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13 outstanding
alumni making
an impact before
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The Sam Houston State story is about honoring traditions and creating futures. Our institution was founded on a mission “to elevate the standard of education throughout the State, by giving thorough instruction and special training to our present and future teachers.” More than 135 years later, we remain true to our roots but have expanded our focus and vision on being “the best at educating the next generation of professionals.”

Creating a balance of academic learning and real-world experience led by a dedicated, caring faculty inspires our university’s commitment to excellence. Building on these core competencies has helped catapult SHSU to the top of all public higher education institutions in the state for placing students in the workforce within 12 months of graduating.

In this issue of the Heritage, we celebrate the success of our young alumni—the next generation of professionals. Their time at Sam Houston helped prepare them for exhilarating and fulfilling futures. Their inspiring stories remind us of the power of education and the importance of making a college experience both affordable and accessible through careful resource management and the generous support of thousands of our alumni and friends.

“We need to make a statement to the world; Americans are hard workers, and we’re smart workers and we can do, and we will do. Believe me, this country will come back with a vengeance if we work hard at it.”

—Fred Pirkle

We have broken ground on the Fred Pirkle Engineering Technology Center. This marvelous facility represents one of Fred’s last and greatest contributions to innovation—a legacy that will stimulate generations of students who share a common outlook of the world—not as it appears today but what it might become through a combination of imagination, skill, and perseverance.

The incredible legacy of Fred Pirkle was made possible in part, because our university shared the same underlying purpose of “educating the next generation of professionals.” I am both proud and grateful Fred entrusted Sam Houston State University to carry on his vision for a better, stronger America.

As we continue to honor our traditions and create new futures, we will have reached another historic milestone this fall—the 100th season of Bearkat football. SHSU’s championship team is built on a rich history that has culminated with eight NCAA playoff appearances and two championship finals. Our student-athletes also excel on and off the field, achieving a grade point average above 3.0 in six of the last seven semesters. The competitive spirit of our athletic program binds us together, regardless of our age, academic training, and profession.

With that thought in mind, I look forward to greeting you at Bowers Stadium or somewhere on the road as we begin the march toward the playoffs for a fifth consecutive season.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dana G. Hoyt'.

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They may not have been in their fields for very long, but they're already making an impact, utilizing their talents around the world both in the workforce and in service to their fellow man.

- *Jared Dorster, 29, performs internationally as a cast member with the renowned Pilobolus Dance Theater.*
- *Margaret Maseko, 26, plans to utilize her medical degree (in progress in London) to continue the work she and her family started to revolutionize the way HIV-positive women and children are treated in Malawi.*
- *Husband and wife Mario Galioto, 29, and Stephanie Banuelos, 29, use the skills they acquired through SHSU's forensic science graduate program in their work with DNA and controlled substance analysis.*

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13 *under* 30

By Jennifer Gauntt, Julia May, Tammy Parrett and Romney Thomas

For more than 135 years, Sam Houston State University has been providing a world-renowned education to students who would go on to make significant impacts in the fields of criminal justice, business and education, among others.

But as the university has grown and its programs expanded, SHSU's outreach, too, has expanded. Alumni can be found around the world utilizing the skills they began acquiring at SHSU to exert their influence both in the workforce and in service to their fellow man.

These kinds of impacts are not only being made by alumni who have spent decades building an esteemed career, but also by many fresh-faced, recent graduates.

In showcasing how SHSU also is developing the next generation of young professionals, Heritage magazine has selected 13 graduates under the age of 30 (one turned 30 during the writing process), for whom, despite

what Oscar Wilde may have believed, youth has not been wasted.

Like many of their cohorts, these 13 have hit the ground running and can be found all over the globe, working to advance their educations in an effort to revolutionize the way women and children are treated for HIV in Africa or to create a more effective antibiotic; dazzling on some of the world's most stunning stages and from behind-the-scenes in television; playing significant roles in emerging areas within oil and gas and online advertising; and, of course, continuing to tackle some of the nation's most pressing issues in forensic science, business and education.

While these 13 alumni are using their talents to make their mark before making 30, they're just getting started; Heritage magazine and its readers will likely be hearing about these young alumni for years to come.

Samantha McKinley, 22

'14 BBA in finance and banking

Global wealth relationship associate with BBVA Compass in Dallas

Samantha McKinley is entering an extremely exciting time in her life.

The 2014 graduate recently participated in the LEAP program, a management training program for BBVA Compass, and accepted a permanent position in Dallas, where she lives with her fiancé and her puppy, Mayzie.

"I've hit a lot of big milestones in the past year; I'm just trying to embrace all of the opportunities that have been given to me," she said.

After graduating in May 2014, the 22-year-old Austin native moved to Birmingham, Alabama, for six months, where she learned through the BBVA LEAP program about the company's many different jobs and determined where she could add the most value.

She knew from her time as a peer counselor in the SHSU Student Money Management Center that she loved helping people manage their finances, which led her to accept a position as a global wealth

relationship associate.

"We advise and provide high-net-worth customers the type of financial services that they need, depending on their own situation," she said.

"I think this field is really interesting," she said. "Discussing finances requires a very intimate relationship,



Samantha McKinley ▲

and I like being able to build a relationship and build trust with customers."

As for her future, McKinley plans to continue to learn and gain new experiences in the global wealth market so she can become a private banker, which will allow her to provide specific financial

services to her own clients and make sure they are satisfied.

"I don't want just a transactional relationship with customers, where I'm simply trying to sell a product to them," she said. "I actually want to get to know them and become a trusted member of their team, whatever that may be."

While she may be new to the job, she has never underestimated the power of money. In fact, the power of money is something she is very passionate about.

"If you can take control of your finances, you can achieve a lot of independence," she said.

Taylor Price, 23

'14 BA in criminal justice

Professional bareback rider, living in Huntsville

SHSU rodeo coach Bubba Miller put Taylor Price on his first bucking steer when the Huntsville native attended Miller's cowboy church, Branded for Christ, as a freshman in high school.

While many cowboys start riding much earlier than that, Price took to bull riding like ... well, a cowboy on a bull.

And though he followed in his mother's footsteps when he attended SHSU by majoring in criminal justice, Price's heart never left the arena's shoots, especially as he excelled in his transition from bull riding to bareback riding in college.

So after competing twice at the College National Finals with the SHSU rodeo team, and with a bachelor's degree under his belt, Price set out on the professional bareback circuit, and since then, he has shown the rodeo world what a young "buck" can do.

The 23 year old has won rodeos in Cheyenne, Wyoming; Pecos, Texas; and Vernal, Utah; and has ridden twice in the Houston Livestock

Show and Rodeo.

“RodeoHouston is amazing. You look out and see 40,000-60,000 people; it’s pretty neat,” Price said. “There’s a lot of electricity in there, and the fans are all really cool.”

remainder of his time devoted to travel and preparation; because of the physical—and mental—demands of bareback riding, Price dedicates a lot of time to exercise and practice.

“Muscle helps me

Rodeo, you generally have more opportunities in that area.”

As a newbie in the professional arena, Price also has encountered another challenge in starting later than most cowboys.



◀ Taylor Price

His biggest win to-date was a \$600,000 prize at the American rodeo at AT&T Stadium in Arlington in March.

“I still can’t believe it,” Price told the Huntsville Item. “I never thought I’d win that much money at a rodeo in my life and it happened in one day. That is a whole lot of money to me. I have so many options now, instead of being dead broke all the time.”

Price said he competes in about 100 rodeos a year, with the

ride bareback horses,” he said. “If you can hit the ground and bounce a little better, it always helps.”

His success has landed him a sponsorship with the Cowboy Hooley Brand western wear apparel line, which provides him free merchandise and patches to wear during competitions.

“Roughly approached me after San Antonio last year,” Price said. “Endorsements are a big deal, and if you make the National Finals

“I still don’t ride a saddle horse very well,” he said, laughing, “so victory laps are pretty awkward.”

Curtis Balusek, 25

’12 BS in physics and math

Graduate research assistant at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta

Curtis Balusek is no stranger to improvement.

During his time at SHSU, he was the recipient of the 2012 Sammy Award for the College of Sciences for working with students across the state, teaching them the basics of archery and how to shoot a bow.

That passion for improving the lives of others carries through into his work in the lab at Georgia Institute of Technology, where he is currently a graduate assistant completing his doctorate in physics. His research focuses on all-atom molecular dynamic simulations of outer membrane proteins, or how proteins absorb different nutrients through the cellular envelope in an effort to create more effective antibiotics.

“We want to identify these processes so we can produce stronger antibiotics that bacteria can’t become resistant to,” he said. “To be effective, antibiotics have to get into the cell and target certain areas

so they can kill the cell.

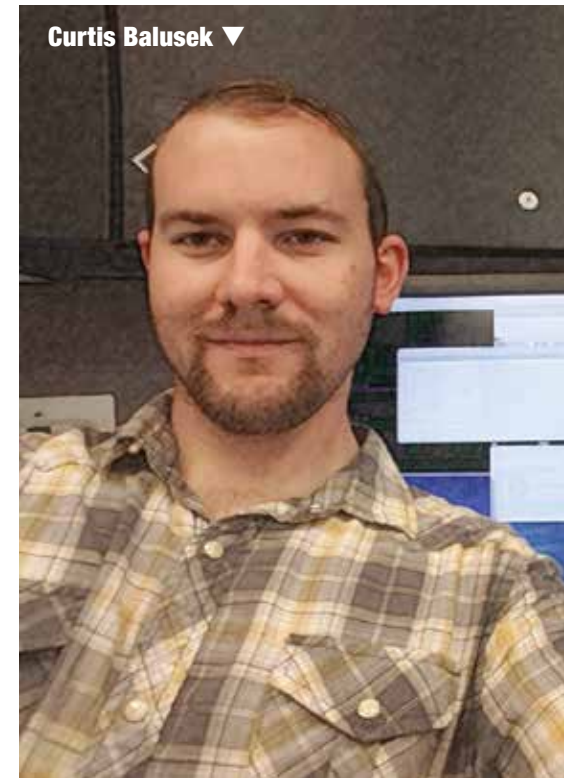
“We want to identify transport processes across the outer membrane so that we can produce stronger antibiotics that bacteria are not resistant to,” he said. “To be effective (in Gram-negative bacteria), antibiotics have to cross three barriers (outer membrane, cell wall and inner membrane) of the cell, then target specific areas to kill the bacterium.

“My work is recognizing how proteins function in their native environments. This will allow us to identify key processes through which proteins allow antibiotics to enter the cell,” he said.

Balusek graduated from SHSU in 2012 with a dual bachelor’s degree in math and physics, and says his time at SHSU prepared him for many of the challenges he has faced in graduate school.

However, he believes that the most valuable experience he received during his undergraduate

Curtis Balusek ▼



career would be the opportunities he was provided for research.

“The numerous opportunities I received as an undergraduate researcher were some of the most beneficial to me. I had a number of experiences with professors who prepared me for the type of work I would be doing in graduate school.”

He looks forward to beginning a career in pharmacology or at a research firm where he can continue to understand proteins and develop more effective antibiotics.

Darcee Haveman, 26

’12 BA in interior design

Creative director for PlanNorth Architectural Co. in Brenham

As young professionals enter the business world, it can be easy to lose a sense of direction and purpose amidst the important decisions being made. But as a creative director at PlanNorth Architectural Company, Darcee Haveman’s sense of purpose has never been clearer.

Haveman’s position in the company came unexpectedly at the completion of her interior design internship in 2012. PlanNorth recognized her innate talent for interior spaces regarding color, texture, finishes and the overall feel of a project, and they welcomed her to their team with open arms.

“I really worked my way up to this position; it wasn’t just something that happened right away,” she said. “I started at the front desk, learning the ins and outs of the business, and tried to keep paying attention to all of the details that were going on; then things really took off for me.”

Haveman now is responsible for matching the interior vision of a building’s owner and



◀ Darcee Haveman

occupants with the exterior design created by PlanNorth’s expert team of architects.

“I like to think of it as bringing the building to life from the inside,” said Haveman. “The materials that I work with are different than the ones the architects use, and I customize the interior of the space to bring the vision of the owner to life. The exterior of a building is what the public sees, but it’s the interior where people accomplish their goals.”

Some of the multimillion-dollar projects Haveman has contributed to include the Woodland Oaks Church of Christ, First Baptist Church Chappell Hill and the Washington County Tractor Company, in Navasota and Bryan.

As serendipitous as Haveman’s professional

journey has been at times, it has not been without setbacks. After losing her mother last year, Haveman has found solace in her work with the PlanNorth team.

“A lot of the projects we work on are for church groups,” said Haveman. “It’s been good to find strength in my faith through my work, and PlanNorth has been so supportive through everything.”

For Haveman, the opportunity to use her skills to help people’s visions come to life is a dream and a blessing.

“If you were to ask me what I’d want to do in five years, I’d tell you it’s exactly what I’m doing right now. If I can do what I do today every day for the rest of my life, that’s what would make me the happiest.”

Margaret Maseko, 26

'14 MA in health

Medical student at St. George's University of London, UK

There are approximately 500,000 women above the age of 15 and approximately 170,000 children under the age of 14 living with HIV in Malawi, according to UNAIDS.

In the rural Malawian village of Salima, Margaret Maseko and her family are revolutionizing the way that women and children infected with HIV are treated and monitored throughout their treatment.

Maseko's father established Pothawira Christian Organization, which houses a school, church, orphanage and a clinic that sees more than 200 patients every day.

It was here that she learned the importance of medicine and had the opportunity to serve as the director for a program provided by Global Health Innovations, HITSYSTEM, that monitors infants born to mothers infected with HIV.

"The HITSYSTEM has helped us to direct infected mothers and children back into our clinic for timely follow-up visits,"



Margaret Maseko ▼

Maseko said. "This enables us to get the mothers started on their treatments early, reducing the risk of transferring the virus to their offspring during gestation. Once the child is born, we are able to monitor its health, schedule follow-up visits and ensure that they're getting the treatment that they need."

After completing her Master of Arts degree in health at SHSU, she returned to

her home, where she was able to use her new knowledge to implement extracurricular activities such as sports programs, a health club, an art club, and a drama club.

"My experiences at SHSU prepared me to identify the problems within the school's infrastructure by opening up a dialogue with the teachers," she said. "I was able to get their input and plan according to how they felt the school would

benefit from these programs."

Maseko is currently living in England, where she is a second-year medical student at St. George's University of London. After she completes her medical training, she plans to return once again to Malawi, where she will work as a pediatrician.

"I also hope to have mobile clinics to cater to the villages with major disparities in receiving adequate medical attention," she said.

When she is home in Salima, Maseko enjoys spending time with her family and the children who live in the orphanage. In fact, one of the activities she enjoys the most is taking the children to the beach and serving as a mentor to them, tutoring them in math, sciences and English.

Laken Jenkins, 27

'10 BA in philosophy

Transactional attorney in Houston

If there's one thing college students need to know before graduating, it's the importance of networking. At least that's what Houston-area attorney Laken Jenkins credits her success to.

"I read a book called 'Never Eat Alone' and it taught me the power of relationships," she said. "I like to spend my evenings at networking events or happy hour, putting my name out there and meeting new or potential clients."

Many find it difficult to position and market themselves, and Jenkins is no stranger to that feeling.

"It can be uncomfortable when you first start, but after six months, you'll know someone in every room you walk into," she said. "The majority of my friends and professional acquaintances got their jobs through networking. It's not about what you put on a resume; it's about how you present yourself."

After graduating from South Texas College of Law, she used her networking skills to land a position at Kilburn Law Firm, where she works as a



Laken Jenkins ▶

transactional attorney for the oil and gas industry. In this role, she is responsible for a lot of the behind-the-scenes work of the industry: meeting with clients and preparing contracts, including real estate closings and employment contracts.

Jenkins quickly recognized a need for representation for clients based in other oil-producing states, so she decided to become licensed in the state of West Virginia as well.

"I had just passed the bar, so the information was still fresh in my mind," she said. "I knew that it would provide more opportunities to bring in clients, and I would be able to take on a leadership position and be the lead attorney for West Virginia."

Not only has her

professional career flourished because of the time she's invested in building and maintaining relationships, her personal life has been enriched as well.

She spends countless hours volunteering with the Breeders Greeters committee at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo each year.

"When the kids come in to show animals, we're the first people they see. We show them to their stalls and help them unload their equipment," she said. "They love telling us about their animals; it's such a rewarding experience. Many of these kids wouldn't be able to afford school without these scholarships, so it's nice to be so involved with them."

Steven Nelson, 28

'08 BA in mass communication

Campaign analytics supervisor for Centro in New York City

Steven Nelson has big plans for the fall.

After four years of working for Centro in New York City, the company awards its employees a month-long sabbatical.

Nelson will use his time in September to travel across six countries in Europe.

It is a well-deserved vacation for the 28-year-old digital campaign analyst.

In addition to supervising six analysts in NYC, Washington, D.C., and Boston, Nelson's responsibilities with Centro focus on the analytics side of digital advertising—what Nelson calls the "driver behind the industry"—examining and reporting online campaign data to determine how campaigns perform.

"It allows us to optimize campaigns in real-time to get the most return on investment," he said. "I think that's so exciting because it makes for a fast-paced environment but also a more rewarding environment, because you're making changes for the betterment of



Steven Nelson ▲

what you're working on."

Centro is a provider of enterprise-class software for digital advertising, and Nelson has come off of a multi-million dollar holiday campaign with Crate and Barrel, an achievement that he considers among his proudest because of its high profile.

"It was quite the feat for Centro because it was a different kind of business for us, and we had some very lofty goals to meet," Nelson said.

"It was a huge initiative and a large investment on their part," he said. "We exceeded all of our goals and they were very impressed with the performance insights that we were able to

provide them, which is part of the business that I led on that campaign."

The fast pace of his work is all a part of the life he leads in NYC.

An average day begins with a 6 a.m. walk with his dog Tommy and gym time before heading to the office, where he will stay until 6:30 or 7 p.m. After work, he'll have dinner with clients or happy hour with friends.

"It's a weird way of life here; you're constantly thinking, 'how much can I get done during the time I'm not at work?'" he said. "I've turned into this person I never thought I'd be because before I moved to New York, I could sleep until noon, but now, if I sleep that late, I feel very

unproductive and a bit stressed.

“It’s funny because most of the time, you don’t even notice it,” he said. “When I go back home to Fort Worth, the slow pace of life actually throws me off; my parents are constantly telling me to slow down, but I have this mindset where we have to get as much done as possible.”

As for where he sees himself down the road, Nelson said he thinks about that “constantly,” but because the industry is so new and rapidly evolving, he sees a lot of potential.

“Centro is really becoming an industry leader, and I think that presents an incredible opportunity to position myself as a thought leader,” he said.

Alejandra Trevino, 28

*'11 BA in interdisciplinary studies and '13 MED in international literacy
Third grade bilingual teacher with Conroe ISD*

There’s no denying that Texas’s demographic landscape is rapidly changing. Between 2000-2010, the state’s Hispanic population increased by 6 percent, with the majority of that population below the age of 28, according to the decennial census.

It’s statistics like these that shed light on the importance of teachers like Alejandra Trevino, a bilingual program teacher at Ben Milam Elementary School in Conroe ISD.

In a school like Milam, where 80 percent of the students are Hispanic and a large portion speak English as a second language, Trevino and the educational background she acquired at SHSU are a major asset.

“All of the children in my classes are ESL students,” said Trevino. “This year, my third graders all began in the bilingual program as beginning English students, and they will all be moving into intermediate level one as they enter the fourth grade.”

Trevino teaches



Alejandra Trevino ▼

writing, science and social studies. While her social studies class is conducted entirely in English, her science and writing classes alternate weekly between English and Spanish. This allows her students to grasp a proficiency of the English language without being entirely overwhelmed.

“As the students progress through their levels in the bilingual program, they gain more and more confidence in their English skills,” said Trevino. “It’s so rewarding to help students from all

economic and linguistic backgrounds become confident in their abilities.”

The attention she pays to her students’ progress and the motivation she inspires in them earned her the teacher of the year award at her school in 2014.

Although Trevino enjoys teaching her students, she feels that she can still learn more to contribute to their success in the classroom.

“Technology is becoming more and more important in education,” said Trevino.

“Unfortunately, though, not all schools have the same access to technology, and even in the schools that do, educators don’t always know how to utilize that technology.”

Trevino has been accepted to the learning technologies doctoral program at the University of North Texas, where she will learn how best to address these deficiencies in classrooms. She said she is thankful to the SHSU McNair Scholars Program for providing her with the resources to apply to graduate school.

“In the short time that I have been teaching, I feel that I’ve learned so much from my students,” Trevino said. “I hope, in turn, to be able to learn as much as I can in order to create the best learning environment possible.”

Stephanie Banuelos, 29

'08 BS in forensic chemistry and criminal justice and '10 MS in forensic science

Forensic analyst—controlled substances section with the Houston Forensic Science Center

After earning her bachelor’s degree at SHSU, Stephanie Banuelos continued her education in forensic science as a graduate student. She worked on a National Institute of Justice grant project, participating in the development and validation of a method to detect designer drugs in urine and blood, using gas chromatography/mass spectrometry.

The summer after graduation, she was employed as a forensic scientist in the controlled substances section of the Texas DPS Crime Laboratory in Weslaco, where she acquired practical experience in evidence analysis and courtroom testimony.

After a while, she accepted a position in Atlanta, Georgia, with the Defense Forensic Science Center as a forensic examiner in the chemistry section. She learned to analyze and identify military, commercial



◀ **Mario Galioto & Stephanie Banuelos**

and homemade explosives, which she utilized during a six-month deployment to Afghanistan as a chemist with the DFSC Forensic Exploitation Directorate.

Today, her job with the Houston Forensic Science Center includes putting her training and experience to work as she analyzes evidence for the presence of

controlled substances and testifying as an expert witness in court.

“SHSU has been a major contributor to my career,” she said. “While a student, I had access to some of the most prevalent instrumentation in the forensic community and studied under some of the most renowned professors in their field.”

She also notes that

she met her now-husband, Mario Galioto, at SHSU.

“Mario and I met at the graduate student orientation our first semester in the forensic science program,” she said. “We were lab partners for many of our classes and shared the same circle of friends.”

During a professional conference in our first year, Mario and I shared time alone, exploring the city of Denver, visiting a few museums and enjoying a night at a local jazz club. One month later, we went on our first date.”

In her free time, she enjoys traveling and exploring different cities and countries. She also likes to spend time with her friends and family in her hometown of Galveston.

“I also like to exercise, because I feel that it clears my mind,” she said. “I especially enjoy running, cycling and practicing yoga.”

She also appreciates art and design, visiting local art museums and browsing in shops for pieces to complete her home.

Mario Galioto, 29

'10 MS in forensic science

DNA analyst with the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences

Mario Galioto first became interested in genetics in high school and began to think of a career in forensic DNA as his ultimate goal.

“I was fascinated by the combination of science and its application to the justice system,” he said.

His interest first led him to the University of Texas at Arlington for his undergraduate degree before being drawn to SHSU’s forensic science graduate program, where he completed a capstone project in alternative postmortem sample tissues for DNA identification.

After graduating from SHSU, he accepted a position with the Defense Forensic Science Center in Georgia as a forensic biologist. At the center, he was trained to locate and identify biological stains, such as blood and saliva, and perform forensic DNA testing.

He was deployed twice to Afghanistan to work at mobile forensic laboratories located at U.S. forward operating bases.

With two

deployments and nearly four years with the DFSC, it was time to come back to Texas. Galioto accepted his current position with the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences and moved to Houston.

His responsibilities now are to receive custody of evidence related to criminal investigations and examine it for the presence of biological materials. He is also responsible for performing tests to identify blood and/or semen and selecting appropriate samples for analysis. After sample collection, he conducts DNA testing to develop profiles from evidence samples that may be compared to individuals involved in investigations. He also has ongoing laboratory duties relating to the continuous process of quality assurance.

“The SHSU forensic science program is where I learned how to be a scientist,” Galioto said. “The coursework was rigorous and demanding, with many late hours spent at the lab studying or finishing projects.”

“The capstone element of the curriculum developed my critical thinking skills and forced me to

apply them to scientific problems,” he said. “And the emphasis on professional culture in forensic science was invaluable when I first entered the field.”

Galioto also met his future wife at SHSU (see Stephanie Banuelos).

When he’s not at work, he spends a lot of his free time on physical activities such as cycling and running. He also enjoys reading, traveling and cooking.

Ryan Bradford, 29
'08 BFA in graphic design and '13 MA in sports management
Network operations assistant with Fox Sports in Houston

Ryan Bradford grew up with an appreciation of sports. But unlike many, that appreciation has developed into a career in sports entertainment.

The opportunities Bradford had while attending SHSU to earn his degree in sports management led to a media relations internship with the Houston Rockets and, subsequently, to his position as a network operations assistant at Fox Sports.

Bradford manages the programming in the Fox College Sports Southwest and Central regions.

“It’s a lot of responsibility,” said Bradford. “The Southwest region is the second largest market Fox Sports covers.”

Bradford takes a no-holds-barred approach to his work, something that earned him recognition in his position, as well as an X-Award, an honor Fox Sports employees earn for going above and beyond the requirements of their job descriptions in order to be “true team players.”



Ryan Bradford ▼

“Sports entertainment can be competitive, just like sports themselves,” said Bradford. “But I’m mostly competitive with myself.”

Bradford takes special care to do his job, and to do it well.

“For my work, I have to be really organized and pay attention to detail,” said Bradford. “I want to exceed in this position so when it’s time to move forward, my work ethic can speak for itself.”

That move forward is something Bradford hopes will come in the next year or two.

“I want to stay with Fox Sports, for sure,” said Bradford. “I’m hoping to continue to work in the production and communications area of this company. I’ve had an amazing time so far.”

No matter what the future has in store for him, Bradford lives according to words spoken by college basketball player,

coach and broadcaster Jimmy Valvano, who said, “You have to have dreams and goals, and you have to be willing to work for them.”

“That quote has guided me to the success that I’ve obtained in the sports profession,” said Bradford. “And I know that it will carry me through to whatever my next step may be.”

Jared Doster, 29
'10 BFA in dance and BS in industrial design and development
“Shadowland” cast member with Pilobolus Dance Theater, living in Huntsville



▲ Jared Doster

Renowned dancer and choreographer Martha Graham once said, “There is only one of you in all time; this expression is unique. And if you block it, it will never exist through any other medium and it will be lost.”

For Jared Doster, the expression of his creative self can be found through various media, from the dance and choreography Graham spoke of, to the drafting and construction of cars in his spare time. It’s a unique combination of

talents, but Doster finds that the skills he learned while earning degrees in dance and industrial development and design at SHSU often work hand in hand.

“In dance, I’m still building,” Doster said. “I’m building movement as opposed to a structure or a mechanical part, but I’m still creating and bringing an idea to life.”

For the past few years Doster has enjoyed building movement with various dance companies locally

and across the globe. Most notably, he has found himself as a part of “Shadowland,” an evening-length work created by Pilobolus Dance Theatre, an internationally recognized and respected dance company.

Through tours across Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia, more than a half-million people have seen “Shadowland” since it was created just three years ago.

In the world of dance as art, success like this can be difficult to come by, and Doster is no stranger to rejection. He was even cut during the first round of his initial audition with Pilobolus.

“Getting here was definitely a journey,” said Doster. “But I’m really looking forward to what is still in store for ‘Shadowland.’”

This season, the show faces some uncertainty, as ‘Shadowland’ will take a yearlong hiatus from touring in Germany, home to some of the show’s most successful

venues. However, still in store is a two-week residency in New York this November, a major first for this piece of Pilobolus’s repertoire.

“Shadowland’ has never been performed in the U.S.,” said Doster. “It will be really interesting to see where this leads.”

As for continuing to perform with Pilobolus, Doster sees no reason to stop.

“I’m really happy to have industrial design to fall back on if necessary, but right now this is what I love to do. As long as I can keep expressing myself through dance, and as long as ‘Shadowland’ keeps touring, that’s what I’ll be doing.”

Scott McCarrey, 30

'08 BFA in theatre
Playwright and
screenwriter in Los
Angeles

A missing child case leads detectives to discover three women who have been imprisoned in a man's home for years. Video surveillance footage of a basketball player abusing his girlfriend emerges, prompting numerous women to come forward with more allegations of abuse.

These may sound similar to real-life events that have happened in recent years, but they are actually plot lines from one of the longest-running crime drama shows on television, "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit."

"Some of it is intentional," said Scott McCarrey, who was a writers' assistant for the series for three years. "We tried to create stories that would interest our viewers, and sometimes the best way to connect with them is through developing plots and characters that are inspired by current events."

It was at SHSU that McCarrey found his voice and received many rewarding experiences that would



▼ Scott McCarrey

prepare him for the next chapter of his own story: graduate school at New York University.

"I debuted my first play at Sam Houston, and the experience changed my life forever," McCarrey said. "Watching my characters come to life from the audience was incredible."

When he got to NYU, he noticed that many of his peers hadn't had the

opportunity to see their work performed on stage.

"I was so proud to come from a university that had prepared me for what I was going to school to learn," he remembers.

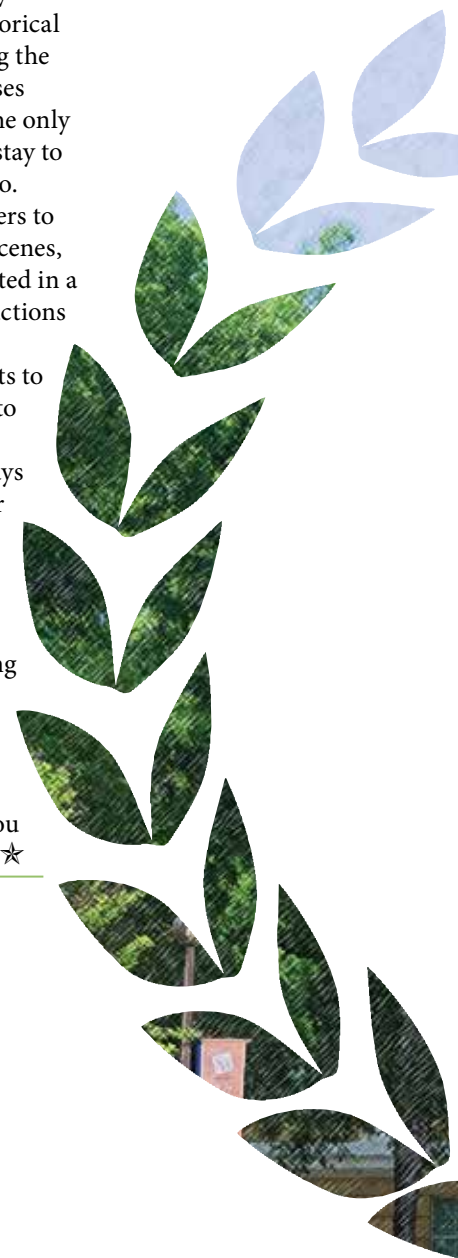
These days, Scott spends his days writing for various projects, including "Cyboards," a children's animated action show. He has written a number of award-winning plays—

including "Bleedin' Trees," "Robot Songs," "The Hopeful Monster," "The Wilds," and "Grand Canyon"—that have been brought to life by various companies on stages across America.

He is currently developing a historical comedy following the escapades of Moses Rose, allegedly the only man who didn't stay to fight at the Alamo.

While he prefers to stay behind the scenes, McCarrey has acted in a number of productions and encourages anyone who wants to become a writer to do the same.

"You can always tell when a writer has never been on stage," he said. "In order to understand what you're asking the actors to do, you have to put yourself in their shoes, even if it's not something you want to pursue." ☆



Building To Grow

By Marissa Nunez, '14, and Julia May

A Dream No More ... Construction Begins On Fred Pirkle Building

Fred Pirkle's vision of a resurgence in American innovation, manufacturing and technology is one step closer to reality.

With his sister, friends and former co-workers in attendance, groundbreaking for the Fred Pirkle Engineering Technology Center took place on June 12 at the corner of Sam Houston Avenue and Bowers Boulevard, where the building will be located.

"Fred Pirkle was a man in love with new ideas," SHSU President Dana Hoyt told the audience. "He was an innovator. An inventor. An entrepreneur. We see the fruits of his passion in his many patents, successful businesses, and the impact his inventions have had on a number of major industries."

"Today, we celebrate one of Fred's last and greatest contributions to innovation—a legacy that will inspire generations of students who share a

common outlook of the world—not as it appears today, but what it could be, through a combination of imagination, skill and perseverance," she said.

"I am both proud and grateful Fred Pirkle entrusted Sam Houston State University to carry on his vision for a better, stronger America. This building and the engineering technology program will stand as a testament to the power of innovation and ingenuity."

The new building will feature four levels, which will be filled with state-of-the-art technology that is specialized for each program and major within the Department of Agricultural Sciences and Engineering Technology.

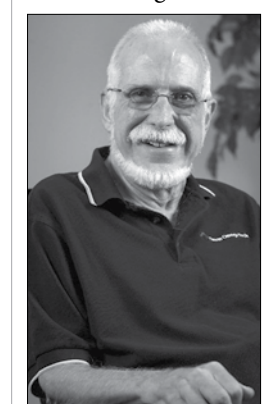
The "Edison Innovation Level" will include collaboration areas, an electronics and robotics lab, clean manufacturing and wet lab, machine and woodworking shops, and an outside, covered work area.

The "Fred Pirkle Level" will feature an innovative, pre-function lobby, multi-purpose classrooms, an alternative energy and sustainability lab, the Fred Pirkle Honorary Museum, computer

laboratories, and an outdoor academic courtyard.

The "Thomas Jefferson Level" will include an animal science physiology lab, animal science research lab, agricultural science student-teacher classroom, agricultural business computer lab and seminar room, horticulture science and crop lab, a student lounge, and adjunct faculty offices.

The "Sam Houston Level" will house administrative and faculty offices, as well as a seminar room and graduate student and teaching assistant cubicles.



Fred Pirkle

"The sustainable energy laboratory, along with the sustainable energy patio, will allow us to do solar and wind energy demonstrations to complement the academics that go with it," Stanley Kelley, department chair, said. "We will

have the innovations lab, in which students will be able to take a concept and, through group efforts and teamwork, build and engineer a final product.

“With the agriculture program, we’ll have physiology and research laboratories, a floral design lab and floral display area, and a unique agricultural business and agricultural communication classroom, where students will be learning in group pods,” he said.

The center is a result of a generous donation by Pirkle, an SHSU alumnus who gave \$10 million for the new building, \$10 million for student scholarships, and \$5 million for faculty enrichment.

“The Fred Pirkle Technology Center will be a place where students get things done with hands-on, applied engineering technology, through real-world examples,” said Provost Jaimie Hebert. “Our students will be work-ready from day one to meet the engineering and technology challenges in Texas, the United States and the world.”

“Our goal is to be recognized as a top engineering technology program in Texas,” he said. “This building is the first critical step to reaching that goal.”

Construction is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2016, with the first classes to be held in the building in the spring 2017 semester. The department will move from its current location in the Thomason Building, which will be converted into support offices for the university.

“Fred Pirkle’s gift is a game changer for my program,” Kelley said. “Not only is the building significant from the academic side, but it will also allow us to recruit highly qualified students and be able to enrich their lives with the scholarships.”

“It’s brought attention to us not only in student recruitment but with the industry as well,” he said. “Great things are happening at a remarkable speed, and it’s a very exciting time.”

For more information about the building, visit bit.ly/1KZMW5Y.



University Buildings Dedicated In Memory Of Powell, Tackett

Two buildings now carry the names of former administrators who made significant contributions to campus life during their time at Sam Houston State University.

The William R. Powell Student Health and Counseling Center was named and dedicated on May 22, and the Charles W. Tackett University Police Building was named and dedicated on May 26.



Powell came to SHSU as an assistant dean in the Student Life Office in 1972, becoming the first African American administrator hired by the university. He played an integral role in the development of the student judicial system and served as a mentor and adviser to a number of students and student organizations. A member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Powell was instrumental in establishing the Theta Mu chapter of the fraternity on the SHSU campus.

He was named associate dean of Student Life in 1977, a position he held until his retirement in 1987. During that time, he worked to develop the University Counseling Center.

“So many of us were fortunate to have Dean Powell as a mentor and as a friend,”

Vice President for Student Services Frank Parker said at the building dedication. “As many have told me, he always gave very wise and sound advice. His wisdom and mentoring kept many students in school and out of trouble.”

“It’s fitting that we name the Student Health and Counseling Center in honor of a man who cared about the welfare of students and guided them through their college careers. We all owe a part of our success in life to the

man who cared enough to share his time, wisdom, knowledge, and patience with all of us.”

Tackett had a career in various law enforcement positions, from patrol to administrator, with the Corpus Christi Police Department before coming to SHSU in 1973 as the director of what was then the Department of Campus Security, now known as the Department of Public Safety Services.

One of his milestone accomplishments was requesting legislation that would clarify the jurisdiction of university police officers. As a result, House Bill 391 was signed into law in 1987. The law defined campus law enforcement jurisdiction to include all counties in which property is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise under the control of the institution of higher education or public technical institute that employs peace officers. It also granted university police officers the authority to enforce all traffic and laws on the streets and highways, including those outside of their primary jurisdiction.

Tackett served as chief law enforcement officer of SHSU for more than 30 years before retiring in 2005.

At the building dedication, current Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police Kevin Morris talked about his personal experience with Tackett.

“As a student ticket writer, I did not have much interaction with the chief,” Morris said. “But after I graduated and was employed as a police officer, I had the honor and privilege to work for and come to know Chief Tackett.”

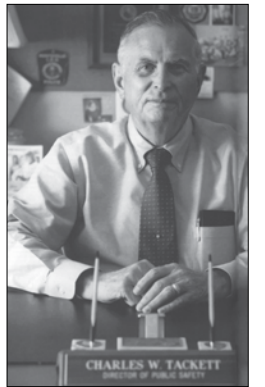
“As I grew in the department and my



At the May 26 Tackett UPD Building dedication, renovations and upgrades were unveiled that included the addition of signs that glow green at night, which pay homage to 17th century “Watchmen” who patrolled New York City carrying green lanterns.

role expanded to supervisor, I had the opportunity to work more closely with Chief and to hear his stories of his past work experiences and how they related to today,” he said.

“It is my sincere hope that I will continue the traditions of Chief Charles W. Tackett and build upon the success he had in leading the department. Naming the building in his honor is a fitting tribute to a great man who helped to launch the careers of many law enforcement professionals and did so much for Sam Houston State University.” ★



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Bearkats Score Big!

One of the earliest mentions of a scoreboard was in a New York Times article covering the 1894 Penn win over Princeton. Although electrical boards were introduced in 1908, mechanical scoreboards were predominately used for decades. It wasn't until 1950 that electric boards became popular when Yankee Stadium introduced its first scoreboard and, with upgrades made in 1959, the board was hailed as "the electronic miracle." It contained 11,210 lamps with a wattage of 115,000. The total face area was over 4,700 feet and weighed 25 tons.

When the Houston Astrodome opened in 1965, the 474-foot-wide scoreboard was the largest in all sports and featured 50,000 lights for animated displays. The Dodgers unveiled a \$3 million, 875-square-foot video board in 1980, ushering in a new era for scoreboards and the fan experience.

Up until 2006, SHSU had mechanical scoreboards at both Pritchett and Elliott T. Bowers Stadium. Installation of a new state-of-the-art video board at the stadium is now underway and expected to be completed in time for the 2015 season. Approximately 2,560 square feet, the high definition board has live video capability and custom animation with full-color

graphics. The construction at Bowers also begins the installation of new video boards for facilities supporting track and field, volleyball, basketball and softball.

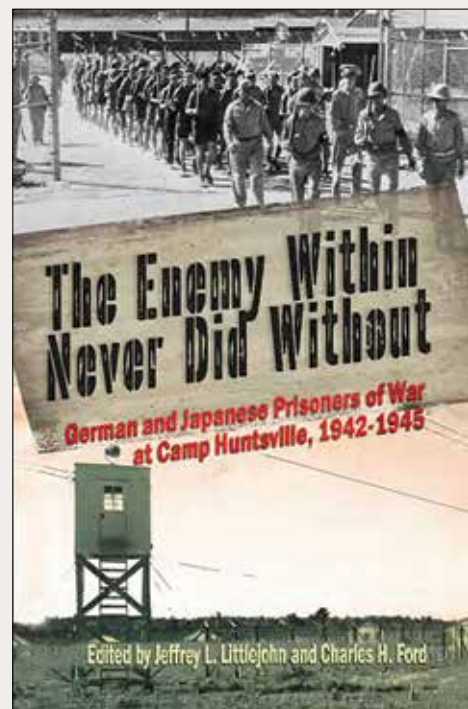
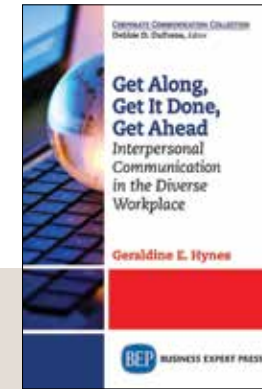
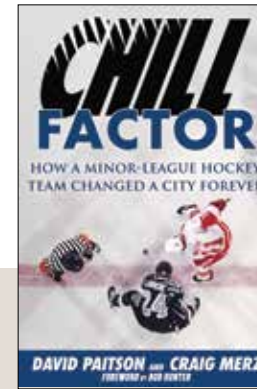
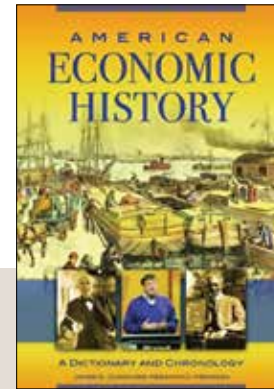
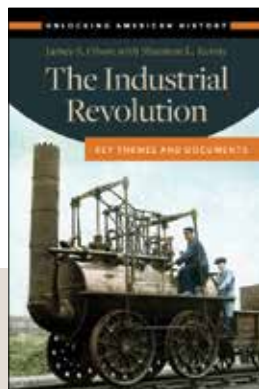
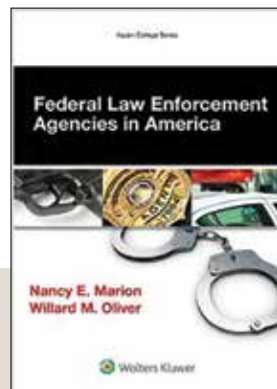
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Pictured from left: Danielle Ferris, James Paul Ferris, Tonya Ferris, Jim Ferris, Ann Wismer, Michael Landolt, Kurt Stevenson.

BOOKSHELF

Faculty publications showcase the work professors do outside the classroom.



The Enemy Within Never Did Without: German and Japanese Prisoners of War At Camp Huntsville, Texas, 1942-1945

Edited by associate professor of history Jeffrey Littlejohn and Norfolk State history professor Charles Ford, "The Enemy Within Never Did Without" is an SHSU graduate student-written examination of Camp Huntsville, one of the first and largest POW camps constructed in America during World War II, which served as a model site for POW installations across the country and set a high standard for the treatment of prisoners.

Texas Review Press, 2015—232 pages

2014

Federal Law Enforcement Agencies in America

Willard M. Oliver, professor of criminal justice, and Nancy E. Marion (University of Akron) introduce the functions and jurisdiction of federal law enforcement agencies, covering the essential information in a concise format and offering an overview of currently existing federal law enforcement agencies.

Jones & Bartlett Learning, 2014—200 pages

The Industrial Revolution: Key Themes and Documents

Distinguished professor of history and Texas State University System Regents' Professor James S. Olson and editor Shannon L. Kenny explore the significance of the Industrial Revolution era in American history—a period characterized by

urbanization, mass immigration, organization of labor, and an immense gap between wealthy industrialists and the poor—by highlighting the important events, key people and trends of the time, as well as such key themes as agriculture, business, economy, finance, labor, and politics.

ABC-CLIO, 2014—303 pages

Intimate Relationships (7th edition)

In his new edition, Rowland Miller, professor of psychology, provides a comprehensive introduction to the scientific study of close relationships, including more than 700 citations to work published in the last three years.

McGraw-Hill, 2014—592 pages

Jehiel Brooks and the Grappe Reservation: The Archival Record

Jim Tiller, professor of geography, makes extensive use of Congressional "House Report

1035" and district court trial materials to refute the proposition that Jehiel Brooks—long-time Caddo Indian agent and the commissioner who negotiated the 1835 sale of Caddo lands in northwestern Louisiana—took advantage of his position to defraud the tribe for his own personal benefit. Brooks was ultimately found innocent by the United States 5th Circuit Court.

The START Group, 2014—219 pages

Killing Congress: Assassinations, Attempted Assassinations and Other Violence Against Members of Congress

Oliver and Marion team up once again to investigate the seven assassinations and numerous other attempted assassinations of members of Congress since the body was established in 1789, describing the actions that led to the violence, the incidents themselves, and the repercussions of the events.

Lexington Books, 2014—282 pages

Labor Relations in Globalized Food (Research in Rural Sociology and Development)

Alessandro Bonanno, Texas State University System Regents' Professor and Distinguished Professor of Sociology, stresses the new and emerging dimensions of labor in agriculture and food and the continuous importance of this labor under globalization, exploring such factors as globalization and the change in labor relations, the mobility of agricultural labor, social upgrading, labor relations, and resistance in the value chain.

Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2014—352 pages

Science Unshackled: How Obscure, Abstract, Seemingly Useless Scientific Research Turned Out to Be the Basis for Modern Life

C. Renee James, professor of physics, explores the "seemingly useless" world of pure science, where obscure studies of natural phenomena have led to unexpected and life-changing breakthroughs, such as WiFi, GPS, genetic

sequencing, pain medications and cancer treatments.

Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014—217 pages

2015

American Economic History: A Dictionary and Chronology

Olson and ABC-CLIO senior editor Abraham O. Mendoza cover the figures, events, policies, and organizations that have had an effect on the role economics has played in U.S. history since 1776, while also showing how economics was a key factor in the development of America's two-party system.

Greenwood, 2015—695 pages

Chill Factor: How a Minor-League Hockey Team Changed a City Forever

Associate athletic director for external relations David Paitson and freelance writer Craig Merz replay the Columbus Chill hockey team's "wild ride" in the 1990s, from the team's formation, to building a fan base and its ultimate success, as well as the long-term effects the team had on the city. Paitson previously was team president and general manager of the Chill.

Sports Publishing, 2015—344 pages

Get Along, Get It Done, Get Ahead: Interpersonal Communication in the Diverse Workplace

Geraldine E. Hynes, professor in the College of Business Administration, offers a practical guide for managers seeking to improve their daily communication and develop intercultural competence. She shows how skillfully managing a diverse workforce impacts an organization's financial and operational success.

Business Expert Press, 2015—180 pages

Getting Healthy: 50 Lessons on Fitness for Law Enforcement

Associate professor of kinesiology Matthew Wagner and Joe Serio, president of Joe Serio

Enterprises in Austin, offer practical solutions to many of the health and fitness challenges that can adversely affect the longevity and job performance of the law enforcement population through 50 short, easy-to-read lessons that each focus on a different aspect of health and fitness.

GTN Media, 2015—132 pages

Handbook of the International Political Economy of Agriculture and Food: Handbooks of Research on International Political Economy

Edited by Bonanno and Lawrence Busch, this book tackles the central question of the political and structural changes and characteristics that govern agriculture and food, examining this highly globalized economic sector by analyzing salient geographical regions and substantive topics such as labor, science and technology, the financialization of agri-food, and supermarkets.

Border Contraband: A History of Smuggling Across the Rio Grande

George T. Díaz, assistant professor of history, provides the first history of the common practice of smuggling across the U.S.-Mexico border, explaining how greater restrictions have transformed smuggling from a low-level mundane activity, widely accepted and still routinely practiced, into a highly profitable professional criminal enterprise.

University of Texas Press, 2015—255 pages

Edward Elgar Publishing, 2015—392 pages

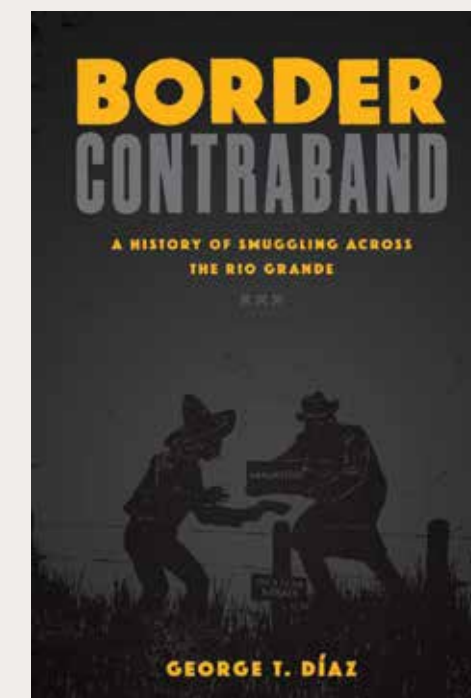
The Inevitable Bandstand: The State Band of Oaxaca and the Politics of Sound

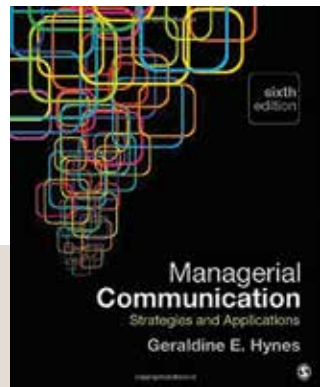
Charles V. Heath, associate professor of history, examines how music is used as a political tool in Mexico through a study of Banda de Música del Estado de Oaxaca (State Band of Oaxaca), a government-sanctioned civic organization that is a part of popular political culture and is used by the state of Oaxaca to bring unity and order to its domain.

University of Nebraska Press, 2015—248 pages

La Pulsión del Lenguaje: Diálogos y Poemas de José Kozer

Enrique Mallen, professor of foreign languages, compiles dialogues on poetry between the internationally recognized Cuban poet José Kozer





and literary critics from 15 different countries. Kozer, who taught at Queens College in New York City until 1997, authored 52 books of poetry and prose and is associated with the “Neobarroco Movement.” The compiled dialogues are in Spanish, Portuguese and English.

Lumme Editor, 2015—577 pages

Managerial Communication: Strategies and Applications (6th edition)

The newest edition of Hynes's textbook focuses on communication skills and strategies that managers need in today's workplace, comprehensively covering such topics as managerial, not entry-level, competencies that are essential for success in the contemporary workplace.

SAGE Publications, 2015—456 pages

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Agriculture and Food Production in China and the U.S.”

In chapter four of the textbook “Comparative Geography of China and the USA,” geography and agricultural sciences professors Mark Leipnik and Robert Lane, with Beijing Normal University professors Lane Yun Su and Xinyue Ye, survey the heavy industries and main areas of agriculture in China and the U.S. in a college-level text published simultaneous in English and Mandarin.

Springer, 2014—387 pages

“The Main Agricultural Regions of China and U.S.”

In chapter 10 of “Comparative Geography of China and the USA,” Leipnik, Su, and Ye also discuss the most important agricultural areas of the United States and China, in the U.S., the Great

Plains—including areas in Texas—and Corn Belt of the Midwest, and in China, the North-East (Heilongjiang), Eastern Plain and Yantze River Plain/Delta.

Springer, 2014—387 pages

“State Registration of Sex Offenders: Public Notification, Web Mapping and Spatial Issues”

In chapter six of “Forensic GIS,” Leipnik and Ye (Kent State University), investigate with the use of geographic information systems and web maps to provide information to the public and law enforcement on the locations and characteristics of registered sex offenders.

Springer, 2014—310 pages

“Strategic and Tactical Issues with Apple Mobile Maps”

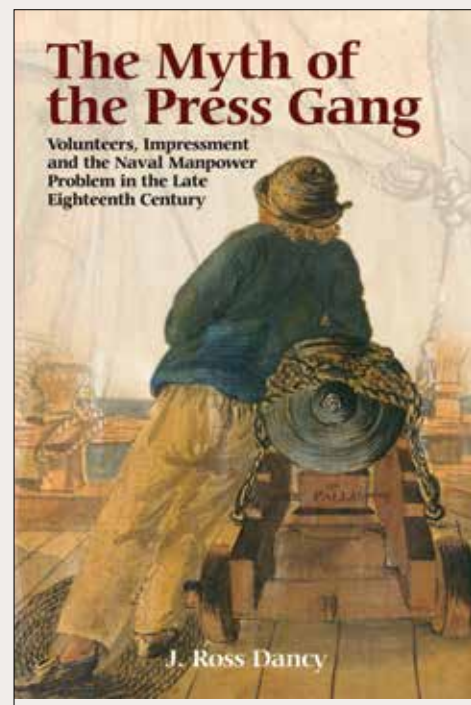
In chapter 21 of “Mobile Electronic Commerce: Foundations, Development and Applications” Leipnik, management and marketing professor Sanjay Mehta, and former graduate student Vijayaprabha Rajendran audit the rollout of Apple Maps in 2012, widely considered the biggest new product flop of that year due to millions of errors like misnamed or missing streets, non-existent towns, and directions leading to dead ends or driving across water.

CRC Press, 2014—pages 455-478

The Myth of the Press Gang: Volunteers, Impressment and the Naval Manpower Problem in the Late Eighteenth Century

Jeremiah R. Dancy, assistant professor of history, argues that, contrary to the general belief that British seamen were recruited in the late 18th century through what is known as the press gang, the overwhelming majority of seamen in the navy were there of their own free will. Dancy details the sort of men recruited and the means by which they were recruited; shares individuals' stories; and compares the recruitment methods employed by other navies.

Boydell Press, 2015—218 pages



A Centennial Season: Bearkat Football To Kick Off 100th Season This Fall



back to defeat Bryan Baptist Academy 27-6 and Blinn Memorial College 18-6 before ending with a 19-7 loss to Lon Morris College. All four games were played in Huntsville.

Since then, football has been a continuous sport at Sam Houston, except for the war years—1918, during World War I, and 1943, 1944 and 1945, during World War II—and will celebrate its 100th season this fall.

1912 First football team: (from top left) Phillips, Tredwell, Ray, Mitchell, Earnst, Thomas, Pinson, Smith, Arrington, Broadway, Barron, McGrede

By Paul Ridings
In 1911, Sam Houston Normal Institute students played an intramural football game on Pritchett Field, named in honor of dean of men and brother of the late school principal Joseph Pritchett, a field originally created for SHSU's first intercollegiate sport—baseball.

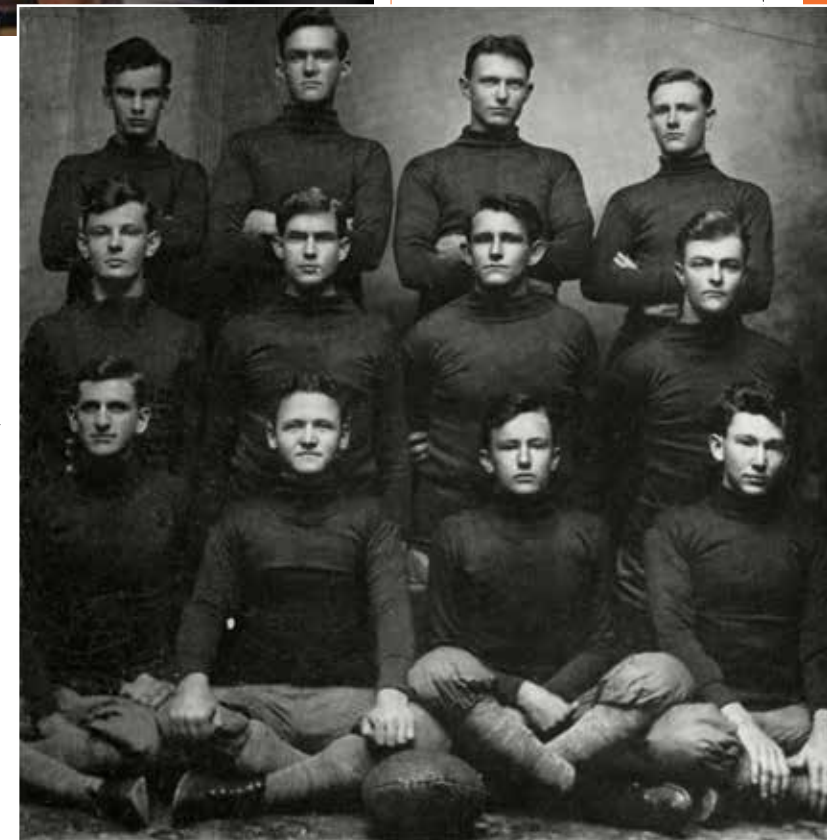
A year later, those players approached biology professor S. R. Warner, a new arrival in Huntsville, to be their coach. Warner, who played football at William and Mary, agreed to supervise the squad for a four-game schedule.

Late in October, in the

inaugural game for both schools, Sam Houston hosted what was described by an observer as a “pugnacious” Rice team. Spectators stood shoulder to shoulder along the lime-lined boundary that marked off the converted gridiron.

A game account reported Len Baldwin took a snap at the five and “ploughed his way through the center of the line” in the first half to score Sam Houston's first touchdown. But Rice fought to earn a 20-6 victory before climbing aboard a train and heading back to Houston.

Sam Houston bounced



Going 100 Deep

Comparing that first football team of 19 players with the 100-plus-member squad that will be seeking to defend the Bearkats' Southland Conference championship in 2015 demonstrates how far the sport has progressed.

First, the average weight in the inaugural squad was 135 pounds; SHSU's 2015 squad averages 208 pounds.

Inaugural squad players were all native Texans, coming from no farther away than Longview; today's student-athletes still are largely from Texas, but SHSU now recruits across the country and even internationally.

Equipment in 1912 included leather helmets and fully padded pants of heavy canvas, totaling around \$15. It takes more than \$800 to outfit a player for a game today.

"They introduced the new plastic helmets my sophomore year. They would bust like glass in a collision. They didn't give you much protection, not nearly what the helmets today give players," said Jack Kyle, a 1948-1951 football letterman who earned All-Lone Star Conference honors three times. "At least the leather helmets fit your head. The plastic helmets had webbing inside to keep you from hitting the plastic, but that didn't always work." The playing site for home games has improved as well.

In 1920, bleachers were erected at Pritchett Field to get fans off the sidelines, which were replaced in the 1930s by stone seating. The most significant innovation came in 1932, when floodlights were mounted on creosoted poles.

"The people of Huntsville turned out in droves to witness the spectacle of seeing the Bearkats play football under the lights," reported the Houstonian. The teams played with a white ball that made it easier to spot against the night sky. When Sam Houston advanced to

the Southland Conference and NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision play, the Bearkats moved into a new home in 1986.

Bearkat Stadium (renamed Elliott T. Bowers Stadium to honor the former university president in 1990) opened on Sept. 13, 1986, with a 23-6 victory over Montana State. The new facility seated more than 12,000 fans.

"For four years, we recruited based on pictures of the new stadium and a hole in the woods on the hill where it was going to be built," said Bearkat Director of Athletics Bobby Williams, who joined Ron Randleman's coaching staff as an assistant in 1982. "Moving into the facility was new, modern and uplifting."

Bowers Stadium continues to see improvements, with an addition this fall of a new video scoreboard that will sit in the south end zone and will be among the largest for an FCS university, featuring a full LED HD video display and the capability for live video and custom animation with full-color graphics.

Travel and media exposure are two other areas of comparison that feature stark contrasts.

During the first four decades of Bearkat football, Sam Houston's only out-of-state trips were four-to-six hour bus rides to play in Louisiana or Oklahoma.

With the addition of Sul Ross to the Lone Star Conference in 1948, the most dreaded trip became Alpine.

"Sul Ross was definitely the longest trip," Kyle said. "After World War II, the U.S. Army sold off buses

as surplus and that's what we rode. We all played a lot of bridge and canasta on those trips." "We'd

2015: 9,422 miles. The majority of the student-athletes still are from Texas, but the team features players from Oklahoma, Washington, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, and Australia.

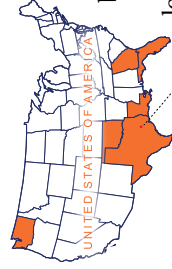
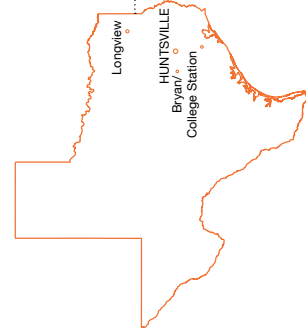


1912: The average weight of inaugural squad was 135 pounds.



Equipment in 1912 included leather helmets that cost \$3 each (\$70 in 2015 money), and fully padded pants of heavy canvas priced at \$12. Helmets today cost well over \$200, and it takes more than \$800 to outfit a player for a game.

1912: 155 miles. The players were from Huntsville and Bryan, or smaller surrounding communities, with no one's hometown farther away than Longview.



stop at a service station every 200 miles since there was no bathroom on the bus," said Ronnie Choate, a member of the Bearkat teams from 1956-1959 and a coach and athletic administrator during the next 40 years. "Once Dr. Harmon L. Lowman, the school president, came with us and Coach (Paul) Pierce started to drive off without him. He came running out of the station and flagged us down. All the players thought Coach Pierce was going to get in trouble but Dr. Lowman was a good sport about it."

Sam Houston's first airplane flights came in 1953 for a regular season game versus Tampa, Florida, and the Refrigerator Bowl in Evansville, Indiana. The Bearkats also flew to the 1956 Refrigerator Bowl and to Findlay, Ohio, and Augusta, Georgia, for the NAIA national semifinals and championship games in 1964.

"There were no jets then," said Choate, who made three of those five trips. "We flew on a DC-3. Both prop engines were so loud you felt like they were in the plane with you."

Until the move up to the NCAA level in the 1980s, Sam Houston traveled out of Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma only seven other times. Even with squad size increases, due to the advent of two-platoon football (different lineups on offense and defense), buses were the primary mode of transportation.

"When I first got to Sam Houston, we traveled in a 55-passenger bus and two vans," Williams said. "As a young assistant coach, I drove one of the vans.

We were coming back from Weatherford, Oklahoma, one Saturday night and had a blowout. When we finally found a place that was open, the only tire they had that would fit was used and had no tread.

"I still swear that tire was more square than it was round. Everybody in the van

had to chip in whatever money they had in their pockets to pay for it. Somehow we made it all the way back to Huntsville on that tire."

Since moving up to FCS play, SHSU has flown across the country on regular commercial flights, as well as charters. Last season, alone, the Bearkats totaled more than 11,000 air miles with trips to Washington, Pennsylvania, Alabama, and North Dakota.

Buses are the norm for games in Texas and the surrounding states but are modern, 44-passenger buses with comfortable seats, televisions and Wi-Fi.

The first telecast of a college football game occurred in 1939, but Sam Houston's first live TV appearance did not come until 1984, when the Kats hosted Stephen F. Austin at Pritchett Field.

More exposure came with Sam Houston's affiliation with the Southland Conference, resulting in almost 40 appearances through the league's package with Fox Sports Southwest (from 1989-2007) and on the Southland TV regional network.

SHSU became the first (and only) Southland team to be paid to televise a home game by a major national television network when ABC-TV gave the university \$25,000 to air the Kats' match-up with Alcorn State and quarterback Steve "Air" McNair. SHSU won 48-23 in front of a then-record crowd.

The Bearkats' recent success in FCS playoff competition has led to 19 football appearances on the ESPN family of networks in the past four seasons. SHSU and Eastern Washington played in ESPN's "Kickoff Classic" last August in the first game of the 2014 college TV schedule. ★



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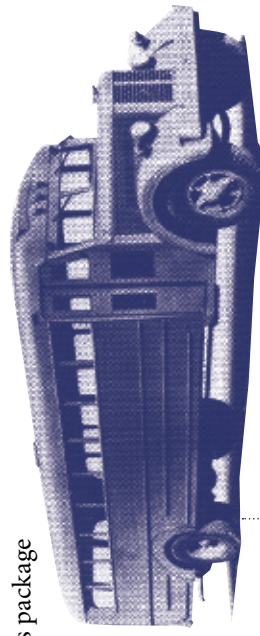
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In 1920, bleachers were erected on the west side of Pritchett Field to get fans off the sidelines. During the 1930s, the Work Progress Administration constructed the stone seating. The most significant innovation, however, came in 1932, with floodlights mounted on creosoted poles.



2015: SHSU's current squad averages 208 pounds.



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Snapping Up Players

Perhaps the biggest difference between the early years of Sam Houston football and today is the cost of providing scholarships for the Bearkat student-athletes.

“Coming from Rockdale—a small, Class B school—I never really thought about college when I was in high school,” Kyle said. “A teammate of mine and I were invited to come to Sam Houston for a tryout. They bedded us down in the old men’s gym, and for three days we worked out at Pritchett with the team.

“When the coach offered me a scholarship, I didn’t even know what that was. I couldn’t afford college, but when he told me I could get room, board and tuition for playing football and get a degree out of it, I thought he’d lost his mind. I said yes. I had found a place to get a college education.”

In the 1950s, the program was limited to 33 scholarships. Players lived for free in the men’s gym and ate in the cafeteria. Each got a dollar a day for laundry money.

“Everything that was included in those days wasn’t more than \$500, but it was a great opportunity to come here, play football and get your degree,” Choate said.

Like everything since the 1950s, costs have continued to rise. Today, a full athletic scholarship at SHSU is \$19,632.

Hundreds of young men and women have taken advantage of that opportunity in their sports to earn degrees and join the work force in Texas and other states. These student-athletes have excelled on the field, in the classroom and in the community and have brought both regional and national attention to Huntsville and SHSU through

the program’s media exposure.

To ensure that this success continues, the SHSU Athletic Department has initiated efforts to increase external revenue sources for scholarships, equipment, facilities improvement and travel expenses.

“In 1998, when I became athletic director, 93 percent of our funding came from the university and student athletic fees,” Williams said. “That figure now is down to 62 percent, with the rest coming from external sources. To see continued improvement and growth of the national prominence the 100th season and beyond, it is crucial that the financial support of our alumni, fans and friends not only continues but increases.”

The 100th season begins Sept. 5, when SHSU meets Texas Tech in Lubbock. The Bearkats will play six home games at Bowers Stadium and will meet Stephen F. Austin in the 90th “Battle of the Piney Woods,” presented by H-E-B, on Oct. 3, at NRG Stadium in Houston. ★

Spring Wraps With Cup Win

With championships in football and golf—and runner-up finishes in three other sports—SHSU earned its fourth Southland Conference Men’s All-Sports Championship Cup during the 2014-15 season.

The Bearkats stand as the only Southland member to earn five Commissioner’s Cups (symbolic of the combined men’s and women’s All-Sports title) and are one of only two current league programs to earn four men’s cups.

The 2015 spring semester was highlighted by a second consecutive men’s golf league title and trip to the NCAA

regionals. J. T. Taylor (top right), whose father Tommy Taylor won the Lone Star Conference Championship in 1982, won the Southland individual medalist trophy.

Other accomplishments include: men’s basketball posting its highest victory total at the NCAA Division I level (26-9, 2nd right); baseball fighting its way to the Southland Conference Tournament finals for its sixth championship game appearance (Colt Atwood, top left); and SHSU’s men and women both finishing as team runners-up in the Southland indoor and outdoor conference meets (Danielle Demas, bottom left; Ashley Jenkins, 3rd right; and Matt Viverette, bottom right).

For a complete spring sports wrap up, visit shs heritage.com. ★



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4 Days - 3 Nights
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Highlights: Experience NYC during the holiday season. Includes round trip air and limo transportation, lodging at the Sheraton NY Times Square, Bearkat welcome reception on December 15 and reception and dinner at the University Club of New York on December 16.

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8 Days - 10 Meals
October 02 - 09, 2016

Highlights: Boston, Woodstock, Quechee Gorge, Stowe, Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream Factory, Rocks Estate, North Conway, Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise, Kancamagus Highway, Boothbay Harbor, Lobster Dinner

Travel By: Collette Vacations

Six To Be Recognized For Distinguished Careers, Service



Carolyn Faulk



Stan Blinka



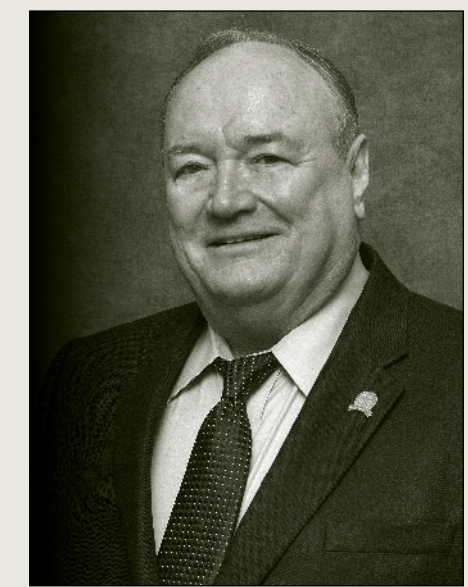
Cynthia "Cindy" Marion



Ashley Etienne Stephens



John Peltier



Alan Tinsley

FOUR SHSU ALUMNI who have made names for themselves in business, the NFL and politics, and two alumni whose service to their alma mater and their communities is distinguished in itself, will be recognized during this year's homecoming festivities with the SHSU Distinguished Alumni and SHSU Service Awards.

Those who will be honored during dinner on October 23 include Distinguished Alumni Carolyn Faulk, Stan Blinka and Cindy Marion; Distinguished Young Alumna Ashley Etienne Stephens; and Service Award recipients John Peltier and Alan Tinsley.

To read the full biographies of this year's recipients, visit bit.ly/1LnaN0N

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Carolyn Faulk, '70

Plastic may bend and mold, but Carolyn Faulk's resolve to be a businesswoman with integrity has remained so inflexible that she has branded her company "a service business that just happens to sell plastic."

The 1970 Bachelor of Business Administration degree recipient established her A&C Plastics, Inc., in Houston, in 1973 with only a \$5,000 investment and a "never give up" attitude.

This mentality and Faulk's hands-on involvement has led A&C to become an international resource and the single largest plastic distributor in the U.S., with locations in Texas, Colorado and Illinois.

Faulk also now serves as president and CEO of Faulk Properties, LLC, and president of Marco Plastics.

"She has been widely recognized as a businesswoman who competes with energy and determination, but always with fairness, in building a small plastics company into one of the largest and most respected distributors in the country," a nominator said.

Stan Blinka, '79, '84

As an SHSU football linebacker, he defended Bearkat territory on Pritchett Field. And though he went on to play on fields in New York and Denver, several of his athletic achievements still stand in SHSU's books.

More than three decades after earning his Bachelor of Business Administration degree (1979) and his Master of Business Administration degree (1984), Stan Blinka maintains Bearkat career records for the most tackles in a game (24), season (211) and career (536). He is also the former school record holder in the discus.

Blinka now divides his time between his homes in Irwin, Pennsylvania, and Huntsville and frequently attends SHSU events. He is the owner of Interstate Batteries of Pittsburgh.

"Stan has always been proud to be a Bearkat and has continued to support Sam both monetarily and through his service to the university," a nominator said.

Cynthia "Cindy" Marion, '81

Houston CEO Cindy Marion may sell products and services to people

around the globe through her award-winning MMI agency's multi-million-dollar campaigns, but those who know Marion say she is a walking advertisement for integrity.

"Cindy not only possesses the rare combination of savvy, craft and ethics that professionals should aspire to, but she lives them every day," a nominator said. "Through the years I've watched Cindy make tough decisions and continue to inspire her team to deliver excellence without compromise to the strictest of business ethics."

Over its 29 years, MMI, under Marion's direction, has become Houston's third largest marketing and advertising agency, with more than 85 employees and \$20 million-plus in revenue.

Among Marion's clients have been MD Anderson Cancer Center, NRG and AIG.

Her work has earned her an Emmy Award and, this year alone, 33 Addy Awards from the Houston Advertising Association.

**DISTINGUISHED YOUNG
ALUMNA**

Ashley Etienne Stephens, '00

Ashley Etienne Stephens has worked behind the scenes to manage the communications efforts on some of the country's most pressing public policy issues and national campaigns for the nation's top elected officials.

Since 2014, Stephens has served as the special assistant to President Barack Obama and White House communications director for the cabinet.

In this role, she coordinates press operations and media outreach among the White House, federal agencies, and departments and the people who run them. She also keeps tabs on developments that the White House might consider embarrassing or troublesome, according to Washington Post writer Ed O'Keefe.

Stephens previously served as deputy communications director and spokesperson for House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, as communications director for House Democrats on the oversight and government reform committee, and was an Obama spokesperson in Virginia in 2008.

A Houston native, Stephens also earned her master's degree from Johns Hopkins University.

SERVICE AWARDS

John Peltier, '72

Since the inception of his now multi-million-dollar Peltier Brothers Construction in 1978, company founder, CEO and partner John Peltier has constructed a reputation that incorporates integrity, humility, a strong work ethic, and, above all, service.

His service includes in the U.S. military, as a medic during the Vietnam War; at SHSU, as a supporter of Houston-area Bearcats in Business; in his home in Tomball, as a visible family and church leader; and around the globe, through mission work that includes drilling water wells, building churches and homes, and providing for the care and education of children.

"John is the epitome of success in every aspect of his life, but he is a strong, unselfish and unassuming person, always working quietly behind the scenes, steadfastly doing things in selfless service to others," a nominator said. "He works very diligently to direct recognition of service to others, rather than himself."

Alan Tinsley, '71

In the trials and tribulations of life, 1971 graduate Alan Tinsley uses his expertise to advocate for those in need.

An estate and probate attorney and CPA at Alan L. Tinsley, P.C., Tinsley's service has included avid support of SHSU's Sigma Chi fraternity, the Alumni Board, President's Circle, Let's Talk, and the Athletic Advisory Board. He mentors SHSU students and provides thousands of dollars annually through area fair associations to support future college students.

Tinsley also serves on the Texas State University System's Board of Regents.

In addition, Tinsley uses his legal knowledge to provide pro bono assistance to those who cannot afford representation and participates in several organizations that support wounded veterans.

"Alan Tinsley is making Sam Houston a better place. He continues to have a profound and meaningful effect on people's lives," a nominator said. "His love for SHSU and his civic engagements have no boundaries." ★

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOMES NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH
SAM HOUSTON UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE**



The Office of Alumni Relations and Barnes & Noble College have joined together to link alumni to the SH University Bookstore for easy access to Bearkat merchandise—and provide a way to give back to Sam Houston State University.

Through the partnership, alumni can purchase official, high-quality SHSU merchandise utilizing a special link on SHSU's alumni page, alumni.shsu.edu. Throughout the year, alumni will also receive exclusive offers and discounts on SHSU merchandise through email. A percentage of all purchases made through the online bookstore will go toward funding alumni programs and student scholarships.

"We are very positive about the new partnership between Barnes & Noble and its University Bookstore with our Alumni Association," said Frank Holmes,

SHSU vice president for University Advancement. "This provides an excellent way to make high-quality, SHSU-emblematic merchandise accessible to our alumni, regardless of where they might reside. Moreover, it is a vehicle for our Alumni Relations office and the bookstore to work closely in developing other opportunities for the mutual benefit of the SH University Bookstore, the Alumni Association and our alumni."

With an alumni base of more than 115,000, the Office of Alumni Relations is constantly seeking innovative ways to connect former students to their alma mater.

"When the Alumni Association began looking at vendors to work with to promote alumni merchandise and Bearkat gear, we did not have to look any further than our own University Bookstore," said Charlie Vienne, executive director of the association. "Barnes & Noble has been a strong and loyal partner of the university since 1999. It only makes sense that the Alumni Association and Barnes & Noble work together to provide alumni with enhanced product lines and cost-saving discounts."

"Barnes & Noble College is always looking at new ways to connect with our school partners, and this new partnership will be a unique and fantastic way to provide alumni with official SHSU-branded merchandise that will not only connect them to the university, but also give back to SHSU," said Marc Eckhart, regional manager at Barnes & Noble College. ★

Where Are They Now?

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!

Today, Max is a production specialist with Root Sports, and Pamela is the owner and accounting and financial recruiter at CP Paragon Solutions, L.P., both of which are in Houston.

As an editor and producer, Max has spent the past 15 years working with the sports networks that broadcast Rockets and Astros games, along with Houston Texans weekly shows. These include Fox Sports Net, Fox Sports Houston, Comcast Sportsnet (CSN Houston) and, currently, Root Sports.

His work has earned him 22 Lone Star Emmy Award nominations and seven wins, including Excellence in Sports Editing in 2013 (Sports Editor of the Year in Texas).

Since earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in general business in 2000, Pam worked with three recruiting firms before becoming co-owner of her current firm, which is celebrating its 10-year anniversary this year.

Both attribute a portion of their success to SHSU.

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“SHSU has top-notch professors. They really taught me the value of hard work. I learned critical-thinking, analytical and problem-solving skills,” Pam said. “Also, I gained exposure to real-world business problems that has carried into my professional career and assists in my business-making decisions.”

The couple has expressed their gratitude to SHSU by working to fulfill the university motto, “The measure of a Life is its Service,” both at SHSU and through various ventures in their Houston community.

“We have both enjoyed wonderful careers post-graduation and have used that as an opportunity to give back to the university,” Max said. “We became lifetime alumni members in 2008 and have sponsored multiple alumni events in the Houston area.”

“We love attending sporting events, as well, and really appreciate being able to be included as sponsors,” Pam added. “I am very proud to be an alumna of SHSU and always enjoy the drive each year to see how the campus has changed.”

In addition to moving to the Humble/Atascocita area this fall, the couple has a 4-year-old daughter who keeps them busy.

“She loves animals, and so we actively donate to the Houston Zoo and are members as well,” Pam said.



REBECCA LINKOUS ELLIOTT

According to 1998 Master of Business Administration graduate Rebecca Linkous Elliott, the three years she spent at SHSU include some of her favorite lifetime memories.

“Obtaining my MBA had been a long-time goal, but I wasn’t comfortable attending night classes at any of the Houston-based universities, which was not at all the case at SHSU, where I’ve always felt safe and enjoyed the convenient proximity of the buildings in which my classes were held,” Elliott said.

“The collegial atmosphere was, and still is, wonderful and reflects the values that I’ve always strived to maintain among my team members today—high trust, empowerment and respect—so people are inspired and supported in a manner that positions them to grow and be at their best,” she said.

“The collegial atmosphere was, and still is, wonderful and reflects the values that I’ve always strived to maintain among my team members today—high trust, empowerment and respect—so people are inspired and supported in a manner that positions them to grow and be at their best,” she said. “In my case, I learned most of what I studied in my MBA through real-world experience first and then had the pleasure of deepening my knowledge and expertise through my classwork, research and projects.

Since completing her degree, Elliott has become head of America’s projects and technology communications for Shell, for which she performs a diverse range of responsibilities that cover reputation and business communications, as well as external relations across numerous Shell businesses.

But because the people were among what she appreciated most about SHSU, Elliott has continued to maintain her interactions with campus.

“Since graduating from SHSU with my MBA, I have enjoyed staying in touch with some of my professors, as well as current students,” she said. “For a couple of years, I had the pleasure of working as a volunteer adviser of the SHSU Public Relations Student Society of America Chapter, and over the broader span of years post-graduation occasionally I am invited to come up and speak with the business and communications students.”



MAX AND PAMELA HESS MEJIA

He came to SHSU for the strong radio-television program. She came because of the influence of a high school criminal justice teacher. In 1999, they met at a fraternity/sorority mixer.

“My life has been better ever since,” said Max Mejia of meeting his future wife Pamela Hess on that auspicious evening.

**RICHARD “RICH”
KIEVAL AND DANYA
MARTIN KIEVAL**

After earning his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting in 1980, Rich Kieval began working in the energy industry.

That same year, his wife, Danya Martin, completed her degree in home economics and began working in retail as a department manager and, later, assistant buyer.

“I could have never lived the life I am currently living without that piece of paper from Sam Houston,” Rich said. “With SHSU’s close proximity to Houston, energy was just a natural fit for me.”

Like so many couples, without SHSU, Rich and Danya may have never met.



the Texas Prison Rodeo. During the month of October, Huntsville came alive with the people that came to watch the rodeo. We grilled and sold hamburgers during the rodeo as a fundraiser.

“Setting aside all the fun, my very best memory is meeting Rich. My love for him and the game of basketball began at SHSU,” she said. “I really don’t think my parents had any idea how many miles I put on my little blue VW bug following the basketball team to watch Rich play.”

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Likewise, Rich’s fondest memories involved many of the social aspects of SHSU, “lots of things that did not involve the hard work in the classrooms,” he said.

“I made several lifetime friends and, of course, met my wife, Danya,” he said. “I still have fond memories of hanging out with friends at the Sound Machine and working during the off season as a bartender at the Jolly Fox. I also worked at American Bank in Huntsville.”

After the couple married, Danya decided to stay home and raise their children, where the confidence she had acquired at SHSU in learning to set and achieve goals and her leadership and organizational skills really paid off.

“I have spent years serving on PTA and booster club boards; I serve on boards and committees in my church and my community,” she said. “All three of our children were very active and kept me very busy.”

Rich has continued to work in the energy business, taking jobs with the Enron Corp.; Statoil, Texaco and Williams; and BMO Capital before starting Midstream Capital Partners, with which he is now a senior partner.

The couple also has begun giving back to the university “for what SHSU has done for us,” Rich said.

This has included being involved with the Houston-area Bearkats in Business, athletic fundraisers, and holding season tickets to basketball, softball and football.

“I have been so impressed with what SHSU has become,” Danya said. “Our youngest, Jennie, has found such great support there (as a student). The academic support she has been given is amazing.” ★

The couple is giving back to the university “for what SHSU has done for us,” Rich said.

Rich, a Houston native, came to SHSU after playing basketball for a year at the University of Utah.

“After not properly taking care of my education, my mother, an educator, told me I was staying closer to home so she could keep an eye on me,” Rich said. “The perfect fit was SHSU and when Coach Denny Price offered me a basketball scholarship to play at Sam Houston, a match was made in heaven.”

Danya, a San Antonio native, knew about SHSU because her aunt and uncle had both graduated from the university. She became a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority and was Texas Prison Rodeo Queen in 1976.

“I have very fond memories of hanging out with my sorority sisters and participating in activities both social and civic,” Danya said. “One of the civic activities we participated in was

MAKING HISTORY

The second annual Founders Day event on April 18 allowed SHSU alumni and friends to learn about some of the groundbreaking research being conducted by faculty. Joan Bytheway (right), associate professor of forensic anthropology, explained with visual artifacts some of the things she and her team at the Southeast Texas Applied Forensic Science Facility have learned since the willd-body donor facility was opened in 2008.

Other presenters included Center for Innovation and Technology director Pamela Zelbst, who showed off a project that involved creating a 3-D-printed hand for a local girl in need of a prosthesis;



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Warner Endowed Chair of Journalism Peter Roussel, who discussed his time in the White House and announced that he will donate his documentary archive to SHSU; and Center for the Study of Disasters and Emergency Management director Jason Enia, who explored some of SHSU’s scholarship and engagement in the field.

More presenters will share their work and the impact of their research at the third annual Founders Day celebration on April 23, 2016, at the Katy and E. Don Walker Sr. Education Center. Updates on the 2016

event will be available at shsu.edu/foundersday. ★

Life Membership

Join together and carry the university motto “The measure of a Life is its Service.”

Life Membership goes into a permanent endowment which strengthens the university—not just for one year, or even one generation, but in perpetuity. Stay connected to the university and its great traditions by becoming a life member today!

**Save the date for the 6th Annual Life Member Dinner and Celebration, February 26, 2016.*



Jim Renfro, '65, and a group of approximately 20 chemistry department graduates from the '60s met on June 19 to revisit "old times" and see their mentor, James Stallings, a retired chemistry professor and former department chair and dean for nearly 30 years. "Dr. Stallings was directly responsible for guiding many of us to successful careers in chemistry," Renfro said, and because of that relationship, the alumni group founded two scholarships for chemistry majors—one in the name of Stallings and the other in the name of Ray E. Humphrey—both of which are still active. Stallings, who is now 97 years old, retired from SHSU in 1984.

Melvin "Mel" Stone, '66, was named 2015 "Citizen of the Year" by his local newspaper, The Baytown Sun. He is the 20th person to receive the annual award.

Michael Paul Smith, '68, was inducted into the Texas Basketball Hall of Fame on May 23.



Left to right: Jimmy Smith, Paula Smith, Phantipha Dhanaphatana Smith (Class of 1968), Patty Smith Norwood, and Mike Smith (Class of 1968).

Carol Paradowski, '72, is honored to have attended SHSU in the footsteps of her late grandmother Ruby Daughtry, who graduated from Sam Houston Normal Institute in 1905.

Donald Allee, '73, was recently named director of cruise and tourism by the board of the Port of New Orleans. Don has more than three decades of experience in executive port management.

Patsy Collins, '81 & '13, was awarded a 2015 SHSU Sammy Award for "Outstanding Faculty or Staff Member." Collins is the director of the



Dana G. Hoyt and Patsy Collins

SHSU Student Money Management Center.

Charles "Chuck" Jones, '81, served as host of national indirect lending for SunTrust Bank for the 2015 Dealer VIP event in Palm Springs, California, in March. That month, he and wife Debbie also attended the Consumer Bankers Association Annual Convention in Orlando. Jones serves on the CBA auto finance committee. The highlight of the conference was meeting Lou Holtz after the chairman's reception on March 22.

Darrell Rosen, '81, recently joined the team at 8th & Walton as its new chief operating officer and president. Rosen has three decades of supplier experience and spent 28 years in leadership positions for Proctor & Gamble before retiring in 2014. He will act as second in command to the CEO, Jeff Clapper, and will handle day-to-day operations and growth strategies.

Reginald Randolph, '82, a fixture in Houston First Theater District Parking facilities for more than two decades, has been promoted to director of parking at the 3,400-car garage in the heart of Downtown Houston. He has been recognized for his knowledge of today's parking technologies and trends in commuting. Randolph's efforts to restore the garage after the floods from Tropical Storm Allison in 2001 are among the high points in his career. Houston First Corporation manages more than 10 Houston city-owned buildings, plazas and parking facilities, including Theater District Parking, Jones Hall, Wortham Theater Center, Miller Outdoor Theatre, the George R. Brown Convention Center, and Hilton Americas-Houston.

Ricky Taylor, '82, recently retired after 33 years with Texas Instruments and Raytheon.

Chris Tritico, '83, was among the recipients of the 2015 "Reflections of Hope Award," presented by the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum on April 19. Previous recipients have included Presidents Bill

Clinton and George W. Bush and human rights activist Malala Yousafzai. The organization's executive committee selected Tritico for his role in the justice process and for the sacrifices he has made. Tritico is president of the SHSU College of Humanities and Social Sciences Advisory Board and a member of the SHSU Alumni Board. In February, he was added to the SHSU CHSS Wall of Honor. A renowned Houston criminal defense lawyer, he currently is an attorney at Tritico Rainey, L.L.P.

Lisa Keefe, '87, was recently recognized by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension with the 2014 "Friend of Extension Award" in recognition of outstanding dedication and service to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for Liberty County. Keefe instructs youth in the Horse Project in Liberty County.

Alice Cangemi, '89 & '95, recently served as the keynote speaker at the Children's Safe Harbor Annual Gala in April for child sexual abuse awareness month. Cangemi is the author of "Darkness Before Dawn," a novel that helps to raise awareness of sexual abuse and sheds light on the trauma it causes.

David Mendel, '91, recently was promoted to the assistant superintendent of stewardship (finance) for the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Mendel previously held positions as an auditor for the Archdiocese and a teacher for the Catholic schools. He is also former SHSU Student Government Association president.

Regina Bynote Jones, '92, was recently promoted to the position of general counsel-Asia for Schlumberger. The three-year, ex-pat assignment is based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Kevin Pooler, '94, and wife Helen welcomed daughter Emerson Hana Pooler on May 14, 2014. In June, Kevin was named the North America general counsel of TrailStone Group, a private, equity-backed commodity company with energy and

finance professionals working in oil and gas investment and finance, energy asset management, energy logistics and trading. The company has offices in Austin, New York, London, Berlin, and Sydney.

John Garrett, '97, & Jennifer Garrett, '99, will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the founding of their media company, Community Impact Newspaper, in September. The free, hyper-local monthly publication is delivered through the U.S. mail and was started in Round Rock and Pflugerville out of the Garretts' home with just three employees. Currently, the company has 150 employees, including several SHSU alumni, and there are 20 multi-city editions of the paper that are mailed to nearly 1.5 million households and businesses, making Community Impact Newspaper the largest-distributed publication in the state and the fourth largest in the nation. In June the company re-launched its website as

communityimpact.com. The couple has three daughters and lives in Round Rock.

Letecia Ellis-Haywood, '04, was honored with the "Stars of Design & Stars on the Rise" Award on April 30. She is a senior interior designer with Laura U, Inc., and presently holds the office of president for the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers.

James R. Phillips, '08; Jeffery Dailey, '02; & Monica Koenigsberg, '08, recently released a new book called "Border Security," which is filled with relevant information that provides a holistic approach and timely foundation for anyone interested in the topic of border security.

Dennis Shafer, '09 & '11, was recently licensed as a certified public accountant by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy. Shafer has been employed since 2010 by Anadarko Petroleum,

Corp., in The Woodlands, where he holds the position of financial analyst in the corporate planning division.

Aaron Arenas, '10, is currently in his second year of law school at South Texas College of Law and will graduate in fall 2016. He worked as a lead marketing analyst for two years at Reynolds and Reynolds.

Howard Ward, '14, has been granted admission to Baylor College of Medicine and was recently named a recipient of the Army Health Professionals Scholarship Program. Ward began matriculation at Baylor on July 27. ★



Howard Ward with Terry Bilhartz, who was Ward's benefactor through The Lyman and Janet Bilhartz Scholarship. Ward received the scholarship from 2011-2014.



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2015 Alumni Board Announced



1st Row (Front): Billy Goeke '80, Estella Koryciak '71, Alexis Bloomer (Student Representative), Joe Amato '72, Jonathon Amato '08, Ray Matthews '64, Leanne Woodward '74, '78 (Secretary), Charlie Vienne (Executive Director); 2nd Row: Troy Thompson '87, Jean Hendricks '82, Justin Burnett '02, Chris Tritico '83, Wayland Rawls '95, Rebecca Mohr '83, Len Keeling '63 (Treasurer); 3rd Row: David Brady '89, Rissie Owens '80, Yolanda Green '92, Tameka Williams-Bruce '99, Roland Black '61 (President-Elect), Will Peltier '97, Mike Pavelka '96; 4th Row: Mike Bakewell '06, Sam Kennedy '83, Tanya Brannon '81, Ray Burgess '75 (President), Jim Ferris '69; 5th Row (Rear): Kyle Lehne '94, Terry Williams '83 (Past President), Rick Hanna '79 (Vice President), Steve Seltzer '77, Brian Brown '89, Walter Fitzgerald '79, Brian Hall '88; Not Pictured: Ronny Carroll '65, Jason Culpepper '99, Shelley Beto '70, Ellen Phillips '82, Gay Rod '65, Ken Ross '81, Charlene Sandel '83, Mary Ellen Thornton '64, '68, and Spencer Copeland '15 (Student Representative).

A Slam Dunk for Scholarship



Q: What happens when two Sam Houston State alumni, a former member of the Bearkat Basketball team and a retired teacher, want to give back to their alma mater?

A: The establishment of the Red and Sandra McKaskle Men's Basketball Endowment.

D.V. "Red" McKaskle graduated from Sam Houston State University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science in sociology. While attending SHSU he was a member of the Bearkat basketball team. After graduating, Red stayed connected—serving on the Alumni Board of Directors and as a member of the Bearkat Partners.

Sandra K. McKaskle is a 1972 graduate of Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration. Both Sandra and Red are Joint Life Members of the SHSU Alumni Association and the SHSU Walker County Alumni Club. "Orange" runs deep in the family—both daughters and a grandson are Sam Houston graduates.

In 2014, the McKaskles established a \$25,000 endowment that will award a \$1,000 scholarship each year to a full-time, undergraduate or graduate student employed as a teaching assistant in the SHSU basketball program.

Q: Why give back?

A: According to Red, "The only way I got through college was having a basketball scholarship, which was funded by the generosity of people who felt strongly about education and athletics. I wanted to give other students interested in basketball the same opportunity I had."



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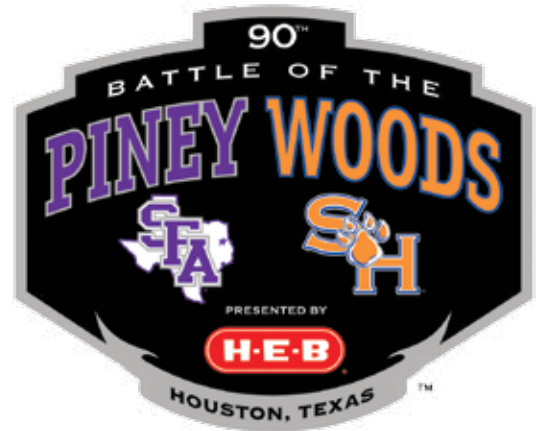
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