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Bussey, Army's No. 1 spokesman

By TONY MOOR
Special to Register

In 1957, having finished two years in the military, Charles David Bussey was eager to become a newspaper reporter. Armed with an undergraduate degree in English from then N.C. A&T College, he sent out letter after letter.

Only one response was forthcoming — a form letter saying his qualifications were right for a position as copy boy, starting at $40 a week. Bussey was 24 years old and decided that maybe his assessment of his abilities wasn’t quite in tune with the requirements for reporting. So, he put journalism aside for the moment and took reassignment to Fort Lewis, Wash. Besides, he’d never been to the West.

Today, he’s Maj. Gen. Charles Bussey and is chief of public affairs for the Department of the Army — its No. 1 spokesman.

Named to the post this summer, he advises the secretary of the Army and the chief of staff “on all matters of public affairs,” he said, “to manage to stay busy.”

He’s had a busy military career, too. Bussey has held posts at Fort Bragg, and at bases in Indiana, Virginia and Alaska. He served in both Korea and Vietnam.

Bussey’s involvement in the military began in high school with mandatory ROTC training.

In 1951 he came to A&T on a D.C. alumni chapter-sponsored scholarship with the desire “to get away from home.” ROTC also was required at A&T, and his three years’ experience propelled him to officer status in a short time.

Initially, his military focus was largely obligatory. The interest came later. Bussey said he went to A&T with the dream of becoming a coach.

But athletic superstardom wasn’t in the cards. Bussey recalled the coach eyeing his thin frame “sorta sideways.”

“He didn’t make the team. "The guys on the team were bigger and tougher than what I knew in high school," he said with a chuckle.

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Moore, now A&T public information director, said Bussey, who was a star basketball player, was “a noticeable military bearing — even as a student. He was well... (See Bussey, page 8)

On Dec. 3 through Friday, Dec. 7, the performances begin at 10 a.m. School groups are encouraged to attend. Additional performances are on December 8 at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

General admission is $4, Senior Citizens $3; Children, College and High School students are admitted for $2. Group rates are also available. The box office information and reservations can be made at 379-7852.

The setting is a game preserve where wolves and other animals are protected from hunters. The humans would be illegal hunters out to kill for the sake of killing. In this way, the humans would upset the equilibrium within the preserve, and the wolves would fight for their rights to remain safe and secure. The Forest Ranger attempts to protect the wolves, thereby showing that the trespassers were not representatives of all humans, but of only a few. In other words, the production follows the basic story of "Little Red Riding Hood;" with the roles reversed. The wolf is now two (2) humans, and the humans are wolves. An interesting prospect, don't you think?

In most adaptations of this story, the moral is that little girls should not wander from the main path. In our version, the main idea is that animals should not be killed simply for the sake of killing. Killing for food is one thing, but killing for no reason other than the fun of killing -- especially in a game preserve -- is immoral.

Members of the cast are
Little Red Riding Wolf, Sharrie Page; Cynthia Bailey is the legendary Mother Goose; Donna Baldwin as Grandmother Wolf; Charlez Henry is the animated Tree, and Michael Burch is the Forest Ranger.

Miller Lucky, Jr. and Dwight Smith, respectively portray the humorous hunters, Henry and Charles, who stalk Little Red Riding Wolf.

The production is directed by Dr. H. D. Flowers, II, with R. Paul Thomason as set designer/Technical Director and D. E. Coffey, customer.

### Business clubs hold luncheon

By SHERA A. HALL
Special to The Register

"Managing for Success in Accounting"

The ALOBEAEM Society and the Zeta Sigma chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting fraternity, sponsored its annual luncheon program Thursday, Dec. 6, for the members and special guest. Guest speaker was Frank M. Alston, a certified public accountant with Price Waterhouse & Co. in Washington, D.C.

Alston received a B.S. Degree in Accounting at North Carolina Central University and continued his graduate study at George Mason University and Central Michigan University. He has over 18 years of contract audit experience with the Department of Defense.

Alston congratulated A&T's Business School as one of three accredited Black schools. Well-known firms come to this department to hire because of its academic achievements.

During his speech, he complimented the students for making an excellent choice in choosing accounting as a profession.

"Accounting programs," said Alston, "produce excellent students."

"There are many options to take in the field of accounting, but to make them work strategy for a successful career must be planned. In building up a strategy, information about the career must be obtained," he said.

"Be serious about your education very early. Plan stability, have a direction, maintain flexibility, and prepare yourself broadly." The luncheon is one of many activities that the ALOBEAEM Society and Beta Alpha Psi have sponsored this semester. These activities have helped broaden, enhance, and motivate the minds of students.

Maurice Warren, president of ALOBEAEM said, "The activities this semester has brought us closer together. We have learned much to enhance our minds that may lead to success."

The activities for the semester include a picnic, professional dress-career planning seminar, IRS tax workshop, community computer workshop, and the annual convention.

### Fifty-two seniors selected for Who's Who

The 1985 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 52 N.C. A&T State University students who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join the elite group of students selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from A&T are Reginald Allen, Marvette Artis, Maxine Baldwin, Derrick Butts, Deborah Cheek, Robyn Cherry, Judy Curtis, Carl Deans, Hebrew Dixon III, Michael Dosuma, Pamela Dudley, Dale Fisher, Fortier, James France and Darrell Franklin.

Others named are Victor Gavin, Brent Gerald, Clay Gloster, Jr., Reginald Goodwin, Robert Greene II, David Harrison, Shelton Howard, Vincent Howard, Troyling Johnson, Cindy Jordan, Donald Joyner, Terry Lasome, Carolyn Lingard, Sybil Lynch and Willie McIntosh III.

Included also are June McNeil, Thomas Melton, Mary Moore, Malinda Paggett, Ronnie Payton, Doris Person, Sandra Pettiford, Wayne Purdie, Stephanie Randolph, Roger Riddick, Robin Sanders, Melanie Smith, Robin Solomon, Abayomi Somunni and Blanchie Stevens, Patricia Taylor, Lawrence Thompson, Kim Turner, Wanda Turner, Ronnie Vinson, Maurice Warren and Earl Williams.

Happy Holidays!
Blacks must protect interest

Letter to the Editor

We the members of the Young People Democratic Association would like to take this time to thank the proud A&T student body, Student Government Association, faculty and administration for the fine support in turning out the vote during the Nov. 6 political election.

Some students have asked what the turnout of student participation was at Cooper Hall. The total turnout reported was 2,729 voters, which included the community. Approximately 2,000 of the total voters were A&T students.

We, as students, have something to be proud of. Because of our enormous representation, we have received recognition throughout the state and other parts of the community. It is now time that we harness our numbers, to protect our interest here at A&T and the Black Community.

Some students felt that their vote did not count because Ronald Reagan and Jesse Helms won. Regardless of which party won, we, the young, strong in number, Black voters should begin to look into the formulation of a Black independent interest group. We have the numbers in America. Black Americans are the senior minority in this country and that is a lot of bargaining power to Republican or Democratic party may need. It has been said, "If you don't have something to put up, then shutup."

The Black race has an interest to put and that is our number of registered voters throughout the country. We have strong forces to make changes so we can play the political economic games within our society.

Even though we are registered Democrats by tradition, it does not have to be that way. Neither party has our interest in plan: just the same old story, the supposedly wealthy people in our society are the ones to get elected.

Our demands can be presented at the table, and we can bargain with numbers. Instead of getting the crumbs that falls from the 'mantas' table, we can bargain and get in the producing of the bread. We can have some representation to sit at the table and have a meal with the other ethnic groups of our society.

Think about it, pray about it, talk about it, and act on it. Let's not forget the words of Rev. Jesse Jackson and William Dawson.

“The hands that picked cotton in slavery can choose a leader or leaders in our society,” says Rev. Jesse Jackson. William Dawson said, "Don't get mad; get smart." A voteless people is a hopeless people, and an unorganized people is a powerless people. Let us use the power we have and on the next election, let's have an even better representation at the polls.

Its purpose is to enhance our political undergirding awareness of our campus. We provide personal participation of the student in a campaign election. We provide an outlet for candidates to present their issues that will affect our future and present day living. YPDA is involved in the student and community concerns, and help to develop today and tomorrow leaders.

Wayne Clapp
President of the YPDA

Luncheon

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For next semester, a private industry workshop involving various outstanding companies and the end-of-the-year banquet are planned.

These activities have been sponsored by both the ALOBEAEAM Society and Beta Alpha Psi.

Warren closed in saying, "Accounting students are a rare breed of college students." Each month outstanding members are recognized for their achievements. The members awarded for December was Sherri Penn, recording secretary for ALOBEAEAM.
Read this if nothing else

No doubt, you have been warned on many occasions by your parent, professors and other adults to not take everything for granted in life.

Evidently, that is the case with “The A&T Register”, your student newspaper, your voice.

Over the years, you, as a student have taken for granted that it is the duty of the journalism and communication students to provide you with a newspaper. With the justification being, “Let the journalism students do it; they need the experience.”

It is true that the student newspaper is an outlet for aspiring journalists to gain experience but somewhere along the line, journalism majors have decided that either they are already Walter Cronkite and Barbara Walters clones or that they have to enjoy college now and write later.

Let the records show that all students are welcome and encouraged to become members of the student newspaper. Although, this has been written about and advertised throughout the semester, evidently it has not registered with you, the engineering major, with you the accounting major, with you the art or music major and, especially you, the journalism majors.

At this very moment your student newspaper is on its death bed due to the lack of student participation and commitment.

The statement above is not overly dramatic. It is the reality of the lack of concern and commitment of students who have taken the task of the continuation of their voice for granted.

THE LEAD COLUMN ON THE OPINION PAGE IS WRITTEN BY THE EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE A&T REGISTER. IT DOES NOT CARRY A BYLINE. NONE OF THE COLUMNS ON THIS PAGE NECESSARILY REFLECTS THE OPINION OF THE STAFF.

Give; ask nothing in return

By FRANCES WARD

For weeks, our television screens have flashed before us pictures of hungry, weak and hopeless Ethiopians. We have looked into their desperate eyes with sorrow and seen their starving bodies, unclothed and swollen.

We discuss sadly among our friends about the hundreds of innocent Ethiopian children that die each week, and at night some of us pray.

But, at meal times, without giving them the slightest thought or remembering that we should be thankful, we stuff our stomachs with food, throwing out what we don’t want or like.

It is evident that our sisters and brothers in Ethiopia are suffering beyond the ability for us to comprehend. And it is a moral disgrace that in this country, we eat like gluttons and in another country, people starve to death.

Many of us have turned our backs on the pleas for donations from the Save the Children in Ethiopia Foundation, the International Red Cross, UNICEF and World Vision.

But, the time has come for us to show responsibility toward our people. The student government and other organizations need to begin events or fundraisers to help alter their situation.

We may as well be considered murderers if we do not assist our sisters and brothers. Each time we discard food, helpless people are in dying need of it.

Now is the time that we must give something and ask nothing in return.

Pastoral letter is promising

By DWAYNE PINKNEY

No matter how much one might differ with the theology of Catholicism, one has to admit that Catholics have been involved with some of the most pressing of human concerns throughout the history of the Catholic church.

Such is the case with the recent pastoral letter by the Roman Catholic bishops.

The first draft of the letter was released a week after the election.

The reason for the bishops’ waiting until after the election is clear — the document unveils the shallowness of supply-side economics. But then, one wonders why the bishops — if they are persuaded that Reaganomics is wrong — would not have released the document earlier so that people could “vote their conscience.” One guesses that the bishops did not want their ideas to get tossed around like a political football in an election that already had way too many players on the field.

The letter is not a scathing denunciation of capitalism, unlike many opponents thought it would be. The letter, instead, calls for an economy which serves people rather than an economy which is served by people.

Concern for the poor is one of the main thrusts of this pastoral letter. The bishops are calling for a decline in the unemployment rate and a public-works program for the “structurally unemployed.”

The letter did not offer any real surprises. One may be tempted to say, “I have heard these same things, over and over.”

But before we become too critical of the predictability of the pastoral letter, let us consider the reassurance offered in it. Isn’t it somewhat comforting to know that the Catholic bishops do not share the economic ideology of the New Right evangelicals?
Teleclasses to be offered

The Microelectronics Center of North Carolina’s microwave communications system will carry ten courses in modern electronics next semester. All five of MCNC’s participating universities—Duke, North Carolina A&T, NC State, UNC-Chapel Hill, and UNC-Charlotte—will both offer and receive teleclasses. The courses available to students vary from campus to campus. Each course must be sponsored by an academic department which agrees to provide the necessary course support, such as teaching assistance and laboratory facilities.

In addition to broadcasting teleclasses, the MCNC communications system will also encourage research collaboration by allowing faculty members to exchange data and participate in teleconferences with their associates on other campuses.

MCNC is a non-profit corporation created in 1980 to develop major educational and research programs in modern electronics. The communications system, which spans some 150 miles, is the backbone of MCNC’s unique approach to sharing resources among the campuses in this vital high-technology field.

Save your paper!

To the University Family:

The Register stands at the cross roads of a bright future and swift, certain death. “Complete Awareness for Complete Commitment” is the long standing motto of this organization. As with any new organization that prides itself on truth, we will stand by that commitment as long as we have the full support of the entire university community.

As a former editor of this paper, I am grieved by the possibility that this university may soon be without the services of this paper. What concerns me most is that the solutions to saving this paper are clear but only a few people seem concerned.

We are here to serve you. We would like to be your voice if you will let us. But we can’t do it alone. If you really care, come out and support your paper. Send us your talents—whatever they may be. In turn you will not be helping yourself but your fellow students.

Anything worth having is worth fighting for. We have a fighting chance. If your paper is worth saving, let us hear from you now!

Sincerely,
Benjamin T. Forbes
Co-Advisor

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A&T tapped for program

A&T State University has become one of 13 universities in the nation selected to participate in a major United States government-sponsored research program.

Dr. Edward B. Fort, chancellor of A&T, said the University has been awarded a $400,000 grant on ceramic materials. The grant was awarded through the Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc.

In participating in the program, A&T will be joining such nationally prominent research institutions as Stanford University, the University of California at Berkeley and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Fort said the program at A&T will be directed by Dr. J. Sankar of the mechanical engineering department. He will be assisted by Dr. V. S. Avva.

Sankar said the grant to A&T grew out of recent efforts of the U. S. Department of Energy, Department of Defense and National Aeronautics and Space Administration to create a joint industry-university-government long term research program. The idea, he said, is to develop a technology base to improve the reliability of ceramics.

Sankar said success of the research will have important applications for the space and automotive industries.

The research at A&T will be concerned with studying the mechanical and microstructural properties of ceramic materials particularly under very high temperatures.

Sankar said the initial funding is for two years, and more than half of which will be used to purchase some of the most sophisticated mechanical testing equipment available. He said indications are that A&T could receive a minimum of $200,000 more per year for the next four years.

Sankar said he is making a special effort to enhance its advanced materials research program and facilities. Research funding for the current year has exceeded $600,000.

Sankar holds a Ph.D. degree in materials engineering from Lehigh University.
**Pegasus**

**Roundball season is here**

By JOE BROWN
Sports Editor

Guess what time it is? No, besides that; it is time to write your letter to Santa. Try again. That's right. It's time for the A&T Basketball season. Well, as a matter of fact, the season has already started - two games even. The Aggies won the first opener with a great, super, exciting, dazzling, thrilling, crowd-pleasing, action-pack, foot-stomping victory and as for the second game, who cares about a measly 47 points.

Okay! We all know what the big news is (if not, try looking on the front page). Is Eric Boyd going to play or not? Well, look at it this way. It's really up to Eric. All he has to do is to complete 24 semester hours and then we will have it in the bag. The Aggies will have their number one veteran back. If he doesn't complete this necessary task, then we as fans will march and picket in front of the NCAA office as soon as possible. (Is there really such an office) Eric, wherever you may be, the Aggies are with you chapter by chapter, report by report, test by test and hope to see those long range missiles go through the net again this season.

Just when we were getting so into to football (fans behave yourself) here comes that roundball season. The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champs are back again to show the Aggie fans what they can do. Maybe you have noticed the starting lineup has a lot of new faces, but actually they are a part of the 1984-85 MEAC champs in disguise. These Aggies won't look that way until they win the conference championship, so don't ask them to peel their identities off, just watch'em in action.

Coach Corbett has awakened from his long summer nap and plans to stay awake for a very long season. Besides, he has already taken his 29 regular season game sedatives - all at once. Let's hope the fans are awake to stomp and cheer the Aggies basketball team to another winning season.

We can't say the season will be a piece of cake, but there will definitely be a lot of fastbreaks.

**CAMPUS HAPS**

Young People's Democratic Association is holding a special meeting on Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 212-A.

Christmas Breakaway! There are still seats available on the bus for the trip to N.Y. and N.J. For more information contact Pete Thompson in 215 Cooper Hall or call 373-9454. Cost is only $55 round trip.

The Symphonic Bandis sponsoring a Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend.

ATTENTION SENIORS who plan to graduate in May, the last day to apply for graduation is January 17.
Editor of The A&T Register: In reference to the advertisement published in your November 2 edition in the name of the concerned students of NCA&T, I have a strong feeling that students were not involved in this effort. The ad and the language used in the ad are strikingly similar to those in the numerous letters that I have received from hundreds of non-A&T people in recent weeks. Also, based on almost 14 years' association with A&T students, I know that they would have made an effort to verify the information by contacting me before deciding to go into print. The ad includes charges that are, by and large, inaccurate and without basis. State policy prevents me from commenting on specific personnel matters, but I am pleased to present the following facts:

North Carolina's higher education desegregation agreement with the federal government expired last year, and the majority of Black faculty members with terminal degrees in most fields of engineering, this means that we hire faculty with doctoral degrees. We have worked very hard to recruit and retain Black faculty in the face of the extremely adverse marketplace conditions and low production of Black engineering doctorates. We have five Black Ph.D.'s today as compared to none when I became dean in 1974. Of the 286 accredited engineering schools nationally, only Howard University (a historically Black institution with doctoral programs) has a higher proportion of Black people on its engineering faculty.

I have never written a letter, published in the Register's Nov. 13 edition, the scholarship funds from numerous benefactors have been used almost exclusively for the assistance of Black engineering students.

Dr. Shanti Iyer was hired in a temporary capacity as an adjunct assistant professor of electrical engineering in 1982 on the recommendation of Dr. William Alexander, who was department chairman at that time. I played no role in the hiring of Dr. Iyer except to support Dr. Alexander's recommendation. She has handled limited teaching assignments because she was hired for research in the Rockwell Solid State Electronics Laboratory and has been paid primarily from research grants.

I have not "shocked" my staff with people who have "undefined jobs." There is no program in the School of Engineering with undefined jobs. Lewis Bain and James Rouleau are distinguished retirees from industry and education respectively, who are performing valuable part-time service at very low salaries. The School of Engineering is extremely fortunate to have dedicated people on its staff.

I have not "removed Black and American faculty members from the Engineering School." Our record shows improvements and retention results for both Black and non-Black Americans.

Every effort has been made to insure that the faculty members who are hired possess effective communication skills. As a policy, we do not hire a faculty without an interview visit to the University.

The Exxon Foundation grants Dr. Iyer for NASA's next generation has benefited both Black and non-Black faculty members. I have not "hired people for just because they are Black and that is special." Permanent or temporary faculty members are hired on the recommendation of the department chairman. I do not initiate the hiring process or put any pressure on the department to hire a person. Both Dr. Haque and Dr. Iyer are temporary faculty members, who were hired for specific tasks based on the needs of the two departments involved and on their expertise.

It is not a fact that the NASA research program has "less than 10 percent of Black student and 1 percent Black faculty participation." All students participating in this program in the past have included 50 percent Black Americans. Blacks constitute 17 percent of the faculty participation in this program. It is based on research proposals submitted to NASA and have specified areas on interest.

The current School of Engineering admissions policy restricts the number of new foreign students to 30 per year. The admission and matriculation requirements were approved by the University Senate and the Faculty Forum in 1982 and were submitted by the School of Engineering. The recommendation to these bodies on the strong recommendation, made in 1980, by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. These requirements were not instituted to "deny Blacks a seat in the School of Engineering." In fact similar admission requirements are in place on our campus in certain non-engineering programs as well.

Although I did work as Senior Scientist for TRW in the summer of 1983, both my pay and the period of employment are incorrectly described in the ad. My TRW pay rate was 10 percent higher than my A&T salary. I worked for 32 days, not 60 days. The $95,000 figure for the pay rate is highly inflated. Approximately 30 percent of the period of employment represented my accumulated annual leave from A&T, and I was receiving permission from the University to be absent from the campus. Even then, I was regularly in touch with my work at A&T, and I had a contract with Dr. W. J. Craft, associate dean, by telephone. The TRW employment gave me a great and welcome opportunity to be exposed to the cutting edge of technology, after my nine years' service as dean.

It is not true that we do not have "control over teacher classroom performance." I will admit that I personally do not "check because I am White." I doubt if other deans here or elsewhere do that. My dean never did that when I was a faculty member. Two recently approved efforts--appointment of senior professors as mentors to junior faculty and the mandatory use of a teaching evaluation instrument should prove helpful in monitoring and improving the classroom performance.

I do not have a "high rate of absenteeism from the campus." My in-state and out-of-state travel is less than 15 percent of my time, not 60 percent as claimed in the ad. Approximately one-half of my trips are underwritten by the invites. Other engineering deans travel more frequently and can do so because they have a larger support staff than I do.

Travel on an engineering dean's part is essential for contacts with industry, professional societies, foundations, and government agencies in order to attract funds for development, scholarships and research. As a rule, Dr. Craft is always in office when I travel. As the Chancellor points out in his letter, my selection as a member of the prestigious U. S. Engineering Educators' delegation to China represents recognition and honor for our School of Engineering. Numerous benefits accrue from the contacts we make both here and abroad through such an opportunity. I, therefore, consider any criticism of my undertaking this trip as unfortunate and unjustified.

The impressive strides made by the School of Engineering in the last decade have brought accolades from national and international sources. The accreditation board's report, based on its Fall 1983 visit to the school, contains recognition of our efforts and accomplishments in grading terms. I believe that fair-minded people will take time to examine the facts that I have presented here so that they understand that A&T's School of Engineering has chosen can be sustained. The school has an exciting future with a new building and new academic programs as coming attractions. People of various races and national origins have worked cooperatively and have invested a great deal of time and energy in our school's development. We fully intend to pursue the school's plans and goals with the objective of attaining even greater heights.

Suresh Chandra Dean, School of Engineering
Bussey

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organized; he had a certain posture and was all-business — even when handing cadets” in ROTC class. “But he was never a snob.”

The same year Bussey was Register editor, he was student body president.

At the time, he said he didn’t think working for a newspaper while serving in an elected office was a conflict of interest. “I had the interest. It was fun; it was challenging. But, if I had had to make a choice, I wouldn’t have hesitated to choose the paper.”

Lorenzo Mebane Marrow, who retired last year from the A&T English department, was co-faculty adviser to the Register then.

Bussey “was one of the Register’s most competent and capable editors — in terms of mechanics,” she said. “He knew what he wanted done, and he did it.”

Marrow said that, under Bussey, the newspaper’s printing was moved from Virginia to North Carolina.

She remembered his use of photographs (“big and lots of them”) and experimentation with lower-case headlines (“unconventional at the time”).

Bussey graduated in 1955 and went into the Army — not to make a career of it, he thought, but to fulfill his ROTC commitment of two years.

Five years later, by then a captain, he answered an appeal by the Army for participants in its 10-week information training session at Fort Slocum, N.Y. He was accepted, and finished, incidentally, No. 1 in the class.

But on the advice of a colonel whose opinion he respected, he didn’t pursue information services immediately. Information, he was told, was not the most highly regarded field in the Army.

So Bussey went back and soldiered for a while.

Returning to the States from Korea in 1964, he had nine years under his military belt: That was nearly half of a full 20-year hitch. So he stayed with the Army and was assigned to Indianapolis as a professor of military science in high school ROTC.

He began studying for his master’s degree in journalism at the University of Indiana—Bloomington, attaining it after a tour of duty in Vietnam.

He soldiered some more until he asked to be considered for journalism assignments. In 1976 he was promoted to colonel and named to a post in Army public affairs. Six years later, he was named brigadier general and deputy chief of public affairs for the Army.

He said then, “I want to go as far as I can.”

He isn’t certain whether he’s done that yet, although he’s reached the top in Army public relations. “But that’s not the only thing I can do.”

Most of Bussey’s career has been in troop command. And he took additional studies — he also has a master’s degree in communications science from Shippensburg State College in Pennsylvania — because, he said, he wanted a choice when he hit the 20-year mark. He hit that in 1975.

Bussey said he had no magic formula for success. “There’s always a tendency, to blame someone else for one’s failures. But, if you can look in the mirror and honestly said, ‘I’ve done my best,’ things will take care of themselves.”

Tony Moor, a former Register editor in chief, is a copy editor with the Greensboro News & Record.

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