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AMCSUS Head Visits The Campus

Lt. Gen. Willard Scott, jr. (U.S.-Army, Ret.) Executive Director of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States, visited the campus Saturday, March 26. During Scott's long military career, he served as the superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He commended the Cadets for their excellent appearance and performance.

Scott arrived on campus at 1:15 p.m. to be greeted by the 100 flags and a Cadet Honor Guard. Greeting the General was Cadet Battalion Commander, Kevin Smith.

Commander of Troops for the Honor Guard Inspection was Francisco Lanz-Duret.

Following a briefing and a viewing of the Centennial videotape in the Vanier Center, Scott took a walking tour of the campus.

Hosts for a tour of Vanier Academic Center were Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean, and Cadet Kipp Ertl.

F/Sgt. Mike Gainey, Tactical Officer, and Chad Calvaresi, "Bravo" C.O., conducted the tour of the company barracks.

The General was greeted at Nichols Dining Hall by Sgt/FC Jim Morgan, Food Service director, and Dan Stabler, Cadet mess officer.

He was greeted at the Chapel by the Rev. Don Davidson, Chaplain, and Jim Rust, Chapel Council president; the Quartermaster Department by Mrs. Lillian Faerber, Quartermaster, and Gil Thompson, Cadet S-4 and the gym by Capt. Doug Randolph, Athletic Director, and John Marshall, Cadet S-2.

The General was honored by a parade on Perkins Field before leaving the campus.

Brian Sweeney read the biographical information at the review.

C.P.'s serving at the gate were Marshall, Mike Higgins, Tom Kerwin, Gary Johnson and Jim Dillion.

Court Cord Authorized

Cadets serving on the Cadet Court have been authorized to procure and wear the Cadet Cord.

Kevin Smith, Battalion Commander, is the Court chairman.

Others are Jason White and Patrick Scheidecker, representing "A" company; Aaron Calhoun and John Kilpatrick, from "B" company; Jon Cunningham and Steve Sweadley, representing "C" company and Joe Tannahill, from "D" company.



GENERAL TAKES THE REVIEW

Lt. Gen. W.W. Scott jr. (US-Army, Ret.) executive director of the Association of Military Schools and Colleges of the United States, took the review by the 100th Corps on a recent visit to campus. The smallest Cadet, David Greathouse, was in charge of the General's flag.

The Formal Inspection Of JROTC To Be May 9

The Annual Formal Inspection of the Junior ROTC program at St. John's Military School has been set for May 9 according to Maj. Mike Miller, Senior Army Instructor.

Several officers from the U.S. Army Third Region of ROTC with headquarters at Ft. Riley will be the inspectors.

St. John's has won the Honor School with Distinction rating, the highest given, each year it has been in the program.

The inspectors will arrive at 9 a.m. to be met at the front gate by members of the Cadet Patrol.

The chief inspecting officer will review the Honor Guard and will then meet with the School President, Col. Keith G. Duckers, Trustees and members of the faculty and staff.

Members of the Cadet staff will brief members of the party on the various activities and program at the School.

At 10 a.m., the Battalion will assemble for inspection in ranks. Then the inspecting team will move to the barracks and the training and administration facilities.

The Crack Squad will perform at 11:30 a.m. in the Banes gym to be followed by the noon formation and lunch in Nichols Dining hall.

The 100th Corps will pass-in-

review for the visiting officers at 1 p.m. on Perkins Field.

Following the parade, the inspecting team will prepare the critique which will be presented to Colonel Duckers at 2 p.m. before the party leaves campus.

The dress blue uniform with awards and decorations will be worn by all Cadets throughout the inspection day.

Military Staff Attend Seminars

Richard Burnett and Frank Hebison of St. Francis Boy's Home lead a seminar Feb. 29 on assaultive behavior and how to avoid it.

Mrs. Sherry Almquist, a consultant for Drug and Alcohol Abuse conducted a seminar March 25 on "Dealing with Job Stress while Working with Adolescents."

The purpose of the seminars is to keep Tactical Officers better equipped to handle the varied problems that may arise in the dormitories.

1988 Commencement To Honor "Old Boys"

The "old boys" will be in the spotlight during the final celebration of the Centennial Year. A Grand Reunion of alumni will be held during Commencement weekend, May 20-22.

Alumni are asked to register on the Vanier Academic Center porch when they arrive. Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, May 20.

The time capsule ceremony is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 20. The capsule will be placed in the base of the Mule Skinner bronze statue. The capsule is to be opened when the School celebrates the 200th anniversary of its founding.

Following the ceremony, a social hour for parents, guests and alumni will be held on the lawn east of the Vanier Academic Center.

The Retreat parade at 6:15 p.m. will honor the "old boys". A special area will be roped off for the honorees.

Bob Crooks and Peter Holmes will be in charge of the Alumni reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Days Inn in downtown Salina.

Flags To Fly

Activities on Saturday, May 21, will begin with the raising of the 100 Centennial flags at 8 a.m. around the teardrop in front of the Vanier Center. A continental breakfast will follow in the backyard of the home of Col. and Mrs. Keith G. Duckers.

Other events are the placing of a wreath at the Veterans Monument at 9 a.m. and the Dedication of the Centennial Aboretum at 9:15 a.m.

A performance by "the Old Boy Platoon" will begin the Military Field Day activities at 9:30 a.m. on Perkins Field.

The Foundation luncheon

honoring SJMS Foundation past presidents and alums will be held at 12 noon at the Holiday Inn Holidome. Advance reservations are required.

The Senior Ball will begin with the senior receiving line at 7 p.m., Saturday, in Heritage Hall of the Bicentennial Center. The Grand March is set for 7:45 p.m. and the Crack Squad Change of Command at 8 p.m. Dancing will continue to 11 p.m.

The Alumni Hospitality room will open for visiting at 8:30 p.m., Saturday.

The Senior Eucharist will be at 8 a.m., Sunday, May 22 in Armstrong Chapel. Honored will be the seniors and visiting alumni. The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Mize will be the preacher.

The Freedom Tree ceremony will be at 9 a.m.

The First Infantry Division Band, Ft. Riley, will play a concert at 9:30 a.m., Sunday in the Wiley T. Banes Gymnasium with Commencement following at 10 a.m.

The "old boys" will march in the Commencement procession. Families of alumni will have special seating.

The alums will be honored at the Final Retreat parade on Perkins Field to follow Commencement activities.

An alumni farewell buffet luncheon will be at 12 noon at the Days Inn. Honorary Colonels will be commissioned at the luncheon.

"Old boys" participating in the Handle ceremony on Commencement Day are asked to wear a coat and tie.

P. Simpson To Return

Paul Simpson, an instructor at SJMS from 1929-1944, will be returning for the Grand Reunion, May 20-22.

R. Garro Wessendorff, Class of 1944, Dallas, Texas will be bringing Simpson to Salina. He wrote: "The reason for sending this letter was to advise you that I plan on having Paul Simpson there for the reunion. He is still a great man and certainly served St. John's for many years."

Simpson and Wessendorff have summer homes near each other in Colorado and have remained close friends over the years.

Wessendorff's address is: 17327 Club Hill Dr., Dallas, Texas 75248.

Forensics Team Takes League Second

The Forensics team won second in Post Rock League competition March 28 at Ell-Saline High School, Brookville.

Winners were Stephen Walters, first extemporaneous speaking; Jon Carper, third and Charles Evans, fourth in ex-temp.; James Rust, fifth, informative speaking; Cameron Miles, second, poetry, and third, solo acting; Brandon Meyers and Mike Wilson, fourth, duet acting and Kipp Ertl, fifth, prose. Walters and Carper qualified to participate in the state competition in May.

Miles received a sixth place medal for prose in a Concordia meet and second in poetry and

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NEWS

... from the past

As a monthly feature during the Centennial celebration from Commencement 1987 to Commencement 1988, news from **The Skirmisher's** of past years will be appearing on this page.

SPRING--1928

The most successful by far of all the school dances was held in the school gym. The old building coming under the spell of the fairer sex, took on a gayer and brighter aspect. The performance started with a Grand March. Punch was served throughout the dance . . . The old flag pole which has adorned the roof of the building for many years and which had developed a decided eastward slant, was removed amid much hammering and sawing . . . The Tallchief boys certainly did set a style for short haircuts.

SPRING--1938

Hurrah for the old swimming hole and life in the open. In less than a month the corps will go on its annual spring encampment. Again it is the plan to spend the period, ten days to two weeks, at Camp Wa-shun-ga, fourteen miles south of Junction City . . . St. John's Military School will be host to two spring events at which members of the Saline County high school league and their grade schools will be guests. A softball tournament and also a track meet will be held.

SPRING--1947

The portals of that mystery of mysteries, the inner sanctum of the "S" club opened momentarily of recent date to admit eight guests from among this semester's lettermen. Since fourth floor Vail Hall is now off bounds, there was no choice but to hold initiation in the History room on the first floor Vail Hall which hindered some of the effectiveness of the usual ritual.

SPRING--1948

Down through the years St. John's has endowed each and every graduate with a heritage of self-confidence, self respect and self will essential to manhood. Now, Vail Hall stands defiled, the victim of vandalism, but those monumental walls still stand. Now St. John's is in need of help and who is there more deserving, more truly obligated to provide that assistance than those who constitute the alumni.

SPRING--1958

Two SJMS cadets are recovering satisfactorily after being injured in an automobile accident while with the Crack Squad in Pueblo. Leon Swartzendruber is recovering at his home in Laramie. John Crawford's condition is reported as good at Parkview hospital, Pueblo.

SPRING--1968

LCDR. H.E. Nuss resigns Director of Studies post and is to be succeeded by Lt. Larry Dwyer . . . SJMS "old boy" Marine Capt. Frederick L. Schram was reported killed in action while serving in Vietnam . . . The 80th Corps of Cadets was found "satisfactory" in all of some 75 categories during the Annual Formal Inspection of the ROTC detachment.

SPRING--1978

St. John's Military School is an institution that offers a very unique, dynamic and needed alternative to public education according to the North Central Accrediting and the Independent Schools evaluation teams.

Forensics (Cont. from Page 1)

solo acting at the Wilson meet, March 25. He qualified to compete on the state level in poetry and solo acting.

Ertl placed third in prose and qualified for state at the Wilson event.

Other members of the team are Max Brooks, Aaron Calhoun, Kent Churchill, Brian Farrell, Jeff Juchems, Bill Heath, Michael Payne, Dustin Robinson, Mark Sinkovec and Randy Van Der Slik.

Marshall Heads 4th Honor Roll

John Marshall was the leader on the fourth grading period Honor Roll. Four Cadets were named to the Blue Berets as there was a tie for third place.

The Blue Berets are Marshall, Harold Laughlin, Patrick Scheidecker and Stephen Walters.

Others named to the honor list were Sid Pemberton and Frank Churchill.

Earning honorable mention were Joseph Cotter, Kipp Ertl, Tom Wilson, Francisco Lanz-Duret, Russell Lyons, Hans Krogh-Hansen, Gilbert Thompson, Ed Cory, John Kilpatrick, Brent Jones, Jason Morgan, Mickey Haver, Roger Hernandez, Kevin Sparks, Richard Jenkins, Benjamin Speaker, James Rust, Brian Sweeney, Jason White, Robert Brown, Adam McMurrick, Robert Taylor, Maxwell Brooks, Sharif Elnaggar, Greg Humphrey, and Edwin Price.

Arboretum Fund Grows

Additional donations have been received for the Centennial Arboretum. The site will be dedicated during Commencement weekend with the actual planting of trees and plants to be done in the fall.

New donors are Lt. Gen. Richard Seitz, Bill Graves, Dr. and Mrs. Ivan Carper, Dr. and Mrs. Tex E. Fury, Julia Alcedo, Lt. Col. Paul H. and Mary E. Kellogg, Robert Griffith, Robert W. Griffith, 1955-58; Larry Britegam, 1968-69; Grant Torbit, Class of '55; In memory of John McMurray by Torbit; Robert "Bob" Crooks, Class of '28; In memory of C. Lydon Lippincott, Class of '22; In memory of William Samuelson by Nancy Davis; In honor of Col. R. L. Clem and In memory of Fred Schram by D. Dale Browning.

Others are James Rust by Herb Schmidt and Linda Rust Schmidt; Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Elk jr. by David Elk; In honor of Ralph P. Bliss by Col. and Mrs. R.L. Clem; Rodney Kamil Massad by Leland and Janet Massad; In honor of Robert A. King, Class of '41 by Opal King; H.A. "Pete" Homes; Christine Lynn Bell by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bell; In memory of Maj. Bruce, Marie and John Cummings by Joe Musaar; Howard Haythorn; Robert Philbrook, Class of '46; In honor of the Rev. Richard K. Nale, Chaplain 1937-39 and 1944-46 by Charles Morrison; Bill Ladd and Mae Rice by Larry Rice.

★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

Class of 1922 . . . Jefferson Schlesinger wrote: "As one of your oldest "old boys", I plan to attend the Grand Reunion.

Class of 1932 . . . Jack Bolte, Hemet, Calif., wrote that he will be unable to attend the reunion due to poor health. He sent the School track ribbons, an athletic medal, the loyalty cup and several "Skirmishers" from 1929-35. He said that his brother, Blaine, who spent six years at St. John's is fine and lives in Lake Stevens, Wash.

Class of 1937 . . . Don McCoy will be visiting the School. He wrote: "I have heard from Warren Leonard, '32, he says he can't make it. His new address is 1341 Yorktown Circle, San Jacinto, Calif. 92383. He hopes to continue receiving **The Skirmisher**.

Class of 1938 . . . The Rev. Peter Francis wrote that "at present, it seems I will be the only one attending from our graduating class." Fr. Francis said that John Thornton and David Moffett would be unable to attend. He learned that Orville Kintz died recently.

Class of 1939-41 . . . Jim Manard wrote that Elwood Sellens, '41, is planning to attend the Centennial Commencement. Sellens lives at 107 E. 6th, St. John, Kansas.

Fulton Starts Athletic Trust Fund

Louis B. Fulton, '46, Vice-President of Workload, Inc., New Orleans, La., has established a trust fund to be used in athletics at St. John's.

It is a fund that anyone can contribute to, with the investment income available to the Director of Athletics, to see to it that Cadet athletic teams are well-uniformed each time they step onto the court or playing field.

In making the gift, Fulton said, "SJMS was like a father to me because I lost my Dad as a fourth grade boy. I really loved St. John's and feel indebted to the School because I learned how to get along with people and communicate. St. John's taught me how to live."

In urging his classmates (Class of '46) and all SJMS alumni to add to this athletic fund, Fulton said, "Just think, those of you who wore the Orange and Black representing this School and those of you who didn't, can now; because whenever a 'Cadet Mule-skiner' represents St. John's, you will be a part of it."

Class of 1944 . . . Walter York wrote that "Gene Pade isn't coming back. Jim Bannon is likely. Houston is coming. Dick Allison will be there. Even tried to talk my brother into returning, however, he has to keep a hospital-date at the time of Commencement."

Class of 1969 . . . Jeff Woodall reports the following plan to attend the Grand Reunion - Ron Robacker, George Jenkins, Gene DeBeque, George Dickson, Tony Bell.

Class of 1975 . . . Hal Dowhower will be attending the Grand Reunion.

Class of 1981 . . . Mark Fusaro called to report that Terry Hoppe, Chris Johnson and John Boettcher are planning to attend the reunion. Fusaro's phone number is 913-273-3938.

Class of 1985 . . . Tom Keil has had affirmative responses from Tom Cox, Joe Dowd and Jon Fisher.

FORMER STAFF

A letter was received from Mahala Tolbert, the widow of Howard Tolbert, SJMS Bursar from 1932-43. She wrote: "I do remember well the bullring and I'm happy it is now beautiful . . . My husband and I spent some of our busiest and happiest years at St. John's. We loved the School and the people, students, faculty and staff who were there while we were. Howard truly loved his work for St. John's school, and so did I. My best wishes always to the School and to you as president of a fine institution."

Reservations Made

The following "old boys" have made reservations for the Farewell Luncheon. They are Morris Johnson, Al Ransom, Lynn Hopper, Robert Philbrook, "The Three Guys" (Who are they?), Paul H. Riley, Hal Dowhower, Robert Houston, the Rev. Peter Francis, Mike Harper, Don J. McCoy, Robert Guthrie, John Owens, Jefferson Schlesinger, Dr. James Manard, Walter York, Roger and Ethelyn Templin, Robert Miller, Mack Hahn, Jay Hesse, Tom Banes, Louis Fulton, Dick Allison, Jerry Gillan, Jim Bannon, Gene Penny, Donald Wendler, Robert Crooks, Horace Holmes, Bob Toombs, James Staggs, Alan Thiessen, Herb Soukup, the Rt. Rev. Robert Mize Jr., and Tim Soule.

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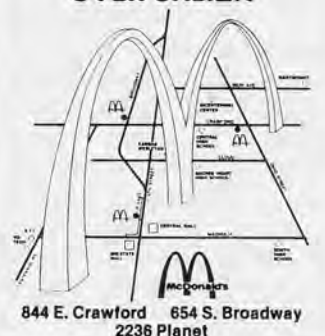
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V.B. Loy To End Long Career as Coach, Teacher

Living at several locations on campus and teaching, coaching and helping with various activities have kept Lt. Col. V.B. "Lefty" Loy busy during his 36 years at St. John's Military School. Loy will be retiring at the end of the current school year.

After graduating from Bethany College, Lindsborg, and teaching at Lindsborg Rural High School, Loy said, "I was looking for a job. I heard that 'Fat' Elmborg, SJMS Athletic Director, was looking for a coach to assist with football, basketball and baseball. I applied for the job and arrived on campus September of 1952."

Loy was single when he arrived on campus but was married to Helen Elmborg (now executive secretary to the president) Dec. 20, 1952. Their first home was an apartment in the back of the Chapel.

Loy recalled, "Our bedroom backed-up on the wall housing the organ. We didn't need an alarm clock because Cadets were required to attend Chapel each morning five days a week and also on Sunday. We were awakened daily by the rousing sounds of organ music."

Other campus homes were on the second floor of Vail Hall, the duplex now used as the infirmary, the duplex on the east side of the drive and the beige brick house on the corner of Fifth and Otis.

Remembering the early days, Loy said, "I remember when we had the duty every fifth day and frequent weekends plus the teaching and coaching. We got the Cadets up, put them to bed and made the late bed check."

During his time at SJMS, Loy coached baseball, football and basketball. He gave up coaching in 1962 but continued as scorekeeper for basketball and ran the line during football games.

Teaching assignments included American Government,

World Geography, Democracy, General Business and Typing, all classes he continues to teach.

For a 10-year period, he served as superintendent of buildings and grounds.

As a requirement for his Masters Degree from Emporia State University, Loy wrote the first School history in 1964. He later updated and revised the book for the Centennial celebration.

"The most rewarding thing, no doubt about it, is all the people I have met as a part of the St. John's family--parents, Cadets, faculty, staff and trustees."

He said, "The most tragic event has to be the loss of Vail Hall. It was home for so many years. We expected it to stand forever. The Cadets that lost their lives in the service or in other accidents has been a sad experience for me."

Loy chuckles as he remembered how Tom Mathers jumped off his bunk one night onto then Commandant Russ Guernsey. Loy said, "Mathers said, 'Now, I've got you, you little S.O.B. and there lay Russ on the floor with his pipe still in his mouth.' Mathers thought he was attacking a fellow Cadet who had been bothering him."

He continued, "I also remember chasing Browning, Ellison and McMurray across the football field as they tried to sneak off campus one night."

Continuing he said, "My second year I walked in to see Colonel Clem to ask for a raise. After I heard the Colonel explain that the School was in the red and things were in bad shape, I accepted my contract as it was. Then the Colonel handed me \$3 and told me to get an operators license as Russ and Fat needed help driving the buses. I not only didn't get the raise but got an extra job."



V.B. Loy
The early years



FELLOW MARINES

Loy, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps from April 1943 to March 1946, visits with Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, (U.S. Marine Corps, Ret.) the former Commandant at St. John's Military School. They call each year on the Corps Birthday in November.

★ PROMOTIONS ★

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

Promoted to:

MAJOR — Hans Krogh-Hansen, Francisco Lanz-Duret.

CAPTAIN — Maxwell Brooks, Chad Calvaresi, Kipp Ertl, James Rust.

FIRST LIEUTENANT — Jon Cunningham, John Marshall, Richard Jenkins.

CW/1 — Dan Stabler.

FIRST SERGEANT — Chris Moran, Kevin Sparks, Rod Mas-sad.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS — Joe Richards, Scott Winner.

STAFF SERGEANT — Patrick Scheidecker, Randall Van Der Slik, Robert Brown, Peter Hastings, Jeffrey Herronen, Chris Meidell, Brian Foley, Peter Hastings.

SERGEANT — Jason Morgan, Russell Lyons, Harold Laughlin, Derek Zappa, Chris Coleman, Kenneth Grant, Robert Oliphant, J.P. Rigg, Tom Wilson, Jon Greene, Dustin Robinson.

CORPORAL — Greg Humphrey, William Heath, Curtis Airhart, Patrick Foley, Douglas Knowles, James Martin, David Hass, Steven Myers, Kenneth Roark, Lance Puig, Robert Taylor, Jon Treadway, Chris Cannon, Michael Payne, Jose Peral, Michael Uden.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS — Robert Moore, Scott Adamson, Jason Carter, Joe Costillo, Steven Hines, James Marr, James Timmons, Gary Buechner, Brad Heinrich, Scott Schneider, Charles Steinert.

PRIVATE OLD BOY — Mike Dopps, Daryn Adair, Mitch Byrne, Jon Herzog, Brian Painter, Rick Rogers, Jon Royal, Michael Nields, Adam McKit-trick, John Adams, Kyle Brazzel, Ed Clementson, Pat Weidman, David Dugan, Ryan Albright, David Keller, John Oden, Ken Powers.

War Injuries Start R.L. Guernsey's Long Career

A belly full of shrapnel ended what young Army Capt. Russell Guernsey hoped would be a long military career. Instead after his discharge due to disability, Guernsey came to St. John's Military School for a long teaching career--42 years.

Science department chairman and former Commandant Guernsey will retire in May.

Guernsey and a buddy were on patrol in France on New Year's Eve, 1944, when his friend stepped on a land mine. Guernsey said, "He lost a leg and I got all the shrapnel in my stomach. I spent three months in field hospitals in France before being returned to a hospital at Ft. Lewis, Wash."

Guernsey had landed in Cherbourg, France, shortly after the D-Day landing, June 1944. He was a platoon leader as his unit moved back and forth across France as the tides of war changed.

Before going overseas, Guernsey was stationed at Camp Phillips Army camp near Salina. A California native, Guernsey had met a Salina girl. He married his wife, Pat, while on sick leave. After he left the Army they returned to Salina.

"I didn't know what I was going to do", said Guernsey, "and then I heard they were looking for a teacher at St. John's. I still liked the military. Public schools didn't have enough discipline and it is even worse now."

"I became a teacher in the Lower School."

An old Episcopal hospital housed the faculty, Cadets and the classrooms when he arrived in the fall of 1946.

He continued, "There were two teachers. We taught and took the duty every other day and weekends."

In the fall of 1948, he was named the Upper School Commandant. He said, "We had no TACOS, assistants or secretary. Members of the faculty pulled the duty--reluctantly. As Commandant, I was also in charge of the Crack Squad and the marksmanship programs."

Guernsey has gained fame among the Cadets as the sponsor of the annual Rattlesnake hunt to Waynoka, Okla. He

said, "About 20 years ago, Drew Demshki, Class of '72, began pressuring me to take the Cadets on a snake hunt. We made that first trip and we've been going every year since."

"The highlight of the trips has been that no one has been injured. I'm more frightened of a Cadet falling off a cliff than being bitten."

The rattlers are kept in a locked box with double-mesh screen in the science lab. Before the school year ends, the snakes are killed and skinned. Cadets dry the skins. The meat is cooked in the mess hall for the hunters to sample.

A few years ago Guernsey incurred the wrath of the local humane society when the snake killing and skinning procedure was pictured in the local newspaper.



HOW TO SKIN a snake is demonstrated by R. L. Guernsey. Snakes are caught during the annual Rattlesnake hunt to Waynoka, Okla.

A tragic event in Guernsey's life at SJMS was when the vehicle in which Guernsey and Cadet Grant Torbit were riding was hit by a train. They were on their way to pick up rifles at Ft. Riley when the accident occurred. Guernsey says now, "The train chased us all over the country and finally hit us." Both were seriously injured and required several months recovery time.



SCIENCE TEACHER GUERNSEY makes a point while teaching in the old biology lab on the second floor of what is now Clem-Ferris barracks.

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Gerald Woody Has An Interesting Career

Cadets know that Maj. Gerald Woody can teach, bowl, fish, hold camp-outs and tell ghost stories but few probably know that he was an Army Air Corps pilot, navigator and bombardier, a member of a Guard of Honor for President Franklin Roosevelt, earned a college baseball letter at age 35 and sold World Book encyclopedias. Woody has lead an active life since he was born 72 years ago in Tescott, Ks.

He will be retiring from a career in education for the second time when he leaves St. John's as Director of the Middle School, a position he has held since 1975.



The late Maj. Bruce Cummings, director of the then Junior School, was terminally ill with cancer during that summer. He was certain he would recover and return. Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, contacted Woody who agreed to serve as a substitute and be available in the event of Cummings' death. Shortly after the School year started, Cummings died. Woody then became director.

Woody started teaching in the late 1930's in a one-room school with a state certificate based on his two years of education at Kansas State University. He left teaching in 1941 with the outbreak of World War II. He joined the Army Air Cadet program where he was trained as a pilot, navigator and bombardier. Serving two years as an instructor, Woody remained in the Army until 1946. It was while stationed at Randolph Field in 1942 that Woody was selected for the Guard of Honor when President Roosevelt visited.

Following the war, he re-enrolled at K-State and was a baseball letterman. He said, "At the time I was the oldest man involved in intercollegiate sports. I played every inning of every ball game."

He earned his B.S. degree in 1951 and his Masters in 1960.

Woody spent 26 years as a teacher and administrator in various Kansas towns before retiring in 1968. Woody was the regional manager for World Book corporation.

Duckers learned that Woody was tired of the traveling from his brother, Salina Police Chief John Woody, when the Cummings situation developed. Duckers contacted Woody who agreed to the arrangement.

Woody commented, "My career has been very rewarding. I learned that kids here need more help than I thought was possible. Practically all are successful to some degree. There have only been two Cadets in my time that we weren't able to help. I've had no disappointments or bad vibrations at St. John's."

Woody has become famous for his camping trips on Saturday afternoons and evenings. He takes Cadets, usually grades four through six, on ten excursions during the year. The Cadets fish, build a bonfire, eat, visit The Haunted House, catch gophers and tell ghost stories.

Woody still laughs when he recalls how Jim Rust and three other Cadets tried to recapture a large carp that had escaped on the river bank. He also remembers when Gary Cline's attempts at outdoor cooking ended up in the fire.

Besides camping, Woody sponsors the Middle School bowling program every Saturday morning and takes the younger Cadets swimming three times each week. He noted, "We don't have to teach swimming. I've never seen a Cadet come here that didn't know how to swim."

The Parkview "activity room", started by Lillian Faerber and Woody, is a famous campus spot. The room, with games, books, television, houses an assortment of snakes, rabbits, gerbils, hamsters and currently a salamander.

Asked about retirement plans, Woody replied, "I really don't know. I just basically want to relax, fish and help my sister at the farm. And my wife, Alice, has a list of things to do in our new house and yard here in Salina". They will move from campus shortly after Commencement.



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Mid-School Takes 2nd In Track Meet

The Middle School eighth grade track team placed second among the eight schools participating in the Sacred Heart Invitational meet, April 7 in Salina.

Delphos finished first with 96 points. The Cadets had 92.

Gary Johnson broke a school record in high jump with a leap of 5'7". The old record of 5'6" was set in 1982.

The school record in the 800m run was broken by Chris Coleman with a time of 2.21.

Other winners were Jimmy Rocco, third, long jump; Johnson first and Josh Moran, third in 100m hurdles; Rocco, third shot put; Johnson, first, 100m dash.

The 100m relay team placed third, the 200m team first and the medley relay team, first.

Members of the teams are Michael Dopps, Coleman, Jon Treadway, Rocco and J.P. Rigg.

The seventh grade team also participated but placed no one in the top three. Robert Moore, sixth grader, showed promise by taking a couple of fourth place finishes.

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