

To the Editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed Jana Barberio's feature article on Philip Hessburg. However, one, or two or three items of fact – of which you have probably already heard – concern the barracks. Those barracks were *not*, as the article says, "left behind by the U.S. Air Force following WWII," nor were they "located in the space now occupied by Mary Hall."

Those barracks were built after WWII to relieve the crowding caused by all the WWII vets coming to Saint John's in the pursuit of truth and goodness. As one of the first inhabitants of those units (Barracks 5 – Father Casper, prefect) I well remember their construction.

Mary Hall is located where the old, three wall, handball courts were. The barracks themselves were placed in what was then, usually, the Prep football practice field.

One more item of truth – there was no *Air Force* when the Cadets of the *Army Air Corps* were at Saint John's.

All this in the interest of truth and history. After all, even feature writers should check their facts—history is already treated with contempt in government, let's not have it happen at such a marvelous fountain of truth as Saint John's.

Cheers,

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Editor's note: Mea maxima culpa! Don't blame Jana. The editor inserted the errors into her otherwise superb report. Thank you for setting the record straight and contributing to our continuing education program.