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cover photo by Magaly De Leon
If you were to walk into the University Center during dining hours then you have probably seen Food Service Director Monir “Mo” Desouky interacting with students and faculty eating there. Aramark has been Sul Ross’ food provider for many years, and in just this past year, students have noticed a change.

Desouky took the job as food service director here two months ago, and in the time that he has been here, he has already made changes and plans to make more.

“We have added more choices for the students,” Desouky said. “We now provide a vegetarian station, a whole station to provide nothing but vegetarian options for those who cannot eat beef, pork, etc. Also we added a gluten-free option for the students. If you love pizza but cannot eat pizza because of the gluten you can ask us, ‘Hey, can you make me a gluten-free pizza?’ You can get that now.

“We can also get all the nutrition facts online,” he said. Nutritional information is also posted at every food station.

Themed dinners are also planned, Desouky said. In addition to the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners provided by Aramark in the past, meals modeled toward Mardi Gras, Valentine’s Day and Cinco de Mayo are also in the works.

Desouky also plans to expand Aramark on campus and provide more accessible food to students. Aramark feeds a good portion of the student body and food is something the students talk about a lot to each other and others. Sul Ross students have been noticing the recent changes.

“It’s great! The service is always great,” sophomores Hawk Sullivan and Gunnar Latham said. “Today we wanted to get some orange juice but there wasn’t any in the machine. One of the workers told us he would fill it back up and we could go sit down. Then he brought us both orange juice.”

Freshman Zuriah Leyva agrees, “It’s great!”

Jade Arbuckle, junior, said, “I like it. Sometimes some of the items don’t taste very fresh, but overall it is good.”

There are students with other opinions as well.

“I feel like sometimes they rush when thinking of the meal for the day,” said junior Nicolas Westerlink. “I have experienced some stomach problems after eating some of the food. I know they work hard though, and I appreciate that.”

Before Desouky came to Sul Ross he worked for many years at Eastern Oregon University and the University of Idaho.

“I really enjoy being the food service director for Aramark, and that is the truth. There is no sugar coating,” Desouky said. “I enjoy engaging with the students, and I am sure you see me doing that at every meal. I enjoy engaging with faculty and staff. Sul Ross University in particular is one of the best schools I’ve worked for.”
Concepcion Gomez is one of several student workers employed by Aramark. “Since Mo has started here, I believe the quality of our food has greatly improved and I’ve heard many compliments about the food lately,” the graduate student said.

“We’ve had a wider variety of choices and different specials every day. That way the students can taste different foods. Student feedback is great so we know what stays on our menu and what we won’t use in the future. I for one enjoy the food very much and enjoy cooking for the students.”

“Each year we get more kids and it can be pretty stressful for a student worker, but I’ve always liked a challenge and that’s why I’ve stayed around for so long,” said Valeria Chavira, Sul Ross senior and three-year Aramark employee. “It’s a good working environment, and new management has made improvements to the menu and everything runs smoother behind the scenes.

“I just hope that the students can understand that we are trying our best to satisfy their dietary needs given the resources and limited time and staff we have,” Chavira said. “We really care about what we serve, and we are open to constructive criticism. I hear students complain about the food and service, but there’s a hard-working staff that really cares about the students.

“And if you liked the fruit salad during brunch this past semester, you’re welcome! That was made by hand by yours truly.”
OUTTA THE CLASSROOM
1-2 On Tuesday mornings, members of the Baptist Student Ministry serve hot coffee and pastries to anyone on campus who wants to stop by and socialize at O’Coffee. Photos by Vashti Armendariz
3-5 Sully Productions pulled out all the stops Jan. 28 when they hosted Bongo Ball and Battle Ball for Sul Ross students in Graves Pierce Gym. Photos by Vashti Armendariz and Gunner Gardner
6 Belen Bray receives her prize after winning with Vince Apodaca during Grocery Bingo. Photo by Magaly De Leon
‘THE MISER’ BEGINS NEXT WEEK

BY MIRIAM AGUIRRE
REPORTER

“The Miser” is set to begin Feb. 25 through March 6 at the Studio Theatre in the Francois Fine Arts Building. Performances are Thursday-Sunday at 8:15 pm and Sunday at 2 pm. This is the first production this semester from the Sul Ross State University Theatre Program.

“The Miser” is adapted from a play written by French playwright Molière, and is directed by Gregory M. Schwab, professor of Theatre. Schwab has changed the setting of the story to a more modern setting, the Hamptons in the 1980’s.

“It’s a lot of fun and it’s important because even though [the play] was written 400 years ago, it can be very modern,” Schwab said. “It contains topics like lust. Lust for money.”

This theatrical production is considered a comedy due to the absurdity of its characters, namely the main character Harpagon. He is a greedy man who takes great care of his fortune. Harpagon is a widower who has a daughter named Elise and a son named Clint. Due to his greed, he decides to marry his daughter off to an older wealthy man. The problem is that Elise is in love with someone else.

Harpagon himself is trying to marry a beautiful young woman, Mariane, but he does not know that she and his son Clint are in love. Meanwhile, Clint is trying to get a loan to help Marianne and her mother who is ill. The plot is fast-paced and ends with a satisfying conclusion.

The cast members of “The Miser” are sure that the audience will enjoy it. “It’s really fun play,” Elizabeth Watson said. “Young adults can enjoy it most of all.”

“It contains very college humor,” Lizzie Simpson said, while Eddie Molinar remarked, “It’s really funny and relevant.”

The cast of “The Miser” and their respective roles are: Westin Huffman as Vahid; Watson as Elise; Joshua Martinez as Clint; Fernando Powers as Harpagon; Molinar as La Fleche; George Garcia as Master Simon; Simpson as Frosine; Michael Amerson as Master Jacques; Gabrielle Rule as Marianne; Collyn Glaspie as Chief of Police; Matthew C. Hymer as Anselme; Amanda Almaraz as Marianne’s Mother; and Jonathan Fields and Callie Jones as Police Officers.

30TH TEXAS COWBOY POETRY GATHERING

BY MIRIAM AGUIRRE
REPORTER

The 30th Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering is coming to Alpine Feb. 26 and 27. This two-day event will be held on the Sul Ross State University campus.

Over the course of the Poetry Gathering more than 50 performers will present their poetry, stories and songs.

“We’ve got more poets than usual coming this year, some of the best,” Ida Hoescher, one of the organizers, said. “We’ve got R.W Hampton playing a special show at 1 pm on Saturday. Over 60 poets, musicians, and storytellers will be here.”

Each morning starts off with an authentic cowboy breakfast at the Poet’s Grove near Kokernot Park. The buffet features eggs, hot biscuits, gravy and coffee. The chuckwagon breakfast starts at 7:30 am both days for $5 per person.

During the day performers gather in classrooms to share their poetry and music. Most of these sessions are free and everyone is welcome. The sessions last about 50 minutes and there are about four performers in each classroom. Some of this year’s performers are Jerry Brooks, Don Cadden, Mikki Daniel, Jean Prescott, Trinity Seely, Heather Watson and Nathan Schmidt.

On Friday, Red Steagall will perform at 1 pm and, as mentioned before, R.W Hampton performs Saturday at 1 pm. Tickets for the 1 pm special shows are $10.

Evening performances at Marshall Auditorium begin at 7:30 pm. Tickets to these performances are $15.
All tickets will be available for purchase starting Feb. 25 at the University Center.

In years past, the Museum of the Big Bend’s Trappings of Texas exhibit and sale event was held in conjunction with the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering. This year’s Trappings of Texas will be held April 17-18.
A number of mule deer does found themselves in new territory this week as part of a research project through Sul Ross State University’s Borderlands Research Institute (BRI).

A collaborative effort by the BRI, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), El Carmen Land & Conservation Co. (ECLCC-CEMEX) and several other sponsoring organizations seeks to invigorate mule deer population at Black Gap Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and adjacent ECLCC-CEMEX property in southeastern Brewster County. A total of 75 mule deer does were net-gunned by helicopter from two private ranches and Elephant Mountain WMA Feb. 9-11. Following capture, the deer were hobbled, blindfolded, and then transported by slinging via animal bags and cable to the staging areas.

After veterinarians and biologists took blood, fecal and DNA samples, inoculations were administered, ages were recorded, the deer were fitted with VHF (Very High Frequency) or GPS (Global Positioning System) collars, transported to Black Gap WMA and ECLCC-CEMEX, and released. Thirty-five of the does were released into a 500-acre enclosed area. After two weeks, they will be freed to roam the rest of Black Gap’s 100,000-acre domain, as well as the adjacent ECLCC-CEMEX property.

In addition to Elephant Mountain, the national park and also stayed there.”

Shawn Gray, TPWD Mule Deer and Pronghorn Project Leader, said relocation projects have been fairly common in restoring mule deer populations to healthy levels.

Collaring the deer provides valuable data on determining travel distances and corridors, establishment of home range, and habitat utilization as well as mortality.

“This (monitoring) will help us learn why and how mortalities occurred, how they use their new home, and what we can do to better manage conditions,” Gray said. He added that preliminary data indicated last year’s “soft release” does “appeared to be staying closer to the release area, as opposed to the deer that were hard released.”

Chris Basse, owner of Maravillas Gap-Basse Ranch, said he was happy to participate in the relocation project.

“Our doe population is very strong, and we felt comfortable donating. The ranch is like a nursery; the place is covered with does and fawns.”

Basse credited ample water as a key to the ranch’s mule deer population. In addition to a consistently-flowing creek, nine new wells have been drilled. With the exception of high fences bordering each side of the ranch’s airstrip, “we’re all natural out here (in terms of habitat).”
STUDENTS GET CAREER SAVVY AT JOB SEARCH WORKSHOP

BY STEPHANIE ELMORE
REPORTER

Finding a job and getting the preparations done for one can be rather difficult at times, but Sul Ross students got some help with that at the Job Searching Workshop Feb.15. Missy Wallace, Career Services intern, gave the workshop.

“My main goal was for students to come here and possibly look for jobs,” Wallace said. “We have a lot of information that students are not familiar with and I want to help everyone here as much as I possibly can.”

Wallace taught participating students the basic fundamentals of finding a job online and preparing for interviews. Student were shown where they can look for jobs on campus, around Alpine, and even outside of Alpine.

Students were also able to learn about the work atmosphere, how to fit a job into their schedule, how to balance a job with school, and how to decide if the job is a fit.

Writing resumes that get the attention of recruiters and highlight qualifications was also covered.

Students can put their new job search skills to the test when Career Services hosts their Spring Career Fair here April 6.

SUL ROSS HOSTS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI/HALL OF HONOR BANQUET FEB. 20

Seven individuals and two teams will be recognized by Sul Ross State University at the annual Distinguished Alumni/Hall of Honor banquet tomorrow, Saturday, Feb. 20.

Honorees include: Dr. Bart Pate, Fort Worth, and Dr. Oscar Ybarra, Ann Arbor, MI, Distinguished Alumni Awards; Jason Hennington, Pflugerville, Distinguished Young Alumnus; Humberto “Beto” Hinojosa, Odem, Slingin’ Sammy Baugh Award for Outstanding Service; Athletic Hall of Honor inductees Javier Arrieta, El Paso; Henry Paige, Edinburg; B.R. “Poppy” Rodriguez, McAllen; and the 1969-70 and 1970-71 women’s volleyball national championship teams.

A 5:30 pm reception and 6:30 banquet will be held in the Espino Conference Center, Morgan University Center.

Reservations are $50 per person and may be secured by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations, 432-837-8697 or alumni@sulross.edu.

Details may be found at www.sulross.edu/hallofhonor.
Congratulations to our Lobo men’s basketball team, ASC West Division Champs! With their win last Saturday, Feb. 13 over Concordia, 94-91, the Lobos claim the championship as well as the honor of hosting the annual men’s conference tournament at the Gallego Center Feb. 25-27.

Tournament outlines and opponent matchups were not available at presstime—as well as the results of their on-the-road game tomorrow night (Feb. 20) in Brownwood against Howard Payne University.

In Saturday’s contest with Concordia, senior guard Rocky Feliciano had a career-high 32 points and another perfect game from the foul line as he shot an outstanding 8-8, making it his fourth of the season.

Both Caleb Thomasson and Brock Anders shot for 14 points against the Tornadoes, with Jacob Dawson and Alex Harrison close behind with 13 and 11 points of their own.

The game was all back and forth, tied 8-8 at the 16-minute mark. Then our Lobos went on a swinging 8-0 run to bring the score up to 32-18 with 8 minutes left in the first period to stay ahead.

Feliciano couldn’t stop his hot streak as he drained a three-pointer with just 3 seconds in the half and the Lobos closed it out 52-44 when the half-time buzzer sounded.

The Tornadoes tied the game at 52-52 off some free throws early into the second half that they slowly built to a four-point gain.

By three minutes left in the game, the Lobos held onto a very slim one-point lead at 83-82. The Tornadoes pulled to within one twice more before Feliciano closed the game with a pair of free throws in the final seven seconds.

The Lobos hold onto a six-game winning streak and improved to 15-8 on the season and 10-3 in the ASC.

Our first-place Lobos close out the season against Howard Payne in Brownwood tomorrow. Starting next week on Thursday, Feb. 25, teams and fans from the seven other teams in the conference will converge on Sul Ross State in Alpine as the conference tournament begins.
Photos by Magaly De Leon and Susanna Mendez
YAN CARLO VILLA

BY MIRIAM AGUIRRE
REPORTER

When asked to sum up his college experience in one word, YanCarlo Villa said, “Beautiful.”

Villa is a Sul Ross State University senior ready to graduate in May. He grew up in Presidio, a town 86 miles from Alpine, and graduated from Presidio High in 2013.

Villa’s major is in political science and he hopes to accomplish many things with it. After graduating from Sul Ross, he plans to attend law school. He has applied to some schools but has not decided on one yet. Once he finishes law school, he plans to become a practicing criminal defense attorney and eventually hopes to run for public office.

Villa said he has enjoyed his time at Sul Ross. What he most likes about it is the community.

“Everything is small, but it has a very rich culture,” he said. “Everyone knows you and they support you.”

Of his many accomplishments Villa is most proud of being accepted into the Pi Sigma Alpha honor society.

He has participated in many Sul Ross activities. He is currently in SGA, Math Club president, and president of Lambda Pi Eta honor society. In his recreational time Villa likes to play soccer, play video games, and eat.

He thanks his parents for supporting him through the college experience and helping him have a healthy lifestyle.

Villa’s advice for students is, “Have a social life, but make sure that is not the focus of your college experience. Grades are the most important thing.”

ELIZABETH KNEESKERN

BY VASHTI ARMENDARIZ
REPORTER

El Paso native and Sul Ross senior, Elizabeth “Liz” Kneeskern is an animal science major set to graduate this May. Upon graduation she will either remain at Sul Ross to pursue her master’s, or attend Texas A&M University to work on her doctorate in veterinary medicine. She hopes to move to Los Angeles and open her own practice for exotic animals.

While she has always had a love of exotic animals, game programming is another of Kneeskern’s passions. She is a member of the Gaming Technology Club and is the first among its members to create a game.

Kneeskern describes her game as similar to Breakout, but since she never planned on releasing it, she has not assigned it a name.

Once Dr. Ken Laviers, associate professor of computer science gaming technology, saw the game, he insisted she take upper-level programming classes. She is currently taking Object Oriented Programming.

Kneeskern advises students to take electives in a variety of subjects.

“It’s a good way to get [students’] feet wet in other fields,” she said. “Especially if students are unsure of what they want to do.”

As she is one class short, she cannot declare game programming her minor, but Kneeskern does plan to continue pursuing her passion of video game programming. Currently, she is helping fellow Sul Ross senior Vince Parras with the programming of a game he is creating.

In her spare time Kneeskern fancies the occasional hike on Hancock Hill, volunteering at the Alpine Animal Shelter, and, of course, playing video games. She enjoys playing resource management games such as her favorite, Harvest Moon, as well as first-person shooter games such as Halo.

Kneeskern has also been an SRSU Ambassador for two years.

“My favorite thing about Sul Ross is that the faculty here are pretty much your best friends,” she said. “They are friendlier and more welcoming than any other university I have been to.”

Kneeskern imparts a word of caution to those interested in gaming technology: “Since gaming technology is a growing field, many students will be graduating with that degree, not just from Sul Ross, but other universities as well. It is a very competitive field to get into, almost like medical school.”

Kneeskern leaves students with these words to live by: “If you have a passion, feed it, and let it drive you.”
DIVERSITY ALMOST AT YOUR DOORSTEP

BY SHAWNA GRAVES
REPORTER

Fabiola Muñiz is the station manager of Sul Ross’ online radio station KSRU as well as Radio Club president. She has worked since fall semester to get the campus radio station operational.

“Our mission is to make this as diverse as possible,” she says. “[At Sul Ross] we have people from China, from New Mexico, from Chicago. I live in Mexico.”

Like many students, when Muñiz moved to Alpine, she came from a big city background. She thinks the Radio Club can bring the sometimes hidden creativities and diverse backgrounds of the student body to the surface.

For now, KSRU is only accessible through the Lobonet server due to firewall restrictions. In the past, the school radio station was broadcast publicly using radio frequencies through an FM station. This required Federal Communications Commission licensing. Since the current system is broadcast online it does not need to be licensed. This keeps things simple, but there is restricted access due to the way campus internet is set up.

Radio Club faculty supervisor Bret Scott says, “The firewall is the largest roadblock holding the station back from reaching a broader audience. Any time a change to the configuration of the school’s network system is planned, there are hundreds of other variables to consider—will this affect other services? Do we have enough server and bandwidth capacity? Are there security implications? For those reasons, and a bunch of others, getting internet broadcast for our station has taken time. On the plus side, we at least have broadcasting on the school’s local network.”

Director of Technical Services Greg Freidline says OIT is doing everything they can to get the radio station set up for world-wide web access as soon as possible. “I’m fully confident we’ll get it done this semester,” he says.

In spite of current limitations, broadcasters are honing their skills. Marcus Ely, theatre major, is preparing to do a morning show that features classic rock, outlaw country, Americana and singer-songwriter acts. Abbegail Alvarez, communications major, is working on an electronic dance music show. She will also do sports interviews.

“You must be a member of the Radio Club to get a show,” Muñiz says. Show times are flexible for student schedules. They can be as short as 15 minutes, or as long as several hours. The equipment and software is user friendly; it’s just a matter of deciding what to play.

In addition to music, airing interviews, news topics and special interests are examples of what can be included in a program. Students may be interested in reading their original one-acts, poetry and other writing. Musicians may be interested in creating a local music show, or broadcasting their own tunes. To contact Muñiz about joining the club, email fmxm14ry@sulross.edu.

Muñiz says she is looking forward to broadcasting local talent to a worldwide audience. Until then, Scott says, “Anyone with a device connected to the school’s system can go to sulross.edu/ksru and hear what’s playing right now.”
LADY LOBOS MAKE IMPRESSIVE SHOWING AGAINST HARDIN-SIMMONS

BY STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER CASTILLO
SPORTS EDITOR

With a loss at home to Howard Payne, 68-63, our fighting Lady Lobos just couldn’t get ahead at the final buzzer. Even Jonette Jackson’s double-double wasn’t enough to get the victory.

Many missed free throws and some lazy passes by the Lady Lobos couldn’t beat the speed and pressure by the Yellow Jackets.

Sul Ross was down by 14 going into the second half and the ladies came out with some intensity as Ashley Minjarez brought the point deficit to within four, but it was too little too late.

The Lady Lobos hit the road to take on Hardin-Simmons in Abilene Feb. 4 for what could probably be the best game Sul Ross has played all season, stripped of their win by one point, 72-71.

Jackson scored 18 points and had 8 rebounds in the game.

The teams were neck-and-neck in the first half, but a second-half 10-0 run by the Cowgirls put a hold on the Lobos’ drive.

Sul Ross played well with a never-say-die attitude and kept fighting hard but a final layup by Jackson just before the final buzzer wasn’t enough and our Lady Lobos came up just shy of a victory.

The Lady Lobos fell to the Lady War Hawks of McMurry Feb. 6, and it couldn’t have been any more devastating. Our Lady Lobos led by 5 points going into the second half, but McMurry went on an 11-0 run to put a comfortable cushion between them and Sul Ross.

The Lady Lobos weren’t able to get their feet under them and with the War Hawks constantly going on multiple 5-0 runs, the result was a loss for Sul Ross, 86-71.

The Lady Lobos took another devastating loss Feb. 11 when they hosted the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Sul Ross’ Kenya Miles’ team high of 11 points still wasn’t enough, with the first four minutes of the game owned by the Crusaders. The Lady Lobos had one of their lowest shooting percentages of the season, shooting 29 percent.

The Crusaders made more rebounds, resulting in more points with their size advantage over the Lady Lobos.

The Sully team eventually grabbed the lead and went on a 6-0 run led by Miles and were able to hang onto their lead until the second quarter when an easy Crusader jump shot put the visitors up by one, 20-19.

The game stayed tight until the halftime buzzer with UMHB leading 26-25.

A quick two free throws by point guard Ashley Ousley handed the lead back to the Lobos, easily followed up by a fundamental jump shot by sophomore Minjarez to give the Lady Lobos a decent lead of 29-26.

Then the Crusaders took advantage of the tired Lobos to again take the lead. The Lobos missed easy shots and free throws as the Crusaders grabbed rebounds and points to take the win at 50-43.

Feb. 13 saw the Concordia Tornadoes take down SRSU’s Lady Lobos in their final home game 65-52.

Sully improved their shooting percentage over their last game to 39 percent.

Junior Ousley scored 11 points and Miles grabbed 10 rebounds, but despite the Lobos’ best efforts they would not score as much or more than the Tornadoes until the fourth quarter. By then it was too late.

Concordia took advantage with scoring runs and led going into the half by eight, 36-28.

In the third quarter, the Lady Lobos put up ten, compared to Concordia’s 18 points.

A fourth-quarter jumper by Minjarez at a little over the six-minute mark put Sul Ross within ten, but this was the last time they came that close.

Concordia put the nail in the coffin to end the game with a 13-point lead, 65-52.

The Lady Lobos end their season at Howard Payne tomorrow (Feb. 20) in Brownwood.
Lobo baseball opened up the season with a game two victory over the University of Dallas Jan. 30.

Despite multiple RBIs putting our boys in a 2-0 lead, the Lobos lost the first game of the series to the Crusaders 6-5.

A solo home run put University of Dallas down by one. A back-and-forth battle between the Lobos and the Crusaders created a nail-biter going into the fifth, with the Lobos just within victory’s grasp.

Some wild pitches and other mistakes on the Lobo’s side gave the Crusaders a 6-4 lead. Even the Lobos’ best efforts only brought them within one at the end of the game.

But the loss didn’t stop the Lobos going into game two.

Justin Vajgert pulled off four hits over six innings to help the Lobos get a 10-4 win, splitting the season opener to 1-1.

The following day, the Lobos faced the Crusaders in the final game of the series. The Lobos had to fight the whole game just to come up shy, losing 11-10.

The Lobos’ next meeting, this time with Schreiner University, was a different story. The home team swept Schreiner in games Fe. 5 and 6.

After defeating Schreiner 13-8 in the first game, the Lobos didn’t slow their roll.

With Chris York, Ryan Almager and Ely Gallego each getting home runs, and pitcher Gallego striking out more than ten batters, the Lobos maintained their momentum in the second game. This would allow the Lobos to get the second win in the series going up 2-0.

The Lobos dominated the Mountaineers in the third game in the series with a 16-hit train to claim a 12-6 win to improve their record to 4-2.

In the Rusty Greer Classic in Grand Prairie Feb. 12-14, the Lobo baseball team lost their first matchup with Hardin-Simmons, 4-7, but came back the following day for a close win over Chapman University, 3-2. The Sunday game against California Lutheran University was a tough loss, 2-14.

The tournament was a good opportunity for head coach Bobby Mesker to see what our Lobo boys need to improve on to make this season a great one, as the team gets prepared to take on University of Texas-Permian Basin at Kokernot Field next Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 4 pm.

Our next home game after that is slated for March 18, so come out and support Lobo baseball Tuesday.
Sul Ross softball was swept by the University of Texas-Dallas in four games last weekend in Richardson.

The Lady Lobos got off to a rough start as they dropped their first two games of the season to UT-Dallas, 3-0 and 5-0 on Feb. 12.

In the third game, UTD’s Lauren McLeod threw a no-hitter as the Comets defeated the Lady Lobos, 9-0, Feb. 13.

In the final game, the Comets again prevailed to win over Sul Ross, 21-2. The Lady Lobos’ runs came in the first inning when Kaela Simon and Nicole Stoltz scored on a single hit by Shelby Doederlein.

The Lady Lobos host Cooncordia University today (Feb. 19) in a double-header starting at 3 pm on Lobo Field. Softball action continues tomorrow as they end the series at noon.
VICTORY IS SWEET FOR MEN’S BASKETBALL

BY STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER CASTILLO
SPORTS EDITOR

Men’s basketball can’t be beat!
Sul Ross students should be holding their head high with our men’s basketball team being on a winning streak. With their Jan. 30 home victory against Howard Payne 78-69, the Lobos have really been showing their talent on the court.

Rocky Feliciano scored 26 points in the game to help propel the Lobos to victory. With a close game at the half, 33-27, the Lobos held a slim lead over the Yellow Jackets. Only a minute into the second half, the Jackets came out shooting to bring the game within one point. Our Lobos came back with an 8-0 run giving them a very good cushion. Another push from the Yellow Jackets cut the deficit down to two points with a little under a minute left in the game. The Lobos again took a drastic lead of another eight points to guarantee the win.

The win ensured that the Lobos stayed in first going into their next game against Hardin Simmons in Abilene on the fourth.

Lobo men’s basketball came back to dominate Hardin-Simmons Feb. 4 with a final score of 108-98.

Our Lobos were fearless with five players scoring double digits. Caleb Thomasson and Xavier Webb scored 34 points combined, it would appear the Lobos bulldozed the competition. Sul Ross had multiple unanswered points going on 4-0 and 5-0 runs against the Cowboys.

The victory kept the Lobos in first place in the conference west and improved their overall record to 12-8 and conference record to 8-3.

A quick shot by Caloss from behind the arc advanced the Lobos’ lead into double digits that the home team built up to 15. UMHB didn’t give up, slowly notching away until a jump shot that gave the Crusaders their first lead of the second half with less than nine minutes left.

After some back-and-forth battle, the Lobos gained the upper hand after going on 4-0 and 5-0 runs but the Crusaders came back again, getting as close as one point.

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TENNIS IMPROVES AFTER ROUGH START

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It was the same result for the Lobo women’s tennis team as they fell twice as well, 0-9, 3-6, to TLU.

The Lobo men’s tennis team had a massive turnaround after taking a 6-3 loss to Schreiner University Feb. 12, they came back later in the day to win 7-2 over the University of the Ozarks in Kerrville.

Brian Arriaga, Juan Samaguey, Jason Martinez, Damian Blanco and Gunner Gardner picked up wins in singles, while Samaguey and Victor Garcia, and Nathaniel Boatwright and Martinez took the second and third flight of doubles, 8-6 and 8-0.

Women’s tennis wasn’t as lucky though, as they pulled out only one victory, 9-0 over Louisiana’s Centenary College, while losing 4-5 to University of the Ozarks, 0-9 to Schreiner, and 3-6 to Howard Payne.

The 9-0 win over Centenary was the Lady Lobos’ first victory of the season.

Hanna Schultz, Marissa Rodriguez, Annette Posada, Catherine Mendez, Shelby Stegent and Jaedyn Gutierrez all posted wins in singles.

Both teams will play at home this weekend as they host Schreiner and University of the Southwest in Alpine.
An interactive listening installation by SRSU graduate Kevin Ramler is on exhibit until Feb. 26 at the main gallery in the Francois Fine Arts Building. *Orbital Resonance or the Wonder of Sound and Light* responds to visitor-generated sounds with a changing display of ceramic lights. Photo by Vashti Armendariz