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Veterans, Founders Honored

Dedication of the Veterans Memorial and the observance of Founders Day were celebrated during the Sunday Chapel service, Feb. 14. Following the service, a military ceremony was held at the base of the monument.

The Rev. Donald Davidson, Chaplain, said in his sermon, "Today as we celebrate Founders day, we think back upon those special people who brought their ideas to Salina, and saw a need and took necessary action. . . Today we also honor those former Cadets who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, especially those who died in the battles our country has waged in this century."

He continued: "Bishop Elisha Thomas (one of the founders) was only 53 years old when he was consecrated the Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Kansas. This man dreamed but how could he imagine that one hundred years later we would celebrate his vision, his action and his dream."

"Brave young men have fought in every battle our country has ever waged and the red upon our glorious flag is dyed a richer hue with the precious blood our nation's youth has shed. They, too, saw what had to be done and they, too, took action."

Fr. Davidson concluded, "On this day let us seek always to search out the opportunities given to us. Let us seek to act and not pass by in apathy. There are so many opportunities out here in this world, if we just use our God-given eyes and ears; to see, to hear and finally act."

Cannonade Fired

Following the laying of a wreath at the Memorial by Dick Allison, Class of '44, the donor, a ceremony with the firing of a Cadet Cannonade was held.

Battalion Commander Kevin Smith read: "Today the 100th Corps is proud to be establishing a St. John's tradition. The firing of a Cadet Cannonade reminds us of three important elements of the soldier's creed."

"Duty"--"Obedience and disciplined performance despite difficulty and danger."

"Honor"--"Encompassing integrity and dedication, honor is the thread which binds together the fabric of the Armed Forces of the United States of America."

"Country"--"For which men and women have given their lives. Our country shines as the light of freedom and dignity to the world".



Lt. Col. Richard Pack

Pack Named Commandant

Lt. Col. Richard Park has been named to the Commandant's position. He will assume his duties following spring furlough.

In announcing the appointment, School President, Col. Keith G. Duckers said, "First, I want to express my sincere gratitude to CMSM Bob Strait for assuming the position as acting Commandant on short notice last year. Strait is an outstanding soldier and made a significant contribution to St. John's. We wish him success in his new career."

Duckers commented, "Dick Pack has been waiting in the wings for sometime to join the administrative staff at SJMS. I know he will make an immediate impact as he assumes the Commandant's position. I am delighted to finally have him at St. John's."

"Cadets will find Pack to be a stern, no-nonsense disciplinarian with a thorough understanding of the boarding school atmosphere," added Duckers.

"I believe patrons will find him to be on top of the situation from day one and communications will be easy."

Maj. Mike Miller, Senior Army Instructor, served as the acting commandant. He was commended for his excellent work by Duckers.

Two major events in Pack's military career were as planner/operations officer in the Grenada rescue and the ground operation officer in the attempted rescue of hostages in Iran.

He is a graduate of the Baylor Military High School, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Manatee Junior College, Bradenton, Fla., and the University of South Florida.

He entered the Army as a private in 1960 and retired in 1986 as a lieutenant colonel.

He has served at Ft. Benning, Ft. Bragg and Hunter Army Air Field. Overseas assignments were in Vietnam and Korea.

Pack, 48, and his wife, Carol, are moving to the Commandant's quarters on campus. They are the parents of three children.

Dining-In Was Huge Success

Bugle calls, a sabre arch, toasts and a historical skit entertained the more than 225 guests attending the Formal Dining-In honoring the St. John's Military School Founders and staff.

The guests marched under a sabre arch formed by Cadet officers from the social hour to the banquet room in the Salina Holidome Sunday, Feb. 14.

The tables were decorated with burgundy, pink and white flowers and the burgundy and gold programs.

Toasts Given

Toasts were proposed to Bishop Elish Smith Thomas and our founders by the Rt. Rev. John F. Ashby, Episcopal Bishop of Western Kansas; to our Past Trustees and former faculty by G.W. Nicholson, Chairman of the Executive committee; to our present Trustees and faculty by C.N. Hoffman Jr., Chairman of the Board, National Bank of America and a former Trustee; to our benefactors by Robert H. Kastner, Senior SJMS Trustee and to the President of the United States by Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President.

A historical review, written and directed by Lt. Col. Thomas P. Martin, was presented.

Glen Rhea portrayed the Rt. Rev. Elisha Smith Thomas recalling the founding of St. John's. Miss LuLu Blood, St. John's housemother, portrayed by Frances Norlin reflected on a day in her life.

A star player on the St. John's football team was portrayed by John Ryberg who reminisced about the glory days under Coach Weir.

St. John's Counselor, Lou Lyda, played the part of Frank Hageman, president of the National Bank of America who

talked with a fellow banker about the bleak economic picture at St. John's in 1936.

Cadet Chad Calvaresi, played SJ grad George Lutz as a lonely World War II GI in a USO entertained by dancers Della Warren, Elena Groke and Peggy Simms.

Portraying Dr. George F. Jackson, father of the first black Cadet in 1967, was Eddie Creer.

A fireman with the Salina department, played by Jack Stewart, detailed the fire that destroyed Vail Hall in 1978.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, portrayed by Gary Jordan, outlines his Mule-skinner scholarship endowment fund.

Battalion commander of the 99th Corps, Travis Klopfenstein, returned from the Air Force Academy to reflect on his four years at St. John's.

The revue ended with the "Vail Hall Handle" in the spotlight, symbolizing the past, the present and the future of the School.

D. Dale Browning, Class of '55 and Centennial chairman, welcomed the guests. The Rev. Donald Davidson, Chaplain, gave the invocation.

The Colors were presented by Jeff Herronen, Brent Jones, Rod Massad and Robert Odell commanded by the Ol' Mule-skinner, Sgt/FC Bill Bunting.

Dinner music was provided by Eric and Wendy Stein and Karen Bals.

The evening concluded with music by the K-State Singers who ended the evening by singing "God Bless America."

Chaplain Begins New Program

A cooperative program between St. John's Military School's Chapel program and Christ Episcopal Cathedral is being tried during the spring semester.

The program is two-fold according to the Rev. Don Davidson, SJMS Chaplain.

Cadets will serve as acolytes at the Cathedral during the morning service once every five weeks.

The second part will involve Cathedral families adopting a Cadet or Cadets for a Sunday. Families participating will be invited later to attend services in the Chapel and to be guests for Sunday dinner.

These programs will be open only to members of the Chapel

Council during the second semester. After an evaluation, the program may be opened to any member of the 101st Corps during the next School year.

The Cadet liaison officer for the program is Gilbert Thompson.

Wilkins Heads Group

Sudana Wilkins, Spanish teacher, has been elected president of the Kansas Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese for the 1987-89 term. She will preside at the first joint meeting of both the Kansas and Wichita-based south central chapter at the Eisenhower Center next spring.



THE EAGLE FLIES atop the Veterans Memorial on the SJMS campus (Photo by Cadet Max Brooks)

Mess Hall Messages

Special "cooked to order" Sunday breakfasts are an optional feature. About half the Corps shows up with the remainder enjoying an extra hour or so of sleep.

The St. John's Mess continues its policy of "family style" dining even though many boarding schools have switched to cafeteria serving for economic reasons. Unlimited milk and extras on entrees and desserts also is unique to St. John's food service.



NEWS

... from the past

As a monthly feature during the Centennial celebration from Commencement 1987 to Commencement 1988, news from **The Skirmisher's** of past years will be appearing on this page.

MARCH--1918

The Crack Squad had its first beginning when Major Ganssle took the school under his supervision, three years ago. The organization is purely military, and only those who are the finest in the manual of the arms, can be members . . . A headline asked: "What S.J.M.S. can do to help win the war?" . . . Tinsley Fry, an old boy, (The Fry athletic medal is given in his memory) was here during the holidays. He has been in France for about six months, and had many interesting stories about the trenches.

MARCH--1938

The Cadets defeated Bennington with the highest score of the year and probably several years 67-27 . . . St. John's to hold summer camp in the Rocky Mountains . . . The Cadets who are communicants of the Episcopal Church have organized themselves into the Communicants club. It is under the direction of the Chaplain and meets in his quarters every Sunday evening at nine o'clock . . . A thermostat which regulates the heating of the building has been installed in the school office.

MARCH--1947

The first services in the Memorial Chapel were held March 13 in the last chapel service before the Homing Sunday furlough. Since being placed on its present foundation, the interior has been completely redecorated and the chancel and sanctuary recarpeted. The chapel is known as the John Bradford Armstrong Memorial Chapel, because it was through a generous gift of this aviator's aunt, Miss Eleanor Davis of Buffalo, N.Y., that the project was made possible . . . One of the most popular projects undertaken at the school in recent years was completed in February when the new cadet recreation room, which occupies the full basement of the mess hall building, was opened for use.

MARCH--1948

The Rev. Remey L. Clem, SJMS rector, entered into a new 10-year contract with the School's Board of Trustees to continue in that capacity. Colonel Clem, as he is best known here, will complete his twelfth year when the present school year ends. "He came to SJMS at a time when the private, endowed institution was experiencing rough going from depression and drouth years," the statement says. "He remained through World War II and was present to help iron out difficulties that followed those years" . . . Firemen battle flames at Vail Hall. The blaze destroyed the upper part of Vail hall, main building at St. John's Military School, Tuesday afternoon. Salina's big new fire truck directed a stream of water from the aerial ladder while others were pouring water on the fire from hoses on the ground. While fire damage was limited to the upper part of the building, water and smoke damage was extensive all over the building which housed classrooms, offices and faculty quarters.

MARCH--1958

Cadets suggest tennis courts to Foundation . . . Drill teams fly to Pueblo. Several drills will be made at schools, basketball games and on TV. Air transportation both ways was arranged by the Kansas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol . . . Enough money has been raised in the science building fund drive to construct the second floor on the Ferris building. But the campaign is still short about \$15,000 for equipment.

Mule-skinner Donations To Fund Scholarships

The Mule-skinner club has taken on a new dimension according to Robert J. Anderson, SJMS Trustee and Mule-skinner chairman.

He said, "Beginning immediately all donations to the organization will be earmarked solely for Cadet scholarships. Because adequate endowment funds are anticipated for capital improvement, the most urgent need at St. John's is for Scholarship aid to worthy boys".

G.W. "Bill" Nicholson, Chair-

man of the Board, pointed out that only the interest income from the Mule-skinner donations will be used for scholarship.

Several giving levels have been established to afford donors an opportunity to give to the extent of their abilities.

Walters Heads Upper School Honors List

Stephen Walters was the leader on the third grading period honor roll. He was named to the Blue Berets. Also named to the Blue Berets for ranking in the top three were Edward Clementson and Sid Pemberton.

Others named to the honor roll were Harold Laughlin, Keith Logan, Kent Churchill, John Marshall and Chris Pinson-Smith.

Earning honorable mention were Jay Macrum, Mickey Haver, Jason Morgan, Kipp Ertl, Gilbert Thompson, Patrick Scheidecker, Robert Brown, Tom Wilson, John Kilpatrick, James Rust, Sean Cairl, Kevin Sparks, Robert Ellis, Edwin Price, Benjamin Speaker.

Hale Heads M.S. Third Honor Roll

David Hale was the leader on the third grading period honor roll in the Middle School. He was named a Blue Beret as were J.P. Rigg and James Moran.

Earning honorable mention were Al Farley, John Zelem, Michael Kerry, Jeff Winter, Buzz Fithian, Lorenzo Rubio, David Greathouse, Todd Probasco, Chris Coleman, and Jon Treadway.

David Hale Heads 2nd Honor Roll

David Hale was the leader on the second grading period honor roll in the Middle School. He was named to the Blue Berets as were James P. Riggs and Chris Coleman.

Earning honorable mentions were James Moran, Lorenzo Rubio, David Greathouse, David Hutchison, Michael Kerry, Jeffery Winter, Al Farley, James Martin, Robert Claypool, Gary Johnson, Buzz Fithian, Jimmy Rocco and John P. Zelem.

Former Queen To Return

Among those planning to attend the Grand Reunion in May is Julie Alminana Rush. Julie was Homecoming Queen in 1961 when her brother, Bob deAlminana, was a cadet here. She hopes to see Tom Steele, Bill Wright, Enrique Urdaneta and others who were friends of her brother, Bob. Bob's address is: 221 NW 120th, Oklahoma City, OK 73114.

★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

Class of 1921-1928 . . . Bob Crooks has written "old boys" who attended from 1921-29 urging them to attend the 100th Centennial celebration and Grand Reunion in May. Planning to attend from the Class of '28 are Crooks, **Kenneth Gottschall**, Kansas City, Mo.; **Horace "Pete" Holmes**, Eureka and **John G. Myers**, Richland, Wash. **Howard C. Kline**, a Wichita judge, died in August of 1978. Crooks received four replies from the Class of '27 with none planning to return. **Jack Voight**, Columbus, Ohio, and **Danny Farnsworth**, Denver, said they will be unable to attend due to poor health. **John B. Wilcox** is deceased. He died October 12, 1985. **Frank Nesmith** lives in Galveston, Texas . . . Crooks learned that **Warren E. Berggren**, Republic, Ks., Class of '25 died June 15, 1984 . . . From the Class of '24, **Willis C. Hoskinson**, Turon, Ks., replied but will be unable to attend. **James C. Shortt**, Bellevue, Ks., Class of '23 is planning to attend . . . **W. Carl Johnson**, Salina, and **Jefferson Schlesinger** of the Class of '22 are planning to attend. **George L. Pickering**, Lafayette, Calif., wrote: "I am physically handicapped and not able to travel any distance. Good luck in celebrating the 100th anniversary. Jack E. Gotte, Springfield, Va., wrote that his father, Frank J. Gotte, Kimball, Neb., had died Feb. 15, 1979. Jack wrote that the farm in Kimball had been in the family for 100 years . . . The Rt. Rev. **Robert Mize, Jr.** who attended in 1921, said he didn't think he would be, at age 81, able to attend in May. He visited the School in October during the Religious Heritage festivities.

Class of 1938 . . . Class agent The Rev. Peter Francis wrote that **Orville A. Kintz** is deceased. "Orville makes the fourth member of our class to be deceased." Fr. Francis is planning to attend. **Classes of 1939 and 1941 . . . Class co-chairmen, James E. Manard**, Omaha, Neb., and **Paul H. Riley**, Norman, Okla., have tried to contact all members of these classes. Manard and Riley are planning to attend the reunion. The report from the Class of '39--**Alan Barrett**, Prairie Village, Ks., letter returned; **Charles C. Bundschu**, Ft. Myers, Fla., no answer; **Dr. Arthur Clarke**, Denver, letter returned; **William Jenkins**, no known address; **George Lutz**, Aurora, Colo., no answer; **Lloyd Maker**, Hominy, Okla., no reply. **Chandler Punshon**, Denver,

said he would be unable to attend. A letter to **James Cook**, Tarkio, Mo. was returned. No reply was received from **Clement Gibbs**, Berryton, Ks.; **Frank Hickman**, Tulsa, Okla.; **John Rush**, Diamond Bar, Calif.; **Elwood Sellens**, St. John, Ks., and **John C. West**, Hominy, Okla. **Joseph Wortman**, St. Petersburg, Fla., replied that due to health he would be unable to attend . . . No addresses are available for **Herbert Burg** and **John Pearson**.

Class of 1947 . . . Robert Lee Miller, Elelee, Hawaii, has notified the School that he intends to be here for the Grand Reunion May 20-22. He is manager of a sugar plantation in Elelee.

Class of 1953 . . . Class agent Bill Salmon wrote, "I believe that **Don Wendler**, **Joe Soukup** and myself will be present. I believe that **Jim Horney**, **Patrick Miller** and **Bob Eakin** may also make it. I am running down correct information concerning **David Collins**, **Leo Perkins**, and **Frederick Noll**. **Orin Seybert** will not be here, but will send us greetings."

Class of 1963 . . . Class agent Jon Pratt wrote: "I sent out letters to all persons on my mailing list and only one (**Chuck Thomas**, Carolina Beach, N.C.) was returned. So far I've gotten positive responses from **E.J. Guerrant**, **Mike Haper**, **James Staggs** and **Darrell E. Brann**.

Class of 1975 . . . Abel Anaya is a chef in a restaurant in San Juan, Puerto Rico . . . His twin brother, **Ernesto**, works with **Abbott Laboratories** in Nashville, Tenn.

Class of 1979 . . . Arnaldo Anaya is the assistant manager of a furniture store in New York . . . **Ariel** lives in Philadelphia where he is also assistant manager of a furniture store.

FORMER STAFF

Mary Kellogg wrote that all the Kelloggs would be celebrating Christmas with them in Florida. All eight grandchildren would be together for the first time. She reports that **Paul** (Colonel Kellogg) plays golf every day.

Charlene Weller says Arizona has been good to me. She and her husband, **Tim**, have two girls--**Sarah** in kindergarten and **Kimberly**, two and a half. **Charlene** works part-time in social services dealing with adoptions.

John Marlor, Junior School counselor from 1956-58, is an Archdeacon in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Word was received that the **Rev. Christopher Pratt**, SJMS Chaplain 1955-58, is deceased.

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Crack Squads Drill Through Time

... Each Commander Thinks His Squad Was The BEST

The Crack Squad, precision drill unit, has a long tradition at St. John's Military School.

The squad has drilled for governors; at Big Eight and Missouri Valley basketball games; for Shrine circuses, churches, American Legion conventions, PTA's, Inaugural balls; on television and for hundreds of school children. (It even appeared at such exciting events as the Jewell County Corn show, under the command of Dr. Ed Bigler.)

Col. Waldorf Ganssle, Superintendent from 1915-22, organized the unit. At one time it was believed the unit won the mythical world's championship at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904.

But according to an old 1905 catalog it was a company of Cadets that won that title, since the Crack Squad as we know it today wasn't organized until a decade later.

The catalog said: "From June 9th to 18th the Cadets were in camp within the fair grounds at St. Louis. On June 11th the St. John's Cadets won in competitive drill the pennant offered by the World's Fair authorities to the best drilled company in camp upon the grounds. St. John's won the pennant over three competitors, a fourth having been ruled out because of not drilling according to the United States Army regulations." The Crack Squad **DOES NOT** drill according to military standards.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat wrote: "The St. John's Cadets gave one of the most faultless military exhibitions since the departure of the West Pointers."

Ganssle patterned his unit after the Crack Squad of Shattuck School, founded in 1882 in Fairbault, Minn.

When Col. Keith G. Duckers, current School President, arrived on campus as public information officer in December 1950, he began arranging appearances of the Squad to promote and publicize the school.

Duckers traveled thousands of miles on school buses and military aircraft with the unit from 1950 into the early '60s. When SJMS was affiliated with the Civil Air Patrol, air transportation on military planes sometimes could be arranged. Housing was always with families living in the town.

In Duckers' early years, he virtually had to beg to get appearances for the group. But by 1960, the School was requesting that expenses be paid and asked for a \$25 donation.

In 1959 the squad performed for a Kansas Governor, the late George Docking, in the rotunda of the Capitol. He was made an honorary member of the unit. Twenty-eight years later in April 1987 the Crack Squad drilled in

the rotunda honoring the current Kansas Governor Mike Hayden, who had just defeated Docking's grandson for the office.

The Crack Squad performed at the Inaugural Ball for Nebraska Governor Frank Morrison in January 1961. In February of that year, the group flew to New York where it drilled for the Nassau group, New York wing of the Civil Air Patrol, Mitchell AFB, N.Y.

The Cadets were to be introduced on the Ed Sullivan Show during a visit to the show--but were cut. However, they met and had their pictures taken with Paul Anka, Peggy Lee, Ed Sullivan and Henry Fonda.

The popularity of the Crack Squad as basketball half-time entertainment began to wane in the mid-'60s with the advent of girl drill and dance units, and the pom-pom squads.

There was a tragic moment in the history of the Squad. While on a trip to Pueblo, Colo., in February of 1958, two Cadets were injured in a car wreck. The Cadets, John Crawford and Leon Swartzendruber, had driven to Beulah for an outing. When they were returning to Pueblo, the driver evidently lost control, the car skidded and flipped over twice. Both boys were tossed from the vehicle. Both spent many weeks in a Pueblo hospital, but eventually recovered.

The Squads during the period from 1939 to 1941 also made numerous appearances, usually in theaters. During that time the Cadets drilled in Topeka and Wichita, Ks., Cheyenne, Wyo., Greeley, Pueblo, Denver, and LaJunta, Colo. The Wichita Eagle wrote: "Members of the squad are attired in uniforms of burnt orange and black and they present a striking appearance as they go through their maneuvers with rifles and Colors."

At one time the Junior School had a drill team known as The Zouaves, organized by Steve Erb, Class of 1964.

The earlier drill teams were composed of 12 drillers, a five-man color guard, three buglers and the commander demonstrating eight minutes of precision drill maneuvers. Now the squad is made up of eight drillers and the commander.

A check list for a squad and platoon trip in 1959 included full dress uniform with brass, both platoon and squad braids, toilet articles, shoe shine equipment, collar stay, white shirt, and other items such as **underwear** and **good manners**. White points were important and included helmets, scarves, belts, spats and gloves.

The Squad has always drilled with the 1903 Springfield rifles, which have been refurbished



THE CRACK SQUAD as it appeared in the years from 1939-1942.



GOVERNOR MADE HONORARY MEMBER

Crack Squad Commander Mike Ekiss makes the late Kansas Governor George Docking an honorary member of the squad in 1957. In the background is current School President, Col. Keith G. Duckers.

More Crack Squad pictures are featured on Page 5.

several times. One era of squads liked to fire blanks during performances. In the old gym, spectators felt they were "under attack".

Monte Johnson of the KU Athletic Department wrote Duckers in the early '60s: "I think that this half-time show was one of the best we have had this year. I personally enjoyed watching; and although the first volley of shots had a tendency to scare me a little, I managed to brace myself for the rest of the drill."

Fortunately, the firing pins were removed several years ago.

The list of Crack Squad commanders is long. That position

was considered to be only second in importance to the Battalion commander, who often were one and the same Cadet.

The commander of the Squad names his successor during the final drill at Commencement time. Frequently, the name of the new commander is only known by the current commander and God.

As a new commander is named in May, he will continue in long tradition of this famous SJMS unit.

And no Squad will "ever be as good as the one he commands."

... By Elizabeth Duckers

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Junior ROTC Leadership Service Ribbons Awarded

The Junior ROTC Leadership Development service ribbons have been awarded.

Five Cadets earned the ribbon with Gold Lamp. They were Sharif Elnaggar, Richard Jenkins, James Rust, Kevin Smith and Dan Stabler.

Others earning awards are listed below.

RIBBON WITH SILVER LAMP

Maxwell Brooks, Aaron Calhoun, Chad Calvaresi, Frank Churchill, Jon Greene, Douglas Knowles, Hans Krogh-Hansen, Francisco Lanz Duret, Michael Lierman, Keith Logan, Cameron Miles, John Miller, Gilbert Thompson, Brooke Wilkison, Michael Wilson.

RIBBON WITH BRONZE LAMP

Adam Baker, Kyle Brazzel, Edward Clementson, Eduardo Cory, William Cuddy, Jon Cunningham, Kipp Ertl, Charles Evans, Brian Farrell, James Haen, Mickey Haver, Brad Heinrich, Jeff Herronen, Mike Higgins, Chris Johnson, Brent Jones, Jeff Juchems, Thomas Keefe, Jack Kelley, Jay Macrum, John Marshall, Rod Massad, Robert McDonald, Chris Moran,

Long Range Plans Begin For SJMS Second Century

A long-range development program is beginning to take shape according to Col. Keith G. Duckers, President.

A consultant has been retained to work with the administration and Board of Trustees.

"We want to plan a logical sequence of steps that will take St. John's well into the second century," Duckers stated.

With the appointment of Lt. Col. Tom Martin as Vice President, Duckers will be able to relinquish some day-to-day responsibilities and devote more time to planning and development.

He emphasized that all facets of St. John's are being reviewed -- curriculum, facilities, equipment, as well as land acquisition.

"We hope to have some long range objective far enough along to announce during the Centennial Commencement celebration," Duckers said.

Cadets Enter Speech Contest

Mike Wilson and Keith Logan submitted entries to the Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its auxiliary. Wilson placed third.

They taped a three-to five minute speech on the theme "America's Liberty--Our Heritage."

K. Smith Earns Honor

Kevin Smith is authorized to wear the JROTC commendation ribbon for being selected the Outstanding Cadet of his training company during the summer camp at Ft. Sill, Okla.

Michael Noah, Robert Odell, Chris Pinson-Smith, Edwin Price, Joe Richards, David Rose, Stephen Sanders, Kevin Sparks, Brian Sweeney, Joe Tannahill, Darren Thomas, Jason White.

SERVICE RIBBON

Dan Archer, Robert Brown, Derek Barth, Chris Cannon, Sean Cairl, Jon Carper, Kelly Cochran, Joe Cotter, Val Crawford, Bobby Dennison, Al Dodson, Chris Drouhard, David Dugan, Robert Ellis, Brian Foley, Kenneth Grant, David Hass, Peter Hastings, William Heath, Roger Hernandez, Robert Hillius, Stephen Hines, Thomas Kerwin, John Kilpatrick, Spencer Krzyzek, Harold Laughlin, Russell Lyons, James Marr, Adam McMurrick, William Meyers, Gerald Miller, Joe Mitchell, Chris Meidell, Jason Morgan, Robert Oliphant, Michael Payne, Sid Pemberton, Jose Peral, Jason Purdy, Kenneth Roark, Dustin Robinson, Tyler Rogers, James Rose, Patrick Scheidecker, Mark Sinkovic, Ben Speaker, Shawn Sprung, Steven Swadley, Jason Trimble, Michael Uden, Patrick Weidmann, Stephen Walters, William Waples, Tom Wilson, Wayne Wolf.

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Capsule Articles Requested

All of the St. John's publics are invited to place messages or small items in the Muleskinner time capsule. The capsule will be placed in the foundation under the Muleskinner bronze during the 100th Commencement activities.

The time capsule is to be opened at the 200th Commencement in May of 2088.

Letters and items may be forwarded to the Time Capsule Committee at the School and arrive no later than 12 noon on May 15. The capsule is a large lead box which was constructed by Robert H. Kastner, senior member of the Board of Trustees.

The capsule will be sealed on May 15 and installed the following week. Due to space limitation, large items will not be accepted.

Items that are not contained in the box may be placed in the cavity on a space available basis.

Rice Quilt To Be Sold

"Old boys" returning for the Centennial Commencement Celebration will be happy to learn that a Mae Rice handmade quilt will be auctioned at the farewell luncheon on Sunday.

Mrs. Rice is the mother of Larry Rice, Class of '55. Her handmade quilts are collector items which have been sold at high prices at previous St. John's auctions.

The quilt will be on display at the School at the registration desk Commencement Weekend. Silent bids may be made by patrons and those not planning to attend the alumni luncheon. The quilt will be sold to the person making either the highest silent bid or highest oral bid at the luncheon.

Cadets Learn Of Frontier Medicine

The Cadets in Capt. Doug Randolph's American History classes learned of 19th century medicine on a frontier Army fort. Dr. Patricia O'Brien, Kansas State University, is excavating various sites at Ft. Riley.

She presented a slide presentation of hundred of artifacts recovered from an 1870's outdoor toilet and discussed the historical importance of this dig site.

The Cadets were interested in the number of bottles, both medicine and whiskey, that were recovered.

Dr. O'Brien is hopeful paperwork will be approved that will allow her and her students to start digging at the site of the officers' privies. This would include one used by Gen. George A. Custer.

Randolph is obtaining these speakers as a part of Kansas State's "Presidential Lecture Series".

Six Cadets To Teens Encounter Weekend

Cadets from the Chapel Council will attend a Teens Encounter Christ weekend, March 18-20 at Grace Episcopal Church, Hutchinson. The event is sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas.

This will be the second year for Cadet participation. Providing leadership during the weekend will be the Rev. Donald Davidson, Chaplain, and Cadet Christopher Moran as support rector. They attended a team planning weekend in Great Bend, March 4-6.

The Rev. Canon H. Scott Kirby, of St. Francis Boys Homes, will conduct the Chapel service on Sunday, March 20.

Attending will be Moran, Joe Mitchell, Pat Scheidecker, Ken Grant, Dan Archer and Chris Johnson.

New ROTC C.O. Named

Brig. Gen. Richard F. Keller is the new commanding General, U.S. Army Third Region, U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command at Ft. Riley.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President; Mrs. Duckers and Maj. Mike Miller, Senior Army instructor, attended the Assumption of Command ceremonies at Ft. Riley, Dec. 9.

Keller has held a wide range of command and staff positions. Key assignments held recently include Chief of Staff and Brigade Commander, 4th Infantry Division (Mech), Ft. Carson, Colo., and Executive Officer to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Command, Ft. McPherson, Ga.

After completion of the ROTC curriculum at Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash., in 1961, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant and awarded a B.S. degree in sociology. He also holds a M.S. degree in International Relations from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. His military education includes completion of the Infantry school, the U.S. Naval command and staff college and the U.S. Army War college.

TACO's Hear Therapist

All members of the military staff heard a talk by Penny Potter, therapist with the Central Kansas Mental Health Center, in the Vanier Academic Center, Feb. 5. Her talk dealt with adolescent attitudes. Ms. Potter has been a child care worker at the Menninger Foundation and has a master's degree in social work.

Grenada Talk Given

A talk and slide show about "Grenada" was given for the Cadets by Dr. Robert Feighny, Salina physician. Feighny visited Grenada as a member of a medical team under "Project Hope."

★ PROMOTIONS ★

The following promotions have been made by special orders.

Promoted to:

CAPTAIN — Kipp Ertl, James Rust.

SECOND LIEUTENANT — Eduardo Cory.

MASTER SERGEANT — Chris Moran.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS — Jack Kelley.

STAFF SERGEANT — Brent Jones, Val Crawford, Brian Foley, Peter Hastings.

SERGEANT — Jon Carper, Joe Cotter, John Kilpatrick, Jimmy Rocco, Tom Kerwin, James Dillion, Chris Coleman, Kenneth Grant, Chris Meidell, Robert Oliphant, J.P. Rigg, Tom Wilson.

CORPORAL — Jason Trimble, Steve Walters, Pat Weidmann, Harold Laughlin, Kelly Cochran, Mark Sinkovec, Derek Zappa, Russell Lyons, Mike Kerry, Chris Cannon, Michael Payne, Jose Peral, Michael Uden.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS — William Waples, Curtis Airhart, Greg Humphrey, Dale Vandel, Robert Claypool, Gary Buechner, Bradley Heinrich, Scott Schneider, Charles Steinert, Robert Taylor.


PRIVATE OLD BOY — Barry Rubin, Brandon Roebuck, Chris Apostolof, Robert Holman, Chris Martens, Bryan Kann, Joshua Pemberton, David Dugan, Ryan Albright, David Keller, John Oden.


Evans Makes District Band

Charles Evans earned a place on the Kansas Music Educators District band following auditions in Junction City. Evans placed fourth among the ten tuba players auditioning.

This gives him the opportunity to audition for the state band. A taped audition was submitted in early December.

Mrs. Wendy Stein, Band Teacher, said that this is a great honor for the School as St. John's has not been represented in this band for many years.



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Cadets Enjoy Rendezvous

Four Cadets experienced the lifestyle of the early 1800's mountain men when they attended a rendezvous near Salina.

Attending were Aaron Calhoun, Maxwell Brooks, Mike Wilson and Jon Carper.

The Cadets were furnished with a 45-70 rolling block buffalo rifle and .58 caliber Enfield black powder. Luke Long, a sponsor of the event, loaded the weapons and allowed them to fire at various target. Long stated he was surprised by how accurate the boys were in either hitting or getting close to the 150-yard target.

Wilson placed third in the tom-a-hawk throw.

Tepees and lean-tos were set up under the trees. Men and women were dressed in period clothing. After the scheduled events a meal of venison stew was served.

Arranging for the Cadets to attend was Capt. Doug Randolph. Capt. Don McCann, Art teacher, provided transportation.

Book Club Organized

The William Allen White Book Club has been organized for the Middle School students.

The club's purpose is to promote reading books from the current White book list. Each year a list of 20 of the best books published the previous year is selected by a committee of librarians and educators.

Each March, Kansas students in the fourth through eighth grades, who have read at least two of the books, vote for their favorite.

The winning author is then invited to receive the award and speak at an October banquet attended by students and teachers.

Mrs. Donna Lewick, Club sponsor, said any W.A.W. book club member at SJMS who reads 10 books from the current list and returns in the fall will receive an expense-paid trip to the banquet.

The award was established in 1952.

Crack Squads Drill Through Time

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Visiting the Ed Sullivan Show--February 1961

KSU Rangers Visit SJMS

Members of the Kansas State University ROTC Ranger platoon conducted a patrolling demonstration for the 100th Corps of Cadets Nov. 14 on Perkins Field.

The primary purpose of the visit by the University Cadets was to provide information about College ROTC and the ROTC scholarships.

Members of the Ranger platoon included Army and Air Force ROTC Cadets, National Guard ROTC Cadets and a recent ROTC graduate who is serving as a second lieutenant in the First Infantry Division, Ft. Riley.

A question and answer session followed lunch. Topics covered were college life, Ranger activities, scholarship application procedures and "why are you in College ROTC."

Former Faculty "Kid" Writes

A letter to **The Skirmisher** was received from Kim Tarrant, daughter of Maj. Lee Tarrant, staff member in 1981-83 and Mrs. Tarrant. Kim is now a student at Oklahoma State, Stillwater, Okla.

She wrote: "I made a lot of friends in those two years and I've lost track of them. I'd like to hear from my old friends." She said her parents now live in Oklahoma City and her father works for the Department of Corrections.

Her address is: 3602 N. Washington, Apt. J-95, Stillwater, OK 74075.

Sprinkler To Be Added

Work will begin soon on an automatic sprinkler system for the lawn in front of Mize Hall. This will complete the re-landscaping project in that area.

Cadets Go Skiing

The annual ski trip for Cadets was Feb. 5-6 at Winter Park, Colo. Cadets left after classes on Friday. The 49 Cadets stayed at Beaver Valley condominiums. Sponsors were Maj. Mike Miller, Senior Army instructor, and M/Sgt. Joe Stewart of the ROTC department.

Honor Guard Awards Issued

A number of Cadets were authorized to procure and wear the Honor Guard ribbons and cord.

Earning the award for the third time (silver lamp) were Dan Stabler and Scott Winner.

Earning the bronze lamp (second award) were Sharif Elnaggar, Glenn Wiedenbeck, Michael Noah, Thomas Keefe, Kyle Brazzel, Jon Tarbutton.

Earning the award for the first time were Lorenzo Rubio, Joe Mitchell, John Kilpatrick, Gerald Miller, Jon Davis, Alfred Dodson, Ben Speaker, Pat Weidmann, Charles Evans, Patrick Foley, Jonathan Carper, Stephen Hines, Spencer Krzyzek, Russell Lyons, William Waples, Jack Kelley, Robert Brown, Dale Vandel, Peter Hastings, Kenneth Grant, Sid Pemberton, Paul Marton, Harold Laughlin, Chris Drouhard, Shawn Sprung, James Haen and Eduardo Cory.

Service Ribbons Given

The Junior ROTC Leadership Development service ribbon has been awarded to several Cadets. They are Edward Clementson, Eduardo Cory, Christopher Johnson, John Marshall, David Rose, Kevin Sparks and Joe Tannahill.



The 1956 Crack Squad with Al Ransom, Commander



The Junior School Zouaves



The Queen Anne Salute
John Benne commanded the 1958 Crack Squad.



The Braid Exchange
Mike Hawkesworth passes the braid to new commander, Ken Harper.

Tree Donors Listed

The flag project was overfunded last spring. The additional funds were used to provide the plantings on the west side of Perkins Field and for small upright evergreens at the entrance to the campus.

Those contributing to this project were Doris and Al Schwan, Marvin R. Webb, Ernesto Juan Anaya, 1975; National Bank of America, Richard A. Allison, 1944; In Tribute to Lt. Col. V. B. "Lefty Loy" by Gary Conard, '54; In Tribute to Col. Keith G. Duckers by Gary Conard, '54; Douglas Todd Otto, 1988; the Rev. Loyd W. Holifield, Jr. by Bishop and Mary Davidson; "COLORADO" by Helene Marsh; John H. Willard, 1937; James L. "Skip" Cunningham, 1961; Jay Hesse, 1971; Michael C. Porter, 1987; Gene Ely, 1954; Ivan - Virgil - Kenneth Peterson families; A. H. Brightman, 1962; In memory of Sue Vogel by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Vogel; and Ed and Thelma Wohlgenuth.

Basketball Season Ends With Three Wins

The SJMS basketball team ended the season with three wins.

The first victory came Jan. 23 against St. Marys Academy. Steve Sanders scored 23 points and Roy Dotson added 13 to lead the Cadets to victory.

The Mule-skinners led by four points after the first quarter and expanded their lead in every quarter.

Coach Spielman said, "We're playing well together. We've gotten a couple of new Cadets eligible and we got the fast break going."

Sanders, a 6-3 senior, also had 11 rebounds and two blocked shots in the game.

The second win came against Solomon, Feb. 2. The Cadets overcame a seven-point deficit in the final 40 seconds to edge Solomon 45-44 in a Post Rock League game.

The Mule-skinners capped their brilliant comeback at :04 when Val Crawford scored a layup on an assist from Mike Payne. Only seconds earlier, Payne had stolen a Solomon inbound pass.

Sanders scored 16 points, Dotson tallied 9 and Crawford, 8.

Sanders scored 20 points to lead SJMS to victory--a 49-52 decision over Tescott, Feb. 5.

Avenge Loss

The victory avenged a 31-point season-opening loss in Salina on Dec. 9.

The Cadets trailed by five

points after the first quarter and by one point at halftime before outscoring the Trojans, 43-35 in the second half.

Sanders was joined in double-figure scoring by Dotson with 14 points and Derek Barth with 10.

St. John's lost at the buzzer, 48-47, in overtime in its second meeting with St. Marys, Feb. 13. The heartbreaking loss nullified a fine effort from Sanders, who had 10 points, 10 rebounds and 4 blocked shots for the Cadets before fouling out. He sent the game into overtime with a field goal with eight seconds remaining in regulation.

St. Marys won the game at the free throw line, hitting 16 of 29 while the Cadets could manage only 7 of 21.

Miltonvale defeated St. John's 47-33 in a non-league game on the campus, Feb. 16. Miltonvale also won earlier in the season.

St. John's played Miltonvale even in the second and third quarters, then were outscored 17-10 in the fourth quarter. Miltonvale had its biggest advantage at the free throw line, outscoring the Mule-skinners 13-1 at the charity stripe.

Sanders had a game-high 14 points for the Cadets.

Other losses were to state-power house Ell-Saline (twice); Bennington (twice) and Solomon.

Middle School Wins League

The Middle School "A" basketball team won the Twin Valley Elementary League Championship. The Cadets won all their games in regular season competition over Solomon, Bennington, Tescott, Ell-Saline, Geneseo and Marquette.

The team placed third in the TVEL tournament Feb. 8-13. They were upset by Tescott in the first game but defeated Ell-Saline to place third.

The B-team ended the season with three wins and three losses.

Earning letters were Sy Babb, Chris Coleman, David Hale, Gary Johnson, Michael Kerry, Jim Moran, Bob O'Hayre, J.P. Rigg, Jim Rocco, J.R. Searce, Jon Treadway, Brian Upchurch, Dale Vandel, James Martin, Reno Nelson, Lorenzo Rubio and Blake Lande.

Firing Badges Given

Three Cadets have been authorized to wear marksmanship badges. Mike Wilson was awarded the expert badge with small bore rifle clasp. Earning the marksman badge with small bore rifle clasp were Max Brooks and Dan Stabler.

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Team Celebrates At Pizza Dinner

The Middle School football team celebrated the end of the season with a pizza dinner at Big Cheese pizza.

The team finished second in the league with a 3-2 record. The record was 3-3 in all games played.

Players honored were James Martin, Reno Nelson, Lorenzo Rubio, Jason Cartier, Al Farley, David Hutchison, Gary Johnson, Jimmy Rocco, Jon Treadway, James Rigg and Sy Babb. Travis Jamerson was the manager.

Doug Randolph was the coach assisted by Doug Gordon.

SJ Rifle Team Fires Matches

The Rifle Team fired in matches at Leavenworth, Dec. 5, and Abilene, Jan. 14.

Firing for the Cadets were Maxwell Brooks, Michael Wilson, Robert Ellis, Sid Pemberon and Dan Stabler.

The team also fired a match at Minneapolis, Ks., Feb. 25. Firing were Wilson, Ellis, Herronen, Hernandez, Tyler Rogers and Stabler.

Qualify for Ribbons

Eighty-three Cadets hit the ground running and continued for one mile to meet the standard required to wear the Physical Fitness ribbon. The fastest time was turned in by the 100th Corps Commander, Kevin Smith, with a 4:46 time.

Cadets Assist NBA

Eight Cadets served as ushers for the National Bank of America Centennial banquet, Feb. 21 at the Salina Country Club. The bank and St. John's both celebrated 100th birthdays this year. Assisting were Francisco Lanz-Duret, Hans Krogh-Hansen, John Oden, Chris Meidell, Roger Hernandez, Eduardo Cory, Chad Calvaresi and Jeff Herronen.

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