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## Third ROTC Region Becomes Inactive

After nearly 20 years, the Third Region Army ROTC at Ft. Riley has been inactivated.

SJMS was under the jurisdiction of the Third Region.

Commanders, Cadets and others gathered at Cadet Park in the heart of Ft. Riley's post, Oct. 7, to make the goodbye official although the headquarters won't close its doors until Dec. 31.

Cuts in the defense budget and the downsizing of the Army led to the closure, according to Maj. Gen. Wallace C. Arnold, Commanding General of the U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command.

Student ROTC Cadets who were in the Third Region, which encompassed nine states, including Kansas, will be shifted to the nation's three remaining ROTC regions. SJMS will be under the jurisdiction of Fourth Region with headquarters at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

The commander described the Army as "constantly evolving" which "sometimes means units case their colors."

To case the colors signifies the inactivation of a unit or group.

During the inactivation ceremony, the Third Region's bright yellow flag was slowly rolled up and slid into an olive drab colored bag.

Army ROTC Cadets from the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Junction City High School and St. John's participated in the ceremony.

The Third Region was activated July 1, 1973 at the Fort. In June, officials announced the decision to close the headquarters. Factors such as geographic location, density of schools with ROTC programs and the need for summer camps determined which region was closed, Arnold said.

Despite the cutback and the downsizing in the Army, Arnold assured that ROTC will remain a strong, viable program.

"The future of ROTC is very strong and it will remain an institution that provides the majority of officers for the Army," he said. "We anticipate adding another 850 JROTC schools in the next five years. We will commission fewer officers, so the competition will be tougher. We'll select only the best."

Chris Mackey, Battalion commander, and Chad Kellogg, Cadet sergeant major, and an honor platoon attended.

Mark Richards was the Honor Platoon commander. David Shore carried the ROTC colors.

Members of the platoon were Austin Anderson, Cassidy Clark-Landman, William Eddington, Gustavo Olivo, Ranjan Ray, Dan Robinson, James Schultz, Khrist Steele, Richard Taylor, Troy Tramba, Bill Tyler, Jacob Williams, Geoff Hansen, R.J. Christensen and Casey Underwood.

## KU Honors 3 Cadets

The University of Kansas honored three Cadets through its Honor Program, Oct. 14, at the Salina Country Club.

Earning the award were Chad Kellogg, Christopher Mackey and Mark Richards.

The program recognizes the outstanding academic achievements of Kansas high school seniors. Nearly 3,000 students are honored each year through 38 regional programs in all 105 counties.

To be nominated, students must be graduating seniors who rank in the top 10 percent of their classes, based on academic records through the previous semester.

Each Honor Scholar receives an engraved certificate and an edition of *The American Heritage Dictionary*.

Accompanying the students were Elizabeth Duckers, Public Information Officer, and Tim Weis, Guidance Counselor.



## VETERANS, MARINES HONORED

Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Bradley places a wreath at a monument for former Cadets of SJMS who have served in wars. The School observed Veterans Day a day early to coordinate the occasion with the Marine Corps birthday. Special guests were members of the area Marine Corps League.



**A Marine Veteran Salutes--** Doug Randolph, Middle School Director, salutes during Veterans Day ceremonies. Randolph served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam conflict. He is wearing his original uniform.

## Cadets Visit Rotary Club

The month of November was SJMS month in the 1992-93 Rotary Student Guest program. Several Cadets were hosted each Monday during the month at the Rotary Club meeting at the Bicentennial Center.

Cadets attending were Chris Mackey, Chad Kellogg, Cassidy Landman, Mark Richards, Arthur Cannon, Aaron Branjord, Adam Kaye, Nicholas Dell, Thaddeus Alexander, Tory Merriman, Tim Henry, Shawn Hensel, William Fisher, Bryan Atkins and Michael Boyles.

## Flight Program Begins At SJ

A flight program is being offered for Cadets again this year according to Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean.

The program began Sept. 26-27 with a new instructor, Lee Clark.

The ground school will be a part of the first 20 hours of flying with the instructor. Twenty hours of solo flying are required before the students may take the flying, written and oral exams.

Cadets not completing the entire program may take their log books home and complete the remaining hours there.

Moore Aviation provides all transportation to and from the airport.

Cadets beginning the program are Jean Ferrell, Alejandro and Jaime Guerrero, Robert Illing and James York.

Parents must pay for the cost of the training.

## Miller Named Commandant

Maj. Mike Miller, Senior Army Instructor for several years, was named Commandant of Cadets by Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, in late September. Miller has served as acting Commandant on several occasions.

He will also continue as the School's SAI.

## Earn Badges

Firing badges have been awarded. Daniel Moran was named a sharpshooter. Richard Taylor and Jerry Webb earned marksmanship awards.

## ROTC Officer Visits School

Brig. Gen. John N. Dailey, commander of the Fourth ROTC Region, with headquarters at Ft. Lewis, Wash., visited the School following the inactivation ceremony for the Third Region at Ft. Riley.

Dailey was graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. degree in Business Administration and entered into active duty as a second lieutenant in 1963. He also earned a Master of Science degree in Individual Psychology from St. Michael's College, Winooski, Vermont.

His assignments over the past 27 commissioned years have been as commander or staff officer with the Infantry, Aviation, Airborne, Special Operations and Special Forces units.

He wrote: "It was a pleasure to meet and greet with you, your staff and the future leaders of our great country, your outstanding young Cadets. . . You have a great program and with your proven leadership and personal drive I know it will only improve."

## SJMS Receives Estate Bequest

The school received a \$43,000 check from the estate of Lucille Phillips, Salina, according to Lt. Col. Joel Looney, Vice President.

The School was a co-beneficiary with St. Francis Academy.

The executor of the estate said that Lucille thought very highly of the School.

## Dr. Ditto Heads SJMS Foundation

Dr. William E. Ditto, Wamego, was re-elected president of the St. John's Military School Foundation. Other officers re-elected were Larry Britegam, Salina, vice president, and Joel Looney, Salina, secretary/treasurer.

New directors elected were James Craig, Wichita; Mike O'Hara, Dallas; and Libby Marvin, Houston, Texas. Re-elected for two-year terms were Tom Kinnan, Littleton, Colo.; R. David Miller, Salina; Charles Nicola, Chickasha, Okla.; and Nancy Odell, Winfield, Ks.

Carry-over members are Britegam; Jodie Bradley, Boyd, Texas; Ditto; Kenneth Faerber, Donna Lewick, Joseph Stewart and Darrell Wilson, all of Salina, and Rick Taylor, Ft. Worth, Texas.





# NEWS

... from the past

## DECEMBER--1922

In order to provide sufficient stalls for the school ponies, a large barn has been recently built. It contains 14 stalls and will provide warm comfortable quarters for the cavalry steeds. . . . The mounted section of the Cadet Corps is doing quite nicely in the daily cavalry drills. They receive instruction in the proper care and use of the horses. Linger, a member of the polo team, had a nice fall recently, his horse rolling over with him two or three times. (Editor's Note: Linger Hall is named after that former Cadet, Lyman Linger.)

## DECEMBER--1932

St. Michael's Church, Hays, was the scene of a most impressive service on the morning of St. Andrew's Day, November 30, at which time Bishop R.H. Mize ordained his son, Robert H. Mize jr. to the priesthood. (Mize Hall is named after the late Bishop and his son is the founder of St. Francis Academy and is an Honorary Chaplain of the School.)

## DECEMBER--1942

Well, the uniforms have at last arrived and with them came the most dreaded things in a cadet's life--full dress parade and inspection. In winter it's not so bad, you simply stand out on the parade ground and freeze to death while the hard-hearted cadet officers freeze with you.

## DECEMBER--1952

Headlines from *The Skirmisher* for December said: Biology study show that Cadets are fed well . . . Crack Squad takes to air to make Wichita performance . . . Large crowd visits St. John's in spite of Thanksgiving snow.

## DECEMBER--1972

Brig. Gen. William L. "Jerry" Lee (USAF-ret.) visited the campus. He was greeted by a Cadet Honor Guard and reviewed the 85th Corps on Perkins Field. (Editor's Note: The Lee Mirth award given at Commencement is given in his honor.) . . . White rats are now being raised in Lt. Col. R.L. Guernsey's biology classrooms. The rats are being nursed along to be used in an experiment to show the effects of improving a poor diet.

## DECEMBER--1982

The SJMS Choir and Brass Quartet presented a Christmas program at the corner of Santa Fe and Iron in downtown Salina . . . Col. James B. Irwin, astronaut on the Apollo 15 flight to the moon, answered Cadet questions following a film of Apollo 15 highlights in the Battalion Assembly area.

## DEATHS

### W. L. Webb

Walter L. Webb, Class of 1974, died Oct. 4 in a Manhattan hospital emergency room. He had an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Webb was an account representative for Kansas Cellular.

He was born Feb. 4, 1956 in Dodge City. After graduating from SJMS he was graduated from Dodge City Community College and from Kansas State University in Manhattan with a degree in radio and TV.

Services were at 9 a.m., Oct. 8 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Manhattan. Graveside services were held at Greengrass Memorial Gardens in Dodge City.

Cadets were the active pall bearers. They were accompanied by Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean, and F/Sgt. William Bunting, tactical officer.

Jeff Broome, Class of 1971, made comments at the funeral.

Mr. Webb was married to Marva Lee Weikal, Aug. 13,

1977 in Dodge City. She survives.

Other survivors include a daughter and a son; his mother, Dorothy Webb, Dodge City, and his father and stepmother, Marvin and Georgina Webb, Topeka. Marvin Webb was active in the SJMS Foundation and served as a Trustee of the School.

The Cadet pall bearers were Michael Boyles, Mark Richards, Jamie Exon, Steve Hampson, Robert Illing, Chad Mathis, Blaine Moller, and Keith Sedille.

Also attending were Col. Keith Duckers, President, and Mrs. Duckers and Robert Kastner, Chairman of the SJMS Board.

### The Rev. R. F. Molander

The Rev. Roy F. Molander, 69, Lindsborg, died Oct. 23 at the Lindsborg Community Hospital.

The Rev. Molander served as administrative assistant for development during the 1980-81 school year at SJMS. He also served the School as Chaplain



Maj. Mike Miller

## Miller Is September Employee

Maj. Mike Miller, Commandant and Senior Army Instructor, was named the employee-of-the-month for September.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, said, "Probably no employee's presence has ever been so felt or was so valuable to a school during one month, as Miller's presence at St. John's during the month of September."

Duckers added: "For never wanting the Commandant's position, but proving time after time an ability to handle it, Miller stepped into a very uncomfortable, temporary situation and accomplished the smoothest transition. Always a straight-shooter, he is admired and respected by the academic and military staff alike, opening up the communication between the departments as perhaps never in the history of the School."

### Firing Badges Issued

Badges for marksmanship were given Aaron Branjord, Bubba Cooke, Alejandro Guerrero, Shawn Hensel, Lee O'Guin and Mickey Woolhether, all experts.

### James B. Horney

James B. Horney, 57, Class of 1953, died Nov. 13 at St. Catherine's Hospital, Garden City. Horney had undergone open heart surgery in September.

He was born April 29, 1935, at Okemah, Okla., and was a resident of Garden City since 1965. He attended the Episcopal Church, Garden City, and was a member of the American Legion Post in Norton.

Horney is survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter.

The funeral was held at Enfield Funeral Home, Norton, Nov. 17.

## ★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

Attended 1920-21 . . . The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Mize jr. celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination as a priest of the Episcopal Church, Nov. 15. Fr. Bob, as he was affectionately known, also taught at SJMS and was the founder of The Saint Francis Academy, formerly known as St. Francis Boys Home. Bishop Mize is an Honorary Chaplain of St. John's.

Class of 1931 . . . Armand deBeque was awarded the 1992 Distinguished Alumnus award by Mesa State College. A delegation from DeBeque, which was named for Armand's father, was among those gathered to give testimony to the positive effect deBeque had on their lives. For 25 years, he taught music in DeBeque. He has now founded the Armand DeBeque Western Colorado Conservatory of Music. deBeque was 80 years old last July 4. His son, Gene, is also a graduate of SJMS.

Class of 1959 . . . Al Palmer, his wife, and son visited the School last summer enroute west where they visited several "old boys". Palmer wrote: "We spent two days with Bill Crews and his wife, Dottie. They have a daughter just starting college and another in middle school. Jim McNaull and his wife stopped in for a cookout one evening. On a sad note: Bill passed on the news, I think from Ron Hardin, that Leon Swartzendruber recently took his own life. He left a wife and a couple of youngsters . . . I stopped in to see Gavin Honnen in Grand Junction, Colo. He has shed the 'Pinky' nickname, along with its cause . . . Gavin owns and runs his

business. It is called Gavin's Trailers and he has several million dollars worth of RV trailers and vehicles on his lot. They have one daughter who is attending Mesa College. He told me that Bill Wright lived nearby. He supposedly has an EdD and is in charge of Special Education services for the local school district."

Class of 1985 . . . Lynn Bogue visited the School recently. He spent five years in the Air Force and is now in the Air National Guard. He is working as an aircraft mechanic in Newton. His address is 1761 N. Woodrow Ct., Wichita, KS.

Attended 1984-85 . . . Jim Gilmore is dealing with environmental products. He is an E-4 in the National Guard. Jim is married to Lynn Bogue's sister, Angela. Angela was the SJMS homecoming queen in 1985. His address is 7610 E. 32nd, #510, Wichita, KS.

Class of 1990 . . . Jose Peral is a student at Kansas State University. He is a member of the cannon detail that fires when K-State scores touchdowns and extra points.

Class of 1992 . . . Christopher Jagels recently completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA.



Donna Lewick

## Former Staffer Oversees 2 Districts

While others were moving from western Kansas to the eastern part of the state, Larry Lysell was doing just the opposite -- and making Kansas history.

The 45-year old former SJMS teacher and Director of Admissions, is the first person in Kansas to be superintendent of two separate school districts.

The idea for the Quinter and the Grainfield-based Wheatland school districts to share superintendents is an innovative idea that was both economical and logical. Lysell oversees both districts, operating from an office in Park, halfway between the two districts.

After serving at St. John's for 14 years, Lysell moved west to be principal at Wilson High School. Two years ago he moved to Grainfield.

### Flu Shots Given

The entire Corps of Cadets, except those with parental permission not to take the shots, were immunized with flu shots Oct. 28.

## D. Lewick Is October Employee

Donna Lewick, Keyboarding teacher, was named the employee of the month for October.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, said, "Donna is not only the computer instructor for the Cadets but also for the faculty and staff. During the month of October, with the integration of the new computers with the existing system, she spent hours getting all the staff acquainted and educated with the computers. Not to be overlooked is her ability to work with the computer service people in working out the bugs in the system."

The President continued: "Donna should not only be recognized for this, but also for her years at St. John's as a successful and productive member of the team. For a gal with the distinctive laugh and the great personality, she is deserving of being the employee of the month."



# 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, it was the fall of 1954. A big man with a large hat came into the main office in old Vail Hall.

I overheard him introduce himself to the receptionist: "I'm John Hammer of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and I want to talk to someone about taking a group of your Cadets to Washington, D.C."

I quickly intervened and introduced myself as the St. John's Public Information Officer.

Hammer made a quick sale. He told me I could go free if I could "sign up" at least 15 Cadets for a week-long trip to the nation's capitol, including an overnight steamship trip down the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay to Norfolk, Williamsburg, James Town and Yorktown.

The cost, if I recall correctly, was around \$155 which included round trip train travel from Salina to Washington, hotels, meals and the steamship trip.

My boss, Colonel Clem, was very supportive. His son, Cub, now lived in Washington and he could be helpful.

With promotional material from the B&O and several meetings with Hammer, the trip was finally organized.

In late March we left Salina's Station aboard the Union Pacific "City of St. Louis" for the first leg to Kansas City. There, we changed trains for the overnight run to St. Louis on the Wabash line. Arriving at St. Louis' historic Union Station at the crack of dawn, we de-trained and ate breakfast.

Now, finally, we boarded the B&O's crack train to Washington. We would travel all that day and night before arriving in Washington, D.C. early the next morning.

The trip was fascinating with luxurious dining as it could only be done on the railroads in those days - sparkling silver service, crisp linens, fine china - the whole works. The boys had the choice of the menu and it was a far cry from St. John's mess hall fare.

Before arriving in Washington, Hammer, who was accompanying us, said he had a surprise for our arrival. We would be met by Sen. Frank Carlson!

At dawn we crossed Harper's Ferry and I recalled the importance of this place from the cobwebs of my memory.

We actually backed into Union Station, traversing the last nine miles or so from Silver Springs, MD, in reverse. The first sight of the Washington monument and the Capitol building were and are a once-in-a-lifetime thrill.

Sure enough, when we stepped off the train, there was a warm greeting by Kansas' senior senator, Frank Carlson. He had walked down the hill from the old Senate Office Building to the train station. Imagine a senator doing that now!

During the summer of 1952 in Denver, Senator Carlson had invited Colonel Clem and me to the Brown Palace hotel to meet Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Republican Presidential candidate.

The Senator informed the boys he had a busy morning planned for them.

He personally conducted a tour of the Capitol, culminating with lunch as his (paying) guests in the Senate dining room.

As the group trooped down the circular staircase, he told of the British invading up these very steps during the Revolutionary War.

The stairs are narrow. We met a tall man going the opposite direction. Senator Carlson said, "Just a minute, Lyndon. I want you to meet these fine young men from St. John's Military School! There is their leader, Capt. Keith Duckers, my fraternity brother."

The tall gentleman quickly shook hands as he climbed on up the circular staircase past the Cadets. Little did we realize we had just met the future 36th President of the United States, Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, Texas.

Later, Senator Carlson explained "that Senator Johnson you met this morning surely wants to be President someday."

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Jet air travel was on the horizon and soon was to become the mode of travel. The railroads were doomed and by the mid-60's, the B&O had ceased sponsoring school trips to Washington.

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Now, a few more words about later B&O trips. Liz and I were married in 1956, shortly after I returned from the second trip. She made me promise to take her with me the next spring.

She was a writer for **The Salina Journal** and wrote a weekly column. It was only natural that she would "file" her column from Washington, telling of our experiences with 26 eager Cadets.

Only problem was that she was pregnant with our first son,



The 1955 Trip



The 1961 Trip

**(Editor's Note:** The first "old boys" identifying all Cadets correctly in each picture will receive a SJMS belt buckle. Entries should be mailed to Liz Duckers, SJMS, Box 827, Salina, KS 67402-0827. A prize will be awarded for each picture.

Ed. Her doctor, O. L. Martin, needless to say, was surprised when he read her column.

When we returned to Salina safely a few days later, she ran into Dr. Martin who suggested he be consulted before taking other such trips.

Son, Ed, a Washington resident for the past 15 years, now refers to that as his first trip to Washington.

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Another memorable trip was in 1961. Sarah, our third child, was only six weeks old; so the B&O trip wasn't possible for Liz.

Instead she suggested I invite my Dad to go along.

It was a wonderful trip. Again, Senator Carlson hosted us for lunch together with Sen. Andrew Schoeppel and the brand new fourth district congressman, Bob Dole.

I had known Bob from his days in Russell, Ks., where he was County Attorney and also president of the Kiwanis Club. The previous year, as Kiwanis Program chairman, he had invited me to bring a program from St. John's.

"We'll even pay for your lunches," he wrote.

I took Dean Hargrove, Darryl Seybert and Allen Bass to Russell where we told of life at St. John's. It must have been a

good program as Bob wrote inviting us to come again.

Back, now, to the lunch in the Senate dining room with the two senators, the congressman, my father and the touring Cadets.

A bell started ringing and Bob Dole nervously looked at his watch. He finally got up and went over and whispered to Senator Carlson, then left the room.

Senator Carlson, during his remarks, commended the young congressman for tending to business. The Senator explained the bells signaled a roll call vote and the conscientious young representative Dole intended never to miss a vote. He referred to Bob as "a real comer."

Now, 30 years later, Dole has succeeded Senator Carlson in the Senate, but still rarely misses a roll-call vote.

Baltimore & Ohio railroad trips to Washington have come and gone. I suppose I've been to Washington more than 100 times, but I'll never forget the first in the spring of '55. Yes, I remember!

... K.G.D.

## Appearance Recognized

Personal appearance ribbons were awarded to Kevin Munro, Gustavo Olivo, Khris Steele and Mickey Woolhether.

## ★ PROMOTIONS ★

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

Promoted to:  
**LIEUTENANT COLONEL** — Christopher Mackey.

**MAJOR** — Mark Richards.

**CAPTAIN** — Adam Kaye, Tory Merriman.

**FIRST LIEUTENANT** — William Fisher, Chad Mathis, Chris Nicola, Tim Henry, David Godin, DeAndre Grassity.

**SECOND LIEUTENANT** — Ryan Munich, Rodney Webb, Jerry Webb, Andrew Cole.

**MASTER SERGEANT** — Byran Atkins, Nicholas Dell, Jason Merrifield, Sean Radway.

**FIRST SERGEANT** — Bryan Marvins.

**SERGEANT FIRST CLASS** — Shawn Hensel, Keith Sedille, Lee O'Guin, Milo Mitchell, Travis Potter, Doug Dvorak, Troy Tramba.

**STAFF SERGEANT** — Zachary Flora, Chris Muhr, Ranjan Ray, Toby Harris, Ed McClendon, Tyler Yost, Cassidy Landman, Jermaine Burton, Michael Boyles, John Bullard, Milton Cooke, Jamie Exon, Andreas Farr, Victor Wu.

**SERGEANT** — Colin Gregg.

**CORPORAL** — Michael Reed, Neil Roberts, David Shore, Khris Steele, Jon Devner, Chris Bauck, Jeremy Riley, Kevin Voth, Paul Palombo, Richard Taylor.

**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS** — Jon Hollon, Micah Kelly, Daniel McDowell, LaVerne Stika, Dustin Hiebert, James Schultz, Austin Anderson, Joshua Brittain, John Calhoun, Chris Clark, Mitchel Daniels, Geoffrey Hansen, Michael Harris, Royce Henderson, Nicholas Kneupper, Ryan Levitan, Diego Machado, Stephen McClure, Joseph Miller, Kevin Munro, Blaine Moller, Daniel Robinson, Roscoe Teagues, William Tyler, Casey Underwood, Russell Wasinger, Jacob Williams, Mickey Woolhether.

**PRIVATE OLD BOY** — Kelvin Dickerson, Scott Helm, Jeb Huggler, Phillip Speed, Jared Stansfield.

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## Football Season Ends . . . With 3-6 Record

### SJMS--0 TESCOTT--32

Behind a running performance, the Tescott Trojans scored four touchdowns in the first half and then coasted to a 32-0 victory over the Cadets at Tescott, Oct. 3.

"We knew coming in that they liked to run the football. The Tescott coach likes to play smash-head football, and they sure did that," said SJ coach Phil Kellogg.

St. John's looked to get on the scoreboard late in the contest when Adam Kaye scored on a brilliant 55-yard run, when the senior appeared to be stopped in the backfield before he broke several tackles and dashed down the sideline. However, the play was called back due to a clipping penalty.

Chris Nicola suffered a concussion during the game and was unable to play for the rest of the season. Tescott went on to play in the state play-offs.

### SJMS--20 WAKEFIELD--26

The Cadets dropped its second Eisenhower League contest Sept. 25 as Wakefield handed the Muleskinners a 26-20 setback at Wakefield.

St. John's built a 14-0 first quarter lead on a 3-yard run by Chad Kellogg and a 25-yard pass from Kellogg to Jerry Webb. But Wakefield scored 26 unanswered points before halftime.

St. John's closed within 26-20 midway through the final quarter when Kellogg scored on a 2-yard run.

### SJMS--18 SOLOMON--44

The Solomon Gorillas defeated the Cadets on Perkins Field, Oct. 9.

The 44-18 Eisenhower League victory improved Solomon's record to 2-4 while St. John's fell to 2-4.

Tony Decker paced the Gorillas to victory as the senior running back scored three first-half touchdowns and added to PAT runs.

St. John's took advantage of the Gorilla's third quarter lapse to cut its deficit to 38-18. Touchdown runs by Chris Clark, Adam Kaye and Dan Zimmerman gave the Muleskinners brief hope before Solomon's defense stiffened.

### SJMS--12 LUCAS-LURAY--20

Lucas-Luray slipped past the Cadets 20-12, Oct. 6 on Perkins Field.

The teams exchanged touchdowns in the first half as Lucas-Luray gained a 14-12 lead.

St. John's used the big play to get on the board in the first quarter when freshman Don Zimmerman hauled in a 75-yard touchdown pass from Chad Kellogg.

Chris Clark scored the Muleskinners' final TD on a 23-yard run.

### SJMS--14 ST. MARY'S--6

The Cadets stopped a five-game losing streak with a 14-6 win over St. Mary's Academy, Saturday, Oct. 24 on Perkins Field.

"It was a hard-hitting game," said Coach Phil Kellogg. "It was about time to come around and win a game after losing five in a row. The guys played good."

St. John's took an 8-0 lead in the second quarter when quarterback Kellogg scrambled in from two yards out. Kellogg found Jerry Webb in the end zone for the two-point conversion.

St. John's struck early in the third quarter when Chris Clark covered 10 yards for a touchdown, but the conversion attempt failed.

St. Mary's finally scored with just over two minutes left in the third quarter.

### SJMS--30 PEABODY--60

Two juniors each scored three touchdowns to lead Peabody to a 60-30 victory over the Cadets in the Muleskinners' season finale Oct. 29 on Perkins

Field.

St. John's closed the season 3-6.

The Muleskinners never recovered after falling behind 26-8 after the opening quarter. Peabody extended its lead to 42-16 at halftime and was never pushed in the final half.

St. John's scoring came on a 58-yard pass from Chad Kellogg to Don Zimmerman, and rushing touchdowns of 11 (Kellogg), 41 (Adam Kaye) and 2 (Chris Clark).

## Cadet Patrol Is Formed

The Cadet Patrol has been organized under the direction of Arthur Cannon, commander.

Other members are Shawn Hensel, William Eddington, Allon Calzada, Jermaine Burton, Ranjan Ray, J.R. Wilson, Jamie Exon, Robert Illing, Don Zimmerman, Christopher Bauck, John Bullard, Michael Boyles, Tyler Yost, Milton Cooke and Troy Tramba.

## A Letter from a Father

(Editor's Note: The following letter was received from Marvin Webb following the death of his son, Walter L. Webb).

October 20, 1992

Colonel Keith Duckers, President  
St. John's Military School  
Salina, Kansas 67401

Dear Keith:

Thank you, and all the members of the faculty, and the students, for all that was done at the time of W.L.'s death. I will never forget your concern and thoughtfulness.

Recently, I have thought a lot about St. John's and the contributions the school made to W.L. and to me. I had not thought about this, to any extent, until his death when so much became evident. On the eve before his funeral, as I sat at the funeral home and watched his many, many friends arrive, and as I observed at the funeral, hundreds of friends who came from across the State to pay their final respects, it became apparent to me--in W.L.'s short life span--he had "reached-out" and touched far more people than most people touch living life threefold.

Recently, I have thought a lot about you, and the good people who nurtured and taught W.L. as he grew. And it has become apparent to me that W.L. learned, and put into practice the art of "reaching-out" to people. As W.L. observed, at St. John's school, you and your staff members "reaching-out" untiringly to all kids who came your way, he was taught--by example, the humane practice of "reaching-out".

I believe the honor paid W.L. at his death, by the presence and generous expressions of so many people, is a tribute far greater than to one individual. I believe this, too, is a tribute to St. John's Military School, to you, and to the staff members who helped W.L. mature into a caring and responsible adult. One of his friends told me: "You should be proud he was always truthful!"

We find strength with the clear evidence that W.L. touched many lives in a meaningful way in such a short time. And we thank St. John's Military School staff for equipping him with a profound set of values which allowed him to accomplish so much in human relations, in so little time--just 36 years!

Keith, please convey my thoughts to our friends.

Sincerely,

Marvin R. Webb

## Chaplain's Chat

Another NEW YEAR is upon us! If that sounds just a bit premature, let me explain.

Just as the New Year for the secular and commercial world begins in January, and the New Year for schools is generally considered to begin in September, the New Year for Christians the world over begins with the first Sunday of ADVENT. This year that will be Nov. 29.

The first half of the Christian calendar year celebrates the specific events in the life of our Lord. The four weeks of the Advent Season, which means "coming", are devoted to preparation for the Feast of the Nativity (CHRISTMAS), as well as preparation for His second coming in majesty to judge the world.

Following the twelve days of Christmas comes the EPIPHANY (the visitation by the three Magi), and following the Epiphany Season are the forty days of LENT. Lent is followed of course by celebrations of Jesus's death, and resurrection on EASTER DAY, the most important celebration of the Christian Year. Following the day of Ascension comes PENTECOST, celebrating His sending of the Holy Spirit to be among us until His promised return.

The second half of the Christian Calendar Year, the six months following EASTER, is then devoted to the teachings of Jesus which are held as basic and fundamental to living the Christian life.

The Christian year is as old as the Resurrection of our Lord, and as new as today! With the Resurrection of Jesus, his disciples, who like their Lord, observed faithfully the Jewish Ritual Year, began a weekly celebration of the Resurrection on the first day of the week Sunday, which they eventually substituted for Saturday as the Sabbath. They also substituted the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for the giving of the Law from Sinai, and before long they also began to observe the Nativity of the Lord. With the addition of certain preparatory and penitential seasons, such as Lent and Advent, as well as the observance of certain hero's of the faith (which we call Saints), the Christian calendar as we know it today was essentially formed by the early part of the sixth century.

The importance of all this to us, is of course, the sanctification of time itself. Christ entered time. The Son of God subjected himself to time and space. He was born a human child of His blessed human Mother, Mary; He suffered and died as a human man; and rose from the dead, all in time. Christ also redeems time. Christians believe Jesus is present to them now by means of the Holy Spirit, and comes to the believer as He came on that first Christmas Day, to be continually born in time by the believer's thoughts, words and deeds. And Christ Ends Time. Time is linear. It had a definite beginning and it will have a definite ending. The Lord of Time promises to come again, and when He does, time will end, and Christ will be "all in all".

And what is the importance of all this to us? Christians see time as the milieu in which God has worked, and is working, and our part is to live our lives in such a way as to contribute to the continuing redemption of time. This works in our lives against both laziness, as well as against frantic grasping. It is important for us to recognize the value of time. We are responsible for time, and as it advances, so does God's redemption, with decency and with orderliness.

So with this little vignette on the Christian Calendar year, and its importance in our lives, let me wish the 105th Corps of Cadets, and all of you a very blessed NEW YEAR!

Father Jim +

## Branjord Attends Olympic Camp



He earned the gold medal in the .22 rifle class. He received a Memorial traveling trophy.

Branjord said, "The advanced camp taught me a lot about the art of shooting, especially the mental aspects. I think that I can help not only myself but the rest of the rifle team with what I learned."

Aaron Branjord attended the advanced Olympic training camp for firing in Colorado Springs, Colo., Oct. 4-10.

He was invited to attend the camp after placing first at the National Rifle Association's Olympic training camps at Camp Mary Dell, Abilene, Ks. this summer.

## Parade Ribbons Authorized

A number of Cadets have been authorized to wear the parade ribbon.

They are Jeff Bachlund, Michael Boyles, John Bullard, Kelvin Dickerson, William Eddington, Jamie Exon, Tyson Farmer, Steve Hampson, Tyler Yost, Don Zimmerman, Rafael Llorente, Shane Wentling, and Jim York.