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Allen receives MacArthur Award

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Chris Allen received the Douglas MacArthur Cadet of the Year Award in ceremonies held January 22 in the Baner Gymnasium.

Each year the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation presents the MacArthur Award to the outstanding cadets of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools in the U.S.

The objective is to encourage students of the member institutions to emulate and practice the qualities exemplified by Douglas MacArthur as a cadet at the West Texas Military Institute and at the U.S. Military Academy.

The criteria for the award is the most soldierly performance by a Senior Class cadet considering academics, athletics and leadership.

Inspecting the 107th Corps and making the presentation was Colonel Charles M. Williams, Commander,

(See "MacARTHUR" page 12)



Bishop Ashby Retires

The Bishop of Western Kansas, and an ex-officio member of St. John's Board of Trustees, the Rt. Rev. John Ashby, retired on December 31 after 13 years in that capacity.

Since the beginning of St. John's, the Bishop of the Western Kansas diocese has served on the school's Board of Trustees, beginning in 1887, when a 111-acre homestead was deeded over to a group of prominent citizens who banded together and organized "The Episcopal Military" (See "BISHOP", page 12)

New digital organ for chapel

St. John's became the home of a new 850 pound digital organ, the largest organ of its kind between St. Louis and Denver, advised the manufacturers.

The organ, valued at \$80,000, was an anonymous gift to the school, as was an electronic piano, from another anonymous donor. Both instruments were hoisted up to the loft of the chapel

during the first week of January by employees of Busboom and Rauh Construction Co., using a pair of hand-cranked lifts.

Custom-made by the Dutch firm Johannus, the instrument is a 77-rank organ, meaning that it can digitally reproduce the sound of a traditional organ with 77 pipes. Mr. Royce Young, the school's or-

ganist and choir director, spent numerous hours "voicing" the organ, meaning adjusting each stop to fit the surroundings and broaden the sound, creating all the sounds found within an orchestra.

A recital is being planned for March to dedicate the organ.

President's Message

Capt Skip
McAlexander



Mission Statement

In my last column I wrote that we were in the process of writing a mission statement for St. John's Military School. Susie Harris has chaired a committee of representatives from all departments which has met several times. They have gone through several drafts and discussed many views on what a mission statement should include. They have reached a consensus and submitted the following:

"The mission of St. John's Military School is to provide each cadet with the opportunity to grow spiritually, morally, intellectually, and physically in a structured environment."

I like this version very much. But, before we put it in the cadet handbook, print it on posters, and (literally) carve it in stone, I would like to invite any of you to comment. Several people have said that this mission statement is very much like previous efforts to define St. John's and what it should be doing. I hope this is true. We should be following in the footsteps of the people who have made the school the wonderful institution that it is today.

If any of you have any thoughts on this process, this draft, or about any previous mission statements, I would enjoy hearing from you.

Academic Dean's Message

LTC Kenneth
Faerber



Block vs Traditional Academic Schedules

For some time I've been trying to develop and/or locate an academic schedule that could be modified to meet St. John's needs, afford students and teachers greater flexibility, increased time per class, and create a better teaching/learning environment.

Recently I attended the Kansas Annual United School Administrators Convention. The highlight of this three-day convention, at least for me, was listening to a "new block scheduling" presentation. After the meeting I enjoyed a very informative question and answer session with all the presenters.

Upon return to St. John's I shared my enthusiasm with President McAlexander and Vice-President Looney. Both were receptive to the concept and encouraged me to continue working on a schedule that would meet St. John's needs.

Presently, other Kansas and surrounding states' schools have changed from the traditional 50 or 55 minute class schedule to a variety of block schedules. A block simply means two consecutive class periods, usually totaling 90 minutes, which meet alternating days.

Why should St. John's CONSIDER changing to a Block Schedule? There are many reasons but research of those schools that have made the change, point to basically three: (a) students, after experiencing the change, demonstrate improved academic progress and attitudes, (b) all lab./science related classes, music, ed. tech., art, computer, research in the media center, academic projects -- either off or on campus and physical education classes have more time per class to master concepts, and (c) teachers state the block system offers them more time to prepare, assist, and to motivate learning through a variety of teaching methods per block.

Given the complexity of St. John's academics (JROTC, religion, part-time teachers, etc.) I'm not certain that a block schedule can be implemented next school year. But we will continue to search for ways to make the schedule as flexible and productive as possible.

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Webb designated Commander for Final Set

C/MAJ Jerry Boyd Webb, II was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was designated Commander of the 107th Corps of Cadets for the remainder of the 1994-95 school year. Assisting the Battalion Commander is his Staff, as follows: CPT Fernando Gutierrez, BN S-1; CPT Edwin McClendon, BN S-2; CPT Rodney Webb, BN S-3; CPT John Irish, BN S-4 and CPT Wesley Dakan, BN S-5.



JR/SR PROM HELD

A formal evening at the Salina Country Club, including a social hour, dinner and dance, made the '95 Prom a memorable event for those attending on Saturday evening, February 4.

Attendance at the dance was rather small but Juniors and Seniors still took advantage of the Prom weekend as the Pass gate was open almost all weekend.

A brunch was held on Saturday morning for the Juniors and Seniors and their dates.

Seated with guests, from left to right, are Ben Dozier, Jeremy Baerns, Keith Sedille and Garrett Hensing.



IN THE *pink*

Restless Natives? Cabin fever? You name it, and about 56 cadets have experienced it during this last month. With an epidemic of "viral conjunctivitis" more commonly known as "pink eye", the campus was divided (and not easily) among those that had it and those that didn't. Even those that didn't have it felt the effect through cancellations and postponements of numerous corps activities.

If we didn't know what "viral conjunctivitis" was before this month we know what it is now....we know it is contagious. Starting with one case on February 1, numbers grew about 4 per day until Valentine Day's count of 60 cases. Instead of "Good morning", the campus greeting became "How many today?"

Here's the scenario. The virus is spread from contaminated eye "matter". It can take 3 days from the time a person contacts the virus before the "pink eye" shows up. During this 3-day period or while you have the virus,

if you touch your eye "matter" and then touch your desk, a chair, a door knob, etc., this "matter" can stay active for up to 5 days. If another person should touch this desk, chair, etc. and then touch his eye during this 5 day period, he can contact the virus. Once it is diagnosed, this eye "matter" will remain contagious for 14 days.

The Infirmary was overtaken in the first couple days, and the task of separating and confining the "Have its" from the "Have nots" required almost daily staff meetings. With three houses and the cadet center assigned as "pink" houses (more creative nick names were given these houses by the cadets) it was beginning to look like the "Have nots" would have to be confined and the "pink eyes" would be given the run of the classrooms and campus.

All right guys, confess. How many of you went into overtime rubbing your eyes, trying to get the 2-week furlough?

Second Grading Period Honors are Announced

Congratulations to the

BLUE BERETS

Upper School:

DAVID ANDERSON

BOBBY RAY BEARDEN

MARK TRIEBWASSER

Middle School:

NATHAN BILOTTE

LUIS SERRANO

MORGAN GOLDBERG

HONOR ROLL:

Making the Academic Dean's Honor Roll for the First Grading Period from the Upper School are David Anderson, 97.06; Bobby Ray Bearden, 96.95; Mark Triebwasser, 96.91; Daniel Davidson, 96.89; Joseph Miller, 96.14; Wesley Dakan, 96.12; Bradley Issler, 95.75; Matthew Post, 95.42; Eduardo McKula, 95.19; Jonathan Luttwak, 95.04; Erik Carlsten, 94.08, Jerry Webb, 93.62 and Geoffrey Hansen, 93.51.

Making the Middle School Honor Roll are Nathan Bilotte, 96.75; Luis Serrano, 94.88 and Morgan Goldberg, 94.75.

HONORABLE MENTION:

Making Honorable Mention from the Upper School are Paul Vieni, 93.39; Blaine Moller, 92.68; Christopher Walling, 92.11; Doug Morrison, 91.60; Alejandro McKula, 91.44; John Prest, 91.29; Timothy Pettit, 91.17; Newman Merton, 91.02; Michael Harris, 90.80; Jeremy Baerns, 90.61; James Sedille, 90.57; Edward Jones, 90.52; John Calhoun, 90.09; David McClellan, 89.92 and Matthew Beynon, 89.80.

From the Middle School are Stephen McClure, 93.38; Joshua Fabia, 92.63; Warren Parker, 92.38; Lucas West, 92.13; Russell Daniels, 92.00; Scott Rideout, 91.86; Cole Rodenbeek, 91.00; Jack Neighbors, 89.88 and Sharif Mostafa, 89.13.

Our congratulations to these cadets for a job well done.

Aviation Summer Camp Planned on Campus

St. John's will host a "Careers in Aviation Camp" July 16 through August 11. Campers will spend 5 hours a day in classes learning about the different career areas associated with aviation, to include Aerodynamics, Management, FAA Rules, History, Space Futuristic Trends, etc. The cost for this 4-week camp is \$2,300 and is open to boys, grade 9 through 12, or ages 14 through 18. Each Friday a field trip will be planned and Saturdays and Sundays will be relaxing days for students to be able to use recreation facilities and computer labs.

The summer camp will not be military in nature. The dorms will be supervised by adults and college camp counselors. The students will have a schedule of class time and planned recreation and leisure time. The aviation instructors are on staff at KSU-Salina. If further information is desired by patrons, please refer them to Tim Weis, Counsellor.

It's Class Reunion Time --- Make Plans Now!

The Skirmisher wants to recognize Old Boys that are reaching a milestone. Listed are some Classes that may want to celebrate a class reunion this year. Only names of those we have current addresses on are listed. Can any of you help us out?

If any class member is interested in encouraging a class get-together at Commencement, please contact Mrs. Sheri Becker, Alumni Affairs (913 823-7231) or PO Box 827, Salina. She will be glad to provide labels, mailing services, etc.

But as always, we encourage all "Old Boys" to return for Commencement. We are again planning an "Old Boy" Reception on Friday night at the Holidome.

70 Year

Class of 1925

Robert McCracken

60 Year

Class of 1935

George H. Curtis

50 Year

Class of 1945

Ralph Bliss
Howard Haythorn
John Howard
Harland Johnson
Richard C. Peterson
Gene Rodgers
Robert Sperling
Lloyd Yaune

40 Year

Class of 1955

Richard Barbour
Roger Bigler
Dale Browning
Rod Ellison
Earle Fox
Dean Hargrove
Peter Dwight Nims

Larry Rice

Herb Soukup

Grant Torbit

John W. Wilson

30 Year

Class of 1965

Christopher Carrier
Dennis Johnson
Robert McClain
Merle Morton
Timothy Olson
James Partin
William Payne II
Bruce Peterson
Conrad Schaefer Jr.
Thomas Stroberg
Joseph Tometich
George Wilson

25 Year

Class of 1970

Mark Adams III
Jimmie Lee Armstrong
Joel Avery
Michael Blanck
Timothy Butterfield
David Dehn
Thomas Harper
Billy Harrington, Jr.
Robert Hill
Gloyd Johnson
Robert Killebrew
Kevin McKown
Gaylen Piercy
John W. Pugh

Frederick Rogge

Phillip Smith

John Stuart

David Swanda

William Tinkler

Robert Toombs

David Westapher

20 Year

Class of 1975

Abel Anaya
Ernesto Anaya
Robert Benham
Chris Cotter
Hal Dowhower
James Henderson
Mark Huber
Douglas Hutchinson
David Lefler
Lawrence Nealley
Bruce Patterson
Alexander Petigna
Douglas Reed
Roger Templin
Robert Watkins

10 Year

Class of 1985

Thomas Benedum
James Lynn Bogue
Raul Carbonell
Thomas R. Cox
Joseph Paul Dowd
Jon Paul Fisher
Andy Frome

Jon Frome

Gregory A. Goetting

Kevin Stuart Huckaby

Thomas Keil

Charles Pfeifer Levy

Heath McMillian

Drew Moldenhauer

Fernando Saracho

Mark Vernon

5 Year

Class of 1990

Christopher Allen
Patrick Baird
Stephen Blazick
Brett Brown
Scot Coghill
Jon Cunningham
Brian Garrell
William Heath
Jeffrey Herronen
Christian Holmes
Shayne Karmazes
Thomas Keefe
David Keller
Rodney Massad
Chris Meidell
Chris Moran
Michael Morrow
Michael Nyhus
Kevin Peloso
Jose Peral
Jonathan Royal
Nick Stafford
Darren Thomas
Thomas Tuthill

The school has received several letters and visits from "Old Boys" since the last Skirmisher. Following are portions of these letters.

Jefferson Schlesinger, '22

1500 Pawnee St.
Enid, OK 73703

"A note from one of your oldest Old Boys, Class of 1922.

"At age eleven I entered SJMS in the fall of 1917 during WWI and almost died during the great influenza epidemic of 1918. When we won WWI and the armistice was signed, I was unconscious. I was heartbroken to have missed our Victory celebration.

"My years at St. John's, 1917-22 were some of the most important of my life. They were the formative ones when my character was being molded. When I learned at St. John's about responsibility, fair play, honesty and a host of other virtues has stood me in good stead my entire life. I was taught how to live a life!

"I graduated at just over 16 years of age, got a job in Salina and made my own way from then on. I'm thankful for the real education I received at St. John's."

Bob Houston, Class of '43

3219 Country Oaks Dr.
Orange Park, FL 32065
and

where are they now?

Jim Bannon, Class of '44

5184 Crystal Dr.
LaJolla, CA 92037

Jim called the office to check on dates for the '95 Commencement, advising that he and Bob were both planning to be here. That's great!

Harold Clark Russell, Class of '44

PO Box 407
Hermiston, OR 97838

Cadet Doug Morrison recently signing in as a guest on America Online, got a response from an "Old Boy" who had been lost from the alumni files for several years. Following is part of his letter to Doug:

"...Indeed I am the Russell in 1944. I was thinking that if some old geezer from 1894 had approached me in 1944 I would have been amazed he was still around, first of all. And I am not sure I would be all that thrilled or impressed either."

"...So again it is a pleasure and a privilege to meet you ... If you have the time and are so inclined I would like to know more about you...I would be interested in your daily routines and some of the rules ... Do they still have the "rat tree" and the circle for walking "squad"? How is the food?..."

David Elk, Class of '67

7922 C. Hemingford Ct.
Oklahoma City, OK 73120

David wrote to us in December and following are parts of his letter.

"Am now into fifth year with the Moore School System. Classes and kids become more challenging each year. Attitudes seem to get weirder and handling them with calmness requires more energy and ingenuity.

"It was good to see Steve Brown and his wife, and SJMS alums, Gerry Vinup and Paul Tuthill at Commencement last May.

Perhaps Steve can get his brother Barry to next year's. I saw Pete Illman at the '93 Commencement even though my powers of recognition failed me there (my apologies Pete). Maybe he could be cajoled also for the next one. The other question is, did Steve Brown finish his marathon he said he was going to run?

"I set a personal record of my own in swimming in completing a twenty mile swim in just under 11 hours. Also logged one hour flying and am interested in trying a few more before perhaps getting serious."

Glenn Orendorff, Atten. '68-'69

Glenn called recently, asking that his transcript be sent to the University of California in Santa Barbara. He says that he still has fond memories of St. John's - in particular, the large platter of waffles with the whipped cream and fresh strawberries served on Sunday mornings. He is also convinced that the restaurant in Salina known for it's Chicken Fried Steak (Betty's Fried Chicken), has got to be the best he's ever found.

Jim Bunting, Class of '73

1417 Haven
Salina, KS 67401

Jim drives for Wheat State Trucking. Jim is son to Retired TAC Officer Bill Bunting. Tongue in cheek, Jim said that after his father moved to Arizona, he moved back to Salina.

Craig Stewart, Attend. '76-78

ACS Landscaping
Kansas City, Kansas

Kelly Rudolph shared a news clipping received from Craig which was printed in the Salina Journal on May 2, 1978 entitled "Cadets edge Downs for track title". The
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Bob Philbrook, Class of '46

telephoned and shared that classmate Rea Tucker was ill. The chapel is including Rea in their prayers.

(Craig Stewart, continued from page 6)

article also included a photograph of the Cadets finishing their victory lap. Following are the first four paragraphs of the article. "It was another less-than-perfect day to hold a track meet, but coach Dale Pierson and his athletes at St. John's Military probably didn't notice Monday's cold and wind a bit after they won their first Eisenhower West League championship in athletics by edging Downs for the track and field title.

"The Cadets scored 108 points in the meet - two more than runner-up Downs, which was paced by (Downs') Randy Pottberg's outstanding performance. And it was a first place finish in the mile relay which won the championship for St. John's. "With two events left, the Cadets were 11 points back, and were still trailing by four points going into the final event. But there was never any doubt about the outcome of the mile relay as the quartet of Dan Siburg, Robin South, Jim Severson and David Schaaf won with a time of 3:46.58, almost five seconds faster than second place Bennington.

"The league championship was the first ever in athletics for the Cadets since they joined the league in 1970. But Pierson felt all along his squad could win the title and he actually was surprised his team didn't get more points."

Ariel Anaya, Class of '79

264 W. 77th St., #1
New York, NY 10024
212 496-8093
and

Arnaldo Anaya, Class of '79

143 Ave. B. #10-C
New York, NY 10009
212 533-7371

Ariel wrote LTC Faerber asking that they both be put back on the Skirmisher mailing list.

Jefferson Baker, Class of '85

PO Box 226
Silverthorne, CO 80498
and

James 'Lynn' Bogue

1761 N. Woodrow Ct.
Wichita, KS 67203
316 265-9770

Jefferson writes the following:

"I am writing to let you know that Lynn Bogue ('85) and Tom Cox ('85)

(Continued in 4th column)

remember when?



Kevin Bruner, Class of '83

Route 1 Box 1368
Kemper, TX 76539

Kevin stopped by in January sharing some memories and looking over the campus.

John Scott, Class of '86

743 Broadway, Apt. 4
Columbus, GA 31901

John visited St. John's in January while making a visit to his parents in Junction City. He works as an inspector for the Hazardous Materials program and says he does a lot of traveling.

and I got together shortly after Christmas and visited here in Silverthorne. We had not seen each other in quite some time. We remembered our St. John's days and laughed quite a lot. We also wanted to let St. John's know that if it were not for the school we probably would not be where we are today. "We are all planning on being present for Commencement this year and have hotel reservations. "I also spoke to Mike Hadley ('96) and Herb Lork ('86) who are also planning on being present

for Commencement this year.

"I would like to let everyone know that my telephone number in the Alumni Book has changed to 303 468-2275. I would look forward to hearing from fellow alumni.

"Lynn Bogue would also like his address and phone number printed, if possible (listed above).

"My wife Britt and I are also expecting a new

baby in late March."

Jefferson is the D.A.R.E. Officer for the Silverthorne Police Department.

Chris Dean, Atten.

82-83

Emporia, KS

Chris stopped in, the first time since he was a student in the lower school, and asked about some of his former teachers and classmates,

Robert Taylor**Class of '89**

4 Rivers Rd.
Boulder, CO 80301

Excerpts from a letter received by LTC Faerber

"..You may or may not know but you are the first person (besides my family) to lead and guide me in the right direction.. You made me work hard at St. John's, which allowed me to get into Regis. The discipline learned at St. John's carried over to Regis where I did get

my Biology/Chemistry degree in 4 years. As you know I am now in the middle of my second year at the University of Colorado School of Dentistry, with about 2.5 years to go. I want to say thanks for being there as a teacher, and also a friend. It seems that from day one at SJMS we kind of hit it off, although I did get what I deserved at times.

"After thinking about it for awhile I have figured out why I have not stayed in touch. The reason being that

I've been so busy trying to make something out of my life, which from 8th grade til St. John's I neglected. I had no direction before St. John's, just living to have fun on a daily basis which I see a lot of young kids and teenagers doing. If for instance I wanted no more than to work at the local gas station my whole life, then you probably would have seen my face at every graduation, for I would have nothing else to live for. I'm not being facetious. I know a lot of people

are happy being a gas station attendant, for without them doing their job no one else could do theirs. The religion of Hinduism revolves around this principle, with the Vaiyshas, Kshattrias all playing their parts. I want to travel, provide for my wonderful mother, and future family (although wedding bells are a long way off).

..."If by chance Trump, Spielman, Randolph, Stewart, Graham and Dark are still there, tell them hi for me." ..

Tom Wilson, Class of '91

12749 Jalapeno Ave.
Chino, CA 91710

"... I received my copy of the Skirmisher this afternoon and immediately sat down to read it. I'm always interested in what is happening at St. John's, how the faculty and staff are doing, to see if any new information about my old friends and classmates appears, and finally to see if any names and faces are still familiar...a letter caught my eye and it was the one written by Chad Kopecky, Class of 1992.

... "I arrived at St. John's a "New Boy" in the 100th Corps of Cadets. I remember thinking that training would never end and that it was impossible, but I never quit and eventually it ended. Today I realize that I am a greater man because of it. When I returned for my second year as a sophomore, MSG Joe Stewart informed me that I was the Platoon Sergeant for a newly formed experimental company, Training Company. I re-

mained at that position until I was transferred to Alpha CO at the beginning of second semester. It was my semester in Training Co. that popped into my head after I read Chad's letter. The reason for this is that I was Chad's Platoon Sergeant while he was in Training Co. until he passed his "Old Boy" test, was promoted and switched companies.

"As I read his letter, I was immediately filled with a sense of great accomplishment and closing. As his Platoon Sergeant, I was the one responsible for the administration of, what he called "... one of the most miserable

times of my life..." All the push-ups, floor meetings, and white glove inspections he endured were because of me, and I swelled with pride when I realized the impact I've had on his life. He'll never forget the time spent in Training Co. for as long as he lives, and this means that I completed my responsibilities as his Platoon Sergeant. To read what he wrote has allowed me the knowledge that I accomplished my duties and I can now close that chapter in my life.

..."One final thing before I close this letter and that is a message to all the "New Boys" and to all the "Old

Boys" who are now attending St. John's and hopefully they'll listen. I have lived through and experienced what you are now experiencing and I can guarantee you these two things. 1.) that no matter how terrible or difficult things seem remember to keep your chin up, your thoughts positive and realize that things can be much worse and 2.) that today, four years after I graduated from St. John's, I miss the place more than ever (now there is something that I never thought that I'd say in public). And as I look back at what I've accomplished in my life, the period of time that sticks out the most is the time I spent at St. John's. You may not believe me when I tell you that all the terrible times and all the rough times, and all the miserable times will all vanish, as they have for me, leaving you with only the happiest and most pleasurable memories that you will ever have...." Tom also made a statement to Mrs. Faerber ... "I miss the Quartermaster and my whopping \$3.00 a week allowance."

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A three-day shooting event began on January 26 when the St. John's rifle team fired against an all adult team from Manhattan, Kansas. This match was fired as a North Central Kansas Galley league match, to which the cadets belong. Although the cadets did not win the match they posted some pretty impressive scores.

The following day, the cadets hit the road traveling to Mexico, Missouri to fire against the cadets of Missouri Military Academy. MMA who has five returning shooters from last season won this match but it was a very close contest.

On Saturday, January 28, the SJMS Rifle Team traveled to Leavenworth, Kansas for the Junior Olympics



Uribe is top shooter

competition. This is the premier event of the year for the cadets, next to the State Championship.

Cadet David Uribe, a senior and the SJMS team captain, took first place as the top individual shooter in the JROTC Division. There were twenty other competitors in this division! Other rifle team members competing were Douglas Morrison, Seth Strike, Eduardo McKula, John Irish, David McClellan and James Rutherford, the team manager. The cadets had a good weekend of travel and shooting!

"I Have A Dream"

A service was held at the First United Methodist Church on January 15 for the Salina community to honor the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Cadets from St. John's participated in the program. LTC Chris Allen's presentation on the Biography of Dr. King was exceptional. Cadets Ed McClendon, Juan Ford, Paul Vieni, Ted Bundy, Michael Rolle and Chester Burke were ushers. Mrs. Susan Jednoralski was responsible for St. John's involvement and is a big supporter of the event.

Bilotte Receives Award

Accompanied by SFC Roy Lawrence, Cadet Robert Bilotte, Grade 8, was the recipient of the Good Citizenship Award and was presented a medal by the Daughters of the American Revolution at a dinner at the Country Club on Saturday evening, February 18.

JROTC Calendar

The following activities are scheduled for Cadet Participation during the remainder of the school year. Guidelines for each activity will be published two weeks prior to the activity in most cases.

DRILL TEAM MEETS
4 March
Belleville Invitational, Belleville, NE
1 April Mid-America Invitational, Junction City, KS
7-9 April US Air Force Academy Meet, Colorado Springs, CO

RIFLE TEAM MEETS
23 Feb Delphos, there
2 March Manhattan, there
9 March Abilene, here
24 March State Championship Match, here

Cadet Challenge for record will be conducted on 25 March. To qualify for the physical fitness ribbon, cadets must pass all events and run the one mile run in 8:30 or less.

Rifle Team will have a

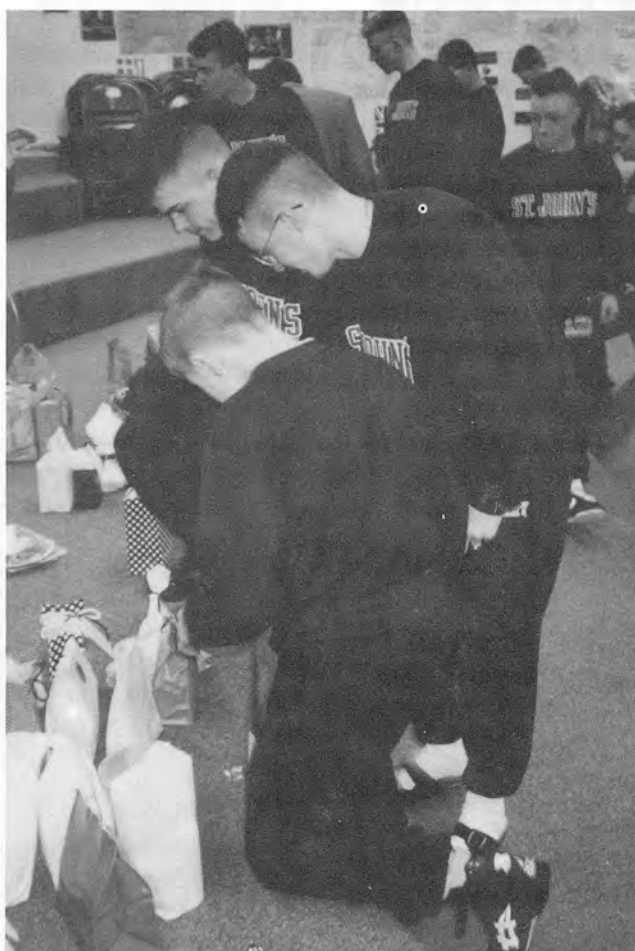
camp out at the McPherson State Fishing Lake, 31 March and 1 April

RFI Phase One, 25 April, Inspection of the Corps of Cadets
Phase Two, 3 May, Inspection of Administration

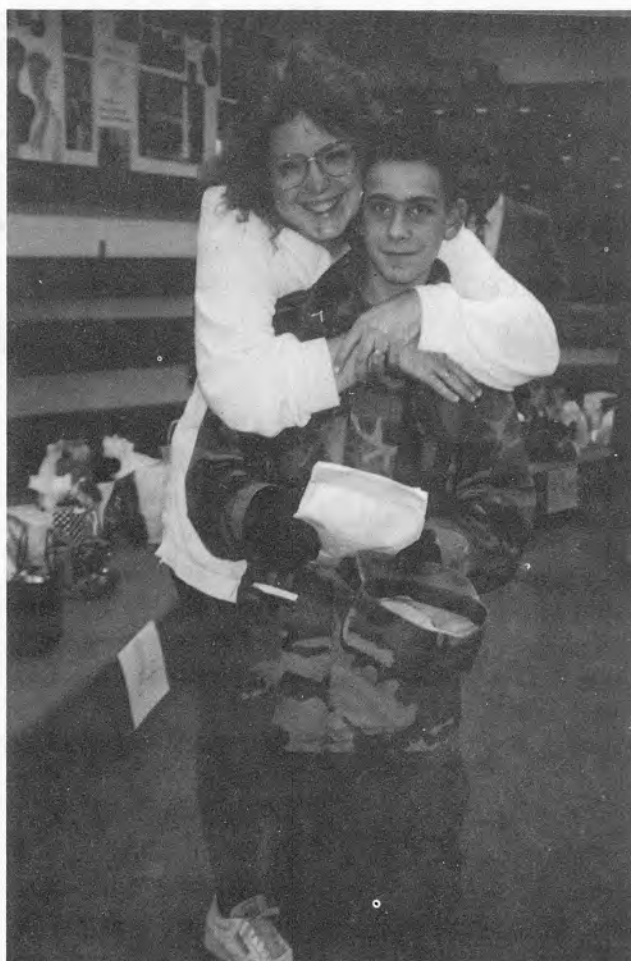
Military Field Day 6 May
(Who will win the honors this year?)

Military Awards Ceremony, 13 May

Valentine's Day brings all kinds of treats



The Mom's Club was a hit again this year with Valentine sacks provided for each cadet. Above, Cadets with pink eye came in as a group and searched for their treats. Above right: Reagan Reese appears pleased with a balloon bouquet both he and his brother Ryan received from home. At right, Cadet Manuel Escalante, 7th grade, receives a big hug from Ms. Brenda McCoy, middle school secretary.



Rough Season for Cadets

Varsity takes second win of season

The Cadets victory this week against Living Word of Manhattan comes with just one home game remaining before regional play. Alex Midyette scored 23 points in the game including 5 of 7 free throws in the fourth quarter to regain the lead and up their record to 2-12.

It's been a frustrating season for the Varsity cadets. January play starting just four days after coming off a lengthy holiday break and with five games scheduled during the following eleven days, practice play was game play and Cadets just seemed to run out of steam,

Looking forward to the February schedule with more home court advantage soon lost out to the infiltration of "pink eye" among the team.

Varsity		
Living Word	51	50
St. Mary's	39	56
St. Xavier	41	69
Solomon	40	51
Bennington	38	80
Bennington	28	50
Wakefield	45	55
Wakefield	35	54
Hope	35	71
Solomon	49	65
White City	33	71
Tescott	46	55
Centre	41	91
Living Word	44	41

Jr. Varsity

St. Mary's	20	31
Solomon	39	36
Bennington	35	55
Wakefield	36	45
Hope	40	50
Solomon	58	61
White City	38	50
Tescott	46	39
Centre	26	52

Varsity WIN 2, LOSE 12
Jr. Varsity WIN 2, LOSE 7



The team looks on as Coach Keith Jansen provides halftime strategies to the Jr. Varsity team.

Wrestlers Recognized

The Wrestling team was off to a strong start this year with some returning experience starting with

heavyweight Bryan Marvins. Marvins, a Senior, is a three-year letterman and was a State-qualifier last

year. Marvins' record this year ended with 20 wins and 3 losses.

Another returning letterman is Zach Casebolt at 160 lbs. Zach had a rough time last year but came back for his senior year with the will to win. Zach ended with 20 wins and 5 losses. Both Marvins and Casebolt were team Captains and kept the morale of the team up through hard times.

Other wrestlers that worked really hard and are tough for staying out are Travis Main with a record of 9 wins 8 losses; Jeremy Baernes with a record of 10 wins and 10

losses and Jesse Weller with a record of 9 wins and 6 losses.

St. John's has never had a tough lightweight but this year there are a few such as Mike Rolle at 100 pounds, Mike Harris at 112 pounds and Efren Murrieta at 135 pounds. The whole wrestling team worked hard this year but due to a virus at the school, these hard wrestlers were denied the opportunity to go to Regionals or try to qualify for State.

One cadet who came out for wrestling during his senior year, for the first time ever, is John Calhoun. But due to lack of experience he never got to wrestle in a match.



Jesse Weller closes in on the pin.

MEMORIALS

SJMS gratefully acknowledges gifts honoring departed friends and comrades. Since the last Skirmisher memorial gifts were received in the names of

Edwin C. Griffin
Duane C. King

TAPS

Edwin C. Griffin, 58

Salina, Kansas, died January 20.

Following a month long illness, St. John's lost a member of their family. His wife, JoAnn, works in the school laundry and his step-son, Joel Looney, is the school's Vice President. Another son, Jeff, has also worked at St. John's. Ed was born in Abilene. Prior to his illness he was purchasing manager for Premier Pneumatics, Salina.

Duane C. King, 59

Salina, Kansas, died January 9.

Bud was a military advisor for Charlie Company at St. John's for five years prior to his illness last May. His service was held at the Armstrong Memorial Chapel with some of his cadets serving as Pall Bearers, the Altar Party and Ushers. His wife Shirley lives in Salina. They have five daughters.

Edwin F. Kliem, 88

Woodland Park, Colorado, died February 7.

Born in Atchison, Kansas, Ed was the Building and Grounds Supervisor at St. John's for 20 years. Surviving are his wife Harriett of Woodland, a son Lewis of Lawrence, and a daughter, Sandra Peterson of Salina.

Jenny Gephardt Interns



Completing her work for a Social Work degree from Bethany College, Jenny Gephardt is working with Susan Jednoralski, Social Worker, this second semester. A resident of Hutchinson, Jenny hasn't made a decision on what she will do immediately following her graduation in May, but is looking at possibly working a year with AmeriCorps or maybe Habitat for Humanity. She enjoys physical fitness programs and is a runner.

MacARTHUR Award (Continued from page 1)

4th ROTC Brigade, U.S.
Army Fourth Region, U.S.
Army ROTC Cadet
Command.

Cadet Allen has attended St. John's for six years during which time he has experienced every possible leadership position to be held by a Cadet. Allen was the Battalion Commander of the 107th Corps at the time of this presentation, as well as the Battalion Chaplain.

Academically, Cadet Allen has maintained a place on the Dean's list or received Honorable Mention during his career at St. John's. He is the recipient of the JROTC Academic Wreath, the National Sojourner Award, the National Honor Society Award and the National Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution Award, among

BISHOP ASHBY (Continued from page 1)

Institute", One of the group's members, in actuality the first Board of Trustees, was the Rt. Rev. Elisha Smith Thomas, then Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, who had seen the need for the disciplined environment of a military school operated under Church auspices.

Bishop Ashby, like his predecessors, took an active interest in St. John's and has had a close and personal association with the school. He and his wife Mary have moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma to be with their family.

The new Bishop, Vernon E. Strickland, will be consecrated on March 25.