Dear friends of Schreiner,

What makes a university? In some states, the legal criteria are quite extensive, stipulating a number of graduate and professional programs annually awarding degrees to a minimum number of graduates. Texas is less specific in its expectations. In 2001 when we became Schreiner University, we were an institution with 806 students, 41 full-time faculty, 19 undergraduate majors and two graduate education programs. No law school or medical school or diverse graduate programs. But we knew that the widespread use of the term “college” by community or junior colleges and Schreiner’s own history as a two-year institution created confusion in the minds of many—hence, Schreiner University.

Today we are an institution with 1,084 students, 54 full-time faculty, 26 undergraduate majors and two innovative graduate education programs. We delight in the numerical growth and the expansion of our facilities accompanying the larger enrollment. Harking back to last spring’s SCENE, I must take a moment to express my gratitude to admission and financial aid staff who fueled the 7 percent overall enrollment growth and 9 percent larger freshman class. And beyond that group of professionals, a campus of faculty, coaches and staff of all varieties have created a climate in which prospective students immediately feel welcome and where support efforts have boosted first-year retention by five percentage points. One definition of a university is—or should be—a place of higher education where a common mission unites a diverse group of professionals.

But there are other marks of intellectual vitality and community impact rightly expected of a university. I invite you to find in the pages of this edition of SCENE evidence of Schreiner’s success in those areas. You will see that in the story of Dr. Candice Scott, director of both William Logan Library and information technology. She is the imaginative developer of such initiatives as the Sam Lanham Digital Library, housing archival documents available for online research. She is heading the team that will shape the roles played by the Hill Country Museum, the newest addition to the University.

As we anticipate the potential of that museum and Schreiner’s downtown presence, we also celebrate the impact that the Symphony of the Hills has made on the quality of life in our region. Born more than a decade ago in the mind of Schreiner music faculty member Dr. Charlotte Marrow, it has grown under the artistic leadership of Dr. Jay Dunnahoo, also on our faculty, into an impressive 75-member ensemble presenting concerts annually to thousands.

Our experience in October with Actors from the London Stage illustrates the expansion of cultural opportunities for both campus and community that have been one of the dramatic developments at Schreiner during the last decade. Together, these stories indicate the way in which we have pursued our credentials as a university. But it never hurts to remind ourselves and others that all of this progress remains focused on our predominately undergraduate mission, providing transformative learning experiences.

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Dr. Jay Dunnahoo conducts the Symphony of the Hills during a recent performance.
Hill Country Museum Donated to Schreiner University

The Hill Country Preservation Society has donated the home of Captain Charles Schreiner, founder of Schreiner University, to the University. Built by German craftsmen, designed by renowned English architect Alfred Giles in 1879 and restored in the 1970s, the mansion has for some time been a museum of Hill Country and Kerrville history and was the longtime project of Capt. Schreiner's great-granddaughter, Josephine "Dodo" Schreiner Parker and the HCPS. The building is a Texas Historical Landmark and on the National Registry of Historic Places. Both the house and its contents are included in the gift to Schreiner University.

Clyde Parker, former Schreiner trustee and HCPS board member, first broached the possibility of the donation. He and his wife Dodo envisioned a long-term future for the museum through the custodianship of the University.

"When Clyde Parker first suggested that the Hill Country Preservation Society was interested in donating its museum to Schreiner, I was delighted," said Dr. Tim Summerlin, Schreiner's president. "After all, this was the home of the man who made Schreiner University possible. And such a gift would give the University a presence in a downtown area rich with potential.

"Tremendous as the gift of the museum is, it entails significant responsibilities," Summerlin added. "We have worked during the last year to demonstrate to our board of trustees how the Hill Country Museum can contribute to our mission and how we can manage it responsibly. I believe the coming years will demonstrate just how right it is for these two great institutions to come together. For that, we are most grateful to Dodo and Clyde Parker, whose recent deaths we still mourn, and to their family. Schreiner University needs to have a presence in downtown Kerrville to enhance our ongoing efforts to serve as a cultural and intellectual resource to the community.”

Scott Parker, Clyde and Dodo Parker’s son, said he is pleased with the University taking over the museum’s operation.

“I think Dodo and the large number of descendants of Charles Schreiner are very pleased that the mansion will now be owned and used by Schreiner University. I am confident that the University will be a great steward of this property, that the people of Kerrville will be able to visit and utilize the mansion in new ways and that this historic home will continue to be the iconic structure of downtown Kerrville far into the future.”

Dr. Candice Scott, director of Schreiner’s William Logan Library, has overseen Schreiner’s acquisition of the museum.

“I’m very excited about Schreiner ‘adopting’ the museum,” she said. “A significant portion of the museum collection tells part of the story of the development of the Hill Country and the Schreiner family’s role in our local history. Both of those areas are of special interest to the University and to Logan Library. And since there is an intriguing overlap in the missions of libraries and museums, I think this offers exciting possibilities for the school, our students and our community.”

Scott said that the University has no firm plans as yet, although there have been conversations about using the building as an educational and event center, as well as a museum.
Texas Living History

The 13th annual Texas Living History Day, co-sponsored by Schreiner University and the Texas Heritage Music Foundation, welcomed 1,500 visitors and 75 performers in September. This year’s event honored September as Hispanic Heritage Month and as the birthday of the father of country music, Jimmie Rodgers. Schreiner student groups helped out as performers, setting up and tearing down, manning booths and meeting the bus loads of school children who attended.

On this year’s roster of performers and events were Saddle Pals Robert Delery and James Harris, instructor of art and music at Schreiner; tomahawk throwing champ Roy “Moses” Neal; the University of Texas-San Antonio Institute of Texan Cultures; Robert Duke, who performed tricks with rope and whip; Texas songwriter Dennis Jay; and many others.

Schreiner Developing Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing

Schreiner University plans to offer a bachelor’s degree in nursing beginning next fall.

Dr. Lena Rippstein will serve as the program director for nursing. Dr. Rippstein earned her B.S.N. and M.S.N. from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and her Ph.D. and Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Certificate from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Dr. Rippstein has begun work to secure the appropriate approvals for the University to offer a B.S.N. degree beginning in 2010 entering students.

“The United States is in the midst of a critical nursing shortage that is expected to intensify as baby boomers age and the need for health care grows,” Dr. Rippstein said. “During the past decade, both in Texas and nationally, there has been an escalating demand for RNs that exceeds the current RN supply—and that nationwide shortage is expected to increase to approximately 260,000 RNs by 2025. The new four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program at Schreiner University will allow the Hill Country to grow a local supply of quality RNs to help meet such rising healthcare demand in and around our own community.”

Dr. Charlie McCormick, Schreiner’s provost and vice president for academic affairs, said he is excited to have Dr. Rippstein on board to guide this new degree.

“This is an opportunity to build on the institution’s existing commitment to nursing and the opportunity for Schreiner to connect to the local and regional community in a way that feels authentic to community members,” McCormick said.

Association of Texas Professional Educators

The Schreiner University unit of the Association of Texas Professional Educators was named University Local Unit of the Year for Region 20 at the ATPE Leader U conference in Austin this summer. The Schreiner unit is sponsored by Dr. Neva Cramer, assistant professor of education, and Karen Taylor Backor, instructor in education and reading.

Those who participated at the Austin ATPE Leader U Conference were Rachel Calloway, vice president of the Schreiner unit of ATPE; Lea Hayes, president; Karen Taylor Backor, advisor and instructor of education and reading, Lindsey McSwaim, treasurer; and Melissa Frerichs, member.
Dr. Candice Scott has arguably the longest title on the Schreiner campus: associate vice president for academic affairs, chief information officer and director of William Logan Library. Last year, you could have added interim provost to the list. When she arrived here 14 years ago, her title was simply reference librarian.

“I expected to stay only a few years,” Scott, an Illinois native, said, “because reference librarian is not usually an upwardly mobile position in smaller organizations. Now I’ve managed to hang around to be almost—but not quite—old guard.

“Schreiner has changed immensely since I arrived. Back then we were proud that the library had one computer with a dial-up modem connection to the Internet and the Dickey lab had five. Students stood in line to use them. Today I’m negotiating for a 50MB connection for the University. Of course, I seldom admit to remembering the old days before graphical user interfaces—and we removed the library card catalog several years ago.”

For several months earlier this year, Scott took over as interim provost after the departure of Dr. Mike Looney. The Schreiner board of trustees issued a proclamation commending her service in May and she was awarded the Outstanding Leadership Award, which is presented to a staff member who displays the essence of leadership by the quality of their actions and the integrity of their intent. Dr. Charlie McCormick joined the University as the new provost in July.

“I enjoyed learning more about that side of the University,” Scott said. “While I enjoyed working with faculty and students, I now have great admiration—and empathy— for anyone who can keep track of everything and look to our future.

“My mantra was ‘please do no harm.’ I worried constantly that I would miss something crucial that would be unfixable. Thanks to the fine help of Dr. Summerlin, Darlene Bannister, the deans, Carrie Arrington, Chelsea Barrington and essentially the entire Tom Murray group, along with the library, tech and academic support services people I temporarily ‘left behind,’ I think we all survived with minimal bruising. And I am so very, very glad Dr. McCormick is here!”

Prior to earning her Master of Library Science degree, Scott spent eight years in Puerto Rico teaching high school English to military dependents for the Department of Defense.

“You sign up for three years,” she said. “Then you can re-up. What made me want to move on was not the need to leave Puerto Rico. I needed to take a break from teaching high school English. I just couldn’t kill Julius Caesar one more time.”

One thing that kept Scott in Puerto Rico past her first three years was buying a 1947 Stinson single-engine taildragger and being able to island-hop. She has been licensed to fly private, single-engine planes for 20 years now. (A taildragger has the third wheel under the tail rather than the nose.)

“It’s orange with a yellow stripe,” Dr. Scott said. “It’s a beauty.”

She added that as a personal reward for completing her doctorate she was holding out for a Piper Cub—a two-seater aircraft—“but I’ve been holding out for too long!”

So, where does she go in that taildragger?

“Anywhere I want,” Scott said, “Although it’s good if there’s an airport where you’re heading.”

Faculty Spotlight
Dean Woods and “The Boss”

Dr. William Woods, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, presented his scholarly paper, “Bruce Springsteen and the End of World: Artistic (Mis) Representation in Marvel Comics’ ‘The Stand’” at the 2009 Glory Days: A Bruce Springsteen Symposium. The three-day conference of music critics, popular culture academicians and literary scholars was held in September and sponsored by Penn State at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, N.J., where Springsteen began his career. Although Dr. Woods waited excitedly every evening at the legendary Stone Pony night club in Asbury Park, sadly, Bruce never showed.

Dr. Macha on Strings

Adjunct physics professor, Dr. Mike Macha joined some 1,866 other guitarists in August to set the Guinness World Record for Largest Guitar Ensemble Ever Assembled, taking the record from Germany. He says playing under the oak trees on a hot afternoon in Luckenbach with an enthusiastic crowd may be his best gig ever. The group also played two songs for 10 minutes—“Back to the Basics of Love” and “This Land Is Your Land”—to benefit the Voices of a Grateful Nation Project, which helps pay for guitar lessons as music therapy for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans with traumatic brain injuries.

Faculty News

Dr. Kathleen Hudson, Schreiner professor of English, spoke at The Pearce Museum on the campus of Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas, in conjunction with the “Celebrating Women” exhibition series in August. Her presentation was about the history of women who “walked outside the prescribed lines,” such as the female outlaw Belle Starr. She was also a featured author at the Author’s Literary Sala in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and at the Benini Sculpture Ranch in Johnson City, Texas.

Dr. Neva Cramer, assistant professor of education, presented a paper, “The Art of Conversation: Using the Arts to Promote Authentic Response to Literature in Struggling Readers,” at the International Reading Association’s 54th Annual Convention in Minneapolis. She also presented a four-day seminar on content reading at the Louisiana Resource Center for Educators. Cramer is the coordinator of Schreiner’s Chautauqua lecture series.

Dr. Adam Feltz, assistant professor of philosophy and IDST, has had six papers accepted for publication in 2009. His latest is “Widespread adaptive diversity and misbelief,” for Behavioral and Brain Sciences, written with E.T. Cokley. Feltz also presented “Frankfurt and the Folk: An Empirical Investigation of Frankfurt-Style Cases” at the 33rd Annual Mid-South Philosophy Conference, in spring 2009.

Dr. Danette Rene Vines, associate professor of chemistry, has incorporated audience response systems into two of her chemistry courses. She has also written and submitted three grant applications to the National Science Foundation in an effort to encourage recruitment and retention for undergraduate scientists and to update the analytical instruments.

Dr. Kiley Miller ’00, assistant professor of chemistry, has also incorporated audience response systems into his lower-level chemistry courses and plans to present the corresponding data at the 2010 American Chemical Society national meeting in Boston.

Dr. Mark Woodhull, assistant professor of business, co-authored “Why Did They Do THAT? a Cross-Cultural Study of Daily Decision-Making by Mexican Maquiladora and U.S./Canadian Managers,” published in the current issue of The Business Journal of Hispanic Research. He was recently voted onto the board of directors of The Dietert Senior Center in Kerrville.


Dr. Juan Gonzalez, associate professor of exercise science, and Danielle Gaitan, Schreiner senior majoring in exercise science, collaborated on “Balancing Power and Speed in Sprinting,” published in the National Strength and Conditioning Association’s Performance Training Journal.

Karen Backor, instructor of education and reading, co-authored “Classroom Rituals as Tools for Community Building,” which was published in the book “Education Policy, Reform, and School Innovations in the Asia-Pacific Region.”

Dr. Carole Errett, assistant professor of education and director of teacher education, chaired the October conference of the Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education. She also received an award for being president of the Texas Association of Certification Officers.
Seventeen Schreiner University students along with faculty and staff traveled to Florence, Italy, this summer to study studio art, art history and photography.

All of the courses were taught at the Santa Reparata International School of Art by Schreiner faculty Dr. David Smith, dean of the Cailloux School of Professional Studies and associate professor of art; James Harris, instructor of art and music; and Deborah Conner, instructor of art.

“This was an amazing experience, because we were actually right there within the city versus dorms,” said Conner. “The goal was for students to come back with a more worldly view and a matured outlook in terms of art, culture, travel, and life in general.”

Some of the students also visited Venice to participate in the Biennale-Venice’s contemporary art show. Some also traveled to Naples, Pompeii, Rome and other Tuscan towns and villages.

The Florence trip will be offered again next summer.
3 "River Gods," a Florentine marble relief.

4 Sculpture at the Biennale—an international modern art exhibit that takes place every two years in Venice.

5 A modern art installation seen at the Biennale in Venice.

6 SU student, Ben Davis, taking pictures in St. Mark’s Square, Venice.

7 Group photo in front of Santa Reparata International School of Art Piazza Strozzi Campus in Florence taken prior to a welcoming dinner held in the group’s honor.
Perfect Harmony

BY LOUISE KOHL LEAHY
Quick! What's the official name of Schreiner's orchestra?
It's a name that's probably familiar, even if we don't necessarily connect it directly with the University.
The answer is Symphony of the Hills—and you didn't even have to put it in the form of a question.
It would be difficult, if not impossible, to live in the Kerrville area and not have heard of the Symphony of the Hills regional orchestra. However, even folks who know a lot about the symphony might be unaware of its connections to Schreiner. It is, in fact, Schreiner's orchestra, based at Schreiner, and the descendent of the first Schreiner orchestra started in 1998 by Dr. Charlotte Marrow.
"Her vision was the spark that set events in motion," Schreiner president Dr. Tim Summerlin said.
Like SOH, Dr. Marrow's Hill Country Symphony was made up of Schreiner students, faculty and members of the community.
“I began teaching at Schreiner College in 1995,” said Marrow, who teaches harp in Schreiner’s music department and is SOH Conductor Emeritus. “It was, I believe, my second or third year here when I decided to start an orchestra. I knew one was probably in the offing soon, and I felt it should be associated with the University. With telephone calls, newspaper notices and articles, and the grapevine, I found a group of people who were delighted that the community would have an ensemble of which they could be a part.

“Many of the people who were in that initial group are still playing in what is now Symphony of the Hills. The first concertmeister was Jane Heard. Among brass players then were Kendall Davison, trombone, and Searle Crate, SU computer lab supervisor and Peggy Crate, SU nursing instructor, on trumpet. Sandy Fusilier and Jan Schmidt are still playing bassoon. I think Tom Terrell, clarinetist, was also in that first group or began soon afterwards.”

Dr. Jay Dunnahoo moved to Kerrville in 1999. “His talents became known to community members,” Summerlin said, “and he was hired by Schreiner as an adjunct faculty member to instruct its symphonic students and to conduct the orchestra. A board to oversee the ensemble was assembled in the fall of 2001, with Ed Wallace as its first chair.”

“I am astounded at the progress the symphony has made,” Wallace said. “We have come a long way from those initial concerts in Dietert Auditorium to what we have today.”

Wallace said he feels the Kerrville community benefits greatly from having the symphony.

“I know it does have an impact on people when they are deciding whether or not to move to Kerrville,” he said. “Plus, this is giving high school and college students the chance to play with a full, professional orchestra.”

Dr. Jay Dunnahoo is a music director with more than 50 years experience, and has been conductor and artistic director of SOH since 2001. Schreiner’s choir director, Michael Kahl, is the chorus master for SOH.

“We went outside the college and got a board of directors from the community,” said Dunnahoo, who first met Summerlin when the two were fellow members of the First Presbyterian Church choir. “Dr. Summerlin initially provided us with a small amount of money to bring in some key musicians. The first two years, we performed at Schreiner in the Dietert Auditorium, then moved to the Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater downtown when renovations were completed.”

After the SOH board applied for and was granted 501(c)(3) status, “the symphony was its own entity,”
Summerlin said, “but Schreiner has remained an integral part of it by providing a portion of the conductor’s salary, office space and a portion of operating costs. Schreiner students, faculty and staff members serve as symphony players as well.”

“It’s good for Schreiner and good for the community,” Dunnahoo said, “and education has always been a core element of the symphony’s mission.”

The foundation of SOH is 75 players from Schreiner and the surrounding Hill Country communities.

“At the last minute, we bring in 20 or so professional musicians to flesh out the orchestra,” Dunnahoo said. “We meld the two groups together and the result is something in which the community can take pride and enjoy.”

Schreiner music students who play in the orchestra get an opportunity to play alongside professional musicians while earning college credit and acquiring performance experience. Voice students from Schreiner are part of the Grand Symphony Chorus. SOH’s Rising Stars concerts feature exceptionally talented musicians from Schreiner and area high schools in solo performances with the whole orchestra.

“The community members play in the orchestra out of a love of music and a sense of civic pride,” Dunnahoo said.

And it isn’t just students who play an instrument or sing who get a boost from SOH.

“I’m teaching an advanced class in conducting this semester,” Dunnahoo said. “There are six students and my plan is that if they are well prepared and have the confidence, they may conduct a portion of our performance of ‘The Nutcracker Suite.’

“Where else would a student conductor have the chance to stand up in front of an audience of more than 800 paying customers and a professional orchestra?”

— Ed Wallace

Symphony of the Hills will present Rising Stars concerts on Thursday and Sunday, Dec. 3 and 6, featuring four student soloists, including Schreiner junior Elizabeth Hitzfeld on the violin. They will play selections from Tchaikovsky’s “Nutcracker Suite” and other Christmas music. For ticket information, call the Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater box office at 830-896-9393. Concerts are free to students on a space-available basis.
What's the first thing that pops into your mind when you see the phrase “communication studies” or “communication major”? A class full of future journalists slogging away at the five Ws: who, what, why, when and where? Or maybe future broadcasters cozying up to a microphone?

Schreiner's new Communication Studies major, which began in 2008, is at once broader and more focused than either of those, providing a solid foundation for students who want to go into a variety of careers in communication. Schreiner's program is wide-ranging, but the focus is tightly concentrated on the eventual success of the students.

“I looked at the media landscape and the future of communication and media,” said Dr. Robin Mansell, assistant professor of communication, who developed the program, “and realized that focus for a communication degree should be very, very broad in order to give the students a lot of points of entry into the job market. I try to give my students a taste of everything out there, see that they are exposed to a little bit of everything a communication studies program offers. They can then focus or hone in on a specific area they’re interested in.”

Dr. Mansell served in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years—“right out of high school”—and during her time in the military was a radio and TV broadcaster, a journalist and public relations specialist. When she looks at the media landscape, she is looking over familiar topography.

If Schreiner’s communication students are not flocking into the rapidly changing journalism and broadcast markets, where are they headed? It turns out that a communication major can take you a lot of different places.

“A student with a communication studies degree can go into law—it fits very nicely with that—human resources, public relations, mediation,” Mansell said. “We do have students who want to be a DJ or the next ESPN announcer, but there aren’t very many of those kinds of jobs and they aren’t very lucrative. Our focus is not a broadcasting degree, but there is something for students who want that.”

The program includes 20 hours of electives. A student planning on law school will be steered to pre-law courses as electives; a future journalist might want to consider electives such as digital photography, graphic design and journalism courses; a student hoping to go into public relations and marketing will probably take some business courses.

Mansell said Marketing and PR might be obvious careers for communication majors but one of the fastest growing career areas in communication is newer and doesn’t readily leap to mind: mediation.

“In 2009, U.S. News & World Report noted that one of the most lucrative job markets is mediation and communication conflict resolution,” Mansell said. “Another good area for communication majors is in health communication, improving communication between doctors, patients and their families. The patient might fail to mention, ‘oh,
by the way, I drink a fifth a day, which just might affect the diagnosis."

Eight Schreiner communication majors attended mediation training at Lone Star College-Montgomery in Conroe, Texas, in October. According to Mansell, those students received mediation certification and can be accredited by the Texas Association of Mediators after serving an additional 20 volunteer hours. If they want to go into the lucrative field of divorce mediation, they will have to take an additional 40 hours of family mediation training. Even if these students decide not to go into mediation as a career, the skills they develop through this training will be useful in any field they enter.

"The basis of all communication is relational," Mansell said, "and relationships are epistemic, our way of knowing. We define ourselves through relationships. In fact, although few stop to think about it, communication is a basic constituent of every other discipline."

One of the reasons senior Becca Bell came to Schreiner was that she heard the school was planning to offer a communication studies major.

"I came with the hope of being able to take advantage of that major," she said. "There's so much you can do with this degree."

She took her courses although she could not declare a communication studies major until spring 2008, when the program became official.

"Dr. Mansell was very helpful in accommodating where I am in my college career," she said. "I was able to intern over the summer and do independent study in family communication, so I won't have to go an extra year."

"I can't tell you how lucky I think Schreiner and this program are to have Dr. Mansell. She has a real relationship with all her students and she wants them to succeed."

Bell is one of the eight students who attended mediation training at Lone-Star College-Montgomery. She is looking at graduate school and plans to go into mediation or public relations as a career.

"I was a good student before I got into communication studies," Bell said, "but now I'm a student with a passion for what I'm learning. I feel that communication studies is a unique program at Schreiner that has a lot to offer to students. I'm glad that I was able to be a part of it."

Junior Sean Tokaz didn't know anything about communication studies when he arrived at Schreiner. However, he took an introductory communication class and really liked it.

"I was trying to decide what to take the next semester and figured I had liked that class so I'd take some more. I took two more classes with Dr. Mansell. I kept going back and I never left."

Tokaz said he was thinking about going into corporate mediation, although he did not register for mediation training this year.

"I'd like to work in a larger company in a big city," he said. "maybe dealing with things such as in-house mediation and co-worker disputes."

He likes the free-form atmosphere of his communication classes.

"You leave the classes feeling as if you had a great conversation with 20 good friends, but at the same time you feel you learned the day's lesson and understand the theories."
All the world’s a stage and Schreiner was in the spotlight October 12-17 when the Center for Innovative Learning and generous donors brought Actors from the London Stage, one of the oldest Shakespeare touring companies in the world, to the university. The five actors took part in a number of Schreiner classes and held master classes for Schreiner students and area high school thespians. They put on three public performances of an amazing and highly praised production of Shakespeare’s “King Lear,” with the five actors playing all 22 roles. The performances were underwritten by the CIL’s LaBatt Lecture Series and Margaret Syers Lecture Series, and the generosity of Mrs. Barbara Hailey. More than 900 community members, Schreiner students, staff and faculty attended the AFTLS performances. The Workshops drew more than 50 people to campus.
Royce Faulkner '49 said that when he graduated from high school in 1947 he wasn't academically prepared for college, but the two years he spent at what was then known as Schreiner Institute brought him up to speed academically and contributed to his lifetime of success. “Schreiner University became my academic foundation, enabling me to pursue my lifetime goal of becoming a civil engineer,” Faulkner said. “I earned my B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Austin in 1952. I used my two years at Schreiner to improve my study habits and time allocation, and that led to the completion of the courses I needed to obtain a degree.

For the academic and life skills preparation I received at Schreiner, I have always been thankful.” And he and his wife, Donna, have shown that gratitude in a myriad of ways. Perhaps the gift with the highest profile is the new residence hall that bears his name, but his generosity has been felt across the entire campus. From his advice on the timing and phasing of the Mountaineer Fitness Center, to the picnic tables, patio areas and swimming pool area improvements, he has provided an improved campus environment for students, faculty and staff. “Royce Faulkner, like a good engineer and contractor, loves to see, and make possible, visual
improvements—watering systems, picnic areas, new dorms,” said Schreiner president Dr. Tim Summerlin. “But behind that enthusiasm for things is something less tangible. He remembers vividly the camaraderie of his Schreiner Institute days, with young men gathering outside their barracks to shoot the bull. He knows the importance of gathering places that promote the informal socialization process, and we know that this kind of growth is very much a part of what we call the education of the whole person. I believe that the awareness of the value of this sort of informal learning and growth inspires much of his thinking about how to improve the campus.”

The Faulkners have also provided the campus with golf carts, classroom equipment and hiking and biking trails. Royce Faulkner has also provided invaluable counsel on issues ranging from drainage problems to an inventory of deferred maintenance.

“A university must find partners who support its mission and goals if it is to realize them fully. With the Faulkners and many others who have made possible our recent facilities expansion and those who have provided essential scholarship support, we have such partners. Team Schreiner truly becomes formidable when such partnerships exist,” Summerlin said.

Schreiner board of trustees chairman, Dr. Bill Franklin said that Faulkner has acted as a catalyst for change.

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Schreiner athletic teams are continuing to demonstrate their solid improvement this semester. As of press time, Su volleyball and men's soccer were in the hunt for a postseason berth. Women's soccer has had a strong defensive season, allowing just 17 goals in 11 matches as of late October and both men's and women's cross country have had good showings at recent meets.
Mountaineer Men’s Soccer


Mountaineer Women’s Soccer

SU women’s soccer team, front row from left to right: Alyssa Fordyce, Morgan Ryan, Desiree Frausto, Amber Villareal, next person has been removed from the team, Kathryn Fondon, Taylore Davis, Sarah Pillow, Amanda Moon, Lacey Warner and Brittany Vega. Second row from left to right: head coach Wayne Hinkley, volunteer coach Stephanie Hoskins, Stephanie Viands, Brittany Cardwell, Allison Dietz, Allie Moore, Carla Crawford, Kathryn Adcock, Dani Gomez, Becky Chiaro, Mariah Mojica, Chelsea Gibson and assistant coach Jestin Pier. Top row from left to right: Chris Tillman, Roni Kloss, Haley Powers, Genna Monroe, Tina Montelongo, Ariana Olivares and Marissa Quintana.

For schedules and more athletic news, visit http://athletics.schreiner.edu.
How to Become a Schreiner Oak

BY KAREN DAVIS KILGORE, PLANNED GIVING ADVISOR

Schreiner recognizes friends who include the University in their estate plans as members of the Schreiner Oaks Society. If you provided for Schreiner in your will or other plan and have not shared that good news with us, please let us know before December 31, 2009. That way, we can recognize you during the Donor Recognition Dinner that will take place on campus February 18, 2010.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to disclose details of my plan to become a member? Schreiner provides a simple letter that potential members can review and use to inform us of a planned gift commitment. The letter says the donors are including the University in their plans and will notify the advancement office if that changes.

Is there a minimum amount I must give to become an Oak? We have no minimums. Schreiner also accepts gifts of stock, debt-free real estate and other assets. If you have a tax-deferred retirement plan, such as an IRA or 401K, please consider using all or part of this asset for charitable giving to save substantial income tax.

What is the simplest type of planned gift I can make? If the donors have an up-to-date will, they have total discretion as to whether or not to tell us the kind of plan they are putting in place or the estimated amount.

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Sonja and Dr. Bill Franklin (1)
Trustee Family

A former college president, Dr. Bill Franklin brings unique experience to Schreiner as chairman of the board of trustees. Committed Presbyterians who live in Boerne, Sonja and Bill encourage Schreiner’s journey with their steadfast presence and willingness to tell others about Schreiner’s importance to the church and to the Hill Country. They are also responsible for helping grow a “bumper crop” of students from Kendall County.

“We are pleased to be supporters of Schreiner University because of its transforming effect on students, many of whom remind us of ourselves—first-generation university students from small towns and rural communities.

“Education and our faith have provided us with lives that we could never have otherwise envisioned, and we feel a sense of stewardship for the things with which we have been blessed. Very early in our association with the University, we decided that we wanted to make a lasting contribution, and that is why we became Schreiner Oaks. Giving helps others and it gives us great joy.”

Lavon and Verne Philips (2)
Former Student and Former Trustee Family

Verne Philips ’38 enrolled in Schreiner when it had been open just 12 years. He quickly proved himself a serious scholar and a dedicated cadet. Lavon was a camper at Camp Waldemar in Hunt the first time she saw Schreiner Institute. After the couple married, they lived in San Antonio from 1953 to 56, and began a lifelong friendship with Schreiner. Verne is a former trustee and former president of the Schreiner Former Students Association. The couple has hosted numerous events for Schreiner in Austin and has supported almost every major project, especially the William Logan Library.

“We have included the University in our estate plans because we have enjoyed watching Schreiner grow and mature over the years, and we want it to remain a strong liberal arts institution. We are thankful that Schreiner addresses educational issues such as learning disabilities and treats all students seriously. We believe that the faculty sincerely care for students and that the entire community provides a better education than large institutions do.”
Janet Robinson (3)
Parent, Kerrville Employer

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Schreiner Environmental Management Staff

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Susan and Bill Sliva (5)
Faculty Members

When Susan and Bill Sliva came to Schreiner almost 30 years ago, they were a young faculty couple who probably had no idea they would invest their entire careers in the institution that was still a junior college at the time. Bill is now a professor of mathematics and physics and Susan is an associate professor of information systems & mathematics. This coming summer, the Slivas will work as lighthouse hosts at the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse in Newport, Ore. Almost every summer, the adventurous pair visit other charming locations in America and work as camp hosts.

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What are these life income gifts I keep hearing about? Schreiner is blessed to have scores of friends who have established charitable gift annuities and charitable trusts. These fine gifts return an income stream to the donors for a period of years or for their lives and then remit the remainder to Schreiner. They are win/win plans because they provide substantial tax savings now and a charitable gift later.

What if I want to start a scholarship or library endowment now and enhance it through my will? We will be pleased to provide you the necessary forms for creating this tandem gift—some assets now and more later. Families can create named endowments when their fund reaches $25,000.

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For a chemistry major, Andres Gutierrez ’99 has had an outstanding career in finance, recently moving with his wife and three children to Nashville, Tenn., to become part of the Dave Ramsey network. So how did he move from lab to leverage?

“Toward the end of my time at Schreiner, I was seeing some friends getting ready to graduate without having lined up a job,” Gutierrez said. “I thought, ‘I can’t do that; I don’t have a family who can support me.’”

Gutierrez decided to go to a job fair in San Antonio, where he wanted to live after graduation.

“I just handed out resumes to people who were looking for chemists,” he said. “I think there were about five of them. You know how many I heard from? Zero.”

He went to another job fair early in his last semester. That time he “gave pretty much everyone there my resume, about 200 resumes. I was hoping no one from Wal-mart or HEB would call because, hey, I was a professional!”

Both companies called, but so did the John Hancock insurance company.

“I told them I didn’t know anything about money, but the guy from Hancock painted such a wonderful picture—and I wasn’t afraid of working on commission, not having a regular paycheck. So I started doing cold calls for long-term care insurance, 150 to 200 calls a day. It was horrendous, but financially the first year was not too shabby,” Gutierrez remembered.

His next move was to MassMutual financial group as a full-needs financial advisor.

“That was very hard,” he said. “My wife and I pretty much starved for three years.”

Gutierrez said that while working for MassMutual he was basically working for himself, but was paying the company for office space and phones. Sometimes, what he owed for overhead outweighed his commissions and he ended up getting a negative check.

“Necessity made me become a good budgeter because there wasn’t much income,” he said. “I squeezed every penny and turned into a dime.”

At the end of the three lean years, Gutierrez formed a focus group with three other men. Each would set his goals with the group and if the goals were not met, had to put some money into a pot.

“With accountability, our lives started changing and we were eating,” he said.

Around this time Dave Ramsey, nationally syndicated radio talk show host and host of the “The Dave Ramsey Show” on Fox Business Network, came to the San Antonio radio market. Gutierrez was a big fan and became the person that Ramsey endorsed in San Antonio for investment advice. The show moved up to better and better time slots. A few years later Gutierrez became one of the founders of Pax Financial Group.

“The show was picking up a lot of steam and my business was picking up steam, too,” Gutierrez said. “We started Pax with no debt and no leasing, the way we recommended our clients do it.”

Pax is still operating and going strong, although Gutierrez has sold his share of the business.

Other aspects of his and wife Zaira’s lives were also changing for the better, an upturn he attributes entirely to their decision “to become followers of Jesus Christ.”
Gutierrez continued to be a Dave Ramsey fan and in January 2009, he attended Dave Ramsey’s Total Money Makeover live event.

“\"I had platinum tickets so I got to have breakfast with him and 100 other people,\" Gutierrez said. \"They were looking for someone to help reach the Hispanic community. His books had been translated, but they needed a more personal connection. I\'ve been told he went back to the office after that event and said, \'I\'ve found the guy we\'re looking for.\’\"

At the time of the live event, Gutierrez was a frequent guest as a financial expert on the Spanish network Telemundo and host of the radio show, \"Financial Myth Busters.\" Not long before that significant breakfast, Gutierrez had told his wife, \"I want to do what he does,\" referring to Ramsey.

\"They invited my wife and me to visit Nashville,\" he said. \"We came to Tennessee, prayed about it and felt it was a calling from God. I hope to reach the Spanish-speaking community with this commonsense message so people can feel good about handling their finances.\"

\"There are very few people who can read a book and change their lives,\" Gutierrez said. \"Most people need a lot more hand-holding in order to create a new pattern in their lives. In the business world, accountability is everywhere. Try not showing up to work for two weeks and see what your boss thinks. We work in teams and there are executives overseeing your work, there is your coworker sharing his opinion on the project.\"

\"I think Schreiner offers that real-world environment where accountability is easily created because of the size of the school and classes. It\'s easy to meet your peers and say, \'Hey let\'s get together to prepare for this project or the test.\’ This was a huge advantage for me not only in the classroom, but also in my business.\"
class notes

1930s

Bill Harrison ‘35 wrote, “Thanks for a wonderful spring magazine. It brought back pleasant memories of my years at Schreiner Institute, graduating as a 2nd Lieutenant, Band Company, with Distinguished Service Award. I followed this with two years at Texas University, graduating cum laude with a B.B.A. degree. Followed this with a 54,000-mile, five-month trip around the world. Back home, I fell in love and married Rosanne Stephen in 1938. After 13 years in Houston, we moved back to the family ranch near Alleyton, Texas, with our four children. Served on the Columbus School Board, deacon and Sunday school superintendent at First Baptist Church, 16 years as president of San Bernard Electric Co-Op before moving to Eagle Lake to assume the duties of president and CEO of the First National Bank. I retired in 1979. I’m now active as curator (volunteer) at Prairie Edge Museum in Eagle Lake. I have published several books on local history and old homes and buildings in the area. Rosanne and I have celebrated our 70th anniversary and I turned 93 on July 22. I noticed there was only one 1930s responder in the last class notes; I guess there aren’t many of us left.”

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1950s

Ed Berrio ’56 and wife Ann returned to the heat of Texas after a 30-day cruise from Hong Kong to Dubai. “Ann and I are going to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for Christmas with daughter Phyllis and son-in-law Jeff for Christmas cruise to the Southern Caribbean. Son Jason has to stay home and generate electricity at the South Texas Nuclear Power Plant. Well, some of us have to work and can’t play. Ann and I look forward to Recall 2010, and really missed Recall 2009, but our cruise dates interfered. Dubai was spectacular—what our gasoline usage has helped build!”

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1960s

Benno J. Bauer Jr. ’63 is happy to announce that his son and daughter-in-law, Colby and Jenny Bauer of Roanoke, Texas, had a beautiful little girl on October 6, 2008, named Abigail Zoe Bauer and born on Benno’s birthday. “This beautiful little girl is a special gift given by God.”

Don Bishop ’61 graduated from high school at Schreiner. He is still in the construction management business overseeing the expansion of the El Paso International Airport terminal. “Airports have been my focus the last several years with significant projects at Dallas/Ft. Worth and Abu Dhabi, UAE. Between Abu Dhabi and El Paso, I did an eight-month stint in the Cayman Islands. I will probably be in El Paso into next spring, when I hope to retire.”

Bucky Eckols ’69 and his wife Donna live outside of Liberty, Texas, on their family ranch. Bucky is an honorary retired peace officer and Donna is a retired principal from Liberty Independent School District. They both enjoy their five grandkids.

Dale Fielder ’66 is a Schreiner high school graduate. “I have a 30-year life insurance business in McAllen, Texas, and I am a pastor at the Pharr Church of Christ. I have three grown children and seven grandchildren. Recently I have been in contact with Dale Campbell ’67 and James Whitmore ’67 to reconnect.”

Bill Servis ’63 and his family are volunteers at Bandelier National Monument near Los Alamos, New Mexico, for three and a half months every year. He writes, “Right now, we live in Beaumont, Texas, babysitting our one-year-old grandson. We have been in 24 states and Canada since retirement from the United Methodist Church, and live in a 35-foot RV.”
Richard “Rick” Vasser writes, “I attended Schreiner 1961-1962, then transferred to Texas State. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in 1965 and my master’s degree in 1977. I was an Air Force pilot and am a decorated Vietnam vet—1965 to 1971. I was a logistics officer in the Air Force Reserve for 18 years in Hawaii. I worked for the state in Austin for 27 years and started the Texas Medicaid Hospice Program, which I directed for 12 years. I now do contract work for health systems as a CEO, finance officer and administrator for hospices and home health agencies. My wife is a retired teacher from Austin. We live in Georgetown, Texas. I have two adult daughters—one is a physician in North Carolina; the other works in the theater as a stage manager and writer.”

1980s

Anne Nowak Steinkamp ’87 writes, “My wonderful husband Paul and I just celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary! I am still a stay-at-home mom, but constantly volunteering at my kids’ schools. Daughter Rachel is 16 and is a junior in high school; son Randy is 13 and is in 8th grade.”

1990s

Daron Allen ’92 and wife Traci are doing great these days. They live in Austin and had their first child, daughter Ainsley Siena, in January. Traci is an ER doctor and Daron continues to build his software business around the world.

Mary Lynn Burnette ’93 is still living in Houston and working at an architectural firm. “Madison is now 13 and is in 8th grade out in Cypress. The Schreiner alumni office has my current e-mail and I would love to hear from old friends!”

Andres Gutierrez ’99 and his family have been very busy settling into a new home and new career in Nashville, Tenn., where he is working for the Dave Ramsey Network. “We are very excited to share that we are adapting very quickly to this weather in the 60s and 70s. The hottest it has been is 88 but it feels a lot cooler. Everybody here—and I am talking about everybody here in Nashville not just at the office—is very friendly. Our neighbors brought us food when we were moving in, the other neighbors brought us a homemade pie to introduce themselves; kind of like what you see in the movies. Xavi, my oldest, started kindergarten and Alex and my princess Zaira are starting Mother’s Day Out, so my wife Zaira will have peace two days out of the week. We found a great small church and they have wrapped their arms around us.”

Amy (Ford) Payne ’99 and husband Ryan welcomed a son, Dylan Ryan Payne, on August 6. Dylan was also welcomed into the family by his sister Addison, 2.

Todd Prince ’92 and Nelda Martinez Prince ’91 just celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. Todd is an elementary school assistant principal at Fort Bend Baptist Academy, where both of their boys—Conner, 11, and Garrett, 8—attend. The boys love to play football, basketball and baseball. Nelda is self-employed, working as an insurance broker in Houston. The Prince family spends much time training for fun runs, going to the beach and traveling.

Leslie Quinn ’98 recently passed all her state teacher licensing exams and is the freshman volleyball coach for Pocatello High School in Pocatello, Idaho. “My oldest son was cast in Disney’s “Jungle Book” and received a theatre scholarship for Arts Quest Theatre School.”

Stephen “Poco” Stein ’90 and Betsy (Barrow) Stein ’91 moved back to Boerne 10 years ago. Betsy is an account representative for USAA and Stephen works for Raymond James in the real estate trust department. They live on three acres with “a pack of dachshunds.”

2000s

Linda Alcala ’09 is living in San Antonio and going for her master’s in teaching English as a second language at The University of Texas-San Antonio. She is a physical education teacher at Esparza Accelerated Elementary School in the Northside Independent School District.

Kassaundra (Kassie) Barlow ’07 and Tyler Strickland ’07 were married May 23 in a outdoor wedding overlooking Clear Lake in Seabrook, Texas. Kassie writes, “We also recently bought our first home in League City, which is south of Houston. Tyler is currently working in downtown Houston as an accountant, and I am attending the University of Houston College of Optometry, starting my second year.”
Kenneth Bethune ’05 is entering his third (and final) year of law school at Oklahoma City University, and was recently named the head girls volleyball coach at Mount Saint Mary’s High School in Oklahoma City.

Kari (Atkinson) Bledsoe ’02 and Justin Bledsoe ’01 welcomed their second son, Liam Ronald, on May 5. “He was 6 pounds, 12 ounces and 19.5 inches. Big brother Matthew is very excited to have a little brother! We are enjoying life in San Antonio.”

Chris Campbell ’03 writes, “The Campbell’s are doing great! Last November we welcomed Ian William to the family. He is a healthy boy and is almost walking already. Ruth will be 3 years old at the end of this month and she is teaching Ian everything she knows. My wife, Mandy, is starting a new position at St. Mary’s Hall High School as a string instructor and is continuing to teach private lessons and perform whenever she can. I am entering my third year at Warren High School teaching math and coaching the chess team. Mandy’s band Rowan Fall should release a CD in September; you can check out sneak peaks at myspace.com/rowanfall.”

Nicole Chapman ’08 has a new job as a 6th grade math teacher and junior high girls coach at Coleman Independent School District in Coleman, Texas. “Cody and I celebrated our first wedding anniversary on August 2. We are both very excited that God led us to Coleman. We are now both much closer to our families. I miss my sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha and want to encourage them all to enjoy life at wonderful Schreiner because once you are gone, life takes over.”

Wendy (Herbert) Gaston ’03 writes, “After graduating I was fortunate enough to see the world while traveling through Europe. I have been married for two years and have two wonderful stepsons. I just recently gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, I coach at Somerset Barrera Elementary in Somerset, Texas, and I love every second of it.”

Nancy (Nixon) Garcia ’04 announces the birth of a baby girl, Layla Ann. She was born June 21, weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces and she was 20.5 inches long.

After receiving a master’s degree from Schreiner, Brad Golden ’08 became a successful lecturer at statewide conferences targeted to nonprofit/social working organizations. “I continued to work with K’STAR Youth and Family Services in Kerrville, but was graciously offered an administrative position with Medina Children’s Home and started with them in June. I am so impressed with this organization and what they do for troubled youth and struggling single mothers; what a fantastic organization to be a part of! This was a definite, positive change for me and my family. My wife Donna is currently a student at Schreiner with two semesters to go and my daughter Brandi is also attending Schreiner with about three semesters until she is finished.”

Greg Kirkham ’07 graduated from the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management at the University of Houston and earned a Masters of Science in hospitality management. He also received the Dean’s Award, an award given to the top all-around graduate student in terms of scholastic achievement, work experience and service to the community. “In late May, I relocated to Dallas and began a career with Fairmont Hotels and Resorts working at the Fairmont Dallas as an executive operations trainee. The position is fantastic for learning the inner workings of a luxury hotel. I work directly with the regional vice president, general manager and comptroller on various brand- and owner-related issues.”

Kevin Kornegay ’02 and his family will be moving to American Samoa, where Kevin has accepted a position as assistant U.S. attorney general. “The position is a two-year position, with the opportunity to stay longer.” Kevin and his wife Corinne (also a former Schreiner student) have a seven-year-old son, Noah. Corinne has accepted a position teaching third and fourth grade on the island.

Reginald “Reggie” Huggins ’03 received a Master of Education in administration from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in 2008. Reggie was the assistant basketball coach and taught physical education at Harker Heights High School in Harker Heights, Texas, for four years. He is currently an assistant principal at Killeen High School in Killeen, Texas, the high school he graduated from in 1995.

Lindsey (Brotherton) Kunz ’03 is still teaching and coaching at Brackett Independent School District in Brackettville, Texas. Daughter Hallie is 2 and patiently awaiting becoming a big sister this fall.
**Brian Lake ’05** graduated from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in May with a doctorate degree. He is now a licensed pharmacist in Midland/Odessa, Texas, for Walgreens.

Don McDonald ’00 married Chelsea Chamberlain February 14 at Stonehaven Ranch in Camp Verde, Texas. Schreiner former students attending the wedding were Jaime (Steven- son) Wyche ’01, Amy (Carroll) Read ’02, JC Carpenter ’00, Troy Dusek ’00, John Niedecken, Brian ’99 and Gretchen ’01 Peterson, Heath ’01 and Lourie ’00 Gregory, Wesley Hale ’00 and Scott Redman ’00.

Don is currently a real estate agent and owns his own ranch management business in Camp Verde and Kerrville. The McDonalds live at Stonehaven Ranch in Camp Verde, Texas, and welcomed William Hunter McDonald June 2. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and is doing great.

Valerie Gunter Mehrer ’08 and husband James are building a house in Live Oak, Texas. “I am working at Randolph Air Force Base as the outdoor recreation manager. James is a technician at Mercedes Benz of San Antonio. On July 8, Colin James Mehrer was born. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 21 inches long.”

Kiley Miller ’00 is an assistant professor of chemistry at Schreiner University. He and his wife welcomed their third child in December. “We recently found a dog that we all can enjoy.”

Kurtis and Laura (Buffum) Nodolf ’00 welcomed their twins, Cooper and Addie, on May 11, 2008.

Kyle Nye ’94 and Lea (Siebold) Nye ’92, along with Sam (age 4) and Wesley (age 2½), took a family vacation to Maui, Hawaii, this summer in honor of Kyle’s parents’ 50th wedding anniversary. Kyle is the branch operations manager for Stuart C. Irby Company in San Antonio and is pursuing his master’s in industrial distribution from Texas A&M University in College Station. Lea is staying home with the boys, and is serving as the president of the Schreiner Former Students Association.

David Peeples ’04 writes, “Things are well here. I’m working at Borders full time in San Antonio. Tell everyone at Schreiner I said hello!”

Missy (Brock) Pump ’03, husband Chris and first daughter Kaidanse were happy to introduce daughter Kayleigh Jane into the family on June 29. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 19 inches long. “We are doing great and about to move to Lake Buchanan to work in the family bakery—Pump Haus Bakery!”

Patty Santiago ’07 lives in San Antonio and teaches algebra I at McCallum High School. “I completely love it. McCallum is a small school and reminds me of Schreiner. I miss Schreiner and all the faculty and staff, but look forward to visiting at Recall!”

Leann Solomon ’04 and her family are doing well. “I am a proud stay-at-home mom of two great kids. Autumn Brook is 2½ and Jon Wayne is 15 months. They keep me busier than I ever thought possible but I love every minute of it. My husband Jerimy hopes to start a new job soon and is currently attending ITT Technical Institute and working on his degree in computer networking systems. We currently live in the small town of Bigfoot, which is about five miles from Devine where I grew up. Thank you for all you do keeping us connected. I hope the Schreiner family is doing well.”

Megan (McDonald) Vosters ’06 married Joseph Vosters on July 4. Joe and Megan now live in Appleton, Wis., where Joe is a full-time fire fighter for the town of Grand Chute and Megan teaches pre-K at St. Bernadette Catholic School.

Melissa Whitney ’06 has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at the University of Texas-San Antonio with a full fellowship. “I will be a research assistant the first year and then teach my own class the other years.”

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**November 2009**

4 Texas Music Coffeehouse The Lion’s Den, Floyd & Kathleen Cailloux Campus Activity Center. Honoring Native American Month. Noted Texas singer Patricia Vonne to perform, 7-9 p.m.

5-6 Theatre at Schreiner Hanszen Fine Arts Studio Theatre. “Dream Circus,” by David Theis, 7:30 p.m.


18 Dollars & Sense Workshop Floyd & Kathleen Cailloux Campus Activity Center. Dr. Anne Berre: “Wheels You Can Afford,” 4 p.m.

19 Harry Crate Lecture Series Floyd & Kathleen Cailloux Campus Activity Center. Dr. Kent Coulter: “Nanotechnology at Southwest Research Institute—Making Small Big,” 7 p.m.

19-21 Theatre at Schreiner Hanszen Fine Arts Studio Theatre. “A Cry of Players,” by William Gibson; directed by Jeff Cunningham, 7:30 p.m.

**December 2009**

3 Symphony of the Hills Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater. Dr. Jay Dunnahoo, conductor. Rising Stars, selections from Tchaikovsky’s “Nutcracker Suite” and other Christmas music, 7:30 p.m.

6 Symphony of the Hills Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater. Dr. Jay Dunnahoo, conductor. Rising Stars, selections from Tchaikovsky’s “Nutcracker Suite” and other Christmas music, 2:30 p.m.

**January 2010**

23 Symphony of the Hills Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater. Pop Concert, Dr. Jay Dunnahoo, conductor

25-26 Theatre at Schreiner Hanszen Fine Arts Studio Theatre. Student-directed production of a published play, 7:30 p.m.

**February 2010**

8 Monday Night Fiction Scarle-Philips Room, William Logan Library. Discussing “Plain Song,” by Kent Haruf, 7 p.m.

24 Dollars & Sense Workshop Floyd & Kathleen Cailloux Campus Activity Center. Dr. Charles Salter: “Be a Millionaire by 50,” 4 p.m.
March 2010

4 Symphony of the Hills Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater. Dr. Jay Dunnahoo, conductor, 7:30 p.m.

7 Symphony of the Hills Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater. Dr. Jay Dunnahoo, conductor, 7:30 p.m.

8 Monday Night Fiction Scarlet-Philips Room, William Logan Library. Discussing “Digging to America,” by Anne Tyler, 7 p.m.


24 Dollars & Sense Workshop Floyd & Kathleen Cailloux Campus Activity Center, meeting room, first floor. Dr. Charles Salter: “Investing—Start Now,” 4 p.m.

April 2010


22-23 Theatre at Schreiner Hanszen Fine Arts Studio Theatre. A student-directed production of a published play, 7:30 p.m.

29 Symphony of the Hills Kathleen C. Cailloux Theater. Dr. Jay Dunnahoo, conductor, 7:30 p.m. Also May 7, 2:30 p.m.

Visit www.schreiner.edu/calendar. Unless otherwise stated, all events are free and open to the public. For more information, call Amy Armstrong at 830-792-7405.

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Volunteer Opportunities

- INFORMATION DESK ATTENDANT: Assist the director of Cailloux Center/Event Services in providing information services, tour and reservations of meeting spaces for students, faculty and staff.
- EXPERTS: Looking for all and any industry or self-proclaimed experts who could impact, advance and enrich student’s education and lives. This might be a skill, hobby or life vocation that could be shared with students, faculty and staff.
- SPECIAL EVENTS: Various tasks associated with fundraising, campus activities, events and lectures.
- HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Work in health clinic and assist campus nurse and volunteer doctor with students experiencing health issues. Computer skills a plus.
- SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER: Assist athletics in photographing campus sporting events.

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Mr. Robert Brantley ’75
July 25, 2009, Mountain Home, Texas
Dr. George D. Broyles Jr. ’34
September 15, 2009, Missouri City, Texas
Mr. K.B. Butler ’74
May 18, 2009, Horseshoe Bay, Texas
Mrs. Edith C. Chandler ’77
September 12, 2009, Bandera, Texas
Mr. David C. Corry ’59
May 23, 2009, Houston, Texas
Mr. David H. Gish ’53
June 20, 2009, Greenville, Texas
Mr. William P. Grisham Jr. ’48
June 3, 2009, Fredericksburg, Texas
Mr. Johnnie L. Hancock ’50
October 1, 2009, Texas City, Texas
Mrs. Dorothy Hatfield ’78
September 28, 2009, Medina, Texas
Ms. Errin Johnson ’09
September 26, 2009, Bandera, Texas
Mr. Charles e. Kendrick ’42
May 31, 2009, Waco, Texas
Dr. George H. Lane Jr. ’41
August 6, 2009, Houston, Texas
Mr. Norman Nachod
July 19, 2009, Galveston, Texas
Mr. Jay J. Oberpriller Jr. ’33
April 7, 2009, Crosby, Texas
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Mr. Robert S. Rupley
September 26, 2009, Houston, Texas
Ms. Trixie D. Sample ’55
August 27, 2009, Kerrville, Texas
Mr. Stephen T. Selgrath
May 13, 2009, Boerne, Texas
Mr. Thomas R. Stewart Jr. ’47
June 16, 2009, Corpus Christi, Texas
Dr. James C. Stokes ’67
May 25, 2009, Kerrville, Texas
Mr. Maurice J. Tipton Jr. ’47
April 13, 2009, Brownsville, Texas
Mr. Johnnie E. Washburn Jr. ’90
September 4, 2009, Kerrville, Texas
Mrs. Elizabeth N. Wilder ’41
January 29, 2007, Cuero, Texas
Ms. Judith K. Zapalac ’97
May 3, 2009, Smithville, Texas

SCHREINER OAKS
Mrs. Rachel P. Day
July 7, 2009, Kerrville, Texas
Mrs. Jeannette B. Early
August 2, 2009, Dallas, Texas

FORMER FACULTY
Dr. Rudolph Brewster
April 7, 2009, Kerrville, Texas

FORMER TRUSTEES
The Rev. James W. Mosley
July 1, 2009, Little Rock, Ark.
Mr. Ernest C. Parker Jr.
July 8, 2009, Kerrville, Texas
The Rev. Dr. Robert B. Smith
April 24, 2009, Snellville, Ga.

Writing Center
Schreiner University was represented at the SCWCA Conference on “Writing and Teaching, a Practice of Pleasure,” held at Southwestern University in April by tutors from SU’s Writing Center. Heather Stevens Shaffer, Celise Rice, Kayla McCulley, and Bethany Jordan, all seniors, presented a panel entitled “Re-Engaging the Pleasure of Writing and Writing Center Tutoring: The Ethics of Listening, Connecting, and Responding.” Engaging the conference theme of pleasure, each tutor presented a paper that discussed her enthusiasm and joy in writing and tutoring writing—its multi-cultural contexts, its spiritual connections, its creative and playful elements, and its kinship to interactive improvisational theater. Heather, Celise, Kayla, and Bethany, as well as Dr. Kirsten Komara, assistant professor of English and director of the Writing Center and Honors, returned feeling re-energized about the pleasures of writing and tutoring writing.

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Schreiner in Cyberspace

Schreiner University has always put a high value on staying in touch with its students and keeping them well informed. So it shouldn’t be surprising that Schreiner has adopted electronic social media as another way to stay in touch with students, faculty and staff—and to get its message out to the rest of the world.

The University has an active presence on Facebook (become a fan), Twitter and YouTube. Tory Kaspar, a work-study student in the marketing department, monitors and manages Schreiner’s YouTube and Facebook accounts. You can keep up with the Schreiner Mountaineers via scores and updates on Twitter and interviews with coaches and players on YouTube. Schreiner grads also can get into the act, via a Twitter feed for former students managed by Paul Camfield, associate director of alumni relations, who also maintains the Facebook presence for Schreiner former students. And Campus Recreation tweets, too, with upcoming events and schedules.

You’ll find icons taking you to any of these at the bottom of Schreiner’s Web pages at www.schreiner.edu and on the athletics home page.

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2008-2009 Selected Financial Statistics

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