

Annual Fund Nearing Record Year

At the time of printing of the *Reddie Report*, the 1999-2000 Annual Fund Campaign was on pace to set a new high at Henderson. With \$60,000 collected to date, and over four months to go, this year's campaign could surpass the \$75,000 mark.

The Annual Fund, started in 1992 as a way for alumni and friends to give annually to Henderson, has always maintained a goal of \$75,000 for scholarships, faculty development, and university needs. During the first year, the goal was not reached. In each of the next three years, \$75,000 was raised. Over the past three years, the Annual Fund has raised around \$60,000. In this, the eighth Annual Fund, \$60,000 is already in hand.

Changes made for this year's campaign have been attributed to its current success. One change is switching from a bulk mailed brochure to a direct mailed letter. Another change has been the addition of a National Chair for the Annual Fund. This year, Carlton "Buddy" Formby ('61) has agreed to help. Finally, we have asked alumni and friends to contribute the amount of money equal to their graduating year to the Annual Fund. That has been very successful due to Reddies affiliation with their class and classmates.

The Annual Fund continues until June 30, 2000, when the 2000-2001 Campaign will take shape. If you have not made your contribution, and would like to join thousands of Reddies to make history, there is still time. You can mail your contribution to P.O. Box 7550 HSU, Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71999-0001. If you have any questions, please call us at 870-230-5401.

Finally, thank you to all that have supported Henderson over the years. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

Alumni Directory Out Soon

Henderson is pleased to announce the publication of a comprehensive biographical reference volume, which will be available in the fall of 2000. This directory will list all known, living alumni alphabetically, geographically, by class year and by occupation. The directory will include full name, occupation, business and home address, telephone numbers and email addresses of all alumni. This will be a great opportunity to keep up with classmates, and make new Reddie friends.

In March, you will receive a biographical update questionnaire to be completed and returned to the alumni directory publisher. Individuals wishing to reserve their personal copy of the directory will be given the opportunity either a hardbound softbound, or CD edition. It is imperative to the success of this project that you complete and return the forms as soon as you receive them whether or not you wish to purchase a directory.

The directory will be made available to those alumni of Henderson State University. The directory will tell you what your former classmates and old friends are doing, where they work and live, and how to contact them by phone or mail. The geographical index will tell you which alumni are located in your area, and will be a useful aid in contacting old classmates when traveling.

The new directory will have a limited printing. Only those orders in advance will be printed. Watch your mail for your personalized biographical update and reservation form, which will be sent to you by our publisher, Carleton Graphics, P.O. Box 570, South Bend Indiana, 46634.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and your participation in this project.

Smith Garner House to Hold Foundation

Mrs. Erwin Garner, former Professor of Home Economics (Family and Consumer Sciences) at Henderson and widow of the late Erwin W. Garner, long-time Vice President for Financial Affairs at Henderson, has given her house located at 324 North 12th Street to the Henderson State University Foundation.

The Foundation Board room and offices for Dr. John Hall, Treasurer, and Mrs. Tanya Dixon, Financial Officer, of the Foundation are located there. H. Grady Smith, former Business Manager and Trustee of Henderson built the English cottage-style house in 1932. The house

was the residence of Mr. Smith, and his wife, Lois McNabb Smith, Professor and Chair of the Music Department at Henderson until their deaths in the 1980s. Erwin Garner acquired the house following Mr. Smith's death. The Garner's made extensive improvements to the property. Mr. Garner died in 1995 and his wife, Rebecca deeded the house to the Henderson Foundation in September 1999.

The Foundation will make the house, with its high ceilings and hardwood floors, available to the Henderson Alumni Association for alumni board meetings and receptions. Some of

Alum Establishes Band Scholarship for \$25,000

Texarkana musician Dennis Vaughan, a 1963 music major graduate of Henderson, has established the largest band scholarship endowment in Henderson's history. He recently presented Dr. John G. Hall, treasurer of the Henderson Foundation, with a contribution of \$25,000 to endow the Dennis Vaughan Band (Trumpet) Scholarship which will provide \$1,200 annually to a graduate of Arkansas High, Texas High, or Pleasant Grove (TX) high schools to attend Henderson State University to study trumpet in the Department of Music.

The scholarship will be awarded annually in honor of long-time Henderson band director and Vaughan's close friend, Wendell O. Evanson. Vaughan, who was an outstanding trumpet player in various instrumental groups at Henderson when Evanson was director, was a member of the first Henderson Jazz Band USO International Tour.

In addition to earning his BME degree from Henderson, Vaughan also holds a Master of Music degree from the University of Mississippi and has done additional graduate work at the University of Southern Mississippi. He has served as band director in schools in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas.

"Mr. Vaughan's family has been associated with Henderson since its Methodist years," said Hall. "His scholarship will assist the Henderson Band in its journey to national prominence. He clearly understands our need to help talented students develop their skills to the fullest."



the Alumni Association furniture from the former alumni house on Henderson Street will be placed in the Smith-Garner House.

All alumni and friends are encouraged to visit the new headquarters of the Henderson Foundation. The Foundation is the 501(c)3 tax-exempt corporation for Henderson, was formerly housed in the historic Barkman House.

The telephone number is (870) 230-5437 and the address is Post Office Box 7550, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71999-0001.