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Trustees Consider Future of Lincoln Plant

Fire damage to a Nebraska manufacturing firm owned by St. John's Military School prompted the company's board to close portions of the plant in December, said Col. Keith G. Duckers, SJMS president and chairman of the company's board.

National Manufacturing company, a Lincoln, Neb. company given to St. John's by Walton C. and Elizabeth A. Ferris in 1983, now will manufacture only laboratory equipment used by cereal chemists.

Duckers said that too substantial of an investment would be required to rebuild a fire-damaged plant where other items, including a walking lawn sprinkler and a power lawn rake, were manufactured.

The lawn sprinkler was invented by Ferris in the 1930's. National Manufacturing also operated an extensive machine shop.

"It was decided it was in the best interest of the School to protect the integrity of the donors' gift by closing down operations," Duckers said.

Duckers said certain areas of

the plant were closed Dec. 20 "until final determination could be made concerning the disposal of the factory." He added the selling of the firm is one of the options being considered.

The Oct. 26 fire damaged 25 percent of the manufacturing capability of the company. The fire caused the most damage in the plant's machine shop, which disabled the company from doing any substantial work in that area.

Bill Nicholson, chief executive officer at National, said just six full-time employees are working at the plant. "At the time the decision was made (to close certain plant operations), we had 21 people on the payroll. We've retained two employees in the office and four in the plant."



MacArthur Medal Awarded

Joseph Dowd is congratulated by Col. Victor H. Fernandez, Chief of Staff, Third ROTC region, after being selected as the MacArthur Cadet-of-the-year. His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dowd, Grand Junction, Colo., look on proudly. Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant, (right) observes the ceremonies.

Grand Junction Cadet Earns MacArthur Honors

Joseph P. Dowd, Grand Junction, Colo., was honored as the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Cadet-of-the-year in ceremonies held at 12 noon, Sunday, Feb. 3, in the Baner Gymnasium.

The award is presented each year on or near the birth date of General MacArthur, Jan. 26.

Award criteria are excellence in academics, athletics, leadership and soldierly bearing. The Cadet is selected by a secret ballot of his peers and faculty and staff.

Dowd enrolled at SJMS as a freshman cadet in 1981. He is currently a senior scheduled to graduate May 19. He has advanced through the rank structure from new boy, holding all enlisted and officer ranks, to attain the rank of Cadet major.

Dowd is currently serving as executive officer of the 97th Corps of Cadets. During his tenure at St. John's, Dowd has participated in the Junior ROTC program enrolled in all four levels of instruction.

He has competed in varsity football, wrestling and track.

Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant, said, "Dowd's superior progress and development in leadership, academic areas and soldierly bearing are

in keeping with the criteria established for the MacArthur cadet award."

The award is sponsored each year by the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States. Col. Keith G. Duckers, School President, is a past president of the organization.

Inspecting the Honor Guard and giving the MacArthur address was Col. Victor H. Fernandez, Chief of Staff of the Third ROTC region with headquarters at Ft. Riley, Kas.

Col. Fernandez is a 1959 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He is also a graduate of the Artillery Basic and Advanced courses, U.S. Army Command and General Staff college and the U.S. Army War college.

He has served as director of industrial operations, Presidio, Calif.; logistics readiness officer of the U.S. European command at Stuttgart, German; an opera-

tions officer with the U.S. Army in Vietnam and as assistant professor of military science at Colorado State University. Fernandez is the recipient of many major awards and decorations given by the U.S. Army and several service and foreign awards.

Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant, was the master of ceremonies. Other participants were the Rev. Don Davidson, Chaplain, invocation; Frank C. Norton, chairman of the Board of Trustees Executive committee, read "A Father's Prayer" written by the late General, and Colonel Duckers.

Music was provided by the Cadet Band under the direction of Tom Keil, Cadet band director.

Presentation of the Blue Berets for the third grading period followed the MacArthur ceremonies. Giving the awards were President Duckers and John "Andy" Wolfe, Battalion Commander of the 97th Corps.



THE 97TH CORPS received a Kansas flag that had flown aboard the space shuttle Discovery. Making the presentation were Trustee Dennis Poer (left) and his wife, Betsy (center). Accepting for the Corps were Andy Wolfe, Battalion commander, and William Crandell, Battalion sergeant major (far right). (Photo by Don McCann)

Space Memorabilia Given to St. John's

Items from the first flight of the orbiter Discovery, launched Aug. 30, 1984, were presented to St. John's Military School by School Trustee Dennis Poer during noon mess, Feb. 8.

Aboard that flight was Salina native, Dr. Steve Hawley. He was honored in Salina at Steve Hawley Day, Nov. 20, 1984 when the Cadets were home on Thanksgiving furlough.

Poer and his wife, Betsy, gave the School pictures of the spaceship and Hawley, his autograph and a Kansas flag that had flown on the shuttle in a gold medal frame. It is displayed in the trophy case in Vanier Academic Center.

A video tape of the Hawley Day activities was given to SJMS by Bob Kastner, another trustee, and Poer.

Hawley was selected as an astronaut candidate by NASA in January, 1978. In August of 1979, he completed a training and evaluation period, making him eligible to be a mission specialist. His first assignment was on Mission 41-D launched last summer from the Kennedy Space Center.

NASA has named Hawley, who is married to Astronaut Sally Ride, as part of a five-member crew for a shuttle mission scheduled for launch in August of this year.

Cadets Act As Escorts

Four Cadets served as escorts at the Annual Brown-Mackie Business college formal dance in December at the Salina Country Club.

They were Jon Fisher, Wayne Tattershall, Kevin Carlson and Charles Vaile.

Crack Squad Cord Authorized

Ten Cadets have been authorized to wear the Crack Squad cord.

They are John Wells, Chris Wallace, Eric McAllister, Brent Collum, Clay Weiss, Robert Gibler, Joe Ingram, Joseph Dowd, Tom Keil and Jon Fisher.

Rifle Team Insignia Granted

Members of the varsity Rifle Team have been authorized to wear the citation cord and ribbon.

They are Chuck Heaney, Charles Vaile, Robert Gibler, Kevin Smith, David Lomon, Troy Erwin, Joe Ingram, Eric Borklund, Colton Perna, Mark Vernon and Dan Stabler.



NEWS

... from the past

As a monthly feature, leading to the Centennial celebration planned for Commencement 1987 to Commencement 1988, news from **The Skirmishers** of past years will be appearing on this page.

WINTER -- 1974-75

The St. John's Military School Cadet Band will march in Mardi Gras parades . . . The SJMS Foundation voted to underwrite the cost of purchasing two vans for transportation of Cadets. The Foundation purchased 600 black and orange folding chairs for use at school functions . . . The members of the faculty and staff challenged the varsity basketball team to a game . . . During the cold and flu season the St. John's infirmary, headed by Mrs. Lena Baldrige, School nurse, is a busy place. During the month of January, Mrs. Baldrige said that a total of 1,064 calls were made to the infirmary. Sometimes life gets a bit hectic when upset stomachs caused by a virus downs Cadets. Such a day was Feb. 6 when 66 boys reported to the infirmary between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. The most seriously ill were bedded down in the infirmary. The others were told to stay in bed in their rooms with the nurse making rounds to check the patients. The mess staff and nursing staff carried hot honey tea, crackers and 7-up to provide nourishment.

WINTER -- 1964-65

A special pass for all Cadets was the farewell gesture to SJMS by its departing Bishop

at a farewell dinner in Nichols Dining Hall. The Rt. Rev. Arnold M. Lewis, as president ex-officio of the SJMS trustees, requested the Commandant to give each Cadet a special pass as his last official act on their behalf . . . The Crack Squad drilled at the National Western Stock show in Denver . . . Governor William H. Avery of the State of Kansas is among six new trustees elected to the Board of St. John's Military School.

WINTER -- 1954-55

Cadets not in the proper uniform marched to church in a platoon all their own. Cadets in dress went to town via bus . . . Service uniform change is announced. The new service outfit is similar to the uniform of the U.S. Air Force . . . The first snowfall of the year turned the lawns around the barracks into a huge battleground, with snowballs coming from all directions . . . A bleacher in the gym fell during the "B" game with Brookville. The wooden supports in the back of the bleachers broke. Luckily, there were no injuries . . . The red carpet was rolled out for the Rector and three members of the Corps of Cadets by former President Harry S. Truman last week in his Kansas City office when the St. John's group called on him.

Chapel Plans Made

Activities and services in Armstrong Memorial Chapel for second semester have been announced by the Rev. Donald Davidson, Chaplain.

Sunday morning services will start at 11 a.m. unless otherwise announced. Services on Wednesday evening will be announced as planned.

Confirmation and Baptism classes began in February. The classes are for anyone who wishes to be baptized and those who wish to be confirmed a member of the Episcopal Church.

Service Schedule

Feb. 10 Morning Prayer
Feb. 17 Morning Prayer
Feb. 20 Ash Wednesday, Imposition of Ashes
Feb. 24 Holy Communion
March 3 Morning Prayer
March 24 Holy Communion
March 31 Palm Sunday Communion
April 4 Maundy Thursday service
April 5 Good Friday liturgy
April 5 Easter Vigil with Baptism and Confirmation
The Rt. Rev. John F. Ashby, celebrant
April 7 Easter Eucharist
April 14 Morning Prayer
April 21 Holy Communion
April 28 Morning Prayer
May 5 Holy Communion
May 12 Holy Communion (outdoors)
May 19 Graduation Eucharist
Bishop Ashby, celebrant

Klopfenstein Heads Third Honor Roll

Travis Klopfenstein lead the Upper School honor roll for the third grading period. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Andy Wolfe and Charles Levy.

Others named to the honor roll were Charles Vaile, Chris Wallace and Tom Cox.

Earning honorable mention were Chuck Heaney, Eric Arbach, Damen Thompson, Eric McAllister, Troy Erwin and David Dumler.

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Class of 1964 . . . Steve Erb is the Avionics/Weapons officer on the Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet staff as of July 1, 1984. It places him in the middle of the battle for resources to support the fleet. Steve, his wife, Judy, and sons, Scott, Glenn and Greg live in Virginia Beach, Va.

Class of 1969 . . . Scott Chesbro is the state manager for Continental Telephone company in Florida. He and his wife, Linda, have two children, Jason, nine, and Sarah, seven. His address is Route 3, Box 100, Marianna, Fla. 32446.

Class of 1970 . . . Marc Cartier lives in Santa Fe, N.M., and commutes to his business activities in Los Angeles, Calif. He is married and has three children, Jason, Allaana and Nicholas.

Class of 1975 . . . Abel Anaya is running a restaurant on the Beach of Joyda in Cabo Rojo, Puerto, Rico. **Ernesto Anaya** is stationed with the U.S. Army in Killeen, Texas.

Class of 1979 . . . Arnaldo and Ariel Anaya are working in Kansas City, Mo.

Class of 1981 . . . Terry Fihaley is studying psychology at Southwestern Oklahoma State. He plans to graduate in 1986. He recently had a visit with Tom Marelli in Oklahoma City. Terry's address is 910 Bradley, Trailer #1, Weatherford, Okla. 73096.

FORMER BISHOPS --

The Rt. Rev. William Davidson is still the Assistant Bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. He will continue in that position through 1985. The Davidsons wrote: "We still are struggling with when/what/where retirement will mean to us and hopefully during 1985 we will make some firm decisions."

The Rt. Rev. Arnold Lewis is living in Richmond, Va. He writes: "I've reached 80 and have taken in my shingle. In February, I will have 29 years as a bishop."

FORMER STAFF --

The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Mize Jr. is serving in the Diocese of San Joaquin, with headquarters in Fresno, Calif. He has agreed to write the material about the "Mize Years" for the SJMS Centennial book. His father, The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Mize, was the head of the School for several years in the late '20s and early '30s.

Harold Smith, a music teacher at SJMS, is attending The Episcopal Theological Seminary of Kentucky preparing to become a priest in the Episcopal Church. His wife, Christine, is teaching in the English department at the University of Kentucky.

Kemper PMS Talks To Seniors

Lt. Col. William Vowell, professor of military science, Kemper Military Junior College, Boonville, Mo., met with the senior Cadets January 28 regarding college plans following graduation.

He commented, "Your facilities here at SJMS are excellent. In my encounter with Cadets of your Corps, I consider them to be a 'cut' above all others I have encountered."

Smith Heads Middle Honor Roll

Tres Smith was named to the Middle School Honor Roll for the third grading period. He was named to the Blue Berets as were Robert Orrey and Devin Palmer.

Earning honorable mention were Joseph Smelser, Clinton Ballhagen, Mark Rountree, Lorenzo Rubio, Don Edwards, Donovan Shaw and Joseph Schubert.

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WINTER CARNIVAL FUN AND GAMES



BALL-IN-THE-GLASS TOSS Winter Carnival Held

The annual Winter Carnival was held from 3 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27 in the Baner Gymnasium.

Clubs and organizations at the School sponsor contests and games during the afternoon.

The Cadet Patrol ran the pool concession in Spencer Cadet Center. Winning the high run contest was Tom Keil. His prize was a professional breakdown pool cue.



THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE



RADAR SPEED BALL THROW

High School Aides Help Middle School

Upper School Cadets, who have proven themselves academically, are working with Cadets in the Middle School needing classroom help. The high school students aide Cadets who are not completing their assignments or need supplemental help during the seventh hour study hall.

The older Cadets see that all daily assigned work is completed and returned to the teacher. They do not work the assignments for the young Cadets.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Faerber, Academic Dean, said the high school students have a feeling of satisfaction by helping the student become more successful and that someone does care about the quality of academic work.

He added that the younger Cadets see the older boys as a friend and not just as a student with more rank.

Middle School students in the program improved their passing grades and 95 percent demonstrated marked improvement.

Middle School Cadets not completing assigned work are required to attend a supervised study hall each day from 11:10 to 11:55 a.m. Teachers assign specific work for each of these students.

Crosses Authorized

Three Cadets have been authorized to wear the Chapel Council Cross. They are Joseph Schubert, Jason Williams and Kevin Smith.

Cadets Enjoy VHS During Bad Weather

All Middle School and some Upper School Cadets have enjoyed watching the Super Bowl and movies shown on the VHS in the Opportunity Room of Parkview Hall during the cold and snowy weather in January.

The room is open after school and during the evening on a scheduled basis.

Squad Leaders Pass Exams

Several Cadets satisfactorily passed the squad leader examination.

Earning the top scores were Clay Weiss, Drew Moldenhauer, John Scott and Darrin Graham.

Others passing were Mario Alcedo, Larry Bedard, Ricky Card, Tom Crawley, Andrew Frome, Robert Gibler, James Hunt, Eric McAllister, Shawn Olseen and Jeffrey Walz.

Band Plays At KW Game

The Cadet Band, directed by Cadet band master Tom Keil, performed and provided the music for a Kansas Wesleyan basketball game in Salina, Feb. 6.

Mrs. Wendy Stein, instrumental music teacher, said the performance gave the band a chance to "show off" and to watch a college game.

The band will be competing in the Post Rock League Instrumental clinic in April.

Staff Changes Made

Kevin Huckaby and John Wells have been assigned to duty with "B" company. A training cadre for the new Cadets enrolled at the beginning of the second semester is under the care of Paul DeSanto, NCOIC, and Brian Camren, Assistant NCOIC. David Dumler has been assigned duty as the S-4, unit armorer.

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SHOOTING A BASKET is junior Cadet Jim Gilmore, one of the leading scorers on the Cadet basketball team.

BASKETBALL SCORES

SJMS -- 46 Miltonvale -- 51 **SJMS -- 50 Ell-Saline -- 63**

A pair of juniors almost pulled out SJMS's first basketball victory of the year, but a fourth-quarter spurt earned Miltonvale a 51-46 victory.

Juniors Jon Kelly and Jim Gilmore led a 20-point third quarter rally that gave the Cadets a 23-23 tie. Kelly had 18 points and Gilmore 14 to lead the Cadets.

SJMS -- 20 Bennington -- 69

In the season opener, the following Cadets scored - Cox, 1; Kelly, 6; Slupski, 2; Lossman, 5; Riley, 2; Coughlin, 4.

SJMS -- 40 Glasco -- 63

Kelly had ten points to lead the Cadets in the game. Others scoring were Gilmore, 7; Lossman, 8; Coughlin, 4; Slupski, 3; Cox, 2; and Riley, 2.

The Cadets' were led by Gilmore's 18 points and Slupski's 10.

SJMS -- 34 Miltonvale -- 61

St. John's was paced by 10 points from Cox. Others scoring were Wells, 8; Gilmore, 4; Lossman, 4; Riley, 2; Baker, 2; Slupski, 3; and Rountree, 1.

SJMS -- 57 Tescott -- 91

In losing to Tescott, Jon Kelly scored 21 points and Jim Gilmore tallied 15. Others scoring were Tom Cox, 6; Brad Slupski, 6; Bob Lossman, 7; and Kelly Coughlin, 2.

Early Furlough Leaves Not Allowed

Spring furlough will begin at 4 p.m., Friday, March 8. Lt. Col. Paul H. Kellogg, Commandant, said early departures will not be approved. There will be no exceptions to the rule.

Cadets leaving early and returning late receive "zeros" for all classes not attended.

Services for charter bus and air transportation are available. Mrs. Doris McConnell, Commandant's secretary, will make arrangements if patrons ask for the service.

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★ PROMOTIONS ★

The following promotions have been made since the last issue of *The Skirmisher*.

Promoted to:

MAJOR — Jon Fisher, Joe Dowd, Tom Keil.

CAPTAIN — Thomas Bolig, Wayne Tattershall, Raul Carbonell.

FIRST LIEUTENANT — Chris Wallace, Chuck Vaile, Lynn Bogue, Tom Cox.

SECOND LIEUTENANT — Brad Slupski, Mark Vernon, Tom Crawley, Fernando Saracho.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR — William Crandell.

MASTER SERGEANT — Paul DeSanto, Ricky Card, Ken Croslin.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS — Darrin Graham, John Scott, Andrew Frome, Drew Moldenhauer, Robert Gibler, Michael Shaw, Mario Alcedo, Heath McMillian, Troy Paschal.

FIRST SERGEANT — Shawn Olseen.

STAFF SERGEANT — Kevin Kane, David Lomon, Mark Cerney, Robert Wachal, Brian Camren, Luis Siles, Eric McAllister, William Hayes, Steven Roberson, Charles Levy.

SERGEANT — Brent Colium, Troy Erwin, Eric Borklund, Michael Hadley, Jim Rust, Joseph Smelser, David Gambetta, Joe Ingram, Kelly Willms, Jeff Baker, Brooks Mowry, Adam Roeseler, Cabell Gillespie, Shayne Bukowsky, Sean Sullivan, Kevin Smith, Joe Duerksen, Michael Daniel.

CORPORAL — Richard Wilson, Ralph McCullough, Derek Schell, Tim Kyle, Joseph Schubert, Wade Snider, Donovan Shaw, Curtis Bolden, Steven Green, Stuart Maxwell, Darrin Jones, Keith Schaebehal.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS — Robert Orrey, Brad Heritage, Michael Morrow, Scott Brent, Jackie Dougan, Ricky Nelson.

PRIVATE OLD BOY — Jason Mumford, Jason Wilson, Jason Hamilton.

Companies Honored

A company is selected each week for honors. The award is based on the care of barracks and grounds, personal inspections, conduct and drill formations.

Charlie company earned the award for two weeks -- Jan. 14-18 and Nov. 26-30.

Bravo earned the honor for the period from Dec. 8-14 and Alpha picked up the award for Dec. 1-7.

Named November Waiter

Michael Daniel was named the waiter-of-the-month for November for his outstanding service and performance of duties in Nichols Dining Hall.

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New Cadets Join Corps

A number of new Cadets enrolled in the 97th Corps of Cadets at the beginning of the second semester.

They are Scot Angus, freshman, Aurora, Colo.; Paul Arnold, freshman, Omaha, Neb.; Mark Baird, freshman, Oklahoma City; Mark Bleckmann, eighth grade, Ponca City, Okla.; Scott Brand, sophomore, Sparta, Mich.; Russell Butenschoen, freshman, Little Rock, Ark.; Jeffrey Cerciello, junior, Laguna Hills, Calif.; James Crowley, junior, Evergreen, Colo., and Eric Eisenman, junior, Conifer, Colo.

Others are Scott Fretwell, eighth grade, Junction City, Kas.; James Jones, sixth grade, Anchor Point, Alaska; Keith Logan, freshman, Englewood, Colo.; Cameron Miles, freshman, Denver, Colo.; Douglas Otto, freshman, Lenexa, Kas.; Mitchell Pashia, sophomore, DeSoto, Mo.; Ronald Pniak, sophomore, Austin, Tex.; Chad Simms, sophomore, Topeka, Kas.; Donald Smith, fifth grade, Seoul, Korea; Lawrence Swisher, freshman, Abilene, Kas.; Val Taylor, fifth grade, Birmingham, Ala.; and Toby Timken, junior, Boulder, Colo.

Orange Team Takes Fourth

The Orange team placed fourth in the 12th annual shoulder-to-shoulder Rifle match at Leavenworth high school, Leavenworth, Kas.

Members of the team were Charles Vaile, Mark Vernon, Robert Gibler and Chuck Heaney.

The Black team, firing as novice shooters in competition, did not place but were commended for their professionalism on the range. The team members were Troy Erwin, Eric Borklund, Joe Ingram, David Lomon, Colton Perna, Dan Stabler and Kevin Smith.

Coach William Bunting said a first exists on the Rifle team this year, or at least a first in the last 20 years. Colton Perna, an eighth grade Middle School Cadet, is a member of the team and is shooting in the fifth posi-

Honors 3 Seniors

Three Senior Cadets were honored at the University of Kansas Alumni Association Honors banquet and program at the Salina Country Club, Feb. 6.

They were Jon Fisher, William Charles Heaney and John Andrew Wolfe.

Academic standing in the upper ten percent of the senior class is the statewide criterion for a Kansas Honor scholar.

Also earning an award at the local banquet was Tweed Ross III, son of old boy Tweed Ross, Class of 1961, of Lincoln, Kan.

Each honored student receives a certificate and an "American Heritage Dictionary". A KU alum, Frank G. Crowell, left more than \$2 million to the Kansas University Endowment association in his will to establish a scholarship fund and an unrestricted opportunity fund at KU. Proceeds from this fund are used to provide the dictionaries and support the local banquets.

Introducing the Cadets was Mrs. Keith G. Duckers, KU Class of '55 and wife of the SJMS president.

tion in competition with the other 12 members of the team.

The team fired in a National Rifle Association sectional match Feb. 7 in Leavenworth, Kas. Results will be available at a later date. Making the trip were Borklund, Erwin, Gibler, Heaney, Ingram, Lomon, Smith, Perna, Stabler, Vaile and Vernon.

The team will fire a double match against the Manhattan Rifle club and the Kansas State Rifle team in Manhattan, Kas. Feb. 14.

The SJMS group is entered in the Little Camp Perry match at Kemper Military School, Boonville, Mo., Feb. 22.

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Patrons, Old Boys Promote SJ

Several new Cadets have been enrolled in the 97th Corps recently as a result of referrals from patrons and old boys of the School.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, said, "It seems that we have had an unusually large number of boys referred to us recently by former cadets, present and former patrons and friends of the School as compared to those who enroll strictly as a result of our various forms of advertising."

He added, "A continuing flow of new boys is essential life blood to the success of any military school."