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Comp Exams Being Taken By Senior Class

Comprehensive Examinations, sponsored by the Bureau of Educational Measurements, K-State Teachers College, Emporia, are being given to the graduating seniors under the supervision of Lt. H. E. Nuss.

The first of the series was given Tuesday morning, Feb. 15, while the remainder of the tests will be given the last part of this week and the first of next.

The series consists of two main tests, the first of which is an achievement test requiring three hours and the second is one of mental ability requiring one hour for completion.

Similar tests are taken by the senior classes in most Kansas high schools and are used so that each high school can compare its individual seniors and senior classes as a whole with those of other high schools. It also provides information towards college entrances and scholarships and gives students information to help them determine a post-high school goal.

The tests will be a help to the students in that they will show what is needed and required for their college entrance so they will have a chance to prepare for it.

"S" Club Provides Movies On Sunday

The 'S' club has scheduled movies to be shown on Sunday afternoons during the next two months. Dave Harris, head of the project, said that he plans to run a movie every Sunday afternoon, schedule permitting.

The titles of these movies now scheduled are, (in the order that they are to be shown) "The Iron Mistress", "Retreat, Hell!", "On the Riviera", "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes", "The Crimson Pirate", "Ruby Gentry", "One Million B. C.", and "Titanic".

The first of these will be shown in the next two weeks.

PARTY PLANNED

Mrs. Tate's Spanish classes are planning a chicken dinner and movie sometime in the near future. The class will go to Al Hart's for dinner and then see an educational Spanish movie.

Cadets Find Stretching Allowance For Entire Week Isn't Easy To Do

Thumb tacks to down payments on diamond rings keep many St. John's Cadets "broke" most of the time.

What do they spend their \$1.00 to \$3.00 allowances for? Read on friend, you'll see how the dollars are depleted.

Monday is allowance day, which means a mad rush for the office, a long line, a brief wait, and then another dash to the smokers, Rec Hall and game room.

The bucks are already beginning to disintegrate. By Wednesday night pass time Cadets are beginning to wonder whether the allowance will stretch through to their date Saturday night.

Bul the average Cadet just



A LITTLE PAINT was also applied to the walls in the Officer's Club this week as Cadet officers did a pretty good job of covering everything, including themselves. Paint splattered rank holders here are Lt. Earle Fox (left) and Maj. Roger Bigler.

Survey Shows Cadets Prefer Fiction Books

What kind of books do most high school age cadets prefer? This is a question that might be asked by a goodly number of parents.

A poll was taken and the preferences seemed to be definitely toward fiction books.

The books were first broken down into the two main classes, fiction and non-fiction. The fiction group was then divided into contemporary fiction and old or classical fiction.

The non-fiction books were also subdivided into two parts. The first being biographies and auto-biographies and the second being books on specific subjects, such as technical books.

The contemporary fiction seemed to be the best liked. They received 30 points out of a total 58 points. Second were specific books with 17 points. Number three were classical or old fiction books with eight points and the least popular were biographies and auto-biographies with three points.

This article was composed by interviewing approximately half of the Upper School cadets, from all grades and ranks. It is not written under the pretense of being absolutely fool-proof but should give a fairly accurate picture of the average reading preferences of cadets at St. John's.

wonders, not worries, about this.

He signs out, goes to town via bus (10c), takes in a movie (75c to 85c), has a sack of popcorn (10c), grabs a malt after the show (25c) and then returns to school via bus (10c) . . . if he has time or, if rushed, by cab (55c).

But some of the Cadets have 'wised-up' to the ways of St. John's. There are 72 bank accounts in the office. These accounts belong to the Cadets that pass by that extra coke, sometimes the Wednesday night show, and go it easy downtown on Saturday. Then they always have something to fall back on.

These Cadets know it's better in the long run to save than to spend. At St. John's, anyway, it is.

Rector, Three Cadets Visit Truman

Invite Ex-Chief To Speak Before Graduating Class

The red carpet was rolled out for the Rector and three members of the Corps of Cadets by former President Harry S. Truman last week in his Kansas City office when the St. John's group called on him.

Purpose of the trip was to extend an invitation to speak at the school's 68th commencement exercises on May 22.

The invitation was presented to Mr. Truman by Col. R. L. Clem, Cadet Maj. Roger Bigler, Sgt. Al Ransom and Pfc. Stanley Baldwin.

Truman Late

The appointment with the former chief-executive, scheduled for 10 am, Feb. 10, was delayed by the late arrival of Truman. He apologized for being late, explaining that it took him one hour and 20 minutes to drive into downtown Kansas City in the raging blizzard from his Independence, Mo., home.

When a photographer from the Kansas City Star attempted to pose the ex-President with the St. John's delegation, Truman demurred.

"Let me pose these pictures. I'm an old hand at it," he told the photographer.

Present Brochure

The cadets gave Truman a brochure about the school along with letters of introduction from city, Chamber of Commerce, and Democratic party leaders.

Truman pointed out that it wasn't out of line for any boy to hope that he might grow up and become President of the United States, but told Bigler, Ransom and Baldwin not to do that if they wanted to have any kind of normal home life.

He said that he thought he was going to be able to leave Washington and go back to Independence and be "just plain Harry Truman" but said that that is no longer possible for him.

Invited to Stay Longer

When the photographer had finished taking pictures in Truman's office Colonel Clem and the boys started to leave, but the ex-President said, "Why don't you sit down and visit awhile". This the delegation gladly did.

As the group left his office, Truman said he had to go to the bank and invited them to walk along with him. The boys were honored to walk three blocks through downtown Kansas City with a former President and enjoyed watching the expression on people's faces as they recognized him.

No Commitment

Truman would not commit himself on the invitation to speak at the Commencement exercises, but did point out that he had turned down more than 100 similar invitations, including one from Independence High School.

He stressed the point, though, that if he could do the things he really wanted to do, speaking to boys who will be the leaders of tomorrow would be high on the list.

(At Skirmisher press time a letter was received from Mr. Truman by Colonel Clem in which the ex-President said that he would be unable to accept the invitation. He said that all of his appointments and engagements for the next few months were being cancelled, presumably so that he can complete work on his memoirs which he is writing for LIFE magazine.)

HUGH PARKINSON CHOSEN FOR 'NEW BOY' HONOR

By Earle Fox

A Junior from Craig, Colo., has the honor of being the SKIRMISHER'S 'New Boy' for the month of February.

Cpl. Hugh Parkinson has been chosen for his good manners, his attitude in general, and his hook record, according to the SKIRMISHER selection committee.

Parkinson is 16 years old and plans to graduate from St. John's next year. He then wants to go to college. Following college he hopes to take over his father's position as manager of the J. C. Penney store in Craig.

Parkinson's favorite teacher is Capt. V. B. "Lefty" Loy. Parkinson is one of the few "New Boys" who have acquired rank and should be congratulated on this alone. Next year he hopes to hold down a position in the Armory.

Here at St. John's, Hugh serves on the library staff, is a member of the Crack Platoon and is on the varsity basketball team.

His quiet manner and conscientiousness make him popular with all the Cadets.

P. E. SCHEDULE ALTERED BY WEATHER

All cadets at St. John's not out for basketball had an extra hour of free time added to their schedules when the severe weather conditions made it impossible for the physical education class to meet. This class is taught by Capt. R. K. Hower and will resume as soon as weather conditions improve.



RECEIVING AN INVITATION to speak at St. John's Military School's 68th Commencement exercises in May is ex-President Harry S. Truman. The invitation was extended to the former Chief Executive by (L to R) Pfc. Stanley Baldwin, eighth grader from Hebron, Nebr., Col., The Rev. R. L. Clem, Rector of the School, Maj. Roger Bigler, cadet commander from Cortez, Colo., a senior, and Sgt. Al Ransom, junior from Pueblo, Colo. Mr. Truman told the group that he would take the invitation "under consideration".

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CAN'T GRIPE ABOUT FOOD HERE

The backbone of any institution is the food. Institutional food is usually a big gripe in the Army, colleges, hospitals, and private schools. But not at St. John's.

In some institutions the cry comes out that the food is tasteless and that there's no variety. They cry that they can tell before they even get near the dining hall what the meal will be. The reason for this is that the Chef either works on a set schedule, week after week, and has a limited budget, or he's a poor Chef.

This is not so at St. John's. Operating on a budget of more than \$26,000 yearly, Chef Bill Samuelson, and his wife, Louella, do an outstanding job of keeping the food good and varied.

Mr. Samuelson plans his menu about four days ahead of time, always watching to stay away from repetition of the same meal. His job begins at about 4:45 a.m. in the morning and doesn't end until the last pan has been cleaned, at about 7:00 in the evening.

Mr. Samuelson is the boss in the kitchen, while Mrs. Samuelson is in charge of making the pastries. Their combined efforts, along with those of Assistant Chef Ivory Johnson, turn out top-notch chow.

A look into the kitchen's pantry and deep-freeze will show that it contains the best meats, vegetables, and canned foods. Here is the test of the quantity and quality of St. John's food: Find one Cadet that can honestly say that the food is poor or that he doesn't get enough to eat - - D. H.

AUTHORITY AND RANK

The question of authority and rank has been brought up many times concerning the operation of the game room, rec hall, library, and other activities.

You, yourself have probably been in charge of some activity or recreation, with Cadets who are over you in rank or seniority participating, and you have probably felt at a loss as to how to enforce discipline. These activities would be more enjoyable for all if we cooperated with whoever was in charge regardless of rank or position.

Of course, like most arguments, there are two sides to the story. It is often felt that at times Cadets take advantage of their temporary positions. Whether this is the case or not, the faculty or organization sponsors would feel more inclined to grant us more privileges in these activities, I'm sure, if we were more inclined to abide by the rules and regulations established, regardless of the person in charge.

Amusements such as the game room and the rec hall have been appointed to take care of these facilities. Let's make their jobs more pleasant and increase the enjoyment of all by giving full cooperation to whoever is in charge. With constant abuse these privileges could be taken away from us. It is hard to realize how good a thing is, until it is taken away.—D. S.

New School Circulars Being Prepared

Pictures were taken recently for the new catalogue being published this year. The catalogue will contain both pictures and literature, instead of having a separate catalogue for each as has been used in the past. Most of the pictures were taken by Cadet Bud Webber and printed in the school dark-room.

A supplement containing faculty pictures, uniform and tuition costs, and the annual calendar will also be printed to accompany the catalogue when mailed to prospective patrons.

Cadets' parents will receive the new catalogue as soon as they are printed.

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Four Cadets Receive Promotions

The promotion of four Cadets was announced by Maj. R. L. Guernsey, Commandant, on Feb. 12.

Cadet Corporal Larry Menegay, Iola, Kansas, was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Cadet Menegay is a junior this year and this is his second year at St. John's.

Promoted to the rank of corporal were Cadets Herb Soukup, Ellsworth, Kansas, and George Race, Grand Junction, Colo. Cadet Dick Harlowe, Wichita, was promoted to private first class.

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Message from The Rector

Lent as a season of self-discipline is becoming more and more a season of opportunity for real spiritual growth and less and less a time of the Christian Year marked by inward grumbling or complaining. Any person who has ever kept a good Lent by reasonable self-denial or by positive achievement knows how much the forty day period can mean.

Self-discipline, the only kind of discipline that in the long run amounts to a hoot, isn't easy but it is necessary. One can learn a great deal about Lent and self-discipline by deciding on a Lenten program which is possible to keep, and one, which if kept, will make the individual a better Christian and, therefore, a better citizen.

All of us, I think, should resolve to rid ourselves of at least one defect or blemish and at the same time add to his daily program some virtue or good thing we have not been practicing.

As usual this year, faculty and Cadets will be invited to write their intentions, put them in a sealed envelope to be kept during the forty days behind the Altar Crucifix. The intentions will read, "With God's help during Lent, I intend to" We will pray all of us will declare a good intention and keep it.—R. L. Clem, rector.

The Sporting Thing

By Bill Preston

I would like to devote the first of my column this month to some of the lesser known activities that take place around St. John's all year around. These activities are of course not to be considered on the same plane physically, with football, basketball, or baseball but they certainly require a certain amount of skill and coordination.

The first of these is the well known recreation of pool, and although it probably reached few of the ears of the outside world, there was a pool tournament at St. John's not too long ago at which time a pool champ was crowned. The winner of the tournament was Ed Stone, a freshman from Topeka. My congratulations to Ed.

Number two on my list is ping-pong, a sport, which has recently been resumed this year. Rod Ellison was last year's champ in this sport, which makes him the man to beat this year.

Bowling is the third sport I want to mention this month.

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TAKING A BREAK from their duties of operating the Mess Hall are Chef and Mrs. Bill Samuelson. The Samuelson's occupy an attractive four-room apartment in the building that houses the Mess Hall. Shown here with the Chef and his wife is Taffy, their blond Cocker Spaniel.

The man who racks up the highest score on the bowling table in the game room each week receives a fifty-cent prize, so this sport can be not only fun but profitable, also. The weekly champs in this sport have been Ed Stone with 330, and Mike Bird with a score of 297.

Congratulations are in order this month to Dale Browning, lanky 6'4" post man on the Cadet basketball team, who poured 34 points through the nets against Bavaria, to post a new all-time scoring record at St. John's. Big Dale was red-hot against the Tigers as he wheeled off the post, with a variety of shots, to ram home 18 counters in the first half of play. In the 32 minutes of action he hit 13 field goals and dropped in eight more from the charity stripe.

This is the second athletic record established this year at St. John's. John McMurray's 87 yard touchdown gallop against the Solomon Gorillas last fall is the longest TD pass-scoring play on record.

An interesting incident involving both Browning and McMurray was noted by some who saw Dale set the new record. At half-time, Browning had hit 18 points and McMurray had poked in 13. This placed Big Mac also in a position to go for the record, but this wasn't the case.

John was content to sacrifice his chances for a second record, and at the same time was on the feeding end of many

passes that set up baskets by Browning. When you have that kind of guys (and guys like Ransom, Parkinson, Soukup, and Miller, too) after all, it really isn't too important who set the record or who won the game . . . Congratulations, Dale . . . and the rest of you guys, too. We're proud to have you represent St John's.

Ministerial Group Meets At School

The Salina Ministerial Association held its regular meeting in the St. John's Chapel on Monday, Feb. 14. They were welcomed to the school by Capt. Keith G. Duckers, Public Information Officer.

Capt. Duckers gave a brief history of the school and acted as chairman to a panel of three Cadets who supplied the program for the meeting.

The panel members were Roger Bigler, Al Ransom, and Stanley Baldwin. The panel answered questions that the Salina churchmen had about the school.

After completing their meeting, the ministers had lunch with the Cadets in the mess hall.

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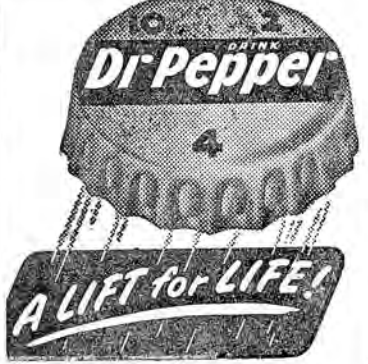
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Survey Shows What Cadets Believe Would Improve St. John's Most

Lots of suggestions for improvements are heard at St. John's but few of them are ever expressed outside the relative privacy of the smokers.

The question, "What does St. John's need most?" was asked to a cross section of the Cadet

IDLE TALK

By I. Ben Hadd

The school is introducing something new this year . . . heat in the barracks. If the Buildings and Grounds staff would only come and fix the Journalism room window that's been broken since December . . . This is one paper that brings you the Cold facts.

The song I've been waiting to hear . . . Miss J. K. singing "California Here I Come". I've got plenty of close friends . . . I never realized how many until I tried to borrow some money. I've got a bang-up column this month . . . In fact, you've never seen a column as banged-up as this one.

There are quite a few "Rebels" and "Yankees" around this school. Terry Johnson tells us we're just lucky that the South doesn't have the Atom Bomb. The wild cry of the English II class: "Give 'em the hose, Granny!"

Bigler, Ransom, and Baldwin go to see Truman. I'm like Truman . . . I'd rather write than be President. Personally, though, I don't belong to an organized party . . . I'm a Democrat.

The school is getting new uniforms . . . the material in the ones we have on now isn't bad . . . too bad they didn't make a uniform out of it. Like I say, it isn't half bad . . . it's all bad.

One of the main problems around here for some guys is meeting expenses . . . it isn't too hard, though, I meet them everywhere. Rice isn't overweight . . . he's just six inches too short.

The shortest distance between two pieces of bread . . . the slices of meat you get at mess. T. N. was very temperamental . . . 98 per cent temper and 2 per cent mental. This column is so mouldy I make penicillin in my spare time.

Not much humor but a lot of PUNCH.

Snowfall Stops Assembly Program

A record snowfall of six inches put a fast halt to the assembly program which was scheduled for 0730, February 4. The program was to be put on by "The Saints", a Kansas Wesleyan University dance band. Only two of their cars appeared and one of those had to enlist Cadet aid to get out of a tough spot.

The program was called off, but Major Bigler didn't want the time wasted, so it was used to let the Cadets clean their rooms.

Another result of the snowfall was the snowball fights. The snow had just the right amount of moisture for "packing" and the football field was again converted into a battlefield for snowfights.

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Corps. Here are some of the answers:

"I think we need the old barracks fixed up and an auto mechanics shop," was the opinion of John Wilson, junior from Wichita.

Junior Tom Sweigert, Kansas City, said "I think the school needs a new football field."

Joe Stanberry, sophomore from Rawlins, Wyo., said that "We need new improvements in the chapel".

Sophomore Fred Schram, Denver, said he thought "We need an airplane". He didn't say why.

Jim Ledgerwood, Denver, said "We need the old barracks remodeled or better yet, new ones built".

These are but a few of the comments which were made but they seem to cover the general suggestions pretty accurately.

SPECIAL MEAL

The American History class had a special dinner prepared for them at evening mess, Monday, February 14. As a result of a discussion in class, the Colonel had a meal prepared for them consisting of lamb fries, French fried potatoes, and vegetables.

SEE TRAINING FILM

The Cadet Corps witnessed a United States Army training film during drill, Monday, February 14. The film concerned the detachment of tanks and infantrymen and the co-ordination of the two in battle.

DANCING LESSONS

The Cadets who are taking dancing lessons downtown at the Seymour-Silver Studios are making progress. The Cadets in the advanced group have mastered the jitterbug and are finishing the mambo, while in the beginners group the Cadets are starting in on the jitterbug.

Juniors Become Officer Candidates; Begin Training

The juniors are now receiving officer training for use next year under the direction of Maj. R. L. Guernsey, Commandant, and the Cadet Officers. They are being trained in the field that they plan to specialize in next year. Each officer takes a junior "under his wing" and helps to orientate him on the duties that he will be responsible for next year.

The juniors that are officer candidates and who are taking the training are Robert Schmitz, Jim Sullivan, Fred Handy, Russell Beames, Larry Menegay, Jerry Lutton, Bob Schuler, Al Ransom, Jim Ledgerwood, Terry Johnson, Tom Sweigert, Kirk Maslin, Gail Eilebrecht, Steve James, Hugh Parkinson, Dan Keating, and Bill Keith.

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Discussion Panel To Make Appearances Before Service Clubs

By Darryl Seybert

Col. R. L. Clem announced last week the forming of a discussion panel consisting of Cadets to travel around the state discussing and answering questions concerning the program and environment a boy finds in a private military school.

Capt. Keith G. Duckers, who will accompany the group, has contacted Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs of about 25 cities in Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado arranging dates for the group.

Appearances are already scheduled in Topeka and Russell, Kansas, and Pueblo, Colo.

From 25 to 30 Cadets have requested participation in the program. The Cadets for each trip will be chosen according to their speaking ability and personal appearance and the teams will consist of three members for each trip with either Captain Duckers or Colonel Clem accompanying them to introduce the program and act as chairman of the panel.

Honor Society Resumes Activity

The St. John's chapter of National Honor Society, an organization for students with high scholastic ratings, is resuming active membership after a semester of inactivity. Col. R. L. Clem is the faculty sponsor.

The club consists of five seniors and four underclassmen. To be eligible for membership a senior must have a total average of 85 or above in all of his subjects. Underclassmen require an above 90 average.

The nine members are Dale Browning, Roger Bigler, Dean Hargrove, Larry Rice, Darryl Seybert, Paul Stappenbeck, Roger Bacon, Robert Blethen, and Ed Stone.

The organization was inactive the first semester because of an insufficient number of members remaining from last year. Colonel Clem has planned initiation for the new members and other activities for the entire group during the remainder of the year.

NEW EQUIPMENT

The Mechanical Arts building has recently installed a new \$250 wood lathe. The metal lathe and the drill press have been repaired and are now in working order.



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Valentine Dance Held In Rec Hall

The 'S' Club held its annual Valentine Day dance in the Rec Hall on Saturday, February 12. This was the last dance for the Cadets until after Lent.

An approximate crowd of 40 people attended the dance. Those present were Sue Hass, Jerry Lutton, Sue Benne, Darryl Seybert, Esther Post, Al Ransom, Peggy Todd, Stu Miller, Penny Hutton, Dan Keating, Joan Connors, Grant Torbit, Bonnie Cobb, Fred Handy, Karen Hammit, Russell Beamers, Sue Swift, Robert Schmitz, Bonnie Lovelace, Ted Anderson, Helen Habiger, John McMurray, Kathleen Brown, Bruce Cuddeback, Julia Shriver, Rod Ellison, Sharon Doeber, Bill Beech, Mary Whitehead, John Benne, Kaye Clift, Dean Hargrove, Kirk Masline, Roger Bigler, Fred Schram, Guy Benitez, and Neil Murphy.

A graduate of the class of '54 and an ex-Cadet were also present. The graduate was Bob Poe, '54, Kansas City, who was accompanied by Sue Beech, Wichita.

The ex-Cadet was Heywood Walker, also from Kansas City, who escorted Carolyn Stanford from Wichita.

After the dance the Cadets and their dates went to the midnight show at the Watson.

ENJOY STEAK DINNER

The first-string members of the basketball team enjoyed a steak dinner with all the trimmings on Monday, January 31. The dinner was to celebrate the winning of the game between St. John's and Brookville.

The dinner featured T-bone steak with French fries.

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Impressive Service Held In Chapel

The Rev. Wilfred Hotaling, Concordia, conducted a Solemn High Mass in the Armstrong Memorial Chapel on Feb. 2, to acquaint members of the Cadet Corps with the formality of such service.

Assisting Father Hotaling were Colonel Clem, who served as celebrant, and Cadet George Merritt, who acted as subdeacon.

Incense was used in the service and Father Hotaling pointed out in his brief sermonette that the reason for its use was "for the sake of beauty and art".

Aeronautics Class To Tour Smoky Hill AFB

The Aeronautics class, under the supervision of Lt. H. E. Nuss, is planning to make an excursion to Smoky Hill Air Force Base. The primary purpose of the trip is for the class to inspect jet-airplanes so as to become more familiar with their operation and maintenance.

The date for the trip has not been set but the class plans to go sometime before Spring Furlough.

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Large Crowd Expected At K-State When Crack Squad Appears There

One of the most important performances by the St. John's Crack Drill Squad this year will occur on Saturday, Feb. 26, when they will appear at half-time of the Colorado University-Kansas State College basketball game.

The regulation 18-minute drill has been modified to permit the important steps to be used in the eight-minute time allotted the squad by K-State athletic officials, according to Cadet Maj. Roger Bigler, Commander of the unit.

Bigler pointed out that he believes the performance in Manhattan will be "even more effective than usual because people will still want to see more drilling when we finish."

Kansas State Athletic Director Larry "Moon" Mullins, (former Notre Dame fullback coached by Knute Rockne) said in a recent letter regarding the upcoming drill, that the Crack Squad was one of the most entertaining half-time features that had been featured at the Fieldhouse.

Site of the drill will be the \$2 million Ahearn Fieldhouse on the KSC campus. More than 12,500 fans are expected to be on hand for the CU-KS game.

Two years ago during the halftime of a game between these same two teams the squad received a standing ovation from the fans following their performance. There were more than 12,500 people packed into the huge Fieldhouse that night.

Major Bigler and the unit have been working continuously for weeks to put themselves in readiness for the drill. Due to the lack of time there will be no bugle calls used and the Color Guard will move directly into position for the drill.

Twenty-Seven Cadets Take Dancing Lessons At Local Studio

Twenty-seven cadets are enrolled for dancing lessons at the Seymour Silver dance studio in downtown Salina.

The group includes Cadets from both the Upper and Lower schools. They have been divided into beginning and advanced groups. The beginners will start out with the foxtrot and waltz. The advance group will work on faster and more rhythmic dances, such as mambo and jitterbug.

Cadets taking the courses include: Jimmy Pickett, Steve James, Allen Bass, Raymond Blossom, Mike Wherritt, Gary Metzger, Gail Eilebrecht, Bill Beech, Jim Sullivan, Bob Pester, Neil Murphy, Jerry Lutton, Carl Rylander, Charles Moore, George Merritt, Joe Jennings, Terry Johnson, Joe Stanberry, Ron Neely, Bucky Schuler, Larry Spencer, Lee Hales, David Smith, J. D. Heacock, Russell Beames, Fred Hardman, Dean Hargrove, and Ted Anderson.

Arrangements have been made with the Episcopal parishes of Salina and neighboring towns to provide partners for the boys.

ILLNESS FORCES GRIFFIN TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL

Richard Griffin left for home Thursday, February 10. Griffin has been forced to drop out of St. John's because of illness. He will continue his education in Wyoming and plans to come back next year and graduate.

We are all sorry to see him leave and hope that he will be well enough next year to return.

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Hawaiian Drill Captain Receives Recognition

A recent picture in Contact magazine was of Cadet Captain Francis Gomes being congratulated by Col. W. G. Dye, director of the Civil Air Patrol Western Region, for leadership displayed in training the Hawaii Wing's cadet drill team. Colonel Dye honored the 37-man Hawaiian team with citation cords for participation in the Western Region and national drill competitions.

Many St. John's Cadets who participated in the national drills last year at Minneapolis, Minn., remember Captain Gomes and were acquainted with the members of the Hawaiian drill team.

Ostenberg Speaks At School Assembly

The usual Friday assembly program was held in the chapel on Friday, Feb. 4. Speaker was W. M. Ostenberg, superintendent of public schools for the city of Salina. Mr. Ostenberg stressed that Americans should be grateful for their freedom above all things. He pointed out that America has more telephones, cars, washing machines, and nearly every other material thing, than all the rest of the countries put together but he emphasized that freedom was our most important asset.

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Cadets Finish League Play

St. John's has won a single victory since the last issue of the Skirmisher. The win was against Bavaria 77-70. Five games were lost during this same period, to Enterprise, 57-52, Kipp 61-50, Assaria 46-39, Gypsum 65-45, and Solomon 66-57.

The Cadets wound up the season in seventh place in a league of eight, by winning three and losing 13. The league championship was won by Kipp and Assaria took second.

With the totals in, Cadet center Dale Browning was high point man for the season with 247 points. The rest of the team followed in this order: John McMurray 137, Al Ransom 123, Stu Miller, 75, Hugh Parkinson 51, and Herb Soukup with 20 points.

The "B" team wound up its season with three wins and 13 losses. High point man for them was George Bristow with 91. Second high was Larry Menegay with 78, and Gary Leet ran a close third with 76 points. Other scorers for the second stringers were Masline 48, Cummings 33, Keating 31, Keith 17, Rylander 11, and Stone 6.

Cadets Drop Opening Round Of League Tourney

St. John's Cadets lost their first game of the Saline County League Tournament to Solomon by a score of 61-44 Tuesday, Feb. 15. This leaves the Cadets with a chance of winning consolation but out of the championship bracket.

When the second round gets underway the Cadets will meet Brookville, who lost to Kipp in the first round. If the Cadets win this contest they will play the winner of the Enterprise-Bavaria game.

The winners in the first round were Kipp, Solomon, Gypsum and Assaria, with Brookville, St. John's, Enterprise and Bavaria dropping into the consolation bracket.

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NEW BOY OF THE MONTH Cpl. Hugh Parkinson, stands straight as a ramrod as Maj. Russell L. Guernsey, Commandant, and Lt. Roderick Ellison, make room inspection. Parkinson rooms with Cadet David Smith. Their room is one of the best kept in the barracks.

Two "Old Boys" Return For Visit

Two graduates of the Class of 1954 returned to visit St. John's on Sunday, Jan. 30. They were James Appling and Bill Meidell.

Appling is now on leave from the Air Force. He is to report to San Francisco on Feb. 24, and will be sent to Japan for duty.

Meidell is attending the University of Wichita and is holding a part-time job at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita.

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ENGLISH STUDENTS ATTEND MOVIE

Mrs. Hardy's English classes went to see the movie "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" recently. The English II and IV classes went on Monday, Jan. 31, while the English I and III classes attended the movie on Wednesday, Feb. 2. The movie was taken from the book by Jules Verne and was enjoyed by all.

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