By Lt Col Jeff Bowles, ’83
Commander, AFROTC Det 810

It’s hard to believe we’re putting the finishing touches on another academic year... my how time flies when you’re having fun! For those of us who’ve come through this program, we know the quality and camaraderie that develops within the Cadet Wing of Detachment 810. But it never hurts for you and them to be reminded they are “Simply the Best...Like Baylor!” Brigadier General Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing Commander, served as our guest speaker at Dining Out last fall. Attended by more than 375 cadets, dates, family, faculty, and friends, he inspired us to become “Simply the Best.”

This has been another tremendous year for Baylor AFROTC. Our fall 2002 enrollment hit its highest mark since the end of the draft and the Vietnam War. At one point we topped 180 before leveling off at 172 for the end of the term. Then we started the spring 2003 term higher than the fall—that’s virtually unheard of in AFROTC. In all areas of the program, important indicators were up: enrollment, retention, # of cadets on scholarship, # of cadets to field training, and # of cadets commissioned. Let me share some highlights.

This time last year, Field Training was still in progress for our 38 attendees—highest in 20+ years. In the end, 11 brought home top honors from camp—Distinguished Graduate or Superior Performance. For those of you who’ve been in the Detachment recently, we had to make more room for the photos of these award winners. This summer, 35 have headed off to Field Training with aspirations of keeping the award-winning tradition intact.

Another highlight of summer 2002 was our detachment’s participation in President Bush’s Economic Forum held on campus and involved the President, Vice President, Cabinet members, and business leaders. Several of our cadets and cadre members served in various supporting roles to make the forum a success. We also welcomed another Baylor alumnus back to Detachment 810. Mr. John Truesdell, Class of 1963, visited in October 2002 to share his experiences with our cadets. He currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Reserve Affairs (more information on his visit can be found at http://pr.baylor.edu/story.php?id=003832).

Leadership Lab went through a significant transformation over the past year. At the direction of HQ AFROTC, the program sought to emphasize more esprit de corps and less drill & ceremony. It was more likely to find cadets performing at Baylor’s ropes course, working on leadership reaction exercises, or having a field day in lieu of drilling in Minglewood Bowl. Additionally, Field Training Preparation became much more structured with instructional lesson objectives being taught each week. We were fortunate to have other notable guest speakers participate in our Lab curriculum this year. Included were Russ Gill, class of 1988, (see the story at http://pr.baylor.edu/story.php?id=004315), the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 147th Fighter Wing, CMSgt Bob Anderson, and Major Chad Hennings (former Dallas Cowboy). The spring term came to a rousing conclusion with two events—Military Ball and Commissioning. For Military Ball, Lt Gen Joseph Wehrle, Air Force Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, was our honored guest and speaker. His multimedia presentation featuring technological accomplishments from Operation Iraqi Freedom dazzled the 335 in attendance. At commissioning, the Air Force ROTC Commander, Colonel Alan Thompson, issued the final words of encouragement for our 18 new 2nd Lieutenants. Baylor AFROTC will commission 26 new officers this academic year alone! Be sure to check out their names and assignment locations within this newsletter.

Finally, you need to be aware of changes to our staff. Capt Ken Tebbe, our unit admissions officer, was named the Best Unit Admissions Officer of the Year for all AFROTC in 2002! Unfortunately for us, he’ll be leaving in July for assignment at Sheppard AFB to be replaced by Capt John Blackwell arriving from Yokota AB Japan. In December, SSgt Robert Key departed for Tinker AFB and was ably replaced by SSgt Wendy McDowell arriving from Charleston AFB. Barring any radical change of personnel policy, next summer will be one of significant transition as Maj Howland, Capt Long, and I depart Det 810, so interested active duty alumni should apply through AFPC ASAP! Despite the transitory nature of our assignments here, rest assured we’re not letting up on our quest to be the best. (Continued on page 4)
**AFROTC Alumni Meeting Minutes**

The Baylor AFROTC Alumni Committee met on 25 Oct 02 in the AFROTC Building, 1111 S. 7th St. Maj Gen Gerald Marsh (Ret) chaired the meeting. Lt Col Jeffrey B. Bowles, Det 810 Commander, welcomed those attending and gave an overview of the program. He then introduced the Wing Commander Scott Zarbo, and Wing Vice Commander David Aparicio, who gave cadet perspective and cadet activities for the semester. Scholarship candidates were introduced and interviewed. Old/new business focused on selection of the Chaplain (Maj Gen) Gerald E. Marsh scholarship recipients who were Matt Campise, a freshman from Houston, Texas, Byron C. Smith, a sophomore from Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and Alphanso Adams, a junior from Humble, Texas. Special thanks to the three Baylor AFROTC alums who made that third scholarship possible! The 2003 meeting will be in the AFROTC Building. Maj Gen Marsh asked that we pray for our nation’s leaders and their advisors, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Det 810 staff. Our thanks to the following Baylor Alumni Advisory Committee members who were present:

- Col Bill Basden, ’73
- Lt Col Jeffrey B. Bowles ‘83
- Mr. William Deloach ’57
- Capt David Long ’94
- Maj Gen Gerald E. Marsh (Ret) ’51
- Col Bob Frisy ‘50
- Col Gary Tawney ’73
- Mr. Mike Tawney ’73
- Rev. W. Bryan Thornburg ’51

**Recent Second Lieutenant Assignments**

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**Homecoming Reception Invitation**

The AFROTC Alumni Advisory Committee sets the general guidance needed for the successful operation of the AFROTC alumni organization. The next meeting will be held on Friday, 7 Nov 03 in the AFROTC Building, across from Kokernot Hall. Give the detachment a call at 254-710-3513 to let them know you’re coming or if you have any questions about the meeting. In addition, there will be an AFROTC Homecoming reception hosted by the Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings Society (formerly Angel Flight) at the AFROTC Building, from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, 8 Nov 03. Det 810 alumni, friends, and family are all invited. Please stop by before, during, or after the parade.

**Attention Det 810 Alumni!**

We encourage you to stay connected to your Detachment by visiting our website at http://www.baylor.edu/rotc/. Alums be sure you update your contact information. You can email Maj Mike Dilda your information at Michael.Dilda@maxwell.af.mil.

A hardcopy of this year’s alumni bulletin is also being mailed to our alumni. Last year we experienced fewer donations to the scholarship fund, and we’re not sure if it was due to a sluggish economy or to alumni not receiving a hard copy.

For those alumni who wish to download an electronic version of our alumni bulletin, please go to our website listed above. Also, please indicate to us through email at David.Long@baylor.edu if you would like to be taken off the mailing list for future hardcopies.

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**Fall Semester 2002**

**CADETS HELP PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC FORUM**

About 20 Baylor AFROTC cadets and staff members helped with President Bush’s Economic Forum held at Baylor University in August 2002. President Bush was in town in August visiting his ranch in nearby Crawford. He hosted an economic forum that included the Vice President, 11 cabinet members, more than 300 industry executives. The forum took place at various buildings on campus. Maj Howland and Capt Long, Det 810 staff members, helped with the White House Transportation Agency while about 20 cadets helped serve lunch to the participants. It was a great event and garnered national attention for Baylor and AFROTC Det 810.

**KICK-OFF BBQ**

We started the fall 2002 semester with the largest AFROTC enrollment since the Vietnam draft in the 1970s. We had a very spirited and enthusiastic cadet wing, and after our first Leadership Lab in August we had a kick-off BBQ for the wing. Lots of hamburgers and hotdogs were served.

**CHAD HENNINGS VISITS LEADERSHIP LAB**

Maj Chad Hennings, former all-pro Dallas Cowboy defensive end and a major in the Air Force Reserve, spoke at the one year anniversary of 9/11 at Leadership Lab. He spoke on how to succeed in life through a balanced approach in physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual fitness. All the cadets enjoyed hearing from him. Maj Hennings also was able to reenlist SSgt Scott Kincaid, local Air Force recruiter. Several members of the Air Force Recruiting Service were present, and the event was enjoyed by all.

**MR. JOHN TRUESDELL, '63, VISITS LEADERSHIP LAB**

Mr. John Truesdell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Reserve Affairs and 1963 Baylor AFROTC graduate, spoke to the cadets in October about his time at Baylor and gave them words of wisdom about leadership.

**DINING OUT**

In December we capped off a great semester with the largest Dining Out in at least 15 years, with more than 300 people attending. This was held on the Fifth floor of the Cashion Academic Building, and the view of the campus and of Waco was spectacular. Our guest speaker was Brig Gen Duane Deal, 21 SW/CC at Peterson AFB, who was entertaining and inspirational. The top performing cadets were recognized, and the spring 2003 cadet wing leadership was announced.

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**Spring Semester 2003**

**MARDI GRAS DRILL MEET**

Capt Long took about 15 cadets to New Orleans for the annual Mardi Gras Drill Meet hosted by Tulane University Navy ROTC in February. The team participated in several inspection and drill activities, and performed well overall, including the top Air Force finisher out of 53 schools represented.

**COMBAT DINING IN**

The cadet wing hosted their annual Combat Dining In at the Hewitt VFW Post in March. The cadets wore their BDU’s, put on face paint, and threw peanuts at each other and at the cadre, believe it or not. There was a special Jodie competition, and warrior flight points were given to the top finisher. The cadets then crawled through a gauntlet of water guns to the main floor, where they enjoyed a catered BBQ dinner. This was one of their favorite events of the semester.

**GMC TEXAS ADVENTURE**

In March, Capt Long took about 40 cadets to Lake Grainger, Texas, for a weekend GMC retreat hosted by Adventure Alliance. Cadets participated in various team-building exercises, and everyone had a great time. Highlights included basic survival skills training, and climbing a rock climbing wall.

**MR. RUSS GILL, '88, VISITS LEADERSHIP LAB**

In March, Mr. Russ Gill, Delta Airlines pilot, congressional candidate from Abilene, and 1988 Baylor AFROTC graduate, spoke to the cadets in a March Leadership Lab about his experiences as an F-111 pilot during Operation Desert Storm. He also provided some words of wisdom about leadership and priorities to the cadets.

**MILITARY BALL**

In April we wrapped up the semester with our largest Military Ball in at least 20 years. More than 300 people participated in the event at the Scottish Rite Library and Museum in Waco. Lt Gen Joseph Wehrle, HQ USAF/CVA, spoke to the audience about the new capabilities of our nation’s Air Force, and wowed the crowd with some actual combat video footage. The top performing cadets from the spring semester were recognized, and the fall 2003 wing and vice wing commanders were announced. The evening was capped with some of the cadets staying for a dance.

**COMMISSIONING**

In May, we commissioned 18 cadets, our largest class in several years. Col Alan Thompson, AFROTC Commander, served as guest speaker. He toured the Detachment and campus and was noticeably impressed with our program.
As alumni, let me remind you of the importance your support brings to this program. Last fall, the Maj Gen Gerald Marsh Scholarship Fund provided three $500 scholarships to cadets in our program. Others of you made contributions to the AIM HIGHER cadet booster club to offset the expense of many cadet activities. Still others of you visited campus and shared your experiences with our students. However you choose to be involved, please know your support is an encouragement to our students. At this point let me also put in a plug for Maj Mike Dilda. He is assembling a list of alumni (active duty & retired) to assist our cadets once they arrive at their new duty locations. If Maj Dilda has not contacted you or if you want to confirm your information in his list, drop him an email at Michael.Dilda@maxwell.af.mil. We would love to maintain our contact with you.

Finally, we hope to see many of you during Homecoming. This year is the celebration of the Centennial of Flight and we hope for a great celebration during Homecoming. As always, on Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in our building, we will host our annual Alumni Meeting. There you will receive a full report on our activities, review the status of the scholarship fund, and interview/award scholarships to deserving cadets. Then Saturday morning, during the parade, the Detachment will be open for a light refreshment reception. Block your schedules now and plan on attending to show your Air Force blue AND your green and gold!
A Review in Pictures-2002-2003
By Capt David Long

AFROTC Det 810 Staff, fall 2002

Lt Col Bowles welcomes Maj Chad Hennings and SSgt Scott Kincaid, former Waco recruiter to Det 810, Sep 02

Cadet Zarbo, fall 2002 CW/CC, inspects a cadet as Lt Col Bowles looks on

Cadet Brett Stitt paints the new Det seal in the hallway, Aug 02

Cadet Wing POC cadets pose for a picture, Sep 02

Dep Asst Sec of the AF John Truesdell, '63, speaks to cadets at LLAB, Oct 02

Col Wayne Mudge, former SW Region/CC, took some cadets flying in Oct 02

Cadets and staff participate in a flag retreat ceremony, Nov 02
A Review in Pictures-2002-2003
By Capt David Long

Spring 2003

AFROTC Det 810 staff pose with the President’s helicopter, Marine One, Apr 03

FTP cadets ready for cadre inspection, Apr 03

Push-ups during LLAB, Mar 03

Cadets and staff participate in a flag retreat ceremony, Feb 03

Cadets team-building at the Baylor Ropes Course, Apr 03

Cadets pose before Pass in Review LLAB, Apr 03

Seniors pose for a picture after last LLAB, Apr 03

Lt Gen Wehrle, HQ AF/CVA, speaks to cadets at Military Ball, Apr 03
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY AFROTC ALUMNI ENDOWMENT FUND

Starting with the class of 1950, Baylor University AFROTC Det 810 has commissioned more than 1,000 officers. As alumni, you are a valued part of the heritage of Det 810, and we ask you to consider contributing to the AFROTC Det 810 Endowment Fund. This fund was created in August 1993 to establish an annual scholarship for Baylor AFROTC cadets by Baylor AFROTC alumni. As our cadets face increasing costs of a college education, this fund helps mitigate some of those costs while recognizing their outstanding accomplishments. Each year at Homecoming, the Baylor AFROTC Alumni Advisory Committee awards scholarships to cadets enrolled in AFROTC. As distinguished Det 810 alumni, you are an important part of helping to continue to this tradition of excellence. We ask you to consider investing in the Air Force of tomorrow by making a donation to this Endowment Fund today.

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BASE VISIT GIVES CADETS INSIGHT AND OPPORTUNITIES
By Capt Ken Tebbe
Unit Admissions Officer

Spring Break in Colorado Springs, Colorado! Sun, fun, and the largest group in my 3-year tour. There is no better way to spend spring break than touring an Air Force base and seeing the “real” mission up close and personal. I had the privilege of taking 48 cadets to Peterson AFB, Schriever AFB and the US Air Force Academy as guests of BGen Deal, 21 Space Wing/CC and father to a current BU (but not cadet) student.

The 302nd Air Wing graciously agreed to fly a training mission from Peterson to Texas State Technical College to pick up 50 smiling ROTC faces for the beginning of a great base visit. The 3-hour C-130 ride was exciting and fortunately, uneventful. All the cadets had the opportunity to spend time in the cockpit with a headset to talk with the flight crew while enroute. For our future pilots this was a fantastic opportunity and a highlight of the trip. I settled everyone into the new TLF and called it a night.

The first day of our official tour started with breakfast at the Aragon Dining Facility. Then with the help of Ms. Christie Bond (21 SW/PA), we had an informative windshield tour of Peterson learning of its unique mission and challenges. We participated in two outstanding hands-on tours with the C-21 squadron and the C-130 wing. Cadets were allowed to touch and sit in each aircraft while having their numerous questions answered by several young 2Lts. Our afternoon tour of the Cheyenne Mountain Complex was cancelled due to security concerns so we changed into tourist clothes and went hiking at the Garden of the Gods Park. This was a HUGE hit with the cadets and a great way for new and old cadets to get to know each other. Many pictures and fortunately, no injuries.

Day two was very interesting, as we had to gain access to the high security section of Schriever AFB on the eastern plains of Colorado. The students had a true eye opener when two Security Forces members, complete with M-16s, came aboard the bus to check IDs... No smiling and no messing around on anyone’s part! Once on the base, we were educated on the many very interesting programs like the national GPS system. We were allowed limited access to both the 2nd and 4th SOPS units. We wrapped up our morning with a special lunch at the Satellite Dish Dining Facility. We headed north to USAFA where we visited the normal tourist attractions: Planetarium, Chapels and Visitors Center. We headed back to Peterson to change clothes and then it was a surprise dinner downtown at Fargo's Pizza Parlor, which is an 1800's theme parlor. Great food and all the cadets had a ball...although we ended up leaving three cadets behind! I realized my numerical error and retrieved them in short order.

We departed Peterson with the 302nd AW whisking us back to sunny and warm Texas in grand fashion but not before I learned a valuable lesson on breaking red. For those of you who may be like me, non-flightline educated, breaking red is a very bad thing that culminates with you face down on the ramp and 2-3 excited security forces troops, again with guns, standing over top of you! The students sure enjoyed my error.

This trip was by far the largest undertaking and most enjoyable of the three I organized. With the help of TSgt Terry Gibson at my side, we had no problems with the trip and as always the cadets were the big winners.

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