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Ring Ceremony

April 6, 2006 will be the third annual Official Ring Ceremony for Sam Houston State University. There are almost 700 students receiving their ring this year, which is outstanding for only being the third year. Only students in good standing with the University and

who have completed 75 credit hours are qualified to receive a class ring. The ring marks the legacy of SHSU and makes you recognizable to others as a distinguished alumni. This gives students something to really strive for and serves as a token of hard work. December '05 graduate Nicola Coronis states, "The fact that the University took out time to celebrate our accomplishments made getting the ring that much more special. Getting the ring is one thing, but having a ceremony in your honor, that is just so much cooler!" At the ceremony each student's name is called as they walk across the stage and receive their ring. Inside the wooden carved box is the ring and a card from the Alumni Association. As you walk across the stage, your picture is taken and is available for purchase. This year's ring ceremony is scheduled for 6:30 pm on April 6 in front of Austin Hall. For more information about the Sam Houston official class ring and ring ceremony contact the [Alumni Association](#).



Summer School or Not??

Summer is coming up right around the corner. Do you know what you are planning to do? There is really no right or wrong answer to your summer plans, but it is something to think about. If you haven't been taking as many hours as necessary to graduate "on time," summer school is a great time to take some extra hours. Some people just want to get ahead and take a few classes over summer to give them a boost in the hours department. Others are thinking about a summer job or internship which is a great way to get a jump start on a career. Summer internships give you the hands-on training in the career of your choice as well as getting to work under helpful professionals. So before just settling on a typical summer job at the snow cone stand, talk to [Career Services](#) about what internships are out there and how to get on board. Also, [study abroad](#) programs are offered over the summer, so if you are looking for something different and very educational look into those programs, but hurry, they fill up fast! If you are just wanting to relax this summer, then do it! You have worked hard your first year and deserve a break. No matter what you do this summer, have fun and BE SAFE!!!

Advice for Final Exams

Final exams are coming up the second week in May. Upperclassmen, of course, have more experience with exams; a few of them shared their knowledge of what to do to be better prepared for those final exams.



Kristie Crozier (Sophomore) Psychology major : “Start studying as soon as possible! The longer you wait, the harder it gets. Also, be sure to get your scantrons or anything else you need well before your exam, so you won’t have to stand in line at the bookstore with everyone else.”

Noel Jones (Sophomore) Interior Design major : “Study your old exams and the notes you used for old exams. Also, focus on the material that was emphasized in class.”

Krystle Garner (Sophomore) Kinesiology major : “Get plenty of sleep and eat a good dinner and a good breakfast.”

Thomas White (Sophomore) Business major : “Get plenty of rest the night before. If you usually have a hard time waking up, set more than one alarm so that you will wake up in time to get to your exam on time.”

Melissa Crozier (Junior) Family and Consumer Sciences major : “Try to relax before your exam. Get everything done ahead of time and spend some time with friends to relax. The last thing you need is more stress.”

My First Year is Over

NOW
WHAT?



You are almost finished with your first year of college! CONGRATULATIONS!!! Are you happy with how everything went? Is there anything you wish you could go back and change? If so, you get a second chance with your second year. During your sophomore year you can get a clean slate, new classes, new professors, and even a new roommate. You can use your freshman year as a guide for what to do and what not to do. Sometimes it is hard to get really involved your freshman year because you are already overwhelmed. If this was the case, try and get involved in at least one of the over 180 student organizations we have at SHSU. If grades were the issue, talk to your advisor about taking a study skills class next year or make it a point to seek help at one of the help centers on campus like [the Math Help Lab](#), [the Reading Center](#), and [the Writing Center](#). If making it to class was a problem be sure to register for classes that will be easier to get to on time or that are later in the afternoon. Be sure that when you get advised to really talk to your advisor about the difficulties you had with the first year and he/she will do everything they can to make your second year even more wonderful than the first!

Dates to Know



April 4

Program Council: Singled Out ,LSC Ballroom, 6 pm

April 4

Office of M.I.S.S. : Discrimination within my Race, LSC 315, 2 pm

April 5

Taste of SHSU- Italy: LSC Mall, noon



April 5

Program Council: Joe on the Go, LDB Terrace, 10 am

April 6

Ring Ceremony, Austin Hall, 6:30 pm

April 7

Program Council Movie Night: King Kong, LSC 320, 6 pm

April 8

Spinning and Weaving Demonstration: Woodland Front Porch, Museum Grounds, 10 am-2 pm

April 12

Sammy Awards. LSC Ballroom, 7 pm

April 14

Good Friday. Holiday for Faculty and Students

April 17

Last day for resignations

May 4

Last Class day

May 5

Final Exam Study Day



May 8,9,10, & 11

Final Examinations

May 12

Residence Halls close at noon

May 12-13

Commencement Ceremonies

May 29

Memorial Day. University Holiday



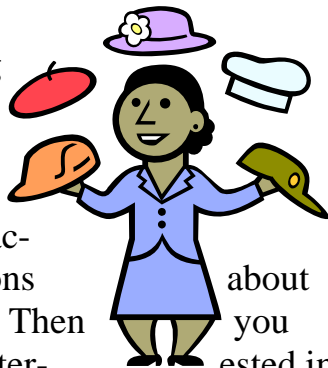
May 31

Summer I classes begin

For more calendar information, please see the [Academic Calendar](#), the [Student Services Calendar](#), or the [SAM Center Calendar](#).

SIGI Career Planning

What is the SIGI career planning test? Well it's really not a test, more of just an instrument for helping you find what job best suits your values, interests, and activities. SIGI asks simple questions you and what you like or dislike. Then pick what career you are most interested in from a list. From that information, SIGI tells you how well you would be suited for that profession. If the job you chose is not a good fit with you, it can help you find out what career may be better for you. If you already have a job, it can assess the skills you already have, or you can look up the "skills required" for the job closest to your present job. The test can be accessed through [SamWeb](#) under "student records". After you complete the SIGI, you can talk to an advisor in the [SAM Center](#) to help plan your major and the classes you should take that best fit your results. For more information contact the SAM Center, Career Services, or the Counseling Center.



Microwave Tacos



Ingredients

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/8 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1/4 cup water
- 8 med. taco shells
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 med. tomato, chopped

1. Crumble ground beef into a 1 1/2 quart casserole dish. Cover with glass lid. Cook in microwave for 5 minutes on High. Drain, and stir in chili powder, garlic powder cayenne pepper and water. Cover and return to microwave. Cook for another 3-4 minutes on High.
2. Fill each taco shell with about 2 tbsp of ground beef, then top with desired amounts of cheese, lettuce, onion, tomato and taco sauce.

Don't forget to use the microwave in the residence hall lobbies!



first-year experience

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Friday: 8 am-3 pm
Sunday: 2-7 pm
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www.shsu.edu/~wctr

Reading Center

Monday-Thursday: 8 am-7 pm
Friday: 8 am-3 pm
Sunday: 1-4:30 pm
Wilson 111
936.294.3114
rdg_www@shsu.edu
www.shsu.edu/~rdg_www

Math Help Lab

Monday & Wednesday 8 am-5 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 8 am-9:30 am
1 pm-5pm
Friday: 8 am-1 pm
Farrington 104
936.294.1564
www.shsu.edu/~mth_www/helphours.htm

April 21, 1879



Sam Houston Normal Institute
was created.

Did You Know?

APRIL 21, 1836



**Sam Houston defeats Santa
Anna at the Battle of San
Jacinto.**

May 9, 1840

Sam Houston marries Margaret
Moffette Lea with whom he has
his 8 children.



May 5, 1862

Cinco de Mayo marks the victory of the
Mexican army over the French at the
Battle of Puebla. Many people confuse
the holiday with Mexican Independ-
ence which was in September of 1810.



April 16



Easter Sunday

May is Teacher Ap-
preciation Month.
Take some time to
tell a professor
"thank you."

