Earning Their Wings

Baylor’s Air Force ROTC program provides students with valuable career opportunities and leadership skills

By Julie Carlson

Aim High, Air Force. No One Comes Close. Cross Into the Blue. These easily recognizable advertising slogans invite young people to consider the United States Air Force as a possible career path, and a number of Baylor students have accepted that invitation by joining the University’s Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). After graduation they will leave the University to become defenders of the nation.

Founded in 1948, one year after the creation of the Air

Baylor ROTC cadets are seen around campus in a variety of uniforms: (left to right) cadet Lani Pineda, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Bowles, cadets Lee Stafford and Tommy Marshall.

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t in September 2001 meeting our Board of Regents took the historic step of approving Baylor 2012, the 10-year Vision for the University. Since that time, faculty and staff across the campus have been actively involved in implementing the Vision. As we near the conclusion of this academic year, I thought it would be beneficial to provide a brief update on the activity of the Vision since its passage last fall.

Master plan
In February, the Board approved an updated campus master plan that reflects the aspirations of Baylor 2012. Included in the features are a 900,000-square-foot, $500 million science center to be located on the site of the current intramural fields, and parking facilities and office buildings that will provide an additional 1,300 parking spaces at the corner of Dunn and University Parks Drive. The master plan also contemplates the addition of 1,000 new beds on campus within the next six to seven years, built on the idea of residential “villages” that will provide appealing and useful spaces in creating community and promoting living and learning. Other features of the campus master plan include a new intramural fields complex and a refurbished marina pool facility.

Honors College
Also at the February meeting, the Board took action to unanimously approve the creation of an Honors College. Reporting to its own dean, the Honors College will house the Honors program, the University Scholars program, the Baylor International Com and selected other programs, and it will provide a single administrative unit through which the most academically gifted Baylor student will be challenged and nurtured. The search for a dean of the Honors College is under way.

“Temporary” VP to Retire May 31
Harold Cunningham leaves administration for Board of Regents

When Harold Cunningham was asked to join the Baylor administration as acting director of operations in 1996, he thought the job would last only two months. The 1956 Baylor graduate had completed a distinguished 40-year career with Arthur Andersen LLP and was looking forward to sharpening his golf skills while serving his alma mater as a member of the Board of Regents.

However, the temporary “two months” lasted a little longer than he anticipated — five and a half years, to be exact. After moving into a permanent position in 1998 as Baylor’s vice president for finance and administration and chief financial officer and later to the position of vice president for special projects, Cunningham plans to retire May 31 and return to his original plan — playing golf and rejoining the Board of Regents at its July meeting.

“Working at a university is not a job, it’s a mission,” Cunningham said. “I have enjoyed being around Baylor’s faculty, staff and students, and I’m proud of what they’ve been able to accomplish. It’s been a real privilege to work with them.”

Cunningham’s stamp can be found throughout the University, on everything from the new facilities built during the last five years to a multitude of streamlined administrative processes. After he was first brought on board by Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr., Cunningham found Baylor’s needs were similar to those he dealt with while at Andersen, such as the understanding of data processing, the need for technology upgrades and a new accounting system, and the need to work with personnel to create communication throughout the entire system.

“I spent about six or seven hours at Baylor talking to faculty, trying to see what their needs were and how we could make this a better place,” he said.

Cunningham’s first initiative was to draft a five-year plan, something Baylor had never had before, he said. “We prioritized what everyone wanted into three phases, with phase one completed with the opening of George W. Truett Theological Seminary,” Cunningham said. “Phases two and three — which include the Jeunes Discovery Center, the science building and other facilities — were then folded into Baylor 2012, the University’s 10-year vision.”

This summer will see the completion of a project that is near and dear to his heart — upgrading the park at Independence where Baylor is located.

“Jeremy brought a level of expertise and experience in both financial and operational matters that is almost unparalleled,” Dr. Sloan said. “All Baylorians owe him an enormous debt of gratitude. He did so many things with the effectiveness and efficiency of the University’s operations and added a level of planning to the University as never before. Harold has a great gift for talking dreams and putting them into practical steps that lead to implementation.” — Lori Scott Fogelman

President’s Perspective
Baylor 2012’s first year has produced significant enhancements

Financing plan
In order to fund the construction of new projects, the board approved $240 million in debt financing. In so doing, Baylor joins most major American universities that have taken advantage of historically low interest rates and tax-free financing to fund major capital projects.

Vision tour
As 2002 began, 90,000 members of the Baylor family were introduced to Baylor 2012 as the University mailed copies of the public version of the document to all Baylor alumni. In addition to gradu...
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Fort as a separate military branch, Baylor’s program is one of the nation’s oldest Air Force ROTC units and recently commissioned its 1,000th officer as a second lieutenant. Of those 1,000 officers, nine have become generals — a much higher percentage than most programs can boast.

“Usually, you can expect one general out of 1,000 second lieutenants, so Baylor has produced some notable graduates,” said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Bowles, commanding officer of the University’s ROTC unit and professor of aerospace studies.

Bowles, an alumnus of Baylor ROTC, attributes the success of its alumni to a fortunate intersection: Baylor attracts the type of student that the Air Force looks for in its officers.

“The Air Force is built on the core values of integrity, excellence and service before self, which very much mirrors the mission of Baylor,” he said. “A lot of the qualities that the Air Force wants to build into its people, the students at Baylor already possess. This is reinforced throughout the entire academic curriculum and through extracurricular activities. The Air Force doesn’t have to teach those values to our alumni.”

Increased participation

Participation in Air Force ROTC programs is growing across the country. Approximately 4,000 cadets are expected to attend field training this summer, an increase of 1,000 students over previous years. Bowles expects those numbers to continue to increase.

“Students are responding to a call of patriotism, especially since the events of Sept. 11,” he said. “We have about 16 students who joined the program after that.

Bowles said more students are also joining for financial reasons.

“Receiving a college education is expensive, and a lot of scholarship money is available for students who participate in ROTC,” he said. “Bill over $500 million is available nationwide from the Air Force for scholarships. Almost half of our students receive financial assistance of some kind, usually in the form of full-ride scholarships. That hands-on experience that they might not find in the civilian sector. That hands-on training is what attracted Bowles to the service year ago.

“My degree was in business broadcasting, and my first job was producing training and information programs for air crews. While my contemporaries were ripping off a teleprompter, I had responsibility for crews and millions of dollars worth of equipment. The breadth of experience and leadership that I received was unparalleled,” he said.

Baylor will commission 17 cadets as second lieutenants this year, including 12 following graduation May 18, which appropriately is national Armed Forces Day. The ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. in the Field Drawing Room.

Author Shelby Foote to Give Beall-Russell Lecture Oct. 14

S helby Foote, who received acclaim both as a novelist and Civil War historian, will speak on “The Novelists as Historians” Oct. 14 as part of the 2002 Beall-Russell Lectures in the Humanities.

Foote was born in Greenville, Miss., in 1916, where he spent most of his childhood and early adult life. After attending the University of North Carolina and serving in the armed forces, he published his first novel, “Toumorrow,” in 1949. He went on to write novels including “Polk’s War” (1958) and “Shiloh” (1952). Between 1954 and 1974 Foote composed the acclaimed three-volume, 1.2 million word history The Civil War: A Narrative. In 1990 he enjoyed a new kind of fame after his featured appearances in producer Ken Burns’ popular television documentary series “The Civil War.”

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The Beall-Russell Lectures in the Humanities were made possible through a gift from Virginia B. Ball of Amarillo, Texas, and the late Mrs. John A. Beall, and Lily Russell, Mrs. John A. Beall, to give the lectures a national profile. Foote’s lecture will be free and open to the public.

— Randy Findler
The cherished Baylor tradition known as Ring Out celebrates its diamond anniversary this month. It began 75 years ago when former chair Bill Cook returned to full-time teaching. Perryman, a Waco native, is the daughter of Stanley and Nita Perryman. She is among 64 students from U.S. colleges and universities named a Truman Scholar. Perryman said being named a Truman Scholar is “a great honor and an opportunity to give back to people my age who dream the same dreams that I do.”

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### Baylor Junior Named Truman Scholar

Skye Perryman received congratulations from Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. on her achievement.

“I am extremely excited about getting to meet people my age who dream the same dreams that I do,” she said. “Also, I look forward to working with people who have enjoyed long careers in public service. It is through such opportunities that I will find meaning.” — Lori Scott Fogleman

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### Spring Commencement Scheduled for May 18

Spring commencement exercises will be at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. May 18 at the Ferrell Center, with about 1,550 undergraduate and graduate students accepting their degrees.

About 750 students from the College of Arts and Sciences will participate in the morning ceremony. Bearers of the mace will be Dr. Curtis Wallace Christian, professor emeritus of religion.

In the afternoon ceremony, about 800 students from the Hankamer School of Business, School of Education, School of Engineering and Computer Science, School of Music, Louise Herrington School of Nursing and George W. Truett Theological Seminary will accept degrees. Bearers of the mace will be Dr. Chester Hawkins, emeritus professor of education.

Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. will address the graduating classes. Outstanding faculty members will be recognized at both ceremonies. — BN

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Census 2000 made people in the United States increasingly aware of the growing racial and ethnic diversity of this nation. White (Euro-American) Americans are a shrinking percentage of the U.S. population. Whereas in 1980 white Americans made up 80 percent of the population, by the year 2000 they accounted for only 70 percent. Today, the majority of California residents are not of Euro-American heritage, and within the next few years this also will be true in Texas. It is predicted that by 2056, the ratio of all U.S. resident will be in Africa, Asia, Hispanic countries, the Pacific Islands and the Middle East — not white Europe.

For the development of qualities reflective of our Christian ideal and acting — among other things — that ‘Baylor will serve as a training ground for the development of healthy relationships across racial, ethnic and gender lines, thus providing the country with a new source of leaders who will think about and act upon issues of racial and ethnic diversity in unique and positive ways.’

W.E.B. Du Bois, who urged blacks to insist on structural changes in society in order to achieve full legal, economic and social parity with white Euro-Americans.

Racial stigma

Loury’s earlier works are indicative of the Washington approach; however, his more recent work appears to be informed by his Bore’s thinking. Loury’s latest book, The Anatomy of Racial Inequality (Harvard University Press, 2002), argues that racial inequalities in U.S. society are structural in nature and persist as a result of “racial stigma.” According to Loury, people are stigmatized — have a “spoiled identity” — when others view them not as individuals but as a “race” that possesses certain deviant characteristics and attributes. Tracing the roots of African-American stigmatization to the era of slavery, Loury (1995: 196) states that this racial stigma has been perpetuated not only by public policy but also by everyday social interactions.

Our definitions of personal identities, and our choices of intimate association, reveal what the race discrimination is that we make routinely, daily, in terms of whom we defend, whom we embrace. We are never unaware of the race of a person with whom we interact; ambiguity on this question makes us nervous, and we seek to resolve it as quickly as tact and circumstance permit. We Americans are stuck with the race question. We will be confronting it for years to come. We are the heirs of an ambiguous legacy — the idea of free self-government bequeathed us by the Founding Fathers, now the envy and goal of all the world, but also the legacy of a slave society.

Public solutions

Over the course of Loury’s intellectual and spiritual journeys (the epilogue to his 1995 book describes how he became born again in Christ), he has grappled with the part that public policy should play in “solving” race problems, particularly those of low-income African-Americans. Although Loury has shifted from a neoconservative to a critical liberal stance in his theorizing and had a series of devastating personal problems prior to his religious rebirth (in his writings, he describes his previous addiction to alcohol and drugs and acts of adultery). Loury consistently has argued that all Americans need to think about racial inequality and talk about it, instead of putting it out of sight in the forms of heated rhetoric that only produce an impasse or lead people to conclude that nothing can be done (or should be done) to bring about change or to argue that a “colorblind” policy is the best course of action. For Loury, policies that claim to be colorblind will not alleviate the devastating effects of racial stigmatization on African-Americans and white (Euro-) Americans. Loury believes that we should shift our focus from thinking about racial inequality in terms of discrimination in contact (formal discrimination in the labor market) to an emphasis on how we might eliminate — or at least reduce — discrimination in contact (the informal patterns of social networking that exclude African-Americans from full acceptance in society).

A broader and more comprehensive moral vision is required of us — the vision I have called egalitarianism.

On this view, achieving the elusive goal of racial parity requires that we undertake, as a conscious end of policy, to eliminate the objective disparity in economic and social capacity between the race-segregated networks of affiliation that continue to characterize the social structure of American public life, and that create the most morally disturbing remnants of this nation’s tortured racial past.

Part II of his 1995 book is titled “Can We Talk?” and offers a series of provocative and challenging questions to enter into a meaningful dialogue about racial inequality. Although Loury limits his discussion to black-white relationships, he asserts that the case of African-Americans is sufficiently distinctive — politically, historically, and sociologically — to warrant such a focus. In reality such a dialogue should be extended to all forms of racial, ethnic and gender inequality if we are to become a more humanitarian and egalitarian nation.

Campus applications

The Baylor community has a unique opportunity to address this issue because of its distinctive mission as a Christian university. The Baylor 2012 Vision states that “The soul of Baylor rests in its ability to impact the quality of the human conditions by graduating individuals who reflect the character of the Christian faith… students who will become people of influence in an ever- changing, relativistic world.” By learning more about each other, learning to talk about issues such as race and ethnicity without shouting at or talking past each other, learning not to ignore racial and ethnic inequalities but rather to help ameliorate these problems — to engage in conduct to eliminate all forms of discrimination — the administration, faculty and staff at Baylor should encourage our students to become such people of influence and to honor the commandment to love thy neighbor as thyself.

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She has been responsible for University-wide activities related to faculty development, as well as the Interdisciplinary Core (BIC) and the interdisciplinary institutes, including the Institutes of Anthropology, Biblical and Related Languages, Biomedical Studies, Church-State Studies, Faith and Learning, Statistics, Art Science and Oral History.

Dr. Vitanza holds a bachelor’s degree in English and history from Baylor; a master’s in English from the University of Illinois, and a doctorate, also in English, from Northern Illinois University.

— Lori Scott Fougner

Dr. Dianna M. Vitanza

Vice Provost to Return to Full-time Teaching

Dr. Dianna M. Vitanza, vice provost for academic affairs and associate professor of English at Baylor University, will return to full-time teaching in the Department of English for the first time since 1982. Dr. Vitanza has served as vice provost for the past seven years.
Dr. Charles H. Talbert, Distinguished Professor of Religion, delivered a presidential address titled “Indicative and Imperative in Matthean Sociology.” March 5 at a Society of Biblical Literature southeastern region meeting in Dallas. He presented a series of Halls Lectures titled “In Ethics That the Sermon on the Mount is Concerned?,” “Is Matthew a Legalist?,” and “What is the Supersessionist Argument?” March 21-22 at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

Dr. C. William Thomas, professor of accounting and The Buick Professor of Accounting, presented “The Internal Auditor’s Role in the Detection and Prevention of Fraud: A Post-SAS 80 ICAS Analysis.” March 19-20 at an American Accounting Association auditing section meeting in Orlando, Fla.


Dr. Susan Wallace, associate professor of anthropology, presented “An interdisciplinary approach to Forensic Science” Feb. 14 at an Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting in Atlanta. The abstract was published in the Journal of Forensic Science.

Dr. Jerry Trusty, Penn State University.

Dr. Richard E. Watts, associate professor of educational psychology, presented “Social Constructions, Psychology and Psychotherapy: A ‘Constructive Critique’ and Somewhere to Elsewhere: Reflections on Integrating Faith and Disciplines in Higher Education” March 7-8 at Northern Kentucky University, Ga. He co-presented three papers March 23-24 at an American Counseling Association annual conference in New Orleans: “Constructivist and Social Constructionist Interventions in Counseling” with Dr. John Barnes and Joan West, Kent State University; and “The Importance of Addressing Spirituality Issues in Counseling” and “Influences of Adult Attachment on Emotionally Competent Students” with Dr. Jerry Treaty, Penn State University.

Dr. Robert D. Doyle, who spends many hours working at Waco's wetland project, says that his research is based on an understanding of the wetlands' importance. He points to the Waco wetland project as an agreement with the city to preserve local wetlands. He says, "It's what they call an off-channel wetland, an opportunity to work with the city. We hope to see this sort of collaboration between Waco and Baylor's water research center, just as we're experiencing with the wetland project." He adds, "I'm not sure if you marry a Texan, you have to live there the rest of your life," he said with a laugh.

In August 2003 — after coming to Baylor from a teaching job at the University of North Texas (UNT) — Dr. Doyle began working with University colleagues and Central Texas officials on a project to preserve local wetlands.

"Waco's wetland project is an agreement with the state of Texas to create a habitat in exchange for the loss of habitat that will occur when Lake Waco is raised seven feet," he said.

The current six-acre wetland site — adjacent to the Bosque River where it flows into Lake Waco — is the beginning. The local wetland eventually will cover 175 acres. "It's what they call an channel-wetland," he said. "They are going to pump water out of the North Bosque, dump it into the wetland, let it trickle through the wetland, overflow and spill back into the Bosque."

"Dr. Doyle has provided a surplus of aquatics plants used in his UNT research projects. Those research projects ended with Dr. Doyle's departure, so he arranged to donate the plants to the Waco project. The plants were introduced into the wetland by Dr. Doyle, Baylor students and other volunteers in October 2001 and March 2002. The wetland project also could be the foundation for future Waco-related cooperation if Baylor establishes a water research center. Preliminary plans call for the center to be an interdisciplinary research program to be used by Baylor, the city of Waco and the Brazos River Authority. Dr. Doyle said Baylor water researchers in biology, geology, environmental studies and possibly chemistry could contribute to the center.

Dr. Doyle is confident the cooperation needed to make the new center work can be achieved, based on the success of a similar program begun at UNT that has a long history of cooperation with the city of Denton.

"It was a structure for allowing the city, with very applied needs, and the university, with more basic research needs, to meet in the middle to solve pollution and water treatment problems," he said. "It worked remarkably well and gave the students an opportunity to work with the city. We hope to see this sort of collaboration between Waco and Baylor's water research center, just as we're experiencing with the wetland project." he said. — Judy Long

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Honors & Appointments

Dr. Diana R. Garland, chair and professor of social work and director of the Center for Family and Community Ministries, was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Association of Social Workers Texas Division.

Joyce Miller, director of academic advancement in the Baylor Student Center, co-recipient of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants’ President’s Award, has been named as technical editor of Today’s CPA.

Dr. Kevin G. Pinney, associate professor of chemistry, and multiple co-investigators were issued a United States patent for “Anti-tumor Agents Which Inhibit Tubulin Polymerization.” He was one of 12 persons chosen to represent the American Chemical Society at the annual Science and Technology Congressional Visits Day March 5-6 in Washington, D.C.

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Dr. Randy A. Wood, professor of curriculum and instruction and director of the Center for Christian Education, was selected as the Southeastern Regional Advisor of the Year by Golden Key International Honor Society.

Social Work Receives $2 Million Grant

Before University’s School of Social Work has received a grant of more than $2 million for its part in a larger $6 million initiative from The Poo Grant through the Faith and Service Technical Education Network (FASTEN), the School of Social Work, in partnership with the National Crime Prevention Council (NCP), will study how urban congregations and faith-based organizations (FBOs) are making a difference in the lives of families and communities facing poverty. “Poverty is not only a problem of not enough money to meet basic needs, it also figures prominently in problems such as unemployment, welfare dependence, illiteracy, gang violence, substance abuse and teen pregnancy,” said Dr. Diana R. Garland, chair and professor of social work and director of the Center for Family and Community Ministries. “We will look for the effective ways that small-to-mid-sized congregations and FBOs tackle these problems.”

Under the initiative, the School of Social Work will also study how congregations and FBOs collaborate with other organizations and funders — including government — and will help smaller congregations and organizations get evaluation tools in place to document the difference they are making in people’s lives. The NCP will take the research and make it available to congregations and FBOs nationwide through the development of training workshops and practical guides. FBOs targeted for study will represent diverse faith perspectives.

— Julie Garven

University to Break Ground for New Science Building May 17

A groundbreaking for Baylor’s new $105 million science building will be at 2 p.m. May 17 on the intramural field adjacent to the McClane Student Life Center. President Robert B. Sloan Jr. will speak. The 500,000-square-foot building, approved by Baylor Regents at their February meeting, is the largest construction project in University history. All science departments currently housed in Sir James Richardson and Marx McLean science buildings will move to the state-of-the-art facility, including chemistry, physics, biology, geology, mathematics, mathematics, psychology and neuroscience. The Beck Group of Dallas has been selected as the general contractor, and work is slated to begin in June with completion by fall 2004.

— Judy Long

Research Gazette

Grant awards (March)

Dr. Susan Bratton, environmental studies, $10,100; Science, Environmental Policy and the Ethics of Commercial Fishing, National Science Foundation grant to study grant from Wiltshire College.

Dr. N. Bradley Keely, psychology and neuroscience, $245,549; Neural Correlates of Emotion, National Institute of Health.

Dr. Pauline Johnson, nursing, $21,271; Advanced Education Nursing Transitions: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Dr. Kevin Gutzwiller, biology, $51,312; to study Climate Change and Migratory Landbirds, U.S. Geological Survey.

Dr. Steven R. Eisenbarth, Dr. Ben Kelley and Leigh Ann Haisman, engineering, $21,537; Launching the Texas Engineering Education Pipeline: Developing the Industry Project Statewide, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

TOTAL AWARDS: $350,534

Grant Proposals (March)

Kathleen Sparkman and John Wilson, libraries, $4,999; Improvement of Storage Conditions for Non-Book Materials in a Library, Special Collections Room; National Endowment for the Humanities.

Tommy Brauch, mathematics, $3,035; Supporting and Strengthening Standards-Based Mathematics Teacher Preparation, University of Texas.

Dr. Max Shauck, chemistry, $116,997; 3R’s-International Student in Environmental/Science-Concentrations in Biofuels and Air Quality, U.S. Dept. of Education FIPSE Program.

Billie Peterson-Lugo, Sloa Towers and Tim Logan, electronic libraries, $150,685; Spencer Laughman Digitalization Phase I; Texas State Library and Information Commission.

Rene Mack, library, $59,200; Trust University Technology Resources; Hillside Foundation.

TOTAL REQUESTED: $283,831

Spotlight

Newspaper Columnist Named Radford Professor

Former Dallas Morning News columnist William Murdoch has been named Radford Visiting Professor of Journalism at Baylor. Murdoch will begin his duties in the fall when he will teach two courses, “Religion and the Media,” and “Editorial and Column Writing.” William Murdoch brings the Baylor journalism department a great professional commitment. Our students will benefit from his years of experience at the highest level of journalism,” said Dr. Douglas R. Ferlin, Jr., chair and associate professor of journalism.

University of Connecticut Doctorate

Dr. Sharyn E. Dowd, professor of history, has received a doctorate from the University of Connecticut. Dowd earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Central Missouri and a master’s degree from the University of Connecticut.

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Publications

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Five years after graduation Baylor’s Hansen Quadruplets are thriving globetrotters

Not many Baylor freshmen arrive on campus during Welcome Week with network television news crews videotaping their every move, but that’s how the four young San Antonio women known as the Hansen Quads began their time at Baylor in fall 1993.

The identical quadruplets — Alison, Brooke, Claire and Darcy Hansen — had been the subject of worldwide media attention since their birth. After Baylor President Herbert H. Reynolds caught the bright and well-spoken young women on an episode of the “Tonight Show,” he and others convinced them to attend Baylor, where all four women received full academic scholarships.

During their four years in Waco the Hansens worked as student writers in the Baylor public relations office and represented the University at a number of public events, including appearances on national television shows such as NBC’s Dateline.

After the Hansens received their Baylor diplomas in May 1997 they moved away from a year in Spain, she returned to the U.S. She study journalism at a university in Madrid. After journalism, received a Fulbright Scholarship to opportunities in Europe.

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“It was frightening because I was used to being able to consult [a sister] if I had a problem or was not sure what to do,” Brooke said. “But as time passed I became more independent, and it was exciting to make my own decisions without having to answer to anyone.”

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The Hansens — who speak fluent Spanish and German — left Waco to pursue opportunities in Europe.

Alison, who majored in Spanish and journalism, received a Fulbright Scholarship to study journalism at a university in Madrid. After a year in Spain, she returned to the U.S. She now works for the consulting firm Accenture, serving telecom and high-tech clients. Of the sisters, her job requires the most travel, and she divides her week between offices in San Antonio and Dallas, where she keeps separate apartments.

“I live with my cell phone and pager and laptop,” she said. “I can go anywhere as long as I have those things.”

Claire majored in public relations and international communications at Baylor. She also received a Fulbright Scholarship which she used to study at the University of Vienna. She graduated with a master’s degree in international publishing and marketing, and during her time in Europe she also completed internships with the U.S. consulate in Frankfurt and as a financial news writer in London.

Back in the States, she worked briefly as an online marketer.

“I worked for two Internet start-ups that were trying to get on their feet at the market crash,” she said. “Many people my age have been through a couple of those already.”

Claire now is a marketing manager for Internet Security Systems in Atlanta, a company that sells software aimed at protecting against unauthorized computer network use.

Darcy, a Baylor journalism major left Baylor for a “painless” internship as a reporter for a financial publication in London, followed by a year spent working as a reporter for a German language daily newspaper in Hamburg. She now works in San Francisco as a senior account executive at Applied Communications, a public relations firm with high tech clients such as Hewlett Packard and Oracle.

“I’ve used a lot of the things I learned at Baylor, including my writing skills and the ability to do interviews and answer hard questions,” she said.

The sisters are unmarried and keep vigorous work and travel schedules. All four are rarely in the same place at the same time, but they keep in touch with frequent e-mails and regular visits. They also get back fondly to their days on campus.

“I think about Baylor a lot,” Darcy said. “It was an excellent opportunity for me, and we had a lot of strong mentors there to help us out.”

“When I remember Baylor, I think what an ideal life it was,” Alison said. “Oh, to be a student on the Baylor campus again. That would be great.” — Randy Fiedler