

Petition to the
International Fraternity
of
Delta Sigma Pi

Submitted
by
Sigma Omega Beta

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INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY
OF
DELTA SIGMA PI**

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to the Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi at St. Mary's University, whom without their support and guidance, this book would not be possible. They showed Sigma Omega Beta that starting a chapter would involve many long hours of work and dedication from the members. On many occasions, the members gave us enthusiasm and encouragement during difficult times. Most of all, they exhibited to us the bond that exists among brothers. They are truly a very special group of people.

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March 14, 1990

C. Dean Ferguson
Director of Chapter Services
330 South Campus Avenue
Oxford, OH 46056-0230

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

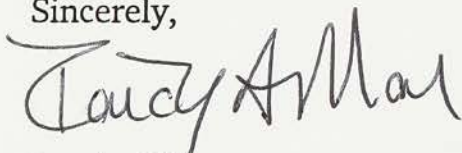
On behalf of Sigma Omega Beta Colony of Delta Sigma Pi, I wish to petition the members of Delta Sigma Pi to grant a charter to the aforementioned colony. The colony members have and will continue to promote the comradery which we have witnessed in our association with other chapters, and we believe we can faithfully carry out the mission of Delta Sigma Pi.

Following, you will find details concerning the formation of Sigma Omega Beta Colony, current demographics of the members, and information about Victoria and the University of Houston campus which is located there. The details, histories, and statistics are provided to assist you in your assessment of our colony and to provide assurance in establishing a chapter at the University of Houston-Victoria.

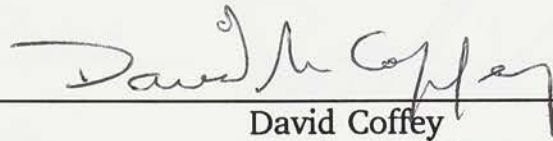
Although the details and histories are easily put to paper, it is impossible to pen the closeness felt among our members. This group of 42 young men and women longs for a formal bond to solidify the friendships which have grown - friendships formed both between the colony members themselves, and members elsewhere. This closeness, formed by individuals with a common interest in business, will benefit the members for the rest of their lives.

At this time, I would like to thank you, on behalf of Sigma Omega Beta, for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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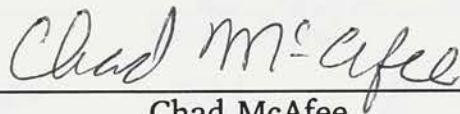
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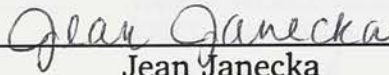
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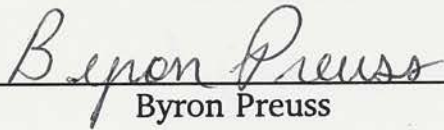
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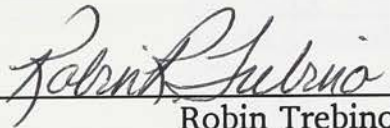
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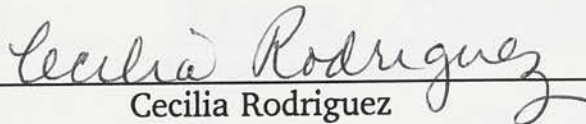
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INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PHI

February 26, 1961

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for you are two copies of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Phi, which has formed at the University College in Victoria, Texas and which is seeking to become a Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you on behalf of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Phi, which has formed at the University College in Victoria, Texas and which is seeking to become a Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

I particularly enjoyed the process of the working at Victoria, Texas with Brothers Steve Harrison, Steve Payne and Stephen Owen. Here we found an enthusiastic, dedicated group trying to do a job of which they were a chapter. They were quite serious about their work and were very cooperative in providing the requirements to become a chapter and were receptive to our suggestions and recommendations. Steve Harrison and I each addressed the group to give them a better understanding of our great Fraternity. I believe we helped to encourage them to have a better understanding of our Fraternity.

I was impressed with all the personal attention and care that they showed and with the fact that they were very cooperative in providing the requirements to become a chapter. They were quite serious about their work and were very cooperative in providing the requirements to become a chapter. They were quite serious about their work and were very cooperative in providing the requirements to become a chapter.

They have done a very good job of working at Victoria, Texas and we are very proud of them. They have done a very good job of working at Victoria, Texas and we are very proud of them. They have done a very good job of working at Victoria, Texas and we are very proud of them.



INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI

February 28, 1990

Mike Mazur
Executive Director - Delta Sigma Pi
330 South Campus Avenue
P.O. Box 230
Oxford, Ohio 45056-0230

Dear Mike,

I am writing on behalf of the Sigma Omega Beta Colony of Delta Sigma Pi. This colony has formed at the Victoria College in Victoria, Texas and wishes to petition to become a Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi.

I personally visited the colony on the weekend of December 2, 1989 along with Brothers Steve Hennigan, Mario Reyna and Cynthia Cueva. Here we found an enthusiastic, motivated group willing to to whatever it takes to become a chapter. They were quite curious about specific matters concerning the requirements to become a chapter and were receptive to our comments and suggestions. Steve, Mario and I each addressed the group to give them a perspective on different aspects of our great Fraternity. I believe we helped to encourage them in their endeavor to become a chapter.

I was impressed with all the potential recruits in the colony and feel they would work well together as a chapter and make excellent Brothers. I have spoken on several occasions with Randy Dillar, who is leading the effort. I must say he is doing an excellent job of motivating this group even though he is not yet a Brother! He obviously feels strongly about what he is doing. I got to meet Randy and got to know many of the other Colony members on several occasions. They have made an effort to attend many regional functions, including Banquets and social activities of the Lambda Upsilon Chapter. This trip to Victoria allowed me to see their College and assess the potential this group possesses.

Mike, know this school is small, but with proper support, training and recruiting, this colony can thrive as a chapter. If they continue to attract the type of students I have seen so far, they should have no problem being a well-respected, prestigious organization on the campus. The entire College of Business at Victoria will see the benefit of being involved in what will be a first class organization. I believe they can project that image.



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The Sigma Omega Beta Colony should be completing their petition in early March. I hope you will give them serious consideration.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at (512) 520-5878. I am looking forward to attending their installation ceremony!

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kurt H. Heyn".

Kurt H. Heyn
Gulfwestern Regional Director

cc: Randy Dillar
Byron Pruess
Randy Hultz

Catherine Merdian
4704 King Ranch Road # 1301
Fort Worth, Texas 76132
(817)292-1457

December 15, 1989

The Board of Directors
Delta Sigma Pi
c/o The Central Office
P.O. Box 230
Oxford, OH 45056-0230

Dear Brothers:

I would at this time like to express my support for the students at the University of Houston-Victoria in their quest for a chapter of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi. I believe they would be a positive addition to the fraternity because of their tremendous enthusiasm and motivation. I have been extremely impressed with a large number of these students, especially those in leadership positions.

Although UH-V is only a two-year institution, I believe that they could work around possible recruiting problems with the support of national officers and nearby chapters.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me at (817)292-1457, or at the address above.

Fraternally,



Catherine Merdian
District Director
Southwestern Region



INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF

delta sigma pi

ETA PSI - UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

BOX 52 • 4800 CALHOUN • HOUSTON, TEXAS 77004 • 713/749-6835

7201 Brompton #302A
Houston, TX 77025
March 2, 1990

Dear Brothers:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for the Sigma Omega Beta colony at the University of Houston-Victoria.

The members of the colony at our sister university have overwhelmed us with their enthusiasm. Their efforts have been rewarded by the large membership they have amassed at an admittedly smaller school. If installed as a chapter, they could draw on the reputation they have already established to maintain their membership.

The opportunity to install a chapter at the University of Houston-Victoria appears at, in my opinion, an opportune time for the fraternity. There are few competitive groups on campus, which has allowed the colony to have as its members the best and most active of the students there. These are the kind of people we seek as brothers.

I hope you will give them serious consideration as you make your decision.

Yours Fraternally.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "T. Joelle Estelle".

T. Joelle Estelle
President, Eta Psi Chapter
University of Houston



INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF
Delta Sigma Pi
Lambda Upsilon Chapter

St. Mary's University • School of Business
One Camino Santa Maria • San Antonio, Texas 78284

December 19, 1989

Board of Directors
Central Office of Delta Sigma Pi
330 S. Campus Avenue
Oxford, Ohio 45056

Dear Brothers,

We, the Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, would like to heartily recommend that the Sigma Omega Beta Colony at the University of Houston-Victoria be chartered as a chapter of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.

Our chapter began its' association with the colony at the Houston Area Alumni Chapter Annual Softball Tournament in March, 1989. Since then, the relationship between our Chapter and the Colony has grown and strengthened. The colony members have exhibited true qualities of leadership, professionalism, and brotherhood that would prove to be a great asset to our fraternity. Their enthusiasm and interest in Delta Sigma Pi is impressive and they have done an excellent job of organizing the resources necessary to become a vibrant and thriving chapter of Delta Sigma Pi.

As President of the Lambda Upsilon Chapter of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, I look forward to the installation of the Sigma Omega Beta Colony as a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi.

Fraternally,

Daniel E. Longoria
President



INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY OF DELTA SIGMA PI
DELTA UPSILON CHAPTER

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Cheryl Cherry
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December 12, 1989

Wade A. Sparks
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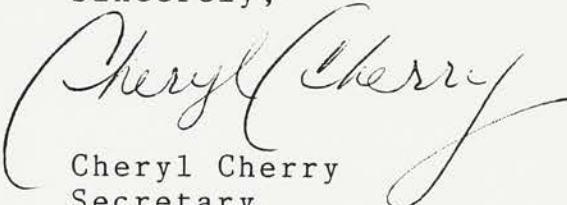
Dear Wade:

As secretary of the Delta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, I hereby recommend Sigma Omega Beta Colony. This recommendation comes not from my sole approval, but from the chapter's as well.

The Delta Upsilon chapter would also like to recognize the Sigma Omega Beta Colony for their excellent turnout in our chapter's volleyball tournament this semester. Their participation was unmatched by any other chapter present. Their enthusiasm demonstrated the three principles of Delta Sigma Pi.

Therefore, in respect we recommend the Sigma Omega Beta Colony.

Sincerely,


Cheryl Cherry
Secretary

To Whom It May Concern,

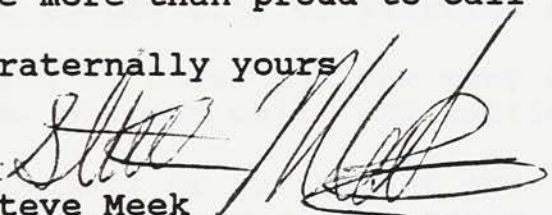
I would like to take the time to express complete support of the Sigma Beta Omega colony at the University of Houston (at Victoria). I had the pleasure of meeting many members of their organization at a Deltasig gathering at Texas Christian University for a volleyball tournament.

The rather large group traveled quite a distance to attend the event. They all seemed proud to show their colors and showed remarkable team spirit. More than one of my brothers was amazed by their organization and ability to have a good time. I was personally very pleased to have members of our own pledge class meet these people. They saw "brotherhood" exemplified in an extraordinary manner.

The colony, I understand, will soon petition a charter. I have been a brother for two years, I have attended area and Grand Chapter Congress and I know in my heart the members of Sigma Beta Omega colony have the desire, professionalism and inspiration to be a positive addition as a chapter in the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.

As a representative of this chapter, I would like to say we would be more than proud to call them brothers.

Fraternally yours



Steve Meek
President, Eta Theta Chapter



UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-VICTORIA
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 21, 1989

President
National Fraternity Delta Sigma Pi

Dear President:

It is a genuine pleasure to place this letter of support in behalf of our University of Houston-Victoria Sigma Omega Beta Colony of Delta Sigma Pi as they petition for Chapter status in the national organization.

In their first full year of operation, the local colony has put together an enviable track record of achievement. The group has, among a very long list of accomplishments, played a key role in assisting new students in the registration process, carried out a successful toy drive for our university day care center, adopted a section of a major highway as a part of the "Don't Mess with Texas" clean highways program, and just this past week entered a float in the City of Victoria Christmas Parade.

In each of these and the many other projects, the group has set goals, planned well, and carried out the projects in fine fashion.

The members of our colony are a very bright, enthusiastic, and articulate group of our student body in whom we take a great deal of pride.

I am happy to place the strongest possible letter of support in their behalf for Chapter status.

Sincerely,

Glenn A. Goerke
President

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UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-VICTORIA
DIVISION OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Office of the Chair

March 20, 1990

The Board of Directors
International Fraternity of
Delta Sigma Pi
The central Office
330 South Campus Avenue
P.O. Box 230
Oxford, Ohio 45056-0230

Dear Directors:

The officers of Sigma Omega Beta Colony at the University of Houston - Victoria who are petitioning for a chapter of Delta Sigma Pi on our campus have asked me to write to you in their support and it is my pleasure and privilege to do so with enthusiasm and without any reservation.

The colony was started about an year and a half ago by a very enthusiastic and committed group of students. Within one year, it has surpassed the membership requirements, and has undertaken very meaningful and well thought out projects in organization building, community services, and extra mural activities.

Over the past year the colony has successfully undertaken the following projects:

1. Adopted a city street for clean up in conjunction with the " Don't Mess With Texas " clean up campaign.
2. Two fund raisers - a car wash to raise organizational funds, and a garage sale to help the needy children.

3. (a) Won the championship in the 1989 Inter University volley ball tournament.

(b) Won Third place in the 1990 Inter University soft ball tournament.
4. Held three dinner meetings with an invited speaker besides the regularly scheduled business meetings.
5. Participated in the city parade with Delta Sigma Float
6. Participated in the end of semester meetings with other Delta Sigma Pi chapters.

As you see the colony has developed a commendable record of activities in a short period of time. It is a vibrant organization and its record reflects the excellent leadership qualities of its office bearers and a strong commitment as well as a high energy level of its members.

The University of Houston is a very young and a small university. It is also a non-traditional university in that it is an upper divisional school with no freshman and sophomore classes. The university is growing and the average student age is gradually declining from around thirty which indicates that younger students from surrounding junior colleges now are opting to come here.

From this perspective it would be doubly attractive for us to welcome such student organizations as the Delta Sigma Pi on our campus as it would provide a forum for student activities, create a fraternity ambiance, and give the students a university sub-culture which they all look for at large schools. Above all, Delta Sigma Pi would provide an opportunity for our students to study and exercise leadership roles, to learn and understand organizational skills, to value community service, to acquire social and supportive skills and to engage in cooperative and collaborative projects and activities. All of which are so important for us in being effective in today's dynamic and interdependent environment. Indeed the Delta Sigma Pi organization would broaden our students' horizons and contribute immensely towards making their educational preparation in a sense really complete.

Board of Directors

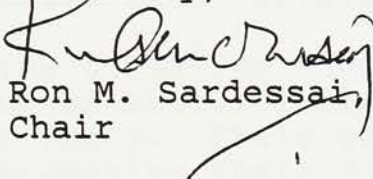
March 20, 1990

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The organization has strong university support and I have no hesitation whatsoever to recommend that the Sigma Omega Beta Colony at the University of Houston -Victoria be granted the status of an official chapter of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi. I am sure and as the record shows our students by their worth and work will bear out all I have had the pleasure to say about the Colony and prove to be credit to the great traditions of DELTA SIGMA PI.

Thank you and if I can be of any further assistance, please do let me know.

Sincerely,



Ron M. Sardessai, Ph.D.
Chair

RMS:ds

CC: Dr. Glenn Goerke, President
Dr. Don Smith, Dean for Academic Affairs



UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-VICTORIA
DIVISION OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

December 18, 1989

Delta Sigma Pi
Membership Committee

Dear committee members:

The members of Sigma Omega Beta asked that I write a letter of recommendation. As the faculty sponsor of the group, I have observed the development of this colony of Delta Sigma Pi from the very beginning. Thus, I am in a unique position to write this letter.

In the formative school year (1988-89) there was a hard-core group of active individuals that wanted to form a business fraternity. Their goal was to get business students involved in promoting their common business educational interest, university activities, and student socializing.

The founders were successful in their endeavor and attracted twenty-five members the first year. Committees organized fund drives, speaker dinners, social get-togethers, and wrote a charter. Also, a committee contracted your organization to discover the necessary steps and conditions for membership.

During the second year membership continues to grow and now stands at thirty-three members. The major focus this year has been obtaining national affiliation. The fraternity has continued to sponsor speaker dinners, fund drives, and there have been a number social get-togethers. To insure the longevity of the fraternity, efforts are being made to train members for positions of leadership.

My overall assessment of Sigma Omega Beta is high. The members form an enthusiastic spirited group concerned with achieving their goals and establishing themselves on a permanent bases at UH-V. Sigma Omega Beta will make a positive contribution to Delta Sigma Pi. I recommend them highly for membership in Delta Sigma Pi.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gregory L. Hamilton,
Chapter Advisor
Sigma Omega Beta Colony

HISTORY OF VICTORIA

History of Victoria

Victoria is the second oldest incorporated city in the state of Texas. It has a rich history of Spanish conquistadors, French explorers, and Mexican settlers. Beginning soon after Texas declared its independence in 1836, Victoria became distinguished as one of the leading areas for cattle ranching and then in the early 1900's as a leader in oil and gas exploration. With this base, Victoria has grown into a sizable city with a diversified economy. Its citizens enjoy a very high standard of living with a myriad of cultural and recreational activities available. Today Victoria stands as a cornerstone to progress in South Texas by demonstrating leadership in finance, manufacturing, retail sales, health care, education, and the arts.

Victoria occupies an area of 29.5 square miles along the banks of the Guadalupe River. It is 30 miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico and 125 miles southwest of Houston, with an average elevation of 105 ft. Within a 150-mile radius of Victoria are several of the fastest growing cities in the United States, including Houston, San Antonio, Austin, and Corpus Christi.

Victoria offers two area colleges: Victoria College offers two-year degrees in a variety of fields for 3,500 students. Victoria College offers 53 degree and certificate programs including Business Administration, Computer Science, Electronics, and Engineering. The University of Houston-Victoria (UH-V), which opened in 1973, draws a student enrollment of 1,200 students per semester from a 15-county area.

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - VICTORIA

History of School



The University of Houston was established in 1927 as a community junior college to serve the young men and women of the area. The university became a four-year institution in 1934.

A Board of Governors of leading Houstonians was formed in December 1956, to include the 15 regents provided for by the legislative act of 1945. The Board, in November 1959, voted to seek state support, preferably as an independent unit in the state system of higher education. Under the provisions of Senate Bill 2 of the 57th Legislature, the University of Houston became the twentieth of the colleges and universities supported by the State of Texas, effective September 1, 1963, with a governing board of nine regents appointed by the Governor.

On April 21, 1969, a contingent of citizens from the Victoria area presented their ideas for the creation of an upper-level, degree-granting institution at Victoria to the coordinating Board. This delegation placed before the Board an impressive array of data describing the need for an upper-level institution to serve this area. There was no college or university within commuting distance offering students upper-level work. Students completing

courses at area junior colleges by commuting had to choose to either cease their college career or to bear the expense of residence work in other cities.

The Coordinating Board took no action on the Victoria delegation's request at that time. On February 26, 1971, however, another delegation, containing many of the same people, made another presentation to the Board and on April 23, 1971, the Board passed a recommendation that an upper-level institution be created in Victoria as an off-campus center of an existing state-supported university.

On June 9, 1972, a delegation of Victoria citizens made yet another appearance before the Coordinating Board. This delegation requested that the University of Houston be designated as the state-supported university to establish and operate the recommended upper-level center at Victoria. The Board approved this request and the vehicle was created.

The third called session of the 62nd legislature provided initial planning and development funds for the University of Houston Victoria Center in July of 1972.

University of Houston Victoria Center opened its doors in 1973 to about 100 students. Today, the student population has grown to approximately 1,250 students; and/or over 2,000 students have graduated with bachelor's and/or master's degrees in many fields of study.

Prior to the Spring of 1983, the Victoria campus operated under the authority of the Texas Coordinating Board. With the passage of Senate Bill 235 by the Texas Legislature in April of 1983, The University of Houston-Victoria was granted permanent status.

The University of Houston-Victoria thrives today as a demonstration to those who believe that dreams come true. The "founding fathers" point with pride to the results of their persistence in creating an institution with a record of excellence and a future that promises to be even brighter than its past.

Enrollment

Schools

Arts & Sciences	261	23.3
Business Administration	314	28.1
Education	554	48.6
Total	1119	100.0

Classification

Undergraduate	621	55.5
Postbaccalaureate	302	27.0
Graduate	196	17.5
Full Time	335	29.9
Part Time	785	70.1
Male	339	30.3
Female	780	69.7

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HISTORY OF THE BUSINESS DIVISION

The history of the Business Division is closely tied to the history of the University of California, Berkeley. The division was established in 1924 as the Department of Business Administration, and was the first of its kind in the United States. It was founded by the late Professor Charles F. Johnson, who was a pioneer in the field of business education.

The department was initially housed in the Law School building, and was the only department of its kind in the United States. It was the first to offer a degree in Business Administration, and was the first to offer a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in International Business. The department was the first to offer a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in International Business, and was the first to offer a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in International Business.

The Business Division offers a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a concentration in International Business. The division is the first to offer a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in International Business, and is the first to offer a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in International Business. The division is the first to offer a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in International Business, and is the first to offer a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in International Business.

History of Business Division



In 1973, the business division was located on the University of Houston-Victoria main campus. In 1977, the Business division moved from the main campus to a separate building near the main campus which is presently called the Business Annex.

The Business Administration division was first chaired by Dr. Jack Lerond, who retired from this position in 1980. While the position has been held by many distinguished persons such as Dr. Gene Lebrez in 1980 and Dr. Michael Gallagher in 1984, the position is currently held by Vassudeo (Ron) M. Sardessai, Ph.D. Dr. Sardessai acquired his bachelors degree in Bombay, India in 1963. After arriving in the United States in 1966, he completed his graduate studies with a Masters of Business Administration and Ph.D from North Texas State University.

The business division offers a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with majors in accounting and management and is soon to offer a major in marketing. The division also grants a Master of Business Administration. Accounting awards given away each year include the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award and the Texas Society of

Certified Public Accountants Accounting Excellence Award.

Recently in Victoria a bond issue was passed allowing the University of Houston-Victoria to build a new building and the business division to relocate to the main campus.

Employees

Qualification

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Accounting	20	45	45	52.5
Business	11	25	127	176
Professional/Staff and Graduate	19	27	31	26.5

2010 Compensation (USD)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Accounting	25	50	140	212
Business	27	53	70	200

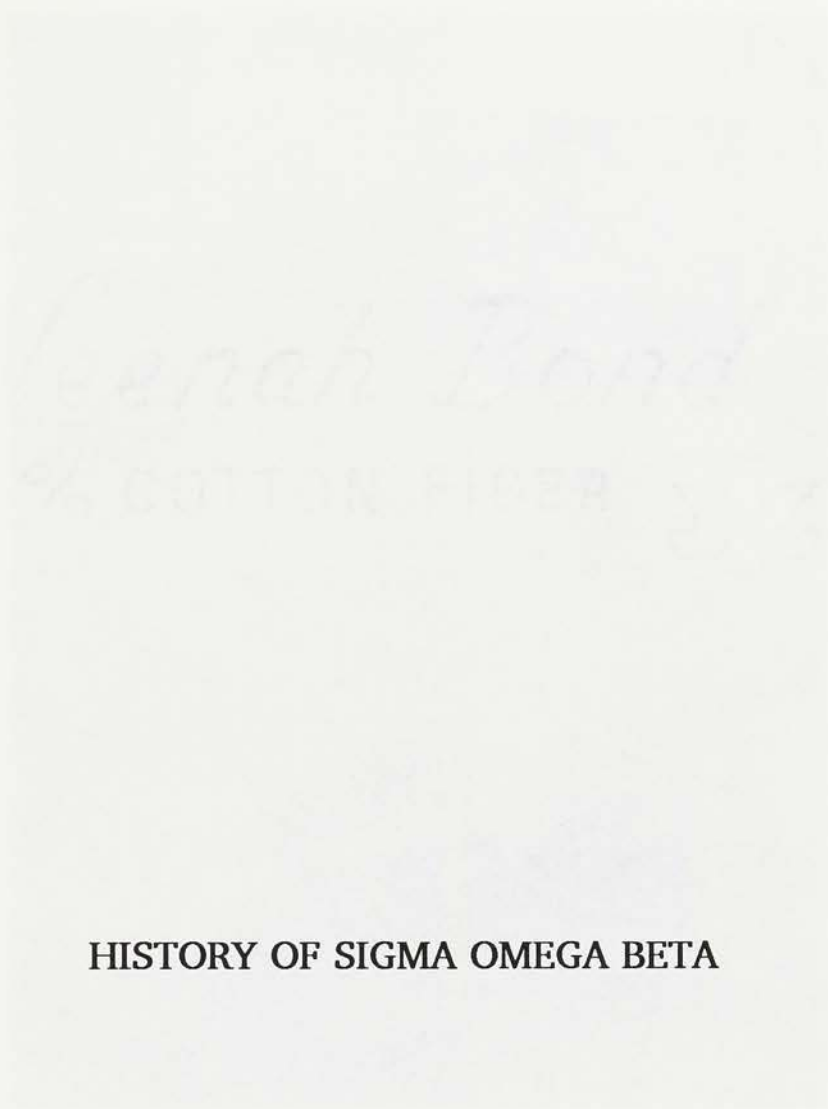
Enrollment

Classification

	Men	Women	Total	Percent
Junior	49	46	95	30.3
Senior	61	76	137	43.6
Postbaccalaureate and Graduate	54	28	82	26.1

Major (undergraduate only)

	Men	Women	Total	Percent
Accounting	53	89	142	61.2
Management	57	33	90	38.8



HISTORY OF SIGMA OMEGA BETA

While studying for M.A.S. summer 1911 with the students, Nancy Gillet and David Galley organized the first meeting of the Sigma Omega Beta chapter at the University of Houston-Victoria campus. Both of them were members of social fraternities or organizations and had enjoyed the idea of being a part of such an organization.

Over the Christmas holidays 1911-1912 they gathered on different occasions to discuss their plans for the year and to discuss the various activities. Several other students felt that their ideas were good for the organization and they selected the Victoria Beta at University of Houston-Victoria. From that time on they worked to create and develop the chapter. The building on the campus, ground or ground was not yet built. They decided to build. Their progress was well received, so they decided to set up a meeting to discuss what they could do for one another. The students met and started a chapter for the year.

On January 25 approximately 30 students attended the first meeting to discuss the plans with David. After seeing the response at the first meeting, information that was to be received and the group was later accepted as a chapter. A meeting was held that evening to discuss the plans to elect a skeleton of officers and vote on a chapter name. The name Sigma Omega Beta was chosen and submitted to the Victoria office.

In March, members of the colony attended the home of Altona with the first meeting and

Sigma Omega Beta Colony



While studying for finals in December 1988 two students, Randy Gillar and David Coffey discussed the need for some type of business fraternity on University of Houston-Victoria campus. Both of these students had been members of social fraternities at other schools and had experienced the closeness that is achieved by being a part of such an organization.

Over the Christmas holidays information was gathered on different business fraternities. Due to the rapid and enthusiastic response the national office offered, these students felt that Delta Sigma Pi was the organization that most reflected the student body at University of Houston-Victoria. Randy and David talked to friends and classmates over the holidays to see if there would be enough interest to carry this idea any further. Their inquiries were well received, so they decided to set up a meeting to discuss what Delta Sigma Pi can offer the students and what starting a chapter involves.

On January 25 approximately 30 students attended the first meeting to listen to Randy and David. After seeing the response at the first meeting, information was sent to nationals and the group was later accepted as a colony. A meeting was held after being accepted as a colony to elect a skeleton of officers and vote on a colony name. The name Sigma Omega Beta was chosen and submitted to the national office.

In March, members of the colony attended the Houston Alumni softball tournament and

met with people from other chapters and experienced first hand what Delta Sigma Pi represented. During Spring Break, the colony met with Steve Hennigan, Vic Tabor and other members to discuss the steps necessary to gain chapter status. In April a car wash was held and members attended initiation banquets in San Antonio and Houston. The colony also adopted a street through the Texas Highway Department litter campaign. In May, the colony invited some of the chapters to Victoria for a day of water-skiing followed by a Bar-B-Q banquet that evening. Over the summer, members met informally to discuss the colony and plan for the fall semester.

The colony rapidly grew in the fall semester as new members exhibited the dedication already present in existing members. The colony held fund raisers, and later had the opportunity to meet members from other chapters in the southwest region while attending the TCU Volleyball Tournament. In November colony members assisted the American Cancer Society in conjunction with the Great American Smokeout. The following month, Kurt Heyn, the Regional Director, and Stephen Hennigan, of San Antonio, discussed with the colony the final stages of petition. The semester was brought to a close by sponsoring a float in the annual Victoria Christmas parade.

Membership Statistics

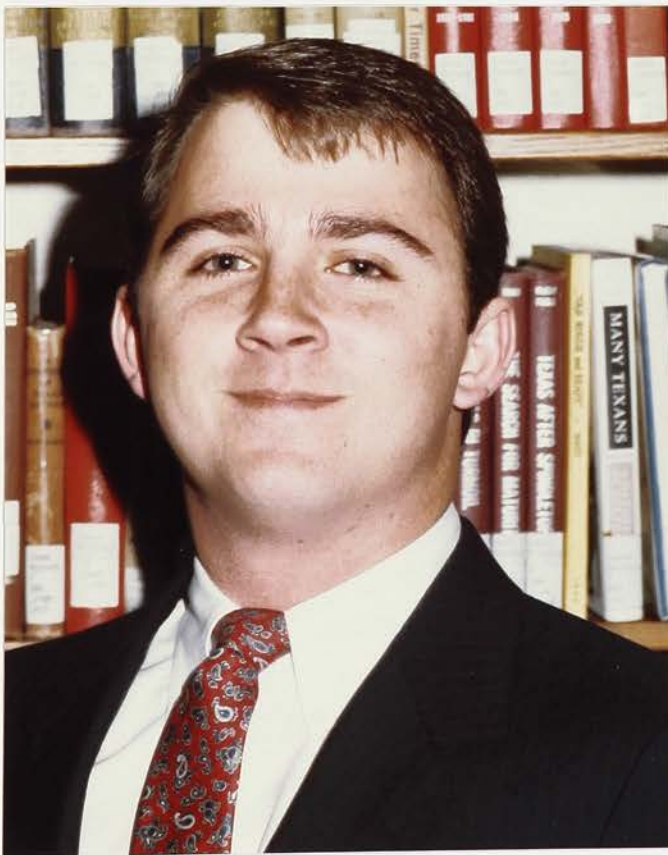
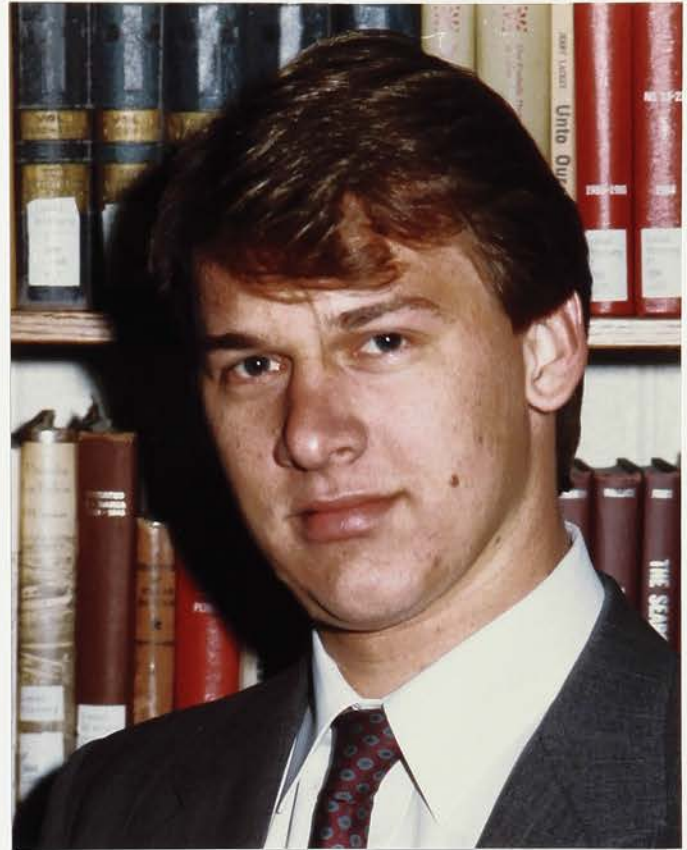
	Junior	Senior	Graduate	Total
Accounting	15	10	5	30
Management	7	5	0	12
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Total	22	15	5	42
Percentage	52.4%	35.7%	11.9%	100%

Gender Percentage

Male	Female
47.6%	52.4%

Randy Gillar
President
Accounting
Junior

Randy is from Hallettsville, Texas. After graduating he is interested in pursuing an accounting career in the health industry. In his spare time he enjoys water skiing and hunting.

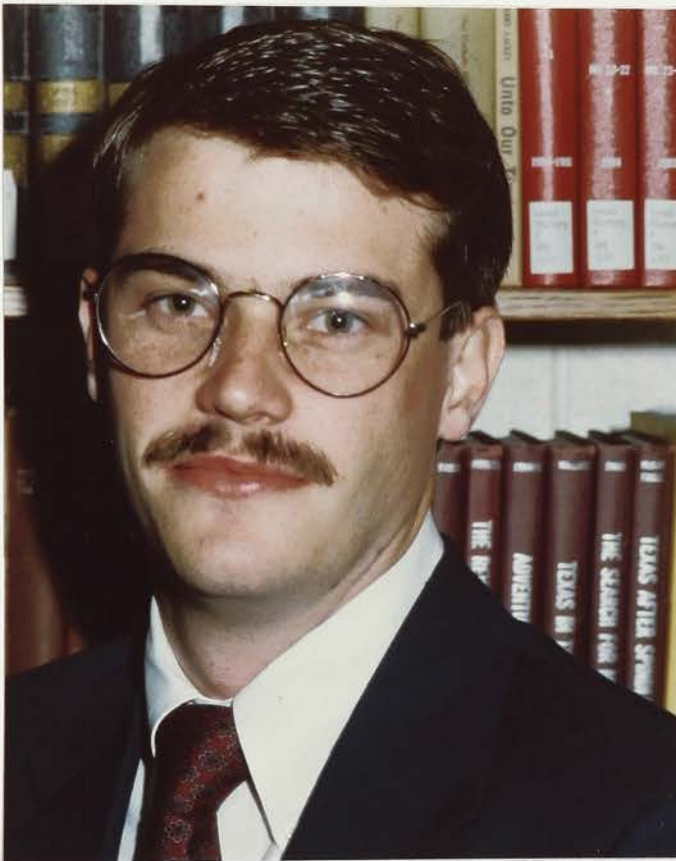


David Coffey
Senior Vice President
Accounting
Senior

David is from Victoria, Texas. Following graduation, he plans to attend law school and enter into a career involving tax and estate planning. David enjoys golf, coin collecting, and fishing.

David is from Somerville, New Jersey. Following graduation, he plans to reach his potential as a manager and be the best he can be. In his spare time he enjoys bowling, music, and photography.

David Melenkevitz
Vice President for
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Management
Junior

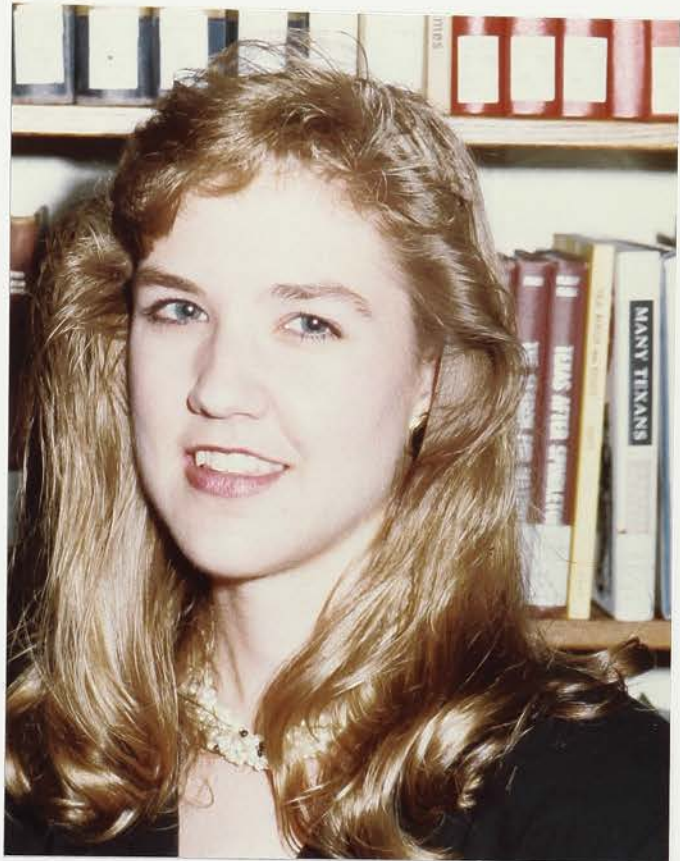


Chad McAfee
Vice President of
Professional Activities
Accounting
Junior

Chad is from Houston, Texas. After graduation, he plans to pursue a career in accounting. Chad likes to play golf and tennis in his spare time.

Jean Janecka
Secretary
Accounting
Senior

Jean is from Victoria, Texas. Beyond graduation, Jean wants to pursue a career in accounting and eventually become a controller for a large company. She enjoys reading, swimming, and dancing.



Byron Preuss
Treasurer
Accounting
Senior

Byron is from Lexington, Texas. Directly after graduation, he plans to pursue a masters degree, or attend law school. In his spare time, Byron likes music, computers, collecting comic books, and amateur radio.

Robin Trebino
Chancellor
Accounting
Senior

Robin is from Corpus Christi, Texas. After graduation, Robin wants to pursue a career in accounting, working her way to comptroller of a company. She enjoys running, skiing, tennis and aerobics.

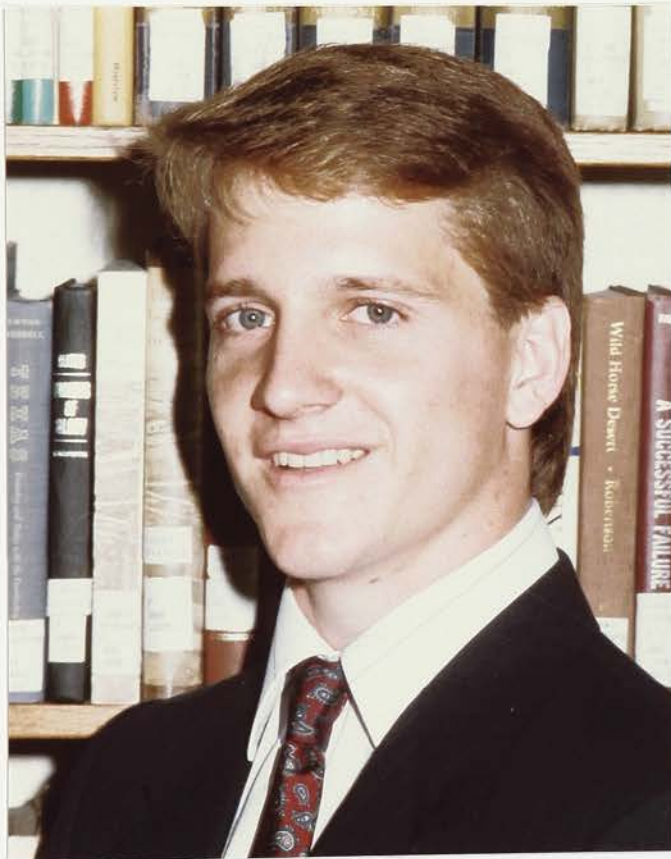
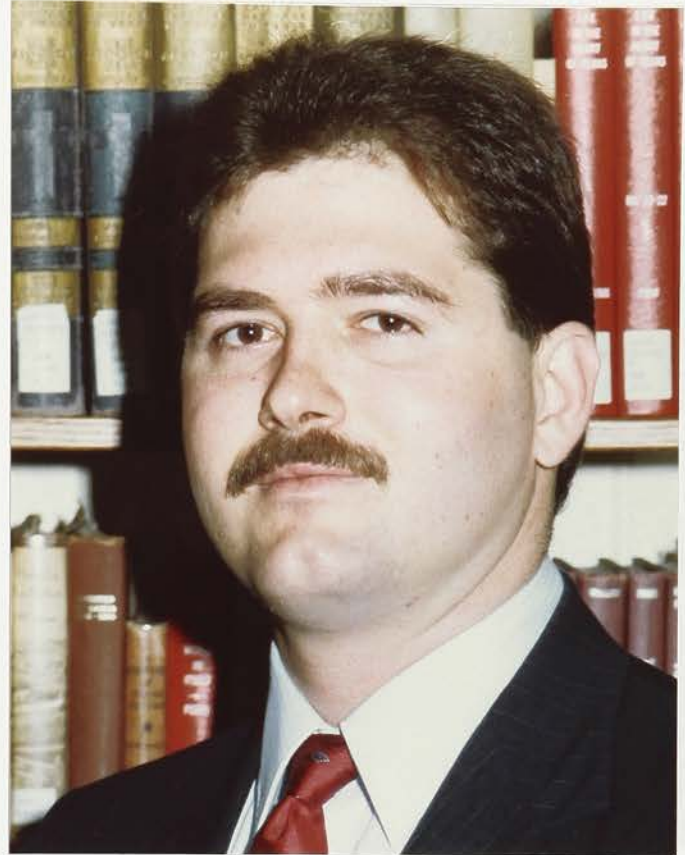


Cissy Rodriguez
Historian
Management
Senior

Cissy is from Wharton, Texas. Directly after graduation, she wishes to pursue a career in personnel management. In her spare time, Cissy likes to play volleyball and tennis.

Brian Bednorz
Accounting
Junior

Brian is from Karnes City, Texas. After graduation, He wants to pursue a career in the accounting field, eventually obtaining his CPA license. In his spare time he enjoys movies, hunting, weightlifting and various sports.



Chris Bubela
Accounting
Junior

Chris is from El Campo, Texas. After graduation he plans to pursue a career with a large national accounting firm. Chris likes watersports and barefoot skiing.

Jackie DeBord
Accounting
Junior

Jackie is from Hallettsville, Texas. Upon graduating, she wants to pursue a career in accounting. Jackie likes movies, skiing, dancing, jigsaw puzzles, and fishing.



Robert Frederick Jr.
Accounting
Junior

Robert is from Victoria, Texas. After graduation Robert plans to pursue a career in professional accounting. Robert likes dancing, hunting, reading and various sports.

Grady W. Goodlett
Management
Junior

Grady is from Victoria, Texas. After graduation he would like to work for a large corporation. Grady enjoys various sports and music.



John Harrison
Accounting
Junior

John is from Victoria, Texas. After graduation he would like to work as a managerial or tax accountant, while working towards a masters degree in tax accounting. In his spare time John enjoys participating in all types of sports and music.

Elizabeth Hill
Accounting
Junior

Elizabeth is from Victoria, Texas. After graduation she wants to establish a career in professional accounting. In her spare time, she likes to play classical piano and to ski.



Stacie Hoffer
Management
Senior

Stacie is from Victoria, Texas. After graduating, she wishes to pursue a career in business management. Stacie enjoys dancing, fishing, hunting, and home crafts.

Karen Korenek
Accounting
Junior

Karen is from El Campo, Texas. Beyond graduation, Karen would like to pursue a career in accounting, eventually obtaining her CPA license and later, do some traveling. Her interests include volleyball, swimming and reading.

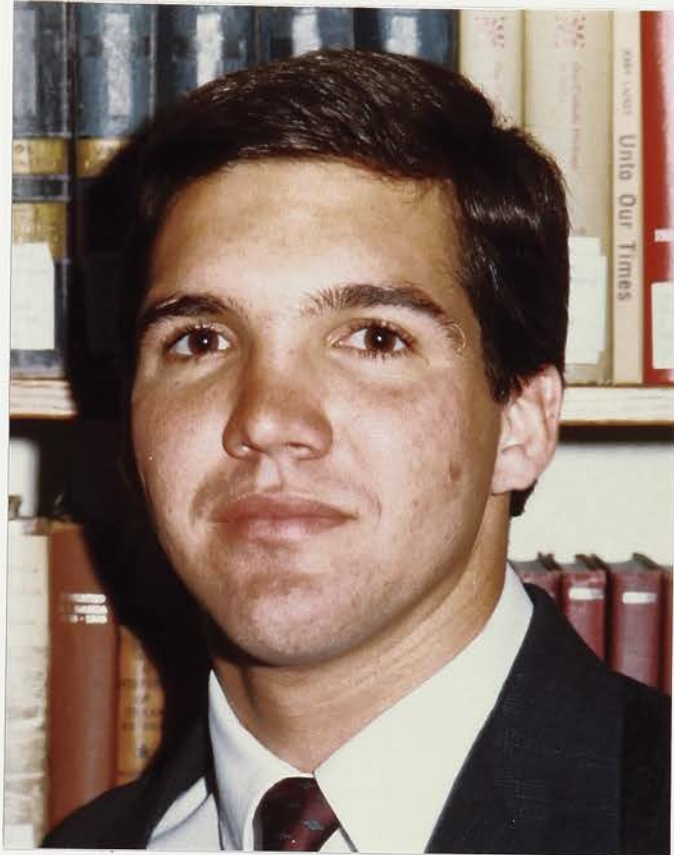


Matt is from Comanche, Iowa. Following graduation, he wants to move back to Iowa and begin his career in accounting. Matt likes participating in various sports.

Matt Kruthoff
Accounting
Junior

Eric Kucera
Accounting
Senior

Eric is from Victoria, Texas. After graduation, he wants to establish a long term career with one of the national accounting firms. In his spare time, he enjoys sports.



Connie Lucke
Accounting
Senior

Connie is from Shiner, Texas. Following graduation, Connie plans to pursue a career in accounting, eventually becoming a partner in a CPA firm. She likes tennis, volleyball and basketball.

David Mondrik
Accounting
Senior

David is from Louise, Texas. Upon graduation, he plans to pursue a career in accounting. David enjoys golf and hunting.

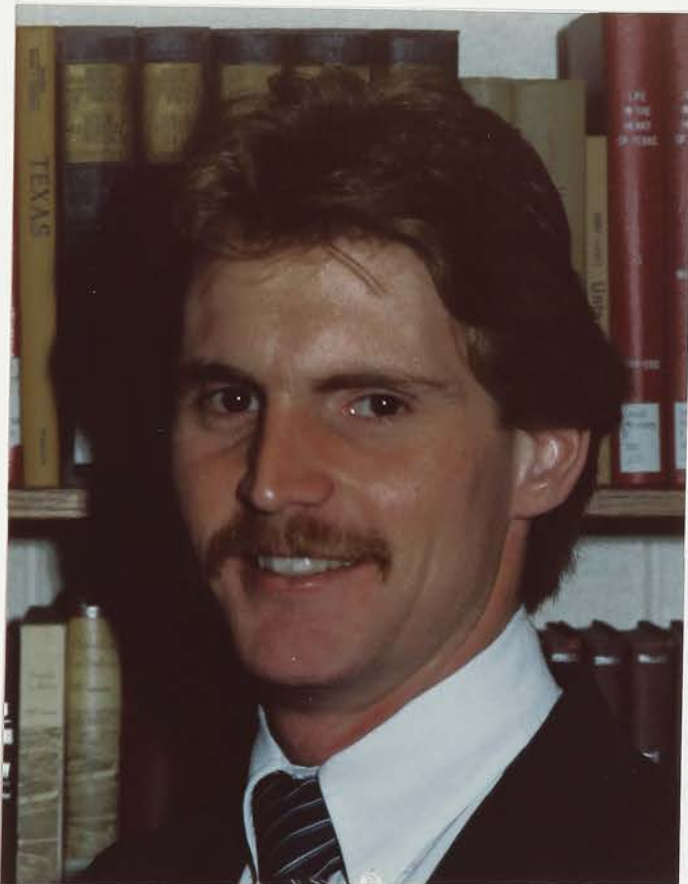


Pamela A. Motl
Accounting
Graduate

Pam is from Point Comfort, Texas. After graduation she plans to pursue a career in banking or work for a large corporation. In her spare time she enjoys watersports, snowskiing, volleyball, and j i g s a w puzzles.

Lance Rejsek
Management
Junior

Lance is from East Bernard, Texas. After graduation, Lance would like to achieve an upper level management position for a intermediate size corporation. His hobbies include basketball and various sports.



Russell Richter
Accounting
Junior

Russell is from El Campo, Texas. After graduation he plans to return and work on the family ranch. In his spare time Russell enjoys working on cars and hunting.

Sharla Vee Roades
Accounting
Junior

Vee is from Edna, Texas. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a career in accounting. In her spare time, she enjoys running, skiing, horseback riding, and various sports.



Shawn Dee Roades
Accounting
Junior

Dee is from Edna, Texas. Following graduation, she wishes to establish a career in accounting with a large corporation. Dee enjoys skiing, volleyball and horseback riding.

Steven Schulz
Management
Junior

Steven is from Inez, Texas. Following graduation, he plans to pursue a career in management. Steven enjoys various sports, including tennis, volleyball and fishing.



Becky Shumbera
Accounting
Senior

Becky is from Victoria, Texas. After graduation she plans to pursue a career in management, leading to a high level position in the company. Becky enjoys coin collecting.

Josephine Soliz
Accounting
Senior

Josephine is from Victoria, Texas. Upon graduation, she would like to pursue a career in accounting eventually obtaining her CPA license and starting her own firm. Josephine is an active volleyball player.



Wade Sparks
Accounting
Graduate

Wade is from Victoria, Texas. Beyond graduation, he plans to work for an accounting firm, eventually becoming a partner overseeing computerized auditing. Wade enjoys hunting, fishing, reading, various sports, and skiing.

Cynthia Tam
Accounting
Junior

Cynthia is from Yorktown, Texas. Beyond graduation, she plans to establish a career as a bank examiner. Cynthia enjoys dancing, fishing and camping.



Linda Townsley
Management
Junior

Linda is from Arizona. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in management and eventually, attend law school. She enjoys cooking, archaeology and reading.

Lea Villareal
Management
Senior

Lea is from Victoria, Texas. Following graduation, she plans to begin her own Christian publication. Lea's interests include reading, stamp collecting, dancing, and aerobics.



Sherry Wheeler
Accounting
Junior

Sherry is from Victoria, Texas. Upon graduation she wants to pursue a career in a large accounting firm. Her interests include reading and horseback riding.

Christie Williamson
Accounting
Senior

Christie is from Victoria, Texas. After graduation, she wants to attend law school and later, work for a corporation. She enjoys golf, volleyball, skiing, swimming, and softball.



Cathy Fava
Accounting
Graduate

Cathy is from Victoria, Texas. She plans to work for the state government in Austin. She enjoys water skiing, volleyball, and refinishing furniture.

Jacqueline Hartman
Accounting
Graduate

Additional Spring 1990 Members

Jackie is from Victoria, Texas. She plans to obtain her CPA License and work for an accounting firm. In her spare time Jackie enjoys making pottery, and various sports.

Janet D. Herman
Accounting
Graduate

Janet is from Victoria, Texas. She plans to work towards her CPA license and specialize in tax accounting for an accounting firm in Houston. In her spare time Janet enjoys tennis, cycling, and other sports.

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Additional Spring 1990 Members

Darren Bordovsky
Management
Junior

Darren is from Palacios, Texas. After graduation he plans to work for Houston Industries. In his spare time Darren enjoys water skiing, softball, and fishing.



Donnie Elkins
Management
Junior

Donnie is from Bloomington, Texas. After graduation he plans to pursue a career in mid-level management with a large corporation. In his spare time, Donnie enjoys softball and other outdoor activities.

Ronna D. Wagner
Management
Senior

Ronna is from Victoria, Texas. After graduation she plans to work in an entry level management position for a corporation. In her spare time she enjoys golf, dance, and travel.

Wayne is from Victoria, Texas. Following graduation he plans to manage a multi-million dollar corporation. In his spare time Wayne enjoys basketball, softball, and other various sports.

Wayne Williams
Management
Junior



Faculty and Advisor Profiles

Glenn A. Goerke
President



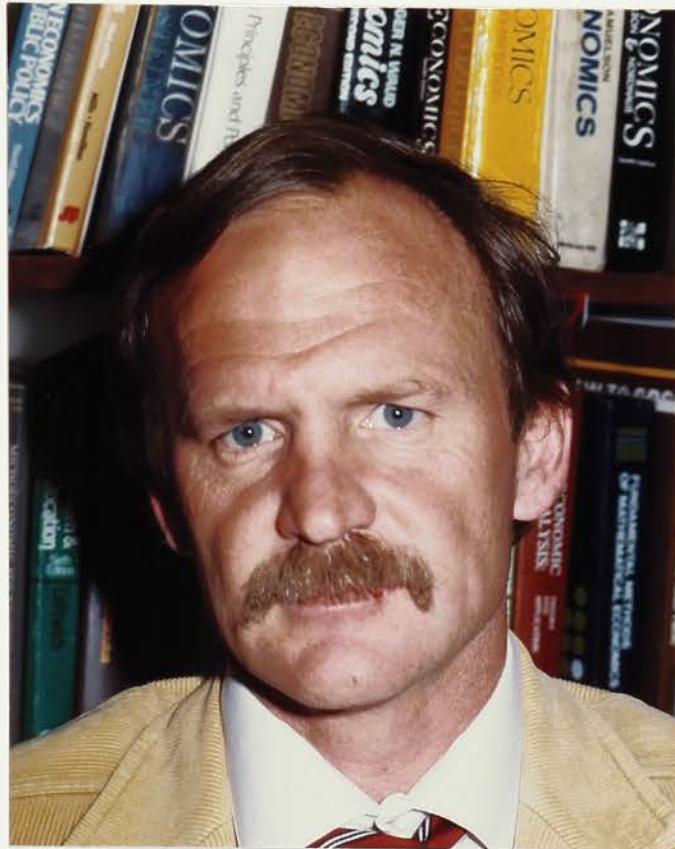
Dr. Goerke received his bachelors and masters degrees from Eastern Michigan University and his Doctorate from Michigan State University. He has been the President of the University of Houston-Victoria since 1986. Before arriving at the University of Houston-Victoria, he served for five and one-half years as Chancellor of Indiana University East, one of six regional campuses in the Indiana University system. He was also one of the founding administrators of Florida International University at Miami. That state institution opened in 1972 with 5600 students and grew to a multi-campus university system consisting of 15,000 students. Dr. Goerke is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and the Arm of Honor Fraternity and has also published a number of articles and studies dealing with adult education and continuing education. In his spare time, Dr. Goerke has served on many councils in Victoria. He and his wife are very active in Victoria community affairs.

Vassudeo (Ron) M. Sardessai
Chair of Division of Business Administration



Dr. Sardessai received his bachelors degree from Bombay University, in India and his masters and doctorate degree from North Texas State University. He has been teaching at the University of Houston-Victoria since 1985. He became the Chair of the Division of Business Administration in 1987. Dr. Sardessai is currently on the member task force committee for the world economic summit to be held during the summer of 1990. He is also President of Phi Kappa Phi and Vice-President elect of the Midwest Management Society and he serves on the Board of Directors of International Machinery Corporation. While at North Texas State University Dr. Sardessai became a member of Delta Sigma Pi. He knows what this organization represents and acknowledges the character that Delta Sigma Pi would bring to University of Houston-Victoria. Dr. Sardessai understands the leadership and enthusiasm in this growing organization and recognizes the university ambiance and student culture it would add. In his spare time Dr. Sardessai enjoys reading and traveling.

Gregory L. Hamilton
Chapter Advisor



Dr. Hamilton received his bachelor's and masters degree from Southern Illinois University, and his doctorate degree from Oklahoma State University. He has been at the University of Houston-Victoria since 1987, where he is currently a member of the Academic Affairs Committee and the Traffic Safety Committee. Dr. Hamilton would like to see the business division continue to grow not only in enrollment, but also in the number of courses and degrees offered. He believes that having a fraternity on the University of Houston-Victoria campus would encourage students to become more involved in activities concerning the school and the community where they live. Dr. Hamilton would like to see the colony continue to grow and to maintain their level of community involvement. In the future, he would like to see the colony provide educational services to members. In his spare time he enjoys recreational sailing as well as participating in sailboat races.