



Lt. Colonel Bobby E. Battle. (Photo: Ronald Spicer)

# Flying High On Land

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**By Lillie Booth**  
 "How does a C-130 or C-141 aircraft navigator feel about being stuck in a classroom on land?"  
 That was the question that I asked Lt. Colonel Bobby E. Battle, Commander of the AFROTC Detachment 607 at FSU.  
 "It's a pleasant experience," he replied with a smile. "I enjoy working with the students, counseling and assisting them in establishing short and long term goals."  
 Then he added: "I find the exchange extremely rewarding. So rewarding, in fact, I don't even miss flying an aircraft."

Colonel Battle joined the FSU staff in August, 1979. Since he has been in the detachment, enrollment has increased. This year there were a record number of 197 members enrolled at the beginning of the school term. Colonel Battle credits this enrollment to the increased visibility of the group and success in working the late bloomers. He feels that the AFROTC is a good program and that the benefits offered by the Air Force will continue to attract many students. Some of the benefits are: a one hundred dollar per month stipend for juniors and seniors, scholarships that could cover tuitions

for up to four years, any payments for books and other administrative fees. Persons currently receiving scholarships are:

Anthony Scott, three and one half years; Brian Nixon, three and one half years; Roy Victor, three and one half years; Charles Gaddie, four years; and Ken McKeithan, three and one half years.

The recipients are obligated to meet school standards. They must not fail two courses during any given semester; they must exhibit good moral character; and they should not receive a grade less than a C in their ROTC courses.

Colonel Battle commented on Cadet Ira Nichols, an outstanding cadet in the program that is currently serving as the cadet group commander. "He's mature, has leadership skills,

and can operate under pressure. He has all of the qualities that will enable him to succeed in any endeavor," he said.

During Colonel Battle's career he has had a chance to work with the Equal Opportunity and Social Action Programs. He has found this to be rewarding because he could help people with their problems which ranged from race to drug related. Because of his efforts in Social Actions and excellent military record he was selected by the State Department to attend the Joint Services School.

"You all seem to be a close knit family. Is this a facade?" I asked.

"Not at all," he returned. "We hold the best interest of our cadets at heart. We're here to guide and prepare them for

the Air Force or any other facet of civilian life. I personally owe it to the students not to be selfish and to help them to prepare themselves for the future," Colonel Battle said. "I try to see that the students get individual attention — attention that they wouldn't get at a larger university. I strongly believe that late blooming students should be given an opportunity."

"What about flying? Will you go back to it?"

"Eventually, I think so. Right now, I've adjusted to the classroom situation and it is rewarding. Not only that, I consider my present situation a form of career broadening."

There is little doubt that Colonel Battle takes his work seriously and that he is indeed a man that flies high, even on land.

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## Radio Questionnaire

**GET ON THE MAIL LIST BY RETURNING THIS PAINLESS QUESTIONNAIRE**

WFSS, Fayetteville's Public Radio is gearing up for its power increase. Yes, WFSS will begin broadcasting on a 100,000 watt frequency very soon and will then have a 30 mile radius. We must begin making plans to provide the kind of programming Fayetteville wants to hear from its public radio. After all public radio is your radio. You can help us by answering a few questions about your own preferences.

It should come as no surprise to you that WFSS will be soon start to look for financial support — to get us started and keep us going. Our support will come from our members, corporate and business gifts, foundation grants, individual donations, etc.

We are not asking you for a donation now. We are, however, asking you for a pledge of support and for your views on the way WFSS can best serve Fayetteville and the surrounding areas. Please take the time to answer these few questions and return your answers to us at the address given at the end of this questionnaire. If you've already made a donation, thanks again! We'd still like to hear from you, of course.

- 1) Are you happy to see that Public Radio is expanding in your community?  
     \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No
- 2) Do you now listen to Public Radio?  
     \_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No
- 3) If you listen to Public Radio, which station?  
     \_\_\_\_\_ WFSS      \_\_\_\_\_ WSHA      \_\_\_\_\_ WUNC      \_\_\_\_\_ Other
- 4) Please rank from 1 through 10 the types of programming you would prefer to hear on WFSS?  
     \_\_\_\_\_ Classical      \_\_\_\_\_ State News  
     \_\_\_\_\_ Jazz      \_\_\_\_\_ Live or tape-delayed coverage  
     \_\_\_\_\_ Drama      \_\_\_\_\_ of significant legislative hearings  
     \_\_\_\_\_ National News      \_\_\_\_\_ Children's Shows  
     \_\_\_\_\_ Public Affairs      \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_



Barbara J. Stelly (Photo by Lillie Booth)

Barbara J. Stelly, a student at Fayetteville State University and Milton J. Yarboro Placement Director were among representatives of 24 colleges and universities who convened in Atlanta, October 23, 24, as guests of the Peace Corps.

Concerned that only six percent of the volunteers who go abroad with the Peace Corps come from minority publics, Deputy Peace Corps Director, William G. Sykes, invited the students and supervisors to Atlanta as part of an initiative to increase involvement of minority members.

"As a black American, I am very concerned about getting more Black, Hispanic, and American Indian men and women into the Peace Corps," proclaimed Sykes.

"You can play a unique role in providing underdeveloped countries with skilled American

## Barbara Stelly Peace Corps/VISTA Recruiter

manpower," he told 49 representatives from nine eastern and southern states. "You can also help the people of the Third World countries to have a better understanding of American Society . . ."

Stelly is majoring in Sociology at Fayetteville State University and was chosen by the school to be its campus representative for the Peace Corps. Each representative who attended the Atlanta conference is from a school or other organization which has a contract from the Peace Corps to help stimulate interest in helping Third World countries.

On campus, Stelly will be a contact for others interested in getting information about the Peace Corps and can be located at Room 241A Butler Building, 486-1205.

## Dr. Black Elected To Board Of Directors

Dr. Grace C. Black, Head of the Division of Business and Economics, was elected to a three-year term as a Member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Business Education Association. The Association convened recently for its yearly meeting at the Bordeaux Center in Fayetteville, on November 6-8.

Dr. Black will serve as one of the three members elected to the Board of Directors.