New Traditions

On the eve of the annual Ring Ceremony, over 600 official class rings were housed overnight in General Sam Houston’s home on the grounds of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum. The rings were guarded by the SHSU ROTC. Students were excited to be a part of this inaugural event that will continue for many years.

On April 26, the inaugural Founders Day was hosted on the Sam Houston campus. Founders Day allows alumni, friends and faculty to reconnect through a day of interactive panel presentations and a luncheon at the Peabody Library. The event ended with a tree dedication during which a Catalpa sapling, grown from seedlings from second-generation Catalpa trees owned by Sam Houston, was planted next to Austin Hall.

ROTC Cadet Sergeant (c/SGT) Joshua Albert, Class of 2015 and class of 2014 Second Lieutenant (2LT) Jorge Morales proudly display some of the rings being guarded. 2LT Morales is holding his ring that he was presented during the ceremony on April 3.

SHSU ROTC stood guard for 20 hours overnight to protect the rings and honor the Bearkat Spirit.

(1) Huntsville Mayor and Sam Houston Museum Director, Mac Woodward ’70 along with Alumni Relations Director Charlie Vienne and SHSU President Dana Hoyt plant the catalpa tree. (2) Alumnus and Life Member of the association, Edgar Reeves ’56, picks up his catalpa tree to take home and plant.
Life Endowed Membership is Growing

Becoming a Life Endowed Member of the SHSU Alumni Association is a wonderful way to leave a legacy for your alma mater. The Alumni Association would like to welcome and thank our newest Life Endowed members Justin M. Burnett '02, Jim P. Ferris '69 and Robert D. Young Jr. '13 for their generous gift of membership. One hundred percent of the gift goes into the Life Endowment account to support the alumni association in perpetuity. If you would like to know more about making a gift of Life Endowed membership, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 936.294.1841. Total Life Membership is now over 2,400 with 46 being Life Endowed Members.
Welcome To Our Newest Life Members

(New Life Members from March 1, 2014 and June 30, 2014)

40s
Elmer Berryhill, Jr. ’48 ’50

50s
Harrell Carpenter ’55 ’61
Jacqueline Gerlovich ’53
Gwendolyn Graham ’59 ’64
Charles Haltom ’59
Carolyn Haltom ’59
Nancy Hollis ’58
Orren Hollis ’59 ’62
James Mewbourn ’57
Faye Nobles ’59
Jack Pursley ’59
Johnnie Smith ’59
Charles Wiggins ’56
Jo Ann Wiggins ’56

60s
Rebecca Atkinson ’68 ’70
James Barnette ’68
James Beller ’64
Mary Crabb ’66 ’70
Elise Dressen ’61
Carol Eplen ’65 ’68
William Eplen ´64
Jesse Green ’66 ’71
Helen Hopkins ’68
Dean Hood ’68
Sally Kankey ´64 ’65
Travis Kankey ´64 ’65
Carolyn Kent ’68
Elizabeth Kerby ’69
Carla McAdams ’64
Thomas McAdams ’61
James Renfro, Jr.’65
Jolene Renfro ’64
Kenneth Riddle ’62 ’67
Sandra Reinhardt ’68
Linda Smith ’64 ’85
Rosary Smith ’60
Philip Pfaff ’69
Jerry Wilson ’66 ’68
Leroy Zapalac ’61

70s
Kay Allbritton ’75
Gay Allbritton ’75 ’79
Leonard Brautigam ’70 ’73
Eugene Ebner, Jr. ’73
Adam Gussman ’72
Michael Hare ’71
Mary Hatcher ’73
James Hays ’70
Kaye Henry ’71
Lloyd Hopper ’78
Wayne Kucera ’72
Judith LeFan ’70
Larry Lynch ’73
Kenneth McElveen ’73
Paulette McElveen ’72 ’74
John McMaster ’72 ’74
James Murril ’70 ’74
Shirley Outlaw ’70 ’74
Velva Riddle ’72
Rhonda Rigby ’79
William Smith ’71
Ernest Stiba, Jr. ’74
Paula White ’72
Oliver Whittington ’71

80s
Rudie Berger ’80
Susan Hopper ’80
Fred Jester ’82
Martha Jester ’81
Janice Lange ’86
Tonya McGraw ’81
Sabra Oliver ’86
Gary Poe ’89
Betty Pursley ’83
Billy Rigby, Jr. ’80 ’90
Debra Youens ’81

90s
Claudette Cabrera-Ludwig ´97
Patrick Crane, Jr. ’96
Blade Dicke ’98
Eddie Lasker ’91
Betty Lasker ’93
Harry Hurst III ’93
Donna Marie Jendritza ’99
Cheryl Johnson ’94
Christopher Johnson ’94
Janis Nootseboom ’90
Thomas Oliverson III ’94
Jeremy Pruett ’99
Benjamin Williams ’95

00s
William Chapman ’03 ’09
Leticia Gonzalez ´04
Jedediah Henke ’01 ’03
Clifton Heuszel ’08 ’10
Jennifer Oliverson ’08
Belinda Smith ’05
Laura Spencer ’08
James Weatherly ’04 ’12

10s
Kara Anders ’12
Steven Arnold ’12
Brian Bell ’13
Tamara Borjaack ’13
Benjamin Cardy ’14
Rebecca Castillo ’11
Deanna Chapman ’13
Chandler Cheeks, Sr. ’14
Rachel Cockcroft ’13
Belinda Smith ’13

Life Member discounted rates for seniors (age 65 +) and recent graduates (within 2 years of graduation) will be increasing from $400 to $500 effective January 1, 2015. This new pricing will represent a 50% discount off of the current life member rate of $1,000.

Life Member campus parking tags are now available for distribution. Life members may request a parking tag by emailing dgilbert@shsu.edu with their name and vehicle make, model and vehicle license tag number.
The Sam Houston State University Alumni Association club network is stronger than ever and growing. For more information, or to start a club in your area, contact Kelsey Christian, at kmchristian@shsu.edu or 936.294.2403. You may also visit our website at alumni.shsu.edu and click on the alumni chapter/club link to find a club in your area.

**CLASS NOTES**

**Updates now found in the Heritage magazine!**

We want to hear from you!

Send us updates on work, relocations, marriage, family, degrees, accomplishments - and a photo, too. Let other Bearkats know what you’ve been up to by completing the online form or emailing us your updates. Class Notes are shared in the Heritage magazine. Email: alumni@shsu.edu or fill out the form at shsu.edu/~alu_kat/services/classnotes

SAA Members Taishara Chism, Dale Dostal, Tony Talerico, Tracy Ford, Anna Lee Lynch, Martiza Cavazos and Danielle Ransom served as volunteers on May 2 for the Camp Hope Fundraiser held at the HEARTS Veterans museum. Camp Hope is a PTSD foundation of America outreach that helps veterans combat the unseen wounds of war.

SAA Membership Chair, Maritza Cavazos and Historian, Tracy Ford participate in Saturdays@SAM to let potential students know about the many advantages of joining SAA.
The Bryan/College Station Area Alumni & Friends Club and the Walker County Area Alumni & Friends Club joined together for a wine reception on June 17, 2014 at The Vineyards at Grandview in Richards, Texas.

Bill Thomas, owner of Grandview Manor welcomed alumni and friends to his vineyard and home.

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The SHSU Retired Faculty and Staff Alumni Club was officially formed in April 2014. Club officers are pictured left to right: Joey Chandler- Events/Student Recruitment Chair, Robert Dunning ’65-President, Marie Hayden ’69-Vice President, Jan McPike ’96-Secretary, Beverly Niederhofer ’96-Treasurer, Joe Smith ’65 and ’68-Membership Chair.

Members of the Waco Area Alumni Club and friends gathered at George’s Restaurant for a pre-game reception prior to the SHSU vs. Baylor baseball game.

Members of the SHSU Cowtown Alumni and Friends Club gathered at Fred’s for a pre-game rally prior to the SHSU vs. TCU NCAA Regional playoff game.

Game Day Tailgate 2014!

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*Alumni Association home tailgate 2 hours prior to Game Time.

Sponsorship Opportunities for 2014 Season

Sponsorship levels

- TOUCHDOWN (TAILGATE SEASON UNDERWRITER) - $2,500
- BEARKAT SPONSOR - $1,000
- ORANGE SPONSOR - $500
- WHITE SPONSOR - $250

For information and details about the sponsorship opportunities, please visit alumni.shsu.edu or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800.283.7478.
Attendees of the Young Alumni Happy Hour at Cottonwood in Houston.

2014-2015 Young Alumni Officers (Back row L-R) Ryan Elder ’11 President; Jordan Green ’08 Membership Chair; (Front row L-R) Meagan Lee ’12; Kyleen Sims ’08 Vice President; Trina Silva ’06 PR/Social Media Chair; and Erica Coats ’08.

Bearkat Champions!

The SHSU Baseball team celebrated their third consecutive SLC championship.

The SHSU women’s bowling team won the first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) title in any sport for SHSU by upsetting Nebraska to win the 2014 National Collegiate Women’s Bowling Championship.
Kick off the 2014 football season with fellow Bearkats on August 23 for the SHSU @ Eastern Washington game on ESPN. Alumni Clubs around the state and country are planning watch parties. Some of the areas in the planning stage are: Huntsville, Bay Area, Waco, San Antonio, Ft. Worth, Ft. Bend, Bryan/College Station, Tomball, Austin, Houston and Chicago, Il. Visit alumni.shsu.edu for details and updated listing of locations.