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Commencement 1993 To Honor Seniors & K.G. D.

Full Schedule Planned For 1993 Commencement Weekend

A busy schedule of activities is planned for Commencement weekend, May 14-16, including special events honoring the retirement of Col. Keith G. Duckers, President.

Patrons and alumni are to register in the office of Vanier Academic Center when they arrive on campus. Registration will begin at noon Friday, May 14.

Teachers and staff members will be available from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday for Conferences. The Middle School teachers will be in their classrooms in Linger Hall and the Upper School faculty will be available in their classrooms in the Vanier Center.

Alumni may visit the campus from 2-4 p.m., Friday. College information will be provided for Upper School patrons at 2 p.m., Room V-10, Vanier.

A reception for patrons, alumni and guests sponsored by the SJMS Foundation will be at 4:15 p.m. on the east lawn of the campus.

The dedication of the Col. Keith G. Duckers bronze bust will be at 5 p.m. Friday in front of the Vanier Center.

Following the ceremony, Evening Colors will be held on the teardrop and the 105th Corps will parade.

Evening mess is optional. Most Cadets will be with their parents until 10 p.m. when pass ends.

The Blue Berets and the National Honor Society will have a dinner at 6:30 p.m., Friday at the Salina Holidome. This event is only for members and invited guests. Speaker for the event will be Kent Tretheway, Wichita, Class of 1971.

A reception and celebration in honor of the Duckers family, hosted by the "old boys" of the School will be at 7 p.m., also at the Holidome.

Saturday will be a full day commencing with the Flag Raising ceremony at 7:50 a.m. on through the evening with the Military Ball at the Salina Bicentennial Center. Cadets are required to attend all events with the exception of the Foundation luncheon.

Following the Flag Raising, a continental breakfast will be served on the back lawn of the Duckers home. Cadets will eat in the dining hall.

Staff members and teachers will again be available to see patrons until 10 a.m.

The Commandant's Military Awards ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday on Perkins Field.

The Foundation luncheon meeting is set for 12:30 p.m. at the Salina Bicentennial Center. Senior Cadets will be guests of the Foundation.

Underclass Cadets are not invited and must attend lunch in the school dining facility.

In a change of location, the Education Honors convocation will follow the lunch at the Bicentennial Center and will begin at 2:30 p.m., rather than the usual hour of 3 p.m.

Duckers said that the center is air conditioned and will be more comfortable than the seating in the Baner Gymnasium. Underclassmen will be transported from the campus via bus.

The Military Ball, Saturday evening, begins with the receiving line at 7:30 p.m. at the Bicentennial Center.

During the evening, junior Cadets will receive their rings. Mark Richards will turn-over the command of the Crack Squad to the new commander, Command of the Color Guard will change, and dancing will begin after the Grand March.

Activities on Sunday will begin with the Senior/Junior Eucharist in the Armstrong Memorial Chapel at 8 a.m. This service will be immediately followed by the Freedom Tree ceremony when seniors pay final respects by placing a flower at the base of the tree.

The First Infantry Division Band, Ft. Riley, Ks., will present a concert beginning at 9:30 a.m. Commencement will begin at 10 a.m. on Perkins Field with Sen. Bob Dole, (Rep.-Kas.) as the speaker. Brigadiers will be honored and the Seniors will be awarded their diplomas.

The final retreat parade is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., May 16.

The Cadet commander change of command ceremony will be held with Christopher Mackey, C.O. of the 105th, handing the Colors and the Hardy Sabre to the Cadet who will command the 106th Corps next fall.

Following the pass in review, the 105th Corps of Cadets will be dismissed "forever".

Commencement Weekend Schedule

Parent-Teacher/Staff conferences	1-4 p.m., May 14
Linger Hall & Vanier Center	
Reception	4:15 p.m., May 14
East lawn of campus	
Bronze Dedication	5 p.m., May 14
Passes	6-10 p.m., May 14
Flag Raising Ceremony	7:50 a.m., May 15
Military Awards Ceremony	10:30 a.m., May 15
Perkins Field	
Foundation Luncheon	12:30 p.m., May 15
Salina Bicentennial Center	
Honors Convocation	2:30 p.m., May 15
Salina Bicentennial Center	
Military Ball 1993	8-10:30 p.m., May 15
Salina Bicentennial Center	
Passes End (Cadets without dates)	12 Midnight, May 15
Passes End (Cadets with dates)	1 a.m., May 16
Senior/Junior Eucharist	8 a.m., May 16
Armstrong Chapel	
Commencement	10 a.m., May 16
Perkins Field	
Final retreat parade	11:30 a.m., May 16
Perkins Field	

In case of inclement weather, activities scheduled on Perkins Field will be held in the Baner gymnasium.

Sen. Bob Dole To Speak At Commencement

Bob Dole, Senate Republican Leader and U.S. Senator for Kansas, will be the speaker during Commencement ceremonies, Sunday, May 16.

Recognized as one of America's towering political figures, the Senator has a distinguished record of public service that spans four decades.

A decorated and wounded combat veteran of World War II, Dole was born and raised on the plains of western Kansas. This tough, conservative from America's heartland has experience few can match: he has been the Senate Majority Leader, the chairman of the Senate Finance committee, a two-time candidate for President, his party's nominee for Vice-President, a member of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Republican Party, a state legislator and a county attorney.



Sen. Bob Dole

K.G. D. To Move From SJMS After 43 Years

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, will move from the campus in early June after living on campus for more than 42 years in various places from apartments in Vail Hall, the house now called the "Commandant's house" and the current President's home.

Various events and presentations will honor Duckers during Commencement weekend.

Duckers was hired in November of 1950 as Public Information Officer after graduating from Kansas State University. The job was to promote the School and to increase the enrollment from 62 to 80. The enrollment during the past year was 206.

The Colonel, then a Captain, was quick to see the potential of taking the Crack Drill Squad on tour to publicize the School. The Squad was a prestige organization that had been formed in 1915 by the late Col. Waldorf Ganssle, then Superintendent.

Duckers was named Assistant Superintendent in 1959. To assume the position as full Superintendent, he needed a Master's degree in School Administration but since his KSU degree was in journalism, he first had to pick up 18 hours of education courses before pursuing the Master's. Seven summers and three children later he earned his MEd. degree from Wichita State University.

In 1967 he was named Acting

Superintendent when the late Col. R. L. Clem, Superintendent, moved to Denver. Duckers was installed as Superintendent at the Thanksgiving dinner in 1968. The title was changed to President in 1978.

Holidays were almost nonexistent for the faculty and staff at SJMS — and that is still true. School opened on Labor Day Weekend and used to end Memorial Day weekend. Until 1976, Thanksgiving was celebrated at the School. Easter is always observed here as spring furlough comes between Christmas and the end of the school year.

In a School filled with traditions, Duckers was an innovator of new ones including the Handle Ceremony at Commencement, the Salute to the Freedom tree and the Flag Raising ceremony.

When he arrived, the School operated strictly on its earned income. There was no endowment but that has grown with major gifts from the Ferris Family and the late Lyman Linger.

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It was while serving as county attorney in Russell, Kas., that Dole first became acquainted with SJMS. As program chairman of the local Kiwanis Club, he invited Col. Keith G. Duckers, then a captain and public information officer, to provide a program for the club. Duckers and three Cadets, including Dean Hargrove, went to Russell for the event. Dole has since visited St. John's many times. He was the speaker in 1980 for the dedication of the Vanier Academic Center.

In 1992, Dole was re-elected by the people of Kansas to an unprecedented fifth term in the U.S. Senate.

As the Senate Republican Leader, Dole is recognized as the leader of the opposition, a position that published reports say has put the Senator at the height of his political powers

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NEWS

... from the past

SPRING--1923

Sunday, March 18th, was set aside for a special service in Christ Cathedral for St. John's Military School, in which service the Chaplain and several of the cadets took part. . . . This year's Junior-Senior prom was one of the most successful in the history of St. John's School. The party was held in the Guild hall of Christ Cathedral where a new dance floor made dancing a delight.

SPRING--1933

The three-act comedy "All a Mistake" presented by the Cadets in the school gymnasium furnished two hours of entertainment for a fairly large audience. The play was particularly amusing on account of the great number of feminine roles. The boys made very attractive young women--aside from their feet.

SPRING--1973

The St. John's Military School Foundation is inviting parents, faculty and staff to an evening at home - their own. The purpose of the project is to raise money for the School's land acquisition fund. . . . A gift of a half million dollars was announced to finance scholarships and aid youth work at four Salina institutions including St. John's. . . . Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent, was elected president of the Association of Military Schools and Colleges of the United States at its annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

SPRING--1983

"Outstanding" was the word used to describe the 95th Corps of Cadets following the Annual Formal Inspection of the Junior ROTC program at SJMS.

Meet The Trustees

... Introducing Bill Nicholson

G. W. "Bill" Nicholson was recently re-elected to a second three-year term on the SJMS Board of Trustees. He was first elected to the Board in 1976.

Nicholson has served as Chairman of the Executive committee, the Board and Building and Groups committee and is a member of the Trust committee.

He is an Honorary Colonel of the School and a life member of the Foundation.

The McPherson native suggested the drive in front of the school be brick rather than asphalt. Work was started in 1986 and finished in 1987.

After retiring from a GM automobile dealership, Nicholson was called on to go to Lincoln, Neb. and manage National Manufacturing company that was given to the School by the Ferris Family. He managed the company for about a year.

Nicholson said, "Being associated with SJMS these many years has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. To just hope that indirectly my service to the School has touched a few young men's lives has been very rewarding."

He has been involved with many boards at Kansas State University and was the 1992 recipient of KSU Foundation's Advancement award.

He has served as chairman or a board member of many



Bill Nicholson

McPherson groups such as Memorial Hospital, First United Methodist Church, United Way of McPherson, American Cancer Society and McPherson Chamber of Commerce.

He is a former Board member of the Kansas Motor Car Dealers Association, Kansas State Chamber of Commerce and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas.

He is also a member of Rotary, the Elks Lodge, American Legion and Isis Shrine Temple.

Earn Ribbons

DeAndre Grassity was awarded the proficiency ribbon. Adam Kramer and Keenon Babcock earned the Middle School recruiting ribbon.

Graduation Candidates Named

Thirty-one seniors were candidates for graduation from St. John's Military School during Commencement ceremonies, May 16, according to Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean.

They are Thaddeus Alexander, Baton Rouge, La.; Bryan Atkins, Arvada, Colo.; Michael Boyles, Dallas, Tex.; Aaron Branjord, Evergreen, Colo.; Karl Carnagey, Mounds, Okla.; Christopher Clark, Kenner, La.; Cassidy Landman, Grand Junction, Colo.; Nicholas Dell and Christopher Mackey, Montreal, Canada; Douglas Dvorak, Denver, Colo.; Colin Eddington, Houston, Tex.; Andreas Farr, Greeley, Colo.; William Fisher, Great Bend, Kas.; Zachary Flora, Overland Park, Kas.; Taj Gregg, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Others are Jaime Guerrero, Tijuana, Mexico; Timothy Henry, Englewood, Colo.; Shawn Hensel, Los Angeles, Calif.; Adam Kaye, Topeka, Kas.; Chad Kellogg, Canfield, Ohio; Nicholas Knepper and Mark Richards, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Tory Merriman, Bailey, Colo.; Daniel Moran, Leawood, Kas.; Ryan Munich, Littleton, Colo.; Raul Olivo, Caracas, Venezuela, Travis Potter, Ottawa, Kas.; Daniel Reagan and Arthur Cannon, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Phillip Speed, Mustang, Okla., and Mickey Woolhether, Ft. Collins, Colo.



The Paschal Candle Stand

Dan Moran, whose great-grandmother, gave the Paschal Candle/Advent Wreath stand to Armstrong Memorial Chapel, is pictured with the Rev. Jim Cox, SJMS Chaplain.

★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

Attended 1975 . . . Alex Petinia stopped to visit the school while attending a training session at the Kansas Highway Patrol training unit in Salina. He has been a member of the Patrol for five years and is stationed in Overland Park, Ks.

Class of 1988 . . . James Rust is currently floating in the

middle of the Arabian Gulf in support of "Operation Southern Watch." He is aboard the USS Kitty Hawk. Rust plans to attend the retirement activities for Col. Keith G. Duckers at Commencement. He would like to be a member of the "old boy Crack Drill Squad".

Chaplain's Chat

Holy Week and Easter 1993, were glorious days at St. John's. We began with Mass and "Stripping of the Altar" on the evening of Maundy Thursday, and removal of the consecrated "Body and Blood" of Jesus, the elements of the Holy Eucharist to be used on Good Friday, to the "Altar of Repose" in the small chapel of St. John The Evangelist. We continued with the traditional Good Friday liturgy including the procession of the Cross on Friday afternoon, and concluded with a glorious celebration on the morning of the Day of Resurrection, Sunday morning.

Thursday evening, after the Maundy Thursday Mass, Cadets were lined up three abreast and several rows deep to pray at the Altar of Repose. At the same time, there were several Cadets who remained in the Chapel late that night to pray in the dimmed light of the Main chapel because they couldn't get to the "Priedieu" in front of the Altar of Repose due to the crowd already there. A truly heartwarming sight!

Pictured elsewhere in this issue of **The Skirmisher** is the new Paschal candle which was recently given to Armstrong Memorial Chapel of St. John The Evangelist. A plaque commemorating the gift reads:

*Alleluia! Christ Is Risen.
Christ Is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.
Paschal Candle and Advent Wreath Ring given in loving
memory of, and Thanksgiving for. The Life of Cadet
Don J. Thompson
61st Corps of Cadets
By his mother, Mrs. Jessie Given.
Of your charity, pray for his immortal soul and
the souls of all the faithful departed.*

EASTER - 1993

The Candle Stand and Advent Wreath Ring were blessed and dedicated at the Maundy Thursday Mass, and first used on Easter.

Easter morning was glorious at St. John's. The Paschal Candle was lighted in the traditional manner with the proper marking of the candle with a Cross, and with five grains of incense properly placed. The candle was then processed, again in the traditional manner, pausing at the three traditional stations with the Acclamation "The Light of Christ". The Paschal Candle is placed in the "sanctuary" near the altar, and burns at all services throughout the Eastertide season. It is traditionally extinguished after the reading of the Gospel on Ascension Day, and then moved to stand near the Baptismal Font in the small chapel of St. John The Evangelist. The Paschal Candle is then lighted for all baptisms and funerals throughout the year.

Mrs. Given, the great grandmother of Cadet Daniel Moran, a graduating senior of the 105th Corps of Cadets, has also gifted the chapel with a new silver **Book of Gospels**, which will be blessed and dedicated to be used at the Commencement Mass for the Senior Class.

We are thankful at St. John's for such gifts, which enable us to worship in an atmosphere of the "Beauty of Holiness."

Fr. Jim +

D. Long Is March Employee



Dorothy Long

Dorothy Long, assistant to the Quartermaster, was selected as the March employee-of-the-month. Long first started

working for SJMS working part-time in the snack bar in 1964.

For several years she did sewing in her home for the QM and worked part-time in the store.

Several years ago she became a full-time employee. She handles stock, waits on Cadets, issues allowances and does some tailoring.

"Mrs. Long has been a very loyal and dependable employee," said Col. Keith G. Duckers, President. "She is always willing to work in order

to meet Cadet needs."

She enjoys a positive relationship with most all the Cadets. An active member of the Mom's club, she supports the military department and faithfully strives to meet all their requirements such as uniform alterations and promotions.

Long will be retiring at the end of the School year.

Duckers said, "We want to thank Dorothy for her many years of dedicated service by recognizing her as the employee for March."

KGD Remembers...

[Editor's Note: Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, has agreed to write several articles about events during his 42-year career at SJMS.]

This will be my final column of recollections, so here are just a few "quickies".

I'll always remember my last Battalion Commander and Executive Officer. Chris Mackey, the C.O., and Mark Richards, the executive, rank near the top of my "All America" SJMS Corps. And, I've enjoyed working with some outstanding young men in the last four decades.

Now that I'm winding down I can confess a long-time not-too-well-kept secret. I've had my "favorites." Lot's of them! In fact most of them, though there were a few stinkers along the way.

Mark and Chris are certainly favorites I'll never forget. I thank them from a grateful heart for making my final year one of my most memorable.

Stay tuned! You'll be hearing about these guys big time in the not-too-distant future.

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I remember Jerry Lutton, '56, and one day recently traced him through his 90-year-old "sharp as a tack" mother. A former National Republican Committee Woman, she had plenty to say about the change in administration, all of which I agreed with. Back to Jerry --

He's living in retirement in Bullhead City, Ariz. I called him that night and we talked an hour. He called me the next day and we talked another hour, at least.

As a Cadet, Jerry had a booming voice of command and he loved to sing "sound-offs." He ad-libbed many of them, often poking fun at one of his troops.

The entire Corps had hysterics one morning enroute to Chapel when one of Jerry's platoon sang out:

"My name is J. Lutton
I sit on my butt
And don't do nuttin' all day!"
The squad responded: "Ole!"
Jerry will be here in May. All I can say is "Hooray".

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One thing for certain I'll always remember about my days in charge at St. John's, and that is I have been blessed with a Board of Trustees unequalled at any other military school in the country. Down

through the years at our meetings of the nation's military schools - first NAMS, then later merging with AMCSUS - I've listened to some real horror stories from other heads about their adversarial relationships with their Boards.

Most felt oppressed and stifled by their governing Board, with their jobs hanging by a vote or two at every meeting.

My situation here at St. John's has been just the opposite. Without exception, for 26 years, I have had the loyal support of men and women who were really among my very best friends.

I never once felt they "rubber stamped" my every wish. I knew that when I was really sold on something, and they were thoroughly informed, I could expect almost unanimous support.

I only wish I could adequately express my gratitude to those wonderful friends.

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For some unknown reason I hardly ever remember any of the bad things former Cadets did.

For the past year it seems I have had a steady stream of them coming through my office to reminisce about their "good 'ole days." Invariably, they get around to telling me they are sorry about some obscure incident.

"Cap, do you remember when I did this or that?", the statement frequently begins.

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John Benne, '58, enrolled his son, Tom, in the 105th Corps recently.

I remember John as a good football player and one of our all-time best Crack Squad Commanders. I was telling his wife what an outstanding Cadet I remembered him to be when he interrupted. "Cap, don't you remember, you caught a bunch of us drinking beer my senior year? You busted me from a company commander to a private. I only graduated as a corporal!"

Since KGD doesn't always remember everything, it's probably just as well that this is my final column.

KGD

★ PROMOTIONS ★

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

Promoted to:

CAPTAIN — Arthur Cannon.

SECOND LIEUTENANT — Travis Potter, Keith Sedille, Lee O'Guin.

COMMAND SERGEANT/MAJOR — Chad Kellogg.

STAFF SERGEANT — Chris Bauck, Wesley Dakan, Jon Munoz, Jacob Williams.

SERGEANT — Roscoe Teagues, Mickey Woolhether, Jeremy Baerns, Charles Estes, Trey Guinn, Alex Hernandez, Seth Jucker, Diego Machado, Corey Mitchell, Jeff Bachlund, Joshua Brittain, Royce Henderson, Rodrigo Poo, James Schultz.

CORPORAL — Aaron Branjord, Joshua Cole, Joseph Miller, Steven Moore, Jared Stansfield, James York, Keenon Babcock, Shaun Bertrand, John Cropp, Mitchel Daniels, Michael Harris, Rafael Llorente, Stephen McClure, Daniel McDowell, Sean Hoover, Efen Murrieta, Blaine Asher, Timothy Lanham.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS — Carlos Bejarno, James Francis, Adrian Gonzales, Alex Hernandez, Luis Medrano, David Winsor, William Tyler, Chris Columbus, Oscar DeLeon, Joshua Hestehave, Jonathan Luttwak, Tuan Nguyen, Marcus Rodriguez, David Uribe, Joshua Van Sickle, Ryan Watenpaugh, Marc Anderson, Garret Hensing, Christopher Borland, Paul Viene, Eric Wisner.

PRIVATE OLD BOY — Jonathan Harris, James Bennett, John Irish, Thomas Beene, Justin Boren.

Commencement Regulations Reviewed

A number of rules and regulations are in effect for Commencement weekend according to Col. Keith G. Duckers, President.

Cadets will not be excused before the final dismissal of the Corps, Sunday, May 16.

Cadets will not be permitted to remain overnight with parents during the period May 14-16. He said, "Our liberal parent pass policy will give you ample time to be with your sons without interfering with scheduled events."

Parents are to make arrangements for travel home after Commencement if they do not attend that weekend. Ground transportation to the Wichita airport is the responsibility of the patron.

Only Senior Cadets are permitted to drive automobiles during the weekend.

No post graduation parties are endorsed or approved by the School.

Cadets Enjoy Washington D.C. Even When In A Blizzard

Getting trapped in Washington, D.C. during the "blizzard of the Century" in early March, did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm the four Cadets had about attending the Presidential classroom.

Attending were senior Cadets Christopher Mackey, Mark Richards, Chad Kellogg and Tory Merriman.

In intensive week-long seminars, outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across the United States and around the world gather at the Classroom to examine the federal government while participating as members of the national student body.

Seminars are a focus for the week. The hour-long sessions feature public officials and influential professionals who explain their roles as experts in the policy-making process and express opinions on the operation of government.

Cross-fires are informal sessions to provide a forum to exchange opinions and ideas with students from across the country. Topics range from the war on drugs to the environment.

Mackey was one of the leaders on the topic: "Should homosexuals be permitted to serve in the military?"

Richards said, "We are rather confined here (at the school) and it is interesting to learn different opinions on various topics."

Mackey said there were rules governing the sessions. "We had to respect the other person's point of view and be mature."

Participants in the program got around the city by using the Metro system. They are provided with food coupons that can be used at various restaurants such as Sizzler and Cafeterias in the various museums.

Time is provided for students to tour the City. They are urged to visit the Congressmen from their home states.

Kellogg had an hour visit with Senator John Glen of Ohio. He said they discussed the space program and "I was glad to be knowledgeable in that area."

Mackey visited with Senator Bob Dole, who has nominated him for a U.S. Naval Academy appointment, and with Pat Roberts, Representative from the Big First District in Kansas.

Flights Cancelled

The Cadets were to leave Washington National airport on Sunday morning, March 13, only to have all flights cancelled that day. Kellogg finally got home on Sunday evening after spending seven hours at the airport with \$1.59 in his pocket.

Kellogg's reaction to the week was: "It was one of the best times I ever had. I learned in seven days more than all year in American government."

It took Mackey three days to get to Montreal, Canada. Merriman arrived home in Colorado Monday night. (Spring furlough had started while they were

gone). Richards finally was able to fly on Sunday evening.

Among the speakers they enjoyed were Paul Jacobs, First Secretary, South African Embassy, who spoke on "The Role of the Diplomat"; Vice Adm. Ronald J. Zlatoper, Chief of Naval Personnel, who spoke on: "The U.S. Navy in the Nineties", and Jack Anderson, investigative reporter and columnist, who spoke on "Media and the American Political Tradition."

Merriman said a highlight of the trip was the visit to Arlington National Cemetery to view the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Presidential classroom wreath-laying ceremony.

The final banquet was the high point in the week according to the four Cadets. Merriman thought the Revolutionary War Fife and Drum Corps was "incredible."

Kellogg said, "I'm glad we wore our uniforms. Everyone wanted to know about the medals and why we wore 'ropes' (braid)."

Richards and Mackey said they had only one complaint. "The breakfasts were small and stale. We are used to enjoying good breakfasts at SJMS."

The Cadets expressed their appreciation to the SJMS Foundation. The Foundation provides the scholarships for the Cadets to attend.

They all urged Cadets in next year's senior class to get essays submitted to Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean, to attend. The Cadets are selected by the essays they enter.

Cadets Earn Scout Honors

Several Cadets were honored at the Court of Honor for Troop One at Christ Episcopal Cathedral, April 5.

John Calhoun earned the Junior Leader bar and patch.

Shaun Bertrand and Matt Post were advanced in rank to Scout.

Advanced to Tenderfoot were Royce Henderson, Ryan Levitan, Steven McClure, Daniel McDowell and Joseph Miller.

Blaine Moller was advanced to First Class.

Cadets Attend Quiz Bowls

The Junior Varsity quiz bowl team, coached by Terri Nicholson, placed second in competition at Salina South High School.

Team members were Jake Williams, Ranjan Ray, Lee O'Guin and R.J. Christensen.

The varsity competed in five events. Team members were Jason Merrifield, Jamie Exon, Sean Radway and Andreas Farr.

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.

Basketball Lettermen Named

Letters for participation on the basketball team have been awarded according to Clay Urbanek, coach.

The team finished the season with 5 wins and 12 losses.

Thad Alexander earned honorable mention on the All-County basketball team.

Earning letters for playing in 25 or more quarters were Don Zimmerman, Chad Kellogg, Jaime Guerrero, DeAndre Grassity, Chris Clark, Alexander, Chris Allen, Mark Richards and Zach Flora.

Jermaine Burton earned a provisional letter.

Earning certificates were Kevin McNamara, Michael Seeney, Victor Wu, Chris Bauck, R.J. Christensen, Tyler Yost, Jeb Huggler, Keith Sedille, Geoff Hansen and Carlos Bejarano.

Earning letters as managers were Jamie Exon, James Schultz and Kevin Munro.

Alexander was the leader in average points, 16; field goal percentage, 53%; rebounds, 148; and blocked shots, 26.

J. Guerrero Wins Third Golf Meet

Jaime Guerrero captured top medalist honors for the third straight meet to lead St. John's charge at the Minneapolis invitational golf meet, April 16.

Guerrero fired a 72 to help the Muleskinners to a 338 total and a second place finish.

"I thought they shot great," Doug Randolph, Athletic Director, said of the Cadets performance.

Once again the steady Guerrero headlined St. John's effort.

"He really enjoys the game and is an all-around good player," Randolph said.

On April 15, Guerrero headed the field at the Chapman Invitational with an impressive 76 despite blustery conditions.

"That score was incredible for the weather conditions," Randolph said. "He had some trouble putting, but other than that his drives were great."

St. John's finished second in the two-man event and third in the six-man competition.

Guerrero was the medalist at the Hillsboro tournament earlier in the season. He will be attending college next year on a golf scholarship.

K.G. D. To Move

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He organized the Muleskinner club in the early sixties to raise funds from a \$100-a-year club for capital improvements. That group has grown from about 60 to nearly 250 contributors each year. The money is now placed in a scholarship fund now worth \$250,000.

Known as a builder, all the buildings on campus have been constructed during his term with the exception of the Chapel which underwent renovation prior to the Centennial year. The landscaping of the campus has been improved.

Art objects have been added including the Muleskinner bronze, the Education monument and bronze busts of Colonel Clem and Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, retired Commandant.

A Carillon now plays music from the Chapel tower and strikes the hour and quarter hours.

Another improvement has been the football field. In the early years, games were played at Martin stadium on the Kansas Wesleyan campus. Football was dropped for several years. The program was revived in the mid-sixties. Duckers is proud of the lighted field with stands and lush "sprinkled turf."

Duckers commented, "Children today are growing up in an environment quite different than when I came to SJMS. More have mothers who work for pay; more younger children are being cared for during the day outside their own homes; more will have their families disrupted by divorce or separation, and more are learning to live with step-parents, step-sisters and step-brothers."

He added, "But the purposes on which the School was founded more than 100 years ago have stayed the same. Young men are finding stability, values, and ethics here. They learn to set goals and achieve them. This structure makes it possible for Cadets to cope with this new environment in the country."

Tragic events during his time were the various fires including the one that destroyed Vail Hall in 1978 and the very low enrollments during the Vietnam War and the "hippie" era.

Duckers and his wife, Liz, will move to a home at 147 Overhill Rd., Salina.

They are the parents of three children, Edward, an attorney in Washington, D.C.; Kyle, who operates his own company as a bank analyst and computer programmer, Alexandria, Va.; and Sarah Duckers, an attorney in Houston, Tex. They have two daughters-in-law and a grandson, Christopher.

Appearance Awards Made

Personal appearance ribbons were awarded Christopher Borland, Damian Beckwith, Daniel McDowell, Eric Wisner, Sean Hoover, James Francis, Brian McGuire, Jerry Wilson, Jeff Bachlund and Daniel Davidson with a bronze lamp.

Middle School Cadets Visit Cosmosphere

The Middle School Cadets visited the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson, recently.

The day started with a visit to the planetarium where the Cadets were able to view the night sky. A lecturer informed the Cadets where to look in the sky to find different stars, planets and constellations.

The Cadets then attended a workshop on a theory of how dinosaurs became extinct. The theory basically stated that an asteroid slammed into the earth causing fire, dust and smoke to block out the sun for years.

After a box lunch in a local park, the Cadets returned to the Cosmosphere for a guided tour of the Hall of Space museum.

The day ended with viewing the new documentary film, "The Fires of Kuwait" in the Omnimax theater. The film explained how the fires in the oil fields were started during the Gulf War and how it took a world-wide effort to extinguish them.

Sponsoring the trip were Sara Brown, Kelly Rudolph, Carl Hensley, Middle School teachers, and Maj. Joe Stratton, Admissions Director.

The Cadets visited the State Capitol, History Museum and Zoo in Topeka in early April.

Physical Fitness Awards Given

Physical fitness lamps and ribbons have been awarded.

GOLD LAMP

Arthur Cannon.

SILVER LAMP

Chris Clark, Adam Kaye, Tory Merriman, Mark Richards.

BRONZE LAMP

Daniel Davidson, Jamie Exon, Daniel Reagan, Ryan Smith.

RIBBON

Chris Bauck, Damian Beckwith, Carlos Bejarano, Justin Boren, John Calhoun, Joshua Cram, Craig Drouhard, David Eberts, Colin Eddington, Jeremy Figueroa, Juan Garcia, Adrian Gonzales, Tyler Hallock, Garrett Hensing, Matthew Hensley, Alex Hernandez, Jon Hollon, Gary Hughes, Brandon Kuhn, Diego Machado, Tuan Nguyen, Joseph Sellers, Mark Shenouda, Jared Stansfield, Paul Vieni, Ryan Watenpugh, Joshua Wiest, Jeremy Williams, Eric Wisner.

Young Cadets Earn Athletic Ribbons

The Middle School Athletic ribbons have been awarded.

Earning the awards were Craig Drouhard, Jeremy Figueroa, Joshua Wiest, Kris Steele, William Tyler, Joshua Cram, William Pretty, Justin Klumpe, Colin Guinn, Mitchel Daniels, Royce Henderson, Paul Vieni, James Francis, Justin Boren and Joshua Brittain.



THE CADETS PARADE

Cadets marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Denver, March 13. A group of 41 Cadets, from the Denver area, commanded by Nicholas Dell, appeared as did the regular SJMS Color Guard.

Rifle Team Finished Shooting

The SJMS Rifle team ended the shooting season, March 27 as six Cadets fired in the Kansas State 3-position smallbore rifle championship, hosted by St. John's.

Teams came from Weeping Water, Neb.; Leavenworth, Kas.; and the "Bullet Hole" shooting club from Kansas City, Kas.

There were 24 junior competitors and 14 adult competitors.

Firing for St. John's were Nicholas Dell, Alejandro Guerrero, Lee O'Guin, Mickey Woolhether, Shawn Hensel and Aaron Branjord.

Branjord won the bronze medal in the junior championship flight and took first place in the kneeling position.

The team finished the season 6-4. The team award medal is awarded to the top three Cadets with high averages. Branjord won the gold; O'Guin, the silver; and Dell, bronze.

The team fired a new school record of 1068 on March 11.

Young Cadets Wrestled

The Middle School wrestling team had a short but successful season according to Doug Randolph, School director.

Most of the Cadets were participating in the program for the first time.

After losing to Hoisington, the team came back to defeat Lyons and Southeast of Saline. They were competitive against Lincoln, Minneapolis, Beloit and Wamego.

Successful wrestlers and their records were Royce Henderson, 4-0; Roscoe Teagues and Marcus Rodriguez, 3-1; Mitch Daniels, 5-0, and Ryan Watenpugh, 8-2. Twenty-nine Cadets were on the team.

Charles Estes, 10-5, was the only wrestler in the Minneapolis tournament, held during spring furlough. He finished second in his weight class.

Randolph said that many of the wrestlers were showing great improvement at the end of the season. Many of the wrestlers were seventh graders who will provide a solid nucleus for next year.

Sen. Bob Dole

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and importance.

Scripps Howard News Service has called the Senator, "a legislator par excellence--a master of the art of compromise, a bare-knuckles negotiator and a believer in the possible."

Dole is one of only 15 Americans to serve as Senate Majority Leader.

During the second World War, Dole was a platoon leader in the Tenth Mountain Division in Italy. In 1945, he was gravely-wounded on the battlefield and was later twice decorated for heroic achievement.

Dole is a graduate of the University of Kansas and Washburn University School of Law.

He is married to Elizabeth Hanford Dole, President of the American Red Cross. Dole also has a daughter, Robin, who resides in Washington, D.C.

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