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Domestic violence affects us all

By Rainey Miller
Co-Editor

In Mongolia they'd drink the blood of horses, and I used to twist this fact into perverse justification of the crime. If men with 500 words to describe an animal could slit its throat in reverence, in desperation, perhaps the same was true of me—my friend called me many different names, himself answering to Buyaka, Boroo, the Brown Boy, Old Man, and Rain.

“Rain,” I'd echoed, sequestered in the sunlit dining room. “We are the rain.”

Born to collide in Grant Village, Wyoming, we traveled the north in our out-of-place skins, me singing, him rapping softly in the language of the steppe. We cleaned hotel rooms.

His scars were his freedom ticket, a physical excuse etched in skin, in my mind. He'd been hurt; therefore, he was only doing what he knew, like his ancestors, sucking life out of those who he loved. I was his horse, snow-blinded by idolatry—what was a neck wound to me?

(He knew better.)

When I heard that October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I mulled it over for some time. The words conjured up images of people fist-fighting, throwing furniture through windows, and stabbing each other's eyes out with cutlery, at which point I realized that most of what I knew was from movies (and not even *good* movies). While domestic violence can certainly include such dramatic scenes, I soon learned that it actually encompasses a wide range of behaviors, not all of which are physical.

Allow me to elaborate.

Aside from acts of aggression like hitting, grabbing, or biting a person, domestic violence can take on the form of emotional, psychological, verbal, sexual, or even financial abuse. Some examples could be harassment, stealing, or making the victim feel worthless; isolating a person from their family is another way of exercising power. Ultimately, it's about control.

“Whether we realize it or not, domestic violence affects all of us,” says Dr. Kathy Stein, director of the Academic Center for Excellence at Sul Ross. Stein is also the Sul Ross Honors Club adviser.

The Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend (FCCBB), the Sul Ross Counseling Center, and the Sul Ross Honors Club joined together this month to sponsor several activities focused on domestic violence awareness. Hearts were signed in the UC to share support for healthy relationships, ring fingernails were painted purple, and students completed a relationship quiz given by the counseling center. On October 11, around 130 people—not including volunteers—participated in a candlelight vigil, a ceremony honoring the 158 Texas women who lost their lives to domestic violence in 2015. At 6:30 pm yesterday, students attended the Love Shouldn't Hurt Workshop in the LVCR to share stories, statistics, and support information concerning the topic of domestic violence.

Throughout the month, “Wear Purple Mondays” have encouraged students to don purple as a visual reminder of domestic violence, and the Honors Club has been collecting shampoo, soap, combs, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other personal hygiene items for the FCCBB.

“Let's make the world a safer place for everyone. When you’re running for your life, you don’t have time to stop and pack a bag,” Stein points out.

True. It feels obvious now, but I'd never thought about the implications that domestic violence has on a person's life. It had always seemed backwards to me, so self-defeating, that people didn't bother to report it—how could they not speak up? If not to the police, then at least to somebody, a friend, a neighbor, a coworker with a listening ear.

Now I understand: it's not like the movies.

When it happened to me, I was quiet for a long, long time, even to myself. I didn't scream, I didn't call 911; I just got up and went to work.

I made dozens of beds in silence, flicking my wrists the same way I always had to make the sheets unfold. Then I went to the employee dining room, where I ate chocolate cake and my words.

It wasn't like the movies at all.
Sul Ross students were joined by members of the Alpine community on Oct. 11 at a candlelight vigil to remember those lost to domestic violence. Photos by Alfonso Anaya
Find a job at Career Fair next week

Sul Ross State University hosts its bi-annual Career Fair Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 10 am-2 pm in the Espino Conference Center. The event is sponsored by Career Services and Testing.

Visitors are encouraged to bring resumes and will be able to investigate job markets, meet with recruiters, explore business resources, and apply for available positions. Appropriate business attire is recommended. A best-dressed professional contest will be held, as well as a drawing for door prizes.

Businesses and organizations represented at the Career Fair include: Workforce Solutions, Dallas Police Department, SHOPKO, Texas Department of Public Safety, Midland Veterans Center, Permian Basin Community Centers, Texas A&M Forest Service, Fort Stockton ISD, FBI, Amerigroup, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Sul Ross Admissions and Recruiting, Sul Ross Financial Aid, Big Bend National Park, Department of Family and Protective Services, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Odessa Police Department, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA-Texas Farm Service Agency, Sul Ross Career Services and Testing, Davis Mountains State Park, Sul Ross Student Support Services, U.S. Border Patrol, Big Bend Regional Medical Center, College Forward, Presidio County Health Services, Small Business Development Center, Tornillo ISD, Fort Davis National Historic Site, and Sul Ross Graduate Student Center.

For more information, contact Jan Rueb, 432-837-8178 or jrueb@sulross.edu.

Center for Big Bend Studies conference
Nov. 11-12

History, culture and archaeology of the Big Bend and northern Mexico will be addressed at the 23rd annual Center for Big Bend Studies (CBBS) conference, scheduled Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12.

About 50 informative presentations are scheduled at the conference to be held in the Espino Conference Center, Morgan University Center.

The conference is free to Sul Ross faculty, staff and students with ID. The cost to attend the conference is $50 for the general public if registering before Nov. 4, and $55 thereafter. Registration can also be done at the conference.

The Friday night banquet speaker, Mary Margaret McAllen, will discuss “Maximilian and Carlota: Europe’s Last Empire in Mexico.” Cost for the banquet is $35 for CBBS members and $40 for non-members before Nov. 4, and $40 and $45, respectively, thereafter.

To register and for a list of presenters and topics, visit http://cbbs.sulross.edu. For more information, call 432-837-8179.
McNair-Tafoya Symposium slated for Oct. 31

Oral and poster presentations highlighting undergraduate research will be featured at the 9th annual McNair-Tafoya Research Symposium Monday, Oct. 31.

The symposium will be held from 3-5 pm in the Espino Conference Center, Rooms A and B. There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

Oral presentations include:

* Yelixa Avila, El Paso, “Effects of Body Manipulation on Insect Succession and Postmortem Interval in the Transpecos Region of Texas,” Dr. Christopher Ritzi, Biology, mentor.

* Fabiola Baeza, Presidio, “Diet of the Common Black Hawk (Buteogallus anthracinus) and the Gray Hawk (Asturina nitida) at Big Bend National Park,” Dr. Sean Graham, Biology, mentor.


Avila, Baeza and Chavez will also present academic posters, along with Alondra Arce, El Paso; Laura Cardona, Fort Davis; Dominic Carrillo, Midland; Stephanie Elmore, Fort Stockton; Jesus R. Guerrero, El Paso; Adrian Maldonado, Alpine; Fabiola Muniz, San Antonio; Keziah Munoz, San Antonio; Jasmin Quinonez, Tornillo; Jarrod Richter, George West; and Gloria Villanueva, San Antonio.

The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program is designed to encourage first-generation, low-income students and minority undergraduates to consider careers in college teaching as well as prepare for doctoral study. Students who participate in the program are provided with research opportunities and faculty mentors.

Named in honor of the astronaut who died in the 1986 space shuttle explosion, the McNair Program was established at Sul Ross in October 2007. It is funded through the Department of Education’s TRIO programs.

The annual symposium is also named in honor of the late Dr. Jesus Tafoya, Sul Ross Professor of Spanish and a long-time advocate of the program.

McNair students received a stipend of $2,000 and three semester credit hours (during the first summer class session) for completed research projects. In addition to the on-campus McNair-Tafoya Symposium, students are encouraged to present their findings at state and national conferences.

For more information, contact Dominique Vargas, director, 432-837-8019 or dvargas@sulross.edu.
To LARP or not to LARP?
All you need to know about the new LARP Club

By Malyssa Reed
Reporter

LARP—an acronym for live action roleplay—is a type of interactive role-playing game in which the participants portray characters through physical action, often in costume and with props. The players pursue goals within a fictional setting represented by the real world, while interacting with each other in character.

LARP Club founders Westin Huffman, junior, and Cameron Naegele, freshman, started the club this semester. The club's first meeting was Oct. 5.

"It feels like you are playing a video game," Huffman said. He and Naegele have spent years studying the fantasy roleplaying game.

"It’s kind of [like] reenacting the old-time swordplay of the medieval era,” Naegele said.

The game's uniqueness is what draws, and has drawn, a lot of students to the new club.

Huffman explains that LARPing "is sort of, or considered, a nerdy thing, dressing up in fantasy-style clothing with foam weapons and attacking each other. At the same time it’s an exhausting sport; you are running around, you’re swinging your arms. It's very stamina-driven."

Naegele feels that LARP provides an opportunity to be someone else.

"You don’t have to abide by what you think everybody thinks of you,” he said. “You get to create yourself as someone else and express yourself in different ways.”

The club is currently trying to raise money for the materials for weapons and determine the best day for their first battle. Due to the varied class schedules of members and others interested in the club, regular meeting times have not yet been established. Meeting times will be announced soon, as the club is planning to host a battle in the near future.

There will also be other meetings for specific parts of the LARP game. Huffman says that there will be meetings in the beginning aimed at building weapons (weapon contact areas must be padded with foam), battle rules, and cosplay.

“It’s a real-time fighting game,” Huffman said. “You are in the moment with your weapon, with your comrades, strategizing, eyeing up your opponent. It is all split-second decisions.”

He points out that each player gets to create and build their own character. “You become that character when you play,” Huffman said. “You get the chance to be whoever you want to be.”

For questions about the club as well as joining, contact Huffman at whuf2507@sulross.edu. Put “LARP” in the subject line.
‘The Christians’ opens tonight at Studio Theatre

Tonight is the opening night for the award-winning play *The Christians*, presented by the Sul Ross Theatre department. Curtain time is 8:15 pm in the Studio Theatre in the Francois Fine Arts building on the Sul Ross campus.

The play, written by Lucas Hnath and directed by Assistant Professor of Theater and Communication Marjie Scott, is set in an American megachurch and explores why we believe what we believe and what can happen when our beliefs change.

The cast list includes Jason Roman, Jonathan Fields, Gabrielle Rule, Alyssa Longoria, Cory Hill, Dona Roman, Diff Torres, Demontrel Childress, Chinasa Okorocha, Marcelino Velasquez, Malyssa Reed, Michael Amerson, Benjamin Stringer and Aracely Guerrero.

Show dates and times are Oct. 21, 22, 28, and 29 at 8:15 pm, and Oct. 23 and 30 at 2 pm. Tickets are $9 for adults, $7 for students and seniors. Sul Ross students get in free with a valid student I.D.
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Volleyball travels to Hardin-Simmons tonight

Sul Ross volleyball hosted Concordia Oct. 6 and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Oct. 7 and fell 1-3 in both contests.

The Lady Lobos were more successful when Howard Payne University traveled to Alpine Oct. 11. The Lobos won that game 3-1.

The soccer team traveled to Richardson last weekend for the ASC Crossover at the University of Texas – Dallas. The Lady Lobos lost all three matches at the tournament to Belhaven University, 0-3; University of Texas – Tyler, 1-3; and East Texas Baptist University, 1-3.

The Lady Lobos dropped to 3-19, 2-9 ASC.

This past week, the Sul Ross volleyball team traveled to Brownwood (Oct. 18) to play Howard Payne, and will be in Abilene tonight to play Hardin Simmons University.

The Lady Lobos will play their final home game Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 7 pm when they host the University of the Southwest at the Gallego Center.

Soccer wins one, loses three

By Stephen Christopher Castillo
Sports Reporter

The Sul Ross women’s soccer team hit the road Oct. 6 in an attempt to turn their away game luck around. Their first matchup was against the Comets at the University of Texas at Dallas, who came out in what seemed like a blur, quickly topping the Lobos with three fierce goals.

Lauren Ebbs scored off a penalty kick to put Sul Ross on the board, but the Comets answered back to end the first half 4-1.

Ebbs scored once more on a 20-yard shot assisted by Xandria Cisneros. Ebbs completed her evening hat trick when Rachel Hamilton assisted her from mid-field.

UTD closed out the match with one more goal right before the final buzzer, giving the Comets a 5-3 win.

On Oct. 8, the Howard Payne Yellow Jackets hosted the Lady Lobos in a brief game that saw the Sul Ross soccer team claim their first on-the-road victory, 1-0.

Sul Ross hosted the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Oct. 13, and the visiting Crusaders came out swinging as they scored three quick goals and ended the half with a 3-0 lead.

Ebbs’ scoring kick with her non-dominant left foot was Sully’s one and only goal, as the Crusaders ended the Lady Lobos’ home win streak with a final 3-1 score.

On Oct. 15, visiting Concordia University had a three-goal rally to top Sul Ross 3-2 in the Lady Lobos’ last home game of the season.

Ebbs and Hannah Medina scored the Lobos’ two goals. The loss left the Lady Lobos at 5-7-1 for the season and 3-5-1 in ASC play.

The Sul Ross soccer team plays McMurry University tonight at 7 pm and then Hardin-Simmons University tomorrow (Oct. 22) at 1 pm. Both games are in Abilene.
Football wins two big ones at home

The Lobo football team celebrated a sweet homecoming win over Belhaven University Oct. 8 in a packed Jackson Field, 52-36.

Quarterback James Davis threw for a season best 321 yards and two touchdowns, and kicker Adam Cruz had a perfect seven out of seven scoring kicks.

The Lobos drew first blood on Jeremy Schilhab’s five yard run, and Adam Cruz’ extra point gave Sul Ross a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter.

Belhaven came back with two touchdowns but no extra point conversions before the team of Schilhab and Cruz came back to score again, giving Sul Ross a 14-12.

Davis scored a seven-yard TD run and Cruz nailed the extra point. Two minutes later, Davis connected with Jeremy Reed on a 46-yard pass for another score. The Blazers answered with six points and another failed conversion to make the score 28-18.

With 26 seconds left in the half, Jordan Batson scored on a 15-yard run. After the extra point, Sul Ross led 35-18 going into the half.

Davis fired a 30-yard touchdown pass to Byron Jones at the start of the third quarter and Cruz was good on the extra point. Belhaven came back with two touchdowns in the third, but both their two-point conversion attempts fell short. Sul Ross kept the lead at 42-30.

In the fourth, Schilhab scored again and Cruz’ kick was good. The Blazers answered with their final touchdown and another failed conversion.

Cruz topped off the game with a 24-yard field goal to make the final score 52-36.

The following Saturday, the Lobos ended a 12-year losing streak with the Louisiana College Wildcats, 21-14, Oct. 15 at Jackson Field.

Schilhab scored Sul Ross’ first touchdown in the game, and Cruz’ extra point was good to give the Lobos a 7-0 advantage going into the second quarter.

Davis hit Josh Lopez from 11 yards out for a TD and again, Cruz kicked the extra point, and the Lobos went into halftime with a 14-0 lead.

The Wildcats scored two touchdowns in the second half with successful extra points, with Sul Ross’ Jeremy Reed connecting with Steven Savedra for a 20-yard touchdown. Cruz’ extra point attempt was good.

The Lobos (3-3, 1-1 ASC) are in Abilene tomorrow night (Oct. 22) as they take on McMurry University.
Coach Pearce on season, spirit and superstitions

By Stephen Christopher Castillo
Sports Reporter

After the Lobo football team’s dominant homecoming win over Belhaven University, I had a chance to sit down with Head Coach John Pearce to get his views on the win, his projection for the rest of the season, and even some of his game day superstitions.

Now that we’re mid-way through the season, has your outlook changed at all?

“Obviously our guys are still improving, but I like where we are as a team. Right now we have some bumps and bruises. We have a few guys down—a few concussions here and there—so those guys will of course be missed this week. However, the family aspect of the team is there and I like what we’re doing. On the field and in the locker room I couldn’t ask for more of a family-based team and I’m proud of the improvements we’ve made in many different areas. I’m looking forward to seeing how we take that “family” aspect into full effect while on the field the rest of the season, and see it improve our season for the better.”

Have there been any major differences you’ve made in the program since your time here that you feel have really changed the team/program in a better way?

“Discipline—if I had to put it all in one word. I came in and took over a program that was renegade—I use that loosely, but that’s what it was, end of story. We haven’t played a perfect game on the road. We tack twelve to fifteen penalties [on the road] while when we are here at home we’re gaining five. We still haven’t been able to improve on that and possibly that’s because of the way the conference favors the home team. When you look at the films, we’re the same team on the road as here at home, and I don’t know why we get more penalties on the road. We’re competing in probably the most competitive and intense D3 conference so it’s tougher, of course. With three teams in the top 20 and other teams coming up in the ranks every day, so we’re making sure not just the coaching staff is committed and disciplined, but also the players. Commitment improves a lot of different aspects of the game. When I arrived, it seemed as if the program was treated as intramurals. You have to make a commitment to it as with anything else you want to thrive.”

With the team coming off the win over Belhaven and hosting Louisiana this Saturday, what have you told them to keep the winning mindset going?

“One of the first things I said was ‘opportunity.’ With only about ten seniors on the team, it’s obviously up to the juniors to take on many roles. With them being the biggest class as well as the first class, they’ve lived and gone through all the growing pains adjusting to the next level that is college football. We’re on the edge with teams who were better or equal to us, and with a win, the team feels better, of course, so we are gonna use that to help us on the edge of those teams that put pressure on us, the Howard Paynes and others. This is an opportunity to take on Louisiana College who is always one of the top teams in the conference, and I feel like personnel-wise we’re matched with them, while in other years they’ve come through and beaten us by 30 points, so I see this as an opportunity to actually put us on the map as a team that can be feared and a threat in a big intense conference like ours. [It should] really give our guys a showcase to show off their hard work that they have put in all these years.”

When entering a game, do you try and stick to a base defense or offensive strategy?

“We’re multiple both sides of the ball. With Coach [Zac] Conner introducing his new offense, he really utilizes our athletes and gets the on-field matchups going. Defensively we have always been a 3-4, but added a little 4-3 in training camp with some more defensive line talent. Special teams-wise we keep it conservative, nothing crazy. One big upgrade was our kickers with two freshmen coming in who have both had some big field goals and kickoffs that allow us to capitalize more on the specialty area of the game.”

I know some players have “game day rituals” or “superstitions.” Do you have anything you do on game days to give you a little lucky advantage?

“I wore a white shirt last week so I’ll be in a white shirt this week. I’ll just keep the same routine every game day that I’ve done since I was player. I feel like that’s just something I’ve kept up for more of a mental ease on game days.”

NOTE: This interview was conducted before the Oct. 15 game against Louisiana College, which the Lobos won, 21-14. The last time the Lobos had a win over LC was in 2004. And yes, Coach Pearce wore his white shirt.
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