



Reveille

Hall of Honor

By Jerry Thomas

The 2006 Hall of Honor festivities will kick off on the evening of February 17 with the annual Cadet Corps Alumni Chapter dinner and meeting. The next morning on Saturday, February 18, the honorees will be formally inducted. This year's honorees are:

David J. Anderson (class of 1968)

Clifton A. Potter (class of 1963)

Ronald M. Rendleman (class of 1963)

Please plan to join us on both days. You do not need to be a member of the CCAC to attend either event.

In other news, **COL George C. McDowell** was one of the honorees this year at the UTA Distinguished Alumni Gala. COL McDowell was nominated for the honor by the Military Science Department and CCAC and was one of last year's inductees to the Military Science Hall of Honor.

Recruiter's Report

By LTC Kevin R. Smith

We have 125 cadets for the fall of 2005; 53 of those are new faces in the program. There were 5 nurses last spring; there are 14 on the initial rolls this fall. We have 11 on Army scholarships (7 line and 4 nurse) compared to 7 last fall. To sum it up, we're doing well. But we don't want "well," we want "outstanding." We envision the Maverick Battalion to be the #1 Battalion in Cadet Command, producing the next crop of generals and political leaders. We want UTA to be on the map of every high school in the nation. The continued recruiting efforts on the part of the alumni will help us to achieve that mission one day.

Our mission each year is to make 13 regular, 2LTs, and 1 nurse. Last year we finished with 13 regular 2LTs. Next year we are on track to make as many as 17 2LTs and 1 nurse.

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Do You Remember?



Coming Events:

**2006 CCAC
Annual Dinner
Fri., February 17**

**2006 Military
Science
Hall of Honor
Sat. February 18**

For more information
about either event call
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Football Tradition

By Bunky Garonzik



An Enduring Legacy: By Sally Claunch and Jason Hoskins, *The Shorthorn Staff*

"When we dropped football, it was one of the most emotional situations that I had ever been through, lots of people literally cried over it." Football for Texans is a passionate subject, and emotions ran high for college football in Arlington. UTA football survived, and at times thrived, through four stadium changes, four mascot changes and low attendance. "At the time of the termination," Bill Reeves said, "the public relations for the Dallas Cowboys had done so well that the media in the area were ignoring college football."

The pain of ending football also affected the university community, especially the man who killed the program. President Wendell Nedderman said he was greatly disappointed that he had to end football here. "For 13 years, I tried to make football a viable program. But the students didn't seem to want it, or weren't willing to support it by attending. We made a decision, and the Board of Regents agreed."

Low attendance and burdensome financial cost forced Nedderman to end the program. Attendance began to drop sharply after the 1969 season; the program was costing about \$850,000 each season.

The Glory Days

Former students, especially from the 1950s and 1960s, had more than an average team to watch. The football program at Arlington State College, a junior college, reached a high point in 1956. ASC won the Junior Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA, defeating Compton College 20-13. After that game, Arlington students

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- Theron R. Arrington*
Billy J. Blankenship
Ruth M. Boyd
David R. Braden
Ernest L. Brister
J.C. Brown, Jr.
Fred U. Campos
Miguel E. Castillo
Lloyd C. Clark
J.J. Collmer
James P. Coughlin
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Jean A. Deakayne
Paul S. Faidley
Daniel L. French
David H. Gaines
Allan Garonzik
George B. Garrett
Brian M. Gellman
Sheldon J. Gerron
John R. Glaze
Wayne E. Glenn
Boyd D. Goldman
Everette E. Gray
Ronald L. Harris
Herman Harrison
William H. Herndon
Gary C. Hitt
James F. Hollingsworth
Jerry B. Houston
Roger D. Kannady
Jimmie A. Kepler
Mark T. Lamkin
Mark B. Latham
Rex H. Latham
Willard Latham
Mikio E. Ludwig
Gene G. Lunt
Mark D. Martin
James T. Mathis
Elizabeth R. McAbee
Charles McDowell
George C. McDowell
Darrin P. Milner
Michael W. Morrow
Nickey Naumovich
William W. Neal
Wendell H. Nedderman
Michael W. Parker
William Postlethwaite
Clifton A. Potter
R. Zack Prince
Jimmie A. Redden
Ronald M. Rendleman
Orlando L. Reyes
Robert R. Roten
Charlie E. Seyster
James S. Sibley
Kenneth E. Smith
Kevin R. Smith
Larry D. Smith
William C. Sonricker
Mark C. Stevens
Jerry and Betty Thomas
Edward H. Thompson
Elmus S. Ussery
Andrew C. Ward
Joel H. Ward
Gene H. Weidemeyer
Elmer G. White
Jerry E. Whitehead
Martin B. Woodruff
James E. Wright

More Bunky's Capers

By Bunky Garonzik

This little caper in from Martha (Maude) Sellers:
And you thought Starch was only used to press your shirts

...You're right, we should all be in jail. Of course, I thought that was where I was going after Ronnie and Joe Billy gave me that box of Faultless Starch with a cherry bomb in it for our dorm mother. (Technically, the professional pyrotechnics call it a Babbo Bomb.) Her name was Mrs. Peyton...hence the name Peyton Place for the dorm. Yep, the next morning, the FBI was there wanting to talk to several of us. Naturally, I was one of the first ones questioned. And why was that? Anyway, it was actually me and Nancy Horn, who we called some sort of "Street Language" nickname, and I can't for the life of me remember why now. Neither one of us smoked so we had this big argument over who would or could light the cigarette without coughing. We'd have been okay if Nancy had set the thing in the floor as planned, but she set it on the dining room



table. Well, it blew the back off one of the chairs and made it look a lot worse than it was. Nobody ever admitted to anything, but they kicked 4 of us out of the dorm. I was President of my sorority and Secretary of the Senior Class, so this didn't look good. Mom was all excited when I said I wanted to live my senior year at home and commute. That was until she got the letter from the college saying I had been kicked out of the dorm. Who knew they sent those things? On top of that, it was many years after Ronnie and I were married that we actually told her that Ronnie had made the "starch bomb" in the first place. Poor Memaw. I think our kids turned out pretty well, considering.

Editor's note: Seems that the guys were not the only ones to have a little fun! Martha (now goes by Marty) has a talent management group and is responsible for the early success of Leanne Rimes. She is now working with recording star Kristie Lee who plays weekly at Cowboys in Arlington.

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Editor's Note

We depend on you, our members, to drop us a note telling us what you are doing these days. Our thanks to all of you guys who have kept in touch with us. Our readers are always delighted to hear about their classmates.

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TAPS

Allan E. Jenson passed away suddenly at his home in Burke, VA, on August 18, 2005. He was a member of the Sam Houston Rifles (1958-60) and was one of the 12 "Marchers" who made the Arlington to Fort Hood 6-day hike in 1960.



Charles Key, a 22-season football coach (1964-85) and head golf coach (1974-76) at UTA, passed away at home in Arlington on August 19, 2005.

Richard Raines, a Commander of the Sam Houston Rifles (1983-87) passed away in September of 2005 after a prolonged battle with leukemia.



Recruiting officer, **Kevin R. Smith**, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in February of 2005.

CPT Joel Coleman was reassigned to Fort Leavenworth. New to the department is **MAJ Rick Diaz**, assistant to the PMS.

Commissioned on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, at UTA:

2LT Jesse E. Ogor, Finance Corps, Reserve Forces Duty.

2LT Larimen T. Wallace II, Unassigned, Reserve Forces Duty.

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(the Jodies) dismantled the goal posts, brought them home, and erected them in front of the Student Center.

Arlington College went back undefeated to the Bowl the next year, beating Cerritos Junior College, 21-12. In 1963, the college joined the Southland Conference.

The only national championship the team won was in 1967 in the Pecan Bowl in Abilene over North Dakota in a game where the wind chill reached 20 degrees below zero.

Mascot Controversy

The team changed mascots as many times as it changed stadiums, another factor that supporters of the team say led to its demise. Four colleges sat on the same plot of land that UTA has occupied since 1917, and all of them had a football program. The first school was Grubbs Vocational College—mascot, the Grubworms. The name then changed to the Hornets in 1921. In 1923 the school became North Texas Agricultural College. In 1940 the school became Arlington State College and its mascot was the Rebels. But as the civil rights movement picked up steam, some students became offended with the mascot name. Confederate flags were waved at the games to support the team, and tension increased. Soon the Rebel theme was gone and the Maverick in place.

The End

Attendance declined again in the 1980s. In 1985 average attendance was 5,600—with a team record of 4-6-1. The team had winning records only in 1981 and 1984.

“Football became not a priority for our students. We would look over at the student side of the stadium and it was so embarrassing, because the fraternities weren’t there and ROTC that used to always be there wasn’t there. The band was there, but at half time when the band took the field, there was nobody on the student side.”

The bottom line

Pay to Play: By Brad Rollins *The Shorthorn Staff*
 Referendum supporters couldn’t agree more that sports expansion is about money. But three student senators pushing the initiative say it’s about how much money it will bring in, not lose. They argue that the university has found limited success in nurturing a “traditional” college atmosphere long seen as the institution’s ticket to the big-time: more students, more money, more prestige. But efforts are hollow if “atmosphere” manufactured in administrators’ offices is used as an artificial substitute for spirit bubbling up from students, the senators argue.

In 2005, the reintroduction of UTA football was again turned down.

Cadets and Football: By Joel H. Ward

Students at Arlington State College/The University of Texas at Arlington back in the ’50s through the ’80s, are aware of one consistent thread—the rivalry between the football team and the ROTC cadets. It was a competition

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Where Are They Now?

LTC Lester Simpson

After graduation from UTA, Lester accepted a commission in the Texas Army National Guard. He served as a Mortar Platoon Leader, Mechanized Infantry Platoon Leader, Company XO, Company Commander, Equal Opportunity Advisor, BN S-4, BN S-3, BN XO, BN Commander (Bradley), Brigade XO, and Division G-5. He was sent to Bosnia in Feb 2000 for 10 months, mobilized again in 2003 for Homeland Defense. He commanded multistate



National Guard soldiers providing force protection at 4 Army and 9 Air Force sites in Washington, Oregon, and California. July 11, 2005 his division headquarters was activated to provide augmenters to work in NATO Headquarters in Sarajevo, Pristina Kosovo, and Skopje Macedonia. His division will be deployed for 18 months; a third deployment in five years! Lester recently completed the U.S. Army War College Distance Education program and graduated July 29, 2005. He received a Master’s of Strategic Studies with his War College diploma.

When not deployed, Lester works for UPS, operating the Revenue Recovery Department in the Mesquite/Dallas Facility. He and his wife, Antoinette, reside in Rowlett Texas. Their son, JR, is stationed in Germany and recently completed a 1- year tour in Iraq. Son, Joseph, resides and works in Garland; son, Nathan, is attending school in San Antonio; daughter, Morgan, attends Sache High School.

Miguel Castillo

Miguel Castillo was first assigned to UTA in 1986 as Sergeant First Class. He completed a UTA degree in Criminology prior to his 1992 military retirement with 22 years of distinguished service. Miguel worked at many positions within UTA before returning, as a civilian, to a military position. Though offered other, higher-graded, civil service positions outside Texas, Miguel’s heart remained with the UTA Cadet Corps. He continues to work, taking pride in sharing the lessons of his military experience with cadets.



Miguel had key roles in supporting tasks for the Panama Treaty Implementation while assigned to the Logistics Support Command, 193d Infantry Brigade at Corozal, Panama, in the early 1980s, in preparation for the turnover of the canal. Miguel brought together a diverse military and civilian staff and was widely respected for his commitment, enthusiasm, and leadership. As a direct link to the civilian rental community in Panama, he played a vital role in helping Army families obtain scarce housing and, as the Housing Referral Officer Counselor and Mediator, assisting with landlord-tenant disputes. Miguel considers his task of finding affordable, adequate, and safe housing for soldiers in Panama City to be one of them most challenging—and rewarding—aspects of his career.

Miguel Castillo and his wife, Myriam, have two children, and two grandsons. *(Thomas Petersen, U.S. Army, Alaska)*

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for recognition, appreciation, and, frankly, girlfriends. It was good for both groups and for ASC/UTA overall. That rivalry was real. And yet, one of the little known facts in the history of this university is how strongly the cadets supported the football team on the field. Being there both, as a cadet in the late '50s and early '60s and also privileged to return as the Professor of Military Science in the early '80s, I saw it first hand. Although UTA's name and logo had changed (from Arlington State College-Rebels to The University of Texas at Arlington-Mavericks), one of the lesser known facts was that despite the football/ROTC rivalry, the cadets were clearly the most vocal supporters at football games. They sat with their dates in a special section in the eastern stands. The cadets usually stood for the entire game mirroring the "twelfth man" tradition we inherited from Texas A&M. When the team scored, tradition also dictated that cadets could also score by kissing their dates. This remained a tradition until football at UTA was no more.

As military professor, I have two favorite stories involving the cadets and football. The first is about the Carlisle Cannons. The Carlisle Cannons attended all home games and some away games. At home games, four of the six cannons would be positioned in the southeast corner of the stadium facing away from the field before the start of the game. The Cannons marked each home team score by one gun firing a training round (lots of noise and no projectile). The explosion really inspired the team and the student body. In the fall of 1984, we strongly promoted maximum cadet attendance at our homecoming game. The turnout was very good. The ROTC cadre and their wives were also there. I remember my wife, Sue, and I entering our stadium from the south gate. As I passed the Carlisle Cannons in the southeast corner of the field, I stopped to talk with our proud cannoners. They popped to attention with pride. The commander showed me what they planned to do. As I listened, a question came to mind. I asked him, "Why are our cannons pointing away from the field?" The answer was, "Sir, Major Applewhite instructed us to do it this way." The cadet explained that they were concerned that the concussion of the training ammunition might disturb the people in the glass enclosure of the press box. I thought about it for a moment and told the commander to turn the guns back toward the field. Then, when the team made its first

score, they should fire the one training round in that direction and resume the old position. *As a former honor guard commander at Fort Gordon, Georgia, I knew that the Army required training rounds to be safe if fired more than 100 feet from plate glass.*



Sue and I joined the cadets and cadre in the eastern stands. The cadets were cheering the football team with great enthusiasm and the audience followed the cadets' lead. Then our team scored a touchdown. **BOOM !!!!** The audience went totally silent for about 3 seconds. The glass in the press box rattled. The game announcer broke the silence by inadvertently exclaiming over the public address system, "What the hell was that!" As the crowd

realized what had happened, they laughed and cheered even louder. Major Applewhite turned and said, "Sir, I told the cannons to point the other way. I'll take care of it..." He started toward the cannons. I stopped him and told him to hold and watch. Sure enough, the Carlisle Cannons, as ordered, turned the guns around. As he looked at me with a question mark on his face, I asked him, "Do you think the crowd knows, now, who the Carlisle Cannons are?" He grinned. The proud cadets had another Carlisle Cannon story to add to their legacy. Not one

complaint was received from the UTA administration concerning the **BIG BANG**.

A very moving story involving cadets, football, and homecoming happened in 1985. The Military Science Hall of Honor had existed for only five years. The Hall of Honor induction ceremonies were held in the fall on the same weekend as the homecoming football game. Each year the UTA Alumni Association would select an alumni group to honor at half time. This year, with a little encouragement, the Alumni Board of Directors chose the Sam Houston Rifles, and 570 former Jodies filled the eastern stands. At halftime, the Jodies, including wheelchair-bound Billy Smith, formed at the north goal post and marched onto the field. The crowd stood and applauded. Words cannot describe the emotion of that moment. It was so good to see these returning Jodies, to recognize each of them, and to see the tears in their eyes as they received a standing ovation from the school they loved.

Billy was one of the more memorable returnees. A fellow cadet who did not complete the program, he joined the Army as an enlisted man. Billy was so frail that he could not withstand the cold weather, so it was arranged for him to view the game from the press box. Instead, he insisted on rolling onto the field at half time, taking his rightful place with fellow Jodies. About two years later, Billy died as a result of his wounds. Little did we know at that time that this was the last homecoming football game at UTA.

Joel Ward asks, "Just where are those goal posts that we brought back from Pasadena in 1956?"