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## "Old Boy" Shields Spring Furlough Nears To 27 New Cadets

Twenty-seven Cadets successfully passed their Old Boy Examinations on Mar. 1, and are entitled to wear the Old Boy Shield of St. John's.

They are Richard Mattix, Thomas Steele, Harry Fisher, Robert Wright, Steve Oakford, Edmund Pennings, Martin Stark, John Jackson, Henry Brandes, James Cunningham, James Zastrow, James Marks.

Warren Nance, Robert Garrison, William Volentine, Bruce Wood, John Cusack, James Muller, James Fritchie, Darrell Oetkin, Pedro Rafael Vega Negron, Scott Elwell, James Cook, Sergio Varela Ugalde, Timothy Shy, Paul Tuthill.

### Seniors Make Plans For Coming Year

A number of senior Cadets at St. John's are already making plans for continuing their education at college next year.

One of the most important first steps is in taking the entrance exams provided by the College Entrance Examination Board. Three St. John's seniors have already taken the CEEB Scholastic Aptitude Tests. They are Bill Crews, Jim Stevens, and Dan Hirschfeld.

Other Cadets are planning on taking the examinations March 14, the day after spring furlough begins, and many are staying over in Salina to take these exams.

The other test of the CEEB is the Achievement Test, given in the afternoon of test dates. Applicants are allowed to take whichever exams they wish, so long as they register for at least three of the achievement tests.

Another important step is the application for college. Many Cadets have done so already, and those that have not are urged to do so by April 1. Among the colleges that St. John's seniors are applying to are Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania University, Colorado University, Northwestern University, Colorado State, Western State College, University of Virginia, Nebraska University, Oklahoma University, Stanford, Cal Tech, Carleton College, Emporia State College, and Clermont College.

### NHS Banquet Held

Six new members were initiated into the National Honor Society March 7. The initiation banquet was held at Kim's Steak House in Salina. After the dinner, members attended a movie in downtown Salina. Those new members are Dick Geissinger, Bob Pester, Steve Pettee, Tom Harries, Jim Stevens, Dan Hirschfeld, and Dave Musgrave.

### Faculty, Cadets Honor Clems

Both Cadets and faculty members honored Col. and Mrs. R. L. Clem before their departure for Europe on Feb. 26.

Cadets gathered a collection from volunteers to present a gift of 8 rolls of slide film to the Clems. Donations were entirely optional, and the money came from the Cadet's allowances.

The evening before the Clem's departure, the faculty gave them a party at the quarters of Capt. Keith Duckers. A potluck supper was held, and the Clems were presented with a cash purse by faculty and staff members.



PLANNING FURLOUGH are Cadet Major Ron Hardin and Cadet Capt. Leon Swartzendruber. Major Hardin is the ranking Cadet of St. John's and Captain Swartzendruber is Executive Officer. Spring Furlough begins Friday, March 13.

### Drill Teams Enjoy Western Trip; Perform in Denver, See Academy

Thirty-nine Cadets and three faculty members flew to Denver for a three-day drill trip Feb. 20-22.

Cadet Civil Air Patrol drill team performed in a competitive drill against the Denver Highlander Boys Saturday, Feb. 21. The Cadet Crack Platoon narrowly lost the drill competition, 183 to 182. However, the Platoon, led by Maj. Ron Hardin, later gave their famed "monkey drill." Had the judging been in this category instead of regular drill, the Cadets "would have walked away with it" in the words of one of the judges.

Later that day, the Cadets boarded a bus which took them to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. Here, the Cadets were given a guided tour of the academy by A.F. Col. Wilson, professor of eng-

ineering. After eating lunch in the cafeteria, the Cadets were allowed to inspect the ultra-modern air school.

That evening a dinner was held at Montview Presbyterian Church in Denver for the Cadets and their dates. Decoration of the hall and music was provided by mothers of St. John's boys.

On Sunday the Cadets attended the impressive St. John's Cathedral in downtown Denver. After the church services, dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dowson, parents of Cadet Dean Dowson.

That afternoon, the Cadet Crack Drill Squad performed at halftime of the televised basketball game between the Denver - Chicago Truckers and the Wichita Vickers. Following the basketball game, Cadets were driven to Lowry Field in

### Three Officers Are Promoted

Since the last Skirmisher, three Cadet officers have been promoted to the rank of first Lieutenant. They are Mike Ekiss, John Hawkins, and Dave Musgrave.

Other promotions effective are Cadet Second Class Ted Jones, Jim Brown, and Jim Stevens to Cadet First Class, Cadet Third Class Richard Geissinger to Cadet Second Class, and Cadets Jim Fritchie, Leonard Rippey, Clifford Pette, Gary Marrow, Scott Elwell, Jeff Lantz, Skip Cunningham and John Bevelhymer to Cadets Third Class.

Denver to take off for Salina.

Due to adverse weather conditions, however, the takeoff was postponed for 15 hours. During this time Cadets were allowed to relax in the base Service Club and to sleep in the visiting officers' quarters on the base.

### Nine Day Leave Starts Mar. 13

St. John's Cadets will leave school for 9 days of rest and relaxation as spring furlough begins Friday, March 13.

Following furlough, Cadets will return for the remaining nine weeks of school before Commencement on May 24.

Spring furlough officially begins at 11:45 a.m., Mar. 13, and ends at 7 p.m. Mar. 22. According to Lt. H. E. Nuss, Senior Master, "Cadets leaving school before 11:15 on Friday must take O's in all classes missed up to the official starting time of the furlough."

"This is in line with a policy established a few years ago when the length of the furlough was increased one day to avoid such requests," states Acting Superintendent, Capt. Keith G. Duckers.

All Cadets will be required to sign in at the school by the deadline of the end of furlough unless special permission is obtained from school officials.

Highlights of the schedule for the remainder of the year include, the upperclass trip to Washington, spring sports, intramural competition, and two days of .30 cal. firing on the Schilling Air Force Base firing range.

### 28 Cadets Raise Grade Average

Twenty-eight Cadets raised their total grade average three points or more from the grading period ending Jan. 17.

Leading the pack in recording gains over the previous month's averages was 11th grader Richard Geissinger of Denver, Colo. Richard posted a 90.7 mark, full 9.0 points over his previous rating.

Other Cadets posting high increases in their grade averages were John Hawkins, 7.8; Cliff Pettee, 6.5; Scott Elwell, 6.5; Gary Brown, 5.8; Karl Sprague, 5.5; and Whit Patterson, 5.2.

Making improvements of three points or more over their previous marks were Tom Ashley, Tom Banes, John Bevelhymer, Robert Coerber, David Cook, Mike Crosby, Bill Deem, Doug Dillenger, Jim Fritchie, Dave Gibbens, Mike Hendricks, Jim Kugeler.

Jeff Lantz, David Musgrave, George Nores, Art O'Donnell, Bill Shepherd, Martin Stark, Bernard Thurman, Kim Turner, and Joe Ugalde.

(Editor's Note) This is the first month that the Skirmisher has reported the increase in grade average. It is believed that this feature may give some incentive to students who might not be able to get on the Honor Roll to distinguish themselves scholastically.)

### LIBRARIAN CLUB MEMBERS WORK, LEARN

Nine new members have been accepted into the Librarian's Club, swelling the membership to 25, the largest in St. John's history.

Mrs. H. E. Nuss, librarian and advisor for the club states the purpose of the club as, "to broaden the knowledge of the Cadets and to teach them the many facets of use of the library that are so valuable in college.

President of the Cadet group is Capt. Leon Swartzendruber; other Cadets officers are Lt. Dave Musgrave, Lt. Robert Pester, Sgt. Frank Mau, and

M/Sgt. Francis Bowers.

There are four meetings a month, one every Monday night. The first meeting of the month is usually an executive meeting, the second a general business meeting, the third largely a social meeting, and the last meeting devoted to instruction by Mrs. Nuss in use of the library.

As members of the club, Cadets are required to help in the Cadets librarian program, whereby a Cadet acts as librarian during his respective study hall period. Under this setup, he checks books, files maga-

zines, and aids other Cadets in using the library.

Through the work of Mrs. Nuss and the Cadets group, the number of volumes in the St. John's library has nearly doubled this year, and in six years the budget for new books has grown from \$200 to \$1000. Current project for the group is the tentative purchase of earphones for record use in the library.

New members admitted to the club are Cliff Pettee, Mike Gaide, Spencer Hicks, Mike Schulte, Charles Lee, Dave Cook, Art O'Donnell, Douglas White, and John O'Loughlin.



## Pleasant Delay

Returning from their recent trip to Denver, members of the Crack Squad and Crack Platoon had a 15-hour layover at Lowry Field.

As anyone who ever travels knows, any layover, let alone one of such length, is boring. However, thanks to an Air Force Sergeant, not one of the St. John's Cadets was bored.

Sgt. Elmer Wright, non-com in charge of the Service Club at Lowry, went all out to see that the Cadets had a good time during their stay. Not only did the Sergeant open the doors of the Club to the Cadets, but he also invited them to attend the regular Sunday night stage show held in the Club.

Our sincere thanks to Sergeant Wright for making the delay a very pleasant experience.

## Thanks, Salina!

The forthcoming campaign for funds for science equipment brings to mind the support that is given to St. John's by the people and businesses of Salina.

Not only is a great deal of money contributed to the fund drive, but throughout the years Cadets are made to feel at home in Salina. As a whole, the Salina businessmen are very friendly to all Cadets, and the few that aren't have been duly provoked by a small minority.

During the advertising campaigns held by the Skirmisher and Sound Off staffs, the Salina businesses are very generous in their contracting for advertising space. The utmost cooperation is given by all Salinans to special St. John's affairs, such as Thanksgiving visiting day, and the Commencement weekend.

For opening their town to the Cadets and families of St. John's, the Cadets want to thank all Salina citizens. We think you have a very fine city and are glad to be here.

— Cadet Dan Hirschfeld

## New Boy of the Month



**RICHARD GEISSINGER**, analyzes an interesting chess problem. Cadet Geissinger is a junior at St. John's and has risen to the rank of corporal, exceptional work for a new underclassman. Besides his duty as squad leader, he is active in the National Honor Society and has posted consistently high grades. Geissinger lists chess and reading as his favorite hobbies.

## ---HONOR ROLL---

### ---UPPER SCHOOL---

Lt. Robert Pester kept up his regular performance in leading the Upper School Honor Roll for the period ending Feb. 14 with a 95.7 average for all classes.

Close behind the leader were seven others with averages above 90.0. They were Dan Hirschfeld, 95.4; Jim Stevens, 92.3; Bill Deem, 92.2; Leon Swartzendruber, 92.0; Bill Crews, 90.8; Richard Geissinger, 90.7; and "Chuck" Jackson, 90.3.

Fifteen other Cadets rated Honorable Mention by posting averages of 85.0 or above. They were Ron Hardin, Steve Varnier, Dave Musgrave, Steve Pettee, David Cook, Tom Harries, Francis Bowers, Ted Jones, Al Palmer, Douglas Woltersdorf, "Corky" Brann, Steve Smith, John Hawkins, Cliff Pettee, and Robert Coerber.

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As certain as clockwork, Steve Erb again led the Junior School scholars as he posted a sterling 97.1 overall average.

Nickie Marks and Rick Elliott followed the Nebraska scholar with averages above 90.0. Marks rated a 94.5 average, and Elliott tallied a 93.7 record.

Posting averages of 85.0 or above were Bob Hitchcock, John Tomson, Tim Carter, Warren Nance, Jim Ehrsam, David Cox, John Cusack, and Bruce Wood.

**Youth Plans To  
Attend St. John's**

A St. John's rooster of the younger set is Dennis White of Denver, Colo.

Dennis, brother of Cadet Douglas White, has one burning ambition, to be a St. John's Cadet. Through correspondence with Colonel Hardy, Dennis keeps up with happenings at the school.

Currently, reports Colonel Hardy, Dennis is practicing the manual of arms with a toy rifle. By the time he does reach St. John's, Dennis will quite likely be one of the sharpest Cadets.

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## JUNIOR SCHOOL NOTES

by Nickie Marks

A new organization has been formed in the Junior School. It is called the Cadet Council and has been organized by Lt. David Irwin. Lt. Irwin has formed a constitution and the Junior School Commanding Officer, Bob Hitchcock, has been named president.

Lt. Irwin has also started a library club. The members take turns being librarians and help keep the library in order. The library has received about 85 of the 104 new books ordered. The remainder are expected soon.

On the 3rd of March we started a two week period of wrestling that will end after spring furlough. Our first match was on Friday, Mar. 6.

There is a new face in the Junior School. His name is Warren Tanghe and he hails from Abilene, Kans. He got here on Sunday, Mar. 1. Warren plays checkers very well and also collects stamps.

One evening after drill we went out on the north side of the campus and played baseball. C floor played B floor and won 9 to 7. A week later it snowed and we have been indoors ever since.

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February 25 the senior English class watched the TV presentation of Shakespear's Hamlet in the quarters of Colonel and Mrs. Hardy. On the following Friday, the sophomore and juniors of the English classes of Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Harvey attended the motion picture version of Hemingway's "Old Man and the Sea."



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## 39 Attend Encampment At S.A.F.B.

Thirty-nine St. John's Cadets completed the series of three encampments at Schilling Air Force Base March 7.

Highlights of the series were studies of the B-47 and instruction about the installation of Schilling.

Attending the encampment were Bill Anselmo, Tom Banes, Francis Bowers, Ed Brann, Gerold Brown, Jim Brown, Ted Bryant, Bill Crews, John Dawson, Doug Dillenger, Mike Gaide, Richard Geissinger, Don George, Dave Gibbens, Ken Halama, Ron Hardin, Dan Heusner, Jim Howden, Phil Ivaldy, Ted Jones.

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## Club Raises Funds

St. John's Key Club members helped out at the annual Kiawanis Pancake Festival in Salina March 7.

Key Club members aided in setting up the tables, in serving, and in cleaning up after the festival. For their help in the dinner, the Cadets were given a percentage of the profit of the festival.

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## Spring Trip Starts Apr. 2

Cadets Will Visit Nation's Capitol

Twenty-one Cadets have signed up for the annual Easter trip for the upperclassmen April 2-9, according to Dale Browning, adult sponsor of the trip.

Cadets will leave Salina Thursday evening, April 3, by train and arrive in Union Station in Washington, D. C. early Saturday morning.

While in Washington, the Cadets will visit such places of interest as the Smithsonian Institute, the Washington Monument, the Capitol Building, Arlington National Cemetery and the White House.

Cadets will travel by the Old Bay Line steamer to Norfolk, Virginia, where they will visit places of interest, including a proposed tour of the naval yards.

Arrangements have been made to have lunch one noon with Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas in the Capitol building. A tour of the Naval Academy at Annapolis is also planned.

Arrangements can be made to go on the tour if not already signed by submitting a check for \$153 payable to "Baltimore and Ohio Tours" to the office of St. John's before Mar. 25.



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All freshmen have been given the opportunity to take the Kuder preference tests according to Lt. H. E. Nuss, Senior Master.

Under the program of Kuder tests, a Cadet is allowed to inspect the results of his test and to plot a graph showing his special interests.

Forms are furnished by the Science Research Association for the purpose of graphing the interest scale. Two types of test are given, the personal preference and the vocational preference.

The personal preference answers such questions as, "Do I like working in groups or do I prefer individual work,"; "Do I like working with ideas,"; and "Do I have a preference for directing or influencing others."

The vocational record tells a student whether he is most likely to be satisfied in a particular line of work, such as mechanical, artistic, musical, persuasive, or clerical.

Those already signed up for the tour are Don Sprinkle, Bob Coerber, Mike Kiger, Dan Hirschfeld, Dave Musgrave, Bob Pester, "Chuck" Jackson, John Bevelhimer, Dick Thompson.

Bill Wright, Gavin Honnen, Doug Woltersdorf, "Skip" Cunningham, Leon Swartzendruber, Tom Banes, Don Fritchie, Mike Ekiss, Dave Susman, John Hawkins, Leonard Rippey, and Steve Hillmer.

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Mr. Browning is acting as student teacher in the World History class of Lt. Robert McCandless. This arrangement will continue for a full semester. Mr. Browning graduated from St. John's in 1955.

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## Senior Cadets Take Comprehensive Exams

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## Cagers Cop Consolation Crown In Saline County League Tourney

St. John's Cagers wrapped up the '59 season with successive victories over Gypsum and Brookville to earn the consolation trophy in the Saline County Tournament.

Cadets posted good attacks in both games to bring back the first trophy obtained by Capt. J. D. Elmborg in his seven years as head basketball coach.

Tournament play began for the Cadets as they lost to the powerhouse Enterprise squad, 53-26. The next night, however, the Cadets rebounded to take a 45-35 decision from Gypsum. John Bevelhymmer led the Cadet attack by dropping in 23 points.

In the final league game, the Cadets outlasted Brookville 39-36. Junior standout Bill Wright paced the attack with 12 points.

St. John's Box Scores: (Fg-field goal; FT-Free Throw; F-fouls.)

St. John's "A", Enterprise game: Ron Hardin, 0-2-2; John Bevelhymmer, 3-1-1; Dave Musgrave, 2-0-3; Gavin Honnen, 2-1-1; Bill Wright, 4-0-3;

St. John's "A", Gypsum game: Ron Hardin, 2-0-4; John Bevelhymmer, 8-7-3; Dave Musgrave, 2-2-4; Gavin Honnen, 4-0-4; and Bill Wright, 2-0-2.

St. John's "A", Brookville game: Ron Hardin, 4-0-1; John Bevelhymmer, 2-2-3; Dave Musgrave, 3-1-3; Gavin Honnen, 2-2-0; and Bill Wright, 6-0-4.

### Rifle Team News

Two Cadets have been added to the rifle team, according to coach Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy.

Spencer Hicks and Jim Zastrow have been acting members of the team. In the February postal matches, Cadet Hicks fired third place among the ten placers to earn his blue rifle team cord.

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Capt. J. D. Elmborg, St. John's Athletic Director, announced the awarding of basketball letters to 12 Cadets.

Those earning awards for the '58-'59 season were Ron Hardin, John Hawkins, Dave Musgrave, Bill Wright, Richard Thompson, John Wilson, Gavin Honnen, Al Short, John Bevelhymmer, Dave Susman, Ken Wallace, and Kenneth Halama, manager.

Wrestling letters have been awarded to 11 Cadet musclemen, reports Lt. R. S. McCandless, wrestling coach.

Earning letters in the mat sport this year were Jim Gresty, Jim Stevens, Spencer Hicks, Jim Zastrow, Steve Varner, Ray Daughtery, Gene Durr, Ed Kester, Gary Marrou, Charles Jackson, and Douglas White.

### Editors To Meet Yearbook Deadline

Deadline for the Sound Off, St. John's yearbook, is the beginning of Spring Furlough.

Lt. Bill Crews, Public Information Officer, and Lt. Al Palmer are in charge of Student Publications, these two Cadets are largely responsible for getting the yearbook out on time.

As of now, Lt. Crews states, the final touches are being added to the book and it should be sent in on time. The Sound Off will be mailed in for publication and will be received for distribution at Commencement.

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THESE FIVE CADETS paced the winning basketball season for St. John's. Used almost exclusively in tournament action, all turned in sterling performances. From left to right, Ron Hardin, Gavin Honnen, John Bevelhymmer, Dave Musgrave, and Bill Wright.

## In-Between Period for Sports

Currently St. John's Cadets are in the in-between period as far as sports are concerned.

The basketball season has ended and the track and baseball seasons haven't begun. There is, in fact, no sport that shows predominance in this time of the year.

However, Cadets are taking advantage of this transition period to get a little recreation in unsupervised sports. Nearly every day after drill and on Saturdays and Sundays, a number of Cadets can be found on the athletic field playing baseball, some other game, or just "messing around."

In order to keep in shape,

or in order to get in shape for spring sports, Cadets find it necessary to either participate in this "sand-lot" type of athletics or to go to the gym and work out.

The facilities of the gym are available at any time for Cadet use. A number of Cadet poses weights, so weight-lifting is one of the most popular exercises. A punching bag is available in the gym along with numerous other facilities.

A few enterprising Cadets have managed to get hold of an old tennis net and string it up in the gym. These tennis enthusiasts can usually be found on Saturdays getting warmed up for the summer sport.

Following the return from Spring Furlough, the normal athletic program will recommence. In the meantime, however, these makeshift athletics are serving well to keep the Cadets physically fit.

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## Spring Sports Schedule Set

Plans are being made for St. John's two spring sports, baseball and track to commence after the return from Spring Furlough.

Capt. Virgil ("Lefty") Loy, head baseball coach and Lt. Bob McCandless, head track coach, have announced that prospects for both sports are already preparing for the '59 season.

The schedules for the spring sports is greatly dependent upon the weather. Baseball games are rarely scheduled in advance; in the words of Coach Loy, "If it's a nice day, we call up a neighboring school and ask them if they want to play ball."

The track schedule is less dependent on weather, as the team plans for three or four dual meets and one or two triangular meets. However, adverse weather is quite likely to postpone or cancel any of these.

Capt. J. D. Elmborg, Director of Athletics, will head an intramural program that will see all Cadets participating on a 3-day a week schedule that are not out for one of the varsity spring sports.



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