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No. 2

The Abolishment of the "Rat" System

WITH the gradual discontinuing of the system of initiation all over the country in schools, clubs, and colleges, Major Clem, after a meeting in which the faculty had decided upon the abolishment of this system, told to the corps, the true facts about the uselessness of this idea. He told, in brief, why St. John's would be better with it's abandonment.

This idea, or system, as you know, is based upon the thought that there is a very distinct line between the old boys and the new boys, because of their past presence at St. John's, and this line entitled them to extra privileges and a certain authority over all new boys. The old boys were able to give orders, punish for disobeying of orders, and hold the new boys helpless against them, thus keeping the so-called "rats" down, and in some ways, at some

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Lettermen

THE following are cadets who received their major letters:

Football

Cornforth	Lindly
Coulter	Marr
Dennett	Martin I
Dotson	Olsen
Frederick—Capt.	Pade
Hames	Pollard
Houston	York
Kline	Spear
Krone	Clem—Manager

Basketball

Bannon	Pade
Coulter	Penny—Captain
Flannigan	York
Houston	Jansen
Marr	Vanier I—Mgr.
Mock	

Wrestlers

Cameron	Olsen
Lindly	Orr
Lindesmith—Capt.	Russell

Cadet Major Joins V-5

RECENTLY, Major Gene W. Penny has joined the Navy enlisted reserve. The enlistment is described in his own words: "On February 4, at 8:30 A. M., I reported at the Kansas City Naval Aviation Cadet selection board, to take my physical and mental examinations. At 6:30, after passing everything, I enlisted as an Apprentice Seaman V-5, in the United States Naval Reserve.

"Upon graduating this May, I will be transferred to class V-5, Naval Aviation Cadet, and will begin training, leading to a Commission as a Flying Officer, in the Naval Reserve or in the Marine Corps Reserve."

Pate Returns to Assist Faculty

JOHN Fred Pate, Cadet Captain in the class of "42" has recently returned to assist the Faculty and take charge of the Military Department of the Battalion. He takes his turn as Faculty Officer of the Day, study hall teacher, and assists Lt. Plantz with the Junior School.

Pate has recently become engaged to Miss Gloria Boyce of Salina.

Planned Action

THE cheering bit of news which stands out from the stories of war atrocities in the daily news is that there are those who are even now planning for the peace to come. If there is to be a lasting peace then surely we must begin now to plan for that peace. We at St. John's are cooperating with the war effort and yet we too are planning for the future. Children are born every day and those children will grow up and need to be educated to become our future leaders.

St. John's has grown the past few years. With this growth has come a

A Japanese Class Organized

IN addition to the numerous subjects taught here at St. John's in language, math, etc., a new one has taken its place in the form of Japanese.

With the presence of war with Japan, a need for interpreters and decoders developed, and Major Clem, following a suggestion from Captain Simpson, former commandant, and now in the army, hit upon the idea of starting early in teaching this essential subject. With the gracious consent of Mrs. Nichols, wife of Bishop Nichols, who is President of the school, to teach Japanese, a class was formed.

Mrs. Nichols has spent a great part of her life in Japan, and is one of the few people in the United States, who can understand and speak Japanese fluently.

Because of the shortage of these people, Japanese is taught in only three colleges in the nation, and with the taking up of Japanese by St. John's our school is taking its place among very few in the entire country.

The turnout for the class was very large with many seniors taking part.

This is a hard language to learn, but Mrs. Nichols assures us it can be learned and that gives us encouragement to master this talk of our enemy for our country and for ourselves in the future.

Cadet Representative Body Formed

A need for a representative body of the cadet corps to, among other things, negotiate with the faculty came to a climax with the organization of a cadet council. Suggested by Major Clem, it was unanimously approved by the corp. Without any hesitation, the council was elected by popular vote. The new boys elected five from their score, and the old boys elected the same amount from theirs. The results were as follows:

New Boy Members

Cornforth	Flanigan
Dotson	Marr
	Kline

Old Boy Members

Dennett	York
Frederick	Pade
	Mock

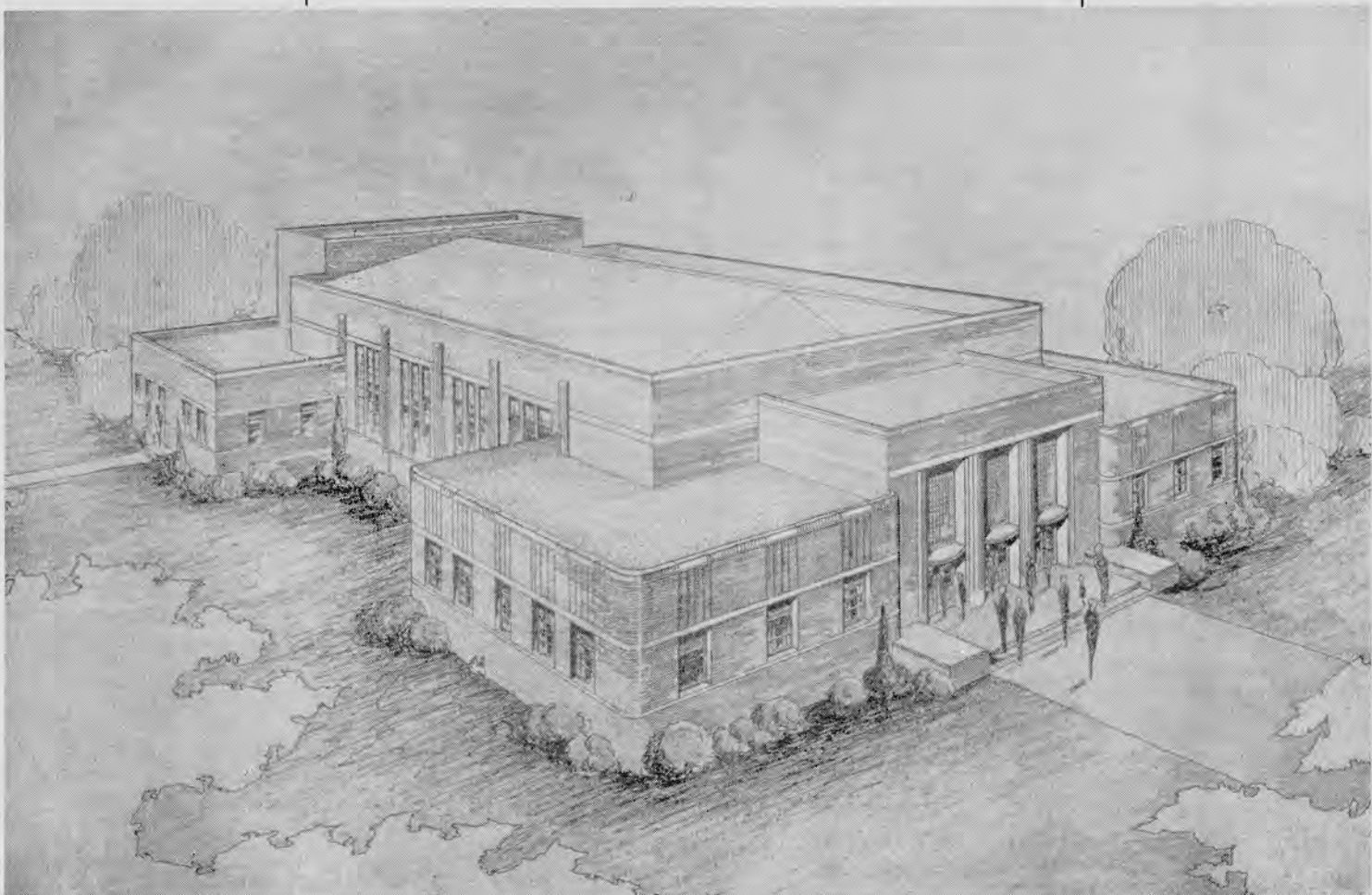
This group is to be presided over by the cadet commanding officer, who is now Major Penny, and will function separate from faculty.

Major Clem presided over the first meeting to organize the group and determine the exact purpose. It was pointed out that this would be the last meeting attended by a member of the faculty unless he were invited. The purpose of the council was decided in a five point plan:

1. To promote cadet morale and welfare.
2. Any and every idea, suggestion, and complaint to be carefully considered by council.
3. No faculty interference.
4. S.ands between faculty and corps.
5. To promote activities.

It was also decided in the first meeting that they should meet at least every Monday evening and more often if felt necessary by the cadet Major or council. A secretary, Gene Cornforth, was elected and it was decided that to pass an issue, at least 6 must be present to vote and at least 6 must approve the issue.

The development of this school function will be very interesting to watch, for it is one of the most important steps toward student welfare taken this year.



THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES BUILDING

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ON "MAKING" NEW BOYS

THE effects of war reach far and wide—even to our own isolated establishment, St. John's. This school year we woke up and found ourselves with nearly twice as many cadets as were here last year. We also discovered many of our faculty members being drafted and hired help leaving for war jobs. New conditions create new problems, and with the school expanding it is obvious that the growth is in the number of new boys and not old. With such situations existing, there is a need for more self reliance, and cooperation. To bring about this harmony there is a need for more cadet officers and non-coms than in previous years. Giving the matter careful consideration, the faculty decided to promote any new boy who they think will preform his duties more efficient and has more "stuff on the ball" than a boy with seniority in years.

Military Schools all over the country have adopted such measures for they find almost identical situations. They have found, as we will, that this is a very good method of helping to solve these problems.

We are in high hopes that the old boys who have a tendency to resent this move will understand its necessity.

Headquarters

ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL
Salina, Kansas

GENERAL ORDER

Number 8 February 12, 1943

1. The following appointments of non commissioned officers in this organization, effective immediately, as follows:

To be Private First Class:

Private William Hames

To be Private First Class:

Private Clayton Kline

2. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of the superintendent.

Major R. L. Clem, Superintendent

Captain J. F. Pate, P. M. S. & T.

Headquarters

ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL
Salina, Kansas

GENERAL ORDER

Number 7 February 2, 1943

1. The following appointments and promotions of commissioned officers are announced in this organization, effective immediately, as follows:

York, Walter, Sergeant, to be cadet 2nd

Lieutenant

Shore, Eldon, Sergeant, to be cadet 2nd

Lieutenant

2. The following appointments of non commissioned officers in this organization, effective immediately, as follows:

To be Privates First Class:

Private Robert Snyder

Private Harold Russell

Private Newell Orr

Private William Cameron

Private Arthur Marr

Private Roger Lindesmith

Private Daniel Flanigan

2. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of the superintendent.

Major R. L. Clem, Superintendent

Captain J. F. Pate, P. M. S. & T.

Rifle Team of 42-43

THE armory has taken on a new shine this year with the help of Mr. Soldner, a Salina resident, recently engaged by the school to promote the armory, rifle team, and shooting in general.

Every Friday, Mr. Soldner comes out to St. John's and, during the usual drill period, makes interesting talks, and gives excellent advice, to the assembled corp, on the finer points of shooting on the mats or target shooting.

Mr. Soldner intends to round our good shots among the cadets into a Rifle team with high hopes that St. John's will be able to look forward to a successful year on the firing line.

Mr. Soldner, with the help of Corp. Jordan and P. F. C. Orr, has made numerous improvements in the armory, on the range, and in the improved sighting of the Rifles.

Headquarters

ST. JOHN'S MILITARY SCHOOL
Salina, Kansas

GENERAL ORDER

Number 10 February 31, 1943

1. The following promotions in this organization, effective immediately, are announced as follows:

1. To Be Privates First Class:

Bannon, James

Black, Courtney

Cornforth, Gene

Martin, Richard

2. To be Corporals:

Kline, Clayton

Olsen, Howard

3. To be Sergeants:

Flanigan, Daniel

Marr, Arthur

Russell, Harold

4. To be First Lieutenant:

York, Walter

2. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of the superintendent.

Major R. L. Clem, Superintendent

Captain J. F. Pate, P. M. S. & T.

Cadets Attend Army Show

DUE to the generosity of two Salina residents, the entire upper school and a few cadets of the lower school were able to attend the large Army Boxing show produced and directed by the surrounding camps.

The show itself was made up of boxing bouts of various weights, ranging from bantam to heavy, and including both negro and white contestants.

The bouts were mainly between the men of Camp Phillips and the Air Base, but there were too, several outstanding performers from Fort Riley.

The bouts were exciting, and fast all the way and the cadets, as well as the faculty which attended, were on the edge of their seats most of the time.

During the intermission, a skit was put on by a former famous stage actor and his young accomplice, adding to the evening's entertainment. There was, too, a clown bout which brought two negros together in a match of fun.

There was only one knockout in the evening, but that was made up for by the close calls and near knockouts that were had during the show.

The corps is undoubtedly grateful to the men who gave us so much enjoyment and entertainment through the kindness of his heart.

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A Tale of Sounding Fury

"Twas a beautiful spring afternoon,
 The young maid said, "Grant me a boon,
 Please knock me a kiss,
 I know you'll not miss."
 And now "Wolf Weaver" loves to spoon.

One of many requests received by the cadet council was for Pete's piano in the trash can!

Often one questions how many lates on passes have anything to do with a little girl named Tek.

For a while Cadets seemed to be as thick as measles around St. John's.

Nominated—for school firebug—Bannon.

Many of us are wondering why Flanigan returns each Saturday night marked up like he had been through one of Mrs. Prince's mertholate ordeals!

From Clark I we quote, "My mother knits, my sister knits, and I knit—It must run in the family."

Words without the usual St. John's tenderness were heard near Clark I's room during Salina's first blackout—Capt. Mahoney fell down stairs.

One afternoon before, a basketball game, the team was allowed to rest. Come time to leave, the bugler blew reveille and made his rounds, waking up the heavy sleepers. When he was attempting to arouse T. P., the sad eyed corporal rolled over and lazily exclaimed, "Don't bother me. I was N. C. O. yesterday."

Any rumor that the English IV class is getting out of hand is being quelled by the stream of hooks coming from the pen of Captain Brown.

After ten years of patient waiting, Sergeant York has become Lieutenant York—the first junior to receive a commission in many years.

Highest Averages

For the month ending Jan. 16, 1943

Upper School

Orr	96.0	Snyder I	88.3
Martin I	94.8	Muse	87.8
Clem	93.8	Siwan	86.8
Lindesmith	90.5	Lindly	86.5
Mock	90.5	Wessendorff	86.5
Russell	92.0	Jordan	91.3
Marr	90.0	Moore	86.3
Cameron	89.8	Penny	86.3
Cornforth	89.5	Coulter	85.3
Vanier II	89.5	Bannon	85.0
Kline	89.0		

Junior School

Oberhelman	92.1	Mueller I	86.6
White	91.7	Vandruff	86.0
Armstrong	90.4	Wagner	86.0
Mitzner	90.4	Shore II	85.5
Dennis	89.9	Mueller II	85.0
Livingston	86.8		

Mrs. Jannie Ryan

SINCE the entrance of our former Spanish instructor, Lt. Bernal, in the service, St. John's has acquired its first lady teacher in a number of years, Mrs. Ryan. On December 5, 1919, she was born in Denver Colorado where she attended South Denver High School. After she graduated, Mrs. Ryan went to Trinidad College at Trinidad, Colorado, and Marymount College, Salina, Kansas. She majored in Spanish at both colleges.

One would think that Olsen is slipping since he let a slight case of measles—or was it Mrs. Prince—put him in the infirmary.

If Percy gets bad English grades, it might be partially due to the fact that he called a certain member of the faculty from Miami a millionaire playboy.

Blood chilling monstrous sounds were heard from our chapel one cold January day. Any peaceful citizen of Salina will find the answer to this outburst in the following: By some means Olsen, who turns on the heat in the morning, lost his alarm clock. As a result, the building was unusually cold. The rumor went around that if the corp sang loud enough at chapel they would not feel the cold. Even though the peace might have been disturbed, there was a feeling of warmth in the chapel.

If one happens to visit the phone, now at the Junior school, previously at the upper school, they will almost certainly find, a certain red haired, first looey whispering sweet nothings into the mouthpiece. One night a lonesome cadet dropped in on our hero for a period of chat, then the love call sounded and our lonesome cadet was even more lonesome cause our hero was on the phone all evening, and it wasn't a Business confab!!

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Alumni Notes

A FEW weeks ago an old distinguished friend dropped in to see us here at St. John's. It was Bob Davis who was in the graduating class of "40". Following his visit here he traveled homeward to visit his brother Bill, who plans to enter the service soon. Bob is a student of Nashotah House Seminary.

Word has been recently received that former cadet

ROBERT JOHN AUSTIN

who attended St. John's during his 7th and 8th grade years, 1936 to 1938, was killed in action recently.

While a cadet at St. John's his home was in Kansas City, Missouri, where his father was Superintendent of Menorah Hospital.

Austin was a member of the United States Marine Corps. He was 18 years of age and an only child.

Paul Riley, (class of "40"), who joined the army last year is overseas.

Joe Wortman, (class of "41"), who is in the Army, is trying to get in the Army Air Corps.

Bob Hickman (class of "41") is now in the Merchant Marines.

Pearson (also class of "41") is now a gob in the U. S. Navy.

Ronald McDonald, graduating cadet captain of 1922, is now in the Army Air Corp.

Stevenson's

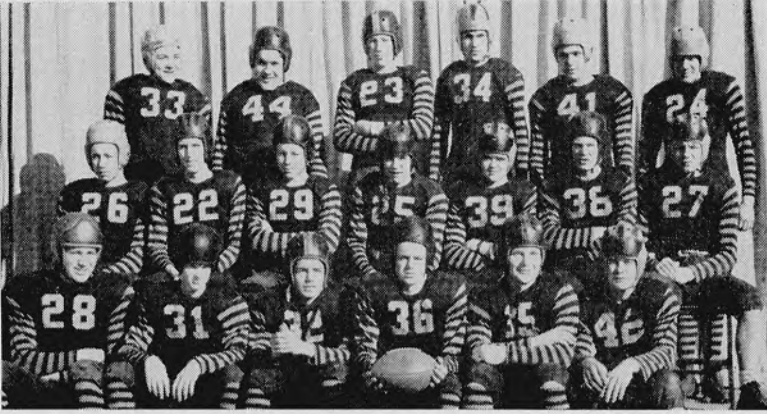
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FOOTBALL



Front Row—Left to right—Pade, Cameron, Martin I, Pollard, Olsen, Dotson.
Second—Houston, Coulter, Lindly, Dennett, Hames, Bannon, Frederick—Capt.
Back Row—Cornforth, York, Krone, Marr, Kline, Spear.

*Autographs**Autographs*

"S" CLUB



Front Row—Left to right—Hames, Martin I, Lindly, Pollard, Dotson, Cornforth.
Second Row—Coulter, Dennett, Holmes, Penny—Pres., Mock, Frederick, Olsen.
Back Row—Kline, Houston, Krone, Marr, York, Pade, Spear.

Autographs

BASKETBALL



Front Row—Left to right—Coulter, Houston, Flanigan, Penny—Capt., Marr, Jansen, Mock.
Back Row—Sperling, Bannon, Pohlman, York, Ellis, Kline, Pade, Dietrickson.

S P O R T S

Cadet Five Beaten in Last Minutes of Play

FEBRUARY 18, 1943—In an exciting battle the St. John's basketball team were nosed out by Nebraska State Teachers High School at Lincoln, Nebraska by a score of 24-23. Except for two short intervals, the cadets lead the whole game through. The cadets displayed an excellent sliding zone defense throughout the low scoring tilt. There were very few fouls, the Teachers receiving only one free throw.

The score at the quarter was 8-7 favor of the Cornhuskers. The cadets lead at the halftime 16-14. Penny was high scorer of the day with 14 points.

This trip to Lincoln was a reward for the hard work of the team throughout the season.

Cadets Nosed Out by Kanopolis

FRIDAY, February 5, St. John's was beaten by Kanopolis in one of their most hotly contested games of the season. All the visitors lead all the game, their hopes of victory were greatly endangered in the last half by the stream of goals made by the cadets. Penny, star forward of the cadets was high point man for the evening with 23 points. Anderson was leading scorer for the Kanopolis five with 16 points.

Box score:			ST. JOHN'S—39			KANOPOLIS—46		
Player	Pos.	FG FT	Player	FG FT		Player	FG FT	
Penny	f	10 3	Torrez	f	7 1			
Mock	f	1 1	Perez	f	4 0			
Flanigan	c	2 2	Anderson	c	8 0			
Jansen	g	1 1	Magana	g	2 0			
Coulter	g	1 0	Merrill	g	0 2			
Pade	g	1 0	Soobada	g	0 1			
Marr	c	0 0						
Holmes	g	0 0	Totals		21 4			
Totals		16 7						

Bavaria Trounces Cadets

ON February 5, a rangy Bavaria quintet took every advantage of their home court to take the score of a scraping St. John's crew 64 to 28.

The first half of the game looked as if it would be a fight to the finish but Bavaria, headed by Laars who scored 29 points, finally showed themselves too much for the cadets. Penny was high point man for St. John's with a total of 13.

Box Score.			ST. JOHN'S—28			BAVARIA—64		
Player	FG FT		Player	FG FT		Player	FG FT	
Penny	f	5 3	Swenson	G.	3 0			
Houston	f	1 0	Peterson		3 2			
Flanigan	c	2 3	Sanborn		1 1			
Holmes	g	2 0	Habiger		7 0			
Jansen	g	0 2	Laars		13 3			
Coulter	g	0 0	Stover		0 0			
Pade	f	0 0	Lipe		0 0			
Marr	c	0 0	Daily		0 2			
			Harrington		1 0			
Totals		10 8	Totals		28 8			

Entries for State Wrestling Meet

MONDAY, February 15th, eliminations were held to determine which cadets would represent St. John's in the State Wrestling Meet in Salina, February 26th and 27th.

The cadets entering were:
 120 lb. class, Robert Lindly
 127 lb. class, Roger Lindesmith
 133 lb. class, Newell Orr
 138 lb. class, William Hames
 145 lb. class, Howard Russell
 154 lb. class, "Swede" Olsen
 The alternates were:
 127 lb. class, Jim Forster
 138 lb. class, Chas. Morrison

St. John's Crush Salina High Grunt and Groaners

AT 7:30 Wednesday night February 10th the St. John's matmen met and defeated the Grunt and Groaners from Salina High in the gym at St. John's. All the bouts were very evenly matched but the Cadets made off with a 23 to 20 victory. All the bouts were won by falls but in the 120 lb. class when Lindly of St. John's was awarded a decision over Johnson of Salina. Out of the nine matches St. John's won four by falls and one by decision. The individual results were:

103 lb. Cameron, S. J. M. S., pinned Furtick, Salina, in 1 minute and 51 seconds in the first period.

112 lb. Sullivan, Salina, pinned Martin, S. J. M. S., in 1 minute and 1 second of the second period.

127 lb. Case, Salina, pinned Forster, S. J. M. S., in 1 minute and 11 seconds of the third period.

133 lb. Orr, S. J. M. S., pinned Schenewerk, Salina, in 1 minute and 5 seconds of the first period.

120 lb. Lindly, S. J. M. S., decisioned Johnson, Salina, with a score of 4 to 3.

137 lb. Walker, Salina, pinned Hames, S. J. M. S., in 44 seconds of the first period.

145 lb. Hienzie, Salina, pinned Dotson, S. J. M. S., in 33 seconds of the first period.

154 lb. Olsen, S. J. M. S., pinned Edmiston, Salina, in 1 minute and 9 seconds of the second period.

165 lb. Krone, S. J. M. S., pinned Morton, Salina, in 1 minute and 58 seconds of the first period.

Cadet Quintet Loses to Bavaria High

TUESDAY, January 27, playing on their home court, the St. John's basketball squad was beaten by a flashy Bavaria five 49-44. Playing their usual fireball brand of ball, they moved up to within five points of the invaders after trailing at the half. Although they bettered the visitors on field goals, the cadets only made four out of twenty possible free throws while Bavaria made thirteen out of twenty seven tries. The high point man of the evening was Hobiger of Bavaria who racked up a total of twenty seven points.

There were forty seven fouls made.
 Box Score:

ST. JOHN'S—44			BAVARIA—49		
Player	FG FT		Player	FG FT	
Mock	f	8 0	Hobiger	f	11 5
Penny	f	8 1	Laars	f	3 5
Flanigan	c	3 1	Harrington	c	0 1
Holmes	g	1 1	Peterson	g	2 1
Houston	g	0 1	Sanborn	g	2 1
Marr	c	0 0	Stover	f	0 0
Jansen	g	0 0	Swenson	g	0 0
Pade	f	0 0	Daily	g	0 0
Coulter	g	0 0	Totals		18 13
Totals		20 4			

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Wrestling Meet with Salina High

THE wrestling season was opened this year with a practice meet with the Salina High School wrestlers. The meet was held in the Lincoln High Gym. The St. Johns squad was well satisfied with this victory as their practice had been cut short by the long Christmas vacation. As this was a practice meet points were not kept. The boys from St. John's who wrestled were:

112 lb.	R. Martin
120 lb.	Robert Lindly
127 lb.	R. Lindesmith
133 lb.	Newell Orr
138 lb.	Chas. Morrison
145 lb.	Scott Dotson
	Harold Russell
154 lb.	Howard Olsen

Wrestling Meet with Norton High School

THE St. John's wrestling squad was defeated by the Norton High matmen, Thursday, January 28th at 7:30 p. m. The meet was held in the gym at St. John's.

Robert Lindly was the only Cadet to win his match. "Swede" Olsen was decisioned by a Norton man. All the other bouts were won by Norton by falls. The final score was 33 to 5.

The individual results were:
 103 lb. Sanderson, Norton, pinned Cameron, St. John's in 1 minute and 18 seconds of the third period.

112 lb. Vernon, Norton, pinned Martin, St. John's in 2 minutes and 4 seconds of the third period.

120 lb. Lindly, St. John's, pinned Archer, Norton in 45 seconds of the second period.

127 lb. Mason, Norton, pinned Lindesmith, St. John's, in 2 minutes and 39 seconds of the third period.

133 lb. Awalt, Norton, pinned Orr, St. John's, in 54 seconds of the second period.

145 lb. Robinette, Norton, pinned Russell, St. John's in 34 seconds of the first period.

154 lb. Howell, Norton, decisioned Olsen, St. John's with a score of 4 to 1.

165 lb. Awalt, Norton, pinned Dotson, St. John's in 39 seconds of the first period.

Throughout the whole meet splendid sportsmanship was shown by both teams.

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The Sports Spotlight

DID YOU KNOW WHEN?

MANY cadets will be interested and amazed at the following records achieved by past St. John's teams:

1920—St. John's football team beat Lincoln, McPherson, (twice) and Sacred Heart highs.

In basketball they won the district tournament for the second consecutive time.

1919—This year the grid eleven took the score of McPherson, (twice) Lincoln, Beloit, and Salina highs.

In basketball the same year they won twelve out of sixteen winning over such teams as Minneapolis, Abilene, Junction City, and Manhattan highs.

1907—This year St. John's beat Kansas Wesleyan University.

1904—Yes thirty nine years ago our same S. J. M. S. high took the score of an older K. W. U. team while the second team was nosed out by Salina high 6-0. The Union Pacific Railroad ran an excursion train from town to Kansas Wesleyan for a Thanksgiving game with the University.

The same year St. John's, according to the Salina Journal, "slaughtered the young innocents from Hutchinson High School 25-0."

Those are records to be proud of and let's hope that soon St. John's is back on it's feet in sports as it has been in the past.

BOUQUETS TO THE WRESTLERS

A sports activity of St. John's the mention of which, in this column, should not be overlooked, is wrestling. This squad, which is made up of mostly novices to the game, has gained much respect under the very capable direction of their coach, Father Weeman. Wrestling has been fast growing in popularity at St. John's the last two years. Here's hoping for even more successful seasons in years to come.

FENCING

This sport of clashing steel and fiery thrusts was revived here in 1939 by a former member of the faculty, chaplain Father Moore. It was received with great enthusiasm and with a meager start, it was built up over a period of four years until it became college caliber. During this period they won the majority of their matches, defeating such schools as Friends U. of Wichita; Kansas University, Oklahoma University, and many others.

This should be a sport of the future and since there has been a decline in interest in the activity, I think that the further development of it should be encouraged at every possible opportunity.

BASEBALL?

Rumor has it that if enough interest can be stirred, St. John's might adopt hardball as a school sport and organize a baseball team. Out of our number it is highly possible that we have the material and we most certainly can get the coaching through two most capable members of the faculty—that is if there is enough interest to merit the efforts of these men.

Inter-Murals

UNDER the careful guidance and attention of Capt. Mahoney, the Inter-Mural basketball season got off with a start this year.

With the spirit and number of turnouts shown in the Inter-Mural football season the whole school was looking forward to a closely contested series of games in basketball and their expectations were fulfilled.

The "B" teams played with high spirit, and individual stars as well as good team play developed. The many "A" league games have not yet been played because of their interference with the regular school team schedule, for most of the "A" league players are made up of players of the regular school team, but Captain Mahoney assures us that these games will be played as soon as possible.

The numerous lower school games, "A" and "B" leagues have not been played, but we are assured through the interest shown in the past upper school games that a fast competitive spirit will be had through the lower school contests.

The two final upper school games in the "B" league were played on Feb. 7, with the Army team beating the Navy, 13 to 10, and the Marines downing the Coast Guard, 21 to 0.

The final upper school "B" league standings are as follows.

	Won	Lost
Army	3	0
Marines	2	1
Navy	1	2
C. Guard	0	3

Individual high scorers were numerous with these men among them, in the upper school.

	No. Games	FG	FT	Total
Krone	3	11	2	24
Lindly	3	8	3	19
Bannon	2	8	2	18
Deitrickson	3	7	2	16
Lindesmith	3	5	3	13
Olsen	2	6	0	12
Black	3	4	2	10
Spear	2	3	0	6
Dennett	3	2	0	4

The Inter-Mural Chess and Checker Tournament

The Inter-Mural chess and checker tournament has just begun with the scheduling of games among all those who wished to take part in the same. Much interest has been shown in the previous Inter-Mural competitions and it is hoped that as much interest can be developed in the competition just started. Chess and Checkers are games that can develop the mind and the ability to think clearly and rapidly, as well as strategically.

Airplane Club

MR. MUELLER, a newcomer to the faculty this year has, in cooperation with the air base, started an Airplane Club for Victory. Models of various desired army airplanes called identification models for the use of training spotters to recognize flying planes are being voluntarily for the army by the members of the club. Upon completion, if they are excepted, they will be put in immediate use in the method described for the army. This is a worthy cause, so try to join the airplane club and build a model in your spare time. See Lt. Muse or Mr. Mueller for details.

Junior School Wins
8 Out of 12

THIS year the Junior School Basketball Team seems to have risen from an insignificant squad to one of the best Junior School aggregations around Salina. They have a full schedule playing 2 or 3 games a week.

The first team, consisting of Wagner, Lassen, Hayes, Miller, Saathoff, Jackman, Mitzner, Livingston, and Boehnke, is completely new except for the latter. Their coach, Lt. Thompson, is also serving his first term as a faculty member of St. John's.

The little cadets started rather poorly, being beaten by a larger Newton team, 36-14. Then they won their first game at the Y. M. C. A., 28-17. Following this, they were nosed out by the First Presbyterian, 24-22. They then took the Lutherans into camp, 13-12. Out of a clear blue sky came successive defeats by Sacred Heart, 35-32, and Assaria.

In a city tournament they took Tescott, 22-16, and Roosevelt, 22-20, to cop the 7th and 8th grade championship. Later the same day they duplicated the K. U. feat of winning three games in the same day by trouncing the Sacred Heart seconds, 27-17.

They won the next three games in a row making their consecutive string of 6. These were won over the Presbyterians, 32-10; Kipp, 24-14; and Presbyterians, 40-25. They seemed to get better as the season progressed, as is evidenced by their latter victories. In the Y. M. C. A. league of which cadets are members, they are second only to Sacred Heart who nosed them out. From the rate St. John's Juniors have been going, Sacred Heart has not by any means cinched the title.

Wagner is high point man for the Cadets with an average of more than 13 points per game which is unusually high for Junior School. The team has scored 268 points to their opponents 228.

If one were to ask Lieutenant Thompson about the team he would probably say they are punk; but don't believe a word of it.

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A Tale of Sounding Fury

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Lets not call it repetition, but, after every morning and evening mess, a certain lovelorn, Junior, newly a P. F. C., makes his way out to the officer's stairs and engages in a neverending conversation with the Math teacher's daughter. After a meal, you walk by and always see them in the stages of, "I", "Er", "Oh", "Gosh", "Gee Whiz", and various processes of "I like you, but I'm too scared to say so". Also our young romeo gives up a lot of pass time to sit and pitch a certain fourth-dimensional thing in his heart-beat's quarters. 'Somethings Developin'!

Why is it that the Major's daughter seems to find this spot interesting too. Could it be a certain Sgt. with the initials of H. R.?

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Once upon a time in the little village of Salina, there was a military school, and at this school there was a cadet Major. He was the essence of perfection in the eyes of the cadets and faculty, but there was one thing that blemished his otherwise spotless career, a woman, who, had through her beauty, and charm drawn the poor Major into her lair of irresistibility, and it could be she was stuck on him too.

One day I chance to look out the window and there they were sitting on the steps of the gym, looking knowingly at each other and writing telepathic messages with the movements of their swinging feet and hopelessly useless arms. Then blushing I turned away from the window, muttering to myself, "Now I have seen everything," for our innocent, idealistic, quiet little Major was holding hands.

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In the spring a young man's fancy turns to—well, thats the ancient saying that consistantly haunts the old halls of St. John's, and especially that area near the phone. Lately, there has been quite a bit of competition at the Ameche, everybody trying to get new dates, or old ones, or trying to talk some poor innocent out of your best friends arms into your own, but in general the heavy traffic has been limited to one or two love struck casanovas, the outstanding of which is a two year basketball, football man, who is a senior, and by some strange happening or rather misunderstanding has the rank of 2nd Looley.

This slicker is usually seen whispering into the bell invention, trying to persuade some weak Salina lass to take a very, very, big chance on his companionship at a dance, a show, or at the Rendevous. By some hook, or crook, (mostly crooked) he usually lures his prey into accepting his offer and, well, our Sammy has just added a new woman to his prospect list as well as to his famed little, black book.

I quote, "His actions are graceful, all the girls he does please, and he usually gets the girl that he sees."

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Usually a new boy, at St. John's looks to the old boys for advice, and introductions to various Salina girls for their companionship at a dance, and usually a boy who has only been here a month looks up more than ever to the highly educated cadet of long standing, but as the old saying goes, "there is an exception to everything," and we've found it. A senior, who

barely has the new smell off his uniform, who is the third of his kind at St. John's, recently or should it be at the last dance, brought a heretofore unfound beauty to the school. This girl, a pip if you ask me, I forget the name, is just about the best thing that ever trod the gym floor. My statement is backed up if you would have the open mouths and popping eyes at the dance, and from the wolfish looks that developed after the shock faded away, I think Mr. III will be crowded by those educated old boys, who will stake their past experience on a few words from our new woman expert on how to succeed with a girl like Mr. III himself, brought.

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Recently, our roving reporter was lucky enough, to gain a confidential interview with Lt. Muse on women and how to deal with them. Lt. Muse was very talkative on the subject and our reporter was fortunate in taking his dictation so fast. The interview is as follows, Quote, ————— Unquote. We thank Lt. Muse for his lengthy epistle.

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If a cameraman had taken a picture at the last "S" club dance, and if his camera had been pointed in a certain direction, it possibly, would have caught an amazing sight.

One, very tall, very lovesick cadet looking heart-renderingly into the eyes of his associate in the St. John's shuffle.

At any other time, you can go through the barracks, and probably hear this youth (a senior at that) and recently a Sgt., yelling forth some lost language, which he and an accomplice call Hebrew. But, getting back to the dance, if you could have seen him he was far from Palestine and Mrs. Goldberg, in complete infatuation with this poor innocent looking girl.

In truth, this Greek, I mean Hebrew speaking person, looked as though he forgot to get out of the way of a truck, and it knocked him a bit batty, and he hasn't quite recovered as yet. Well, in the next edition, we'll see whether or not our Serg will fall victim to a woman's charms or will his slightly crooked blood, (of doubtful origin) keep him on the straight and narrow path, if not well, "How unfortunate", and "Vell vot chew know".

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Planned Action

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profits and greater earnings for most of us. There is more wealth and fewer places to spend it now. It is the obvious intention of the government that this extra wealth should go toward paying for the war. Income taxes have been raised to a new high. It has, however, always been the intent of government that religious and educational institutions should be given the liberal support of people. For this reason gifts to such school as St. John's are considered 'tax deductible' items.

In view of these situations the board of trustees of St. John's have begun now to PLAN and ACT to meet the needs of a growing school and to encourage gifts to the school. The immediate needs of the school have been set up in a five point plan:

1. \$30,000 as initial deposit toward a greatly needed activities' building. (Illustrated below)
2. \$10,000 for the renovation of Vail Hall and the Barracks.

3. \$5,000 for the renovation and re-equipping of the Junior School Building.

4. \$15,000 for a scholarship fund to be used for worthy, financially under-privileged boys.

5. \$10,000 for the improvement of the grounds and playing field.

Considerable money has already been given toward the building fund. As soon as some additional funds are subscribed and building restrictions lifted, the new beautiful activities building will beautify the campus and will give St. John's the much needed space for recreation and other activities.

Many students, former students, and friends of St. John's will be glad to know about these plans and it is hoped that many new subscriptions and gifts will be made so that St. John's will continue to grow and to expand.

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The Abolishment of the "Rat System"

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times, making the new boys feel prejudiced and antagonistic against the school, it's system, and the old boys in general.

This system discouraged some boys toward the school, Major Clem explained, and thusly hindered the school, it's reputation, and it's future.

The Major said, with this explanation, that some of the traditions would be sacrificed, but the unhappy personal relationship would be done away with. He announced too, that probably, most of the old boys, look at the situation from the faculty's and new boy's angle, would soon realize this new move is a wise one for all concerned.

This action by the faculty would be good news to the new boys, the Major said, and with that statement he mentioned, that none of the new boys should take the wrong outlook on this idea, and try to make use of it underhandedly or in any way make it a protection for them against the old boys, but should adopt it as a matter of routine and not refer to it to create an undesirable situation.

These words, by the Major, well spoken and directed, had telling effect on the whole corps which undoubtedly will accept this "new era" with open arms and make it welcome at St. John's.

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