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In this issue of our Heritage magazine you will enjoy reading about the many exciting activities and accomplishments taking place at our outstanding university. Also within this issue you will find our annual report of giving. It is with enormous pride and appreciation that we included the names of thousands of alumni and friends who have so thoughtfully and generously contributed to the university’s success.

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Marlon Harris was just three when “Starsky & Hutch” brought their Dirty Harry-type excitement to his home TV screen in Charlotte, N.C. Then just a couple of years later along came the California Highway Patrol motorcycle officers on “CHIPS,” arresting speeders and car thieves, saving lives and helping stranded motorists.

Flash forward 30 years …

Marlon Harris, U. S. Secret Service agent assigned to protect the president of the United States and his family, is off duty tonight, returning from a dress rehearsal of the 2006 performance of “Christmas in Washington.” Unlike that infamous night at Ford’s Theatre, the following night will be a pleasant one for the president and first lady, as they join the performers onstage for the finale—“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.”

With Harris, as they travel from the National Building Museum performance hall to his home in Maryland, are his mother and godmother. In a couple of days the godmother will get to meet the president as a guest at the White House Christmas Party. Two years ago he took his grandmother and last year his mother.

Then suddenly on the freeway in front of them is a problem. A car has been hit and is in moving lanes of traffic. In an instant Harris is diverting traffic with his own car and reaches the other car, where he helps push it out of danger.

“He went right into his police mode,” says Edna Harris, proud mother but not all that impressed. “He’s always doing things like that.”

Marlon can’t say why he was chosen for the U. S. Secret Service and the Presidential Protective Division, one of the most dangerous and pressure-packed police assignments in the entire world, but he knows how it all started.

“As a kid I was always fascinated with police officers, firemen,” he says. “It was just something I wanted to do.”

When he was 10, he and his family visited an aunt in Houston. Edna says it was during the “oil boom,” and they thought Houston was “the best thing since popcorn.” They settled in the Missouri City area, and Marlon attended Willowridge High School, where he was in student government, the Spanish Club, and a trainer for the football team.

In high school he was just too small to play football. Now at 34, after years of hitting the weights, he’s a solid 5’9” and 175 pounds and works out 4 – 5 times a week. One of the first questions he and other Secret Service agents ask hotel desk clerks when they’re on the road is “Where’s the exercise room?”

By the time he graduated from high school his career choice was becoming clear. Edna had seen to it that it would be a wise one.

“I didn’t spare the rod,” she says. “I didn’t spoil the child.” In addition, she made her children go to church regularly. “He always did what I asked him,” she says. “He always wanted to be in the law, on the right side.”

When he looked around for a place to study criminal justice, the Sam Houston State University program impressed him. He also impressed the professors.

One of them was James Barrum, who is now retired from teaching but continues to work with the criminal justice intern program half time. One night after a class he asked Marlon if he would like to apply for a U. S. Secret Service internship. Marlon did but was not accepted.

“What surprised me the most was his conscientiousness and integrity,” says Barrum. “Also, he was one of the most responsible and
analytical students I’ve ever had.”

He did get an internship with the Missouri City Police Department and went to work there full time when the internship was over. One day in June 1995, he was on his way to check a residential burglar alarm when the dispatcher sidetracked him.

There was a two-year old trapped underneath a garage door and the mother could not get the automatic opener to work.

“I still think about it to this day,” Marlon says. “The garage door had come down on him, and he was lying on his stomach, not breathing. He had a very faint pulse.”

He ran into the garage and using the manual door lift got it off the child. He began resuscitation, and before long, although it seemed an eternity at the time, the child took a deep breath.

“I thought it was his last breath,” says Marlon. “Actually, he was just starting to breathe again.”

The boy was Life Flighted to Hermann Hospital where he was checked out, and apparently had not been unconscious long enough to suffer permanent damage. Marlon got a lifesaving award and although just a rookie was named by the 100 Club of Houston as its Missouri City Policeman of the Year.

The awards were gratifying, but not nearly as much so as being in the Galleria four or five years after that. A youngster of about eight came running by, and when he saw the child’s parents Marlon knew it was the now normal and healthy kid who had been playing a game by sliding under an automatic garage door when he was two—and one time didn’t quite make it.

Saving a life is not a requirement for selection by the U. S. Secret Service, but it doesn’t hurt. After about a 15-month process of getting accepted, training in Georgia and the Washington, D. C. area, in May of 1998 he was assigned to the Secret Service office in Houston.

Like his noteworthy service as a policeman, working in the Houston office had an advantage. Occasionally he provided protection for former President Bush and Mrs. Bush.

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Marlon Harris
In 2003 he got the job he then knew was the one he had always wanted, with the Presidential Protective Division at the White House.

His appointment was not unnoticed in the Criminal Justice Center, by people like Barrum and Rolando del Carmen, who is one of the nation’s foremost authorities on criminal justice law.

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How important is presidential protection to our governmental process?

“If anything happens to the president the country will be in a turmoil,” says del Carmen. “Those who are given that responsibility must be very trustworthy and sophisticated in the ways of security.”

The Secret Service was founded in 1865 to combat counterfeiting. Two years later it was investigating the Ku Klux Klan, bootlegging (noted euphemistically on the Secret Service Web site as “non-conforming distillers”), smugglers, mail robbers, land frauds and other federal crimes.

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With three grandchildren from other son Steven, she hopes that Marlon will someday contribute to that count. She responds quickly when asked if he has some girlfriends.

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Distinguished Professor Of Criminal Justice

“Some is the right word,” she says. She thinks Marlon would do well as provider for a family. Two years ago he bought her a house, as a surprise.

He told her when her apartment lease was about up to not sign another one because she needed a bigger place. One day they were
Recent Presidential Assassination Attempts

Richard Nixon—In February 1974 a man planned to crash a commercial airliner into the White House, shooting the pilot and copilot before killing himself.

Gerald Ford—In California in September 1975 two attempts were made to shoot Ford.

Jimmy Carter—In California in May 1979 a man carrying a pistol, who said he was part of a plot to kill Carter, was arrested at a civic center mall where Carter was about to speak.

Ronald Reagan—In March 1981 Reagan was hit by shots from a small caliber handgun.

George H. W. Bush—In April 1993 16 suspected terrorists working for Saddam Hussein smuggled a car bomb into Kuwait with the intention of detonating it at a Bush speech at Kuwait University.

Bill Clinton—In October 1994 a man fired 29 shots from a semi-automatic rifle at the White House, thinking Clinton was standing outside.

George W. Bush—In May 2005, while Bush was giving a speech in Tbilisi, in the Eurasian country of Georgia, a man threw a hand grenade toward the podium, but it did not explode.
While the Las Vegas tourism council promotes the idea of “What Happens in Las Vegas, Stays in Las Vegas,” the rest of the world should be thankful that what goes on in the Sam Houston State University Criminal Justice Center reaches all the way around the world.

Because of several programs that embrace collaborative efforts between the scholars who study the issues and the practitioners who deal with those issues in the field, the Criminal Justice Center enjoys a nationally—and internationally—recognized and respected reputation not only as a leader in education but also for facilitating research which is used to set policy, promote cutting edge training for those already in the field, and provide technical assistance to the criminal justice community.

The programs include the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, the Correctional Management Institute of Texas, the Texas Regional Center for Policing Innovation, the Crime Victims Institute, the Survey Research Program, and the Police Research Center.

The Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas

As criminals and the crimes they commit become more sophisticated, those who are tasked with protecting and serving are expected to be able to keep up with the changing dynamics.

Just like stockholders expect CEOs to be knowledgeable and aware of new developments so they can protect and promote their investments, law-abiding citizens who have invested their lives in maintaining a productive and peaceful society want the leadership of those who enforce society’s laws to be on top of things as well.

The Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, known by the acronym LEMIT, was established by the state legislature in 1987 for the development of management and executive level law enforcement personnel in the state.

Ironically, it is those who commit crimes who fund the program—a $1 surcharge on criminal fines levied in the state goes to support the institute.

Rita Villarreal-Watkins, Ed. D., a former police officer and chief deputy sheriff, is LEMIT’s executive director.

When LEMIT was officially established, the first program offered was a Command College, which emphasized leadership development for police supervisors and managers. Almost 20 years later, the Leadership Command College remains the flagship program of LEMIT.

Today, LEMIT’s offerings have expanded from the one Command College to several programs—all based on the foundation established for the Leadership Command College when it first began.

“All our programs impact leadership development for law enforcement,” said Watkins.

In addition to the Command College, LEMIT’s programs include:

- Texas Police Chief Leadership Series—for the chief administrative officers of Texas police departments;
- New Chief Development Program—mandated by the state for new police chiefs;
- Command Staff Leadership Series—provides the same training for command staff as for police chiefs;
• Constables Leadership Development Training—mandated for newly elected constables;
• Constables Continuing Education—mandated by the state;
• Newly Elected Constables Professional Development—mandated by the state;
• the Incident Command Simulation Training Project—created to deliver incident command training to law enforcement to help them in making decisions in the field during a catastrophe (see story on page 11);
• the Executive Issues Seminar Series—coordinated and produced under an agreement with the Police Research Center to provide interchange among Texas police administrators;
• TELEMASP Bulletin—published monthly to distribute information about the comparative administrative practices of Texas law enforcement across the state;
• Professional Conference Support—assists professional law enforcement associations by offering managerial and executive development programs and providing instructors at their annual conferences;
• Special Programs—designed to meet a newly identified need in law enforcement training;
• the Office of Law Enforcement Training—offers training to officers in the field in specific areas of law enforcement for professional development;
• the International Police Program—designed so that Texas police officers can travel overseas to interact professionally with police officers from other countries.

“Although the programs are intense, all the agencies are so appreciative of the training they receive here,” said Watkins. “In fact, one of the graduates from the New Chief’s Development Program sent us a note that we delivered ‘Mountain Top’ training. It was a wonderful compliment for the work we do.”

Correctional Management Institute of Texas

The College of Criminal Justice began a little over 40 years as the Institute of Contemporary Corrections and the Behavioral Sciences. Initially, plans were for the program to operate in collaboration with the then-Texas Department of Corrections to promote training in correctional education.

As the demands of society increased for sophisticated police training during the 1960s due to problems relating to civil unrest, soaring drug use, and a rising crime rate, the role of Sam Houston State’s criminal justice program expanded beyond offering correctional training to include providing professional training for those who would be called upon to maintain law and order.

However, correctional leadership training remains an integral focus of the Criminal Justice Center, and the Correctional Management Institute of Texas, known as CMIT, is one of the programs that ensures that administrators of juvenile and adult institutional and community corrections agencies have the educational tools they need to be responsible for making appropriate decisions within their organizations.

Doug Dretke, a 25-year veteran of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, is the executive director of CMIT. He served as an assistant warden, senior warden and was director for the Correctional Institutions Division of TDCJ before coming to Sam Houston State.

“The programs we offer to practitioners are designed to make them more effective for enhancing public safety by developing their leadership skills and capabilities,” said Dretke.

CMIT’s core program is the Texas Probation Training Academy, which provides certification training as well as professional development training for experienced adult and juvenile probation officers.

One program that serves practitioners across the entire United States is the Executive Orientation Program. This week-long training for new chief probation officers is offered twice a year in collaboration with the National Institute of Corrections and the National Association of Probation Executives.

CMIT also hosts the Wardens Peer Interaction Program, which brings in wardens from across the nation to share their best practices with each other.

During the programs there is often the opportunity for an exchange of information between scholars and practitioners.

“We often ask our criminal justice professors to teach some of our courses,” said Dretke, explaining that each of the faculty who agree to be a part of the program must have proven, evidence-based, referenced work.

“When the practitioners come here, we ask our graduate students what they are interested in, and we offer the opportunity for them to talk to the practitioners,” said Dretke.

Although SHSU serves as the host institution for a number of conferences and programs offered by CMIT, only 30 to 40 percent of CMIT’s training is done at the university because “practitioners have limited funding for training, so we go to them,” said Dretke.

Recognizing that correctional issues and problems are often similar throughout the world, CMIT often serves as an international host for conferences and seminars.

Recently, judges and probation officials, as well high-ranking correctional officials from Poland have visited. CMIT was also instrumental in bringing Poland’s probation association together with the National Association of Probation and Texas Probation Association Executives to sign agreements to share information and ideas.

CMIT has also hosted officials from Australia, Georgia, Moldova, Korea, the United Kingdom, France, Mozambique, Italy, People’s Republic of China, Taiwan and Papua New Guinea.
Texas Regional Center For Policing Innovation

The Texas Regional Center For Policing Innovation is one of 27 such centers funded by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, a component of the U. S. Department of Justice, to provide training and technical assistance on community policing issues and other timely topics to law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve.

TRCPI was established at SHSU in 1997 by a $1 million grant awarded by the Justice Department. The funding was initially for one year, but has been extended each year since then.

The center provides training to law enforcement personnel primarily in rural and suburban communities in Texas, but has provided specialized DNA training in Oklahoma and all states north and west of El Paso, including Alaska and Hawaii. However, none of the law enforcement agencies that serve those communities are required to send representative to the SHSU Criminal Justice Center—the training goes to them.

Some of the nation’s larger police departments get federal dollars in addition to having a regular training budget. However, departments in smaller cities and towns often have limited funds for training.

It is those smaller communities to which TRCPI reaches out.

“None of our training takes place at the Criminal Justice Center because most of the smaller agencies don’t have the money to travel for specialized training,” said Phillip Lyons, associate professor of criminal justice and executive director of the Texas center. “So we go to cities where there are a lot of smaller agencies in the surrounding areas, such as San Antonio or Houston.”

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, through its support of the regional community policing institute network, is the only national network bringing training to local law enforcement agencies.

“We have always directed our efforts at those agencies and communities that need us most,” he said.

“Larger agencies typically have the resources they need to keep abreast of developments in the field. Small agencies usually lack those resources, but their constituents, of course, are no less deserving,” he explained.

While reaching out to smaller police agencies, TRCPI provides training for working with vulnerable populations historically excluded from police services, such as children, gays and lesbians, persons with mental illness and cognitive impairment, and undocumented individuals.

“Some of the graduate students in criminal justice and also in the university’s psychology program have been involved in the work we do to prepare curriculum for the courses,” said Lyons. “They also conduct small research projects to verify what we are doing in our training courses.”

Course offerings have addressed the resolution of citizen complaints; the identification, collection and preservation of DNA evidence for first responders; ethics, integrity and accountability for law enforcement agencies; community fear reduction; racial profiling; the role of local intelligence in homeland security; volunteers in police services; and human trafficking.

“Human trafficking is the fastest growing crime worldwide, second only to the sale of illegal drugs,” said Lyons. “However, in Texas, victim rescues and the prosecution of traffickers have been increasing because of heightened awareness and multi-agency task force responses.”

Crime Victims Institute

Unlike LEMIT and CMIT, which are funded by fees collected in courts, the Crime Victims Institute receives funding by a direct appropriation to SHSU by the Texas Legislature.

Each year the institute conducts a phone survey of Texas residents about their perception of safety in their community, of crime in their communities and across the state more generally, and victimization experiences they’ve had in the previous two years.

“In every survey we cover violent crime victimization and property crime victimization,” said Glen Kercher, professor of criminal justice and the institute’s director. “We also have a special focus each year in addition.”

In previous surveys the special focus has addressed identity theft, Internet crime, and stalking. In the coming year, the survey will look at intimate partner violence.

“We decide what topics are going to be on the survey by what’s currently being discussed at the federal level and in state legislatures across the country,” said Kercher. “We attend conferences to keep up-to-date with emerging issues.”

In addition to the phone survey, the institute’s other projects include research and review of policies in Texas and other states and special topic surveys.

“This past year we did a survey of victim services personnel across the state—those who work in law enforcement, in district attorney’s offices, and with community agencies like safe houses and rape crisis centers,” Kercher explained.

“We were also alerted that the House Jurisprudence Committee had a charge to look at restitution for crime victims,” he said. “So we reviewed that issue as it’s addressed across the country.

“We put together a report that we sent to that committee, and the comparable committee on the Senate side, along with policy recommendations,” he said. “That report, after the first of the year, will be sent to every member of the Legislature.”

Copies of all the reports produced by the institute are sent to legislators, the Attorney General’s office, and the Governor’s office. Reports are also made available to the public through the media.

“It’s part of our mission,” said Kercher, “to study criminal victimization in the state, to
make the public aware of what’s going on, and to make recommendations to policy holders.”

This year, the institute is attempting to interview immigrants about their experiences with victimization, targeting Hispanics, Chinese and Vietnamese in Harris County.

“It’s a major undertaking,” explained Kercher, “because we first have to hire people who are native speakers, train them, and get a lot of community input about how we access these people and what cultural sensitivities we need to be aware of.”

Kercher suspects that among the Asian communities in particular victimization is handled informally within the group.

“I want to see first of all if that’s true so it can be documented,” he said.

“For example, some of these immigrant victims—if they were to report a crime to the police—they are not native speakers and no one may be available who can speak in their native tongue,” Kercher explained. “If that is the case, we want to bring this problem to the attention of policy makers.”

One issue the institute has studied in depth is stalking. Kercher said the phone survey the researchers conducted gave them surprising results.

“Many victims are men,” he said. “There is not a lot of research on stalking, and I think the most common perception is that most of the victims are women. Women certainly are victims, but men get caught up in that, too.”

Although researchers in the Crime Victims Institute conduct surveys, not all of the information they collect is by phone. They also do person-to-person interviews, as they will be doing in the immigrant project, and they gather available information done by other studies.

Kercher said is he especially proud of how the institute mentors the students who work there.

“That has been one of the most satisfying things for me—seeing their enthusiasm and their intelligence,” he said, “and knowing it gives them some experience as well as the opportunity to show scholarly research on their vitae.”

Survey Research Program

The Survey Research Program has been publishing the results of the Texas Crime Poll survey since 1977.

“The questions cover a wide variety of issues about crime, criminals and the administration of justice, which are of interest to the general public, criminal justice agency administrators, and to criminal justice policy makers including elected officials,” said Dennis Longmire, professor of criminal justice and director of the program.

SHSU criminal justice professors often contribute ideas for questions based on the interests of their own research or from questions that have arisen from scholarly discussions and from their students in the classroom.

The questions are then submitted to randomly selected Texans, age 18 and older, and information is compiled to produce a scientifically grounded report.

As technology has changed, the Crime Poll has evolved from a hard copy publication to an online publication. The summary, final report, and all data and data sets can be downloaded and printed, and all summaries from 1977 to the current report are available online as well.

During the state legislative sessions, copies of the Texas Crime Poll are distributed to members of the House and Senate.

Among the topics that have been explored through the years are death penalty issues, the rights of foreign nationals, and what to do about open containers of alcoholic beverages in vehicles.

“The poll showed that Texas citizens supported the establishment of an open container law,” said Longmire.

Summary reports are requested by chief executives of adult probation agencies, police chiefs and other law enforcement officials, and criminal justice interest groups, such as victims and families of victims. Journalists also have shown an interest in the general feedback of the surveys, especially regarding timely topics.

“They want to know what the public attitude is about those issues,” said Longmire.

Data collected in the surveys have been cited in major Supreme Court decisions.


“Rehnquist cited findings from the Crime Poll showing that a majority of citizens in Texas supported the execution of the mentally retarded, thus showing that doing so would not shock the conscience of the public—one of the elements of what constitutes ‘cruel and unusual punishment,’” he explained.

One of this year’s questions in the Crime Poll addresses the public view of support for a Texas version of Jessica’s Law—a 2005 Florida law designed to punish child sex predators and reduce their ability to re-offend.

During the 2006 general election, Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst campaigned heavily for a law that would include mandatory prison sentences for some first time offenders (based on the child’s age) and a death penalty sentence for a second sexually violent offense against a child under the age of 14. Dewhurst, the incumbent, was elected for a second term with approximately 60 percent of the vote.

Not only do the surveys provide valuable information to policy makers, the entire process involving the production of the poll is beneficial to graduate students enrolled in Sam Houston State’s criminal justice program.

“They learn about sampling and survey research, as well as how to produce results that will be understood by the general population,” said Longmire. “While working on the project, our students learn the importance of preparing a product of research that will be not only of academic value, but will be meaningful to the public as well.”

In addition, it’s not unusual for at least one doctoral dissertation and several master’s theses to result from data produced by the surveys each year, and the research is used by students in other universities across the country as well as those in the criminal justice program at Sam Houston State.
Police Research Center

The Police Research Center was formally created as a part of the Criminal Justice Center in 1993.

Among its major endeavors is a state-of-the-art police information management system—the Criminal Research, Information Management, and Evaluation System—known as the CRIMES program.

“The system was launched as a direct technical assistance endeavor to Texas law enforcement,” said Larry Hoover, professor of criminal justice and director of the Police Research Center.

The current system integrates modules related to offense reports, computer-assisted dispatch, traffic citations, accident reports, arrests, bookings, property room management, jail management, crime analysis, intelligence files, and warrant files.

“It has a powerful mobile component,” said Hoover. “In recent years, police agencies have provided laptop computers in patrol cars, and the system provides an enormous wealth of data to officers in the field.

“The officers can access a citizen’s name and get all contact information from the trivial, such as someone who called to report a traffic accident, to the profound, such as someone who assaulted a police officer,” Hoover explained.

The component also has a Global Positioning System module that can tell the dispatcher where every patrol car is at all times and a Geographic Information System module that gives both the patrol officer and the dispatcher information about where the call for service is being made.

“Even cell phone information is relayed to the CRIMES information system,” said Hoover.

The staff members at SHSU who work with the CRIMES program enjoy a close working partnership with the 20 police agencies throughout Texas they work with, including agencies from Seabrook to Fort Stockton.

One of the innovations associated with the CRIMES program involves a cluster of seven contiguous police agencies in Tarrant County. Through CRIMES, a regional database—the first of its kind in the nation—has been implemented which allows any of the agencies in the cluster to access and research the databases of the other agencies.

“If a burglary occurs in the jurisdiction of one the police departments,” explained Hoover, “someone from that department can look through the information input by the other agencies to see if there are similar crime patterns or trends.”

While programs such as CRIMES benefit police agencies, law enforcement groups also reap the rewards of scholastic contributions by SHSU’s criminal justice graduate students and faculty members who are involved with work in the Police Research Center.

A recent dissertation by a doctoral student addressed the frequency of calls for service to police agencies compared to social demographics of the neighborhood.

“It is an accepted fact that police are called to stressed neighborhoods more often,” said Hoover.

“The dissertation studied how much more often and for what reasons,” he explained. “The information is useful for police deployment decisions, as well as to provide information when there are accusations of racial profiling. The research by the student documented why the police were in those specific neighborhoods and showed that citizens need and want them there.”

The Police Research Center has also collaborated with LEMIT to design the Texas Major Cities Initiative for police chiefs of Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio—cities exceeding a population of 500,000 and have police deployed from substations.

“These chiefs face unique problems endemic to central cities,” said Hoover.

Because all major cities have similar problems with crime issues, members of the Police Research Center regularly engage representatives of large police departments outside of Texas to discuss crime reduction programs that have been shown to be effective in their cities.

“We enjoy a reputation nationally and internationally for integrating research and service for both police agencies and for the education of those who will have careers in the criminal justice discipline,” said Hoover.

“Both the CRIMES program and the Major Cities Initiative provide direct technical assistance to Texas law enforcement; both provide research opportunities in real world environments; and both provide graduate students learning opportunities.”
A student walks into a high school, opens fire and begins taking hostages. An airplane carrying 150 passengers crashes in a field near your city. A Category 4 hurricane is threatening your town.

What would you do in any of those scenarios? Would you be prepared to handle all of the issues and repercussions that may result?

Dealing with those types of emergencies is exactly what Sam Houston State University’s new Incident Command Simulation Training program has been teaching Texas law enforcement agencies and other organizations for the past two years.

INCOSIT is the only one of its type in the United States, according to program director David Webb, who designed the program with colleague Hakan Can at the university’s Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. The idea came from Webb’s experience with the British police service.

“One of the priorities for commanders in Britain is to have training on critical incident command. We would carry out table-top exercises, as well as major real-time exercises,” Webb said. “A few years ago LEMIT wasn’t delivering any critical incident management training.

“We thought we would try and design a system where you would put people in what we call an immersive training environment,” he said. “An immersive training environment is one where the participants actually believe that they are dealing with an incident because their working environment is as life-like as we can make it.”

Now, three years later, a year of which was design and building, INCOSIT has trained incident command teams from around the state of Texas, as well as ones from South American states.

“We train participants on a wide range of critical incidents, ranging from a variety of man-made to natural disasters, so we will look at terrorism, the bird flu, ricin, as well as train derailments, a plane crash, a hostage taking a school or university and hurricanes,” Webb said. “We try and train the people in things they are likely to deal with.

“I think what makes us different from other training providers is that we don’t come up with fantastic ideas about helicopters crashing down on people, where people can’t win in the situation,” he said. “We want people to win; we want them to make good decisions and get themselves out of critical incidents. That is really what it is all about—the capability of critical incident command teams to make sound decisions.”

The university-funded complex includes a suite of three rooms: a classroom, where participants watch each other in action; a control room, where INCOSIT staff members run the simulation; and a command suite, where a nine-person command team runs through real-life scenarios in real time.

To make the training session as real as possible, INCOSIT works with CBS in Bryan-College Station to develop “breaking news” scenarios that will interrupt one of the four newscasts on a split-screen television.

When this happens, the command team goes into the command suite and begins working to solve the issue at hand.

“We train people according to roles. Within the command teams there is obviously a commander; then there are eight other roles.
We train the operations guy, the logistics person, the public information officer, and there are specific duties,” Webb said. “If they know that role, they can fit into a command team operating anywhere. So, you’re not just training a group of people to work with each other, you are training specific roles within a team.”

The simulation is run in “real time,” meaning the events unfold as they would in an actual, real-life situation, sometimes lasting four to 10 hours, Webb said.

“We have the capacity to interject a breaking news story in a regular TV broadcast, so participants really think that the breaking news stories are real. We will run incidents for the same amount of time as they would take on the street,” he said.

“So there’s no stopping for a cup of coffee or anything like that,” he said. “After we’ve been going for an hour or so, we might change over and take one team out and put another one in, but we keep the scenario running. The action keeps going even though one team is briefing an incoming team—just in the same way as it would happen in a real operation.”

The exercises can be very stressful for participants, but the whole purpose of the program is to encourage people to formulate plans, ask the right questions and make the right decisions.

“It gets quite warm in here; it’s quite a production,” he said. “It’s not a cheap form of training. There is plenty of that about, and that’s what people get—cheap training; the LEMIT program is a real quality program.

“This whole thing, critical incidents management, is about the quality of the decision that command teams make, so there is a great emphasis on decision-making,” he said. “We also train on elements of leadership and team building because those are important as well.”

The training complex is supported through many advanced technological devices, from flat-screen televisions and a projector in the classroom to the numerous work stations, complete with computers, phones and televisions that show what everyone is working on, as well as small microphones embedded in the ceiling of the command suite, which allow the classroom participants to hear what is going on in crystal-clear sound.

“We rely very heavily on GIS, Geographical Information Systems, and we use a lot of maps, and aerial photographs,” he said “We can take you down into a high school with three-dimensional maps and fly you in and around (buildings).”

In addition, a $350,000 piece of equipment, called a Digital Imaging Table, allows for a combination of multimedia including enhanced computer graphics to be displayed.

“You can bring together aerial photography, over-flights by planes and embed that with maps and lots of different layers of data. Whichever combination you want to show, you can,” Webb said. “If you click on a spot on a map, it will actually explode to show you where you are, like movie pictures—it has that sort of capability. So if people ask for the right data, it should give them much better information upon which they can make a decision.”

The command suite was even used for seven days and seven nights by the National Guard when refugees were brought to Huntsville during Hurricane Rita, serving as a “real-life command center,” he said.

In addition, the suite will be used to train two teams for SHSU to handle such cases as the hurricane.

“They did a great job with Hurricane Rita; this is just to try to do it even better,” Webb said.

While Texas law enforcement agencies are trained for free under the LEMIT charter, INCOSIT will also train others, such as emergency medical services, fire service, public works, health care, public health and education and campus safety for a fee.

“The nationally-mandated response is one of unified command, which is not just police working in isolation,” Webb said.

“It can be whatever agencies need to be working together to provide the appropriate management response.”

The specialized training received through INCOSIT is in compliance with Federal Emergency Management Agency, the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan guidelines.

Participants receive certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, the State Board of Education and Commissioner of Education.

For more information, or to take a virtual tour of the facility, visit http://www.INCOSIT.org.
The Master of Science in Forensic Science at Sam Houston State University is one of the first of its kind in the state of Texas and one of only a handful of such programs in North America.

Designed to provide both classroom and laboratory experience for students, the degree applies the principles of the physical sciences, chemistry and biology to the administration of justice.

The program was established in 2001, and the first graduates received degrees in 2003. All of the graduates from last year were hired by agencies in their field, which represents a remarkable placement rate of 100 percent.

Word about the program is getting around, said Sarah Kerrigan, the forensic toxicologist who is serving as coordinator of the program.

Kerrigan’s experience includes work in two countries. Her career as a forensic scientist began in Scotland Yard’s Forensic Laboratory 16 years ago. She earned her doctorate in chemistry from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, and then was employed with the California Department of Justice as a forensic toxicologist and quality assurance manager for the statewide program there.

Before coming to SHSU in 2006, she served as the toxicology bureau chief at the Scientific Laboratory Division in New Mexico, where she was responsible for the breath alcohol program, criminal casework and medical examiner casework statewide.

“Many of our students come from programs at other universities,” she said. “In fact, this year about 50 percent of all our new students are from out of state, which is very exciting for us. It shows that we are quite competitive, and we have a program that is sought after.”

The program is interdisciplinary with interaction between the College of Criminal Justice, where the program is administered, and the College of Arts and Sciences, which contributes faculty instruction from its chemistry and biology programs.

“The chemists and biologists provide a lot of the foundational science courses in organic chemistry, genetics, analytical chemistry, and instrumental analysis,” Kerrigan said. “Then Criminal Justice has hired a number of forensic science practitioners to take it to the next level and apply some of those core science courses to forensic science.”

The program, designed for students who want to work in a crime lab, offers two distinct tracks.

“One of the tracks is biology, where the students might be working with forensic DNA, and the other track is chemistry, where they might be doing trace analysis—hairs, fibers, glass, drug analysis, toxicology, chemical analyses,” said Kerrigan.

Kerrigan said she receives many inquiries from students who want to be crime scene investigators.

“The typical route of a CSI is to be a peace officer first,” she explained. “Our program is very scientifically rigorous and is designed more for scientists.

“Our students certainly are trained in crime scene investigation as part of the program, but we are training individuals to be lab professionals—to be working in a lab analyzing evidence, liaising with attorneys and law enforcement, then testifying to those results in court,” Kerrigan said.

“There might be a time in the future when we will be able to train police officers to become...
CSIs,” she noted. “We liaise with a number of
different agencies and crime labs, and there has
been interest for us to provide training to some
of those organizations already.”

All students in the master’s program have
to complete an internship at a crime lab before
they graduate.

“We have relationships with about 20
crime labs, and we just added a lot of new
agencies this year because I have contacts with
several individuals who run crime labs,” said
Kerrigan.

“So we now have networking with state
and federal labs, and even some county and city
labs, all over the country. If a student wants to
do an internship in New York, they can prob-
ably go to New York. If they want to go to San
Diego, we have an agency in San Diego. If they
want to go to Seattle or somewhere else in the
state of Washington, we have agreements there,
too,” she said.

“So it’s not just an internship in the state
of Texas, although of course, those are important
interactions, too. We have some students who
will go with the Texas Department of Public
Safety crime lab system. But because we are
attracting students from out-of-state, we really
need to look at out-of-state internship partners,”
she explained.

One of the things Kerrigan is committed
to is making sure students in the program stand
out when they go to a job interview.

“I’ve hired lots of forensic scientists and,
unfortunately, had to fire a few, too,” she said.
“And I have a pretty good sense of what it takes
to really be successful in the profession.

“They have to be smart and they have to
know the science,” she said, “but they have to
be able to communicate in the courtroom. If
they can’t do that, they won’t be successful.”

For that reason, the faculty in the program
work with the students individually to make
sure that not only do they understand the sci-
ence, but also understand the legal implications
of the work.

“The students work on their communica-
tion skills and make sure they can actually go
to court and be compelling witnesses,” said
Kerrigan. “We do that by practice. In a lot of
their courses, they are required to give oral pre-
sentations, and their peers evaluate them. Their
peers can be a pretty harsh crowd.

“You can’t force someone to be a good wit-
ness, but we can at least give them a good start-
ing point, and hopefully the agencies that hire
them should provide training,” she said.

“Certainly they are not ready to hit the
witness stand as soon as they graduate from
our program,” she said. “But at least they will
understand a little bit about the formality, the
proceedings and some of the evidentiary issues.”

Kerrigan noted that it is a challenge to
keep on top of the changes in the field, and stu-
dents should be aware of that.

“In toxicology, every day there is a new
drug—a new therapeutic drug, a new drug of
abuse, or some new trend in terms of street
drugs or illicit drugs,” she said. “Forensic sci-
cence is a very dynamic profession in terms of
having to maintain currency in the field and
the technology.”

On Kerrigan’s “wish list” for the program
is capital equipment to fill some of the empty
labs in the Chemistry and Forensic Science
Building that was completed in 2005.

“We have a state-of-the-art facility, but
we need the infrastructure to support the work
that could take place in these labs,” she said.

“GC/MS (gas chromatography and mass
spectrometry) chemical analysis is used in
every crime lab in the nation,” she said. “If our
students know how to use the hardware and
software associated with this analysis before they
graduate from our program, they are ahead of
other applicants for jobs in terms of training.
This is a very competitive field, and obviously
we are doing a pretty good job.”

On the second floor of the building is a
functional crime lab. Two examiners from the
New Orleans office of the U. S. Customs and
Border Protection, part of the Department of
Homeland Security, are housed there.

Following Hurricane Katrina, the examin-
ers in the New Orleans office were split up and
placed in various locations. The two at SHSU
are working in Huntsville until the construc-
tion of a new facility in Houston is completed.
While on campus, they interact with the stu-
dents during courses and seminars.

“We have a lot of support for this pro-
gram,” said Kerrigan. “The kids who come here
are very smart, and we have an amazing facility.
Right now, we need tools...equipment that
would be in the crime labs.”  ★
One of the new faculty members at Sam Houston State University this year is forensic anthropologist Joan Bytheway. Bytheway and her husband, Robert, were members of a team of experts who examined and preserved human remains exhumed from two mass graves in Iraq in 2005. The graves contained the bodies of the victims of Saddam Hussein and his Baathist regime.

Bytheway had an interest in archeology even as a child.

“I was always digging in the dirt looking for fossils,” she said.

When she graduated from high school, she volunteered at an archeological site in Pennsylvania, and from there; she went to a Native American site, also located in Pennsylvania.

“The site was a large Native American occupation site with multiple Indian burials. When we excavated the burials we found human skeletal remains,” she said. “From that point on I was hooked. I finished my undergraduate and graduate degrees in physical anthropology.”

In graduate school, Bytheway assisted a professor at the University of Pittsburgh who worked on forensic cases. After she graduated, she consulted independently in Pennsylvania on forensic skeletal matters for the Pennsylvania State Police and the County of Westmoreland and taught forensic anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh until she left to go to Iraq.

“The Department of Justice was working with the Iraqi Special Tribunal to build a case of genocide against Saddam Hussein,” she said, “and they developed this office within the Department of Justice called the Regime Crimes Liaison Office.”

That office subcontracted the Army Corps of Engineers because of the Corps’ archeological experience, through which the Bytheways were selected as part of an international team of forensic anthropologists.

Bytheway worked in the anthropology/pathology tent on a military base.

“The archeological team flew out to the mass gravesites while the lab team, which I was on, stayed on the base,” she said.

“We had an intake location area where the bodies would be delivered,” she explained. “In intake, they would separate the clothing from the bodies, so when the skeletal remains came to us there was no bias. We didn’t see clothing that might indicate one sex or another.”

The anthropology team performed a biological profile to determine the victim’s age, sex, height, living stature and trauma. That information was passed to the pathologist to make a determination of manner and cause of death.

“The clothing went to an area called cultural objects, where they actually laid the clothing out and marked all of the bullet defects,” said Bytheway. “They marked those and photographed them, and at the end, the skeletal material and the clothing came together for the pathologist to examine. It gave the pathologist more definitive information as to the number of gunshot wounds.”

All the information was compiled in a case file and was examined by a team of American attorneys involved in the case against Saddam Hussein. They examined the files to check for any inconsistencies. The FBI was also involved. They analyzed written documents that were found on the clothing.

Bytheway found the Iraqi people she came across to be very gracious.

“They were phenomenal,” she said. “We are not talking about the radical insurgents. We’re talking about the normal, average Iraqi people.”
Bytheway said she watched Saddam Hussein’s trial on TV.

“They found him guilty on a genocide case where he was sentenced to hang,” she said. “But those were not the cases we had done. Our cases, which were all Kurdish individuals, were brought to trial in November. He was sentenced to hang with our information.” (Saddam Hussein was executed on Dec. 30, 2006.)

Bytheway said she was pleased by the verdict in Saddam’s trial.

“I was pleased, not because of a political stance,” she said. “But when you work on these cases and you see these children—babies shot in the head—you can not help but feel what a violation this was to humanity.”

When asked if the experience had changed her life, Bytheway paused for a moment before answering.

“Yes,” she said. “I think it changed my life…spiritually, professionally, personally. Spiritually, the people in Iraq still talk about Abraham as if he lived just a generation ago, rather than thousands of years ago. Iraq is, supposedly, where the Garden of Eden was, so if you have any type of spirituality, you cannot help but feel a reaction to that.”

She felt that she improved professionally, because “there are very few forensic anthropologists who have seen that much trauma,” she said. “It was a catalyst for me, as far as being a better forensic anthropologist. I’m certainly more experienced in pointing out trauma on bone.”

She uses her experience in Iraq to bring relevance to the courses she teaches at SHSU.

“During lecture, I talk about different experiences that I’ve had in Iraq,” she said. “Flying in on a C-130, no windows, landing in what is called a ‘corkscrew’ pattern…just a lot of different experiences that I share with my classes. I’m a better forensic anthropologist, so I’m better equipped to train students.”

And personally?

“I really loved the Iraqi people,” she said. “I really enjoyed their culture, their food. Even though Iraq is a Middle Eastern country that has been under oppression for so long, it is very modern in some ways—many women dress in mini-skirts and high heels,” she said. “The Sunnis are more traditional with their clothing. There are also a lot of Christian Iraqis that we talked with who became good friends. “We also had many Muslim friends,” she said. “When you are with them, all those differences go away.”
Fall Enrollment Hits All-Time High

Sam Houston State University’s enrollment for the 2006 fall semester is 15,935, a new all-time record.

SHSU President James Gaertner has often told groups that he feels the university’s construction efforts, its award-winning retention program, its commitment to maintaining a faculty/student ratio at about 1:22, and increasing average admission scores have added to SHSU’s appeal to potential students.

The university is not only attracting more students, but is keeping more. The freshman one-year retention rate is approximately 70 percent, up almost 8 percent in the past five years, and the minority population is 28 percent, an increase Gaertner attributed, in part, to the Student Advising and Mentoring Center.

Former Enron Vice President Speaks on Campus

Sherron S. Watkins, a former vice president of the Enron Corporation, addressed the university as the President’s Speaker Series lecturer on Nov. 14.

Watkins, dubbed by the media as Enron’s “whistleblower” for alerting then-chief executive officer Ken Lay to the accounting irregularities within the company, discussed the corporation’s deterioration and advised students of warning signs of unethical future employers.

Lauded in the press for her courageous actions, Watkins was named as one of TIME magazine’s three 2002 Persons of the Year for being someone “who did just right by doing their jobs rightly.”

Now an independent speaker and consultant, Watkins discusses what she feels went wrong not only at Enron but with much of the whole system that equity markets rely on to function properly, as well as focuses on ethical leadership and how to avoid any semblance of Enron-like behavior.

The President’s Speaker Series was created in January 2002 by James F. Gaertner, SHSU president, to introduce Sam Houston State University students, many of whom are first generation college students, to people who are living successful and principled lives. It is supported by a grant from long-time SHSU benefactor, the late Lu Ellen Gibbs.

Previous speakers include David Robinson, Dan Rather, Debbi Fields, Ken Jennings, Drayton McLane and Dave Dravecky.

Pavelock Receives National Ag Education Award

Dwayne Pavelock, assistant professor of agriculture, was presented the American Association of Schools and Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources Teaching Award for New Teachers.

The honor is one of the top national awards in agriculture education.
Biologist Named to Prestigious National Position

One of Sam Houston State University’s top researchers has taken a job with the National Science Foundation in Arlington, Va., effective Jan. 1.

Jerry Cook, associate professor of biology, was asked by the National Science Foundation to become their program director for systematics and biological survey and inventory.

He agreed to take the job for a minimum of a year with no plans to stay longer, and his colleagues in the College of Arts and Sciences say it is quite an honor for him and for Sam Houston State.

“What I hope to bring back to Sam Houston State University is more knowledge of the granting process and some visibility for my program and the university,” he said.

Past President of SHSU Dies

Arleigh Templeton, eighth president of Sam Houston State University, died Oct. 28 in San Antonio at the age of 90.

His work spanned three decades and several school districts, including his time as school district superintendent for League City, Clear Creek, El Campo and Alvin. He also served as president of Alvin Junior College and president of three universities, including Sam Houston State, the University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Texas at El Paso.

During his tenure at Sam Houston State, the university went from a teachers college to a state college, then to a university in six years. The university’s criminal justice program was established and became the first discipline at Sam Houston State to offer a doctoral degree. It was the university’s only doctoral degree for more than 25 years.
Health Ed Program Gets NCATE Approval

SHSU’s health education program recently became the third program in the state to earn accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the College of Education’s 10th program to earn the distinction.

The program earned the highest recognition by NCATE, “nationally recognized,” after being previously “recognized with conditions” and will retain the designation until the fall 2008.

“This is the highest honor that a professional education unit could receive,” said Alice Fisher, health and kinesiology department chair.

“The ‘nationally recognized’ status for the health education program informs the public that Sam Houston State University has yet another professional education unit that has met state, professional, and institutional standards of the highest educational quality.”

Affiliation Connects Department, Initiative

After an extensive transformation of SHSU’s educational leadership and counseling department’s school counselor preparation program, the department and the College of Education have been accepted as a part of the Transforming School Counseling Initiative.

The initiative, coordinated by the Education Trust’s National Center for Transforming School Counseling, in Washington, D.C., charges universities to evaluate its school counselor preparation program curriculum “dramatically” in order to ensure that the program is the most “current and up-to-date there is,” according to Judith Nelson, assistant professor in the department.

“We have two school counseling courses, and we have changed those to be less mental-health oriented and more student-achievement oriented,” Nelson said. “We’ve not only changed the names of the courses, but we have changed the content.

“The names and the content now reflect the new role of the school counselor, which is to be a school leader, an advocate and accountable for the program,” she said.
ELC Program
Earns Eight-Year Accreditation

The SHSU educational leadership and counseling department’s community counseling master’s program recently achieved an unusual feat.

Not only did the program become one of 10 in the state to earn accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, but it received an eight-year accreditation, the longest period awarded by the council, on its very first attempt to earn accreditation.

AAA Texas Honors SHSU for Alcohol Prevention Program

AAA Texas has awarded Sam Houston State University the $5,000 grand prize in the AAA College and University Drinking and Driving Prevention Awards Program.

The competition challenges colleges and universities to develop and implement programs to prevent student drinking and driving and alcohol abuse. This year, six universities were awarded a total of $10,000.

Sam Houston State earned the award for its “Kats Taking Care of Kats” campaign, which utilizes the university’s Bearkat mascot theme to increase student participation in alcohol education and promote their willingness to assist their fellow “KATS” when engaging in risky behavior associated with alcohol use. The “KATS” campaign has been integrated into school events, the curriculum, campus newspaper, web site and flyers, as well as personal and mass e-mail distributions.

“Sam Houston’s ‘KATS’ program is an excellent example of a school providing a well-conceived and comprehensive approach to dealing with the serious problem of drinking and driving and alcohol abuse on campus,” said Steven Bloch, coordinator of the AAA’s College and University Drinking and Driving Prevention Awards Program.
Hollywood movies like “Rudy,” “Rocky,” and “Hoosiers” featuring athletes succeeding against improbable odds have been big hits. But a story just as amazing happened for real on the football turf at Sam Houston State this fall.

D. D. Terry, a senior from Willis, went from second string linebacker to Southland Conference “Offensive Player of the Year” in one incredible season.

After a year as a linebacker for Kilgore Junior College, Terry transferred to Sam Houston to play both football and run track. He helped lead Sam Houston to back-to-back Southland outdoor track championships, running on first place relays. But, seeing time at safety and linebacker, Terry seemed unable to find a home on the football field.

“We always felt like D. D. was one of our best athletes, but for one reason or another, he always seemed to be a backup player and not a starter,” Sam Houston head coach Todd Whitten said. “It was a little frustrating, because you would look at D. D. and think, wow, what an athlete. He had a great attitude and worked hard. But he had the kind of body that was in between a linebacker and a safety. He never got comfortable playing defense. During spring drills, I joked with our defensive coaches that, if they weren’t going to start D. D., I might just steal him for the offense.”

Whitten’s jest turned prophetic. When preseason drills started on August 8, suddenly the cupboard was bare. Due to graduation or injuries, Sam Houston returned only one running back with college experience.

Terry was moved to offense into a position he hadn’t played since high school. He didn’t play in the season opener, but carried 19 times for 122 yards and three touchdowns as a backup in the next two games. The coaches made Terry a starter for the game against defending national champion Texas.

The contest before 88,000 in Austin was Terry’s breakout game on a national stage. Against a Longhorn team ranked number one nationally in rush defense (allowing only 42 yards a game), Terry carried 21 times for 85 yards.

“I’m not a cocky person, and I try to be as modest as I can,” Terry said. “But when I heard the stats I had against Texas, I felt like I could be one of the best running backs in the nation. None of that would be possible without the great group of guys I had blocking for me. Our offensive line did a great job every week.”

A week later, on the first play of the Southland opener at Northwestern State, Terry dashed for a 74-yard touchdown. It was off to the races for Terry after that.

The kinesiology major rushed for more than 100 yards in six of the next seven games, earning Southland Conference Offensive “Player of the Week” three times. At midseason, Terry became one of 16 finalists for the Walter Payton Award, the top offensive award for players in the NCAA Division I championship series.

Terry ended the season with a school record 1,328 yards rushing on 215 carries. Only eight backs have ever run for more yards in a single season in Southland Conference history. Terry’s 278 yards in the Southeastern Louisiana victory and his 253 yards against McNeese State rank as the second and third best rushing days ever by a Bearkat back.
When the Sam Houston State baseball team takes the field this spring under the guidance of one of the most successful coaches in NCAA Division I history, it’s hard to tell who is more excited—Bearkat fans or the head coach himself.


At age 60, Johnson believes he’s in the prime of his coaching career, enthusiastic and eager to get back on the field to coach again. “We’re excited about what’s happening here at Sam Houston,” Johnson said. “It will take some time to build a program, and I’m not going to take any shortcuts. I believe we can win at Sam Houston—I wouldn’t have been interested in the job had I not believed that.”

Johnson was Sporting News National Coach of the Year in 1993 and is a member of both the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) and Texas Baseball Hall of Fame. He was Big 12 Coach of the Year in 1986, 1993, 1998 and 1999 and Southwest Conference Coach of the Year in 1986, 1989 and 1993. He served as head coach for Team USA in the summer of 1999.

“The first thing after taking the job, I called every player to introduce myself,” Johnson said. “I was really impressed by the quality of the kids and their desire to succeed. That impression hasn’t changed. We have quality guys here who want to work and win. They have been eager and open to everything the coaching staff has asked.”

During his tenure at Texas A&M, 108 players were selected in the Major League baseball draft. Johnson’s teams at Texas A&M were ranked No. 1 in the nation for 11 weeks in 1989, six weeks in 1993 and three times in 1999.

The task in front of Johnson is challenging. Sam Houston finished ninth in the Southland Conference in 2006 and has not appeared in the SLC post-season tournament since 2000. “There’s a lot to learn. We’re getting into the inner game of baseball and trying to teach the little things that make the difference between winning and losing,” Johnson said. “We’re dedicating this season to the 18 senior ball players on this year’s squad. We’re challenging them to get their expectations higher. When you play 56 games in a season, you’re not going to play great every time out. What makes the difference is how you react to adversity.”

Johnson said he was impressed with the new Bearkat Baseball Complex even before he came to Huntsville for his interview. He and his wife, Linda, made the short drive here from College Station and took a tour of the new facilities and the SHSU campus when the job came open.

Johnson now is a Bearkat and is eager to get the 2007 season started. “I wasn’t ready for retirement. I feel like I still have something to give to the game,” Johnson said. “My wife and I have moved to Huntsville. With family and grandchildren in Houston and so many friends in this area, Sam Houston has been an ideal fit.”
Last year, when Sam Houston State won both the men’s and women’s outdoor track and field league championships for the second year in a row, it marked a Southland first. No SLC member had ever before won both men’s and women’s titles in consecutive years.

Now, in 2007, the question is, can the Bearkats “three-peat!”

With 24 returning All-Southland athletes returning (12 men, 12 women) plus several talented newcomers, Sam Houston State definitely will be in the hunt.

“With the addition of two new teams in the conference, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Central Arkansas, the complexion of the meet will change, but we’re definitely beginning the season with another title sweep as our goal,” SHSU head track and field coach Curtis Collier said.

Top returning athletes for the Bearkats include five-time Southland Conference pole vault champion Jennie Sewell and seven-time All-SLC sprinter Tiffany Singleton on the women’s side and six-time all-league sprinter Chris Edison for the men.

The track and field squad is not the only Bearkat spring sport with bright prospects for 2007.

Head Coach Bob Brock’s softball team appears loaded with pitching talent. Two-time All-Southland Conference hurler Shalayne Blythe and sophomore Brandi Crnkovic are joined by an outstanding freshman recruit Morgan Mikulin of Huntsville.

Shortstop Tanya Hooser and outfielder Stephanie Mosley, All-Southland performers the past two years, return to lead the Bearkats at the plate.

Sam Houston State will host the 2007 Southland Conference post-season softball tournament at the Bearkat Softball Complex May 11 – 13.

Jim Giachino, who produced NCAA tournament participants at Missouri State, begins his first season as Sam Houston State women’s tennis coach this spring. The Bearkats went 7-3 in Southland Conference action last year to place third, the team’s highest league finish ever. Irina Sotnikova and Lata Assudani return to lead the Kats.

The men’s and women’s golf programs, under the direction of second-year coach Mike Dirks, also look to be improved. The men’s golf team won three tournament team titles this fall. The women won one team championship and finished top four in two other events.

Sam Houston State will host the 2007 Southland Conference post-season softball tournament at the Bearkat Softball Complex May 11 – 13.
Basketball Tournament Finds New Home

The Sam Houston men’s and women’s basketball teams had a near home court advantage for the league’s NCAA playoff berths when the Southland Conference’s post-season event moved to a new home in March.

The 2007 O’Reilly Auto Parts Southland Conference Men’s and Women’s basketball tournaments were held March 7 – 11, at the M.O. Campbell Center in north Houston.

The men qualified, but the women did not. Both are looking forward to next season when the tournament is expected to return to the Campbell Center.

Sixteen teams, the top eight men’s and women’s regular season finishers, convened at the Campbell Center, playing 14 games over five days. The men’s and women’s bracket winners earned automatic qualification into the 2007 NCAA Tournaments.

The 5,000-seat Campbell Center is located near Beltway 8, Interstate 45 and U.S. Highway 59, and is just minutes from Houston’s Bush Intercontinental Airport.

“The Southland Conference presidents are universally pleased with the new format and the Campbell Center location for the 2007 Basketball Tournament,” SHSU President James Gaertner said. Gaertner also serves as chair of the Southland’s Board of Directors, the presidential governing group. “Our conference has been increasingly competitive in both men’s and women’s basketball in recent years, and we are looking forward to a successful tournament in Houston,” he added.
A ‘Rather’ Extraordinary Gift

$2 Million Donation Breaks University Record

By Julia May

Legendary newsman Dan Rather and his wife, Jean, have given Sam Houston State University the largest single monetary gift in the university's history.

Their $2 million contribution, given through the university’s Share The Vision capital campaign, has been designated for scholarships and discretionary funding for programs in areas for which Rather is well known.

Rather, a long-time supporter of the university, received a bachelor’s degree in journalism from then-Sam Houston State Teachers College in 1953.

“So many people, known and unknown, helped me to get through Sam Houston State when I was there, desperately trying to make it, that I’ve always wanted to give back—somehow, some way, to the best of my ability,” said Rather.

“When President (James) Gaertner told us last year that the university was going to begin its biggest campaign for help ever,” Rather continued, “he explained how the increasing need for funding outside the state legislature was needed to aid those students least able to fully help themselves financially,” Rather continued.

“He also explained how resources from ‘outside’ help could benefit the university in its overall, general drive for excellence,” said Rather.

After talking with Gaertner, Rather said he and his wife thought a lot about what they could do for Sam Houston State.

The Rathers called a family council to discuss their wishes, and all agreed that the time to make a financial contribution was now.

University officials noted the significance of the Rather gift.

“The gift from Dan Rather and his family is the largest single cash donation ever made to this grand old university.”

James Gaertner, President—Sam Houston State University

The gift will be used to endow undergraduate scholarships and to support the Communications program. It is safe to say that many lives will be changed for the better because of this example of great generosity. We sincerely appreciate Mr. Rather’s thoughtfulness, and his obvious affection for Sam Houston State, that resulted in this wonderful donation.”

Throughout the years, Rather’s support of Sam Houston State University has encompassed a wide variety of areas. He has established new scholarships and supported existing programs on campus including journalism, the library, alumni relations, the Honors Program, and a number of enrichment programs; filmed promotional material for the university; and met with students and classes.

In 1998, he established what Sam Houston State students have called one of the best broadcasting internships in the United States, inviting three students per year to spend a semester working at CBS News in New York City.

Even before the internship was established, Sam Houston State’s journalism students were feeling Rather’s influence.
“So many people, known and unknown, helped me get through Sam Houston State when I was there, desperately trying to make it, that I’ve always wanted to give back—somehow, some way, to the best of my ability,”

Dan Rather

Note From Dan Rather…

As life goes along, love sometimes fades, but mine for Sam Houston has never wavered since the first day the school took me, an unworthy one, in. Nor has my deep appreciation for all that the school (then Sam Houston State Teachers’ College) and the people of Huntsville have given to me.

Among so many other things, they gave me the educational foundation to pursue my dreams, which have come true far beyond anything I could have imagined at the time. Most of all, they gave me heart. It is not too strong to say that Sam Houston, while I was there, gave me a heart transplant—a fighting heart that was mixed with one with a sense about caring for and helping others.

So many people at Sam Houston and in Huntsville helped me, a bedraggled trying-to-make-it and hang on nobody from a tough neighborhood in Houston. Like so many Sam Houston students, then and now, I was the first in my family on either side to get a college degree.

It was always odds against and there was no way I could have made it without the help of many people there whom I’d never met before and with whom I had no previous connections. As just one example among many, sometime between my junior and senior years, despite my best efforts (a patchwork of part-time jobs during the school terms and oil field summer work) it looked as though I would have to drop out.

Seemingly out of nowhere I was granted something called a “Lawrence Scholarship.” It was a few hundred dollars, just enough—but enough—to get me over the hump. I didn’t, don’t, know the “Lawrence” of the name, but I have never forgotten what it meant to me.

Over the years, as I got off of the bottom in my chosen profession, I tried to give back to the school when I could, what I could. But there wasn’t a lot I could do.

When the university (which it had become by that time) named the Communications Building in my honor, I was—frankly—not just surprised, I was astonished, and humbled. Several people said at the time they believed it
to have been the first time anywhere in Texas (and not much, if any, anywhere else) that a major building at a university had been named for anyone who either had not been at the school for a long while or who never made a large financial contribution.

Whether that was true or not I was deeply touched, and so was my family. Bluntly put, a version of “Can you believe they’ve done such a thing without his ‘buying it?’” plus, “This kind of thing just never happens” made the rounds. (Sorry to say, these sorts of things weren’t always said in good spirit.) That was sometime in the 1990s.

As the years rolled by, I often thought of what an extraordinary thing the university and the board of regents had done. I also thought that if I tried to make some substantial (for me and my family) financial contribution in the wake of that generous gesture, someone was bound to say a version of, “Ah, hah! You see, it was, after all, about money.”

It was never about that, and we knew it. My wife and I, however, had left the campus the night after the building dedication saying to ourselves that some day, some how, we were going to contribute in some significant (for us) financial way to the school. We never forgot that vow. Over time we brought our children into our confidence about this (they had been there for the building dedication) and told them that—especially if anything happened to us—they should keep this close in mind and heart. (They enthusiastically agreed.)

We, as a family, began saving toward the day when I and the family might be able to do the maximum possible in our circumstances for Sam Houston—whether I was still alive or not. It was under the general heading of “some day.”

As we did so, there were times—as there had been on so many occasions in the past—when the Sam Houston community (administration, faculty and students) and that of Huntsville stood up for me and stood by me when the going got tough. When times were the roughest, including those when it involved my professional responsibilities, Sam Houston and Huntsville were rocks of support and encouragement. Through every storm of life they were oak and iron for me, even—yea, especially—when I might have made a mistake and/or might not have deserved such friendship and loyalty.

With all of this in mind, when President Gaertner told us last year that the university was going to begin its biggest campaign for help ever, and why (among other things, the increasing need for help outside the state legislature in aiding students least able to fully help themselves financially and the need for outside help in aiding the university in its overall, general drive for excellence), we listened closely and thought about it a lot.

“We could do more.” Finally, in the midst of the campaign, we decided to do more than give something back to Sam Houston. In the great scheme of things, anything we could contribute wouldn’t be a whole lot. But what we could do we wanted to do, and we wanted to do it at a time when the need seemed to be the greatest. We eventually concluded that the time was now.

We wish we could do more. ✯
Anonymous Donors:

Alumni ‘Share The Vision’ Through $1 Million Campaign Donation

Sometimes the pressures that college students face are not limited to those generated by thoughts of term papers and tests. Often students worry from semester to semester about whether they will have enough money just to enroll in classes, much less pay for the other expenses associated with working toward a degree.

Thanks to the generosity of two Sam Houston State University graduates who wish to remain anonymous, $1 million will soon be available for scholarships to ease the burden that some SHSU students have to consider when deciding whether or not the goal of completing a college education is attainable for them.

The gift, which has been given through the university’s Share the Vision capital campaign, represents one of the largest one-time donations ever given to the university and is the second largest one-time gift given to SHSU this millennium.

“When we were in college, we both worked all the time to pay for our education,” said one of the donors.

“With the scholarships we are establishing, we hope that deserving students will be able to focus more on their studies and not have the distraction of worrying about how to pay for school,” the donor added. “We want to provide a better way for students to reach their academic goals.”

The donors, who are married, have supported the university in a number of previous endeavors, always focusing on the needs of students.

University President James Gaertner praised the donors for providing significant educational opportunities and experiences that might not be available to SHSU students without these scholarships.

“It’s always particularly gratifying when this kind of support comes from former students who are committed to making a difference in the lives of future generations at Sam Houston State University,” he said.

“From the depths of my heart, I am truly grateful to have received such great financial assistance from someone I have never met. Thank you for believing in me.”

Gabriela Miranda
Fashion Merchandising Major
December 2008
Charlie Vienne was named director of Alumni Relations effective Nov. 1, 2006.

Vienne said he will focus on increasing membership in the Alumni Association, increasing participation at tailgate events and receptions throughout the state and establishing area alumni clubs in cities and counties around the state.

He would also like to see more alumni come back to campus.

“There are so many alumni who have not been back to campus in many, many years,” he said. “If we can get them back on campus just once, they will fall in love all over again with this great university.”

Vienne served as assistant director for alumni relations from June 2006 until his appointment to the interim director position in September. He previously worked as assistant athletic director for external relations at Northwestern (La.) State University, from 2002 – 06.

Prior to that he was division manager for special facilities for the city of Shreveport, La. (2000 – 02), athletic business manager at Northwestern State (1997 – 2000), athletic facility manager at Northwestern State (1995 – 97), and marketing and promotions assistant at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (1993 – 95).

He received his master’s degree in sports management from Georgia Southern University in 1993, his bachelor’s in business administration from Northwestern State in 1991, and has done post graduate study in accounting at Northwestern State.

Despite not having attended SHSU, Vienne said, he feels like a real Bearkat.

“My family and I have fallen in love with Sam Houston and Huntsville and have really settled in here and are proud to call this home,” he said.

He and his wife, Kristy, who is director of Bearkat OneCard Services, have a two-year-old daughter, Jensen.

Individual Service Recognized

Each year, the Alumni Association Service Awards Program recognizes up to six individuals who have made significant contributions to the university, exemplifying the motto, “The Measure of Life is its Service”. Those recognized include Sam Houston State alumni, faculty, staff, administrators, and friends—the people who are at the very heart of the university.

The Service Awards Luncheon will be held in the Lowman Student Center Ballroom on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 11:30 am.

The motto, “The Measure of Life is its Service” was originally an inscription on a memorial window placed in the Old Main building honoring Henry Carr Pritchett, President of Sam Houston State Normal Institute from 1891 – 1908.
Alumni Honored As Distinguished

Sam Houston State University graduates who have made notable contributions to the business, education and medical fields, as well as to SHSU itself, were honored as Distinguished Alumni during the university’s 2006 homecoming festivities.

Ron and Ruth Blatchley

Former neighbors of university President James F. Gaertner and his wife, Nancy, while students at SHSU, Ron and Ruth Blatchley helped provide one of the university’s most noticeable new monuments, the Bell Tower.

Ron, a former owner of more than 12 McDonald’s restaurants in the Bryan/College Station and Houston areas, received both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from SHSU in 1968 and 1969, respectively.

He also served four years in the US Air Force, was the director of student affairs at Texas A&M University for 14 years, was mayor of Bryan from 1983 – 1985, and currently owns a residential construction company in Bryan that builds homes in Brazos and Grimes counties.

In addition, he serves on the board of directors of First National Bank of Bryan/College Station and has been the recipient of such awards as the 2001 Newman Award for an outstanding businessman in Bryan/College Station, 1998 Outstanding McDonald’s Partner for the top 20 franchise owners in the world and “Top Rookie Owner/Operator” in McDonald’s of Texas, among many others.

A “Realtor of the Year,” Ruth owned a real estate company with two partners in Bryan/College Station for 10 years. She also was active in numerous organizations in the area.

She became one of the first women in the Houston Region to become a licensed owner/operator of McDonald’s restaurants when she and her husband went into partnership in their 12 franchise restaurants, where she was an active participant in the day-to-day operation and also served as president of the Houston Region Operators Association.

Ruth retired in 2002.

In addition to being a significant donor to the Bell Tower, the Blatchleys also provided the clock in the Alumni Garden, beside the Lowman Student Center. ★
James Hayley

A former member of the Texas State University System Board of Regents, Hayley is president and chief executive officer of the Texas City—La Marque Chamber of Commerce. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1959.

Named to the TSUS board of regents in 1999 by then-governor George W. Bush, Hayley assisted in obtaining regent approval for various projects on the SHSU campus, including three new dormitories, the Visitor/Alumni Center, and the baseball/softball complex, served as the local chairman for SHSU and was vice chairman of the Texas State University—San Marcos board.

Among his endeavors are member and chairman of the board for Energy for Schools, Texas City Rotary Club member, member and former chairman of the Gulf Coast Chamber Executives and the Texas State Chamber Executives, St. John’s United Methodist Church member, and former trustee of La Marque Independent School District.

In addition, he received the “Outstanding Chamber of Commerce Executive in Texas” award in 2005 by the Texas Association of Business, is a past recipient of the Texas City—La Marque Community Service Award in 1998, the Texas Banchares Howard O. Payne Award in 1996, and Texas Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award in 2002.

He was named the Galveston County New Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1991 and an “Outstanding Educator of America” in 1982.

Ron Koska

A charter member of the SHSU chapter of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Koska is a 1961 graduate with a bachelor’s degree in psychology. After graduation, he began his career in the food service industry and founded his own Houston-based firm in 1969.

His business, Institutional Sales Associates, now has 105 employees and offices in Houston, Austin, Lubbock, Dallas and Albuquerque and has sales in excess of $400 million.

Koska has shown SHSU, and his community, financial support by sponsoring the Student Technology and Lobby areas in the College of Business Administration, supplying food and labor for Athletic Department fundraisers and serving as a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and on the Sam Houston Memorial Museum’s “Friends of the Museum” board.

In addition, he serves as a benefactor for Delta Tau Delta National Fraternity, the Brookwood Community, the University of St. Thomas, Pines Montessori School, the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Lutheran High North, Houston Choral Showcase, Special Olympics, Pilgrim Baptist Church, Port Mansfield Chamber of Commerce, Zion Lutheran Preschool and Zion Lutheran Church in Houston.

Robert Rod

A first vice president and financial broker for Raymond James and Associates and a multiple “Broker of the Year” recipient, Rod has been described as “honest,” a “hard worker” and “well-respected as a person and business man.”

He received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1964.

Rod started his career as a stockbroker and has managed the account for Lyndon Baines Johnson’s family for over 20 years.

His business endeavors include being founder and chief executive officer of the National Bank of Waller County, now Texas Premier Bank; owning Redi-Smoke, which he later sold to Mr. Smokey; and purchasing the potato chip company that soon became Bob’s Texas Style, which he also sold to a publicly-traded company.

Avid hunters, he and his family have traveled the world on safaris.

A life member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the NRA and the Houston and International Safari Club, as well as Ducks Unlimited and Quail Unlimited, Rod hosts “youth” hunts for the less fortunate and donates meats from hunting expeditions to the hungry.

In addition, he has chaired and been the honoree of many charities, such as the American Diabetes Association, the Ronald McDonald House, the National Rifle Association, Houston Safari Club, Safari Club International, and Westlake Club Wildlife Conservation Associations, among others.
T.O. Souryal

Souryal, a 1977 graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, is a nationally—and internationally—recognized orthopedic surgeon who not only works on professional athletes but provides free medical assistance to amateur athletes as well.

Souryal began distinguishing himself while at SHSU, serving as a senator in the Student Government Association, president of the Lowman Student Center Program Council, helping to establish a chapter of Kappa Sigma fraternity and graduating in three years.

When he was accepted at the University of Texas—San Antonio, one of three medical schools that accepted him, he was the first SHSU graduate to be admitted to medical school in several years.

As an orthopedic surgeon, he writes on orthopedic medicine for professional journals and lectures throughout the world on knee injuries.

Souryal is director of the Texas Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Group in Dallas and has been the team physician for many professional athletic teams. He is currently in his 14th year as head team physician for the Dallas Mavericks basketball team.

He also hosts a radio show for ESPN radio called “Inside Sports Medicine” since 2002 and is writing a book entitled “The Weekend Warrior’s Guide To Sports Injuries.”

He expanded his philanthropic endeavors in 2004, when he established the Texas Sports Medicine Foundation, a charitable organization to help financially disadvantaged high school athletes with medical bills.

Arrambide Named First Distinguished Young Alumnus

L. Stacey Arrambide, a 1997 and 1999 Sam Houston State University graduate who rose from an intern to vice president of statistics and data management for SYNERGOS in only eight years, has been named the SHSU Alumni Association’s first Distinguished Young Alumnus.

Arrambide received his award during the Distinguished Alumni Award gala, held during SHSU’s homecoming weekend Oct. 13.

The grandson of Mexican immigrants, Arrambide, a first generation college student, turned down athletic scholarships from such universities as Tulane and the Naval Academy to come to SHSU in order to remain close to his father.

While a graduate student in the statistics program, he contacted the owner and chief executive officer of SYNERGOS, a company in The Woodlands that handles statistical analyses of data for medical researchers, and convinced her to allow him to serve as a summer intern.

By the end of the summer, he had made such an impression on her that she offered him a permanent position.

Within eight years, he had worked his way up to vice president of statistics and data management.

Arrambide graduated Cum Laude in 1997 with his bachelor’s degree in mathematics and a minor in statistics and in 1999 with his master’s degree in statistics. He currently serves on the board of directors for the SHSU Kat Pack.

He and his wife, Janelle, have two children, son Lou Elijah, “Eli,” and daughter Maya Marie.

Stay Connected

The 2007 Sam Houston State University Alumni Directory is an invaluable tool in a world where building and maintaining a strong personal network has become essential. The directory contains complete listings of all alumni including e-mail addresses, professional and personal information as well as biographical information. Scheduled for publication in May 2007.
The Share the Vision Capital Campaign is a significant first for Sam Houston State University. The campaign priorities and objectives align perfectly with the true heart of our university - continually improving the quality of education, scholarship and service while maintaining a caring and nurturing environment. Sam Houston has risen to an unprecedented level of achievement because of the leadership and support of countless individuals and organizations who share a common vision. In this issue of Heritage, we not only celebrate our rich history and exciting vision for the future, we also celebrate and recognize the people who, through their generosity and support, have made a commitment to the future of our grand old university.

It is only with you that we can make the vision a reality. And it is only with you that we can truly make a difference in the lives of future generations of students.

Celebrate the Vision. Share the Vision. Together we can make a difference.

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Joel A. Barker

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The society ($2,500 and more) commemorates Texas’ greatest hero and the university’s namesake. It is comprised of four associates’ categories, according to donors’ levels of giving. All members receive invitations to a special program held annually.
Action without vision just change the world.”
Joel A. Barker

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The Austin Hall Society

($750 to $1,249)

The society commemorates the oldest building on campus that was dedicated in 1851 for Austin College with Sam Houston in attendance. A group of Huntsville citizens acquired the building and contributed it to the state in 1879 to open Sam Houston Normal Institute.

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The Harry F. Estill Society
($500 to $749)

This society commemorates the university leader who served as president for 29 years, longer than anyone in Sam Houston State history. Among his many achievements, the curriculum was expanded, and the first baccalaureate degree was awarded in 1919.
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The Mallon-Smith Founders Society

($250-$499)

This society commemorates the dedication and sacrifices of establishing Sam Houston Normal Institute. Bernard Mallon, the first president, died 11 days after classes began on October 10, 1879. Hildreth H. Smith took over and guided the college until 1881.
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Finishing the fourth year of the Annual Fund phonathon, student callers raised a record pledge amount of over $225,000 for fiscal year 2005-2006.

Students call alumni each semester to increase support for the Annual Fund campaign, which helps support the academic departments, student scholarships, athletics, and faculty development. The phonathon also provides a way to connect with alumni. The Campus Callers, as the students are called, are able to visit with alumni and give updates on current campus events.
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In recognition of their generous contributions to the university’s track and field program. Following Mr. York’s death in 1983, Mrs. York continued to support academic and athletic scholarships, the Sam Houston Memorial Museum, the Alumni Association, and she established several discretionary endowments.
In Spring 2007, the College of Criminal Justice will award the first Dan Richard Beto Endowed Scholarship in Criminal Leadership.

The endowment was established by Dan and Donna Beto to provide annual scholarships to full-time graduate or doctoral students majoring in criminal justice, whose area of concentration is law enforcement, policy and on the professionalism of persons employed in the justice corrections field.

Beto earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a Master’s in criminology and corrections from Sam Houston State University. Although he began in institutional corrections, most of his 40-year career in government service was devoted to community corrections. He was the founding executive director of the Correctional Management Institute of Texas at SHSU and served in that capacity from 1994 until his retirement in 2005.

"Sam Houston State University has been good to me," said Beto. "I earned two degrees from this university, which provided me with an educational foundation to pursue a successful career in the corrections field.

"In addition, I met my wife of 37 years here," he said. "Finally, I was provided an opportunity to have an impact on criminal justice policy and on the professionalism of persons employed in the justice system when I was recruited to be the founding executive director of CMIT.

"My wife and I created this endowed scholarship in criminal leadership as a way to ‘thank you’ to Sam Houston State University and to provide financial assistance to some deserving students seeking careers in the profession," he said.
alumni and friends, are critical in helping to recruit the students.

Faculty, Staff Giving Continues

The SHSU faculty and staff are partners in the future of the university. As members of the SHSU “family,” they are dedicated to helping fulfill the educational mission.

An annual faculty and staff campaign began in fiscal year 2001 with a giving participation rate of 18 percent. Each fall, there is a five to six-week volunteer-driven campaign. The volunteer committee includes 50 members of the faculty and staff representing each of the colleges and administrative divisions.

“Last fall during the active portion of the campaign, the giving participation rate was 52.5 percent. We ended fiscal year 2006 with 54.5 percent participation and $193,000 raised,” said Cindy Trax, director of annual giving and faculty and staff campaign coordinator.

“This past fall, the goal was 55 percent participation during the active campaign. By the Nov. 20 deadline, we had reached 60 percent participation,” she said, “with the average gift well over $100.”

“Annual gifts from faculty with students, with the average gift well over $100.”

(Credit: Cindy Trax, Director of Annual Giving and Faculty and Staff Campaign Coordinator at Sam Houston State University)
The 100 Club

The 100 Club was established in 1953 in Houston by 100 individuals who contributed $100 each to help the families of Houston police officers who were killed in the line of duty.

Since that time, the organization has expanded its efforts to support law enforcement in all of Harris County as well as 17 area counties in southeast Texas. In 2001, the 100 Club reached out to provide benefits to the dependents of firefighters killed in the line of duty.

But the 100 Club does more than collect and disperse funds to surviving dependents. For almost 25 years, the organization has partnered with SHSU to provide scholarship benefits totaling $2.7 million for students in the College of Criminal Justice.

The 100 Club provides scholarships to full-time state, county and municipal peace officers within the organization’s coverage area for undergraduate and graduate degrees. They also fund 13 scholarships, named for past officers of The 100 Club, which are given each year to academically outstanding undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Criminal Justice at SHSU.

“We hope that one day when these honor students complete their education, they will become peace officers and serve the citizens of our area,” said Rick Hartley, executive director of The 100 Club.

In 2004, the organization established an endowment to create The 100 Club Doctoral Scholarship at SHSU. The scholarship award was presented in 2006 during the College of Criminal Justice’s Honors Convocation. The endowment is funded by proceeds from the club’s annual Member Golf Tournament, which has been held for 18 years.

Special thanks to Advancement Services for their tireless efforts in providing and maintaining the donor lists used in the report. They are (front, from left) Patsy Wuenesch, Shirley Baker, Bonnie Sisterson, (back, from left) Martha Mendiola and Ginger Harrell.
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McNeil (Mac) Moore donned his number 38 jersey and stepped onto the grass of Pritchett Field in 1951. He walked off the field in 1954 as a Sam Houston graduate and record-setting champion athlete. Over fifty years later, he still holds the single game rushing record and a career record for most points. Mac continued his studies at Sam, receiving his Master’s degree in 1957.

He went on to play professional football with the Chicago Bears, coach and teach, and launch a successful financial services business. When asked about his greatest achievement, Mac doesn’t hesitate to acknowledge his family—wife, Bonnie, and daughters, Kathy and Karen.

Retired but still very active, he remains a much-loved community leader in the small town of Center, Texas. A world traveler, Mac saw his first glimpse of the Egyptian pyramids on the back of a camel and, at the age of 72, rode the zip lines in Costa Rica.

Mac has always been a great friend and ardent supporter of the university. In recognition of the influence Sam Houston State had on his life, he recently established an endowed scholarship.