

“Three, Two, One – Action!”

He was a radio, television and film major who graduated from Sam Houston State University in 1997 and wanted to make it big in the film industry. One doesn't always get to live the dream, when instead one finds a new dream to live.

Scott Faulk, 36, is a teacher at A&M Consolidated High School. Faulk teaches radio, television and film and brings the element of production to the classroom. He enjoys teaching, but it isn't what he had always wanted to do.

Faulk's interest in movies started at age 3.

“My first movie was actually my very first memory,” Faulk, a Houston native said.

His mother had surprised him that day with a trip to the Houston Galleria to see his first movie, “Star Wars.”

“As a kid I didn't understand what was going on,” Faulk said. “But being a kid it didn't matter because it was just so cool being in front of a huge screen like that.”

Faulk rented movies and visited the movie theater often when growing up.

It was during a high school math fair when Faulk realized he wanted to make movies instead of just watching them.

Faulk had his math fair project shown on video when everyone else had their presentation on a typical cardboard fold out.

“It wasn't good math, but it was a good movie,” Faulk said.

He discovered he might have an interest in movie making. He thought if he could turn a boring math fair project into something interesting that people enjoyed watching, why not do more of that.

Faulk followed his passion, which brought him to Sam Houston State University. He got to work at an on-campus television and radio studio where he learned the ins and outs of production.

“Originally I was thinking I’d graduate and go to California and start making movies,” Faulk said.

It didn’t turn out that way.

Despite his dream of becoming a famous film director, Faulk still wanted to continue with what he loved doing.

Faulk decided he needed something different but still involving radio, television and film. After working at a few different radio and television studios and a production company, he picked up a teaching job.

This teaching job was just supposed to be a temporary position until he could find another job out in the film industry. It turned out to be a great opportunity.

He liked getting a chance to use his experience and knowledge to teach a class.

“I’m pretty thankful I had an awesome tech teacher to help get me where I am today,” Cassie Hanks, one of his former students said.

Hanks is head of a committee that wants to bring back College Station’s local Texas Film Festival this year.

Faulk, now in his 10th year of teaching, inspired many students even if they didn't go into the field of radio, television and film after high school.

"If it weren't for Faulk, I wouldn't have learned how to produce a good video for my college advertisement class," former student Annie Lin said.

Faulk enjoyed seeing and hearing about how his media tech alumni's have excelled in the real world.

Former students of Faulk even had the chance to produce their own films at NYU Film School and at the University of Texas.

"I love teaching very much," Faulk said. "It's a new adventure every day."