



*Message
 from
 your
 Dean*

It is with great sadness we mark the passing of an outstanding businesswoman, educator and friend. Those who took courses from **Professor Carol Lee Sangster** are undoubtedly aware of the tremendous impact she had on the lives of her students. And those of us who worked with her are keenly aware of the contributions she made to the College, to her colleagues, and to her classroom (see *In Memory*). She was a great friend to us all.

Keeping you informed about College news and events is important and this newsletter features several changes that are underway. Currently, we are feverishly busy developing architectural plans for a 46,000 square foot addition to our existing building (see *Work in Progress*). We are excited about the Smith-Hutson Addition and are looking forward to a new facility that will match our strong academic program, improve the quality of the educational experience for our students, and deliver growth capabilities we currently do not have. As soon as plans are finalized we will begin a capital campaign that will offer our alumni and associates several opportunities to sponsor and name these new classrooms. Funds raised from the campaign will allow us to enhance technology and fixtures within the building and to provide a more effective and efficient infrastructure for learning.

In *Milestones*, we highlight recent personnel changes within the College, and we are also pleased to announce the availability of university email accounts, at no charge (see *You've Got eMail!*).

Finally, and in spite of these challenging economic times, our honor roll of donors continues to grow. Because there is no job more important or essential than the education of our young people, we wish to recognize and thank those who have recently contributed to our educational mission (see *COBA Donors*). Your contributions are deeply appreciated; external gifts to the College enable us to maintain an academic program that meets both our students' needs and the challenges of today's emerging business environment.

– R. Dean Lewis

In Memory of Carol Lee Sangster '62

Professor Carol Lee Sangster, long-time accounting professor for the College of Business Administration, passed away March 25, 2003 after a lengthy illness. She was 65.

Carol Lee lived a remarkable life. A professional model and water skier early in life, she came to realize the importance of an education and graduated from the College of Business Administration in 1962 with a BBA in accounting. In 1963 she passed all four parts of the CPA exam and began work as a tax accountant in the Houston office of Peat Marwick and Mitchell. She later earned a Master of Accountancy degree in taxation from the University of Alabama and returned to Sam Houston State University in 1967 as an assistant professor of accounting. Known for her presentation abilities, competence in her field and sharp thinking,

Carol Lee made a name for herself both within accounting academia and the profession. In view of mounting health problems, however, she took medical leave during the fall of 1997, and full retirement on March 1, 1999.

During the 32 years Carol Lee Sangster taught in the College of Business Administration, she dedicated herself to the accounting profession and to her accounting students. She expected everyone under her tutelage to be excellent in all that they did, and held them to the highest standards of the accounting profession. Her students will never forget her or the impact she had on their lives.

The Department of Accounting established an endowed scholarship in 1999 in honor of Carol Lee Sangster. For those interested in making a contribution in her memory, please contact Dr. Ross Quarles, accounting department chair, at (936) 294-1258.

A Work in Progress...



The College of Business Administration will soon begin construction on a 46,000+ square foot addition to the Smith-Hutson Business Building. The Board of Regents of the Texas State University System recently approved plans for the \$8.3 million expansion, which has already been funded through general use fee bond proceeds and constitutional tax funds on hand. Preliminary plans for the three-story addition will add an auditorium, 15 classrooms, 39 faculty offices and two departmental suites to current facilities. The Smith-Hutson Addition will provide the College with much-needed space and consolidation for its rapidly growing programs. Final design plans will be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval in October 2003 and construction is slated to begin shortly thereafter.

The overall goal of the project is to expand the College's educational environment to more fully support and facilitate modern teaching methodologies. The addition will house state-of-the-art classroom space for undergraduate and graduate programs, centrally-located and more accessible departmental and faculty offices, and expanded computer facilities. Plans call for the

construction of six new classrooms and a state-of-the-art auditorium on the first floor, and eight mid-sized classrooms and space for technology demonstrations on the third floor. Departmental and faculty offices will be located on the second floor, increasing faculty accessibility for students. "The increase in space will add a lot to our programs in terms of capabilities and growth potential," Dean Lewis said.

The new addition will be built in the parking lot adjacent to the Smith-Hutson Building and will be linked to the current structure on all three levels through connecting corridors and a lobby. "The College of Business Administration," says R. Dean Lewis, "is currently maxed out in terms of classroom space and our faculty offices are spread out over three different buildings. The Smith-Hutson Addition will strengthen our educational mission and expand our capabilities to provide a suitable learning environment. We are eagerly looking forward to the day when we can ensure classroom space for the variety of classes we offer and enable our students more convenient access to the faculty."

Architects Graeber, Simmons and Cowan of Austin, Texas expect the project to be completed in May, 2005.

Homecoming 2002



Milestones

Dr. Muehsam Promoted

Dr. Mitchell J. Muehsam, associate dean and coordinator of graduate studies for the College, has been named dean of graduate studies and associate vice president of academic affairs for Sam Houston State University. His new position is effective fall, 2003.

Dr. Muehsam started his career at COBA in 1989 as an assistant professor in business analysis and was promoted to associate dean and coordinator of the College's graduate programs in 1996. Under his direction, COBA's MBA program has experienced significant growth and is now an important part of both the Huntsville campus and The University Center. In addition to the MBA program, Muehsam helped establish COBA's Master of Science in Finance degree and the 5-year accounting program.

In his new position Dr. Muehsam will work toward increasing enrollments and maximizing recognition for all of the university's graduate programs, as well as overseeing the university's accreditation efforts. "Dr. Muehsam's promotion is bittersweet for COBA," said R. Dean Lewis, dean of the College. "We are sad to see him leave the College, yet we are thrilled he has been given this opportunity. All of us here will miss him, and wish him the best in his new position."



Dr. Ashorn Named Associate Dean

Dr. Leroy Ashorn '66, MBA '67, chair of the Department of General Business and Finance, will assume the position of associate dean and coordinator of graduate studies for the College of Business Administration effective fall, 2003. An alumnus of Sam Houston State University and the College, Dr. Ashorn received his BBA degree in 1966 and his MBA in 1967. He earned his doctorate at the University of Arkansas in 1970 and returned to the College of Business Administration as an assistant professor of accounting. When the College organized into four academic departments in 1971, Dr. Ashorn began teaching finance courses for the Department of General Business and, in 1987, was designated department chair — a position he has held for the past 16 years.

Multitasking is one of Dr. Ashorn's strong suits; indeed, he thrives on juggling several projects at the same time. In addition to chairing the largest department, he has taught numerous courses within the College and has achieved an impeccable teaching record. He has also made significant contributions to the College in terms of innovation and technology while pursuing an active research agenda.

Dr. Ashorn and Myrna, his wife of 37 years, live in Huntsville. The couple has one grown son, Chris.



Mildred Maxwell Retires



Mildred D. Maxwell began her career with Sam Houston State University in 1961 when she accepted a position with Dr. W.T. Creager, Dean of Students. In May,

1972, Mildred accepted the position of secretary to the dean of the COBA and has continually served as administrative assistant for every COBA dean since - Dr. Jean Neal, Dr. Bobby K. Marks, Dr. James E. Gilmore, and Dr. R. Dean Lewis. Her skills, hard work and positive attitude were officially recognized in August 1978 when she was named the University's Employee of the Month.

Over the years Mildred has demonstrated a variety of interests and abilities and has cheerfully given of her time and talent to make the College a warm and friendly place. An excellent cook, Mildred has lovingly prepared for all her co-workers to enjoy her famous cornbread dressing and an endless supply of homemade pies, cakes and cookies. She has entertained friends with anecdotes of the trials and tribulations of life overseas and, a crack shot with a 30-30, she has regaled the most serious of hunters with stories of her own deer season experiences. Last fall, after 38 years of service to the University, Mildred began to make plans for her retirement, which became official on January 31.

On February 12, the faculty and staff of the College honored Ms. Maxwell with a campus retirement party in Austin Hall. Drs. Marks, Gilmore and Lewis all reminisced about her service to the College and the University and presented her with numerous gifts and mementos.

What are her plans now? Mildred is looking forward to several sightseeing trips, relaxing, and, she says, "NOT keeping a regular schedule!"

Carol Shaw Promoted



Carol Owens Shaw '74, formerly COBA's secretary for the department of accounting, has been promoted to the position of administrative assistant to the dean. Soon after her graduation from

Sam Houston State University, Carol was hired by Dr. Rita B. Huff, who was then chair of the department of accounting. Since that date she has worked for all the accounting department chairs of recent memory - Dr. Rita Huff, Dr. Ennis Hawkins, Dr. Thomas Rowe, Dr. Ronald Beckman and current chair, Dr. N. Ross Quarles. Carol served as departmental secretary for accounting for 25 years and vows that she will never work anywhere else but in the College of Business Administration! Her devotion to the College, her exemplary job performance, and her sunny personality make her promotion to the dean's office a

win-win deal for everyone! Originally from Palestine, Texas, Carol resides in Huntsville with her husband **Doug Shaw '75** and their two children, Shannon and Rusty.

Mandy Carrell Returns to COBA



Mandy Carrell '98 is the new departmental secretary for the department of accounting. Mandy began her career with SHSU in 2000 as the secretary for the Department of Military Science and transferred to

COBA's department of accounting just last February. During her undergraduate student days, Mandy majored in general business administration and received her BBA from the College in 1998. Mandy feels very welcome in the department of accounting and is glad to return "home" to the College of Business Administration. Married since 1999, she and her husband Rocky live in Huntsville and together own and operate the Moonlight Mystic limousine service.

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CLASSnotes

1930s

Ercell G. Bray '37 writes that after World War II he became the assistant treasurer at T.S. Bette Company in Houston. When that company was purchased by Lomas & Nettleton of Dallas, Ercell remained in Houston to head up the data processing section. He later transferred to Dallas and became executive vice president in charge of systems development. He retired in March 1987 and now makes his home in Houston.

1950s

Barbara (Houser) Landry '54 MBA '75 is a retired business teacher from Conroe High School. She is an active member of the Montgomery County Retired Teachers Association.

1960s

Joseph "Bud" Haney '63, president of Profiles International, Inc. of Waco, received the Pinnacle Award for lifetime achievement in sales and marketing from Sales and Marketing Executives International at SMEI's annual event in Oklahoma City. **Caren Shaffer '76**, former chairman of SMEI and president of Success Group LLC of Nashville, TN, presented the award.

T. Tolbert Chisum '67 lives in Kenilworth, IL and is very active as the director of new business development for the Wintrust Financial Corporation. The *Chicago Tribune* recently printed a special article highlighting his extensive community service, which includes chairman of Athletes Against Drugs, founder of the President's Council of the Heartland Alliance, chairman of the State Treasurer's Business Roundtable, director of the Lincoln Library and Museum Foundation, advisory council member of Haven Youth and Family Services, and chairman of the board of governors of the Metropolitan Club. And his favorite community service? Each year he dresses up as the Easter Bunny for the children of Kenilworth.

1970s

Charlie Amato '70 writes from San Antonio that he is extremely active in service organizations these days. He is especially proud of his selection and service as the 2002-2004 national chairman of the Children's Miracle Network, a position that enables him to work with the organization's founder Marie Osmond. Charlie was also recently nominated for the Health Care Heroes Lifetime Award by the *San Antonio Business Journal*. Charlie has two grown children, Marcus and Allison.

Dennis E. Fojtik '75 writes that he started work in Houston for Halliburton in 1977, a company that has enabled him to travel all over the world. He has worked in Houston, Fort Worth, Moscow Russia, Almaty Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan and vacationed in Spain, Italy, Turkey, Hungary, and Mallorca. Now with Baker Hughes in Houston, he still remembers **Dr. Adams**, the Jolly Fox night club and all the beautiful girls from his days at SHSU!

Monica (Bianckino) Myska '76 of Morgan Stanley's Sugar Land office has been named to the exclusive Wealth Advisor Group. The group provides customized investment strategies for affluent clients.

Ben '76 and **Cathy Vance '76** write from Cypress that both their sons are attending SHSU. Emerson is a junior, majoring in industrial education; Bryan, a

freshman, is on the lacrosse team and a business major.

David Mire '77 writes that he played baseball during his years at SHSU and was an All American Outfielder in 1976. His son Tyson, a senior at Westwood High School in Austin, is an all district player and has recently signed a letter of intent to play baseball at SHSU, too. David is the division president for David Weekley Homes in central Texas.

Kerry L. Wiggins '77 was elected the Austin market president of American Bank of Texas, N.A and serves on the board of directors for American Bank of Texas in Marble Falls, which is currently building a new banking facility on Bee Caves Road (FM 2244) to serve the Austin, Rollingwood and Westlake areas.

Mary (Navarra) Huddleston '78 writes from Katy that she is a project analyst for the Union Oil Company of California in Sugar Land. She is single and enjoys long distance bicycle rides, including the MS 150. Daughter Jena is now 15 years old.

Ben Bius '79 writes that he has been lucky to stay in Huntsville and build a business here. He started as a real estate broker and over the years his business has grown into a homebuilding, development and investment company. He has been building homes for seven years now and has just incorporated. One of his current projects is the construction of a new shopping center on the west side of town. It will be a beautiful structure (even though, he says, it was designed by an Aggie!) and should set a high tone for future development in the area. Ben says that he sees many SHSU alumni, but not a lot from COBA. He wishes some would come home, raise their families and build their businesses here in Huntsville!

David K. Simpson '79 writes from Houston that he and **Richard A. Kieval '80** have started Etna Energy Services, a new energy marketing company that will hopefully fill some of the void left by the Enron debacle and other energy merchant companies beset with credit problems.

The widow of **Timothy B. Reeves '79**, Judy Reeves, writes that her husband was killed in a car accident in Mexico on September 28, 2001. He worked in commercial real estate and was in sales for a concrete and paving company at the time of his death. He was 44 years old. He and Judy had been married for 15 years. She writes that Tim was a loving husband, dedicated father and had wonderful memories of his days at Sam Houston State.

1980s

Tom Nate '80 writes from Bandera that he has been employed in the petroleum industry for the past 15 years and is currently an area manager for Shell Oil Products in San Antonio. He is still active in the Pi Sigma Epsilon Professional Marketing and Sales fraternity where he has served as national president (1987-1990) and is currently on the Board of Trustees for the PSE National Educational Foundation. Last February he and his wife Irma '85 became the proud parents of their first child, Joshua Thomas Nate.

Tim Ballas '81 writes from San Leandro, CA that he is the managing director of Insignia ESG, a commercial real estate services firm. He lives in the San Francisco Bay area with his wife and four-year old daughter, Kelsie.

Charles W. Jones III '81, the Southeast Division Manager for WFS Financial, writes that his company recently hosted the 2nd Annual Gold Challenge at Bear Creek in Irving, which benefited the Autism Society of America's Dallas/Fort Worth chapter. The charity netted almost \$15,000 from the event thanks, in large part, to the efforts of **Mark A. Beedlow '84**, who worked tirelessly to promote the event. Mark, you may recall, was a two-year football letterman for SHSU in 1983-1984.

Bob Pohl '81 says hello from Houston.

Robert Quartaro '82 writes from Alpharetta, GA that his real estate company keeps him busy dealing with high-end residential sales, land development and commercial buildings. He and wife Elizabeth were married in 1999 and have two sons, Bradley and Taylor.

Brad Young '82 is an underwriter with State Farm Insurance in Austin. He is married to **Monica Goulding-Young '85**, who also works for State Farm as an assistant manager in learning and development. They have two children, Jordan and Gabrielle.

The father of **Andrew E. Walker '82** writes that Andrew died December 31, 2001 in a motorcycle accident. Andrew was very successful at his profession of accounting and held several chief financial officer positions at different times in his career. He is survived by his wife Cathy and their two sons, Jonathan and Anthony.

Tina Bland-Strand '84 writes that she and husband Kurtis opened their own business in August 2001 and were awarded the Entrepreneur of the 1st Quarter by the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce. Last October Tina was nominated and elected to the chamber's board of directors and their business received the 2002 Small Business of the Year Award at the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce annual gala in January. Tina and Kurtis live in Red Oak TX and have three children: Abby, Hunter and Zachary.

Paul H. List '84 wrote from Spring that he has worked as a commercial real estate appraiser now for 18 years. He and his wife Sylvia have two children, Anna and Adam.

Carl H. Kleimann '85 lives in Tomball and writes that he is the president of 1st Odyssey Group, a professional employer organization based in Dallas with a service center located in Houston. Carl is the immediate past president of NAPEO – the National Association of Professional Employer Organizations, which is based in Alexandria, VA – and a former president of the Texas Chapter of NAPEO.

Brad Hollibaugh '86 writes from Kingwood that he is married to Linda, still! Robert is now 19 and attends Texas A&M and Phillip is 14 and attends Kingwood High School. Brad is the president of a small restoration business with locations in Houston, San Antonio and College Station.

Jeffrey Bohannon '88 says hello from Missouri City.

1990s

Christopher J. Hughes '90 lives in Dallas with wife Jan and daughters Meredith and Natalie. He is vice president of the commercial insurance brokerage firm Swingle, Collins & Associates. A member of the board of directors of the Independent Insurance Agents of Dallas, he is also active with the state organization, the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas.

Keely (Stapleton) Gilmore '91 writes that she was recently promoted to assistant controller at Lloyd's Register North America's Houston office. Her office oversees the daily accounting operations for the United States, Canada and just recently added the Caribbean area. She lives in Spring Branch with husband **Kevin Gilmore '94** and their two children Matthew and Morgan. Kevin is employed with the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department. They have been married eight years and spent their last anniversary in Jamaica — without the kids! She couldn't close her note, she said, without thanking **Professor Jeff Harwell** and without wishing all her classmates life, love and laughter.

John Welch '91 writes from Tyler that he and Jessica Carroll were married on February 8, 2003.

Class Notes, COBA Donors and COBA Contributors

Sue (Minnick) Carlson '93 writes from Longmont, CO that she has been with IBM for six years and has racked up a lot of frequent flyer miles! After her promotion to global sourcing strategist in the general procurement area, she spent two months implementing strategy in Canada, Mexico, Ireland, Scotland, England, Austria and Luxembourg. She and Malcolm Carlson were married on July 4, 2001 and they are planning to move to the Dallas/Fort Worth area sometime this year.

Hina Khan Class MBA '98 wrote from The Woodlands that she and husband Esa welcomed baby girl Ameena Yasmine on October 28, 2002. Ameena weighed in at eight pounds 4 ounces. Hina works in downtown Houston for J.P. Morgan Private Bank and is an active member of the MBA Alumni Association.

Marilyn Byrd MBA '99 was selected to participate in the annual PhD Project Conference in Chicago last November. Marilyn is an administrator for the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice and serves as an adjunct faculty member for North Harris Community College and Angelina College.

2000s

Andrew Wenzel '00 writes from College Station that not long after 9/11 his National Guard unit was mobilized as part of Operation Noble Eagle for homeland security. After a year of active duty, he is back at his regular job as business manager at the Texas Engineering Extension Service. Andrew still serves part time in the National Guard, currently as Commander of Headquar-

ters, 3rd Battalion 141st Infantry in Weslaco.

Margaret Elmore '01 writes from Kingwood that she continues to travel quite a bit with her job in Baker Hughes' corporate internal audit department. Her life is pretty busy these days, but Margaret is able to keep in touch with **Aimee Hymel MSFin '02**.

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- Bobby D. Carrol '61
- Carol Lee Sangster '62
- Hazel E. Ivey '67
- Evelyn Mansilla Bryan '75
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Great news! All former students who have completed at least 15 hours at Sam Houston State University are now eligible for an email account through the University's Computer Services department. SHSU email accounts will include the suffix *@shsu.edu*, can be accessed at any time, and can even be forwarded to other email addresses.

To apply for an SHSU email address, simply log onto the Sam Houston home page at www.shsu.edu and, at the *Fast Links* drop box, scroll down to *Computer Services* and click on that link. At the top of the Computer Services page, click on *Forms* and then select *Alumni Email Request*. Print and complete the request form and mail or fax the form back to Computer Services. Once your previous student status has been verified, Computer Services can establish your account within two to five days.

You will be notified by phone or email of your new account name and temporary password.

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