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Furlough Near Sixteen-Day Leaves Granted To All Cadets; Return Jan. 6

Christmas furlough officially gets underway at the end of classes at 1116 Friday, December 21.

Sixteen days of rest, relaxation, travel and fun await the 135 St. John's Cadets who will scatter to every corner of the nation as well as Canada and Venezuela.

Boys living beyond Denver to the west and St. Louis to the east may leave late Thursday if better travel arrangements can be made. These arrangements can be made ONLY through Col. R. L. Clem, Rector.

Furlough ends at 1900 hours (that's 7 p.m. for you guys who might become too civvie minded over the furlough) on Jan. 6, 1957. Classes resume on schedule on the morning of Jan. 7. There will be a study hall the evening the Cadets return.

Among Cadets traveling the greatest distances home for the holidays will be Allen Thiessen and John Scott to Calgary, Canada; Gary Marrou, Cabimas, Venezuela; John and Hugh Sender, Portland, Ore.; Jim DeGrew, Belle Glade, Fla.; Bruce Forrester, Plainfield, N. J.; and Al Palmer, Yeadon, Penna.

GIRLS VISIT SJMS FOR SOCIAL HOUR

Between 50 and 75 high school girls from Salina were guests at St. John's at a social hour on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 8.

Entertainment consisted mainly of dancing in the rec hall.

Mrs. Ernest Harvey arranged the party and acted as hostess. She was assisted by Mrs. R. L. Clem and Mrs. R. L. Guernsey. Coffee, punch and cookies were served.

Cadets Visit Ike Museum

Upper School Cadets are looking forward to December 13, when they will journey to Abilene, Kans., to tour the Eisenhower museum and boyhood home of the President.

The museum is one of the outstanding points of interest in this area, housing the President's war trophies and many other articles of historical interest.

Junior School Cadets will make the same trip following furlough.

16 Inducted Into S Club

The "S" Club, varsity lettermen's society at St. John's, has taken in 16 new members. Invitations to join the club were issued at the Lettermen's Dance on Thanksgiving eve. Initiation of the new members ran from Nov. 25 to Dec. 2.

New members include first year lettermen from last year in basketball, baseball and track and this year's football lettermen. They are George Akers, John Carson, Coors Kugeler, Mike Gannaway, Jim Yeargain, Roy Hovey, Dave McClanahan, Paul Stappenbeck, Dick Thompson, Bruce Forrester, Tom Garrett, Whit Masten, Lee Hales, Phil Hendren, Ed Stone and Bob Swan.

Aeronautics Class Gets Look At Mock War Air Center

Six Cadets in Lt. H. E. Nuss' aeronautics class recently got an inside look at an air operations center for a mock war.

They were guests of the Tactical Air Command's 436th Fighter-Day Squadron at Smoky Hill Air Force Base.

The Cadets were George Akers, Tom Bozzell, Bob Kyle, Dave McClanahan, Bob Swan and Allen Oliver.

Lt. Col. William J. Evans, commander of the 436th Squadron, gave a short course of instruction to the Cadets prior to a tour of the flight line.

The boys got their first look

at the F-100 trisomic "Supersabre" jet fighter. Questions about the F-100 were answered by two jet pilots.

Col. William "Bull" Harris, commander of the 479th Fighter-Day Group, also was present.

The 436th is normally based at George AFB, Calif. Its jet fighters have been using SHAFB as a temporary base while providing air support for Fort Riley troops in "Exercise Red Arrow".

The mock war ended Dec. 6.

Aero Class To Beech Plant

Lt. H. E. Nuss' aeronautics class will spend December 13, in Wichita touring the Beech Aircraft Corp.

Miss Maud Beech, member of the St. John's Board of Trustees and sister of the late Walter Beech, founder of Beech Aircraft, helped make arrangements for the class in Wichita. Members of the class were luncheon guests of Miss Beech at Bobby's, an exclusive restaurant in Wichita.

Capt. Keith G. Duckers accompanied Lt. Nuss and the Cadets on the trip.

St. John's Board Exec Group Meets

The executive committee of the St. John's Board of Trustees met at the school on Dec. 4.

Members of the committee attending the meeting were the Rt. Rev. Arnold M. Lewis, president ex-officio and Bishop of Salina, Whitley Austin, Kenneth Wright and Norm Holke. Col. R. L. Clem and Mrs. Hazel Fonck met with the committee.

Foundation Officers Elected

40,000 To See Crack Squad

3 Appearances Set Before Large Crowds

The St. John's Crack Drill Squad will swing into heavy action following Christmas furlough with definite appearances scheduled at Kansas State College, Kansas University and Wichita University basketball games.

The Squad makes its first half-time appearance in Manhattan on Monday night Jan. 15, at the K-State-Missouri Tigers' game. Next the drill team will appear at W. U. between halves of the Drake Bulldog game on Saturday, Jan. 26.

On Saturday, Feb. 23, the Cadets and Wilt (The Stilt) Chamberlain will share the spotlight before 17,500 fans in Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence as the Jayhawks entertain the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Crowds of 12,500 at Manhattan and 10,000 at Wichita are expected for the games in those cities. Tickets are still available for all three games in the event that any parents of Cadets want to take in one or more of the games and see the Crack Squad perform at the same time.

HANKS IS "OLD BOY"

Cadet Charles Hanks has appeared before the Cadet Court and succeeded in passing the "Old Boy" examination and is authorized to wear the shields.

Wilbur Anderson Named President

Officers for the 1956-57 school year of the St. John's School Foundation, Inc., were elected at a breakfast meeting at the Holiday Inn Hotel on Thanksgiving morning.

Wilbur W. Anderson, Wichita, was elected president, H. Coors Kugeler, Denver, vice-president, and Tweed Ross, Beloit, Kans., secretary-treasurer. Elected as directors were Mrs. Dale Ekiss, Pueblo, Colo., W. A. Harries, Odessa, Tex., and Don Kirk, Ft. Worth, Tex.

The officers held a second session Thanksgiving afternoon and charted plans for the year. They voted to change the name to the "Foundation" from the former name "Association", because they felt "Foundation" was more explanatory of the purposes of the club.

Secretary-treasurer Tweed Ross is starting proceedings to have the Foundation incorporated so that gifts will be income-tax deductible.

It was decided that membership dues to the Foundation would be \$2.00 per year per family. These funds will be used for postage and clerical expenses incurred in communicating with members of the Foundation.

A project for this year and plans for raising funds to accomplish such a project were also discussed.

Plans are for the members of the Foundation to meet again in Salina at commencement time.

HAYES PROMOTED

Cadet Pfc. Glenn Hayes was promoted to the grade of corporal on Dec. 2, Maj. R. L. Guernsey announced.

"New Boy"



LEON SWARTZENDRUBER steps into the Skirmisher spotlight this month for the "New Boy of the Month" honor. A 15-year old sophomore from Denver, Leon was the unanimous choice of the faculty committee for the honor. Leon has kept busy this fall with many extra-curricular activities. He was a member of the varsity football squad, and although he did not letter this year, Coach Elmborg expects Leon will be a steady performer next season for the Cadets. "Swartzy" is assistant photograph officer and spends a lot of his free time working in the dark room. Faculty and Cadets alike agree that Leon is "a real nice, hard working guy".

—(Photo by Crews)

Rector's Honor Roll

Whit Masten Heads Upper School

Whit Masten, senior from Denver, led the Upper School Rector's Honor Roll for the grading period which ended on Nov. 14, with an overall average of 96.2. Five other high school Cadets made the honor roll and 14 others received honorable mention.

Making the honor roll along with Masten were Roger Bacon, 93.6, Phil Sendren, 93.5, Leon Swartzendruber, 92.5, Dave McClanahan, 90.6, and Allen Satterfield, 90.2.

Named to Honorable Mention were Alan Thiessen, Tom Garrett, Jim Yeargain, Francis Bowers, Coors Kugeler, John Maultsby, Fred Schram, Bill Crews, Lee Hales, Eddie Stone, Paul Stappenbeck, Jerry Collins, Robert Pave and Clyde Stiteler.

To make the honor roll a Cadet must have an average in all courses of 90 per cent or above. Honorable Mention goes to those with grades averaging above 85.

John Scott Heads Junior School

John Scott, eighth grader from Calgary, Canada, led the Junior School Rector's Honor Roll for the last grading period with an average of 93.5. Close behind Scott for runner-up honors was Steven Erb, fifth grader from Omaha, with a 93 average.

Receiving honorable mention for grades above 85 were Frank Graham, Stanley Billingsley, Robert Williams, Karl Sprague and John Fisher.

Four J. S. Cadets Receive Promotions

Promotions of four Cadets in the Junior School have been announced.

Corporal John Morrison has been promoted to sergeant. Four other Cadets were advanced to private first class. They are Stanley Billingsley, Bill Tack, Terry West and Frank Graham.



THE RADIO GANG spend about all of their free time on the Kansas Civil Air Patrol network. Lt. Gene Beaver, faculty sponsor of the radio shop, has completely reorganized the department this year and has the shop and equipment in the best shape in years. Grouped (clockwise) around Lt. Beaver are Charles Hanks, radio officer, Bob Kyle, assistant, Dave McClanahan, Steve Anderson and Corky Brann.

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15 Awarded
Grid Letters

Capt. Jim Elmborg has announced the names of 15 Cadets as SJMS monogram winners from the 1956 football squad.

Eight seniors are among the lettermen.

Receiving letters for participating in at least half the quarters of all football games are Roger Bacon, Bill Beech, John Carson, Bruce Forrester, Phil Hendren, Coors Kugeler, Whit Masten, Dave McClanahan, Fred Schram, Larry Spencer, Paul Stappenbeck, Bob Swan, Dick Thompson, Jim Yeargain and Lee Hales, manager.

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Mat Team
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McCandless Coaches
Cadets Grapplers

A wrestling team is being organized at St. John's for the first time in more than a decade.

Lt. Jack McCandless is wrestling coach. McCandless was a state wrestling champion in his division when he was a St. John's Cadet in the early 1940's. Later he was on the varsity wrestling team at Colorado A. & M. while attending college.

Twenty-two Cadets have reported for practice and prospects in some divisions are good. John Crawford, junior from St. Louis, had varsity wrestling experience before entering St. John's and was instrumental in getting the sport re-installed at SJMS.

Besides Crawford, members of the squad are Gary Brandon, Gary King, Jim McNaul, Tom Bozell, Glenn Rayes, Jim Gresty, George Covion, Andy Lett, Roy Cox, Hugh Sender, Bill Beech, Bob Nelson, Dean Radcliffe, Roy Hovey, John Davis, Larry Spencer, John Tammen, Bill Wright, John Sears, Gary Peyton and Allen Thiessen.

Basketball Schedule

Nov. 30	Bennington	72	27
Dec. 4	Assaria	79	22
Dec. 7	Enterprise	31	23
Dec. 11	Brookville	64	30
Dec. 14	Gypsum There		
Dec. 18	Bavaria Here		
Jan. 8	Kipp There		
Jan. 11	Assaria Here		
Jan. 15	Enterprise There		
Jan. 18	Brookville There		
Jan. 22	(open)		
Jan. 25	Gypsum Here		
Jan. 29	Solomon There		
Feb. 1	Bavaria There		
Feb. 5	Solomon Here		
Feb. 7	Kipp Here		
Feb. 12-14-16	League Tournament, Salina		
Feb. 22	(open)		
Feb. 26 to Mar. 2	State District Tournament		

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Chapel Notes

THE MESSAGE IN THE CARD" which is printed below was written by James Batchelor and appeared in a London newspaper. I think it has a point which we all might take note of when we get our cards for Christmas.

"Our small daughter pored over the crop of Christmas cards received by the family. The display on our walls and bookcases was bewilderingly diverse and disconnected. Nothing was linked to anything else. Ballet girls, Old Dutch flower paintings, Queen Elizabeth dancing with Leicester, facetious sketches directed at the Government—"Wishing you a Winston New Year". "But there isn't anything about Christmas," wailed the child.

Then her eyes fell on the cheapest and poorest card of the lot—cheaper indeed, than Lord Crabtree's photograph of himself inscribed "For auld lang syne".

The child beamed. "I like that one" she said, "it's beautiful. It's about Christmas."

The card above showed three turbaned figures on camels. They were gazing at a green-blue star, pouring down a river of light on a small town. Fronds of palm fringed the picture. There was a band of green tinsel. Ugh!

I fear our small girl's aesthetic sense is shaky. She has as yet no feeling for picasso. But she has a strong instinct for keeping to the subject. She believes that occasions, like people, should mean what they say.

And I felt she had set her finger on the central point in what seems increasingly wrong with Christmas. Putting it mildly, the event seems to have become buried under its celebration.

Among the views of the Wye Valley, the dancing dolls and the abstract designs, this poor, shoddy card stood out in lonely relevancy. Its tinsel star flashed a ray of reminder.

It is a sickness of the modern world that words lose their meaning and we stage elaborate ceremonies whose purpose seems unknown equally to the organizers and the participants.

I will not dispute the view of Lord Crabtree's personal Public Relations Officer that he has been a benefactor to humanity. But it was not for His birth that the sky was filled with angels.

On behalf of my client, my small daughter, I plead for some remembrance of the story of Christmas. After all, it is the most wonderful story in the world. We are supposed to be commemorating the birth of the Saviour of the race. On that event has hung the hopes of many millions throughout the centuries. Even those who believe it to be no more than a beautiful legend grant its importance in human history.

One would have thought that on this Christmas of all Christmases the message of hope and Divine passion would seem more than ever appealing. The way ahead is dark. Men and women are worried and troubled in spirit. They don't like to think what may happen before another Christmas falls. It was to such unhappy spirits that the song of the first Christmas was addressed—"Peace on earth good will to men" or if any of you prefer the other version, "Peace on earth through men of good will".

I am afraid that our Christmas cards, like most of the hotel revels, miss this point. It is a pity that the commercialisation of Christmas has blurred and disfigured its meaning at the very time in history when men and women are groping for a meaning, when the hope of peace is the dearest hope they cherish.

I fear this is becoming a tedious sermon, but an institution that forgets its origins usually withers. I would not like Christmas to die.

Thank you, Mrs. Golightly, for your splendid reproduction of Paddington Station in 1875. Where DID you get it? Thank you, Mesdames and Messieurs of the Gas Board for your fraternal greetings. But how strange it is there is only this shabby tinsel star to remind Caroline and me of what this ceremony is really about, of what, so to speak, we are here for. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

To all the Cadets and their families, and to the Faculty and Staff, may the blessings of the Christ Child be with you this season.

—The Chaplain.



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On Sunday, November 4th, at the Service of Evensong in the Armstrong Memorial Chapel, a new Altar hanging was dedicated to The Glory of God as a Thank offering by the mother of Jim Ledgerwood, '56.

The hanging is of white and purple brocade, the white on one side and the purple on the other so that by reversing the hanging it serves for two of the churches seasons or festivals.

We wish to thank Mrs. Ledgerwood for her generous gift, and especially as she made the hanging herself which adds so much to the gift.

We are always most grateful when parents wish to make a gift to the Chapel as a memorial or as a thank offering. The Chaplain will be glad to confer with any of the parents at any time.

End Grid Season With 3-8 Record

Beat Dragons 27-19

MARTIN STADIUM, Nov. 15 —Trailing 13-0 after less than three minutes had been played, the St. John's Cardets fought from behind to take a 27-19 win from the Sylvan Grove Dragons at Glenn Martin Stadium Thursday night, to wind up the 1956 grid campaign.

Playing in sub-freezing weather before a small crowd of football die-hards, it took an 80-yard pass play to fire up Coach Jim Elmborg's eleven to their winning effort.

Fumble Kickoff

The Cadets fumbled the opening kickoff and the Dragons recovered to set the stage for a 33-yard scoring pass from quarterback Larry Hoesemeyer to Jim Winckler to give the Sylvan eleven an early 6-0 lead.

Two plays later the Cadets had again fumbled giving the Dragons the ball on the St. John's 45. Fullback Marvin Holle rambled the entire 45 yards and then converted to put Sylvan Grove in front 13-0.

Long Pass To Carson

Starting play from their own 17 following the kickoff, Cadet quarterback Phil Hendren tossed a 15 yard pass to end John Carson who ran 65 yards to the Dragon three to set up the first Cadet TD. Hendren carried over on a sneak and Dick Thompson converted to cut the Sylvan lead to 13-7 with only 5 minutes gone in the initial quarter.

Thompson picked off a stray Dragon aerial to set up the tying St. John's touchdown on the Dragon 10. Hendren hit Carson in the end zone for the six-pointer. The Cadets failed to convert and the quarter ended a 13-13 tie.

Cadets Take Lead

Hendren went over for St. John's in the second period on a 15-yard option play and Bruce Forrester converted to give the Cadets a 20-13 halftime lead.

Sylvan Grove cut the St. John's lead to 20-19 in the third quarter with Jim Winckler going 67 yards.

The Cadets iced the game late in the fourth quarter with halfback Bruce Forrester going over from the five after he had made runs of 10 and 12 yards to set up the score. Thompson again carried the conversion.

Schram, King Miss Game

St. John's was without the services of two regulars, both seniors. Fred Schram, fullback, was on crutches with a severely bruised knee, and end Gary King was scholastically ineligible for the game.

Six other seniors saw their last

action for the Cadets. They are end Roger Bacon, guard Dave McClanahan, center Jim Yeargain, tackle Bill Beech, guard Whit Masten and halfback Bob Swan.

Four Sylvan Grove senior played their last game. They are guards Duane McGee and Dale Bentrup, and backs Jim Winckler and Marvin Holle.

Statistics		S.J.	Sylvan Grove
First Downs	.....	12	5
Yards Rushing	.....	209	174
Passes Attempted	.....	9	2
Passes Completed	.....	5	1
Passing Yardage	.....	122	33
Passes Intercepted by	.....	1	2
Punting Average	.....	0-0	5-16
Fumbles lost	.....	4	1
Penalties	.....	15	25
Score by Quarters			
St. John's	.....	13	7 0 7—27
Sylvan Grove	.....	13	0 6 0—19

Salina B Wins 19-6

SALINA STADIUM, Nov. 8—A first period St. John's touchdown failed to stand up here tonight as the Salina High "B" team came from behind with scores in each of the last three periods to take a 19-6 victory over the Cadets.

The Cadets struck early after recovering the opening kickoff on the Salina 40 yard line.

Carson Scores

A 22-yard pass from Phil Hendren to John Carson was good for the touchdown.

Salina tied the game, 6-6, at the half and moved ahead 12-6 at the end of three quarters.

The Cadets threatened several times in the second half but were never able to cross the Salina goal line. Two Cadet drives deep into Salina territory were halted late in the fourth period.

Score at Gun

The Mustang eleven shoved across their final TD at the final gun. Art Petty scored two touchdowns and added a conversion and Roger Wilbur scored once for Salina.

Statistics		S.J.	Salina
First Downs	.....	9	15
Yards Rushing	.....	81	248
Passes Attempted	.....	12	1
Passes Completed	.....	6	0
Yards Passing	.....	104	0
Intercepted by	.....	0	1
Punting Average	.....	3-34	3-27
Fumbles lost	1	1
Penalties	2-10	5-25
Score by Quarters			
St. John's	6	0 0 0—6
Salina "B"	0	6 6 7—19

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Cagers Drop First Three

Cadets Still Looking For First Victory

The Cadet varsity basketball team got off to a slow start this season dropping their first three outings. The "B" team didn't fare any better as they also lost three games.

Bennington won over St. John's in the season opener by a 72-27 count. John Carson paced the Cadet varsity with seven points. The "B" team lost to the Bennington second team 50 to 27. Coors Kugeler hit 10 points for high point honors for the Cadets.

The Assaria Trojans rolled over the Cadets 79-22 in the second game of the season. Carson again paced St. John's with eight points. The Cadet "B" lost 59-12, with Kugeler hitting five to lead the St. John's cagers.

St. John's lost a defensive battle to the Enterprise Cardinals 31-23 in their third game of the season. Phil Hendren led the Cadet attack with nine counters. The SJMS "B" team dropped a 58-27 decision to the Enterprise "B" five. Jerry Rutschman and Kenneth Trenberth hit eight points each for the Cadets.

FIFTEEN PROMOTED TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Fifteen Cadets have been promoted to the grade of private first class, the Commandant's office has announced.

Promoted were Francis Bowlers, Corky Brann, Gerald Brown, John Crawford, John Dawson, Linley French, Bob Jewell, Jim McNaull, Gary Peyton, Allen Saterfield, Marion Sloan, George Snow, Leon Swartzendruber, Allen Thiessen, and Kenneth Trenberth.

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Junior Cagers Beat Tescott

The Junior School Cadet basketball team won their first game of the season as Bill Griffith and Bill Tack poured through 32 points between them to down the Tescott grade school team 32 to 24.

Although Griffith scored 17 points and Tack 15, to account for all of the Cadets points, several other boys turned in a good game for St. John's and accounted for many points by feeding the big "Bills".

Seeing action for St. John's Junior School were Bob Morrison, Jim DeGraw, Bob Williams, Karl Sprague, Bob Odell, Jim Staudacher and Don Kirk.

The Junior Cadets led 6-4 at the first quarter, 13-6 at the half, and 23-17 at the three quarter mark.

Several other games are scheduled for the Junior School after furlough.

N.H.S. Notes

In a recent meeting of the National Honor Society, an amendment was made to the constitution to the effect that the office of the secretary-treasurer be changed to two offices being secretary and that of treasurer.

Cadet Dave McClanahan was elected to the office of Treasurer and Cadet Jim Yeargain, who formerly held the combined office, now holds the office of secretary.

It was decided by the N.H.S. and S Club to show movies on Sunday. The movies have been a success and they will continue to be shown on every Sunday if the schedule permits.

At the turn of the semester, more Cadets are expected to have the required scholastic average and thereby be eligible for membership in the National Honor Society.

The N.H.S. is planning on a dinner for the present members and another one for the new members and the old members combined sometime during the second semester. These dinners include the Faculty sponsor to the N.H.S., who is Mrs. A. Y. Hardy. Mrs. Hardy was chosen by the Rector for a second year as sponsor.

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J-S Notes

By Lee Hales

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tion of a game room they are
helping to purchase new basket-
ball suits for the Junior School
cage team. Another “L” Club
project is selling popcorn at the
high school basketball games.

Congratulations to Mike Mur-
ray! Mike is the only new Junior
School Cadet to pass the “Old
Boy” exam so far this year.

Jim Kugeler, Junior School
bugler, has some competition.
Jim DeGraw has purchased a
new bugle and is learning the
bugle calls.

Three Junior School Cadets
have celebrated birthdays recent-
ly. They are Steve Erb, Bob Wil-
liams and Frank Graham.

The new Junior School basket-
ball uniforms mentioned earlier
in this column will be here for
use after the furlough. Ten uni-
forms have been ordered. They’re
black with orange trim and are
really beauties. Black secondary
warmups have also been ordered.

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SERGEANT AND FRIEND—An interesting assembly program was presented by Sgt. Dean Wiggins of Smoky Hill Air Force Base recently when he demonstrated his sentry dog. Wiggins explained the use of sentry dogs by the Air Force and described the training necessary to prepare a dog for sentry duty. (Skirmisher Photo by Crews.)

’55 Graduate
In NROTC

Lt. H. E. Nuss, Director of
Guidance and Curriculum, has re-
ceived word that Roger Bigler,
'55, has been ordered to the Uni-
versity of Colorado as a Midship-
man in the Naval Reserved Offi-
cer’s Training Corps.

Lt. Nuss said that upon suc-

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cessful completion of this college
training, Bigler will be commis-
sioned as an Ensign in the U. S.
Navy, or a Second Lieutenant in
the U. S. Marine Corps.

Bigler, Battalion Commander
and Gordon Prize winner in 1955,
made application for the scholar-
ship program while he was a St.
John’s Cadet. Lt. Nuss said that
information pertaining to the
1957 NROTC program will be re-
ceived soon and any senior Cadet
may confer with him regarding
making application.

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