



Reveille

James Spaniolo
UTA President

News From The Front
By LTC George Shuplinkov

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James D. Spaniolo was appointed UTA's seventh president in November of 2003. He took office in February and began reaching out to map a course for UTA's future. Boosting research and private support for the state's seventh largest university are among his priorities.



President Spaniolo's experience in higher education, law, philanthropy, politics and journalism make him uniquely qualified to lead a teaching, research, and public service institution like UTA. Before assuming the

UTA presidency, he was dean of Michigan State University's College of Communication Arts and Sciences. There he oversaw an enrollment increase of more than 1,000 students and helped establish the James H. and Mary B. Quello Center for Telecommunication Management and Law by rais-

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It seems like it was only yesterday that the fall semester started in the Maverick Battalion and now it's spring. I'd like to highlight some of our accomplishments during the fall semester. The Corps of Cadets continued training in their respective military science levels during the semester and culminated in the capstone Field Training Exercise (FTX) at Camp Wolters with emphasis in day and night land navigation, a confidence/leadership course, a 10K road march, and live fire weapons qualification with the M16 rifle. We participated in the cadet command sponsored 12th Bde Ranger Challenge at Camp Bullis near San Antonio with two teams. The teams placed ninth and tenth out of 22 overall; all of the Ranger Challenge events are directly linked to requirements at the National Advanced Leadership Course (NALC).

We participated in honoring Mr. Zack Prince at UTA's Distinguished Alumni

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DAVIS HALL (Part 1)

By Bunky Garonzik

Once located on the most northeastern point on the UTA Campus, Davis Hall (now Brazos House) has withstood the test of time and, by all rights, should be designated a historical landmark. Yes, the name has changed over the years, and other buildings on campus have taken the name Davis Hall, but the "real" Davis Hall lives on. As a matter of fact, it will always be there. It is indestructible and can't be torn down. Lord knows, throughout time, many have tried and failed. Designated a military dorm for decades, Davis Hall was the temporary home for scores of cadets in the ROTC program. The footprint of the building actually forms a large L, made up of four cubes, or ramps. The ramp forming the apex of the L had no back door. The structure is steel. The walls are concrete. The floors are granite. Added strength was gained through a honeycomb space between the ramps. Access between the ramps was only possible by leaving the building and entering the bottom floor of another ramp. **Not so fast, Scott Leidolf!** The steel medicine cabinets were easily removed, and a nimble cadet could scamper between the walls of the different ramps, but I'm getting a little ahead of myself.

Young folks are impressionable, and when I came to Arlington State College in the spring semester of 1961, I was no exception. I wanted to fit in. A room on C Ramp was assigned, and I met a guy who would become the first of my three roommates at Davis Hall. Mike Ellis was a tall skinny kid from Temple, Texas, with big glasses, lots of teeth, and a head that resembled a cantaloupe. Many of the ROTC types had the

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CCAC Life Members

CCAC – Ambassadors Of UTA

- Raymond and Pat Andrae
- Theron R. Arrington
- Billy J. Blankenship
- Ruth M. Boyd
- David R. Braden
- Ernest L. Brister
- JC Brown, Jr.
- Miguel E. Castillo
- Lloyd C. Clark
- J.J. Collmer
- James P. Coughlin
- Gerald D. Cox
- Robert J. Darrab
- Jean A. Deakayne
- Paul S. Faidley
- Daniel L. French
- David H. Gaines
- Allan Garonzik
- Sheldon J. Gerron
- Wayne E. Glenn
- 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 B. Latham
- Rex H. Latham
- Willard Latham
- Mikio E. Ludwig
- Gene G. Lunt
- Mark D. Martin
- James T. Mathis
- Elizabeth R. McAbee
- Charles McDowell
- Darren P. Milner
- Michael W. Morrow
- Wendell H. Nedderman
- Michael W. Parker
- William Postlethwaite
- Clifton A. Potter
- R. Zack Prince
- Jimmie A. Redden
- Robert R. Roten
- Charlie E. Seyster
- Kenneth E. Smith
- Kevin R. Smith
- Larry D. Smith
- Jerry and Betty Thomas
- Elmus S. Ussery
- Andrew C. Ward
- Joel H. Ward
- Gene H. Weidemeyer
- Elmer G. White
- Jerry E. Whitehead
- Martin B. Woodruff

CCAC is dedicated to the growth of the Cadet Corps at UTA. Functions such as the annual Hall of Honor serve to strengthen the bonds between the alumni, the cadets, and UTA, by recognizing leadership achievements, both military and civilian. UTA traditions inspire the cadets, honor the alumni, and gain prestige for the University. As the Military Science Department continues to grow and attract outstanding students, traditions like the Sam Houston Rifles can be revived, providing unique benefits to the University.

CCAC's goals for the next few years are centered on supporting UTA and the Military Science Department by providing scholarship money for future cadets and by preserving the history and tradition of the Cadet Corps. One of the ways to do that is

to cultivate a large alumni group. The CCAC charter membership drive is a success, with 61 charter members and an additional 27 annual members. Annual earnings from life membership dues will provide support for the Cadet Corps, minimal operating funds for the chapter, and a surplus that will go into the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund. The long-term goal of the fund is \$250,000, an amount that will provide multiple scholarships a year and continue to increase in value.

Preserving 100 years of military tradition on campus will attract students to UTA. Enlarging the support base of CCAC will provide needed scholarships for outstanding students and will give Cadet Corps Alumni a voice in future development decisions of the University.

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Gala, and conducted "I am a Maverick" ceremony during Founder's Day. Additionally, our cadets had the opportunity to meet and watch General Franks receive the freedom medal.

Over 16 deserving cadets received UTA Presidential and Cadet Command scholarships and nine students were awarded for achieving 300 points on the APFT, or for displaying the most improvement in their scores. At the end of the semester, we commissioned five new 2LTs on 13 December 2003 and appreciate the show of support for those who attended. The ROTC program is on the right course

for achieving commission mission requirements for the second time in over a decade.

This spring the Corps of Cadets will place its training emphasis on preparing the MSIIIs for NALC attendance in the summer, preparing the cadets physically for participation in Army schools, such as Airborne and Air Assault, and continuing to commission 2LTs. I am also recruiting high school "Scholar, Athlete, Leaders" and nurses, and I have invited JROTC participation in two open labs in March 2004. My goal is to grow this quality ROTC program to 200 cadets in order to reinstate additional extracurricular activities such as the cannons.

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ing more than \$3.5 million. He forged a partnership with a newspaper corporation in Mexico and strengthened alumni outreach. Prior to his Michigan State post, he was vice president and chief program officer of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the largest media-related private foun-

dation in the United States. Before joining the Knight Foundation, he was a newspaper executive and lawyer with Knight-Ridder for more than a decade. He was vice president of human resources and assistant to the publisher at the *Detroit Free Press* and general executive and general counsel at *The Miami Herald*.

President Spaniolo holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Michigan State, a master's of public administration from The University of Michigan and a law degree from The University of Michigan Law School.

He and his wife, Sally, have an adult son and daughter who live in Washington, D.C. President Spaniolo has embraced UTA's motto, "Expect Great Things," and is quick to add: "The best is yet to come."

Taps

Gary L. Havard, 69, passed away Oct. 30, 2003. Gary attended Arlington State College and was a member of the "Jodies." His graphic interpretation of UTA military history, *CADET ECHOES*, shows the traditions and legacy of the Cadet Corps. He is survived by wife, Fran, and children, Courteney and Joel.

2004 Hall of Honor

The **2004 Hall of Honor** was attended by more than 350 guests honoring four outstanding leaders. The Department of Military Science and CCAC sponsored the event with the help of the Alumni Association. The annual CCAC dinner drew an unprecedented 70 members and guests. Also honored at the two events were the **1960 Fort Hood Marchers**, brought together by the efforts of COL Joel Ward. The 2004 honorees are:

LTC (RET) James Coughlin graduated from Arlington State College in 1961. After 20 years of active U.S. Army service, he retired with numerous service and combat awards. He is a life member of the SHRAA, a charter member of the Cadet Corps Advisory Committee and Alumni Chapter, a past president of CCAC, a past director of curriculum for the Military Science Department and a member of the UTA Alumni Association's Board of Directors. Colonel Coughlin is the ROTC coordinator for the Plano School District and responsible for three JROTC programs.



Wayne Glenn retired as an independent oil and gas producer and natural resource consultant. He attended North Texas Agricultural College and was Cadet Corps Commander in 1938. He was president of Western Hemisphere Petroleum Division, Conoco, and then Vice Chairman of Worldwide Petroleum Exploration, Production and Minerals Activity, Conoco. His awards include the DeGolyer Medal for Distinguished Service from the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers and the UTA Distinguished Alumni Award.



Gary Havard was an outstanding artist and historian dedicated to Texas and its history. In *Cadet Echoes*, a unique work of art that portrays military history and tradition, he gave vision to UTA's role in protecting and serving the United States. Mr. Havard was a member of the Cadet Corps and the SHR at Arlington State College in 1953. He later created the UTA logo. Mr. Havard served the City of Fort Worth as advocate and champion for the preservation of historic Fort Worth. He was selected as the official artist for the 1968 Sesquicentennial by the State of Texas.



LTC (RET) William Herndon graduated from Arlington State College in 1961. A member of the Sam Houston Rifles, he served as executive officer of A Company and as Corps S-4. He served in the United States military from 1961 until he retired from the USAR in 1989. In the private sector, he was a geologist and independent consultant. Mr. Herndon is a charter member of the UTA Cadet Corps Alumni Chapter. He has served as CCAC president and on the UTA Alumni Association's Board of Directors.



Where Are They Now

Allan (Bunky) Garonzik graduated in UTA's first class in 1967. He was a staff photographer for the *Shorthorn* and the *Reveille*, and a member of the Sam Houston Rifles. He attended the Graduate School of Business at Tulane University. Bunky returned to Arlington to help form the SHR Alumni Association. He served four terms as president and 20 years as editor. Bunky was a Captain in the Military Police in the Texas Guard Reserve for six years. After a short career as a buyer at LTV, Bunky worked for a restaurant chain, opening and supervising 28 units. In 1970, Bunky started a graphic arts company in Dallas, eventually opening eight print shops. He maintained several other business interests: a truck leasing agency, a car lot, a graphic arts supply company, a real estate company, and he managed a nightclub. He was the Operations Director for the Grand Prix of Dallas for eight years. As a freelance photographer, he won a national contest, and had some of his work published in *Playboy* magazine. Bunky is licensed and certified as a SCCA racecar driver, Scuba diver, pilot, Boy Scout leader, and handgun instructor for the Texas Department of Public Safety. He served as founder and president of his homeowners association, and chairman of the Chili Society, helping to raise over \$750,000 for leukemia research. He is on the Board of Directors of his high school class. His hobbies include motorcycles, writing, skydiving, sewing, antique restoration, old cars, and gardening. He spent over two years building his own house in Argyle, Texas, where he lives with his wife, Sandra. Bunky has two children and four grandchildren.



Vote For 2004-2005 CCAC Officers

CCAC members will soon receive ballots in the mail to vote for officers for the next two years. There will be a slate of members nominated for the various positions, but you are encouraged to write in your own nominations. Don't be shy, nominate yourself!

- **www.cadetcoprs.org**

Please continue to watch the CCAC website. Updates and new features will be added this spring.

- **Want to join CCAC or give a gift to the Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund?**

Call Sarah at 817-640-6166, ext. 408, or look for applications and information on the website.

Davis Hall (Part 1) (Continued from page 1)

reputation of being geeks. Mike smiled and looked at me with an expression of, "What the hell kind of card did I draw this time?" Many a plot, plan, and caper would be concocted in that tiny room in Davis Hall during the '60s. We would work together at Six Flags as confederate soldiers, gunfighters, and later as buyers at LTV plus various Christmas jobs. We become best of friends for over 40 years.

Within minutes of drawing out my uniforms, I ran into Ron Rendleman, my idol and mentor. Ron was a senior and a legend both in ROTC and Davis Hall. I had known Ron since I was five years old. I followed four years behind him my entire life—model airplanes, scouts, motorcycles, boats, hot rods, and now ROTC, Davis Hall, and the Jodies. Later, we would own an airplane together. Ron said, "Suit-up and lets go!" I had no clue what was in store, but I knew if Ron were involved, it would be fun. Parked in back of Davis Hall was some type of armor military hardware. Rendleman had talked a military salvage company into "donating" this vehicle to the ROTC, with the condition that when it was returned, the motor would be overhauled and the vehicle would be working properly. Lee B. Wilson, chomping a green cigar, was perched on top of this tank-like vehicle. "Get the lead out, cadet!" Off we went down the streets of Arlington. Traffic yielded, red lights were run, pedestrians were impressed. I knew that life at Davis Hall was going to be good. After an hour or so taking out small trees in some field and seeing how far the vehicle could stay airborne, we returned the smoking armor to the parking lot. Wilson would become a Green Beret, and Rendleman would become a highly decorated chopper pilot. I had yet to spend the first night at Davis Hall!

As with any military situation, there is a TO&E (table of organization and equipment). Davis Hall was no exception. There were ramp commanders and a dorm commander. These positions were filled by the upperclassmen who

made good grades, did well in ROTC, followed orders and, above all, kissed ass. Cadets who had the best opportunity to excel in their military career were chosen. Our dorm commander was Norman—not "Stormin' Norman", but "Abnormal Norman." He ruled with an iron hand. We were able to run Norman off after one semester, and he disappeared into obscurity. Mission accomplished.

The episodes surrounding Davis Hall shaped our young lives, and those that preceded and followed. These capers will be forever etched in those hallowed walls. Here are a few stories during my tenure. Because B ramp was the only ramp without a back door, it was chosen to fill the front porch and recessed doorway with packed snow after the first good snowfall. No one considered firetrap or any danger to be part of the equation. Seeing the cadets climb out the windows and scale down the walls to get to class was reason enough for the prank, and expression of our excitement with the fresh snowfall.

Sometime in about 1962 a young punk named Gus Rae showed up at the dorm. Brash and arrogant, Gus made the mistake of saying, "my name is Gus Rae (spelling out R A E), and don't you forget it." We didn't! In those days, the Mennon after-shave folks came to the campus and distributed little sample bottles of their product. Naturally, we all filled up our medicine cabinets. That night Scott Liedolf, my second roommate, volunteered to take care of Gus. By removing our medicine cabinet, he was able to climb between the walls to the adjoining ramp and duct tape an M80 to the back of Gus's cabinet with a cigarette attached to the fuse. Within minutes of returning safely to our room, an explosion could be heard all the way across campus. The medicine cabinet ended up in the middle of the room and the entire ramp smelled like a Frenchwhore house. That's R A E!

***The conclusion to this article will
be in our May issue.***

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