

# Heritage

*The Magazine of Sam Houston State University*





## A NEW HORIZON

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As I reflect upon my first year as president of Sam Houston State University, I am reminded how fortunate I am to be in a place where faculty, staff, and students form a warm and nurturing academic community. This friendly and caring atmosphere is equally pervasive among the hundreds of faithful alumni and supporters I have met this past year. The common

thread is the people of Sam Houston State who maintain such a deep and abiding affection and appreciation for this grand old university.

Our collegiate pride and strong sense of community are reflected in our university being named once again by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* as one of the “Great Colleges to Work For.” We were the only public university in Texas to receive this recognition for two consecutive years. This is a genuine tribute to our faculty and staff and their hard work and dedication, which is reflected in the successes of our students.

Not only has our university been recognized for its positive work environment, we also make a significant impact on the economic welfare and quality of life, extending beyond the campus’s borders. A study conducted by Southwest Research Business Research of Houston revealed that SHSU’s impact on business volume in Walker and Montgomery Counties rose to \$149.4 million for 2009–2010. The operational activity of the university also helped to create or support nearly 3,800 jobs.

With all the positives to be found throughout our campus, we cannot escape the impact of tough economic times. At the close of the legislative session, funding for state agencies, including higher education was reduced. Our university’s state appropriations are a little over \$10 million less than FY 2010. A little more than 15 years ago, the state provided about 65% of our total budget, and this academic year it will account for less than 25%.

While the loss of millions of dollars presents a challenge, we are committed to continuing our progress through thoughtful planning that will tie our resource allocation decisions to institutional objectives. We are avoiding any faculty and staff reductions, which is noteworthy since our employee-to-student ratio is already less than half of the state’s average. Our program heads are making adjustments to live within our budget while maintaining our quality of service and instruction. We will once again have to make small increases in tuition and fees. However, we still fall in about the middle for the costs of attending a public university in Texas.

Coming off the successful completion of the Share the Vision campaign more than a year ago and the continued growth of our donor base and our Alumni Association’s membership, I am optimistic that more of our alumni will see the sharp decline in state support as a legitimate call for them to make private contributions a priority in assisting students and continuing our progress. If everyone could contribute something through the Annual Fund, they could be a part of making a significant difference.

As the 2010–11 year closes, we said our good-byes to Provost David Payne as he retired after 14 outstanding years of service. Longtime faculty member and dean of the College of Sciences Jaimie Hebert is our new provost and vice president for academic affairs. Mr. Al Hooten comes to our campus this year as our new vice president for finance and operations. He has served at the University of Tennessee-Martin in a similar position and has previous experience in our state. I am very confident that Dr. Hebert and Mr. Hooten will be excellent additions to our senior administrative team.

As we look forward to a new academic year with excitement and welcome our new faculty, staff and students to our beautiful campus, I want to thank you for being a part of making my first year as president a joy in so many positive ways. This is a wonderful place that has undoubtedly captured your heart as it has mine. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Dana Gibson  
*President*

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Sam Houston State University Celebrates *the*

# Investiture of President Dana Gibson

*Dana L. Gibson*

Heartfelt greetings, poignant thank you's, and a welcoming crowd were all part of the investiture of President Dana L. Gibson.

**Above:** President Gibson visited with students at a reception in the Lowman Student Center the day before the investiture.

**A**n early threat of rain did not dampen the spirits of the crowd on March 8 as Sam Houston State University formally welcomed Dana L. Gibson as its 13th president.

The investiture, not only a celebration for a new president but also one for the university as a whole, took place in Johnson Coliseum with regents, faculty, staff, students, alumni and representatives of government and other institutions of higher education attending.

Charlie Amato, chair of the Texas State University System Board of Regents and a Sam Houston State alumnus, officially installed Gibson as president, entrusting

to her the stewardship of the university, charging her with upholding the laws of Texas, and exercising proper diligence in representing the university.

In accepting her task, Gibson talked about the changing face of higher education.

"Just to maintain the current competitiveness of the United States in the world economy ... (America) will need to produce 23 million more college graduates in the next 15 years," she said.

"To assume or expect that traditional bricks-and-mortar education is the only way to accomplish this goal is shortsighted," she said.

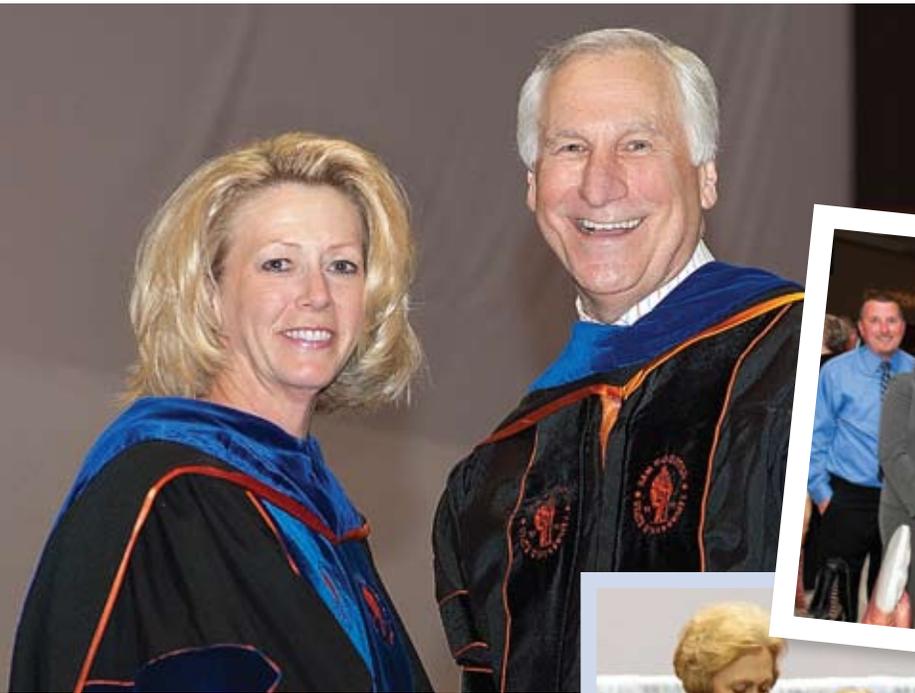
She went on to talk about the growth of online courses and the increase of online enrollments in both for-profit and non-profit U.S. colleges and universities.

"But the important point is that it's not 'either/or' in terms of online vs. an on-site university," Gibson said. "It is 'both/and.' More importantly, it's about the quality, the true rigor of the academic experience for the student, whether that comes online or in a classroom."

Gibson also discussed the reduced funding that universities are experiencing nationwide and how institutions of higher education are being required to demonstrate more accountability.

"The continuing withdrawal of public support for higher education accompanied by increased demands to 'prove' the efficiency of our operations and the quality of our education outcomes is a long-term trend that is on an escalating trajectory," she said.

By Julia May



**Left:** President Gibson with SHSU alumna Charlie Amato, who serves chairman of the Texas State University System Board of Regents.

**Middle:** Regent and SHSU alumna Trisha Pollard places the newly designed Presidential Medallion around President Gibson's neck.

**Inset:** President Gibson with special guests at a luncheon before the ceremony.

"Therefore, we must be more thoughtful and systematic in documenting our performance in order to secure our support from all sources—public and private," she said.

She emphasized, however, that the students who go to classes on the SHSU campus have a different experience from the kind students taking online classes have.

"While I am a believer in data-driven decisions, providing more transparency and showing more accountability and efficiency to the students and funders of higher education, I also firmly believe that a student's education experience should and does encompass far more than just what the metrics can capture," she said.

"Being a fully participating student at Sam Houston State gives you something you cannot find online. As we say, when you come to Sam Houston, you can feel it," she said.

Gibson concluded her speech by laying out her agenda.

"Sam Houston State University will continue its path of service for the citizens of Texas, the nation and the globe—and maybe with a broader definition of our student population," she said.

"We will continue to do this in an effective and efficient manner, fully documenting our outcomes to demonstrate our success and the value of the educational experience here at this university.

"But let there be no doubt that what we do here is about people, not numbers," she said.

"I pledge that we will continue with a passion for the educational process and an ongoing commitment to the discovery of knowledge and engagement with the students we serve," she said.

Following Gibson's speech, TSUS Regent Trisha Pollard presented a new presidential medallion to Gibson. The medallion features the university seal suspended from a chain. Directly above the seal is a bronze plate engraved with Gibson's name and "2010," the year she became president. Leading to the medallion on the chain are small, individual plates engraved with the names of Sam Houston State University's previous 12 presidents and the years they served.

Pollard, and her husband, Randy—both 1974 graduates of SHSU—provided funding for the new medallion.

Representatives from the student, staff, faculty, alumni and local communities formally greeted Gibson and welcomed her to her position.

The SHSU Trumpeters, SHSU Orchestra, and SHSU Chorale, conducted by David Cole, provided music for the ceremony.

Brian McCall, chancellor of the Texas State University System, served as master of ceremonies.

Other participants included SHSU Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs David Payne, President Emeritus Bobby Marks, President Emeritus James Gaertner and song leader James Franklin. ★



**While the university is recognized for its contributions to the educational, social and cultural well-being of the local area, an independent study confirms that SHSU makes a significant contribution to the regional economy as well.**

**S**am Houston State University “pays its own way” and is a major contributor to the economic vitality of the community, according to a new independent economic and fiscal impact report released by Southwest Business Research of Houston.

“We are proud that as a significant enterprise in its own right and through our mission of education, research and service, Sam Houston State University makes a

positive impact in the region where we are located,” said SHSU President Dana Gibson.

Gibson said the study provides the community with an objective assessment of the value of the university as a business in the community and not just the value of education of the workforce.

“Institutions of higher education are uniquely positioned to assist with driving economic development and growth,” she said.

During the 2010 fiscal year, direct spending by the university, its employees,

students and visitors, as well as indirect spending by recipients of the original expenditures, accounted for \$108.5 million to the City of Huntsville and \$111 million to Walker County, according to the study.

The university supported an estimated 3,268 citywide jobs directly and indirectly, and total personal income generated in Huntsville was \$100.6 million. This resulted in \$3.7 million in local purchases of durable, long-lasting goods such as cars, washers, dryers and air conditioners.

The university generated \$1.30 in local public sector revenues for every \$1 it cost the city, according to the report. Although SHSU is a tax-exempt public educational institution, its employees and others with whom business is conducted pay taxes to

By Julia May



Jobs generated from the construction of the new SHSU facility in The Woodlands contribute to the economy in the Montgomery County area.

**Figure 3: SHSU Economic Impact by Geography 2009**



local taxing authorities to support public sector activities such as schools, fire and police protection, sanitation and water quality.

“When our faculty, staff and students buy items with their salaries or other funding, they pay a sales tax,” Gibson said. “Employees who live in the area pay property taxes or their landlords pay property taxes. When individuals visit campus, they stay in hotels and buy items and pay taxes.”

Gibson noted that SHSU is not a financial burden to the City of Huntsville, thereby generating tax dollars indirectly.

“We provide much of our own infrastructure—police, roads, utilities—that are common municipal services,” she said.

The report also estimates that on average, SHSU’s operational activity adds more than \$63 million per year to the local bank credit base.

When the geographic scope of the study increased to include Walker and Montgomery Counties, the measures for SHSU increased, as well.

The impact magnitude increases from the City of Huntsville to Walker County were modest since the City of Huntsville comprises much of Walker County’s activity, according to the report.

However, when activity from Montgomery County was added, there was a significant increase.

“Montgomery County was included in the study because of the increasing number of SHSU faculty and students living there and the upcoming opening of The Woodlands campus,” Gibson said.

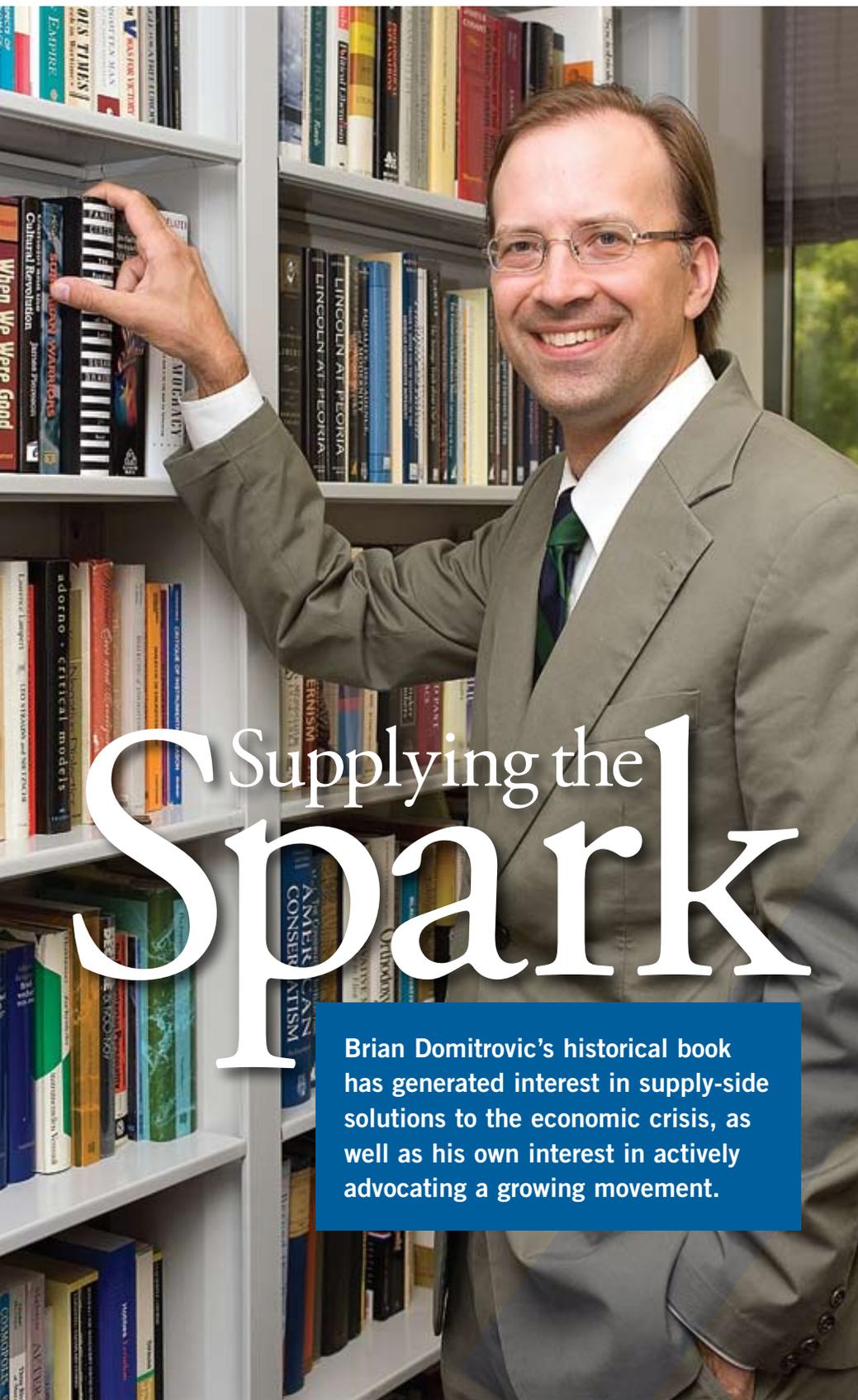
Business volume rose to \$149.4 million, personal income expanded to \$124.7 million and the total employment impact from SHSU operational activity increased to 3,798 jobs.

Gibson also pointed out that SHSU contributes to the area in more ways than those that can be measured, such as learned skills, research findings, public service functions, social and cultural gains,

business attraction effects, and general quality of life improvements.

“Just think of the ready-educated workforce that SHSU provides with about 3,500 graduates annually,” she said. “Also, our students, faculty and staff volunteer thousands of hours, in addition to donations, that impact the quality of health and human services in the regions. Our programs, such as lectures, arts, and sport events, provide the community with features one would find in a much larger community.”

Gibson said that the economic impact report is one of many ongoing approaches the university will use to demonstrate in objective ways its impact on and benefit to the region and state, as well as proactively show good fiduciary accountability. ★



# Supplying the Spark

Brian Domitrovic's historical book has generated interest in supply-side solutions to the economic crisis, as well as his own interest in actively advocating a growing movement.

Robert Mundell's 1999 Nobel Prize lecture was meaningful to SHSU assistant professor of history Brian Domitrovic.

An intellectual historian whose interests include economic history, Domitrovic was familiar with Mundell as the professor whose classes he "somehow forgot to take" as an undergraduate at Columbia University.

"A Reconsideration of the Twentieth Century," Mundell's lecture, gave Domitrovic the opportunity to do something he hadn't been able to do at Columbia: hear the famous economist's ideas on monetary and fiscal policies under different exchange rate regimes.

"I had just received my Ph.D. in history from Harvard, and it was a completely different interpretation of what had happened historically in that century," the Pittsburgh native said. "I thought this view has to be made known, and that's when it started to dawn on me that I should write a book on its basis."

*Econoclasts: The Rebels Who Sparked the Supply-Side Revolution and Restored American Prosperity* was published 10 years after Mundell's speech, and, since then, the narrative history of supply-side economics has propelled Domitrovic into the spotlight.

The book's success has not only led to appearances on CNBC's Kudlow Report and Lou Dobbs Tonight, but has taken Domitrovic to Washington, D.C., "a zillion times" as a consultant to "some pretty significant individuals, including members of Congress," as well as to the pages of Forbes.com as a weekly columnist for the blog Past & Present. He recently appeared on a panel with Mundell, moderated by the Wall Street Journal.

*Econoclasts* hinges on the idea that "the world changed for the United States in 1913, when the United States started the income tax and the Federal Reserve," and the resulting supply-side economics theory

By Jennifer Gauntt

devised to handle the consequences of the two, according to Domitrovic.

“From a supply-sider’s perspective, whatever good those institutions can do, the Fed and the income tax, they can also do a lot of harm, and supply-side economics would be a means of limiting that harm,” he said. “It kind of percolated and developed for decades. This became an imperative problem in the ’70s when you had ‘stagflation’ and then Reagan finally picked it up in ’81. When he implemented it, it was very successful.”

While conducting years of archival research, Domitrovic found that there was not a lot of published information on the history of Reaganomics. He also found that some of the “manifestly important” Ronald Reagan or Jack Kemp papers had never been searched through. Kemp was the Republican congressman who aligned with Reagan and led the fight to turn supply-side theory into practice.

“I am breaking concrete, not just ground,” he said. “I point out in the book that the Reagan revolution in economic policy is the most significant in economic policy since the New Deal, in the entire era since then, and yet we do not have one work of history that tries to account for this and tell its story. Nobody’s doing this kind of stuff, and there’s not a good explanation for it. This is really significant.”

That the book explores some of the country’s most pressing financial crises and analyzes how supply-side economics has been utilized to fix them is what has garnered so much attention in the media.

“The reason it has a political tinge right now is that we can’t solve our economic crisis and that’s become a political problem,” Domitrovic said.

Domitrovic believes that history has shown that all modern economics crises—including the one currently being experienced in America—can be solved through two steps: cutting taxes and committing to what



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he calls the Gold Standard, or stabilizing the price of gold. Domitrovic also notes there is a historical connection between the prices of gold and oil.

He points out that following the Great Depression, Congress did both of those things in the late 1940s and what followed was a sustained growth in the private sector. Likewise, when America experienced its next biggest crises, in the 1970s—when inflation was often in the double-digits and hit 20 percent for a period, interest rates were up to 20 percent, unemployment was at 10 percent, and the stock market lost 75 percent of its real value—Reagan employed supply-side economics with success.

“All of the recessions since 1913 are attributable to the persistence of monetary and fiscal policy. I think the activism on the part of the Fed and the income tax are responsible for all recessions since 1913, so if you restricted that activism, formally, you would have fewer recessions,” he said.

“So you have monetary policy oriented toward a stable price of gold and tax cuts. That combination right there has solved every recession of the 20th century,” he said.

“There is not one recession that has been solved in the 20th century that was not solved in that manner. Every single one was.

“(For our current crisis) If the Fed said we’re just going to target the price of gold, and the Obama administration said we’re going to make all tax cuts permanent, we’re going to solve the deficit in some other fashion, you would see 5 percent growth all the way,” he said.

Because of his book and his recent experiences consulting in Washington, D.C., Domitrovic said he has begun moving beyond the role of a traditional historian to become a sort of partisan advocate of supply-side economics and the Gold Standard.

“The most important thing that it’s done is it’s enabled me to think about how to take action, not just be a scholar but also be a doer,” he said. “Given our economic crisis right now, I’m really yearning to take more action, to make some contributions toward solving our problem. Academics usually don’t do that sort of thing; they take a back seat to current events, but unfortunately because our crisis is so bad, I have an opportunity to contribute to action.” ★

## Hebert Named Chief Academic Officer



**J**aimie L. Hebert, who served six years as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has taken the role of new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective August 1.

Hebert received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in statistics at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and taught at Appalachian State University before coming to Sam Houston State in 1995.

"I am confident that Dr. Hebert will continue to offer his energy, professionalism and high intellectual standards to SHSU, along with his deep respect for our mission

and a sense of our strategic needs, as he has done while serving as dean," President Dana Gibson said.

Hebert praised the current administration for the leadership they had provided in the past as well as their ideas for the university's future development.

"I am honored to serve this wonderful institution in this capacity," Hebert said. "Dr. Gibson's vision for our university has brought a new level of excitement to the campus, and all of our academic units are eager to join her in pursuing that vision. I am humbled by the thought of leading such an extraordinary faculty and staff in this endeavor."

Under Hebert's direction as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the university established a nursing program and a Department of Nursing; an Office of Medical and Allied Health Professions; a graduate program in applied geographic information systems; an online master's degree in quality and information assurance; a master's degree in music therapy; and an aquatics research facility, among other programs.

Prior to his service as dean, Hebert was chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at SHSU. He secured funding and official status for the Reeves Center for Mathematics Education; restructured

## SHSU NAMES NEW VP FOR FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

the developmental mathematics program; established a self-sufficient mathematics tutoring lab available to students throughout campus; established a master's degree in digital forensics; grew the number of teaching assistantships from six to over 20; and proposed a doctorate in mathematics education to the Texas State Board of Regents and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, which resulted in a joint program with Texas State University–San Marcos.

His university-related service and professional activities include chairing the faculty evaluation committee; the faculty grievance committee; and the athletic advisory council. He has also been a member of the Academic Affairs Council; Council of Academic Deans; Academic Policy Council; Banner/ERP steering committee; core curriculum assessment committee; standing faculty tenure committee; Texas Success Initiative committee; and Faculty Senate.

Hebert has served as secretary-treasurer of the Mathematical Association of America, Texas Section; senior research editor of the *Journal of Developmental Education*; and adviser of the SHSU Rotaract Club and SHSU Statistics Club.

He has served as president, vice president, treasurer and director of the Huntsville Rotary Club; board member of the Huntsville Girls Softball Association; and member of Walker County Quail Unlimited.

In 2008, Rotary International named Hebert a Paul Harris Fellow, and in 2006 he was given the SHSU Faculty Senate Outstanding Administrator Award.

Hebert is the father of two daughters—Emily, a student at Texas Woman's University, and Sarah, a senior at Huntsville High School.

Jerry Cook, associate vice president for Research and Sponsored Programs is serving as interim dean of the College of Sciences. ★



**A**lvin "Al" Hooten has joined Sam Houston State University as its newest vice president for Finance and Operations, effective Aug. 1.

Hooten, who served as vice chancellor for Finance and Administration at the University of Tennessee at Martin before coming to SHSU, fills the position formerly held by Dana Gibson, who became SHSU's president last year.

As the vice president for Finance and Operations, Hooten is the chief financial officer for the university and manages SHSU's investment portfolio and real estate acquisitions and sales.

He is also responsible for the divisions and departments of human resources and risk management; public safety services; controller's office; budget and operations, including university dining; procurement and business services; and facilities management, including construction.

While at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Hooten oversaw budget and management reporting; human resources, including payroll; business affairs, including purchasing, contract and grant accounting, receivables, collections, risk management and auxiliary services; physical plant, including construction; public safety; emergency management; contract coordination; environmental health and safety; and contracted bookstore and food service.

He provided leadership in the construction of a power generation facility to provide backup power to the Tennessee Valley Authority, for which the university receives approximately \$500,000 a year in revenue. He also provided leadership in the university's requirement to reduce state appropriations by approximately 30 percent, which involved determining costs, establishing critical strategic planning, reallocation of funds and people, and communicating financial issues to constituents.

Prior to his employment in Tennessee, he served as vice president for business affairs at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls and assistant/associate vice president for finance and administration at Boise State University in Idaho. ★

## “Let’s Talk!” Participants Visit With Students Before Main Event



**DOC BLAKELY**—A renowned humorist, musician, and author, SHSU alumnus Doc Blakely, BS '60, entertained students with his wit and wisdom prior to his appearance at the event that evening.



**NANCY KRATZER**—Nancy Kratzer, BS '79, rose through the ranks of the federal agency system to become the Deputy Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Dallas (see story on page 30). When speaking to SHSU criminal justice students, she told them her story about achieving her career goals in what was then a male-oriented domain.



**JEFF LEE**—As a member of the Harris County High Tech and Cyber Crimes Unit, Jeff Lee, BA '97, uses technology to catch criminals who use online sites such as Craigslist and eBay to sell the proceeds of their crimes. “Technology is at the cutting edge of where law enforcement is going, and it’s growing,” he told criminal justice students.

*“Let’s Talk! A Night of Conversation”* has raised more than \$150,000 for student scholarships and operating expenses in the Elliott T. Bowers Honors College since the first event was held in 2008. This year, a number of SHSU alumni on the program visited classes prior to the evening’s activity, talking with students about their experiences. Additional information about “Let’s Talk!” can be found at <http://www.shsu.edu/~honors/letstalk/>.

## Outstanding Faculty Recognized For Excellence



The 2011 Faculty Excellence Award recipients, pictured with President Dana Gibson (second from right) are from left: Hiranya Nath, Stacy Ulbig and Sergio Ruiz.

Nath, who has taught in the Department of Economics and International Business since 2002, was recognized for Excellence In Research.

Ulbig, associate professor of political science, was selected for the Excellence In Teaching award.

Ruiz, director of keyboard studies and director of the Institute of Latin American Music Studies within the School of Music, was honored for Excellence In Service. ★



**ROBERT “BOB” ROUSH**—Bob Roush, BS '64, ME '66, is the director of the Texas Consortium Geriatric Education Center at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and associate professor in the geriatrics section of the Department of Medicine. While visiting the campus, he advised students in the “community health” and “intimate relationships” classes on actions they should take now to improve their physical, mental and financial well being in their Golden Years.

**WAYNE SCOTT**—Retired Texas Department of Criminal Justice Executive Director Wayne Scott, BBA '73, discussed his experience as a young lieutenant at the Walls Unit during the 1974 Carrasco Prison Siege in Huntsville when he visited with criminal justice students.

**GEORGE YAX**—Immediately following the 2010 underwater explosion of a British Petroleum oil well in the Gulf of Mexico, America Pollution Control, owned by George Yax, BBA '66, MBA '67, was engaged as a Tier 1 response organization. While on campus, he spoke to students in the College of Business Administration, citing advice he received from his professors while attending SHSU that has benefitted him throughout his career and offering pointers on successful business management.

## Kats Ride, Rope, Race To Big Wins At National Championships



In the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association at the College National Finals Rodeo championships in Casper, Wyo., in June, SHSU men’s team took its first national title in nearly 40 years, the women’s team finished second and plenty of individual accolades were earned by Bearkat cowboys and cowgirls.

The Sam Houston men’s team finished with 755 points, 55 points ahead of runner-up McNeese State. The team was assisted in a big way by Cody Teel’s bull riding victory. He clinched the average buckle with a three-ride aggregate score of 244.5, 20 points ahead of second place finisher Dalton Votaw of Hill

College. Sam Houston also was aided by Cade Rice’s fourth place finish in the men’s all-around standings.

In the women’s team title race, SHSU finished with 430 points, 130 behind No. 1 Montana State.

Sam Houston received a big boost from Elizabeth Combs’ national championship victory in barrel racing. She snared the title after turning in a four-run time of 57.60, 15 one-hundredths of a second faster than runner-up Robi Nance of Montana State.

“We’re already talking about repeating,” Coach Bubba Miller said. “We’re going to do everything we can, work hard through the summer and come back in the fall ready to win a national title again next year.” ★

# BOOKSHELF

**Sixteen books published by SHSU faculty members showcase the work professors and staff members do outside of the classroom.**

## ***A Concordance of Pablo Picasso's French Writings, 2 vols.***

Enrique Mallen, professor of Spanish, provides a comprehensive lexical concordance of the literary texts Pablo Picasso wrote in French, indexing the works that resulted from his sudden turn towards poetry in 1935 that coincided with Picasso's devastating marital crisis. The concordance is a necessary accompaniment to understanding the multiple values of specific words in diverse contexts, analyzing things such as the flow of words in his poems, as well as Picasso's own edits.

**Edwin Mellen Press, 2010—1,307 pages**

## ***Asylum Speakers: Caribbean Refugees and Testimonial Discourse***

April Shemak, associate professor of English, offers the first interdisciplinary study of refugees in the Caribbean, Central America, and the United States. It evaluates various forms of witnessing the experiences of Haitian, Dominican, Cuban, and Central American refugees. By examining literary works by such writers as Edwidge Danticat, Nikòl Payen, Kamau Brathwaite, Francisco Goldman, Julia Alvarez, Ivonne Lamazares and Cecilia Rodríguez Milanés, as well as human rights documents, government documents, photography, and historical studies, Shemak constructs a complex picture of refugees in the Americas that expands current discussions of hemispheric migration.

**Fordham University Press, 2011—320 pages**

## ***Before the Line. Vol. I, An Annotated Atlas of International Boundaries and Republic of Texas Administrative Units Along the Sabine River-Caddo Lake Borderlands, 1803–1841.***

Jim Tiller, professor of geography, presents a geographical perspective of the very considerable, but relatively little known, record that exists with respect to boundaries and administrative units in eastern Harrison County, Texas, between 1803 and 1841. The work provides historically and geographically accurate maps of the Sabine River-Caddo Lake region and references a variety of difficult-to-locate sources, including federal and state archival material, period letters, and obscure court filings.

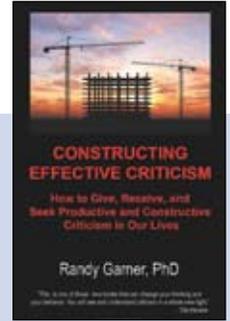
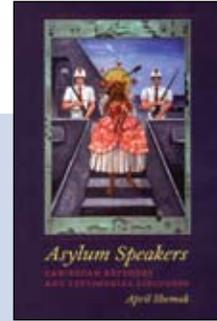
**The START Group, 2010—123 pages.**

## ***Calculating Basic Statistical Procedures in SPSS: A Self-Help and Practical Guide to Preparing Theses, Dissertations, and Manuscripts***

John R. Slate, professor of educational leadership and counseling, and Reading Center literacy specialist Ana Rojas-LeBouef, assist researchers in their use of the Statistical Package of the Social Sciences-PC (SPSS-PC) versions 15–19. Through a set screenshots that depict each important step in conducting basic statistical analyses, the book supplements existing texts in which readers are informed about the underpinnings of basic statistical procedures and in which definitions of terms are provided.

**NCPEA Publications, 2011—161 pages**

Available online at <http://my.qoop.com/store/NCPEA-Publications-1781472103076212/Calculating-Basic-Statistical-Procedures-in-SPSS--A-Self-Help-and-Practical-Guide-to-Preparing-These-97019222490401/>



## ***Constructing Effective Criticism: How to Give, Receive, and Seek Productive and Constructive Criticism in Our Lives***

Randy Garner, professor of behavioral sciences in the College of Criminal Justice, offers advice on how to better deal with the criticism we all face, exploring the origins of the term, why we criticize and some of the psychological processes involved. He also addresses ways to better handle criticism and suggests ways to become more receptive to criticism, as well as reasons to actually seek criticism.

**Prescient Publishing, 2010—222 pages**

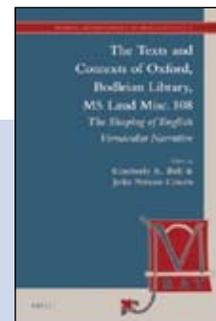
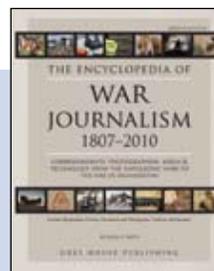
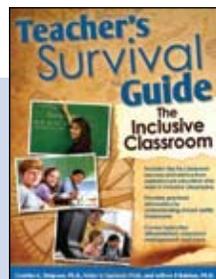
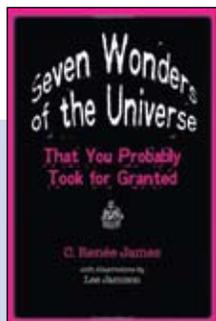
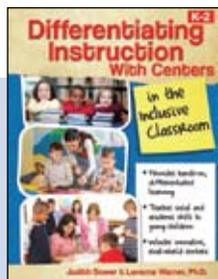
## ***Differentiating Instruction With Centers in the Inclusive Classroom***

Judith Sower, retired education professor, and Laverne Warner, Professor Emerita of early childhood education, help primary teachers create exciting and motivating classroom centers that are perfect for kindergarten through second-grade learners of all ability levels. The book also describes inexpensive approaches to preparing and storing centers from year to year and provides assessment and observation forms for teacher use.

**Prufrock Press, 2011—201 pages**

## ***Research Informing Practice—Practice Informing Research: Innovative Teaching Methodologies for World Language Teachers***

Mary A. Petró, assistant professor of bilingual and English as a second language education, co-edited the volume, which focuses on



innovative, nontraditional methods of teaching and learning world languages. Using teacher-research projects, each author guides readers through their own personal journey and exploration of teaching methods, novelty, risk-taking and reflection. Petrón also co-authored two of the chapters and authored one.

**Information Age Publishing, 2011—238 pages**

### **Seven Wonders of the Universe That You Probably Took for Granted**

Associate professor of physics C. Renée James's whimsical tour of seven everyday experiences—night, light, stuff, gravity, time, home and wonder—opens the universe to fantastical contemplation, introducing each of these wonders with a simple question that appears to be easily answered. The questions then open to underlying concepts such as relativity, matter and antimatter, and the electromagnetic spectrum in an accessible discussion that uses common analogies and entertaining illustrations to provide a bundle of detail on historical discoveries.

**Johns Hopkins University Press, 2010—256 pages**

### **Teacher's Survival Guide: The Inclusive Classroom**

Associate professor of special education Cynthia Simpson, with Vicky Spencer and Jeff Bakken, address the most important issues new teachers face when working with students with disabilities, including collaboration, establishing parent

relationships, understanding legal issues, and managing the classroom. The series is filled with practical information, tips for success, and advice from experienced educators, as well as offers field-tested, proven strategies designed to help classroom teachers meet the needs of all students.

**Prufrock Press, 2011—226 pages**

### **The Encyclopedia of War Journalism: 1807–2010, 2nd ed.**

Mitchel P. Roth, criminal justice professor, provides a compilation of correspondents, photographers, media and technology from the Napoleonic Wars to the War in Afghanistan. The encyclopedia includes biographies, primary documents, photographs, timeline and bibliography.

**Grey House Publishing, 2010—635 pages**

### **The Public Policy of Crime and Criminal Justice, 2nd ed.**

Will Oliver, professor of criminal justice, and Nancy Marion, in what has become the definitive book in the criminal justice field, explain how both crime policy and criminal justice policy are created and implemented, as well as the impact this has on the criminal justice system. The updated edition also includes an enhanced focus on state and local issues and illustrations that reflect the Obama administration.

**Prentice Hall, 2012 (released in 2011)—512 pages**

### **The Texts and Contexts of Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Laud Misc. 108: The Shaping of English Vernacular Narrative**

The collection of essays, edited by associate professor of English Kimberly K. Bell and Julie Nelson Couch, examines the late 13th-century, monolingual Oxford manuscript, Bodleian Library, MS Laud Misc. 108, which bears singular importance to medieval studies because it preserves and anthologizes unique versions of several seminal Middle English texts. Considering the manuscript as a “whole book” rather than a miscellany of romances, saints' lives, and religious poems, the inter-connected essays focus on the manuscript's physical, contextual and critical intersections. Bell also co-wrote the introduction and wrote one chapter.

**Brill Academic Publishers (The Netherlands), 2010—328 pages**

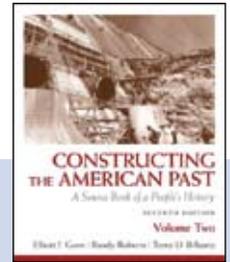
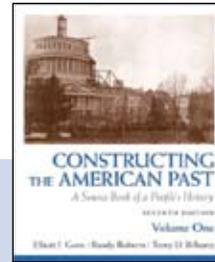
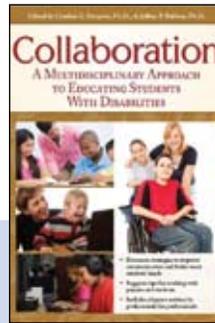
### **Writing Your Statistical Results: Model Writeups**

John R. Slate and Ana Rojas-LeBouef provide exemplars on how to write statistical results in strict compliance with American Psychological Association (APA) 6th edition style.

**NCPEA Publications, 2011—67 pages**

Available online at <http://my.qoop.com/store/NCPEA-Publications-1781472103076212/Presenting-and-Communicating-Your-Statistical-Findings--Model-Writeups-by-John-R-Slate-and-Ana-Roja-61412162112330/>

# BOOKSHELF



## Textbooks

### **Collaboration: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Educating Students With Disabilities**

Cynthia Simpson and Jeff Bakken discuss collaboration, effective communication, and how to work with families, as well as the many different professionals involved in the education of students with disabilities, including occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, school psychologists, intervention specialists, and more. Each chapter is written by professionals who address roles and responsibilities of those jobs, how they communicate with teachers and parents, and the direct services they provide to students and teachers.

**Prufrock Press, 2011—416 pages**

### **Constructing the American Past: A Source Book of a People's History, 7th ed., Volumes I and II**

Terry D. Bilhartz, a professor of history and associate dean in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, published with co-authors Elliott Gorn and Randy Roberts the well-acclaimed and widely adopted two volume college textbook, a work that captures the excitement of hands-on history through letters, articles, journalistic sources, photographs and posters. Each chapter focuses on a particular problem or moment in American history and provides students with several points of view. The photographs, posters and maps included in the text ask the students to “read” the visual sources of American history.

**Pearson, 2010—Volume I, 304 pages; Volume II, 352 pages**

## Electronic Mediums

### **The Piers Plowman Electronic Archive: 7; London, British Library, MS Lansdowne 198 & Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Rawlinson Poetry 38 (R).**

Robert Adams, professor of English, edited the material, available on CD-ROM, that continues the ongoing collaborative project devoted to the electronic publication of the Medieval and Renaissance witnesses to William Langland's *Piers Plowman*. The edition of the B-version manuscript known as ‘R’ is especially important because of its status as the only reliable witness for one of the two surviving branches of the B tradition.

**Boydell & Brewer (Woodbridge, Suffolk, UK), 2011 ★**

## Technology Facilitation Graduate Degree Nationally Recognized

Sam Houston State University's Master of Education degree in technology facilitation recently became one of only three in the state to receive national recognition by the Specialized Program Association, the International Society for Technology Education and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

“This recognition sets us apart from other technology programs,” said Marilyn Butler, NCATE coordinator for the College of Education. “It indicates that our program is consistent with the state's high expectations for integration of technology in the classroom.”

Offered since 2007, the degree is an online program designed to prepare

individuals in education to facilitate the integration of technology into curriculum.

It also readies people in business and industry to facilitate technology integration as it relates to corporate training and continuing education programs, according Marilyn Rice, associate professor of curriculum and instruction.

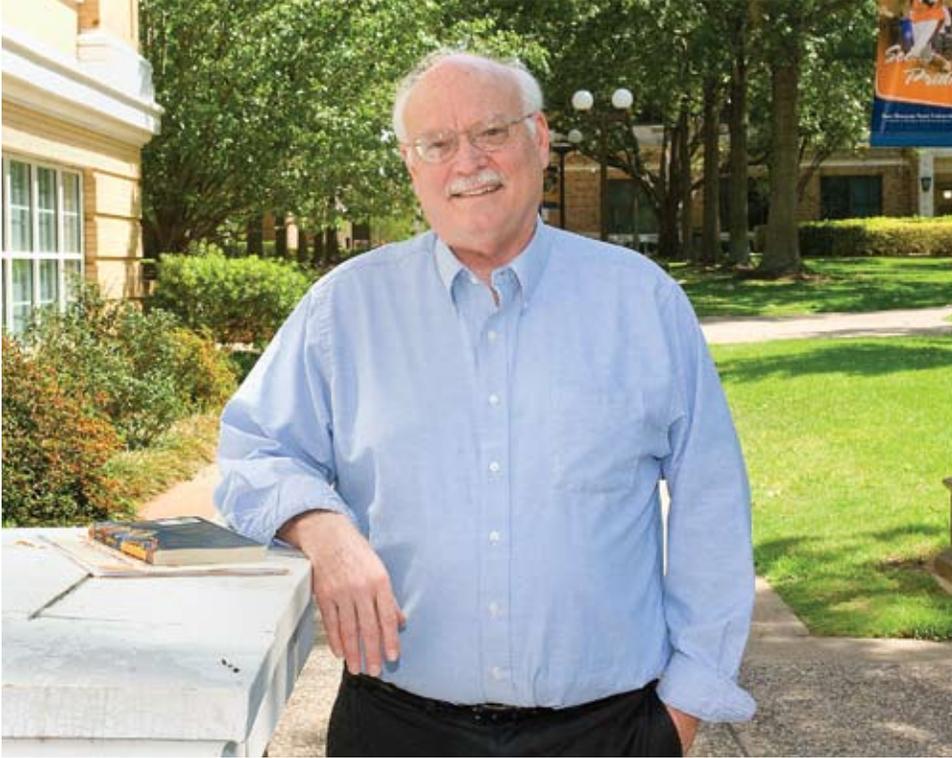
The program not only meets the ISTE standards, which will soon be adopted by Texas as the state standard, but is also consistent with the National Educational Technology Plan of 2010, drafted by the Office of Educational Technology in the U.S. Department of Education.

While the idea of technology destruction once occurred every 18 months,

it's now happening even faster than that, to the point where change is continuous, making it crucial for both universities and public educators “to embrace the ever-increasing development of technological tools” and be prepared “to implement them more effectively,” according to Rice.

“This will bolster the success and learning of P-16 (preschool through college-aged) students, strengthen the country's educational system, and improve the effectiveness of employees in private industry,” Rice said. “Furthermore, doing so will not only increase the quality of instruction and learning, but will also teach students the value of technology both in school and in the workplace.” ★

## Fair Named 2011 Piper Professor



**F**rank K. Fair, who has been instrumental in starting a number of programs at SHSU with teaching and student learning at their center, has been selected to receive the prestigious 2011 Minnie Stevens Piper Award.

Fair, a professor of philosophy, received \$5,000 and a gold commemorative pin from the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation of Texas. The foundation makes 10 awards annually in recognition of superior teaching at the college level.

“Dr. Fair, even though he is extremely rigorous and demanding, has always enjoyed the adoration of his students,” said Christopher Wilson, professor and chair of the Department of Psychology and Philosophy. “Students seem to clamor to get into his classes, knowing full well that they will be tested to their limits.”

Fair is one of the few SHSU faculty members to receive two or more of the three excellence awards given by the university each year. He won the Excellence in Teaching award in 1989 and the Excellence in Service award in 1992. He also received a service award from the SHSU College of Humanities and Social Sciences in 2009.

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While at SHSU, Fair has either founded or was involved in the establishment of the annual Conference on Teaching, sponsored by the SHSU College of Humanities and

Social Sciences; the annual Constitution Day celebration; the Honors College; the Across-the-University Writing Program; and the Academic Challenge Program, which brings teams from Texas high schools to SHSU to compete in quiz bowls twice a year.

For the students in his classes at SHSU, Fair says he tries to encourage a strong philosophical attitude within them.

“I want them to develop a curiosity which wonders about the world and about people—what makes them tick,” he said. “I also want them to have a desire to have good reasons for the important things they believe and a humility that leads to open-mindedness where they listen seriously to those with whom they disagree.

“In addition, I hope my students come away with a willingness to challenge the ‘conventional wisdom’ and a determination to see the big picture—to make the things they believe fit together in some kind of harmonious whole,” he said.

In addition to his classroom and administrative duties, Fair has served on numerous SHSU committees and councils and holds memberships in several professional societies. He has also been active in civic and youth programs within the Huntsville community.

Sam Houston State University’s previous Piper Professors include Hazel

Floyd, education (1961); George Killinger, sociology (1968); Mary Frances Park, education (1981); Fisher Tull, music (1984); Ralph Pease, English (1987); Witold Lukaszewski, political science (1992); Rolando

V. del Carmen, criminal justice (1998); Caroline Crimm, history (2004); Vic Sower, management (2005); and James Olson, history (2006). ★

## SAM Center Earns National Recognition



**T**he National Academic Advising Association has selected Sam Houston State University's Student Advising and Mentoring Center as a 2011 Outstanding Institutional Advising Program Certificate of Merit recipient.

The recognition is part of the association's annual awards program for academic advising. Bill Fleming directs SHSU's program.

"This is the second time in a five-year period the SAM Center has been recognized as an outstanding advising and mentoring model in the United States," said Fleming.

"We have a wonderful and dedicated group of professionals and student assistants who care about our university and its mission and who work hard for our constituents," he said.

The Outstanding Advising Program Awards recognize programs that document innovative and/or exemplary practices resulting in improvement of academic advising service.

Since its establishment, 16 universities have visited the SAM Center, and some have created centers patterned after the SHSU model. Twice, the center has been

recognized in the U.S. News and World Report College Edition in articles about its services, its impact on education and students, and the importance of academic advising as a profession.

Twenty advisers now work with the SAM Center, including one that serves as a traveling adviser and goes to feeder community colleges to advise students transferring to SHSU.

In addition to advising, the SAM Center offers a number of academic support programs, including mentoring, monitoring academic progress, GRE/GMAT reviews, and study skills programs.

The center also hosts "Grassroots: Conversations on Leadership in a Diverse Community," which features a noted individual of Latino or African-American descent leading a discussion focusing on his or her success in a forum with students of all backgrounds.

"The programs we've added in the past six years in concert with our existing successful programs, the welcoming atmosphere of the center, and the expertise and friendliness of our staff and faculty have truly made the SAM Center the place to attain success at Sam Houston State University," Fleming said. ★

## THEATRE PROFESSIONAL NAMED DEAN OF FINE ARTS, MASS COMMUNICATION

**R**oberta Sloan, A director, actress, teacher and former administrator at Temple University in Pennsylvania, is now serving as the dean of the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication at Sam Houston State, effective August 1. While at Temple University Sloan was a Faculty Arts Fellow and chair of the Commission on the Arts. She also served as the chair of the department of theater and executive producer of Temple Theaters from 2006 to 2010.

Under her direction, the theatre department grew in both enrollment and credit hour production. Many students won regional and national awards, successfully entered the entertainment industries and were accepted to prestigious graduate schools nationwide.

From 2004 to 2006, Sloan was professor and chair of the department of theatre and artistic director of the University of Central Florida Conservatory Theatre. She was also the executive producer of The Orlando Repertory Theater.

She was professor and chair of the department of theatre, dance and media arts at the University of Central Oklahoma, where she also served as chair of theatre arts and was an assistant and associate professor of communications.

She was also the founder and CEO of a full-service advertising agency specializing in broadcast and public relations activities for Oklahoma-based clients from 1988 to 2004.

## SHSU Wins National Agriculture Sweepstakes Competition



*Sloan has directed and acted in over 200 productions including Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival award-winning productions.*

Sloan has been active with the National Association of Schools of Theatre, serving as an accreditation and reaccreditation evaluator and chair of the nominating committee.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree in drama education from Northwestern University and her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan. She is also a certified Fitzmaurice Voicework Associate Teacher.

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She has conducted on-site theatre research in Asia, South America, Europe and Australia and has sailed around the world twice as a professor with the Semester At Sea program. ★



Students from Sam Houston State University's Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences won the annual Sweepstakes Award at the 2011 North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Judging Contests at California's Modesto Junior College held April 14–16. The Sweepstakes Competition is the contest's top prize, awarded to the top collegiate institution from results in seven team and individual contests in agriculture.

SHSU competed in five of the seven contests and placed in all five competitions along with winning the team competition in agribusiness management and agricultural computers. SHSU also had two first place individual competition winners.

The students prepared for the competitions practicing at least four nights a week for three hours each night.

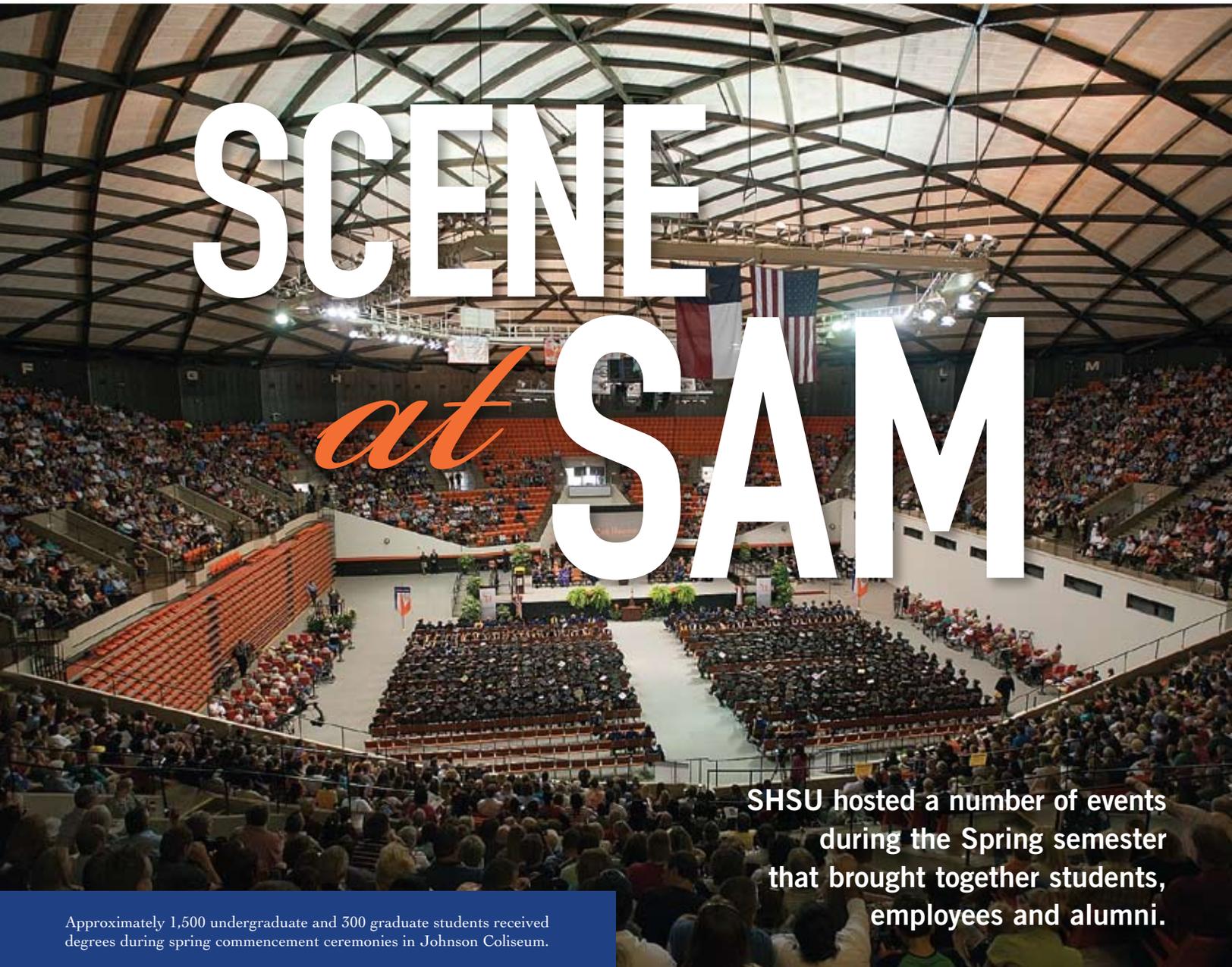
"This was the first year attending NACTA by the agribusiness academic competition team at SHSU, which was just founded by faculty members Michael Lau and Michelle Santiago during the 2010 fall semester. The team also had a first place individual, Rachel Newton, at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Student Quiz Bowl Competition in Corpus Christi in February," said Stanley Kelley, chair of the Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences.

Santiago, Lau, and Brice Mund coached the competing teams from SHSU at the 2011 NACTA Judging Contest.

Team awards included: Agribusiness Management, 1st Place; Agricultural Computers, 1st Place; Agricultural Knowledge Bowl, 4th Place; Livestock Judging, 2nd Place; Dairy Cattle Judging, 3rd Place.

First place individual awards included: Spencer Sikes, Agribusiness Management, and Elizabeth Collins, Livestock Judging. ★

# SCENE *at* SAM



Approximately 1,500 undergraduate and 300 graduate students received degrees during spring commencement ceremonies in Johnson Coliseum.

SHSU hosted a number of events during the Spring semester that brought together students, employees and alumni.



Enjoying the Samuel Houston Society Dinner at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott were, from left: Luann Burgess, Ray Burgess, Mary Ann Metcalf and Tommy Metcalf.



Four of the children of Provost David and Grettle Payne (center) were on hand for the dedication of the concert hall in the Paynes honor in the Performing Arts Center. From left, they are Daniel, David, James and John Payne.



With his family looking on, baseball head Coach Mark Johnson salutes his players and Bearkat fans at his final home game prior to his retirement.



President Dana Gibson (center) joined with a group of Bearkats to cheer on the Aeros at the Sam Houston-Houston Aeros Hockey Night.



The General Sam Houston Folk Festival, held each spring on the Sam Houston Memorial Museum grounds, continues to be a big hit for both young and old alike.



Nursing student Amber Pritchart practices a technique on fellow student Lauren Mullane in the nursing program's skills laboratory.



Students in the Farrington Building look over their study notes once more before taking finals.



Bearkats (from left) Kelsey Heath, Dikeizin Haynes and Jordan Hayes proudly show off their class rings following the Ring Ceremony.



The SHSU spirit teams returned to Huntsville from Daytona Beach, Fla., this spring with some very impressive hardware to show for their hard work. Sammy the Bearkat placed 1st in the National Cheerleading Association Mascot Competition for the second consecutive year, as well as the Orange Pride Dance team, which also placed 1st in the National Dance Alliance competition for the second year in a row. The All-Girl Cheer Squad place 3rd in their event.

SHSU CELEBRATES THE INAUGURAL SEASON  
OF THE JAMES AND NANCY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER WITH

# ENCORE!



**Organizers of “Encore!”** promised an exciting evening to remember on April 30. The event delivered with magnificent musical, dance and theatrical talent featuring performances by successful Sam Houston alumni and current students as they put the university’s performing arts programs in the spotlight. Over \$240,000 was raised to fund initiatives for the new College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication and will provide scholarships for many students.





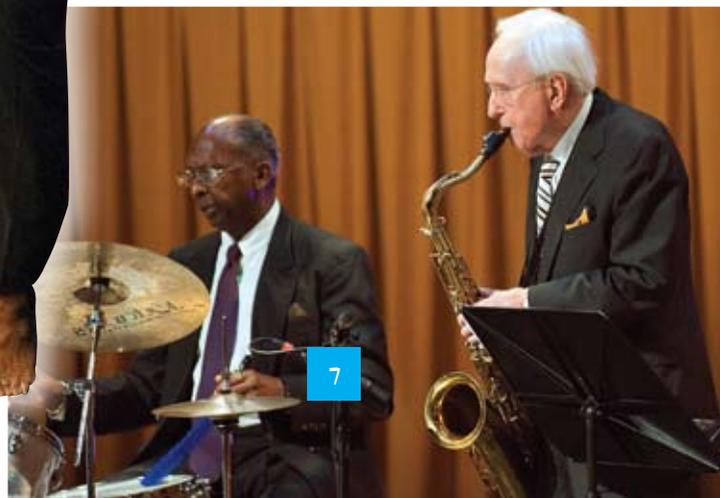
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1 SHSU dance students performed to The Ed Gerlach Combo's rendition of "In The Mood." 2 Among the guests were (from left): SHSU President Emeritus Bobby and Colleen Marks and Cecelia and Jim Marquart. 3 Mike Reid sang "I Can't Make You Love Me," which he co-wrote with Allen Shamblin. 4 Elijah Gibson dances to "I Only Have Eyes For You," by The Flamingos. 5 Master of Ceremonies Scott Cherryholmes (left) and composer/producer Gary Powell share a moment onstage. 6 Performers and special guests at the event. 7 The Ed Gerlach Combo performing "Satin Doll." 8 Allen Shamblin sang from a collection of his songs, including "He Walked On Water." 9 Mark Wills sang "19 Somethin'" and "Don't Laugh At Me."

# CHANGING OF THE GUARD

IN THE BEARKAT BASEBALL PROGRAM

AFTER SUCCESSFUL STINTS WITH HOUSTON AND RICE, **DAVID PIERCE** IS READY TO BE THE “**TOP GUY**” AT SHSU.

One of Sam Houston’s most successful programs on the NCAA Division I national stage has a new skipper.

David Pierce became the Bearkats’ new head baseball coach on June 14.

The pitching coach for a Rice Owls team that has been one of the best in college baseball the past nine years, Pierce

succeeds Mark Johnson, who directed Sam Houston to NCAA regional playoff appearances three of the last five seasons. Johnson announced his retirement from baseball prior to a 35–24 season in 2011.

“I am excited and looking forward to this opportunity,” Pierce said. “I think everything I have done in my career, from working in high school to working at Houston and Rice, has prepared me for this chance.”

Pierce inherits a team that ranked in the top three in the Southland Conference this past season in batting, pitching and fielding, and will return three regular position players and two starting pitchers.

“This is such a good situation here at Sam Houston State. A lot of that credit goes to Mark Johnson and the job he



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—DAVID PIERCE



did here,” Pierce said. “When you look at where we are located, I think we have a chance to really recruit well and bring in some very good players on a yearly basis.”

In the last five years under Pierce’s guidance, the Rice pitching staff has been ranked in the top 30 in the NCAA in staff ERA, including a No. 4 national mark in 2007.

Pierce’s first top job was as a head coach for five seasons at Pasadena’s Dobie High School, where he led the Longhorns to three District 23-5A championships and three berths in the Region III semifinals.

Other coaching stops were at Episcopal and St. Pius X, both high schools in Houston. He also worked as a batting practice pitcher for the Houston Astros from 1994 through 2000.

He rejoined the college coaching ranks at Houston in 2001. He helped coach the Cougars to an appearance in the NCAA Tournament in his first season. In his second year, he helped take the team further with an NCAA Super Regional appearance, a game away from the College World Series.

“David Pierce has an excellent track record not only on the college level, but also in high school as well,” Sam Houston Director of Athletics Bobby Williams said. “He is very familiar with this area in terms of recruiting, especially Houston, and that was a big factor for us.”

Pierce said he’s always dreamed of becoming a head coach in college. He learned a lot working for Owls head coach Wayne Graham, and now he’s ready to take over and be the top guy at Sam Houston.

“This is a growing program,” Pierce said. “I think we’ve got a chance to do some really good things here. The foundation is set. Just look at the recruiting base and the area we’re in. There are tons of talented players within a 100-mile radius. The university is growing, and with what Don Sanders has done with the stadium, we are able to reach a lot of recruits.

“There is a great opportunity for players here to get a nice degree, to win and advance into professional baseball, if that’s what they want to do.” ★



AFTER A STELLAR FIRST YEAR, FLANDERS IS

# ON TARGET

FOR GREATER THINGS AHEAD

SETTING SCHOOL RECORDS IN 2010 AND BEING SELECTED AS SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE "FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR" AND FIRST TEAM ALL SOUTHLAND RUNNING BACK, TIM FLANDERS IS LOOKING FORWARD TO MAKING AN EVEN BIGGER BEARKAT IMPACT IN 2011.

By Jason Barfield

With the Sam Houston State Bearkats trailing archrival Stephen F. Austin 14–0 in the first quarter of the Battle of the Piney Woods last season, it looked as if the fourth-ranked Lumberjacks were going to cruise to victory.

But midway through the second quarter, the Kats stormed back. After a Richard Sincere touchdown, Tim Flanders took a handoff from freshman quarterback Brian Bell, cut back across the SFA defense and sprinted 45 yards to the end zone to tie the game at 14.

Immediately after scoring the touchdown, Flanders flashed the “axes down” hand sign that has become popular among SHSU athletes in the Battle of the Piney Woods rivalry. He did the same thing again after scoring in the third quarter.

The Kats eventually lost the game 31–28, but Flanders embraced and celebrated the rivalry like a fifth-year senior. Truth is, he had been on campus for less than two months.

Flanders, who is a sophomore for the 2011 Kats, transferred to SHSU in August of 2010 from Kansas State and didn’t have much time to adjust to Huntsville or Bearkat football. He made his Sam Houston debut only a week after arriving on campus, getting four carries for 40 yards against Baylor.

“It was real hard,” Flanders said. “When I moved here it was three days before school started. My first day of practice was the first day of school. We were playing Baylor that first game, and I pretty much just watched. I had a chance to play in the fourth quarter and get a few carries, but that was tough.”

Flanders didn’t take long to adjust, however. After a rare, and much needed, week two bye in the schedule, Flanders got the nod against Western Illinois and broke out for 156 yards on 23 carries and two touchdowns.

He rattled off five more 100-yard rushing games to tie a Sam Houston State



Flanders with legendary running back Tony Dorsett.

record with six consecutive 100-yard or more rushing games, concluding it with the 100-yard effort against the Lumberjacks.

As for embracing the rivalry so quickly, it just kind of happened.

“I didn’t know anything about the hand sign thing until the week of the game,” Flanders said. “They were telling me every time we scored I had to do it. At first I wasn’t going to, but then I said if I scored I would do it the first time. From there, I saw it was something everyone was doing.”

As for the game itself, which drew more than 24,000 fans to Reliant Stadium in Houston, Flanders said it was an incredible experience of its own.

“It was a big, exciting game,” he said. “I didn’t know it was going to be that big. When we came walking out of the tunnel, the crowd was going crazy, and we had the alumni out on the field. That was a cool deal.”

The one drawback to the game for Flanders was he picked up an injury towards the end that lingered for the next several games. He was limited to just seven carries against Northwestern State and three a week later against McNeese State, both losses for the Bearkats.

“It kind of hurt us as a team not being in there,” Flanders said. “I think I could have been a factor in those games.”

After completely sitting out the next game against Central Arkansas, a Bearkat victory, Flanders returned in a big way, running for 124 yards and two touchdowns



in a 31-29 win against Texas State to finish out the season.

For the year, he finished just shy of the 1,000-yard mark, with 948 yards. Despite missing the better part of three games, he still led the Southland Conference in rushing and was named first-team All-Southland running back.

It is the eighth best single season for an SHSU back, the most for a freshman, and his 13 rushing touchdowns on the year were tied for fourth-best in a single season. He also set a season record with seven 100-yard rushing games and is fourth for most in a career, trailing Charles Harris, who did it 11 times in his four-year career.

With three years still to play, Flanders will begin an assault on just about every career rushing record in school and Southland Conference history. He was named one of the 10 running backs to watch in 2011 by The Sports Network, the same group that awards the Walter Payton Award for the best player in Football Championship Series football each year.

Flanders’s focus, however, remains on the team.

“I think we are a lot closer than we were last year,” he said. “We came together in the spring, and everyone is more committed. I think we have a chance to do some more things on offense, and we have a lot of guys who can score from anywhere on the field.” ★

# 2011 BEARKAT ALL-AMERICANS

By Paul Ridings

In Sam Houston's quarter century of NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletic competition, 56 Bearkat student-athletes have earned All-America honors—an average of about two per year.

In 2011, SHSU doubled the average of All-American recipients with four Bearkats earning the coveted honor. The quartet of All-Americans included a men's basketball player, two track and field stars and a woman from Sam Houston's newest sports team, bowling.

Gilberto Clavell, a 6'7" forward, became the third men's basketball star to earn honorable mention All-America honors in March.

The senior from Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, scored 603 points this season leading Sam Houston to its third consecutive Southland Conference West Division title. Clavell was both a first team all-conference selection and an all-region honoree. He is the first Bearkat to earn Southland post-season all-tournament honors two years in a row and the only junior college transfer in SHSU history to total more than 1,000 career points.

After powering Sam Houston's inaugural women's bowling team to the NCAA Elite Eight and a No. 7 national ranking, Dayna Galganski was honored as the university's first bowling All-American.



Clockwise from top: Gilberto Clavell, Chris Cralle, Matt Johnson (photo by Alan Hall), and Dayna Galganski.

The North Palm Beach, Fla., product led Sam Houston in total pins in team match play (196.93) as the Bearkats roared to a 70-42 record. The Sam Houston women became the first program to earn an NCAA Division I championship berth in its inaugural season of play.

Chris Cralle and Matt Johnson both earned All-America honors at the 2011 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Des Moines, Iowa, in June.

Cralle produced Sam Houston's highest men's NCAA outdoor individual finish ever with a seventh place performance in the hammer throw. His mark of 218 feet, 11 inches was the fourth longest hammer throw in school history. With a top eight individual performance the senior from College Station received first team All-America recognition.

Johnson garnered second team All-America honors with a 14th place finish in the NCAA men's decathlon. The first Bearkat ever to earn an NCAA berth in the grueling test in which athletes compete in 10 events over two days, Johnson totaled 7,546 points.

The junior from Groves set the Sam Houston record in the decathlon with 7,686 points at this year's Texas Relays in Austin.

During the 2010–11 sports seasons, Sam Houston's 17 intercollegiate teams produced 54 All-Southland Conference performers including 11 first team selections. The Bearkats earned league post-season tournament berths in volleyball, soccer, men's and women's basketball and baseball. ★

## 2011 Athletes Achieve Academic Success

By Paul Ridings



From left to right: Josten Crow, Dayna Galganski, Lisa MacAllister, Jenny Pence, Lance Pevehouse, and Nichole Watkins.

**While placing among the top five in the Southland Conference in 11 sports and producing 54 All-Southland selections and four All-Americans this year, Sam Houston also posted another banner year in the classroom.**

**M**ore than 400 student-athletes who represent the university in 17 intercollegiate sports combined for overall grade point averages of 2.88 during the fall semester and 2.89 in the spring.

The performance brings the number of consecutive semesters with 2.8 or higher athletic GPAs to 10. Five sports teams (women's golf, tennis, volleyball, soccer and bowling) each produced GPAs of 3.0 or higher. A total of 33 athletes posted perfect 4.0 individual GPAs in either one or both semesters.

Twenty Bearkats were honored as Academic All-Southland Conference selections. Six Sam Houston student-athletes received either national or regional All-Academic recognition and 134 Kats were named as members of the Southland Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

"We are extremely proud of our athletes' achievements in the classroom and commend

our coaching staff for the tremendous job they do in recruiting quality students," Bearkat Director of Athletics Bobby Williams said. "The number one goal for each of our sports teams is to have our athletes earn their Sam Houston degrees."

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—BOBBY WILLIAMS

Josten Crow and Lance Pevehouse (men's basketball); Jenny Pence and Nichole Watkins (soccer); Chris Cralle (track and field) and Dayna Galganski and Lisa MacAllister (women's bowling)

highlighted the year winning major academic honors.

Crow and Pevehouse were named as two of the five men's basketball players from NCAA Division I universities in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi to be recognized as members of the CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-District team.

Pence and Watkins were among the 33 student-athletes selected to the National Soccer College Coaches Association of America University Women Scholar All-South honor squad. The NSCCA South Region consists of NCAA Division I teams from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Cralle became the first student-athlete in league history to sweep both the indoor and outdoor men's track "Student-Athlete of the Year" honors. His selection brings the number of Bearkats to earn the prestigious honor to 11 since 2007.

Galganski and MacAllister were named to the National Ten Pins Coaches Association All-Academic honor squad. ★

## At Home On The Range



### Alumnus Steven Jeter enjoys a successful career in law enforcement as the first Bearkat football player to become a Texas Ranger.

Sam Houston alumnus Steven Jeter can't always tell you what his day is going to be like as he heads to his Huntsville office each morning.

As one of 144 Texas Rangers serving the state's 256 counties, his jurisdiction includes the entire state, but he most often serves Walker, Trinity and Madison counties.

"I tell people I'm a tumbleweed," Jeter said. "One day I might be doing an interview and in the next few minutes I could be out working a major scene or a shootout, or tracking somebody on a horse with tracking dogs."

Had someone told him he'd have a successful career in law enforcement when he was attending Sam Houston State

University in the early '90s, he probably wouldn't have believed them.

"I was a typical male athlete when I got to Sam. I was there to play football; I didn't necessarily care about academics because I thought I was going to the NFL," Jeter said. "It didn't take me long to figure out I wasn't good enough to go to the next level."

But that didn't change his desire to have a sport-centric career; it simply changed his attitude.

"A light came on for me and, luckily, it was early in my education. I went from a guy who was on academic probation to a guy who was on the dean's list the semester I graduated. I was an academic all-conference selection with the Southland Conference," he said. "I really enjoyed the

teachers at Sam. Several of them made a big impact on my life."

Jeter, who had earned a scholarship playing football after joining the team as a walk-on, played defensive end and special teams and was part of the 1991 championship team for SHSU. He earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology in 1993 and took his first job as a first assistant strength coach at Sam while working on his master's degree.

After completing his master's degree in 1995, also in kinesiology, Jeter began coaching at a private school in Tomball.

"I started seeing kids who were constantly in trouble and were having problems with the law after they graduated. The parents didn't care; the kids didn't care. I felt there wasn't much I could do for them," he said. "I thought there had to be a better way to get to these folks and make a difference in their lives, maybe catch them doing something minor before they did something bad."

Jeter left coaching to work for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. After 10 months, he began his career with the Texas Department of Public Safety, and 10 years later, the department promoted him to Texas Ranger.

"I was very happy being a trooper, so when this opportunity presented itself, I felt very fortunate and blessed," he said. "What's neat about the Rangers is we're like a close infantry unit. We come together for the common cause and then go back home and wait for the next thing."

As a Texas Ranger, Jeter's job often requires him to investigate the actions of elected officials and police officers—something he doesn't always enjoy but knows is necessary.

"Nobody wants to investigate a cop," Jeter said. "But if they're a bad cop, I like getting rid of them, and if it's someone who

is wrongly accused, you exonerate them. More often than not the accusations against them are false and we clear their name.”

*“One day I might be doing an interview and in the next few minutes I could be out working a major scene or a shootout, or tracking somebody on a horse with tracking dogs.”*

The job also takes Jeter across the state line and sometimes across the country. In September 2010, he went to Iowa to pick up 27-year-old Jerwoody Moler, who was arrested there after being on the run for almost a week. Moler was charged with the murder of 17-year-old K'Lynn Kohr, who was found dead in a Huntsville mobile home on Labor Day of that year.

“It was through good teamwork in processing the crime scene and being diligent in the investigation that allowed us to uncover the DNA that led us to Moler,” Jeter said. “After a nationwide manhunt and the help of the Iowa State Police, we got him back to Texas.

“I get a lot of satisfaction knowing he is going to have his day before a judge, and K'Lynn's family is going to sleep a little better knowing he's not out doing this to someone else,” he said.

While Jeter receives phone calls and letters thanking him for his work, he also sees the other side of victims' families and what they are going through. Many times they are displeased with the timeline in which a crime is solved.

“This job is not like TV,” Jeter said. “Shows like ‘CSI’ have given people a

false sense of security. What they do in an hour on a TV show often takes at least six months to a year to solve in real life.”

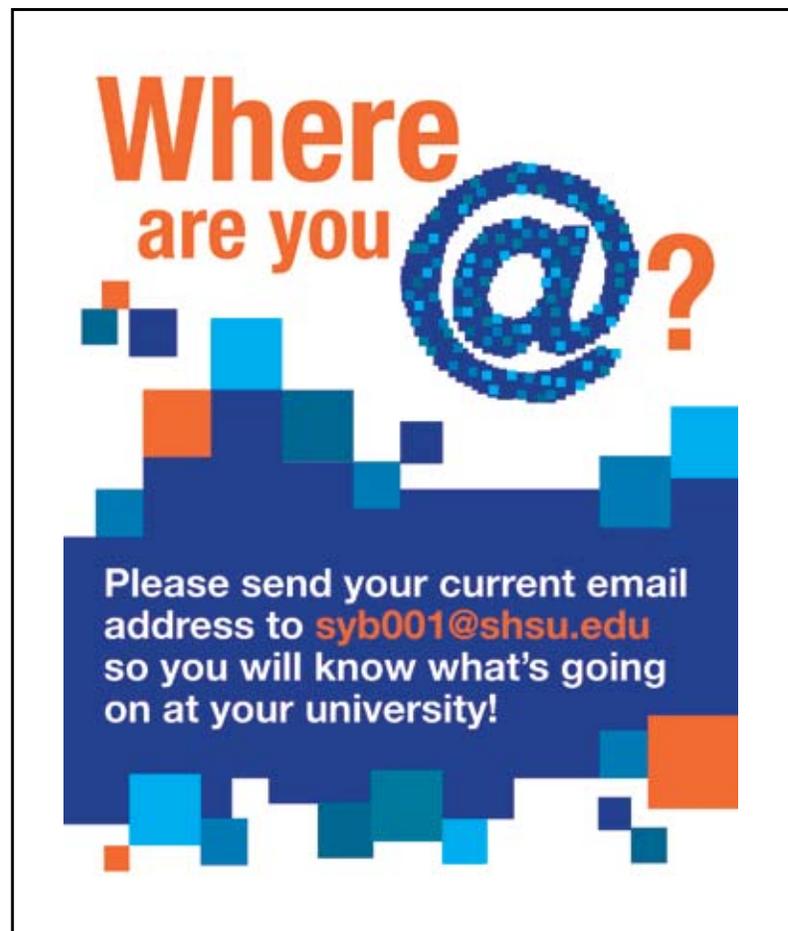
Jeter admits he couldn't meet the demands of the job of a Texas Ranger without the support he receives at home from his wife of 18 years, Kristy, who is also a Sam Houston graduate.

“Most successful people, especially successful men, have a successful spouse behind

them,” he said. “If it weren't for my wife making sure our two teenage daughters and our house and pets are taken care of, there is no way I'd be where I am today.”

Jeter said he can't imagine doing anything else and feels fortunate his career took the path it did. He is the only Sam Houston football player to ever become a Texas Ranger.

When his schedule allows him, he returns to Sam Houston to teach kinesiology classes. He said he enjoys being there because of the difference the university made in his life, and he hopes it will be another avenue for him to make a difference in someone else. ★



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# Paving The Way For A New Breed Of Federal Agents



Left: Kratzer, on scene at the site of the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

Below: In her office in 2010.



## SHSU grad Nancy Kratzer didn't allow gender issues to prevent her from getting her dream job.

Nancy Kratzer, a 1979 SHSU alumna, was only the second woman in the country to be hired as a federal agent with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare Investigations Office—one of a handful of women who were employed as federal agents during that time.

As Kratzer continued her career, she rose to become the deputy special agent in charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Dallas, an office that focuses on protecting the U.S. and promoting public safety.

"I have been where you are sitting 33 years ago," Kratzer told an audience of criminal justice students. "I wanted to be in law enforcement, and I wanted to be a federal agent. But this was a man's job. This was a man's world."

Kratzer, who retired from the Department of Homeland Security in 2010

to open her own private investigation firm, said a lot has changed since she graduated, including opportunities available for women. Kratzer returned to her alma mater to participate in SHSU's "Let's Talk," a fund raiser for the Honors College, and to share her experiences with more than 150 students at the College of Criminal Justice.

Kratzer got her first lesson in criminal investigative techniques after being chosen for the first federal internship offered by the College of Criminal Justice. She worked for the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, an agency charged with investigating health care violations and individuals committing fraud in the department.

After taking copious notes on emotions, gestures and reactions in the case of a

federal employee accused of embezzlement, she learned it was only the facts that mattered. She spent nine years in the job, combining her love of investigations with a passion for medical science.

Kratzer transferred to the U.S. Customs Service, which was one of two federal agencies that merged into the Department of Homeland Security in 2003 following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The department, the second largest federal law enforcement agency behind the FBI, has a broad mission, investigating financial/money laundering; human smuggling and trafficking; document, identity and benefit fraud; contraband smuggling; crimes against children; counter-proliferation investigations, such as weapons of mass destruction, the illegal weapon trades and high tech espionage;

commercial fraud; worksite enforcement; and transnational gangs.

“It includes any person, people or things coming into or going out of the country,” Kratzer said.

The Dallas Office of Homeland Security Investigations oversees 200 federal agents in 128 counties in Texas and Oklahoma. Over the years, Kratzer has been involved in cases covering all aspects of the agency’s mission.

Kratzer demonstrated the many methods used to smuggle illegal drugs, goods and cash into the country, discussing how an internal body carrier swallows pellets filled with drugs and money, which are discovered with X-rays at local hospitals.

“One man wrapped his body in bills trying to smuggle \$149,360 into the country. Others packed their cars with drugs, which are detected by X-ray machines at the border. Some try to sneak drugs in the U.S. by hiding it in incoming merchandise,” she said.

Kratzer recalled a case of concrete fence posts, each encapsulating six kilos of cocaine, that were shipped from Venezuela to Miami and then East Texas. Her office sat on the shipment on surveillance 24/7 for two months before the first of the fence posts were claimed and the cocaine was exposed.

The agency also looks for counterfeit goods coming from other countries. The agency has discovered illegal shipments of fake Stolli vodka as well as counterfeit batteries. The clue: a nine-volt battery packaged in a case for AAA batteries. They also seized cigarette lighters in the forms of guns, cell phones and miniature musical instruments because they lacked a safety switch to protect children.

“They will counterfeit anything that is popular,” Kratzer said. “Anything the public wants, manufacturers produce.”

The Dallas office also investigated the case of a longtime Boy Scouts of America official.

He pled guilty to downloading multiple images of child pornography on his home computer.

Another aspect of the job is human trafficking and smuggling. While smuggling is the transportation of an individual or group across borders illegally with false or stolen documents, trafficking involves the use of coercion or force on individuals brought into the country illegally for work,

services or the sex trade.

“You ask if slavery still occurs and, yes, it does,” Kratzer said.

Kratzer also provided tips to criminal justice students on how to get a federal job. Kratzer said it is important to have a clean criminal record, not use drugs and always tell the truth. Job opportunities are posted on USAjobs.gov. ★



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## Where Are They Now?



Starlett Wilson Hollingsworth (BS '63)



Woodrow Watts (BBA '31)

**Alumni are doing interesting things since leaving SHSU. Look to future issues for people you may have sat next to in biology, business or English. We may even feature you!**

### Starlett Wilson Hollingsworth (BS '63)

Starlett Hollingsworth's passion for philanthropy has led her to serve as an active volunteer, leader and board member for the Ronald McDonald House for many years.

Originally from Arlington, Starlett majored in elementary education while a student at Sam Houston State.

"I lived in a dorm the entire time that I went to Sam Houston, but did not experience a lot of campus life because I was on the 'fast track' to finish school," she said. "I focused on my education."

She married her high school sweetheart, Ben, and moved to Houston while he finished his last year at Rice University.

She taught fifth grade in Houston ISD and Spring Branch schools before she and Ben started their family. Today, their daughter Leigh lives in North Carolina and daughter Leslie lives in Houston. Starlett and Ben are the grandparents of three grandchildren.

Although their primary home is in Houston, the Hollingsworths also have a home in Steamboat Springs, Colo., where

they spend a great deal of their time during the summer.

In addition to her work with the Ronald McDonald House, Starlett is involved with the Strings Music Festival in Colorado. She has worked with the organization since its inception 25 years ago. The organization provides classical music entertainment in and around the Steamboat Springs area. She previously served on the board of the Houston Hospice, as well.

When she is not working as a volunteer, Starlett enjoys traveling, hiking, golf, playing bridge and reading.

### Woodrow Watts (BBA '31)

Education was so important to Woodrow Watts's family, that his parents moved the family from Grapeland to Huntsville so that Woodrow and his four siblings could get a college education. All five received their undergraduate degrees at Sam Houston.

They include B.C., who taught at Sam Houston State, the University of Texas, and

Southern Methodist University; E. J., who spent 30 years in education; Harmon, who spent 20 years in education; and Morella, who was a teacher in South Texas before dying at the age of 20 from a rare disease.

Woodrow attended Sam Houston from 1928–31. He majored in business administration and minored in chemistry and physics. Later he earned his master's degree at Texas A&M and his doctorate from the University of Houston by attending night classes, summer school, and weekend classes while teaching.

He served in the Air Force during World War II for three-and-a-half years. After the war he worked in Houston schools as an educator and an administrator. Among the highlights of his career were opening the Robert E. Lee High School and leading the Merit Scholars at Lamar High School. He retired as deputy superintendent of secondary schools for the Houston ISD.

Woodrow met his wife, Ruth Elrod, also a Sam Houston graduate, at Goodrich, where he was principal and Ruth was a teacher. They were married for 67 years and enjoyed traveling overseas and throughout the United States before Ruth's death in 2006.



**Randy French (BBA '78)**



**Richard Christie, Jr. (BFA '84)**

Today, Woodrow, who is 99 years old, enjoys exercise class every day, going to Bible study, and attending news group meetings. He lives in Palestine.

**Randy French (BBA '78)**

Randy French, president of Stylecraft Builders, has been in the homebuilding industry since 1986.

A native of the Bryan/College Station area, Randy helped run his family's child care centers, known as French's Schools, during his college years. In 1982, the French family sold the five commercial child care centers to KinderCare.

He then became the owner and operator of Stylecraft Builders and has watched his business grow from four homes a year to 200.

Randy's company partnered with ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" program to transform a home and animal shelter for a family in Washington County to provide a safer environment. Afterwards, he hosted an appreciation dinner for all the volunteers who worked on the project. More than 400 people attended, and the family presented Randy a plaque inscribed with words of gratitude for all his company had done.

He and his company have also been involved in home construction projects through Habitat for Humanity.

He recently returned to Huntsville as the developer of a subdivision north of town. In addition to the new Huntsville development, Randy's firm has subdivisions in the Brenham, Bryan, College Station, Hilltop Lakes and Waco areas.

In addition to operating his company, Randy has served on numerous boards, church organizations and other community projects. He and his wife, Cheryl, are the proud parents of six children.

**Richard Christie, Jr. (BFA '84)**

Rick Christie has been involved in the advertising and television business for the past 27 years and has continued to build on this experience by owning and operating Studio W, Inc., a broadcast film and video production company, for the past 16 years.

As a filmmaker Rick began his career making travel documentaries. Producing 11 documentaries, his film destinations included Australia, Fiji, Kauai, Barbados, Cancun, Cozumel, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Since then he has gone on to produce seven additional feature-length documentaries. His award-winning

productions have earned him six Emmy Awards; nine Emmy nominations; and 36 cable, corporate and advertising awards. His productions have been viewed in the Smithsonian Institute, Metropolitan Museum of Art, and nationally on network and cable television.

He is also the producer of the award-winning Brutal Truth Project, a series of documentaries for PBS about child abuse prevention and violence prevention.

A native Houstonian, Rick received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, majoring in radio, television and film, from SHSU. He has continued postgraduate education by completing several executive management courses through the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Administration at Rice University.

In 2001, Rick was presented the Dan Rather Award by the SHSU radio-television program in recognition of his outstanding achievements.

While a student at SHSU, Rick played four years for the lacrosse team. He has remained involved in the sport by coaching his sons and being an active member of the Bellaire High School Lacrosse Booster Club.

Rick and his wife, Tracy, are the parents of two sons, ages 20 and 18, and a 13-year-old daughter. ★

## Seven Honored For Service



**Doris Hebert Gimpel, Karen Bain Gray, John and Nancy Hoyt, Scott McCarley, Cindy Pierce, and Billy A. Smith, Sr., were honored as the 2011 Alumni Association Service Award recipients at a luncheon on April 15 in the Lowman Student Center Ballroom, for their fulfillment of the university's motto, "The measure of a Life is its Service."**

### **Doris Hebert Gimpel**

Doris Hebert Gimpel, a 1959 graduate of Sam Houston State University, was a Texas educator for more than 30 years, before her retirement.

Among her accomplishments and honors are the Richardson Outstanding Teacher Award, an Honorary Life Member of the National PTA, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Richardson Optimist Club.

In 1996, she was named Outstanding Elementary Teacher of Year for the State of Texas.

Since moving to Huntsville, she has been active with the Walker County Chamber of Commerce. She has been honored with the chamber's Ambassador of the Year Award in 2009 and the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2010.

Gimpel has been active through involvement and leadership as a past board member and current volunteer with the

Wynne Home Arts Center and a board member of the Friends of the Huntsville Public Library. She is also a member of First United Methodist Church of Huntsville, a past member of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum board, and a member of Alpha Chi Omega social sorority.

She has been a loyal volunteer and supporter of Sam Houston State University and an active participant with the SHSU Alumni Association. She is a Life Member of the association and has served as a member of the board of directors.

### **Karen Bain Gray**

Karen Bain Gray earned a Bachelor of Science degree in teaching in 1980, a Master of Education degree in administration in 1990, and mid-management certification in 1991, all from SHSU.

She served as a teacher and campus administrator, as well as an education

leadership coordinator at Region VI Education Service Center.

She was the director of the SHSU Office of Alumni Relations during 2005 and 2006. Under her leadership, the Alumni Association grew in membership, increased events, introduced the online community and alumni directory, and established the first alumni chapter.

After her retirement, Gray continued to work with the Alumni Association, serving as a board member and, along with her husband Bobby, supporting events and making contributions to SHSU. The Grays are Alumni Association Life Members.

Through the years, Gray has been involved with such community endeavors as the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Lamb Committee and the PTO and PTA.

She has also been a member of University Women and a supporter of the Walker County Heifer Scramble Association, the Walker County GoTexan Scholarship committee, and CASA of Walker and San Jacinto Counties. She is a member of Northside Baptist Church.

### **Nancy and John Hoyt**

Nancy and John, of Hewitt, met at SHSU in 1974 when John was a senior majoring in political science and Nancy was a freshman.

They married in 1977 and moved to Nacogdoches when John was hired by Holly Farms. After several years, Hudson Foods hired John as vice president of sales and marketing, and the Hoyts moved to Rogers, Ark.

In 1988, the Hoyts returned to Texas, where they had the opportunity to reconnect with their alma mater.

Following the tragic death of Nancy's brother in a skiing accident, the Hoyts established the Greg Lundgren Athletic Scholarship in his memory at SHSU. They became Life Endowed Members of the Alumni Association and have sponsored

numerous association events statewide through the years.

John served as a member of the association's board of directors for seven years. During the past two years of his term, he served as vice president and in 2009 served as president.

Nancy has served on the board of directors of Planned Parenthood of Central Texas and numerous committees for the United Methodist Church.

John served as a member of the Executive Leadership Council for SHSU's recent "Share the Vision" capital campaign and has been a member of the President's Circle for five years.

He has also served as a member of the championship athletic committee, the Sam Houston Memorial Museum board, and the most recent SHSU presidential search committee.

### Scott McCarley

A former member of the Alumni Association board of directors, Scott McCarley earned a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science and chemistry in 1973 and a Master of Business Administration degree in 1975.

He has actively participated in or led such alumni initiatives as the Alumni Association membership committee; the board of directors membership phone drive; and the Alumni Association canned food drive for the SHSU Tree of Light ceremony.

In addition to being a Life Member of the SHSU Alumni Association, McCarley has served as a member of the Sam Houston Rodeo Alumni board of directors and has been the Sam Houston Southern Region Rodeo announcer for seven years.

He and his wife, Mary, have established four endowed scholarships at SHSU for students in business, environmental science, the performing arts, and to recognize community service.

McCarley is a member of The Mixed Review, a local band that has played for and participated in benefits, raising over \$500,000 in the past 10 years for such organizations as the Good Shepherd Mission; Christmas Cheer Club; MD Anderson; SAAFE House; Huntsville firefighters; and Relay for Life.

He has been involved in the Fair on the Square, Sam Houston Folk Festival, 4-H Horse Club, the Audubon Society, Huntsville Community Theater, Texas Outlaw Music Festival, Main Street Huntsville Advisory Board, Walker County Fair Association, and the Airing of the Quilts.



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McCarley also supports the Huntsville Rainbow Room, SAAFE House, YMCA and the Grandpersons Center.

### Cindy Pierce

Born and raised in Walker County, Cindy Pierce is the owner/operator of Heartfield Florist in Huntsville.

She has been a loyal supporter of and activist for SHSU and the community for many years. Through her business, she has provided hours of planning and decorating for numerous university events.

A Century Club member of the Alumni Association, Pierce supports Bearkat athletics and the agriculture department, as well as the university as a whole through her participation in SHSU activities and programs.

To provide financial assistance for deserving students, she and her husband, Danny, established the Danny and Cindy Pierce Family Scholarship Endowment for agriculture and industrial sciences.

Her community involvement includes serving as past president and current board member of the Walker County Fair Association; current vice president of Walker County Special Utility District; past president of the Junior Service League; and current board member of the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce.

She is a graduate of the Huntsville Leadership Institute, and she supports many local organizations including the Pregnancy Care Center and SAAFE House.

### Billy A. Smith, Sr.

Billy A. Smith, Sr., a 1979 graduate, founded Midway Oilfield Constructors, Inc., in 1981. With the help of his wife Kathy, four children and many loyal and long-time employees, MOCI has grown with offices now in four states and approximately 250 employees.

The Smiths have given back to SHSU through scholarships in athletics, the College of Business Administration, and the College of Education. They have supported many events at Sam Houston including Let's Talk, Letterman's golf tournaments, football auctions, and other events.

Smith is a former Bearkat letterman in football, has been on the Hall of Honor

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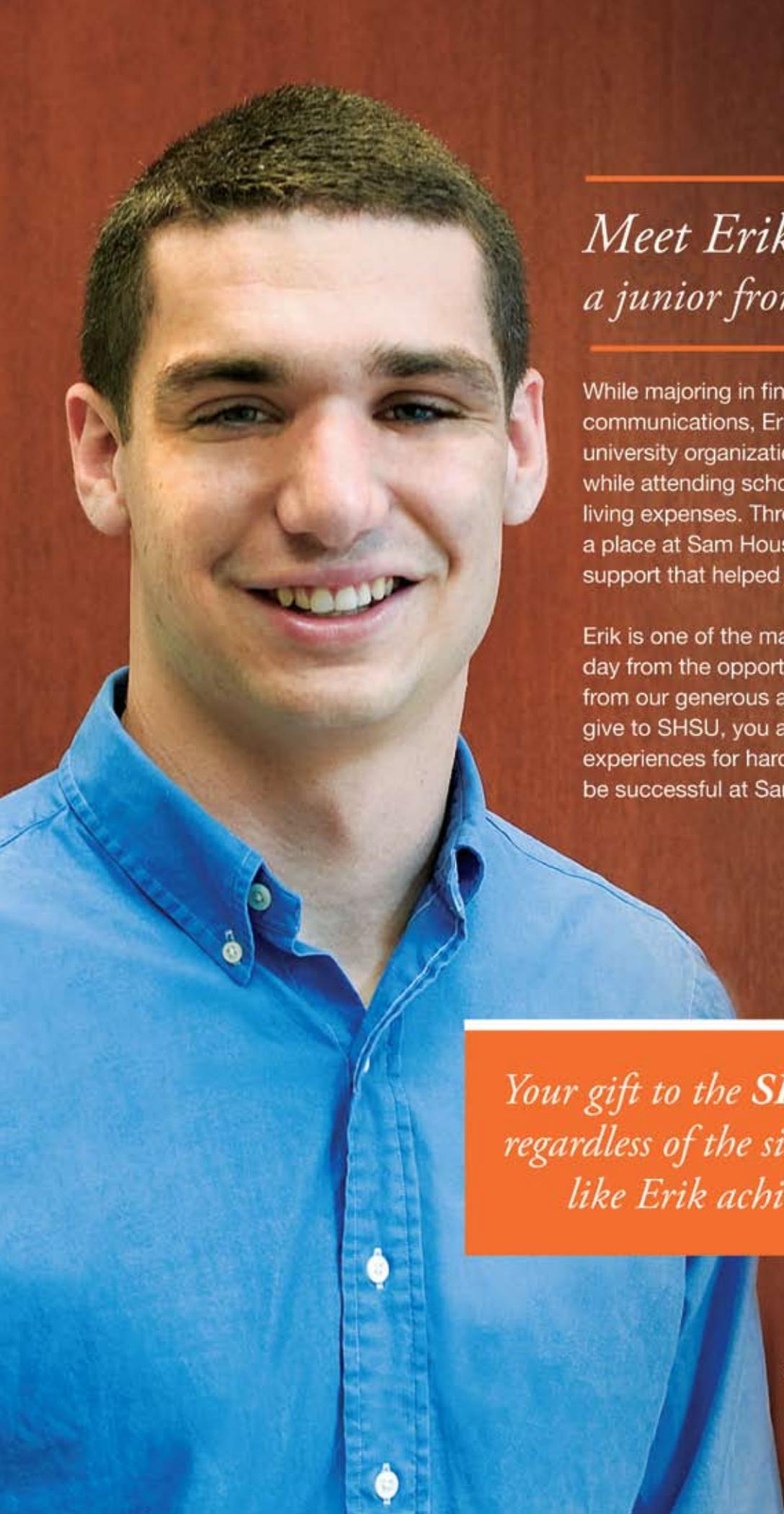
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Selection Committee, and is an endowed member of the Letterman's Association.

He has been instrumental in helping out in area communities through supporting numerous county 4-H fairs and auctions in Madison, Walker, Leon and Robertson counties. The Smiths have also been avid

supporters of Madisonville ISD athletic programs and school projects for over 20 years.

The Smiths are members of the First Baptist Church of Madisonville and have been active in the church supporting numerous building projects and the Pathway of Light project each year. ★



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*Meet Erik Baine Johnson  
a junior from Waco, Texas*

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While majoring in finance, with a minor in business communications, Erik holds leadership roles in several university organizations. He also works on campus while attending school which helps with some of his living expenses. Through his hard work Erik has made a place at Sam Houston State, but it was scholarship support that helped give him his start.

Erik is one of the many students who benefit each day from the opportunities made possible by support from our generous alumni and friends. When you give to SHSU, you are investing in life-enriching experiences for hardworking students who aspire to be successful at Sam and far beyond.

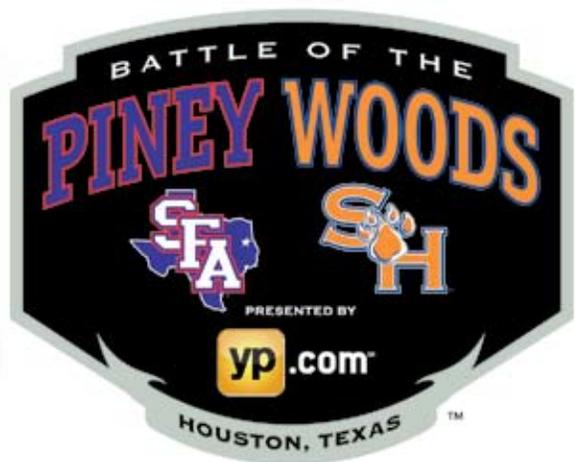
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