

G.I. Ginny Is Weekend Warrior

Goodman Joins Reserves

"Left, left, left, right, left!" Up at dawn and out on the road for a friendly five mile jog in the middle of summer vacation. Sounds like fun, huh? That's what one St. John's High Schooler had to go through last summer to complete basic training.

Who is this guy anyway? Well, it's no guy, it's a girl. Ginny Goodman to be precise. Ginny has been a member of the U.S. Army Reserve since last year.

After basic training, which lasts eight

weeks of the summer, she has to go one weekend of every month and two weeks in the summer for field training.

Ginny really enjoys the reserves. She said, "The people are really great and friendly and although sometimes it can get boring, it's an interesting and exciting experience." One aspect that Ginny really likes is the pay. She earns around five-six dollars an hour, or \$75-90 a weekend.

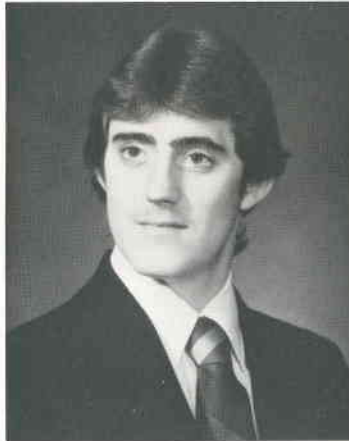
However, it's not all peaches and

cream. There are some bad points, like the food. "The food isn't so hot. We always get the same stuff because they try to control your diet."

Right now, Ginny is a private E2, but she does have aspirations for better things. She said, "I'm gonna be the first woman general!"

Ginny proudly wears her dog tags in the halls because she says, "I earned 'em!" ■David Brockmyre

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