

Kat Connection



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Alumni Association Ready for Tailgate Season 2005

The Sam Houston State University Alumni Association is fired up for the 2005 football season and ready to cheer the Bearkats to victory. All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend the tailgating events sponsored by the Alumni Association during football season.

The SHSU Alumni Association tailgates in Bearkat Alley of Bowers Stadium two hours prior to each home football game and always has plenty of food, fun, and prizes on hand for all alumni.

Special tailgating events are planned for several out of town games as well.

Packages are available to travel with the Alumni Association to John O'Quinn Field in Houston

when the Bearkats play the University of Houston Cougars on Saturday, September 10th.

The Alumni Association will also travel to Lubbock when the Bearkats take on the Red Raiders at Jones SBC Stadium on Saturday, September 17th.

Alumni are invited to join the Alumni Association at Mamacita's Restaurant and Cantina in San Marcos on Saturday, November 19th for the SHSU vs. Texas State game.

Packages will be available for purchase to participate in these exciting tailgating opportunities. To purchase your tailgating packages, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (936)294-1841.

Tailgate Season 2005



SHSU vs. Bacone State

Thursday, September 1st
4:00-6:00 p.m.

SHSU vs. Northwestern

Homecoming Game
Saturday, October 8th
12:00-2:00 p.m.

SHSU vs. U of H

Saturday, September 10th
John O'Quinn Field, Houston
4:00-6:00 p.m.

SHSU vs. Stephen F. Austin

Saturday, October 22nd
12:00-2:00 p.m.

SHSU vs. Texas Tech

Saturday, September 17th
Jones SBC Stadium- Lubbock
4:00p.m. -6:00 p.m.

SHSU vs. Southeastern Louisiana

Saturday, November 5th
2:00-4:00 p.m.

SHSU vs. Southwest Missouri State

Saturday, September 24th
4:00-6:00 p.m.

SHSU vs. Texas State

Saturday, November 19th
Mamacita's Restaurant and
Cantina- San Marcos
12:00p.m.

Proud to be a Bearkat!

a message from the director

Dear Fellow Bearkats,



I am thrilled to serve as Director of Alumni Relations for Sam Houston State University. After coming on board in the middle of May, the alumni office has continued with the scheduled events, participated in Freshman Orientation, and continues to promote growth in membership. Speaking as a fellow Bearkat, I encourage you to become an active participant in the many alumni networking activities provided throughout the year.

Your membership is a great way to "keep in touch always" with the SHSU community and your classmates while investing in the university's future. I look forward to expanding our services and benefits for our members in the coming year. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions or comments and drop by to visit us.

Go Bearkats!

Karen A. Long

Kat Kalendar

Connecting Alumni. Serving SHSU.

Sam Works @ Sam's Boat

Richmond Location
Thursday, August 18th
6:00-8:00 p.m.

The Legacy Golf Tournament

Friday, September 30th
Raven Nest Golf Club
11:00 a.m.

HOMECOMING
OCTOBER 3RD-8TH

Distinguished Alumni Gala

LSC Ballroom
Reception 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Sam Houston State University
Alumni Association Presents

The Legacy

GOLF TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 30, 2005
RAVEN NEST GOLF CLUB
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*Sponsorship Opportunities
Available*

Individual Entry \$100

REGISTRATION
10:30-11:00 AM
LUNCH
11:00 AM
SHOTGUN START
12:00 PM

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Office of Alumni Relations at
1.800.283.7478*



Alumni Speaker Series Motivates Freshmen

Successful Sam Houston State University Alumni motivated incoming freshmen at the closing ceremonies for freshman orientation as a part of the Alumni Speaker Series.

Six SHSU graduates were asked to speak by the Alumni Association, and tell the incoming freshmen of the successes they have had because of their education from SHSU.

Speaking at the closing ceremonies were Dee McFarland, of the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, Mike Barnes of Win Win Realty, Jean Sanders, City of Huntsville Chief of Police, Van Rigby of

Rigby Photography, Preston Johnson, Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Shared Services for CenterPoint Energy, Inc, and Walker County Judge Barbara Hale.



Van Rigby speaks at orientation.

The Alumni spoke to groups of several hundred, including students and parents. They told of how much they enjoyed their time at SHSU, encouraged the students to get involved on campus and take

advantage of their time in college, and encouraged the incoming freshmen to set high goals so that they will one day be successful.

Alumni Prepare for Homecoming Festivities

Viva Huntsvegas...Berkat Style! Homecoming festivities for SHSU are scheduled for October 3-8, with a Las Vegas theme for the week.

The celebration kicks off with a parade on Sam Houston Avenue on October 3rd and continues through the week with special activities for Alumni.

The Alumni Association will recognize three distinguished alumni with a Glamour and Glitz Gala reception and dinner Friday, October 7th and special recognition at the Homecoming football game.

Being honored as a Distinguished Alumni is the highest honor awarded by the Alumni Association and the university. Receiving the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Awards are Glenda Miles Dawson, Joseph L. "Bud" Haney and W. Dan Womack.

Dawson is currently serving her second term in the Texas House of Representatives for Texas District 29. She graduated in 1963 with a

Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Haney graduated in 1963 and was the first athlete in SHSU's history to make the First Team All-American for four consecutive years in any sport. He is the founder, president and Chief Financial Officer of Profiles International, an occupational assessment company located in Waco, Texas.

After graduating in 1960, Womack spent his career working with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He was the assistant to the director of space and life sciences for the Space Shuttle Program when he retired in 1998.

Tickets and sponsorships of the Distinguished Alumni events are available through the Office of Alumni Relations at (936) 294-1841.



Class Notes

1970

Clifford G. Vogt, '70 BA recently retired after 34 years of teaching from Lamar CSID in Rosenberg, Texas.

1971

Margaret Evans, '71, was named Trinity County "Teacher of the Year" by the Trinity County Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. Since 1980, she has taught middle and high school history in Groveton.

1974

Rhonda Cavender, '74 BA was named Fort Bend ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year on April 28, 2005

1975

Deborah Plengemeyer Hubenak, '75 BA in education recently completed thirty years of teaching elementary school-aged children in May. She received the Distinguished Educator of the Year Award at SHSU on March 5, 2005.

1989

Russell Barnett, '89 BBA recently completed his first year of operation at his mortgage brokerage company in The Woodlands, Texas and recently acquired Cape Royal Golf Course in Coldspring, Texas.

1992

Shaun P. Nelson, '92 BS is currently serving as an elected member of the Waller ISD schoolboard. He is employed as a regional manager for the world's largest manufacturer of concrete placing and pumping equipment. He has been married for 10 years and has 2 children.

David Mulligan, '95 BS, married **Leah Winfield**, '00 BS and '02 MA, on March 12, 2005

1994

Kevin J. Pooler, '94 BS in criminal justice, received a LL.M. at Georgetown University Law Center with distinction, in Securities and Financial Regulation. He recently joined the DC law firm of Powell Goldstein, LLP.

1996

Samantha Dobyms, '96 BS, married David Tallent on January 15, 2005

1998

Shari Ann Murphy, '98 BBA married Stephen Wyatt Warschak on April 2, 2005

1999

Stephanie A. McGee, '99 MBA and **Samuel McGee**, '95 BS and '97 MA are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Malorie Beth McGee on May 13, 2005.

2000

Jamilyn Ann Grimm, '98 BS, married **Judd Thomas Wall**, '94 BS, on August 28, 2004.

Hosie L. Washington, '00 BA, graduated from the University of Houston with a Master of Arts degree in Public Relations on December 16, 2004

2001

Jennifer Gaile Elsick, '01 BS and '02 MA married **Matthew Wayne Balz**, '02 BS on December 11, 2004

Elaine Juvenal, '01 BS married Joel Bradley Marrs on November 13, 2004

Katy Jean Michalka, '01 BS, married Eric Landeros on November 20, 2004

Ben Richard Streiff, '01 BBA, married **Paige Nanette Stimson** '03 BBA, on October 23, 2004

2002

Amy Landrith, '02 BA married Michael Wilganowski on December 21, 2004

Steven Wayne Kaltwasser, '02 BBA, married **Carrie Jane Kemp**, '04 BS on June 19, 2004

2003

Justin Wayne Hupe, '03 BBA in accounting married Wendy Nicole Warmke on November 20, 2004

Carrie McDowell, '03 BS, married James Wick on March 12, 2005

Jennifer Schoefall, '03 BA, married David Bridges on March 19, 2005

2004

April Blackmon, '04 BS and **Larry Jack Langford**, '05 BS were married on July 9, 2005

Scott Anthony Boris, '04 BS in criminal justice, married Car-rye Elizabeth Conner on April 16, 2005

Shawna Marie Staff, '04 BS married **Christopher Dean Greenway**, '04 BBA, on March 5, 2005

Terry Todd Teetz, '04 BS married Carrie Anne Kent on December 17, 2004

Angie Cartwright, '04 BA in criminal justice, received the Governor's 2005 Criminal Justice Volunteer Award for "out-standing performance" as a student intern in the TDCJ sex offender treatment program.

In Memorium

Charles Kenneth Williams, '57 BS, passed away April 5, 2005

Jefferson D. Heard, '72 BS, passed away April 6, 2005

Lisa Ellen James, '94 ME, passed away April 12, 2005

Jack Manry, Jr., '49 BA, passed away April 17, 2005

Florence Radenz Neason, '47 BS, passed away April 20, 2005

Marcus Eugene Cloud, '90 BA in education, passed away April 22, 2005

Georgia Belle Landiss, '64 MA, passed away April 23, 2005

Jacqueline Dick Page, '87 BA, passed away April 26, 2005

Grace Lanelle (Moore) Peacock, '65 BA in teaching, passed away May 2, 2005

Billie Jean (Scheihagen) Greathouse, '64 MA, passed away May 4, 2005

Carol A. Callahan, '72 BA, passed away May 17, 2005

Nellie Faye (Shuttlesworth) Horton, '85 Education, passed away May 19, 2005

Jimmy Randy Johnson, '69 BS, passed away May 20, 2005

Faye L. Joiner, '66 Education, passed away May 29, 2005
Cherie Lynn (Price) Salazar, '80 BS, passed away May 29, 2005

Joyce Darline (Donaho) Ramey, '64 BS, passed away May 30, 2005

Glyndell Peterman, '70 BA, passed away June 5, 2005

Sammie Charlene (Parker) Hardy, '74 BA, passed away June 5, 2005

Billie Dee Burdeaux, Jr., '41 BS, passed away June 9, 2005

Michael Jeffrey Martin, '77 BS, passed away June 9, 2005

Margie W. (Williamson) Hodd, '48 BBA, passed away June 17, 2005

Lu Ellen Evans Gibbs, '59 MA, passed away June 18, 2005

Michael L. Patterson, '75 BS, passed away June 22, 2005

Jacqueline Denise Moore, '95 BS passed away June 27, 2005

Susan Dwan (Cording) Smith, '82 BA, passed away July 10, 2005

David Lee Skalicky, '01 BS passed away July 10, 2005



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