Before he took office on January 1, Texas Aggie asked The Association’s new President, retired Air Force General Hal M. Hornburg ’68, for his thoughts on his new position and the upcoming year.

**TA:** You served as Co-Chair with Jon Hagler ’58 of our Board’s Strategic Planning Task Committee in 2004 and played an integral role in the creation of The Association’s vision and precepts, which led to the development of our Strategic Plan in 2005. How would you gauge our progress to achieving our vision of becoming the premier alumni organization?

“First let me say that serving with Jon Hagler was one of the highlights of my board experience. We hoped to set broad yet specific guidelines and goals to further the success of The Association and its contributions to all Aggies. Our Board and staff assigned metrics and rigorous follow-up directives. I am extremely pleased that the entire Association staff bought in and worked toward each and every goal. It’s still a work in progress, but the progress to date has been impressive. “As part of our goal of communicating effectively and efficiently with the Aggie Network, we set an objective to enhance the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center to better tell the proud story of Texas A&M University and The Association of Former Students. Our Development staff and Porter Garner ’79 have worked diligently over the last few years to raise the capital for this important project and at the end of 2008 the Aggie Network will be able to enjoy a home that features both modern technology and important documentation of our history. You will hear more about this endeavor throughout 2008, and once it’s complete, I’m sure every Aggie will want to stop by and experience our facility!

“The additions and enhancement to our facility are just one example of how The Association is moving toward becoming the premier alumni organization. We have a great organization, and we want to make it even better. In my book, that’s what being premier is about—not settling for good, but striving to be the best! Aggies expect and deserve nothing less.

**TA:** You mentioned the enhancements to the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center. It’s a beautiful building. Can you talk more about why it needs enhancement?

“It is widely recognized that the Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center is breathtakingly beautiful, truly a magnificent facility. But after 20 years, many things need to be updated. The staff has more than doubled since the building was first occupied and when it was designed and built, we were all still using typewriters. We need to enhance the overall functionality of the building to accommodate the needs of our current and former students now living in the digital age. “We also have to protect and honor Texas A&M’s precious history. There are priceless artifacts of our heritage packed away in boxes all across campus because there is not enough suitable space to display them. We’re going to create that display space. Imagine coming into the facility and seeing the actual flag from the Corregidor Muster. That’s an iconic symbol of our history, and it needs to be displayed with honor. Exhibits like that will be on display on the mezzanine, along with a state-of-the-art video wall.

“And I think former students and current students alike will be really excited when they see the new Haynes Ring Plaza. The centerpiece will be a sculpture that is a perfect replica of an Aggie Ring, big enough to walk through. It will certainly become a popular site for photography and I think it will quickly become a landmark on campus. The plaza is a gift from Harold J. ’46 and Reta K. Haynes. This was the lead gift for our building enhancement project, and we are honored to name the plaza after them. “Our vision is to become the premier alumni association and in order to be so, we need to have the premier alumni center. The Clayton W. Williams, Jr. Alumni Center is every former student’s home when they return to campus, and it is becoming ever more important as a resource to current students. I think all Aggies will be pleased and proud of the result of our enhancement project.”

**TA:** This will be your sixth year to serve on The Association of Former Students’ Board of Directors. Can you comment on the progress we have made as an organization during your tenure and what you hope The Association will accomplish in 2008?

“The Association has continued to raise the bar each and every year in terms of its direct contribution to Texas A&M in unrestricted giving. “It’s also my goal to create synergy among The Association and its companion organizations, the Texas A&M Foundation and the 12th Man Foundation. The leaders of the three organizations are working
closely together to address the challenges and issues facing each organization and how we can work together to be more successful on behalf of Texas A&M University. We are separate organizations, but our goals are complimentary, not competing. Each organization is unique, but we’re all in the same choir, and we all need to be singing from the same song book.”

**TA:** You spent most of your career outside the state of Texas. How did The Association of Former Students keep you in touch with Texas A&M and the Aggie Network during that time?

“I always looked forward to a new edition of Texas Aggie magazine, as well as Class newsletters for news of my buddies. Obviously, with the Internet, things like AggieNetwork.com and The Association’s E-Newsletter made it even easier to stay in touch with A&M. It’s important to keep your information updated at AggieNetwork.com so old friends and Classmates can find you. I was a Muster speaker several times in recent years, so I tried to stay as tied to A&M as I could. It wasn’t hard to do....the Aggie Network is stronger than ever!”

**TA:** What activities and organizations were you involved in while you attended Texas A&M?

“I was in the Corps, as most were in those days. It was then, as it is today, a leadership laboratory—unique, vibrant, impossible to replicate. In addition to Corps duties, I was a Ross Volunteer and a member of the Town Hall staff. I’m glad I got to do the things I did way back then. The present students are so bright that I’m not sure I could even get accepted today. But, I’d sure try, and would urge any young person willing to accept a challenge and make him or herself better to do the same.”

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**President**
General Hal M. Hornburg '68 (USAF, Ret)
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Hornburg, a retired U.S. Air Force General, graduated from Texas A&M in 1968 with a degree in Finance. As former Commander, Air Combat Command, at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, Hornburg was responsible for more than 1,000 aircraft and 100,000 active-duty military and civilian members. He is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College; the National War College; and Seminar XXI, Foreign Political and International Relations, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has commanded at all levels—flight, squadron, wing, numbered air force and twice at major command. He and his wife, Cynthia, have two sons, Air Force Maj. Chris Hornburg and Air Force Capt. Kevin Hornburg.

“Texas A&M did not make me what I am, but it helped make me who I am. There is no doubt that Texas A&M presents tremendous opportunities to forge character and develop future state and national leaders. Giving back to such an organization is an opportunity to affect our future by helping mold the people who will one day be our leaders.”

**President Elect**
Shelley E. Potter ’78
Landscape Architect
Jeff Potter Architects Ltd. Dallas, TX
Potter graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a bachelor’s degree in Landscape Architecture from Texas A&M in 1978. As a student, she was Chair of MSC OPAS and a founding member of the Chi Omega Fraternity chapter. She serves as Chi Omega fraternity’s National Vice President, and her resume includes numerous civic boards, such as the Longview Planning & Zoning Commission and Smart Growth Task Force. Potter was elected President of the Deep East Texas A&M Club in 1995. From 1997 to 2004, Potter acted as the Area 30 Representative for The Association of Former Students before being elected to The Association’s Board. She and her husband, Jeff ’78, now live in Dallas.

“The education at Texas A&M University extends far beyond the walls of the classroom. For our students to flourish and succeed in life, they need world-class facilities and instructors, opportunities for leadership and group interaction, scholarships and awards, and exposure to the greater good. Time, talent, resources and role modeling provided by our former students truly make the difference at Texas A&M and exemplify our belief in the core values promoted by our great university.”

**Immediate Past President**
William H. “Bill” Flores ’76
President, CEO
Phoenix Exploration Co.
College Station, TX
A 1976 *Cum Laude* graduate, Flores earned a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting from Texas A&M before going on to earn his CPA license in 1978. In 1985, he earned an MBA from Houston Baptist University. He is President and CEO of Phoenix Exploration Co., a Houston-based exploration and production company. Flores is a Commissioner of the Texas Real Estate Commission (appointed in 2004 by Gov. Rick Perry ’72) and serves as a member of the 12th Man Foundation’s Advisory Board, the Mays Business School Advisory Board, the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Development Council, the Corps of Cadets Association, the Houston A&M Club and the Brazos County A&M Club. He was named an Outstanding Alumnus of the Mays Business School in 2003. He and his wife, Gina, have two sons, Will and John ’06.

“Texas A&M University, its Corps of Cadets and its leaders, such as Wayne Stark and John Koldus, immeasurably contributed to helping me get to where I am today. The Association of Former Students allows all Aggies to stay connected, to keep the Aggie Spirit alive and to give back to Texas A&M as it educates and molds today’s students and tomorrow’s students to become the next generation of selfless, ethical leaders. I think all of us owe continuing support to Texas A&M through The Association of Former Students in order to maintain these noble missions.”

**Potter S. Garner III ’79**
Executive Director
The Association of Former Students
College Station, TX
Garner graduated in 1979 from Texas A&M, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing. He began his career with Hughes Tool Co. before joining The Association’s staff as Field Director in 1981. In January 2000, Garner became only the sixth professional Executive Director of The Association in its history. As Executive Director, he serves as a voting member of The Association’s Board of Directors and Executive Committee, working closely with the
Board to ensure donated funds are used in the most efficient and effective ways to benefit Texas A&M and the Aggie Network. Garner and his wife, Lisa ’91, have three children, Claire, Callie and Porter IV.

“Giving back in support of our great school is one of the oldest and most important traditions we have as former students of Texas A&M. Annual support from loyal Texas Aggies has made the difference for A&M for 129 years and is what sets us apart as the greatest alumni association in the world.”

Susan Rudd Bailey, M.D. ’78
Physician
Fort Worth Allergy and Asthma Associates
Fort Worth, TX

Bailey received her Bachelor’s degree in Medicine from Texas A&M in 1979 and graduated with honors from the Texas A&M College of Medicine in its Charter Class in 1981. She served on the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System from 1999 to 2005. She was an instructor in the Mayo Medical School prior to moving to Texas in 1988. She is Board-Certified in Pediatrics as well as in Allergy and Immunology. She is Chair of the Texas Delegation to the American Medical Association and has been named to Who’s Who, The World Who’s Who of Women and The Best Doctors in America. Bailey is the mother of two sons, Michael Wynn and Stephen Wynn ’10, and is married to W. Douglas Bailey ’67, JD.

“Every Aggie has benefitted immeasurably from our experiences at this great university, and the more each of us gives back, the more we can do for Aggies everywhere. The Association of Former Students is in an exciting time of growth, and it is up to each and every one of us to keep the Aggie Network strong and thriving.”

Jorge A. Bermudez ’73
Chief Risk Officer
Citigroup
College Station, TX

Before becoming Chief Risk Officer for Citigroup, Bermudez served as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Commercial Business Group in North America as well as Citibank

Texas. He graduated from Texas A&M in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics and went on to receive a Master’s degree in the same field. Volunteering his time to Texas A&M University, Bermudez is a member of the International Board as well as the Development Councils for the Mays Business School and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He is also a sponsor of the Aggies on Wall Street program. He has four children, Jorge II, Elena, Andres and Antonio.

“Texas A&M has given us a unique opportunity to gain an education and reinforce core values that have allowed us to succeed in life. It is important that those of us who have benefited from this unique institution now give back so that future generations can benefit in a similar manner. It is our duty as former students to ensure the long-term success of this wonderful place we call Aggieland.”

Otway B. Denny, Jr. ’71
Partner
Fulbright & Jaworski LLP
Houston, TX

Denny earned a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Texas A&M in 1971 and a Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude, in 1973 from Baylor Law School. He was a member of the Corps of Cadets and the Ross Volunteers while at A&M. Denny has been a Partner in the Houston office of Fulbright & Jaworski since 1981. Denny served as a Class Agent from 1971 to 1991 and serves on the Corps of Cadets Development Council, the College of Liberal Arts Development Council and the 12th Man Foundation’s Advisory Board. He was named “Lawyer of the Year” by the Texas Aggie Bar Association in 2001. He and his wife, Bonnie, have three daughters, Amy Denny Stuber ’97, Lisa ’98 and Stacey.

“The idea of giving back to A&M has been ingrained in me since I was a student. The opportunities afforded me while I was in school that have benefited me since I graduated are something that I can never repay in full. Giving back to A&M helps me repay in some small way the debt I feel I owe to A&M. Giving back to A&M, whether it is by money, volunteer services or whatever means, enables A&M to continue to grow young men and women into future leaders.”

Michael J. “Mike” Havel ’76
President
Metro Custom Plastics
Dallas, TX

Havel graduated from A&M with a degree in Industrial Technology in 1976. He is the President of Metro Custom Plastics, a plastic injection molding manufacturing company in Arlington. Metro was honored with the Mays Business School Aggie 100 award in 2005, 2006 and 2007. Havel is a retired Captain in the United States Army Reserves, Corps of Engineers. As a student, he was a member of the Corps of Cadets and the Treasurer of the Class of ’76. Havel served as a Class Agent for the Class of ’76 from 1976 to 1981 and again from 2001 to 2006. Havel has been an active volunteer within the Richardson school system as well as within his church. He and his wife, Kathy, have two children, Christy ’03 and Andy ’05.

“For more than 130 years, Texas A&M has had a significant and positive influence on the lives of its graduates and their families. This positive influence has been reinforced by former students and friends of Aggies supporting Texas A&M for many generations. It is every Aggie’s duty to continue this tradition of giving to Texas A&M for the next generation of Aggies.”

David A. Heath ’76
Vice President for Global Sales
Nike Inc.
Austin, TX

Heath graduated Cum Laude from A&M in 1976 with a degree in Health and Physical Education and earned a Master’s in the same field in 1979. He was A&M’s first full-time assistant athletic trainer and was later Head Athletic Trainer for all men’s and women’s sports. He spent eight years with Adidas before joining Nike in 1990. As Vice President for Global Sales, he is responsible for more than $14 billion in sales revenue. He has been active with the Boy Scouts of America and has held numerous volunteer positions in Texas and Oregon. He has twice hosted the “How to Interview with Corporate America” session at Mays Business School. Heath and his wife, Andrea, have two sons, Joel ’05 and Todd ’07.
“Giving back to Texas A&M University through The Association of Former Students is a way to ‘pay it forward’ and follow the example of the many people who enabled my career. With 25 percent of our freshman class being the first in their family to attend college, it reminded me of how my own father made it through A&M with help from many people. I personally benefited from an Opportunity Award and now that I have the ability to do so, I want to repay the generosity of those who supported me through school.”

Scott M. Kleberg ’80
Principal and Co-manager
CA Partners LLC
Fort Worth, TX

Kleberg graduated from A&M in 1980 with a Bachelor’s degree in Range Science. He later graduated from Stanford University Graduate School of Business with a Master’s degree in Management. In addition to serving on numerous corporate boards, Kleberg has volunteered his time with several non-profit organizations, serving on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth, the Board of Visitors of the Amon Carter Museum and the Board of Trustees for Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. Kleberg also has served as a Trustee, Committee Chair and President of the Board of Trustees for Fort Worth Country Day School.

“It is important for all of us to give back to Texas A&M from the heart. We give back to institutions that change our lives for the better. We give out of thanksgiving for those experiences that change our own lives and we give to ensure that those experiences continue to benefit those that follow us.”

Linda LaMantia ’82
Community Volunteer
Laredo, TX

LaMantia graduated from A&M with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management in 1982. She has been active in many organizations in the Laredo area. She is the Committee Co-Chairperson for South Texas Academic Rising Scholars, helping raise more than $7.5 million in scholarships in the past four years. In addition, she helped raise more than $250,000 in scholarships for the South Texas Hispanic Scholarship Fund. She has served on the board of the Washington’s Birthday Celebration and was the 2005-2006 President for the 109th Celebration. LaMantia and her husband, Steve ’81, were honored last year as Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellows. She and Steve have five daughters, Annie ’08, Morgan, Katie ’10, Samantha and Molly.

“The values instilled in me by my Aggie father and my long association with A&M have been instrumental in my life and have played a large part in whatever success I have had. It is a privilege to be able to give back to this great university a small measure of what it has given to me. A&M receives only 27 percent of its funding from the state, which is a 67 percent decrease from only 15 years ago. Therefore, it is important for all Aggies to give back to A&M so that we can continue to educate the best and brightest, especially those who otherwise might not be able to afford to attend our great university.”

Lindsay graduated from A&M with Bachelor’s degrees in Economics and Aerospace Engineering and earned a Master’s degree in Economics from Stanford University in 1992. Lindsay leads the forensic practice for KPMG’s Silicon Valley office, advising clients in the electronics and software industries. She serves her community through Involve, KPMG’s national volunteer program. She also volunteers in her church, The Church of the New Jerusalem, as Treasurer of the San Francisco congregation and as a Board member of the denomination’s theological school. Lindsay was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority while at A&M. An active member of the San Francisco Bay Area A&M Club for more than 15 years, Lindsay has served as President, Vice President of Finance, and Muster Chair.

“As students, each of us greatly benefited from the gifts of Aggies that have gone before. These gifts include scholarships, student organization funding, buildings, library holdings, computer labs, etc. I believe each of us has an obligation to provide Texas A&M with our time and financial support to ensure this great university is able to continue providing first-rate academic training and leadership/service experiences for generations to come.”

William “Bill” Mahomes, Jr. ’69
Shareholder/Partner
Simmons Mahomes, P.C.
Dallas, TX

Mahomes received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Texas A&M in 1969 and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law. He is an attorney concentrating in public finance, commercial transactional law and mediaion. Mahomes is a Texas Bar Fellow and a member of the National and Dallas Bar Associations and the J.L. Turner Legal Association. He was a member of the Corps of
Cadets while at A&M and a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserve. Mahomes was a charter member of the McKinney Aggie Club and has been recognized as a Texas Business Leader by Texas A&M’s MSC. He and his wife, Pamela, have two daughters.

“Giving back to Texas A&M is one of the most important legacies we can leave as Aggies and nothing epitomizes the Aggie Spirit more than doing so. We have all benefited from a great education and while it is our duty to give back, it is much more of an honor and privilege to do this. How we give back is optional, but it is not an option to give back–our legacy depends on it.”

Paul K. Stafford ’90
Senior Trial Attorney
Hughes & Luce LLP
Carrollton, TX

Stafford earned a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from A&M in 1990 and a Juris Doctorate from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1994. Stafford served as an assistant district attorney in Denton and Dallas counties. While in Dallas, he served as a felony prosecutor in the Organized Crime Division. For three consecutive years, 2005 to 2007, he was named a “Rising Star” by Texas Monthly. Stafford currently practices in the areas of business and commercial litigation and insurance law as well as white-collar crime defense. He also is an adjunct professor at the Texas Tech University School of Law. He and his wife, Telea, have three daughters, Camryn, Kendall and Chelsea.

“Aggies must give back to Texas A&M to honor its legacy and to enable future generations of Aggies to experience the Spirit of Aggieland. The undying love and unmatched loyalty for this university is felt by all who have been touched by its tradition of education, service and leadership.”

James R. “Jim” Thompson ’68
Founder
James R. Thompson, Inc.
Kaufman, TX

Thompson graduated from A&M with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Construction in 1968. A member of the Corps of Cadets and Ross Volunteers, he was named a Distinguished Military Graduate. Following graduation, Thompson joined the Air Force and served as an instructor pilot until 1973. After 10 years of construction experience, he founded James R. Thompson, Inc. In 2000, he received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the College of Architecture. He served on the Kaufman School Board for 15 years and helped found the Kaufman ISD Scholarship Foundation. Thompson is a member of the Kaufman County A&M Club and serves as a Class Agent. He and his wife, Donna Beth, have three sons, Lance, Ryan ’95 and Cody ’01.

“Texas A&M and the Corps of Cadets brought out the best in my Classmates and me, by teaching us lifelong lessons in leadership, civic service, teamwork, and loyalty to a cause greater than ourselves. We all give back to acknowledge our debt and to perpetuate and endow the values learned at Texas A&M.”

P. William “Bill” Toler ’76
Global Vice President, Professional Oral Care
Procter & Gamble
Cincinnati, OH

Toler is a 1976 graduate of A&M with a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting. He was in the Corps of Cadets and was a member of the Ross Volunteers. Toler served in the U.S. Army as a field artillery officer for four years in Germany before joining Procter & Gamble in 1980. He helped pioneer P&G’s industry-leading joint business development approach with its major retail customers as the inaugural Marketing Manager for P&G’s Wal-Mart Customer Team. He is an active member of the Corps of Cadets Association and served as a member of the university’s Vision 2020 Task Force and the President’s Advisory Council. Toler and his wife, Melanie ’76, have two children, Courtney and Mark.

“Chances are, Texas A&M has had a profound impact on everyone who has been fortunate enough to experience Aggieland. Giving back to Texas A&M helps ensure future generations of Aggies will have the same opportunity. I can think of no greater reward than knowing others’ lives might be equally impacted and inspired by my gifts and service back to Texas A&M.”

S. Shariq Yosufzai ’74
President of Global Marketing
Chevron Corporation
Oakland, CA

Yosufzai graduated from A&M with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering in 1974. At Chevron, he is responsible for worldwide marketing in 90 countries under three brands: Chevron, Texaco and Caltex. Prior to assuming this post, Yosufzai was Co-President, Chevron Products Co.; President, ChevronTexaco Global Lubricants; Corporate Vice-President and President, Lubricants and New Business Development, Caltex Corp.; Corporate Vice President for Africa and Corporate Business Units for Caltex Petroleum Corp.; and President of Texaco Lubricants Co. He was named Lubricants World magazine’s “Person of the Year” in 1996. In 1999, he was named both an Outstanding International Alumnus and a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas A&M. He serves on the Boards of the California Chamber of Commerce and the San Francisco Opera.

“We each have been entrusted with the legacy of a great institution; and in the spirit of true servant leadership, have the opportunity to give back to that institution. Doing so helps ensure that our common values continue to guide students for years to come. Giving back also fosters a sense of continuity, of unity that ultimately makes us feel proud of the difference we have made for those who follow in our footsteps.”

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