The Centennial Celebration of Sul Ross State University is so big, it will take three years!

The university opened its doors to the public for the first big event celebrating Sul Ross' 100th birthday. Dinner, music, games, lots of history, and a giant birthday cake were enjoyed by more than 1,000 students, faculty, staff, and community members at the Gallego Center April 4.

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Don’t Eat the Sharp Dressed Man

By Rainey Miller, Co-Editor

“Nine AM to cabbage, maybe?” my friend guessed. He was pointing at the large blue sign that read, “FARMERS MARKET: Every SAT. 9AM TO…” A variety of vegetables were painted next to this announcement, as if they finished the statement; a wayward strawberry and horny toad, most unlikely of pairings, floated in the middle of the sign.

“It never ends,” I concluded. I hadn’t been to the farmers’ market since last year. Overnight, it seemed, the half-hearted circle of booths had grown to festival size and moved across Murphy Street, where bright displays of homemade produce advertised its presence. There were jams, seeds, survival ponchos; one woman was selling burritos on a table that said “Table for sale.” This greatly amused me. As I wandered, a bowl labeled “Sharp Dressed Man” caught my eye.

“Is this soap?” I inquired, holding the maybe-soap-maybe-cake to my mouth.

“Yes,” said the woman.

“Oh,” I pretended that I’d known all along, and smelled it. I guess it smelled like a sharp-dressed man. I wouldn’t know.

Addressing me from behind a tub of curry, Debbie Tout introduced herself as the manager. She confirmed that the farmers’ market had, indeed, gotten much bigger than when it first started; she also extended a personal invitation to Sul Ross students.

“Sul Ross Clubs are more than welcome to do fundraisers here,” she nodded. “You don’t have to sign up or anything.”

This is good news, considering it’s easier to sell burritos on the street than from the Skyline office, where we have whiteboards covered in weird drawings that don’t inspire hunger. I just might take her up on that offer.

Dottie Harding, my next-door neighbor, was selling clothes, fabrics, vintage posters, and other miscellaneous materials at her booth nearby.

“This is my mascot,” she told me, presenting a stuffed bulldog. She pressed a button on its paw, and it abruptly began singing “Da Ya Think I’m Sexy?” in an alarmingly broken voice, like a pneumonia patient looking for love. He was also for sale “if I really wanted him.”

I thanked her, but took a rain check on the bulldog. At the next booth over, my friend Kellilee was selling various leather and iron crafts; she also generously offered to remove my hideous single dreadlock, which, in a fever pitch of boredom, I’d knotted into my hair one day and now hung like a dead thing from my scalp. Like any self-respecting artist, I declined.

“Well, if you ever want me to remove it,” she suggested again, “or if you want a full head of dreads, like me… you know who to call.”

I left the farmers’ market with a quiche, a cake, and a head full of ideas. Touching the soft rope of hair that I’d made, and looking back at the weathered Kellilee—a wanderer whom I strive to emulate—I briefly thought about dreadlocks.

Then I realized how insane I would look with my short hair, knots sticking up in all directions. Then I got her phone number.
This year's spring carnival featured booths for multiple clubs on campus. Food and drinks, like horchata and ice cream, were sold at the booths, and a band played live music for students and faculty. Students wandered through the mall with their friends or tried out the new hammocks under the trees on a beautiful sunny day. The event was held on March 30 in the mall. Photos by Andrea Bode

Students network at Career Fair
Sul Ross students Monica Argueta and Kellem Bolton, above, were named the best-dressed professionals at Sul Ross' Spring Career Fair April 4. Daniel Sandoval and Maggie Mae Shirley received honorable mention. Bolton was a double winner as he also submitted the winning resume. In addition to Sul Ross departments, more than 24 businesses and ten school districts were represented at the April 4 career fair. Photos by Magaly De Leon

‘Cabaret’ wows audiences during local run
The Sul Ross Theatre department’s production of Cabaret received high praise from audiences during its three-week run. The musical production, directed by Dona Roman and choreographed by Marjie Scott, has been entered in the upcoming Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. Photos by Gunner Gardner
Call for art for Annual Juried Sul Ross Student Art Exhibit

The 2017 Annual Juried Student Art Show Competition is open to any student currently enrolled at Sul Ross State University.

Any 2-D or 3-D medium can be entered in the competition. Entries must have been created within the past two years and while a student enrolled at Sul Ross. All entries must be gallery-ready (no wet work, no raw or exposed stapled canvas edges, and no saw tooth hangers). Gallery wrap canvas is acceptable. All works on paper must be framed under glass or plastic. All 2-D work must be ready to hang.

A maximum of three entries may be entered by each student with a fee of $3 per entry. Entries must meet requirements to be eligible for the competition. Entries will be accepted in the FAB office in the Fine Arts and Communication building. The prospectus will be in the office, and also hanging outside the door of FAB 06. Entries will be accepted between 9 am and 5 pm through Thursday, April 18. All entries must have the prospectus filled out, and fee paid at the time of artwork submission. The exhibit will be juried by Avram Dumitrescu, Carol Fairlie and Gregory Tegarden. Entries will be judged solely on originality, creativity, technical merit and craftsmanship. Entries not accepted for the exhibition must be picked up from Room 108 as soon as possible. Accepted works must be picked up at the conclusion of the show, May 10.

The Awards Reception is Thursday, May 4 (Dead Day) from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

For more information, contact Fairlie at fairlie@sulross.edu or Tegarden at gtegarden@sulross.edu.
Zuzu Verk Murder Trial Update: 4/8/17

By Andrea Bode, Reporter

Robert Fabian, former boyfriend of Zuzu Verk—the slain Sul Ross student who disappeared on Oct. 12, 2016—was indicted for murder on Mar. 17, 2017.

Fabian is currently being held at the Brewster County Jail with a bond of $750,000.

Chris Estrada, a friend of Fabian, has also been indicted and is awaiting trial on counts of tampering with physical evidence and concealing a human corpse. Estrada is accused of helping hide Verk’s body; car keys and cell phone, as well as plastic drop cloths purchased by Fabian with Estrada’s credit card on the day of Verk’s disappearance.

He remains in the Presidio County Jail with a bond set at $500,000.

Sul Ross’ 100 years saluted at state capitol

Resolutions saluting the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Sul Ross State University were read in both houses of the Texas Legislature April 6. State Rep. Poncho Nevárez, Eagle Pass, and Senator Carlos Uresti, San Antonio, introduced the resolutions.

Top photo, Sul Ross representatives gathered with Nevárez in the Senate. Uresti introduced the resolutions in the House.

A memorial celebrating Verk’s life was held Feb. 9 at the new outdoor amphitheater on the Sul Ross campus. The amphitheater was renamed to honor Zuzu Verk, and is now known as “Zuzu’s Place.”

The date and location for Fabian’s and Estrada’s trials have not yet been determined.

A scholarship has been set up in Verk’s name for natural resource management students at Sul Ross. To donate to the Zuzu Verk Memorial Scholarship Fund, contact the SRSU Office of External Affairs, PO Box C-114, Alpine, TX 79832, or call 432-837-8892.

Doing their part to beautify area

Sul Ross students and friends joined members of the Biology Club to clean up a section of highway Friday, April 7. Several SRSU student organizations and sports organize and participate in clean-up projects on a regular basis to keep Alpine beautiful. Photos by Vashti Armendariz

Iconic desk retired, replaced for Centennial Celebration

Sul Ross State University students and staff honored the university’s 100th birthday by replacing the historic desk on Hancock Hill Monday, Apr. 3. Members of the Lobo football team transported a new desk up the hill, then gathered around the existing desk before transporting it to the campus. The old desk was a featured item during the community-wide birthday party in the Gallego Center Apr. 4, and is now on display in Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library.

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Sul Ross State University student journalists brought home 29 awards from the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention, held Thursday-Saturday, March 30-April 1 in Dallas.

Magaly DeLeon, Houston, earned a second-place award in the on-site news photography competition, while Gunner Gardner, Granger, received an honorable mention in both feature photography and editorial writing.

Sul Ross students received 26 more awards in previously published categories: 16 for *The Skyline* news magazine, seven for *The Brand* student yearbook and three for *The Sage* literary magazine.

Both Gardner (feature photo) and DeLeon (sports feature photo) won first-place awards for *The Skyline*, while Susanna Mendez, Temple, won first place in the sports feature photo category for *The Brand*. Other *Skyline* awards went to: DeLeon, second place, sports feature photo, and honorable mention, page one design, shared with Jesus Guerrero, El Paso. Rainey Miller, Stephenville, placed second in non-photo illustration and headline writing, third in feature photo, photo illustration and feature page design, shared with Guerrero, and honorable mention in editorial and information graphic.

Shawna Graves, Austin, placed third in news photo, and Kacey Barton, Midland, third in information graphic.

Honorable mention awards went to Chris Castillo, San Antonio, sports news story; Andrea Bode, Georgetown, news story; and David Wehmeyer, Del Rio, opinion-editorial page design.

Guerrero placed third in end sheets for *The Brand*, and received honorable mention in title page, sports package and photo story, shared with Gardner. Vashti Armendariz, Marfa, received an honorable mention for organizations copy.

*The Sage* received an honorable mention in overall excellence. Dr. Laura Payne, professor of English and chair of the Department of Language and Literature, is the publication’s adviser. Richard Pearness, Alpine, received a third-place award for his poem, while Steven Coffey, Amarillo, received an honorable mention in the essay category.

“Overall, Sul Ross students produced high-quality work in a statewide competition that includes major universities,” said Cheryl Zinsmeyer, Student Publications adviser. “Winning three awards in on-site competition was a major achievement, with 47 schools represented in wide-open competition.”

Nine students were inducted into national and international honor societies at the Behavioral and Social Sciences department’s annual banquet Thursday, March 6. Christy Sanchez, Anastasia Welch, Brock Hammock, Marissa Garcia, Melissa Gomez, Andrea Bode and Lisa Zakharova were inducted into Phi Alpha Theta national history honor society. Kaden Sols and Vashti Armendariz were inducted into the Sul Ross chapter of Psi Chi, the international psychology society, and Heath Wilkerson was inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. Each student received cords to wear at graduation. Photo by Andrea Bode
Jones, Stevens, Lozano pace SRSU track teams

Sul Ross’ tennis teams will wrap up the 2017 season with a pair of matches at Howard Payne University, Brownwood, next weekend. The Lobos, 8-12 overall, 0-4 in the American Southwest Conference, and Lady Lobos, 2-10, 0-4, will play UT-Dallas Friday, April 21, and Howard Payne Saturday, April 22.

Sul Ross’ men fell to Hardin-Simmons 8-1 April 7 and 7-2 to McMurry April 8 in their final home matches of the year. Number four singles Kyle Ferguson won the Lobos’ only match against HSU, while Ryan Ray, number two singles, and Gunner Gardner, number six singles, won against McMurry. The Lady Lobos dropped both matches by 9-0 scores.

Tennis teams conclude season at Howard Payne

With two series remaining, coach Troy Canaba’s Lady Lobo softball team has established a single-season win record. Despite dropping narrow contests to Mary Hardin-Baylor (5-1, 4-2, 7-5) at Belton April 7-8, Sul Ross has a 13-21 won-lost record, 8-16 in American Southwest Conference play, good for seventh place in loop standings.

Series victories against Belhaven (4-10, 4-2, 6-1) and LeTourneau (2-1, 4-3, 6-12) vaulted the Lady Lobos into double figures in the win column, eclipsing the previous season high of nine.

Sul Ross closed out the home schedule April 13 and 14, hosting second-place continued below

East Texas Baptist (27-6, 19-5 ASC). They travel to Tyler April 21-22 to meet league-leading UT-Tyler (31-2, 22-2)

Jackie Gonzalez has posted a 7-12 won-lost mark on the mound, with a 3.63 earned run average. Bailey Garrett is 5-7 with a 3.38 ERA and two shutouts.

Destanie Hernandez leads the team in most offensive categories, including a .369 batting average, 38 hits, 10 doubles and 23 runs batted in. Alex Trotter is hitting .311 with 28 hits and a team-high 16 runs scored. Jav’ana Gonzalez (.288), Darrin Doesdralen (.284) and Zuriah Leyva (.269) have combined to score 43 runs and drive in 32.
Sul Ross nine seeks late charge

Coach Bobby Mesker’s Lobos won two of three games from visiting LeTourneau April 7-8 to improve their American Southwest Conference record to 5-13, 12-21 overall. Sul Ross remains three games behind Hardin-Simmons (8-10) for the final playoff spot, and will need a late charge to reach post-season play.

After traveling to Las Cruces, NM for a doubleheader against Division I New Mexico State April 11, Mesker’s team is idle until April 21-22, when they host University of the Ozarks (3-12). The Lobos end the regular season April 28-29 at Abilene against Hardin-Simmons.

Sul Ross dropped three games at East Texas Baptist University March 25-26, won one of three against visiting Louisiana College the following weekend, then posted 9-5, 11-10 victories over LeTourneau before falling 14-9 in the final contest.

Ryan Almager leads the team in most offensive categories with a .367 batting average, 47 hits, nine doubles, five home runs and 33 runs batted in. Three other regulars (Wesley Moss, .328; Phillip Ruxell, .319; Jonathan Bagley, .313) are also hitting over .300. Johnny Campos (.289) and Chris York (.276) have each scored 26 runs and nine players have at least 10 RBI each as the Lobos are batting .300 as a team.

Cody Remore leads the starting pitchers with a 4-3 record and 3.13 earned run average. Relievers Aaron Marquez and Peyton Marriott have combined for a 5-4 mark with two saves.