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The Jazz Ambassadors

Army Jazz Ambassadors To Give Concert At SJMS

The Jazz Ambassadors of the United States Army Field Band from Washington, D.C. will perform at 11 a.m., April 23 in the Banes Gymnasium for the Cadets, Staff and faculty. The public is invited to attend.

Each year this group of 20 select musicians travels thousands of miles performing free concerts for the American public. Since its creation in 1969, the Jazz Ambassadors have been blending the sounds of jazz, rock, pop and patriotic music into a musical package that appeals to all age groups.

The band has chosen a special program of music for high school shows. A variety of original compositions and arrangements of contemporary songs written by band members will be presented.

Instrumental soloists will be featured, as well as vocalists singing some of the current Top 40 hits. A highlight of the show is the band's history of rock and roll.

The members of the Ambassadors are among the finest musicians in the United States Army. Each was chosen through a highly competitive audition system.

Some members choose to make the Army a career, while others move on after a few years. Alumni of the group have performed with some of the best-known big bands in America, including those of Buddy Rich, Maynard Ferguson, Stan Kenton and Doc Severinsen.

The Jazz group celebrated 20 years of touring in 1989 with two overseas tours. Chief Warrant Officer Charles L. Booker, Natchez, Miss., became Director in 1986.

S/Sgt. Dana L. Rogers, vocalist, is a native of Houston, Texas. Before her enlistment in



Dana Rogers
Vocalist

the Army in 1992, she performed both in the Houston area and in Las Vegas. In Las Vegas, she performed with such personalities as Frank Sinatra Jr., the Four Freshmen and the Four Aces.

In the Houston area, Rogers has performed with Barry Manilow and as a member of both the Houston Grand Opera chorus and the Houston Ballet Chorus.

Cole Gives Workshop

Joshua Cole conducted a workshop on how to draw cartoon characters for the gifted students (grades kindergarten to sixth) enrolled in U.S.D. 305. The workshop was held at Salina's cooperative education building March 3. He stated that it was a very rewarding experience and he enjoyed working with the young students.

Class of '43 Plans 50th Reunion

Plans are being made for the 50th reunion of the Class of 1943 during Commencement festivities.

Ed Lehman, Longmont, Colo., is coordinating the plans. He has mailed preliminary information to other members of the class.

Events scheduled are a hospitality room, a Saturday evening social event, tours of the School and Salina.

Classmates are asked to respond to Lehman at P.O. Box 299, Longmont, Colo. 80502, or call him at 303-776-2244.

SJMS Cadets Come From Everywhere

The 202 Cadets enrolled at the School come from 24 states and four foreign countries.

Capt. Joe Stratton, Admissions Director, said that the School is virtually full. Room could be found for a few more qualified students.

The largest group of Cadets is from Kansas, 56, followed closely by Colorado with 48.

Enrollment from the state of Texas is growing with 28 Cadets.

Other states with several Cadets are Arizona, 13; California, 11; and Oklahoma, 11.

The states of Washington, Nevada, Montana, Iowa, Missouri, Louisiana, and Indiana each have two Cadets enrolled.

Others represented by one Cadet are Wyoming, New Mexico, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, Georgia and New York.

Eleven Cadets come from the countries of Mexico, Venezuela, Canada, and Pakistan.

Holy Week

Plans have been made for services during Holy Week.

The Corps of Cadets will attend Palm Sunday services at Christ Episcopal Cathedral, April 4.

Maundy Thursday will be observed at 7 p.m., April 8 in Armstrong Memorial chapel.

A service will be held after noon mess on Good Friday, April 9.

A festive Easter celebration will be held during the regular Sunday Chapel service.

Inspection Of JROTC Program Set, April 26

The Regional Formal Inspection of the JROTC program at St. John's Military School has been scheduled for Monday, April 26, according to Maj. Michael Miller, Senior Army Instructor/Commandant.

The inspection team will arrive on campus at 9 a.m. to be greeted by an Honor Guard and the Band. The inspecting officer will inspect the Guard.

Members of the team will meet with Col. Keith G. Duckers, President; Lt. Col. Joel Looney, Vice President; Miller, and members of the faculty and staff.

The Cadet staff will conduct a briefing in the Battalion Assembly Area of the Vanier Center.

At 10 a.m., the 105th Corps will assemble for inspection in the ranks.

The visiting team will walk through the barracks and inspect the training and administration facilities.

The team will eat lunch with the Corps in Nichols Dining Hall.

The Color Guard and Crack Squad will perform for the

group at 1 p.m. Inspection of records will follow if it is required.

The critique and out briefing with the President and staff members is set for 2:45 p.m.

The Cadets will wear the Alpha uniform with bloused boots and all awards and decorations.

Miller said that the Battalion Review will be used for inspecting the drill and ceremonies of the Corps rather than a class or platoon formation.

A total of 135 students are in the JROTC program. However, 59 Cadets in the Middle School will be participating in the inspection day. "New boys" will be pointed out by their Platoon leaders during the inspection in ranks.

In the event of inclement weather, the Battalion will form in the gym.

Meet The Trustees

... Introducing Bob Kastner

Robert "Bob" Kastner, Chairman of the Board, has served as a Trustee longer than any living Trustee. He was first elected to the Board in 1968 and will leave the Board in July of this year.

Trustees may serve two three-year terms and then must leave the Board for at least a year before being re-elected.

Kastner has been very active not only at SJMS but in the Episcopal Church, the Rotary Club and as President of City Plumbing Co.

In 1960, he purchased the company from his father, Dan Kastner, who was also a Trustee at SJMS. The company was founded by his grandfather, Fred Kastner, in 1908.

The company specializes in residential and commercial plumbing; heating and air conditioning, repairs, service and remodeling.

Kastner first became acquainted with St. John's when he worked for his dad on plumbing at the school as a teenager. He has also been known to risk his life for the School.

After the fire of 1978, he slipped into the basement to drain a boiler so it wouldn't be ruined. Everyone had been warned to stay out of the building because it was feared it might collapse.

He is a past president of the



Trustee Bob Kastner (right) visits with Gen. Gordon Sullivan, Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

Salina Rotary Club, Salina Country Club, and the Kansas Plumbing, Heating and Cooling contractors. He has also served on the Vestry of Christ Episcopal Cathedral and has been Senior Warden.

Kastner attended the Salina schools and the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. He and his wife, Suzie, have two daughters, Sally, 28, Dallas, Texas; and Kathleen, who is in graduate school at the University of Kansas.

St. John's President, Col. Keith G. Duckers, lauded Kastner as "a perfect example of what a Trustee should be" in the School's history published during the Centennial year.



NEWS

... from the past

MARCH--1923

Bible readings for March were listed in *The Skirmisher* . . . The improvement of outdoor track facilities has been very marked during the last few weeks. With the help and cooperation of the street commissioner of Salina in sending a tractor and grading machine to facilitate the work, the school has been able to make an excellent quarter-mile track.

MARCH--1983

An Easter Egg hunt was held for the 52 Cadets in the Lower School. The eggs were decorated by the Cadets in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Three special golden eggs with a dollar bill in each were also hidden.

Chaplain's Chat

Soon to hang on the wall of my classroom at St. John's Military School is this quotation from Edmund Burke:

"Manners are more important than laws. Upon them in a great measure, the laws depend; the law touches us but here and there, now and then. Manners are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify, exalt or debase, barbarize or refine us, by a constant, steady, uniform, insensible operation, like that of the air we breathe in, they give their whole form and color to our lives. According to their quality, they aid morals, they supply them, or they totally destroy them."

In the Book of Common Prayer, of the Episcopal Church, regularly used in Chapel services at SJMS, there is a prayer for our country (p. 820), which reads in part: ". . . Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning and pure manners." This prayer clearly ranks "pure manners" in importance with the massively important national activities of industry and education. It does so because, as we all know, so much of the activity of our everyday lives is consumed by the seemingly small things, such as visiting and conversation, eating meals together, shopping, driving, etc., and if these activities are not filled with grace and good manners, all the industry and money, all the power and education in the world will not make life pleasant or gracious.

"Pure manners" are, simply put, the stuff of which civilized society is made. Good manners mean our lives together can be conducted in a predictable manner, rather than a chaotic and uncertain one. There are two possibilities which determine and govern the conduct of our lives as human beings. First, our feelings, over which we have little control, since "feelings" are things which just happen to us unpredictably; and second, our behavior, which is modified by our mastery of "pure manners". "Manners", said Emerson, "are a happy way of doing things". Most often we can't control our feelings, but we can control our actions, and behavior, and our words, and we can do so by mastering a personal code of conduct, and the stability that provides is a grace that no amount of money can buy!

At St. John's Military School, we understand that a strong and good society is one that is disciplined, tamed, controlled, gracious and civilized; one that exercises "pure manners". Otherwise, the unchecked individual ego tends to become not only more dominant, but also more violent, and life becomes much less pleasant. Here we stress the importance of always saying "please", and "thank you"; here we stress the importance of being gracious, and thoughtful of others. At SJMS, it is not unusual to hear Cadets saying to other Cadets "keep your voice down, and mind your manners".

May God increasingly "Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning and pure manners".



Fr. Cox

Father Jim +

Chapel Crosses Authorized

Several Cadets are active members of the Chapel Council and are authorized to wear the cross.

They are Keenon Babcock, Shaun Bertrand, Joshua Brittain, Jeremy Carroll, Jamie Ex-

on, Michael Harris, Royce Henderson, Timothy Lanham, Elliott Leffly, Brian McGuire, Jason Merrifield, Matt Post, Derek Whitehead and Jacob Williams.

Radway Heads Honor Roll Second Time

Sean Radway was the leader on the third grading period honor roll. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Jamie Exon and Chad Kellogg.

Others named to the honor roll were Jerry Webb, Rodney Webb, Andy Cole, Christopher Mackey, Geoff Hansen, Mark Richards.

Earning honorable mention were Michael Seeney, Casey Underwood, Chad Mathis, Adam Kaye, Christopher Allen, Daniel Davidson, Christopher Clark, Lee O'Guin, Benjamin Dozier, Jacob Williams, Christopher Bauck, Mickey Woolhether, Christopher Nicola, Nicholas Dell, Nick Kneupper, Jeremy Baerns, Kevin Munro, Robert Christensen, Joshua Cole, Luis Medrano, Alejandro Guerrero, Adrian Gonzales, Michael Nelson, John Calhoun, John Irish, Daniel Moran, Brent Niccore, Richard Taylor, Colin Edington and Paul Palombo.

Trey Guinn Heads Third Honor Roll

Albert "Trey" Guinn III was the leader for the Middle School Honor Roll for the third grading period. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Robert Nylen and Mark Triebwasser.

Earning honorable mention were Charles Estes, Sean Hoover, Matt Post, Colin Guinn, Doug Morrison, Shane Wentling, Stephen McClure, Michael Harris and Joel Barr.

Cadets Enjoy Ski Trip

A weekend ski trip to Silver Creek Ski lodge near Grandby, Colo., was enjoyed by 40 Cadets the weekend of Feb. 19-21.

Accompanying the boys were M/Sgt. Joe Stewart; Maj. Michael Miller and his family; Mrs. Donna Lewick and family. The Cadet leader was Chris Allen.

Miller said the ages ranged from 12-19 and boot sizes from 5½ to 14.

Cadets could ski either Silver Creek or Winter Park on Saturday. All Cadets skied at Silver Creek on Sunday before leaving for Salina at 5 p.m.

Miller said, "The weather was nice on Saturday. It was cold and windy with blowing snow on Sunday. Although Colorado high country was experiencing many avalanches, skiing was excellent on the groomed slopes without any threat of slides."

Miller commented that the Cadets were well behaved. Three church groups were also staying at the lodge including many young ladies for the boys to impress.

★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

Class of 1949 . . . Marvin H. Schmidt, Hoisington, was elected Oriental Guide of the Isis Shrine, Salina. After graduation from SJMS, he attended Brown Mackie School of Business, Salina; National School of Meat Cutting, Toledo, Ohio and Kansas University. He was involved in the restaurant business in Colorado and wholesale grocery and meat sales in Florida. He retired in 1991 as meat inspector for the State of Florida in order to return to Kansas . . . Cadet Jay Baerns, Denver, met "old boy" Willard Janes while attending church. Janes lives in Lakewood. He has several old photos and momentos of the School.

Class of 1956 . . . Jerry Lut-ton has been found. He retired after working for 35 years with the Bell Telephone system in southern Colorado. He now lives in Bullhead City, Ariz., and is working with the electronics equipment for the Flamingo Hilton in Laughlin, Nev. Lutton remembers what a thrill it was when he won the Wilson Loyalty Cup in 1956. He has 13 grandchildren. He is planning to attend the Commencement activities this year and wishes he could find Bill Keith, Dan Ketting and Fritz Handy.

Attended 1967-69 . . . Michael Hedglin telephoned the school recently after no contact for 20 years. He wanted to correspond with his former social studies teacher, Reese Hays. Hedglin remembered that Hays was from Alabama and hadn't accepted the fact that the Civil War was over. He had found an article he wanted to send to his former SJMS teacher. Hedglin remembers new boys being called "Rats"; how to make a bed and could still spit shine his shoes if needed.

Class of 1967 . . . Robert Sterling is living in Ponca City, Okla. His address is 2123 Berkshire Drive, Ponca City, 74604.

Class of 1974 . . . Dan Lynch called the School recently to say "hello".

Class of 1977 . . . David Bassett has completed 13 years in the Navy. He is presently doing shore duty in Corpus Christi, Texas. In June, he will be assigned to the helicopter carrier USS Guam, which is stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Class of 1980 . . . Mark Bassett decided to join the Navy. He was graduated from boot camp in 1991 just a few days before his 30th birthday. He is assigned to the aircraft carrier Nimitz, which is on its way to the Gulf to relieve the Kitty Hawk.

Class of 1981 . . . John Boettcher has joined Bonded Collection Service, Longmont, Colo., as vice president of marketing. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado with a degree in business administration. Boettcher has worked in the credit industry for nine years.

Class of 1982 . . . Lawrence King was married March 25 in Denver. He lives at 10150 E. Virginia Ave., -15-206, Denver. He wrote: "St. John's will always have a special place for me in my life. I came there a confused boy with many problems and graduated as an honoree on the Honor Roll. SJMS Forever!"

Attended 1987-88 . . . Sean Cairl is stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Attended 1985-88 . . . Joe Mitchell stopped to visit the School recently. He lives near Junction City and is driving a School bus.

Class of 1989 . . . Chad Calvaresi visited the School during spring break. He was graduated from the Junior College at Kemper Military School in 1991 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Reserves. He is now a senior at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., with a major in history and English. Following graduation, he will join the regular Army.

Class of 1990 . . . Christopher Meidell was married to Catherine Oakley, March 20 in St. Louis, Mo. Meidell and his father, Bill Meidell, Class of 1954, are planning to participate in the Commencement activities.

Attended 1986-1992 . . . Dale Vandel is a student at Ft. Lewis College, Durango, Colo.

DEATHS

Warren Leonard, Class of 1932, died March 7, 1993 at his home in San Jacinto, Calif. He was 80 years old and had been in ill health for several years. His widow wrote: "Attending St. John's was certainly one of the highlights of Warren's life."

The School was notified recently that **Robert Logan, Class of 1947**, died March 19, 1992.

Named All-Team

William Fisher, SJMS lineman, was named to the second team of the All Saline County team selected by *The Salina Journal Sports* staff.

Survey To Reach Alums

All alumni with current addresses will soon be receiving an Alumni Directory Questionnaire in the mail. This is being sent to give every alumnus the opportunity to be accurately listed in the upcoming St. John's Military School Alumni Directory.

Please complete and return the questionnaire as soon as possible!

Once received, information will be edited and processed by Harris Publishing Co., Inc. Over 1,150 "old boys" will be included in the Directory.

Return the questionnaire promptly.

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.]

On a warm October afternoon in 1954, I remember parking my brand new red and white Plymouth in front of Pettie's Flowers. "Now Deano," I said, "it's time to see if you're a salesman!"

Dean Hargrove, together with classmates Bud Webber, Larry Rice, Bill Preston and others, had persuaded me to help them start a yearbook which was to become Volume One of "The Sound Off".

Dean felt we could subsidize the cost by selling advertising, probably one of the few times the now famous television producer ever made a bad business decision.

Dean seemed reluctant to get out of the car, stalling to listen to the last few strains of "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White", then the current "Hit Parade" leading song. He finally did and my friend, Ed Pettie, bought a \$5 half page ad.

While advertising sales more or less fizzled, we did finally get the first "Sound Off" to the printers.

The rest is history.

Now, 38 years later, I never hear that tune without recalling that October afternoon in 1954 when Dean Hargrove sold the first yearbook ad.

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I remember the ivy that used to cover the walls of Vail and Griswold Halls. It almost seemed the mat of ivy kept the venerable old buildings upright.

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I also remember the tours of "Duty" faculty and staff members "pulled" every five days. Also, deeply etched in my memories of days gone by was mandatory staff attendance in Armstrong Chapel.

Duty began at 6 a.m. and continued until midnight bed check. I'm always amused when I tell young teachers about the old days when faculty provided barracks supervision both before and after classes and through the evening.

Weekend duty was awful - all day and night, Saturday and Sunday. Every five weeks! We got the job done, though. I don't remember any more problems in the barracks then than now. Today, about 15 trained retired military personnel provide around the clock supervision in all three barracks as well as Cadet headquarters.

All members of the faculty were required to attend services in Armstrong Chapel at least three mornings each week. Cadets attended every day but Saturday. I believe I have logged more time on my knees in Armstrong Chapel than most Bishops do in a lifetime. Required attendance didn't bother me too much, since I was an Episcopalian. I often served as a buffer to non-Episcopalian faculty who didn't like this requirement, but wouldn't dare express their feelings to the Rector.

From my vantage point today, I often wonder what reaction (or lawsuits) we would face if Chapel attendance was once again required.

I was pleased with the decision to renovate the Armstrong Chapel in 1986, rather than to have a fund drive to build a new one. My good Trustee friend, Bob Kastner, really disagreed, but in the end it was decided to restore the old structure (originally designed by Gen. John "Black Jack" Pershing.)

The restoration project was funded by a \$75,000 grant from the St. John's Foundation. An additional \$20,000 was given by several individuals to purchase ten stained glass windows which depict Old and New Testament stories.

The chapel is a splendid "new" building with most of the old charm remaining. Returning "old boys" can return to their favorite pew, and in some instances, may even find their initials (carved in a pew perhaps, during a dull sermon a few decades ago).

Winter Carnival Was Successful

The annual winter carnival held between semesters was a financial success.

All the clubs and organizations made money to be used for school projects.

The SJMS Ladies club made the most money, \$170.50, at the Country Store. Funds are used to provide activities for the Cadets.

The Cadet Patrol netted the least--\$3.

Groups participating were the Band, Blue Berets, Book Club, Chapel Council, L-Club, NHS, Rifle Team, S-Club, Spanish Club, Stockmarket Club, Spartans and Chess Club.

★ PROMOTIONS ★

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

Promoted to:

MAJOR — Tory Merriam.

CAPTAIN — DeAndre Grassity, Chad Mathis.

FIRST LIEUTENANT — Nicholas Dell, Jerry Webb, Rodney Webb, Chris Allen, Brian Atkins.

MASTER SERGEANT — Jamie Exon.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS — Daniel Davidson, Edwin McClendon, Thad Alexander.

STAFF SERGEANT — Ben Dozier.

SERGEANT — Joel Barr, Jonathan Bullard, Tyson Farmer, Nicholas Kneupper, Blaine Moller, Ranjan Ray, Casey Underwood.

CORPORAL — Gordon Brown, Jaime Guerrero, Stephen Hampson, Jeb Huggler, Daniel Sterk, Jeff Bachlund, Damen Cox, Alejandro Hernandez, Cory Mitchell, Marc Wilson, Taj Gregg, Rodrigo Poo.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS — Michael Seeney, Ryan Smith, Joshua Cole, Matt Hensley, Robert Nylan, Jeremy Carroll, David Eberts, Paul Gorsline.

PRIVATE OLD BOY — Michael Reed, Gary Hughes, Nathan Black, Joshua Cram, Adam Kramer, Tony Salazar, Gavin Combs, Brandon Kuhn, Jeremy Figueroa, Joshua Hestehave, Sean Hoover, Christopher Borland, Christopher Columbus, Michael Gambone, Michael Nelson, William Silver, David Uribe, Mark Triebwasser, Jerry Wilson, Marc Anderson, Brent Niccore, Joshua Van Sickle, Ryan Watenpugh, Eric Wisner, Paul Vieni, Dennet Vera, Jeremy Williams, Derek Whitehead, Jean Ferrell, Damian Beckwith, Joseph Sellers, Mark Shenoda.

J. Cole Has Art Displayed

Josh Cole and three Salina high school students had their art on display in late January at the Salina Art Center, 242 S. Santa Fe.

This is the third time the art center has sponsored an exhibition for high school student artists.

The participating students were nominated by an art teacher. An art professor from Ft. Hays University chose the best for the exhibit.

Clay Urbanek, Cole's art teacher at SJMS, agreed that the exhibition provides needed recognition for the students.

Urbanek said that Cole, a junior, uses pencils and colored markers in his drawings. He creates cartoon-like characters of dragons and mystical creatures.

If Asked, Bill Bunting Would Do Any Job At SJ

After doing almost every kind of job at St. John's Military School, F/Sgt Bill Bunting will retire at Commencement after nearly 22 years at the School.



Bill Bunting instructs a new Cadet as he is about to get his "old boy" shields.

If one had a question about military protocol and ceremony, Bunting had the answer. He escorted the School Color Guard to hundreds of ceremonies for the Posting of Colors. He coached them in the proper procedure for almost any kind of event from opening conventions to ceremonies before car races.



The "Ol' Muleskinner"

He started his career at SJMS as the Senior Enlisted Army Instructor. This was a position he held for 14 years until he got tired of teaching

things over and over again.

A tragic experience for Bunting was when he lost almost everything he owned in the fire that destroyed Vail Hall in 1978. He was living in an apartment above the administrative offices.

He became an assistant to Lt. Col. Paul Kellogg, former Commandant, after M/Sgt Dwight Woodall retired. He has served as a tactical officer for seven or eight years.

Incidentally, Bunting has worked for seven Commandants.

During his career at SJMS, he coached the Rifle team; starred in the movie "Up the Academy" as the goalie on the soccer team; roasted three pigs in back of the mess hall following Special Olympics events, and grew a beard and was the "Ol' Muleskinner" during the Centennial celebration.

Bunting said he continues to get residual pay for his role in the movie. In the first year he was paid \$1200 for speaking three lines that were never used. He gets about \$40 a year now from Warner Brothers.

The only trips he never took with Cadets were the snake hunts and the Mardi Gras parades. He said, "If they needed me to go, I would have gone."

The highlight of his career was when he was commissioned an Honorary Colonel, the first TACO to earn the award.

He said, "I have no regrets about my life at St. John's. I just hope I have touched boys' lives in the right way."

Bunting and his wife, Joyce, have lived in an apartment in Mize Hall since fire destroyed Vail.

The Buntings own a 31-foot travel trailer and will live in it after leaving. They will spend most of their time in Arizona--in the summer near Flagstaff and the winter near Phoenix.

Mackey Heads Honor Society

Christopher Mackey is the president of the National Honor Society. Other officers are Mark Richards, vice president, and Tory Merriman, secretary/treasurer.

Other members are Chad Kellogg, Chad Mathis, Adam Kaye, Jerry Webb, Rodney Webb, Ranjan Ray, Travis Potter, Lee O'Guin, Sean Radway, Troy Tramba and Andrew Cole.

Earns Ribbon

Robert Lambert was awarded the recruiting ribbon.



Bunting roasts a pig for the Cadets to eat after a special activity.

Band Cord Given

Adrian Acon, John Cropp and Jon Luttwak were authorized to wear the band cord, tab and ribbon.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

St. John's Military School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

JROTC To Expand

FORT MONROE, Virginia --The Army, which has been offering citizenship training to high school students for more than 75 years, will expand its Junior ROTC program from 856 to more than 1680 units by school year 1997-98.

The first expansion is planned for School Year 1993-94 with 150 programs to be added. Additional programs will be added through school year 1997-98.

The bulk of the expansion program is targeted to the inner cities and is designed to assist "students at risk" in making this transition.

Junior ROTC has proven effective as a program which enhances the graduation rate while curbing such undesirable activities as substance abuse. JROTC also teaches such skills

as emergency first aid, the importance of teamwork, and the workings of local governments.

The program is economical with less than \$300 being spent on each member in the program, according to Maj. Gen. Wallace C. Arnold, who directs both Junior and Senior Army ROTC from Fort Monroe.

General Arnold continued by saying, "The Army is very, very important in American society. It's underpinnings are the societal mores, goals and worth of young people in our nation. With JROTC, at a small cost, we will be expanding that process at the high school level."

JROTC is taught primarily by retired officers and noncommissioned officers who are able to bring discipline into the lives of teenagers.

Books Given To Library

Book gifts have been made to the library in recent months according to Martha Lohmann, Librarian.

Three boxes of books plus the 14-volume set of *The Annals of America* were given to the School by Tom Wilson, Class of 1962.

Rick Taylor, Class of 1964, gave two copies of "It Doesn't Take A Hero," written by Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, plus an audio tape of the book.

Two books were purchased with money given by Mrs. Mary H. Phillips, grandmother of Cadet Robert Illing, and mother of two former Cadets. The books are "The Orphan Trains" by Marilyn Irving Holt and "The Comeback Kid" (about President Bill Clinton), by Charles Allen.

"Mexico, A Higher Vision" and multiple copies concerning glass blowing and pottery making in Mexico were given by the Machado and Poo families, parents of Cadets.

Tramba Tells SJMS Story

Troy Tramba gave two programs about St. John's Military School during his Christmas furlough. He spoke to the Wellington Lion's Club and the United Methodist Men's organization in Clearwater, Ks.

He had his Eagle Scout Board of Review. He was successful in the interview; so is now an Eagle Scout. A special ceremony will honor him in special ceremonies in Clearwater.

Waggoner Is Academic Secretary

Laura Waggoner is the secretary in the Academic Department replacing Leona Graham who retired last spring.

Waggoner, originally from New York City, was graduated from Pattonville High School, St. Louis County, Mo. and attended Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph, Mo.

Her husband, Ken, is a claims analyst with American Family Insurance. They are the parents of three children, Mark, 18; Patrick, 11, and Christina, 5.

Waggoner is a member of Christ Episcopal Cathedral and is a member of the Cathedral Choir. She was previously employed by the Salina public school system.

Radway Selected

Sean Radway was selected for the fifth Junior Leadership Salina program, sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce. The first session was held Feb. 8. The program is open to junior class members from South, Central, Sacred Heart, Southeast of Salina and El-Salina high schools and St. John's Military School.

Junior Honor Cadets Named

Members have been selected for the Junior National Honor Society in Linger Middle School, according to Doug L. Randolph, Principal.

They are Joel Barr, Josh Brittain, Charles Estes, Trey Guinn, Mike Harris, Jon Hollon, Justin Klumpe, Ralph Llorente, Joe Miller, Doug Morrison, Robert Nylen, Matt Post, Roscoe Teagues and Tony Salazar.

Middle School Team Wins First Place

The Middle School basketball team placed first in League play this year but placed third in the TVEL tournament, according to Coach Kelly Rudolph.

The team had wins over Tescott, Living Word, Solomon, St. Mary's, Herington, Bennington, Marquette and Geneseo. The only losses were to Geneseo and Tescott.

Earning varsity letters were Richard Asher, Joshua Brittain, Mitchel Daniels, Justin Klumpe, Doug Morrison, Marcus Rodriguez, Roscoe Teagues, and William Tyler.

Earning junior varsity letters were Keenon Babcock, Charles Estes, Jeremy Figueroa, Jeremy Carroll, Colin Guinn, Michael Harris, Matt Post, Joseph Miller, Stephen McClure, Shaun Bertrand, Shane Wentling, James Francis, Tony Salazar, Brian McGuire, Jared Standsfield, Robert Nylen.

100 Days Of School

A couple of weeks ago St. John's Middle School celebrated its one hundredth day of school. On that day, they had an optional activity in one class. Eleven students participated. The task was easy, all they had to do was to come up with an imaginative project on their own. The projects had to involve anything involving 100. Items that were used varied from M&M's to bottle caps.

Mrs. Lewick's 5th hour class typed 100 riddles which they printed on colored paper to form a paper rainbow. Other students were Stephen McClure and Shawn Hoover who formed the letters SJMS with 100 tiles. Steven Moore made 100 paper airplanes; Adam Kramer and Jerry Wilson used 100 tiles forming a "100". Ryan Levitan created a design using 100 strings. Shawn Bertrand had a lego sculpture forming a "100" and also a M&M image forming a "100". Tony Salzar and Mike Reed modeled 100 face pictures cut out of magazines and photographs, Nate Black designed a "100" using 100 bottle caps, Khris Steele ended it with 100 colored beads.

The prizes for first and second were combined into one prize for effort and creativity. The first and second prize winners were Moore and Bertrand. The third prize winners were Salzar and Reed.

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Honor Guard Cadets Named

Mark Richards is the commander of the Honor Guard.

Guard members are Marc Anderson, Jeff Bachlund, Brian Bauder, Gordon Brown, Kevin Bundy, R.J. Christensen, Joshua Cole, Ben Dozier, Tyson Farmer, Adrian Gonzales, Matthew Hensely, Jeb Huggler, Luis Medrano, Corey Mitchell, Marc Wilson, Royce Henderson, Khris Steele, Roscoe Teagues and William Tyler.

Cadets Join Scout Troop

Ten Cadets have joined or are in the process of joining Boy Scout Troop #1 which is chartered by Christ Episcopal Cathedral.

The troop meets on Monday nights at the Cathedral and has an overnight campout one weekend each month.

The Cadets also worked at the Shrove Tuesday pancake feed which is sponsored by the Troop as a way to earn money for activities.

Jack Lambert, husband of Paula Lambert, Secretary in the Commandant's office, is the Troop leader.

Cadets involved are Shuan Bertrand, John Calhoun, Wesley Dakan, Royce Henderson, Ryan Levitan, Stephen McClure, Daniel McDowell, Joseph Miller, Blaine Moller and Matt Post.

J. Housley Named Feb. Employee



Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, congratulates Sgt/Maj. Jerry Housley on being named the employee-of-the-month.

Sgt/Maj. Jerry Housley of the Tactical Staff was selected as the employee-of-the month for February.

"During his 15 years at St. John's, Housley has influenced the lives of many Cadets," said Col. Keith G. Duckers, President. "His devotion and dedication to the Corps makes him an important member of the St. John's family."

Duckers suggested that each staff member should spend a day with Housley to really appreciate his role. He said, "If he is not on the phone responding to questions or concerns of patrons, future patrons, or giggly teenage girls, he will probably be counseling a Battalion staff member, investigating a barracks crisis, or patting some deserving Cadet on the back for something well done."

Tony Blair Was Jan. Employee



M/Sgt. Tony Blair

M/Sgt. Tony Blair was the employee-of-the month for January.

Blair has been a fixture in the JROTC department for several years as the Senior Enlisted Army instructor. He is scheduled to report to an Infantry assignment in Berlin, Germany, in late March.

"During his assignment at St. John's, Blair became a very valuable team member in a short period of time," according to Col. Keith G. Duckers, President. "His primary responsibility, revamping the JROTC program, resulted in a program recognized as the finest in the state of Kansas."

He was also the Rifle team coach. Through his efforts, the SJMS team has been competitive at the college level for the past four years.

"Blair is the perfect example of a professional soldier that all Cadets could do well to emulate," according to Duckers.

His replacement as the Senior Enlisted Instructor is SFC Roger Kelsey.

Michael Whalen, a tactical officer, will replace Blair as the Rifle Team coach.

SJMS Sponsors Rifle Match

The 1993 Smallbore Rifle Championship match, sponsored by St. John's Military School, was held March 26, 27 and 28 in the school rifle range.

The three-day event was open to all NRA members and affiliated club members.

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