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Commencement Plans Made

Commencement weekend will be May 14-16. A busy weekend of traditional activities leading to the graduation of the Class of 1993 and the dismissal of the 105th Corps of Cadets is planned.

Besides the usual activities, several special events are being planned by alumni and the School to honor Keith G. Duckers, President, who will retire at the end of the calendar year 1993 after 43 years of service. Also retiring at the end of the school year will be F/Sgt. Bill Bunting, a tactical officer and member of the military staff for 20 years.

Events will begin with Parent-Teacher/Staff conferences on Friday afternoon, a reception for patrons and guests, a special dedication ceremony, and an alumni reception and celebration in honor of the Duckers family that evening at the Salina Holidome.

Activities on Saturday will include the flag raising ceremony, Military Awards ceremony, Foundation luncheon; Educational Honors Convocation and the Military Ball.

The Junior/Senior Eucharist in Armstrong Chapel will begin activities on Sunday followed by the Salute to the Freedom Tree.

Commencement exercises will be at 10 a.m., Perkins Field, with Sen. Robert Dole, (Rep-Ks.) and Senate minority leader, as the speaker.

A reception, dinner and roast for President Duckers will be held at 6 p.m., Sunday, at the Salina Country Club.

Radway Heads Second Honor Roll

Sean Radway was the leader on the second academic Honor Roll. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Christopher Mackey and Ranjan Ray.

Others named to the Honor Roll were Chad Kellogg, Jamie Exon, Andy Cole, and Chad Mathis.

Earning honorable mention were Paul Palombo, Corey Mitchell, Mark Richards, Troy Tramba, R.J. Christensen, Lee O'Guin, Jake Williams, Christopher Allen, Travis Potter, Geoff Hansen, Nicholas Dell, Jerry Webb, David Godin, David Shore, Adam Kaye, Christopher Nicola, Tory Merriam, Kevin Munro, Daniel Moran, and Christopher Bauck.



CONGRATULATIONS

W.B. Mackey, Hutchinson, Ks., congratulates his grandson, Christopher Mackey, who was honored as the MacArthur Cadet of the Year in special ceremonies, Jan. 24 in the Baner Gymnasium.

Search Begins For Lost "Old Boys"

Finding a former classmate can be just like looking for the proverbial "needle in the haystack". But not anymore. Soon a directory of alumni will be available.

The new St. John's Military School Alumni Directory, scheduled for release in the spring of 1994, will be the most up-to-date and complete reference on SJMS alumni ever compiled. This comprehensive volume will include current name, address and phone number, academic data plus business information, bound in a library-quality edition.

The School administrative staff has contacted the prestigious Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc. to produce the directory.

Harris will soon begin researching and compiling the information to be printed in the directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumnus.

The new directory will soon make finding an "old boy" as easy as opening a book.

Library Has New Laminator

A jumbo dry mount/laminator press has been added in the school library according to Martha Lohmann, Librarian.

The laminator was purchased by the SJMS Foundation, an organization of parents and friends of the School.

It will be used by faculty and staff to preserve and protect a variety of items, such as newspaper articles, posters, passes, games for classroom use and art work.

Cadet Band Performing

The SJMS Band is having a great year according to Wendy Stein, Band Director.

She said, "We have had several successful performances and have a group of young men with lots of talent and ability. Our bandmaster, Tim Henry, has been outstanding both in the classroom and on the parade field and has an unusual flair for handling the baton."

Stein continued, "We have a balanced blend of Upper and Middle School Cadets working hard to produce a winning sound and a sharp presentation."

Band members are Trey Guinn, Blaine Moller and Matt Post, alto saxophone; Bryan Marvins, Jason Merrifield, Mike Figueroa, Shawn Hensel, trumpet; Colin Guinn and Kevin Munro, trombone; Paul Palombo and Henry, tenor saxophone; Wesley Dakan, clarinet; Carl Guernsey, Mike Seene and Tim Lanham, snare drum; Doug Morrison and Ranjan Ray, bass drum, and Mark Triebwasser, cymbals.

Trey Guinn, Colin Guinn, Post and Morrison participated in the Twin Valley League Massed Band Clinic in Geneseo, Ks. The Cadets were members of a 100-piece band formed to provide the small area league schools with the experience of playing in a large band.

Badges Given

Marksmanship badges were awarded to Nicholas Dell, expert; Geoff Hansen, sharpshooter, and Andreas Farr, marksman.

Chris Mackey Earns MacArthur Cadet Award

Christopher Mackey, Montreal, Canada, was awarded the MacArthur Cadet of the Year award in special ceremonies, Jan. 24 in the Baner Gymnasium. The award is given to the senior Cadet with the most soldierly performance considering academics, athletics and leadership.

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

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

Mackey, a Cadet lieutenant colonel, is the personification of all the values which epitomize the ideal Cadet according to Maj. Mike Miller, Commandant. Miller said, "He is dedicated to both the Cadets and the School, and provides the needed Cadet leadership required to make a military school run efficiently. His leadership is evident by improved morale, attention to detail, coupled with pride in the way the Cadets present themselves in the public eye."

Share Birthday

Christopher Mackey, the MacArthur Cadet of the Year, shares the same birthday as the late General, Jan. 26. However, Douglas MacArthur was born in 1880 and Mackey was born many years later.

Mackey came to the school as a "new boy" and worked his way up to his current position as the Battalion Commander. He ranks number one in the senior class with a four-point grade point average. Mackey is the president of the National Honor Society; a member of the Blue Berets; was a University of Kansas Honor student, and is chairman of the Cadet Court.

Mackey is active on the wrestling team and is expected to earn a varsity letter.

Miller said, "Mackey is the most deserving Cadet to be nominated for this award in many years. His actions place him 'light years' ahead of the average high school senior. This young man embodies all the

strengths and values one would expect to find in a leader with many more years of experience."

The reviewing officer and speaker was Col. Alvin L. Ginsberg, Commander, 4th ROTC Brigade, U.S. Army Fourth region, Ft. Riley, Ks.

Ginsberg spoke primarily about General MacArthur's achievements during his long military career. He told the Cadets how lucky they were to be at the School and to be part of the high school ROTC program. He told of efforts underway to expand JROTC into more high schools.

Ginsberg ended by congratulating the Cadets on how great they looked and how well they conducted the ceremony.

Cadet Mackey's parents were unable to attend but representing them were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mackey, Hutchinson.

Mackey's mother wrote: "I would like to put in writing that I would appreciate it if you would convey to the administration, staff and faculty of St. John's my personal heartfelt appreciation for the effort that has and is being made on the behalf of Christopher and the other Cadets. He is extremely fortunate that there is a place like St. John's Military School, because it has provided challenges and support for him in ways that are quite unique in educational facilities."

His other grandparents wrote: "At a time when so many parents are unable to meet the needs of their 'teenagers', it is heartening to observe the wonderful work done at St. John's."

Sean Radway was the ceremony narrator. Other Cadets assisting were Mark Richard, Commander of Troops; Timothy J. Henry, Drum Major, Arthur P. Cannon, Chaplain and Mackey, Host Commander.

Cadets Named To Cadet Patrol

Several Cadets are participating members of the Cadet Patrol.

They are Jeremy Baerns, Kevin McNamara, John Calhoun, Damen Cox, Tyson Farmer, Corey Mitchell, Michael Seene and David Shore.



NEWS

... from the past

FEBRUARY--1923

The epidemic of the gripe that has been going around lately did not overlook a visit to St. John's. On three days, more than half of the Cadet Corps was sick and in consequence, classes were suspended on those days. . . . As an incentive to making higher average, it has been decided to publish in *The Skirmisher* the monthly averages made by the ten cadets ranking highest in the School. These ten cadets will constitute the Honor Roll for the month.

FEBRUARY--1933

Two members of faculty get married. The School chaplain married a teacher in the Junior school. . . . St. John's overcomes Tescott, 44-17. . . . Communion services now celebrated daily. . . . Cadets take regular afternoon exercise.

Editor's Note: The School has only one *Skirmisher* for the entire 1943 year. It is dated March 9, 1943. If any "old boys" from that era have other papers would they please notify the school.

FEBRUARY--1953

Thirty-two cadets will vacate the ivy-covered walls of the Junior School and Vail Hall to move into the new, modern, and fire-proof barracks. (That building is Sage Hall.) The new barracks will not be entirely finished, only the first floor, of the two-story building. The completed building will cost approximately \$100,000 while the finished first floor has cost upwards to \$85,000. . . . K-State drill set for Crack Squad.

FEBRUARY--1973

The myth that every boy wants to grow up and be a fireman is exactly that--a myth according to Capt. Paul Sommers, Guidance Counselor. There isn't enough interest in that occupation to be covered during the Career Day held jointly by St. John's Military and Sacred Heart high schools. . . . The Cadet band will march in three Mardi Gras parades in New Orleans.

FEBRUARY--1983

The blizzard of '83. Classes were disrupted but meals continued on schedule in the "mess". Bob Gilliam, Food Service Director, and his wife, lived in their van at the back of Nichols Hall during the storm. Other food service personnel stayed in the infirmary. Meals were all served on schedule.

DEATHS

Lt. Col. (Ret) **Cowan C. Eastham**, a SJMS Graduate in 1942, died suddenly July 7, 1992 at his home in Green Mountain Falls, Colo.

Col. Eastham, best known to his fellow Cadets as "Connie" graduated as a Second Lieutenant following three years at SJMS. He became a career Army officer, serving in Europe and on many assignments throughout the United States. He retired in 1967 following a major command in the military police.

Later he developed the Rampart Aviation Company which he operated very successfully until he sold it in 1981. He and his wife, Colleen, lived for the last 12 years in Green Mountain

Falls, near his hometown of Colorado Springs.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Kenna of Oakdale, MN and two daughters; Lauren Paine of Rescue, CA and Diane Yount of Melba, ID. Two grandchildren also survive.

During last year's graduation weekend, Col. Eastham served as the Class Chairman for his group's 50th anniversary. For many years, he attended the Old Boy's Reunion and loved to recall events of his Cadet years.

John Steven Fields died at his home in Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 30, 1992. He was a member of the Class of 1977.

NHS Inducts Nine Cadets

Nine Cadets were recently initiated into the National Honor Society.

They are Andrew Cole, Adam Kaye, Lee O'Guin, Travis Potter, Sean Radway, Ranjan Ray, Troy Tramba, Jerry Webb and Rodney Webb.

★ ★ ★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★ ★ ★

Class of 1942 . . . Fred Pate lives in Fremont, Calif. He will retire this year and move to Oregon. He is considering sending his grandson to SJMS. . . .

Class of 1946 . . . Bob Snyder and his wife, Ursula, spent most of the summer visiting in Europe. . . . Christmas greetings were received from Lou Fulton.

Class of 1954 . . . Gene Ely has decided to become a Certified Financial Planner. The school was to start in January but first he had to pass the national and state tests of the National Association of Security Dealers. He said, "I will accept all best wishes and any clients you want to recommend to me." He lives in Houston. His two sons are both doctors, one daughter is an intensive care nurse, and his youngest daughter is attending Queen's College in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

Class of 1955 . . . A picture of Roger Bigler, his wife, and 22-month old daughter, Natalie, was received by the School from the Philippines. . . . **Earle Fox** is working for Goodwill of America and does a lot of traveling. He hopes to visit the School in May. . . . **Larry Rice** spent two weeks in Russia in late September to work with Elgin's sister city, Belgorod. Rice said the mayor there was newly appointed by Yelstin and knew nothing about running a city government; "so he asked if I would come for a visit to 'exchange ideas'." He wrote: "At the end of my stay I submitted a large memorandum of recommendations. Suffice to say, I proposed the city get rid of most of its businesses--the government has owned EVERYTHING in Russia; so the city runs the laundry, the sauna, the bakery, the phone company, among other things. . . . Overall impressions of Russia are that it will never go back to Communism (the people hate the Party for what it did to them for 70 years), but the country will move to the right somewhat to gain economic stability for a few years. . . . They haven't a clue as to how capitalism and a market economy really work but want it."

D. Dale Browning has retired from Colorado National Bankshares, Inc. He will simplify his life in one obvious respect. He will be able to get by with a single business card. Browning, who rose to industry prominence as a credit card executive and founder of the International Plus automated teller machine network, will hang up his multiple banking hats and concentrate on being President of Plus System, Inc. in Denver. With his \$3 billion asset bank preparing to merge with Minneapolis-based First Bank System, Inc. by mid-1993, Browning decided it was time to "move on to what I really enjoy doing." One of the rare breed who become a bank CEO without ever having made a loan, Browning took much of the credit for a turn-around that made Colorado National attractive for takeover.

Class of 1956 . . . Christmas greetings were received from **Al Ransom**. He wrote: "We sure are looking forward to coming to Kansas in May."

Class of 1959 . . . Mike Ekiss and his family were planning to return to the States to spend Christmas in Pueblo, Colo.

Attended 1959-61 . . . John Torgan is stationed at an air force base in the Republic of Turkey.

Attended 1965-66 . . . William A. Bryant is working as a highway engineer in Orlando, Fla. After leaving SJMS, he obtained a degree in geology from the University of Arkansas and completed graduate studies at the Colorado School of Mines. Bryant worked as an archaeologist for ten years and then practiced geology for about seven. He wrote: "The training and discipline I received at SJMS aided me throughout my life. I was a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps and remember our wonderful trip to the Mardi Gras. I remember living on the top floor of the old Vail Hall and all the early morning fire drills. He continued: "I will not be able to attend the ceremonies but I would like to personally wish Mr. and Mrs. Duckers a wonderful retirement and to thank them for their dedication to a fine institution."

Class of 1971 . . . The great and powerful "OZ" as a tail insignia for McConnell bombers, located in Wichita, was selected because of Capt. **Kent Tretheway's** inspiration. No SAC planes were required to have tail codes but soon after Air Combat Command took over, it specified that all aircraft tails would have two-letter unit codes. Tretheway called ACC headquarters at Langley AFB, Va., and learned that the only rules were: no duplications and it must be command-approved. Tretheway said, "I half-heartedly suggested 'OZ'. I figured 'OZ' meant more to more people, but we didn't think it would be approved. Well, it was." "I'm really tickled about it," said Tretheway. "It's my most significant claim to fame in the Air Force."

According to the request sent by the wing commander, "No two letters could better associate our B-1B's with the legends and traditions of the State of Kansas."

Class of 1975 . . . Mark Huber is co-owner of Theatrical Media Services. The company provides theatrical and concert lighting for show business. Huber helps set up fairs in a 13-state area. The business has been in Lincoln but is being moved to Omaha early this year. . . . **Ernesto Anaya** is now with General Electric Company, Novi, Mich. He is also pursuing an executive MBA at Michigan State University. . . . **Abel Anaya** is a famous French chef at the Copa Marina Beach Resort in Puerto Rico and was honored two months ago as one of "Puerto Rico's Most Outstanding Young Persons". Ernesto wrote to Colonel Duckers: "You have been a

positive influence in the lives of my brothers and me. I feel you are the spirit of St. John's -Scientia, Virtus and Disciplina."

Class of 1979 . . . Arnaldo Anaya was just promoted with Polo in New York, to a position reporting directly to Ralph Lauren. **Ariel Anaya** is in the Furniture Industry in Coconut Grove, Florida.

Attended 1984-87 . . . Nate Marshall is in the process of relocating part-time to Los Angeles. He recently left SBK records and is now affiliated with Atlantic-Time Warner. Most of his success has been with music videos. He was attempting to locate Tom Keefe, Kendall Lange, Ken Roark and John Miller. He wrote: "It has been exciting to hear about the changes at St. John's since I have left there. I feel to this day that I would not be successful without the guidance I received while educated there. I especially want to thank coaches Speilman, Randolph and Major Miller."

Class of 1987 . . . David Dumler, after graduating mid-year last year with a degree in Communications with a TV production emphasis, is working with MCI as a customer service rep and is continuing to look for available opportunities in TV production.

Class of 1988 . . . Max Brooks is working as a remote broadcast engineer for KOA radio in Denver. He has applied to Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio. He hopes to enroll in the fall and major in English. He inquired about Mrs. Joan Dark, his SJMS English teacher. His roommate is **Brad Heinrich**, attended 1985-88. Heinrich is working at "Wax Traxx" record store in Denver.

Class of 1989 . . . Brian Foley is planning to attend the Sheriff's Academy in Orange, CA. After leaving St. John's, he attended Columbus State University, Columbus, Ohio, and has attended Rancho-Santiago U. in Orange. He has appeared in some movies, "For The Boys" and "House Party, Part II" and some television shows. His address is 5846-17 East Creekside, Orange, CA 92669. He reports that **Derrick Barth**, Class of 1989, is a crew chief on a CA-53 Helicopter with the 164th Marines in Somalia. Barth is stationed at the Tustin Marine Station in California. He is expected to return in a few months.

FORMER STAFF

The Rev. Don Davidson, former Chaplain, will be promoted to Major in the Army Reserve this spring.

Ron Bartlett continues to teach college English classes on an alternate basis for Rockhurst College, Penn Valley or DeVry Institute of Technology in the Kansas City area.

Charlene Weller Crawley lives in Phoenix. She has worked for fourteen years in Adoptions for the State of Arizona.

Flag Ribbons Given

Shawn Hensel is authorized to wear the Figure "4" and Bronze lamp of the flag detail. Gordon Brown and Jeff Bachlund may wear the ribbons.

K G D Remembers...

(Editor's Note)

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, has agreed to write several articles about events during his 42-year career at SJMS.

I remember how St. John's and Salina looked in the fall of 1950 when I came to interview.

I drove from Topeka on old US-24 and US-40 along the north bank of the Kaw River, stopping to look at the Dutch Mill in Wamego. In those days, motels were relatively new and the main one in Salina was the Wymore. It was well-known because the owners' daughter was Patrice Wymore, the movie actress who had recently married Errol Flynn, a leading movie star of that era.

I checked into the Wymore (\$2.75 per night) and asked directions to the National Bank of America where I was to be interviewed by Earl Woodward and Glen Bramwell, two prominent Salinians who were on the SJMS Board.

Santa Fe Avenue in downtown Salina was different then -- several drugstores with soda fountains, five movie theaters, eight or ten thriving cafes, two large hotels with fine dining rooms -- virtually every store was occupied. You could even get a great nickel shoe shine from Smitty in his shine emporium downtown.

I remember eating lunch in the beautiful Lamer Hotel dining room -- roast beef with all the trimmings, plus coffee and dessert -- 65 cents. I tipped a dime, I remember, pocketing the remaining quarter from a \$1 bill.

With gasoline, then 19 cents a gallon, I figured the two-day-one night journey to Salina set me back nearly \$10!

Following an interview in Mr. Bramwell's office that lasted barely an hour, we adjourned to visit St. John's. It was a cold gray November day but quickly brightened by a friendly reception from the School's Bursar, Hazel Fonck. Hazel was to become one of my all-time best friends over the three decades we worked together.

After looking at the rather drab office set up, we took a tour of the campus. The scene got worse, not better.

St. John's was having a tough time surviving then with a declining enrollment (63 boys) and just simply getting by with the bare essentials. Yet even today, I look back on that period of time and feel the School was doing a good job with the few cadets and a dedicated faculty that included Russ Guernsey as Commandant, Jim "Fat" Elmborg coaching football and teaching science, Raymond Hower teaching math and coaching the basketball team. Joe Cleavenger and John Todd

C. Eddington Wins Contest

Colin Eddington won first place in the VFW's "Voice of Democracy" contest. He also won a \$225 award.



Vail Hall as it appeared in the early 1950's

were the entire "Junior School" faculty and tactical staff.

Col. R. L. Clem, my beloved predecessor, was the Rector and Superintendent. The faculty took turns "pulling duty" every five days from first call through Taps with a late night bed check also required.

(You can read in detail about this era in Virgil "Lefty" Loy's fine history of St. John's first 100 years available in the St. John's Quartermaster, hard cover, \$19.95, Leather bound collectors, \$100.00.)

Other great St. John's people during my early years here included Lefty and Helen Loy and Annabel and Aaron Young Hardy.

Helen Loy spent most of her more than three decades here as secretary to Colonel Clem and then later, me.

The Hardys had formerly owned Colorado Military Academy. Colonel Hardy was a grandson of Brigham Young, his mother being one of the great Mormon leader's 45 children.

Annabel was a cultured lady from a prominent Denver family -- the Parks. She was a great English teacher and set the standard for this department of outstanding teachers which continues to the present.

My sister-in-law, Lois Stanton, a well-known west coast cooking instructor, credits Colonel Hardy with teaching her how to make "hash browns". You just hunk up left-over baked potatoes. He did these one New Year's Eve when Lois was visiting us and she has never forgotten.

... K.G.D.

Trey Guinn Heads Honor Roll Again

Trey Guinn was the leader on the second Honor Roll in the Middle School. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Charles Estes and Mark Triebwasser.

Earning honorable mention were Stephen McClure and Matthew Post.

★ PROMOTIONS ★

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

Promoted to:
CAPTAIN -- William Fisher.

SECOND LIEUTENANT -- Chris Allen, Brian Atkins, Jason Merrifield, Nicholas Dell.

FIRST SERGEANT -- Keith Sedille, Zachary Flora, Lee O'Guin.

WO 1 -- Sean Radway.

MASTER SERGEANT -- Travis Potter.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS -- Cassidy Landman, Jamie Exon, Andreas Farr, Michael Boyles, William Eddington, Milo Mitchell.

STAFF SERGEANT -- Thad Alexander, Justin Klumpe, Dan Moran, Chris Muhr.

SERGEANT -- Richard Taylor, Jacob Williams, Jon Munoz, David Shore, Khristeele, Wesley Dakan, Christopher Bauck.

CORPORAL -- Jeremy Baerns, Albert Guinn III, Gustavo Olivo, Raul Olivo, R.J. Christensen, Seth Jucker, Erick Torrico, Joshua Brittain, John Calhoun, Charles Estes, Tyson Farmer, Geoff Hansen, Royce Henderson, Nicholas Kneupper, Diego Machado, Blaine Moller, Kevin Munro, Daniel Robinson, James Schultz, Roscoe Teagues, Casey Underwood, Russell Wasinger, Mickey Woolhether.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS -- Jeff Bachlund, Damen Cox, Jaime Guerrero, Alejandro Hernandez, Corey Mitchell, Daniel Sterk, Marcus Wilson, Robert Lambert, Rodrigo Poo, Tim Lanham, Todd Schmidt, Jared Stansfield, Joshua Wiest, Keenon Babcock, Shaun Bertrand, Gordon Brown, Kevin Bundy, John Cropp, Mitchel Daniels, Jeb Huggler, Dee Jones, Rafael Llorente, Patrick Moore, William Tyler, James York.

PRIVATE OLD BOY -- Tony Salazar, J.R. Wilson, Joshua Cole, Matthew Hensley, Carlos Bejarano, Adrian Acon, Adrian Gonzalez, Alex Hernandez, Luis Medrano, David Winsor, Russell Davis, Timothy Whitehead, Brian Bauder, Jonathan Luttwak, Garrett Hensing, Tuan Nguyen, Gary Hughes, Gavin Combs, Oscar DeLeon.

Hunnacutt Is November Employee

Terri Hunnacutt, School receptionist, was named the Employee-of-the-Month for November.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, said, "In a relatively short period of time, Terri is recognized throughout the campus as a valuable member of the St. John's team. She is extremely pleasant, always willing to

How To Prepare For Tests

Parents frequently ask, "How do you prepare students for the SAT and ACT?" These tests are used for college admission.

Tim Weis, Director of Guidance, said, "The best preparation for the tests is a good solid foundation of core courses. ACT recommends that students have four years of English, three or more years of math such as Algebra I and II; Geometry, Trigonometry or Calculus; three years of Social Sciences and three years of Natural Sciences."

Weis noted that this is similar to the SJMS college prep curriculum. He said, "You cannot make up for two or three missed years of these classes with a single preparation course."

In a booklet published by SAT, two paragraphs explain its position on special preparation courses.

"Some students may improve their scores by taking these courses, while others may not. Unfortunately, despite decades of research, it is still not possible to predict who will improve and by how much and

who will not."

"It is important to know that most students who take the SAT a second time have not been coached. Yet, most of these students show growth the second time--on average, 15-20 points on verbal and 15-20 points on math. Out of every 100 students who repeat the test, five will show a gain of 100 points or more on verbal or math, while one will show a drop of 100 points or more."

Weis said, "These two paragraphs should assure most parents that St. John's is on track by providing two testing opportunities for Cadets. The first is during the spring of their junior year. The second is in the fall of their senior year. We agree with the College Board that the best preparation is a solid college bound curriculum."

Patrons with concerns about the college testing programs should contact Weis.

Meet The Trustees

... Introducing Bill Graves

Bill Graves, the 28th Kansas Secretary of State, is serving his last year of two three-year terms as a Trustee on the St. John's Military School Board.

He was first elected in 1986 and re-elected to a second four-year term as Secretary of State in 1990.

Graves has been distinguished by political and public service from the national to the local level.

A native of Salina, Graves received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Kansas Wesleyan University in 1975 and is a member of the KWU board.

Upon graduation from Kansas Wesleyan, Graves worked as a management trainee at Graves Truck Line, Inc., the Salina company founded in 1935 by his father and his grandfather.

Graves said, "I've always regarded St. John's and Kansas Wesleyan as anchors of the community. Both are very important, private educational institutions and my family has been involved in both. My father was a board member at St. John's and, when I was



Bill Graves

growing up, several of my friends were children of SJMS faculty members."

He added, "St. John's will always be an important part of Salina and my family will always support those things that are important to the community."

Graves and his wife, Linda, live in Lenexa. She is a partner in the Kansas City, Mo. law firms of Levy and Craig.



Terri Hunnacutt

render assistance when asked, and has earned the confidence and respect of the faculty and staff."

He continued: "She does an exceptional job at everything she attempts and does so without complaints, always being considerate of others. She supports all school activities with enthusiasm."

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Basketball Play Continues

The Cadet basketball team is continuing to play. The Muleskinners are 3-10 on the season.

Two players from Tescott combined to score 28 points to edge the Cadets 43-37 on Feb. 9.

The Cadets trailed just 20-18 at halftime, but fell further behind as Tescott exploded, taking a 33-26 advantage into the final quarter.

However, the Cadets battled back and took a four-point lead in the final period but couldn't hold on to win.

The game was decided at the free throw line. Tescott sank 14 of 23 free throws compared to St. John's 3 of 7.

Thad Alexander supplied much of the Cadet offense pouring in 15 points. He also paced the Muleskinners in rebounds with nine.

SJMS--43 White City--48

The White City Huskies seesawed back and forth with the Cadets before finally pulling away in the overtime period to post a 48-43 victory.

St. John's had the favored Huskies on the ropes late in regulation, leading by three points with just under two minutes remaining, but were unable to hold on, as White City was able to knot the score at 40-40 and force overtime.

Alexander again led the Muleskinners with 18 points. Zimmerman added 10 points.

SJMS--55 Central Christian--52

Alexander scored 20 points on 10-of-12 shooting to lead St. John's over Central Christian of Hutchinson, 55-52.

The Cadets broke a six-game losing streak.

"We handled the ball much better in the second half, and that was the big difference," said Coach Clay Urbanek. "We made only three turnovers in the second half. We did a good job of getting the ball inside to Alexander."

SJMS--36 Solomon--54

Solomon took command early as the Gorillas built a 16-8 first quarter lead and had a lead of 30-15 at halftime.

Alexander had 13 points.

SJMS--46 Hope--60

A miserable second quarter put SJMS in a hole it could never escape in a 60-46 loss to Hope.

Alexander scored 16 points.

SJMS--67 Topeka-Cornerstone--62

Alexander scored 33 points and pulled down 19 rebounds to help St. John's defeat Topeka-Cornerstone, 67-62, on Dec. 4 in the team's opening game.

St. John's totally dominated the rebounding department--outboarding its opponents 50-18.

"It was a good effort for the first game," said Coach Clay Urbanek. "We showed good selection and I'm happy with our rebounding."

Chad Kellogg added 10 points and 11 rebounds to Alexander's effort.

SJMS--18 Wakefield--38

The Cadets took an early lead over Wakefield, but never got its offense on track Dec. 7 in losing 38-18 at Wakefield.

The Muleskinners took a 4-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, but while Wakefield's offense eventually came to life, the Cadets failed to score in double figures in any quarter.

The Muleskinners were led in scoring by Alexander's eight points.

SJMS--58 St. Mary's Academy--34

SJMS moved its record to 2-1 this season with a 58-34 thumping of St. Mary's Academy on the Muleskinners home court Dec. 12.

The Cadets bolted to a 14-7 first quarter lead and were never really threatened. Led by inside-outside combination of Kellogg and Alexander, the Muleskinners steadily pulled away for the non-conference victory.

Urbanek noted the work of Kellogg, a 6-foot-2 senior center, on the boards, while Alexander was filling it up for 26 points with some outside shooting. The Muleskinners also got 11 points from junior DeAndre Grassity.

SJMS--56 St. Xavier--73

The SJ basketball team started slow in an Eisenhower League game at St. Xavier, Junction City, Dec. 14.

Not even a furious comeback in the third quarter could bail the Cadets out, as they lost a 73-56 decision.

St. John's trailed St. "X" 39-23 at halftime, but scored 29 points in the third quarter. The turning point came when Alexander and Kellogg both picked up their fourth fouls in the quarter and went to the bench.

The Muleskinners' foul troubles mounted in the game as St. Xavier shot 30 free throws to just nine for St. John's. Both teams hit 23 field goal attempts, including five 3-pointers.

SJMS--36 Solomon--46

Banes Gym proved to be a tough place for the Solomon Gorillas to play, Dec. 15, in their Eisenhower League matchup. At least for three quarters it was.

The Gorillas erased a 32-31 deficit early in the fourth quarter and raced away by outscoring St. John's 15-4 in the final quarter.

Grassity finished with a game-high 16 points while Alexander labored on the inside to keep the Cadets in contact.

Solomon turned up its defensive intensity in the final period to fuel the Gorilla victory. St. John's suffered four turnovers on its first five possession of the fourth quarter.

Middle School Cadets Bowl

The Linger Bowling League has thirteen teams each with three Cadet bowlers.

Each team has a name such as Excalibers, Terminators and Vipers.

The high average bowlers are Mitch Daniels, William Pretty, Jared Stansfield and Marcus Rodriguez.

Receiving patches for high games were Robert Nylen, William Tyler, Khris Steele and Doug Morrison.

The teachers also take a Cadet who is in their class and bowl against another teacher/Cadet team.

Following the bowling, supper is usually enjoyed at McDonald's. The staff does this about every four weeks and the Cadets enjoy the evening out, according to Maj. Doug Randolph, Middle School director.

Cadets Enjoy Challenge

A test of strength, speed and endurance is held for the Cadets known as the Cadet Challenge. It is a contest between companies, platoons and individuals.

The Challenge is held on Saturday mornings, a time that allows Cadets to get away from military inspections and other military activities.

In the last Challenge, the Cadets were tested on pull-ups, curl-ups, speed in the shuttle run, jumping ability and the one-mile run.

Bravo Company won the company competition. The best platoon was second platoon of Bravo followed closely by second platoon of Delta Company.

In individual competition by age, the winners were Matt Hensley, age 16; Alex Hernandez, age 17; Jamie Guerrero, age 18; Taj Gregg, age 19; Jerry Webb, age 15; Tim Lanham, age 14; Jeremy Carroll, age 13; Colin Guinn, age 12 and Blake Beckman, age 11.

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M.S. Athletic Ribbons Given

Middle School athletic numerals and ribbons have been awarded for football.

Earning the number "2" were Colin Guinn and Doug Morrison.

Earning ribbons were Joel Barr, Charles Estes, Trey Guinn, Michael Harris, Royce Henderson, Micah Kelly, Patrick Moore, Robert Nylen and Roscoe Teagues.

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Middle School Cadets Had A Busy Fall

It has been a busy fall for Middle School Cadets at Linger Hall. The faculty has been working hard to ensure that the Cadets enjoy their school year. The following is a brief breakdown of some of the things the Cadets enjoyed:

The Cadets went to the Kansas State Fair where they received lessons in bugs that helped protect crops, raising llamas, viewed various exhibits, and had the afternoon free to ride the rides.

The Kansas History class went to Coronado Heights and Mushroom State Park. Kelly Rudolph explained how these places got their names and how the early settlers came into this area.

Mrs. Sara Brown and Mrs. Tami O'Neill took their classes to Rock City near Minneapolis, Ks. The Cadets were interested in the strange rock formations of the area.

Brown organized trips to the Rolling Hills Ranch. One group consisted of the fifth, sixth, and seventh graders, and the other group consisted of the eighth graders. The Cadets were able to view many exotic animals up

close. Mrs. Brown's husband is the wild animal coordinator of the ranch. He allowed the Cadets to touch the animals, and explained the backgrounds of each animal. Many of the Cadets felt this trip was much better than going to the zoo, because they actually got to get close to the animals.

The Cadets also enjoyed a Friday afternoon at the movies, in which they viewed the premiere of "Last of the Mohicans". Rudolph took his Social Studies class to see the movie "Columbus 1492 in Search of Paradise". He stated he was very surprised that the Cadets viewed the entire two hours and forty minutes of the film without leaving their seats. Brown and Maj. Doug Randolph also took some Cadets to see "Mice and Men" one Saturday afternoon.

Varsity Ribbons Awarded

Varsity ribbons and lamps were awarded for participation in the football program.

William Fisher, Adam Kaye and Chad Kellogg earned silver lamps.

Bronze lamps were given to Chris Clark, Andrew Cole and

Chris Nicola.

Earning ribbons were Chris Allen, Bubba Cooke, Zachary Flora, Bryan Marvins, Edward McClendon, Tory Merriman, James Schultz, Jerry Webb, Rodney Webb, Mickey Woolhether and Don Zimmerman.

Trey Guinn Heads 1st M.S. Honor Roll

Albert "Trey" Guinn was the leader on the first grading period honor roll in the Middle School. His brother, Colin, was third. This is not the first time brothers have made the top three. Several years ago, twin brothers Jerry and Rodney Webb were in the top three and had identical grade averages. The Guinn brothers and Robert Nylen were named to the Blue Berets.

Earning honorable mention were Mark Triebwasser, Charles Estes, Doug Morrison, Jonathan Hollon, Blake Beckman, Shane Wentling, Ralph Llorente, Stephen McClure, Ryan Levitan, Matthew Post, Neil Roberts, Roscoe Teagues, Michael Harris, Justin Klumpe and Shaun Bertrand.

The Webb twins are current sophomores at the School.

Randolph Is December Employee

Doug Randolph, Assistant to the Academic Dean, was named the December Employee-of-the Month. He was also selected for the honor during the 1992-93 school year.

Randolph has successfully moved into his role as principal in the Middle School. This, along with his teaching assignments and his responsibilities as Athletic Director, shows Randolph is giving almost all of his time and energy to SJMS according to Joel



**Doug
Randolph**

Looney, Vice President.

Looney continued, "Through his leadership, Linger Hall is a well organized and disciplined school. He has created many new and rewarding Cadet recreational and educational activities, plus reinstating the bowling program."

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, said, "In general, Randolph has made the Middle School an educational facility of which we are proud."

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