



Cadets Hear Former Chef At Assembly

"Set a goal, and never be satisfied until you reach that goal," was the advice given St. John's cadets at an all-school assembly on Jan. 8, by Al Hart, chef at the school for more than 25 years.

Hart told how, as a boy on his father's farm in the Tennessee hills, he dreamed of someday owning a first class restaurant where racial discrimination was not practiced. When people told him that this could not be done, it made him even more determined to achieve his goal.

It was a great day for him when he opened such a cafe in Salina in late 1950.

The Al Hart Bar-B-Que is now considered one of the best eating houses in this area.

In talking to the Corps, "Al" told about his days on the St. John's staff from 1925 to 1950 and some of the "escapades" of the cadets during those days. "I'll always have a warm spot in my heart for St. John's," he said, as he reminisced about some of the boys he remembers.

Hart's talk was mostly concerned with St. John's during his days here.

In all of Hart's years as head cook, he was only late two times. He gave the reasons as a clock being off, and being caught downtown during a snow storm.

Crack Squad Practices For Future Appearances

The Crack Squad held its first practice drill of the new year in the gym on Jan. 5.

Crack Squad Captain Jim Apple put the organization through its paces, finding many rough spots which must be smoothed out before the next drill.

Although the Color Guard did not officially meet, most of the members went thru their drill in conjunction with the Crack Squad's practice.

ROOM CHANGE MADE

A general room change held on Sunday, Jan. 10, saw many cadets move back to the rooms they had before the organization by companies, and Platoons.

Although most companies are still some what together are organization is no longer strictly by the units assigned for drill.

The new arrangement was welcomed by most cadets as they moved to the rooms or barracks that they want.

Cadets Watch Ike Give "State of Union" Address on Television

Several fifth hour classes were dismissed on Jan. 7, so that the students could watch President Eisenhower deliver his State of the Union message to Congress on TV.

Classes present include the physics class, plane geometry class, some form the study hall, and most the faculty who were not in class that period.

Most of the cadets found the President's speech interesting, although a few took the opportunity to catch up on sleep.

Seven New Faces In Cadet Corps

Four "Old Boys", who at one time or another have attended St. John's have returned here for the remainder of the school year. Along with them are three "New Boys".

The three new cadets are Earl Fox, a junior from Pueblo, Colo., Terry Norris, an eighth grader from Boulder, Colo., and Glenn Luellen, a freshman from Mancos, Colo.

The former Cadets who have returned to St. John's are Richard Harlowe, a junior from Wichita, William Beech, a freshman from Wichita, Ronald Fife, a senior from White-water, Colo., and Kilby Lightner, a freshman from Wichita.

Fife had attended St. John's for two years, starting in 1951-52 and 52-53.

Harlowe attended St. John's one year at the Junior School in 1949.

Lightner also attended St. John's for one year in 1952-53. He returned in the fall briefly before illness forced him to leave school for the remainder of the semester.

Beech started here during the year of 1952-53 but during the summer he met with an accident while riding his motor scooter and was not able to return for the beginning of the school year.

It Pays to Stay In Uniform! Ask Al

Cadet Al Palmer could have been in a very sad plight if he had not worn his dress uniform on the bus coming back to school.

It seems Palmer forgot his suitcase on the bus and his service uniforms were in the suitcases.

It's hard to believe that he was in that big of a hurry to get back to school. His service uniform has now been recovered.

Rifle Instruction Being Given During Drill

The subject now being undertaken in drill is marksmanship with the rifle.

Lectures by the Commandant have been given on the history or gun powder, the shell casing, and the development of the barrel. Lectures on the sighting and aiming bar were followed by test sightings.

All Cadets fourteen years and older must fire the 30.06 for record at five inch bulls 200 yards away in spring. Everyone, including junior school Cadets is required to fire the .22 caliber rifle for record in the school armory.

The top five shooters this year with scores out of a possible 400 are Roger Bigler, 320; Gene Ely, 325; Bill McDermith, 357; Tom Mathers, 328; and Phil Helman, 321.

New Staff Lounge For Rec Hall Crew

The stamp of approval was placed on a lounge for the Rec. Hall staff shortly before furlough, and already the small room in the Rec. Hall is almost a completed project.

The ceiling and upper half of these walls are covered with celotex while the lower half of these walls are covered with pine.

Furnishings so far include wall to wall carpeting, four chairs, several small lamps, a magazine rack, a small table, and large fluorescent lights for the main lighting.

Commandant Briefs New Boys on Pranks

Major R. L. Guernsey, Commandant of Cadets, gave a brief talk to New Boys which arrived after Christmas in the Chapel recently.

Among the topics Major Guernsey covered were the pranks of the old Cadets. He also expressed very clearly that they could get a straight answer from the Cadet Officers.

Busy Schedule Ahead For Next 8 Weeks

Cadets Return from Christmas Furlough On Jan. 3; Military, Athletic Programs Full

Six Cadets Are Advanced

Two Corporals were promoted to Sergeants, a Private First Class was advanced to Corporal and three Privates became Privates First Class on Jan. 13, according to a Special Order released by the Office of the Commandant.

Becoming Sergeants were Cpl. Dean Hargrove, a junior from Wichita and Cpl. Stuart Miller, junior from Denver.

Pfc. Grant Torbit, a junior from Pueblo was advanced to the grade of Corporal.

Getting their first stripe to become Privates First Class were John Wilson, sophomore from Wichita, Donald Noble, junior from Big Piney, Wyo., and George Merritt, junior from Liberal, Kans.

Improvements Made In Skirmisher Newsroom

The SKIRMISHER Class Room continues to be improved as new tables and necessary accessories have been added. A large variety of major magazines and newspapers are read in class every week.

The walls have also improved with the placing of several color pictures of Colorado's mountains on the wall.

St. John's Faculty Downed by Air Base

The Faculty of St. Johns played their second basketball game against Smoky Hill Air Force Base here Thursday night, Jan. 7.

St. John's lost the game 60-41 to the Airmen.

St John's Cadets returned to the routine of classes and military life on Jan. 3, after spending a 15-day furlough in which most "just took it easy" with parents or relatives in their respective hometowns.

Upon return from furlough a ten-week grind of classes faced the students before the eight-day spring furlough starts on Mar. 13.

However, two weeks of the ten are already passed, and with the busy military and athletic schedule slated for the coming two months the time is expected to slip by quickly.

Among other happenings over the Christmas furlough, two cadets were married. Bill McDermith from Monte Vista, Colo., married his hometown sweetheart, while Pat Sughrue took a Salina girl for his bride. Both cadets have withdrawn from school. Both plan to make their livelihood by ranching.

The two weeks elapsed since furlough were spent by cadets in getting ready for semester final exams which were completed this week.

The new semester begins Monday, Jan. 18.

Maj. R. L. Guernsey, Commandant of Cadets, has a rugged military program outlined for the Corps of Cadets with lots of activity that is always looked forward to by the boys with a lot of enthusiasm.

Capt. J. D. Elmborg's basketball squad has action nearly every Tuesday and Friday until furlough. The Cadets will swing into tournament action in late February and from the progress they have shown in recent outings, they could pull some late season upsets.

School organization such as the Crack Drill Squad, National Honor Society and the "S" Club all have interesting and active programs planned for the spring semester.

New Year's Resolutions Easily Made, Harder To Keep

By now, most Cadets have probably forgotten Christmas vacation and the things they did during it. They are now figuring how many days left before Spring Furlough.

Some have already forgotten the New Year's resolutions. But according to a SKIRMISHER survey, many cadets have set some excellent goals for 1954.

Here are a few New Year's Resolutions made by St. John's cadets:

George Meritt: "I am going to direct my thoughts more towards the Chapel, and make the best of it for myself."

Tom Mathers: "I am going to stop messing around and am going to stay out of the way of Major Guernsey!"

Dale Browning: "I hereby re-

solve to go all out for basketball, and when the time comes for me to jump, I'll do my best."

Rod Ellison: "I hereby resolve to give to the best of my ability, all of my qualities as a great basketball player, to St. John's Team."

Damon Zellars: "I will do my best as Mail Orderly, to give each and every cadet a letter every day, if, it is at all possible."

Durell Lantz: "I will try to do right during the year of 1954, and to cooperate with the school, and to abide by the rules and regulations."

Tom Sweigart: "I will do my best to raise the school spirit by not running it down every chance I get."



LINK TRAINING INSTRUCTION is given aeronautics student Jim Barbour, senior from Grand Junction, Colo., by Lt. H. E. Nuss. Cadets at St. John's enrolled in pre-flight aeronautics have access to a \$13,000 Link Trainer which has been provided for Cadet use by Civil Air Patrol. Lt. Nuss, a former Navy aviator, is well qualified to teach the pre-flight course. Advanced aeronautics students take flying lessons from Lt. Ray Moore at the Municipal Airport.



CONGO LINE forms as four St. John's basketball players go after the ball. John McMurray, (21) lanky junior from Des Moines leads the line-up with Jim Cole (23), Dale Browning and Gary Conrad following. Cutting in after the ball is Gypsum's Bill Sutton (31).

Second Round Of League Play Starts for Cadets

**"A" Team Drops Two;
"B" Squad Splits;
Browning Paces Varsity**

Coach Jim Elmborg's Cadet basketballers started second round play in the Saline County loop Friday night, Jan. 15, when they journeyed to Solomon to take on the Gorillas. Final outcome of the battle was not available at press time.

In other league action since the furlough the Cadet "A" team has bowed twice, while the junior varsity has split a pair of outings.

The Cadets, in spite of a 17-point output by big Dale Browning, bowed in overtime to the Bavaria Tigers, 43-37 on Jan. 8. Browning, a 6' 2½" junior from Pueblo, fired in 16 in the Cadets' next game with Gypsum, but his efforts were in vain as the St. John's crew was downed 58 to 38.

In the "B" team games the Cadets lost to Bavaria, 49 to 28, and won from Gypsum 44 to 31. Martin poked in 10 to lead the Cadet hit parade against Bavaria. Rod Ellison ramrodded the St. John's attack on Gypsum with 20-point performance.

Two New Members On Skirmisher Staff

The four-man St. John's Skirmisher staff was increased by 50% following Christmas furlough when two newly-enrolled Cadets joined the class.

They are Ronald Fifield, former Cadet from Grand Junction, and Earl Fox of Pueblo.

Former Cadet Visits School on Jan. 8

Bob Bogart, a former Cadet at St. John's was a visitor here on Saturday, the 8th of January.

Bogart was a seventh grader in the Junior School last year, since he left Bogart has grown so much that many old Cadets didn't recognize him.

Bogart plans on returning to St. John's next year as a freshman.

19 Cadets Earn Firing Awards

Six cadets have qualified for Expert on the .22 caliber range so far this school year and 13 others earned small bore medals for marksmanship.

Those earning Expert, highest shooting medal given here, were Rodger Bigler, Cortez, Colo., Gene Ely, Salt Lake City, Utah, Phillip Helman, Grand Junction, Colo., Bill McDermith, Monte Vista, Colo., Tom Mathers, Denver, Colo., and Stuart Miller, Denver, Colo. To earn Expert it is necessary to shoot 320 on a series of targets both rapid fire and slow fire in the different positions.

Those earning Sharpshooter, with a score of at least 290, were Jim Barbour, Grand Junction, Colo., Gary Conard, Dodge City, Kans., Terry Cupps, Mount Hope, Kans., Al Drummond, Pueblo, Colo., Bob Poe, Kansas City, Mo., Tom Sweigart, Wichita, Kans.

Scoring ever 260 to become Marksman were Dick Barbour, Grand Junction, Colo., James W. Cole, Lawrence, Kansas., Dave Harris, Great Bend, Kans., Page House, Wichita, Kans., Jim McMasters, Denver, Colo., John McMurray, Des Moines, Iwa., Charles Masten, Denver, Colo.



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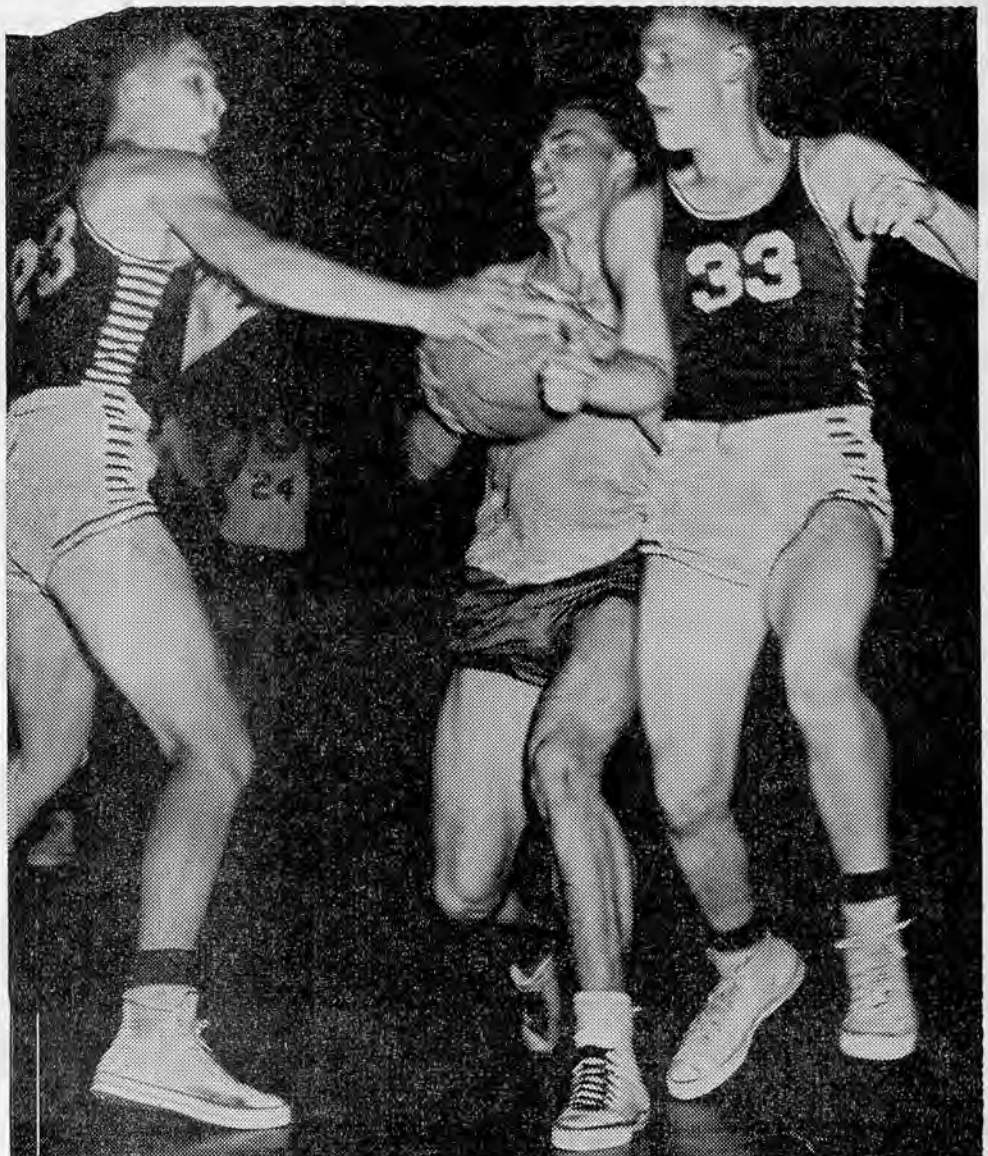
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DOUBLE TROUBLE looms for St. John's J. L. Cole as the Solomon Gorillas' Jansen and Richard apply the squeeze. Cole paced the Cadets in this pre-Christmas outing against the Gorillas but his efforts fell short as the Cadets bowed.

TWO CADET OFFICERS
PLAN MARINE CAREERS

Cadet Lt. Frank Gomez and Cadet Lt. John Keso have made application to join the U. S. Marine Corps in the near future.

The two seniors plan on going in shortly after graduation and after boot camp will go to Camp Pendelton at Ocean-side, Calif.

Half Year Courses
To Change Monday

Beginning the second semester, Jan. 18, several half year courses will change.

Solid Geometry, under Captain Hower, will change to trigonometry. Lt. Loy's American Government will take place of Sociology, and Economic Geography taught by Lt. Shute, will give way to a new course in international relations at the end of this semester.

New Class Room
For Eighth Grade

Capt. John Todd, Junior School Director, has moved his eighth grade class into a new room. The "B" floor new barracks dormitory has been converted into a nice classroom for the class.

Sea Sick ??

Do any of you who sleep in top bunks ever lay in bed at night and feel like you are riding in a boat? When you wake up in the morning some of you might feel a little seasick.

If any of you have problems like this you might try talking Ed Kleim out of one of the new single bunks that he has received in a shipment from Topeka.

In this shipment, besides the 12 single beds, he also received paint thinner, three electric motors, a large roll of copper wire, and a giant vice.

Burnt Side

BY BOB PESTER
Seventh Grade Cadet

Say did I ever tell you about my friend Burnt Side?

Well I went from the North side, South side, west side And I couldn't find my friend Burnt Side

So I decided Burnt Side moved to the east side

I went down the street on the outside rang the doorbell on the outside

Mrs Burnt Side came to the doorside on the inside

She said that Mr. Burnt Side had committed suicided and died, She was horrified and sixed and cried so I notified the homicied.

Went across the street to the other side.

Got myself ossified.

An officer who spied, said I was fit to be tied.

Called the wagon, put me inside, took me for a ride, so I didn't get to see my friend Burnt Side.

By Bobby Cester

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL BAND
BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE

TOOTIN' THE TUBA and pounding the bass drum seem like tough jobs for Cadets Allen Bass, Oklahoma City, and Larry Rice, Hosington.

The band, started for the first time in several years this fall, is rapidly developing, according to Capt. R. N. Moffat, band director. Of the 40 members, nearly half have had no band experience. It is hoped that the group can perform in connection with Commencement weekend festivities at the School.



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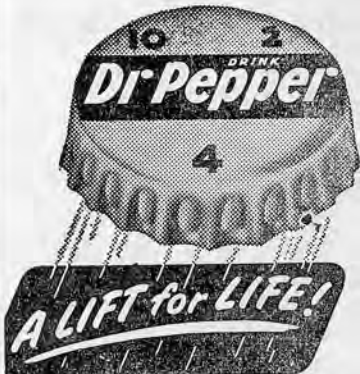
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"NOW SEE HERE COLONEL" seems to be the thoughts of Col. R. L. Clem, Rector, as he plans a way to move Cadet Pvt. Colonel (that's his first name) Field from his office. Young Colonel Field, a fifth grader from Mankato, probably didn't have much trouble with his first name in public school, but it's confusing, to say the least, at St. John's. This picture, shot by St. John's graduate Bill Huggins, now on the Salina Journal staff, was picked up by United Press and has been used in newspapers throughout the United States as well as Alaska, Hawaii and several South American countries. (Salina Journal photo.)

Seniors, Eighth Grade Have Spelling Match

The American History Class, consisting of juniors and seniors, had a spelling match with the eighth grade class on January 9.

Five top spellers from each class were picked by each team. On the American History Class team were Gary Conard, Dodge City, Francisco Gomez, Bogota, South America, Dean Hargrove, Wichita, Gene Ely, Salt Lake City, and John Keso, Junction City.

On the eighth grade line-up were Gary Leet, Denver, David Groves, Denver, McCallister Denver, Fred Ferris Lincoln, and Ed Stone, Topeka.

The match was based on a number of points judged on the order in which the Cadets went down. The eighth grade was defeated 61-43.

Young Poets In Junior School

Lt. Stanley Sherridan's class in the Junior School has become especially adept at writing poems. Cadet Bob Pester has come up with some cute tongue twisters and Cadet Tom Allen has written some good ones on the subject of nature.

The best of these poems will be published in the SKIRMISHER from time to time on the editorial page. Contributions are welcomed from other members of the Cadet Corps.

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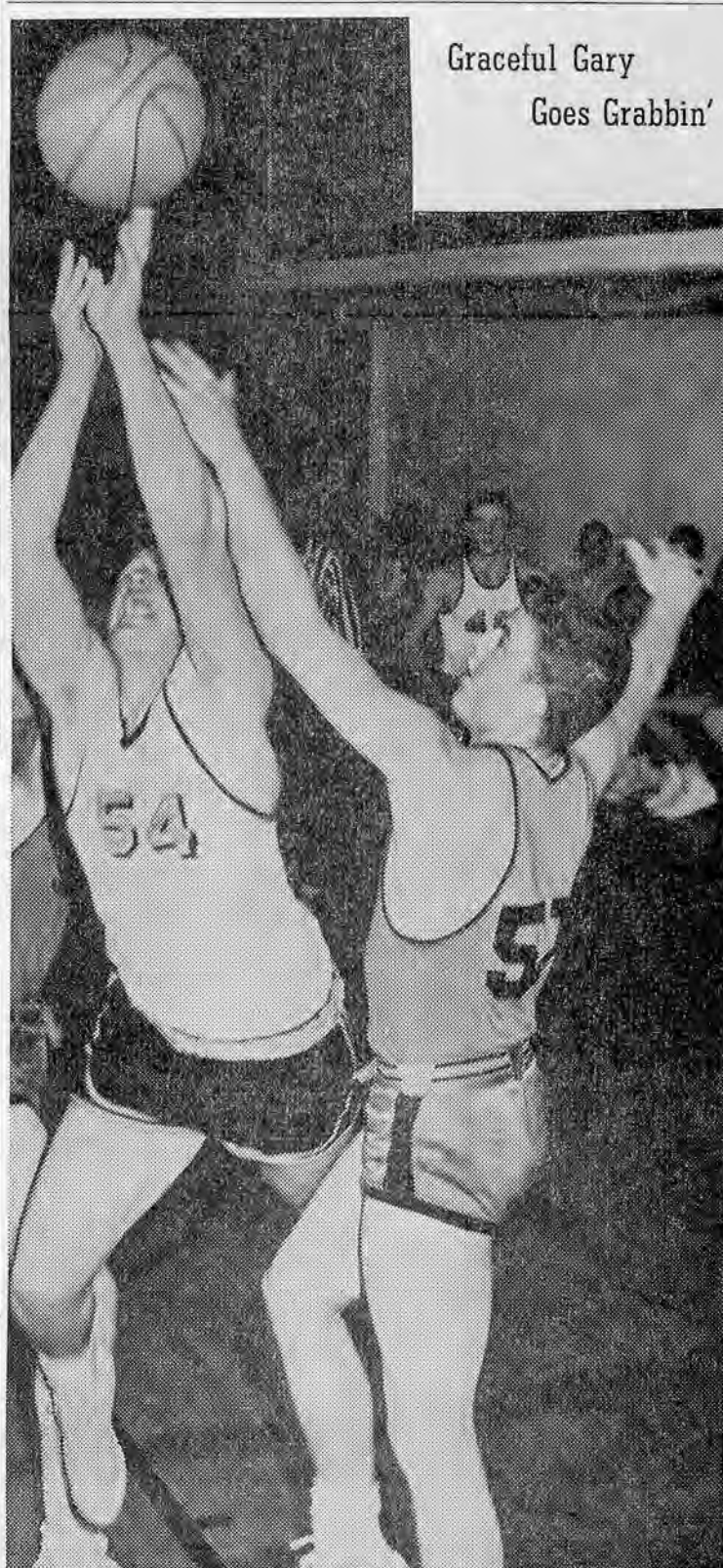
THE WEATHER
BY TOM ALLEN
Seventh Grade Cadet
Summers are always gay and
bright.
Winters are always cloudy and
white.
But what I like best is the
spring and fall,
When the weather is just right,
after all.
In summer the flowers are all
different hues.
In winter the overcasts give
people the blues.
But spring and fall, I like the
best,
Because I get lots and lots of
rest.
The end of this poem is draw-
ing near,
Because of a broken lead I fear.
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Graceful Gary
Goes Grabbin'

NOT A BALET but a basketball game in which the St. John's Cadets did battle with the Bavaria Tigers. Although he doesn't look it, the Cadets' Gary Conard (57) was dead serious as he went after the ball with the Tigers big McCormick. The Bavarians squeezed by the Cadets in this game in overtime 43-37.