Country music superstar George Strait was presented an honorary doctoral degree by his alma mater - Texas State University-San Marcos - in a private ceremony on Friday, May 26.

Strait, who graduated from Texas State in 1979 with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture, was presented with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by university President Denise M. Trauth.

"George Strait is the most famous and successful country music singer in the world. He has had more Number One hits than any singer of any kind in history. And he's our most prominent living graduate. The university is delighted to be able to honor him in this way," said Trauth.

"Doctor Strait? I like the sound of that," Strait said after the degree was conferred. "I am so proud to be a graduate of Texas State University and appreciate so much that you did this for me."

"We present honorary degrees only to individuals who have reached extraordinary levels of achievement," said Kent Adams, chairman of the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System, who was also present at the ceremony. "George Strait has truly attained the status of a living legend in country music and we are proud to bestow this honor on him."

During his time in college, Strait and the Ace in the Hole band played their first performance in San Marcos. He established an enthusiastic regional following, while perfecting his skills as a performer. He has since become one of the nation's most popular country and western music recording and concert artists and has achieved worldwide acclaim.

Strait has recorded 52 Number One singles, more than any other artist in any genre. He leads the all-time Country Music Association (CMA) award nominations with 73. He has won more than 40 major industry awards, including recognition by both the CMA and the Academy of Country Music (ACM) as Vocalist of the Year on five occasions. He has been named Entertainer of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year on multiple occasions and has been awarded a Special Achievement Award by the ACM.

In 2004, President George W. Bush presented him with the National Medal of the Arts, a lifetime achievement award recognizing the extraordinary accomplishments of individuals engaged in the creation and production of the arts in the United States. In 2003, Strait was inducted into the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame. Texas State has conferred honorary doctoral degrees in the past to such individuals as President Lyndon B. Johnson, member of the class of 1930 at Texas State; Lady Bird Johnson, former First Lady of the United States; Gilbert M. Grosvenor, chairman of the board of the National Geographic Society; and Distinguished Alumni and Texas State benefactors Roy F. and Joann Cole Mitte.

Strait has been a loyal alumnus of Texas State and, in 1985, established an endowment fund for the development and operation of the Freeman Ranch for agricultural, land and wildlife management, and scholarships. He has been honored by Texas State on two previous occasions. In 1984, he was presented with the university's President's Excellence Award. In 1987, the Alumni Association Board of Directors named Strait a Distinguished Alumnus of the university.
George Strait's newest CD, "It Just Comes Natural" will be available for fans to purchase in the General Store of his website at www.georgestrait.com and in music stores everywhere on October 3rd. "It Just Comes Natural", not only is the title of the CD, but identifies the ease in which Strait is able to find and record great songs. The CD continues the tradition that Strait has established in finding the best songs available from the greatest writers in America, and then putting his own vocal touches to them that makes them uniquely his.

The CD includes fifteen songs from some of the most recognized writers in the business. It kicks off with Strait's new smash single, "Give It Away", written by Bill Anderson, Buddy Cannon and Jamey Johnson. The title song, "It Just Comes Natural", was written by Marv Green and Jim Collins. Dean Dillon, who has contributed dozens of songs to Strait's catalog, has two songs on the CD. He co-wrote "That's My Kind of Woman with Tammy Hyler and "I Ain't Her Cowboy Anymore" with Scotty Emerick and Marla Cannon-Goodman. Other songs on the CD include "Wrapped" by Bruce Robison, "He Must Have Really Hurt You Bad" by Tim Johnson, "A Heart Like Hers" by Tony Martin and Mark Nesler, "Why Can't I Leave Her Alone" by Trent Tomlinson, Danny Wells, Ashe Underwood and Mark Kerr, "One Foot In Front Of The Other" by Lee Roy Parnell and Cris Moore, "Texas Cookin' " by Guy Clark, "A Better Rain" by David Cory Lee and Tony Lane, "How 'Bout Them Cowgirls" by Casey Beathard and Ed Hill, "She Told Me So" by Bobby Braddock, "What Say" by Leslie Satcher and Bobby Carmichael, and "Come On Joe" by Tony Romeo.
Friday and Saturday, March 23rd & 24th are the dates that George Strait has chosen for 25th annual George Strait Team Roping Classic at the San Antonio Rose Palace in San Antonio, Texas.

The event, which began as a small family roping in 1982, has grown into the most prestigious open Team Roping competition in the country. In 2006, 570 teams competed for more than $425,000 in cash and prizes. Speed Williams and Brad Culpepper eventually walked away with the Champions title to go along with $55,790 each. In addition to the cash, the two each won a Chevy Silverado Dually pickup from Cavender Chevrolet of Boerne, Tx. and a Strait X-treme 3-horse slant trailer from Bruton Trailers.

All ropers will participate on Friday the 23rd for cash and prizes with the top 50 teams coming back for the final three rounds on Saturday the 24th.

Entry fee for the 25th annual GSTRC will be $800 per team. Each roper will have the opportunity to enter up to three times with different partners.

The Roping will start at 10am each day and ticket prices for the event will remain at $16.00 per person, per day. Children 6 & under are free when accompanied by a parent or a guardian. Fans may begin ordering their tickets on-line beginning October 2nd, at http://www.gstrc.com or by calling the Team Roping office at 210-698-0791 between 9am and 5pm Monday thru Friday. The ticket office is closed from 12:00 to 1pm for lunch. Fans wishing to order their tickets by mail may do so by spending $16 for each ticket ordered per day. Please send Money Order or Cashier’s checks to:

George Strait Team Roping Classic
PMB #452
24165 IH-10 West
Suite 217
San Antonio, TX 78257-1159

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* All entries must be received by 11/28/06. One Entry Only!!!
Welcome to the Fall issue of Strait Talk. It is blazing hot outside and the AC is turned down and we can all look forward to some more heat before it is over. Before you know it, though, the cold will overcome the hot, hazy, lazy days of summer and we can all look forward to the first of the year when George Strait and his band of merry music makers hit the road for some more concert dates. With that in mind, we do need to let you know that most of the tour itinerary will be released later this fall. The information is not complete yet and not available for the newsletter, but will be announced on the website around November 1st.

George has been very busy from the month of January till now. The 2006 tour was a total success. The 24th annual George Strait Team Roping Classic was fantastic and we are looking forward to the 25th Annual Silver Anniversary event that will take place in San Antonio, Texas on March 23rd & 24th of 2007. 25 years…can you believe it?

George Strait has completed work on his next CD "It Just Comes Natural". It will be released on October 3rd. It is another great CD from George and includes a lot more music than is normal. The CD will have 15 cuts on it, including his current hot single "Give It Away". The GSFC website General Store will be taking advance orders at www.georgestrait.com.

Congratulations are in order for Dr. George Strait. George received an honorary Doctorate degree from his alma mater, Texas State University in San Marcos, TX. The presentation took place in late May at a ceremony before his concert at Pizza Hut Park in Dallas. See the story and photos elsewhere in the newsletter.

We have several new items in the catalog for you to check out. Remember that it is never too early to think about those Christmas gifts as it will be upon us before we know it. We think you will really like the new Christmas Sweatshirt this year. It could be a great item to use your Strait Cash for if you have been saving them for you holiday shopping. For those of you that are new to the Fan Club, it is easy to earn Strait Cash. Send us a story, game, review, photo, or an item for the fan collectable column that we use in the newsletter and we will send you $5.00 in Strait Cash to use when purchasing merchandise from the General Store or for Membership renewals. Please remember that Strait Cash cannot be used at concerts. In the next issue of Strait Talk (Dec-Feb), we will reward you even more. Those who do send in items for Strait Talk that we use in the issue, will have their names placed in a drawing. We will send the person whose name is drawn, a Sweatshirt, T-Shirt, hat and small stand-up.

We have recently started sending out email specials from our General Store to Fan Club members that offer significant discounts on some of our merchandise. It appears that many of you are very happy about it and have taken advantage of the discount. Keep an eye out for more of them in the future as well as special coupons that you will be receiving. When ordering, please make sure that your shipping address is a physical street address as UPS is our primary shipper and cannot deliver to P. O Boxes. We do offer next-day, second-day and third-day shipping from UPS and all packages leave our office by noon. If you place an order on Friday after 8:00am, the order will not be processed until Monday morning.

Also Monday-Thursday orders go out the following day.

Are you a new member? Do you know your User Name and Password for the "Members Only" section of the website? Are they Important? Yes, they are. Please take the time to find out your User Name and Password and keep them in a safe place. You will need them when the time comes to purchase Fan Club seating tickets for some of George’s concerts. The 2007 George Strait tour will start in January and tickets for some of the dates will go on sale much earlier. If your email address has changed, please let us know or you may not receive concert on-sale notices.

### A Big Congrats to our Summer Strait Talk Issue Puzzle Winners!

**Kristen K. Perude**  
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(Sweatshirt Winner)

**Brenda Windham**  
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(Jacket Winner)

**Sandra Wilson**  
Houston, TX  
(T-Shirt Winner)

These fan club members participated in the Canadian venues & cities tour 2006 puzzle. Remember, everyone has a chance to win. Check out the new puzzle in this issue and mail it in.

As we close this issue of Strait Talk, we hope you enjoy George’s new CD "It Just Comes Natural", as well as, the upcoming fall football season. We've got our poms out and are ready to cheer our teams on. Please keep our troops in your prayers and continue to support their efforts. Be safe and God Bless this Beautiful land of ours.
The George Strait 2007 Tour will be announced this Fall. Please check the George Strait Website at www.georgestrait.com and the StraitLine (615) 824-7176 for updated info.