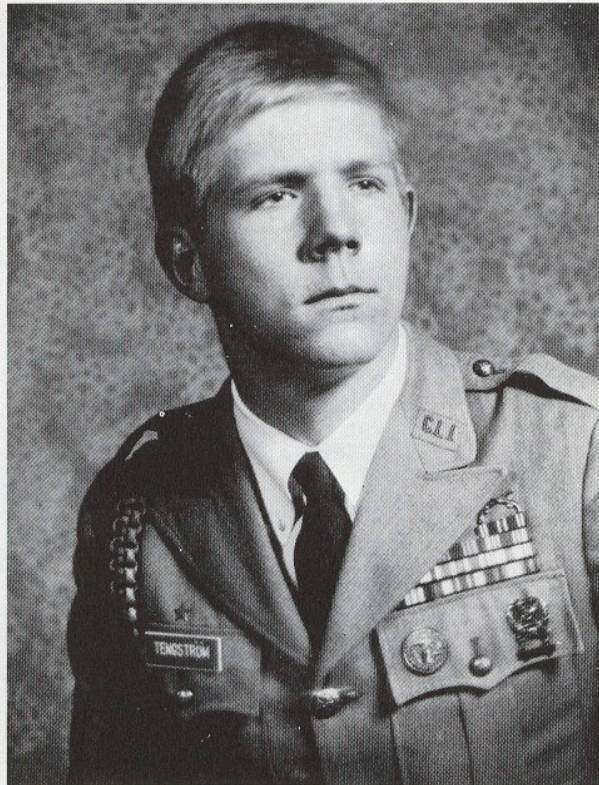


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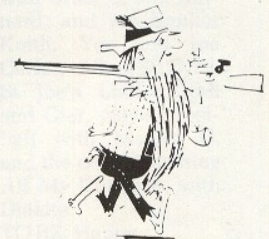
WHO WITH: Norman, Lynch, Menassa, Hudson, Barrett, Sewell, O'Sullivan, Garrido, Spelger, Brother Halfmoon.

WHAT DOING: Busting on the books, writing to Virpi and Tiina, Eric, and Christoffer, thinking of the future and reading Soldier of Fortune.

WHAT SAYING: Hey Joe Let's watch some T.V., Norman study, "I honestly don't have your drill," I want to go to Suomi Mene Helvettiin.

TO BE: An ultimate success.

Leaves: For Finland and a bright and happy future.



PRIVATE EDUCATION

It is true that an education is by far the most important thing a person can have. At Carson Long, our academic success is fully stressed. We are forced to realize that academics play an important role in our lives, in the future, and in the success we strive toward.

Last summer I was fortunate to receive a stipend from the Finnish Ministry of Education to study for two weeks at an International Summergymnasium. I also attended a public high school. The most impressive observation I made was that European students were far more educated than we, for I met many from different countries such as Finland, Sweden, Norway, Germany, and France.

When I returned to the States, I evaluated my findings and compared them. I thus realized that my education here was very little. After I determined this, I asked myself why. I concluded that here we are very lax towards education, even though excellence is stressed and many of us make the honor roll. The level at which we are educated in the United States cannot be compared to the

education of those students who live in Europe or Asia.

I believe this to be very true and find that most parents will agree. This is one reason many of us attending boarding schools such as Carson Long. But is it right for parents to sacrifice their time and money just to see we are better educated? Why can't our public high schools do this? The problem with our educational system lies with those whom we elect to those educational offices.

I believe that if we want to see an improvement in education, we must be wise of those whom we elect to these offices.

I am very thankful that I made a wise decision in choosing Carson Long to further my education during my high school years. I know that my diploma from this academy will enable me to go much further than the person educated at the regular public school.

I believe that my education at Carson Long will take me further in life.