



Little Green Men Invade Campus

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Although they may not be residence halls themselves, the W.W. Slider Humanities Center and the Student Union Building (SUB) of Lindsey Wilson College (LWC) have been getting some new little residents.

Students, faculty, and staff have noticed plastic army men invading Slider and the SUB, although the ranks have been greatly diminished lately.

But the person who started it all has remained a mystery to many people on campus. Until now. He wants to remain anonymous. However, he requested that he be called “The General” in this article.

The General said that he started placing the army men to “spread childlike and somewhat anarchistic joy around campus.” He got the idea from the internet. There is a Reddit page called “Green Dawn” dedicated to the takeover of the army men.

“That’s where I got the idea from,” The General said. “And I just so happened to have a bag of army men and I’m like, ‘Sure, why not? Let’s start hiding them around.’”

The General finds this task to be enjoyable.

“It’s pretty fun,” The General said. “Just trying to figure out, where all we can put the army men, where people will see them and be like, ‘What’s that guy doing up there?’ Just trying to be creative about it, be-

cause we’ve got them in some pretty nice places.”

Interesting locations have included on top of whiteboards, on high ledges, and even inside a vending machine. Most people enjoy spotting these army men, including professors in Slider. Dr. Kerry Robertson, associate professor of English at LWC, admitted with a chuckle that she was having fun with the army men.

“I’m the one who turned them upside down,” Robertson said. “You know when you turn a flag upside down it’s a sign of distress? That’s why they’re upside down. They’re in distress.”

Robertson has also created a scene of army men surrendering to feminism in her office window. Professor David Meyers, professor of art and interactive design at LWC, has started a POW camp in his office window.

An LWC student, who also wishes to remain anonymous, has created a Twitter page called “LWC Army” (@LWCarmy) to raise awareness of the presence of the army men. Since the page was created in early February, the number of followers and the number of tweets it is tagged in have been steadily increasing.

“A long time ago I was in a class that studied street art [at another school], and as a little project we just put army men up,” the anonymous student said. “The fact that somebody was doing that here got me excited. It made me remember what we did a long time ago, so I decided to start a Twitter page for it. See if we could actually get some promotion on this.”

This student said that The General’s quote about spreading “childlike and somewhat anarchistic joy around campus,” especially the childlike part, is the

same reason he became involved in such an ordeal.

“The childlike description pretty much got me into it,” the student said. “Just something fun to do. It’s a good way to vent.”

However, most of the LWC army men are rarely seen anymore.

“They [possibly the cleaning people] took a lot of them down,” The General said. “So, I’m gonna wait a minute, and then give them some breathing room, and then put more up some time.”

Although he may be at the top in the chain of command, the General does not work alone. He has a few assistants.

“Whenever I get somebody in on it,” The General said, “I’ll give them a handful of a platoon of soldiers.”

The soldiers at LWC are currently located mostly in Slider and the SUB because those are they only buildings the General goes to. However, he is trying to get his men to branch out.

These men are not going to stop with other LWC buildings either. If all goes according to plan, army men will soon be invading Adair County High School and local businesses.

“We’re trying to branch outside campus,” The General said. “We’ve got some people in the high school that are gonna start hiding them there. And we’re trying to find, like, businesses and stuff around town where we can put the army men.”

It seems the little plastic army men will not go down without a fight.

Student Soldiers... Students take a military career path

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There are many career paths offered to college students after graduation. Two students, Lindsey Wilson College’s (LWC) Preston Lashley and Luke Allen, will dedicate their talents to military service, although in vastly different ways. Lashley, a senior this year, is looking forward to joining the United States Air Force through the Tactical Air Control Party (USAF TACP) as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC). Allen, on the other hand, wants to become an Army Chaplain.

Lashley and Allen represent two separate ends of the military spectrum. Allen’s role would be non-combatant, and his primary focus on helping the soldiers and their families with spiritual health and guidance. Although his job does not require him to see the battlefield, it is no less of a difficult task. Army Chaplains can be asked to work with as many as 1,500 people. He will work with the soldiers when they come home, but he can also be deployed with a unit if needed. So Allen will work in both active and non-active war zones.

Lashley will be serving on the USAF frontlines as an enlisted man, calling in air strikes. He will have to work closely with both the Marines and the Army (both of which he considered joining, but

ultimately decided not to).

Even though Allen and Lashley represent two entirely different military careers, there is a common similarity between the two—their belief in the importance of family.

Both men are following in the footsteps of relatives. Lashley’s father and brother are both serving in the Army. Lashley also has a fiancée, Sarah Shell, whom he claims has had a substantial impact on his career choice.

“This is something I have always known I’ve wanted to do,” Lashley said. “Now, with being engaged and soon to be married, I have realized that this is no longer only an ‘I’ factor anymore, it is going to be something that she and I can do together and what she can handle and what she can’t.”

Lashley also explains that the entire reason that he decided to get his degree was as a backup in case of injury during warfare.

“That way, if I had a family, I would still be able to support them,” Lashley said. “I am not the type of person to let things hold me back, no matter what it is. I say that now, and if something happens, it might put me in a rut for a little while, but I will come out of it.”

Allen discovered his passion through his uncle, Mike Patterson, who is an Army Chaplain. He explains that he began college thinking that he wanted to go into education and become a teacher. However, halfway through his sophomore year, he found his true calling.



Both Preston Lashley and Luke Allen have decide on the military as a career.

“I took a ministry class and I realized that it is what I want to do” Allen said. “I want to work with people and try to help people out as much as I can.”

He explains further that what he wants to do most in his career is help ease soldiers from getting Post-Traumatic Distress Syndrome (PTSD), to help keep families together if he can, and to help sol-

diers and families avoid trauma.

Allen also names Dr. Terry Swan, dean of the chapel and professor of religion at LWC, as one of his major sources of inspiration. Swan also served as an Army Chaplain before he worked as a professor.

Whereas Lashley can become a JTAC after a period of six months after graduation, Allen has to at-

tend Seminary for an additional three years and get his Master’s Degree in Divinity. Allen also wants to add an emphasis in counseling to his degree.

Allen and Lashley represent two different realms of the military; however, their contributions are undeniably important to the protection of America.