The Sam Houston State University Parents’ Association is pleased to announce the winners of their Spring 2004 scholarships. Lindsey Bates, Grant Pappas and Mark Thibodeaux have been selected to receive $1,000 awards from the group this semester.

Lindsey Bates is a freshman from Lumberton. She is an Animal Science major and plans to attend Texas A&M University to study Veterinary Medicine after graduation. She is historian for Best Buddies and a Key volunteer for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She is the daughter of Rita Bates.

Grant Pappas is a sophomore Radio/Television Major from Bryan. He is vice president of Circle K, a member of the Bearkat Marching Band and the Texas Association of Broadcast Students. He also volunteers with the Brazos Valley Hospice Association. He is the son of Nicholas and Sheri Pappas and plans a career in broadcasting after graduation from SHSU.

Mark Thibodeaux is a junior Animation/Graphic Design major from Huntsville. He is in the SHSU Honors Program and is a student assistant in the Student Advising and Mentoring (SAM) Center. He teaches study skills courses at SHSU and to at-risk students at Kingwood High School. He has also volunteered at the Huntsville Main Street Project. After graduation Mark plans to attend graduate school to continue his study of 3-D computer animation. He is the son of Terry and Paula Thibodeaux.

The SHSU Parents’ Association awards three scholarships each long semester. To be considered for this award, applicants must have completed 12 semester hours, be enrolled for 12 hours during the semester for which the scholarship is given, have a SHSU GPA of 3.0 and not previously received a Parents’ Association Scholarship. Only students of active members of the Parents’ Association may apply for these scholarships.

The deadline for applying for Fall 2004 scholarships is September 10, 2004. An application is included in this newsletter. Current members of the Parents’ Association are reminded that their membership must be renewed for the upcoming year in order for their students to be eligible for a scholarship award during the 2004-05 academic year. For further information contact Mary Ellen Sims, Assistant Dean of Students at 936-294-3026 or mesims@shsu.edu.

SHSUPA is very proud of the Spring 2004 Scholarship Winners. Left to right: Grant Pappas, Lindsey Bates, and Mark Thibodeaux.
Dear Parents,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as President of SHSUPA these past two years and as an officer on the board for the last 4 years! It is my hope that as time goes on, the SHSUPA will continue to grow and flourish. It is very exciting to see all the new faces of volunteers; especially this year! I have extreme confidence that the current and new Board members will reach even greater goals and challenges!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped make the SHSUPA the success that it has become. Dean Mary Ellen Sims has been a wonderful Advisor; directing, guiding and helping the PA through many ‘growing pains’. I value her not only as our Advisor but also as a friend! Dee & Danny Conrad will be stepping down this fall. The Conrad’s have held many positions with SHSUPA over the years; the most current being responsible for all of our ‘specialty items’. Thank you for a job well done! Lauren Pietrocarlo, “Membership” – what an awesome job Lauren has done. A huge undertaking that Lauren completed this year was getting the SHSUPA data base current and up to date. Two years worth of information is now all organized and ready for her predecessor! Lauren has also been our connection for apples and candy for Apple Days. Thank you so much for all you have done and you willingness to help. Lauren will be stepping down this fall also. Now, for our returning members - Sibyl Sanderson, our fearless treasurer! Sibyl is amazing. She takes a very vital, important job and makes it look easy! You have been such a joy to know! Lindy Miller – our ENTHUSIASTIC, SPIRIT FILLED, BEARKAT secretary. Thanks to Mary Doerfler, the editor of our SHSUPA newsletter. A special thank you is given to Cynthia Hinson, our Historian / Parliamentarian, who created a wonderful Power Point presentation used in recruiting future Bearkats. A heart-filled thank you to you all! Because of all of you – dedicated, caring, committed and loving parents, the SHSUPA will continue to grow and to thrive. I wish you all the best.

To all the parents reading this, become involved with the SHSUPA. It is truly a blessing worth receiving.

Sincerely,
Kelly Clements

Sam Houston State University is 125 Years Old!

Sam Houston State University celebrated its 125th anniversary on April 21, 2004.

Sam Houston State University came into existence in 1879 when Texas governor Oran Roberts signed the legislation to create Texas’ first ‘Normal School’ in Huntsville. The original name was Sam Houston Normal Institute, and it opened with 110 students and four faculty members.

The college originally only offered two-year degrees. However, in 1919 the college expanded to four years and was awarded its first baccalaureate degree.

In 1923, the institution became Sam Houston State Teachers College. Graduate programs were offered for the first time in 1936. In 1969, the university changed to the current name, Sam Houston State University.

President Gaertner is the 12th president of Sam Houston State University.

The anniversary marks a great history Sam Houston State University has had over the years.
Volunteers Needed for Campus Events

**SHSU Parent’s Association is asking for member’s help.** The board would like to expand our parent volunteers at the various events sponsored by the SHSUPA. The following is a list of events that require members actual presence. If you are willing to donate a little of your time to represent the Parent’s Association, please let us know.

**Freshman Orientation:** We need volunteers to talk with prospective parents about becoming a member of the Association. Also, SHSUPA’s great merchandise is sold at Freshman Orientation. The SHSUPA sponsors an ice cream reception that night of orientation. The money benefits students in the form of scholarships, candy, scantrons, and apples for Apple Days. Orientation dates are July 15, July 22 and August 2, 2004. The time is from 8:00 am to approximately 2:00 pm.

**Parent’s Weekend:** This year Parent’s Weekend will be September 17-19, 2004. During Parent’s weekend, SHSUPA sells memberships and merchandise. We speak with SHSU parent’s and hold our annual membership meeting.

**Homecoming Tailgate Party:** This is SHSUPA’s third annual tailgate party. We speak with parents, students and sell merchandise.

**Saturday @ SAM:** This event is usually held in late fall and spring. We help with a coffee for perspective students and parents twice a year as they visit SHSU.

**Apple Days:** This event occurs in the fall and spring semesters for two days. The Parent’s Association personally gives apples, candy and scantrons to the students during finals. The event usually begin at 8:00 am and ends around 12 noon on each day. If you can donate one day of time for this event that would be great!

If you can give a few hours of your time to any of the above events, please contact SHSUPA@hotmail.com or call Mary Doerfler at 254-778-3070 after 6pm.

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**SHSUPA Membership Application for 2004-2005**

Parents and friends of SHSU students are encouraged to join the SHSU Parents’ Association. The association awards scholarships, hosts special events and keeps parents informed of important campus issues. Membership dues are $25 per family per year. A portion of this fee contributes to annual scholarships.

Benefits of membership include:

- Bi-annual newsletter
- Student scholarship eligibility
- Special offers for members

- ____ Renewal membership
- ____ New membership

Name __________________________________________________________ Phone (________) __________________________

Address ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

City ____________________________________________________________ State _______________ Zip ________________

Student’s Name ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Membership period: 9/1/04 to 8/31/05

Membership applications must be received by August 31, 2004 for scholarship eligibility.

Please send this form and a $25 check/money order payable to SHSUPA’s Association
Post Office Box 2201, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2201
Scholarship Application
Deadline: September 10, 2004

Requirements for Eligibility
- Applicant’s parents or guardians must be members in good standing with the SHSU Parents’ Association (SHSUPA), with new or renewal memberships received by August 31, 2004.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours for Spring 2004.
- Applicant must have completed 12 SHSU undergraduate hours by Summer 2004.
- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Applicant must not have previously received a scholarship from the SHSUPA.
- Applicant must submit a current transcript.

Award
Three students will be awarded $1000 each. Recipients will be selected and notified.

Selection Process
Applications will be screened by the SHSUPA Scholarship Screening Committee. Selected finalists will be interviewed by the committee. Decisions made by the committee are final.

INSTRUCTIONS: Type or print all information requested on this form. Please mail completed form and attachments to SHSU Parents’ Association, PO Box 2201, Huntsville, TX 77341-2201.

Full Name: __________________________________________ SSN: ______________________________________
Local Address: ______________________________________
__________________________________________________ Phone: (______) ___________________________
Home Address: ______________________________________
__________________________________________________ Phone: (______) ___________________________
Parents names: ______________________________________
Hours completed:____________________________________ Hours in progress: __________________________
Classification: ____________________ Major: _______________________ Minor: _________________________
SHSUPA Scholarship Application Continued

Name: ________________________________________________________________________________________

List extracurricular and/or community activities and employment while at SHSU in the space below:
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List special academic and/or service awards and special programs while at SHSU in the space below:
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☐ Attach a current transcript (unofficial is acceptable).
☐ Attach a letter to the committee describing why you feel you deserve a scholarship and describe some of your career objectives.
☐ Attach two reference letters. Please do not use letters from relatives.

All of the answers provided in this application are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature ___________________________________________________ Date: ____________________________

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**SHSU ON THE MOVE**

Sam Houston State University is definitely a university on the move notes, Trevor Thorn, Assistant Director, Undergraduate Admissions at SHSU. Over the past five years there has been a consistent increase in enrollment resulting in five consecutive fall semesters with record enrollment. This increase has resulted in higher admissions standards and subsequently higher ACT and SAT averages for the freshman class.

Furthermore, it has created the need for new facilities which have been and are being built. Currently, the University has approximately $100 million tied up in construction from residence halls and academic buildings to athletic and recreational sports facilities. The recent completion of upper classman housing, a student dining hall, parking garage, and a renovated student center are just some of the facilities enjoyed by current Bearkats.

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