



## ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL

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## State of St. John's

... "Best in History": KGD

St. John's Military School enters the second half of the 103rd year in the "best condition in history", according to Col. Keith G. Duckers, SJMS President.

"There never has been a brighter future for St. John's than what I now see on the horizon," Duckers said.

He pointed out the capacity enrollment, balanced budget, and "high regard in which the School is held," as examples of stability.

Duckers credits a "solid

faculty and staff and dedicated Trustee leadership" for the School's bright future.

"Neither can we overlook the high quality of the Cadets in the 103rd Corps as contributing factors for the overall excellent state of St. John's," he concluded.

## Two "Old Boys" In Persian Gulf

Word received at the School indicates at least two "old boys" are serving in the Persian Gulf area.

Anyone knowing of others serving in the area are asked to notify the School.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, is urging the Cadets in the 103rd Corps to write letters to these alums.

The two serving and their addresses are:

Richard D. Makoski, NCI  
X-1 Div USS Midway CV-41  
FPO San Francisco, CA  
96631-2710

SPD Thomas R. Bowler  
481-84-5713  
346 MPEG, Operation  
Desert Storm  
APO New York, NY 09616

Makoski was graduated in 1980 and Bowler in 1981.

## SJ Foundation Elects Officers

Larry Britegam, Salina, was re-elected President of the St. John's Military School Foundation at its fall meeting.

Other officers are Ted Kopecky, Westminster, Colo., vice president; and Joel Looney, Salina, secretary/treasurer.

Board members elected were R. David Miller, Salina; Stephanie Gillman, Houston, Tex.; Donna Vanier, Brookville, Ks.; Charles Nicola, Chickasha, Okla.; Daniel Boyle, Franktown, Colo.; Nancy Odell, Winfield, Ks.; and Tom Kinnan, Littleton, Colo.

## Earns Parade Ribbon

Ryan Wagner was awarded the School parade ribbon.

## Mary Kellogg Dies Jan. 17 In Florida



Mary E. Kellogg

Mary Ellen Kellogg, 70, died Jan. 17 in Valparaiso, Fla.

Mrs. Kellogg was the wife of long-time Commandant of Cadets, Paul H. Kellogg. The Kelloggs retired in 1986 and moved to Florida.

The Kelloggs lived on campus for 20 years. Mrs. Kellogg, a registered nurse, assisted the School nurse for many years. She was also known for serving hot chocolate in the barracks during final week; planning and organizing the Halloween Howl; buying the Christmas gifts for faculty children and young Cadets for the annual Christmas party and for being a mother and friend to hundreds of Cadets during her years at the school. She was commissioned an Honorary colonel of SJMS in 1986.

She was born July 24, 1920 in Corning, N.Y.

A devout Roman Catholic, Mrs. Kellogg was a member of Chapel No. 1 at Elgin Air Force Base, Fla.

Survivors include her husband, Paul H. of the home; three sons, Paul H., Helena, Ala., a former St. John's teacher and coach; Peter J., Jacksonville, Fla., and Phillip A., Salina, a teacher and coach at SJMS; a brother, Bradley Beahan, Winterhaven, Fla., and nine grandchildren.

The funeral was Jan. 21 at McLaughlin Twin City Funeral Home, Niceville, the Rev. James Grothjan officiating. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery, Valparaiso.

## Progress Made On Construction Of Linger Hall

... More \$'s Needed

Construction on the Lyman Linger Middle School, off to a fast start in late fall, ground to a halt during the frigid weather in late December and January.

The basement portion of the 10,000 square foot building was three-fourths completed when bad weather set in. Delivery of material for the roof steel truss system has been delayed; however, construction delays are not anticipated once weather conditions improve.

The project is "on schedule" according to Bob and Lee Haworth, the contractors.

Funding for the \$1 million facility is at the \$700,000 level according to Larry Britegam, SJMS "Old Boy" and Trustee, who heads the fund raising for the Linger Middle School.

Additional financial support is being sought.

"Alumni, friends of St. John's and parents of present Cadets who have not already done so, are urged to make a financial pledge to this new building," Britegam said. He added that "once Linger Hall is on line, our classroom and living areas will be second to no other military school in America."

## Make a Pledge to Lyman Linger Middle School

## Guitar Class Attends Concert

Mrs. Wendy Stein and the members of the fifth hour guitar class attended the AC/DC rock concert at Bramledge Coliseum, Manhattan, Dec. 8.

The opening band, LOVE/HATE, played for about 45 minutes to mixed reviews. Chris Peteete gave them the thumbs up while others merely tolerated the first act in anxious anticipation of the main event.

After a short intermission during which the stage was transformed into a mirage of electronic gadgets resembling a spaceship - the drum kit arose from under the stage and AC/DC was rockin' the coliseum! Security was very tight and a great time was had by all, according to Mrs. Stein.

Attending were Gabe Boyle, Tory Merriman, Ryan Overton, Darren Johnson, Hagan Watts, Chris Peteete, Shane May, and Robert Ellis.

## Chris Purdie Earns MacArthur Cadet Award

Chris A. Purdie was named the recipient of the MacArthur Cadet-of-the-year award in special ceremonies, Sunday, Feb. 3 in the Baner Gymnasium.

Each year the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation presents the award to the outstanding Cadets of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools. The objective is to encourage the students of the member institutions to emulate and practice the qualities exemplified by MacArthur as a Cadet at Texas Military Institute, San Antonio, and the U.S. Military Academy, West Point.

The criterion for the award is the most soldierly performance by a senior class Cadet considering academics, athletics, and leadership.

Purdie, a second-year student from San Leandro, Calif., is an honor roll student and commander of C-company; and was captain of the football team and named to the All-City football team. He is also a member

of the Cadet basketball team.

A special guest at the ceremony was his mother, Olivia Purdie.

Purdie received a pin-on emblem to be worn on the uniform; a full scale replica of the medal struck by the Congress of the United States honoring the General; a copy of "The Book of Reminiscences" autographed by Mrs. MacArthur, and a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

The speaker and reviewing officer was Col. Michael P. Eskew of the U.S. Army Third ROTC region Cadet command at Ft. Riley.

Cadet participants were Chad Kopecky, ceremony narrator; Darren Johnson, host commander; Robert H. Ellis, commander of troops; Chris Miller, bandmaster and Shane May, chaplain.

## SJMS Offers Flight Training

A flight training program is offered through the School. The forty hours of ground school are taught each Monday evening in the Vanier Academic Center. Ken Denning is the instructor. Six adults from the Salina area are taking the same ground school program.

The Cadets fly on the weekends. The instructor picks up three Cadets each Saturday and they get about an hour of flying time.

All Cadets have to pass a special flight physical. In-

surance is covered by the owner of the planes. Billing for the program is between the Cadet sponsors and Jerry Moore Aviation.

Cadets in the program are Justin Hoese, Tom Wilson, Alan Witherington, Chris Jagels, Don Watters, and Aron Larmonie.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean, organized the program as several Cadets and their parents were interested in such a program.

## New Boys Enrolled

Twenty-five new boys have been enrolled since Christmas giving the school a capacity enrollment of 207 according to Capt. Joe Stratton, Director of Admissions.

Enrolled were Robert Lambert, William Emery II, and Kirstopher Schumacher, all freshmen from Wichita; Brady Brigman, freshman, Hutchinson; Milo Mitchell, freshman, Soldier, Ks.; and Chad Kellogg and Robert Briley, sophomores, Topeka.

Enrolled from Colorado were Kevin McNamara, eighth grade, Arvada; Sean Radway, Pueblo, and former Cadet Rene Garcia, sophomore, Littleton.

Enrolled from Arizona were Cody Carpenter, freshman, Phoenix, and Jared Hausmann, junior, Elizabeth, Colo.

senior, Tempe.

Others enrolled were Ralph Shoemaker, Las Vegas; Christopher McCall, sophomore, Clayton, N.M.; Fetehe Girma, freshman, Oakland, Calif.; William Eddington, seventh grade, Stillwater, Okla.; Jonathan Wyatt, fifth grade, Lynnwood, Wash.; Steven Wagoner, fifth grade, Brookline, N.H.; and Luis Velez, junior, Skokie, Ill.

Other late enrollees are Elliott Duncan, freshman, Tulsa, Okla.; Joseph Baumler, sophomore, New Orleans; Benjamin Kovar, junior, Dallas, Tex.; Ryan Simon, seventh grade, Kirkland, Wash.

Cadets re-enrolled are Tillman Pink III, freshman, Northridge, Calif.; and Christian Marten, junior, Elizabeth, Colo.





# NEWS

## ... from the past

### FEBRUARY--1921

The Crack Squad has once more been reorganized. After one year of idleness it is preparing for exhibitions . . . Now that the days are growing longer, the Cadets have a new source of worry. Retreat inspection is held nightly and the bull-ring is growing popular among some of the no-shine and out-of-uniform fellows.

### FEBRUARY--1931

The dance held in the school gymnasium was a novel affair. Evening gowns and full dress uniforms were taboo; everyone was supposed to be in as "tacky" a garb as he or she could. And some of the costumes were too funny for words.

### FEBRUARY--1941

Most of the members of the Cadet Corps left in two large Santa Fe buses to be guests of the Stearman Aircraft plant of Wichita, the Central Fiber products company and the Carey Salt mining company, both of Hutchinson. Desirous of getting on the road early, the Corps had breakfast at an early hour and were on the road by 6 a.m.

### FEBRUARY--1961

The St. John's Crack drill platoon missed an introduction on the Ed Sullivan TV show because Jimmy Durante and his new bride happened to make the show. The Platoon was in the New York City area for a series of public appearances. They did have their picture taken with Ed Sullivan, Peggy Lee, Paul Anka and Henry Ford . . . Maj. and Mrs. Keith G. Duckers are the parents of a baby daughter, Sarah Ann, born Feb. 23. All Cadet squad and confinements were cancelled in celebration of the event.

### FEBRUARY--1971

The January Jubilee was fun, a success--nets over \$1,000 . . . An auxiliary organization of "The Mule-skinner" has been formed known as "The Whipcrackers". To earn that status, a Mule-skinner must interest one other person in joining the club . . . The Rev. Loyd Holifield, Chaplain, was ordained to the Episcopal Priesthood in a service in Armstrong Memorial chapel.

### FEBRUARY--1981

One of the largest enrollments in the history of the School, 205 Cadets, was enrolled as of Feb. 11 according to Maj. Larry Lysell, Director of Admissions . . . Fifty-six Cadets, the Commandant's office and the Military office are housed in the recently renovated Clem-Ferris barracks. The barracks was converted from the former Clem library and the Ferris Industrial Arts and Science building.

## Daily Chapel Services Set

Services will be held daily in Armstrong Memorial Chapel according to the Rev. James Cox, Chaplain. Only the Sunday and Wednesday services are required for Cadets to attend.

The additional services are optional. Fr. Cox said, "I am under no illusion that the Chapel will be packed with Cadets at the optional services, however, knowing that, I also know that if Mass is not offered, certainly no one will attend."

The services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 5:15 p.m. Friday; 1 p.m. Saturday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

## Batts Heads Third M.S. Honor Roll

Bryan Batts was the leader for the third time on the Middle School honor roll for the third grading period.

He was named to the Blue Berets as were Jerry Webb II and Chad Mathis.

Others named to the honor roll were Patrick Sullivan, Tyler Hallock, Rodney Webb, Jeff Day and Chris Allen.

Earning honorable mention were Mike Brisco, Tim Barnhard, Justin Klumpe, Chris Nicola, Chris Gillman, R.J. Green, Mike Yardley, Thad Vesecky, Ryan Wagner, Karol Rattinger and Dustin Chambers.

## Old Boy Honored

Larry Britegam, who attended St. John's and who is currently serving as a SJMS Trustee, was recently honored as one of two Outstanding Young Kansans given by the Kansas Jaycees. He has been nominated by the Salina Jaycees for one of 10 national awards to be given in January 1992.

The state award recognizes its recipients for their career and community service. Britegam has distinguished himself in both areas.

When he was growing up, Britegam determined he wanted to someday work at First National Bank. Hired 13 years ago in the bank's management training program after college, he has worked his way from a teller to senior vice president.

Along with his dedication to his work, Britegam is just as dedicated to Salina.

In January, he became Salina United Way board president. He also is involved in the leadership of the Central Kansas Council of Girl Scouts, Coronado Area Council of Boy Scouts, St. John's Military School and the Bank Administration Association of Central Kansas.

### Heads Fund Drive

As chairman of the \$1 million fund drive to build a new Middle School building at St. John's, Britegam is helping a School that provided him with invaluable experience. He attended SJMS during grades eight and nine.

"It had a tremendous impact on my life," he said. "I come from a great family, but St. John's gave me some backbone, a lot of strength. I hope to always be involved with St. John's."

Most of his volunteerism has been with youth organizations, including Babe Ruth baseball. When the organization formed 20 years ago, Britegam coached a team as a high school senior. He has been involved ever since.

"If I can make a difference with just one kid, I've gotten all the payback I need," Britegam said.

## Cadets Earn Chapel Crosses

A number of Cadets have earned the right to wear the Chapel Council crosses.

They are Chris Apostolof, Tim Barnhart, Dustin Chambers, Jeff Day, Daniel Ditto, Shane Garinger, Jonah Horton, Douglas Morrison, Noe Musquiz, Leon Neil, Charles O'Leary, Chris Smith, Mike Yardley, and Thad Vesecky.

Arthur Cannon has earned the Chapel Council officer's cross and the position of senior acolyte.

## ★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

**Class of 1946 . . . Bob Snyder** shot a hole-in-one during the past year. He is planning to attend the 45th reunion of the class in May.

**Class of 1954 . . . Gene Ely** is still working for Lewis Energy Systems. The company packages heavy machinery, particularly large refrigeration systems and gas compressors used in the oil and petrochemical industries.

**Class of 1958 . . . Alan Thiessen** has been busy building a new home in Canada. His business, security systems, continues to grow and is doing very well.

**Attended 1969-70 . . . Mel B. Evans** visited the School Nov. 24. He lives in Omaha, Neb.

**Class of 1975 . . . Bill Hanna** was married this summer. He and his brother, **Charles**, who attended 1972-74, are married to sisters. They live in California . . . **Ernesto Anaya** works for Abbott Laboratories in South Bend, Ind. His twin, **Abel Anaya**, is a french cooking chef in Puerto Rico. He is married and has three children.

**Class of 1979 . . . Arnaldo and Ariel Anaya** both live in

New York City. Arnaldo works with Polo's Ralph Lauren. Ariel works for Workbench. Both are still single.

**Attended 1983-86 . . . Chris Wallace** visited the School in late December. He was just graduated from the University of New Mexico. He plans to attend law school in the fall (hopefully, at Arizona State).

**Attended 1984-1986 . . . Joseph Smelser** was honored as the Junior Sailor of the Quarter for the Third Quarter of 1990. He holds the rank of Operations Specialist Third Class. He was previously promoted to third class petty officer under the Navy's accelerated advancement program. Joe attended St. John's in the sixth and seventh grades. His mother wrote: "The two years at St. John's did pay off for Joseph and give him a goal and vision for his future. His address is OS3 Joseph A. Smelser, U.S. Navy, Comphibgrus one, FPO San Francisco, CA 96601-6006."

**Class of 1985 . . . A fax message** was received from **Fernando de Saracho**. He is working at a food processing plant in Mexico as chief engineer of production and quality control. The plant is family owned and he said plans for 1991 are to expand into European and Oriental markets. He wrote: "I have achieved my goals so far and will continue to do so because of the confidence and leadership that was implanted in me at SJMS." His address is KM. 5.5 Carretera A Navolato, Privada Hielo Del Humaya, Culiacan, Sin. Mexico.

**Class of 1990 . . . Chris Meidell** is having a hard time adjusting to life away from St. John's, according to his mother. He misses regimentation, closeness and daily goals to work toward. He is working for America Rents to Own in St. Charles, Mo. He will attend a community college there next semester.

## Reunion Planned

A reunion of the classes of 1942, 1943 and 1944 is being planned by Jim Dennett and Ed Lehman during Commencement weekend, May 11-12.

Lehman has written "old boys" asking for ideas for any special events to be planned.

Lehman said, "For those of you who have not returned to the campus in years, you are in for a real treat. Today, our old school has become one of America's foremost military schools. We also will be able to see the new Middle School learning center which will formally open in the fall. It is the latest major area of construction to add to a great institution."

## Gruber Heads Upper School Honor Roll

Scott Gruber was the leader on the Upper School honor roll for the third grading period.

Named to the Blue Berets as the top three on the list were Gruber, Nuradi Hasan and Isaac Magdaleno.

Others named to the honor roll were Charles Robertson, Chris Smith, Sean Crabtree, Brian Weber, Tory Merriman, Tom Wilson, Chris Peteete, Ryan Overton, Hagen Watts and Shane May.

Earning honorable mention were Chad Caruso, Justin Hoese, Chris Purdie, Chris Miller, Chester Crawford, Robert Hall, Daniel Goldstein, DeAndre Grassity, Timothy Henry, Jeremy Gosch, Jerry Bessie, Adam Kaye, Joshua Turley and Robert Ellis.

## Former Trustee Dies In December

Mert H. Schwensen, 61, Clay Center, a Trustee of St. John's Military School for six years, died Dec. 18 at M.D. Anderson Hospital, Houston.

Mr. Schwensen had just completed two terms on the Board in July.

He was active in many civic and community activities in Clay Center and the state.

Survivors include his wife, Pat, a son and a daughter.

The funeral was Dec. 21 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Clay Center. Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President, was an honorary pall bearer.

Memorials were suggested to the School.

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## Commandant's Comments

We often forget to formally recognize Cadets who play key roles in the Corps on a daily basis. I would like to spotlight two Cadets whose positions mean so much to our routine and welfare.

Each day from first call to lights out, the Corps is kept on schedule by the Battalion Bugler. This year that role is faithfully performed by Cadet Bryan Marvins. Whether his bugle call is "Reveille", "Mess Call" or "Retreat", Bryan always gives us his best effort with a sense of pride that makes me feel good about being a part of the 103rd Corps.

One of the toughest positions in the Corps is held by Cadet Warrant Officer James Childress as he manages our dining area operations. James has met this challenge without fail and maintains a courteous approach as he ensures that the best service possible is provided the Corps. His success is remarkable when you realize the number of waiters and table heads he supervises for three meals each day.

I know that the 103rd Corps joins me in giving Bryan and James a big "thank you."



Houston Ward

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

## Cadets Compete In Show

A Talent Show was held in late November in the Battalion Assembly area of the Vanier Center.

Winning first place were Jason Price and Aric Inglett in an act called "The Gamblers".

Winning second were Jon Davis, Derrick Cheever, Chester Crawford and Gary Buechner.

Thad Vesecky placed third.

Other winners were Derlonzo Daniels, fourth; Gabe Boyle, fifth; and Tory Merriman and Adi Hasan were sixth. Prizes were cash gifts and movie tickets.

Hagan Watts and Mark Richards were the Masters of Ceremonies.

Other participants were Doug Richards, James Childress, Chris Clark, Tim Barnhart, Bryan McGuire, Shaun Conine, Chris Apostolof and Chad Mathis.

The judges were Donna Lewich, Joan Dark, Sue Harris, Tim Weis and M/Sgt. Joe Stewart.

Lillian Faerber and Wendy Stein organized the event.

### Earns Recruitment Ribbon

Jorge Perez has been awarded the recruitment ribbon.

## Carnival Was Success

The annual Winter Carnival held Jan. 13 in the Baner Gym was a fun and financial success.

Games and food were the main features of the two-hour event.

Free pizzas were served by Col. Keith Duckers, President, and Mrs. Duckers during the afternoon. The pizzas were furnished by Al Schwan, President of Tony's Pizza, Salina, and a former Trustee and Honorary Colonel of the School. Schwan helped serve during the afternoon.

The Clubs made \$1046.67 to be used for various projects of benefit to the School.

## Organization Changes Made

Several changes have been made in the Battalion staff.

Robert Ellis was appointed the executive officer.

Staff appointed were Brian Weber, S-1; Aric Inglett, S-2; Barry Rubin, S-3, and Roger Hernandez, S-4.

James Childress is the officer in charge of the mess.

Gabriel Boyle, Chad Caruso, Chris Purdie, and Isaac Magdaleno stay in command of their companies. Company executive officers are Geoff Barton, A; William Roberts, B; Tom Wilson, C, and Alan Witherington, D.

Darren Johnson stays as Battalion Commander and Shawn Sprung remains as the Command Sergeant Major.

Special staff members are Gerald Miller, Band; Derrick Cheever, Laundry NCO; Shane May, Corps Public Affairs Office and Chaplain, and Chad Kopecky, assistant to the Battalion executive officer. May was promoted to Warrant Officer I in the new position of PAO.

Adi Hasan is the new commander of the Rifle Team.

Inglett will serve as commander of the Cadet Patrol and Ellis will command the Honor Guard.

## ★ PROMOTIONS ★

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

Promoted to:

**MAJOR** — Robert Ellis.

**CAPTAIN** — Barry Rubin.

**FIRST LIEUTENANT** — Brian Weber.

**SECOND LIEUTENANT** — Chester Crawford, Peter Hastings, Trevor Sullivan, Mark Sinkovec.

**WOI** — James Childress.

**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR** — Shawn Sprung.

**FIRST SERGEANT** — Robert Gunter, Dustin Robinson.

**SERGEANT FIRST CLASS** — David Beskikof, Nividan Reddy, Jake Taylor, Justin Hoese, Chris Nicola, Chad Mathis, Scott Ryan.

**STAFF SERGEANT** — Larry Ford, Chris Jagels, Travis Jamerson, Chris Miller, Noe Musquiz, Erik Refschneider, Sean Crabtree, Joshua Adams, Chris Allen, Dan Ditto, Henry Kessler, Ryan Munich, Mark Riccobono.

**SERGEANT** — Tim Barnhart, Jack Hare, James Hernandez, Doug Morrison, Geoff Nelson, Leon Neil, E. Hagan Watts, Gary Buechner, Tory Merriman.

**CORPORAL** — Sam Barba, Brian Batts, Jerry Bessie, Brian Bissett, Michael Brisco, Karl Carnagey, Jorge Chavez, Ron Cobos, Derlonzo Daniels, William Fisher, Greg Frazey, Robert Hall, Tyler Hallock, Tim Henry, Adam Kaye, Ryan Overton, Manuel Palacios, Jorge Perez, Angel Pola, Jeremy Riley, Charles Robertson, Keith Sedille, Chris Smith, Michael Thompson, John Vaughn, Brian Walter, Jerry Webb, Rodney Webb, Richard Green, Heath Herring.

**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS** — Jason Ast, Jeff Day, Danny Fisher, Michael Hall, Bryan McGuire, Karol Rattinger, Kris Steele, Victor Wu, Bryan Marvins, Michael Baldwin, Aron Branjord, Ben Brossia, Dustin Chambers, Michael Ebert, DeAndre Grassity, Ryan Holoubek, Shabbir Merchant, Rodrigo Perez, Kevin Piowaty, Daniel Sullivan, Allen Calzada, Dale Vandel, Ryan Wagner.

**PRIVATE OLD BOY** — Brandon Gordon, Tony Harold, Dalton Hollmann, James Ross, Kevin Sondree, Bryan Decker, Andrew Wolf, Shaun Conine.

## Band Awards Authorized

Several Cadets may wear the blue band tab and the music lyre patch on the blue bib scarf.

They are Gerald Miller, Chris Miller, Joseph Poston, Jason Merrifield, James Henry, Chris Peteete, Chad Mathis, Nelson Kittler, Jeremy Gosch, Adi Hasan, Kevin Piowaty, Russell Meek, Shane Garinger, Ryan Wagner, Jon Davis, Shane May, Bryan Marvins, Karl Carnagey, Mark Manos, Tom Fournier, J.R. Ralson and Robert Gunter.

# School Honors Retired Soldier

Sgt/Maj. William Harrington reviewed Army troops almost half his life.

But his review Dec. 16 of 190 Cadets was a first for the 96 year-old retired officer and "buffalo soldier."

Harrington, Salina, who is believed to be the oldest living soldier of the all-black 9th and 10th Cavalry regiments, was the honorary guest at the School's monthly promotion and awards ceremony in Baner gym.

For his service in the Army, Harrington was appointed a distinguished member of the regiments during the ceremony.

The award, given by the Army, recognizes superior service to the Army and the 9th and 10th Cavalry Association.

"I've spoken to President Reagan and Bush in the Oval Office at the White House, and I've addressed units of more than 2,200 soldiers, but this is the first time I've spoken at a military academy," Harrington said during an acceptance speech.

Before speaking, Harrington inspected the 103rd Corps. As honorary reviewing officer, Harrington walked slowly by each company to review the Cadets.

"They were just beautiful," he said. "They were all in uniform and I like that. I'm a uniform kind of man."

Harrington joined the Army in 1913 at the age of 18, even though Army regulations required enlistees to be at least 21.

"I wanted to serve in the Ar-

my, so my sister, who was older, signed me up," he said.

He served in the mounted service school detachment and in the 9th Cavalry Regiment at Ft. Riley, where he was stationed until 1940.

The regiment was one of six all-black Army cavalry and infantry regiments created by Congress in 1866. The soldiers were stationed in Kansas, Oklahoma and the Southwest Territory to protect settlers, wagon trains and railroad construction workers from Indian attacks.

The soldiers were called buffalo soldiers by Indians, who thought their hair resembled that of a buffalo.

At Ft. Riley, Harrington served as an orderly, cutting wood, grooming and exercising horses, hauling coal and other chores.

He was reassigned to train as an artillery man in 1941 and later was appointed sergeant major of the unit. He retired in 1943 at the age of 49. Although the transfer was considered a promotion, Harrington said that he would have preferred to continue working with horses.

His skill with horses earned him a spot on the U.S. Olympic equestrian team in 1920, which competed that year at Antwerp, Belgium.

It was perhaps one of the most memorable events of his military career, he said.

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## Awards Honor Spartan Team

Five Upper School Cadets have been authorized to wear the appropriate attire as members of the Spartan team.

They are Michael Hall, Jack Hare, Adam Kaye, Brian Walter, and Christopher Clark.

Members of the Junior Spartan team are William Gehring, Bryan Marvins, Nathaniel Thompson and Thad Vesecky.

# Joel Looney Files For School Board

Joel Looney, Comptroller for the School, has filed as a candidate for four positions up for election on the Salina School Board.

The election will be in April. Looney, a native Salinan, said he is interested in the school system and believes he has something to offer.

"I am a product of the Salina school system, my children will go through the system and serving on the board will allow me the opportunity to give something back for current and future generations," Looney said.

Looney attended Salina schools and is a 1980 graduate of South High school. He has a bachelor's degree in business

administration and accounting from Marymount College. He is working on his master's degree in business and administration at Kansas State University.

He is treasurer for the Immanuel Lutheran Church Foundation, director of the Noon Kiwanis club and a member of the Salina area Chamber of Commerce.

He said, "I believe that my knowledge of the community, my business background and my career in the education field will enable me to serve as an effective school board member."

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# Basketball Team Starts Season On Winning Note

The St. John's basketball team has started off the 1990-91 season on a winning note.

"Everyone's coming in this year with a much better attitude and coming off the football season we had (St. John's completed a 5-4 season), their enthusiasm is really high," according to Coach Chuck Spielman.

SJMS returned four starters and six lettermen this season, a definite plus for a program that sees a higher turnover in students and athletes than a typical public school each year.

The Muleskinners top returnee is 6-1 senior William Roberts, an honorable mention selection on the 1989-90 Journal All-City team. Roberts averaged 16.7 points and 12 rebounds per game last season.

## SJMS--46 Hope--53

Chris Gruber scored 18 points and Roger Riffell added 16 to lead the Hope Lions over SJMS, 53-46, Nov. 30 in the season opener for both teams.

Roberts paced the Cadets with 21 points. Hope led all the way but could never shake St. John's.

Hope's biggest lead of nine points came with a minute left in the third quarter.

But Roberts pulled the Muleskinners back to within six with a 3-pointer before the end of the period.

Hope looked ready to put St. John's away with four minutes left in the game, but Chris Purdie fired in a 3-pointer to make it a 48-42 game.

Four straight free throws by Roberts pulled St. John's within four at 50-46 with 1:35 remaining.

The Muleskinners then forced a turnover, but they immediately turned the ball back over to Hope.

## SJMS--56 St. Mary's--66

The Cadets were unable to overcome an early 13 point deficit as they dropped a 66-56 decision to St. Mary's Academy, Dec. 8.

SJMS managed to pull within eight, 24-16 by the end of the first quarter, but would never take the lead and got as close as six points in the second quarter.

The Muleskinners were able to work their way back behind the strong inside play of Roberts and three consecutive baskets from Doug Richard. Roberts finished with 18 points and Richards added 11.

## SJMS--67 Solomon--57

St. John's cruised by Solomon, 67-57, Dec. 11.

Roberts knocked down 28 points and grabbed a whopping 21 rebounds to lead the Muleskinners to their first win of the season against two losses.

"He's solid for us," Spielman said about Roberts. "He doesn't always make the right choice out there, but he always

gives you 100 percent and doesn't question what you ask him to do."

The Solomon coach was impressed by Robert's performance. He said, "He's so much of an athlete. He had a great night."

St. John's Jon Davis was 7 for 10 from the field for 16 points.

## SJMS--49 St. George--32

Roberts scored 16 points and pulled down 19 rebounds to power SJMS to a 49-32 Eisenhower League victory over St. George, Dec. 14.

"We rebounded well and we played with more emotion than we had in a long time," said Coach Spielman. "The kids are having fun."

The Muleskinners built an 8-2 lead after the first quarter and gradually extended their advantage enroute to their second win.

Gabe Boyle contributed eight points to the Cadets' balanced attack.

## SJMS--62 Tescott--47

Despite battling a stomach disorder, Robert went out and played better than he felt scoring a season high 24 points in a 62-47 Eisenhower League victory over Tescott at the Baner gym, Dec. 18.

Roberts scored 18 of his 24 points in the second half, after connecting on a frustrating 3 of 13 shots in the first two quarters.

"It's kind of different from

what we have been doing this year," Coach Spielman said. "Tonight, we got out in front and stayed out in front, where in earlier games we've built a lead and lost it."

With Robert struggling in the first half, senior Davis provided St. John's with some much needed offensive scoring 8 of the Muleskinners 14 points.

Richards did a nice job at the end of the game. He added 12 points and led the team with 12 rebounds. Davis finished with 14 points. St. John's went into the Christmas break with a three-game winning streak, a 3-2 record and a 3-1 mark in the League.

## SJMS--60 St. Xavier--55

Senior Guard Davis scored 19 points to lead the Cadets to a 60-55 victory over St. Xavier, Jan. 11 in an Eisenhower League game.

The victory improved the Cadets to 4-1 in the league and 4-2 overall.

The game was close throughout as St. John's opened an eight-point lead after one quarter but the home-standing Rams closed to one point at halftime.

St. John's led by three points heading into the final quarter and it was still a three-point game with two minutes to go before the Cadets hit some free throws to hold off St. X.

Leading scorer for the Cadets, Roberts, was benched because he returned to the School late after Christmas furlough.

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## Cadets Write Troops

Several Cadet classes participated in mailing postcards to military personnel serving in the Saudi Arabian Persian Gulf Operation.

The Kansas Postcard company provided selected Kansas Schools with more than 20,000 picture postcards of Kansas scenery.

Participating were the junior and senior English classes taught by Joan Dark; the sophomore and junior English classes taught by Sue Harris; the eighth grade English class taught by Maj. Doug Gordon and some of the eighth grade reading students taught by Martha Lohmann.

## Seniors Attend Science Day

Senior Cadets attended science workshops at Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, recently.

They attended workshops in math, computer science, biology, chemistry and astronomy.

Attending were Robert Ellis, Mark Riccobono, Justin Hoese, Roger Hernandez, Darren Johnson, Shane May, Chester Crawford, Mark Sinkovec, Chris Purdie, Chris Smith, Geoff Barton, Brian Monahan and Sean Crabtree.

## Cadets Baptized, Confirmed, Dec. 2

Several Cadets were baptized and confirmed in a special service at Christ Episcopal Cathedral, Dec. 2.

Baptized were Darren Johnson, Seth Waskom, Mike Yardley and Dustin Chambers.

Confirmed were Tim Barnhart, David Goodin, Nelson Kitter and Justin Klumpe.

## Wrestlers Prepare For Regionals

The wrestlers in the Muleskinner program are currently preparing for regional competition to be held in Goodland.

The team has had a successful season considering the number of first year wrestlers according to Coach Doug Randolph.

Twelve of the 13 weight classes have been filled since the season began in November.

The team has competed in five dual meets, four tournaments, three junior varsity tournaments and three junior varsity dual meets.

Jerry Bessie at 189 pounds leads the team with a 15-7 record followed by Brian Weber at heavyweight with a 11-4 record and Brian Monahan, 171-lb. class, with a 8-10 record.

The wrestlers placed in three of the four varsity tournaments.

Randolph is assisted by Devon Walter. Both coaches are very proud of the accomplishments of the team.

Other varsity team members are Jorge Perez, Tim Henry, Adam Kaye, Nivedan Reddy, William Fisher, Chris Jagels and Shabbir Merchant.

## SJ Rifle Team Fires High Score

The SJMS Rifle team fired a score of 980 in a match against Abilene, Jan. 17. Abilene won the match by firing 1093.

Coach Tony Blair said the SJMS score was one of the highest ever fired by a St. John's team.

He said, "Our boys received a lot of praise. We must keep in mind that the Abilene members are adults who have been shooting for many years."

## Played JV Ball

Several Cadets played in three junior varsity football games last fall. They lost all three.

Coaches Joe Stewart and Roy Lawrence said the players had a lot of heart and desire which they never gave up anytime during the season. The most improved player was Daniel Goldstein. The coaches said he was a very hard worker and should be a skilled football player in the next years.

Playing were Scott Gruber, quarterback and end; Gary Buechner, end and linebacker; Erik Reifschneider, end; Jeremy Gosch, guard; Dale Vandel, quarterback and running back; Will Swett, running back; James Hernandez, running back and safety; David Godin and Jerry Bessie, guards; and Goldstein, center and guard.

## Rifle Team Starts Firing

The St. John's Rifle team is right on target this year according to coach Tony Blair.

The returning team member and team captain is Adi Hasan.

New members are Darren Johnson, Isaac Magdaleno, Arthur Cannon, Tim Fournier, Jack Hare, Ryan Overton, Luis Bonnet and Robert Hall, team manager.

The team has been expanded into two sub-teams--St. John's I and St. John's II.

Five new shooting jackets have been added to the equipment.

The range has been renovated. The range was painted and cleaned and nine tons of sand were exchanged.

The season started with a League dinner Nov. 29. Robert Ellis received an award for his performance last year.

The team will shoot in 14 matches this year, including trips to Leavenworth, Ks., and Lincoln, Neb.

St. John's will sponsor the Kansas State championships on March 8-10.

The team fired in postal matches, Dec. 5, 6 and 12.

The first shoulder-to-shoulder competition was against Abilene, Dec. 13.

The teams lost against the adult Abilene team but Blair thought they did exceptionally well. Team I fired 976, the highest score fired in two years. Team II fired 834. The Abilene team fired 1,077.

Remaining matches will be Abilene/Delphos, Jan. 17; postal match, Jan. 30; Manhattan, Jan. 31; Leavenworth tournament, Feb. 1-2; Delphos, Feb. 7; postal, Feb. 14; Lincoln tournament, Feb. 22-23 and Kansas State Championship, March 8-10.

## M.S. Starts Playing

Middle School basketball practice started on Nov. 5 with 26 Cadets reporting.

Chris Nicola is the only returning letterman. Players with experience from last year's J.V. squad are Leon Neil, R.J. Green, Chris Allen, Chris Gillman and Dan Ditto.

Other Cadets playing are Bryan Batts, Michael Brisco, Dustin Chambers, Ronald Cobos, James Cooper, Michael Ebert, Brandon Gordon, T.J. Hayes, Ben Jackson, Justin Klumpe, Marshall Lyles, Mark Manos, Charles O'Leary, Dan Sullivan, Pat Unrein, John Vaughn, Thad Vesecky, Rodney and Jerry Webb.

### REMAINING SCHEDULE

Geneseo, H. . . . . Jan. 24  
Marquette, Th. . . . . Jan. 31  
TVL Tournament . . . Feb. 4, 7, 9  
St. Mary's, H. . . . . Feb. 9

The Cadets lost 28-26 to Solomon; to St. Xavier 44-28 and Tescott 42-36. Games with Bennington and St. Mary's have been rescheduled.