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SPRING REVIEW

The grand finale of the year, the Spring Review, echoed the enthusiasm portrayed by the Johnny Cadet through the 1966-67 ROTC year. Drill came out of hibernation after long winter months but typical St. John's spring weather forced the Spring Review to remain indoors for the third time in four years.

But the weather was not able to dampen the spirit of the Battalion as it saw two of its Cadre receive top awards accenting the Review.

By direction of the President of the United States, Bronze Star Medals were awarded to Major Palmer Holloway and Captain Robert Vaughn, both of the United States Army, for outstanding conduct in recent action in Vietnam.

Battalion Awards were presented by Colonel Bayle, PME, representative from the American Legion and Academic Dean, Fr. Dansten Tucker.

Superior Cadet Medals were presented to the top cadets of each class. Battalion Commander, Cadet James O'Neill was the recipient of the Senior Superior Cadet Medal; Cadet James Martin, Junior; Cadet Terrance Nelson, Sophomore; and Cadet Michael Halloran, Freshman.

Junior Cadet, Thomas Wegleitner, received the Association of the U.S. Army ROTC Medal. Wegleitner, along with



TWO BRONZE STAR MEDALS COMBINED WITH CADET BATTALION AWARDS TO MAKE SPRING REVIEW THE BEST EVER

Senior Cadet Michael Mitsel received the American Legion Scholastic Excellence Award.

The Best Drilled Basic Cadet Award was received by XIII cadet Vitas Paskunas with XII cadet Philip Coudron as runner-up.

Recipients of the American Legion ROTC General Military Excellence Awards were Senior Cadet Paul Corvair and XVIII cadet Thomas Pajer.

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Senior Cadet Kevin Lynch received the Reserve Officer Association Award.

Two NII Cadets were awarded the Citation of Saint John's Rifleman.

Excellence in Military History (EMH) Award was given to Ross Arneson, Sophomore Cadet.

Honor Company Award was accepted by Cadet Captain Dennis Sharkey, commander of Charlie Company. The following week after Spring Review, Charlie Company represented the Cadet Battalion in the Federal Inspection. The company is entitled to bear arms and follow the Colors besides representing the Johnny Cadet Battalion.

Our present PMS, Colonel Boyle, will be retiring the 30th of July. This will terminate 35 years of active service in the Army. He was commissioned in the Army upon graduation from West Point in 1939. Colonel Boyle has been in the Infantry through his career and joined the paratroopers in 1942. He arrived at St. John's in 1964. The PMS knew that this was to be his last assignment and was pleased it was in a small community since that was where he intends to settle down. His goal in life has been to educate his children to the point where they can use it. The Colonel plans on remaining in St. Cloud since his family has enjoyed it and has been accepted by the community. "It's hard for an outsider to break into these small town cliques," he stated.

When asked if he had found one thing at St. John's that would make it unique

for him, he replied that there is a definite distinction between the two types of people on campus: the priests and clerics of the Abbey and all others. He also pointed to the contrast of the present Junior and Senior classes. The Senior class has the smallest number of ROTC graduates and the Juniors will be the largest in school history.

Commenting on the switch from compulsory to voluntary ROTC, the Colonel claimed the turn-over alleviated a few problems while giving St. John's a better cadet. But it also has given fewer leadership positions for NIII cadets.

The PMS stated that the choice in branches for the aspiring cadet can only be made by the individual despite pressure. If a man enjoys his work, promotions and excellent chances will come just as fast as in other branches. "It's senseless to be doing something you don't enjoy."

As typical of most successful personages, Colonel Boyle emphasized the respect of the individual and his rights.

Every cadet has recognized the PMS as a firm and excellent leader and wishes him the best.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The new PMS will not arrive before the 30th of July with probable rank not exceeding a Lieutenant Colonel.



THOMAS STAR KNIGHT MAJOR NORMAN
IS CONGRATULATED BY COLONEL
LT. COL BRUNDETTE

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IS REASSIGNED

St. John's ROTC Department will have a noticeable gap next year in its Cadre without Lieutenant Colonel Brundette who has been reassigned to Iran.

The Lt. Colonel is a graduate to Texas A and M and has a bachelor's degree in Business.

He is about to begin a three year tour as programming officer in logistics division of the military advisory group in Tehran, Iran.

Reflecting upon his duties as St. John's, he says that the ROTC cadet is a typical student on about the same par as any cadet he has been in contact with in the program.

Since most cadets are two year men in the service, Brundette recommends the Infantry, although he, himself, is in Ordnance. "As a lieutenant at

the age of 33, you are managing men; a position a civilian might not attain until his middle thirties. Having this experience, the Infantryman is just that much ahead in the game when he goes into business."

Lt. Colonel Brundette emphasized that the all around aggressive man is the best man. Intelligence is a prerequisite for a leader but certainly would be of no use to the Army if the lieutenant who had high grades couldn't put it to work. The hard worker is almost a guaranteed success. One is promoted according to his achievements in the Army and not his grade point average or test scores.

The Johnny Cadet salutes Lieutenant Colonel Brundette and hopes that he carries with him the memories and and best wishes of St. John's.

FATHER DUNSTAN DECORATES CADET JAMES MARTIN SUPERIOR CADET



SGT. MAJ BRENNAN RETIRES

Sergeant Major Brennan is turning in his stripes to take advantage of the civilian life. Sgt. Major has 23 years of Army life now behind him.

Brennan has several offers afforded him. The one most inviting is a position as an ROTC Instructor at Macoupin Illinois. This would enable him to advance in a teaching position and even possibly a coaching spot in the high school. He would, however, retain his retired position with the Army. He is also considering an offer from the F. J. Nease Corporation as a Production Superintendent.

Brennan began his career in 1941 and after four years, decided for a try at civilian life which did not appeal to him at the time. In 1948, he was appointed to the Medical branch and later was assigned to Artillery in England. With a brief stint in Engineering Sgt. Major went from the Signal Corps to Administration and finally to Infantry.

In his casual reply to a question on an after-thought of ROTC, he stated that although it has an above average curriculum, the students lack discipline.

Brennan maintains his stint at St. John's has been enlightening, educational and even relaxing.

Presently, he is residing in St. Cloud and has a daughter, 18, and a son, 15, who intends on making a career in the Army either by going to West Point or through the ROTC program.

Best wishes and a salute from the Johnny Cadets.



"Will Around... MILLS"
AFTERMATH OF THE SPRING REVIEW



MAJ. COLONEL DOYLE GIVES FITTING
PARTING WORDS BEST DRILLED BASIC
CADET CLASS

"She's our 1000 unit's special
weapon sir...Designed and
equipped to lure the enemy
out of hiding!"



NEW PMS

In Major McGrew the new PMS ? Probably not but he is prepared to take over the challenge created by the turnover in the Cadre and new curriculum changes. The new curriculum will be the same as this year except a few subjects such as tactics will be more fully covered. As far as credits for the basic cadets there will be no change but for upper division cadets there will be. First semester the Juniors will take a four credit course and the Seniors will take a one credit course. Second semester the order is reversed, the Seniors will take a four credit course and the Juniors will take a one credit course. Offered during the interim next year will be two highly sophisticated courses. One in Military History and the other in Offensive Tactics Operations. These two courses will be so highly sophisticated that even the excellent student will most probably fail.

The drill will meet the same as this year, however a new format will probably be adopted. The Freshmen will drill separately from the Sophomores and the Sophomores will drill separately from upper division cadets. This is to eliminate the redundancy of teaching old material.

The Major has added a new Sergeant and a new Major to the staff. The Sergeant will be the Senior Drill Instructor and will probably teach Marksmanship and Mapreading. Another Sergeant has been assigned but as of yet there is no official word as

to who, when, where, etc. The new Major is Major Cavelli. He is in the Artillery branch and a graduate of Stevens College in Lodi-ville New York.

As it stands now these plans are all tentative based upon the approval of the new PMS. However if he should happen to arrive after such a time as these propositions are already put into effect then it is most likely that any change would not be initiated until the following year.

Many Cadets often wonder what they will be doing when they graduate from ROTC. Well you may get a good idea from the branches the Seniors have been assigned. They are as follows:

INFANTRY:

Burgess, Bradley
Connor, Robert
Hain, William
Scott, Wilbur

INTELLIGENCE:

Alifano, Al
Gormier, Paul
Miller, Roger
O'Neill, James
Seherer, Michael
Wheeler, James

QUARTER MASTER:

Beaboon, Robert

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TRANSPORTATION

- Brenteman, Michael
- Farrall, Thomas
- Landberger, George
- McDermott, James
- O'Connell, John
- Tipton, Phillip
- Haskins, Steven
- Keefe, Neil *
- Thibodeau, Robert *
- Tischik, James *
- Tosczak, Gary *

SIGNAL CORPS

- Carling, Donald
- Eltsel, Michael
- Schwingshauer, Allan

MILITARY POLICE

- Casey, Richard
- McDonnell, Patrick
- Sharkey, Dennis

ENGINEERS

- Czaplewski, Samuel

FINANCE

- Lynch, Kevin
- Wiltschko, Douglas

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" I don't care how you do it, I want this kid awake by the end of drill. "



" I'm sorry Colonel, but I don't think I can accept your excuse for skipping drill. "



" See here fellas, this many guys on the freethrow line is ridiculous. "



" Alright! I want you guys to round-up Co. G., bring them back here, and lock that door this time !! "



"The position of attention is...."



"This exercise is designed to strengthen the shoulder muscles and alleviate offensive odors"



"Now friends, you may think I'm just pulling these tactics out of my hat...."



"Now WHY did you step on my tank?!!!"



"Yes, get into shape!!!"

P/Rs

by Jim Lecher P/R 3-3

The year comes to an end and the Johnny Cadet looks back at his accomplishments, in this case, in the realm of the Fighting Rifleman.

10, 11 March 1967

St. John's University, Company B-3, left for Champaign, Illinois on its first drill meet circuit. The meet was invitational; competition rough. Johnny PR's came back with the third place trophy for the rifle team, plus experience.

11, 22 March 1967

1967 Regimental Meet Number Two proved the whole year's work to be summed up in one day and in one drill meet. The results were announced at the Regimental Banquet: Nancy Lyffala, the "prettiest girl there," was voted the prettiest company sponsor, promoting her to the honorary rank of PR Colonel and was given the title of Regimental Sponsor. Cadet Hal Kampf (not the best looking guy there) received first place awards for the operation of his staff position B-3, and for his 1967 pledge program. Stephen O'Connell, NSIII cadet received third place for individual exhibition competition. And the Company rose to applause on the announcement that B-3 had taken third place over-all in the Regimental Meet. In an after celebration, the Johnny PR's saluted Cadet Captain Corneir and Captain Vaughn, PR moderator, for their support and inspiration.

Cadet Terrance Nelson, NSIII, was elected to carry on the esprit de corps as the 1967-68 company commander of B-3. Nelson intends to revise the Pledge Program with new drill plans and officers. The drill meets will receive pertinent position on the PR schedule.

On May 4, the first PR Ranger Patrol was launched against a small group of defenders of a "missile site" near Lake Metch. According to Captain Vaughn, however, the attack group was "wiped out." The attackers lost 60% of their force including platoon leader Cadet Bruce Neyer.

CAMP

The majority of the NSIII students and some NSIV cadets are slated for Summer Camp Training at Fort Riley, Kansas. The first group will take leave of their vacation on the first of June and end on the 11th of July while the second outorage will begin training on the 1st of July and end in August on the 11th.

Those involved have been scheduled the past month on physical training exercises and brush-up course instructions.

ON WHY THE MICKY MOUSE CLUB ISN'T THE MICKY MOUSE CLUB

OR

HOW WE LEARNED TO LIVE WITH ROTC AND LOVE IT

When we first became acquainted with the ROTC program, it was compulsory and everyone labeled it the "Mickey Mouse" Club. And now the freshmen have become acquainted with ROTC under a voluntary program and they still are hearing the "Mickey Mouse" label.

Immediately when the Johnny Cadet hears the label, he takes up the defensive. "Well, look at the forty bucks we're getting." This is the first mistake. The cadets should be on the offensive. So how do we get fired up over another series of courses? How does anyone get fired up over any course? The answer is obvious...sincere interest.

It's admittedly tough not to be able to see the reality of the ROTC program from the back of the battalion. But each year, it becomes more a reality; it's advantages become clearer, and the idea of making a man out of anyone should be enticing enough.

So we recite all the advantages to the non-ROTC student and he still scoffs and calls it "Mickey Mouse." But have you stopped to consider why 1/7 of the student body is in the "Mickey Mouse" membership ranks? Why does St. John's have "Best Pointers" on the faculty? And why does the Dean of Academic Welfare take the time to decorate the excellent at a Spring Review. The next time someone asks you why you are in ROTC, ask him why he's NOT!

We keep thinking about the idea that we have an obligation to fulfill and that we must accept responsibility in this era of college students over-looking responsibility. Merely because there is a conflict thousands of miles from Collierville, Minnesota, and because we are members of the future ranks of officers does not mean that we are heroes and are seeking blood and glory. By the same token, merely because our non-ROTC friends are non-ROTC does not mean they are drunks and seek the unreal "world of love" by launching their yellow submarines and peace demonstrations. What we all need is some time to sit and reassess all our positions.

We suggest you take your non-ROTC friend to the lake on a sunny afternoon and re-evaluate both positions. Why are you in ROTC? We can assure you you'll find the answers to the inevitable question... "Why are you in the Mickey Mouse Club?"

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Gill Peters

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