“East 2nd Street,” a Sul Ross State University theatre student lab production written by L.W. Miller, will be performed tonight and tomorrow night at 7 pm in the Studio Theatre, Francois Fine Arts Building. The cast includes, from left, Kayla Perkins; middle row, Eddie Molinar (stage manager), Concepcion Gomez, playwright L.W. Miller (and son Gabriel), Missy Embrey, Zane Ivey, Josh Martinez, Jason Roman; top row: director Ashley Jane Page, Kolbi Fowlkes, Adrian Soto, Fernando Powers, Marcelino Velazquez and Josh Holland. This show contains adult language and content. Talk back sessions will follow each performance. Based on the characters from J.M. Barrie’s classic tales of “Peter Pan,” the play is a modern day re-telling centered on a young girl named Tink, who does what she must to survive the streets of New York City. With Lily, the owner of the Neverland nightclub, and the Lost Boys, a group of runaways, Tink will have to face choices that affect everyone around her. There is no admission charge. Photo courtesy Eddie Molinar
Editor’s Message

Are you getting good advising? Administration has put in place measures to try and help with this process, such as locking students out of registering until an adviser takes off the hold. But is that enough to meet a student’s needs? I’ve found through experience that students may be their own best advocates in these matters. Although not a definitive list, some things you may want to ask are as follows: Is my adviser following the correct degree plan for me? Am I enrolled in the best options, and what will future semesters look like? Are there any classes on a two-year cycle that I might want (or need) to take? What kinds of substitutions can be made?

It’s important to get good advising. If you and your adviser are confused about your degree plan, it may help to check with your department’s chair. You can also check in with the Director of Records and Registration, Pamela Pipes, ppipes@sulross.edu. In addition, you may be able to join Student Support Services and take advantage of the willingness that team displays in helping students through these processes (email Liz Castillo,ecastillo@sulross.edu).

Don’t let lack of advising get in the way of the best college experience possible. Make sure to check in before this semester is over, so that future classes go smoothly.

Happy holidays, and have a great break!

Shawna Graves
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FRONT: From left, Justin Lynn, Michelle Langhorn, Stephen Castillo, Dara Hardy (back of head) and Erica Jones were “Lobos on the Beach” on their float in the Homecoming Parade Nov. 15. Photo by Magaly DeLeon

BACK: The Lobo flag flew proudly during the Nov. 14 pep rally and bonfire. Photo by Stephanie Elmore

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The 5 o’clock bell tolled and thunderclouds rolled in as a crowd gathered for the unveiling and dedication ceremony of the Lawrence Sullivan “Sul” Ross sculpture Nov. 15 during homecoming weekend. The sculpture, created by artist and sculptor Paul Tadlock, was made possible by generous donations from Charlie and Arline Nichols.

Dr. Bill Kibler, SRSU president, welcomed alumni, students and community members, saying he could already hear the words “meet me at the statue” becoming part of the university lexicon. He shared details about the life of Sul Ross, some of which can be found on the plaque accompanying the statue, and then introduced Tadlock.

“I enjoyed the process to produce this,” said Tadlock, whose grandson is a current student at Sul Ross State University. “It’s always a thrill to be a part of something that hopefully will be remembered for some time to come.” Tadlock is one of America’s leading figurative depictions. “I hope that it pleases all of you,” he said as he thanked the audience for attending.

Charlie Nichols, Sul Ross alumnus (’59), also addressed the audience. He was accompanied by his wife and business partner, Arline. In humorous spirits, Nichols joked about his friendship with Tadlock. “We played football in Dallas together,” he said. “I would have never known he would become one of the world’s renowned sculptors; I just knew him as a jock.

“There’s something about this small institution that changes lives,” he continued. “A lot of people probably wouldn’t go to college if it weren’t for Sul Ross.” Those people go on to build successful lives on top of the education they received here, he said.

Nichols shared what he considered to be a common story to many Sul Ross students: being poor, coming from a background that would not normally lead one into college, but then somehow crossing paths with the Sul Ross opportunity.

Nichols told how enrolling here became the cornerstone of his success. His other best decision he said was marrying his wife. For a self-proclaimed frugal couple, the Nichols have already been very generous donors to the Sul Ross Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Nichols said he hopes the statue becomes a repository for the spirit of campus; something current students and alumni can gather around. Nichols said of the university, “Thank you for helping a poor kid from ‘Peanut Flat’ change the trajectory of his life.”

Sally Sugarek Holdon, daughter of late Alumni Association President Don Sugarek, was on hand to present a special class ring to Charlie Nichols in honor of his devotion to the spirit of Sul Ross University.

“He knew you didn’t have a class ring,” Holden said to Nichols on behalf of her father. “His spirit is with us today; there’s a rain cloud. He loved a rain cloud.”

The dedication commenced with the unveiling of the statue by the Alumni Association Board members, and with Kibler’s suggestion that students start a tradition that began with the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross on the Texas A&M University campus. To wit, students there place a penny at the statue’s feet before exams and other events for good luck. It is to honor the old saying Ross would use on his students, “a penny for your thoughts.” The pennies are later collected for scholarship funds.

Senior Joe Ed Waggoner agreed that adopting this tradition is a great idea. “The more traditions the better,” he asserted as he admired the new installation.

Time will tell what unique traditions Sul Ross State University students will create around the new centerpiece. Though freshmen Carlos Medina and Brock Hammock, as well as other students, were spotted coming up with ideas shortly after the dedication ended. They had dressed the statue in a beanie and sunglasses and were taking pictures with it. “Don’t be surprised if you see him wearing a sombrero and a poncho in a couple of weeks,” Medina teased.

The students agreed that it would be great to see more good-hearted interactions with the new statue. Hammock added that he would hate to see any students deface or damage it. “It’s okay to have a sense of humor,” he said, “but only removable stuff.”
By Kelly Lara
Reporter

Over 60 individuals, including Sul Ross staff, students, family members, and the 16 Sul Ross Lobos who participated in this year’s McNair Scholarship Program attended the 7th annual McNair Tafoya Symposium Nov. 5.

The 16 Sul Ross students honored at the Symposium range from English majors to Geology majors, and have completed the requirements to achieve and be awarded the prestigious McNair scholarship.

El Paso English major Jennifer Martinez was one of the 16 who presented their McNair poster. Martinez’s project, “Twisted Characters in Literature: The Portrayal of Evil through the Centuries,” was one of three literature posters presented at the symposium. Martinez chose to do her McNair research on “twisted characters,” because she felt that protagonists and heroes are “boring,” and she’d rather focus on the villain to try and understand the reasons why “villains change, or twist,” and why “they are different from heroes.” Martinez also had a few words of wisdom for her fellow Lobos and future McNair scholars: “Don’t procrastinate! Save yourself the tears!”

Another McNair scholar presenting her project was Psychology major Megan Downing. Downing was one of four McNair scholars selected to give an oral presentation at the symposium. Her project, “Gender Socialization and Attitudes toward Foreign Aid,” integrated her psychology background as well as her interest in political science. According to Downing, she has “always been interested in gender attitudes,” and with the help of her mentor, Dr. Amy Moreland, researched a topic she found to be interesting and relevant today. Downing also had a few words for her fellow Lobos: “Don’t be afraid!” She also stated that by being a McNair scholar, “there are a lot of benefits,” especially if a person is interested in graduate school.

Mary Bennett, the McNair Program Director at Sul Ross, was “absolutely delighted about the oral presentations” that were given at this year’s McNair Tafoya Symposium. According to Bennett, the 16 McNair scholars are “wonderful students,” and their projects “get better every year.” Bennett hopes to have a larger group, “maybe 20 students,” in the coming year that are “as good as this year’s.”
Giving back to his community

Sul Ross student learns character as a firefighter

By Shawna Graves
Editor-in-Chief

“Fire is ruthless,” says Sul Ross senior Jacob Helesic. “Seeing the damage caused by house fires has given me a new appreciation for life and possessions.”

Helesic is a volunteer firefighter with the Alpine Volunteer Fire Department. The fire department provides fire suppression, rescue services and hazardous materials response for Brewster County, as well as mutual aid to neighboring areas. They also provide monitoring services for events like this year’s homecoming bonfire. Permission for such events is granted by the fire department chief.

During Helesic’s Lobo orientation days, a fire department representative made a pitch to the students. “I never thought I’d do something like that before,” Helesic says. But something about what the recruiter said, coupled with the new adventure of attending school in Alpine, led him to throw his hat into the ring as a volunteer.

Training began with a month’s worth of weekly meetings. After Helesic was voted in, he entered a six-month probationary period during which volunteers learn the ropes on emergency calls.

“Everybody responds at will,” Helesic says about the student volunteers. Although they carry pagers, they remain in complete control of their availability and can turn off their pager at any time.

Helesic says students make responsible volunteers, letting their chief know in advance if they will be out of town or unavailable. Working with the department gives them an opportunity to learn teamwork. “It’s a good atmosphere; everyone gets along. There’s no such thing as a rotten egg,” he says.

Helesic relishes the chance to make a direct and positive impact on the community, and recommends other students and community members consider it. There’s room for all levels of expertise and fitness in Alpine’s Volunteer Fire Department.

In addition to being a first responder, Helesic says regular maintenance is a major part of the behind-the-scenes work. Each Wednesday volunteers meet to check over every piece of equipment and to ensure it is in operating order. They refill oxygen tanks, clean and replace hoses, and fuel up tanks, among other chores.

Those little chores are often the most meaningful. “It goes a long way in helping a firefighter who is just back from a 10-hour house fire if someone is there to help clean and replace the hoses,” Helesic says. Even the person who sweeps the fire house is appreciated as a vital member of the team.

Helesic would like to continue volunteering in the future. Besides providing a necessary service, being a volunteer firefighter “provides more character than you would ever imagine,” he says.

To learn more about Alpine’s Volunteer Fire Department, or to schedule a tour and find out more about becoming a volunteer firefighter, call 432-837-2366.

Volunteer firefighters, including Helesic, supervised Sul Ross’ homecoming bonfire last weekend. Photo courtesy Alpine Fire Department
sully senior spotlight

Desirae Brewster

Vice President of the Student Government Association and the Lobo Pride Club, Desirae Brewster exudes a sense of pride in being a Sul Ross Lobo. An Animal Science major with a concentration in Animal Health Management, Brewster is scheduled to graduate this coming December.

A Van Horn native, she has made many memories while at Sul Ross. Brewster says being a Lobo has been an awesome experience which has let her meet a lot of incredible people.

Brewster has learned many skills and talents that she feels she may not have learned at a larger university.

During her years as an undergrad, a few of Brewster’s favorite memories and experiences have been while working as a Sul Ross Ambassador and Pack Leader during Lobo Days.

In 2013, she was elected by her fellow students as Homecoming Queen and passed her crown to this year’s queen, Theresa Bernard, last weekend.

After graduating this December, Brewster wishes to further her education. Accepted into the Sul Ross graduate program, she hopes to achieve her ultimate goal for her future: owning her own ranch. By taking “baby steps,” Brewster has high hopes for herself, and sees Sul Ross as a pathway to achieve those goals.

Brewster has a few words of wisdom for her fellow classmates: “Follow the dreams you have set for yourself. Whatever you do or want to accomplish, do it for yourself.”

Texas Association of Schools of Art Conference

Art Club students take in Dallas

The Sul Ross Art Club attended the annual Texas Association of Schools of Art Conference in Dallas, Oct. 23-26.

The conference was held at the Omni Hotel, a landmark hotel with swirling neon lights and great views of downtown Dallas, Pioneer Park and the famous Reunion Tower.

The conference theme was “Off Center” and dealt with the concept of art in Texas and its relationship to the art of New York and California.

The first day, the group attended lectures by prominent members of the Dallas Art scene, art history lectures and then visited the Nasher Sculpture Museum and the Crow Museum.

That evening, the group walked down to Deep Ellum for dinner.

The second day they participated in hands-on workshops in animation, figure drawing, gunpowder drawing, printmaking and attended more lectures at El Centro College.

At the awards ceremony for the student and faculty 12”x12” juried art show, Sul Ross graduate student Alexander Costea won third place for his print, “Adventures of a house mouse.”

Following a tour of the many exhibitions at the Dallas Museum of Art, the keynote address was given by writer, artist and singer-songwriter Terry Allen, who spoke about how he came to be all three and then entertained the group by performing several musical selections.

TECH TOOLS

By Joe Renieri

If you’re in search of a tablet, this year and this season is a great time to buy. Amazon’s Kindle Fire is $99, although it limits you to their app store. The Google Nexus 7 has speedy hardware and starts at $175. It has been named by several magazines as the best tablet value around. But if you’re a Mac lover, the iPad Mini has dropped in price and runs $249. Although prices will likely drop during black Friday and Cyber Monday, now would be a good time to share with your loved ones which tablet tickles your fancy for the holidays.
Today
Check out the cool attractions and artwork at the Art Walk here in Alpine. This two-day FREE art festival fills the galleries and streets. Don't miss the live music and the art shows that decorate the town. More info and schedule at www.artwalkalpine.com.

See the “East 2nd Street” performance at 7 pm in Studio Theatre, FAB 105.

Tomorrow
Art Walk gets into full swing. Music, art, street food, a parade and more! Support local artists and find some really great gifts at the same time.

Betty Brown will be performing at the Railroad Blues starting at 10 pm.

Do you like privately made films? Go to the Artists’ Film International-Nicole Miller from 6-8 pm in Ballroom Marfa to support international artist Nicole Miller’s work in film and animation. The event is free and open to the public.

See the “East 2nd Street” performance at 7 pm in Studio Theatre, FAB 105.

Monday, Nov. 24
SSS Club meeting at 6:30 pm in WSB 201.

Wednesday, Nov. 26
Residence halls close at 9 am for Thanksgiving break!

Thursday, Nov. 27
University Closed

If you find yourself in Alpine over the break, join the Big Bend community at Thanksgiving Day at Big Bend Ranch State Park at Sauceda Headquarters. There will be pecan-smoked turkey, pork roast with gravy, cranberry-orange relish, mashed potatoes and stuffing, green beans and carrots, and apple bread pudding with a caramel glaze. Admission is $25 per person and $15 for children. Dinner starts at 1 pm. Reservations and payment must be confirmed by Sunday, Nov. 23.

Friday, Nov. 28
University Closed

See unique artwork by Donald Judd at Sunset at Chinati in Marfa. From 5-6:30 pm you can guide yourself through hundreds of Judd’s mill aluminum and concrete works. The event is free to the public and located at 1 Calvary Row in Marfa.

If you are a fan of architecture, you’ll want to listen to Sharon Johnston and Mark Lee discuss their work at Chinati Presents Johnston Marklee at 8 pm in the Crowley Theatre in Marfa.

Saturday, Nov. 29
University Closed

Come see the Banshee Bones at the Lost Horse Saloon in Marfa at 8 pm.

Sunday, Nov. 30
University closed and residence halls open at noon.

Monday, Dec. 1
The Conservation Biology Club meets at 5:30 pm in the RAS room 130.

SSS Club meeting is at 6:30 pm in the WSB room 201.

Tuesday, Dec. 2
The Collegiate FFA meets at 6 pm in the RAS Room 135.

Wednesday, Dec. 3
Last Day of Class

Bring a sack lunch and come to the Lunch and Learn Presentation at noon in the Gallego Center room 129.

The SGA meeting starts at 5:30 pm in the WSB room 201.

The Student Organizations’ Holiday Fiesta is open to all qualifying students in the Espino Conference Center at 6 pm.

Thursday, Dec. 4
University Dead Day

Join the Alpine Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Parade of Lights starting at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to participate in the parade starting at the City of Alpine offices and ending at the Brewster County Courthouse for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

Come support the SRSU Music Department and attend the Wind Ensemble/Choir Concert from 7-9 pm in Marshall Auditorium.

Friday, Dec. 5
University Dead Day

The Senior Circle Lunch and Learn starts at noon with Matt Walter as the speaker in the Big Bend Regional Medical Center Board Room.

Come check out the Soul Track Mind at Railroad Blues starting at 10 pm.

Lana Potts will be featured at the Big Bend Chamber Music Concert at St. James Episcopal Church in Alpine Texas at 6 pm. The program features organ music and original compositions.

Saturday, Dec. 6
Come see and hear Statesboro Revue at the Railroad Blues starting at 10 pm.

The Alpine Civic Center hosts the Mountain Country Christmas Bazaar for two days’ worth of Christmas arts and crafts.

Sunday, Dec. 7
Support the musicians of Alpine and come to the Alpine Community Band Concert in Marshall Auditorium at 3 pm.

End the day with the Student Recital from 7:30-9 pm in the Studio Theatre, FAB room 105.

Monday-Thursday, Dec. 8-11
FINAL EXAMS. Hope you’ve been hitting the books because this is your last chance.

Monday, Dec. 8
If you are up and about at 10 pm, head on over to the UC for Karaoke and the Late Night Breakfast to enjoy some time with friends and get some food. The event is over at midnight and is open to all Sul Ross students.

Friday, Dec. 12
All prospective graduates must meet at 2 pm for Commencement Rehearsal in the Gallego Center.

The Kappa Delta Pi Initiation Ceremony is from 7-8:30 pm at Kokernot Lodge.

Saturday, Dec. 13
Residence Halls Close at 9 am

Commencement Exercises are from 10-11:30 am in the Gallego Center. Go Lobo grads!

All members and those interested in becoming members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas are welcome to attend the DAR/DRT Christmas Party. For directions to the location, contact janicejmoss@gmail.com.

END OF THE SEMESTER!

Have an event? Want an audience? Share upcoming events. Email Malyssa at malyssareed@gmail.com.

Whatever you do, be safe, have fun, and represent!
This weekend’s Artwalk offers one-of-a-kind fun

If Artwalk isn’t on your list of things to do this weekend, you better read this.

This annual event takes place along Holland Avenue and at galleries and businesses throughout Alpine. Local and area artists have a wide variety of artwork for sale, and this is the time of year to stock up on one-of-a-kind gift items—even if it’s just for yourself!

And it’s not just about art. The event’s also about live music, a parade, dancing in the street, warming yourself next to a sidewalk fire, eating street food, people watching, learning a new craft, watching demonstrations, checking out items in the silent auction, and visiting with new and old friends.

Award-winning sidewalk chalk and street artist Lilibeth Andre will demonstrate 3D sidewalk murals this evening. Tomorrow, students from Alpine High School will be flying their own designs in a parade of flags.

The Artwalk’s featured artist this year is Nancy Whitlock.

Last year’s Artwalk took place during the season’s worst ice storm, and vendors, participants and visitors were forced to stay indoors. This year it looks like the weather will be fine for the art festival, but it’s always a good idea to be prepared.

For more information or to see the line-up of free events check out the website www.artwalkalpine.com.

Holiday Hours for Wildenthal Library

**Thanksgiving Hours**
- Tuesday, Nov. 25: 8 am-6 pm
- Wed-Sat, Nov. 26-29: Closed
- Sunday, Nov. 30: 5 pm-9 pm

**Finals Week**
- Sunday, Dec. 7: 8 am-6 pm
- Mon-Wed, Dec. 8-10: 8 am-10:30 pm
- Thursday, Dec. 11: 8 am-6 pm
- Friday, Dec. 12: 8 am-5 pm

**Interim**
- Sat-Sun, Dec. 13-14: Closed
- Mon-Fri, Dec. 15-19: 8 am-5 pm
- Sat-Sun, Dec. 20-21: Closed
- Mon, Dec. 22: 8 am-5 pm

**Midwinter**
- Mon-Fri, Jan. 5-9: 8 am-5 pm
- Sat-Sun, Jan. 10-11: Closed
- Mon-Fri, Jan. 12-16: 8 am-5 pm
- Sat-Sun, Jan. 17-18: Closed
- Monday, Jan. 19: Closed
Yelizsa Avila tries to get to the line carrying a tennis ball between her knees at the Homecoming Derby. Photo by Suzanna Mendez

After a few tries, Isaac Pizarro masters the art of hula hooping during the Homecoming Derby. Photo by Susanna Mendez

Even Ol’ Maverick got spiffed up for homecoming and wore a grass skirt this year. Photo by Stephanie Elmore

Student Support Services won this year’s Cupcake Challenge. From left: Kelly Lara, Brianna Wilde, Stephen Chris Castillo, Brianna Ibarra and Emily Luna. Photo by Stephanie Elmore

In the Door Decorating Contest, Gear Up had the winning entry for this year’s theme: Lobos at the Beach.
Alpine firemen got the fire started. Photo by Magaly DeLeon

The bonfire’s back

Above, Brandy Snyder and Desirae Brewster. Photo by Susanna Mendez

The football coaches, captains and players were recognized at the pep rally during the bonfire. Photo by Susanna Mendez

Left, bonfire photo by Magaly DeLeon

Lobo spirit lives! Back: Jorviss Houston, Jerry Medford, Trevor Carroll, Kai Winslow, Junious Clark; front: Adrian Ruiz, Andre Wilson, Raehgan Shaw, Chris Tate and Jermaine Stevens. Photo by Susanna Mendez

Alpine firemen got the fire started. Photo by Magaly DeLeon
Whitewashing fun

Left: Kaitlyn Wood gets whitewashed, too.
Right: It's a long way up the hill when you're carrying buckets of whitewash!

Left: The Freshman Leadership Program members were joined by fellow students for the annual whitewashing of the Bar-SR-Bar on Hancock Hill.

Right: Felicia Rocha adds some final touches.

All page 12 photos by Magaly DeLeon
Above: Among those lighting the Bar-SR-Bar were, from left, back row: Ian Schellhorn, Leo Dominguez, Jonathan Romero, front: Vashti Armendariz, Vince Apodaca, Molly Ferguson, Bryanna Acosta, Yelixza Avila and Hannah Buettner. Photo by Susanna Mendez

Below: Yelixza Avila, Hannah Buettner, Bryanna Acosta and Ian Schellhorn begin lighting their torches. Photo by Magaly DeLeon

Above: Jonathan Romero. Photo by Susanna Mendez

Left: Ian Schellhorn. Photo by Susanna Mendez

Above: Bryanna Acosta. Photo by Magaly DeLeon
From a slate of 15 candidates, Theresa Bernard and Ryan Kubena were selected by the student body and crowned 2014 Homecoming Queen and King at halftime Nov. 15. Photo by Susanna Mendez
Jocks are often stereotyped as being big, dumb and beautiful; not having four years demonstrate they have lots more to offer beyond this cliché. They have seen coaches, players and controversy come and go, never giving up along the way.

Tight end Christian Escobar, El Paso; linebacker J.D. May, New Braunfels; running back Brian Thomas, Houston; offensive tackle Jackson Yezak, Bremond; and defensive end Daryn Young, Spring, joined the Lobos football team as freshmen among a group of 80 other players in 2011. Of that group, only these five toughed it out to finish their college career as seniors.

“Perseverance,” May says, is the take-away lesson. “We stuck with it.”

There is a tangible sense of pride among the five as they describe how they did it. “You commit to something and finish,” says Young.

It helped that they formed friendships in the very beginning. Since that first season, they’ve been there for each other on and off the field. This can be an important factor when making the move from a big city to Alpine and a small college campus.

“It takes a special person with a strong mind to make it in Alpine, especially with what we’ve been through,” says Escobar.

The team has weathered a lot of turbulence regarding leadership, and the guys agree that it made things tough.

“We want a structured program,” Yezak says. The seniors like the discipline this year’s new coaches bring and see a positive shift taking place.

In four years, they’ve seen five different offensive coordinators and three defensive coordinators. “It’s a big plus with the new contracts,” Thomas says, “It’s more professional.”

Playing at Sul Ross has its benefits.

“Playing in the high altitude is special. It’s tough to breathe in, but it makes you stronger,” says Thomas.

Yezak, a kinesiology major, has most enjoyed the variety of classes his college experience has offered.

The five have a kind of authority of their own among the other players.

“We all lead in our positions,” says

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Raehgan Shaw honored by American Southwest Conference

Sophomore middle blocker Raehgan Shaw of Mesquite has been honored by the American Southwest Conference. Shaw, a member of the Lady Lobos volleyball team, was named honorable mention All-ASC.

Shaw led the Lobos in blocking this season with 49 blocks. She had nine solo blocks and 40 block assists for a team-leading 0.57 blocks per set. Shaw also hit .129 for the Lobos, averaging 1.66 kills per set.

“Raehgan’s honor is well-deserved,” said Sul Ross State Head Coach Dewayne Roberts.

“She had a really good year for us, and the other conference coaches recognized that as well. It’s a big accomplishment for her.”

Escobar, Young, May, Yezak, Thomas lead by example

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Thomas. Yezak adds that it’s important for them, as upper classmen, to mentor the younger players and be role models as students. There is a maturity about these five that results from taking their roles seriously.

One of the highlights of their football experience was playing at the Cowboys Stadium in 2013. “It was a great experience,” says Young. Thomas adds, “The Cowboys Stadium is the best in the NFL.” And the most expensive, they all joke.

All plan to graduate in May 2015, except Escobar, who plans to coach and will stay at Sul Ross another year to finish out his teaching program. He chose English as a major. “It’s something different,” he says, “I had two coaches who were English teachers that inspired me.”

Young, a business major, says professors at Sul Ross have helped him see things in new perspectives, beyond what textbooks could do. When he graduates, he plans to go home and enter the job market.

May, a kinesiology major, is also eager to enter the job market and “start a life.”

Yezak is looking forward to attending grad school at Sul Ross.

Thomas, a kinesiology major with a math communication minor, also plans to attend grad school here.

The five leave behind a high standard for future Lobos to follow.

Thomas leaves words of wisdom for future Lobo graduates. “Some advice I would give to the other players would be to keep God in everything you do and continue to grow in brotherhood with one another because chemistry can take a team very far.”

These seniors played their last football game as Lobos last weekend. They are, back, from left, Earl Hines, Daryn Young, J.D. May, Jackson Yezak, Christian Escobar, Jay Brooks, Xavier Jefferson, Cordrick Mobley; front, Chris Tate, Lawrence Beah, Brian Thomas and Colton Brownson. Not shown, Juan Hernandez. Photo by Susanna Mendez
Lobos go down to the wire with Louisiana College

By Elizabeth Livingston
Sports Editor

The Lobo football team battled hard with visiting Louisiana College Nov. 8, in a nail-biter that ended with the Lobos down 25-26.

The Lobos started the game off strong with an early score from Derrick Bernard on an 18-yard pass on the second possession of the game. Adomaitis Valenzuela’s extra point gave the Lobos the lead, 7-0.

On the Lobos’ next possession, quarterback James Davis hit Bernard with a 43-yard pass, but he was hit and fumbled into the end zone, and the Wildcats recovered for a touchdown.

Then the Wildcats scored, tying the game at 7-7.

Before halftime, the Lobos took the lead again when Terrelle Owens picked off a pass and scored from 60 yards out. Sul Ross led 13-7 going into halftime.

In the third quarter, the Wildcats took the lead 14-13, but the Lobos came back in the fourth quarter.

Davis capped an 80-yard drive with a three-yard scoring pass to Steven Savedra. The Lobos extended their lead after an interception by Earl Hines, making it 25-14 after an option pass from Bernard to Cordrick Mobley with just 9:12 remaining in the game.

A 100-yard run on the kickoff return put Louisiana College back in the game bringing the score to 25-20.

After a low snap to the ground, the Wildcats took over with 3:06 left in the game. Louisiana College then scored, putting the visitors ahead 26-25.

Davis connected twice with Bernard, then hit Xavier Jefferson, then Steven Savedra, but was fumbled at the ten-yard line where Louisiana College recovered and ran out the clock.

Davis completed 19 of 35 passes for 281 yards and a pair of scores, while rushing 20 times for 78 yards. Bernard rushed 10 times for 120 yards, caught eight passes for 158 yards and completed both of his passing attempts for 78 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, Earl Hines had eight tackles, including seven solo stops, one tackle for lost yardage, a forced fumble, and an interception that he returned for 36 yards. Senior defensive lineman Jay Brooks also had eight tackles, including four solos, a sack, and a forced fumble, while junior linebacker Casey Sonier had eight stops, including three solos, and a fumble recovery.
Lobos win Homecoming & final game of the season

By Elizabeth Livingston
Sports Editor

The Lobo football team won their final football game of the season, 60-21, against visiting Howard Payne University in Sul Ross’ 2014 Homecoming contest where they played for a large crowd of red.

Sul Ross State took the opening kickoff and drove 75 yards in 13 plays, taking a 6-0 lead when freshman quarterback James Davis connected with senior wide receiver Cordrick Mobley from four yards out. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

After a Yellow Jacket punt, Sul Ross drove 80 yards in eight plays, doubling their lead when Davis hit sophomore running back Derrick Bernard with an 11-yard scoring pass. Davis hit freshman receiver Steven Savedra with a two-point conversion pass to make it 14-0.

Davis connected again with Bernard on an 82-yard scoring play with 11:52 left in the first half. Freshman kicker Stephen Slater added the extra point to make it 21-0.

Later in the quarter, the Lobos took over at the HPU 34 following a short punt and scored in four plays, with Bernard scoring from seven yards out. Soon after, Davis hit Mobley with a 19-yard scoring pass to make it 33-0 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Howard Payne took over at their own 19 yard line after a SRSU punt and drove 81 yards in 19 plays and got on the scoreboard on a two-yard dive.

The Jackets tried an on-side kick following their score, and the Lobos covered it at the HPU 49. Five plays later, the home team was in the end zone, following Davis’ 12-yard pass to senior wide receiver Xavier Jefferson, making it 39-7.

The Lobos stretched their lead in the next series, driving 75 yards in seven plays. Freshman running back Edd Williams scored from eight yards out to make it 45-17 with 12:23 left.

An interception by sophomore defensive back Terrel Owens at the HPU 42 with 11:04 remaining set up the Lobo touchdown, as SRSU went the distance in eight plays, with Davis scoring from 17 yards out and connecting with Mobley for the two-point conversion.

A fumble recovery by junior defensive back Melecio Haro at the HPU 40 led to the final Lobo score, a nine-yard run by backup quarterback and freshman Greyson Secades, making the final score 60-21.

Davis completed 19 of 31 passes for 296 yards and five touchdowns and rushed 12 times for 111 yards and a score. Bernard rushed nine times for 61 yards and a score, and caught eight passes for 136 yards and two more scores. Mobley caught two touchdown passes and Jefferson one.

Defensively, senior linebacker J.D. May led the Lobos with eight tackles, including four solos, and a forced fumble.

The Lobos finish their season at 2-8 and 1-4 in the American Southwest Conference.