



# 72nd Year Ends May 22nd

## Full Weekend Of Activities Planned To Honor Graduates

Commencement activities will feature only one speaker this year for the first time.

The 72nd year at St. John's Military School will come to a close with a full schedule of activities for the weekend of May 21 and 22.

### Fr. Patterson to Speak

The Rev. A. Balfour Patterson jr., Episcopal chaplain at the University of Colorado, will be the speaker at the Baccalaureate service at 11:15 am Sunday at Christ Episcopal Cathedral. There will be no speaker at Commencement exercises. Diplomas and awards will be presented and Col. R. L. Clem, school rector, will speak briefly.

Fr. Patterson is also vicar of St. Aidens Chapel, Episcopal Church for University students. He is a nationally known bass oratorio soloist and is well known for his work with young people.

Preliminary activities will begin with an awards convocation at 7:30 am, Friday, May 20, in the Armstrong Chapel and the St. John's Foundation luncheon at 12 noon, Saturday May 21, at the Lamer Hotel.

### Military Field Day

Commencement weekend will officially get underway with the Military Field Day at 2:30 pm, Saturday, May 21.

The Commencement Military Ball will begin with the senior receiving line at 7:30 pm, Saturday, May 21, in the gym. The receiving line will be followed by the final performance of the 1959-60 Crack Squad under the commander of Maj. Francis Bowers. The commander of next year's squad will be named near the end of the performance.

The dance will begin at 9 pm. A French street theme will be used in decorating.

## Construction Starts On New Housing

Construction of the St. John's rectory and faculty duplex was started in late April.

Footings and foundations have been poured.

The new construction was authorized by the St. John's board of directors at its quarterly meeting in February. The houses are expected to be completed by mid-summer.

The buildings are being constructed on the east side of the SJMS Drive north of the Nuss' home.

Col. and Mrs. R. L. Clem will occupy the rectory. The duplex will house the families of Maj. R. L. Guernsey and Capt. V. B. Loy.

The Baccalaureate service will be at 11:15 am at Christ Episcopal Cathedral to be followed by a buffet luncheon at 12:30 pm at the school.

### SENIORS INVITED

Graduating seniors will be guests of the school at the spring luncheon of the St. John's Military School Foundation at 12 noon, Saturday, May 21.

### Commencement in Gym

Commencement exercises will be at 2 pm, Sunday, May 22, in the school gym. Col. Clem, school rector, will present diplomas to the graduating seniors. The class of '60 will be presented by Lt. Cmdr. H.H. E. Nuss, senior master.

The Junior School diplomas will be given by Maj. Keith G. Duckers, assistant superintendent. The eighth grade candidates for graduation will be presented by Capt. J. P. McCandless, Junior School director.

### Awards of Honor

Awards of honor and prizes will also be presented. Among those making presentations will be Col. Clem, Cmdr. Nuss, Maj. R. L. Guernsey; Col. A. Y. Hardy, Maj. Duckers, Richard Nelson, class of '50; and representatives of the Reserve Officers Association, American Legion and Salina Kiwanis Club.

Following Commencement, the traditional retreat parade, lowering of the colors and final dismissal will be held in front of the new bleachers east of Vail Hall. This concluding ceremony is expected to be completed by 3:30 pm.

## Awards Convocation Scheduled Friday

An Awards Convocation will be held at 7:30 am, Friday, May 20, in the Armstrong Memorial Chapel.

Parents are invited to attend. Awards to be presented include the Junior and Upper School bowling awards, Student Publications awards, Certificates of Proficiency and Certificates of Accomplishment in the Civil Air Patrol training program and other awards.

## S-Club Has Hayride

The S-Club held a hayrack ride and hamburger fry Saturday evening, May 7.

The club members and their dates rode a hayrack to State Lake near Bennington for the picnic.

## Foundation Will Meet At Lamer

The annual spring meeting of the St. John's Military School Foundation will be held at 12 noon, Saturday, May 21 at the Lamer Hotel.

New officers will be elected and projects for next year discussed.

Membership in the foundation is open to parents of Cadets, seniors, alumni, board members, faculty members and friends of the school.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made with the St. John's office but are not necessary. Cost will be \$1.50.

## Death Claims Board Member

### C. L. Coe Was Chairman Of Executive Committee

St. John's Military School lost the chairman of its executive board and a long-time friend with the death of Mr. C. L. "Cotton" Coe of Salina.

Mr. Coe, who had been ill for a few months, died April 24 at St. John's Hospital.

Col. R. L. Clem, school rector, preached the funeral sermon April 26 at the First Methodist Church.

An honor guard of Henry Brandes, Ted Bryant, David Cook and Tom Ashley represented the school at the funeral.

## Cadets To Visit Canada On CAP Exchange

The planning stages of the 1960 International Air Cadet Exchange program are drawing to a conclusion with the announcement of the Cadets appointed and the countries they will visit.

The two St. John's Cadets selected will visit Canada during the summer. They are Maj. Francis Bowers and Capt. Corky Brann.

## New "Old Boys"

A group of ten Cadets successfully passed the Old Boy examination and are now wearing Old Boy Shields.

The tests are conducted by the Cadet Court.

Passing were Eric Clutts, Fred Lynch, Michael Garrett, Michael Crosby, Christopher Gay, Michael Finney, James Adams, David Cook, Robert Schulz and Truxtun Shreve.

## Commencement Schedule

### Saturday, May 21

Foundation Luncheon.....12 noon, Lamer Hotel  
Military Field Day.....2:30 pm, St. John's campus  
Reception, class '50.....5:30 pm, Clem's quarters  
Reunion Dinner

Classes of '49, '50, '51.....6:30 pm, Holiday Inn  
Senior Receiving Line.....7:30 pm, gym  
Crack Squad Drill.....8 pm, gym  
(change of command)

Military Ball.....9 pm, gym  
Taps .....1 am

### Sunday, May 22

Holy Communion Service .....7:30 am, Armstrong Chapel  
Baccalaureate .....11:15 am, Christ Cathedral  
Buffet Luncheon .....12:30 pm, School mess hall  
Commencement Exercises .....2 pm, School gym  
Retreat Parade, Lowering of Colors and  
final dismissal .....3:30 pm, Bleachers east of Vail Hall

## Will Seat 490 . . .

## New Bleachers Arrive In Time For Commencement Parade

New bleachers have been installed at St. John's Military school.

Donations from members of the St. John's Foundation were used to purchase the bleachers.

They have temporarily been set up east of Vail Hall to be used for Commencement activities. The retreat parade, final dismissal and lowering of the colors will be held in front of the stands and provide seating for parents and friends for the first time.

This summer the bleachers, seating 490, will be moved to the new athletic field. The field is in the process of being leveled and sodded and will not be available for use as a parade ground at Commencement.

The field and stands will be used for Cadet football games this fall. Previously Cadet games have been played at Martin Stadium on the campus of Kansas Wesleyan University.

A track will also be cut around the football field.

## Class Of '50 In 10th Reunion

The St. John's class of 1950 will hold its ten-year reunion during Commencement weekend at the school.

Col. and Mrs. R. L. Clem will entertain the alumni with a reception at 5:30 pm, Saturday, May 21, in their quarters. A dinner will follow at 6:30 pm at the Holiday Inn.

Graduates of the classes of '49 and '51 also have been invited to attend.

Richard Nelson, Hartford, Conn., is chairman of reunion activities.

Among those making reservations to attend are Jack Fowler, Louis Wyman, Wesley Capps, Morris Johnson, Marvin Schmidt, Jack Lamphere, Sam Ishmail and Nelson.

## Candidates For Graduation

### Seniors

A group of 15 senior Cadets are candidates for graduation from St. John's Military School, according to Lt. Cmdr. H. E. Nuss, Senior Master.

They are Francis Bowers, Edward Charles Brann II, James Brown, Eric Clutts, Charles Fletcher, Mike Gaide, Mike Garrett, James Howden, Frank Mau, Truxtun Shreve III, Steve Smith, William Thornton, Scott Tipton, John Wilson, and Bill Wright.

## Key Club Enjoys Outing At Kanopolis

Members of the Key Club enjoyed an outing to Kanopolis Lake, Sunday, May 1.

Water skiing and a picnic were enjoyed. They were accompanied by Robert McDowell, Kiwanis Key Club sponsor, and Col. A. Y. Hardy.

### Eighth Grade

A group of 18 eighth graders are candidates for graduation from the St. John's Junior School according to Capt. J. P. McCandless, school director.

They are Tom Bell, Walter Baker, Dean Cook, John Dutton, Steve Erb, Paul Gillan, Richard Hemala, Tony Hernandez, Tim Kenney, Don Kirschner, Richard Owens, Paul Pennington,

John Spencer, Rolla Starbuck, Stephen Sharpe, Rick Taylor, Paul Tuthill and Stephen Mericle.

## GARMAN RECOVERING

Jim Garman, who attended St. John's briefly at the beginning of the year, is successfully recovering from back surgery. He plans to return to St. John's next fall.



## A Firm Foundation

The work and donations of the members of the St. John's Foundation are becoming more and more apparent on the school scene.

We want them to know that these efforts are greatly appreciated by the school administration, faculty and the Cadets.

The latest addition is the installation of new metal bleachers to be used for Cadet athletic events, military drills and Commencement activities. This addition will add much to the program of the school allowing these events to take place on campus rather than elsewhere in Salina.

The Foundation also provided the inspiration and money to make the parent's lounge a reality. The comfortable room now allows a Cadet and his family peace and privacy where they may visit when they come to spend a day at St. John's.

We feel that for a young organization, only four years old, you have done much and should be proud of your accomplishments.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NOTES

by John Cusack

Kevin Sanchez and John Cusack received patches for bowling a high game of 175 or over.

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M-Sgt. Steve Erb has had his shoulder cast removed. He suffered a broken collar bone while wrestling.

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The Junior School Bantam Bowling team won first place in the State Championship Bantam tournament sponsored by the American Junior Bowling Congress. Team members received a patch and a trophy.

### Bennington Nails Cadet Baseballers

St. John's baseball team lost a baseball game to Bennington, 10-6, Friday, April 29, on the SJMS diamond.

Chuck Twenhofel was the losing pitcher, striking out 9 and walking 7. Cleveland was the winning pitcher, striking out 7 and walking 5.

St. John's had five hits. Bennington had three. John Wilson had two hits for four times at bat.

### Jones To Head NHS Next Year

Ted Jones, junior from Albuquerque, N. M., was elected president of the St. John's Chapter of the National Honor Society for the 1960-61 school year.

Other officers are Steve Lobaugh, vice president; Merritt Morrison, secretary, and Hank Brandes, treasurer. Mrs. A. Y. Hardy is the sponsor.

Indications are that most of the underclassmen in the N.H.S. will return next year.

### Dec Club To Fry Steaks

The Decorating Committee will have a steak fry Wednesday evening, May 18, on the lawn of the home of Maj. and Mrs. R. L. Guernsey.

The committee has held several meetings to plan decorations for the Commencement dance.

## Promotions

Several promotions were announced by special order April 28.

Cadet First Lieutenants James Howden and Edward Brann were promoted to the rank of Cadet Captain.

Cadet Second Lieutenant John Wilson was promoted to the rank of Cadet First Lieutenant.

James Cunningham was moved up to the rank of Cadet First Class.

Cadets promoted to Cadet Third Class were Elliott Albeke, Robert Alminana, William Beaver, William Beery, William Knowles and David Charles.

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Cadet 2/C Gary Westover was promoted to the rank of Cadet Second Class by special order April 15.

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Several promotions in the Junior School were announced by special order.

Cadets Second Class Stephen Sharpe and John Tomson were promoted to the rank of Cadet First Class.

Cadets Third Class John Daniels, Tim Kenney, and Richard McClain and Cadet Stephen Mericle were promoted to Cadet Second Class.

Cadets Danny Miller, Benjamin Spencer, Joe Starbuck and Joel Brownfield were promoted to Cadet Third Class.

### Poage Will Make Summer World Tour

Scott Poage, junior from Albuquerque, N. M., has been selected to make a trip around the world with 14 other boys. The trip is being sponsored by a man from Los Angeles.

The trip will begin July 15 and end in late August. The group will fly to Denmark, Rome, India, Tokyo and fly back to New York over the North Pole.

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## Rector's Honor Roll

### JUNIOR SCHOOL

Steve Erb and John Tomson headed the Junior School honor roll for the grading period ending in April.

Receiving honorable mentions were "Deacon" Parsons, Danny Miller, Tom Tomson, John Cusack, Kevin Sanchez, Antonio Hernandez and Tim Kenney.

### UPPER SCHOOL

Four Cadets were named to the Rector's Honor Roll in the Upper School. They were James O'Fallon, Francis Bowers, Allen Stone and Bill Protz.

Named for honorable mention were Ted Jones, George Libby, Corky Brann, John Wilson, E. J. Guerrant, Henry Brandes, and Bill Wright.

### Among The Alumni Class Of '59

A number of last year's graduates have written the school recently. News of interest includes:

Ron Powers is attending Colorado State University; Bill Crews is at Washington State University; Mike Ekiss is at Pueblo College; Bob Pester is at Kansas State University; Leon Swartzendruber is at Whittier College, Whittier, Calif.; and Al Palmer is at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dave Musgrave and Jim Stevens are working as counselors at St. John's and attending Kansas Wesleyan University.

John Hawkins is a fireman on the Santa Fe Railroad working out of Newton.

### 96 Already Enrolled For Next School Year

A total of 96 Cadets have already enrolled for the 1960-61 school year. The school will have room for approximately 170 Cadets next year with the conversion of faculty quarters into rooms in the barracks. This will represent an increase of 18 Cadets over last fall's capacity.

The class breakdown is as follows: sixth grade, 2; seventh, 7; eighth, 9; ninth, 13; tenth, 14; eleventh, 23 and twelfth, 28.

All vacancies are expected to be filled well in advance of the fall opening on Sept. 4, according to Maj. Keith G. Duckers, assistant superintendent.

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## McClain Twins Share Honor

Twins were selected for the May "new boys of the month" honor from the Junior School.

Richard and Robert McClain, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. George R. McClain, Grand Junction, Colo., were selected for the honor by the Junior School faculty.

The boys are in the seventh grade. Richard enrolled at the beginning of the year and Bob at the semester.

They are twins but don't present any identity problems as they aren't identical.

Capt. J. P. McCandless, Junior School director, said "they are real nice boys. They are very dependable, pleasant and apply themselves well. They are good average students and are admired for their good personal habits and fine moral character."

Richard holds the rank of Cadet Second Class and Robert has been named to the honor roll.



RICHARD McCLAIN



ROBERT McCLAIN

## Pre-Enrollment Taking Place In Upper School

Pre-enrollment in Upper School courses for the 1960-61 school year is now underway according to Lt. Cmdr. H. E. Nuss, Senior Master.

Information is available to help Cadets think and plan for another year of high school course work. This information is available to Cadets and parents in the school office.

## Athletic Awards Made At Lettermen's Dinner

St. John's Cadets, earning athletic letters during the year, were honored at the Lettermen's Dinner, April 23, in the school dining hall.

A program of Indian Dances was presented by a Scout group from Salina.

Certificates and letters were awarded by Capt. James Elmborg, director of athletics, and Lt. Robert McCandless, wrestling coach.

Maj. Francis Bowers, S-Club president, acted as master of ceremonies.

Honored at the banquet were Tom Banes, Francis Bowers, Hank Brandes, Skip Cunningham, Brian Curle, Mike Gaide, Dave Gibbens, Hilliard Griffin, Richard Harper, Jim Howden, Steve Lobaugh, Bill Protz, Al Short, Scott Tipton, Doug White, John Wilson, Bill Wright, Dave Cook, Herb Jacob, Richard Mattix, Charles Twenhofel, John Atkins, Ray Daugherty, Skipper Libby, Jim O'Fallon, Tweed Ross, Tim Shy, Bill Straub, and Tom Steele.

## End of An Era . . .

# Samuelsons Plan Retirement Following Commencement Buffet

Tons of potatoes, rivers of gravy and a grocery budget that would stagger the housewife's imagination are the problems Bill and Luella Samuelson have faced during the past ten years.

Following their eleventh Commencement buffet at the school, the Samuelsons are retiring.

When they came to St. John's in the spring of 1950, they were preparing for about 100 persons each meal. Now they cook for about 215 persons, three times a day.

They were assisted by four in the kitchen when they came and that figure has now been doubled.

Mr. Samuelson said on an average they use 150 pounds of potatoes a day which for a year approaches a figure of 34,000 pounds. Between 35 and 40 gallons of gravy are served each week. And this year the food budget approached the \$34,000 mark.

Mrs. Samuelson has been fa-

mous at St. John's for her home made rolls that are served each Sunday. She makes about 630 and following Sunday mess you can't beg, borrow or steal one—they've all been eaten. Her pies also have been praiseworthy along with her other pastries.

Mr. Samuelson said his greatest satisfaction in a lifetime of cooking has come from actually working and trying to satisfy hungry Cadets. "We've had compliments and otherwise. But everyone has his own likes and dislikes."

"Pizza has gone over the biggest of anything we've ever served," said Mrs. Samuelson.

After serving long hours from 4:30 am to 7 pm, the Samuelsons are just going to rest this summer before deciding what to do. Mr. Samuelson said about all he plans to do is work in his garden and flowers. And Mrs. Samuelson has told the boys, "I'm just going to sit in my rocking chair".

They have purchased a home in Colorado Springs, Colo., and will move there shortly after Commencement.

## Cadets Take Tests

The annual end of the year standardized achievement tests were given Friday, May 6, to all Upper School Cadets.

Lt. Cmdr. H. E. Nuss, Senior Master, said the tests provide information and measure achievement in the areas of English, science, social science and mathematics.

He said the results will be available to Cadets and their parents at Commencement time. They may be requested by mail.

## White To Head Library Club

M-Sgt. Doug White was elected chairman of the Library Club to assume the duties until officers are elected next fall.

The club approved an amendment to limit membership in the club to a certain number. The amendment was written by the current president, Mike Gaide.

All present members of the Library Club attended a dinner at Kim's Steak house recently and then attended a movie.

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# St. John's Annual Fort Riley Trip Was Major Highlight Of 1959-60 School Year

by Lt. Col. A. Y Hardy

All Upper School Cadets and some Junior School Cadets fired the M-1 at Ft. Riley, Kansas, April 25-27.

All new Cadets were put through the firing of the .22 calibre at the armory and all Cadets were coached and trained in the shooting of the M-1 before making the trip.

The Cadets spent an extra day at the Fort observing trainee activities and watching them working in bivouac and field.

The Cadet Corps left at 3 pm, April 25 by school buses, truck, jeep, trailer and faculty cars. They were met on the main highway by Capt. Patrick Taylor, CO Btry "B", 5th How Bn, 32nd Arty, and were piloted by him to their billets.

the 32nd Arty. Band. At evening mess, a big cake was served with St. John's Military School written in icing on the top.

The Cadets were up at 5:30 am, April 26, and were on the firing range at 7 am. The actual firing was the real experience.

The uncertainties of qualifications, trying to remember the

instructions and the tense excitement of shooting made it quite an experience. What a great feeling a boy experiences when the white disk come up behind the target and what a sinking feeling when the red flag shows.

The first fear is of the recoil. The boys found that if the gun is held hard against the shoulder, it is hardly noticeable. And then the rapid fire. Many of the boys liked this the best of all the shooting.

The firing was conducted under the control of Battery "B", 5th Howitzer Battalion of the 32nd Artillery. Assisting were Lt. Allen Everest, commanding range; Lt. James R. Tillman, line officer, and Lt. George B. Joselyn, commanding pit detail.

The pits were run by a group of NCO's who did a remarkable job of handling the firing of the Cadets.

While part of the Corps was shooting, the rest worked in the pits. After lunch, the men changed places and those in the pits in the morning fired in the afternoon.

The firing was completed and the boys were back to the barracks in time for evening mess at 6:30 pm.

On Wednesday, April 27, the Cadets visited the museum, visited the training ground of basic trainees, saw a demonstration of river crossing on a steel cable and observed the action

of a squad in small unit tactics.

The faculty and all officers and Cadets of St. John's school want to express thanks to those who had any part in their being able to go to Fort Riley and those who had a part in taking care of us. They especially want to thank Gen. Theodore Parker, Divisions and Post Commander; Gen. John A. Berry, Division Artillery Commander; Lt. Col. Ray E. Porter, S-3 Division Artillery; Maj. Hugh Mattoon, Battalion Commander, 5th How Bn Div. Arty.; Capt. Leslie Anderson, Executive Officer 5th How Bn, Div. Arty.; Capt. Kritler, who was commanding the CPX, and of course, our host, Capt. Taylor and his men of "B" Btry.

## Cadets Help Fund Walk

A group of St. John's Cadets volunteered to "walk with the postmen" to accept contributions for the new Special Education Center building in Salina.

The "walk" was held Monday, May 9.

Helping were Bill Beaver, Bert Henry, Gary Jones, Buster Pottorff, Jorge Nores, Jim Pyle, David Snow, Eliot Albeks Bob Alminana, Mike Crosby, Pedro Negron, Raul Olivo.

Doug White, Arnold Warsawsky, Henry Brandes, Robert Gasser, Al Olivo, Bill Smith, Kim Turner Truxton Shreve, Bob Coerber Scott Tipton, Ted Jones, Scott Poage and Jerry Waller.

## Eight Make Expert

## Large Number of Cadet Corps Qualify on Fort Riley Range

## Many Qualify On .22 Range

A group of 18 Cadets qualified as experts on the .22 calibre course in the armory during the year with a score of 200 or above out of a possible 250.

They are Bob Alminana, Chip Arnold, Corky Brann, Scott Clark, John Dawson, Mike Gaide, Bob Garrison, E. J. Guerrant, Ted Jones, Paul Kurtz, Brady Liming, Richard London, Fred Lynch, Frank Mau, Jim O'Fallon, Scott Tipton, Doug White and Bill Wright.

Qualifying as Sharpshooter with scores of 180 or better were Hank Brandes, David Charles, Eric Clutts, Bob Coerber, Ray Daugherty, Devore, Mike Garrett, Kenneth Halama,

Herb Jacob, Gary Jones, Jeff Lantz, Skipper Libby, Richard Mattix, Al Olivo, Bill Protz, Jim Pyle, Bob Schulz, Al Shirliff, Truxton Shreve, David Snow, Tom Steele, George Taylor, William Thornton, Charles Twenhofel, and John Wilson.

Qualifying as Marksmen with score of 160 or higher were Tom Ashley, Francis Bowers, Phil Crawford, Skip Cunningham, Brian Curle, Mike Finney, Chuck Fletcher, Gary Ford, Richard Harper, Bert Henry, Kurtis Hibbs,

Butch Morrison, Scott Poage, Ernest Robb, Tweed Ross, Al Short, Dale Shutler, Steve Smith, Bill Smith, Karl Sprague, Allen Stone, Ron Vogel, Tim Kenney and Joe Starbuck.

Eight Cadets qualified as expert in firing on the .30 calibre course at Ft. Riley, April 26. To qualify a Cadet had to fire a score of 169 or above of 210 possible points.

Qualifying as Expert were Bob Alminana, Corky Brann, Ted Jones, Frank Mau, Scott Tipton, Doug White, John Wilson and Bill Wright.

Qualifying as Sharpshooters with score above 149 were Ted Bryant, David Charles, Scott Clark, Eric Clutts, Bob Coerber, David Cook, Skip Cunningham, John Dawson, Mike Finney, Richard Harper, Bill Kurtz, Fred Lynch, Jim O'Fallon, Al Short, Allen Stone, and Chuck Twenhofel.

A group of 35 Cadets qualified as Marksman with scores of 125 or above. They are Chip Arnold, Tom Ashley, Tom Banes, Hank Brandes, Jimmy Brown, Randy Copeland, Mike Davis, Dave Gibbens, E. J. Guerrant, Jim Howden, Herb Jacob.

Bill Knowles, Skipper Libby, Brady Liming, Richard London, Richard Mattix, Al Olivo, John O'Loughlin, Scott Poage, Buster Pottorff, Bill Protz, Ernest Robb, Tweed Ross, Bob Schulz, Truxton Shreve, Tim Shy, Steve Smith, Tom Steele, John Talley, Craig Thornton, Kim Turner, Ron Vogel, Gary Westover.

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