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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



The leadership in Texas recognized early on that education was a significant contributing factor to a healthy economy, thus the founding of Sam Houston as an institution dedicated to producing highly-skilled teachers. Today, while our academic programming has expanded greatly, our focus on educating the Texas workforce has never changed.

Sam Houston State continually evaluates opportunities and alliances that will produce value-added benefits to the university, our students and the community at-large.

- Fred Pirkle, an SHSU alumnus and founder of Therm-Omega-Tech, generously pledged the capital needed to build a first-class Engineering Technology program filling a higher education niche to serve manufacturing and construction needs.
- The university partnered with the banking industry to develop a unique, recognized academic program that specifically meets the educational skill set requirements of financial institutions hiring our students, keeping graduates in high demand.
- Collaborating with the Texas Department of Corrections, SHSU built one of the largest and most diversified criminal justice programs in the world in education, training and research.
- The PGA Golf Management program, the only one in Texas and one of 19 in the nation, provides graduates with a business degree education combined with internships, player development and PGA membership.

This focus has clearly paid off—SHSU is ranked 2nd out of 38 public universities for placing 70 percent of our students in the Texas workforce within 12 months of graduation. We also received the 2013 designation as a “Low-Cost College with High Starting Salaries for Graduates” by AffordableCollegesOnline.org.

Demographic and regulatory trends have provided the university with new opportunities in the area of health care education and, over the past several years, we have been building the foundation needed to support the creation of a College of Health Sciences.

The students graduating from the new college will help fill a critical demand in the health care sector and state and local communities, since it is expected that 5.6 million new health care jobs will be created, 13 percent of total U.S. jobs by the year 2020. Over 80 percent of those 5.6 million jobs will require postsecondary education and training.

This is an exciting time for Sam Houston State University as we continue to honor the spirit of our founding by providing the state and nation with graduates who have the necessary skills to contribute our social and economic well-being. There is no better way to help shape a brighter future than helping to build the future of our children.

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‘Healthy’ Presence

Factors such as an aging population, new medical technologies, and federal legislation have increased the need for qualified health care employees, particularly in areas of allied health. SHSU has taken a giant step in addressing those demands with several new programs.

by Julia May

Sam Houston State University has long enjoyed a solid reputation for producing quality educators and criminal justice professionals, and in recent years many other academic programs have benefited from national attention in ways ranging from awards to grants and funding.

It may not be much longer before SHSU is recognized for its health programs.

With the creation of the university’s newest academic college, the College of Health Sciences, SHSU is moving forward to establish itself as a provider of quality health professionals in the state, as the demand for qualified individuals in the field increases.

“It’s a perfect matching of our strengths at SHSU and the needs of the state of Texas,” said Jaimie Hebert, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “We are in the right place at the right time.”

Those strengths in biology, business, computer science and kinesiology—just to mention a few areas that have impacted the medical community in recent years—have motivated hospital CEOs and administrators to ask SHSU to do more to educate additional nurses and allied health professionals.

“This is especially important with federal legislation emphasizing efforts on preventative care,” Hebert said. “Allied health professionals are going to be the ones who really make a difference and get the job done. Sam Houston State University is absolutely tailor-made to fulfill that mission for Texas and the nation.”

About the same time that enrollment at SHSU began to dramatically increase several years ago, university administrators took note of how state and national workforce trends were shifting toward the need for more health care professionals. They also noticed that incoming students were paying attention to those trends.

“We saw the number of pre-professional students increasing dramatically on campus,” Hebert said. “So we established the Medical and Allied Health Professions Office, which specializes in advising pre-professional students in the health care fields, provides some auxiliary resources, and assists them with their professional applications, among other things. That was a major step.”

The university also received permission to offer a nursing program, which has seen immediate success.

“It’s small but we are focusing on quality, like we always do at SHSU. We had a 95 percent success rate on our first National Council Licensure Examination, or NCLEX, exams. That’s remarkable,” Hebert said.

Next, the university brought in Michael Lacourse to be the dean of the new College of Health Sciences. Lacourse came to SHSU from the School of Health and Human



Services for National University in La Jolla, Calif., where he had served as dean.

One of Lacourse's first moves was to meet with the deans of the other colleges at SHSU to identify strengths upon which to build interdisciplinary allied health programs.

"We created a committee comprised of faculty from all the colleges who had experience or degrees or something related to health sciences," Lacourse said. "The committee made a recommendation on the naming of the college as well as a mission and vision statement."

The founding departments within the College of Health Sciences are nursing and health and kinesiology. There are plans to request permission to divide health and kinesiology into two separate departments—the Department of Kinesiology and the Department of Health Services and Promotion.

"Going forward, we plan to offer our programs on two campuses: one here in Huntsville for students who are seeking a traditional college experience and one at The Woodlands Center so that we can provide access to our programs to working adults," Lacourse said. "In The Woodlands we'll have access to great hospitals and resources for students to do their clinical experiences and internships."

Eventually, some of the programs will be offered online.

The nursing program at SHSU offers a generic bachelor's degree, which includes all nursing-related courses that prepare students to sit for nursing licensure exams. Administrators hope to one day offer that same program in its entirety at The Woodlands Center, as well.

"In addition to offering the generic bachelor's degree at The Woodlands Center, we want to offer a degree path to the bachelor's degree called the RN-to-BSN or ADN-to-BSN," Lacourse said. An ADN is someone with an associate's degree who has passed the licensing exam and is a practicing nurse.

"What we are hearing from hospitals is that they would prefer to hire bachelor's-trained people," he said. "It's not required, but it's preferred. So we are going to provide a program that will bridge the associate's degree to the bachelor's degree."

At some point, SHSU's program plans to develop a degree pathway for students who are LVNs to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing.

"We also want to expand simulation experiences for our students, because that is a rapidly developing, evolving area of nursing education," he said.

Lacourse is also looking forward to establishing additional kinesiology and health services programs. This summer, the college began developing Bachelor of Science degrees in public health, health care administration, wellness management, and health sciences. Plans for a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training are also in the works.

In thinking of future developments, the college conducted feasibility studies this summer for offering a doctorate in physical therapy and a master's degree in occupational therapy.

"The CEOs of the hospitals that I have met with have identified a need in the region for advanced training in these fields," Lacourse said. "We will work with them in a collaborative way to make sure that we can provide the graduates that they need."

"We had an event called the Huntsville Health Science Symposium in the spring," he said. "We had representatives from Huntsville Memorial Hospital, the Health Services Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and the Texas Department of Health and Human Services.

"It was great," he said. "It provided a wonderful opportunity for people who had not met each other to begin to network and build relationships.

"All of these things we are doing are directed toward building high-quality programs for our students to be successful and be able to provide services where they are most needed," Lacourse said.

"We have many priorities, but they are not mutually exclusive," he said. "We'll need highly skilled people to lead our new programs, as well as new and upgraded facilities. But we are on track, and we are working hard to become an acknowledged leader in educating health science professionals."



Michael Lacourse

Local Nursing Fellowships Strengthen Program

A partnership between Sam Houston State University and Huntsville Memorial Hospital, which went into effect last fall, will strengthen the nursing program in both organizations and benefit the Huntsville community as well.

Five SHSU nursing students were the first to receive fellowships from HMH to assist with completing their formal education and provide additional training in the hospital units of their choice.

The students held the fellowships for six months, and then became staff nurses at HMH in the unit for which they trained.

All of the recipients were in the university's first nursing cohort, and they graduated together from the program in December.

It marks the first time the hospital has entered into such an agreement with an academic nursing program. The students were paid for the training they received, and in return, they committed to two years of employment at HMH.

They were selected for the fellowships through a competitive application and interview process in which representatives from the nursing staff at HMH and the nursing department at SHSU participated.

"The selected students were given their choice of unit, either intensive care, operating room, or labor and delivery," said Anne Stiles, chair of SHSU's Department of Nursing. "The students were precepted and attended special classes at the hospital to prepare them for working in these units."

The students were paid from the hospital's education budget rather than each unit's budget, because they did not carry a patient load. After they graduated, they advanced to a "graduate nurse" status and received a pay raise, while continuing to participate in training and classes at the hospital.

The nursing program at HMH is working toward The Pathway to Excellence status,



The first nursing students to receive fellowships from Huntsville Memorial Hospital are (front row, from left): Megan Cress, Molly McMillan and Lauren Mullane, and (back row) Matt Nadzak and Amber Prichard.

a designation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, which recognizes health care organizations for positive practice environments where nurses excel.

Donna Stewart, Huntsville Memorial's chief nursing officer, believes the partnership between HMH and SHSU will strengthen the ability of the hospital to provide superior nursing care and help move the hospital's program toward the prestigious designation.

"With these students, we will have nurses who are newly educated in cutting-edge technology, computer savvy, and well-trained to complement our existing, experienced staff," she said.

Stiles believes the partnership has advantages for SHSU's nursing program as well.

"Students from the surrounding area are more likely to be drawn to our program," she said. "I know a lot of our students are from Huntsville, or from this area, and they want to stay here when they have completed their education. This is a perfect program for them."

Knowing that they will be able to go immediately into their specialized area of interest is also a tremendous benefit, Stiles said.

"Most new graduates cannot get into specialized areas in hospitals in large cities right away," she said. "They work in other, more generalized areas before being allowed to specialize. Here they can immediately work in the unit they have chosen while being highly supervised and receiving special training. It's a super benefit for our students."

GOING INTO THE EXTREME

Chemistry professor Thomas Chasteen has endured arctic temperatures, “foul” penguins and “primordial ooze,” all in the name of research and a cleaner world.



by Kim Kyle Morgan

Wild winds, frozen fingers, swaying seas, rudimentary ropes AND perfidious penguins? For Thomas "Red Head" Chasteen, it was paradise. In Antarctica. In February.

It was a long way from home for Chasteen, a professor in the Department of Chemistry at Sam Houston State University.

Dressed like a "Michelin Man" in anticipation of a blizzard, light snowfall instead greeted Chasteen and a research team as they disembarked from an aircraft near a beach on King George Island. They immediately boarded an inflatable Zodiac boat for a ride across the chilly water to get to a Chilean frigate anchored in the harbor at Fildes Bay.

"There was no gangplank," Chasteen said. "They sent down a rope ladder."

Chasteen climbed that rope with packs, gear and equipment on his back, wondering what he'd gotten himself into.

Well, extremophiles is what he got into, bacteria that can grow and survive in harsh conditions. Antarctica certainly fits the bill. He was there to find the extremophiles.

First though, Chasteen was trained by the Chilean Antarctic Institute to respect the unusual and pristine conditions of the Antarctic. The general rule of thumb, Chasteen said, is "do your science, but change as little as possible; only disturb what you must."

It all began 10 years ago, when Chasteen was collaborating with microbiologists and

biochemists at a few different universities in Chile. They were interested in unusual genetic material inside organisms that can do things such as process metals and detoxify contaminants, Chasteen said. If the unusual genes can be isolated and moved from one organism to another, and can then be grown or built up, they can be used for environmental cleanups, Chasteen said, in a less expensive and less toxic way.

"In theory, you can design the genes yourself, and that kind of molecular biology is going on," he said. "But more common, and easier, is to find organisms that have unusual genes themselves and start moving them around to other organisms."

That's how Chasteen came to battle winds up to 106 km/hour (about 65 miles per hour) in Punta Arenas, Chile; experiencing

bone-rattling cold on Isla Nelson, Antarctica; and getting personal with penguins in Punta Hannah, Antarctica.

"All birds are kind of smelly, but this can't be described," Chasteen said. "They pooped sideways—on my boot when I was walking by. This horizontal ejection technique certainly makes them different than other birds I've known."

During the 15-day trip, Chasteen and his microbiologist partner, a Chilean doctoral student named Juan Pablo Monras ("JP"), gathered approximately 50 water, sediment and soil samples in sterile containers.

"The samples are now at the lab in Santiago, where scientists are enriching samples that contain literally millions or billions of bacteria, and hundreds or tens of thousands of individual species of the

individual bacteria, some of which have the characteristics we want and some of which we don't," Chasteen said. "After that, they will begin to manipulate the genes of the organisms they want and create individual monocultures of organisms that have these new, interesting characteristics and abilities."

Samples of those will then be sent to Chasteen's lab at SHSU for analysis. It's kind of like waiting for Santa in the North Pole to bring what your heart desires all the way to Huntsville; except you know when Santa's coming.

"It could easily be years before we get individual samples," Chasteen said. "But those little, bitty plastic tubes have stuff that's the culmination of all our work, so it's very exciting."



While it may be a while before a full load of samples makes it from the Chilean lab to Chasteen's lab, some of his undergrad and grad students are already preparing.

Desire Lopez, a master's student studying chemistry, is conducting experiments to determine how bacteria with unusual genetics, or bacteria that are genetically modified by extremophile genetics, will interact with toxicants—the things that kill them.

"Because these bacteria can survive in such extreme conditions, maybe they will also be more resistant to toxicants than other bacteria not subject to such conditions," Lopez said. "This is one question we'll be answering with the analysis of this bacteria."

Lopez understands this type of research takes years, which is why she will continue following Chasteen's progress even after she leaves SHSU.

"I'm very interested in environmental work in general," Lopez said. "Anything that can help us learn more about what we can do to prevent further harming the world we live in is worth looking into."

Chasteen himself is an environmentalist who completed his doctorate at the University of Colorado in Boulder in 1990. He joined SHSU in 1991, becoming

associate professor of chemistry in 1996 and full professor in 2002.

When not chasing down what he sometimes referred to as "primordial ooze" in Antarctica, Chasteen enjoys chasing his "academic genealogy" roots, tracing back the scientists from which he, one way or the other, sprang. Chasteen has gone as far back as 1742, Paris, with Pierre Joseph Macquer. If it wasn't for the academic greatness of Macquer, there wouldn't have been a scientist by the name of F. Wilhelm Ostwald in 1878, and so on and so forth down to John W. Birks at UC Berkeley, who eventually moved to the University of Colorado, where he made a lasting impression on Chasteen.

It's too soon to say yet which graduate student will follow the academic genealogy chart underneath Chasteen, but he hopes it's somebody with a solid sense of humor for the ickier things in the life, not to mention a way with words.

Chasteen's blog of his 15-day Antarctica experience is both educational and

comical. He dedicated it to Garry Tisdale, an Antarctic-travelling co-worker of his mother's from Louisiana State University who told Chasteen to go for it...even though he'd already been dead for some 10 years.

"It's not like he whispered in my ear or anything like that," Chasteen said. "It's just that when the possibility came up, I remembered him telling me once before that it was something I could one day do, too."

And so Chasteen did. In his last blog entry, Chasteen quotes Tom Waits, 1974:

"I'm leaving my family, leaving all my friends. My body's at home, but my heart's in the wind. Where the clouds are like headlines, upon a new front-page sky. Shiver me timbers, I'm a-sailin' away."



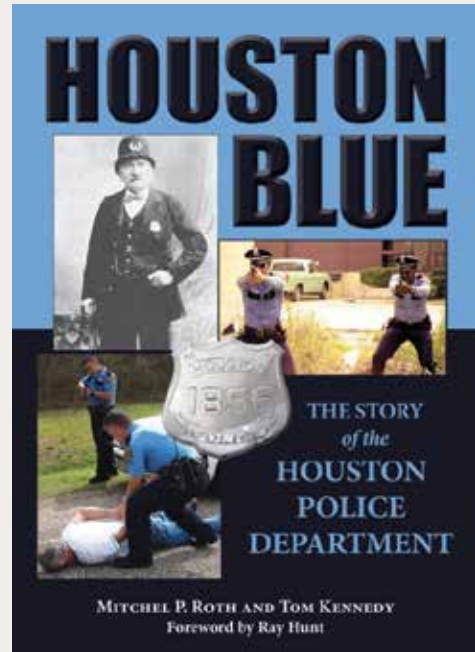
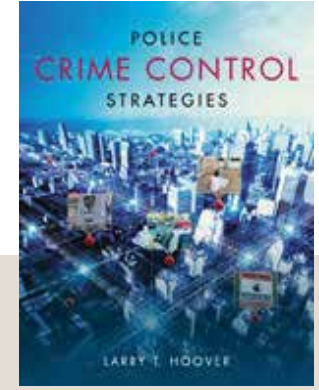
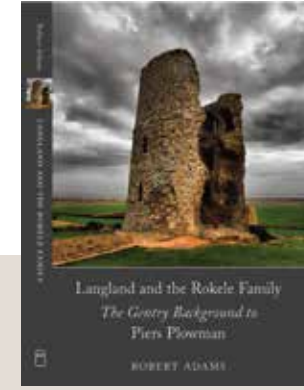
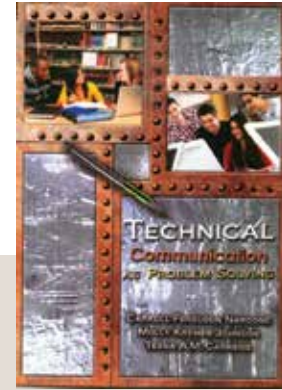
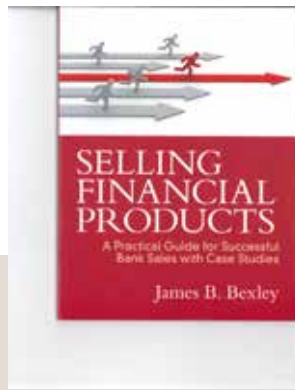
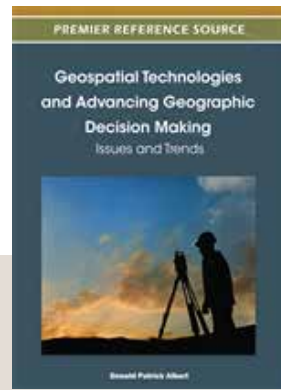
Read, see photos and watch videos on Chasteen's blog here:

shsu.edu/~chm_tgc/Blogs/AB0.html



BOOKSHELF

Seventeen faculty publications showcase the work professors do outside the classroom.



Houston Blue: The Story of the Houston Police Department

Criminal justice professor Mitchel Roth and former Houston Post reporter Tom Kennedy offer the first comprehensive history of one of the nation's largest police forces, the Houston Police Department, reconstructing the history of an agency that has been both innovative and controversial. Through extensive archival research and more than 100 interviews with prominent Houston police figures, politicians, news reporters, attorneys, and others, the authors chronicle the development of policing in the Bayou City from its days as a grimy trading post in the 1830s to its current status.

University of North Texas Press—496 pages

style and ethics. This textbook, co-authored with Eastern Washington University professors Molly Kremer Johnson and Teena A.M. Carnegie, introduces professional writing practices to novice writers using a research-based, problem-solving approach to writing, and integrates design and project management throughout the process. The e-book also includes model documents and examples of service-learning projects.

Kendall-Hunt—286 pages

Who Is Phaedrus?: Keys to Plato's Dyad Masterpiece

Marshall Bradley, associate professor of philosophy, comments on the Greek text of Plato's dialogue "Phaedrus" that ties a unique presentation of the historical particulars of the complicated dialogue to the philosophical topics at issue in the dialogue itself.

Pickwick Press—183 pages

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Before the Line, Vol. 3—Caddo Indians: The Final Years

Jim Tiller, professor of geography, discusses the location of Caddo villages in northeastern Texas during the Republic period, including the historic villages of Dehahuit and Timber Hill referenced in the 1806 journals of the Freeman-Custis expedition; the removal of the tribe from their ancestral homeland in eastern Harrison County during the spring of 1838; and the beginnings of the re-assembly process in Indian Territory (1840-1850). This large-format work is drawn largely from the archival record and contains extensive endnotes and more than 40 maps, many of them developed by the author.

The START Group—202 pages

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Geospatial Technologies and Advancing Geographic Decision Making: Issues and Trends

The availability of geographically referenced data, the proliferation of geospatial technologies and advances in spatial analytics have been a boom to applied geographers. Don Albert, professor of geography, provides a resource for private and public sector applied geographers engaged as geospatial technicians, analysts, scientists, and managers. Chapters highlight the use of geospatial technologies to explore applied geographic issues and problems, and studies from economic, urban, population, medical, political and transportation geographies, as well as the geography of education and geography of crime also are considered.

IGI Global—423 pages

Selling Financial Products

The textbook used in finance classes, written by Jim Bexley, Smith-Hutson Endowed Chair of Banking, is designed to study the process and principles involved in selling financial instruments and services. It emphasizes the special aspects related to selling/marketing in the banking industry. Both financial products and services are addressed, and special attention is given to selling implementation.

Pearson Publishing—162 pages

Technical Communication as Problem Solving

Carroll Ferguson Nardone, associate professor of English, helps students master the art of communicating, broadening their concept of writing by introducing the five foundations of technical communication: problem solving, rhetoric, design,

anonymous author of Pearl. Langland and the Pearl-poet resemble each other in seeming more politically and aesthetically old-fashioned ways than their two great London contemporaries. Yet massive evidence exists of a profound social distance that would have separated "William de la Rokele," at least in his own mind, from the pious author of *Patience*, no less than from the city poets.

Four Courts—148 pages

Police Crime Control Strategies

Larry Hoover, director of SHSU's Police Research Center, compiles existing research on policing approaches that measurably reduce crime and disorder and documents the effect of an array of strategies, including crime-specific, community- and problem-oriented, hot spot targeting, concentrated patrol deployment, disorder interventions and intelligence-guided. Chapters chronologically trace the accumulating evidence for the substantial impact upon crime that focused police efforts can have,

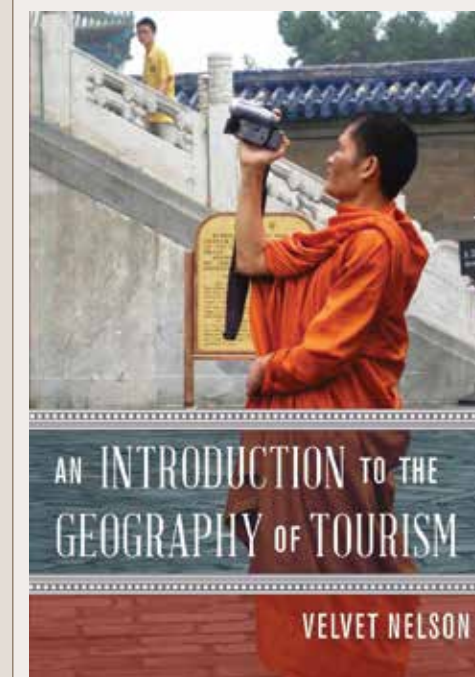
and the role of investigative units in proactive crime reduction is critically assessed. The book concludes by offering a research agenda to improve crime interdiction effectiveness.

Cengage Learning—274 pages

Putting Essential Understanding of Fractions into Practice in Grades 3–5

Dustin Jones, associate professor of mathematics education, along with Kathryn Chval and John Lannin, from the University of Missouri, focus on the specialized pedagogical content knowledge needed to effectively teach fractions to third, fourth and fifth graders. The authors demonstrate how to use this multifaceted knowledge to address the big ideas and essential understandings that students must develop for success with fractions—not only in their current work, but also in higher-level mathematics and a myriad of real-world contexts.

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics—148 pages



An Introduction to the Geography of Tourism

The textbook by Velvet Nelson, associate professor of geography, examines tourism as an "astonishingly complex phenomenon that is becoming an ever-greater part of life in today's global world." The book reinforces the relationship between geography and tourism by using human and physical geography to interpret all facets of tourism—economic, social and environmental—showing how geography provides the tools to consider both the positive and negative factors that affect tourists and destinations, as well as the effects tourism has on both peoples and places. The introduction enhances students' understanding of geographic concepts and how they can be used as a way of viewing and understanding the world. Her real-world case studies, based both on research and on the experiences of tourists themselves, vividly illustrate key issues.

Rowman & Littlefield—332 pages

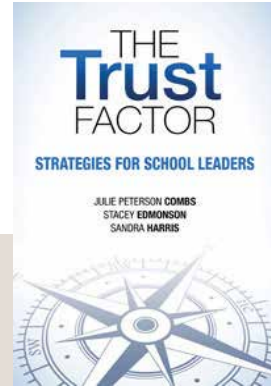


School Librarians and the Technology Department: A Practical Guide to Successful Collaboration

Holly Weimar, associate professor and chair of library science; Mary Ann Bell, professor of library science; and James Van Roekel, associate director of the Lowman Student Center, provide a guide to how school librarians may establish a successful working relationship with the technology department. The book describes and addresses specific concerns of both librarians and technology specialists and, most importantly, offers practical suggestions for cooperation between these two groups of educators as they work together to offer the best possible materials and instructions to students.
Linworth—117 pages

Strength Training for Total Health and Wellness

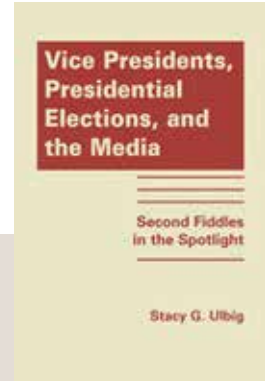
Assistant professor of kinesiology Matthew Wagner and kinesiology professor Gary Oden, along with Tim Sebesta and Ronnie Nespeca, detail the implementation of resistance exercise as a part of a healthy lifestyle. The four discuss principles of resistance exercise and important safety information, in addition to outlining proper lifts and lifting technique, providing a textbook that is of benefit to anyone wishing to begin or continue a comprehensive exercise program.
Kendall Hunt—176 pages



The Trust Factor: Strategies for School Leaders

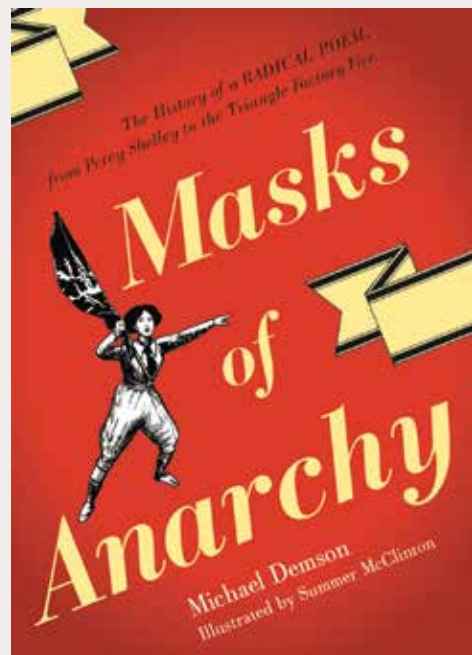
Educational leadership assistant professor Julie Combs and associate professor Stacey Edmonson, along with Lamar professor Sandra Harris, present, in a hands-on guide, real-world examples and relevant research to help school leaders develop the essential skills needed for building trust with teachers, parents and students. Their 50 strategies are explained with simple, easy-to-implement steps school leaders can apply immediately, and are accompanied by reflection questions and self-assessment tools.
Eye On Education—192 pages

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Vice Presidents, Presidential Elections, and the Media: Second Fiddles in the Spotlight

Do vice presidential candidates play any significant role in presidential elections? Challenging the conventional wisdom, associate professor of political science Stacy Ulbig shows the important ways in which they do, in fact, affect election outcomes. She also assesses the impact of a range of vice presidential candidates and considers how the news media fits in the equation. Analyzing data from 1972 through 2008, Ulbig shows clearly how and why vice presidents matter in presidential campaigns.
FirstForumPress—140 pages



Masks of Anarchy: The History of a Radical Poem, From Percy Shelley to the Triangle Factory Fire

Michael Demson, assistant professor of English, presents the graphic history of Shelley's poem "The Mask of Anarchy," through illustrations by Summer McClinton, from the poem's conception in Italy, its suppression in England, and how it became a rallying cry for immigrant workers across the Atlantic a century later. In 1819, British troops attacked a peaceful crowd of demonstrators near Manchester, killing and maiming hundreds. When Shelley heard news of the "Peterloo Massacre," he sat down and penned one of the greatest political poems in the English language. It would later inspire such figures as Pauline Newman, who worked in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory and became one of the leading organizers—and one of the first female organizers—of one of America's most powerful unions, the International Ladies' Garments Workers' Union.
Verso—128 pages

Raven's Call Honors Fallen Bearkats

Raven's Call is the newest SHSU tradition created to ceremonially remember students, faculty and staff who have passed away.

The event was established last year, and this year 28 individuals were honored on April 12 at the memorial monument at the foot of the Ron and Ruth Blatchley Bell Tower.

The idea for the ceremony came from a parent whose child, a former SHSU student, died. Believing this would be a great tradition for SHSU, the parent contacted the Dean of Students' Office, which began researching and planning the event with the Orange Keys.

The event this year featured portraits of the deceased—including eight students, four faculty and staff who were employed when

they died, and nine retirees—a performance by the SHSU Soul Lifters Gospel Choir, a balloon release, and the ringing of the tower bell.

The monument was created by Jimmy Williams, an SHSU student. It is made of the same stone material as the benches across campus, some of which have been donated in honor of previous students, staff and faculty. In the evening, it lights up with a soft, orange glow.

An eternal message etched into the glass reads: "In Memory of Those Who Touched Our Lives for the Briefest of Moments, Yet Will Stay With Us Forever."



Fleming Honored With Two National Advising Awards



William Fleming, executive director of the Student Advising and Mentoring Center at Sam Houston State University, has been selected to receive two elite awards from the National Academic Advising

Association as part of the 2013 Annual Awards Program for Academic Advising.

He will receive the Outstanding Advising Administrator Award and the Gail Rola Award in Salt Lake City, Utah, during the association's annual conference this fall.

The Outstanding Advising Administrator Award recognizes individuals who possess strong interpersonal skills; demonstrate the ability to engage in, promote and support advising grounded in sound theory, research and educational practice; have participated in and supported adviser development programs; have received institutional recognition for outstanding advising administration; and have participated in larger campus or higher education initiatives related to the efficacy of academic advising.

The Gail Rola Memorial Award recognizes both "outstanding leadership and the ability to administer that leadership with heart

and with care," according to the association.

The person selected must be a current Outstanding Advising Award winner in the administrator category. Individuals selected for the memorial award will have exemplified a passion for 'whole' person advising; have a compassionate, caring, helpful attitude toward advisees, faculty and staff; demonstrated inclusion of those under his/her direction; demonstrated empathy and caring in his/her work with advisers and students; administered a project, program or training that demonstrates his/her desire to truly impact the lives of advisees; and demonstrated potential impact on the larger field of advising through his/her leadership.

In addition to Fleming's awards, Edgard Sanchez, assistant academic adviser for the SAM Center, has been selected to receive the association's Certificate of Merit in recognition of being an "Outstanding New Adviser-Primary Role."

Shields Named Fine Arts, Mass Communication Dean



Ronald E. Shields, a former chair of the Department of Theatre and Film at Bowling Green State University, has been

named the dean of the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication at Sam Houston State University, effective July 1.

“We are so delighted that Ronald Shields is joining the academic leadership team at Sam Houston State University,” said Jaimie Hebert, SHSU provost and vice president for academic affairs. “The College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication consists of many vibrant, high quality programs that have grown and matured through the efforts of dedicated faculty, administrators and very talented students. Dean Shields will bring vast, positive administrative experiences within the arts community to this great college.”

A graduate of the doctoral program at Louisiana State University, Shields played a key role in building internal and external support for the arts at BGSU, including the opening of a new performing arts center in 2012, the designation of “the arts” as a Center of Excellence at BGSU, and the

cultivation of diversity, interdisciplinary programs, as well as expanded curricular offerings.

His creative work and scholarship have been honored with several awards, including the Leslie Irene Coger Award for Outstanding Creative Work, for directing baroque opera and Shakespeare, and the Outstanding Performance Studies and Theatre Scholar Award from the membership of the Central States Communication Association, for his publications on opera and performance, cultural studies and visual rhetoric.

He fulfilled two terms as editor of the nation's oldest professional performance journal, *Theatre Annual: A Journal of Performance Studies*, published by the College of William and Mary and continues to serve as an associate editor for that journal and *Text and Performance Quarterly*, an international journal published by Francis and Taylor and the National Communication Association.



Spanish Program Graduates First Master's Students

The foreign languages department at SHSU graduated its first four Master of Arts in Spanish degree candidates during commencement ceremonies in May.

“The master's program really helps round out the Spanish section of the foreign languages department,” said Debra Andrist, chair of foreign languages and professor of Spanish. “We have undergraduate classes that can now prepare students to go on into master's level classes.”

Andrist credited program director Rafael Saumell-Munoz, professor of Spanish, for getting the ball rolling.

“The program has grown exponentially since it began, and Dr. Saumell has been instrumental in finding applicants and candidates and capable faculty for the program,” she said.

The program began with eight students in 2011 and has now grown to 43. “Demographically, Houston has thousands of Spanish-speaking people and there are so many jobs that utilize bilingual skills,” Andrist said. “This program at SHSU is so important and thrives because of its proximity to the city. There has been a great response to the program, and we see that it is needed here.

“But the success of our candidates isn't just because of demographics; it is also in large part thanks to the commitment and quality of the faculty who take every opportunity to teach their students about Spanish linguistics and culture in a way

that is both thorough and challenging and the students who respond eagerly and work hard toward their aspirations.”



(From left) Andres Ruiz Olaya and Jennifer Gongora, with Spanish MA program director Rafael Saumell-Munoz, were among the first graduates of the program.



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SCENE *at* SAM

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



The Bearkat baseball team celebrates its consecutive Southland Conference regular season championship.



Graduates joined hands during the traditional playing of "Auld Lang Syne" at the end of SHSU's commencement ceremonies May 10-11. Almost 2,100 students received their degrees during the three ceremonies.



The Bearkat football team returned to Pritchett Field in April for their annual spring Orange-White football game, which completed spring drills for the returning members of last year's 11-4 Southland Conference championship team.



Little Mattie Cowen, niece of Bearkat pitcher Cody Dickson, throws out the first pitch of a game, with Karen Dickson watching.



President Dana Gibson (center) congratulates 2013 Sammy Award winners (from left) Timothy Flanders; Terri Jagers, faculty/staff; Angelic Ortiz; and Willie Fritz, faculty/staff.



Comedian Mike Epps had SHSU students in stitches when he visited SHSU in March for the Spring Comedy Showcase.



SHSU employees enjoyed lunch provided by the President's Office and a beautiful Friday afternoon during the annual faculty and staff picnic.



Veteran White House correspondent Ann Compton discussed her life and career with ABC News during the President's Speaker Series on April 23.



Senior mass communication major Stephanie Romero talks with President Dana Gibson during the April grand opening of SHSU's new Spanish-language radio station El Gato, 90.5 HD2.



Miss Sam Houston winner Shanece Smith (center) celebrated her victory with first runner up Meagen Morrison and second runner up Lindsey Hill following the pageant in February.



The Elliott T. Bowers Honors College fundraising event "Let's Talk!" continues to be a huge success.



Siblings Keith and Kimberly Ahee celebrate their SHSU rings during the April ceremony. The tradition continues to grow, with about 465 participating this year.



Almost 2,000 Bearkats lent a helping "paw" around their communities during this year's fourth "All Paws In" volunteer initiative event on March 2.



Roland Black

Professorship Honors A Bearkat Family Of Doctors

A special contribution by an alumnus who followed in his father's footsteps by becoming a doctor will support an endowed professorship in the Department of Biological Sciences.

Using provisions designed for IRAs and qualified charities, Dr. Roland Black has established The Roland E. Black Endowed Professorship in Biological Sciences in honor of members of his family—F. Ray Black, M.D.; Lois F. Black; Ray Black Jr.; Robert Black, M.D.; and Roland E. Black, M.D.

“I consider it a joy as well as a privilege to be able to give back.”

“I wanted to do something to honor my family, and since all of us graduated from Sam, that seemed like an excellent place to do so,” Black said. “From my daddy to the present, we have been involved and influenced by the spirit and vision of Sam Houston. My daddy, Ray Black, graduated in 1925, and the rest of us followed.”

Black grew up in Huntsville and graduated from Huntsville High School in 1957. His two older brothers were in Sam Houston State Teachers College at the time, and both of his parents had graduated from Sam.

“The natural flow of family dynamics took me to Sam Houston,” he said. “I don’t remember asking should or could I go anywhere else.”

Black worked for Wayne Rainwater at the college bookstore, which was a good employment opportunity for the students who were from Huntsville.

“He would use us between terms to carry the books from his warehouse to the store,” he said. “We would work all day during registration and then in our off hours during the semester. He was great to work for, and we got to see the entire school pass through.”

During Black’s senior year, he worked as an assistant for Norman Flados, a bacteriology professor. His duties consisted of preparing bacterial labs,

teaching, helping with lesson plans, and grading papers.

“This was a great experience for a ‘local boy’ and helped to solidify my desire to go into the medical field,” he said.

After he graduated with honors in 1961 with a major in biology and chemistry, Black went to the University of Texas Medical School in Galveston and earned an M.D. degree. He completed a rotating internship at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth and returned to Huntsville to do general practice with his father and middle brother.

After his father’s death, he went to Dallas to do an OB-GYN residency at the Methodist Hospital and University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. Afterward, he completed a year of gynecological oncology education in San Antonio and then returned to Dallas in 1971 to practice with an OB-GYN group there.

Black left the group in 1993 and began assisting in various surgeries, which he continues to do now.

Throughout his career he remembered Sam Houston State as giving him an “excellent foundation for growth and adaptation to life.” He wanted to do something to honor his family for always placing great importance and value on education.

“While Daddy lettered in basketball and baseball at Sam, all the rest of the family did much better in academics,” Black said. “So academics just seemed the best place for me to contribute.”

In 2009, Black became a member of the SHSU Alumni Association Board of Directors to become more familiar with Sam Houston State University, and learn what would be required for the professorship.

“I had planned to fund the professorship from my estate and had the enthusiastic support of my family to do so,” he said. “I learned that for 2013, anyone aged 70 ½ or older is eligible to transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRA directly to qualified charities with no tax consequences to either party.

“I started funding the professorship prior to funds coming from the estate,” he said. “The IRS has to renew this portion of the tax code through Congress for it to be in effect in 2014. If they do, I will continue funding in this manner.”

Not only did he find that serving on the alumni board allowed him to learn what he needed to know about the university and how to fund a professorship, he said being involved with the Alumni Association “has been an absolute ‘hoot.’

“The alumni office makes a great effort to continually introduce us to the advances Sam Houston State has made in its physical plant, as well as the education aspects,” Black said. “It has been my pleasure to meet a multitude of great people currently involved in the growth of our university. I consider it a joy as well as a privilege to be able to give back.”

Meet Maria Hernandez
a senior Finance/Banking
and Financial Institutions
major from Wells, Texas



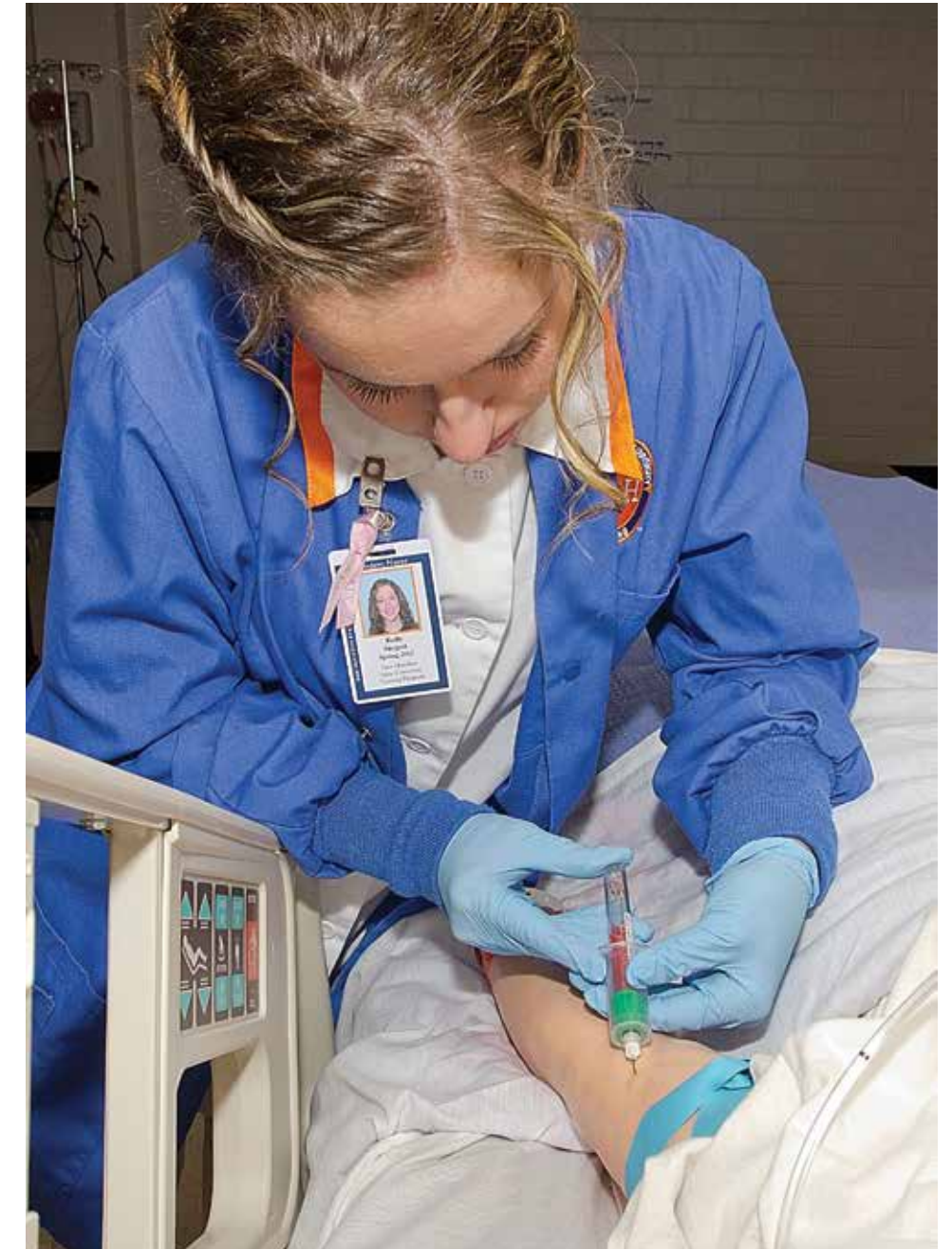
St. Luke's, SHSU Join To Assist Nursing Students

A new nursing scholarship program is allowing students to realize their dreams while helping address an impending nursing shortage, thanks to a collaboration between St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital and SHSU.

Beginning last fall, SHSU awarded St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital Nursing Scholarships to nursing students, with preference to those who are employees of St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital or their children. Recipients are selected through a competitive process based on grade point average and other measures of academic success.

The scholarship program was made possible through a generous donation from Sam Houston State alumni Pam and Gary Whitlock, longtime supporters of the hospital and the university, according to St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer Peg Reiter, R.N., Ph.D. Gary Whitlock also serves on the hospital's board of directors.

The nursing scholarship defrays some of the education costs for qualifying students working toward their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and helps those who might otherwise be unable to earn their degree. The availability



of the scholarship also enables SHSU to attract the best and brightest for the nursing program and helps St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital recruit from a larger pool of talented candidates.

"Ultimately, the scholarships benefit the patients who will receive high-quality nursing care—the gold standard for both

St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital and Sam Houston State University," Reiter said.

This fall, St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital will provide funding for 10 annual scholarships at a minimum of \$2,000 each.

"The scholarship I received and the donor's commitment to ensure my success is something I will always be grateful for."

Maria is one of many students who benefit each day from the unique opportunities made possible by support from Sam Houston 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.

Your gift to the SHSU Annual Fund, regardless of the size, will help students like Maria achieve their dreams.

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Sam Houston State University



by SHSU Sports Information

In Sam Houston's 26 seasons at the NCAA Division I level, there has never been a sports year as successful as the 2012-13 campaign.

The Bearkats won the baseball regular-season championship; shared titles in football, volleyball and women's basketball and finished in the top three in seven other sports including runner-up performances in women's cross country, men's and women's indoor track and field, men's outdoor track and field and women's golf. The Bearkats also reached the finals in two conference post-season tournaments.

At season's end, Sam Houston State won the coveted Southland Conference Commissioner's Cup, symbolic of the league's All-Sports championship.

"This is a huge accomplishment for our department," SHSU director of athletics Bobby Williams said. "The goal every season is to be the top program in the Southland. Across the board, every team had great performances on the field and this truly is a department award."

The 2012-13 award marked the fourth time since the award's inception in 1998 for the Bearkat program to earn the honor. No current member of the Southland Conference has won the Commissioner's Cup four times and only one former member has equaled that mark.

"One of the best things about winning the Commissioner's Cup is to see how all of our athletes embrace our efforts to win it," Williams said. "Not only are they striving for a conference title for their team, but also for the department. It has become part of a year-long chase for us, and not just something you look up at the end of the season."

Sam Houston also earned this year's Southland Conference Women's All-Sports Cup and finished as runner-up in the men's all-sports standings.

Sam Houston scored 126 points to edge last year's cup winner, Stephen F. Austin, which scored 120 points. The women totaled 72.0 points for SHSU's first women's all-sports trophy in program history. Since 2003, the Bearkat women have finished in the top four seven times, with two second-place finishes.

The Sam Houston men had 54 points to finish second in the men's all-sports trophy standings behind Stephen F. Austin, which had 57 points. The Bearkats, which won the men's all-sports trophy in 2000 and 2007, have finished in the top-three five times in the last 10 seasons.

"Winning our first women's all-sport trophy is also a big accomplishment for our program," Williams said. "It really was a banner year for our women's programs, winning titles in volleyball and basketball and a number of other second-place finishes."

Sam Houston also saw post-season success on a national level.

The football team defeated No. 12 Cal Poly, No. 2 Montana State and No. 4 Eastern Washington to reach the NCAA Division I national championship game for the second year in a row. Only eight programs have appeared in consecutive FCS finals in the event's 34-year history.

The baseball team received a second consecutive NCAA at-large berth. In the Baton Rouge regional, Sam Houston upset No. 2 seed Louisiana-Lafayette and led No. 1 seed LSU through seven innings in a contest before more than 10,000 fans.

The Bearkat women's basketball team earned its first Women's National Invitational Tournament berth. Women's bowling made its second NCAA Elite Eight appearance in the program's three-year history. "We are indeed fortunate to have outstanding leadership at Sam Houston with our president, Dr. Dana Gibson," Williams said. "The athletic department receives outstanding support from the administration and our university community. This is an honor for every member of our staff from top to bottom."





Richard Sincere

FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

Sam Houston State stands as the "winningest" NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision team during the past two seasons with a 25-5 record that includes consecutive appearances in the national finals in Frisco.

The Bearkats earned back-to-back Southland Conference titles with victories in 13 of 14 league games. The Bearkats out-scored league foes 643 to 168 and, since Oct. 10, 2011, have ranked among the top 10 in FCS football for 21 consecutive weeks.

Now, in 2013, Sam Houston looks to continue their NCAA playoff success and become only the second team since 1975 to win three straight Southland Conference football titles.

Forty lettermen including 11 starters will be back from last season's 11-4 championship team. Seven of the returnees earned All-Southland honors.

"We have a strong group of talented seniors who will provide quality leadership for us," Sam Houston head coach Willie Fritz said. "They've been a huge part of our success and know what it takes to get it done. While we lost some talented players to graduation, we have a strong corps of younger players who have seen plenty of action for us in reserve roles. We're eager for the opportunities ahead this fall."

Heading the list of six returning starters on offense are running back Timothy Flanders, quarterback Brian Bell and wide receiver/wildkat back Richard Sincere.

Flanders, two-time Southland "Player of the Year" and a Walter Payton award finalist in both 2011 and 2012, stands as Sam Houston's all-time rushing and scoring leader. The senior from Midwest City, Okla., has rushed for 4,234 yards and

52 touchdowns and scored 330 points on the way to setting 34 Sam Houston school records. He has rushed for more than 100 yards in 25 games.

Bell stands as Sam Houston State's all-time "winningest" quarterback. Since taking over as the Bearkat starter in the third game of the 2010 season, Bell has led the team to a record of 30 victories and only eight losses. He ranks No. 1 in Sam Houston career passing (6,165 yards), touchdown passes (52) and total offense yards (7,080).

Sincere, a two-time All-Southland performer and 2011 Southland "Offensive Player-of-the-Year," has rushed for 1,835 career yards and caught 47 passes for 824 yards. He has rushed for 19 scores and caught five TD passes.

Sophomore Chance Nelson and senior Torrance Williams also give the Kats deep threats as wide receivers. Nelson caught 35 passes for 671 yards and nine TDs as a freshman in 2012. Williams has totaled 1,294 career all-purpose yards and scored eight touchdowns in his three years as a Bearkat.

"We had a great spring and made a lot of strides," Bell said. "We have a lot of firepower. It's going to be fun to get started again."

The biggest question mark on offense for Sam Houston in 2013 is the front line. Guard Donald Jackson III, who was named to an NCAA FCS freshman All-America squad last year, is the lone returning starter. The Kats could see several red-shirt freshmen stepping into starting roles.

The Bearkat defense that has allowed only 12.0 points and 262.0 yards per game in Southland Conference action must replace six players who earned All-Southland honors a total of 15 times in the past three seasons.

Defensive ends Jarrett Brown (21 career starts) and Andrew Weaver (17 career starts) and tackle Gary Lorange (34 career starts) bring experience to the front line as seniors. Lorange was second team All-Southland, and Brown was an honorable mention all-league honoree, while Weaver was named to an FCS All-America squad.

The other two returning senior starters are linebacker Jesse Beauchamp and cornerback Bookie Sneed. Beauchamp is the team's top returning tackler (94 stops). Sneed has 99 career tackles and 38 starts to his credit. Both received All-Southland honors on the 2012 team.

Linebacker Eric Fieilo, who missed the 2012 season with an injury, has 105 tackles to his credit as a three-year letterman.

"We're going to be good," Lorange said of the Bearkat defense. "We've got a lot of younger people who got good reps in the spring. The secondary is doing great. The guys stepping in have been here for a year, maybe two, and they're filling in the shoes well."

For the first time in Sam Houston's 97 years of football, the Bearkats will play a 12-game regular season schedule in 2013. The schedule includes seven home contests at Bowers plus the 88th "Battle of the Piney Woods" rivalry game with Stephen F. Austin at Reliant Stadium in Houston.

"With seven Saturdays at Bowers, the SFA battle at Reliant and the Texas A&M game at College Station, nine of our 12 regular season games are right here in the Greater Houston and Huntsville area," Sam Houston Director of Athletics Bobby Williams said. "This is a tremendous opportunity for fans to get behind the Bearkats and proudly wear their orange in the stands. We're thrilled to have such a great schedule this year."

The complete Sam Houston State 2013 football schedule can be found at gobearkats.com.

SPORTS NOTES



Trisha Mallory

Tricia Mallory, the second all-time leading scorer in the 10-year history of Sam Houston women's soccer, will be the only senior for head coach Tom Brown's young squad this fall. Mallory has scored 22 goals in three seasons as a Bearkat. Goalkeeper Kylie Hambleton was the Southland "Freshman of the Year" in 2012. Five other starters return for the Bearkats.



Cody Dickson

Matt Johnson and Charles White both earned NCAA All-America honors in men's track-and-field after advancing to the NCAA outdoor championship in Eugene, Ore., June 5-8. Johnson finished 15th in the men's decathlon while White placed 22nd in the triple jump.



Caleb Smith

Bearkat pitchers Cody Dickson and Caleb Smith were selected in the 2013 Major League Baseball draft in June. Dickson was a fourth round pick by the Pittsburgh Pirates. Smith was a 14th round selection by the New York Yankees. The pair extended the number of Sam Houston baseball players selected in the top 15 rounds of the MLB draft to 19. Overall, 45 Bearkats have been tabbed in the annual draft, including at least one for the last eight years.



Deveney Wells-Gibson

Tori Benavidez, who led the Sam Houston softball team to the Southland post-season finals for the second year in a row, was voted as the league's "Player of the Year" and "Hitter of the Year." The leading hitter for Sam Houston this year, Benavidez produced Sam Houston's second highest single season batting average in school history with a mark of .406. She also received NCAA All-Central Region honors.

Deveney Wells-Gibson, last year's Southland Conference volleyball "Player of the Year," returns to lead Sam Houston in the defense of its league championship this fall. Wells-Gibson totaled 466 kills last season as the Bearkats rolled up a 21-11 overall record and won 15 of their 18 conference games. Seniors Hailey Neisler and Tayler Gray also return for head coach Brenda Gray.

SHSU Welcomes 2,000th Alumni Association Life Member



Assistant Director for Marketing & Membership Donna Gilbert and Director Charlie Vienne congratulate Gwen Hardy.

the university," she said. "I upgraded to Life Member because I felt that it was the right thing to do."

All life membership dues are invested in a permanent endowment that provides a sustained source of support for Alumni Association programs and activities.

In recognition of being the 2,000th Life Member, an engraved paver with Hardy's name has been placed in the Alumni Garden on campus.

Among the advantages of life membership, in addition to benefits of being a sustaining member, are: an engraved plaque; the opportunity to purchase a recreational facilities pass for the Recreational Sports Center; eligibility to hold office in the SHSU Alumni Association; a lapel pin; personal invitation to special alumni events; personal invitation to university events; campus parking hangtag; and a laser engraved pen and key fob set.

For additional information about membership levels in the SHSU Alumni Association, visit alumni.shsu.edu.

GWEN STEUSOFF HARDY, BS '48, MA '66, became the SHSU Alumni Association's 2,000th Life Member in April during the association's annual membership drive.

Hardy was a librarian and taught for 40 years in New Waverly and Huntsville before her retirement.

"I had been a Century Club Member of the association so that I could be connected to



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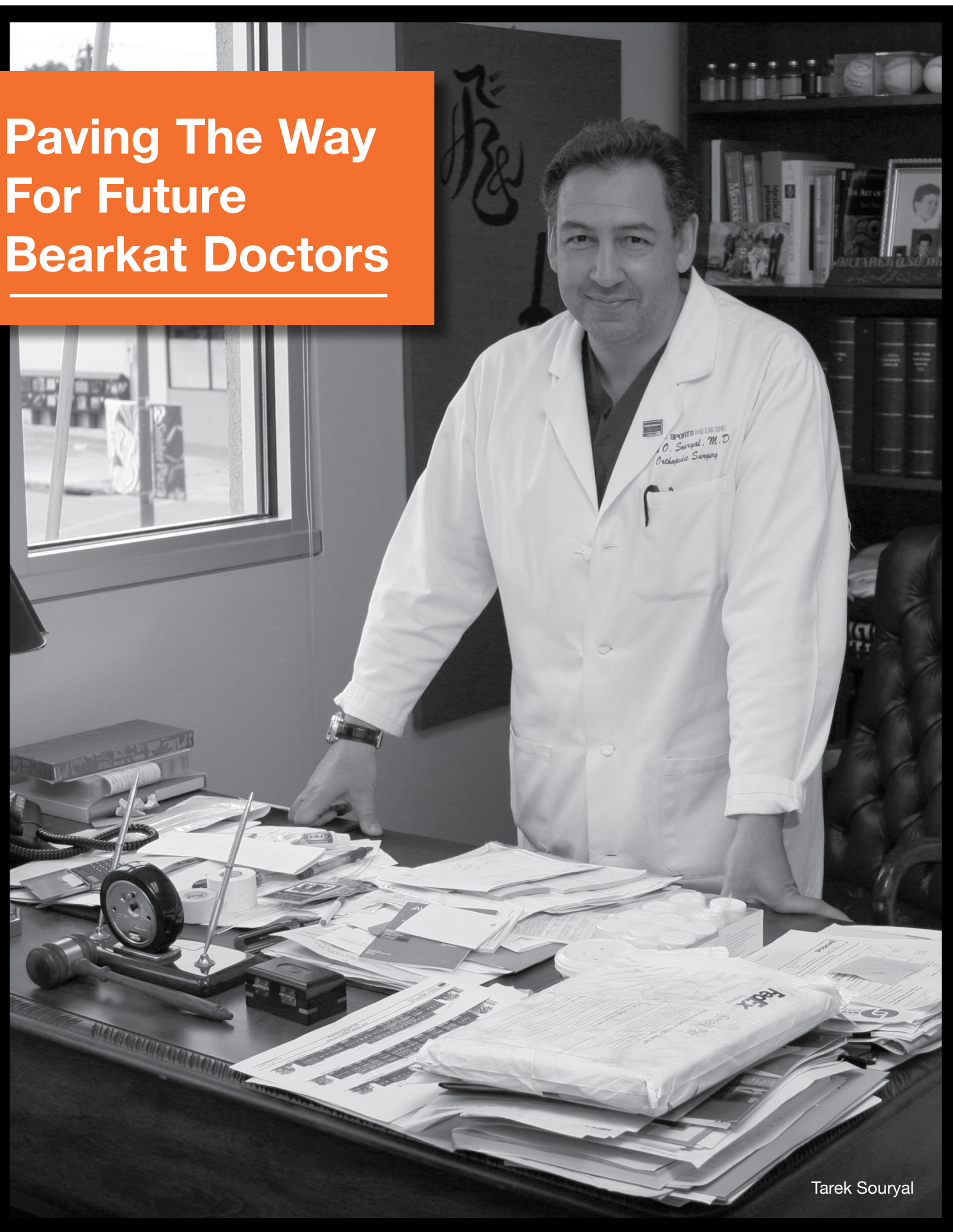
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TAREK O. SOURYAL, BS '77

A leading orthopedic surgeon in the field of sports medicine, Tarek Souryal has been the head team physician for the 2011 NBA Champion Dallas Mavericks for 20 seasons.

He is known internationally for his work on anterior cruciate ligament injuries and ACL surgery.

Souryal came to SHSU because his father was a faculty member in the College of Criminal Justice. After graduating in 1977 with a major in biology and minors in both math and sociology, Souryal was accepted by the University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio.

"I showed up on the first day of medical school, and everyone had to wear a name tag with the names of the colleges they had attended," he said. "I looked around and there were people from Harvard, Yale, Rice and lots from the University of Texas.

"Frankly, I was intimidated," he said. "I thought, 'Oh my gosh. Here I am from Sam Houston, and I have to compete with these students from the Ivy League.'

"At the end of the first year, I made the dean's list, and I realized I was just as prepared as anyone else," he said. "I was very proud of my Sam Houston affiliation. It prepared me well."

He completed his residency at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, which offers a five-year orthopedic residency, then went to the Hughston Orthopedic Clinic in Columbus, Ga., which has a distinguished reputation for its sports medicine program.

He moved back to Dallas and opened a solo sports medicine practice. One of his mentors in Dallas, J. Pat Evans, was the team doctor for the Cowboys and the Mavericks. Evans invited Souryal to assist him with the Mavericks.

When Evans retired in 1992, the Mavericks asked Souryal to stay on as the head team doctor. Souryal served in that role until 1996. After a five-year gap, he returned to the team as head doctor in 2000.

He is also the founder and medical director of the Texas Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Group. His private practice deals primarily with treating recreational athletes, mostly individuals who play tennis, go skiing, or "blow their ankles out" in the back yard playing volleyball.

For 15 years, until schools in the former Wilmer-Hutchins Independent School District were shut down in 2005 because of financial and academic difficulties, Souryal served as team doctor for the district's consolidated high school.

As an offshoot of his experience with Wilmer-Hutchins, Souryal established the Texas Sports Medicine Foundation, a charitable organization to help financially disadvantaged high school athletes with medical bills.

In addition to his clinical work and his teaching duties with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Souryal also hosts "Inside Sports Medicine," a weekly show for ESPN Radio.

Several physicians who have substantially impacted the medical profession and the communities in which they serve got their start at Sam Houston State University.



MAURICE GILLIAM WILKINSON, BS '72

After graduating with her degree in biology from SHSU, Maurice Wilkinson earned her medical degree from Texas Tech University in 1976.

She graduated with honors from medical school and was selected as "Resident of the Year" during her residency.

A native of Pasadena, Wilkinson practiced in Flatonia from 1977-91 and has practiced in Shiner since 1980.

She has received numerous awards and recognitions, including National Rural Health Practitioner of the Year, and being named to "Who's Who in the South and Southwest," "Personalities of the South," and "Young Women of America."

She has also been selected as a "Distinguished Alumna" for both SHSU and Texas Tech Health Science Center.

In addition to being the chief of staff for the Lavaca Medical Center, Wilkinson has served her community as a member of the

Church Council for the Lutheran Church, the school board, and the local bank.

On weekends, she shows horses, and she is a multiple World Champion Equestrian.

In January 2014, she will begin work toward a master's degree in chaplaincy and pastoral care at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin.

"I feel that this step will enhance my contribution to the medical profession, especially in hospital care," she said.

"I love Sam Houston and regularly recommend it to all our high school students," she said. "It provided me with a solid science background for success in medical school.

"I had great support from the entire biology faculty when it came time to apply to med school," she said. "I still have a close relationship with some of my former professors. I feel that they taught me how to be a good leader and a hard worker."

DAVID REX, BS '82

When asked why he chose Sam Houston State University, David Rex said, "Why, there was never any other choice! I grew up in Huntsville and was always going to be a Bearkat."

The fact that his father was a professor in the music department at SHSU admittedly influenced his decision.

"Even when I was First Chair All-State Band my junior and senior year at Huntsville High School and had scholarship offers from coast to coast, I never even entertained the thought of going anywhere else for my education," he said. "It was the best choice in life that I ever made."

After he graduated from SHSU with a degree in biology and chemistry, Rex attended the University of Texas at San

Antonio Medical School and earned his medical degree in 1986. He then completed the prestigious diagnostic radiology residency at the University of Texas at San Antonio and studied magnetic resonance imaging in Houston.

Following his residency, Rex was awarded a body imaging fellowship at the University of Texas Medical School, Texas Medical Center, Houston. His further



post graduate training concentrated in magnetic resonance imaging, computerized tomography and ultrasound. Rex taught as a clinical radiology instructor at Hermann Hospital and LBJ Hospital.

For 25 years, he practiced in the Dallas area. He served as president and general partner of Texas Radiology Associates in Plano and was on the medical staff of Medical Center of Plano, Presbyterian Medical Center of Plano, Baylor/Richardson Medical Center, and Medical Center at Las Colinas. He was also chief of staff and the director of MRI and Ultrasound at North Central Medical Center in McKinney.

In 2005, he returned to Huntsville where he now is a general radiologist with "Virtual Radiologic," the largest tele-radiology practice in the world. Rex is a diagnostic radiologist covering Level 1 trauma in emergency radiology on night call with 250 hospitals across the United States.

Rex said that the rigorous biology/chemistry/pre-med curriculum at SHSU gave him enough of a solid science

foundation so that medical school was actually "a breeze."

"Acceptance committees at medical and dental schools in Texas have a great respect for SHSU's top pre-professional students—those students who have worked hard and established themselves academically," he said. "The Sam Houston students before me built that reputation by succeeding once they got to medical and dental school."

In addition to his medical career, Rex is an accomplished musician. At Sam Houston State, he was a member of the Bearkat Marching Band, the Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, Symphonic Orchestra, and Wind

Ensemble. He has been a member of the Houston Super Sax Jazz Society; the Houston, Huntsville, and Pasadena Municipal Concert Bands; the Huntsville Gilbert and Sullivan Performing Society; and the Huntsville Community Chorale and Fine Arts Society.

Rex was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Sam Houston State University in 2002.

MARK PRICE, BS '86

A native of Houston, Mark Price graduated from SHSU with a degree in psychology before attending Baylor College of Medicine where he was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the National Medical Honor Society.

He then completed a transitional internship at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston, followed by a dermatology residency at Baylor College of Medicine. Afterwards, he completed a fellowship in Mohs micrographic surgery, cutaneous oncology,



and laser surgery at Baptist Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo.

Price returned to Houston and now has a medical practice specializing in skin cancer

surgery. He also teaches at Baylor College of Medicine.

Earlier this year, he was recognized as a "Top Doctor" for the 10th year by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. Less than 5 percent of the nation's licensed physicians have been selected in their regions for their specialties.

Price said he feels the education he received at Sam Houston State was strengthened by the care and direction he received from his teachers.

"Among my fondest memories of being a student at SHSU is the relationship I had with my professors," he said. "Dr. Richard Eglsaer was my adviser in psychology, and he was the one who encouraged me to apply to medical school, from which I graduated with honors.

"SHSU is a fine school, and for those who study hard and apply themselves, the sky is the limit."

KENDALL R. ROEHL, BS '99

Scholarships from SHSU, a low faculty-to-student ratio, and the opportunity to be in the university's prestigious Elliott T. Bowers Honor College helped Kendall Roehl make the decision to complete her undergraduate education in Huntsville.

It wasn't long until she was certain that she had made the right choice.

"Sam Houston has an amazing faculty who genuinely cares about their students," she said.

"I particularly remember Dr. Jack Turner being a great professor," she said. "In his 'killer' biology class (general physiology), we had to take a six-hour written exam. I did well, and I was a teaching assistant in the class the next semester."



She also recalls how Roy Moss, her archery instructor, took the time to teach her how to make homemade pork sausage.

"My professors at SHSU took me in, not only as a student but as a friend," she said. "Having the ability to create lasting memories and relationships with my professors is a unique opportunity that only SHSU can offer. You wouldn't get to know your professors on a personal level at the larger universities."

Following her graduation from SHSU, Roehl attended the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, where she earned her medical degree in 2003 and then completed her residency in plastic surgery there in 2008. She received specialty training in reconstructive microsurgery from M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

She now lives in Temple where she has an academic practice specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery and is affiliated with Scott and White Healthcare.

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adviser for the TV Show “Cops;” receiving the International Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year-Lifetime Achievement recognition; working with the University of Colorado-Buffalo football team for 10 years and attending two national championship Orange Bowl games; and sitting on numerous international and national law enforcement/crime prevention boards.

He also served as a chief of police and maintains his Texas Master Peace Officer certification as a reserve detective.

“After I retired from law enforcement, it was a natural transition to the private security industry,” he said. “Corporate security was the most interesting venue that most appealed to me.”

Over the past 15 years, he has enjoyed several positions in corporate security and is currently the director of security for First Data Corp-Tele Check, a Fortune 200 company in Houston. He also serves as the regional vice president of the American Society of Industrial Security international organization, overseeing six ASIS chapters for the state of Texas.

“As a direct result of graduating from the criminal justice program at SHSU, I have benefited not only from the significant relationships of my fellow students, now colleagues, but also the fine institutional reputation of cutting edge academia that the SHSU Criminal Justice Center possesses year after year.

“I’ve maintained relationships with all my professors and supported the Criminal Justice Center financially and by returning to speak to students annually,” he said. “It’s important to give back and volunteer where you can as an alumnus—and it’s always nice to be in Huntsville where the best of my memories remain.”

CHARLES E. ANDREWS, ’85 BS

Charles Andrews chose to get his education at SHSU because of the reputation of the criminal justice program.

“If you wanted to be the very best criminal justice professional and be a trendsetter in our society and the security industry, the SHSU Criminal Justice Center was the place to learn and graduate,” he said.

Not only did he enjoy the academic and learning environment with the criminal justice professors while he was a student, he appreciates the time he spent with his fellow students and friends who were also CJ majors.

He fondly recalls the road trips to conferences and the awards he and his fellow students brought back while representing the SHSU criminal justice program.

“I particularly remember my overseas abroad studies with Dr. Raymond Teske in West Germany, France and Switzerland,” he said. We studied the criminal justice system for each of those countries, also taking in the landscape, culture and beauty of the region. It was an eye-opening experience to see how societies run their criminal justice institutions and, thus, opened our minds to new approaches and methods to manage criminal justice back in the United States.”

Since graduating with a degree in law enforcement/police science, Andrews has been active in the criminal justice profession. Some of the highlights of his career include being a member of the U.S. Olympics 1996 security team; serving as a law enforcement



Alumni have been 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!



JOHN G. GEORGE JR., BBA '04

“Sam Houston has many desirable attributes which enticed me to select it for my undergraduate education,” said John George. “The school’s beautiful setting in the piney woods of East Texas, small-town atmosphere, and proximity to my hometown of Houston combined to create the perfect atmosphere to start life on my own.

“The small class sizes and collegial spirit of the school were a perfect fit for my style of learning and allowed me to pursue my many different interests in recreational activities,” he said.

George met his wife, Erika Dawn Charrey '04, in psychology class during their freshman year. Today, they live in San Antonio with their two sons, John III and Jeffrey.

Following his graduation with a degree in business management, George attended St. Mary’s University School of Law. During law



school, he was the editor-in-chief of the St. Mary’s Law Journal, one of the most cited law journals by state and federal courts.

George graduated law school with honors in 2007 and has been practicing law in San Antonio ever since. He works at Beirne, Maynard & Parsons, L.L.P. He serves as president of the Defense Counsel of San Antonio and has been named a “Rising Star” by Texas Monthly and Scene in S.A. magazines.

“In practice, I represent clients in a wide variety of civil litigation matters, including commercial litigation, business torts, labor and employment law, real estate, creditor collection, and third-party subpoenas,” he said.

“I have been fortunate to gain significant experience in complex commercial litigation, including trial experience in a wide variety of business litigation matters involving novel theories of contract and commercial tort law,” he said.

“The small class sizes and collegial spirit of the school were a perfect fit for my style of learning.”

“I’ve been involved in some very interesting cases, including representing a nationally recognized presidential candidate in his attempt to have his name placed on a state’s ballot,” he said.

George said that his personal life is all about his wife and sons.

“My oldest son John III, who recently turned 3 years old, is already following in my footsteps by racing bicycles and motorcycles. He learned to ride without training wheels when he was just over 2 years old and hasn’t stopped riding since,” George said.

“My youngest son Jeffrey, who just turned a year old, appears to be following the same path and is already perfecting motorcycle sounds,” he said. “Erika and I enjoy taking both boys to the races, traveling and spending time with our families.”

George said he is grateful to SHSU for providing him the knowledge and framework for how to achieve his goals in life.

“I left with not only a great education and the tools I needed to succeed in my chosen career path, but also with a sense of community and service which has driven me to continually give back to my local community,” he said.



He graduated from SHSTC with a bachelor's degree in art, then earned his MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art. Today, he is a full-time artist working in the media of sculpture, drawing and printmaking.

He taught at Southern Methodist University and the University of Houston where he founded the Lawndale Alternative Art Center in the 70s. His original studio was in Splendora for 20 years. He then moved with his wife, Charmaine Locke, to Carbondale, Colo., where he has been since 1997.

He has been named a "Texas Artist of the Year" and has received the "Living Legend Award" from the Dallas Contemporary Art Center, 2012 Houston AIA Artist of the Year, and the 2013 Texas Medal of Arts Award in the Visual Arts by the Texas Cultural Trust. His works have been shown in both national and international solo and group exhibitions, including a spring 2009 exhibition presented by the New York City Parks Public Art Program along the Park Avenue Malls in New York City.

His work is also included in collections of the Museum of Modern Art, New York; The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.; the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth; the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; the Milwaukee Art Museum; the Museum of Fine Arts Houston; the Dallas Museum of Art; and the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam.

His 16-foot wood and steel hanging installation "Around the Flower Wall" is showcased in the lobby of SHSU's James and Nancy Gaertner Performing Arts Center.

"My education at Sam Houston State changed my life because I was introduced to art," Surls said. "My professors introduced me to the art scene in Texas and the world, and to the many collectors in the greater Houston area."

"I recall going to the Media Center or 'Art Barn' at Rice University and meeting Dominique de Menil," he said. "Mrs. Menil was a staunch supporter and voice for the civil and human rights movement throughout the world. She, along with her art collection, was a remarkable source of inspiration."

"Through my association with Sam Houston State, I further developed my understanding of the importance of the arts and arts education."

JAMES SURLS, BS '65

Being a native Texan, James Surls was looking for a college in Texas that was close to home and offered lots of activities at a reasonable cost.

"My fondest memories of being a student were working with the remarkable art department professors of Sam Houston State Teachers College—Gaddis Geeslin, Charles Pebworth, Gene Eastman and Harry Ahysen," he said. "They were great teachers and artists, and they were very insightful to the art world."

He attended Sam Houston during the beginning of the Vietnam conflict and in the midst of the civil rights movement.

"As an adamant supporter of civil rights, I recall attending many meetings in Huntsville," he said.

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CLASS NOTES

Marcus Stephenson, '58, was recently honored with the prestigious Stephen F. Austin Leadership Award at the 17th Annual Father of Texas Awards Banquet, hosted by the Brazoria County Historical Museum in Lake Jackson. The award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated leadership qualities in business, industry, civic or political activities. Stephenson is the board chairman of the Texas Dow Employees Credit Union. He and his wife, Lila, live in Lake Jackson.

Rev. Michael Duncan Parish, '69, was elected district governor of Lions District 2-S1 in Beaumont in April 2013 and was installed in July in Hamburg, Germany, at the Lions Clubs International Convention. Parish is married to Dr. Mary Leith Parish and lives in Colmesneil, in Tyler County. They have four children and 10 grandchildren.

Marvin Gorley, '76, is currently a Master of Fine Arts degree candidate at Texas A&M University—Commerce.

William Lee Hon, '87, has been appointed to serve on the board of directors of Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc. Hon is the elected criminal district attorney of Polk County and is currently serving as president of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

Mike Giles, '89, was recently promoted to senior vice president of information technology with Express Energy Services, a leading oilfield services company. He will continue to be located in the company's headquarters in Houston.

Renee Foegelle-Mitchell, '89, has worked in public education for 23 years, teaching high school for eight years at Bay City High School. She also established the first counseling program at O.H. Middle School in Van Vleck ISD, where she worked for 12 years before taking a job in Sweeny ISD as the junior high counselor. Renee has two sons, Mitchell and Mason.

Christy Woodward Kaupert, '91 and '96, was recently promoted to full professor at San Jacinto College in the political science department.

David Mozley, '94, recently graduated from the Austin Police Department Training Academy and is now serving as an Austin police officer. He previously served as a police officer for four years in Colorado Springs.

Fred Childers, '98, is an award-winning TV journalist. He was hired in Wichita Falls the day before his commencement and spent five years reporting and anchoring for KAUZ News Channel 6. Fred moved to Shreveport, where he reported for KSLA News 12 in Northwest Louisiana. He spent 13 days in south Louisiana covering Hurricane Katrina and the aftermath. In 2009 he was named Louisiana's "Reporter of the Year" by the Louisiana Association of Press Broadcasters. He is very proud of his accomplishments, which were made possible because of his SHSU education.

Russell "Russ" Milam, '01, was named senior vice president and chief operations officer at PT&C Energy Solutions. Russ, upon graduation from SHSU with degrees in international business and economics, earned his Master of Science degree in project management from Penn State. Following graduation, he spent most of his career as an expat living in Chile, Argentina, Canada, China, Dubai and, most recently, Australia working for Fluor and BP. He serves on several industry boards and volunteers in his community.

Chad Baker, '06, and Hillary Bennett-Baker, '05, are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Katherine Belle Maureen Baker, who was born on Oct. 22, 2012; weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz.; and was 20 in. long.

Krystal Campbell, '10, will be entering into her third successful season of her hit reality show *American Hoggars* on A&E. Two weeks after graduation, Campbell took a black

bear that qualified her for the Safari Club International record book as the 15th largest bear in the world to be taken with a pistol. She became the first woman, at the time, to qualify with a pistol. This accomplishment led to recognition in *Outdoor Life Magazine* and to her television series.

Amber Samuel, '10, is in the process to writing her second book, *Flawed in Paradise*, a follow-up to her first book, *Reformed*.

Stephanie McClellan, '10, and Matthew McClellan, '08, are proud to announce the birth of their new Bearkat, Robert Lane McClellan, born on Nov. 13, 2012, at 9 lbs. and 21 ½ in. long.

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Music Journalist Chet Flippo Dies

Chet Flippo, BS '65, died June 19, at a Nashville hospital after a long illness. He came to Sam Houston State on a photography scholarship, but with encouragement from Dr. Ferol Robinson, became a writer. He launched his music journalism career with *Rolling Stone* magazine and served most recently as editorial director at CMT and CMT.com.

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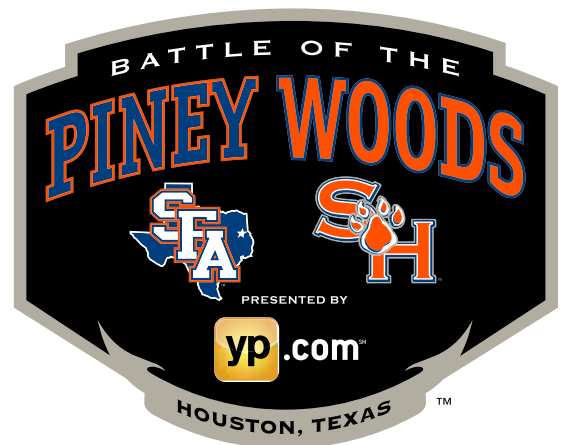
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