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It is with the greatest sense of pride and gratitude that we present this 2008-09 Annual Report to Donors. My letter in last year’s donor report touched on the troubled state of our nation’s economy, together with my optimism that the vast majority of our loyal alumni and dear friends would sustain our progress through difficult times.

My expectations were exceeded. While most charitable organizations received fewer contributions, during the past year, a record 8,000 donors gave more than $7.6 million to Sam Houston State, which is the second largest amount ever given to our university during a fiscal year. I am very proud to report that nearly $7.2 million of that amount was in cash gifts, which established a new all-time record.

This extraordinary outpouring of generosity has placed our university on the cusp of achieving the ambitious $50 million Share the Vision Campaign that was launched on March 30, 2006. More than 17,000 donors have made 80,000 gifts, which have provided the essential broad-based support to ensure the success of our very first campaign. This includes thoughtful contributions that range from just a few dollars to those of seven figures. Words are inadequate to express the depth of our gratitude.

In addition to their dedicated service to Sam Houston State students, our faculty and staff continue to play a very impressive role in the success of our fundraising. Nearly 80% of our employees gave $270,000 during 2008-09. Their combined contributions to the Share the Vision Campaign are in excess of $1.1 million. This level of participation is almost unparalleled by other institutions of higher education.

Over the past 130 years of service, this grand old university has developed a loyal constituency of literally thousands of admirers, dear friends, and loyal alumni. During those halcyon days as a small college that provided an accessible and nurturing environment for young men and women, people cared deeply about Sam Houston State. However, private giving was not viewed as a necessity and was not promoted.

Accordingly, the Share the Vision Campaign has been critical for focusing our wonderful base of supporters on the legitimate need for private financial support. Our donors have built a new platform on which to build an even brighter future. A new culture of philanthropy is emerging at Sam Houston State University, making almost anything we can imagine a possibility.

In assuming the presidency of Sam Houston State more than eight years ago, I felt so very honored and humbled by the unique opportunity to help make a difference for my alma mater. I feel no less honored today, and I am extremely humbled and grateful to those who have shared the vision for a greater university. I trust you will continue your loyalty and support. It means so much to future generations of students and alumni, the state, our nation, and yes, even the world in which we live. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

James F. Gaertner, '65 & '70
President
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ON THE COVER: From back to front, Genevieve and Ed Sandhop; Andrea Henderson, Conroe, Finance/Banking; Ashley Minor, Murchison, Accounting; Brandon Shibuya, Richmond, English; Linda Wetzel, The Woodlands, English; Meghan Burton, Huntsville, Marketing; Weston Rose, Gause, English; Brittany Smith, Houston, Marketing.

Photo by Paul Olle
SHSU Students Benefit from a Generous Spirit

Long before Sam Houston State University had a formal process in which to establish and administer scholarship endowments, Ed and Genevieve Sandhop were helping university students achieve their academic goals.

They understood how challenging it was to attend classes and live on a limited income. As young married students at Sam Houston State Teachers College, Ed and Genevieve both worked to put each other through college.

Ed went to school first while Genevieve worked. After Ed graduated and was employed by Gibbs Brothers in Huntsville, Genevieve was able to complete her education. She began teaching in the English department at Sam Houston after she graduated.

The Sandhops’ generous nature caused them to think about ways they could help students attending school at Sam Houston State.

The couple’s first opportunity to help a student came when a young girl named Sylvia from Puebla, Mexico, came into their lives in 1956. The Sandhops provided her with a home and “family support” while she went to school.

Twenty years later, the Sandhops became acquainted with their Chinese “son,” Wing, who was an orphan.

“When Wing was going to school, personal computers were beginning to make an impact on businesses, so Ed advised Wing to take as many computer classes and business classes as he could,” Genevieve said.

Wing heeded Ed’s advice, and today he is one of Fidelity Investments’ top executives at the company’s headquarters in Boston.

Their third “international child” was a Vietnamese student named Nghi who had been in one of Genevieve’s classes. The Sandhops were neighbors of Nghi’s family, and she would go to the Sandhops’ home on Sunday afternoons so that Genevieve could help her with her English.

Just as Sylvia and Wing have done, Nghi stays in close touch with the Sandhops, visiting them often.

Ed and Genevieve continued to discuss their desire to help Sam Houston State students and decided that providing scholarships was a good way to provide assistance in perpetuity. Because of their own majors, they chose to establish scholarships in the College of Business Administration and the English department.

Genevieve asked a colleague to select the students from the English department.

“I taught with Dr. Douglas Krienke, and I saw how good he was with students. He didn’t have favorites, and he treated everyone well,” said Genevieve. “I have always been pleased with his selections.”

Krienke said that he developed his teaching style after working with Genevieve.
When I first came to the university, she mentored me and took an interest in me as a young instructor. I noticed that not only did she have excellent writing and composition skills, she took a special interest in all her students and worked with them individually by scheduling conferences with each of them," he said.

"Because of her direct interaction with them, she was able to identify any academic or personal needs they had. I learned to emulate that characteristic in my own teaching," he explained.

Both Ed and Genevieve say they receive a tremendous amount of satisfaction knowing that they are helping students. They also enjoy watching the students develop into young adults.

The recipients of the scholarships in both English and business are grateful to the Sandhops for helping them reach their goals.

Brandon Strubberg of Richmond is a graduate student in English. He will graduate in August 2010 and plans to obtain his doctorate so that he can teach in college one day.

"I feel that is the most prestigious scholarship in the English department, and I am honored that I was selected to receive it," he said. "It means a lot to me that Mrs. Sandhop cares so much about students who want to pursue an education in a discipline they love and that she supports what we do."

Brittany Smith is a senior from Houston who is majoring in marketing. She will graduate in May 2010 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and hopes to get a job as an event planner for a non-profit organization.

"I am very appreciative of the scholarship provided by Mr. Sandhop because it has relieved me of the stress of paying for my education," she said. "I did not have to worry about taking out student loans, and I will be able to graduate on time because I was not distracted from my studies by financial concerns."

Another English graduate student, Weston Rose from Gause, will be an exchange student at a university in Finland in the spring. He expressed his appreciation to the Sandhops as well.

"Not only did the Sandhops generously contribute to my education," but they also took a personal interest in my life. I think I speak for all recipients when I say, "Thank you for your support and encouragement."
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Endowment was established by Rob McCaffety and his sister, Pam McCaffety Barnes, to honor their parents, Eugene and Shirley. It is an expression of the McCaffety family’s passion for agriculture, the impact it has had on their lives, and the value of a quality agricultural and industrial sciences education at Sam Houston State. The family is long-time friends of the university, having operated McCaffety Electric Company, Inc. in Huntsville for over 40 years. Rob and his wife, Frankie, have three sons who attended SHSU: Jason, Cody, Class of ’06; and Tyler, SHSU Senior. Pam and her husband, Don, have two children: Lindsey and Bearkat alumnus Jeremy, Class of ’08.
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This society commemorates the university leader who served as president for 29 years, longer than anyone in Sam Houston State history. Among his many achievements, the curriculum was expanded, and the first baccalaureate degree was awarded in 1919.

Wilburn & Geraldine Dickerson
Geraldine and Wilburn Dickerson are loyal supporters of Sam Houston State University. The Dickersons are passionate about SHSU’s athletic and performing arts programs and enjoy attending university events and promoting the Bearkat spirit. As consistent donors for more than a decade, they were lead donors for the Share the Vision Capital Campaign. Their son Craig, Class of ’92, and Barrett, Class of ’91, are Bearkat alumni.
Maurice Wilkinson

For almost a decade, Dr. Maurice Wilkinson of Shiner has consistently contributed to Sam Houston State University, where in 1972 she earned a bachelor of science degree in biology. In recognition of her dedication as a family physician for more than 25 years, Maurice has received several state and national awards. In 2002, she was recognized as a Texas Tech Health Science Center Distinguished Alumna. During President Clinton's administration she received the National Family Physician Award. She is an active member of the SHSU Alumni Association and was named a Distinguished Alumna in 2001. She supports the friends of the Sciences and has given to several SHSU endowments.

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- **University Annual Scholarships**: $71,445.00
- **College/Department Annual Scholarships**: $1,076,391.00
- **Total Scholarships**: $2,483,651.00

### Academic Program Endowment Support
- **College of Arts and Sciences**: $5,879.00
- **College of Business Administration**: $107,664.00
- **College of Education**: $6,324.00
- **College of Humanities & Social Sciences**: $12,199.00
- **Total Academic Program Endowment Support**: $132,066.00

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- **College of Arts and Sciences**: $432,214.00
- **College of Business Administration**: $211,539.00
- **College of Criminal Justice**: $30,762.00
- **College of Education**: $42,919.00
- **College of Humanities & Social Sciences**: $103,002.00
- **Total Academic Program Enrichment Support**: $820,436.00

### Program Support
- **Academic Affairs Programs**: $42,076.00
- **Alumni Relations**: $387,578.00
- **Enrollment Management**: $101,257.00
- **Finance and Operations**: $326,945.00
- **Newton Gresham Library**: $1,329.00
- **Sam Houston Memorial Museum**: $6,885.00
- **Student Services**: $27,994.00
- **University Advancement**: $4,300.00
- **Total Program Support**: $898,564.00

### Athletics
- **Endowment**: $215,255.00
- **Scholarships**: $45,599.00
- **Program Support**: $201,859.00
- **Total Athletics**: $462,713.00

### Current and Future Construction
- **Unrestricted For University Use**: $2,641,898.00
- **Fund For Excellence**: $52,298.00
- **President’s Discretionary Funds**: $65,650.00
- **Share The Vision, Undesignated**: $117,948.00
- **Total**: $75,570.00

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Walter H. Bennett, Sr.

Roland L. Black

Kernell J. Blizargue

Barbara (Gudy) Breeden

Jon C. Bright

William R. Brinkley

Sandra J. and Ed Calvert

Mylo (Melvin) Campbell

James D. Carly

Jannan (Colon) Carly

Cecil G. and Mayo Carnes

Kim Heldrup

Charles F. Carpenter

Ronald D. Choate

John (Kelly) Cloud-Beer

Donny (Downtown) Cone

Gads (Winston) Cox

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Frank J. Robinson

Frank J. Robinson, Class of '55, is a favorite of Huntsville, where he served as Walker County Judge for four terms. Throughout his 43-year career with Gulf States Utilities and since retirement in 1981, he has served his community through Huntsville Rotary, the school board, City Council, Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce, American Cancer Society, Arabia Shrine Temple, the United Way and as a member, teacher, and lay speaker at First United Methodist Church. The loyalty of the 1994 Distinguished Alumnus to his alma mater is evident by his continuous service on the Alumni Board of Directors from 1946 to 1965 and more than 25 years of giving to student scholarships and the President’s Discretionary Fund. Frank has three children who attended SHSU. Frank Jr., Nancy Grossenbacher, Class of '71 and Pitty Pamlin, Class of '81.
Bonnie Thorne

Dr. Bonnie Thorne, Class of ’60, is an enthusiastic supporter of SHSU – beginning as a student and continuing as faculty member and alumna. She is an Endowed Life Member of the Alumni Association and has served on the Alumni Board of Directors. She retired from the university where she was the chair of the library science department. She has been a generous supporter of many programs, including the Bonnie Thorne Scholarship and the Corky Thorne Scholarship, which was established in honor of her deceased son, Oscar, Jr., Class of ’70. She and her husband, Oscar, Class of ’50, deeded the Eliza VanCamp Library Science Enrichment Program, which provides academic enrichment activities. A group of SHSU’s library sciences alumni established an endowed scholarship in Bonnie’s name, to which she donated matching funds.
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Chuck & Wanda Becker

After earning a bachelor’s degree in business from Sam Houston State University in 1971, Chuck Becker of Dallas established a successful career in the heavy steel construction industry. Some of the projects completed by companies under Chuck’s leadership include: Houston’s Toyota Center and JP Morgan Chase Tower, the Los Angeles Convention Center, Orlando’s Orange County Convention Center and AT&T’s Corporate Center in Chicago. As a student, Chuck played freshwater and varsity baseball and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity. He and his wife, Wanda, sponsored a class in the Smith-Houston College of Business Administration Building and regularly support events for the business college, Lettmen’s Association and baseball. Chuck is a member of the President’s Circle of the Kappa Alpha Order Alumni Association and a Lifetime Member of SHSU’s Lettmen’s Association and Alumni Association.

Top 5 Classes

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72-76

A&J & Joe Amato

The Amato brothers - Joe, Class of ’72, and A&J, Class of ’76 - are proud of their Bearkat family. They were both members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and since graduation have owned and operated Amato Lumberjacks, a ship mooring and launching service in the Port of Texas City. Joe is an Alumni Association Life Member and volunteers with the Marfaie Basketball Challenge. He frequently sponsors activities and events for the university. The students said that SHSU gave them the right start to their success and in 2005 established the Amato Brothers Scholarship.
Ray Burgess

For the past 14 years, Ray Burgess, Class of ’75, has contributed to his alma mater. He is an attorney in Conroe with the Hope & Causie, PC, firm specializing in civil litigation, personal injury, insurance defense and contract litigation. While attending SHSU Ray was a cross country athlete in fall and baseball. He has served asKat Pack president for more than 10 years. Ray is a member of the President’s Circle, Life Member of the Alumni Association and contributes to Bearkat Partners, as well as several of the men’s sports programs, including baseball, football and basketball. He is the chair of the Montgomery County Region of the Share the Vision Campaign, and hosted the 2007 campaign dinner. He frequently serves as auctioneer for SHSU fundraisers and is a favorite emcee for the Distinguished Alumni Gala.

1975

1977

Preston Johnson

Preston Johnson gave his first gift to Sam Houston State University only one year after earning his bachelor’s degree in accounting in 1977, and he has consistently contributed for the past three decades. He also earned a master’s degree from University of Houston-Clear Lake and has an impressive career and leadership experience in finance, business employee development and human resource management. He is on the Board of Directors for the Texas Business and Education Coalition, Preston is a Life Member of the Alumni Association and serves on the President’s Circle and SHSU’s Business Advisory Council. In 2001, he established the Johnson-Brown-Peterson Family Endowment Fund in honor of his brother, Randy, and his father-in-law, Ed Brown, to provide scholarships. He is in the SHSU College of Business Administration Hall of Honor. He was a 2005 SHSU Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and received the same honor from University of Houston-Clear Lake in 2008.
1977, 1979, 1984

Katherine & Stan Blinka

Stan Blinka, Class of ’79 and ’84, and his wife Katherine, Class of ’77, have supported Sam Houston State University for 17 years through a number of programs and established the Blinka Endowed Football Scholarship and Enrichment Fund in 2003. While attending, Stan was a football player and band student. He was drafted by the New York Jets in ’79 and was a linebacker in the National Football League. Today, he and Katherine own Interstate All Battery Center of Pittsburg in North Versailles, PA and enjoy traveling and enjoying their truck in their motorhome. He is in the SHSU Lettermen’s Association Hall of Honor. The Blinkas have two sons, Clint, who is a Bearkat, Class of ’05 and ’08, and Kyle. Stan and Katherine are both Life Members of the Alumni Association.

George H. Brown
Glenn McWhorter Brown
Joel D. and Connie Bryan

Sammy R. and Connie Bryan
Bette J. Burke
Robert E. Burnside
James R. Card

Thomas K. and Jan Casey
Nita (Thompson) and
Ronald W. Cucel

Linda Gandy and Richard Cook
Waldren H. and
Walter D. Cornelius

Patti S. Coumbs
Marjane (Wolfe) Creager

Samuel and Maria Cuming
Robert W. and
Ann Marie Cummings

Charles E. Cupples
Charles M. and Suzanne Davis
Victor R. and Anita Dawkins

Evelyn (Fitzgerald) Davlin
Mary (Bryes) Hill

Sammy R. and Connie Bryan

Barbara & Ernest Koy

The Kows are a family of Bearkats who enjoy supporting Sam Houston State University. Ernest M. Kow, Class of ’73, is the son of Bearkat Ernest A. Kow, Class of ’38 after playing fullback in the NFL for six seasons, the younger Ernest brought his wife, Barbara, Class of ’73, back to Texas and SHSU. He helped with the football program while he earned his master of business administration degree and Barbara earned her bachelor of arts degree. The Kows and son, Jess, Class of ’05, are Life Members of the Alumni Association. Their son Robert is also a Bearkat from the Class of ’08. The Kows frequently enjoy alumni events in the Austin area and support the College of Business Administration.
Nancy & John Hoyt

John Hoyt, Class of ’75, and wife Nancy, Class of ’79, have supported Sam Houston State University through dedicated service and generosity for 25 years. Nancy is a Life Member and John, who was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, is an Endowed Life Member of SHSU’s Alumni Association. He has been on the Board of Directors for the Alumni Association for many years and served as the 2009 president. John is a member of the President’s Circle and Bearkin Partners, and he serves on the Executive Leadership Council for the Share The Vision Capital Campaign. The Hoyts are also supporters of the political science department, the Sam Houston Memorial Museum, and dance programs. They are enthusiastic supporters of athletics, including the Greg Langendorf Memorial Athletic Endowment, which they established in memory of Nancy’s brother. The Hoyts have a daughter who is a Bearkat alumna, Emily Crew, Class of ’02, and two sons, Eric and Matthew.
Bill Byler

Bill Byler, Class of 88, was a member of the Sam Houston State University Rodeo Club. The rodeo legacy is one that he and his wife, Kerri, share with their children Will and Lynette, as well as SHSU Rodeo Club member Brenna, a sophomore. Bill earned a bachelor’s degree in agribusiness and today is the CEO of WT Byler Company, a heavy civil and railroad construction company in Houston. His company completed projects such as Minute Maid Park, Sam Houston Race Park and the Reliant Stadium & Center. Bill and Kerri are active in the Youth Rodeo Association, with Bill serving as the 2009-2010 president. They are joint Endowed Members of the Alumni Association, regularly support agriculture sciences development, and frequently sponsor university events and activities.

Ronald A. and Cathy Sturm
Charles (Calhoun) and Clifton Terrell
Lane D. and Beth A. Thibodeaux
Matthew W. Thomas
Robert L. Thompson
Piet (Ricken) Heurink
Calvin W. Trimble
James L. and Faberhusen Umbrecht
Linda (Maple) (Rice)
Isaac G. and Martina Valencia
Marsha (Hesse) Waith
Leslie K. and Carly M. Walker
Tommy L. Walton
Susanne (Vinkenbreuker) and Carl R. Waddell
Gal (Wilson) Wright
Howard B. and Diana Yzel
Lori L. Ziegler

1962

Robert D. Adams
Bill (Illines) Adams
John S. and Elizabeth A. Adkins
Madeline (Brownson) Adams
Linda J. Allen
B. Anthony (Alston) and Christle Beard
Traci and Jack Beardsley
Kevin H. Beatty
Stephen P. Beigun
Perry A. and Terry D. Billhardt
Theodore V. and Linda D. Biker
Brian C. and Stephanie Barnes
Cynthia (Dodge) and Stephen B. Bishop
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2008 - 2009
Byron & Charlene Sandel

As joint Life Members of Sam Houston State University’s Alumni Association, Byron, Class of 82, and his wife, Charlene Driskell Sandel, Class of 83, generously support the colleges of the University of Houston, the Sam Houston Memorial Museum, the College of Business Administration and enrichment for agricultural sciences. They are pictured in this 2006 family portrait with sons Aaron (left) and Blake (deceased). The Sandels were lead donors in the Share the Vision Campaign, and Byron served as a Vice-Chair of the Huntsville/Walker Co. Campaign. In addition, they regularly sponsor SHSU special events and other activities. Byron and Charlene have a deep family legacy at SHSU dating back to 1927, with more than 20 family members who are Bearkat alumni.
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Lou & Tom Thwaites

Lou and Tom Thwaites, Jr. of Katy describe their son, Tom Thwaites III, as having oversold his promise to help others and lived a life that held no regrets. In his memory, the Thwaites and Tom III’s wife, Ann, established the W.T. Thwaites III Memorial Graduate Fellowship endowment. Tom III was just months away from graduating with a master of arts degree in counseling from Sam Houston State University when he was killed in a car accident. He was awarded the degree posthumously on August 6, 2005. The endowment in his honor is awarded to “people like Tom who share similar aspirations and career goals,” according to a letter in the Jack Sigg Clinic where Tom III did most of his counseling is named in his honor and his former classmates planted a crepe myrtle tree near the clinic in his memory.
Walter Bennett, Sr.

Dr. Walter Bennett, Class of ’61 and ’62, is a professor of sociology and served as department chair for 21 years. He and his wife, Minnie, Class of ’62, support and serve Sam Houston State University in many ways. Walter has served as an advisor for the Parents’ Association and for the First Alum Program. He has served on numerous committees, including the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Lowman Student Center Board of Directors, the Athletics Committee, and the Athletics Committee. For more than 30 years, the Bennetts have contributed to athletics, and Walter has contributed through the Annual Fund to faculty and students in his department. Beckford traditions run deep in the Bennett family. Their son, Walter Jr., and his wife, Cynthia, both Class of ’93 and ’96, are proud Beckfordians. Other family alumni include Walter’s brother Phil, deceased, Class of ’61, and brother-in-law Herbert O’Quinn, Class of ’63.

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Dr. Bill Green and his wife, Diane Green, have both taught at Sam Houston State University since the mid-1970s and are long-time supporters. Bill earned his bachelor's degree from Lamar University and his master's and doctorate from LSU before joining the SHSU economics faculty. Diane earned both her bachelor's and master's from LSU, following Bill a few years later and teaching accounting. Bill also served as the department chair for 25 years. Bill and Diane have given individually to their respective departments over the years, as well as to Friends of Theatre and Dance, the Honors Program, several endowed scholarships and numerous campus organizations. Bill has served on the Faculty/Staff Annual Fund campaign committee for the last five years.

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AdVantage Specialties owner, Bill Pitts, Class of ’79, is a member of the Alumni Association and a strong supporter of Sam Houston State University. Bill and his wife, Stephanie, who also attended SHSU, were lead donors for the Huntsville-Walker County Share the Vision Capital Campaign, and Bill volunteered time to the campaign as well. They support SHSU athletics as well as Friends of Theater and Dance. Their daughter, Ashley Drake, is a junior at SHSU and a dance major. In addition, Payton, 9, and Will, 5, say they look forward to attending SHSU and are members of the Jr. BeanBakets.

1979
John Holcombe
As a tribute to Dr. John W. Holcombe, a former Sam Houston State University professor of political science, many of his former colleagues, students, friends and family contributed gifts toward establishing a scholarship in his name. John was a favorite professor and best known by many for his contagious laugh and genuine love of people. He taught political science from 1966 until 2008 and served as the department chair from 2007 to 2008.
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Edgar L. ’56 and Carolyn R. Reeves

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