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Fund Drive Launched To Build Middle School Classroom Building

Plans for a new Middle School classroom building on the St. John's Military School campus were announced during the luncheon meeting of the SJMS Foundation, May 12, at the Salina Holiday Inn/Holidome.

A fund drive for \$1 million dollars to build the facility was launched at the meeting by Larry Britegam, Foundation president, who will head the drive. A Salina banker, Britegam is a St. John's old boy.

A total of \$488,433 was already raised at the time of the luncheon. "We had been quietly underway on the fund drive for a few weeks," said Col. Keith G. Duckers, President.

Robert H. Kastner, Chairman of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees, announced that \$300,000 of that amount will come from Endowment fund income. Trustees approved that contribution at its quarterly meeting in April.

It was also announced that members of the SJMS faculty and staff have given or pledged \$42,000. The staff goal was \$25,000. Britegam said, "I'm overwhelmed by the gift from members of the faculty and staff."

Larry White, architect with Bucher, Willis & Ratliff, said that the preliminary work for the building plans have been completed. The building will follow the Williamsburg style of other campus buildings.

Fund drive over half-way to goal. More than \$500,000 has been pledged for a new Middle School according to Larry Britegam, Drive Chairman.

The structure will be built north of Parkview Hall on the west side of the campus. The building will present a new front for the School on Ninth street.

The building will have more than 9,000 square feet and will have eight classrooms, a computer laboratory and science laboratories. It is being designed to handle up to 100 students.

Cadets in fifth through eighth grades will use the building. This year there were 55 Cadets in the Middle School group.

To Replace Parkview

The new building will replace aging Parkview Hall, which was built using four portable cottages moved onto the campus in the early 1950s.

Although it has served the School well, it is not practical to continue to maintain it.

Duckers pointed out that the last new building erected on the campus was the Vanier Academic Center, first occupied in 1980. The Vanier Center replaced Vail Hall, destroyed by fire in 1978. Vanier Center was paid for by fire insurance proceeds and a \$400,000 fund drive. This was the last capital fund drive conducted by the School.

"St. John's has historically operated on income earned from tuition," said Duckers. "The School has never conducted a fund drive to raise money for a short fall in operating income."

He added, "Endowment income has never been used for deficits in operating expenses. Endowment income is either used or set aside for capital projects to improve the quality of life for Cadets." A percentage of endowment income is re-invested annually to cover for inflation."

Horejsis Host Past/Present Trustees

Stewart and Fran Horejsi hosted a fund raiser for the Middle School Classroom building project at their home east of Salina, June 15.

Special guests were former Trustees and their wives and widows of former Trustees.

Horejsi is a member of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the Trust committee of the Board.

"Be Prepared To Seize The Moment Seniors" ... Says Commencement Speaker

The graduating seniors were advised to "Be prepared to seize the moment" in the Commencement address Sunday morning, May 13. Speaking was Bill Graves, Kansas Secretary of State and a St. John's Trustee.

He said, "To use an often used quote 'Luck is when preparation meets opportunity'. What that means is that in fact there is no such thing as luck. The correct wording of that quotation should be SUCCESS is when preparation meets opportunity."

"And while it's often hard to control the opportunities you'll have in life, you have total control over your preparation. Every aspect of learning is important whether its successful or not," he continued.

Graves commented: "Discipline, honor, duty, pride, mental toughness--call it whatever you like, but you leave here with more than an education. You can walk out of this place confident and prepared. Tomorrow begins the next phase of a life long journey of learning and developing."

A large crowd of parents, friends, staff, faculty and Cadets were in Baner Gym to see 20 seniors receive their diplomas. Making the presentations were Robert H. Kastner, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board; Col.

Keith G. Duckers, President, and Lt. Col. Kenneth C. Faerber, Academic Dean.

In the Corps Commander's farewell, Jon Cunningham said, "I waited for four years to go home, and now that I am ready to leave, I realize that SJMS is home."

The Handle ceremony with the singing of the "SJMS Alma Mater" and "God be with You" concluded the ceremony.

Awarded Gordon Prize

Cunningham, the Cadet commander of the 102nd Corps was awarded the Gordon Prize for outstanding leadership, academic performance and athletic endeavors. The prize is only given in years when there is a qualified Cadet.

Playing a concert and for the ceremonies was the First Infantry Division Band, Ft. Riley, Ks.

Other participants in the ceremonies were Lt. Col. Thomas P. Martin, Vice President; the Very Rev. Richard Hatfield, Dean of Christ Episcopal Cathedral and Cadet Chris Holmes.

Colorado, California Alumni Meetings Set

A SJMS reunion of old boys and friends of the School is being planned on your own turf! That's what is in store for St. John's old boys in Colorado and California this summer.

Hosting the Colorado event is D. Dale Browning, Class of 1955. Old boys from the Denver area will receive invitations soon for the reception July 27 at the Colorado National Bank, Denver.

California alums will be invited to Universal Studios for a reception the evening of Aug. 4. Hosting the event are Dean Hargrove, Class of 1955, and Col. Al Ransom, Class of 1956.

Both events are to support the School's effort to raise \$1 million for a new Middle School classroom building.

A state of St. John's Military School message will be given by Col. Keith G. Duckers, President. An appeal for pledges will be made.

**Support
the MIDDLE SCHOOL
FUND DRIVE**

Former Cadets not residing in Colorado or California may receive invitations to either event by contacting Sheri Becker, Box 827, Salina, Ks 67402, (913/823-7231).

Reception Held On Campus

A reception and luncheon following the Ordination of James Richard Cox to the Sacred Order of Deacons was held on the porch of the Vanier Academic Center, May 26. The reception was originally set for the back lawn of the home of President Keith Duckers and Mrs. Duckers. A "perpetual drizzle" that morning prompted the move.

Gox will assume the duties of SJMS Chaplain in the fall. He and his wife, Ruth, will live in the north side of the duplex on campus.

Planning the event were Lt. Col. Tom Martin, vice president, and his wife, Teresa, and Maj. Joel Looney, Comptroller.

Johnson Named 103rd Corps Commander

Darren T. Johnson, Euless, Texas, was named the Battalion Commander of the 103rd Corps to be formed next fall. The change of command ceremony came at the end of the final pass-in-review and parade Sunday, May 13.

Jon Cunningham, Commander of the 102nd Corps, passed the Hardy Saber, symbol of command, to Johnson.

After reviewing the capabilities of a number of Cadets, it was determined that Johnson was the best qualified Cadet to serve as the commander.

The decision was a difficult one according to Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, due to the leadership strengths of the Cadets in the Junior Class.

Brigadiers Honored

Individuals and firms were presented Brigadier medallions during Commencement ceremonies, May 13.

A Brigadier is an honor presented to individuals and firms giving over \$1000 in a fiscal year to SJMS.

Honored this year were the Bennington State Bank, Bennington, Ks.; D. Dale Browning, Denver; Louis B. Fulton, New Orleans, La.; H.D. Hale, Shawnee Mission, Ks.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoppe jr., LaGrange, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lehman, Longmont, Colo.; Bryan Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lewis, Dodge City, Ks.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicola, Chickasha, Okla.; John K. "Jack" Vanier, Brookville, Ks.; Wardens and Vestry, Trini-

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NEWS

... from the past

COMMENCEMENT--1920

Four of the six Cadets who were graduated from St. John's Military school this year have definitely decided to go to college--three of them to Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan . . . School closed after the commencement lunch on Monday. Last year it was possible to hold only that part of the commencement exercises that could be held indoors as it rained practically all of the time during Commencement week. Diplomas were presented to the graduating class at the Cathedral by Bishop Thomas of Wyoming, who preached the commencement sermon.

COMMENCEMENT--1960

Tons of potatoes, rivers of gravy and a grocery budget that would stagger the housewife's imagination are the problems Bill and Luella Samuelson have faced during the past ten years. After serving their 11th Commencement buffet at the School, the Samuelsons retired.

COMMENCEMENT--1970

A crowd estimated at 1200 guests and Cadets attended the outdoor ceremonies as 25 seniors received diplomas. Dwight Bruening named 83rd Corps C.O. . . "C" Company wins honor unit award . . . Teaching people not programs, the flexibility of the program, the small classes and individual attention are all attractions of teaching in a private school according to a panel of four St. John's school teachers.

COMMENCEMENT--1980

The \$356,000 "Bridging the Gap" fund drive had exceeded its goal with \$404,000 in cash and pledges in the coffers . . . The new classroom/administration building nearing completion on the St. John's Military School campus will be named the Vanier Academic Center. The name was chosen to honor the late John J. Vanier, Salina businessman, and Mrs. Vanier, both long-time supporters of the school. The new building is scheduled for completion by Aug. 15 in time for the opening of the fall term. Work on the Clem-Ferris project has started and the rooms are expected to be ready for occupancy this fall . . . The Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Kansas, will leave Kansas to become assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Ohio.

May Named Chapel Head

Shane May was named the president of the Chapel Council for the 1990-91 year by the Very Rev. Richard Hatfield, Dean of Christ Cathedral and acting SJMS Chaplain this year.

May also earned the Bishop's award for his work in the chapel program. Brian Farrell was also given the Bishop's award. Farrell was this year's president.

Arthur Cannon was awarded the Kennedy-Holfield award for his assistance to the Chaplain.

Two Win Drill

Winners of the Commandant's medals for the best manual-of-arms drill were William Roberts, Upper School, and Alden Stroble, Middle School.

Crosses Given To SJMS Chapel

The "Stations of the Cross" have been added to the walls in Armstrong Memorial Chapel. The 14 wood crosses with votive candles were made and given by the Rev. Willys Neustrom. He is an Episcopal clergyman living in Salina.

"This is a wonderful gift and was a great surprise to me," said Col. Keith G. Duckers, President. "They are beautiful works of art and obviously have been made with loving care."

Five to Quiz Bowl

Five Cadets participated in the Quiz bowl regional competition. They were Steve Blazick, Darren Johnson, Josh Lemos, Josh Chambers and Brett Brown.

Jay Macrum Heads Final Honor Roll

Jay Macrum was the leader on all six grading period honor rolls during the school year. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Chad Caruso and Scott Schneider.

Others named to the honor roll were Adi Hasan, Josh Chambers, Josh Lemos, Scott Gruber, Chris Mackey, Thomas Tuthill, Jon Cunningham, Geoffrey Barton, Isaac Magdaleno, Jeffrey Clausen, Brock Manly and Peter Wallace.

Earning honorable mention were Nivedan Reddy, Tom Wilson, Stephen Blazick, David Besikof, Shane May, Kristin Mihalick, Michael Nyhus, Thomas Keefe, Ben Downing, Derrick Cheever, and Guy Dunning.

Stroble Heads Sixth M.S. Honor Roll

Alden Stroble was the leader on the final honor roll of the 1989-90 school year. Stroble, Andre Alduncin and Chris Allen were named to the Blue Berets.

Earning honorable mention were Chad Mathis, Tim Barnhart, Bob Hoesly, David Godin, Ed Kalinoski, Pat Sullivan, Chris Nicola, R.J. Green, Lamar Johnson, Jeremy Gosch, Doug Morrison, Nathan Criswell and Chris Gillman.

Tuthill Makes Academic Team

Tom Tuthill was selected for The Salina Journal Academic Team. Twelve of Saline County's top graduating high school students were recognized by the newspaper for their outstanding academic achievements.

In an interview with the paper, Tuthill said that he believes if parents instill the importance of education into their children they will strive to do well. But the choice is up to the individual.

"You can't really force that attitude on them," he said.

Tuthill's strong family background is his motivation for going to the University of Kansas next year to study pre-medicine. His father and grandfather both graduated from the KU School of Medicine to become doctors, and Tuthill wants to follow their path.

Brigadiers Honored

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ty Episcopal Church, Atchison, Ks.; Tom Wilson, Chino, Calif., and William Baird, Arkansas City, Ks.

Salina Brigadiers were Col. and Mrs. Keith G. Duckers, KSAL-KY Country, Kennedy and Coe, Maj. Michael Miller, Charles Stevens Jr., Al Schwan, and John K. Vanier II.

★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★



OLD BOYS

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, (center) is pictured with old boy visitors during Commencement weekend. They are (left to right) Capt. Randy Hoppe, Class of 1980; Bob Odell, Attended 1956-60; Don Wendler and William Salmon, Class of 1953.

Attended 1952-54 . . . Orin Seybert has written the School that he plans to come from Alaska to attend the alumni function in Los Angeles.

Class of 1955 . . . Roger Bigler has written that he will return from the Philippines to attend the alumni function this summer. His area of interest in the Philippines continue to be real estate for retirement housing and resort development, plus manufacturing in the crafts industry. He lives in the Philippines over half the year and in Oakland, Calif., commuting about five or six times per year. He is a grandfather - twice.

Class of 1961 . . . A letter was received recently from **Alvaros J. Power Garcia** from Venezuela. He was requesting information about his fellow classmates. After graduation from SJMS he majored in mass communications (television). He is married and has four children and two grandchildren. He has his own video production company and makes documentary programs for

government companies.

He lives in Puerto Ordaz in the southeastern part of Venezuela. It is the youngest city (30 years old) in Venezuela. Its basic industries are iron, aluminum, gold and diamonds.

Class of 1970 . . . Three Cadets returned for the 20-year reunion. They were **Dean Black, Tom Harper and Joel Avery.**

Class of 1977 . . . Kyle Duckers, an honorary member of the class, and Larina Luzzi were married April 28 at St. Mary's Church, Alexandria, Va. Duckers, who grew up on the campus, is the son of Col. and Mrs. Keith Duckers. He is an assistant vice president for First American Metro Corp., McLean, Va.

DEATH

Carl E. Fitzgerald, Class of 1912, died Nov. 16, 1988 at his home in San Diego, Calif. He was born in Dodge City and his father was a former lieutenant governor of Kansas.

Marine Camp Tour Available

An added event for the California old boy gathering is a special morning tour, Aug. 3, of the U.S. Marine Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Col. Al Ransom, '56, a 30-year veteran of the Marine Corps, has arranged a VIP tour for members of the SJMS family beginning at 9 a.m.

The party will be guests of the Marines for lunch with the recruits.

Persons wishing to make the tour are to notify Sheri Becker, St. John's Military School, Box 827, Salina, Ks. 67402, (913/823-7231.)

New Spartans Named

Several Cadets have qualified as Spartans. They are Luis Bonnet, Douglas Dvorak, Adi Hasan, Josh Lemos, Brian Monahan, Warren Thomas and Tom Wilson. Junior Spartans are Scott Green, Ed Kalinoski and Steven St. John.

Tombstone Returned To Site

A special retreat formation to honor a former mascot of St. John's, Duke, a dog, was held Friday evening April 19.

The whereabouts of Duke's grave have long been a topic of debate with locations varying from the backyards of the Commandant or President, to the center of the teardrop.

Recent research by Mrs. Keith Duckers, Public Information director, who found Duke's tombstone on the southeast corner of campus, suggests that he was buried under a tree in the front campus of SJMS.

The tombstone was removed from the back lawn of the President to a permanent location under a maple tree on the front lawn of the Commandant's quarters just inside the main gate.

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Commandant's Comments

The 1990 Commencement activities provided Mrs. Ward and me with more fond memories to add to a rich collection of great moments shared with the 102nd Corps. In less than 48 hours, we attended 14 separate events paying tribute to a super group of Cadets. Congratulations are definitely in order for the many fine individual and group performances rendered during Commencement Weekend.

Although warned, I was still unprepared for the emotional moments that we all experienced during Commencement and the Final Review. I will never forget the 102nd Corps and again thank Jon Cunningham for superb leadership performance. At the same time, I congratulate Darren Johnson on his selection as the Battalion Commander to lead the 103rd Corps to even higher plateaus.

I have met with TACOS and coaches who have prepared a coordinated two weeks of athletic-leader camp schedule. Football and Cross Country participants arrive on Aug. 19 while invited leaders come Aug. 26. After reviewing camp topics and activities, I guarantee each Cadet a very challenging and rewarding experience.

I trust everyone is enjoying their summer and I look forward to working with you next year.

Houston E. Ward, Jr., Commandant
LTC, USA (Ret.)



Houston
Ward

Bravo Is Honor Unit

"Bravo" Company, commanded by Darren Johnson, was the Honor Company of the year.

Cadets of the company were Chris Apostolof, Bryan Atkins, Patrick Baird, James Bridges, Brett Brown, Chad Caruso, Joshua Chambers, Derrick Cheever, James Childress, Michael Dahl, Jon Davis, Patrick Foley, Lawrence Ford, Rene Garcia, Steven Gaven, Scott Gruber, Heath Herring, Dalton Hollmann, Aric Inglett, Henry Kessler, Daniel Marty, Kristin Mihalick, Brian Monahan, Kevin Peloso, James Peyton, Jason Price, Douglas Richards.

Others were Mark Richards, Jon Royal, Darren Schmalzried, Scott Schneider, David Sowell, Shawn Sprung, Warren Thomas, Dale Vandel, Michael Wagner, Peter Wallace, Brian Weber, Matthew Ruge, Michael Rye, Gary Beuchner, Rhett Lucas, Jeffrey Clausen, Tom Tuthill and Peter Hastings.

Alpha Takes Drill Honors

Alpha company, commanded by Roger Hernandez, won the Best Drill platoon and Best Drill company competitions.

Tom Wilson was the platoon commander.

Members of second platoon of the company were Jose Peral, Scot Coghill, Gabe Boyle, Jake Taylor, Mark Sinkovec, Shane Phillips, Chester Crawford, Stephen Huff, Guy Denning, Tony Barlow, Tory Merriman, Christian Martens, Richard Bishop, Scott Ryan, Chris Mackey, Ryan Munich, Jason McCall, Robert Kurtz, Shane Motari, Shabbier Merchant.

First platoon members winning the drill were Geoffrey Barton, David Besikof, John Lamb, Jeremy Riley, Shaun Conine, Josh Lemos, Brian Bates, Arthur Cannon, Chris Peteete, Dustin Robinson, Douglas Dvorak, Mark Riccobono, Luis Bonnet, Eric Reifschneider, Chris Simmonds, and Adi Hasan.

Cadets Swim In Marathon

Twenty Cadets participated in the 1990 YWCA/American Cancer Society Swim Marathon at the YW March 9 and 10.

Funds raised help support the YWCA handicapped programs and the American Cancer Society research and education efforts.

The Cadets swam one or two miles each day.

Barbara Janssen, aquatics director of the Y, said: "The students eager to help attitude and courtesy were greatly appreciated by swimmers and volunteers alike."

Sponsoring the group was Maj. Mike Miller, Senior Army Instructor.

★ PROMOTIONS ★

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

Promoted to:

COLONEL — Jon Cunningham.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL — Brian Farrell, Jay Macrum, Chris Meidell.

MAJOR — Jeff Herronen, Chris Moran.

CAPTAIN — Chris Holmes, Michael Nyhus, Kevin Peloso, Jose Peral.

FIRST LIEUTENANT — Scot Coghill, Thomas Keefe, Jon Royal, Darrin Thomas, Thomas Tuthill, Darren Kulju, Isaac Magdaleno, Tom Wilson.

SECOND LIEUTENANT — Gabriel Boyle, Chad Caruso, Aric Inglett, Chris Purdie, Mark Richards, Barry Rubin, Chad Kopecky.

WARRANT OFFICER II — Patrick Baird.

FIRST SERGEANT — Geoffrey Barton, Tim Piowaty, Ben Downing, Alan Witherington.

MASTER SERGEANT — Gerald Miller, William Heath, David Keller.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS — Brett Brown, Arthur Cannon, Josh Chambers, Derrick Cheever, Michael Dahl, Adi Hasan, Justin Hoesse, Stephen Huff, Chris Mackey, Shane May, Brian Monahan, Jason Price, Scott Schneider, Alden Stroble, Michael Wagner, Brian Weber, Tom Fournier, Robert Moore, Shannon Shingleton.

STAFF SERGEANT — Chris Apostolof, Sean Crabtree, Chester Crawford, Dan Goldstein, Brock Manley, Chad Mathis, Erik Reifschneider, Marcus Singleton, Cameron Smith, Trevor Sullivan, James Watson, Bryan Atkins, Mark Sinkovec.

SERGEANT — Josh Adams, Jon Davis, Jay Childress, Daniel Ditto, Steve Gaven, Chris Gillman, Scott Gruber, Jon Hagans, Peter Hastings, Travis Jamerson, Josh Lemos, Russell Meek, Chris Peteete, James Peyton, Nivi Reddy, Douglas Richards, Scott Richard, Scott Ryan, Peter Wallace, Michael Yardley, Doug Winter.

CORPORAL — Chris Allen, Luis Bonnet, Scott Goscha, Casey Gurske, John Hauer, Robert Hoesly, Chris Jagels, Noe Musquiz, Shane Phillips, Warren Thomas, Richard Bishop, Michael Dopps, Thomas Eckland, Lawrence Ford, Rene Garcia, Jeremy Gosch, Lamar Johnson, Henry Kessler, Robert Kurtz, John Lamb, Tory Merriman, Mark Riccobono, Michael Rye.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS — Jeff Clausen, Chris Koppers, Rhett Lucas, Leon Neil, Michael Slaton, Joe Westhusin, Doug Winter, Wes Hoffman, Nick Stafford, Pat Sullivan.

PRIVATE OLD BOY — Heath Herring, Kristin Mihalick, Steve Stewart, Shabbir Merchant, Guy Dunning, Jeremy Riley, Eric Watts, Joseph Poston, Matthew Ruge.

Industrial Arts Teacher Named

Devon Walter has been named the new industrial arts teacher for 1990-91 according to Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean.

He replaces Alan Shuler who will return to teaching in U.S.D. District 305, Salina. Shuler was the replacement when Jim Lohmeyer resigned mid-year.

Walter is a 1990 graduate of Ft. Hays University with a degree in industrial education. He did his student teaching at Lincoln High School, Lincoln, KS.

Walter's wife, Sheila, will be a student at Bethany College, Lindsborg, majoring in art education.

In addition to teaching the

woodworking classes, Walters will be the assistant track coach in the Middle School and the assistant wrestling coach in the Upper School.

His hobbies are raising German Shepherd dogs, volleyball, golf and tennis.

The only other teaching staff change is in the Art department. Clayton Urbanek will replace Don McCann who has resigned to continue his education.

Flight Program Available

The Kansas College of Technology, a two-year state technical college in Salina, has added a professional Pilot Flight Training program to its curriculum.

Any Upper School Cadet interested in the program will be permitted to take the course according to Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean. He said, "The program is certified and four college hours will be granted."

The total cost of the program will be \$2,070. Payment is made to KTI.

The ground school will be offered on campus and at the Salina Municipal airport. Classes will be after evening mess. Flight hours will be scheduled for weekends and approved evenings.

Cadets interested in the program should contact Faerber before fall enrollment at SJMS.

Salute To The 102nd Corps

I hope that what I say herein
You'll absorb and store away.
Then, sometime when things
get bumpy,
Reflections back will ease the
day.

'Cause the things which you've
experienced
Will never leave your mind.
And events you may reflect
upon
Are the best you'll ever find.

That's not to say there haven't
been
The trials and tribulations,
But happy times will far offset
And bring memories of jubila-
tion.

Each person you've known
while here
Is different and unique,
And contact with your brothers
In the future you will seek.

The niche in life you're vying
for,
I'm hopeful you'll achieve.
But keep in touch with one
another,
As from St. John's you now
leave.

You're a special breed of
strong, young men,
With a need to spread your
wings.
You've learned much while at
St. John's.
Now's the time for bigger
things.

The very best to all of you,
From an old "Dark Ages" grad!
Like me, someday you'll look
back and say,
It wasn't all that bad!

Bill Meidell
Class of 1954

Young Cadets Celebrate Earth Day

The Middle School Cadets participated in several activities in celebration of the 20th anniversary of Earth Day.

A trip was made to the Smoky Hill bombing range for a compass reading exercise.

The next day a non-biodegradable scavenger hunt was held. The Cadets had to find 30 items that are harmful to the environment.

A poster contest was held. Winners were Chris Allen, first; Jon Hagans, second; Mike Yardley, third and Scott Green and Robby Duke tied for fourth.

The activities made the students aware of how precious the earth is and what individuals can do to help.

"Skirmisher" Mailed Overseas

Fifty-three **Skirmishers** are mailed outside the continental United States. Twenty papers are mailed to alums and patrons in Mexico. Six papers go to Alaska and three to Hawaii.

Other countries represented are Panama, Philippines, Canada, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Peru, England and Guatemala.

Bravo Platoon Wins

Second platoon of "B" company had the highest platoon average score from competition in the Cadet Challenge.

Golf Tourney Planned

Old boys planning to attend the California get-together in August are invited to play golf at the St. Luis Rey Downs Country Club near Oceanside, Calif., Aug. 3.

Arranging the golf outing is Col. Al Ransom, (U.S. Marine-Ret.), Class of 1956.

Persons wishing to sign up for golf should contact Sheri Becker, St. John's Military School, Box 827, Salina, Ks. 67402, (913/823-7231).

Excellence Is Rewarded At Awards Convocation

Awards and scholarships for excellence in academics, citizenship and leadership were given during the Awards Convocation Saturday afternoon, May 12.

Jay Macrum earned several awards. They were the Activity Leadership medal; National Honor Society college scholarship; Honorary Science award, and Jerry Lee Mirth award.

The Rotary medal given to the senior with the longest service at the School, was presented to Thomas Keefe. He was a student for five years.

Isaac Magdaleno earned the Linger award for his concern about the environment.

The Kansas High School Activities Association citizenship awards were presented to Jon Cunningham, Upper School, and Alden Stroble, Middle School. Cunningham also was

awarded the Wilson Loyalty medal.

Jonathan Royal was presented the "I Dare You" award.

Tom Tuthill earned three awards--the NHS Scholar of the Year award; Dean's award from Kansas State University and the Upper School athletic scholarship medal.

The Tinsley Fry athletic medal and the R.L. Guernsey Legend award were awarded William Roberts.

Roger Hernandez was awarded the Lippincott award as the varsity athlete demonstrating exceptional effort and sportsmanship.

The Kastner medal, given to the new boy with the most satisfactory record, was presented to Christian Purdie.

For the promotion of a new activity, Tim Piowaty was awarded the Heaton trophy.

Earning scholarships were Tom Wilson, Pribble memorial; Daniel Goldstein, Litchman award; Gerald Miller, Lewis memorial; and Chad Caruso, NHS textbook scholarship.

Chris Meidell earned the Sage Memorial medal as the Cadet showing the greatest development in the school year. It is traditionally awarded to a senior who is not a new boy.

Aric Inglett was the recipient of the Effort medal.

Scholarship Fund Grows

The fund to provide scholarships for worthy Cadets is beginning to grow. Interest income is used to fund the grants.

The largest scholarship fund given by any former Cadet or for a Cadet is the Mark Lewis Memorial Scholarship given by his parents, Shirley and Leonard Lewis, and his brother, Bryan. The fund totals over \$18,000.

The Lewises created the scholarship after Mark was killed in an automobile accident shortly after graduating from St. John's.

Other scholarship funds of \$10,000 or more are the Anna-Lora Miller Trust and the Archer Daniel Midland Foundation donation.

The Mule-skinners have donated \$86,900 to the fund during the past two years.

The Scholarship fund amounts to \$149,419.55 according to Maj. Joel Looney, Controller.

Ferris Awards Given

The Ferris awards are given for excellence in the shop program. Earning awards were Tom Wilson, Woodworking I; Joshua Chambers, Woodworking II; Alden Stroble, M.S. first semester; and Michael Slaton, M.S. second semester.

Class Leaders Recognized

The School Specialty awards are given to the academic leader in each class. The award is a book.

Winning the books were Pat Sullivan, grade five; Ed Kalinoski, grade six; Christopher Nicola, grade seven; Alden Stroble, grade eight; Scott Schneider, grade nine; Isaac Magdaleno, grade ten; Joshua Chambers, grade eleven; and Jay Macrum, grade twelve.

Middle School Awards Given

Good conduct awards were made in the Middle School.

Ribbon with Silver lamp -- Robert Moore.

Ribbon with Bronze lamp -- Dan Goldstein, Jon Hagans, Alden Stroble.

Ribbons -- Tim Barnhart, David Cardona, Nathan Criswell, Robert Duke, Chris Gillman, Scott Gosch, Scott Green, Levon Guiragossian, Ed Kalinoski, Nelson Kittler, John Knoll, Elliott Lefly, Mark Manos, Chad Mathis, Russell Meek, Douglas Morrison, J.R. Ralston, Gerry Ramberg, Thad Vesecky, LaKeith Woods and Michael Yardley.

Firing Badges Given

Two Cadets were awarded Marksmanship badges. Tom Fournier qualified as an expert and Guy Dunning as a marksman.

Cadets Earn Drill Ribbons

Ribbons, cords and tabs were authorized for the Drill team members.

Earning a second award were Chris Meidell, William Roberts, Mike Nyhus, Chris Moran.

First awards went to Seth Waskom, Chris Purdie, Arthur Cannon, Justin Hoese and Chester Crawford.

Middle School awards were given Jack Hare, Alden Stroble, Mike Evans, and Elliott Lefly.

C.P.'s Recognized

The Cadet Patrol cord, beret and ribbon were authorized for Jim Watson, Richard Bishop, Michael Rye, Shannon Shingleton and Seth Waskom. David Besikof and Gary Buechner were awarded the bronze lamp and John Knoll was given the ribbon.

Musicians Honored

Members of the Cadet Band were honored for outstanding performances.

Honored were Shane May, best bandsman; Robert Gunter, Upper School most improved bandsman; Russell Meek, most improved Middle School bandsman; Tim Piowaty, Louis Memorial award; Adi Hasan, best drummer; Gerald Miller and Chris Miller, Battalion bugler awards, and Mark Mano, Battalion drummer award.

M.S. Cadets Earn Medals

Medals were given to Cadets in the Middle School with outstanding records.

Alden Stroble earned the Middle School medal as the School's outstanding Cadet; Citizenship medal and Athletic Scholarship medal.

Other awards went to Christopher Nicola, Athletic medal; Robert Duke, Effort medal and Daniel Ditton, Progress medal.

ROTC Medals Awarded

The Superior JROTC medals are awarded to the Cadet with the highest academic standing in each class. Winners were Jon Cunningham, Level 1; Jay Macrum, Level 2; William Roberts, Level 3 and Chris Purdie, Level 4.

Wreaths Presented

The JROTC academic wreath is awarded to the top ten percent in each class. Winners were Jon Cunningham, Level 4; Jay Macrum, third award, Tom Willson, second award, Level 3; William Roberts, Isaac Magdaleno and Tom Tuthill, second award, Level 2; Chris Purdie, Geoff Barton, Scott Gruber, Justin Hoese, Chris Mackey and Scott Schneider, Level 1.



CONGRATULATIONS

Lt. Col. Houston Ward, jr., Commandant, (left) congratulates junior Cadet Roger Hernandez on the completion of a successful year. Hernandez was the commander of A Company, winner of the best company drill and best platoon drill.

Military, JROTC Awards Given at Saturday Event

Awards for military excellence and JROTC awards were presented at a ceremony in front of the Vanier Academic Center, Saturday morning, May 12. The event was to be on Perkins Field but was moved due to a heavy rain the night before.

Alden Stroble earned the Association of Military Colleges and Schools medal as the Middle School Cadet with the greatest potential for leadership. He also earned the Middle School proficiency ribbon for the best individual drill without arms.

Jay Macrum received the JROTC Distinguished Award for scholastic excellence; the JROTC Academic achievement ribbon, and the American Legion medal and certificate.

Isaac Magdaleno was awarded the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America medal.

Jeff Herronen was awarded the D.A.R. medal. To qualify, a student must be in the top quarter in courses and show leadership skills.

Chris Purdie was awarded the Retired Officers Association medal.

The U.S. Army Recruiting command award was presented to Roger Hernandez.

Scot Coghill earned the Association of the Army medal. Michael Nyhus received the National Scholar/Athlete award.

For his promotion of Americanism, Chris Holmes received the National Sojourners JROTC award.

Jon Cunningham was awarded the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution medal for his soldierly bearing and leadership.

Others receiving awards were William Robert, U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished athlete award; Arthur Cannon, the V.F.W. Citizenship award and Chris Meidell, the Reserve Officers Association award.

Mule-skinner Club Funds Scholarship

Money raised in the Mule-skinner program now goes to the scholarship fund at SJMS.

In the early years of the program, money raised by the annual fund raiser was used for capital improvements at the School. Money for these improvements now comes from endowment income. Funds for the past two years were earmarked for the scholarships.

The Mule-skinners have donated \$86,900 to the fund.

Originally, Mule-skinner membership was \$100. Now the program is divided into levels. A trooper gives \$100, Commandant's level, \$200-299; Dean's level, \$400-\$499; President's Club \$500 up to \$1,000, and Brigadier, \$1000 or more.

A record number of people were members in 1989-90 with a total of 327 compared to 314 last year.

Once an all-male organization, women are now members.



THE CHANGE OF COMMAND

Jon Cunningham (left) embraces Darren Johnson who was named the Battalion commander of the 103rd Corps of Cadets to be formed next fall. Cunningham had just relinquished his command of the 102nd Corps.

Commencement Comments

The following comments from parents were received following Commencement.

"The weekend activities were certainly well executed and most impressive despite the inclement weather."

... Joy Green

"We could not let this moment pass without writing to tell you how much we enjoyed Commencement weekend . . . Of all that we have attended we feel that this last one was the best . . . We feel very comfortable with Lt. Col. Houston Ward. We hear that he already has the admiration and respect of the Cadets. We know that Colonel Ward listens and shows understanding and of course leadership . . . We are most satisfied with our son's progress over these last five years and look forward to attending his graduation next year."

... Warren & Atsuko Ellis
Spring, Texas

Staff Recruits New Students

The admissions department is in full swing this summer with Capt. Joe Stratton and Lt. Col. Thomas Martin coordinating activities on campus. They also plan to travel in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and other plains states when necessary to enroll old boys and new boys. Early July will see Col. Keith Duckers, President, making his annual recruitment trip through Oklahoma and Texas.

Lt. Phillip Kellogg is stationed in Aurora, Colo. to oversee the western states. His phone number is (303) 696-7646.

The 103rd Corps of Cadets promises to be the best in history with old boys returning to lead a good base of new students. "St. John's, as always, is one of the premier military schools in the country," said Stratton.

Cadets Win VFW Awards

Two Cadets earned VFW awards.

Darren Johnson took third place in the local essay competition and was awarded a \$50 bond.

David Keller took first in the art poster competition on the local level and in the state. He received \$100 for local competition and \$1,000 from the state. His poster will now be entered in the national competition where he will compete for \$17,000 in prize money.

Ribbons Given

The Middle School personal appearance ribbon was awarded to Andres Alduncin and Casey Gursk. Scot Green and Michael Yardley earned the Recruiting ribbon.

Good Conduct Awards Made

Cadets were authorized to wear the Good Conduct ribbon and lamps for exemplary conduct during the year.

Ribbons with Gold lamp -- Pat Baird, Brian Farrell, Tom Keefe.
Ribbons with Silver lamp -- Robert Ellis, Roger Hernandez.

Ribbons with Bronze lamp -- Gabriel Boyle, Jon Cunningham, Michael Dahl, Steven Gaven, Robert Gunter, Jeff Herronen, Chris Holmes, Aric Inglett, Darren Johnson, Darren Kulju, Isaac Magdaleno, Gerald Miller, Chris Moran, Michael Nyhus, Kevin Peloso, Jose Peral.

Ribbons -- Bryan Atkins, Geoff Barton, David Besikof,

Brett Brown, Arthur Cannon, Chad Caruso, Josh Chambers, Derrick Cheever, James Childress, Douglas Dvorak, Tom Fournier, Scott Gruber, Anthony Harold, Justin Hoese, Stephen Huff, Chad Kopecky, Josh Lemos, Chris Mackey, Jay Macrum, Brock Manley, Shane May, Chris Meidell, Phong Nguyen, Chris Peteete, Tim Piowaty, Jason Price, Chris Purdie, Erik Reifschneider, Douglas Richards, Mark Richards, Jon Royal, Scott Schneider, Shannon Shingleton, Marcus Singleton, Trevor Sullivan, Jake Taylor, Darren Thomas, Warren Thomas, Michael Wagner, Alan Witherington.

Seniors Make Future Plans

The majority of the Cadet graduates plan to attend a four-year college next year, according to Lt. Tim Weis, Guidance Counselor.

Thirteen of the 20 seniors have made those plans. The Cadets and schools are Brian Farrell and Jose Peral, Kansas State University; Jay Macrum, Tulane University; Tom Keefe, University of Arizona; Bill Heath and Brett Brown, Emporia State University; Jon Cunningham and Jeff Herronen, University of Wyoming; Tom Tuthill, University of Kansas; Scot Coghill, Green Mountain College; Steve Blazick, Washburn University; Kevin Peloso, University of California at Santa Barbara and Mike Nyhus, undecided.

Chris Meidell plans to attend Lincoln Community College, a

two-year school in Missouri.

Jon Royal and David Keller are entering the Army.

Chris Moran will attend Reserve Army boot camp and start college the second semester.

Pat Baird will be working on his parents' ranch and is considering a junior college in the fall.

Chris Holmes and Darren Thomas are still undecided about future plans.

"They have been a fine group of young men. I have enjoyed working with them", said Weis. "This is my first senior class and I'll always remember them."

Ribbons Converted

A special order was issued to convert the JROTC ribbons to Middle School Ribbons. Because the Middle School Cadets are not enrolled in the ROTC program they are not authorized to wear any of the "N" series JROTC ribbons.

Recognition of achievements will be by special Middle School ribbons. School awards and ribbons (non-ROTC) will continue to be worn by the younger Cadets as authorized by special orders.

Firing Awards Made

Awards for marksmanship were given. Adi Hasan earned the Hardy Rifleman award for being the Rifle Team member with the highest academic average.

Robert Ellis had the highest score in competitive firing to earn the Cheney Marksmanship medal.

Marksmanship medals for having the highest score on the .22 caliber range were Darren Kulju, Upper School and Jack Hare, Middle School.

Earn Commendation Ribbons

Darrin Thomas and Tim Piowaty earned the Upper School commendation ribbon. Robert Hoesly earned the Middle School ribbon.

Senior Ball Had New Events

The Military Ball honoring the SJMS seniors featured some new events.

More than 600 guests, parents, and members of the faculty and staff attended the ball at the Holiday Inn/Holiday dome.

The Grand March was eliminated this year as there is not sufficient room to stage the event.

During the evening Lt. Col. Houston E. Ward, jr., Commandant, explained the Military Ball tradition. He said, "The Ball in the U.S. Army provides the commander an opportunity to socialize in a formal, structured setting." The commander, acting as 'president of the mess', insures that the evening runs smoothly.

Jon Cunningham, Commander of the 102nd Corps, presided at the Ball.

Junior Cadets were presented with their School rings in a special ceremony conducted by David Keller, 1990 ring chairman, and Larry Britegam, SJMS Foundation president. The Foundation funds the ring program. Named ring chairman for the 1991 class was Shane May.

Commandant Ward paid tribute to the seniors introducing each of them.

The Exhibition Drill team performed. Near the end of the drill the 1989-90 commander, Jeff Herronen, turned the Command over to Isaac Magdaleno for next year.

Chris Holmes sang two solos, "God Bless the U.S.A.", and "Michele", accompanied by Wendy Stein, Band director.



TRUSTEE DONATES PAINTING

SJMS Trustee Dean Groves, (right), a retired insurance executive and a well-known Kansas artist, has donated a watercolor painting of Vail Hall to the School. Groves did the painting using old pictures of the historic building. The painting will be sold with the proceeds going to the Middle School classroom building fund. Silent bids were accepted during the Commencement weekend. The painting will also be displayed at the two alumni functions this summer with other bids being accepted. The painting will go to the highest bidder. Those interested and not attending any of the functions may submit bids to Sheri Becker, Box 827, Salina, Ks. 67402.

Tom Tuthill Wins 4A Regional Title

Tom Tuthill cruised to the 4A regional tennis title at Concordia, Monday, May 14.

He had just graduated as valedictorian of his class with a 3.9 grade average on Sunday.

"He probably played his best tennis of the season," said SJMS coach Joe Stratton. "I wasn't sure how he would play because we had commencement the day before."

If anything, the weekend's festivities helped Tuthill. With his mother, Barbara, in town to see the commencement ceremonies and to watch her son play tennis, Tuthill ripped through his competition as the tournament's No. 6 singles seed.

Tuthill won the regional title by toppling the tourney's top seed from Topeka Hayden, 7-5 and 6-2 in the finals.

"He was determined to at least qualify for state," said Stratton pointing out Tuthill placed fifth last year, missing state by one place. "But as this developed, it became obvious he could win the thing."

The four victories in the regionals pushed his season's record to 13-3.

"He's only played competitively for two years. He had played only recreational tennis in the past" Stratton said. Prior to coming to St. John's, he was a baseball player.

Tuthill did not place in the state tournament in Topeka the following week.



GETTING READY TO RAISE THE FLAG — A Cadet detail prepares to raise the large flag for the flag raising ceremony during Commencement weekend. The flag is only flown on special occasions and may be the largest in the state of Kansas.

Cadets Compete in Mile-Run

A mile run is part of the Cadet Challenge competition. Cadets must run the mile in 8½ minutes or less to earn the fitness ribbon.

Winners and the awards are listed below.

GOLD lamp -- Tom Keefe.

SILVER lamp -- Jeff Herronen, Bill Heath, David Keller, Dustin Robinson, Chris Simmonds.

BRONZE lamp -- Tony Barlow, Roger Hernandez, Aric Inglett, Tim Piowaty, Alan Witherington.

FIRST AWARD -- Brian Bates, Luis Bonnet, Jeff

Clausen, Shaun Conine, Guy Dunning, Larry Ford, Scott Goscha, Jon Hauer, Wes Hoffman, Dalton Hollmann, Chris Jagels, Robert Kurtz, Rhett Lucas, Chris Martens, Daniel Marty, Chris Miller, Bryon Nelson, Shane Phillips, Scott Ryan, Mike Rye, Jake Taylor, Peter Wallace, E. Hagen Watts, and Doug Winter.

Cadets Win In Challenge

Isaac Magdaleno had the overall high score in the Cadet Challenge athletic competition. He won in the curl-up, one mile run, and pull-up.

Scott Gruber placed second by qualifying in the curl-up and V-sit reach.

Chad Caruso placed third by placing in the V-sit reach and shuttle run.

Other winners were Darren Schmalzried, curl-up; Phong Nguyen, V-sit reach; Shannon Shingleton and Michael Dopps, one-mile run; Dale Vandel and Mark Sinkovec, pull-up and Dopps, shuttle run.

Young Cadets Finish Run

Several Middle School Cadets finished the one-mile run in the allotted times.

Ages and times are ages 9-11, 11:30 min.; ages 12-14, 9:20 min., and over 15, 8:30 min.

Earning ribbons were Chris Allen, Tim Barnhart, Michael Brisco, Jason Cardona, Chris Ebeling (second award), Thomas Eckland, David Godin (second award), Richard Green, Levon Guiragossian, Casey Gurske, Robert Hoesly, Lamar Johnson, Nelson Kittler (second award), John Knoll, Chris Koppers, Elliott Lefley, Marshall Lyles, Doug Morrison, Chad Mathis, Todd Probasco (second award), Michael Slaton, Nick Stafford, Stephen Stewart, Pat Sullivan, Joe Westhusin.

Ribbons Awarded

Varsity athletic ribbons for the Middle School basketball lettermen were authorized. Lettermen were Matt Bonebrake, Jack Hare, Chris Koppers, Michael Slaton, Nick Stafford, and Alden Stroble.

Tennis Season A Success

A promising outlook on the 1989-1990 tennis season was what Capt. Joe Stratton, tennis coach, had hoped for when spring practice began.

The varsity and junior varsity teams schedules consisted of seven tournaments from which seventeen medals were taken by individual players. The junior varsity won first place at the Abilene Invitational on a cold and windy day in mid-April.

Indeed, this was a building year for the St. John's tennis program, in its second year, as only two seniors were on the squad. Tom Tuthill provided senior leadership as he moved through the regular season with a winning record. Tuthill triumphed at the regional tournament with a gold medal in singles play then proceeded to state competition one week after his graduation.

The 1990-1991 tennis season appears to be even more positive. Lettermen will be returning for the opening day of classes this fall.

Eighth Graders Take First

The Middle School eighth graders won first place in the League track meet at Lincoln, May 10. The seventh graders won second.

Seventh grader Chris Nicola set a new league record in the discus with a throw of 117 feet. He also won first in the shot put and second in high jump.

Eighth grader LaKeith Woods set a new school record in the discus with a throw of 138 feet. He also earned a first in the shot put.

Others winning first in the event were Robert Moore, mile run; Jon Hagens, hurdles and 400-meter, Mike Slaton, high jump and John Knoll, pole vault.

Hagens placed third in the high jump.

Members of the team were Tom Tuthill and Nyhus, seniors; Geoffrey Barton, John Davis, Mark Sinkovec, Guy Dunning, Tom Wilson and Justin Hoes, juniors; Gabe Boyle, Phong Nguyen and Scott Elliott, sophomores; Chris Mackey, freshman.

Athletic Ribbons Given

Varsity Athletic ribbons and lamps have been awarded.

Ribbon with Silver lamp -- Robert Ellis, Dustin Robinson.

Ribbon with Bronze lamp -- Stephen Blazick, Scot Coghill, Jon Davis, Ben Downing, Gerald Miller, Darrin Thomas, Tom Tuthill.

Ribbon -- Sean Crabtree, Adi Hasan, Justin Hoes, Chris Jagels, Chris Mackey, Shane Motari, Ryan Munich, Mark Riccobono, Doug Richards, Darren Schmalzried, Cameron Smith, William Swett.

Cadets Win Skills Contest

Ed Kalinoski took first place among 13-year olds in the Tri-Star basketball skills contest, sponsored by the Salina Noon Optimist club. The contest, held in the Kansas Wesleyan gym, provided competition in passing, shooting and dribbling for youth eight through thirteen.

Nathan Criswell placed second in the thirteen age group. Plaques were awarded.

Other Cadet participants were Mike Brisco, Matt Bonebrake, Jon Hagens and Levon Guiragossian.

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Drill Teams Place In Competition

The regulation drill team placed sixth and the exhibition drill team placed fifth in the annual Mid-America drill meet at Junction City, April 7.

Seventeen teams from five midwest states were in the competition.

Chris Meidell was the commander of the regulation team and Jeff Herronen commanded the Crack Squad.

Bearer Honored

Jake Taylor was awarded the JROTC Proficiency ribbon for his skill in handling the guidon.



Floyd Fairleigh