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Spring Furlough Starts Saturday Noon

Seven - Day Vacation On Tap For Cadets

The annual Spring Furlough will get underway at noon this Saturday with the majority of the cadets planning to spend the seven-day vacation at their homes.

The furlough, sometimes referred to as Homing Sunday Furlough, will end at 1900 on Sunday, March 15.

Few Extensions

Although many cadets have requested furlough extensions, school officials said that these are being granted only in cases where the cadet will arrive back at school prior to class-time Monday and these are only considered when it would be otherwise necessary for the cadet to leave his home 24 hours earlier to meet the 1900 deadline.

According to the last report that was made available to the Skirmisher there were 12 cadets planning to spend the vacation at the school.

Some Will Stay

These will include those that live in foreign countries or far enough away to make it not practical for them to return home for the seven days.

Again the last bell will ring at 1118, and as usual, a huge roar is expected to rock the walls of Vail Hall and the Junior School. Then, silence will probably prevail until the cadets return on March 15.

Baseball, Track Season Near

Hopes Are High For Good Teams

The spring activity schedule will hold a major position in the school's program with the baseball team being coached by Lt. Virgil Loy, track by Capt. James Elmborg, and the physical education class for all those not out for the others by Capt. R. K. Hower.

Coach Elmborg says, "I expect a good turn-out for the spring sports and if we do have a good turn-out, we'll expect some good teams."

Baseball

"We have some good prospects back from last year and if we can fill in the open spots with inexperienced boys, we should have a pretty good ball club," was the way Coach Loy talked about his coming team. He also stated that none of the positions have been cinched and that they are still open to those who wish to try out for them.

Practice for the team will begin early in March for all those who are not out for basketball. Basketball squadmen will report following the end of the season.

There are no regularly scheduled games. The custom in the SCL league is to wait for fair weather and arrange a date for both participants.

Track

Training for track will begin shortly after Spring Furlough if the weather permits. The number of boys who come out for the sport will determine the success of the thinclads and the number of meets to arrange for.

Woodford Heads Honor Roll

Want to know what it's like to be smart?

All you have to do is to ask one of the men on the Honor Roll for the month of February.

These men have the highest grade averages in St. John's. Although they are not perfect, they are close enough to be called superior grades.

It seems that the formula for good grades is hard work and a lot of study, instead of spending all of one's spare time studying the opposite sex.

The Cadets rating the congratulations of the Rector on the Honor Roll are: In first place, Richard Woodford, Omaha, Nebr., with an average of 95.7; in second place with an average of 94.5 is Orin Seybert, Pilot Point, Alaska; third place was won by Davidson Collins, Pueblo, Colo., with an average totaling 92.7. From fourth place on down they are: Patrick Miller, 92.2; Eugene Ely, 91.6; Mark Easton, 91.6; and Gary Conard, 90.2.

The Honorable Mention were: Donald Wendler, 89.7; Roger Bigler, 88.; William Crumrine, 87.; Robert Eakin, 86.2; Larry Rice, 86.1; Albert Tindle, 86.1; William Salmon, 86.; Douglass Bridges, 85.; and James Horney, 85.4.

FIRING SCHEDULED

All cadets of 14 or over will fire the .30 calibre course for record on the 22 and 23 of April at the Smoky Hill Air Force rifle range.

At a date to be announced later, the cadets will also visit the OQ anti-aircraft practice range.

Didn't See Stars

At least one Skirmisher reporter has really taken to heart the current hit song, "Don't Let The Stars Get In Your Eyes."

The last issue of the St. John's newspaper carried a story of the faculty basketball team. However, Capt. Jim Elmborg, the team's leading scorer, along with newcomer, Lt. Stan Sheridan, had their names omitted from the report.

Our apologies for the omission.

San Francisco Trip Hoped For Crack Squad

To Seek General's Approval For Trip

"It is very likely that the St. John's Crack Drill Squad will have a flying trip to San Francisco," Col. R. L. Clem, Rector, told a Skirmisher reporter this week.

Colonel Clem and Lt. K. G. Duckers, P.I.O., after a trip to Wichita, informed the Skirmisher that they are very optimistic about the trip for the Crack Squad.

Colonel Proposed Plan

At a luncheon with Maj. Ted A. Chatfield, Kansas Wing Liaison Officer, and Major Verbeck, Regional Liaison Officer, Colonel Clem proposed the plan to have several showings of the CAP Review around Kansas and for further publicity, a large drill in San Francisco.

The two liaison officers said that they could not okay such a step, but that they were in full favor of it. They advised the Rector that Gen. Lucas V. Beau, National Commander of CAP, would have to put the final stamp of approval on such a move.

General Is in Europe

They cannot get in touch with General Beau because he is in Europe scheduling the International Cadet Exchange Program. The two St. John's men and the two Liaison officers plan to fly to Washington, D. C. for an appointment with General Beau about March 15, when he gets back from Europe.

They hope to get approval of the use of a C-54 transport plane for the trip to the West Coast.

A C-54 is needed because the only available ship, a C-47, is not large enough to carry the complete outfit.

Lettermen Plan Dinner - Dance

If you have won a varsity letter at St. John's you will be able to enjoy the "Lettermen's Dinner" which will be held the 11th of April 1953.

The party this year will be a Dinner Dance. So far it is being planned to sell bids so that decorations can be more extensive.

Mrs. Elmborg, social director for the school this year, is in charge of all decorations. The Skirmisher has been informed that the surprise of the dance will not be seen until the night of the Dance.

to the point of which it is proud.

Dean is a member of the Presbyterian church and has numerous properties which make him a well liked cadet without being conspicuous. He works in the Recreation Hall during his free time.

When asked what he liked best about St. John's he announced in his subtle humor, "I sure like the time from 9:30 at night to 6:30 in the morning."

He has already acquired the rank of Private First Class. His favorite subjects are English and Civics while his difficult course is Latin. He has made the Honorable Mention for the Honor Roll.

Cadet Hargrove has one brother and no sisters and his extra curricular activities before coming to St. John's included swimming. He has taken part in the sports of football and basketball and is going to go out for the baseball squad.

Hargrove Named Month's New Boy

New boy chosen for the month of February by the Skirmisher staff is Dean Hargrove.

Cadet Hargrove is a 14-year old Sophomore from Wichita,



Dean Hargrove

and is one of the cadets who has the quality of slow humor which keeps the cadet corps spirit up



COMPARING THEIR round trip mileage, which would be 15,000 miles or more than half-way around the earth, Orin Seybert, (left), from Pilot Point, Alaska, and Frank Gomez, of Bogota, Colombia, point to the places they would like to go when St. John's Military School begins its spring vacation Saturday noon. (Story on inside).

Junior Cagers Dump Solomon, By Count Of 44-25

The Junior School basketball quintet tangled with the Evangelical United Brethren in a basketball clash in the school gym on the evening of February 26.

The A team game was aided by some Junior School cheer leaders and the win of 44 to 25 was the first out of five tries for them so far this year.

The B team game was also won by the young cadets with a score of 24 to 14, and Cadet Doll racked up 11 of these points.

The team's coach, Capt. John Todd, was very pleased with his boys' performance.

Referees for the game were Lt. S. G. Sheridan and Mr. Raslavsky.

The box score:

	FG	FT	F	T
Campbell	3	2	3	8
McBean	2	2	5	6
Ezell	3	2	2	8
Humbert	2	2	5	6
Spence, C.	3	2	3	8
Groves	0	1	2	1
Doll	0	3	0	3
Bogart	0	0	0	0
Swan	2	0	0	4
West	0	0	0	0

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LET'S CLEAN UP CAMPUS

There are 118 cadets at St. John's this year who seem to have forgotten that one of the Golden Rules is cleanliness.

The Recreation Hall has a large volume of business in selling candy bars and soda pop to the cadet corps.

And by the looks of the campus, most of us have finished the bars by the time we reach the out-of-doors.

Where do we put the wrappers? Not in the disposal cans inside the barracks, but drop them so that they will have to be picked up on a squad day.

If every cadet would bend his back once a day to pick up a piece of paper and then would forget to throw one down, our campus would soon appear 100% cleaner and neater.

Come on, cadets, remember that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

Standing Ovation Given Crack Squad In Manhattan

BY BILL SALMON

Skirmisher Staff Writer

The St. John's Crack Drill Squad were the recipients of a standing ovation from more than 13,000 basketball fans following their performance at Manhattan on February 28.

The precision unit drilled at half-time of the K-State-Colorado University game in the Fieldhouse on the K. S. C. campus.

"Spectacular Performance"

Giving what was termed by Kansas State College officials as "one of the most spectacular half-time performances ever given", the St. John's cadets kept the capacity crowd in the huge arena spellbound from start to finish of their Zouave drill.

The regular 23-minute drill was altered to fill the 15-minute time limit set up by the K-State Athletic department for the half at basketball contests.

Time Was Cut

Crack Squad Commander, Maj. Dave Collins, cut the drill to eight minutes, leaving only the more intricate maneuvers.

This allowed for applause and time for floor sweepers to clean the floor of dust and blank cartridges that remained on the floor after the drill.

The drillers faced the problem of not wearing street shoes on the court. This was solved by gluing cork insoles to the shoes, giving them a cushion which would not mar the floor. Lt. Larry Greathouse expressed the feeling of most of the squad when he said, "You bet I was nervous, but after the first manual my knees quit shaking and I was all right."

Responsive Audience

The responsive audience at the fieldhouse made it easier for the drillers as their frequent applause let the cadets know their performance was being appreciated.

While the drill was in process, Lt. Keith Duckers and Lt. Col. A. Y. Hardy, were interviewed over the Kansas State Sports Network, serving radio stations over the state. They talked of the drill and of the school and its activities.

Squad Honored

Members of the drill team felt honored to drill before the largest crowd since the World's Fair in 1904, where the squad took first place in competitive drill. The cadets expressed their appreciation for the op-

portunity to drill at K-State by firing a four-gun salute as the victorious Wildcats left the floor.

K-State dropped in 28 points in a firewagon finish to win over C. U., 88 to 69. The outcome of the game was in doubt until the final five minutes of the contest, however.

Two Cadets Receive Confirmation Instruction

The Confirmation Class, which is being taught by Col. R. L. Clem, Rector at St. John's, consists of two students, Cadet Capt. William Salmon, Pueblo, Colo., and Cadet PFC Mark Easton, Denver, Colo.

This is the second class this year, the first being in time for the Christmas Communion.

The current class is scheduled to be finished in time for the Easter Communion, April 5.

Cadet Salmon is not in the class to be Confirmed, but for the instructional purposes of the class.

Furlough in Salina --

Gomez, Seybert Find Distance To Homes A Hindrance Sometimes

Two boys sat on the floor and looked at the map. Spring vacations were coming up. Everyone was leaving St. John's to spend a week at home.

Orin Seybert said, "Pilot Point, Alaska, where I live is too far to go and return in a week. It's about 7000 miles round-trip."

"My dad is a school teacher up there. We moved to Alaska in 1949. I was born at Sterling," said the honor roll cadet who is completing his four years of upper-class work in three.

Orin said there are no igloos in Alaska anymore. "Only tourists look for them," he laughed. "The things that are wonderful about Alaska are the people's friendliness and the long summer days, with only two hours of dusk. The sun goes down and comes right up again. And I like getting paid \$1500 for one month's work in the fishery."

Orin has a two-place plane. "I bought it last December and plan to get in some cross-country hours during this vacation so I can fly home next May," he said.

Francisco Gomez, the other St. John's cadet far from home, looked at the map, saying, "Bogota, Colombia, is so far away, I don't know how many miles it is."

"My mother and I came to

DFC Winner Guest Speaker At Assembly

Air Force Major Is Stationed At SHAFB

The winning of the Distinguished Flying Cross along with the Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, and seven Asiatic-Pacific Citations is quite a feat for any man to achieve.

Maj. Robert Hume, USAF pilot, has accomplished this excellent record plus many others.

Spoke at Assembly

Major Hume was guest speaker at St. John's at an all-school assembly February 26. The subject of his talk was some of the highlights of his military life.

His first hitch in the service was when he enlisted in the infantry for a period of four and a half years.

At the end of this time his discharge was cancelled because of the beginning of the Second World War. He then went through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Graduated in 1943

After completing the OCS course at Ft. Benning, Major Hume then went through flying school, where he "checked out" in multi-engine aircraft. He graduated from this school in 1943.

Major Hume went overseas in 1944 where he flew thirty-four bombing missions over Japan. He came back to the United States after the war and in 1946 went back to Japan. Later that same year he returned to the U. S. and attended school at Kansas State College, Manhattan.

During the next two years he was alternately in Alaska and England. After returning from England he "checked out" in the B-36. Later in 1950 he went to Japan.

37 Korean Missions

Major Hume since then has flown thirty-seven bombing missions over Korea. During one raid his plane was torn up pretty badly by machine gun fire from some Russian "Migs." He was forced to land at an emergency field at Taeje.

When the Major finished with his talk he showed some photographs of some of the bombing raids on different airfields, etc.

Junior School News - Notes

By Mrs. Livingston

The cadets in the Junior School are not to be passed by concerning the old saying "in spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love". How lightly the thoughts are turning isn't known, but David Groves and R. Turner evidently have the spring bug from the amount of Salina phone calls they make or receive.

Another cadet joined the Junior School roster recently. He is Burris Smith from Hutchinson. Welcome to St. John's, Burris. This brings the total to six new boys that have enrolled at St. John's Junior School since the second semester.

A free pass was enjoyed by all the Junior School, Friday, February 27, including cadets and faculty. The occasion for such freedom from squad and class was the winning of the Junior School's two basketball games on Thursday night. The Evangelical United Brethren church team went down to defeat twice at the hands of Capt. Todd's cadets. Bob Ezzell, 6 foot 7th grader, was a leading scorer. Congratulations to Capt. Todd and his fine team. The Junior School is 100 percent back of you and your team.

Things noticed on a barracks tour—

The Junior School office has recently had an addition of book shelves. These shelves will house the many books used by the cadets in class. They are not only useful, but attractive.

Cadets, Faculty Attend Services At Christ Cathedral

The cadet corps and faculty attended services at Christ Cathedral on Sunday, the 23rd of February as a celebration of the first Sunday in Lent. This is the first time during this year that the entire cadet corps has gone as a body.

The original plans included a march to the service through the town but very cold weather eliminated that idea and the transportation problem confronted the cadets.

This was quickly solved, however, by the use of the school bus and the faculty cars.

For the return trip, Captain Cole's Buick was seen riding close to the ground with a solid wall of cadets behind her and at her side. Some of the cadets came back by the free church rides offered by the city buses.

Due to mechanical difficulties, the regular pipe organ was not able to be used. The old one served well in its place, however.

tive. Our thanks to Ed and Ernie for their work on them.

A certain second floor room has an overabundance of cadets during free time of late. Could the attraction be "Bonzo the Clown" Franz or possibly Hixon barking from the doorway encouraging all passers-by to join the "care" game inside.

Barracks banter is becoming more than slightly centered on the coming Saturday's events. Spring Furlough begins on that day and all cadets are looking forward to going home for a brief stay. Nothing at St. John's seems so popular as these vacations.

Infirmary notes—

Pink eye and appendicitis seem to top the Junior School list of ills at the present time. Colby Johnson and Ed Jackson are both doing fine after appendectomies. Hope to see them around here again soon. The mass eye-drop campaign to curb pink eye is ending this ill quickly. Seems funny to see half a class of cadets going over to Capt. Cole for treatment. However, they don't seem to mind missing a little school.

The water gun and squirt bottle craze hit the barracks lately and after several rousing wet fights, the faculty ended them by confiscating the equipment used. However, on a recent night, after taps of course, the hissing of water being squirted, the sounds of "I'll get you for that!" and the soaked shirts of cadet and faculty officers could be viewed by anyone still awake in the barracks. What is the old saying about "boys will be boys" or in this case "men will be boys, too."

Visitors

From far and near—Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Lawrence, Ks.

Mr. and Mrs. Brand, Lawrence, Ks.

Mrs. Palmer, Santa Fe, New Mex.

Mrs. Kirk, Junction City, Ks.

Mr. Bernard, Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Spence, Hutchinson, Ks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hixon, Lawrence, Ks.

Names Submitted For C.A.P. Exchange

Cadets' names are being submitted for the C.A.P. exchange program which permits a Civil Air Patrol cadet from Kansas to go on a two week expense paid trip out of the United States.

Last year's choice, Lt. Larry Greathouse, experienced many interesting things on his trip abroad to Holland. Two years ago Ed Bigler visited Canada.



LAST MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS are given the Junior School basketball team by Capt. John Todd, head coach, as they prepare to take the floor against Solomon's junior Gorillas. St. John's junior cagers get expert basketball instruction in fundamentals as well as playing regular games with other teams. Such Cadet varsity stars as Bill McDermith and Jimmy Cole started playing basketball under Captain Todd's guidance. Both played on the Episcopal state championship junior five in 1951. Cadets pictured around Captain Todd are (L. to R) Groves, West, Humbert, Swan and Campbell.

Cadet Officers Visit Wichita, Have Fun, On 36-Hour Pass

The life of a Cadet officer, although usually rough, sometimes has its brighter hours.

Take for example a thirty-six hour period during the weekend of February 21-22, when seven Cadet officers went to Wichita for a day and a half pass.

They left the school campus at noon Saturday and, with the help of a rented car, arrived back on the territory at five Sunday evening.

VISITED PLAINVIEW

While they were in the capital of the world they visited a few of the interesting spots around Wichita, especially a suburb by the name of Plainview.

Their guide and sightseeing instructor was a female resident of Plainview. It is rumored that the boys had an interesting time.

The officers said that the most fun they had was on Sunday morning when they went to the Pan-American cafe. "We were exceedingly hungry and they had the most appetizing T-Bone steaks that we had ever seen, so being quite flush with cash we ordered," a spokesman for the group said.

EAT HUGE MEAL

"When we got through we had eaten a breakfast, five T-Bone steaks, fourteen glasses of orange juice, eight cups of coffee, a glass of milk, and topped it off with five dishes of ice cream," he said.

The officers who went were Capt. Bill Salmon, Pueblo, Colo.; 2nd Lt. Larry Greathouse, Hutchinson; 2nd Lt. Chuck Bates, Denver; Maj. Dave Col-

ins, Pueblo, Colo.; 1st Lt. Jim Horney, Norton, Kans.; 2nd Lt. Kenneth Bellows, Sheridan, Wyo.; and 2nd Lt. Bill Crumrine, Colorado Springs, Colo.

They all agreed that they had a good time and that they would like to do it again.

Pre-Lenten Dance Enjoyed By Cadets

Cadets and faculty had fun at the Pre-Lenten Valentine dance the evening of February 14.

During the evening's entertainment those attending enjoyed such organized dances as the Valentine Dance, Circle Dance, and a Shoe Dance.

Following the intermission a Piviatia was broken by Billy Walker, Denver, Colo., who was on the shoulders of Larry Greathouse, Hutchinson, in order that he might reach it.

Those in attendance were, Larry Turner, Janice Whelchel, Billy Walker, Shirley Archer, Ronald Robinson, Gaye Hower, Gary Conrad, Mary Lee Cusick, Gene Ely, Evon Long, John Bryan, Joyce Wannata, John Hatfield, Dorothy Loomis, J. W. Cole, Rosemary Neptune, Bill Beech, Joyce Ianbom, Charles Doll, Bonny Lovelace, Larry Greathouse, Pat McKenney, Bill Meidell, Alice Sellers, George Meade, Beth Williams, C. O. Johnson, Barbara Bunt, Wally Gale, Sandra Kliem, Dick McBean, Joline Walters, William Salmon, Nancy Johnson, Francisco Gomez, Marcia Vickers, Jim Knight, Bonnie Cobb, Jim Barbour, Sharon Moffat, Herbert Soukup, Jackie Boder, Dave Collins, Sandy Thomas, Jim Horney, Betty Cobb, Gary Hanna, Dona Lee Samuelson, Bill McDermit, Barbara Vignery, Jim Cole, Ruth Hetzel.

The faculty in attendance were Major and Mrs. Guernsey, Captain and Mrs. Moffat, Mr. and Mrs. Samuelson, Mr. and Mrs. Kliem, and Captain Hower.

Infirmary Notes

The infirmary had lots of visitors for the month of February.

The following cadets had the good fortune or "bad fortune" to visit the institution of bodily repair: Sender, Meade, Sweigart, Beech, Bray, Knight, Castleberry, Soukup, A. Race, Turner, L. Noel, House, Bibb, Cole, J. W., Ferris, Bible, Jackson, Collins, Ward, Humbert, Drummond, Johnson, C. O., Henry, McMurray, Johnson, L. Reese, Cole, J. L., Greathouse, and last but not least, Perkins.

Jackson, Johnson, D. and Johnson, C., were all victims of appendicitis.

Captain Cole, with the help of Cadet Soukup, A., who hopes to study to be a male nurse, is taking care of all the sick and afflicted with capable hands.

"Babe" Spence Tops Junior Honor Roll

The Rector's Honor Roll for the Junior School consists of two parts, the same as that for the Upper School. Those cadets achieving grades of 90 or better and those students having grades of 85-89. The first group is listed on the Honor Roll while the latter receive Honorable Mention for their scholastic work.

The students in the Junior School that have grade averages that merited recognition on the Rector's Honor Roll are, Ronald Spence, 94.8; Alfred Palmer, 94.7; Phillip Bibb, 89.8; Charles Masten, 88.7; Ronald Robinson, 87.8; Edward Jackson, 87.0; Charles Hixon, 86.8; Norman Dalton, 86.3; Colby Johnson, 86.0; Fred Ferris, 85.8; Louis West, 85.4; John Bryan, 85.2.

St. John's Cadet Is Baseball Pic Collector

Want a little background material on Mickey Mantle? Or maybe Stan Musial? Or Yogi Berra? Do you need some information on Roy Campanella's days in the minor leagues?

If you do, chances are Wally Gale, a freshman cadet from Wichita at St. John's Military school can supply you with what you want.

Back in 1949 Wally started playing baseball—sandlot variety—for the San Mateo, Cal., Chiefs, and started collecting pictures of the diamond stars.

Today the St. John's cadet has more than 1000 pictures of athletes, mostly baseball players. Wally gets the pictures out of bubble gum packages.

The son of an Air Force colonel, Wally had moved around quite a bit the last few years until coming to St. John's last September. This has given him an opportunity to "swap" pictures with a lot of different boys who also are collectors.

If you were to walk into Wally's room out at St. John's you would immediately notice that the walls are almost completely

covered with the little two by three inch pictures.

His favorite pastime—other than playing baseball—is to read the brief biography on the back of the picture of each player. The knowledge Wally has gained from the back of these pictures has made him the foremost baseball authority at the Salina military institution.

A lot of 14 year old boys would probably like to some day be president, but not Wally. He'd rather pitch for the Chicago White Sox, his favorite team.

Although Lt. Virgil (Lefty) Loy, former Salina Blue Jay pitcher and now head baseball coach at St. John's, won't send out a call for diamond practice for several days yet, Wally will probably be the first to report.

A little guy, Wally will probably find the going tough to make the team this year as a freshman. But if knowledge of the game has anything to do with it, Wally will probably play a lot of ball for the cadets before he graduates in 1956.

Sporting Slants

By Larry Greathouse

With the District Tournament at Gypsum the basketball season at St. John's comes to a close.

As we look back over the past year, we find that the team fielded by Captain Elmborg, head football and basketball coach at St. John's, was not as poor as their record would lead to believe. The team at times showed brilliance in team play and defensive skill.

The Cadet Cagers started the season with a decisive win over Bavaria, 65-31. The team showed during that game that they could be hard to beat all season long if they would just play and work together.

Next came the Enterprise Bulldogs. Most of you know the rest of the story. The Bulldogs have gone on to win 21 straight games this season, beat every member in the Salina League in at least two games and to cop the League tournament at Memorial Hall played the 17-21 of February.

The rest of the season went just about as rough as possible for the cagers of Captain Elmborg, the team giving its all but seldom being able to come out on top of the pile.

The high spot in the basketball season this year was the beating of the defending State Champion five, the Brookville Cardinals on the Cadets' home maples.

The Cadets took command of the game in the initial minutes and never relinquished the slim lead until the final gun sounded and the Cadet round-ballers came off the court with their victory of the campaign, 68-63. Though it was only their third win of the season, this was the one that the cadets were pulling for to avenge the 100-56 drubbing handed them by the Brookville crew of last season.

With this season just about history the coaches and student body of St. John's cast hopeful eyes toward the future and ponder what it will bring to the athletic teams of St. John's.

With the coming of spring every young man's fancy turns to the thought of the opposite sex and baseball. We are concerned with only one of them in this column—baseball! Not that the fairer sex does not have its finer points, too, but we prefer to dwell on a subject more dear to the hearts of most sports-minded cadets.

Talking to Lt. Virgil "Lefty" Loy the other day, the conversation somehow got around to baseball, which as most of you know is his specialty, and we talked at length of the prospects for the coming year.

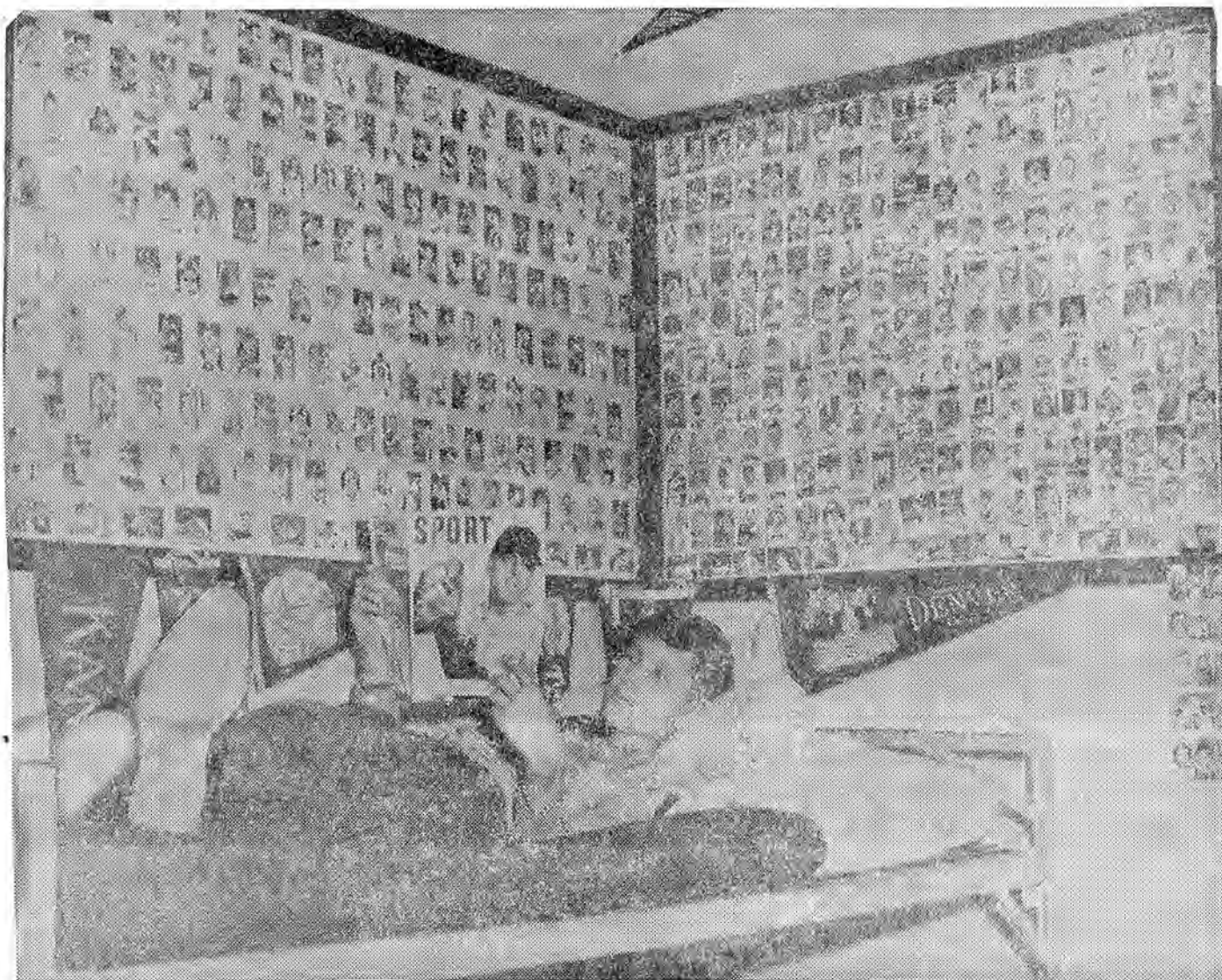
Lt. Loy expressed the opinion that the material was here just waiting to be molded into a winning Cadet nine. The main trouble, he commented, was the fact that too few of the prospective "Hall of Famers" were interested enough in the sport to make a few sacrifices for the good of the team. Several cadets have been heard to comment, "I won't go out for baseball unless I can smoke."

To me this seems to be the most foolish statement that anyone could make. It is a proven fact that smoking hurts the athlete and thus hurts the chances of his giving all he has to the sport and his school. Don't let a little thing like that stand in your way and a place on a winning St. John's baseball nine.

Here's hoping that all of you go out and give Lt. Loy your fullest cooperation and work for a winning team that St. John's can be proud to claim as its best in years.

SNOW AGAIN

Snow came to St. John's again in a sneak attack early on the morning of the first of March to make the old story that if March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb. It sure roared this time.



BASEBALL FAN—Wally Gale, freshman cadet at St. John's, studies up on baseball players at his quarters while part of the more than 1000 pictures of players in his possession dot the walls of his room. The young cadet has a knowledge of each of the players in his collection.

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