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200 Cadets Begin 81st Year, Sept. 1

School Year Begins With 200 Enrolled

St. John's Military School began its 81st year Sept. 1 with an enrollment of 200 Cadets. Colonel Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent, said that although the enrollment was down slightly from last year's record enrollment it is still the third largest Cadet Corps in the history of the School. He said it is anticipated that the School will fill to capacity with late enrollments.

Taking the lead in the parade-of-States this year was Kansas with 74 Cadets calling the Sunflower State home. Following was Colorado with 52; Missouri and Nebraska with 15 each; New Mexico, 9, Texas, 7, and Oklahoma, 6. Other states represented are Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Louisiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nevada, California and West Virginia.

Three Cadets come to the School from Okinawa, Germany, and Saudi Arabia.

Included in the 81st Corps are four sets of two brothers and one set of three brothers. They are Bill and Bob Griffith, Stan and Sam Weiner; Jim and Bob Patrick, Brent and Lance Miller, and Kenneth, Mark and Thomas Harper.

Colonel Keith G. Duckers assumed the position of Superintendent of St. John's School on Sept. 1 replacing Colonel R. L. Clem, Rector and Superintendent.

ent of St. John's for 32 years. Colonel Clem officially retired on Aug. 31 after being honored with retirement ceremonies during Commencement week-end last May 20.

Colonel Duckers has been the Acting Superintendent since Jan. 1, 1967, and has been associated with St. John's Military School for 18 years. He joined the staff in December of 1950.

He holds a B. S. degree in Journalism from Kansas State University and a Master's Degree in School administration from Wichita State University.

In other staff changes, three people joined the teaching faculty and two retired sergeants were added to the Commandant's Military Section. (See related story elsewhere in this issue of *The Skirmisher*.) Colonel Duckers says this represents the smallest change in personnel in many years.

Three Seniors Nominated For Service Academies

.... By Superintendent

Three St. John's Military School seniors have been nominated to the U. S. Service Academies by Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent.

Each Class MI School under the junior Reserve Officers Training Corps program may nominate up to three honor graduates for each academic year the school receives the rating of "honor unit". St. John's earned the honor school rating last year under the ROTC program. These candidates compete among themselves for the number of available vacancies in the service schools at West Point, Annapolis and Colorado Springs.

Nominated were Steve Heywood, Kirkwood, Mo., Jeff Woodall, Salina, Kans., and Allen Armstrong, Shawnee Mission, Kans.

Heywood is a second-year student. He is an honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society. He is a second lieutenant in the 81st Corps of Cadets and a member of the Crack Squad.

Armstrong is also a member of the National Honor Society

and is a captain in the Corps. He is the commander of Headquarters section.

Woodall is a member of the Crack Squad and S-Club. He is a captain and the commander of A-Company.

To be eligible for the nomination, a Cadet must have two years of ROTC; have shown proficiency in not less than 15 academic units of study in subjects required for admission to the Service Schools, and must graduate in the upper third of his class. In addition to these qualifications a boy must show qualities of outstanding leadership and character, and an aptitude for military service.

Field Exercise Planned

A Military Field Exercise is being planned for Saturday, Oct. 26, on the Smoky Hill Bomb Range, near Salina. The day's activities are being planned by the Military Staff.

ROLL CALL

Of States

Kansas	74
Colorado	52
Missouri	15
Nebraska	15
New Mexico	9
Texas	7
Oklahoma	6
Iowa	5
California	4
Wyoming	3
Louisiana	2

One each from Montana, South Dakota, Illinois, Nevada and Virginia.

Of Foreign Countries

Okinawa	1
Germany	1
Saudi Arabia	1

Of Cities

Greater Denver Area	29
Greater Kansas City	34
Wichita	11
Lincoln	6
Colorado Springs	6

20-Cadet Advisory Group Named

A new group has been formed at St. John's this year known as the Superintendent's Cadet Advisory Committee.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent, said, "The purpose of the committee is to give me a cross-section of Cadet opinions on certain issues as they relate to the general program of St. John's School."

Appointed to the 20-member group were officers, privates, "old boys" and new Cadets.

The group will meet at various times during the school year.

The committee members and the areas represented are Daryl Hampton and Jimmy Armstrong, commissioned officers; Roby Anderson and David Bercutt, NCO's; Mark Everett and Greg Campbell, corporals; Tim Jackson and Tom Harper, privates; Kren Bosse, and Robert Patrick, seventh grade; Stephen Marsh, eighth grade new boy; Lance Miller, eighth grade "old boy"; Wade Gagnon, freshman new boy; George Tull, freshman "old boy"; Stanley Greenbank, sophomore new boy; Kent Tretheway, sophomore "old boy"; David Swanda, junior new boy; Mike Pierce, junior "old boy"; Fred Schulzke, senior new boy; and Gene deBeque, senior "old boy".

Fifth Army General Visits SJMS, Oct. 7

The Deputy Commanding General of the U. S. Fifth Army, Maj. Gen. John H. Chiles, visited St. John's Military School on Monday, Oct. 7.

The General and his wife arrived in Salina Sunday evening, Oct. 6.

The St. John's junior ROTC Detachment is under the jurisdiction of U. S. Fifth Army with headquarters at Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

General Chiles arrived on campus at 7:30 a.m. to be greeted with full honors by the 81st Corps of Cadets. He inspected the Honor Guard and attended a briefing with members of the

Cadet Staff, the Senior Army Instructor, Maj. Charles W. Buttermore III, and the Commandant, Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg.

At 8:15 a.m. he visited a military class and then toured the facilities at the School.

He was the guest at a coffee at 8:45 a.m. at the Superintendent's home before leaving the campus.

Arrangements for the day were made by Col. Kellogg and Maj. Buttermore.



THE SABRE IS PASSED—Daryl Hampton received the Hardy Sabre from retiring Superintendent Co. R. L. Clem during ceremonies at Commencement, May 20. Hampton, a senior from Grand Junction, Colo., is the commander of the 81st Corps of Cadets.

D. Hampton Commands 81st Corps of Cadets

Daryl Hampton, five-year veteran from Grand Junction Colo., is the Cadet Battalion Commander of the 81st Corps of Cadets. He received the Hardy Sabre, symbolic of the change-of-command, during ceremonies last spring.

Members of the Battalion staff are Ron Robacker, S-1; Tony Bell, S-2; and George Jenkins, S-3. The positions of S-4 and Battalion executive officer will be filled later according to Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant of Cadets.

Company commanders are Allen Armstrong, Headquarters; Jeff Woodall, A-Company; Lennon Ramsey, B-Company, and Steve Verity, C-Company. Executive officers are Dan Phillips, A-Company; Wally Curry, B-Company; and Gaylen Piercy, C-Company.

Platoon leaders are Steve Heywood, Jeff Broome, George Dickson jr., Jim Massell, Peter Rau, Roby Anderson and Bill Griffith. First sergeants of the Companies are Jim Martinez, Doug Harwager, and Kent Mosher.

Have a Little Learning

- Learn to live with your neighbor, no matter how different he is.
- Learn to appreciate those things that cost little or no money: a sunset, a clean stream for fishing, a good novel, a hike in the woods, the peace of silence, the understanding of a good friend.
- Learn to do something, anything—better than anybody else, and be proud of your achievement.
- Learn to express your own thoughts, and learn to listen too, for others also think and speak.
- Learn to enjoy music, art, drama.
- Learn to respect the members of your family even if you may disagree with their opinions. If you want respect, you must give respect.
- Learn to keep your wants simple, for then you cannot be disappointed.
- Learn to learn one thing new each day. Imagine what you can learn in a year. Ten years!

"Old Boy" Asks For "Old Boys" Help

HELP WANTED . . . from any St. John's "old boys" living in Southwestern part of Kansas. E. J. Guerrant Jr., Class of 1964, is writing a research paper on the County Seat Fight in Steven County, Kans., around the turn of the Century, between Hugoton and Woodsdale. Anyone having any recollections of the past or any old pictures, letters, or newspapers is asked to write E. J. at 3631 W. 13th, Wichita, Kans. 67203.

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Younger Brothers Attend St. John's

A number of Cadets in the 81st Corps are brothers of St. John's graduates. They are William Brassette, brother of Bob; Thomas Byers, brother of Bob; George Dickson Jr., brother of Tom; Ray Garvey, brother of Jim; Barton Holmes, brother of Rick; and Dan Phillips, brother of John; Five of the older brothers were members of the class of 1968.

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Promotions

The following promotions were made during the past month.

To CORPORAL—Edwin Mulford, Jeff Ulrich, Stanley Price, Mike Gepner.

To SERGEANT—Charles Burrell, Mike Pierce, Dennis Stewart, Joe Ward.

To STAFF SERGEANT—Robert Kelley, Walter McCoy.

To SERGEANT-MAJOR—David Bercutt.

To CAPTAIN—George Jenkins, Steve Verity, Jeff Woodall, Lennon Ramsey, J. Allen Armstrong.

To FIRST LIEUTENANT—Wallace Curry.

To MAJOR—Daryl Hampton. **ASSIGNMENTS** — Gene Strickland, Battalion bugler.

Room-of-Week Awards Made

The first Room-of-the-Week awards were given at the end of the inspection period ending Sept. 13. Receiving the award in Mize Hall was Stephen A. Marsh, and in Sage Hall, James Frink. Ray Garvey and James Gilliland.

The Room-of-the-Week award in Mize Hall for the inspection period ending Sept. 20 went to Cadets Elmer Pearce and Tim Jackson. The award in the Upper School for the same period went to Ed Mulford, who lives in Sage Hall.

The Room-of-the-Week award in Mize Hall for the inspection period ending Sept. 27 went to Thomas Ebbe and Timothy Eddie. Winning the award in the Upper School were Robert Thomas and Phil Smith who live in Griswold Hall.

Nine Cadets Named To Cadet Court

Representatives have been elected to the Cadet Court for the 81st Corps of Cadets. Daryl D. Hampton, as Cadet Commanding Officer, serves as the Court Chairman.

Other members representing the four companies of the Corps are Steve Blakemore, Jeff Broome, Bob Donahue, Doug Harwager, Lennon Ramsey, Peter Rau, Steve Verity and Jeff Woodall.

The Court serves as an advisory board on certain disciplinary matters and conducts the "old boy" examinations.

Commandant's-Military Programs Co-ordinated

The Commandant's Section and the Military program have been combined into one department this year under the direction of Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant. Co-ordinating the program is Maj. Charles W. Buttermore, Senior Army Instructor.

Members of the Military Department assist and help in the work of the Commandant's program.

Two new sergeants have been added to the Commandant's department as tactical officers.

F/Sgt. Benjamin C. Titus is the tactical officer for B-Company. He retired from the U. S. Army in May after 24 years duty. He has served two tours of duty in Vietnam and has also seen overseas duty in Italy, France and Korea. He and his wife, Ethel, live at 1411 Pawnee, Salina. They are the parents of five children.

M/Sgt. Richard Lipps will be retired from the Air Force on

Oct. 21. He has been serving as the first sergeant of the Smoky Hill Bomb Range, near Salina, under the command of McConnell AFB, Wichita. He served three years at Bitburg, Germany with the 36th Tactical Fighter Wing before coming to Salina. He and his wife, Jean, live in Schilling Manor, Salina. He is the tactical officer responsible for C-Company.

M/Sgt. Dwight Woodall is the tactical officer for A-Company.

Maj. William Webb is the tactical officer for Headquarters and is the tactical assistant to the Commandant with added duties as executive officer.

Old Boys' Corner

Class of 1968—Gregory (Pete) Eslick is attending Southern Colorado State, Pueblo, Colo. **Joe Suchecki** is attending college in Albuquerque, N. M.

Attend 1962-65—Alan Hale is attending El Dorado Junior College.

Attended 1963-66—David Cowie is attending Wichita State U., Wichita, Kans.

Class of 1967—Peter Pappas is attending the University of Albuquerque, N. M. **Bill Brennan** is attending Kansas City, Kans., Junior College.

Class of 1966—Pat Kennedy visited St. John's in September. He is a school photographer. **Allen King** is a student at the University of New Mexico, majoring in mechanical engineering. He is married and the father of a two-year old son he hopes to enroll in St. John's sometime in the future. Besides going to school, Allen is holding down a job to support his family. **John Shelman** is flying for Executive Aircraft. He visited the school this summer. **A/IC Stevie T. Stevens** was named Outstanding Airman of the Month in his unit at Carswell AFB, Texas. Stevens, a materials specialist, was selected for his exemplary conduct and duty performance. Steve hopes to be a sergeant by Christmas and he will begin night classes at Texas Christian U. following the holidays.

Attended 1965-66—Frank Reynolds is serving with the Navy in Vietnam.

Class of 1965—Richard D. McClain was cited for outstanding devotion to duty and attention to detail in South Vietnam, where he is stationed near Quang Tri as a helicopter mechanic. Dick discovered during periodic inspections that there were numerous helicopters suffering from mechanical deficiencies that could have resulted in loss of life and equipment. His commanding officer noted, "Your professionalism and knowledge of your job have possibly saved the lives of many people and untold numbers of aircraft, and serve to set you apart from your contemporaries." McClain has been in Vietnam since last August. He en-

listed after attending San Juan Branch College and West Texas State College at Canyon, Tex. His wife, Janette, lives in Albuquerque.

Class of 1964—Ens. Steve Erb is attending the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif. He was married in August. **John Hakalo** has finished his four years of Naval Aviation. **Chuck Christy** was married in June. He is majoring in recreation at West Virginia U., Morgantown, W. Va. He plans to work for the National Park system. He is enrolled in Advanced ROTC and will be commissioned next year at graduation. **Peter Black** is attending Kearney State College, Kearney, Neb.

Class of 1963—Water Crandall is serving with the Navy in Vietnam. **John Hjorth** visited St. John's with his wife, Lillian, and 14-month old son. He has re-enlisted in the Air Force.

Class of 1962—Elias Majdani and his wife, Robby, are the parents of a son, born Aug. 26. Elias is a claims adjuster for the SAFECO Insurance Co., Bainbridge Island, Wash. **Stephen Oakford** is attending San Diego City College.

Class of 1960—James Howden was graduated from New Mexico Highlands University, Aug. 23.

Attended 1958-60—Tim Shy is scrubbing in surgery at Boulder Community Hospital, Boulder, Colo.

Class of 1956—Tom Sweigart, his wife, and son visited the school during September. Tom lives in Kansas City, Mo.

Attended 1953-56—Jerry Scott was married in Hutchinson, Kans., this summer.

Class of 1944—Scott Dotson is the manager of the McClellan Hotel liquor store, Wichita, Kans.

Class of 1926—J. Mac Abbott has returned to his home in Belleville after undergoing surgery at Asbury Hospital, Salina Sept. 18.

Class of 1922—Eliot (Putty) Putnam is recovering from surgery. He says before too long he hopes to regain his normal weight and activities.

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Kitchen Remodeled; Add New Equipment

The kitchen in Nichols Dining Hall was renovated and remodeled, and new equipment added during the summer.

An addition was added to the building for a new walk-in freezer and refrigerator. The original woodburning stoves, which had been converted to gas, were replaced with new stoves, grills and deep-fat fryers. The floor and walls were tiled and modern lighting was added.

This is the first change in kitchen facilities since Nichols Hall was built in 1944.

Work started at the beginning of the summer and was finished by Aug. 1. Cost of the project was about \$50,000. The project will be paid for by money raised this year and during the next two years by the mem-

bers of the St. John's "Mule-Skinners", an organization of business and professional men in Salina and the Midwest.

The new equipment has permitted a number of changes in mess hall procedures. Food is served the tables from heated carts as are the desserts from cold-carts. "Seconds" on food also are obtained from the carts. Only six to eight waiters are required to service the tables with food, beverages and other necessities.

A new dishwasher was added as were new and modern facilities for washing pots and pans.

Chapel Program Features Change

Programs and religious services in the Chaplain's Department have been expanded and changed this year according to the Rev. Richard Feallock, School Chaplain.

Required Chapel Services are held at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday instead of 5:45 p.m. Evening Prayer is the service on Mondays and Fridays with the Service of Holy Communion being celebrated on Wednesday.

The Communion Service is following the proposed new Liturgy of the Episcopal Church and folk songs are used for the musical portions of the service.

Again this year, Cadets may attend the "church-of-their choice" in downtown Salina. Cadets are encouraged to belong to an evening church youth group in one of the Salina Denominations. Services are held 11 a.m. on Sundays in Armstrong Chapel for those not wishing to attend a Salina church.

Special interest groups such as the choir, acolytes and student chaplains are continuing this year.

Movies and speakers from the Chaplain's Department will be presented on Sunday afternoons in the Chapel. These programs are being planned for January, February and March.

A series of group discussions on various topics is being planned for the Upper School Cadets. These groups will start in the near future and will be held in the Chaplain's home on campus. To be eligible to participate, a Cadet must be doing satisfactory academic work and be interested in the program. The number in a discussion group will be limited.

"Sound-Off" Staff Named

The staff for the 1968-69 issue of the School yearbook, "The Sound-Off", has been named by Lt. Robert Stevens, yearbook adviser.

Gene deBeque is the editor with Steve Verity as assistant editor. Tony Bell is the business manager.

Section editors are Dennis Kaarup, faculty, Steve Blake-more, classes; Stan Price, military activities; Bob Dorman, organizations, and Joe Price and Craig Steele, sports.

Photographers are Jim Shofner, Glenn Miller and Jim Robertson.

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Three New Teachers Join Teaching Staff

Three new people joined the teaching faculty of St. John's Military School for the 1968-69 term in the lowest number of staff changes in recent years according to Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent.

Lyle A. Stenfors, 29, joined the staff as Guidance Counselor replacing Capt. Lawrence Dwyer, who was named Director of Studies following the resignation of LCDR H. E. Nuss last spring.

Stenfors is a graduate of Bennington High School and Kansas State University. He was awarded a Master's degree in counseling from Washington State University. He has taught at Roosevelt High School, Seattle, Wash., and in a high school in Anchorage, Alaska. He and his wife, Peg, live at 516½ S. Ninth.

Robert Stevens will teach Speech, English I, and Journalism and will coach the debate team. Stevens is a graduate of Junction City High School and the William Allen White School of Journalism at the University of Kansas. He taught last year at Salina High School. The journalism course is a new subject added to the academic program this year. He will also be

the yearbook advisor and sponsor a photography club.

Mrs. C. Phillip Aldrich, RFD 3, will teach General Mathematics and Algebra, replacing Lt. David Kuchera. She is a graduate of Ft. Hays State College and taught at the High School in Gypsum last year.

In other changes in the academic program, a course in Driver's Education has been added. Most Saturday classes have been eliminated this year. Classes will be held on six Saturdays during the school year. In previous years, classes were held until noon each Saturday.

Capt. Dwyer said that members of the teaching faculty will be available in their classrooms from 3 to 3:55 p.m. each Monday and Friday to help Cadets with work. They can also require a Cadet to attend a make-up session if he is behind or doing unsatisfactory work.

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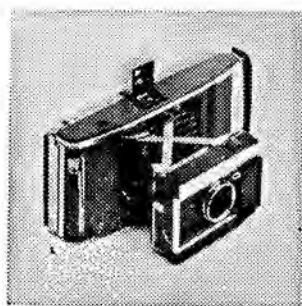
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THE BIG BOOM—The cannon in front of Vail Hall is fired each evening during evening Colors. The junior ROTC detachment at the School received the Howitzer last year. Pictured are Bob Platner and Fred Roggee, members of the Gun detail. Other members are Andy Davis, Joel Avery and Barton Hoffman.

SJ To Host High School Journalism Conference

St. John's Military School will host the second annual Journalism Conference for high schools in the Salina area on Saturday, Oct. 26. Making plans for the day is Lt. Robert Stevens, journalism teacher and yearbook adviser.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. A get-acquainted session will follow with cokes being served in Spencer Cadet Center. A coffee for publication advisers and panel participants will be held at the Superintendent's home.

The opening session will begin at 9 a.m. with the invocation by the Rev. Richard Feallock, St. John's Chaplain; welcome by Col. Keith G. Duckers, Superintendent, and the keynote address by Whitley Austin, Editor and Publisher of The Salina Journal.

Speakers at the 10 o'clock session will be Bill Burke, Sports Editor of The Salina Journal; Malcolm Applegate, Assistant Dean of the K. U. School of Journalism; a panel of Salina merchants, and Kathryn Rodgers, yearbook adviser at Ft. Hays State College.

Dr. Calder Pickett, Professor of Journalism at K. U., will discuss Editorial Problems and Policy of High School Publications at 11 a.m. Lee Young, Assistant Professor at K. U., will discuss advertising problems at the same session.

Lunch will be served in Nichols Dining Hall with tours of the campus being conducted after lunch.

Good features and editorials, the student council and the press, photography, and yearbook layout will be topics at the afternoon session.

The day will end with a panel of high school administrators discussing the topic "What Your Administration Wants From You".

During the day special consultants will be available to help with problems concerning yearbooks and newspapers.

All sessions will be held in Armstrong Chapel and the Clem Library.

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8 Intramural Teams Play Flag Football

The Upper School Cadets have been divided into eight intramural teams for flag football competition.

Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons on Perkins Field.

The Cardinals defeated the Packers 18-6 with Lennon Ramsey and Dick Dickson starring for the red birds. Packers captain, Allen Armstrong, termed his team's touchdown a "team-effort". The Cardinals tied the Raiders in a 6-6 game.

The Colts defeated the Bears, 25-13. Starring for the Bears were Jim Martinez, Tom Byers and Greg Campbell. Colts Captain, Steve Blakemore, said their victory was a team project.

The Raiders humbled the Chief 28-6 in a game played Sept. 16. Steve Arnaud was the Chief's star in this game. Chris Hollandsworth is captain of the Raiders. The Chiefs also lost a 32-0 decision to the Packers.

The Bears and Jets played a defensive game until late in the third quarter when the Jets exploded to win 24-6. Starring for the Jets were Jeff Woodall, Jim Massell and Bob Donahue. Martinez played outstanding ball for the Bears.

The Colts upset the previously undefeated Rams 18-8 in a hard fought battle. Starring for the Colts were Dwight Bruening, Gary Hunter, Daryl Hampton and Mark Everett. Starring for the Rams were Bob Platner, Billie Harrington and Tony Bell. The Rams had earlier defeated the Jets 20-13.

TEAM STANDINGS				
	GP	W	L	T
Colts	2	2	0	0
Cardinals	2	1	0	1
Raiders	2	1	1	0
Rams	2	1	1	0
Jets	2	1	1	0
Packers	2	1	1	0
Bears	2	0	2	0
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Attended 1920-21—Walter Brazelton visited St. John's Sept. 26. He manages Brazelton's Travel Services, Seattle, Wash.
Class of 1899—Robert Gantt died in June of 1968.

Son of Army's F/Sgt at St. John's
John Wooldridge, a new freshman, is the son of the First Sergeant of the Army. He is advisor to the Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army.
Sgt/Maj. William O. Wooldridge is now serving as Sergeant-Major for Lt. Gen. Abrams, Commander of U. S. Forces in Vietnam.

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