif. He has purchased two trees-in honor of Col. Keith Duckers, School President, and Lt. Col. V.B. Loy, Social Science teacher--for the Centennial forest.

Class of 1955 . . . Directors of the Plus System, Inc., approved affiliation with Visa U.S.A. recently. D. Dale Browning is the president of Plus System. The action clears the way for what officials describe as the single largest affiliation in the history of shared automated teller machine networks. Browning said, "We have just begun to tap the vast array of services these systems can offer to both banks and consumers."

Class of 1968 . . . John M. Phillips, 6009 Hickory Meadow Lane, Memphis, Tenn., is with the microwave division of the Litton company. His brother,

Daniel, who attended in 1969, 404 N.W. A Street, Grants Pass, Ore., is a lawyer. John has a son and daughter. Dan is the father of two daughters and a son.

Class of 1973 . . . Kenneth Harper has been nominated for leader of the "old boy platoon" by Helene Marsh, mother of old boy **Steve Marsh** who attended '68-'70. Ken, who is in the Air Force, was a recent visitor on campus.

Class of 1975 . . . Robin Clary is married and the father of a baby girl.

Class of 1977 . . . John Livingston has left the active duty military service and will begin a business career. He has submitted applications to the graduate business schools at Harvard, Stanford and the University of Chicago for next fall. Livingston is on a sabbatical leave at the Intercultural Institute of Japan in Tokyo until September. He graduated from the U.S. Military academy at West Point in 1981 with a standing of 21 out of 961 in the class. He was named to the dean's list, superintendent's list and was honored as a distinguished cadet. He has just completed work on a M.S. degree in mechanical engineering at George Washington U., Washington, D.C. He has served as project manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Ft. Belvoir, Va. since January of 1984. Prior to that, Livingston served for a year and a half in Korea.

Class of 1984 . . . Eduardo Vaccaro is studying industrial engineering at the University of Oklahoma. He is also enrolled in the ROTC program. He sent his nomination to be commander of the "old boy platoon". Vaccaro said that **Raul Carbonell** and **Mario Alcedo** are planning to attend the centennial celebration. Vaccaro's address is: 322 Page St., B-20, Norman, OK 73069.

Crooks Denies Stuffing Box

Robert B. Crooks, Class of '28, claims he is not stuffing the ballot box for selection of the commander of the "old boy" platoon. He asked, "Where did they get that idea?"

However, ten more nominations have been received for someone by the last name of Crooks. They include:

Robert Crooks . . . "the man for the job!"

Hopeful R. Crooks . . . "full of hope."

Two hair R. Crooks . . . "in youth he was ahead of his years."

Crooked Crooks . . . "like those in government-takes these qualities to lead."

Bob Crooks . . . "stands tall in the saddle."

Major R. Crooks . . . "his 78 years give him invaluable experience."

R.B. Crooks . . . "girls vote for him too!"

R. Barringer Crooks . . . "an exceptional choice".

Robert Sherlock Crooks . . . "once ran for sheriff."

Barringer R. Crooks . . . "name Barringer sounds distinctive."

Old Boys Plan Stag

A stag party for all "old boys" attending Commencement this year is being planned by Bob Crooks, San Diego, Calif., and Pete Holmes, Eureka, Kas.

The party is being planned for Friday evening, May 22, preceding the raising of the 100 flags on Commencement Saturday morning.

Crooks wrote: "Pete and I want this stag to be a fun party and memorable for all--for as you know St. John's is close to our hearts. The 100th celebration sounds tremendous. You are doing an outstanding job."

Crooks, a San Diego realtor, can be reached at 2125 Poinsettia Dr., San Diego, 92107.

Cadets Help Cozy Celebrate

The Crack Drill Squad participated in ribbon cutting ceremonies to mark the 65th anniversary of the "Cozy Inn" in Salina, March 17.

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★ PROMOTIONS ★

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

Promoted to:

CAPTAIN — Gary Detman, David Dumler, Chuckie Riley.

FIRST LIEUTENANT — Keith Logan, Jim Rust, Michael Shaw.

SECOND LIEUTENANT — Francisco Lanz-Duret, Maxwell Brooks, Tim Kyle, Chad Calvaresi, Hans Krogh-Hansen.

FIRST SERGEANT — Marshall Wilson, Randy Wilson.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS — Joseph Richards, Brian Douglas, Cameron Miles, Jason White, Jeff Taber, Aaron Calhoun, Brad Heinrich, Richard Jenkins, Chris Pinson-Smith.

STAFF SERGEANT — David Brown, Doug Knowles, Brooke Wilkison, Chris Moran, Dan Stabler, Michael Wilson, Eric Bengtson, Jon Greene, Robert Mariani, Anthony Smith.

SERGEANT — Brian Farrell, Jeff Juchems, Chris Allen, Tyler Rogers, Brent Buchanan, Chris Jetter, Clint Ballhagen, Kipp Ertl, Thomas Keefe, Robert Odell, Ed Price, John Stebbins, Gil Thompson, Joe Tannahill, Troy McGinnis.

CORPORAL — Charles Searc, Rod Massad, Jeff Shore, Jeff Bahr, David Yost, Todd Probasco, Walter Shields, Sid Pemberton, Stewart Hendricks, John Marshall, Michael Noah, Brian Rittgers, Dean Troutee, Brent Jones, Allan Welch, Scott Winner, Pat Baird, Joe Castillo, Frank Churchill, Doug Conley, Bill Cuddy, Ray Duckstein, Eric Eisenman, Al Farley, Michael Lierman, Nathan Marshall, David Rhoades, Brian Stevens, Randall Van Der Slik.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS — Peter Hastings, Kenneth Grant, Douglas Simmons, Robert McDonald, Jai Hutcherson, Brad Jensen, Kendall Lang, Daniel Archer, Kyle Brazzel, James Coffman, Timothy Foust, Dwayne Headley, Michael Higgins, Gerald Miller, John Miller, Barney Pivnick, Jimmy Rocco, David Rose, Stephen Sanders, Kevin Sparks, Roy Vogel, Glenn Wiedenbeck, Jeffery Stewart, Jon Cunningham, Ron Henning.

PRIVATE OLD BOY — Neil Bandy, Michael Barnes, Thomas Berry, Adam Capps, Scott Crangle, Michael Elsey, James Haen, David Hale, Bobby Johnson, Chris Johnson, Gary Johnson, Jack Kelley, Jeremy Kinner, Michael Millay, Reno Nelson, James Rose, Richard Robinson, Dallas Skadburg, Darren Thomas, Shayne Karnazes, Ed Clementon, Kevin Haptonstall, Vincent Parsons, Maurice Vigneron, Adam Baker, Patrick Foley, Jon Cunningham, Charles Evans, Ken Roark, Chad Wing, James Wempe, Jeff Heronen, Jon Tarbutton.

Strait Speaks at SAR

CM Sgt/Maj. Bob C. Strait, Commandant, was the guest speaker at the 96th annual meeting of the Kansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution held March 21 at the Holidome in Salina.

OUR BOYS GO MARCHING ON!

... a history

This long needed volume, together with LTC Virgil B. Loy's chronological history of St. John's for the first 99 years, will be cherished by St. John's Military School alumni and friends.

This is the history of St. John's in pictures. It is a rich collection of photographs which spans a century of growth and change. The earliest pictures were taken before the turn of the century when venerable Vail Hall towered over the barren Kansas prairie. The most recent pictures depict the modern St. John's as it will appear during the Centennial Year, beginning in May 1987, and continuing through the Grand Reunion in May of 1988.

The several chapters of the book capture the essence of life at St. John's during a specific period. Essays from the Rt. Rev. Robert H. Mize, Jr., the late Col. Waldorf L. Ganssle, Col., the Rev. Remey L. Clem, and the present president, Col. Keith G. Duckers, detail the important events of the time they were associated with the school.

It is all here: Cadet life, campus scenes, teams, groups, drill teams, faces of favorite faculty members and colorful campus personalities, trustees and benefactors. There is the appearance of new buildings and the razing of old. Nostalgia abounds in pictures of military balls, athletic events, and the people who were involved in them. At the same time, the photographers reveal the disastrous aftermath of two major fires, the last of which resulted in the razing of Vail Hall in 1978.

For anyone ever associated with St. John's, this book will be a fascinating and informative look at what time has wrought. For SJMS history buffs, it's a must.

For the hundreds of Cadets who walked the bullring, paraded on Perkins Field, thrilled at their first promotion, it will be a treasure trove of memories of their own special stay at St. John's, and, for those in the 99th Corps of Cadets, it will become a prized keepsake.

SJMS FOREVER!

... Col. Keith G. Duckers,
President

Pugh Donation Aids Library

The St. John's Library recently received \$167 from Cloyd Pugh, Topeka, from the Dennis G. and Dale H. Pugh St. John's Military School trust.

The Freedom Tree on campus was given in memory of Dennis Pugh who was missing in action in Vietnam and later declared dead.

According to Martha Lohmann, School librarian, the contributions since 1981 have enabled the School to purchase 43 new military and history books.

Blue Berets Hold Dinner

The Blue Beret Club, academic honorary, held a dinner Feb. 26 at the Brookville Hotel, Brookville.

After dinner, the Cadets listened to an old-time player piano and visited the room where Buffalo Bill once slept.

Members of the club recently sold programs at the Big Eight Women's Basketball tournament held at the Bicentennial center in Salina. The Cadets sold all the programs in the first two days of the three-day event.

Bishop Ashby Confirms Three

The Rt. Rev. John Ashby, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas, visited the campus Feb. 22 for the sacrament of confirmation.

Confirmed were Maxwell Brooks, Gilbert Thompson and Albert Farley.

Cadet participants in the service were Kevin Smith and David Dumler.

Club Sponsors Skating Parties

The SJMS Ladies Club sponsored two skating parties for Cadets in the Middle and Upper Schools.

A group of 38 Middle School Cadets skated for two hours on Sunday, Feb. 22 with 25 Upper School Cadets skating on March 1.

The club provides funding for transportation and admission fees.

Cadets, Staff Aid Public TV

Cadets and staff members manned the telephones to help raise funds for public television station KOOD in Bunker Hill, Kas., March 17. The group secured \$1100 in pledges during the evening.

Making the trip west were Cadets Mike Porter, David Dumler, Travis Klopfenstein and Doug Otto, and staff members, Maj. Mike Miller, Senior Army Instructor; Martha Lohman, Librarian; the Rev. Don Davidson, Chaplain; and Tom Martin, Business manager.

Cadets Ski Colorado

A ski trip to Winter Park, Colo., was taken by 48 Cadets Feb. 6-9. Supervising the trip were Maj. Mike Miller, Senior Army Instructor, and Joel Looney, of the business staff. No accidents were reported.



THE WALL OF FAME

Three Cadets study the pictures and stories of the successful careers of St. John's Military "old boys". Pictures of the former Cadets in their present occupations and their Cadet pictures are in the entry hall of the Vanier Academic Center. The Cadets are (left to right) Max Brooks, Scott Weaver and Francisco Lanz-Duret. (Photo by Don McCann).

Lenten Services Set

Services in the St. John's Chapel have been scheduled for Lent and through Commencement.

Optional services during Lent are held at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

The movie, "The Lion, Witch and Wardrobe", based on a book by C.S. Lewis is being shown in four parts during Wednesday evening services. Earlier in the semester, Cadets learned about the new Episcopal hymnal.

Guest preacher during the Sunday, March 22, service was Naomi Strand, associate pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church. The Rev. Canon H. Scott Kirby was the celebrant during the Sunday Eucharist, Feb. 8.

Services on Palm Sunday will be at 11 a.m.

A Chrism Mass for clergy members of the Diocese of Western Kansas will be held at 10 a.m., April 14 in the Chapel. The clergy will have lunch with members of the 99th Corps following the service.

The time of the Maundy Thursday service, April 16, will be announced later.

An optional service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Good Friday, April 17.

The Easter Festival Eucharist will be at 11 a.m. Easter Day.

Celebration singing will be conducted on Wednesdays, April 22 and 29.

Senior Sunday will be observed in Chapel May 3 with Cadet David Dumler, Chapel Council President, as the preacher.

A special installation service for the Chapel Council President for 1987-88 will be held Wednesday, May 6.

Chapel programs will end for the year with the Senior Holy Eucharist on Commencement Sunday, May 24, in the Chapel.

Corps Field Trains

A field training exercise was conducted at the local National Guard training area for 125 Cadets March 5. The exercise stressed map reading and orientation. The project began at 7:30 a.m. and ended at 1 p.m.

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B'Ball Season Ends, 5-10

Muleskinners Down Solomon

The SJMS Cadets posted a Post Rock League victory over the Solomon Gorillas, 54-50, Feb. 4 at Solomon.

The Cadets have now won three of their last four outings and have improved their record to 3-7 on the year.

St. John's was 16-22 from the free throw line for the difference in the game.

"That's the best we've ever shot free throws," Coach Chuck Speilman said.

Mike Swisher led the way for the Cadets, popping in 18 points. Travis Klopfenstein added 14 and Chuck Riley pitched in 11 for the Muleskinners.

"This team is just playing good team ball right now and they believe they can win," Speilman said.

Ransom *Cont. from Page 1*

meaningful for me as St. John's and the Marine Corps stand for everything that makes our nation great. In my heart I'm still a young Cadet and I envy the graduating class, they are stepping into a new dimension."

He added, "St. John's plays an important role in my life and I owe a great deal of my success to the faculty, Cadets and school traditions that helped me mature into a responsible citizen."

Ransom attended SJMS from 1951 until his graduation in 1956. During his senior year he was the Battalion commander, Crack Platoon commander, Crack Squad commander, quarterback of the football team, basketball forward and recipient of the Gordon Prize. He now funds the Gordon Prize.

He attended the University of Colorado on a football scholarship until enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1958. He was selected for Naval flight training as a Naval Aviation Cadet and received his commission wings in September 1960.

Ransom has served in Japan, Vietnam, Korea, Hawaii, Italy and various Marine Corps bases in California. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Chapman College, Orange, Calif., in 1974.

Ransom's personal decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Air medal with numeral "24", Defense Meritorious Service medal, Navy Commendation medal and the Korean Inhun medal. In addition, he has logged over 4000 hours of flying time in tactical aircraft.

Muleskinners Stay Hot With 35-32 Victory

The last time St. John's and Tescott met on the basketball court, Tescott came away with an easy 64-29 victory, Dec. 9.

My, how things have changed in a couple of months.

Friday, Feb. 6, St. John's won for the fourth time in the last five games with a 35-32 victory over the Trojans in Baner Gym.

The Cadets are now 2-4 in the Post Rock League and 4-7 overall.

Coach Chuck Speilman credited his team's defense for the victory.

The game was close throughout as neither team had more than a four-point lead at any time.

Mike Swisher scored 11 points followed by Steve Sanders with nine.

Cadets Take 5th Victory

The Cadets used strong rebounding to whip St. Mary's Academy, 55-31, and claim its fifth victory of the season, Feb. 14.

The Cadets grabbed 56 rebounds against the shorter St. Mary's players. Steve Sanders led with 16 rebounds along with a team high 13 points. Tony Smith had 14 rebounds and nine points.

"Rebounding was the big difference in the game," said Coach Chuck Speilman. "Our kids also played outstanding defense."

Miltonvale Nips Muleskinners

The Miltonvale Pirates picked up their first victory of the season Feb. 17 in Miltonvale as they posted a 38-35 win over the Cadets in a non-league basketball game.

Miltonvale held a 10-point lead, 24-14, at halftime. The Muleskinners cut the deficit to six points by the end of the third quarter and eventually pulled within two points in the fourth quarter at the two-minute mark.

Travis Klopfenstein lead St. John's with 10 points.

Fun-Run, Bike Race Scheduled

As a part of the Centennial activities a 6.6-mile fun-run and a 19-mile bicycle race will be held Saturday, May 23.

The first annual Century Classic is being co-sponsored by St. John's Military School and the National Bank of America.

The run is to start immediately following the flag raising ceremony on the campus. The bicycle race will start the Centennial parade at 10 a.m.

Tom Martin, Business Manager and race-run coordinator, urges all parents, alums and friends of St. John's to climb out of bed, lace up the sneakers and participate in the event.

The entry fee is \$8 for either event or \$15 for both. Martin says he can't imagine that anyone would want to compete in both but it is possible.

Each participant will receive an official Century Classic T-shirt.

Track Schedule

Southeast Saline, April 7
Th
Concordia, Th April 14
Solomon, Th April 21
Sacred Heart, Th . . . April 28
Minneapolis, Th May 9
League Track May 15
meet

Track Practice Starts

Track practice started on March 20.

Participating are Aaron Calhoun, Chad Calvaresi, Kent Churchill, David Dumler, Kipp Ertl, Darren Fred, Richard Jenkins, Jeff Herronen, Travis Klopfenstein, Francisco Lanz-Duret, Robert Mariani, Rod Massad, Barney Pivnik, Ron Pniak, Mike Porter, Chuck Riley, Steve Sanders, Kevin Smith, Tony Smith, Jeff Taber, Jon Tarbutton, Gil Thompson, and J.D. Utter.

Cadets Attend Tourney

Sixty Cadets attended games during the three-day Big 8 Women's Basketball tournament held in Salina, Feb. 28 and March 1-2. Tickets were provided by the Salina Chamber of Commerce.

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Rifle Team Fires Matches

The SJMS Rifle Team will fire in 12 matches during the 1987 season. The School belongs to the North Central Kansas Small Bore Association made up of adult teams from Delphos, Minneapolis, Manhattan, Abilene, Salina and Parsons.

The team lost to Delphos 1040 to 867 on Feb. 2. Cadet shooters were Maxwell Brooks, Robert Ellis, Michael Wilson, Dan Stabler, Kevin Smith, Sid Pemberton, Dean Troutte, Ray Duckstein and James Wempe.

The score was 996 to 888 in a match against Abilene on Feb. 12. The Abilene team was the victor. Firing in that match were Ellis, Stabler, Pemberton and Trouttee. Ellis and Pemberton are eighth graders in the Middle School.

The St. John's team was one of 156 teams firing in the Third Junior ROTC interscholastic postal match conducted during the

school year. With a score of 845 points, the team ended up in the middle bracket of scores.

Firing were Wilson, Stabler, Ellis and Brooks. CM Sgt/Maj. Bob Strait, Commandant, said the team made a fine showing as most team members are new this year.

The team will attend the Labette County 4-H shooting sports club competition May 2 in Parsons. Attending will be Wilson, Brooks, Ellis, Troutte, Pemberton, Wempe, David Yost and Jeffrey Taber.

Cadets Finish Wrestling

James Haptonstall finished fourth in the 145-lb. class at the Regional wrestling tournament, Feb. 21 at Osborne. He qualified for State competition at Hays, Feb. 28.

He was defeated in the quarter-finals there.

Jeff Bahr and Mike Porter also competed in the regional tourney.

Coach Doug Randolph was pleased with all the Cadets who stayed out for the entire season.

Guard Posts Colors

The SJMS Color Guard posted the colors for the 86th annual forum of the Kansas Conference of Social Workers at the Wichita Ramada Inn, March 29. In attendance were Kansas Governor Mike Hayden and U.S. Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum, (R-Kas.).

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