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SURVEY BY MAGALY DE LEON AND SUSANNA MENDEZ

Vince Apodaca (Sophomore)
“I would go back and stop the asteroids from hitting Earth and killing the dinosaurs, so that way we can have them in our everyday life”

David Altamirano
“I would prevent Christopher Columbus from discovering the Americas and sink all of his ships because he is a d***.”

Arturo Madrid (Freshman)
“I would prevent 9-11 from happening by having better security.”

Shelby Stegent (Senior)
“I would go back and stop the creation of mosquitos. They are pointless and they cause diseases and deaths.”

Marina Escamilla (Junior)
“I would change the school’s name from Sullivan to something else, because he wasn’t an honorable man and it would change the community.”
Christian Cosper (Freshman)
“I would go back in time and give scientists all the information we have today, so when I come back science would be even further.”

Nico Westerlink (Junior)
“I would go back and personally escort JFK into a closed vehicle to prevent his assassination.”

Malyssa Reed (Junior)
“I would go back and infiltrate the patent system and stop patent trolling because it’s BS. They don’t do anything with them and stop others from moving forward.”

Javier Garcia (Freshman)
“I would prevent and demolish the Zika virus so that way people won’t suffer.”

Natalie Davis (Junior)
“I would go back to 2001 and prevent the Iraq war from happening, because it was created under false pretenses, has killed many people, and has also brought terror into everyone.”

Matt Hymer (Sophomore)
“I would go back and prevent World War II from happening because many innocent people died, and it’s a tragic part of the world’s history.”

WHAT WOULD IT BE?

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Sen. Carlos Uresti (D-San Antonio) and Rep. Poncho Nevárez (D-Eagle Pass) were interviewed for a “conversation event” organized by The Texas Tribune at Sul Ross April 13.

SRSU President Bill Kibler welcomed the speakers and standing-room-only audience, thanking the Tribune for choosing Sul Ross as the host site.

“This is sort of the community center for the community and borderlands of the West Texas area,” he said.

Evan Smith, CEO and co-founder of the Tribune, moderated the hour-long “conversation” portion of the event. Noticing the packed Espino conference room, Smith remarked that this was an “unprecedented turnout” for a Tribune event.

Smith directed questions to Uresti and Nevárez for 40 minutes before opening the floor to the packed house.

Topics up for discussion included healthcare, border security, campus security and gun laws, public education, the Trans-Pecos pipeline, eminent domain and corporation rights.

Uresti said, “I believe we do have a security problem [on the border]. There’s the drug issue as well.” He said Texas should balance its responsibility in solving that problem with the federal government’s responsibility. Uresti and Nevárez agreed that $800 million of the Texas budget should not be allocated to border security, saying healthcare and education should be top priorities.

Nevárez lamented that the current open and campus carry laws are tantamount to a constitutional carry “wild west.” He said he would prefer that big cities had the choice of opting out, and that campuses could decide on a case-by-case. He predicts lawsuits in the near future on these matters.

During the open Q&A, Danie Vaughn, SRSU political science major, asked, “Does the legislature have a plan to trump Trump from our state in the likelihood he is elected?”

“‘We have to follow certain federal policies, but it would be interesting to see which policies our Attorney General would sue for,” Uresti answered. Nevárez followed by saying, “I think these guys fall in line,” referring to Trump and Texas Republicans. He said he thinks it has more to do with who is in the White House rather than actual policies when it comes to complaints of federal government encroachment.

On the topic of eminent domain, Nevárez said, “I’m empathetic. I don’t agree with the wholesale taking of land for these purposes.” He added that this has been the law of the land for decades, “But issues are cropping up all over Texas—little guy versus big guy. I hope this next session we’ll work on it.”

The two representatives indicated that many of these issues would be up for discussion in the next legislative session.

The event can be found in its entirety online via The Texas Tribune’s website at https://www.texastribune.org/2016/04/15/video-a-conversation-with-nevarez-and-uresti/.
STUDENT ARCHAEOLOGISTS VISIT BIG BEND

BY SHAWNA GRAVES
REPORTER

The Sul Ross Archaeology Club went on a special field trip to Big Bend National Park, guided by retired National Park Service archaeologist Tom Alex April 23. They visited several archaeological sites, from the Late Archaic to Prehistoric periods, a time span of 4500 to 700 years ago.

Alex brought the past to life as students explored the cultural resources. There were remnants of hearths—earth ovens used to bake the starchy roots of agave plants, and nearby groundstone features such as boulder mortars. Boulder mortars are seen frequently throughout the greater Big Bend region, and were used to crush and grind foods such as mesquite beans and acorns before being further processed. The petroglyphs and pictographs are a very special feature of the region.

Alex explained how archaeologists use clues to understand them better. Minerals and patina accumulate on the surface of rock art with time, so on a single panel, it is possible to make out a degree of relative ages. Additionally, certain symbols are associated with different time periods—artwork became more representative of humans as history evolved. Alex described the cultural significance of the sites in the park.

“It’s like a cathedral,” he said. “You wouldn’t go into a church and move around the candlesticks, or take things off the walls.” Preserving the integrity of the sites is a critical part of managing these resources, he said.
TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT: I RUINED MY OWN HAIR (AGAIN)

I TRIED, OKAY?

BY RAINEY MILLER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Who’s responsible for Dora the Explorer’s haircut? Her parents? Boots the Monkey? Or does she do it herself...?

I was remembering the last time I’d cut my own hair, the sudden spark of enthusiasm ending in a hideous bowl cut that resembled a blonde mushroom. Never again, I’d sworn. No more self-styling. Henceforth, I’d limit my DIY projects to gardening and maybe some occasional drywall work, and leave the sharp tools to the professionals. I also promised myself, on an unrelated note, that I’d stop eating so many cookies—that was getting out of hand.

I make lots of promises like these.

Sunday morning found me staring in horror at my floor, an empty Pepperidge Farm bag on the counter and a mass of hair the size of a marmot in the corner. Who did this?

I glanced down at the pink kindergarten-grade scissors in my left hand and, as it dawned on me that I wasn’t even left-handed, the full gravity of the situation struck me: I had cut my own hair.

With plastic scissors.
(Because I was bored.)

Panicked, I recapped the situation: I’d just wanted to trim it, to quell those annoying sideburns burning their way too far down the sides. That was all I’d wanted. But before I knew it, those scissors were attacking my hair like it was a pie-eating contest, razing their child-friendly pink destruction on my scalp.

It was bad. It was beyond bad.

I guess the best description I could give is that if you took Miley Cyrus’ mane and ran it through a wood-chipper, then threw in a sprinkle of chaos, a hint of mange, and a dash of Donald-Trump-toupee, you’d have a pretty good idea of what I looked like.

Now unfocus your eyes to make it worse. There.

My hairline looked like the EKG of someone having a heart attack, and, come to think of it, that person was probably me.

Maybe I do these things because I’m repressed; I never cut my hair as a child (I did, however, take apart my mom’s favorite lamp to build an incubator in my closet. But that’s a different story). Now’s my heyday, the time to exercise my freedom not to exercise, to eat cookies for dinner, and to shave my head bald with scissors I can barely fit my index finger into. That’s what college is all about, right?

Right.

Now excuse me while I go find a hat.
As children, many of us grew up watching certain cartoons and movies, no matter where we grew up. Netflix has recently tried to bring back a part of our childhood.

Netflix is streaming *The Flintstones* and *Flintstones Rock Vegas*, which gives us a little more about the stone-age life in non-animated form. Netflix also has *The Mummy* and *E.T.*—a couple of all-time favorites that give us that little “rush” of adventure we felt as children. Also, Netflix has *The Land Before Time*, which follows the life of a dinosaur that we watch grow up. These films bring back a little piece of our childhood, so let’s enjoy it while it lasts.

Aside from these excellent titles, Netflix now has a category for their original shows and movies. Netflix Originals have certainly been successful. Among these are *Orange is the New Black*, *House of Cards*, and the miniseries (nominated for an Academy Award) *The Square*. Netflix has done an amazing job of not disappointing with their original offerings.

The top 10 rated shows, according to writer Nick Venable, are:

10- *Marco Polo*  
9- *Between*  
8- *Grace & Frankie*  
7- *Sense8*  
6- *BoJack Horseman*  
5- *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*  
4- *Bloodline*  
3- *Orange is the New Black*  
2- *House of Cards*  
1- *Daredevil*

Explore Netflix and their Netflix Originals that include fiction, nonfiction and even documentaries; there are many shows that might teach us a thing or two.

For the full list of Netflix Originals, visit: [www.whats-on-netflix.com/originals/](http://www.whats-on-netflix.com/originals/), and have some fun watching new shows this summer.
DRUNK OCTOPUS WANTS TO FIGHT!
PLAINE

From my comfortable seat on the couch, sipping what’s probably my hundredth cup of cocoa in this place, I choose to ignore the semi-trailer going up in flames behind me. What’s more important is my laundry; I can smell it in the next room over, getting cleaned while I use the free Wi-Fi to do homework.

The burning truck picture is one of many quirky decorations at Plaine. I frequent this coffee shop on a weekly basis, and though I’ve tried almost every item on the menu at this point, for me, the hot chocolate will always take the cake. Speaking of dessert, Plaine offers pastries (including donuts from Baker’s Dozen) and fresh ice cream. A conjoined laundromat, Tumbleweed Laundry, and outdoor tables make this a prime place to hang out, grab some juice or a cuppa joe, and—if you’re feeling playful—make use of the board games, sidewalk chalk and sandbox.

Fun fact: if you rearrange the letters of “Plaine,” it spells a word that should be rather familiar to you at this point. Maybe too familiar, if you get my drift...

One word of caution, though: if you use their bathroom, a drunk octopus will ask you for a fight.

Don’t believe me? You’ll have to see for yourself, then...but don’t say I didn’t warn you.

Plaine is located at 215 E Holland Avenue, and is open seven days a week from 7:30 am to 8 pm.

—RM

DINNER AT THE DINNER
PENNY’S DINER

You can find Penny’s Diner on your way out of town going east toward Marathon or Fort Stockton. On average, the service is good. Most of the servers are wonderfully attentive to the needs of their tables, but—like almost anywhere—there are one or two who seem a bit on the grumpy side. The price of the food is good, especially for what you get, with the average price of a meal at Penny’s Diner costing $10-$12.

The diner serves breakfast and lunch/dinner items all day and will make your selection almost any way you want it. The food is really good. This reviewer’s favorite meals there are the hickory burger and the biscuits and gravy.

—MR
DATE NIGHT SPECIAL

REATA

Conveniently located at 203 N. 5th Street, the Reata has been serving up authentic southwestern recipes for nearly two decades in Alpine. Reata offers a full menu of cowboy cuisine from a tender, juicy charbroiled ribeye to a good ‘ole traditional chicken-fried chicken with cracked pepper cream gravy. Or you can enjoy the pan-seared pepper crusted tenderloin with port wine sauce. And don’t forget about the appetizers. They have calf fries with cream gravy, tortilla soup or smoked quail with jalapeño cheddar grits and barbecue molasses glaze. Now if the sound of all that doesn’t make you hungry, I don’t know what does. The Reata also offers a full bar with a great wine list from Australia, Chile and France. To end the meal, try my favorite, the desert tacos with caramelized bananas and chocolate gravy.

The restaurant is a fun, spacious and relaxed setting whether indoors or on the patio. The staff is outstanding and friendly, but make sure to have reservations or you might be disappointed. Prices range from $10.95 up to $35.95 for a main course, depending on how large your appetite is. Whatever you decide to order from the lunch or dinner menu, you will not be disappointed. The Reata is open Monday-Saturday, 11:30 am to 2 pm and 5 pm to 10 pm. –SE

OH, THE AROMA!
COME AND TAKE IT BBQ

Expect to be greeted with the heady aroma of freshly prepared barbecue at the door. Walk in further to find a buffet line with few—but delectable—choices of barbecue and sides. Meat choices are pulled pork, slow-smoked brisket and sausage. Potato salad, coleslaw, pork and beans, and Come and Take It’s signature cheese-cooked pozole make up the sides. From this reporter’s experience, both the pulled pork and brisket were a little heavy on the pepper; however, the meat was lean and the texture was smooth. The pricing is not too high considering it is a barbecue place. It costs $20 including tax for a two-meat plate, which is four ounces per meat selection; the plate also includes two sides. The workers are very welcoming, and before I left, the cook came over to greet and thank us for dining with them. He also asked for input on how the food tasted. Yes, we will return. –VA

A TASTE OF HISTORY
MURPHY STREET RASPA

Thefreedictionary.com defines the word “raspa” as “a confection made of crushed ice and flavored syrup inserted into a paper cone and mounded on top.” This was news to me; I thought raspas had something to do with Jamaica.

100 W Murphy Street must be full of stories, having been host to a furniture company, a grocery store, and now finally a snow cone enterprise. Slanted and bright, the building is an unmistakable feature of Alpine itself, but do the desserts measure up to the tasteful décor?

The short answer is: yes! Murphy Street Raspa offers raspas, ice cream, and candy in a myriad of eye-popping flavors, so there’s something for everyone to enjoy. They also have clothes and various decorations to check out, and there’s an outdoor patio where you can relax. With friendly service and great prices, this is the ultimate snow cone shop.

Murphy Street Raspa is located at 100 W Murphy Street. They are open Monday through Saturday from 12 pm to 6 pm, and Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm. –RM
Douglas White, Portland, and Shelby Stegent, Eustace, were named the 2016 Sul Ross State University Man and Woman of the Year at the annual Honors Convocation, held Monday (April 18) in Marshall Auditorium.

Sul Ross President Dr. Bill Kibler presented the awards. The Man and Woman of the Year award is the top honor a Sul Ross senior can receive.

White, who will graduate in May with a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice, has compiled a 3.764 grade point average (GPA) while working at least 30 hours weekly during his academic career. He also graduated from the Sul Ross Law Enforcement Academy in December, simultaneously earning a 4.0 GPA for 12 semester credit hours. He joined the Brewster County Sheriff’s Office as a deputy in January.

“I have had the honor to serve this wonderful community as a public servant, and I plan to continue serving after my graduation in May,” he said.

Stegent, who will complete a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies in December, has maintained a 3.7 GPA while participating in athletics, campus and community activities and for the past two years, serving as a Resident Assistant in Lobo Village.

During her Sul Ross career, she has played softball and soccer and was a member of the women’s cross country team. This past year, she has been the public relations officer for the Student Government Association, hosted Safe Treat in the residence halls for young Halloween trick-or-treaters and has helped coach youth basketball and softball teams.

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DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS GIVEN AT THE CONVOCATION

**Animal Science**
- Outstanding Agricultural Education Student – Christina Kile, Chico
- Outstanding Animal Production Student – Breeann Sturges, Woodlake, CA
- Outstanding Pre-Veterinary Student – Brittany Thompson, Midland
- Outstanding Science Student – Kelly Briggs, El Paso
- Outstanding Animal Science Graduate Student – Diego Suarez, Alpine

**Behavioral and Social Sciences**
- Clifford B. Casey Book Award – Bisimwa Mitima, Alpine
- Outstanding History Major, Phi Alpha Theta History Award – Casey D. Sonier, Houston
- Outstanding Psychology Student of the Year – Alejandra Ruiz, Clint

**Biology, Geology and Physical Science**
- Outstanding Undergraduate Biology Student Award – Jaimie Michelle Lawhorn, Ingleside
- Outstanding Graduate Biology Student Award – Robert LeBlanc, Alpine
- Julius Dasch Outstanding Undergraduate Geology Student – Bryan Roberts, San Antonio
- Lance Forsythe Memorial Outstanding Graduate Student Award – Christopher Pate, Huntsville
- Outstanding Non-Traditional Geology Student – Timothy Fish, Marathon
- Outstanding Student in Introductory Chemistry – Jesus R. Guerrero, El Paso

**Business Administration**
- Outstanding Business Administration Student – Laura G. Cardona, Fort Davis
- Outstanding Master of Business Administration Student – Trenton Ragland, Toyahvale
- Outstanding Master of Business Administration Online Student – Ann Darnell, El Paso

**Computer Science and Mathematics**
- Outstanding Freshman in Computer Science – Orion Lopez, Alpine
- Outstanding Senior in Computer Science – Robert Toedt, San Antonio
- Outstanding Freshman in Mathematics – Oris Granger, Beaumont
- Outstanding Senior in Mathematics – Adrian J. Maldonado, Alpine
- Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Gilley Mathematics Excellence Award – Benjamin Ortiz, Midland

**Criminal Justice**
- Outstanding Freshman Criminal Justice Student – Emily Garcia, Midland
- Outstanding Sophomore Criminal Justice Student – Kenya Miles, Tomball
- Outstanding Junior Criminal Justice Student – Jasmin Quinonez, Tornillo
- Outstanding Senior Criminal Justice Student – Douglas White, Portland
- Outstanding Graduate Criminal Justice Student – Scott Mann, El Paso

**Education**
- Education Excellence Awards – Joseph Savage, El Paso, Counseling; Melissa Mena, El Paso, Educational Diagnostician; Charlie Mackay, Alpine; Raul Nava, El Paso, Educational Leadership; Chaley Romero, Sundown, General Masters Education; Katherine Hector, Alpine, Outstanding Clinical Teacher; Ysenia Sanchez, Alpine, Outstanding Student Teacher
- Albert B. Tucker Reading Specialist Award – Samuel Renfroe, San Angelo

**Fine Arts and Communication**
- Outstanding New Art Major – Andylynn Heckart, Runaway Bay
- Outstanding Art Student – Kali Hambach, Alpine
- Outstanding Senior Art Student – Cencee Gordon, Odessa
- Outstanding Freshman Theatre Student – Ann Dee Alvidrez, Horizon City; Larissa Weaverling, Midland
- Outstanding Vocal Music Student – Marcelino Velazquez, El Paso
- Outstanding Instrumental Music Student – Nicolas Westerlink, El Paso
- Outstanding Communication Student – Fabiola Muniz, San Antonio

**Honors Program**
- Honors Program Graduate – Johnathon Will Hand, Loop

**Industrial Technology**
- Outstanding Student in Administrative Systems and Technology – Laura Ann Vasquez, Fort Hancock

**Languages and Literature**
- Outstanding Senior Spanish Major – Beatriz Zamora, Alpine

**Natural Resource Management**
- Outstanding Underclassman Student in Natural Resource Management – Alec Ritzell, Dallas
- Outstanding Upperclassman Student in Natural Resource Management – John Whetstine, Cypress
- Outstanding Conservation Biology Graduate Student – Richard Mrozinski, Fort Davis
- Outstanding Graduate Student in Range and Wildlife Management-Range – James Eddy, Magna, UT
- Outstanding Graduate Student in Range and Wildlife Management-Wildlife – Jose Etchart, El Paso
- Outstanding Field Volunteer – Cody Putman, San Antonio

**Cultural Encounter Program**
- Feili Zhong, Shan He, Xiaolan Liang, Shija Zhao, Zhiye Yang
LOBOS SWEEP UT-DALLAS, KEEP BASEBALL PLAYOFF HOPES ALIVE

Sul Ross vaulted back into American Southwest Conference post-season baseball contention with a road sweep at UT-Dallas last weekend (April 23-24).

The Lobos rallied from an early 7-0 deficit to win Friday’s contest 13-10 in 10 innings, then scored a 5-3, 12-2 doubleheader win Saturday. Coach Bobby Mesker’s team 18-18 overall, 11-10 in the ASC, jumped into fifth place in the standings. They host fourth-place UT-Tyler (22-14, 12-9 ASC) in the final regular season series today and tomorrow (Friday-Saturday, April 29-30).

Johnny Campos’ two-run double snapped a 10-10 tie in the 10th and Kit Henderson followed with a run-scoring two-bagger in the Lobos’ opening win. UT-Dallas scored seven runs, five unearned, in the first inning before Sul Ross crept back. Wesley Moss’ two-run homer in the ninth gave SRSU a brief 10-9 edge before UT-Dallas scored to force extra innings.

Moss also doubled and singled and drove in three runs to lead a 15-hit attack. Henderson, Ely Gallego, Jonathan Bigley and Chris York had two hits apiece. Dustan Greer gained the win in relief and Ryan Todd collected the save.

The Lobos made the most of six hits to win Saturday’s first game, scoring three times in the third to claim a 4-1 edge. After UT-Dallas closed within a run, Gallego drove home an insurance tally in the top of the seventh and Cody Remore blanked the Comets in the bottom of the frame to save the win for Jeremy Martinez. Campos had three hits in four trips and scored twice.

Sul Ross scored in seven of nine innings in the nightcap, using 18 hits to cruise to the sweep. Justin Vajgert worked seven and two-thirds innings for the win.

Henderson, Ryan Almager and Bigley slammed three hits apiece and combined for five runs scored and seven RBI. Campos, Phillip Russell, York and Trent Pearson all collected two hits.

EAST TEXAS BAPTIST SWEEPS ASC BASEBALL SERIES

Two proved an unlucky number for Sul Ross, as visiting East Texas Baptist University limited the Lobo bats to two runs per game, winning 10-2, 7-2 and 6-2 in a weekend series at Kokernot Field April 15-16.

Coach Bobby Mesker’s team fell to 15-18 for the season and 8-10 in American Southwest Conference play.

The Lobos traveled to UT-Dallas for a three-game set April 22-23, and met Hardin-Simmons in a single game at Midland Tuesday (April 26).

Regular season play concludes with a three-game set against UT-Tyler at Kokernot Field, with a single contest tonight (Friday, 7 pm) and a doubleheader tomorrow (Saturday), starting at 1 pm.

ETBU built a 6-0 lead, then added four runs in the sixth and seventh in their series-opening 10-2 win. The Lobos scored in the fifth on Trent Pearson’s RBI double and in the sixth as Phillip Russell’s groundout produced a run. Kit Henderson slapped two of Sul Ross’ seven hits.

The Tigers’ Ashley Dukes limited the Lobos to four hits in the first game of the Saturday doubleheader, while his teammates built a 5-0 cushion in the 7-2 win. Sul Ross scored twice in the bottom of the sixth on a wild pitch and a throwing error. Ely Gallego singled twice in three at-bats to lead the Lobos.

In the nightcap, ETBU raised its season record to 22-11, 13-5 in the ASC, using five seventh-inning runs to break a 1-1 tie. Wesley Moss tripled home a run for the Sul Ross in the fifth, while Gallego slammed an RBI double in the eighth. Gallego had three of his team’s eight hits and finished the series with six hits in 11 at-bats.
I was honored to have an opportunity to sit down with pitching coach Matt Lynn and hear his assessment of the Lobos. With the season quickly coming to a close, Lynn’s tips and strategies continue to influence the players as Sul Ross wraps up the 2016 season.

**What is your background and coaching experience?**

“This is my sixth year coaching with Sul Ross, third as the pitching coach. I started out as the catching coach at first. I believe the relationship between pitcher and catcher works hand in hand. I also worked a little outfield back in the day.

“From 2011-2013, I was the full-time assistant coach for the Cowboys, the Pecos League franchise based here in Alpine. While working for Coach [Bobby] Mesker, I became the hitting and catching coach.

“Coach Mesker is the best defensive mind in the game, so I try to work off his techniques; it really makes the program one that everyone wants to come back to. We have alumni coming back to volunteer to help coach the team; it’s kind of amazing the impression this team leaves on everyone that goes through our program.”

**How do you prepare your team for a game?**

“I do a bunch of bullpen work. Velocity, along with throwing constancy and positioning the ball, helps you control your count and the momentum of the game. I run all of our pitchers through tons of locating drills, throwing and making sure that every one of them is getting out in front.

“We [play] intersquad [games] once a week in the hopes that it will make us the best hitting team in the conference. Sequence training and running PFP’s [Pitcher Fielding Practice], bunts, and LIPS [Late Inning Pressure Situation] is something that I have stressed heavily this season. If you can win LIPS, you can win games!”

**What is your defensive/pitching philosophy?**

“My philosophy is always changing as we are always competing; I believe there is no such thing as a waste [pitch] when pitching. Pitchers are coached to stay competitive; the first pitch always has to be a strike. This allows for the pitcher to have a controlled count along with getting lead-off outs, which ultimately leads to a locked offensive strategy, changing the opposing teams game plan. No walks ever is something I cannot stress enough to my pitchers. We walked 211 players in the 2014 season and that has been cut down by 100 in 2016.

“We always compete no matter what despite the score, inning, or what the fans are screaming. I drill into my players’ minds that you never stop competing and that anything can happen in this sport, so when that time comes it can change the whole momentum of the game, leading to a potential win.”

**How do you feel this season has gone so far from what you’ve seen? Is there anything you have changed coaching wise? If so, what has it been?**

“We’ve done okay so far in the season; some games have been better than others. Locating pitches has been lacking, which is something that I have been trying to work on more now. We need to stop two-out hits and two-out walks. We’re averaging three walks a game, which is so far good. I would love to get that down to one, even zero, but that will come in due time. Locating strikes is a huge key in this game and is something we work on every day.”

**What do you think is the most important aspect of a championship team?**

“Family, culture, and building a bond. You want to have a team that will have each other’s backs, that will fight for the same thing. This even leads into scouting. We look for players that are team-based players that mesh and bond well with not just their teammates, but also their coaches. The coaches and players all need to have the same end goal, which of course is winning as many games as possible and making this program the best it’s ever been.”

**What are your coaching goals, long-term and short-term?**

“My short-term goals would be to make the pitching staff the best in the game. Long-term: to win the [conference] tournament to get the Sul Ross name out there. Just as everyone else is fighting to be the best, we are, too. I love coaching, and as all coaches, I would eventually want to have the opportunity to win a national championship at the D1 level.”

Don’t forget to go out and support your Sul Ross baseball team and also support the coaches. Assistant coach Matt Lynn and head coach Bobby Mesker put in just as much time and effort on and off the field as any of the players do.
NATIONALLY-RANKED ETB SWEEPS LADY LOBOS

Thirteenth-ranked East Texas Baptist spun successive shutouts at visiting Sul Ross, winning a three-game American Southwest Conference softball series 12-0, 8-0, 8-0 at Marshall April 15-16. ETBU, 29-7, 22-4 in loop play, limited the Lady Lobos to six hits over the three-game span.

Coach Troy Canaba’s team, 7-28 overall, 5-22 in the ASC, concluded the 2016 season hosting top-ranked UT-Tyler April 22-23 at Lobo Field.

The Tigers used a nine-run second inning to build an 11-0 bulge in Friday’s opening game, while limiting Sul Ross to a single by Anaya Losoya. ETBU had a trio of two-run frames and added single runs in the third and fifth to win the second contest. Losoya and Darrian Doederlein hit safely for Sul Ross.

ETBU broke open a close contest with six runs in the bottom of the sixth to win Saturday’s tilt 8-0. Christina Graham, Shelby Doederlein and Jackie Gonzalez all singled for Sul Ross.

TOP-RANKED UT-TYLER DEFEATS LADY LOBOS

Number-one ranked UT-Tyler stayed unbeaten in American Southwest Conference softball action, winning a three-game over Sul Ross at Lobo Field April 22-23.

The Patriots won Friday’s doubleheader 16-4, 13-3, then claimed a 5-1 triumph Saturday to improve to 37-2, 29-0 in loop play. Coach Troy Canaba’s Lady Lobos ended the year 7-31, 5-25 in the ASC.

UT-Tyler collected 32 hits, including five homers, in Friday’s twin bill. Isaura Rodriguez rapped two doubles and a single and Zuriah Leyva doubled and singled to lead Sul Ross’ nine-hit, first-game attack. Darrian Doederlein doubled and Christina Graham, Jenny Gonzalez and Nicole Stoltz added singles.

Shelby Doederlein doubled twice and drove in two runs in the nightcap, while Jav’ana Gonzalez and Leyva both singled.

On Saturday, UT-Tyler scored two runs in both the third and fourth innings and Kelsie Batten limited Sul Ross to two hits in a 5-1 win. Graham doubled in three at-bats and stole home for the Lady Lobos’ only run. Darrian Doederlein singled.
LOBO TRACK TAKES SECOND AND THIRD AT ASC CHAMPIONSHIP

The Lobo men’s and women’s track teams took second and third place, respectively at the ASC track and field championships last weekend and will travel to Lubbock for qualifier competition May 6.

Richard Snyder was named this season’s Outstanding Track Athlete of the Year with his first place finishes in the 200 and 400 meter dash events.

Other Lobo standouts included the 4x100 meter relay team of Jermain Stevens, James Davis, Hason Lipscomb and Snyder, first place; Lipscomb, 100 meter dash, first; and Terrelle Owens, first in 110 hurdles and 400 meter hurdles.

Lipscomb, Snyder, Owens, Stevens and Davis were named to the All-Conference team.

The men will travel to Lubbock for the qualifier competition May 6.

The Lady Lobos also took the spotlight, finishing third as a team.

Junior Karley Harris was named ASC Outstanding Athlete of the Year after taking gold in both the 200 meter dash and 400 sprint.

The 4x100 meter relay team of Leslie Gonzalez, Desiree Garza, Karina Ramirez and Harris took first place, as did the 4x400 meter relay team of Haley Memfee, Gonzalez, Garza and Harris. Memfee also won the 400 meter hurdles.

In field events Garza, the ASC Outstanding Freshman of the Year, won the high jump and long jump.

Harris, Memfee, Gonzalez, Ramirez and Garza were selected to the ASC All-Conference team.
LOBO MEN END TENNIS SEASON WITH WIN

Sul Ross State University’s men’s tennis team ended their season on a winning note, trimming visiting Howard Payne 8-1 April 16 on the Lobo courts.

Coach Deedee De La O’s team bounced back from a 9-0 setback to UT-Dallas in Abilene the previous day and finished the year 5-15, 1-6 in the American Southwest Conference competition.

Against Howard Payne, Brian Arriaga, Damian Blanco, Gunner Gardner, Chris Villafranco and Nathaniel Boatright (default) won the second through sixth singles matches. Todd Barajas and Arriaga teamed win number one doubles; Villafranco and Boatright were victorious at number two doubles; and Gardner and Victor Garcia won by default at number three doubles.

ULTIMATE PLAYERS GET RARE COLLEGIATE WIN

The Sully’s Ultimate Players carried the brand all the way to Albuquerque March 5-6 for the Kokopelli Tournament. They played teams from the University of Colorado, University of Arizona, New Mexico Tech and Arizona Tech, and although they scored a total of 46 points at the meet, they won only one of six matches.

On the second day of play, the Sul Ross team bested New Mexico Tech 13-9.

“It was the team’s first intercollegiate win for Sul Ross in 10 years,” said faculty adviser Joey Velasco.

The team traveled to Midland April 9 to play a non-collegiate team. Sul Ross branded the team, 13-8.

Members of this year’s team include Chancelor Ginithan (president); Stephen Christopher Castillo; Coby McGonagill; Samuel Green; Kadean Solis; Corey Mika; Jared Vallejo; Greyson A. Lehman and John Whetstine.

“This young and talented group is not slowing down a bit,” Velasco said.

“If we were to play this lineup again next week, I’d bet that our team might get five wins. They are improving that quickly.”
WOMEN MOVE ON TO ASC TOURNAMENT

A 6-3 victory over visiting Howard Payne April 16 landed Sul Ross’ women’s tennis team a place in the American Southwest Conference tournament. Sul Ross, 4-13 overall and 2-4 in the ASC, lost 9-0 to UT-Dallas April 15 in Abilene.

Coach Dee De La O’s Lady Lobos fell 5-0 to top-seeded and eventual champion UT-Tyler in the first round of tourney play April 21 in Tyler.

Alexa Gallardo, Hann Schulz, Marissa Rodriguez and Annette Posada posted singles wins over Howard Payne, while Gallardo-Schulz and Rodriguez-Posada teamed for doubles victories. All three HPU wins came by default.

UT-Tyler blanked UT-Dallas 5-0 in the semifinals and won 5-0 over East Texas Baptist in the championship.
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Spring 2016 commencement exercises will be held in the Gallego Center at 10 am, Saturday, May 15.