

# Division of Student Services

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## A Message from the Interim VP

As we approach the middle of the fall semester, we find ourselves looking back and taking note of how eventful this semester has been. After Hurricane Rita, it is important to refocus and prepare for important upcoming events such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, final exams and commencement.



The Office of the Vice President for Student Services is excited about sharing our division newsletter. In this issue we will highlight student achievements, outstanding programs and memorable events, welcome new staff as well as recognize individuals or groups that have, through their involvement, brought recognition to Sam Houston State University.

We encourage you to participate in the many sporting events and campus activities happening on campus. For more information about these events, please refer to our Student Services Activities Calendar at [www.shsu.edu/calendar/](http://www.shsu.edu/calendar/). We also invite you to visit the Student Services homepage at [www.shsu.edu/vpss](http://www.shsu.edu/vpss) and become familiar with the various departments and services available to serve our Sam Houston Bearkats!

Student Services is dedicated to providing our students with opportunities and resources that will promote their life skills within the academic environment, as stated in our division motto, "*Enhancing Learning for Student Success.*"

Sincerely,

Mr. Frank Parker  
Interim VP for Student Services



## Highlights: Student Achievements

Congratulations to Ms. Barbara Roberts for completing her internship at the Texas State Comptroller's Office of Ms. Carole Keaton Strayhorn. According to Barbara, her summer internship with the comptroller's office was a rewarding and unique experience. She was one of two interns out of approximately twelve total who did not have any ties to Austin (i.e., did not live in the area or attend UT or Texas State University - San Marcos). Her official title was Clerk III in the Legal Administration Section of the Open Records Division. Although her job duties were fairly typical based on the amount of scanning and copying involved, Barbara feels that the experience she gained was definitely atypical. As an intern in the Open Records Division, she came in contact with important records from lawyers, media, the Attorney General's office and the Governor's office. The Comptroller's Office touches every facet of life in Texas. This was evident through the range of work she handled including the copying and redaction of documents. As an intern, Barbara was largely responsible for implementing an electronic archive system for the Attorney General files, which by law is required of the Open Record Division.

Barbara and her fellow interns became more familiar with state government, and as part of the comptroller experience they took trips to the Harry Ransom Museum (to see the Gutenberg Bible) and to the State Capitol to meet with members of the litigation division. She also witnessed firsthand the excitement associated with Comptroller Strayhorn's announcement of her run for governor. The highlight of her experience came near the end, when she and the other few interns remaining met Comptroller Strayhorn. "She really is 'one tough grandma'. She joked and laughed with us and made sure we left her office with Texas-sized brownies in our bellies or hands."



Barbara admits that the experience has piqued her interest in the world that Austin has to offer. As she prepared to leave Austin, a co-worker suggested that she go to law school. "I'm not sure about that right now. At the moment I student-teach Government, and I will use my experience to help the students I teach in the coming weeks. Experience definitely is the best educator."

# Memorable Events: Tribute to the Deans Ceremony

This momentous ceremony took place on September 14, 2005, in the Lowman Student Center Ballroom. The occasion paid tribute to Dean Sidney Detlefsen, Dean William R. Powell and Dean M.C. “Mac” Sutton for their years of service and contributions to Sam Houston State University. Mr. Frank Parker, Interim VP for Student Services, gave the introduction and welcoming remarks. Dr. James F. Gaertner, President of Sam Houston State University, provided special comments, while the presentation of the plaques and the unveiling of the portraits were made by Ms. Mary Ellen Sims, Assistant Dean of Students, Mr. Coleman Porter and Mr. Larry Zacharias, Chief of Police of Richardson, Texas. There were over 100 friends and family members in attendance happy to pay tribute to the honorees.



*Pictured above are Mr. Bernard Detlefsen, Mrs. M.C. “Mac” Sutton and Mr. William R. Powell. To the right are pictures of family members of the honorees that were also present.*

The Office of the Vice President for Student Services would like to give special thanks to the Orange Key members who volunteered their time to assist during the ceremony and to the Freshman Leaders who also took time from their busy schedules to recognize these unique individuals.





At the beginning of each school year, the Office of Student Activities and Dean of Students' Office plan and coordinate several programs and events to help our students become familiar with everything that Sam Houston has to offer. The following pages will highlight a few of the many events that were held this semester. Be sure to check the Student Services Activities Calendar at [www.shsu.edu/calendar](http://www.shsu.edu/calendar) for programs and events that are yet to come.

The Administrators' & Organizations' Fair takes place in the Lowman Student Center Mall Area. Once a year, administrators, faculty and staff

members volunteer their time to serve food prepared by Aramark to the student population who are on a current meal plan. This year, this event took place on August 30, 2005. Traditionally, this event takes place in conjunction with the Student Organizations' Fair which is another event sponsored by Student Activities that provides one of many opportunities for existing student organization members and prospective organization members to interact and mingle with one another. These events also provide great opportunities to recruit new members and publicize your organization.

# Organizations' Fair



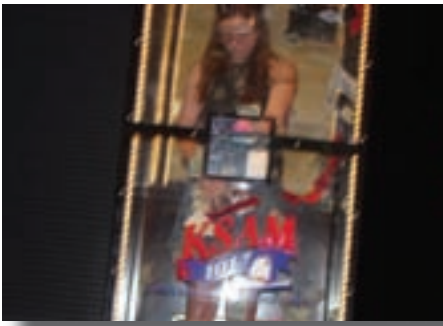
**Join an Organization!**

**Meet Other Students with Similar Interests!**

**Make New friends!**

**Gain Leadership Experience!**

**"Enhancing Learning for Student Success"**



## Bearkat Mania

*August 24-25, 2005*

Huntsville vendors set up booths and provided information about the services they offer the Huntsville Community as well as hand out lots of free food and giveaways.



# On-Campus

## Unityfest

*August 25, 2005*

This event featured food, fun games, and crafts from AROUND THE WORLD! All attendees had the opportunity to meet members from the different and diverse student organizations at SHSU and another opportunity to earn DIVERSITY DOLLARS!



## Student Services Day

*August 31, 2005*

Student Services Day took place in the LSC Atrium. The departments from the Division came out to provide information about their respective department and also gave away lots of free stuff. This event provided students an opportunity to become familiar with the departments within the Division of Student Services.



# Programs & Events

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## Asian Student/ Faculty/Staff Mixer

*September 14, 2005*

This event was coordinated by the Office of MISS. Asian-American faculty and staff at SHSU came together to network and meet students of similar backgrounds while enjoying free food. This was yet another opportunity to earn DIVERSITY DOLLARS!



## Casino Night

*October 3, 2005*

This year the Homecoming theme was “Viva Huntsvegas,” and as part of the celebration leading up to Homecoming 2005 various events were held on campus to prepare for Homecoming. Casino Night offered free casino games and prizes!



## Sam Jam

*October 5, 2005*

Sam Jam was held in celebration of SHSU’s Homecoming. There were carnival games, rides, food, drinks and prizes for everyone!

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SHSU's 2005 "Viva Huntsvegas...Bearkat Style" Homecoming offered fun and activities for all. (Above) Senior criminal justice major *Christopher Pedison* and junior radio-television major *Jenna Zibton* were crowned king and queen during halftime of SHSU's game against Northwestern State.



Among the activities for this year's Homecoming were the *Homecoming Parade* and the *SHSU vs. Northwestern State football game*. During halftime, a donation for \$250,000 was made by Houston businessman and alumnus Ron Mafrige. This donation will make possible the construction of a new strength and conditioning facility for Bearkat athletics.

photos by *Brian Blalock*.

# Achievements & Accomplishments:

## Competing for National Title

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This past summer, the Office of the Vice President for Student Services was happy to provide funding to the Sam Houston State University Club Baseball team to assist them in their travel to Florida to compete for the National Title. The team had the opportunity to play and compete in the 2005 National Club Baseball Association World Series in Bradenton, Florida. Only 8 out of over 130 teams in the United States get an opportunity to compete for the National Title, and SHSU qualified as one of the eight teams. While staying in Bradenton, the team played all of their games at McKechnie Field, home to the Pittsburgh Pirates' spring training games. After playing great baseball, the Bearkats placed 5th in the nation and are looking to represent their school once again in next year's World Series. We are very proud of the Sam Houston State University Club Baseball Team for representing SHSU in the top national competitive level.



Top Row (left to right): Taylor Cross, Mitchell Jeffcoat, Karl Conger, Cody Davis, William Hinkie, Justin Smith, Owen McIntyre

Bottom Row (left to right): Tim LeCompte, Clint Arnold, Brett Jarvis, Coy Jay, Fernando Garza, Eduardo Emmerich, Scott Bennett

# New Employees:

## New Faces in the Division

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*Dr. Andrew Miller,*  
Counseling Psychologist

Dr. Miller grew up in rural Illinois, where he lived until 1999 when he completed his B.A. in Psychology from Eastern Illinois University. In an effort to avoid long, cold winters, he moved to Lexington, KY to pursue a M.S. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Kentucky, which he completed in 2001. Kentucky was still too cold for his liking, so Andrew moved to Texas where he began work on his Doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology at Texas A&M University. His pre-doctoral internship year was spent at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte's Counseling Center, where he completed his dissertation. He finished his Ph.D. in 2005 and was happy to remain in Texas after graduation. In his free time, Andrew enjoys reading fiction, watching movies, attempting various hobbies, swimming, and spending time with his small menagerie.



*Ms. Kim Moon,*  
Sign Language Interpreter

Ms. Moon has been an interpreter since 1977 and has been the Sign Language Interpreter for deaf and hard of hearing students at Sam Houston State University for the past four years. She graduated from Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas. Kim is originally from Kenosha, Wisconsin but has lived in Texas most of her life. She is married to Dan Moon who pastors at a local church. She has two children, Sarah, who is married and is a second grade teacher, and Jonathan, who is currently attending college. Kim enjoys reading, going to garage sales and finding a bargain.

**Welcome to SHSU!**

# Still to Come!

## November

- 4 - 6 Parent/Family Weekend
- 5 Multicultural Reception
- 10 - 12 SHSU Dance Company
- 15 International Student Conference
- 16 Rec Sports “Turkey Trot”
- 19 *Saturdays @ Sam Organizations Fair*
- 21 Last Day for Resignations
- 23 - 25 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**
- 29 Multicultural Awareness Certification Reception

## December

- 1 LSC Tree Trimming Party
- 6 SAMentors Winter Ball
- 7 “Tree of Light” Ceremony
- 9 Last Class Day
- 12 - 15 **FINAL EXAMS**
- 16 Residence Halls Close
- 17 **COMMENCEMENT**



For dates and times of sporting events  
or any other student events, visit the  
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