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## FACULTY vs. FIRST TEAM

First Team Victors—Score 14 to 0.

Now that the Faculty and the First Team are on friendly terms again, the broken bones and bruises healed, it is considered safe to recount one of the memorable contests in the sporting annals of St. John's.

Capt. Fuhrman, with his choice of the first line men, challenged Coach Small with members of the faculty and the remainder of the squad.

Fuhrman's (alias Gopher) crack lineup was:

Jackson .....	RE
Jamison .....	RT
Newman .....	RG
Meyer .....	C
Blunt .....	LG
Alderson .....	LT
Fuhrman .....	LE
Paddock .....	QB
Stotts .....	LH
Holmes .....	RH
Roth .....	FB

With this splendid aggregation of stalwart gridironists he confidently expected to intimidate his opponents.

Imagine the consternation in the first team ranks when Coach Small led his white-be-jersied supporters on the field. Following swiftly in the footsteps of his admirable leader came Capt. McGrew with the glint of battle in his eye which has rightly won for him the title of "Dangerous Dan" and which made the center of the faculty team a potent factor in the ensuing contest. On his right trotted the one hundred and eighty pounds of Capt. Atkinson almost completely disguised in football togs.

In support of this mighty trio came Utterback (our own little nespit) playing LH. Fullback Mourning substituted by Linger. Bob Houghton took time off from his numerous telephone calls to play LT. By a superhuman effort "Sleepy" Edgerton was awakened sufficiently to function as

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## PARRIS ISLAND OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE McCracken

Special to the Skirmisher.

"One of the outstanding grid men on this year's football squad at Parris



Island Marine Barracks—and the 1925 aggregation is the best that the Marines here have put out yet, is Robert G. McCracken, Jr., of Salina, Kansas.

Trained by the Great Larson of Annapolis fame, head coach at Parris Island and twice all-American center. McCracken is displaying a brand of football, especially at the center birth, that promises to place him among the top-notchers in service football.

Since the team began training some two months ago, and through three games that were severe tests, McCracken's position at center has never been threatened by wealth of new material out this year.

Besides proving himself a smashing center, "Mac" has proven an all-

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HANDSOMEST CADET?  
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## HALLOWEEN

New Boys Initiated in Gym, Big Bon Fire, Weinnie Roast and Marshmallows.

Halloween, this year at St. John's, brought unlooked for ghosts, goblins, buckets of blood, and hidden instruments of torture. The witches assembled in the gym at seven-thirty in the forms of faculty and old boys. New boys were painted up to resemble pirates, hob-goblins and various characters, and were told to wear their old clothes.

They were led into the den of the witches blindfolded and one at a time. First they underwent the test for bravery under fire then followed the anointing of the sacred egg, which rite was performed with appropriate ceremonies by Col. Ganssle. Next the victim was seized and branded with red hot ice. After several other minor events the novice was unblindfolded and led to a bench where he was allowed to rest until the switch was turned and the current helped him to decide that this was no place to loiter in.

Various contests of endurance were executed before the throne of the Grand Mogul, Clifford Alderson, who sat flanked on either side by his attendants "Tiny" Shortt and Herbert Hake. The Grand Mogul was entertained by a pie-eating contest among Cadets Campbell, Keller, Wilcox, Brach I, Brach II, Morrow, Woolbridge. The contest was won by Keller.

Following this was a cracker-eating contest, the participants being Edgerton, Elkins, Jones, M., Stotts, Shaffer, Nance, Eichenberger, Markley, and Jeannin. Contest won by Jones, M.

When all the new boys had been thoroughly initiated the big bonfire was lighted, out behind the gym, and everyone roasted "Weenies" and toasted marshmallows.

Taps blew and the cadets tumbled into their downy beds and were well tucked away for the night.

## WHO WILL BE HANDSOMEST CADET?

### DATE SET FOR NOMINATION CONVENTION

In study hall, on November 12, the Skirmisher will place before the student body the names of representative men about school. Come prepared to nominate the one that you consider worthy to run for the honor of being chosen the handsomest cadet. The three men receiving the highest number of votes will be considered contestants for the honor of handsomest cadet. Particulars of the contest will be announced after the three candidates are chosen. The Skirmisher will publish the picture of the winner of the contest in the Christmas number.

If none of the men mentioned by the nominating committee fulfill your ideas of a handsome representative of the school, or if your name is not on the list and you wish to mention yourself, you may write a name on the ballot.

### FOOTBALL TRIP TO CONCORDIA

The St. John's school has played the Concordia High School football team for several years and following the custom of alternating, this happened to be the year for the team to go to Concordia.

The drive is almost seventy miles, so the members of the team were dismissed from their classes at ten-thirty to get ready to leave. Coach Small had secured for transportation a large sedan bus. This would accommodate the whole team and also the Coaches.

Everyone was, of course, very much elated over the trip and the prospect of winning the game. All were in very high spirits and Coach Small had a difficult time keeping them quiet and to get them to save their energy for the game.

The bus arrived in Minneapolis about noon and the Coach decided to have a light lunch there. After the lunch, which consisted of eggs and toast, the boys loaded into the bus and the trip was resumed. About two o'clock the bus rolled up before the high school building in Concordia. The boys took their football suits to the dressing room and under the direction of Coach Small took a short walk to get limbered from the journey. They returned after about fif-

teen minutes and dressed for the game.

The bus was waiting and took them over to the field. The game was not called for some twenty or thirty minutes, so the players kicked and passed the ball around. Finally the time came, then the line up, then the kick off and the game was on.

In the first half Concordia made four touchdowns while St. John's made none. Between the halves Coach Small talked to the boys and told them the main trouble was that they lacked pep! So they went back in the game in the second half, determined that Concordia would not make another touchdown and they did not make any. But neither did St. John's, so Concordia won the game.

They had supper in Concordia and started back to St. John's. They arrived back at school and all tumbled into bed and there was no discussing of the game 'till next day.

### A HOLIDAY

A holiday was given last Saturday by Colonel Ganssle on account of the average school grades being rather high, and the fighting spirit and morale of the school as a whole, having been great in the last football game. Most of the morning was spent in deep slumber by a majority of the cadets. Others occupied the pool room 'till ten-thirty o'clock, when an assembly in the study hall was called and the Athletic Board of Control and the Army and Navy Captains were elected. Lunch was served early so that most of the afternoon could be spent to advantage, as it was a perfect day for a holiday. Passes were granted for the afternoon for those deserving. Footballs were taken out and kicked around. No one could wish for a more perfect holiday, and that ending up with a dance in the evening.

### GIFTS FROM MRS. REESE

Among the announcements made in the dining hall Monday evening, the one which interested the cadets was that Mrs. Reese of Denver had sent enough candy so that every cadet received some. The cadets enjoyed it very much and take this opportunity to thank her for her kindness. It is also through the generosity of Mrs. Reese that the keyboard of our piano is to be repaired.

The arrival of two new cadets is welcomed by all. Cadet Buschow hails from Wichita, Kansas, and Ca-

det Sannan comes from Fairview, Montana.

Through a great error Cadet Sannan was sent by way of St. Paul and back through Kansas City, Kansas. This journey was a great distance out of his way and it was indeed a great experience for him.

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### THE HONOR SYSTEM

On Sunday, October 4, Colonel Ganssle called a meeting of the Cadet Corps and made an attempt to straighten out various losses of certain of the school students. Following this, he introduced a measure which would install an honor system.

At first, many objections were made. Finally the measure stood before the meeting. It was that all locks should be removed from the lockers and that all cadets should have the privilege of putting up off-bounds signs upon their doors. Also all those caught off-bounds in any cadet's room should be tried before a tribunal such as may be composed of a certain committee which should be appointed. The committee appointed was: First Lieut. Linger, First Sergt. Utterback, and Private Houghton.

### VISITORS

"Jock" Price, of Reading, Kansas, who was in school two years ago was here for a day last week asking about the old boys and seeing old friends. Byers and Jock are both working for their father.

### HAWAII NOT ENTITLED TO CREDIT FOR "UKE."

The ukulele, so long associated with the weird, plaintive music of Hawaii, is not an Hawaiian invention, but was introduced in the islands by the Portuguese in 1879. This inconclusive discovery was made during recent researches by Miss Helen M. Roberts, who made a collection of ancient native songs and music for the territorial government.

"Ukulele" is the common term for "flea" and means, literally, "little thing that jumps." The musical instrument obtained its name from Edward Purvis, at one time vice chamberlain of the court of King Kalakaua, a very slight and active man, who became a very efficient performer on the Portuguese instrument.

Miss Roberts ascertained her facts by inquiries among elderly Portuguese residents of Honolulu.

### TO THE BUGLE CORPS

All the sounds of melody,  
Bird calls of the night,

Become as nothing to the cadence,  
Of a bugle played aright.

We've read of Gabriel's trumpet,  
And the tunes he used to play,

But he's nothing to our Harvey,  
When he toots, "Come get your pay."

### CAPT. AND MRS. SHIDELER ENTERTAIN

One night last week Capt. and Mrs. Shideler arranged for his table to have a party at their home.

The boys were excused from study hall early and immediately went to the Captain's home.

After singing songs and playing games, refreshments were served by Mrs. Shideler.

The following Cadets attended:

Hemstreet

Lockhart

Jones, R.

Nance

Shaffer

Crooks

Holland

Thompson

Keller

### ELECTION OF CRACK SQUAD OFFICERS

The old members of the Crack Squad held a meeting last week for the purpose of electing the officers. The results of the ballot are:

Captain—Capt. Linger.

First Lieut.—Lieut. Cronin.

First Sergt.—Sergt. Newman.

Bugler—Lieut. Crooks.

Following are the members of the Crack Squad who were here last year: Capt. Linger, Lieut. Cronin, Lieut. Jamison, Lieut. Crooks, Sergt. Newman, Sergt. Holmes. Numerous try-outs are being held and as there is a question as to who is best qualified, the election of new members has not been held.

On account of the great success of the team last year the prospects of taking longer trips throughout the country are bright.

### ALL CADETS TAKE WARNING

Don't tell Cadet Keller a joke on Saturday nights for he is liable to laugh out during the Sunday morning services.

### ARMY-NAVY ELECTION

Following the custom of the past few years the army and navy election was held on Saturday, Oct. 3, 1925.

An assembly was held in study hall from which the Army and Navy clubs departed for the purpose of electing the captains of the respective clubs. On returning to the study hall the captains chose alternately the new cadets. When a cadet once becomes a member of one of the clubs he is always a member of that club.

During the year contests are held between these two clubs, such as football, basketball, track and baseball. Points are given to the winner of each of the athletic events and the club having the greatest number of points at the end of the year receives a cup and the captain of the winning team receives a medal in recognition of his ability in coaching winning teams.

Following are the names of the new cadets and the club to which they belong:

Navy Club	Army Club
Capt. Alderson	Capt. Utterback
Kinkel	Stotts
Hake	Brach, I
Frey	Jeannin
Schaffer	Eichenberger
Jones, M.	Gibbs
Holland	Wooldridge
Greenwood	Armstrong
Hemstreet	Brach, II
Weaver	Wallace
Wilcox	Campbell
Nance	Morrow
Carpenter	Shortt
Aldrich	Bereshford
Keller	Johnson, E.

### SHOE SHINING

It is understood that two old boys made an attempt to have their shoes shined by a first cadet the other night. Their black eyes that they carried around testify that something besides shoes can be shined by the new boys.

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Isn't it surprising how obliging a cadet can be when he wants to use the phone?

Cadet Buchenau was at his home in Abilene, Kansas, for a visit over the week-end.

Mr. Snyder, of Manhattan, visited his nephew, Marlow Jones, for a few hours on Monday, October 26.

The meanest man in the world is the one who won't quarrel with his wife when she has a headache and needs relief.

As a complaint has been made by Fuhrman as to the hardness of the football field, practice has been held on the south portion of the campus the latter part of the week.

We read recently, a vivid account of a football game where, "The grand stand rose as one and stood upon its feet." Very remarkable, indeed.

Mr. Jones and Mrs. Reese, of Denver, Colorado, were here the first of the month visiting their sons who are attending school again this year.

Mrs. Hover, of Eureka, Kansas, was here a short time ago visiting her son John who was here the first part of last year, and returned to school this year.

He wrote her in a flood of emotion. The lines of his letter were filled with desperate words and passionate pleas. In fact they were: "Mother, I got to have that ten berries."

If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience, your wise counsellor; cau-

tion, your eldest brother, and hope, your guardian genius.

—Addison.

Col. Ganssle spent the last week of October in Kansas City in the interests of the school.

On Monday, October 26, the election of the Junior class was held.

Plans were made for future meetings and the Junior-Senior prom in the spring.

Following are the class officers:  
President—Corporal Farnsworth.  
Vice-president—Sergt. Shortt.  
Sec.-Treas.—Lieut. Jackson.

There is one singular thing about St. John's that we feel would be unnecessary to bring to the reader were it not so closely connected with our daily life. The bugle corps is ever with us. There may be some doubt in the minds of many cadets just why a man aspires to be a bugler. The explanation is simple. Two extra passes are granted a week and the buglers are excused from attending drill. However, in return for this, "Harmonious, snappy" calls are expected. One would much prefer to be awakened in the usual way by "first call" rather than an abbreviated form of "double time."

If our present bugle corps, however, insists that a lengthened assembly is the only thing they can play, we suppose that "Tiny", Shortt G, will have plenty of time to "primp" and adjust his hat at the right angle and descend to formation between its first and last notes.

"Soupe" goes right smartly, but then who doesn't want to eat?

A full stomach, however seems to be a bugler's "Waterloo," for the cadet corps answers to drill formation by anything from "tattoo" to "inspection" with "attention" thrown in.

The tiresome routine of the day nevertheless has nothing to do with the blowing of taps.

The two beautiful calls in the bugler's register "retreat" and "taps" are those most pleasing to the listener. Ordinarily one pauses in what he is doing to listen to the long resonant notes of the last call of the day. But at St. John's the question is "Will the bugler last the call through?"

Now that Mr. Paddock, our capable "Drum Major," has taken charge of the situation, it is to be hoped that all of the calls will become "Kintz like" in their precision.

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## FACULTY vs. FIRST TEAM

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LE, running equal in form to (Baby Overland) Missimer on RE. Buchenau as LG, was prepared to "SCOOP" up the ball and rush for a touchdown. Kinkel, the mid-night boxer, held the position of RG, and "Whitie" Whitehead playing RT, finished out the lineup.

One of the interesting features of the game to those who played the side lines was the splendid refereeing of Mr. Barker, our headmaster. The Officiating was made difficult because the lining of the field had been obliterated by the late fall rains and all distances had to be paced. Col. Ganssle rolled down the field blowing the umpire's whistle at various intervals and Capt. Poggerman with his hickory stick did the head linesman act.

The game started in the usual way, with the kickoff. The ball flew from Paddock's educated toe and sailed over the opponents goal line, from where it was brought back to the 20-yard line and the battle started in earnest.

The pigskin was snapped into play by "Bookstore" McGrew and carried for an advance of twenty yards by the slim and slippery quarter-back, Coach Small. (Not to be confused with the gentleman from Illinois).

Due to a fumble on the faculty team the ball was lost to the First Team, who retained possession of it until the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter started with the ball on the faculty 40-yard line but they failed to make downs.

The faculty gradually pushed the first team back toward their own goal line and a touchdown seemed assumed when the half was up.

During the half the faculties staunchest rooter, Captain Botkins, raced up and down the side lines creating enthusiasm for the faculty and calling Fuhrman's stalwart warriors with the name of crepe-hangers. Probably because of their black jerseys.

In another group the officials collected and discussed the fine points of the contest and decided that fifteen minutes should be allowed for the quarters in the second half instead of ten minutes that had been allowed in the first half.

The last half proved to be the undoing of the Faculty XI.

Linger having left his gold tooth in his bureau drawer, dashed madly for

a forward pass, but all his haste was in vain, for out of a clear sky came the center of the crepe-hangers team and snatched the ball from his very finger tips and in mad career crossed the Faculties goal line. The quarter ended with the score 6 to 0 in favor of the crepe-hangers.

The last quarter the First team certainly did hang crepe all over the faculty goal post by another touchdown, followed by a place kick. (Roth held the ball for the place kick).

Time was called and the game ended and thus passed into history the memorable contest fought on the lists of St. John's.

Recall blew and both teams ran to the showers and dressed for "mess." Q. E. D.

## "SPECIAL DINNER FOR CAPT. ATKINSON"

Before Capt. Atkinson left St. John's his table arranged for a surprise dinner. A splendid three-course dinner was served to the Captain by the following:

Linger  
Whitehead  
Markley  
Elkins  
Sannon  
Reese  
Gibbs  
Edgerton  
Capt. Botkins

## THE CHOIR

Several weeks ago Chaplain Botkins called upon the student body for volunteers to make up a choir. A gratifying number of cadets responded and at present some ten or twelve voices are regularly entering into the evening services. The members are as follows:

Gibbs  
Hake  
Markley  
Whitehead  
Moe  
King  
Kintz  
Elkins  
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around man. During the game between the Marines and South Georgia Agricultural and Mechanical College, "Mac" scooped up a pass and ran thirty yards for a touchdown, helping to build up a smashing score of 47 to 0, in the Marines favor.

If there was an authentic all-American team chosen from service teams throughout the country, McCracken would undoubtedly make that rating in the center position."

McCracken was senior officer and Cadet Major at St. John's last year and winner of the Frey athletic medal which is given to the man who does the most for athletics during the year.

## PROMOTIONS

Attention to Orders:  
Headquarters Cadet Corps:  
St. John's Military School,  
Salina, Kansas,  
September 30, 1925.

Special Order No. 7.

Reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, fidelity, integrity and ability of the following named cadets, they are hereby appointed as acting non-commissioned officers of the cadet corps in the grade set opposite their name.

Cadet Shortt G, to be acting Corporal.

Cadet King, to be acting Corporal.

They are therefore to carefully and diligently discharge the duties of a non-commissioned officer by performing all manner of things belonging to such office.

All cadets under their command shall be obedient to their orders and they shall observe and follow such orders from me, or other superior officers set over them according to the rules, regulations, and discipline of this school.

By order of the Superintendent.

R. B. CROOKS,  
2nd Lieut. and Adj.

## LINGER COMMISSIONED CAPTAIN

Attention to Orders:  
Headquarters Cadet Corps:  
St. John's Military School,  
Salina, Kansas,  
October 22, 1925.

Special Order No. 8.

The following change and promotion in the commissioned personnel of the cadet corps is announced to

take effect upon the reading of this order.

To be Cadet Captain: 1st Lieut. L. Linger.

And we do strictly charge, and require all cadets under his command to be obedient to his orders as captain. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as he shall receive from me, the Superintendent, or other superior officers set over him, according to the rules and discipline of this institution.

By order of the Superintendent.  
R. B. CROOKS,  
2nd Lieut. and Adj.

## THE BARBECUE STAND

The Barbecue Stand as a new addition to the interest of the cadets has been erected not far from the school and many visits are made by the cadets at all hours of the day and night. It is said that Meyer, the school's greatest consumer of food, was challenged to eat ten barbecues for one dollar. Well—he got his dollar.

## RADIO

Snodgrass has lately taken to the idea that he would like to be a "Radio Fan," and he procured for himself a Radio set from Colonel Ganssle. Although the set itself roars like a locomotive and uses juice like an electric go-cart, Snodgrass claims that he gets the stations just the same. He says he gets on an average of ten stations per evening, although he hasn't got "Chile" listening to it yet.

—Gibbs.

## SENIOR ELECTIONS

Sunday evening, October 4, the senior class held their annual election. Col. Ganssle presided as chairman pro tempore until by informal ballot Lieut. Linger of Hooper, Colo., was chosen as class president of twenty-six. Next the seniors chose Sergt. Newman of Hominy, Okla., as Secretary and Treasurer. Naturally the question of rings came up before the class. After much discussion it was decided by acclamation that those who wished rings could obtain the same and those wishing pins could do likewise. After a few more business discussions were brought before the class they adjourned to their rooms, feeling they had a hard working bunch behind them this year.

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**THE ARMY-NAVY GAME**

Sunday afternoon, October 25th, the Army and Navy football teams tangled in their second game this year on the school gridiron. Old timers at the game, all the way from "Tiny" Shortt to "Mammoth" Stotts, declared that it was the cream of this season's playing. Starting with the whistle both teams showed remarkable ability in advancing the pigskin.

For the biggest part of the game the ball see-sawed back and forth in the middle of the field although the first break came early in the first quarter when Elkins, the Navy's left end, went over for a touchdown. The kick, however, was blocked which left the score at the end of the half, 6 to 0 in the Navy's favor.

In the second half the Army came back strong and several minutes after the whistle blew, Thompson recovered a fumble behind the Navy's line, which evened the score.

They were also denied the additional score and up to about the middle of the last quarter both teams were even. At this critical moment the Navy had a stroke of luck. Their fullback, Holland, who had been spending the week-end at home arrived on the scene and ran thirty yards across the Army's line for a touchdown.

The Army team, of course, tried to overcome those six additional points, but the best they could do was block the kick and the game ended two minutes later with the close score of 12 to 6 in the Navy team's favor.

Those who participated in Sunday's game are:

Army	Lineup	Navy
Overton	.....C.....	Hemstreet
Lockhart	.....LG.....	Hake
Wolfe	.....RG.....	Nance
Buchenau	.....LT.....	Hover
Biggs	.....RT.....	Jordan
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A Glee Club is becoming one of the main issues around St. John's. There is no reason why we should not have one. If other schools can have one we can certainly have one also.

It will not only furnish entertainment but will also help to increase the school spirit.

It is not because St. John's lacks talent in this line, for we have many good voices suitable for the work but it is because no one has gotten behind the thing and pushed it.

We have many boys playing on the different instruments, such as the cornet, violin, flute and slide trombone, so the only thing we need now is a Glee Club. So let's everyone get behind the thing and put it across.

**GRADE HOLIDAY**

The monthly grade holiday which comes at the end of each school month was announced last Monday, October 19. When Mr. Barker made the announcement in study hall the evening before this holiday, all the boys yelled and whistled but when Mr. Barker read off the names a number of them quieted down and looked as if they had lost their last friend. The next day some of the boys went riding but the larger part of them were lost in deep slumber.

**DRILL COMPETITION**

A competition has been going on for some time between the new boys. This competition is merely to see which cadet is the most efficient in the manual of arms.

For having won this drill for two consecutive times, Cadet Greenwood has the honor of being the best drilled new boy. As a reward for this he is to receive a prize.

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When you hear the cry, "First floor," grab your broom and repair with all possible speed to the troubled district. There will be a serging crowd already assembled when you arrive. Clasp your broom tightly in your right hand, fling your left hand in front of your face and charge. At the end of such a battle if you are one of the fortunate and few survivors, you will thereby be known as a Knight of the Brooms, and heralded among men.

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A modified military system is used as a means of developing neatness, obedience and self-reliance in the cadets. Athletics are offered for all of the boys. Time devoted to studies and recreations is supervised by competent instructors. The aim of St. John's is to develop well rounded men of character.

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