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The Know

First-Year Experience

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Be Advised Soon!

The Student Advising and Mentoring Center is currently advising all students for the upcoming Spring 2006 semester. **All first-year students are under mandatory advisement.** Since registration will take place at the beginning of November, all students who have not been advised for the spring semester should do so as early as possible to avoid the last minute

rush during pre-registration. Once a student is advised and cleared, the student is ready to register at the appropriate time. Online registration will begin on November 9. The SAM Center is open M-F from 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and stays open until 6:30 p.m. on Monday's and Wednesdays. The spring 2006 schedule of

classes will be available online for your convenience. If you have any questions, be sure and schedule an appointment before the rush begins. Students can call to make appointments at 294-4444 or just walk in to be advised.

Don't delay,
be ADVISED today!

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Lessons from Sam...

In continuation of *Lessons from Sam*, Monday states that the second lesson is to **"Live Your Life Honorably."** This is a lesson that should ring true to all of humanity. As the story goes, when Sam went to fight in the war of 1812, his mother offered these parting words to him: "While the door of my cottage is always open to brave men, it is eternally shut against cowards." With these words, she "slipped onto his finger a simple gold band."

What makes this special is that gold was not easy to come by during this period of history. Engraved on the ring was the word **HONOR**. This ring meant so much to Sam and fit with his personal philosophy, that he "wore

the ring the rest of his life." Webster defines honor as "high respect, as that shown for special merit; good name, reputation; great privilege." With that being said, think of how the word honor fits into your life today, what will your definition be upon graduating.

Did you have an honorable collegiate experience? Did you participate in the **Ring Ceremony** and receive your "honor" ring? Think of these things often through your next few years. Are you the next governor of the State of Texas or will you be an educator? Both are

things Sam did with honor. Wherever your journey in life takes you upon graduation, you will always be a graduate from the honorable Sam Houston State University!



Official SHSU Ring



Homecoming Week

Monday, October 3—Saturday, October 8

Schedule of Events

10/3	Kickoff Rally	LSC Mall Area	Noon
	Casino Night	LSC Ballroom	6 p.m.
10/4	Rock & Bowl	Huntsville Lanes	9:30 p.m.
10/5	Texas Hold'em	LSC Kat Klub	5:00 p.m.
	Homecoming Parade	Sam Houston Ave.	7:00 p.m.
	Sam Jam	Coliseum Parking Lot	8:00 p.m.
10/6	Texas Hold'em	LSC Kat Klub	5:00 p.m.
10/7	Rec Sports Open House	HKC	5:00 p.m.
10/8	Raven Run (5K)	HKC	9:00 a.m.
	Arts & Sci. Open House	LDB	10:00 a.m.
	Education Open House	TEC	10:00 a.m.
	Humanities & Social Sci.	AB2	10:00 a.m.
	Bell Tower Dedication	ADM	10:30 a.m.
	BEARKAT ALLEY	Bowers Stadium	Noon
	SHSU FB v. Northwestern		2:00 p.m.
	SHSU VB v. Lamar	Johnson Coliseum	7:00 p.m.



Don't forget to
invite your
Friends and
Family!

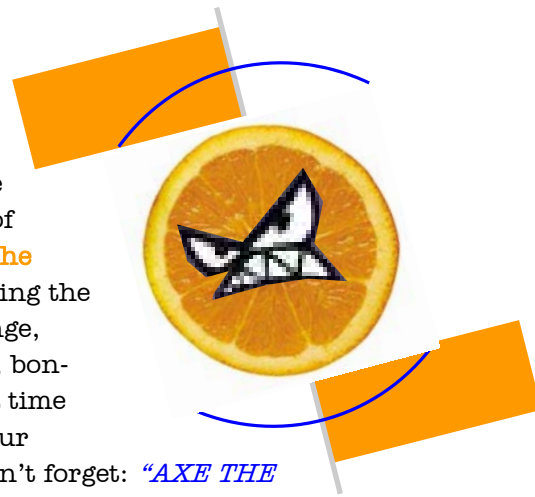


Operation Orange

What is Operation Orange?

- Event where the students wear Orange.
- Battle of The Piney Woods.
- Friendly competition between Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston.
- Weeklong schedule of events where students show their SHSU pride.
- All of the above.

If you answered E, you're correct! Operation Orange is an event where the student body including faculty and staff show their support for **Bearkat Athletics** in a little friendly competition with the Lumberjacks of **Stephen F. Austin**. We have a saying, "**Axe the Jacks!**" which you will hear quite often during the week. The campus trees are covered in orange, there is typically a pep rally by the fountain, bonfire before the game, but most importantly a time when everyone comes together to share in our common bond of being a **BEARKAT!** And don't forget: "**AXE THE JACKS!**" For more information, contact Student Activities at 294-3861.



SFA's "Angry AXE"

SHSU vs. SFA

October 20

at 7 p.m.



Dates to Know

October 2

WWE “Smackdown” For more information call: 294-1741.

October 3

Homecoming Week begins.

(See Article p. 2)

October 8

Raven Run 5K TBA.

October 11

PC: Kat Cash. LSC Mall Area at Noon.

October 14

PC Movie: *Selena*. 7 p.m. LSC Theater.

October 14

Last day to drop Fall Semester course without a grade of “F”.

October 17–21

Orange Attack (See Article p. 2)

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

October 18

LadyKats VB v. SFA 7 p.m. Johnson Coliseum.

October 19

Firefest! 8 p.m. Intramural Field 3.

October 26

Dracula opens at UTC. 8 p.m.

October 28

LadyKats VB v. UTA 7 p.m. Johnson Coliseum.

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

Advice to Know

“The Dog Ate My Homework”



There are many excuses to try and *get out of turning in your homework on time. The easiest way to avoid using one is to simply be prepared.*

- *Do your homework.* If it's not required, still do it...you might just learn something.
- *Always follow instructions!* Some professors will count off for simple mistakes such as not writing your name on the assignment.
- *Turn it in on time!* Set a due date for yourself, generally 3 days before it's actually due. Then if you get sick, your roommate can always make arrangements to drop it off for you.
- If you made an undesirable grade, be sure and *talk with the professor* about why you made this grade. There's always room for improvement!

“Questions to NEVER Ask”

Questions are generally a good thing, however, if you plan to ask any of these questions, think again!

“Do I need the textbook?”

It's October...you should be half-way through reading it.

“Do I need to know this for the test?”

Typically a professor will not spend time lecturing over something they will not test you on.

“I was absent from the last class, did we do anything important?”

Every class is important. Yes, illnesses come up, but only use an absence when necessary.

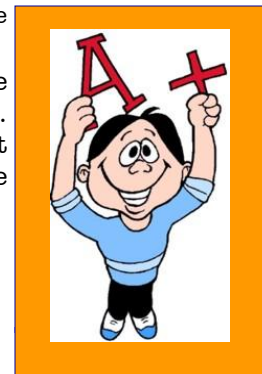
“Are the grades done yet?”

Well, that's just bad grammar. You should really never ask until a week after the exam AND never the day of the final!

“The need to SUCCEED”

There are many ways as a student that you can succeed. Most of these are common sense, but sometimes we forget them in our busy days!

- Show up to class early and sit near the front. You're less likely to chat and have more interaction with your professor.
- Be organized!!!
- Ask questions. Don't showoff, but if you're honestly confused or need further clarification, speak up.
- Good professors will ask the class questions. When that opportunity comes your way and you know the answer, take advantage and answer.
- Laugh at the teacher's jokes. Always. Just make sure they're jokes.





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Reading Center

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Friday: 8 am-3 pm
Sunday: 1-4:30 pm
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rdg_www@shsu.edu
www.shsu.edu/~rdg_www

Math Help Lab

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Friday: 8 am-2 pm
Lee Drain Building 201
936.294.1564
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Did You Know?



October:
Breast Cancer
Awareness
Month.

OCTOBER 16, 1854



**Oscar Wilde was born in
Dublin, Ireland**

36.8 Million

Number of potential "trick-or-treaters" this Halloween ages 5-13 .



October 1940

Authors Margret and H.A. Rey fled from the Nazis to New York with manuscripts containing their pride and joy:
Curious George



October 1852

Austin Hall
was first
occupied.

