

Growth with Quality

Approximately a year ago, the Camden Military Academy Board of Trustees, at the request of the headmaster, decided to make the Academy a 300 cadet school. Pursuant to the Board's decision, we immediately began to implement our plan to increase enrollment. Implementation involved recruiting new cadets, building the physical facilities to house and educate them, adding the personnel necessary to accommodate the increased numbers, and continuing to improve all aspects of the Academy programs and quality of living.

Owing to the high demand for the Academy's educational services and to the fine efforts of the Development Office and other responsible persons, recruitment has been highly successful. We opened this school year with 281 cadets. That number now stands at 310. It is our goal to be the best 300 cadet military school in the United States. We have no plans to expand beyond that number.

Construction is proceeding in a timely manner. Cadets will soon move into a comfortable new 12,000 square foot barracks. Two temporary classroom buildings have been added, pending new construction. The three to five-year building plan includes an auditorium, chapel, and classroom complex which will house English, humanities, and fine arts in one department; a new gymnasium (the old one will be maintained); and a spacious new or refurbished dining hall with a modern kitchen.

New personnel to accommodate the increased enrollment have already been added--an English and a mathematics instructor, both with excellent credentials. Other faculty will be hired as necessary to keep our classes at 16 students to 1 teacher or below.

In order to improve quality, academic programs are always under review. In the near term, graduation requirements are going to increase. New independent Advanced Placement courses will be offered. Future plans include fully resourced art programs and drama being added to the curriculum. We want to increase extracurricular opportunities as well with such offerings as chess, foreign language, and science clubs.

Our athletic programs are also being adjusted and expanded. The soccer schedule is being moved to spring to allow greater participation by cadets. This year's team will christen the new soccer field. Moreover, the



Colonel William K. Orris, Headmaster

Academy will have a lacrosse team for the first time this spring. In addition, a swimming team is in the planning stages and will be formed when schedules can be arranged.

We are very pleased that our master plan is being implemented successfully so that the Academy can offer its unique educational opportunities to a larger number of young men; and we are committed to maintaining and improving the quality of our physical plant, our academic and athletic programs, our faculty and staff, and our corps of cadets. Doing so will preserve our status in the top tier of military schools in the United States.