



THE KNOW



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first year experience

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Scholarship Applications are Due February 18, 2009

Academic Scholarships

The Sam Houston State University Academic Scholarship program provides financial support for beginning, transfer, and current students based on financial need or outstanding academic achievement. Scholarships are considered gift aid and do not require repayment unless clearly indicated in the scholarship announcement.

Scholarship applications submitted online will be competitively considered by the Colleges of Sam Houston State University.

[ScholarX](#) is currently open for students to complete their application.

ScholarX will be unavailable to students February 6, 2009 at 5pm through February 8th, 11:59pm due to a server migration. Students are encouraged to complete started applications before this time!

The Priority Deadline to complete the ScholarX application has been extended to **February 18, 2009**.

Financial Literacy Week Events

Monday – 02/23/2009

Banking 101 LSC Theatre 11:00 am
Money Booth Prizes & Food LSC Mall 12:00 pm
Financial Aid Workshop LSC Lobby/Atrium 12:00 pm
Financial Aid 101 LSC 320 2:00 pm
Funny Money LSC Theatre 6:00 PM

Tuesday – 02/24/2009

Build a Strong Financial Foundation LSC Theater 9:30 am
Real Wealth LSC Theatre 12:30 pm
Right on the Money-Creating a Budget Workshop LSC 320 2:00 pm
Ultimate Money Skills LSC Theatre 6:30 pm

Wednesday – 02/25/2009

Strapped: Why America's 20 & 30 Somethings Can't Get Ahead LSC Ballroom 11:00 am
Scholarships 101 LSC 320 2:00 pm
Identity Theft LSC Theatre 3:00 pm

Thursday – 02/26/2009

Consumerism & Financial Literacy LSC Theatre 09:30 am
Financial Vendor & Financial Aid Expo LSC Ballroom 11:00 am
FAFSA Workshop LSC Ballroom 11:00 am
Good Credit vs. Bad Credit LSC Theatre 2:00 pm

Friday – 02/27/2009

Food and Facts LSC Mall 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Hosted by the [Student Money Management Center](#)

Places to Know

[Writing Center](#)

Mon - Thur: 8am - 7pm
 Fri: 8am - 3pm
 Sun: 2pm - 7pm
 936.294.3680
 Farrington 111

[Reading Center](#)

Mon-Thur: 8am - 7pm
 Fri: 8am - 3pm
 Sun :2pm - 7pm
 936.294.3114
 Farrington 109

[Math Help Lab](#)

Mon – Wed: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Thur: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
 Fri: Closed
 936.294.1565
 Farrington 104

The SAM Center has moved

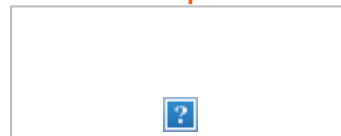
Now located in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Building (CHSS). They are on the first floor of CHSS room 170 & 190. (Please note: the lowest floor is referred to as the Concourse. The SAM Center is located on the first floor.)

Dates to Know

Check out these websites for important dates and fun events!

- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Sam Center Calendar](#)
- [Student Services Calendar](#)
- [Today @ Sam Calendar](#)

**No Cook Recipe for
Residence Hall Living:
Love Spikes**



Newton Gresham Library Fun Facts

- [Newton Gresham Library](#)

(936) 294-1614

Toll-free: 1-866-NGL-INFO (645-4636)

Mon-Wed 7:30 am - 1:00am
 Thursday 7:30 am - 12:00 am
 Friday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
 Saturday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
 Sunday 2:00 pm - 1:00 am

Ceiling renovation is underway in the Library. Areas of the Library will be closed from 8:00pm to 7:30am. If you need items from a closed area, ask for assistance at the Circulation Desk. The project will be completed as soon as possible.

- The Campus Library was completed in 1968 for \$3.2 million. It opened on January 6, 1969 with 132,000 square feet (3.2 acres) of floor space and a collection of 306,923 books, 6,003 reels of microfilm, 78,128 microforms. The enrollment of Sam Houston State was 7,670 students.
- In April, 1988 the library was named Newton Gresham Library for Newton Gresham who was a 1924 Sam Houston graduate, Board of Regents member, and a 1977 Distinguished Alumni recipient.
- The Newton Gresham Library collection is now over 2.2 million. Also, there is access to electronic fulltext articles in over 9,000 journal titles or through the interlibrary loan services if the library does not own the materials needed.

What can you do to make this second semester even better than the first?

Some recommendations may be to use some of the resources on campus that you may not have used last semester. One great place is the Math Help Lab, open Monday through Friday. The Reading Center and the Writing Center can come in quite handy if you are having trouble understanding your textbooks, struggling with a paper, or if you just need someone to give you feedback on an essay as well as help you get better grades! If you are concerned with your GPA, there are tutors available on campus for just about every subject or check out the study skills classes offered in the [SAM Center](#). Another good way to better your second semester is to get involved! It is a great way to meet new people and develop great connections. At SHSU we have [religious organizations](#), [community programs](#), [intramural and club sports](#), [academic organizations](#), and [Greek organizations](#) as well.



If you're looking for a fun and easy treat to share with your sweetie or your friends, try this recipe.

You will need:

- 12 ounces vanilla chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 cup peanuts (salted or unsalted)
- 2 cups canned chow mein noodles
- Red food coloring

1. Melt the chocolate chips in the microwave in the lobby of your residence hall (in a microwave safe bowl).
2. Add red food coloring to the bowl.
3. Let cool.
4. Add peanuts, raisins, and noodles.
5. Drop by teaspoon onto wax paper.
6. Let set for about 30 minutes. ENJOY!

Did you know??

Valentine's Day is February 14th.

Here are some fun facts about this romantic holiday.



- In Medieval times, people who couldn't write their names signed with an 'X' in front of a witness. The 'X' was then kissed to show sincerity. Many believe this is how the 'X' symbol became synonymous with the kiss.
- It is believed that lovers first began exchanging mementos in the 17th century, perhaps heeding the words of Shakespeare's Hamlet, "Sweets to the Sweet."
- Cheaper postage and mass-produced cards in the 17th and 18th centuries added to the increasing popularity of Valentine's Day.

- Esther Howland was the first American to make commercial Valentine's Day cards out of scraps of ribbon, lace and pictures.
- Presently there are 192 million Valentine's Day cards exchanged annually.
- Chocolate is a traditional Valentine's Day gift. Throughout history, it was believed that chocolate brought smiles to the broken-hearted and prompted amorous feelings. In the 1800's physicians commonly advised their patients to eat chocolate to calm their pining for lost love.

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