Three Alumni Awarded SHSU’s Highest Honor

Three SHSU alumni have been bestowed the highest honor any graduate can receive from the university and the Alumni Association. They were recognized with the Distinguished Alumni award for their achievements, both professionally and personally.

Being honored during the Distinguished Alumni “Glamour and Glitz” gala and at other Homecoming festivities were Glenda Dawson, Joseph L. “Bud” Haney and William Dan Womack.

Dawson has taught at both the public school and collegiate levels, and serves in the Texas House of Representatives for District 29. She graduated from SHSU in 1963 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, and received a master’s degree from the University of Houston.

A twirler in the Bearkat band, secretary of her junior class and a senior class favorite, among other accolades, Dawson went from teaching at Pearland ISD and the University of Houston to working on behalf of both public and higher education in the 78th and 79th Legislatures.

Serving on the public education, public health and house appropriations committees during her first term, she was named “Outstanding Freshman Education Legislator” by the 78th Legislature. She serves on the higher education, public education, and public health committees. Dawson, who has one daughter and two grandchildren lives in Pearland.

The only athlete in SHSU’s history to make the first team all-America teams for four consecutive years in any sport, Joseph L. “Bud” Haney is a 1963 graduate with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting.

The founder, president and chief financial officer of Profiles International, a Waco-based

Distinguished Alumni recipients are Bud Haney, Glenda Dawson and Dan Womack.

Alumni Lapel Pins for Graduates

Recent SHSU graduates received a special gift from the Alumni Association.

At graduation ceremonies in August, the Alumni Association Board of Directors gave lapel pins to the graduates to welcome them into the alumni family.

“With the lapel pins, we hope to reach out to recent graduates and begin cultivating a relationship with them,” said Emily deMilliano, assistant director Alumni Relations. No matter what degree a graduate earns from SHSU, the lapel pin will serve as a reminder that the Alumni Association is here to connect alumni and serve SHSU.

Look for the Alumni Association at SHSU graduation ceremonies in December welcoming the newest additions to the alumni family.
The Legacy Scholarship fund benefitted from the Alumni Association’s second annual golf tournament on September 30 at Raven Nest Golf Club in Huntsville and raised $2,400 for scholarships.

A shotgun start began the tournament at 11 a.m. for the 40 players competing to benefit The Legacy Scholarship fund.

After competing on the 18 hole course, the team of James Barrum, Don Bryson, Chad Barrum and Jim Hassel was awarded first place. In second place was the team of Jim Hanscom, Steve Owen, Odell Rachal and Ross Pooey. Finishing in third place was Leroy Wilkinson, Gary Brizendine, Dallas Williams and Hank Conaway.

Awards were also given for “Closest to the Pin,” which went to Marilyn Valka, and “Longest Drive,” which was won by Odell Rachal.

Those who couldn’t participate in the golf tournament also had a chance to contribute to the cause through the fantasy golf tournament. Scratch-off cards were sold for $10 each.

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The Alumni Association appreciates the generosity of the sponsors who contributed to the success of The Legacy Golf Tournament.

Alumna’s Work Pays Off For Career Services
Alumna Carrie Smith’s hard work is paying off for the Career Services department at SHSU.

Smith, a 2004 graduate, is employed with Cutco Vector, the producer of knives that “can cut through anything.”

She was awarded the highest productivity award for sales in the region, earning a $700 scholarship for herself and $1500 for the Career Services Department.

Smith presented the check to the Career Services staff on September 14.

Kat Kalendar
SHSU vs. Southeastern Louisiana
Bowers Stadium
Saturday, November 5, 2005
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Bryan-College Station Reception
Christopher’s World Grille
Tuesday, November 8, 2005
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

SHSU vs. Texas State
Mamacita’s Restaurant and Cantina- San Marcos
Saturday, November 19, 2005
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

New York City Reception
The Mark, New York
December 9, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Alumni Holiday Reception
Austin Hall, SHSU Campus
December 13, 2005
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
The Ruth and Rod Blatchely Bell Tower was officially dedicated during a morning ceremony before the homecoming football game.

Alumni board member, Joellen Tipton, and her children prepare for the parade.

(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.

(Above) A gift presentation by alumnus Ron Mafrige was made during halftime for $250,000, which will make possible the construction of a new strength and conditioning facility for Bearkat athletics.

The Bearkats took on Northwestern State for the homecoming football game, but the demons came out ahead, 10-6.

Office of Alumni Relations staff Jessica Cates, Emily deMilliano and Lindsey Hill enjoy the homecoming tailgate activities.

Stacey MacKenzie and her family visited the Alumni Association’s tailgate tent.

(Below) University President James F. Gaertner accompanies Distinguished Alumni recipients Dan Womack, Glenda Dawson and Bud Haney to be honored during half-time at the football game.
occupational assessment company, which now contributes upwards of $15 to $20 million to the local economy, Haney is also the co-author of “40 Strategies for Winning in Business.”

“I am keenly aware of his background as an extraordinary athlete as a College All American for four years while attending Sam Houston,” one nomination letter said. “This accomplishment was not only a personal achievement; it also clearly reflects the nurturing that he received at Sam Houston that inspired him to greater heights of achievement.

Haney and his wife, Joan, have three sons and reside in Waco, Texas.

William Dan Womack is a 1960 graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree who spent the majority of his career working with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

A recipient of the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal, Womack “took a degree in physics from SHSU to new heights,” a nomination letter said.

At the time of his retirement in 1998, Womack was the assistant to the director of space and life sciences for the Space Shuttle Program.

He and his wife, Jean, have four children and four grandchildren. They live in Guntersville, Ala.

The Distinguished Alumni Gala was held Friday, October 7, 2005, in the Lowman Student Center Ballroom. The Distinguished Alumni recipients were also recognized at half-time during the Bearkat Homecoming Football game.

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**Raven Nest Golf Club Offers Alumni Member Discounts**

If you’re a golfer, it pays to be a Bearkat these days, especially if you’re an ID-carrying student or membership card-carrying alum.

Rates for the university’s Raven Nest Golf Club, effective Sept. 1, have been announced, giving alumni the opportunity to play on the exceptional-quality course at a discounted rate.

Alumni Association members can play 18 holes with a cart on a weekday for $20 and on a weekend or holiday for $25. Without a cart, the charge is only $8 on weekdays and $13 on weekends.

The discount also includes rates for a game of nine holes, which members can play with a cart on weekdays for $13 and $18 on weekends. Without a cart, nine holes is $5 on weekdays and $10 on weekends.
1950
Raymond “Cotton” Lewis, ‘50 BS is retired after 86 years of public service for his community, area and state.

1959
Charles and Ann Mallery, ’59 and ’58 are excited to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Kennedy Ann Klein on July 18, 2005. She is the second child for parents Dyan Mallery and Todd Klein.

1979

1982
Jeff A. Springer, ’82 BS was named TASSP Region VI Secondary Principal of the year 2005-2006.

1983

1984
Mark Beedlow, ’84 BBA was promoted to Vice President by the Board of Directors of WFS Financial in July 2005.

1989
Brenda Nichols, ’89 BS is the Head Basketball Coach at Mercer University and is a teacher and coach at Barry Middle School. She and her husband have two boys, ages 12 and 4, and are expecting their third child in October ’05.

1992
Stacey Kuithe, ’92 BBA has been named Vice President at American Title Company in Houston.

1999
Mandee M. McCraw-McAdams, ’99 BBA is proud to announce the birth of her son, Maverick McAdams on December 25, 2004.

2001
Holli Estridge, ’01 BA is writing for the Dallas Business Journal’s Tarrant-Denton Bureau. She is married with a 21 month-old son. Karl “Tony” Goodman, ’01 BS was married in April 2003 and is proud to announce the birth of his first son, Hunter, in March 2005.

2003
Kevin Ridenour, ’03 BS is a 1st Lt. in the United States Army Reserves. He served in Iraq from August 1, 2004 to December 15, 2005 and is now serving in Afghanistan from April 2005 to April 2006.

2004
Jess Y. Koy, ’05 BBA is employed as a Credit Analyst with Wells Fargo in Houston.

Lesley A. Rakowitz, ’05 MS received the North American College and Teachers of Agriculture’s Graduate Student Teaching Award on June 17, 2005. She is a lecturer at SHSU while also working on her doctorate at Texas A&M.
In Memoriam

Raymond C. Baranowski, ‘70 BS passed away August 8, 2005
Rodney Walton Keever, ‘70 BS, passed away August 29, 2005
Myra Lee (Medina) Reese, ‘93 BA, passed away August 12, 2005
Ronald Wayne Robinson, CJ, passed away August 12, 2005
Robert F. Schaper, ‘66 BBA, passed away August 14, 2005

Bridget M. (Janacek) Smith, ‘84 BA, passed away August 15, 2005
Andrew Ray Svoboda, ‘98 BS, passed away August 21, 2005
Carrie Herren Tomlinson, ‘42 BS, passed away August 1, 2005
Joe Gilpin Walker, ‘42 BBA, passed away September 8, 2005
Charles Foque, ‘52 BS & ‘70 MME passed away Saturday, July 30, 2005

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