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Crack Squad To Appear In Afghanistan, Maybe Russia?

Another first has been made by this year's traveling Crack Squad.

The squad is scheduled to make the first appearance of a St. John's drill team in a foreign country.

May 3 is the date the squad is slated to appear in Afghanistan. Arrangements have been made through the office of Public Information and overseas officials.

Biggest proponent of the planned trip is Swaki Swali, St. John's Foundation member in Afghanistan. Mr. Swali has worked tirelessly to make the trip as successful as possible.

Various transportation problems that arose were solved by Major Keith Duckers, who announced last week that it would be "every man for himself" to get to the foreign country. Several Cadets were seen lately at the Y.M.C.A. practicing swimming strokes.

If possible, an appearance in the Soviet Union is also planned. Nikita Krushchev viewed the televised appearance of the Crack Squad, and is seeking a drill in Siberian slave camps to "improve the prisoner's morale."



Ed Kliem
"What, me worry?"

Kliem Named As New Boy Of Month

New Boy of the Month award goes this month to Ed Kliem, newest Cadet at St. John's.

Ed entered St. John's just two weeks ago, after being Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds for seven years.

In his own words, "I decided to quit living in ignorance and return to school to finish my education." In his first few days as a Cadet, Kliem showed remarkable abilities in leadership. According to Major R. L. Guernsey, "This Cadet is definitely officer material."

There was some apprehension as to the Cadets' reactions to having a student of a few more years attending classes with them. When asked if he had any concern about the opinion other Cadets may have of him, Ed made this brilliant reply, "What, me worry?"

Today's Skirmisher Helps You In

Religion — Read about Easter Services held in Armstrong Chapel and annual Easter Egg hunt on the campus. (page 14)

Weather — Complete weather forecast and temperature reading around the nation. (Edges of pages 3-9)

Personalities — Read the complete night life history of George Ubangi. (page 46)

Entertainment — Advertisements. (page 2)

Education — Read illuminating column by Lt. H. E. Nuss. (between lines on page 1.)

Moran Speaks At Assembly

New owner of St. John's, Mugs Moran, was the featured speaker at an assembly in the Armstrong Chapel March 26.

Mr. Moran stressed several new programs in his well-received speech. Among these are elimination of the regular drill period in deference to instruction in poker playing, new classes in the arts of gambling, and school holidays every Saturday.

The Saturday holiday is planned, stated Moran, "to allow Cadets to go to town and fleece the populace." Half the proceeds of Saturday's earnings must be given to the management, specifically, Mr. Moran.

At the end of Mugsies speech, a rousing cheer, led by Ron Hardin, was given the administrator. Following the assembly, tea and cakes were served on the front lawn.

HONOR ROLL

Richard Mattix led the Upper School honor roll with an average of 99.9 for all his classes.

Steve Oakford closely followed the leader with a 98.0 average. Others posting marks of 90 or above were, Bill Anselmo, Joe Ugalde, Pete Negron, and Tom Harries.

This month's Honor Roll had two distinctions with respect to other months. One, the highest grade ever posted was registered this time. Also, the fewest number of Cadets were able to make the Honor Roll.

According to Senior Master, Lt. H. E. Nuss, "such regular low-grade earners as Bob Pester, Jim Stevens, and Bill Crews were not even able to register marks above 50."

Racketeer Owns St. John's



TWO UNIDENTIFIED FACULTY OFFICERS roll the bones in the plush Denver mansion of Mugs Moran. Lady Luck was with Moran, and he now owns St. John's.

Moran Wins School In Crap Game

Information has been released to the effect that St. John's is now owned by one of the most disreputable gangsters of the Midwest, Mugs Moran.

The school was purportedly lost to the gambler in a crap game in Denver last month.

While in Denver on a Crack Squad trip, two faculty officers were engaged in gambling in the palatial suburban home of the Denver racketeer. After losing over ten thousand dollars, one of the officers put up the school as collateral. Moran rolled three straight passes, and the school was his.

There had been some legal debate as to the authority of the officer in gambling for the school, but the litigation has been settled in favor of Moran.

No changes have been made in the faculty by the new owner of the school, but several sweeping changes have been made in the curriculum. A new rec hall is being planned, which will incorporate all the features of a modern casino, including crap tables, roulette wheels, and slot machines.

LOST!!!

The inside pages of the Skirmisher. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these pages, please report to the editor's office. A liberal reward is being offered.

Special Orders

More than 20 Special Orders have been posted since the last issue of the Skirmisher.

This record number is due largely to an untoward number of misdemeanors, leading to demotions and subsequent promotions.

Among the most striking offenders were Ron Hardin, Leon Swartzendruber, and Richard Geissinger. These three Cadets were found operating a protection racket, fleecing money from nearly half the Cadet Corps.

Named Group Commander in place of Hardin was Gary Brown. The new Executive Officer is Bill Sheperd.

Seven promotions to officer were made during the past month. Those now having the rank of 2nd Lieutenant are Kim Turner, Mike Schulte, Douglas White, Hank Brandes, Charles Lee, Jim Fritchie, and Karl Sprague.

Steve Hillmer and Grant Mattson have purchased a pet for their room. The boa constrictor is reportedly a native of South America.

LOCALS

It has been announced that the second hour journalism class will meet for the remainder of the year in the phone booth in the guard room.

Pat Boone is to be the featured entertainment at the forthcoming Lettermen's Dance. Boone will reportedly sing the favorite songs of his many good friends at St. John's.

On warm, Spring afternoons, Ted Bryant, Doug Dillenger, and Scott Tipton are selling lemonade on the front lawn. The business seems to be thriving for these energetic Cadets.

Among the finalists selected by the Air Force to make the United States' first manned flight to the moon, is Major R. L. Buernsey. The Major is already making plans as to which pipe he should take with him on his trip.

Sgt. and Mrs. Bobby McCandless entertained Gen. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur at Sunday dinner in the St. John's non-commissioned officers club.

Jeff Lantz, Ken Halama and Kenneth Warke will spend the weekend in St. Louis where they plan to visit Mr. and Mrs. Stan Musial. Mr. Musial sometimes plays baseball for the Cardinals of St. Louis.

Chef Bill Samuelson will depart next week for Paris, France where he will take a refresher course in French foods. Samuelson says, "I plan to really jazz up the SJMS menus next fall."

Summer plans have been announced by Mrs. Heywood to tour Latin America and Spain. Mrs. Heywood states that she expects to improve her Spanish and to liven up her classes!??

Cadets To Visit Vegas, Reno

A slight change has been made in the plans for the annual trip to Washington by the upperclassmen.

The trip will still be made, but the destination has been altered. Instead of Washington, D. C., the Cadets will tour Reno and Las Vegas, says school administrator, Mugs Moran.

Cadets will leave St. John's on the regularly scheduled date, March 2, and will return whenever they run out of money. If any Cadet is able to break the house at one of the gambling casinos of Nevada, he will be allowed a two-week Caribbean cruise on his winnings.

It was also announced that the adult sponsor of the trip has been changed from Dale Browning to M. S. "Machine Gun" McGinnis. Mr. McGinnis has replaced Browning as Upper School counselor.

Loy To Pitch For Yankees

Capt. V. B. "Lefty" Loy announced his resignation as baseball coach at St. John's.

Captain Loy has been signed up by the New York Yankees to pitch the opening game of the season. Loy is expected to be one of the mainstays of the New York mound staff this season.

Yankee scouts have been following Loy for the past few years, and a suitable contract has finally been drawn up, with Loy reportedly receiving \$45,000 per year.



MARCHING ALONG, these Cadets and fearless Major R. L. Guernsey, head for Cuba to the aid of Fidel Castro. Unfortunately these reinforcements didn't make it. Three Cadets are still among the missing.

Guernsey Leads Cadet Forces; Attempt To Aid Castro Rebels

One of the most valiant stories of the recent Cuban revolution has remained untold until this issue of the Skirmisher.

This is the story of the furtive attempt of a group of American citizens to aid the freedom-seeking Cuban rebels.

None other than the dauntless Major R. L. Guernsey led the attempt to aid the Cuban

rebels. The Major organized a group of Cadets to march with him to Cuba and expulse the vicious dictator.

The Cadets had good intentions, but were poorly prepared; before they got ten miles from Salina, all but three had dropped out from fatigue. These three Cadets never got to Cuba, nor have they been heard from by St. John's.

Extra Leave Given Cadets

Considerable embarrassment resulted when only four Cadets showed up March 22 for the return from Spring Furlough.

Faculty officers and administrative officials were utterly "dumbfounded" when a total of seven Cadets were the only ones at school for classes the following day. As the days went on, more Cadets straggled in, but the Corps was still only at about half-mast.

It seems that a faculty announcement had been sent to parents stating that Spring Furlough would be lengthened to include Easter. Therefore, only a few were wise enough to call St. John's and discover the truth.

Some Cadet apparently wanted to spend more time away from beloved SJMS, (why he did, we wouldn't know) and he mailed the announcements. This is a pretty good trick if you can get away with it, and he did.

Major Keith G. Duckers, Acting Superintendent stated, "This type of stunt is unforgivable; if we find the culprit, and I assure you we will, he will be duly punished."

Meanwhile, Cadets are still coming back day by day, and it is hoped that all may have returned by the time of final exams. Supurious malefactor, we proudly salute you!!

Editorial

Don't be alarmed!

St. John's has not gone to the dogs, nor has a racketeering syndicate taken over the school. This is the April Fool's issue, and everything goes. (including the mind of the editor)

All is in good sport, and it is hoped that no one is offended by any of the jokes in this issue. It is hoped that things will be back to normal by the next issue of the Skirmisher.

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