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## 81st Year Ends With Commencement

### J. L. Armstrong To Command "Honor School" Cadet Corps "Only Weak Fear Unsecure World",

The announcement of an "Honor School" rating, a new Battalion Commander, and speeches discussing the problems the graduating seniors will face in today's world were highlights of Commencement weekend, May 23-25.

Jimmy Lee Allen Armstrong, Wichita, will command the 82nd Corps of Cadets created next fall at St. John's Military School.

Armstrong, a junior and a four-year veteran, received the Hardy Sabre, symbol of command, from Daryl Hampton, Grand Junction, Colo., commander of the 81st Corps.

Armstrong will lead an award-winning corps. Sen. Bob Dole, (R-Kans.), read a letter at the beginning of Commencement exercises from Maj. Gen. John H. Chiles, deputy commander of the Fifth Army, designating St. John's a junior ROTC honor school.

The rating was based on the federal inspection held in April. It's the third consecutive honor rating for St. John's.

Diplomas were presented to 31 graduating seniors by the Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Episcopal Bishop of Western Kansas, and Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent.

About 1,000 persons were present for the ceremonies and to view the final Retreat Parade. Brig. Gen. Harold L. Oppenheimer, USMCR, reviewed the final retreat parade after speaking briefly to the Cadets. (His remarks appear in another story in the "The Skirmisher.")

Earlier, at Baccalaureate at Marymount's Fine Arts theater, the Cadets heard Harry O. Bright jr., an official of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, call for an end of the drift toward "two societies in our nation."

Mr. Bright is the Associate Director of the New York Region for the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He earned his B. S. degree from Seton Hall University, a M. A. degree in International Relations Education from New York University and has done graduate work at Columbia University. He has represented the United States as a middle distance runner in international competitions in Europe, Asia and Africa.

Bright listed four priorities needed: dialogue, education, economics and politics, calling for action in each to bring black and white together.

He said militancy and violence are closing rational discussion and called education the key to any "possible success we might anticipate."

He called for governmental pressures to bring economic



HARRY O. BRIGHT JR.

changes. "It may offend some people. But you can't do it with brotherhood dinners, you can't love everybody into doing what they should. I wish you could, but you can't."

He said the "responsible phase of the black revolution is in politics" but said the problem of elected black officials "is an acute one. If you must represent both black and white, you have to be magician and you're fully accepted by no one—black or white".

The 24th Infantry Band from Ft. Riley played a concert on the Chapel lawn during the buffet luncheon. About 800 persons attended. The Band also played for Commencement and the Retreat Parade.

Military Field Day activities on Saturday afternoon were cancelled due to rain.

Three changes of command were made at the Senior Dance Saturday evening in Memorial Hall. Billy Harrington jr., Boulder, Colo., was named commander of the Crack Squad succeeding George Dickson jr., Denver, and Gaylen Piercy, Kennedy, Neb., is commander of the Crack Squad Color Guard replacing Lenon Ramsey, Albuquerque, N. M., Timothy Butterfield, Hastings, Neb., is the new commander of the Crack Marching Platoon succeeding Wally Curry of Shawnee Mission.

... Says Gen. Oppenheimer

"This is not a secure world," Brig. Gen. H. L. Oppenheimer, USMCR, told the Cadets in the 81st Corps before reviewing the final retreat parade on Commencement afternoon. "Everything is changing; nothing stays put."

He said, "There are people who say that because of technical advances . . . that all the old values are gone. Words like honor, integrity, freedom are dead. Old concepts such as discipline, hard work, sticking by a commitment and keeping physically fit, are out of the dinosaur age."

But he continued, "Only the weak have to fear a world of turbulence, of insecurity, of violence and change. For the strong it is an opportunity. By being a trained leader, able to give and receive commands; by being a disciplined student capable of putting in long hours; by being hard and physically fit; by being able to analyze problems, make decisions and carry them out effectively—you are not going to have serious competition from a group of turned on nincompoops!"

General Oppenheimer concluded, "If the chaos and anarchy that many of them advocate really comes to pass, it never lasts long. The human animal is just not built that



**HARDY SABRE IS PASSED**—Jimmy Lee Armstrong, Wichita, (left) receives the Hardy Sabre, Symbol of Command, from Daryl Hampton, Grand Junction, Colo., during Commencement ceremonies Sunday, May 25. The Ceremonial Sabre, given in memory of Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy, is passed to the new Battalion Commander by the retiring Commander just prior to the final retreat parade.

way. When the switch comes ground are the ones who are for quiet, order, security, progress and constructive development, people of your back- mentally, physically and morally prepared to furnish the leadership."



**THE SENIORS LINE-UP** to receive their diplomas during Commencement, Sunday, May 25;



## D. Hampton Heads Final Honor Roll

Daryl Hampton headed the final honor roll for the 1968-69 school year according to Maj. Larry Dwyer, Director of Studies. Others named to the list with grade averages above 90 were Joe Price, John Atkins, Evan Pyle, Michael Brame, Steven Blakemore, Ray Garvey, Andrew Anderson, Douglas Mintener, Glenn Orendorff, Jeff Woodall, Bob Dorman, Jimmy Armstrong, Steven Siebert, Victor Monroee, Allan Gibb, Michael Pierce, Wallace Curry, Tony Davies, Douglas Harwager, Joseph Ward, Jim Patrick, Craig Steele, Joe Schwinn, Daniel Grauer, Robert Thomas, Robert Griffith, and Edward Scahill.

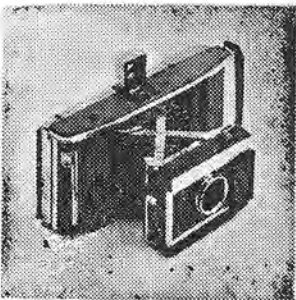
Receiving honorable mention with grades averages between 85-89 were Ronald Robacker, Thomas Harper, George Dickson jr., Randall Pierce, Gaylen Piercy, Mark Adams, Kenneth Miller, Dennis Purinton, James Dillard, Richard Jones, Stanley Weiner, Jim Martinez, Gary Wickizer, Gene deBeque, John Adams, Loran Green, Bill Griffith, Tim Eddie, Jim Frink, Billy Harrington, Jim Pflumm, David King, Stephen Heywood, Barton Holmes, Michael Lonchar, Michael Scahill, David Sebring, Daniel Phillips, Bob Platner, John Vnuk, Larry Britegam, Terrance Dauber, Francis McMillan, Lennon Ramsey, Dennis Kaarup, Jay Heese, David Orchard, Bob Toombs, Jefferson Broome, Jim Croke, George Jenkins, Jim Robertson, Fred Rogge, Kent Tretheway, Allen Armstrong, Larry Millican, Bob Donahue, Jim Shoffner, Stanley Greenbank, Bill Schulzke, Tim Butterfield, Tom Byers, Greg Campbell and Bob Carmen.

Mark Thomas headed the lower School's honors list. Others on the list were Bob Maier, Bob Patrick, Arthur Leach and Kenneth Harper. Receiving honorable mention were Stephen Marsh, Mark Harper, Randy Pollman, Dale Grace and John Henderson.



THE NEW CRACK PLATOON Commander is Timothy Butterfield, Hastings, Neb., (left). Butterfield received the Platoon Sabre and sash from retiring commandr, Wally Curry, Shawnee Mission, Kans.

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## SJ Key Club To Buy Trophy Case

The St. John's Key Club is a service organization for boys and has ordered a trophy case to be installed in the Spencer Cadet Center during the summer months. The club donated \$200.

Other clubs helping with contributions were the Cadet Patrol and the S-Club.

Other service projects the Key Club supported this year were providing food for needy families at Christmas and having the name of this year's Ninninger Award winner inscribed on the plaque in Vail Hall.

The club members raised money on candy sales, at the All-School Carnival and by assisting with the Kiwanis Pancake Day.

Club members enjoyed a dinner at Brookville on May 7. This was the first time in three years that the Club members had used money for any purpose but community service projects.

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## Good Conduct Ribbons Awarded by Commandant

Good Conduct ribbons for the 1968-69 school year were awarded by special order just before Commencement by Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant. Earning the ribbon for the fourth year were Paul Smith and Jeff Woodall.

Cadets earning ribbons for the third straight year were Jimmy Lee Armstrong, Marc Cartier, Wally Curry, Dick Dickson, Daryl Hampton, Kent Mosher, Gaylen Piercy, Lennon Ramsey, Peter Rau and David Sebring.

Earning the Conduct awards for the second year were Roby Anderson, Mike Blanck, Larry Britegam, James Croke, Bart Day, Dennis DeVore, Riley Doring, Thomas Ebbe, Bill Griffith, Doug Harwager, Steve Heywood, Tim Jackson, Jim Martinez, Ken Miller, Dan Phillips, Mike Pierce, Ron Robacker, Fred Rogge, Ed Skaggs, Phil Smith, John Stuart, Gerald Tinani, Steve Verity and Joe Ward.

One year winners were Allen Armstrong, Steve Arnaud, Joel Avery, Kren Bosse, Kevin Boundy, Kirk Branson, Dwight Bruening, Gregory Campbell, Joe Davis, Robert Dorman, Dar-

rell Eck, Tim Eddie, Mark Everett, Henry Freeland, Jim Frink, Ray Garvey, Jim Gilliland, Dale Grace, Bob Griffith, Mark Gunson, Ken Harper, Mark Harper, John Henderson, Barton Holmes, Charles Jarus, George Jenkins, Cory Jones, Chris Lansden, Arthur Leach, Bob Lewis, Jim Lunsford, Robert Maier, Steve Marsh, Glenn Miller, Lance Miller, David Nordling, David Orchard, Glenn Orendorff, Robert Patrick, Sigthor Petursson, Jim Pflumm, Randy Pierce, Bob Platner, Randy Pollman, Gregory Sampson, Joe Schwinn, Mark Thomas, Robert Thomas, Bob Toombs, Kent Tretheway, Ronald Tucker, George Ward and Sam Weiner.



## Seniors Make College Plans

Cadets in the Senior Class are making plans to attend various colleges and universities next year according to Lt. Lyle Stenfors, Guidance Counselor.

The Cadets and the colleges they have selected are John Atkins, Daryl Hampton and Ron Robacker, University of Colorado; Tom Byers, Colorado State University; Wally Curry, Washburn University, Topeka; George Dickson jr. and George Jenkins, University of Wyoming; Bob Dorman, Cowley County Community Junior College, Kansas; Eric Funston, University of California at San Diego; Doug Harwager, University of Nebraska; Chris Hollandsworth, Mesa Junior College, Grand Junction, Colo.; Dennis Kaarup, South Dakota State University; Glenn Miller, Colby, Kans., Community Junior College; Bob Platner, Missouri Southern College; Joe Price, Arizona State University; Lennon Ramsey, University of Albuquerque; David Sebring, Baker University, Baldwin; Craig Steele, Northeastern Junior College, Colorado; Steve Verity, Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, and Jeff Woodall, Kansas State University.

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# Many Cadets Receive Honors, Awards, Medals

Major awards were presented at the second Awards Convocation Friday evening, May 23, in the school gym.

Bob Dorman received the Wilson Loyalty Medal; Jim Martinez was awarded the Sage Memorial Medal as the senior showing the greatest development during the senior year.

Phillip R. Smith received the Effort Medal. Daryl Hampton earned the American Legion Medal.

The Rose Medal for the new boy making the most satisfactory record was earned by Jim Pflumm. The Ninninger Award to the Cadet making the most of his ability went to Paul Smith.

Bart Day earned the Lower School's Effort Medal; Charles Jarus, the Progress Medal, and Steve Marsh, the Lower School Medal for the most satisfactory record.

The Lower School Shank prizes went to Mark Thomas in the seventh grade and Ken Harper in the eighth.

Mark Thomas also earned the Lower School's Athletic Scholarship Medal.

Joe Price received the Upper School Athletic Scholarship Medal and George Jenkins, the Activity Leadership Medal.

Shank prizes in the Upper School were won by Evan Pyle, grade 9; Ray Garvey, grade 10; Jimmy Armstrong, grade 11; and Daryl Hampton, grade 12.

Andy Anderson was awarded the Hardy Rifleman Award.

Foundation awards were presented M. Thomas, Lower School; Jim Croke, freshman; David Orchard, sophomore; Mike Blanck, junior, and Jim Martinez, senior.

Steve Blakemore received the Rotary Medal as the senior with the longest service. Special recognition went to Hampton, P. Smith, Steve Verity and Jeff Woodall for five years consecutive service.

Lennon Ramsey earned the "I Dare You Award" as the senior developing the most mentally, physically and academically during the year.

Robert Patrick received an award for academic excellence in the Lower School. Dennis Liska was presented the Lower School Athletic Medal and Russell Ranck was presented a faculty merit medal.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent, was the master of ceremonies. The Rev. Richard Feallock, Chaplain, gave the invocation and benediction. Lt. Col. R. L. Guernsey lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Academic, athletic and military awards were presented at the First Awards Convocation Thursday evening, May 22, in the school gym. Maj. Lawrence J. Dwyer, Director of Studies, was the master of ceremonies.

The Invocation was given by the Rev. Richard Feallock, School Chaplain.

The Tinsley C. Fry Athletic Medal was awarded Jimmy Lee Armstrong. George Jenkins received the S-Club trophy.

Bowling awards were present-

ed to Chris Landsden, Joe Schwinn, Evan Pyle, Jim Martinez, Bill Schulzke, and Mark Latham.

In Drum and Bugle Corps awards, Dennis Purinton received the Bugler's award. Glenn Orendorff, the Drummer's award, and Dean Raser, the Best Bandsman award.

The Superior Military School Cadet awards were presented to Daryl Hampton, J. L. Armstrong, and Steve Heywood. The Superior ROTC junior Cadet awards were given Peter Rau, Bob Platner and Jim Pflumm.

Ed Mulford received the Cheney Marksmanship Medal; Jim Patrick, the Upper School Marksmanship Medal and David Phelps, the Lower School Marksmanship Medal. Mulford also was awarded the ROA award for firing the highest aggregate score during the year.

Robert Maier was presented the Lower School citizenship medal.

Mark Everett earned the VFW Citizenship Medal.

Hampton was awarded both the DAR Medal and the SAR Medal.

Receiving acolyte and lay-reader awards from the Chaplain were Tom Fiske, Barton Hoffman, Jim Gilliland, Bob Toombs, J. Patrick, Mark Holmberg, Tom Ebbe and Drew Demshki. Recognized as the student chaplains were Bob Donahue and Jeff Broome.

Receiving Choir awards were Holmberg, Henry Freeland, Pyle, J. Patrick, David Nordling, Jim Shoffner, Orendorff, Ron Tucker, Dan Fitzgerald, Ebbe, Mark Adams and Bart Day.

Hampton was presented the Bausch and Lomb award as the outstanding science student and also the National Honor Society trophy as that group's outstanding member.

The Ferris Awards went to Schulzke, Mechanical Drawing I; Bob Thomas, General Shop I, and Kent Tretheway, General Shop II.

Receiving faculty merit awards for their work on the School carnival were J. L. Armstrong and Allen Armstrong. Merit awards for decorating went to Mike Blanck, Marc Cartier, Bob Dorman, Tom Harper, Fred Rogge, J. B. Stuart jr., and Gary Wickizer.

Ed Scahill received a faculty merit award for his work as the play crew chief. Bob Dorman was recognized as the outstanding student on the journalism staff.

Receiving faculty merit awards for science were Andy Anderson, J. L. Armstrong, Ken Miller, Orendorff, Purinton, Lennon Ramsey, Dick Dickson, Craig Steele, Fred Rogge, Mark Adams, Pflumm and George Ward.

Shop faculty merit awards were presented to Mike Blanck, Phil Smith and Ray Garvey.

Library assistants recognition went to Ebbe, Demshki, Ron

Kuehn, J. Patrick and Tretheway.

A special Drum and Bugle Corps merit awards was presented Dennis Kaarup.

A faculty award for outstanding effort in the classroom was presented Barton Holmes.

Members of the Superintendent's advisory committee receiving certificates were Roby Anderson, J. L. Armstrong, Greg Campbell, Everett, Stan Greenbank, Hampton, Tim Jackson, Tretheway, Kren Bosse, Gene deBeque, T. Harper, Steven Marsh, Lance Miller, R. Patrick, Mike Pierce, Schulzke, and David Swanda.

Certificates of Educational Development for scoring in the top 10 percent nationally in the National Educational Development tests were presented A. Anderson, Jim Dillard, Dan Grauer and Schwinn.

Course awards for the highest average in each academic class went to A. Anderson. Physical science; J. L. Armstrong, American History; John Atkins, psychology and chemistry; Steve Blakemore, American Government and Journalism; Tony Davies, Economics; deBeque, Spanish II; Dorman, English III; Gravey, Unified Geometry, Mechanical Drawing I and Latin I; Allen Gibb, Speech; Grauer, World History; Hampton, Advanced Math and College Prep English; Heywood, Latin II; T. Harper, World Geography; Holmes, Democracy; Ken Miller, Spanish I; David Orchard, English II; Randy Pierce, Typing; Gaylen Piercy, Advanced Algebra; Joe Price, Sociology and Standard English IV; Pyle, English I, Biology and Algebra I; Ron Robacker, Physics; Shoffner, General Math; Steve Siebert, Driver Training; Thomas, General Business and General Shop I; Tretheway, General Shop II, and Wickizer, Pre-Journalism.

Lower School course awards were won by Bart Day, Dale Grace, Ken Harper, Robert Maier and Mark Thomas.

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ON THE REVIEWING STAND during the Retreat parade were the Rev. Richard Fealock, Chaplain; Maj. Larry Dwyer, Director of Studies; Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant; Maj. Wes Santee, USMCR and famous

mile-runner from Kansas; Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent, and the Rt. Rev. William Davidson, Bishop of the Episcopal District of Western Kansas, and president ex-officio of the St. John's Board of Trustees.

## Track Letters Awarded Young Cadets

School letters for participation in the Lower School track program have been awarded.

Earning "A" team letters were John Legler, Robin Burchett, Mike Dunn, Steve Quirk, Chris Lunsford, Chris Lansden, Dennis Liska, David Phelps, Brent Miller, Mark Thomas, Charles Jarus, Kevin Boundy, Sherman DeWitt, Tim Jackson, Bob Maier and Lance Miller.

Earning "B" team letters were Arthur Leach, John Henderson, Ken Harper, Joe Davis, Tom Fiske, Dennis Cravens, Henry Freeland, Dan Fitzgerald and Robert Patrick.

Managers' letters were awarded Wes Lambrechtse, Randy Pollman and Tim Nichols.

## Trackmen Set 2 School Records

Two new School records in track were set during the 1968-69 season according to track coach, Fred Strathe.

Jimmy Lee Armstrong set a new record in the 449-yard dash with a time of 53.8 seconds. The old record was 55.5 set in 1964 by Frosty Braden.

The new record for the medley relay was 3:51.9 compared to the old record of 4:10.6. Members of the relay team were Armstrong, David Beedle, George Jenkins and Gaylen Piercy.

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## Cadets, Clubs Give Money For Projects

Various Cadet organizations presented Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent, checks to be used for School projects following the first Awards Convocation, May 22.

John Vnuk and Dennis Purinton presented a check for \$5 they received for playing "Taps" at military funerals. The check is to be applied to the Field House Fund. Colonel Duckers commented, "we only need \$999,995 more to build the sports arena."

A check for \$25 from the Kansas Medical Assistants Society was added to the Cadet Fund.

The Cadet Patrol presented a check for \$37.50 that they had earned for assisting with the Country Club Open house. This money will be added to the \$200 from the Key Club to pay for a new trophy case in Spencer Cadet Center.

A check for \$25 from the Kansas Women's Bowling Association was added to the Cadet Fund. The School Color Guard and Choir assisted with the opening ceremonies of the state tournament in Salina.

## Promotions

The following promotions have been made since the May issue of "The Skirmisher."

**TO CAPTAIN**—Robert Dorman.

**TO SECOND LIEUTENANT**—Riley Doing, Eric Funston.

**TO SERGEANT MAJOR**—Randy Pierce.

**TO STAFF SERGEANT**—Robert Hill, Steve Arnaud, Joel Avery, Mike Scahill and Curtis Jones.

**TO SERGEANT**—Stanley Greenbank, Timothy Butterfield, Joe Price, Steve Quirk and Maurice Niedens.

**TO CORPORAL**—Larry Milligan, John Vnuk, Robert Sterling, Steve Siebert, Michael Hawkesworth, Peter Walker, Kren Bosse, John Atkins, Dennis Kaarup, Bill Schulzke, Craig Steele, Jim Dillard and Dan Strance.

**TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS**—Mike Lonchar, John Legler, Wes Lambrechtse, and David Phelps.

### Capt. Fraizer's Picture Appears

A picture of Capt. Harold Fraizer, Lower School teacher and assistant to the Commandant with his roses appeared on a recent front page of "The Salina Journal". Capt. Fraizer has over 100 prize-winning rose bushes in his rose garden in front of Mize Hall.

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### B. Thomas To Attend Key Club Convention

A representative of the St. John's Key Club will attend the Key Club International Convention in Miami Beach, Florida, July 6-9. Representing the School will be Bob Thomas, a junior from Lakin, Kansas.

The Salina Kiwanis Club donated \$70 to help pay expenses and the St. John's Key Club is paying \$31.

This is the first time the local club has sent a representative to the International Convention according to Lt. Col. R. L. Guernsey, Club sponsor.

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