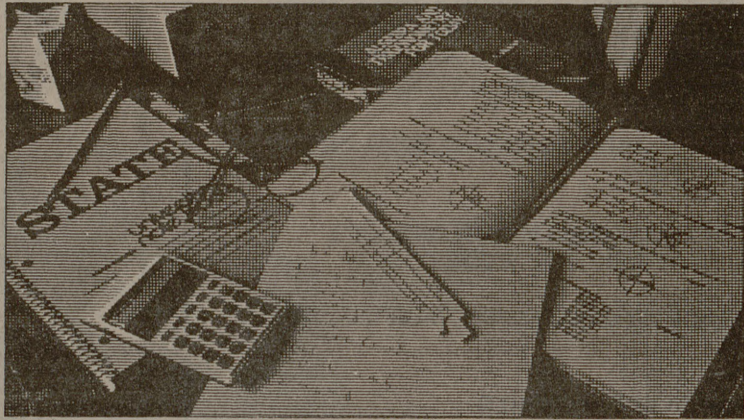


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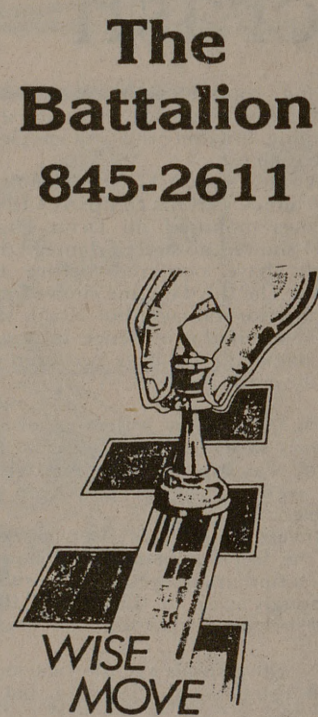
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Former student complements 'good Ag' image

By Holly Becka
Staff Writer

At a time when recent national publicity has made "good Ags" seem hard to find, a former student who has received many military service commendations returned to campus.

Col. Marc Powe, Class of '61, a foreign area officer in military intelligence, visited Texas A&M for his first bonfire since his senior year.

One of Powe's most notable actions occurred while he was stationed in Moscow, at the defense attaché's office in the U.S. Embassy. He rescued an American flag from the embassy when the building caught fire in August 1977.

Soviet firefighters were called to the scene of the fire.

"We had to let the Soviets (firefighters) in or let the building burn," said Powe, who wears his Aggie Ring prominently on his right hand.

He said some of the Americans, including himself, were instructed to stay in the burning building and supervise the firefighters.

"The building was saved in the end," Powe said. "The fire appeared to be whipped but then it broke out again."

That was when Powe noticed the American flag in a burning office on the ninth floor. He decided that he should save the flag.

"I really had no reason for getting the flag," he said. "I just thought it would be stupid to leave it there."

For his quick actions, Powe was awarded the Soldier's Medal, the highest peacetime award. The flag later was returned to the building.

More recently, Powe was in the news about a year ago after being detained by the Kuwaiti government for about 36 hours. He was reluctant to talk about the situation because he says it was just a misunderstanding.

"The incident in Kuwait was just one of those things that happens," Powe said.

Powe also has been stationed in Georgia, Louisiana, Arizona, Kansas, Washington D.C., Germany, Vietnam and Baghdad, Iraq. At his next post, he will serve as a defense attaché in Tunisia.

In addition to receiving the Soldier's Medal, Powe has been awarded many other high military honors, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and other service medals.

He said that his four years of Corps training in outfit L-2 and the values he learned at A&M have been important to him throughout his military career. He said it is interesting to see how the school has changed.

"I always wanted to be in the Army," Powe said. "The Corps was mandatory when I came here, but I came with the notion of being a professional soldier. I guess it's turned out right."

"It was a strange environment when I went to school at A&M," he said. "The all-male environment was inappropriate because that's not the way life is. I think that made it harder for us to adjust as the women's movement impacted on the Armed Service. It left us at a disadvantage."

"Certainly, the Corps is better with women in it. It's more representative of our society."

Powe said A&M was racially segregated while he attended A&M, and he said he is glad to see cadets of all colors working together today.

"It was artificial when there was segregation," he said. "There were Hispanics, but no blacks."

Powe said he attended A&M when the phrase "Highway 6 runs both ways" was coined.

"I was here in the 'good 'ol days,' but they were the pits," he said. "Hazing was terribly severe. Out of my original unit of 39 freshmen, 18 ended the first semester, five of us ended the year and three of us grad-

uated. That's baloney. None of that nonsense made me better in my professional career."

"At A&M I learned teamwork, honesty, esprit de corps, to do duty and be faithful to friends," he said. "None of those values had anything to do with getting beaten by a broomstick and doing pushups in the middle of the night."

"It was a different school," he said. "Most of us came from rural backgrounds so we were in physical condition. I recall that the usually was not much difficulty in the physical aspect when we were being hazed; the difficulty came in being mentally abused and deprivation of sleep."

"We used to say though, that it was easier to stay here than to go home and say we couldn't take it. I think that kept a lot of people here."

He said he is glad that the Corps puts more emphasis on retaining cadets now.

However, Powe said he still believes in discipline and the military way of life.

"Freshmen have to learn to do things they don't necessarily like because it's like that in life and in

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military service," Powe said. "The concepts of leadership have changed. You can't take a vote; you should capture the hill or not. The key is to have people understand why they need to do something and that is the result of good training and smarter people in the military."

He said that those who think the Corps should be abolished do not understand the tradition of military service.

"We have a reliable, well-trained Armed Forces that oversees leadership and is integrated with our society," Powe said. "Why is it that because the Armed Forces come from the whole of the people, it is a mixture of civilian and military members, which is representative of this. The best guarantee of democracy is constant interaction between civilians and military members."

Powe said one of the most memorable experiences of his military career was being stationed in Baghdad.

"Like most Arab nations, Iraq broke relations with the U.S. in the Six Day War," he said. "I was one of the last Arab countries to re-establish diplomatic relations with us and that was in 1985. I served as the first defense attaché since 1967 and it was valuable to be there in the middle of a war trying to help the ambassador understand how that war was being conducted and help him understand the end of the war."

Powe's wife, Karen, said the experience was "a little unusual."

"It's pretty interesting to be surrounded by incoming missiles," she said. "The soldiers might be used to it, but the camp followers aren't. Traveling with my husband was a real opener. You really have to change to move a lot. Most of us won't ever live in a country that war, thankfully."

Powe's family has supported him and accompanied him on overseas tours. The family has done housekeeping at least 22 times during 27 years of marriage.

Despite the moving, homesickness and language barriers, Karen said she has not regretted her husband's military career.

"I wouldn't have wanted to be doing the things I've done," she

The Battalion Former husband kills ex-wife, Dallas deputy

DALLAS (AP)—A formal charge of murder was filed against a slaying victim's former husband Thursday, hours after the woman and an off-duty sheriff's deputy were shot to death.

Billy Ross Sims remained at large Thursday afternoon after being charged in the deaths.

Sims, 38, also threatened a judge who had heard his divorce case, sheriff's spokesman Jim Ewell said. Judge Bob O'Donnell of the 301st District Court was placed in protective custody Thursday by deputies and escorted to a safe location, Ewell said.

Deputy James J. Hughes died at

Parkland Memorial Hospital after surgery for gunshot wounds to neck, abdomen and left arm.

Geddie, hospital spokesman, said the woman, identified as Catherine Sims, 30, was dead on arrival at Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas County Chief Deputy J. Toney said.

The woman's 5-year-old child in the car but was not hurt, a sheriff's spokesman said.

"Apparently he (Sims) has threats against six or seven people over the last several weeks," Dallas Police Sgt. James Chandler said. "Those persons are now being protected."