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### Honesty, Dignity, Pride

A Cadet Code written by Brian Sweeney (left), Class of '89, was unveiled during ceremonies on Parents' Weekend. It appears on a sign near the Veterans' Memorial. The code reads: There are three elements of honor among St. John's Cadets -- Honesty-Dignity-Pride. None can exist without the other nor will the absence of any be tolerated.

## KU Honors Two Cadets

The University of Kansas recognized two Cadets as Honor students during a banquet at the Salina Country Club, Oct. 19. They were Christopher Moran and Thomas Tuthill.

The Kansas Honors program recognizes the outstanding academic achievements of Kansas high school seniors. To be nominated as a scholar, the student must be a graduating senior who ranks in the top 10 percent of his class, based on academic records through the previous semester.

Each Kansas Honor Scholar receives an engraved certificate and a special edition of the American Heritage Dictionary.

Recognized at the Salina banquet are seniors from 13 schools in Salina and the surrounding area.

## Lewick Has Article Published

An article written by Donna Lewick, Reading teacher, was published in the NASSP Bulletin for November. The Bulletin is a journal for middle level and high school administrators.

The article tells the story of the SJMS remedial reading class students reading to the students at Hawthorne elementary school in North Salina.

Since 1984, from four to seven students have been involved in the program each year. Lewick titled her article, "New Twist to the Old Reading Idea."

## Novak Named School Nurse

Allyson L. Novak has been named the School Nurse. She comes to SJMS from Presbyterian Manor where she was the evening supervisor.

She says it is quite a contrast going from the care of the elderly to working with young men.

Novak was trained in emergency mobile intensive care at Southwestern College, Winfield. She attended the licensed practical nurse program at Cloud County Community College and the Beloit Vocational Technical school. One semester of study remains before she receives her nursing degree.

She has worked in the emergency room and Surgical Intensive care unit at Wesley Medical Center and St. Francis Regional Medical Center, both in Wichita.

Novak has two children, Sam, 13, and Adrienne, 8.

## SJMS Given State Flag

A Kansas State flag was given to SJMS by Kansas Secretary of State Bill Graves. The presentation was made during a Middle School visit to Topeka.

Accepting the flag for St. John's was Cadet Alden Stroble.

Graves, a Salina native, is a Trustee of SJMS.

During the day the Cadets visited the State Capitol and the Kansas Museum of History. The Cadets learned about government and history during the day.

## Staff Earns United Way Award

St. John's Military School will receive the Award of Excellence from the United Way of Salina.

To receive this prestigious award, a firm, business or school must have at least 70% participation by its employees with an average gift of \$25 or more per employee.

St. John's had an 86% employee participation rate with a \$56 average per gift. This year the amount given to the Salina United Way was the most the School's employees have ever given, according to Lt. Col. Tom Martin, Vice President.



### SJMS Queen

Dori Johnson was crowned the SJMS queen at the half of the Parents' Weekend football game. She was sponsored by her brother, Cadet Darren Johnson. The brown-eyed brunette is a freshman at Central High School, Euless, Texas. She is a cheerleader and a gymnast.

## Up With People Accepts Holmes

Chris Holmes, SJMS senior, was invited to participate with the Up With People singing group after auditioning.

Up With People appeared in concert in Salina this fall. The Cadet Corps attended.

"We hope that it will be possible for you to join 490 other students from around the world for the program beginning in July, 1990", wrote Glen Shepherd, Director of Admissions and Education.

The Up With People singing group presents concerts all over the world.

## Halloween Howl Was A Howling Success

The annual Halloween Howl, held Oct. 31 in the Banes Gym was a "Howling and roaring success," according to Lt. Col. Houston Ward, Commandant.

The Mothers' Club donated about 70 cakes for prizes. Cadets were served free refreshment of orange drink and doughnuts. Other donations were candy, caramel corn, coupons to a chili supper and free McDonald's coupons.

Robbie Duke won the award for the best costume. First runner-up was Darren Johnson.

Peter Hastings won the prize for an original costume.

Best costumed group was composed of Robert Ellis, Mark Goatley, Chris Moran, Barry Rubin and Darren Johnson.

Nelson Kittler wore the scariest costume and Chris Holmes the funniest.

Placing second were Jose Peral, original; Ben Downing and Chad Kopecky, best group; Tom Keefe, scariest; and Scot Coghill, funniest.

## SJMS Celebrates Thanksgiving

A contingent of 55 Cadets remained on campus during the four-day Thanksgiving recess.

Cadets and members of the faculty and staff attended a service of Thanksgiving at 11:30 a.m., Nov. 23 in Armstrong Memorial Chapel. Conducting the service was the Very Rev. Richard Hatfield, Dean of Christ Episcopal Cathedral.

A thanksgiving dinner was served in Nichols Dining Hall following the service. Members of the faculty and staff hosted the tables and carved the turkey.

Cadets were served cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, dressing, french cut green beans and dinner rolls in addition to the turkey.

A highlight of the meal was the serving of three different kinds of pie--pumpkin, cherry and apple--at each table.

Faculty members and administrative staff supplemented the tactical staff in supervising activities during the holiday in Spencer Cadet Center, the Banes Gym and movies in the Battalion Assembly area of the Vanier Academic Center.

## Ski Trip Planned

The annual St. John's ski trip will be Feb. 23, 1990. Cost of the trip is \$189 which includes ski rental, lift tickets, Saturday morning breakfast, Saturday evening pizza feed, and Sunday morning breakfast. Any Cadet planning to go on the ski trip must have a \$25 deposit with the Commandant's secretary by Jan. 15. The entire fee must be paid by Jan. 23.

## Leaders Group Meets At SJMS

The 1989 Education session for Leadership Salina was held on the St. John's campus, Nov. 14.

Thirty outstanding Salinans met to discuss the educational opportunities and the strengths and weaknesses of the educational community.

Leaders from St. John's Military School, U.S.D. # 305, Salina Area Vocational Technical School, the Catholic Schools of Salina, Kansas Wesleyan University, Kansas College of Technology, The Brown Mackie College and the Academy of Hair Design gave presentations.

## Shuler Named Shop Instructor

Alan L. Shuler has been named the Industrial Arts teacher according to Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean. He replaces Jim Lohmeyer who resigned.

Shuler is teaching all wood-working classes and a contemporary issues class.

Shuler is a graduate of Ft. Hays University with a B.S. degree in Industrial Education and is a certified Social Studies teacher.

He taught for four and a half years at Roosevelt Junior high school in Great Bend, Ks. and worked as the assistant football coach at Salina Central High school this fall. His wife, Lesley, is a speech pathologist with U.S.D. 305 in Salina. They are the parents of one child.





# NEWS

## ... from the past

### NOVEMBER--1929

The Cadet Corps, now being able to execute the squad movements, are being taught the Manual of Arms.

The first lesson was to learn the rifle's different parts. The rifle that is being used is the United States Magazine Rifle, model 1917 . . . St. John's boys help celebrate Armistice Day . . . Board of Trustees hold annual fall meeting.

### DECEMBER--1939

An editorial comment -- "Equipped with newly arrived boots and sabers, observe the dash and flash, but not the bearing of ye Cadet officers . . . excuse us for saying that some of the postures smell" . . . "Best Cadet team in a decade" that is how Stuart Dunbar, veteran sports writer and sports commentator for station KSAL described the St. John's Military school football team of 1939.

### DECEMBER--1959

Crack Squad to Albuquerque in February . . . The holiday spirit will prevail at St. John's. The traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served in the mess hall. Following dinner, a special service will be held in the Armstrong Memorial Chapel. Christmas parties and gift exchanges will be held in the various faculty quarters following the chapel service.

### DECEMBER--1969

Funeral services for Frank C. Moomau, St. John's chef for nine years, were held in Armstrong Chapel Nov. 29. Moomau, 57, died of a cerebral hemorrhage while preparing and taking food for 700 people to the 4-H building where the Thanksgiving dinner for Cadets and their guests was held. Full military honors were accorded Mr. Moomau by an Honor Guard of Cadets.

### NOVEMBER--1979

The cornerstone for the new academic-administration building was placed over a lead box containing numerous items of historical significance. The cornerstone taken from Vail Hall was used. The box contains the expected and the unexpected. The expected--historical items noting famous dates in the School's history; and the unexpected--a little cash, bonds and stocks . . . The decorations for the SJMS Homecoming dance were created and installed by the set designer of Warner Brothers. A dance sequence is a part of the movie . . . so the decorations were put up a few days ahead of schedule for use at the "real" SJMS dance.

## Parade Awards Given

A number of Cadets were awarded lamps and ribbons for marching in parades.

Gary Buechner and Adam McKittrick received the silver lamp (third award).

Earning the award for the second year (bronze lamp) were David Besikof, Chester Crawford, Michael Dahl, Steven Gaven, Peter Hastings, Travis Jamerson, Isaac Magdaleno, Brian Monahan, William Roberts, Thomas Thomson and Alan Witherington.

Earning the ribbon (first award) were John Beasley, James Childress, Sean Crabtree, Michael Dopps, Scott Gosch, Wesley Hoffman, Anthony Harold, Stephen Huff, Travis Johnson, Bryan Nelson, Shane Phillips, Mark Richards, Jeremy Rooney, Jason Roth, Marcus Singleton, Trevor Sullivan, William Swett, Jake Taylor, James Watson, Greg Wertzberger.

## Jay Macrum Heads First Honors List

Jay Macrum was at the top of the Academic Deans Honor Roll for the first grading period. Macrum, Scott Gruber and Thomas Tuthill were named to the Blue Berets for ranking as the top three on the roll.

Others named to the honor roll were Isaac Magdaleno, Joshua Chambers, Stephen Blazick, James Peyton, Josh Lemos and Tom Wilson.

Earning honorable mention were Nuradi Adi, Scott Schneider, Chad Caruso, Thomas Keefe, Douglas Richards, Kristin Mihalick, Geoffrey Barton, Darren Johnson, Jon Cunningham, William Roberts, Ben Downing, Justin Hoese, Chris Mackey, Jason Roth, Shane May, Brian Weber, Michael Nyhus, Marcus Singleton, Sean Crabtree, Roger Hernandez, Jose Peral, Chester Crawford, Brock Manley, Mark Riccobono, Phong Nguyen, Christian Purdie, Brian Monahan, Shane Motari, Mark Richards, Robert Ellis, Brian Farrell and Darren Thomas.

## Jay Macrum Heads 2nd Honor Roll

Jay Macrum was again the leader on the second grading period honor roll. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Thomas Tuthill and Joshua Chamber.

Others named to the honor roll were Scott Gruber, Stephen Blazick, Tom Wilson, Chad Caruso, Jason Roth, Roger Hernandez, Scott Schneider, Nuradi Adi, Isaac Magdaleno, William Roberts, Darren Johnson, Kristin Mihalick, Brian Weber, Thomas Keefe.

Earning honorable mention were Douglas Richards, Brian Farrell, Chris Mackey, Josh Lemos, Shane Motari, Justin Hoese, Jon Cunningham, Gabriel Boyle, Chris Purdie, David Besikof, Ben Downing, Mark Richards, Brett Brown, Geoffrey Barton, Darrin Thomas, Shane May, Michael K. Dopps, Robert Ellis, Brian Monahan, Michael Nyhus, James Watson, Sean Crabtree, Jeff Herronen, Phong Nguyen, Marcus Singleton, Scot Coghill, Brock Manley.

### Firing Medals Issued

Badges for firing on the rifle range were awarded.

Earning the Expert badge were Chester Crawford, Robert Ellis, Kevin Peloso and Mark Riccobono.

Earning Marksman awards were Douglas Dvorak, Nuyadi Adi, Stephen Huff, John Lamb and Chris Mackey.

## ★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

**Attended 1925-26 . . . Jack Voigt** was featured in an article about "Orphan Trains" appearing in the Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, Oct. 6. He was on a series of trains that took orphans from New York City to foster homes in the Midwest, where the children were to find a better life than in New York's orphanages. He was adopted when he was six by a family in Wichita. He remembers his adoptive father, S.S. Voigt, as a fine man, an architect. The article said, "Voigt was sent to a military school (St. John's) which he liked. But his fractious nature remained, he said, and he often ran away from home." He ran a TV repair and sales shop in Columbus until he sold it in 1963.

**Class of 1943 . . . James Dennett** and Jody Lewis were married Oct. 7 at Christ Episcopal Cathedral in Salina. SJMS "old boys" attending were Gene Penny, James Bannon and C.C. Eastman. The 102nd Corps pro-

vided a Wedding Sabre Guard as the couple left the Cathedral. Members of the Guard were Chris Meidell, Brian Farrell, Jay Macrum, Barry Rubin, Darren Johnson, Robert Ellis, Jeffrey Herronen, David Keller, Steve Blazick with Jon Cunningham as the officer in charge.

**Attended 1951-54 . . . Jim McMaster** and his wife visited the campus recently. He is retired from the Union Pacific railroad and is EMT with two volunteer fire departments covering parts of El Paso, Elbert and Lincoln counties in Colorado. They have a horse ranch near Yoder where they raise Arabians and Paints.

**Class of 1964 . . . Robert Garrison** is working as an instructor-pilot for Airline Training Center, Goodyear, Ariz. He wrote: "We conduct 'ab initio' pilot training for Lufthansa Airlines using Beechcraft F33 and B58 aircraft. The program has provided Lufthansa with pilots for over 20 years."

## Chad Mathis Heads First Honor Roll

Chad Mathis was the leader for the first grading period honor roll in the Middle School.

Five Cadets were named to the Blue Berets because of a three-way tie for third. Named were Mathis, Alden Stroble, Jarrod Panton, Thad Vesecky and Frank Beal.

Earning honorable mention were Russell Meek, Chris Nichola, Tim Barnhart, Andres Alduncin, Levon Guiragossin, Chris Gillman, Mike Brisco, Pat Sullivan, Doug Morrison, Edward Kalinoski and Jeremy Gosch.

## Frank Beal Heads 2nd Honor Roll

Frank Beal was the leader on the Middle School Honor Roll for the second grading period. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Chad Mathis and Nelson Kittler.

Chris Nicola and Alden Stroble were also named to the honor roll.

Earning honorable mention were Andres Alduncin, Ed Kalinoski, Chris Gillman, Jarrod Panton, Thad Vesecky, Tim Barnhart, Russell Meek, Mike Slaton, Pat Sullivan, Doug Morrison, Mike Brisco, Todd Probasco and Levon Guiragossian.

## SJMS Former First Lady Dies at 95

Anna D. Ganssle, 95, the wife of a former head of St. John's Military School, died Nov. 25 at her home in Salina.

She moved to Salina with her husband, Waldorf, in 1915 when her husband re-opened the School. The late Colonel Ganssle is credited with founding the Crack Drill Team, **The Skirmisher** and other traditions of the School.

The enrollment of the School was 26 Cadets when they arrived in 1915.

In 1987, Mrs. Ganssle was commissioned an Honorary Colonel by the School.

She was born Anna D. Davies on July 24, 1894 in Racine, Wis. She was a homemaker and a member of Christ Episcopal Cathedral.

Mrs. Ganssle was preceded in death by her husband in 1956 and a daughter, Margaret Ann "Polly" Ellis.

Survivors include a daughter, Joyce Hunt of the home, five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was Nov. 28 at Christ Cathedral, the Very Rev. M. Richard Hatfield, officiating.

Members of the 102nd Corps provided final honors with a Color Guard, Honor Guard and ushers for the service.

### Band Cords Issued

Blue Band cords have been issued to three more Cadets--David Cardona, Shane Phillips and Thad Vesecky.

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## Commandant's Comments

Pride plays a big part in our lives. The 102nd Corps has achieved much in a short time. I truly believe Cadets, parents, faculty and staff are extremely proud of the Corps' success this year. The many accomplishments were made possible by individual hard work, team effort, and an overwhelming sense of Corps esprit.

As we reflect on marked improvement in academics, competitive spirit and Corps image, we must guard against complacency. We are approaching the second half of the school year with about 190 cadets. The Corps may grow to exceed 200 cadets in January 1990. This projection requires planning for Battalion reorganization which would be implemented at the start of the second semester. I know the Corps chain of command will accomplish this objective with innovative leadership.

On behalf of the Battalion Commander and the 102nd Corps, we wish everyone a happy holiday.



Houston Ward

Houston E. Ward, Jr., Commandant

## ★ PROMOTIONS ★ 70 Years On . . .

The following promotions have been made by special orders since the last issue of *The Skirmisher*.

Promoted to:

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL** — Jon Cunningham.

**MAJOR** — Brian Farrell, Jay Macrum, Chris Meidell.

**CAPTAIN** — Jeffrey Heronen, David Keller.

**FIRST LIEUTENANT** — Chris Moran, William Roberts, Kevin Peloso.

**SECOND LIEUTENANT** — Thomas Thomson.

**MASTER SERGEANT** — Mark Goatley.

**FIRST SERGEANT** — Patrick Foley.

**SERGEANT FIRST CLASS** — Bill Heath, Jon Royal, Darrin Thomas, Aric Inglett.

**STAFF SERGEANT** — Chad Caruso, Michael Kerry, Jonathan Royal, Gerald Miller.

**SERGEANT** — Shawn Sprung, Gabriel Boyle, Tom Fournier, Brock Manley, Christian Martens, James Newell, Phong Nguyen, Mark Riccobono.

**CORPORAL** — Nuradi Adi, Arthur Canon, Sean Crabtree, Jason Emrick, Justin Hoese, Steve Huff, Chris Mackey, Mark Manos, Chad Mathis, Jason McCall, Jeff Newcomb, Jason Roth, Chris Peteete, Geoffrey Barton, James Bridges, Brett Brown, Joshua Chambers, Chester Crawford, Daniel Ditto, Christopher Gillman, Scott Gruber, Jason Price, Chris Purdie, Trevor Sullivan, Erik Reifschneider, Kirstin Mihalick.

**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS** — Tim Barnhart, Franklin Beal, Michael Brisco, James Childress, Robby Duke, Mike Evans, Jeremy Gosch, Scott Green, Levon Guiragossian, John Knoll, Russell Meek, Doug Morrison, Gerry Ramberg, Douglas Richards, Matthew Ruge, Steven St. John, Seth Waskom, Michael Yardley, Nicholas Hanlin, Heath Herring, John Lamb, Joshua Lemos, Jeff Newcomb, Joseph Salzer, David Sowell, Warren Thomas, James Watson, Michael Slaton, John Beasley.

**PRIVATE OLD BOY** — Scott Goscha, Daniel Hart, Leon Neil, Jonathan Ralston, Henry Kessler, Shane Phillips, Nathan Criswell, Jason Cardona, Tillman Pink, Jack Hare, Steven St. John, Marty Trager, Patrick Sullivan, Cameron Smith, Michael Evans, Jeremy Rooney, Travis Johnson, Byron Nelson.

### Veterans' Day Observed

Veterans' Day was observed with a ceremony in front of the Veterans' memorial on campus, Nov. 10. The 102nd Corps marched in the Veterans' Day parade in Salina, Nov. 11.

## "Duke" Mystery Finally Solved

Who or what was Duke? Why did Cadets think enough of this mascot to buy an elaborate tombstone? And where was Duke actually buried?

Elizabeth Duckers, wife of the President, found the overturned stone in a patch of weeds on the southeast corner of the campus, about where the home of Capt. Doug Randolph stands. The Duckers lived in the house now occupied by the Commandant. She made the find in 1957.

Mrs. Duckers moved the stone into her backyard. When they moved into the President's home ten years later it was left there.

When Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg was Commandant, a question about Duke's burial spot was added to the "old boy" test. The answer was in the Commandant's back yard, which of course, was not correct.

When the Kelloggs left campus, Mrs. Duckers moved the monument into the yard of the President, meanwhile researching to find more information about Duke. The stone is very heavy; so she used Colonel Duckers golf cart.

The mystery is now solved. In doing research for the News from the Past column, Mrs. Duckers found an article in the May 25, 1920 *Skirmisher* that said "Duke, the Mascot, is dead."

The article said: "Duke, the shepherd-dog mascot four years; is dead." Contrary to the prediction that he would be run over by an automobile, Duke was poisoned when bitten by a rattlesnake during the annual encampment on a farm near Salina. Wrapped in a shelter-half, surrounded by his pals, the Cadets, Duke died at Camp Robb and his spirit is now chasing phantom cats and automobiles in the Happy Hun-

ting Ground. He was buried under a tree in the front campus of St. John's.

The story continued: "To those to whom an obituary notice of a dog may seem strange, it is explained that for four years Duke has been as much a part of St. John's Military School as any Cadet or for that matter, any member of the faculty.

"He was first discovered, four years ago (1916) calmly asleep in a bed in one of the Cadet's rooms. It developed that he had followed two Cadets home one night and they had decided to share their room with him. A former owner of Duke told Major Ganssle that the dog had been owned by several families in town, but would not remain at a place long where there were no boys.

"He would stay very contentedly at the school all year as long as the students were here. When vacation came, Duke usually decided to take a vacation also. He would disappear and would not return until the next fall."

The story concluded, "Last summer he remained on campus until August. He did not return in the fall. One morning, shortly after Christmas holidays, a dog was heard barking at reveille. Duke had returned."

And so Mrs. Duckers will return the tombstone to a proper spot on campus and Duke's spirit be returned to the 102nd Cadet Corps.

Plans are being made for a special ceremony to be held in the spring. The stone will be placed under the maple tree just inside the front gate.

## SJMS Team Leading In Market Game

Brett Brown and Chris Purdie are first in the Salina region in the Stock Market game sponsored by Kansas State University. With two weeks remaining, they have an \$8,000 lead over the nearest team. They are also ranked seventh in the state among 632 teams.

Other teams in the economics class are making final buys and sells in the hope they can make it to the winning bracket by the end of the game.

Other members are Tom Tuthill, Josh Lemos and Brian Weber.

## Seniors Attend Science Day

Seven seniors attended a Science Day at Kansas Wesleyan University, Nov. 18.

The day consisted of workshops conducted by college professors in the fields of math, physics, chemistry, biology, astronomy and computers. The Cadets participated in workshops dealing with math, chemistry, biology and computers.

Maj. Charles Spielman said the day gave the Cadets a glimpse of what college classes will be like.

Attending were Chris Moran, Jeff Herronen, Tom Keefe, Jon Royal, Kevin Peloso, Darrin Thomas and Jose Peral.

## Parents Commend Cadets

(Editor's Note: *The Skirmisher* received the following letter from the parents of Cadet Chris Meidell.)

A large number of parents took the time to be present at what we have viewed as a most enjoyable, busy, well-organized and positive display of achievement. You've probably heard the expression, "Time heals all wounds." Not only were they healed -- but there was also no sign of a battle! The way in which the weekend went was a clear indication of leadership and "want to achieve". Not only were the Cadets on an upswing, but the faculty and staff as well. It was indeed a pleasure and an honor to be a part of something that indicates St. John's is once again in their tradition mode. If you weren't present and didn't have the opportunity, as we did, to see it first hand, you missed something.

Cadets, it's obvious, you're using your time wisely. It's also obvious it's paid off. From the football field, classroom, drill team and all, it shows! That star with the blue inset you are wearing this year will be solid gold next time!

Congratulations to one and all for a job well done. And, thanks St. John's for being there when our sons needed you. You are the best in our time.

Respectfully,

Bill, Class of '54, and Judy Meidell

### 3 Named To Guard

Three Cadets have been added to the Honor Guard and are authorized to wear the cord and ribbon. They are Robert Moore, Chester Crawford and Joshua Chambers.

### Court Cords Issued

Cadet Court cords and ribbons have been authorized.

Court members are Jon Cunningham, Barry Rubin, David Besikof, Darren Johnson, Phong Nguyen, Robert Ellis and Jarrod Pantone.

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## Football Team Improved During Season, Ends 2-6

The SJMS Cadets ended the 1989 football season with a 2-6 record. The record does not show the remarkable improvement made by the team according to Coach Phil Kellogg.

He said, "The Cadets could easily have had a 4-4 season. The high point of the season was beating Hope Oct. 20 during the Parents weekend."

William Roberts ran for two touchdowns and passed for another as the Cadets defeated Hope 30-12. Chris Purdie also scored on a six-yard run.

The Cadets also defeated St. Mary's 28-8 at St. Mary's Oct. 14. Scoring for the Cadets were Roberts, Mike Nyhus and Purdie.

Solomon outlasted St. John's 28-20 in a game Oct. 6 on Perkins Field. Scoring for the Cadets were Roger Hernandez, Roberts and Nyhus.

St. John's held Solomon on downs and had the ball with just over a minute in the game but Roberts threw an interception and Solomon was able to run out the clock.

A late-game penalty killed the Cadets chances of defeating White City Oct. 23 at White City.

After gaining a first down at the White City nine-yard line late in the fourth quarter, the Muleskinners were flagged for a 15-yard penalty pushing the ball back to the 24-yard line. St. John's was unable to put the ball in the end zone. White City escaped with a 18-16 victory. Scoring for the Cadets were Roberts and Hernandez.

Nyhus made the first team of the Post Rock All League team. Making the second team were Roberts, Hernandez, Bill Heath, Chris Meidell, and Aric Ingelett.

They all earned letters as did Chris Purdie, Chad Caruso, Geoff Barton, Gabe Boyle, David Keller, Brian Weber, Brett Brown, Josh Lemos and Jeff Herronen.

Others playing were Scott Gruber, Derrick Cheever, Gerald Miller, Jose Peral, Josh Chambers and Richard Bishop.

## Country Runners Finish Season

The SJMS cross country team finished the season by competing at the Class 4A regionals at Ft. Hays State University, Oct. 21. The team finished seventh in a field of twelve schools.

Chris Moran was the first St. John's harrier over the 3.1-mile course with a time of 19 minutes, 17 seconds.

Tom Thomson was the team's most valuable player for his dedicated effort. He finished first or second for the Muleskinners team at every meet.

Coach Don McCann said, "The team had a very successful year in that they maintained an extremely high morale and an aggressive competitive spirit."

Earning letters were Chris Homes, manager; Moran, Darren Johnson, Darren Kulju, Barry Rubin, Thomson, Isaac Magdaleno, Mark Richards, Scott Schneider, Shannon Shingleton and Jim Watson.

An eighth grader, Robert Moore, practiced with the team all season and was commended for his self-motivation.

### Cadets Visit Library

The Middle School Cadets are visiting the Salina public library once a week this year. The project is designed to encourage an interest in reading as they become acquainted with the library and the resources available for use.

## Wrestling Returns To SJMS

The varsity wrestling program has been resumed after a two-year absence.

A new wrestling mat was purchased for the program. Maj. Joel Looney, Comptroller, and Capt. Doug Randolph, Social science teacher, are the coaches. They are pleased with the 30 Cadets who are in the program.

Randolph said that most of the Cadets are just learning the sport. The team has competitors in all classes except the 119 and 130 weight classes.

Team members are Shane Motari, Ryan Munich, William Swett, Matt Ruge, Mark Sinkovec, Darren Johnson, Darren Schmalzried, Chester Crawford, Jay Childress, Scot Coghill, Justin Hoese, Barry Rubin, Dale Vandell, Chris Mackey, Tom Keefe, Gerald Miller, Shawn Sprung, Gary Buechner, Chris Reed, David Keller, Tom Tuthill, Ben Downing, Shane Phillips, Josh Lemos, Chris Meidell, Brian Weber, Brian Monahan, Brian Bates, Mike Smith.

Alan Witherington is the manager.

## Mid-School Cadets Visit Wichita

The Middle School Cadets visited the Omnisphere and Science Center and the Zoo in Wichita in late September.

The planetarium provided a visual display of Stonehenge in England to learn how it was built and to watch the astronomical events it was designed to predict.

The Cadets participated in exhibits about perception, physics, electricity, chemistry and astronomy.

The Cadets observed animals roaming in natural habitats at the zoo and botanical gardens. The birds fly freely in the tropical rain forest and nocturnal creatures move through a darkened herpetarium where night and day are switched.

## Basketball Play Begins

The St. John's basketball team will begin the season short on size, short on experience and will play an abbreviated schedule.

Beginning his fifth season as head coach, Charles Speilman said, "The lack of experience is not an uncommon situation facing a St. John's ball club. While a typical high school coach does not have to deal with a high turnover of students, it's not likely a group of freshmen are going to remain together throughout their four years of eligibility."

The Cadets return one starter and three lettermen from last season's 5-10 club.

St. John's lone returning starter is William Roberts, a 6-foot junior who can play either forward or center. Other returning lettermen include a pair of backcourt players, Dusty Robinson and Rico Richardson.

Returning players from last year are Adam McKittrick, Jon Davis, Tom Wilson, Gabe Boyle and Mike Smith.

Others out for the game are Mike Nyhus, Chris Purdie, Jason Roth, Geoff Barton, Doug Richard, John Beasley, James Peyton, Roger Hernandez, David Besikof, Mike Kerry, Henry Kessler, Brock Manley, Mike Dopps, Scott Gruber, Jim Bridges, Arthur Cannon, Shannon Shingleton,

Marcus Singleton and Eric Reifschneider.

Managers are Darrin Thomas, Jose Peral and Richard Bishop.

The schedule includes only 10 regular season games and the Post Rock League tournament. Speilman said, "We had a hard time scheduling games because we don't have a girls' team and there are not many teams who want to schedule a boys' game without setting up a girls' game, too."

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Tescott, H. ....	Dec. 5
Bennington, Th. ....	Dec. 8
Solomon, Th. ....	Jan. 11
Post Rock. ....	Jan. 15-19
Tournament	
St. Mary's. ....	Jan. 20
Academy, H. ....	Jan. 23
Miltonvale, Th. ....	Jan. 23
Bennington, H. ....	Jan. 26
Solomon, H. ....	Jan. 30
Tescott, Th. ....	Feb. 2
St. Mary's. ....	Feb. 10
Academy, Th. ....	Feb. 10
Miltonvale, H. ....	Feb. 13

## M.S. Basketball Season Begins

Basketball season is in full swing with 24 Middle School Cadets participating. Maj. Kelly Rudolph is the coach.

The first game was played at Solomon with the B-team winning 17-15. Playing well for the Cadets were Leon Neil and Joe Westhusin.

Solomon won the A-team game 36-28. The Cadets lead in the first three quarters but were outscored in the fourth. Outstanding players were Jon Hagens and LaKeith Woods.

## Blackpowder Shoot Enjoyed By Cadets

Nine students from the American History and Kansas History classes attended a blackpowder Mountain Man weekend meet.

The event included shooting blackpowder guns, throwing tomahawks at targets, a Mountain Man run and a meal of venison stew prepared over a campfire.

All the Cadets fired blackpowder and buffalo rifles.

Two Cadets advanced to the finals of the tomahawk throwing contests with Darren Johnson finishing second in the junior division.

Other Cadets attending were Scott Gruber, Robert Ellis, Gerald Miller, Aric Ingelett, Geoff Barton, Chris Purdie, Robert Gunter and Jay Childress.

## Bike Club Organized

A bicycle club has been organized under the direction of Gerald Martin, SJMS teacher. Fourteen Cadets now have bicycles on campus.

Outings have been held every weekend this fall but from now on will be only on Saturdays, weather permitting.

During the week either a mix of mountain bikes and road bikes, or smaller groups of only one type bike are ridden for shorter distances.

Martin explained a mountain bike is designed for going virtually anywhere while a road bike (typical 10-speed) can't operate very well on sand or grass.

Cadets with bikes on campus are Kevin Peloso, Chris Moran, Scot Coghill, Alan Witherington, Mark Riccobono, James Watson, Doug Dvorak, Mark Richards, Dan Ditto, Doug Morrison, Bill Heath, Derek Dickey, Frank Beal and Darrin Thomas.

Other club members are Lakeith Woods, Chris Reed, Louis Godin, Arthur Cannon, Marcus Shingleton and Jason Roth.

The Cadets must pass certain tests and wear helmets before being allowed to ride.

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