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Your First-Year Experience

Welcome to your first edition of *The Know!* With a variety of information, *The Know* will help you succeed during your first year as a Bearkat. There are many articles containing valuable information along with a monthly calendar of events to keep you informed of all the exciting activities that take place on campus. You'll have so much fun on campus, you'll never want to go home! Keep in mind that a well-balanced collegiate life includes high academic goals along with social involvement in the university community. And don't forget: **Quarters equal Laundry!**

Lessons from Sam...

Throughout the next few issues of *The Know*, "Lessons from Sam" will highlight key points made by Ms. Jane Monday during her Summer 2005 Commencement Speech. Monday has been mayor of Huntsville and served as an SHSU regent. You can almost hear the voice of Sam, himself...enjoy! The first lesson is: **"A Life Long Love of Learning."** Sam's father had one of the grandest libraries in the state of Virginia. He was very fond of reading with his main interest being history and geography. At the age of sixteen, he ran away to live with a Cherokee Indian tribe.



When he turned nineteen, he returned home as very well read and since he taught himself everything, he decided to open a school and teach to repay the debts he had occurred. At one point in his life Sam stated that he "experienced a higher feeling of dignity and self satisfaction from teaching than from any office or honor which I have held since." In following his passion for education, Sam gained many valuable experiences throughout his life by pursuing that one thing. He held many offices and was very influential in the State of Texas. This was all due to his undying passion for education and his constant need to learn. Be sure and check out the next edition for the Second Lesson and SHSU's special meaning of *HONOR*.

Don't forget to
invite your
Family!

THE AMAZING SHSU RACE



Mark your
calendars for
Monster.com's
"The Ultimate
Road Trip!"
September 7
At 6 p.m.

Parent/Family Weekend

Friday, September 23—Sunday, September 25

Parents and family members are invited to join their Bearkat student for an adventurous weekend during SHSU's annual Parent/Family Weekend. Raven Nest Golf Course will have the greens open and ready to play all weekend long at the student rate of \$20 which includes green fees along with the use of a cart.

Friday evening activities include a soccer game against Prairie View A&M and the laughs begin with Program Council's Comic View featuring comedian Tim Young from this season's Last Comic Standing.

Saturday begins at 9 a.m. with a coffee social for parents and administrators, the annual meeting of the SHSU Parents' Association, Choir Concert and a Multicultural Reception celebrating the diversity within our University. The Amazing SHSU Race will kick-off the afternoon activities followed by a pre-game party at "Bearkat Alley" where students and parents are invited for food and fun. Parents are sure to enjoy a classic car cruise-in!

The weekend concludes Sunday morning with an interdenominational Christian worship service held outdoors on the SHSU campus.

The registration fee for all of these activities is only \$10 per family!

For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office at 936-294-1785 or mesims@shsu.edu. You may also check the Parent/Family Weekend website at <http://www.shsu.edu/slo/www/weekend>.

Making College Count

The First-Year Experience, the Dean of Students' Office, and Career Services will sponsor Monster.com's Making College Count presentation on **Wednesday, September 7th at 6 p.m.** in the **LSC Theater**. According to their website, the presentation provides students with valuable success tools to help prepare them for the college experience and beyond. The program is supplemented by a workbook that each student can use to follow along with the speaker, helping them retain key tips and tools on topics such as: career opportunities for the future, what employers and graduate schools want, successfully managing the transition to college, the power of work experience and internships, meaningful extracurricular involvement, tips for getting great grades and the importance of starting NOW. Plan to join us for this upcoming presentation!





Dates to Know

September 3

4:30 p.m. Bearkat Alley
6:00 p.m. Bearkat Football vs. Bacone

September 5

Labor Day...No Class

September 6

7 p.m. Volleyball
LadyKats vs. Texas A&M (Johnson Coliseum)

September 9

Last day to drop for full refund.

September 13

5:00 p.m. Interfraternity Council's Recruitment Orientation (LSC Ballroom)

September 12

Sam Center: Study Skills Workshop Series Begins. To register call 294-4444.

September 15

12:00 p.m. Program Council's Hispanic Heritage Kick Off Rally (LSC MALL)

September 23-25

Parent/Family Weekend. (See Article p. 2)

September 28

3:00 p.m. Career Connection...Choosing a Major and Career Options (LSC 320)

5:00 p.m. Grassroots: A Series of Conversations on Leadership in a Diverse Community with Dr. Abelardo Saavedra—H.I.S.D. (AB4—Olson Auditorium)

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

Advice to Know

Ali Coronis—Sophomore Interior Design Major

- If you have a paper due, finish it as early as possible.
- Don't throw away your syllabus or reading list! You will need it later.
- Your parents are not here. It's YOUR responsibility to attend class. Better grades are sure to follow.
- They're not called "teachers"...they are referred to as professors. And those who have worked hard for their Ph.D. are called "Doctor".

Three experienced SHSU students share what they wished they would have known as an incoming freshman.

Jessica Brash—Junior Academic Studies Major and Early Childhood Education Minor

- Don't take 8 a.m. classes if you don't wake up until 10 a.m.
- Don't throw away material from classes in your major.
- Use the writing center!!!!!!
- Ditch the roller backpack your mom gave you!
- Learn to use the library. Don't put it off because it will hinder you later.
- Don't wear your letterman jacket from high school! You're in college now!



Trapper Pace—Senior Fashion Merchandising Major and Business Administration Minor

- The best 4 letter "F" word is:
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- It's OKAY to sit in the front. It doesn't mean you're a nerd.
 - When you don't know the answer...ASK!
 - You paid for it, so go to class. Get the most out of your money.
 - Get involved! It will help you manage your time and meet new people.



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Friday: 8 am-3 pm
Sunday: 2-7 pm
Wilson 114
936.294.3680
wctr@shsu.edu
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

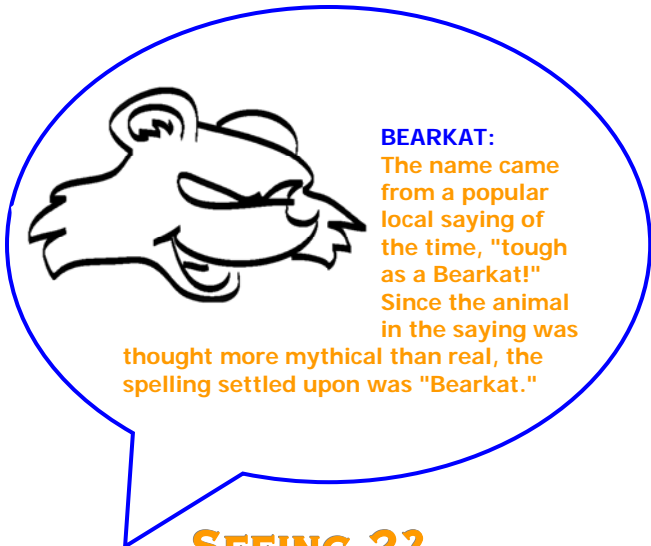
Monday-Thursday: 8 am-5 pm
Friday: 8 am-2 pm
Lee Drain Building 201
936.294.1564
www.shsu.edu/~mth_www/helphours.htm

Did You Know?

Our official schools colors are:
Orange and White

272

Number of acres our main campus contains.



BEARKAT:
The name came from a popular local saying of the time, "tough as a Bearkat!" Since the animal in the saying was thought more mythical than real, the spelling settled upon was "Barkat."

SEEING 2?

January 12, 1962

Classes were called off, and the student body turned out in great numbers to say goodbye to the cherished "unofficial" mascot of SHSU, Tripod the dog.



YES, OUR "OLD MAIN" HAS A TWIN AT TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY-SAN MARCOS. OUR OLD MAIN BURNED ON FEBRUARY 12, 1982. TSU-SM STILL UTILIZES THEIR OLD MAIN FOR CLASSROOMS.

