



Crack Squad-Platoon Return From 4-Day Colorado Trip

The combined Crack Drill Squad and Platoon from St. John's returned to Salina Sunday afternoon, March 10, after a four-day trip to Denver where they made six public appearances.

The trip to Denver and return was made by a U.S. Air Force KC-97.

Arrangements for the appearances in Denver were made by members of the Colorado chapter of the St. John's Foundation. Cadets were housed in private homes of parents of Cadets. Coors Kugeler, vice-president of the Foundation, coordinated the trip.

Three Drills For Squad

The Crack Squad drilled between halves of a basketball game Thursday night, March 7, between the Wichita Vickers and the Denver-Chicago Truckers. A crowd of 6,500 saw the drill. They also made a 10-minute appearance Friday afternoon on a Denver television station and performed Friday night at a Presbyterian Mariners club meeting.

The Platoon drilled at three different public schools in Denver on Friday.

Tour United Air Lines

The St. John's Cadets were guests of Loyd Schram and Park Learned on a tour of United Air Lines and for lunch at the UAL cafeteria on Friday. They visited the UAL training center, communications center, flight kitchen and customer service center.

A dinner and dance were held Friday night in honor of the Cadets. Dates for all Cadets were arranged by Denver parents. Hawaiian orchids had been flown in by United Air Lines for each Cadet to give to his date. Decorations followed a St. Patrick's Day theme and were made by Mrs. Coors Kugeler.

The party was held in the recreation hall of the Mountview Presbyterian Church.

Lunch At USAF Academy

Another highlight of the Denver trip came Saturday morning when the St. John's Cadets toured the U.S. Air Force Academy at Lowry Field and had lunch with the Cadets. This was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dowson.

Upon arrival at the Academy the drill team was briefed on the academic and airmanship program of the U.S.A.F.A. Pictures of the permanent site at Colorado Springs were also shown.

Following lunch with the Air Force Cadets, the drill team was taken on a tour of the barracks, chapel and recreation hall. Later they witnessed the Saturday review.

Church services at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral were attended Sunday morning by the drill team.

Quick Return Trip

Immediately following the serv-

ices the Cadets were transported to Lowry A.F.B. where they boarded the KC-97 for return to Salina. Flying time for the 440 mile return trip was one hour and 25 minutes.

The Cadets were house guests of the following members of the Foundation while in Denver:

Mr. and Mrs. James F. McNaul, Mr. and Mrs. Rex T. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Honnen, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Schram, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Masten, Mrs. Graham Dodge, Mrs. Roy Lanning, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kugeler, Mr. and Mrs. John Stapleton, Mrs. Polly Maulsby, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Jeppesen, Mrs. Valda G. Crews, Mr. and Mrs. Park R. Learned, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Dowson.

Capt. Keith G. Duckers accompanied the following St. John's Cadets on the trip:

George Akers, Roger Bacon, Everett Beck, John Benne, Gary Brandon, John Carson, John Crawford, Bill Crews, John Davis, Mike Ekiss, Larry Ellifritt, Tom Garrett, Lee Hales, Ron Hardin, George Heron, Gavin Honnen, Roy Hovey, Jim Jeppesen, Coors Kugeler, Park Learned, Dave McClanahan, Jim McNaul, Whit Masten, John Maulsby, Ron Neely, Butch Nelson, Allen Oliver, Allen Satterfield, Fred Schram, Tom Simms, Marion Sloan, Larry Spencer, Joe Stanberry, Clyde Stiteler, John Striegel, Bob Swan, Leon Swartzen-druber, John Wilson and Paul Wilson.

Three Former Cadets Attend Denver Party

Three St. John's graduates attended the party given for the members of the drill team by members of the Foundation in Denver.

Roger Bigler, '55, former Cadet major and now a sophomore in mechanical engineering at Colorado University, joined two members of the class of '56, Al Ransom and Fritz Handy. Ransom, the Cadet major his senior year, is now attending Colorado U. also. Handy, a former Cadet officer, is now on the staff of Colorado Military School in Denver.

Two New Cadets Enter St. John's

Two new Cadets have entered St. John's since the last issue of the Skirmisher.

Ronald Waller is an eighth grader from Fairfax, Okla., and Bob Price is a junior from Kansas City.

Rare Honor For Rector

Colonel Clem Gives Prayer In Senate

Col. R. L. Clem, Rector of St. John's, spent from February 23 to 27, in Washington D. C., attending the annual convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

While in Washington, Colonel Clem was honored by being invited to give the opening prayer in the U. S. Senate on Tuesday, February 26. With that honor went the privilege of the senate floor for the day and the Colonel had a chance to visit with many national figures.

The invitation to give the opening prayer in the U. S. Senate was made to Colonel Clem by Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas.

Among other things accomplished in Washington, Colonel Clem conferred with officials regarding the possibility of "air-lift" for the drill teams to the International Lions Convention in San Francisco next June.

Cadets Set For Trip East

New York, Washington To Be Visited

At least 25 St. John's Cadets will spend the week of March 29 through April 4 on a tour of New York, Washington, D.C., and other points of interest in the East.

Occasion for the journey to the nation's largest city and the seat of our government is the annual Baltimore and Ohio R.R. sponsored educational tour.

The St. John's group will leave Salina at 6:25 p.m., Friday, March 29, arriving in New York at noon Sunday. Following two days and nights in NYC the Cadets will travel to Washington, D.C., for a day and night of sightseeing and touring the nation's capital.

The Cadets making the trip will be accompanied by Capt. and Mrs. Keith Duckers and Mr. John Hammar of the B.&O.

Among those signed up for the trip are Bob Kyle, Whit Masten, Tom Simms, Coors Kugeler, John Dawson, Gary Brandon, George Akers, Dean Radcliffe, Linley French, Tom Garrett, Butch Nelson, Phil Hendren, Jim Yeargain, Fred Schram, Bill Beech, Glenn Hayes, John Striegel, Butch Moore, George Snow, Gary Rutchman, Ken Trenberth, Bill Keith, Tom Harries, Lee Hales,

Choir Spends Weekend in K. C.

Cadet Singers Also See Basketball Game

The Cadet Choir spent an enjoyable time in Kansas City, Kans., as guests of the Rector and Parish of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, on March 9 and 10.

Accompanied by Father Pratt and John Marlor, Counselor for the Junior School, Cadets Becker, Crocker, DeGraw, Dowson, Erb, Graham, Odell, Pettee, C., Ross, Scott, Sprague, Story, West, and Thiessen, arrived in Kansas City, via the new Turnpike, at 4:30 p.m.

After a short practice in the beautiful St. Paul's Church, the cadets were taken to the Turnpike Restaurant for supper, then on to Lawrence for the K.U.-Colorado basketball game where they watched the amazing feats of Wilt 'the Stilt'.

Sunday morning the choir sang the Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. and Morning Prayer at 11:00 a.m. This was followed by a half-hour recital in the Church Hall.

Tom Bozell, Paul Hollister, and Bob Jewell.

Cadets in the upper three classes are authorized to make the trip providing they meet the same scholastic requirements as set forth by the Kansas High School Activities Association for participation in interscholastic athletics.



RIDE 'EM COWBOY KAYDET!!—Cadet "ranglers" try to shake "Dude" Sammy Bertram loose in training session for rodeo riding. Barrel suspended on ropes acts as "horse." Boys' tugging provides the bucking action. At left, front is Sandy Bertram, Sammy's twin. At left, rear is Fred Blair; right, front is Ronnie Ziatz, and behind him is Roy Cox. These five Cadets built the "barrel horse" and it has been in almost constant action since it was completed. Several of the Cadets plan to enter the 81-40 Rodeo to be held in Salina in May. Parental consent must be given before a boy may enter the rodeo, however.

Pardon Please!

The Skirmisher editor committed a near unpardonable mistake in the February issue in the story about people in Wichita who kept members of the drill team overnight. The names of Mrs. L. C. Benne, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Dale W. Simmons were somehow omitted.

Our sincere apologies to these patrons.

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**Chapel Notes**
By Father Pratt

(Continued from last issue)

"People have different things to give. Some have time, energy, skill, ideas. Others have some special talent. All of us can give away appreciation, interest, encouragement—which requires no money expenditure unless it is for a postage stamp or a telephone call.

The 'giver-away' should MAJOR in the items in which he is 'long', and fill in with the rest. Having no special talent myself, I specialize in ideas and appreciation and assorted surprises. If I am buying popcorn at the popcorn-wagon and a couple of urchins are watching longingly, I order three bags, pay for them, hand the urchins their two bags and walk away without a word. It never fails to make the world more exciting for three people.

Of course, you will be tempted to back-slide. An idea popped into my head one day which I thought some department store might be able to use profitably. "Now this idea is worth money", I said to myself. "I'll try to sell it." "You'll do nothing of the kind" said my wiser self. "You'll not spend your time peddling an idea: you'll give it away and get it out of your system."

So I wrote a letter to one of the world's most famous department stores, outlining the idea and presenting it to them. It was immediately adopted with appreciation, and now I have a big department store as a friend.

Simple appreciation, for example, is one of the most acceptable forms of giving-away. I have found that authors, actors, lecturers, public servants, even the biggest of them—are hungry for genuine expressions of approval. We think of them as being smothered with appreciation, whereas all too often they live on crumbs. The manufactured publicity that is created to promote them does not warm their hearts. What they crave is the spontaneous, human, friendly appreciation of the people they are trying to serve.

The other day I was in a hotel dining room where an orchestra was playing. It was a good orchestra, offering well-chosen selections, well played. On the way out impulse prompted me to stop and say, "Gentlemen, I have thoroughly enjoyed your playing." For a second they looked almost startled. Then all of their faces broke out into smiles and I left them beaming over their instruments. My own day went off better for it, too.

Another discovery I have made is that it is always impossible to give away anything in this world without getting something back—provided you are not trying to get something. Usually the return comes in some form, and likely to be months or years later.

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Wasn't it you who wrote us that letter a year ago about delivering a Special-Delivery letter to your home?" I said it was. "Well, you certainly are going to have a box in this postoffice if we have to make one for you. You don't know what a letter like that means to us. We usually get nothing but kicks." I

GOING HOME

Going home—two words that ring a crystal bell in any cadet's mind. "I'm going home," he says, and once he's said it, not even a winning basketball team could keep him in Salina.

He isn't going just anywhere—he's going home and nobody (not even the commandant) can keep him from it.

So it's home again—away from classes, away from book, away from chaos, away from bugle calls, away from the St. John's tower.

Probably going home is going from one conformity to another. But the conformity found back home is so different it almost seems like passing into another world.

At home people carry the oddest things—hammers, sacks, grocery baskets, babies—but no one carries a book. No one at home has stayed up the night before cramming for hour exams and writing lengthy papers.

No one at home is rushing to the tempo of a bugle and a tight military schedule. No one worries about the last exam, long since ripped into tiny pieces to hide the glaring "F". People at home have more important things to worry about. But they worry more slowly and are given enough time to find an answer, right or wrong.

Getting away from black shoes, dark socks, service uniforms, kakis, and crewcuts is part of the beauty of going home.

And sleep. Nowhere in the world is there a drowsier looking bunch than St. John's cadets at breakfast. But give a cadet one week at home and he begins to look like other human beings again. Give him another week and he begins to act like one.


And no one at home walks. Everyone drives cars and that's another of the advantages of going home.

And the speech, carefully trained at St. John's to omit "ain'ts" and split infinitives loses its intellectual appeal to the warmth and vitality of a few double negatives.


But since education is as education must be, campuses are as campuses must be and home is as home must be.

But the important thing is to try them all and let going home be the pause in a year's education.

We're sure that you'll agree—after the week at home—that good ol' S.J.M.S. isn't so bad after all, and like 132 other cadets, you too, will secretly look forward to returning to the organized living at St. John's Military School.

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As if this were not enough, I find that friends multiply and good things come to me from every direction. I've decided the world insists on balancing accounts with "givers-away" provided their hands aren't outstretched for return favors.

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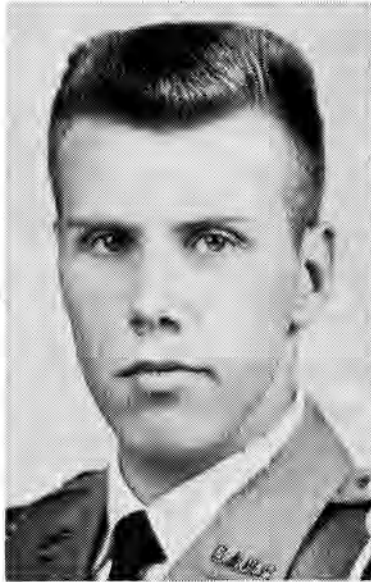
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Fred Schram Picked As Exchange Alternate

Cadet Lt. Fred Schram, senior from Denver, Colo., has been named first alternate from Kansas for the Civil Air Patrol International Exchange next summer, Col. J. J. O'Connor, Wing Commander, has announced.

Should one of the three prin-



Fred Schram

ciple candidates for the Exchange withdraw, Lt. Schram would get to go.

The International Exchange is one of the top Cadet projects in the entire CAP program. Cadets from the U.S. are selected to visit one of the 15 or 20 foreign countries participating. These countries in turn send several of their top Cadets to the United States.

Four St. John's Cadets have participated in the Exchange in recent ears. Ed Bigler toured Canada in 1952; Larry Great-house visited the Netherlands in 1953; Grant Torbit went to Canada in 1954 and Al Ransom was an Exchange Cadet to Great Britain last summer.

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Rector's Honor Roll

Whit Masten Heads Upper School

Whit Masten again headed the Upper School Honor Roll with an average of 95.6, for the grading period which ended on February 20.

Following Masten with high scholastic averages were Phil Hendren, 93.2, Leon Swartzen-druber, 91.5, Allen Satterfield, 90.7, and Dave McClanahan, 90.6.

Cadets receiving Honorable Mention for averaging between 85 and 90 were Roger Bacon, 89.6, Francis Bowers, 89.2, Paul Stappenbeck, 89.0, Edward Brann, 88.5, Clyde Stiteler, 88.4, Al Palmer, 88.2, John Maultsby, 87.5, Ronnie Ziatz, 87.2, Coors Kugeler, 87.0, Wayne Billings-ley, 86.6, Mike O'Brien, 86.5, Jerry Collins, 86.0, Bill Keith, 85.0, John Crawford, 85.5, Larry Spencer, 85.0, and Bill Crews, 85.0.

Assignments Are Announced By Major

Promotions of three Cadets and four assignments were announced by the office of the Commandant on February 20, by the reading of special order number 39.


Cadet Cpl. Jim Yeargain was advanced to the rank of sergeant while privates first class John Carson and Gary Brandon were promoted to corporal.

Assignments included:
Sgt. Bill Beech to first platoon leader, first platoon, "C" Company.
Sgt. Jim Yeargain to first platoon leader, first platoon, "B" Company.
Cpl. Roy Hovey to platoon sergeant, first platoon, "B" Company.
Cadet Dave McClanahan to squad leader, first platoon, "B" Company.

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Steve Erb Heads Junior School

Steve Erb continued to head the Junior School Honor Roll for the February grading period. Erb had an overall average of 94.3.

John Scott ranked second in the Junior School with a 93.6 average.

Named to the Honorable Men-tion were Bob Williams, 89.6, Stanley Billingsley, 89.1, Bill Tack, 88.1, John Fisher, 87.8, Frank Graham, 87.8, Karl Sprague, 87.8, Tweed Ross, 87.0, Don Kirk, 86.3, and Clifford Pettee, 85.1.

Choir Concert Tour Schedule Announced

On March 30th, the Cadet Choir will leave on the first annual Concert Tour, singing in Tulsa, Okla., Texarkana, Texas, New Orleans, La., Baton Rouge, La., Fort Worth, Texas and one or two other places not yet definitely scheduled.

The tour will be an education in itself for the Cadets of the Choir. Each year the Choir will tour different part of the country.

Tentative plans for the 1957-58 Concert Tour will be announced in the Commencement issue of The Skirmisher.

Intramural Tourney Held This Week

The Intramural basketball tour-nament between service clubs at St. John's was run off this week.

Captains of the various service teams participating in the tour-ne were Ed Stone (Navy), George Akers (Marines), Roger Bacon (Air Force), and Jim Yeargain (Army). No results were available at press time.

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Seven Seniors Take College Board Exams

Seven senior Cadets will be taking College Entrance Board tests all day Saturday, March 16, Lt. H. E. Nuss, Director of Guidance and Curriculum, has announced.

Cadets taking the CEB exams will be Whit Masten, Fred Schram, Roger Bacon, Dave McClanahan, Lee Hales, Wayne Billingsley and Jim Jeppesen. The tests will be given at Salina High School.

Crack Squad Drills At Kansas University

The Crack Squad made a suc-cessful appearance at the Uni-versity of Kansas on February 23, when they drilled between halves of a basketball game be-tween the Jayhawks and the Ne-braska U. Cornhuskers.

A capacity crowd of 17,000 saw the drill. All-American Wilt Chamberlain of Kansas thrilled the spectators as he hit for 32 points to pace the Kansans to an easy win.

Members of the Crack Squad made the 150 mile trip to Law-rence in faculty cars. They had dinner at the U. of K. student union before going to Allen Field-house for the game.

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Construction Starts On House For Duckers

Ground was broken on March 12, for a house being constructed for Capt. and Mrs. Keith Duck-ers. The three-bedroom house will be located just inside the main gate of the campus on the east side of the drive across from Hardy's house. Construction is expected to be completed in 90 days.

Final Yearbook Copy Sent To Printers

The final copy shipment for the 1957 edition of the "Sound Off" went to the Myers Yearbook Co., in Topeka this week, Roger Bacon, editor, has announced.

According to business manager Whit Masten, the 68-page book is expected to be ready for dis-tribution the last week of school, probably on May 19.


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16 Cadets Get "Old Boy" Shields

Sixteen Cadets have appeared before the Cadet Court and successfully passed the Old Boy examination. On March 4, they were authorized to wear the Old Boy Shields and have full privileges of Old Boys.

The Court examined them individually on school history, knowledge of military duties, manual of arms and other pertinent subjects.

Advanced to the status of Old Boys were Ted Anderson, Everett Beck, Francis Bowers, Robert Denman, Don Franklin, Ronald Hardin, Bob Kyle, Mike O'Brien, Adrian Moore, Jerry Rutschman, John Tammen, Allen Thiessen, Kenneth Trenberth, George Snow, Leon Swartzendruber and Paul Wilson.

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Brann Chosen For New Boy Honor

Edward C. "Corky" Brann II steps into the Skirmisher spotlight this month as the outstanding new boy.

Corky has made quite a record for himself since entering St. John's last September as a freshman. He is one of the few freshmen to be admitted to the National Honor Society.

The faculty committee on selection of Cadets for the Skirmisher "New Boy" honor pointed out that Brann is "one of the best mannered Cadets in school."

Corky's chief extra-curricular



Corky Brann

interest is in the field of radio. He has been active in working on the St. John's Civil Air Patrol station and is considered "very dependable" by Lt. Eugene Beaver, head of the radio department.

Corky hopes to return to St. John's next September and continue toward graduation here in 1960.

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Beware Next Issue

Don't be alarmed at the next issue of the Skirmisher you receive. If you read that Elvis Presley has been hired to teach gymnastics at St. John's, or that Marilyn Monroe will act as a "housemother" in the Upper School next year you had better take it with a grain of salt.

The next issue of the Skirmisher will be the annual April Fool Edition so you better get set to have your leg pulled.

Baseball, Track Seasons Near Coaches Expect Large Turnout

Baseball spikes and track equipment have put in an appearance at St. John's now that basketball season has ended and spring sports competition is near at hand.

A large group of baseball hopefuls have reported to head Coach Capt. V. B. "Lefty" Loy. Preliminary workouts started before spring furlough and are expected to be conducted daily following the furlough.

Capt. J. D. "Fat" Elmborg, head track coach, is expecting a good size squad with several returning lettermen to be available for the several track meets scheduled through the spring. Among meets coming up is a trip to the Sterling Relays.

Both coaches pointed out that baseball games and track meets will be scheduled as weather permits. No advance schedule will be made.

Prospective Cadets To Visit School

Several prospective Cadets who are considering coming to St. John's next year will be invited to visit the school over a weekend, beginning the first weekend in April and continuing through until commencement.

Cadets who have friends in their hometowns who are interested in visiting St. John's may invite them to come. Notification should be given either Major Guernsey or Captain Duckers of any arrangements made by Cadets to have guests visit the school.

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ELMBORG NAMES CAGE LETTERMEN

Names of 16 basketball lettermen for the 1956-57 season have been announced by Capt. J. D. "Fat" Elmborg, head coach. They include three seniors, six juniors, five sophomores and two freshmen.

Senior letter winners are George Akers, Gary King and Jim Yeargain.

Juniors who won SJMS monograms are John Benne, John Carson, Phil Hendren, Coors Kugeler, Marion Sloan and Eddie Stone.

The five sophomore lettermen are Bruce Forrester, Ron Hardin, Gavin Honnen, Ken Trenberth and Leon Swartzendruber. Swartzendruber won his letter as squad manager.

Freshmen who received their first monogram from St. John's are Sandy Bertram and John Maultsby.

Athletic Awards Announced For J.S.

Twenty-three letter awards for participation in Junior School athletics have been announced by Lt. Jack McCandless, wrestling coach, and Lt. Ivan Pangrac, basketball coach.

Six major awards were made in basketball and six in wrestling. Eight minor awards were issued for basketball and three for wrestling. Differences in major and minor awards were made on point basis in wrestling and for quarters of participation in "A" team games in basketball.

Major basketball awards went to Bob Williams, Bob Morrison, Bill Tack, Bill Griffith, Bob Odell and Jim DeGraw.

Major wrestling awards went to Mike Murray, Gary Marrou, Clifford Pette, Frank Benedict, Jim Kugeler and Dean Dawson.

Minor basketball awards went to John Scott, John Swartz, Karl Sprague, Jim Staudacher, Ray McDaniels, Frank Graham, Steve Crocker and Stanley Billingsley.

Minor wrestling awards were issued to David Todd, Steve Erb and Don Kirk.

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Senior Scores High on Test

Whit Masten Receives Recognition

A St. John's senior Cadet has been commended by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for distinguished performance in its nation-wide search for students of unusual ability, according to Lt. H. E. Nuss, Director of Guidance.

The cadet honored is Lt. Whit Masten, senior from Denver.



Whit Masten

Masten has attended St. John's for five years.

Masten has also been named Kansas state runner-up in the 1957 Merit Scholarship competition.

"The seniors who received this honor are among the top one or two per cent in ability in the state," according to John M. Stalnaker, President of NMSC.

"While they did not quite reach the finals of the 1957 Merit Scholarship competition, their unusual promise deserves recognition. Indeed, we want to encourage every one of them to make a special effort to obtain the best college education possible. Both student and country will profit."

Masten plans to attend the California Institute of Technology.

As state runner-up, Masten will be sent a letter of recommendation by NMSC for use in applying to Cal Tech.

The National Merit Scholarship competition provides the largest system of privately financed scholarships offered in the United States. High schools may enter their most outstanding students in the annual competition. The first hurdle the students face is the "Scholarship Qualifying Test," a high level measurement of potential ability to benefit from a college education.

This year, over 162,000 outstanding seniors from 12,500 high schools entered, with 750 four-year college scholarships worth an estimated \$3.75 million at stake.

NMSC was established in 1955 through grants of \$20.5 million from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Over forty business and industrial firms offer four-year college scholarships through its facilities.