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## Sam Houston State University

**1879**—The Sam Houston Normal Institute is named after Sam Houston and opens its doors on October 10, 1897.

**1880** – First graduation day with a class of 37 students graduating.

**1889** – The Main Building is built – In later years the building becomes known as “Old Main.”

**1902** – Peabody Memorial Library is built.

**1911** – The first football game is played. The name of the school teams at that time was the “Normals”. Rice defeats Sam Houston.

**1913** – The first copies of the school newspaper, “*The Houstonian*” are published. The Houstonian was named after Sam Houston.

**1919** – Hulon Anderson is the first to graduate with a B. A. Degree.

**1923** – The name of the school is changed to Sam Houston State Teachers College.

**1923** – The school mascot becomes the BearKat.

**1923-1933** – Sometime between 1923 and 1933, Sam Houston State Teachers College adopts the school colors of orange and white.

**1929** – The first 50 years are celebrated in the SHSTC's Semi-Centennial.

**1953-55** – The SHSTC celebrates 75 years with a two year Diamond Jubilee celebration.

**1959** –A BearKat costumed mascot appears for the first time.

**1964** – The first African-American student, John Patrick, enrolls at Sam Houston State.

**1965** - The name of the school is changed to Sam Houston State College

**1969** – The name of the school is changed once again to Sam Houston State University

**1979** – Sam Houston State University celebrates 100 years of education with a Centennial Celebration.

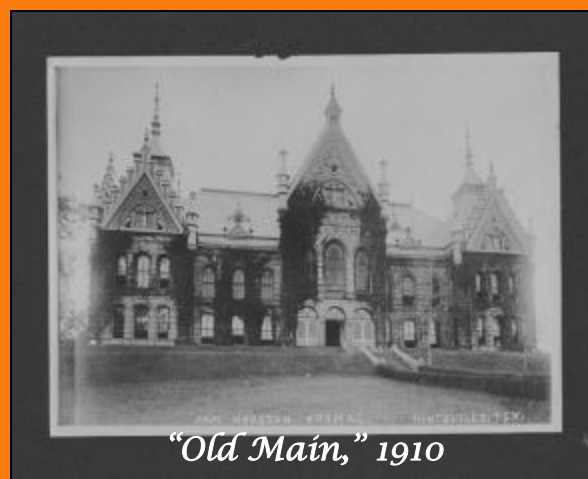
**1982** – The Old Main Building burns to the ground on February 12, 1982.

**2004** - Sam Houston State University celebrates 125 years

**2007** – The historic name of Sam Houston State University is protected by the Texas Legislature.



*Sam Houston Normal Institute, 1926*



*“Old Main,” 1910*



*Tripod*

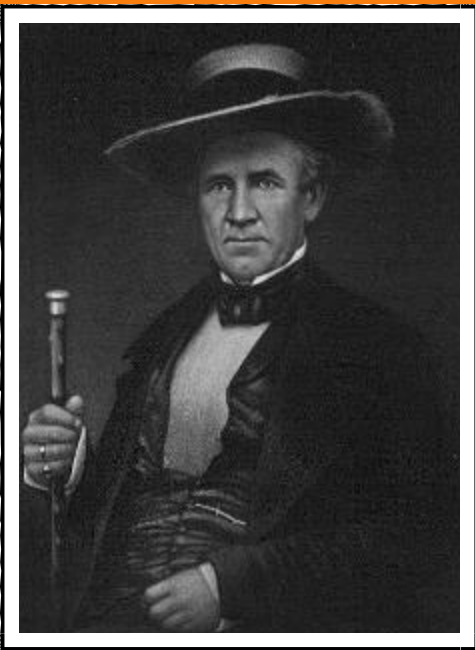


### Did you know?

**There was an unofficial Mascot of SHSU named Tripod, he was a stray dog that the student cared for and he is buried next to Old main?**



# General Sam Houston: His Amazing Life

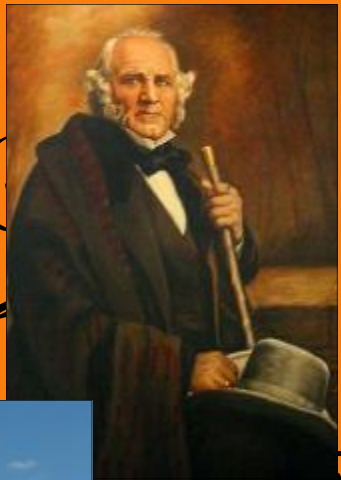


"Portrait of Sam Houston, by J. C. Buttre, 1858

Sam Houston was born in Virginia on March 2, 1793. When he was a boy his family moved to Tennessee. After running away from home to live with the Cherokee Indians who called him "The Raven," Sam became a school teacher. During the War of 1812, Sam Houston joined the army and became a military hero, having served with General Andrew Jackson at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. Houston attained many political positions, even governor of Tennessee.

Sam moved to Texas in the early 1830's and helped Texas gain independence from Mexico. As general of the Texas army, Houston defeated the Mexican dictator Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836. Now that Texas was independent, Sam was elected president of the Republic of Texas. Texas became the 28<sup>th</sup> state in the United States in 1845, and Sam was then elected senator. After serving in the senate for over ten years, Houston was elected governor of Texas. Sam passed away in Huntsville on July 26, 1863.

- ξ 1793: born in Virginia
- ξ 1807: moved to Tennessee
- ξ 1809: lived with Cherokee
- ξ 1812: taught school in a one room school house
- ξ 1813: joined US army
- ξ 1814: Battle of Horseshoe Bend
- ξ 1827: elected governor of Tennessee
- ξ 1829: lived with Cherokee
- ξ 1832: moved to Texas
- ξ 1836:
  - ◇ March 2: signs Texas Declaration of Independence
  - ◇ April 21: wins Battle of San Jacinto
  - ◇ September 5: elected president of the Republic of Texas
- ξ 1840: married Margaret Lea of Alabama
- ξ 1845: Texas admitted into United States
- ξ 1846: elected senator of Texas
- ξ 1847: moves to Huntsville to build Woodland Home for family
- ξ 1859: elected governor of Texas



## Did you know?

Sam Houston was named Co-lon-neh by the Cherokee Chief Oo-loo-te-ka. Which means Raven.

# Fun Activities Just For You!

E K C J F K B L M Z S A W O B M I B I T  
 O Z N F K L P Y R A Z C X P S A C Z B R  
 L N J B M V J G M W V P T H N I Q P X F  
 Y P H I N U V H W G J A T X O N V R B Z  
 S P Q H A W O D U I U P W P B M M E N U  
 Q D J U E U B R Q S E A B O R V S M Q O  
 C L K N S N A K T W L S W L G L T O W G  
 N O G T G Q W I G P N E V A R Q Y O U W  
 G V O S X Q N S T O Q J U U X K O B G X  
 G N H V W H K V U V L G Y K B G J X K P  
 B P B I A A T R I P O D J A U R L G T M  
 Z D Z L F S B E A R K A T S A X E T N M  
 M P L L E F F Y Q I C F V N R N D Z B A  
 U E U E G O Z I S K H P R M H T Z H Y N  
 Z T T S N B A C R B P G L V Y A W Q T U  
 M I P B A H J W D E D N M A M Z M D N R  
 M H V V R U C O L O N N E H N D S U M Z  
 U W M F O P H C Z B D S Q W O E E Y G O  
 Q P Q E I F W R G S E C B Y Z U T B R R  
 D V Z E F T Z B T O D F A B B M I S Z P

AUSTINHALL  
 BEARKATS  
 BOOMER  
 COLONNEH  
 FIRE  
 HUNTSVILLE  
 MAIN  
 OLD  
 ORANGE  
 PLANETS  
 RAVEN  
 SAMHOUSTON  
 TEXAS  
 TRIPOD  
 WHITE



Did you know?  
 Sam Houston was Texas' First  
 President?

## Word Scramble - Connect the matching words.

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|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. SOUATHSOMN   | LEGISLATURE  |
| 2. ENRGOA       | SENATOR      |
| 3. LSMOANR      | FIRE         |
| 4. BKTRESAA     | OLD MAIN     |
| 5. IHWET        | TEACHERS     |
| 6. RALMGARETEA  | BEARKATS     |
| 7. OANTSER      | VIRGINIA     |
| 8. IIVNARG      | COLLEGE      |
| 9. EXTAS        | UNIVERSITY   |
| 10. REIF        | MARGARET LEA |
| 11. AOINMDL     | NORMALS      |
| 12. ECSTEHAR    | ORANGE       |
| 13. LLEOEGC     | SAM HOUSTON  |
| 14. EYIRISVTNU  | WHITE        |
| 15. LIGEUATRSLE | TEXAS        |

## Sudoku

2	9		8	1				
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		1		2	6			
						7	8	1
	7	3		4				
5		2				3	4	
					9	4	7	8
6						5		
	4	7			5			

If you liked these stories you can find these books at your local library for more information:

1. *Make Way for Sam Houston*  
By Jen Fritz
2. *Sam Houston Standing Firm*  
By May Dodson Wade
3. *Sam Houston Texas Hero*  
By William Reynolds Sanford

**\*\*Must See Places in Huntsville:\*\***

Sam Houston Memorial Museum  
1402 19th St.  
936-294-1832

The Sam Houston Statue  
www.samhoustonstatue.org  
936-291-9726

Sam Houston Historic School House  
www.samhoustonhistoricschoolhouse.org



[www.shsu.edu/jrbearkats](http://www.shsu.edu/jrbearkats)

## Calendar of Events on Campus

### October

- 1st - 29th** - Oil Paintings by *Michico Itatani* exhibit (Gaddis Geeslin Gallery)
- 3rd** - Bearkat Alley (SHSU vs. St. Joseph's)
- 7th** - SAM JAM Carnival (Holleman Field)
- 8th** - Homecoming Parade - *A Samtastic Celebration...Celebrating 50 years with Sammy*
- 10th** - Bearkat Alley (SHSU vs. Nicholls St.)
- 15th** - Huntsville Homecoming Parade
- 16th** - PC Dinner & a Movie: *Harry Potter - The Half Blood Prince* (LSC)
- 22nd** - Fire Fest (Intramural Field No. 3)
- 24th** - Bearkat Alley (SHSU vs.SFA) In Nacogdoches
- 30th** - Halloween Scare Fair (LSC)
- 31st** - Bearkat Alley (SHSU vs. Northwestern St.)  
\*Happy Halloween\*

- 8th** - International Festival (LSC)
- 9th - 12th** - Works by Benjamin duke, Karina Hean and Dawn Hunter (Gaddis Geeslin Gallery)
- 13th** - Two Small Pieces of Glass (Planetarium Series Program)
- 14th** - Bearkat Alley (SHSU vs. Central Arkansas)  
Spinning and Weaving (a demonstration at Sam Houston Memorial Museum)
- 20th** - PC Movie: *Transformers 2 - Revenge of the Fallen* (LSC)
- 26th** - Happy Thanksgiving

### December

- 2nd** - 89th Annual Tree of Lights
- 3rd - 5th** - Dance Spectrum (University Theatre's Mainstage Theatre)
- 5th** - Orchestra Holiday Concert (Killinger Auditorium)
- 25th** - Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

### January

- 1st** - Happy New Year

### November

- 7th** - Cherokee Indian Culture and Crafts (Sam Houston Memorial Museum)



**Did you know?**  
This is the Jr. Bearkats very first Newsletter! Thanks so much for your help!!!