Kristyn Harris of Collin County, Texas, is the Academy of Western Artists 2014 Western Female Performer of the Year. Harris is one of the featured performers at the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine this month. Her heart lies in cowboy and western swing music, inspired by her ranch life as well as music of classic and contemporary western icons. Kristyn is noted for her singing, songwriting, swing rhythm guitar style, and yodeling (named the WMA Female Yodeler of the Year in 2012).

Cowboy Poetry Gathering begins Feb. 27

By Bailey Dunks  
Reporter
Come out and join the 29th annual Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering, hosted by Sul Ross State University Feb. 27-28.

The Texas Cowboy Poetry gathering has been a long time tradition here in Alpine and the event holds a great amount of history. So come celebrate the oral presentation of hardworking cowboys in poetry, stories and music.

More than 50 performers are scheduled throughout the weekend in classrooms and in Marshall Auditorium on the SRSU campus.

The events kick off Friday with an authentic chuckwagon breakfast at 7:30 am and last throughout the day. The meal will feature coffee, eggs, biscuits and gravy for $5. The breakfast location will be at the Poet’s Grove, next to KVLF Radio on Loop Road.

The event is open to anyone who wants to join, including students. There will be charges for the night shows. Details are available at texascowboypoetry.com.

Specific details, including when and where each performer will be, are in the official program, available for purchase in the University Center.

Travel with Sully to Europe in May

By Bailey Dunks  
Reporter
The Sul Ross Study Abroad Program encourages students to experience other countries and get cultured! Every year Dr. Esther Rumsey, Professor of Communication, along with other professors and staff, takes a group of lucky students out of the country for a college study tour. The destinations and itineraries vary from year to year.

This May they will be traveling to Switzerland, Italy and the French Riviera with an optional two-day extension into Paris.

It’s not too late to sign up. The deadline was Feb. 8, but reservations may still be made with a late fee.

The group departs May 18 and will return May 29.

This tour is designed to give students a better understanding of Europe and its history by visiting several of Europe’s key landmarks, such as the Swiss Alps, Doge’s Palace, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and more.

For students who are interested in participating in study abroad but don’t have the time or money for this year, there is always next year!

The trip for 2016 is “The Holocaust in Europe.” It features a tour through Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic with an optional extension in Munich to explore and gain understanding of World War 2 and the Holocaust. The payments for next year’s trip can start now to ease the cost.

“We live in a shrinking world,” Rumsey said. “These trips help give students a broader understanding of the world we live in. It is beneficial to actually see the things we study in the classroom.

“Also, some college credits are offered along with the trip and vary each year,” she said.

The travel plans are made through Education First-College Study Tours. Payment plans and detail organizing can be found at efcollegestudytours.com.

For more information, contact Rumsey at 432-837-8211, erumsey@sulross.edu, or FAB 203A.
Editor’s Message

Déjà vu. Alpine got snowed in again. But that did not stop the Lobos, as campus opened at 10am on Feb. 12. Thanks to everyone who sent in snow photos.

Skyline staff would also like to wholeheartedly thank the businesses who donated to our Valentine’s Day raffle and to all who participated. We’ve put all our resources into getting the magazine printed in El Paso, and have had to seek new fundraising options since making our calendar is no longer possible. Big Bend businesses jumped at the chance to help us out—you guys are really nice! Our raffle consisted of some amazing prizes, and we want to recognize all those who contributed:

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Reata
Ivey’s Emporium
Double K Flowers and Gifts
Rangra
And everyone who bought a raffle ticket!

You helped Skyline raise over $500 to attend the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association conference. It’s one of the major opportunities for Skyline members to improve their journalism skills.

We look forward to attending this conference and improving our game!

Sincerely,
Shawna Graves
Editor-in-Chief

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on the cover
FRONT: Two big snows in Alpine this February? So far, yes! Freshmen Justin Lynn, Karlee Hubble, Ilana Medrano and Darla Acosta didn’t let a little snow keep them inside and enjoyed the white stuff on campus. Photo by Susanna Mendez
BACK: Scott Wassermann, left, helps woodwork students Josiah Bencomo, Junior Catano and Thomas Stoddard with one of the tools. See related story on page 11. Photo by Magaly De Leon

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Harris shows how to be a diplomatic rebel

By Shawna Graves
Editor-in-chief

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Law Enforcement Academy resumes

By Shawna Graves
Editor-in-chief

Has the Sul Ross Law Enforcement Academy been discontinued? That’s the rumor that’s been floating around campus, but rest assured that’s not the case.

There has been no LEA at Sul Ross since Lloyd Dragoo, former director of SRSU Law Enforcement Academy, accepted a position elsewhere at the end of summer 2014. Dragoo now directs Lone Star College’s Law Enforcement Academy in Harris County.

Dragoo’s move prompted SRSU’s Academy advisory board, including Dr. Larry M. Guerrero, Dean of the College of Professional Studies, to re-evaluate the program at Sul Ross.

The position for Director of SRSU’s Academy is still open, with a couple candidates under consideration, Guerrero said.

In the two semesters prior to Dragoo’s departure, enrollment was less than 10 cadets per session. Pass rates were excellent, but demand was low.

The solution, Guerrero believes, will be in hosting the Academy once a year rather than bi-annually.

“Academy never went away,” Guerrero said, addressing rumors to the contrary. “We’ve just decided to have it in the summer, and see how that works.” Currently, 38 applicants are on target to attend during summer 2015.

Hosting the Academy during the summer provides a new opportunity for SRSU students, according to Guerrero. Students who were unable to attend the rigorous program during regular spring and fall sessions may be able to attend during a summer session.

“There is no financial aid available for the program,” Guerrero said, “but it’s another option to consider.”

The Basic Peace Officer course covers topics necessary for successfully completing the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement exam (TCOLE), at which point cadets can apply for positions as licensed peace officers.

Course work includes training in mechanics of arrest, first aid and firearms, report writing and much more.

All prospective cadets undergo a screening process prior to attending the Academy.

Enrollment for the program is still open.

Information packets are available from Lizet Holguin, Law Enforcement Academy secretary, lholguin@sulross.edu, or call 432-837-8614.

Theatre Dept.’s MICRO-CINEMA review

Harris shows how to be a diplomatic rebel

By Shawna Graves
Editor-in-chief

The annual Micro-Cinema film series, free for students, was a must-see event for political science majors in addition to film aficionados.

Last Thursday kicked off this year’s series with documentary, LaDonna Harris: Indian 101. It used careful editing of interviews and visual materials to convey the story of Harris’s activism without the use of voiceover narration (aka, the new verity style). The film’s name comes from the forum that LaDonna Harris, Comanche and political activist, initiated in Congress in the 1960’s.

Indian 101 (the forum) provided education to uninformed and misinformed congressional leaders on everything from current Native American affairs to Native American rights. Many in Congress had no idea that Native Americans existed, much less had rights. The film graphically portrayed the chaos of the 1960s, as oppressed peoples of the United States demanded equality. Indian 101 (the film) provided insight into what made Harris’s activism successful, and gave historical context for her continued work.

A powerful undercurrent to the film, as well as to Harris’s success, was the understated love story with her senator husband, Fred Harris. It was difficult to tell who loved and respected the other more, as Mr. Harris constantly gave credit to his wife and vice versa. Mrs. Harris did not go to college, but her husband included her in his intellectual activities. She made the most of being a hostess to his study groups, saying she was educated as well as her husband.

Mrs. Harris, who grew up on a reservation, used observational techniques learned from her grandparents to her advantage. During her husband’s tenure as senator, Mrs. Harris was so ingratiating and diplomatic, that she brought opposite sides of the political aisle together on several radical initiatives on behalf of Native Americans.

Harris has not retired. She is currently interested in helping Indigenous peoples survive in a global world, and founded Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO). AIO looks for ways to empower Indigenous peoples on the global playing field of politics, commerce and trade.

Harris said, “Indigenous peoples should define for ourselves, within the context of our own cultures, what kind of leaders we need for the 21st Century.”
Senate Bill 2015.2 passed during the second Student Government Association (SGA) meeting of the semester. Also called the Sanitary Disposal Bill, it was enacted to ensure that sanitary waste disposal cans be placed in all girls’ restrooms across campus. It was in response to complaints about a lack of disposal cans in many stalls. It’s a simple bill that illustrates the practicality of the government process.

Student government is straightforward once you get the hang of it. Representatives from campus clubs, student senators and executive committee members meet every other week to discuss university concerns.

The senate is made up of two senators for each grade level and four at-large senators. For clubs to remain in good standing with the university, a club representative must attend each meeting.

The SGA has an executive branch that runs a variety of committees. They are always seeking more members.

For instance, there is the Food Committee, which in theory, exists to address student concerns about campus food options (no one ever complains about that, right?). But if there aren’t any members, nothing happens.

Now is a good time to get involved with SGA because there are several student government seats open. Being a member of SGA allows you to present and vote on bills as well as join any of those committees.

In addition to passage of the Sanitary Disposal Bill, three new clubs were approved during the Feb. 11 meeting. Malik Willis was in attendance on behalf of the newly formed Chess Club. He said the club is for anyone interested in improving their chess game, as well as those who just want fellowship with other players.

The new Kinesiology Club and Men’s Soccer Club were also approved. The Men’s Soccer Club wants to see the budding men’s team develop to the point of getting NCAA backing.

Meetings are usually pretty short, but there is always time for discussion (before, during and after!). Everyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting is Feb. 25 at 5:30 pm in WSB 210.

The following Student Government positions are available:

- Freshman senate seat
- Freshman justice seat
- Sophomore senate seat
- At large senators (open to any grade level)
- Criminal Justice major senate seat
- Kinesiology major senate seat

Show up to the SGA meeting on Feb 25 in room 210 in the Warnock Science Building at 5:30 pm if you’re interested. Or email Secretary Danielle Lucero at dluc1460@sulross.edu.
In the Cloud

When we consider backing up a research paper or notes, we must consider the cloud. In internet terms, a cloud-based storage system allows someone to store data in a separate physical location across an internet connection. But which is better: a backup hard drive/USB drive or cloud storage?

The simple answer is both. While storing files on a USB drive or external hard drive, your data is secure physically, but it also may get lost if you damage the drive or after constant use. No piece of hardware will last forever. On the flip side, cloud storage allows you to maintain that data, but the only thing keeping your data secure is a password. Make sure this password is difficult to guess.

The next time you consider how to back up your research or paper, consider the USB drive in your pocket and cloud storage as an option—having two back up systems will allow you to sleep easier knowing you will have your files as long as you need them.
Director talks about upcoming production

By Tresa Hamner
Contributer

From March 28 through April 4, Sul Ross Theatre will present the award-winning musical thriller by Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler: “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.”

Rehearsals began the first Wednesday of the semester, while music rehearsals began past August. Scott, Assistant Professor of Communication, previously directed the Theatre of the Big Bend’s Gala Event (Nov. 2014).

Scott has three big visions. One, he said, is to “create an experience that leaves the audience excited, gasping, gape-mouthed and, well, thrilled.” Secondly, he is focused on making it fun for the cast. “If it’s fun for the actors, it’s fun for the audience,” he said. And finally, he wants to “sneak a little thought-provoking stuff in all this amazing music and action.”

“I’m always excited for the next thing,” Scott said. He loves visualizing a picture in his head and then gathering talented people to make it come to life. “I hope this art form inspires the cast and the cast’s work inspires the audience,” he said.

The show is set in London, 1846. “The codes of behavior of the Victorian Era—shipping prisoners from England to Australia, the existence of a Beadle as civic post, the role of barber as neighborhood surgeon/dentist/haircutter—all these elements are very time-specific,” he said, and would likely fail to work in another time setting.

On working with theatre professors Greg Schwab and Dona Roman, Scott said, “It’s just a joy, because they have nimble, creative minds, and are willing to try anything. [Their] passion for acting and a willingness to explore are what really make the work of rehearsing more like a play.”

Lecturer in Fine Arts and Communication, Dr. Lana Potts’ role in composing the musical score has been huge. Potts created melodies that have kept Scott humming for months. “The melodies of the show are incredibly infectious,” he said, adding, “I don’t think anyone fully understands how lucky we are to have her.”

“Come see the show and find out for yourself,” Scott urges.

For advanced ticket information, visit www.sulross.edu/theatre or call 432-837-8218. Tickets are $8 for seniors, and $10 for adults, and current Sul Ross students, faculty and staff receive complimentary admission.

Please follow us on our social media websites: Facebook: www.facebook.com/SulRossTheatreProgram; Twitter: @drama_srsu; and Instagram: @sulross_drama.
Today
TEXES, sponsored by SR Career Services and Testing, at 8:30 am in the UC room 211-B.

Want to volunteer? Come to the Maintenance Work Volunteer Opportunity at the Davis Mountains State Park from 8 am-11 am.

The SR Rodeo Benefit Team Roping will be at the S.A.L.E Arena from noon-6 pm. Put on your boots and attend! Free.

If you love drawing, join the Museum of the Big Bend for Drawing with Zen Approach. The two-day event is from 5-7 pm today and tomorrow. Cost is $100 person; materials are included. Class size is limited.

Cheer on the Lobos today: a softball double-header against the University of Texas-Dallas begins at 3 pm at the softball field, and the baseball team takes on University of Texas-Tyler at 7 pm at Kokernot Field.

Tomorrow
If you enjoy fresh produce, come to the Alpine Farmer’s Markets at the Hotel Richey and Big Bend Thrift Store from 9 am-noon.

The Lobos basketball teams have their final home games at the Gallego Center this afternoon against East Texas Baptist University. Women at 1 pm and men at 3 pm. Go Lobos!

Softball action against UT-Dallas today at noon at the softball field.

Baseball team takes on UT-Tyler for a double-header starting at 1 pm at Kokernot Field.

The Hall of Honor Gala is being held in the Espino Center Conference on the second floor of the University Center at 6:30 pm.

Sunday, Feb. 22
A Piano Recital will be held in the Studio Theatre (Fine Arts Building) at 3 pm.

Monday, Feb. 23
AES: Strategic Napping in Ferguson Hall room 203 from 4-5 pm.

Are you a hoola-hoop fan? Join the Hoola-Fit Hoop Dance Classes at 5:30 pm at the Granada Theater. The charge is $10-$12 per class for 5-10 classes in advance or $15 to drop in.

A Hooping Jam follows at the Granada Theater from 6:45-8 pm. Bring your hoop, plenty of water and be prepared to dance. Free.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meeting at 6:30 pm at the Lobo Village Community Room.

The Baptist Student Ministry meets for food and fellowship at 8 pm at the BSM Building, 902 E. Lockhart.

The Range & Wildlife Club meets today at 6 pm at the RAS room 130.

Have fun with math problems and get help with math concepts at the Math Club meeting, 5 pm, ACR 108.

Tuesday, Feb. 24
AES: Strategic Napping in Ferguson Hall room 203 from 2-3 pm.

The Alpine Community Band rehearses at 7:30 pm in the Sul Ross Band Room, Fine Arts Building. New members are welcome.

Exercise your mind at Your Brain and Movement: a seated awareness through movement class from 10:30-11:30 am at the Sunshine House: 205 E Sul Ross Ave.

Geology Club meets from 1-2 pm in the Warnock Science Building room 210.

SGA meets from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Warnock Science Building room 210. Get involved!

Wednesday, Feb. 25
Awareness through Movement Class from 10:30-11:30 am at the Sunshine House.

The Newman Club meets at the Catholic Student Center at 6:30 pm.

AES: MLA on Microsoft Word in Ferguson Hall room 203 from 4-5 pm.

Thursday, Feb. 26
If you miss your K-9 friend or just want to get out and experience nature, join the Hike with a Homeless Dog at the Davis Mountain State Park, Hwy. 118 in Fort Davis at 9 am.

Join Weight Watchers from 11:30 am to 1 pm in UC room 201.

AES: MLA on Microsoft Word in Ferguson Hall room 203 from 2-3 pm.

Friday, Feb. 27
Join in the 29th Annual Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine. The two-day event celebrates the working cowboy in poetry, stories, and music. More than 50 performers are scheduled on stages and in classrooms at Sul Ross. Visit http://texascowboypoetry.com for details.

Saturday, Feb. 28
The last day of the 29th Annual Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering takes place today.

The Alpine Farmer’s Markets are slated at the Hotel Richey and Big Bend Thrift Store from 9 am-noon.

Support the Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend at their Fundraiser Dance and silent auction at the Alpine Civic Center from 8:30-11:55 pm. Tickets are $20 per person. Proceeds benefit the Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend.

Monday, March 2
AES: Sentence Structure in Ferguson Hall room 203 from 4-5 pm.

The Hoola-Fit Hoop Dance Class meets at the Granada Theater from 5:30-6:30 pm.

The Hooping Jam is at the Granada Theater from 6:45-8 pm and is free.

FCA meets at 6:30 pm at the Lobo Village Community Room.

The BSM meets for food and fellowship at 8 pm at the BSM Building, 902 E. Lockhart.

Have fun with math problems and get help with math concepts at the Math Club meeting, 5 pm, ACR 108.

Bar-SR-Bar MASH club meeting from 7-8:15 pm in the Lobo Village Conference Room.

It’s Rangra Night. See first-run movies for free (with student ID) or at a reduced rate tonight only.

Tuesday, March 3
Alpine Community Band rehearsal begins at 7:30 pm in the Sul Ross Band room in the Fine Arts Building.

AES: Sentence Structure in Ferguson Hall room 203 from 2-3 pm.

Your Brain and Movement: a seated awareness through movement class starts at 10:30 am at the Sunshine House.

Geology Club meets at 1 pm in the Warnock Science Building room 210.

Wednesday, March 4
Awareness through Movement class at 10:30 am at the Sunshine House.

AES: MLA on Microsoft Word in Ferguson Hall room 203 from 2-3 pm.

The Newman Club meets at the Catholic Student Center at 6:30 pm.

Thursday, March 5
Hike with a Homeless Dog is at 9 am at the Davis Mountain State Park.

Get out of Alpine for a little while and support Marfa High School by going to see their One Act Plays at 7:30 pm in the Crowley Theater in Marfa.

Join the Weight Watchers from 11:30 to 1:00 in the UC room 201.
Colton Brownson and Dara Hardy

A Victoria, Texas native, Colton Brownson came to Sul Ross State University to play football and run track. Brownson graduated from Valley View High School in Pharr and started his collegiate career at McPherson University in Kansas. He later transferred to Sul Ross to continue his athletic dreams.

He is graduating with a major in kinesiology and a minor in biology in May of 2015. His plans are to continue his education at Sul Ross with a Master’s degree in Kinesiology. He hopes to one day coach at the collegiate level.

Brownson’s favorite memories usually pertain to athletic trips and the friends he has made over the years. Homecoming bonfires are most memorable to him.

Brownson shares some words of wisdom for undergraduates, “You can be overwhelmed with the reading and working and school activities, and I know it can be tough. But just remember to keep going because it will all be worth it and you will have no regrets.”

Senior Dara Hardy graduated from Parkland High School in El Paso. She came to Sul Ross to continue her love for basketball. She is a very active member of Student Support Services and has been a pack leader and den leader for the past three years.

Hardy will graduate with a major in criminal justice with the hopes of working for the U.S. Border Patrol, or “whatever God has in store for me,” she says.

Hardy’s fondest memories of college are from being on the basketball team and meeting incoming students through Lobo Days activities. She says, “Sul Ross is a great school if you are looking to find who you really are inside. Alpine is what you make it and I’ve learned to be my own person out here.”

Hardy’s advice to undergraduates is, “No matter what you are going through in life, never let it stop you from pursuing your dreams. Take it a day at a time.” She would also like to give a shout-out to the Lobo Den for shaping her into the leader she has become today.

Guest artist’s work exhibited at Sul Ross

Works by ceramics artist Christopher Melia, Denton, will be featured through March 6 in the Main Gallery, Francois Fine Arts Building, at Sul Ross State University. Melia’s work is featured for the annual Guest Artist Invitational.

A closing reception will be held Friday, March 6, 5-7 p.m. at the Main Gallery. There is no admission charge and the public is invited. Regular gallery hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Melia will present a ceramics workshop on Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m. in the Ceramics Building, Room 102. The Ceramics Building is located behind Industrial Technology.

Melia, a native of Humble, teaches art at Little Elm High School and also has a home studio. He received a B.F.A. from Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, and M.F.A. from the University of North Texas, Denton.

“All of my work is designed with function in mind,” according to his artist’s statement. “Everything I make is intended to be used, not to be set on a shelf and merely viewed. I constantly tweak and alter my form designs from experiences in the kitchen.”

For more information, contact 432-837-8218 or visit www.sulross.edu/art.
25th Annual Hall of Honor Banquet

Lobos remembered, in howling red carpet style

By Samantha Vela
Reporter

Nine former Lobos will be honored at the 25th Annual Hall of Honor Banquet Feb. 21 (tomorrow). This event recognizes forever Lobos in many categories.

An estimated 100 people are expected to attend the award dinner in honor of J.L. “Rosey” Dodd, Lance Sterling Jackson and Stephen “Bud” Richards, who will be named to the Athletic Hall of Honor; Ken Batchelor, Charles Mallory and Charlie D. Nichols, recipients of the Slingin’ Sammy Baugh Outstanding Service Award; distinguished Alumna Mary C.L. Parish and Donald R. Sugarek; and Monica Quiroga Maldonado, who will be named Young Distinguished Alumnus.


Jackson was the southpaw pitcher for the Sul Ross Lobos from 1989-1991. His performance was credited during the 1990 season, the year the Lobos won the TIAA Baseball championship with a 15-2 record. He completed his coursework for Sul Ross graduation in under three years and earned Political Science Student of the Year.

Richards earned his B.S. degree in Physical Education from Sul Ross State College in 1957 and his M.Ed. in 1961. Richards lettered in baseball and basketball, playing on the Sul Ross All Conference Basketball Team in 1957.

Batchelor said that if it wasn’t for his Sul Ross football scholarship, he probably would not have made it to college. He earned all-conference honors as a wide receiver in 1964 when Sul Ross won the All-Sports Bowl in Oklahoma City. A 1965 Sul Ross business graduate, he built one of the ten largest Cadillac dealerships in the nation.

Mallory, general partner of The Holland Hotel and Maverick Inn in Alpine, is responsible for restoring both of these historic properties to their original grandeur. As business owner in Alpine, Mallory became involved in assisting his new community and provides major and ongoing support to student scholarships and to the Sul Ross Museum of the Big Bend.

Nichols received his B.S. in History from Sul Ross in 1959. In 1999, he received the first Lobo award from SRSU Exes for significant support to the endowed scholarship fund. Most recently, Charlie and his wife Arline funded a statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross for the Alpine campus.

Parish is a family physician and medical director of Christus Jasper Family Practice and Christus Rayburn Rural Health Clinic. She completed her Licensed Vocational Nurse certificate at Sul Ross State University in 1980, and returned to Alpine in 1997 to open a family practice and was Vice Chief of Staff at Big Bend Regional Medical Center. At the time, Parish was also the primary female doctor delivering babies in the tri-county area.

Sugarek earned a B.S. in Range Animal Science and Geology in 1967 and an M.A. in 1969 from Sul Ross. He was President of the Alumni Association Board from 2007-2014, and a board member since 2004. In a tribute to Sugarek after his death, U.S. Congressman and Sul Ross alumnus Pete Gallego wrote: “He (Don) was one of Sul Ross’ biggest advocates, and the work Don did to support Sul Ross University will be felt by many generations of future students and alumni to come.”

Monica Quiroga Maldonado earned her bachelor’s degree in agricultural business and business administration from Sul Ross in 2005 while a working mom. While here, she was active in the Student Government Association, serving as Association President and Chair of the TSUS Student Advisory Board to the Board of Regents.

Yarborough campaign onlookers at Mount Vernon, Texas, by Russell Lee from the Russell Lee photo exhibit, now through March 29 at the Museum of the Big Bend. “Russell Lee Photographs” draws from the archive Lee donated to the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, Austin, just prior to his death in 1986. The exhibit offers a rare glimpse into the remarkable images Lee produced in 1935 and 1936 when he first took up a camera and highlights the vast body of important work that he produced from 1947-77. The exhibit will be on display in the Museum’s Temporary Gallery through Sunday, March 29. The program and exhibit is made possible through a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, contact Mary Bones, 432-837-8734 or maryb@sulross.edu. The Museum of the Big Bend is open Tuesday-Saturday from 9 am-5 pm and Sundays from 1-5 pm. There is no admission charge, but donations are welcome and parking is available.
IT students lend talents to Literacy Outreach Project

By Kelly Lara
Reporter

Scott Wassermann, instructor of Industrial Technology, and Dr. Pat Seawell, Reading Specialist, are working on a new project to increase the number of books read by the Alpine community. The Literacy Outreach Project will use wooden bookshelves throughout the Alpine area to house books available to the community.

“The Literacy Outreach Project is a little free library that will be located in different neighborhoods, and will help [the literacy rate] in kids of the Alpine community,” Wassermann said.

Wassermann’s woodworking class is creating original bookshelf designs to build for the project. Not only does it challenge students in design and construction, but provides an opportunity for students to participate in community service, Wassermann said.

“We’d like to make this a regular project for students to do every other spring,” he said.

Wassermann’s class embraced the idea and immediately started designing their own one-of-a-kind bookshelves.

Students in the class include Amanda Lawrence, sophomore; Junior Catano, junior; Thomas Stoddard, senior; Nick Clouse, freshman; Bailey Walker, freshman; Peter Perkins, junior; and Josiah Bencomo, freshman.

The Alpine community can show its support by becoming stewards of the little libraries, as well as volunteering to find a place to keep them. Students and members of the community are needed to make sure that the libraries are not vandalized.

For more information on the project, contact Wasserman at jwassermann@sulross.edu.
Tuned in on the Professor of Voice and Choral Music

By Stephanie Elmore
Reporter

Say hello to the one and only, Dr. Donald Callen Freed, Associate Professor of Voice and Choral Music. Freed is a man of many talents and achievements and is always pursuing a new avenue whenever he can.

Freed is a native of Loomis, Nebraska, and has been at Sul Ross State University for 10 years. He earned a Bachelor of Music in Voice from Nebraska Wesleyan University, a Master’s of Music in Voice and a PhD in Vocal Pedagogy from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Moving to Alpine for a wonderful job opportunity, Freed came in sharing all his knowledge and wisdom of music to our Lobo Land and the Alpine Community.

Q: What advice would you give to students?
Non-music majors: “Music is the most temporal of all the arts, music is played or sung for a short period of time and then it’s gone, the instance of music goes on just for a little bit or a note happens in time and then the next note in the next time, so you want to be very careful about expressing what is it you want to in those temporal/temporary times.”

Music Majors: “Hone your craft, make yourself as sharp as you can at being a musician, a singer, a bassoon player, at being a trombone player, etc. So that you know all the tricks of the trade.”

Q: If you were auditioning on The Voice, what song would you perform?
“Something from Stephen Sondheim’s musicals because I think they are some of the greatest musicals ever written. I would probably choose No One Is Alone from Into the Woods or Embraceable You by George Gershwin. I think the old time Broadway tunes still speak to the masses.”

Q: If you could meet anyone from the past, who would it be and why?
“I would probably meet Enrico Caruso because he was considered the world’s finest tenor, and I would like to visit with him about how he used his voice and what techniques and what expressions he had in order to sing in the most magnificent areas in world.”

Q: What inspires you to write your own music?
“I do write my own music and poetry and I have had it published and I have received many awards such as an ASCAP award, which is a composition award. I get inspired by text, like something I write or something that I see that just inspires me, like the text that we are working on in choir. I wrote that and then I thought, well you know I can make a musical setting of that.”

Q: What is your favorite quote?
“As a sideline I write poetry, so I’m going to quote myself!”

Once You Get There
Life is a circle, a series of “theres.”

Once you get there, you’re not there anymore, you’re here. Here is joy in the simple moment, in change, in the here and now, in the revolving and resurfacing of time, eternity now, now eternity. All space leads from and to this moment in never-ending cycles, birth and death, creation and recreation.

Circles are life, A series of “theres.”
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New ‘Area 207’ gives faculty online tech assistance

Calling Area 207 “a place where exciting and perhaps unknown things happen,” President Bill Kibler presided over the ribbon cutting ceremony opening Sul Ross State University’s new Faculty Technology Zone (FTZ) Feb. 3.

Jokingly compared to the federal government’s “Area 51” which studied alien visitors, Area 207 will offer support for online instruction, once an alien/unexplored educational concept. The FTZ is the result of collaboration between the Office of Information Technology (OIT) and several Department of Education Title V grants awarded to Sul Ross, including the Title V Post-Baccalaureate, HITAP, and Adelante Tejas grants, which funded some of the equipment and development staff. The FTZ will provide assistance, consultation and training for faculty for online course preparation and instruction.

Located in Room 207 of the Jim Pitts Academic and Computer Resources Center (ACR), the FTZ includes a small lounge area in addition to computer training/work stations.

“We want faculty to come here and feel comfortable,” said “main alien” Sandy Bogus, the OIT instructional designer who will supervise FTZ operations. “We have instructional sessions scheduled three weeks per month for online assistance, including ‘popcorn videos’ on Tuesdays and Thursdays,” where faculty can munch on popcorn while viewing recorded webinars in a relaxed atmosphere.

The FTZ was initially developed through the Title V Post-Baccalaureate grant which ended in October 2014. The grant objectives included providing more educational access and support for graduate students. Part of making graduate degrees accessible to students is providing more online infrastructure, including faculty development facilities like the FTZ. Since the Post-Baccalaureate grant has ended, the FTZ has been institutionalized under the OIT as a permanent resource for faculty.

Sul Ross President Dr. Bill Kibler cuts the ribbon opening the new Faculty Technology Zone. Photo by Steve Lang
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**Athletes with a purpose...**

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

By Kelly Lara
Reporter

Known around campus as a Lobo basketball player and the guy with the best email signature, Zakk Revelle is also the president of the Sul Ross Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) organization. The FCA, a nationwide organization in just about every university in America, is a nondenominational club where anybody, not just athletes, can go to learn and listen to the word of God.

The Sul Ross FCA meets at 7 pm on Mondays at the Lobo Village Community Room. There, more than 40 students of different backgrounds gather, united by their love for Christ.

At the FCA meetings, those who attend enjoy food donated by The First Baptist Church of Alpine, listen to worship music, and hear a spiritual message given by Revelle. Revelle says the message dives deeper into what Jesus has in store for everyone.

As president, Revelle wants everyone in the Sul Ross community to know that the FCA is a fun club that is judgment free. He says, “Anyone is welcome to come and participate, and to be prepared for a laugh.”

Revelle wants his fellow Lobos to know that the members of FCA, including himself, are praying for the entire student body and hoping that they have a great semester.

For more information about FCA, contact Revelle at zrev5786@sulross.edu or call/text 512-734-1429.

**Big Bend Chamber Music offers four spring concerts**

February kicks off the Big Bend Chamber Music concert season with two concerts. Pianists Alejandro Loaeza from Torreón, Mexico; Juan Velazquez from Juárez, Mexico; Ben Stringer from Alpine and Mario Moneros from Argentina will headline both concerts, the first at 6 pm Feb. 20 at St. James Episcopal Church, Alpine and the second at 3 pm Sunday Feb. 22 at the Studio Theater in the Fine Arts Building on the Sul Ross campus. The performers, who will bring two different programs to Alpine, are master’s level students of Oscar Macchioni at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Continuing at 6 pm on March 6 at St. James, a new guitar ensemble featuring Steve Bennack, Victor Chong and Julian Mock will perform solo and ensemble pieces from both the classical and modern guitar repertoire.

On April 10 at 6 pm at St. James, Sul Ross music faculty members Heather Ainsworth Dobbins and Christopher Dobbins will join pianist Carol Wallace in an evening of bassoon, trombone and piano chamber music.

And closing out the concert season at 6 pm May 1 at St. James is jazz ensemble, Nova Camp featuring Carol Wallace, keyboards; Ron Steinman, drums; Steve Bennack, double bass and guitar and Kendall Craig, vocals in a concert of jazz standards.

All concerts are free and those at St. James are followed by a reception with the artists. While every effort is made to adhere to announced performances, programs and dates are subject to change; local media will have any changes the week of the concert. St. James is located at Ave. A and N. 6th St. in Alpine.
By Malyssa Reed
Reporter

The Baile Folklórico is a representation of the culture in Mexico through dance. “Every song is describing a piece of Mexico and every dance is a story about a state of Mexico,” says freshman Molly Ferguson, president of the new Ballet Folklórico Club on campus.

With help from her fellow teacher, sophomore Ivan Rodriguez, Ferguson teaches the Ballet Folklórico Club on campus. As a participant in a Ballet Folklórico program for four years in high school, her former instructor, Arturo Alferez, encouraged her to start a Baile Folklórico program at Sul Ross when she heard she would be attending school here.

Even though she plans to become a teacher, Ferguson says, “I was nervous to teach the class. I am used to teaching younger girls.” She feels the opportunity to teach people her age will help her to gain experience.

“The idea [to start Ballet Folklórico] came last semester,” Ferguson said. “I thought that Sul Ross was missing something, missing culture. Not one culture in particular, but more culture as a whole. We need to try to spice up the mood. This is going to create a different atmosphere and represent Sul Ross in a different way. I know that by having this program, we can attract more people to Sul Ross.”

She tried to get students interested last semester, but couldn’t get enough people interested to really get the club rolling.

“I told Leo Dominguez (Dean of Student Life) about the idea and he said, ‘Let’s get it going.’”

Early on in the semester, Ferguson and her friend Dafne Rodriguez dressed up in the colorful traditional costumes and walked around campus to try to get people interested in the program. They had more success this time around and around 20 students showed up to the first meeting Jan. 27.

“This semester is a chance to get into the pit and bring ourselves up,” Ferguson said. “We already learned a song on Tuesday.”

In the future they hope to take the club to workshops, not only in the U.S., but also in Mexico if possible, in order to gain more experience and learn more about the art.

Their meetings start with stretching exercises, and, if they are covering new material, Ferguson and Rodriguez will perform a dance to show an example of what is to be learned that session.

After that, the pair jump right into the routine. If a move proves to be a little difficult, they will take the time to go over it with the students.

In following meetings, they will begin by rehearsing old material before they continue onto the new routines.

Practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 to 8 pm in the Graves-Pierce Gym. The practices are two hours long to accommodate those who are still in class, at work, or working on assignments.

“All that I ask of people is that they give me as much time as they can,” Ferguson said. “They don’t have to stay the whole time, but if they want to, they are welcome to stay. I will work with them if they come.”

The club has a Facebook page: SRSU Ballet Folklorico; to get club updates, “like” their page. If you have questions about the club, email Ferguson at mgf13wu@sulross.edu. New members are also welcome until March, when they will have their permanent ballet troupe for scheduled performances.

The club’s first public performance is slated Thursday, April 16, at Sul Ross President Dr. Bill Kibler’s Investiture. They have other tentative dates set for future performances as well that will be announced at a later date.

Photos by Susanna Mendez
Sports Reporter

Sul Ross State University’s tennis teams competed well in their first action of the season, the Schreiner Invitational at the Cree Tennis Center on the Schreiner University campus Feb. 6 and 7.

The men finished seventh with 45 points and the women finished sixth with 19 points.

For the men, junior Todd Barajas finished seventh at first flight singles. He lost to Tolopka of East Texas Baptist, 6-0, 6-0, and to Mizera of Schreiner, 6-3, 6-3, before defeating Torres of Howard Payne.

Junior Brian Arriaga was sixth at second flight singles. He lost to Pena of Schreiner, 6-3, 6-3, defeated Lambert of Howard Payne, 6-2, 6-0, and lost to Alfaro of the University of the Southwest.

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Freshman Juan Samaguey was seventh at flight three singles. He lost to Ellis of Southwestern, 4-6, 6-3, (10-7), and to Rocha of Our Lady of the Lake, 6-1, 6-3, before defeating McIntosh of Howard Payne.

Freshman Ramiro Castro finished sixth at flight four singles. He lost to Hernandez of the University of the Southwest, 6-1, 6-1 before defeating Tyson of Howard Payne 6-1, 6-1. He lost his final match to Strong of Southwestern.

Freshman Alex Alspach was sixth at flight five singles. He lost to Ramirez of Schreiner, 6-3, 6-1, and defeated Sostarich of Howard Payne, 6-2, 6-3, before losing to Grove of LeTourneau.

Sophomore Nathaniel Boatright was fourth at flight six singles. He defeated Goodwin of Howard Payne, 6-1, 6-0, lost to Cooper of the University of the Southwest 6-4, 6-4, and fell to Casillas of Schreiner.

Arriaga and Castro were sixth at flight one doubles. They lost to Carrola and Rogers of Schreiner, 8-1, defeated Torres and Lambert of Howard Payne, 8-6, and lost to Ellis and Marzetti of Our Lady of the Lake.

Barajas and Samaguey finished seventh at flight two doubles. They lost to Huss and Longoria of ETBU 8-0, and to McLaughlin and Grove of LeTourneau, 8-6, before defeating Sostarich and McIntosh of Howard Payne.

On the women’s side, freshman Alexa Gallardo was fifth at flight one singles. She lost to Marlin of Howard Payne, 4-6, 6-3, (10-8), defeated Douglas of Texas A&M-Texarkana, 6-1, 6-1, and downed Rodriguez of the University of the Southwest.

Sophomore Hanna Schulz was seventh at flight two singles. She lost to Vissert of Southwestern, 4-6 6-1 (10-6), and to Hatfield of USW, 6-2, 6-3, before defeating Foster of Texas A&M-Texarkana.

Sophomore Hannah Rodgers was seventh at flight three singles. She lost to Swink of Schreiner, 6-0, 6-0, and to Lofton of TAMUT, 6-3, 6-2, before defeating Krieger of USW.

Freshman Lindsey Griffin was eighth at flight four singles. She lost to Morton of ETBU, 6-0, 6-0, lost to Tovar of USW, 6-1, 6-0, and lost to Langford of TAMUT.

Senior Heather Arias was eighth at flight five singles. She lost to Nuall of ETBU, 6-0, 6-0, lost to Wren of TAMUT, 6-1, 6-2 and lost to Morris of LeTourneau.

Gallardo and Schulz were sixth at flight two doubles. They lost to Swets and Moeller of Southwestern, 8-6, defeated Morriseau and Miley of LeTourneau, and lost to Rodriguez and Hatfield of USW.

Rodgers and Griffin were eighth at flight two doubles. They lost to Wren and Foster of TAMUT, 8-4, lost to Walker and Hunt of Howard Payne, and lost to Krieger and Tovar of USW.

Arias and senior Stephanie Portillo-Cruz were eighth at flight three doubles. They lost to Stofer and Kahl of Howard Payne, lost to Morris and Bright of LeTourneau, and lost to Bullock and Mendelson of Howard Payne.

“I thought that for our first competition, we got a chance to see what we need to work on,” said Sul Ross State Head Coach Dee Dee de la O. “We got a chance to see what we need to do to become a better team this season. We were competitive, and I think our teams will be stronger this season.”

The Lobos will travel to the University of the Southwest this weekend to take on the Mustangs Feb. 21.
By Elizabeth Livingston
Sports Reporter

Sul Ross State University’s baseball team put up a great effort in the first game of their three-game series against Schreiner University Feb. 6, but were unable to pull out the win and lost 1-3. Junior right-hander Justin Vajgert pitched his second consecutive complete game and took the loss; he is now 0-2.

Schreiner took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when left fielder Hagen Fryrear doubled and right fielder Brad Holmes singled him home.

The same combination allowed Mountaineers to double their lead in the third. Fryrear singled, stole second with two outs, and advanced to third on a throwing error by Lobo catcher Emmett Crisp. Holmes singled him home to make it 2-0.

Sul Ross State got on the board in the fourth, when senior shortstop Josh Vasquez led off with a single, moved to second on another single by junior designated hitter Connor Griffith, and moved to third on yet another single by junior first baseman Eli Gallego.

Then freshman third baseman Chris York hit a sacrifice fly to score the run. After Crisp flied out, senior center fielder Turner Mattson drew a walk, but Schreiner’s starting pitcher Hayden Ray got senior right fielder Ozzie Bueno to fly out to end the inning.

The Mountaineers scored the final run of the game in the seventh. Ray allowed six hits in seven innings and earned the win, improving to 1-0, while Charlie Stewart got the last two outs for his second save in as many days.

Lobo junior right-hander Eli Gallego started and took the loss for SRSU, falling to 1-1.

In the second game, the Lobos finally started to swing the bats. They started off hot, scoring six times in the top of the first inning, knocking out Mountaineer starter Montana Hammack.

With one out, Vasquez and Griffith singled, and Gallego followed with a single to put the Lobos on top. Freshman third baseman York followed with an RBI double and Crisp knocked in a run with a single. Freshman right fielder Kleet Smith drove in another run with a single, and the final two runs of the inning scored on an error.

Another run scored on an error in the second, and the Lobos added four more runs in the third.

York tripled home two runs, Crisp singled home another, and junior second baseman Dustan Greer drove in the fourth run with a single. Greer had an RBI single and Smith a two-run double in the seventh, and sophomore catcher Trent Pearson drove home the final run in the eighth.

Sophomore right-hander Ryan Todd earned the victory, improving to 1-0, allowing one earned run and six hits in five innings. The Lobos used four pitchers, with freshman Cody Remore pitching 1.2 innings of scoreless relief and senior A.T. Rivera blanking the Mountaineers in the ninth. Hammack took the loss and dropped to 0-1.

“It was good to see us swing the bats better in the second game,” Mesker said. “I think it was a matter of us getting more comfortable with each other. We’ve used different lineups and we have people who haven’t played together before, and we are just getting more comfortable with each other. I’m thrilled with our pitching so far. We’ve always been known for our hitting rather than for our pitching, but I’m very pleased with the way we’ve pitched so far this year.”

The Lobos are now 2-3, while the Mountaineers are 2-1.

Sul Ross State will return to action when they host Texas-Tyler in a three-game ASC series today and tomorrow, Feb. 20 and 21.
**Eagles fall to Lobos basketball 79-71**

By Elizabeth Livingston  
Sports Reporter

Following the women’s win, the Lobos basketball team made it two for two wins against University of the Ozarks Feb. 7, where they defeated the Eagles 79-71.

Although the Eagles tried to make run for it and tied it up at halftime, the Lobos were able to prevail.

Efforts by both Damien Rhodriquez, who scored a layup with 1:11 left, and Zakk Revelle, who hit a three pointer at the buzzer, tied the game up at 29-29 going into halftime.

Both teams traded the lead many times before Rocky Feliciano hit a jumper to put the Lobos up 49-47 with 11:51 remaining in the game.

The Lobos kept pushing ahead with a layup by Rhodriquez and two three-pointers by Trey Richardson to make the score 60-52 with 7:30 remaining in the game.

In the next three minutes, Richardson hit three more threes to make the score 69-59 with 4:33 to play.

The Lobos insured the victory by making six free throws in the final minute.

Richardson led all scorers with 23 points, while Rhodriquez and Revelle each had 12, and Stephon Holland added 10.

Junior forward Alex Harrison led SRSU with seven rebounds, while Robinson had 11 for Ozarks, which was outrebounded by the Lobos, 43-34.

Revelle had eight assists and Feliciano added five.

After the game Coach Greg Wright said, “I’m happy that we got the win, and getting two out of three at home was nice, especially with one of our starters unavailable. Our guys banded together and got it done. The bench made a big contribution; we held our composure; we outrebounded them; and we did a good job on the free throw line. We did a lot of positive things to put ourselves in a position to win, instead of getting in a hole and having to fight back. We did a good job of moving the ball, sharing it and getting to the free throw line, especially in the second half. They made a run, but we were able to sustain our lead.”

The Lobos played LeTourneau University at home Thursday night (Feb. 19). Results of that contest were not available when the Skyline went to press.

Tomorrow night the Lobos play their last game of the season when they host the East Texas Baptist University Tigers in the Gallego Center. The women start the action at 1 pm, with the men’s game following at 3 pm.

**Lady Lobos outscore Eagles 66-52**

By Elizabeth Livingston  
Sports Reporter

The women’s basketball team was ready to play against University of the Ozarks in the first game of the double header Feb. 7, where they defeated the Eagles 66-52.

The Lobos started off hot as they scored 19 of the first 21 points. The freshmen for the Lobo basketball team started the run with a jump shot by Xylina Carlisle, two free throws by Ivette Trujillo, a three-pointer by Miranda Roberts, and a layup by Desare Allen to give the Lobos a 9-2 lead.

Carlisle followed with a pair of threes and a layup, and a basket by sophomore guard Ashley Ousley completed the run and made it 19-2.

The Eagles came back, coming within four points of SRSU in the second half. Roseanna Ezell’s layup made it 48-44 with 7:09 remaining.

Ousley followed with a layup and freshman guard Gabriela Meraz made a three-pointer, and the Lady Lobos eventually stretched their lead to 17 points, 65-48, with 1:04 remaining.

Carlisle led the Lobos with 18 points. Ousley and Meraz each scored 15, and Allen added 12 points and 16 rebounds for a double-double and a career high in rebounds.

The Lobos outrebounded the Eagles, 48-42, and Ousley had eight assists and three steals.

SRSU made 37.1 per cent of their shots from the field compared to 28.8 per cent for the Ozarks.

“What a big win for our players and our program,” Lady Lobos coach Aaron Tavitas said. “The past few weeks have really been tough for us. We were on the road for three weeks straight, and we came home and played three games in six days. I am proud of our players for sticking with it and showing a lot of character. We hope this momentum will carry over into our last four games. It’s good to be a Lobo today!”

The Lady Lobos hosted LeTourneau University Thursday, Feb. 19, but results were not available when the Skyline went to press.

Tomorrow night the Lobos host East Texas Baptist University for their last game of the season. Action begins at 1 pm at the Gallego Center.
“It’s good to be a Lobo today!”

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