Laramie McWilliams Wins Bill Hogue Scholarship

The Bill Hogue Memorial Scholarship was established following Bill’s tragic death, which came just six weeks after his graduation from Texas State in December, 1987. Bill loved the university and served it well as a Student Foundation officer, Cheerleader and Orientation Assistant. He was also an active member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity and taught classes for the Catholic Student Organization. The $5,000 scholarship is presented in Bill’s memory every year to a member of Student Foundation who exhibits the enthusiastic pride in Texas State that characterized Bill’s college life. This year’s recipient is Laramie McWilliams, a senior political science major from Ozona. She is an energetic, vibrant, hard-working, and pleasant student leader who exemplifies the qualities of a true Bobcat.

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Leadership Luncheons
Developing relationships with alumni is what Student Foundation does best. This year Mr. Allen Johnson, Student Foundation Alumni Advisory Board member, treated seven members of Foundation to a lunch at Grins restaurant in San Marcos. During the lunch, the members had an opportunity to introduce themselves, discuss ideas to improve Student Foundation, and were provided opportunities for internships. This simple act of kindness from a former Student Foundation member made a big impact on so many students and was an experience no member will forget. Student Foundation members were unanimous in their interest in continuing this program.

If you are interested in hosting a Leadership Luncheon, please contact Bill Poston at bill.poston@kalypso.com. Thanks for your support!

Baylor vs. Texas State
September 15, 2007, the Bobcats face the Bears in Waco in a pre-season football game that will surely result in a Texas State victory. Foundation members will host our Student Foundation Alumni Advisory Board at the Ed Crenshaw Student Foundation Center on the day of the football game. Baylor Student Foundation is opening the doors to their brand new facility to host Texas State Student Foundation.

If you missed the Student Foundation banquet this year, you missed a new beginning and a new focus on Student Foundation scholarships. With the work of the Student Foundation Alumni Network firmly in place, the banquet was the perfect place to reveal the six Student Foundation members who received a total of $10,000 in scholarships. The Bill Hogue Scholarship provided aid totaling $5000 along with five scholarships from the Student Foundation Endowed Scholarship at $1,000 per recipient. Congratulations to all of these scholarship winners and a heartfelt thank you to the charter members of the Student Foundation Alumni Network who have done amazing things in their first year. When a Student Foundation Alumni Network member calls on you to renew your Texas State Alumni membership and to pledge your alumni dues to Student Foundation, I hope you will give it your thoughtful consideration. You will get Hillviews with your alumni membership, and if you direct those dues to the Student Foundation Network, those funds will help future Student Foundation members like our scholarship recipients reach their goals at Texas State. Thank you for all you do for Texas State and for Student Foundation.

-Dr. John H Garrison, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students
Baylor Vs. Texas State

The Student Foundation Alumni Advisory Board Meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on the 15th of September. Directions to the Ed Crenshaw Student Foundation Center are below. Student Foundation will be tailgating at the football game, so please consider meeting us in Waco for fun times and a Texas State victory. GO CATS!

Heading north on I-35:
- Take the University Parks Dr. exit east toward the Baylor campus
- Turn right on Bagby
- Turn right on 5th Street
- The Ed Crenshaw Student Foundation Center is located about 100 yards down 5th Street on the right; parking will be available on the street in front of the Center.

* If you would like to help sponsor this event or attend the board meeting, please send an e-mail to Sheila Bustillos at sb1166@txstate.edu.

SF Alumni Board to Co-Host Texas State Career Coaching Workshop

The Texas State Student Foundation Alumni Network, in coordination with the Texas State Career Services Office and the Student Foundation Leadership Team, will host a Career Coaching and Recruitment Workshop on Friday, September 7, in the LBJ Student Center from 1:30-4:45 p.m.

The format of the sessions will be a round table discussion between Student Foundation Alumni and Student Foundation members which will be followed by an open panel discussion with Student Foundation Alumni and interested Texas State University students who are seeking to gain a better perspective from Student Foundation Alumni professionals who are working in today’s corporate world and competitive markets and professions that include education, marketing, finance, healthcare, and criminal justice.

If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please contact Bret Baldwin (972-953-6743) or Sheila Bustillos at (512) 245-8397.

Bill Hogue Scholarship Winner - Laramie McWilliams

Laramie’s story is special in that it parallels that of the scholarship’s namesake. Bill Hogue was from a small town and he brought a set of values with him to campus that served him well as he grew in the wonderful community environment of Texas State. Both of them had to work very hard to make ends meet and struggled with the burdens of paying for school, doing well in school, and still finding time to be of service.

Ultimately, the selection committee is looking for an individual that embodies the essence of Bill and causes us to remember him favorably. Laramie’s demonstrated track record of service, leadership, work ethic, sincerity, energy, humility, and friendship make her a perfect person to represent Bill’s legacy. She exhibits that enthusiastic pride in the University that characterized Bill’s college life.

Described by her peers as “spunky”, “tough”, “sweet”, “funny”, and “a good friend”, she is a shining example of the many “characters with character” that make Texas State great.

Bill would be very proud of Laramie. She is a Student Foundation officer and committee chair and was nominated by the organization for a national “Member of the Year” award. On campus, she has also served as a mentor for four years and as an Associate Justice in student government. Laramie is an active volunteer with Bobcat Build, Relay for Life and the Special Olympics. She has done all of this while holding down multiple jobs to pay her school expenses. We are thrilled to be able to recognize her with this award.

The Bill Hogue Memorial Scholarship Fund is always looking for the support of Student Foundation alumni, especially those that knew and respected Bill as a fellow Foundation member and friend. Please contact Bill Poston at bill.poston@kalypso.com or 830.446.9366 if you are interested in making a contribution to this valuable program that helps wonderful people like Laramie have an even bigger impact on the University.
I am Matt Priest, incoming President of Student Foundation at Texas State for the 2007-2008 school year. This will be my third year in Student Foundation and I plan to make it one of the greatest years in Student Foundation history. Several things have changed in the evolution of Student Foundation since I joined. The group has gone from one that had almost been forgotten to an organization that is viewed by faculty and students as elite and talked about in the inner-circles of the University administration as a dependable group of leaders, who will serve and represent this university in the best way possible. Going into this year, my goal is to continue to raise the bar on our established events such as Foundations of Excellence and Bobcat Pause by collaborating with university officials and other student organizations to create an experience all Bobcats will enjoy. I am also interested in creating new and exciting programs for both our members and the general student population. I am very excited about where the road has led me up until now in my life and am equally as excited about where the road is headed in the future.

I like to think I keep changing, and by the time I finish writing this “about me” paragraph I will have changed again. I am a junior here at Texas State University majoring in International Studies. I was born on July 2nd, in a “Crazy” part of Texas (if you think you solved the riddle let me know and I will tell you if you are right). My hometown is in Georgetown, TX. I have brown eyes and hair, but who knows with the products sold in stores today I could have green hair and purple eyes by tomorrow. Family is important to me, and will always be, which is why I take every opportunity to go see my nephews, mom, dad, sister, and brother. People tell me I love to talk, and I would have to agree because it is one of my favorite things to do. I love meeting new people and learning about different cultures. My biggest goal in my life is to go to every continent and major city in the world before I die. Student Foundation has by far been the most influential group for me. I have been honored not only by my peers when I was elected as Executive Vice President, but also by alumni when they awarded me one of the five Student Foundation Scholarships. I hope while I serve in office this next year, we, as active members and alumni, will grow to be one of the most influential groups for all Texas State stakeholders. Although I keep changing there is one thing I can say, “I am a bobcat and I will always be a bobcat.”

I am originally from Austin, Texas and graduated from W. Charles Akins High School. I was born and raised in Austin so moving to attend college at Texas State was the first time I would be living outside of my hometown. I am a Business Marketing Major coming into my fourth year here at Texas State. Other activities I’m involved with on-campus are in music performance with the Texas State Bobcat Marching Band and Basketball Bands. I’m a trumpet player and a student leader in the bands as well. I am one for the three trumpet section leaders who lead and organize the trumpet section throughout the fall semester. My hobbies include a wide variety of things. I’m a very outgoing person who loves the outdoors and pretty much any event that can be done outdoors. I love football, soccer, and baseball; many of which I play in intramurals each year. I work for Polo Ralph Lauren in the Factory Outlets as a Men’s Department Sales Specialist. I’m a full time associate there so if I’m not at school or with an organization, I’m at work. I would like to see the University and Student Foundation grow in size and prestige in the coming years. I am an avid sports enthusiast and can honestly call myself a “Bobcat”. I’m proud to attend Texas State University and can’t wait to help shape its future for years to come.

I am a geography major a double minor in history and French. Next year I will be applying to Teach for America as well as graduate school in the history department at Texas State. I hope to be a history or geography high school teacher to help students prepare for their future roles in our truly global world. I am a Terry scholar, a Mitte Honors student, and a recipient of a Student Foundation scholarship. I received the Academic Excellence Award in Geography and the John Wiley Undergraduate Award last spring. On campus, I spend most of my time between Student Foundation and Campus Crusade for Christ. Through CRU, I lead a 242 group and will be on the Vision Team for the upcoming school year. I am also involved with Gamma Theta Epsilon, a geography honors association, the Texas State gymnastics team, and was a History supplemental instructor for two semesters. During the fall semester, I will be writing my honors thesis on gender differences in spatial competence, the perceptions of the relationships of objects that determine our understanding of place. I enjoy rock climbing, hiking, biking, kayaking, and of course, hanging out at Sewell. I had the privilege of studying abroad in Paris with the honors department this summer and hope to continue traveling for the rest of my life. I plan on being a detailed and thorough VP of administration so that Student Foundation can truly shine this next year. As our programs become bigger and more well known, I hope to continue the same tradition of quality and professionalism that Foundation is praised for. Student Foundation is continually growing and improving, and I am excited to be a part of it!
You may have heard that the Student Foundation Alumni Network is currently conducting a summer campaign to reach out to as many SF alumni as possible to raise money for Foundation scholarships and re-engage folks who have a desire to get involved with many new and exciting Foundation alumni programs that are now being offered.

With Foundation preparing to celebrate its 30th anniversary next year, the organization is as amazing as ever! If you have been reading the newsletter you know that the members are an incredibly talented group of student leaders that are continuing the organization’s long tradition of service.

The main goal of our summer fund raising campaign is to get 100% of the more than 700 former members of Student Foundation to join the university’s Alumni Association and to designate their membership fees to TSFAN. By joining the Alumni Association through this program you will receive all the benefits of membership, including a subscription to the newly redesigned Hillviews magazine - and you have the satisfaction that all of your money will be going to Student Foundation! Even at the basic membership level of $50, if every SF alumni simply kept their annual Alumni Association membership active and designation those funds to SF, we would have over $35,000 per year for the student scholarships!

It’s easy! The response to our campaign thus far has been incredible. THANKS to all of you who have joined in our efforts thus far. Attached to this newsletter is the official Alumni Association membership form which can easily be completed online and submitted electronically with a credit card. Or if you prefer, you can print it out and mail it in. Please consider activating your membership today at the basic level or higher. Will you also please forward this message to other Texas State alumni you know? You do not have to be a former Student Foundation member to designate your membership fees to Student Foundation.

Student Foundation continues to do great things and produce great leaders. Your support is greatly appreciated. We would love to have you back to campus to see all the great things Student Foundation is doing for the University and the students. For more information on the many exciting SF alumni programs and ways in which you can re-engage with the current student chapter on campus, please contact the Student Foundation office or call Bob Tanner at 215.307.7001.
What Texas State Means to ME!

“Texas State means the world to me. I am so proud to call myself a Bobcat. I wouldn't have wanted to go to any other school in the nation. This is my home.”
- Tara Foley
Student Foundation Member

“Texas State University means opportunity, creativity and change. I look to the direction of Texas State University when I look at myself and my current state in life. Texas State stands as a prime example of growth, continued maturation and learning. I am proud to be a part of an institution that so effectively reflects the journey of its students while at the same time charges ahead and beckons growing minds to join the march.”
- Regan Pugh
ASG President
Student Foundation Member

STUDENT FOUNDATION SHINING STAR
Student Foundation member Andrae Turner exemplifies Bobcat pride and passion on and off the Texas State campus. Andrae just finished an internship in Houston where he worked in Health Care Administration. Leaders like Andrae not only make us proud to be Bobcats, but proud to be in the Student Foundation family.

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YEAR AT A GLANCE

EVENT
- ASAP Conference
- Career Coaching Workshop
- Alumni Advisory Board Meeting
  & Texas State vs. Baylor in Waco
- New Member Pinning Ceremony
- Fall Retreat
- Homecoming—Texas State vs. SFA
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Holiday Dinner
- Bobcat Pause
- Foundations of Excellence
- Spring Banquet/Awards Ceremony

DATE
August 9, 10, 11 & 12
September 7
September 15 @ 1 p m
September 23
October 12 & 13
October 20
November 8
December 2
March 25
April 10
May 3

In collaboration with the Dean of Students office, Student Foundation organized a memorial ceremony for the students of Virginia Tech University. The bells from the Texas State Bell Tower rang 32 times in remembrance of the 32 victims lost in this tragic incident. As the bells chimed one by one, a representative from Texas State placed a rose by the stallions in honor of each victim lost on April 16th. Below you will find a link to the television news stories on this event.

News Broadcast from Texas State University
News 8 Austin
http://www.news8austin.com/content/top_stories/default.asp?ArID=182775
KXAN

Due to the tragic incident at Virginia Tech University, Baylor University started a flag project so every major University in Texas could sign their University flag in memory of the students whose lives were abruptly ended on April 16th. Student Foundation sponsored a flag for the cause. Texas State students showed great support and sympathy for the survivors of the Tech shootings. See pictures above.

*Please send a current, frequently used email address to sb1166@txstate.edu. All future Student Foundation newsletters will be sent electronically, unless requested otherwise. Please update any personal information such as change of phone number, address, etc.

Thank you,
Sheila Bustillos
OFFICER RETREAT - San Antonio

Officers for the 2007-2008 academic year met in San Antonio to brainstorm ideas for the upcoming year. Team building, officer transition, and plotting out the year were a few of many agenda items covered at the retreat. Student Foundation Alumni Advisory Board Member Becky Spurlock facilitated a wonderful discussion that inspired a sharper vision for the incoming officers which was beneficial for creating the first ever Student Foundation strategic plan. Although the officers were there to work, they did find time to get to know each other better and form bonds of friendship and trust. Thanks to the financial support of alumni donating to Student Foundation, the officers are now equipped with knowledge and teamwork to make this year the best Student Foundation year yet!

ASAP CONFERENCE - Columbus, Ohio

From Boston, Massachusetts to Portland, Oregon, Student Foundation searches for creative and innovative programming from students and universities across the nation. Association for Student Advancement Programs (ASAP) oozes with information and developmental opportunities. Mingling with students, attending workshops, and bringing back interesting stories and ideas is what every Student Foundation member attending the conference can hope for. This year, Student Foundation officers will travel to Columbus, Ohio on a quest to better not only this organization, but raise the bar in leadership for all Texas State students.

STUDENT FOUNDATION HISTORY

Out-going VP of Finance Laramie McWilliams presents a session on Bobcat Pause with her fellow Student Foundation Bobcats at the Dallas Conference in March 2007

Chris Jones, Ashley Krejci, and Jerry Parker in Boston August 2006

Dara Hortness, Dr. John Garrison (Dean of Students & Associate Vice President), Mark Mayad (Student Foundation Alumni Advisory Board Member - 1978-1979 Student Foundation Coordinator) holding scholarship checks to be distributed to SWT students

First Student Foundation brochure

Dr. Garrison keeping his students in line on a trip to Texas Tech University
“I’ve started thinking, ‘This is my school’ rather than ‘I go to school here.’”

McAllen sophomore is first Mitte Laureate

Jayme Blaschke

In making the jump from McAllen High School to the 27,000-strong student body of Texas State, Anna Kennedy never expected to anything more than a little fish in a big pond. The size and the numbers seemed so overwhelming that she never expected to develop an intimate connection with the campus community. That’s why the moment she knew she had become a Bobcat for life stands out so strongly for her.

“It was during the playoffs in 2005, when we did well in football,” Kennedy said. “Coming from McAllen—my school wasn’t that big—I didn’t think I’d ever get that big a sense of community here. But up there in the stands, knowing that everyone was feeling the same emotions I was... I really felt the community. I feel now that I can talk to anyone I meet on campus even if I don’t know them,” she said. “I’ve started thinking, ‘This is my school’ rather than ‘I go to school here.’”

Kennedy was named the inaugural Mitte Laureate at Texas State by the Roy F. and Joann Mitte Foundation in 2006. The Mitte Laureate Scholars Program, the university’s newest most prestigious scholarship, will award four undergraduate academic scholarships annually as much as $25,000 a year or $100,000 over course of an undergraduate student’s four year degree program. Scholarship funds will pay for tuition and fees, and board, books, study abroad, internships and other education-related travel. Students selected for the program are also eligible for other resources, including a personal faculty mentor, choice of residence halls, office space in the Honors Program office suite, advanced registration and membership in the Texas State Student Foundation.

Kennedy graduated in the top 5 percent of her high school class in 2005. To win the Mitte Laureate Scholarship, she also had to have an SAT/ACT score of 1300/30 and an unweighted high school grade point average of 3.5. She also impressed the selection committee with her involvement in high school and community activities.

Now a sophomore majoring in political science, Kennedy is weighing different career paths—considering the prospects of law school against her longtime love for journalism. As far back as junior high school, she’d aspired to become a sports reporter, but lately she’s given serious thought to becoming a family law attorney, specializing in children’s rights and abuse cases.

Kennedy counts her decision to come to Texas State one of the best choices she’s made, and she admits one aspect of the campus caught her completely off guard. “I wasn’t an outdoors person in high school. Not at all,” she admits. “I did swimming for PE so I wouldn’t have to run around outdoors!” Recently we had a Mitte retreat out at University Camp [on the Blanco River near Wimberley]. I really, really liked it. I didn’t realize before I came here all the outdoorsy stuff there is to do. Now that I’ve found all these things, I enjoy them.”

*As seen in Hillviews Magazine

Student Foundation alumna making her mark at Capitol

Vanessa Valdez had never stepped foot inside the state Capitol prior to 2006. But since the 2007 Texas legislative session began in January, the Texas State alumna has worked in the Capitol on a weekly basis. Valdez works in the senate committee office of Texas Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston. For Valdez, criminal justice graduate, the experience has been a speedy crash course in the legislative process.

Valdez is one of 16 Hispanics from the state chosen to participate in The Senator Gregory Luna Legislative Scholars and Fellows program. For each legislative session, the Texas Senate Hispanic Research Council selects college students to serve as full-time aides.

When Valdez began the program, she was responsible for answering phones and receiving mail. Her current responsibilities in committee hearings are more extensive and were appointed to her just three weeks ago. Within a matter of days, Valdez became acquainted with the process of committee hearing preparations and the legislature as a whole.

“I’m a very organized person to begin with so that helped out tremendously, but the hardest part was just getting access to everything and learning everything within a matter of two or three days because it’s not like the process can just stop,” Valdez said.

Her workweek usually consists of 10 to 15 hour days during which she is responsible for many clerical preparations for senate committee hearings.

TO READ MORE ON VANESSA, GO TO THE LINK BELOW.

http://star.txstate.edu/content/view/3066/
Student Foundation Awards Five Scholarships at Spring Banquet

One of the many highlights of this year’s Spring Banquet at Onion Creek Country Club was the presentation of five new student scholarships. Bruce Brunner, Chairman of the Alumni Advisory Board Scholarship Committee, had the honor of introducing and presenting $1,000 scholarships to the recipients selected earlier this year which are Bonnie Cole, Haley Hudson, Mathew Priest, Jennie Darst, and Robert Hensley. Mr. Brunner stated, “this year’s winners exemplify all the core values that make Student Foundation the premier student organization at Texas State.”

The Student Foundation Scholarship Fund was established in 1979 by active student members of Student Foundation. The funds for this scholarship have been historically generated by various fundraisers and from income received by Foundation members who were extras in a nationally aired television commercial for the New York Life Insurance Company which was aired during the 1980 Super Bowl as well as the 1988 movie “Johnny Be Good” which starred Anthony Michael Hall, Paul Gleason, Robert Downey Jr., Robert Downey Sr., Uma Thurman.

In 2007, the Student Foundation Alumni Advisory Board made a bold decision to expand this “financial need” scholarship from one $500 scholarship to five scholarships annually, each worth $1,000. Financial need remained an eligibility requirement in three (3) of the five (5) scholarships. However, two of the Student Foundation scholarships now have no financial need component, and are awarded to students in recognition of their dedicated service, loyalty, leadership and significant contributions to the Texas State and to Student Foundation.

The Scholarship Selection Committee members for 2007 are Joni Fichter, David Worley and Dr. Roland Hernandez.
“We pause today to give thanks for their lives, their hopes, and their dreams which have in turn become our lives, hopes and dreams. “We are who we are today because their paths crossed ours.”
- Provost
  Dr. Perry Moore

Bobcat Pause was created to honor and show respect to all Bobcats who have passed away within each year. Today, this event is growing in size and support. Provost Dr. Perry Moore was the guest speaker at the event this year along with the Director of Baptist Student Ministry, Abe Jaquez. Student Foundation member and member of the Bobcat marching band Michael Welch played Taps and Audrey Dornbusch performed the National Anthem. Next year’s ceremony will be held in the Teaching Theatre of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Student Center on March 25th.

*To view the University Star write-up on Bobcat Pause follow this link: http://star.txstate.edu/content/view/3005/

FOUNDATIONS OF EXCELLENCE

Foundations of Excellence was once again a smash hit with the faculty of Texas State University as members of Student Foundation honored their favorite faculty members in a ceremony held in the Ballroom of the LBJ Student Center. This year’s Foundation of Excellence Award Recipients were Dr. Byron Augustin, Dr. James Bell, Dr. Ray Bender, Dr. Victoria Bynum, Dr. John Fleming, Dr. Crystal Oblerle, Dr. Dianne Pape, Ms. Sherry Ross, Dr. Rodney Schueller, and Mr. Dan Schumacher. Dr. Joanne Smith, Vice President for Student Affairs gave a wonderful speech on the impact professors can have on the lives of students. A reception followed the ceremony in the LBJ Ballroom. Foundations of Excellence 2008 is set to recognize yet another group of dedicated educators next spring on April 10.

*In order from left to right: Dr. Rodney Schueller, Michael Welch - VP of Finance, Dr. Dianne Pape, Haley Hudson, Ms. Sherry Ross, & Johnna Gohmert