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USD Losing ROTC Program

Cuts Caused By Downsizing, 'Fiscal Developments'

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VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota's ROTC program is being eliminated. University officials were informed Wednesday by the U.S. Army Cadet Command that the school will be among 13 in the nation that will no longer have a Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

The programs are being eliminated due to downsizing and "other fiscal developments," said LTC Ross Nelson, professor of military science at USD.

Local reactions are those of "shock and disappointment," Nelson said.

"I think overall the university just kind of feels like they didn't have a say in what was happening," he said.

Not all of the cadets have been told yet, but Nelson said he planned to do so Friday morning during physical training.

"There (were) no indications that the closings were made because of lack of support," Nelson said. "The school has been great to the program. The program has continued to produce quality lieutenants for the Army. It's just more of a representation across the U.S. of

what areas had overrepresentation for ROTC programs based on population density."

Currently, the program is slated to continue through the end of the academic year 2015.

"Cadets that are in the program that have graduated by that time will receive their commissions here from USD," Nelson said.

Cadets who are scheduled to graduate after May 2015 will be given the option to transfer to other universities that have ROTC programs, Nelson said.

"Their benefits of scholarship will follow them to the university that they want to go to," he said. "If they lose credits in the transfer, if

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Suspects Sought In Scotland Vandalism

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SCOTLAND — Authorities are searching for those responsible for an apparent vandalism spree Wednesday night in Scotland.

A Scotland bus company confirmed it was one of the parties targeted for smashed windows, apparently during the overnight hours.

Nathan Meyer of B-J School Buses, whose company provides transportation for schools on a contract basis, said two buses were hit by vandalism.

"One of them had five windows broken, and the other had three," he said, adding that one bus also had its windshield damaged.

The buses were parked on an outside lot, Meyer said. He first noticed the smashed windows Thursday morning, leading him to believe the vandalism occurred sometime Wednesday night.

"We had spare buses, so we used them for our (Thursday)

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Yankton Native Helps Pierre School Grab Top Award

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PIERRE — He may not teach every day, but the Rev. Kristopher Cowles has played a key role in St. Joseph School's selection for the National Blue Ribbon Award.

The honor signifies that the Pierre-based Catholic school is one of the top 50 parochial schools in the nation, said Yankton native Cowles.

"They choose 250 public schools and 50 parochial schools for the award," he said. "Sioux Falls O'Gorman has been the only other parochial school in the state chosen as a Blue Ribbon School."

The national recognition shows St. Joseph students have achieved the level of academic rock stars, Cowles said. "Our students' Dakota STEP test scores were mostly in the 95th to 99th percentile," he noted.

Cowles has provided tremendous support both in and out of the classroom, said St. Joseph principal Darlene Braun.

"Father Kristopher is a wonderful priest, confidant and friend," she said. "He is always available to lend a hand or an ear when needed. My job as principal is easier because of him."

St. Joseph's students have shown they are winners in the classroom, but Cowles also works to mold them as winners in life. "What I hope to bring into (their lives) is Jesus," he said.

Cowles teaches religious classes once a week at St. Joseph's, and students attend Mass twice a week. Each class in grades 1-4 attends Mass on a designated day, then the entire student body — including kindergarten — attend Mass together on Fridays.

Cowles took the students' Christian faith to the next level, putting it into practice for everyday life.

"Our discipline (at school) wasn't going well," he said. "We started up a program having students be Kids of Christ. I said that all of us are called to pattern our lives after Jesus. We told the kids to ask the question, 'What would Jesus do?'"

In turn, students were challenged to treat each other in a Christian manner, Cowles said. They were told to compliment and boost each other — much like filling up a bucket.

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Putting It All Together



Yankton High School students learn about plant operations at Baldwin Filters Thursday in Yankton. The business was one of many to host tours to YHS students as part of South Dakota Manufacturing Week.

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YHS Students Get An Inside Look At Local Manufacturers

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part of a series of articles exploring Yankton's manufacturing industry during South Dakota Manufacturing Week.

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Yankton High School students got a chance Thursday to see how technical education and manufacturing come together.

As part of South Dakota Manufacturing Week, more than 450 students visited local businesses to learn more about their operations and the types of jobs offered in the industries.

"We wanted our students to see what is available in Yankton and get ideas about future careers," YHS Principal Jennifer Johnke told the *Press & Dakotan* on Wednesday. "A lot of times they see the buildings of these manufacturers and don't know what goes on there. It's a wonderful opportunity for them."

Businesses that held tours Thursday included Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc.; L&M Radiator; Truxedo; Shur-co; Applied Engineering; Vishay; Gehl Company; Dakota



Trailer; Mtron PTI; and Baldwin Filters.

At Baldwin Filters, nearly 100 students were led through the plant, which employs approximately 200 people and covers 280,000 square feet, including the \$28 million, 110-square-foot expansion completed last year. The company produces a variety of filtration products, including a

new heavy-duty spin-on filter line made possible by the expansion.

The students saw each phase of the assembly process in action, beginning with raw materials and ending with the final painting of the products.

"It was pretty cool," student Alex Good Cane Milk said. "I got to see a lot of different things. I didn't think fuel filters came in all different shapes and sizes."

In addition to offering information about the

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'A Sad Day': Former USD Dean Dies



DAVID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK
John A. Day, who served as dean of USD's College of Fine Arts from 1980 through 2004, addresses the last summer commencement exercise of the university held in July 2009. Day died last weekend in a Sioux Falls hospital.

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VERMILLION — A former dean of USD's College of Fine Arts has died.

John A. Day, who served as dean from 1980 to 2004, died this weekend in a Sioux Falls hospital.

"It is very sad," said Dr. Larry Schou, the current dean of the College of Fine Arts. "I know he has been seriously ill for several months now. He was a great friend and colleague. ..."

"It's a sad day for the college and, I think, for the fine arts community of South Dakota because he was so well-connected to arts organizations across the state," he said.

Schou said Day had been dealing with heart problems over the past several years.

"I'm not sure what happened, what took him finally," Schou said. "It was an up-and-down situation."

Day held a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Notre Dame, and joined USD in 1976 after serving on the faculty at Mount Marty College in Yankton.

"His whole heart and mind were in South Dakota for the betterment of the arts. That's a thing for all of us to remember."

LARRY SCHOU

He served as art department chair at USD until he became dean in 1980. He also served as vice president for academic affairs in 1984-1985.

In addition to this, Day served as director of the University Art Galleries from 1977-2009, during which time he curated more than 50 major exhibitions.

He also was curator of the USD Oscar Howe Collection, the world's largest collection of work by the artist. As part of this role, Day lectured and wrote on the life and art of Howe for more than 30 years, and organized more than 20 Howe exhibitions.

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