



History of the Academy

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When



- Established in 1909 as the Third District Agricultural School(TDAS)
- Junior college in 1925- Magnolia A&M
- Four-year college in 1951- Southern State College
- Renamed SAU in '76



Original Structures

- Old Main, Dining Hall, Holt Hall, and Jackson Hall were constructed in 1910
 - These buildings were created for the Third District Agricultural School (TDAS).
- Old main
 - It was the original administrative and classroom building.
 - It sat at the top of Aggie Hill.
- Jackson and Holt Halls
 - These halls were the two original dormitories for the students.





The Switch

- SAU switched from its junior college status to a four-year college
 - This was made possible by ACT 11 on January 24th, 1951
- After the switch, SAU's enrollment increased from around 200-300 to over 2,000.



Sports

- Baseball, football, basketball, track and field, and tennis
- One coach, five sports: Coach Ruford Turrentine
- In Spring 1911, the school bought uniforms for spring baseball and later that fall, the football team played only two games: Texarkana High and Camden
- 81-0 loss to Ouachita Tigers in 1914
- Most wins were from track and field

Honors

- In 2003, Dr. David Rankin founded the SAU Honor College.
- It was created to allow student who are serious about their academic status to be involved with a community of committed peers and professors.
- Around 170 students are enrolled each year.



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