

Division of Student Services

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NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

This is an exciting era, under the leadership of Dr. James F. Gaertner, within the Division of Student Services. We are in the midst of two new construction projects, which include the Baseball/Softball Complex and the Recreational Sports Weight Room Facility, Rock Climbing Wall, and Swimming Pool. These added features will greatly enhance student life at Sam Houston State University.

In order to broaden the cadre of students' morale, participation and appreciation for Sam Houston State University, a survey has been developed for student, staff, and faculty distribution. We anticipate that the results will indicate numerous strategies for encouraging campus-wide participation at all university events.

Since 1995, the Student Assessment Paradigm (StAP) study has been conducted to determine the characteristics of freshmen at Sam Houston. Originally, the initial survey was conducted during Freshmen Orientation. The follow-up survey was conducted during the Spring semester in a classroom setting.

In November of 2001, the Deans' Council approved a proposal allowing both of the Student Assessment Surveys (one dealing with student perceptions upon entering college and the other dealing with their knowledge after experiencing a year in college) to be given out in class. After reviewing these surveys, studies indicate that students are providing innovative ideas and positive feedback.

Staff meet regularly to discuss new ideas, as well as, important issues through the Student Services Administrative Policy Council (SSAPC) and the Division of Student Services Town Hall meeting. We strive to offer the best student centered service.

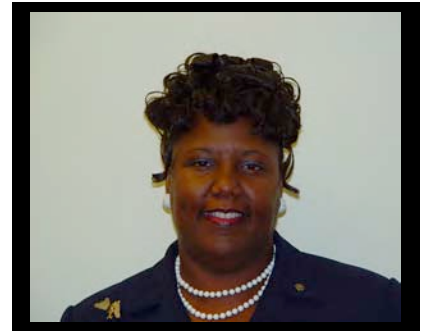
In this issue, we will highlight the outstanding programs and accomplishments achieved by the departments within the Division of Student Services. They all exemplify our division motto: *"Unlocking Potential Through Education, Leadership, and Service."*

We are thankful to the leaders, managers, and employees in this division whose efforts inspire new ideas, strengthen our traditions, and support the mission of Sam Houston State University.

Sincerely,



Dr. Thelma J. Douglass, VP for Student Services



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NEW VISION & GOALS ESTABLISHED FOR 2004-05

During the Vice President for Student Services Staff Retreat in January 2004, a new vision was formulated to complement the President's vision for Sam Houston State University.

Sam Houston State University Student Services will be a premier division in creating a student culture for learning, leading, and developing.

New strategic goals were also developed to correspond to performance indicators that will enhance the capability of division programming.

STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Promote inter-cultural diversity among staff and students.
2. Increase staff and student participation in activities.
3. Increase donor participation.
4. Increase constituents' participation in collaborative programs.
5. Recognize staff and student achievements.
6. Assess staff and student needs.

OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES

OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY RING UNVEILED

Mr. Kevin Hayes, Director of Alumni Relations and Co-Chair, with Mr. Carlton Green, former Assistant Director of Student

Activities, worked diligently with the University Ring committee, comprised of faculty, staff, students, and alumni, to create an official University Ring for Sam Houston State University students. Dr.

Thelma Douglass chaired the committee with creating this new tradition at SHSU based on Dr. Gaertner's wish to create new traditions and revisit old. The goal of an official ring is to evoke memories of events

and traditions at SHSU; classes, friendships, and sporting events. The ring was unveiled at Homecoming 2003.



On April 22, 2004, the first official ring ceremony will be held on the steps of Austin Hall as part of the 125th Celebration of Sam Houston State University. This is an opportunity to publicly recognize the accomplishments of each

student that participates. Sponsored by the Vice President for Student Services and the Alumni Association, Dr. James F. Gaertner will make the presentation of each ring.



OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN SERVICE AWARDS

The Division of Student Services recently held its annual Outstanding Leadership In Service Awards ceremony in the Lowman Student Center Ballroom. Sponsored by the Vice President for Student Services, Dr. Thelma J. Douglass, the program acknowledges those employees with years of dedication and service to Sam Houston State University. At this year's event, the following staff were recognized for commitment and hard work ranging from 5 to 30 years of service:

5 Years

Mr. Greg Hinze Mr. Bob Marlin

10 Years

Mr. Ed Chatal Dr. Thelma J. Douglass
Mr. John C. Holder Ms. Sue Knight
Mr. Kevin McKinney

15 Years

Ms. Ella Hoolahan Ms. Pat Luna

20 Years

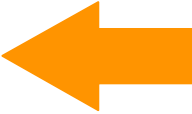
Ms. Chris Thompson

30 Years

Ms. Paula Culak Mr. Charles Tackett

The highlight of the event is the special recognition of outstanding exempt and non-exempt employees and the Team of the Year Award. President James F. Gaertner and Dr. Thelma Douglass presented these prestigious awards. The 2003 recipients include *Paul Ridings, Outstanding Exempt Employee of the Year*, and *Frieda Turner, Outstanding Non-Exempt Employee of the Year*. The *Team of the Year Award* was presented to the *Department of Recreational Sports and Activities*.

Visit the Student Services homepage to view more pictures of this event.



PEER HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM/ SPRING HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

The Student Health Center implemented a Peer Health Education Program in the fall semester of 2003. The program employs students majoring in health-related studies to coordinate and implement and assist in additional programming during the spring semester.

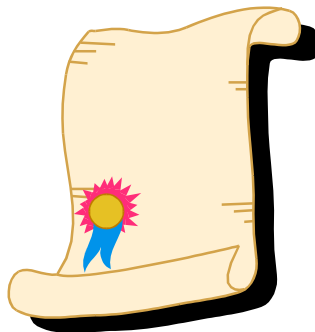
One of the programs that the students will assist with is *Body, Mind, & Spirit-Spring Health & Wellness Fair* which will take place on February 24th in the LSC mall

area. This event is a collaborative effort between the Student Health Center, Recreational Sports, and the Counseling Center. Several student organizations, university departments, and community entities have agreed to participate in the fair. The event will include a drunk driving simulator, massage sessions, yoga demonstrations, and various displays and interactive activities that promote health and wellness.

STUDENTS' LEGAL SERVICES AWARDED OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

The Department of Students' Legal Services was awarded the Outstanding Service Award at the January 2004 Southwest Region of University Student Legal Services Association Conference.

The award recognizes Outstanding Student Legal Services provided to students of Sam Houston State University and contributions to the Student Legal Services Association. Sam Houston State University was a founding member of the Student Legal Services Association



a decade ago.

Dr. James Gibson, the Students' Legal Advisor, is the current treasurer of the Association.

Previously, Sam Houston State University has also won the Presidents' Award for Special Project Excellence in January 2002, and in recognition of most Outstanding Student Legal Services in 1996 by N.L.A.D.A.- S.L.S (National Association for Legal Defense-Students' Legal Services).



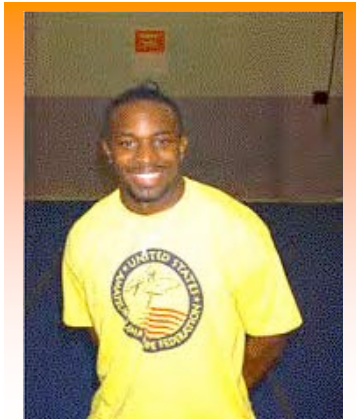
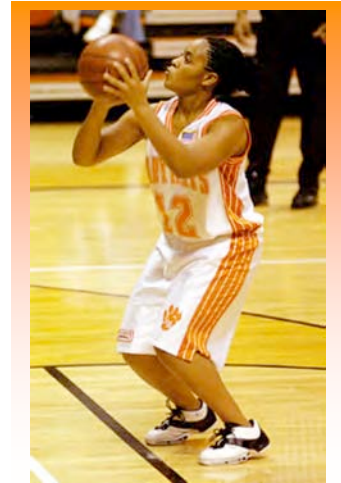
STUDENT PROFILE:

Stacy Allen

After having reconstructive surgery and spending extensive hours in rehabilitation, Stacy Allen is back on the basketball court. She is the leading scorer on the Sam Houston Women's Basketball team. In December 2003, Stacy was selected to the All-Tournament Team after scoring 11.2 points a game and having a season high of 27 during the Bobcat Classic Tournament.

With 1,043 career points midway through a 27-game season, Allen is considered an excellent candidate for becoming one of the top five scorers in the history of Sam Houston State University Women's Basketball.

Bearkat fans will have several opportunities to see Stacy in action at upcoming home games to be held at Johnson Coliseum during the month of February.



Shaun Hamilton

Shaun came to Sam Houston from Abilene, Texas. He is working on his Bachelor's degree in Health Education with a minor in Marketing. He plans to graduate in December 2004. Shaun is currently employed in the Office of the Vice President for Student Services.

Aside from his academics, Shaun is very active in jumping rope. At the age of 7, he picked up his first jump rope. Some of his many achievements include: American Heart Association All-Star Jump Rope demonstrator, 2 time USA Jump Rope National Champion, he holds the world record for sestuplit (6 under), All Around World Champion, State Champion for 10 years, 2000 Hall of Fame Inductee, 2003 Grand Nation Single Rope Champion, 2003 Youngest Board of Directors member of USA Jump Rope, 2003 Heart of a Champion recipient, and Houston Rocket entertainer.

Shaun has recently been invited to appear on the "Oprah Winfrey" Show.



STAFF PROFILE:

CHRIS PARK

BAccording to Bobby Williams, Director of Athletics, there is a new position in the Bearkat Athletic Department. Mr. Williams announced that Chris Park will be the new Sam Houston State University's Athletic Development Coordinator.

Park comes to Sam Houston State from Texas A&M where he worked in the athletic marketing office. He served as 12th Man Team Rewards Program Coordinator, negotiating and developing corporate sponsorships for the program and managing the program's \$300,000 budget. He also worked with game day media operations in the Texas A&M Athletic Website Office.



A 2002 graduate of Texas A&M, Park holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing from the Lowry Mays College of Business, and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He is currently working towards a Master of Science in Kinesiology with an emphasis in sport management. Park was the recipient of the Ford Motor Company Scholarship and received Alpha Mu Alpha recognition of outstanding achievement in marketing. He was a midfielder for and served as president of the Texas A&M men's lacrosse team. He received Academic All-America recognition for the United State Lacrosse Association in both 2002 and 2003.

During the summer of 2001, Park served as an intern in the athletic marketing office at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

"I am thrilled about the opportunity to become a part of the Sam Houston State family and the athletic department," said Park. "I am looking forward to hitting the ground running and working closely with Bobby Williams, Greg Hinze and the entire athletic department staff. This is a new position, and I think its creation is a direct result of the growth of athletics at Sam Houston State. Anytime you can work in an environment where growth and positive things are happening makes it an exciting place to work. My main goal is to do everything I can to create a winning environment for all of our athletic programs."



BASEBALL & SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Construction on the new \$5.5 million facility beside Bowers Stadium started in late December 2003. The facility will include a new baseball park, new softball field, spacious dressing areas, in-door hitting cage, lights and ample coaches' office space. The Bearkat baseball and softball teams hope to play their first seasons in the new facilities in 2005.

According to Chris Rupp, Bearkat Baseball Coach, "The new facility will bring us up to date with all the other programs and show the commitment Sam Houston has for its baseball program."

Athletic Director Bobby Williams, John Skeeters, Bob Brock, and Chris Rupp were a part of the group that helped design the new complex. The new, yet-to-be named facility is scheduled to open in the spring of 2005.

"The whole community is going to rally around the opening of a beautiful new facility like this."



Williams said, "most of the time you inherit your facilities, but this is an opportunity to get the field the way we want it, the dugouts, the stands, the press box, concessions, being able to get those right. That's the fun part. If all goes well, the Bearkats will move into their new baseball and softball homes in the spring of 2005."

Coach Brock indicated that this would be something that would help not only the baseball and softball programs, but all programs at Sam Houston State University. His 2004 softball team is expected to be a front-runner in the Southland Conference race. Brock also said, "The whole community is going to rally around the opening of a beautiful new facility like this."

The location of the new facility and the additional lighting which Holleman Field and the Bearkat Softball Complex currently do not have, will make it easier for working fans to get to the games during the spring. The new lighting will also allow flexibility for game times. Both facilities will have chairback seating, and the press area is designed to allow Sam Houston to host the Southland Conference tournaments as well as Regionals.

Williams believes the new baseball and softball complex will enhance the athletic program at Sam Houston State University. He also believes that recruiting and overall departmental attitude will improve. Williams recalls the excitement that reverberated all over town when construction started on Bowers Stadium. He feels that same excitement is starting to build because of the new baseball/softball complex.



STAFF PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

**A Comparison Of Online Versus In Person Screening On College Campuses:
Presentation at the American College Health Association National
Convention—June 2004**

In Collaboration: Dr. Pamela McManus, Sam Houston State University, Robert Portnoy, University of Nebraska; Celeste Osgood, Jackson State Community College; Gene Walenstein, Screening for Mental Health; and Shiney James, Screening for Mental Health.

**Capitalizing on Conflict: Strategies and Practices for Turning Conflict to Synergy
in Organizations: A Manager's Handbook**

Dr. Jim Gibson and Dr. Kirk Blackard

Published by Davies-Black Publishing—April 19, 2002.

**Challenged Students Challenge a University: Presentation at the National
Association for Developmental Education 27th Annual
Conference—February 14, 2003**

Co-Presenters: Dr. Diane Dowdy, Writing Center, Dr. Pamela W. McManus, Counseling Center, Bill Rudolph, Writing Center.

Faculty Collaboration: An Ideal Paradigm in the Academy of Student Affairs

By Dr. Thelma J. Douglass, Debbie Nichols, and Uneeda F. Givens

Published in Perspectives in Higher Education Reform—October 2003.

Lessons Learned in Establishing an ID/Debit Card

By Dr. Thelma J. Douglass

Published in College Planning & Management—August 2003.



Orange Pride Places 2nd at the UCA/UDA Nationals

On January 16-19, 2004, the SHSU Cheerleaders, Sammy and the Orange Pride Dance Team represented Sam Houston State University at the 2004 College Cheerleading and Dance Team (UCA/UDA) Nationals in Orlando, Florida. Orange Pride placed 2nd. Sammy placed 12th and the SHSU Cheerleaders placed 9th in their individual competitions. Congratulations to all for their winning efforts!!



LINKS TO SPORTING EVENTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

http://www.shsu.edu/~ath_www/basketball/men/schedule.html

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

http://www.shsu.edu/~ath_www/basketball/women/schedule.html

TRACK & FIELD

http://www.shsu.edu/~ath_www/track/schedule.html

WOMEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

http://www.shsu.edu/~ath_www/golf/schedule-women.html

MEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

http://www.shsu.edu/~ath_www/golf/schedule-men.html

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

http://www.shsu.edu/~ath_www/softball/schedule.html

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

http://www.shsu.edu/~ath_www/baseball/schedule.html

TENNIS SCHEDULE

http://www.shsu.edu/~ath_www/tennis/schedule.html





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OTHER UPCOMING ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2004

- 17 COBA Business Career Fair
- 18 Summer Camp & Job Fair
- 19 U.S. Navy Band Concert (FREE)
- 23 "Pedal Power" Mountain Bike Trip
- 24 Health & Wellness Fair
LSC Scavenger Hunt

MARCH 2004

- 10 POKER WALK
- 27 [Saturdays @ Sam](#)
- 30 Food Feud
- 31 Spring Teacher Job Fair

APRIL 2004

- 5-8 Spring Fling
- 7 Midnight Mayhem
- 28 Sammy Awards

For more information about these and other on-campus events, view the calendar on Blackboard, visit the Departmental website or [Today@Sam.](#)

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