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Inspection of JROTC Program Set, April 13

The annual inspection of the JROTC program at St. John's Military School is scheduled for Monday, April 13. The formal inspections are held every other year; so this year's inspection is called "informal", according to Maj. Mike Miller, Senior Army Instructor.

Lt. Col. William J. Cook III, Professor of Military Science at Kansas State University, Manhattan, will be the inspecting officer. He will be assisted by members of his ROTC staff at KSU. Cook and his staff were inspectors for the 102nd Corps in 1990.

The inspection team will arrive at 9 a.m. to be greeted at the main gate by members of the Cadet Patrol. The chief inspector will inspect the Honor Guard before meeting with Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, other members of the administration, staff and faculty.

The Cadet Staff, headed by Gabriel Boyle, Battalion commander, will conduct a briefing in the Battalion Assembly Area of the Vanier Academic Center, at 9:20 a.m.

Inspection in ranks will begin at 10:05 on Perkins Field.

The visiting team will view the noon formation and eat with the Corps in Nichols Dining Hall.

The inspectors will review training, administration, supply and range operations following lunch.

The Corps will pass in review on Perkins Field at 1:45 p.m. to be followed by a Color Guard and Crack Squad performance

Cadets Named For Salina Leaders Class

Mark Richards and Adam Kaye were selected to participate in this year's Junior Leadership Salina program, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Twenty juniors, representing all the schools in Saline County, are selected for the program. The students learn about various aspects of the community. Six sessions are held. The class will graduate May 6.

Earns Chapel Cross

Gavin Stein is a member of the Chapel Council and is authorized to wear the cross.

Earns Flight Badge

Brian Weber has been authorized to wear the ROTC flight student qualification badge.

in Baner Gymnasium.

The team will prepare its critique and will hold a critique/out briefing with the School administration at 3:45 p.m. before leaving campus.

SJMS is an Honor School with distinction, the highest ranking, as a result of these inspections.

K. Duckers To Retire At End of 1993

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, has informed the School's Board of Trustees that he will retire from that position at the end of the 1993 calendar year.

At that time, Duckers will have completed 43 years of service to the School in various positions. He has served as the head of the School since 1967. Duckers came to SJMS in December of 1950 as public information officer with emphasis on increasing the enrollment which at that time was 62 Cadets.

During his tenure Sage Hall, Clem-Ferris Hall, Mize Hall, Baner Gymnasium and Gym Annex, Spencer Recreation Center, Vanier Academic Center, Linger Hall, Shop-/Maintenance building and all campus housing was built.

The endowment has increased from \$1000 to more than \$4 million.

Robert Kastner, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said that the selection process for a successor has started. A screening committee has reviewed the resumes of nearly 100 applicants.

Kastner said that number has been reduced to about 35. Those surviving the cut have been asked to submit a ten-minute video tape. The screening committee will then reduce the field to three or four finalists.

A selection committee of Trustees, former Trustees and old boys will make the final choice of the new President sometime this summer.

An alumni farewell for Duckers is being planned for Commencement of 1993. Making plans are D. Dale Browning, Class of 1955, and J.R. "Rick" Taylor, Class of 1964.

Rifle Team Earns Award

The National Rifle Association of America has selected St. John's Military School to receive a 1991 Club Achievement award. This award recognizes noteworthy achievement by NRA affiliated clubs such as the SJMS Rifle Team.

The secretary of the Clubs & Associations committee wrote: "This is a tribute to the ongoing programs and services of your club and the award certificate is enclosed. . . My personal best wishes to the officers and members of the St. John's Military School for continued success."

SFC Anthony Blair is the Rifle Team coach.

SJMS Named In Another Will

The Development office reports that St. John's Military School has recently been notified it is one of four recipients to share in the estate of the late Mrs. Lucille Marie Phillips, a long time resident of Salina.

St. Francis Academy, headquartered in Salina, will also be sharing in the estate. The undisclosed amount is expected to be in excess of \$20,000.

Weber Earns Scholarship

Brian Weber has been awarded a four-year Army ROTC scholarship. He plans to attend the University of Tulsa.

Weber, a senior from Loveland, Colo., is a Cadet major and is the executive officer of the 104th Cadet Corps.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Lettermen's Club and has served on the Chapel Council. Weber is a four-year letterman in football. He was selected for the All-City football team and was named first team all-league in the Eisenhower league as offensive guard and also defensive line backer.

Selected to attend Boys' State of Kansas last year, Weber is also a Life Scout and an Eagle Scout.

Clubs Visit

Members of the Salina Rotary Club held their weekly meeting in Nichols Dining hall, Monday, March 23. Chapter D.L. of P.E.O. met at the School, Friday, March 20. Both groups ate lunch with the 104th Corps of Cadets.

Old Boy, Navy Captain Steve Erb To Be Speaker . . . At Commencement

Old Boy Robert Stephen Erb, Class of 1964, will return to campus in May to be the speaker for Commencement ceremonies. This will be a return engagement for Erb who was the speaker at Commencement 1968 just before he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Captain Erb is director, Multi-warfare Analysis and Long Range Planning, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Washington, D.C. He leads the effort to define the best mix of systems and ships to prepare the Navy to meet its responsibilities in the world of 2010.

Erb entered SJMS as a fourth grader. During each of his nine years at the School, Erb had the highest academic class average and received the Shank (now known as the School Specialty award) prize each year.

He was the Battalion Commander and was graduated with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He earned school letters in wrestling and track.

At one point in his SJMS career, Erb organized a Middle School drill team called the Zouaves. As a Junior School Cadet, he sang in the School Choir.

At Commencement 1964, Erb was named the recipient of the Gordon prize which goes to the Cadet best combining excellence in athletics, academic work and leadership. The award is not given every year.

Upon commissioning in 1968, he entered the Naval Postgraduate school in Monterey, Calif. In June 1969, Erb was awarded a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He has been principally associated with aircraft, space and related systems since completing his postgraduate education.

He also earned his wings as a Navy pilot flying from aircraft carriers.

Varsity Ribbons, Lamps Authorized

Varsity athletic ribbons and lamps have been authorized.

Earning the gold lamp were Gabriel Boyle, Isaac Magdaleno and Brian Weber.

Earning the silver lamp were Chad Caruso, Adi Hasan and Dale Vandel.

William Fisher, Chad Kellogg, Robert Hall, Ryan Overton and Geoff Nelson earned the bronze lamps.

Earning ribbons were Tony Barlow, Karl Carnagey, Mike Goins, Shawn Hensel, Jonah Horton, Chris Nicola, Lee O'Guin, Daniel Reagan, Aaron Branjord and Eric Hoffman.



Cadet R. S. Erb



Capt. R. S. Erb

Erb and his wife, Judy, have three sons: Scott, who will graduate from the Naval Academy in May; and twin sons, Glenn and Greg, now completing their freshman years in college. The Erbs live in Burke, Va.

The Flags Not Raised

The north half of the state, down to and including north Salina, had coats of ice on everything following a night of freezing rain.

And that morning, a note on the morning report routinely given to President Keith Duckers read: "Flag rope frozen, can't raise flags."

The American and Kansas flags are raised about 7 a.m. each day during morning formation. But on this morning, the rope had frozen solid against the pole.



NEWS

... from the past

SPRING--1922

Rumors have been circulating about the school in the last week that St. John's is to have a radio in the near future . . . Assumes control of St. Barnabas Hospital. This new addition will enable the school to have separate quarters for the boys of the lower form. In addition, St. John's will have the use of a large field in the rear of the hospital for all athletic contests. (It is now known as Perkins Field). . .

SPRING--1932

The people of Denver will soon have the opportunity of viewing at first hand a representative group of St. John's Cadets. The Crack Squad opens a week's engagement at the Orpheum Theater in that city. The boys put on their regular drill four times a day to the accompaniment of the fifteen-piece orchestra . . . St. John's School is now a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary schools.

SPRING--1952

St. John's Military School is going to expand. The School Board of Trustees okayed the construction of a new school barracks. The building, which will be connected with the present barracks, will house 64 Cadets. The new barracks (now known as Sage Hall, home of B Company) will have 16 day rooms, each with room for four Cadets. The two story structure will be built by Busboom and Rauh. Money available now will not permit the furnishing and finishing of the second floor interior . . . Gov. Val Peterson welcomed Cadets from St. John's at his office in the Nebraska state capitol at Lincoln. Members of the drill squad visited the Governor while in Nebraska on an appearance tour.

SPRING--1962

The entire Corps of Cadets will march in a parade honoring Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, former President of the United States, in Abilene. The parade will precede the formal dedication of the Eisenhower Presidential Library . . . A good showing was made by the St. John's Cadet Corps at the annual inspection of the military department as a part of the National Defense Cadet Corps Program.

SPRING--1972

"Stalag 17" play cast is named . . . Football is back! St. John's will field grid team next fall. Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, said, "I have felt for some time we made a mistake several years ago when we dropped varsity football". The school has joined a newly-created athletic and activities league. Twelve schools make up the new Dwight D. Eisenhower league.

SPRING--1982

Members of the St. John's Board of Trustees and the School staff visited National Manufacturing company in Lincoln, Neb. All shares of the stock in the company were given the School recently . . . The annual formal inspection of the JROTC program has been set for March 31.

Chad Caruso Is Scholarship Finalist

Chad Caruso, a senior, is one of 1,000 finalists in the Jostens Foundation Leadership Scholarship Program.

Caruso was one of more than 35,000 students across the nation who applied for the 200 \$1,000 scholarships awarded annually by the Jostens. Scholarship winners will be announced in April.

Winners will be chosen based on outstanding achievements in school and community activities; leadership experience and academic excellence.

Bronze Fund Over The Top

The fund to pay for the bronze sculpture of the Colonel, the Rev. R.L. Clem, former superintendent of the school, has exceeded its goal according to Lou Fulton, organizer. Colonel Clem died in November 1990.

The total raised is now \$5270. The excess will be used to pay for the plaque.

The name of Walter York, Class of 1944, was omitted from the list of contributors in the last **Skirmisher**.

Recent donors are Morris Johnson, Al Palmer, Harold Litz, Robert Macauley, L.P. Macauley and David L. Moffat.

Figueroa Leads M.S. Honors List

Mike Figueroa was the leader on the Middle School third grading period honor roll.

Figueroa, Doug Morrison and Charles Estes were named to the Blue Berets.

Others earning honorable mention were Colin Guinn and Matthew Post.



Doug Randolph



Dean Chiles

D. Randolph Is January Employee

Doug Randolph, teacher and athletic director, was selected as the employee-of-the-month for January.

Randolph spent many weekends with Cadets and sponsors the Civil War Re-enactment group. He arranges for movie passes for the members of the Blue Berets and also arranges special movie rates that are used for class incentives. And he also drives the vans to the theater.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, said, "Randolph is very pleasant and cooperative to work with as athletic director and is a good representative of St. John's."

Dean Chiles Is February Employee

Dean "Smokey" Chiles, Maintenance superintendent, was selected as the employee-of-the-month for February.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, said, "Smokey has quite a responsibility keeping everyone happy but no request seems too great. He's always up to the challenge. His most obvious accomplishment is our beautiful campus."

Duckers continued, "His loyalty to the School is unquestioned. He supports all activities, is extremely reliable and a good friend to all."

Tributes shared by his fellow workers include his being a social demon. They also noted he puts on the best party of the year, is fun to watch, drives a good looking truck, wears bib overalls, is a wild game conservationist (poor shot), and owns Shimano fishing tackle. Last, but not least, he's a tulip expert.

Duckers said, "He certainly deserves a pat on his (not-too-healthy) back from his friends and co-workers."

★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

Class of 1948 . . . Bob Macauley wrote the School recently. He said, "I appreciate your office personnel showing us around this past June. You have really made a lot of changes since I left. I think the chapel and the mess hall were the only things that I remembered. I'd like to thank SJMS for a lot of fond memories." He enclosed some pictures he had taken while a Cadet. They have been placed in the School's archives.

Class of 1955 . . . Richard Griffin stopped by to visit **Al Ransom** recently. Ransom reports that Griffin is a very distinguished, silver-haired, insurance executive, headquartered in San Francisco. His address is 400 Wabash Place, Danville, Calif. 94526.

Class of 1959 . . . Al Palmer was one of several sending donations to the Clem "Bronze fund" to be the "cappers" on the fund. His son has graduated from college. Al is still very involved with the Delaware County Institute of Science.

Class of 1966 . . . Mark R. Webber visited the campus in January. It was his first visit to the School since graduating. He works for a radio station for the hearing impaired in Alaska. His address is: 9621 Newhaven Loop, Anchorage, Alaska 99507-4427.

Class of 1982 . . . Jacob Rast earned a degree in electrical engineering from Pittsburgh State College. He is employed by Black and Veatch Engineers and Architects. He lives in Shawnee, Kas. and is hoping to organize a 10-year class reunion.

Meet The Trustees

... Introducing Harold Eagleton

Harold Eagleton is serving in the first year of his second three-year term as a SJMS Trustee. Eagleton is the executive director of the Asbury-Salina Regional Medical Center Foundation. He has held this position for three and a half years.

Prior to that he worked for Morrison Grain Company, Gypsum Valley Lumber company, Larson Building Center and the First National Bank and Trust company.

Eagleton has been active in many community activities and services in Salina.

Eagleton said, "Serving as Trustee of St. John's Military School has been very rewarding. It is interesting to see the young boys, some a long way from home, mature and develop into responsible young men. It makes you proud to be part of such a fine school."

He added, "The administration, faculty and support people have a real concern for these young men. I know the time they spend at St. John's helps them the rest of their lives."

A graduate of Kansas State



Harold Eagleton

University, Eagleton was born and raised at Ellsworth and Kanopolis, Ks.

Eagleton and his wife, Lois, have three children and four grandchildren.

Cadet Choir Organized

A Cadet Choir has been organized during the second semester as a part of the Chapel program.

The Choir sings during Sunday services in Armstrong Memorial Chapel. Directing the choir is Mrs. Shelley Hatfield, organist. Assisting is Ruth Cox, wife of the School's Chaplain.

Arthur Cannon wears the Figure 8 cord as the choir commander.

Authorized to wear the choir cord and ribbon were John Bullard, Allon Calzada, Robert Dalton, William DeKnight, James Dishon, Michael Ebert, Daniel Goldstein, Carl Guernsey, Shawn Hensel, John Hollon, Jeb Huggler, Daniel McDowell, Jason Merrifield, Joe Miller, Doug Morrison, Sean Radway, Laverne Stika, Scott Toomey, Troy Tramba and Nathan Weese.

Mackey Heads Third Honor Roll

Christopher Mackey was the leader on the third grading period honor roll. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Adi Hasan, Chad Kellogg and Sean Radway. Kellogg and Radway tied for the third place.

Others named to the honor roll were Nicholas Dell, Hagen Watts, Daniel Reagan, Justin Edwards, Charles Robertson and Ranjan Ray.

Earning honorable mention were Gavin Stein, Christopher

Clark, Paul Palombo, Joseph Miller, Donald Watters, Andrew Cole, Benjamin Kovar, Geoffrey Nelson, Jeremy Gosch, Rodney Webb, Jerry Webb, Daniel Davidson, Troy Tramba, Leon Neil, Christopher Allen, Zachary Flora, David Shore, Michael Ebert, Daniel Frazier, Jerry Bessie, Christopher Miller, Aaron Branjord, Luis Velez, Jason Merrifield, Chad Mathis, Lee O'Gujinn, Travis Potter and Adam Kaye.

Commandant's Comments

The 1991-92 St. John's Military School Rifle Team deserves the highest of compliments for a most outstanding season. Under the coaching direction of SFC Tony Blair and Cadet leadership of team captain Adi Hasan, these small bore rifle marksmen have raised their level of excellence to a championship level.

According to Blair, "Probably the best team St. John's has fielded in twenty years." Averaging over 1,025 points (1,200 possible) during match firing, the team also gained team and individual honors in regional meet competition. Most recently the team captured the first place trophy at the 15th Annual University of Nebraska Invitational, while Cadet Hasan took third place in the overall individual rankings. Cadets Overton, Hoffman and Branjord also received top place medals in the NRA Junior Olympic State and Sectional meets.

Cadet Magdaleno fired a 272 score (300 possible) in match competition to establish the season individual best, while Cadet Overton maintained the best season average with 251.37 points per competition. Also contributing to the teams success were Cadets O'Guinn and Robert Hall, the team manager.

Gentlemen, again our congratulations on a super season!

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



Houston Ward

Speakers, Trips Enrich Curriculum

A series of speakers and field trips are making the study of American Government come alive in the classes taught by Gerald Martin.

Speakers have included Cal Johnson, Sheriff's department; Dennis Kissinger, Salina City manager; Vern Miller, former Attorney General for the State of Kansas; Shirley Luce, Court Administration, and Julie McKenna, Saline County Attorney.

Other speakers have represented the Fire department;

Police department; and Highway Patrol.

Field trips are planned following spring furlough to the Saline County Jail; the Ellsworth prison and a Court Session in Saline County District Court.

District Judge David Knudson will conclude the program when he speaks to the classes in late April.

School Hosts State Rifle Championship

The School's Rifle team sponsored the Kansas State NRA smallbore rifle championship matches March 20-22 on the rifle range.

The event is sanctioned by the National Rifle Association. Twenty-six shooters from as far away as Aveet, Mo. competed for the title of state champion or junior state champion.

Del Goheen, Beloit, was the range officer and Ernie Peck, Manhattan, was the NRA-appointed referee.

John Pitts, Wichita, won the senior division. Melissa Mekain, Delphos, was the junior state champion.

Eight medals were awarded in the junior competition and the

Cadets claimed six of them.

Isaac Magdaleno missed the championship medal by three points. He placed second with a score of 529.

Eric Hoffman placed third with a score of 516.

Magdaleno won medals for the highest score in the prone and standing positions.

The first place team medals were awarded to Magdaleno and Hoffman.

SFC Tony Blair is the Rifle team sponsor and coach.

Science Class Visits Museums

Cadets in the Middle School science class taught by Mrs. Joan Barhydt visited museums in McPherson and Lindsborg recently.

At the Old Mill in Lindsborg, a retired college professor talked with them about pre-historic land development in Kansas. He told of his experience in looking for fossils in Kansas. The group toured the mill to see how flour was milled by water powered rollers.

After lunch the group visited the McPherson Museum. The building has three floors of ar-

tifacts about pioneer life, pre-historic animals and early medical tools. The Cadets were interested in the stuffed animals and preserved specimens.

A visit was made to Coronado Heights to view Central Kansas on the return trip to Salina.

Making the trip were Khris Steele, Jermaine Burton, Jeremy Kennedy, Carl Guernsey, Kevin Voth and Mike Reed.

★ PROMOTIONS ★

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

Promoted to:

CAPTAIN — Robert Hall.

STAFF SERGEANT — Zeick Larmonie.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS

— Jonah Horton.
CORPORAL — Daniel Davidson.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

— Andreas Farr, Zachary Flora, Toby Harris, John Munoz, Stephen Hampson, Ben Dozier, Chris Gillman, Mark Triebwasser, Joshua Wilson, Jamie Exon.

PRIVATE OLD BOY —

Milton Cooke, Michael Figueroa, Chris Klein, David Brindle, Travis Wheeler, Dustin Leo, Thomas Weir, Daniel Nack, James York, John Bullard, Khris Steele, Sean Hudgeons, Coty Pennell, Christopher Muhr, Paul Palombo, Ryan Wagner, David Shore, Dalton Hollmann, Mark Bendure, Charles Estes, Robert Illing, Micah Kelly, Jeff Conway.

Cadets Help Pancake Feed

Cadets again assisted at the Kiwanis Pancake Feed, an annual event sponsored by the Salina Noon Kiwanis Club. Helping at the event has become a tradition at St. John's.

The Kiwanis Club sponsors the Key Club at the School.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, reports the School became involved approximately 30 years ago when the Key Club originated. Cadets have helped every year if they were not on spring furlough.

Maj. Joel Looney, Comptroller, is the School liaison for Key Club members. Looney and Duckers are both members of the Kiwanis group.

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Cadets Speak At King Day

Two Cadets participated in the Salina Martin Luther King Day celebration in Salina. They were DeAndre Grassity and Thomas Smith.

Lynn E. Steele, chairman of the committee, wrote: "The two Cadets who were in the program did an excellent job. We heard compliments on the clarity of their delivery and the fact that it was wonderful to have these fine young men in the program. Both DeAndre and Thomas should be proud of their contribution and how they represented St. John's Military School. They all acted like the gentlemen they are and we hope to see them again in the future."



Cadets attending the Presidential Classroom were (back row, left to right) Chad Caruso, Charles Robertson, Isaac Magdaleno, (front row) Ryan Overton and Brian Weber.

Washington Trip Was High Point In Cadets' Lives

The Presidential Classroom was attended by five Cadets in Washington, D.C. the week of Feb. 10-17.

The Classroom provides students with unique opportunities to see representative democracy at work. They met with individuals who have decision-making responsibilities in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, as well as in the military, the news media and diplomatic corps.

The Cadets visited monuments and museums to help bring history to life.

Cadets attending were Chad Caruso, Isaac Magdaleno, Ryan Overton, Charles Robertson and Brian Weber. The project is funded by the SJMS Foundation. Usually four Cadets are selected but five went this year due to the number of exceptional candidates applying.

The highlight of the week for Magdaleno was seeing the Supreme Court in action while Robertson was most impressed with the visit to Arlington cemetery to see the Kennedy grave and eternal light and the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

The hardest thing about the week was leaving the many friends made during the week. The classroom was made up of 179 girls and about 77 boys. The Cadets felt that people were very impressed with the uniforms and wanted to know everything about the school and the ribbons and cords.

Those attending heard many speakers during the week.

The Cadets felt that Sen. Larry E. Craig of Idaho was a powerful speaker discussing issues facing Congress. They all felt the Ambassador from Zaire was very hard to understand.

Pat Schroeder, Representative from Colorado, visited with the students on the floor of the House of Representatives.

The two most impressive speakers were Dolf Droge, co-

anchor, "The Real World" radio newshour, who discussed "Media and the American Political tradition," and Admiral Jerome L. Johnson, U.S. Navy Vice Chief of Naval Operations, discussing U.S. Military Strategies.

The Cadets also had the opportunity to meet with the Senators and Representatives from their states. Magdaleno and Overton met with the two Kansas Senators, Nancy Kassebaum and Robert Dole.

Travel in the city was by the Metro system with some bus tours.

Comments about the week included. . . "best time in my life up to now". . . "didn't think you could have so much fun with the tight rules". . . "learned so much". . . "rules of conduct were stiffer than here at the school". . . "excellent trip". . . "a worthwhile Foundation project."

"What was the most important things you learned during the Presidential Classroom week?"

Isaac Magdaleno: "I learned more about government and its functions."

Charles Robertson: "I learned to accept the fact that there was more than one point of view to things."

Brian Weber: "I learned how to interact with other students my age, particularly the girls."

Chad Caruso: "I would say the opportunity to meet important people such as senators, representatives and speakers was significant. Meeting other students helped in understanding different cultures."

Ryan Overton: "Seeing how government really functions was different than I thought."

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Rifle Team Fires Wins

The St. John's Rifle team has won three matches in League competition since Christmas fur-lough. The team won two matches against Manhattan and one against Delphos.

Losses were to Abilene and Delphos. Members of these teams are all adults.

St. John's placed seventh in the Sidney Lanier Postal match with Adi Hasan placing second in individual firing.

St. John's placed second in the NRA Junior Olympic Kansas State championship match. Ryan Overton placed second in high prone firing.

In the Olympic National Sectional championship match, SJMS placed second as a sectional team and first as a ROTC team.

Eric Hoffman placed first and Aaron Branjord, second, in the ROTC competition.

The team placed first in the 15th Annual University of Nebraska invitational, Feb. 22, in Lincoln, Neb. SFC Tony Blair, Coach, said this is the first time St. John's has won first as a team since 1972. Hasan had the third place aggregate score.

J.V. Ends Basketball Season

The 1991-92 season will be remembered as a great season in Junior Varsity basketball according to Coach Roy Lawrence.

He said, "As a group the team worked as hard or harder than any team has in my time at St. John's, even though our record may not show it." The season record was 6-10.

Lawrence continued: "Our season was highlighted with some outstanding basketball. We did have some problems with academics, injuries and illness, but I feel we handled this very well."

The team was lead by freshman guards Don Zimmerman and Leon Neil, who were the scoring leaders with 8 points each per game. Neil was named to the All-J.V. tournament team.

The most improved player was DeAndre Grassity.

Other players were Dan Reagan, Thomas Smith, Chris Koppers, Victor Wu, John Vaughn, Roger Warnock, Chris Clark, Justin Edwards, Chris Allen, and Mark Richards.

Named Drummers

Michael Ebert and Chris Jagels have been named as Battalion drummers and may wear the dark blue/light blue cord.

More Band Members Named

Several Cadets have been authorized to wear the band insignia. They are Michael Boyles, Michael Figueroa, Brian Marvins, Chris Miller, Ranjan Ray and Ryan Wagner.

Young Cadets Finish Season

The Middle School basketball team finished the season 3-6. The 20 players on the team gained experience and some showed good improvement according to Coach Kelly Rudolph.

The Cadets defeated Solomon with Jermaine Burton and Mike Brisco as the high scorers. They defeated Marquette with Adam Ross and Burton scoring the most points.

In the League tournament at SJMS the Cadets again defeated Marquette. High point men were Burton and Jebb Huggler.

The team lost to Tescott, Bennington, St. Mary's Academy, and Geneseo during the regular season. Losses in the tournament were to Geneseo and Tescott.

Other high point scorers for the Cadets were William Eddington, Dan Barickman, and Chris Gillman.

Winner of the Twin Valley League Tournament held in the Banes Gym was Geneseo. Geneseo also won the girls tournament.

The B-team played four games during the year and were defeated in all.

Members of the team were Tyler Yost, William DeKnight, Justin Klumpe, Kenny Ellis, Josh Wilson, Colin Guinn, Joel Barr, Doug Morrison, Neil Roberts, Brian McGuire and Dan Nack.

Basketball Season Ends

The Cadet basketball season has ended. The team lost the final five games.

The Cadets lost in overtime to Solomon, 48-47. Brandon Smith led St. John's with 17 points. Mike Goins added 12.

A slow start cost the basketball squad an opportunity to win over White City, as the Muleskinners dropped a 56-42 decision.

White City jumped out to an 18-4 lead after the first quarter and stretched their lead to 17 points at halftime. St. John's would play even in the second half but could not overcome the double-digit deficit. Chad Kellogg and Smith each had 14 points.

The Cadets also lost games to Centre, Bennington and St. Mary's Academy.

M.S. Athletic Ribbons Given

Middle School varsity athletic ribbons were awarded.

Earning the ribbon for the second time were Mike Brisco, William Eddington, and Chris Gillman.

First time winners were Jermaine Burton, James Dishon, Carl Guernsey, Neil Roberts, James Ross, and Jodie Warner.

Cadets Enjoy Feb. Ski Trip

A group of Cadets made a trip to ski at Silver Creek, Colo., Feb. 21-23.

Sponsors were M/Sgt. Joe Stewart, Administrative Assistant to the Commandant, and Maj. Mike Miller, Senior Army Instructor. Donna Lewick, SJMS teacher, and her husband and son also assisted the group.

Christopher Mackey, Cadet officer-in-charge, said that the lodge complex at Silver Creek was wonderful with excellent facilities to relax and play while not skiing. He said, "The conditions were good. There was only one injury. James Eister injured his eye. The trip was extremely enjoyable."

The meals were either eaten at the cafe or were prepared in the rooms. Transportation to the ski slopes was provided by shuttle bus. In the evening, the Cadets enjoyed swimming and working out.

Making the trip were Christopher Allen, Daniel Barickman, Joel Barr, Cory Bovee, Jeramine Burton, Allon Calazade, Cassidy Landman, Sean Collier, Milton Cooke, Jason Craig, Brian Dillon, Michael Ebert, James Eister, Kenneth Ellis, James Francis, Daniel Frazier, Christopher Gillman, Michael Goins, Daniel Goldstein, Jeremy Gosch, Colin Gregg, Colin Guinn, Robert Hall, John Hollon, Jonah Horton, Chris Jagels, Micah Kelly, Agustin Loyo, Edwin McClen-don, Brian McGuire, Mackey, Travis Mai, Christopher McCall, Charles Mersberger, Geoff Nelson, Paul Palombo, Matt Post, Sean Radway, David Shore, Steve Strom, Troy Tramba, Tim Stockmar, Luis Velez and Thomas Weir.

New Court Members Named

Three Cadets are authorized to wear the Cadet Court cord and student government ribbon. They are Mark Richards, Lee O'Guin and Travis Petrino.

Spartans Work At Marathon

Members of the Spartan team were volunteers at the YWCA and American Cancer Society Grace Evans Memorial Swim Marathon, Feb. 28 and 29 at the Salina YWCA.

Spartan team members counted laps completed and were runners moving paperwork from the pool area to the accounting department. They also opened and operated the kitchen on Saturday morning.

Maj. Mike Miller, Spartan sponsor, said that one of the qualifications for being a Spartan is survival swimming and the Y pool is used. Miller is also a member of the Marathon committee.

Funds raised are used to support the YWCA disabled program and the research/education efforts of the American Cancer Society.



The Winter Olympics Begin

Mark Richards (left) conducts the opening ceremony for the Cadet Winter Olympics. Isaac Magdaleno was the torch bearer. He is watched by Adi Hasan and Chad Caruso.

Charlie Company Wins Cadet Winter Olympics

St. John's recently sponsored a Cadet version of the Winter Olympics, providing all platoons and companies in the 104th Corps some friendly competition. "Charlie" Company fielded the winning platoon and tied "Alpha" Company in the best company category.

The Battalion Staff devised the events and conducted the games over two weekends. The festivities included an official opening with Isaac Magdaleno as torch bearer who ignited the Olympic Flame in a "mess hall mixing bowl."

Good weather and high morale kept eight platoons (two from each company) involved in keen competition in the four events of dodge ball, volleyball, soccer and floor hockey. The soccer final between second

platoon, C Company and second platoon, A Company, was the highlight of the games. Tied at the end of regulation play time, the game went into a sudden death playoff with Charlie Company finally prevailing with a breakaway goal.

Charlie Company's second platoon, lead by Tony Harold, also won the floor hockey final to capture overall platoon honors.

Cadets Practice For Cadet Challenge

A practice Cadet Challenge physical fitness test was held Saturday morning, Feb. 15.

The test consists of five events--pull-ups, curl-ups (modified sit-ups), a shuttle run, standing long jump and a one mile run.

The Challenge is a part of the JROTC training program.

Second platoon of Delta company was the best platoon followed by second platoon of

Bravo and second platoon of Charlie.

Individual results for all events by age group were Anthony Trivedi, 10; Scott Toomey, 11; Colin Guinn, 12; Joshua Wilson, 13; Tyler Yost, 14; John Vaughn, 15; Chad Kellogg, 16; Douglas Dvorak, 17, and Michael Goins, Nivi Reddy and Donald Watters, all tied for age 18.

Forensics Season Starts

The Forensics team is off to a busy start according to Sue Harris, Forensics coach.

Gavin Stein earned second place out of 42 participants in prose interpretation at the Ell-Saline High School, Brookville, event. Sean Radway placed fourth in humorous solo acting. Both are now eligible to compete at the state contest in May.

Cadet participants are Alan Witherington, DeAndre Grassity, Chris Koppers, Isaac Magdaleno, Josh Seale, Ralph Shoemaker, Ben Kovar, Leon Neil, Stein and Radway.

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