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STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF WEIGH IN ON 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

BY RICKY SHUBERT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The 2016 presidential hopefuls are preparing for tough months ahead as they ready for the first caucuses in early February. For the upcoming primaries it is interesting to understand the way Sul Ross students, faculty, and staff currently plan to vote in the Texas caucus on March 1.

The *Skyline* conducted a survey with 100 responses and gathered the following information.

Forty-three percent of survey takers said they would be voting in the Democratic caucus while 31 percent said they would be voting in the Republican caucus. The remaining selected “other” or chose not to respond.

These results mock those of the Alpine area as Alpine tends to vote more Democratic than Republican.

The survey results indicated a clear frontrunner in the Democratic primaries. Senator Bernie Sanders, I-VT, led the Democrats with 68.25 percent of votes in the Sul Ross survey.

Sanders, a self-proclaimed socialist poses a significant threat to Hillary Clinton, who many expected to lead the Democratic primaries by a significant margin. Clinton, D-NY, trailed Sanders with 28.57 percent of votes.

Both Martin O’Malley, D-MD, and Jim Webb, D-MO, received 1.59 percent of votes with Lincoln Chafee, D-RI, registering zero votes.

The Republican primaries show a closer race, however.

Leading the pack is frontrunner Donald Trump, R-NY, with 24.39 percent. Trump’s lack of political correctness as well as experience is drawing many followers and large crowds.

Trump’s closest competition is another political newcomer, Dr. Ben Carson, R-MI. Carson drew 19.51 percent of votes. The Michigan neurosurgeon has grown support since the first Republican debate, coming in second in the national polls as well as in the *Skyline’s* survey.


Ted Cruz, R-TX, got 12.2 percent and Carly Fiorina, R-VA, had 4.92 percent of votes.

Jim Gilmore, R-VA; John Kasich, R-OH; Rick Perry, R-TX (who has since dropped out of the race); and Marco Rubio, R-FL, each had 2.43 percent of votes. All other candidates were voteless.

The primaries are far from over and positions are likely to change with a series of debates lined up for both Democrats and Republicans.
HOT TOPICS OF 2016 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

BY RICKY SHUBERT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Sul Ross faculty, students, and staff voted on seven hot topics currently being addressed in the 2016 Presidential campaign. Over 100 results were gathered.

Education reform topped the “what’s hot” list with a score of 4.64 with 55.5 percent of survey takers listing it in their top three issues. This topic has already played a large part in the election cycle with every candidate having to answer education questions thus far.

Healthcare reform follows in second place, scoring 4.28 and 47.37 percent. The Affordable Care Act is likely at the center of this topic as Republican candidates elect to repeal it and Democratic candidates want to preserve it.

In third place is foreign policy and affairs with a score of 4.03 and 45.55 percent. President Obama’s Iran deal leads in foreign policy right now as many Republicans are fighting to stop the deal from going through.

The fourth issue is immigration, scoring 4.01 with 43.48 percent of survey takers placing it in their top three issues. Republican frontrunner Donald Trump takes credit for this topic’s significance, but each candidate has offered their own solution to immigration concerns in America.

Environmental issues take fifth place with a score of 3.98 and 41.76 percent of survey takers listing it in their top three. Many factors, such as global warming, Pipeline XL, and fracking are growing environmental concerns facing the United States.

Next is student loan and debt reform scoring 3.76 and 41.24 percent. This comes as a surprise as many students around the U.S. are calling for loan and debt reform.

The last topic is women’s rights with a score of 3.52 and 30.85 percent of survey takers listing it in their top three topics. This issue encompasses topics such as abortion rights and equal pay.

As the campaign process continues, it will be interesting to see which topics are tackled and which will be ignored.
LOVE IS LOVE
SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

BY GUNNER GARDNER
REPORTER

Since the June 26 ruling in favor of same-sex marriage in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, there has been national controversy and resistance to the change. The U.S. Supreme Court rules 5-4 that states cannot prohibit the issuing of marriage licenses to same-sex couples, or deny recognition of lawfully performed out-of-state weddings of same-sex couples.

U.S. public opinion has shifted significantly over the years, from 27 percent approval of gay marriage in 1996 to 60 percent in 2015 (gaymarriageprocon.org). Even so, some lawmakers are pushing to have the ruling overturned—presidential hopefuls are using this topic as leverage to garner support for their campaigns.

While the Bible indicates to some that marriage is only between a man and a woman, it is now discriminatory in the United States to hinder the rights of anyone based on sexual orientation; therefore, gay marriage should remain legal. It is an act of discrimination to deny someone the same rights as another, including marriage rights.

The Equal Protection Clause, 14th Amendment, states that no state shall “deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

Some argue that this goes against the morals of the traditional marriage standard of one man and one woman in a sacred union. However, the concept of “traditional marriage” is historically inaccurate and has been tarnished by practices that include polygamy.

For example, ancient Hebrews engaged in polygamy. According to the Bible, King Solomon had 700 wives, as well as 300 concubines. Additionally, men have taken multiple wives in cultures throughout the world, including China, Africa, and among American Mormons in the 19th century.

Despite our country’s firm stance on separation of church and state, some will argue that same-sex marriage is immoral in the eyes of the Christian church and will quickly use the Bible and religion to back their argument. The Bible does not explicitly mention homosexuality, but some passages have been interpreted to address the topic.

Government officials should ensure that this interpretation of the Constitution is upheld and individuals are permitted to marry, regardless of sexual orientation.
CONTROVERSIAL PIPELINE DRAWS
PROTESTS FROM BIG BEND AREA RESIDENTS

BY SHAWNA GRAVES
CONTRIBUTOR

If you’ve noticed the gathering of protesters at 5th and Holland Streets on Fridays at noon, you may wonder what all the fuss is about in this relatively quiet community. The controversy that has this small town (and beyond) stirred up centers around the Trans-Pecos Pipeline project.

The project is slated to transport up to 2.831 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day via a 42-inch diameter pipeline that cuts through the Big Bend region. It will stretch from a processing hub at Coyanosa (northwest of Fort Stockton) to the outskirts of Presidio before crossing the border via the Rio Grande international waterway and connecting to a pipeline in Mexico.

Mexico’s energy industry was de-nationalized last year, and industry barons are eager to take advantage of the new market. So eager that staging is already underway, despite the fact that the companies heading up the project do not have all required permits in place, and in spite of widespread protest.

Opponents to the project are concerned about the risks that the affected region will bear. This region’s first responders are largely volunteers. The magnitude of an explosion that could result from this project is beyond the rural communities’ ability to handle.

Many, including Big Bend National Park Superintendent Cindy Ott-Jones, are concerned about health impacts. In a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Ott-Jones stated that the project “may have high potential to mobilize dust, CO2, methane, and other airborne emissions with potential for medium and long-range transport” and implored the commission “to ensure project impacts to Big Bend National Park and the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River are avoided.”

Proponents of the project are hoping it will bring access to natural gas in areas that currently do not have such access, including Presidio and Northern Mexico. It’s been reported that Presidio city officials are looking for potential gas providers to make the connection from the pipeline to their residents. In addition, a chili processing company is reportedly showing interest in moving to the region if natural gas hook-ups become available.

Opponents are skeptical that the pipeline will actually serve Presidio or Northern Mexico residents.

The issue has had the region engulfed in a proverbial firestorm since the end of 2014. If opponents cannot halt the project, they hope to garner better oversight of it and protections for the region.

For more information about the project, both pro and con, visit http://transpecospipelinefacts.com and http://www.bigbendconservationalliance.org.

Local residents pipe up at Alpine’s main intersection each Friday noon to protest the Trans-Pecos Pipeline that, if built, would come through Alpine on its way to Mexico. The pipeline controversy has pitted neighbor against neighbor in some cases and has drawn national attention.

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Sul Ross State NIRA Rodeo  
S.A.L.E Arena  
Info: 432-837-8240 |
| 1:30 pm | 7 pm  
Tae Bo  
Alpine Public Library  
Free  
Info: 432-294-5034 |
| 4 pm | 6:15 pm  
Tae Bo  
Crossroads Baptist Fellowship  
Free  
Info: 432-294-5034 |
| 6-10 pm | 7 pm  
31st Annual Davis Mountains Brigade  
Rendezvous through Sept. 27  
Evans Mulhern Ranch  
2.8 miles south of Fort Davis on Hwy. 118  
$25 per person, $35 per family  
Info: 432-426-3818, 432-249-0395 |
| 6:15 pm | 6 pm  
Travel Talk w/ Aubrey Painter-  
Trading Spaces: A Home Exchange in Spain  
Alpine Public Library  
Info: 432-837-8240 |
| 7 pm | 5 pm  
Travel Talk w/ Aubrey Painter-  
Trading Spaces: A Home Exchange in Spain  
Alpine Public Library  
Info: 432-837-8240 |
| 7-10 pm | 6:15 pm  
70th Annual Sul Ross State  
NIRA Rodeo  
S.A.L.E Arena  
Info: 432-837-8240 |
| 10 pm | 6:15 pm  
The Doodlin’ Hogwallows  
Railroad Blues, 504 W Holland Ave.  
Info: 432-837-3103 |
| 9 am-1 pm | 7:30 pm  
Farmers Markets  
Hotel Ritchey, 5th St and Murphy St  
& Big Bend Thrift, 5th and Ave A |
| 9 am-1 pm | 12 pm  
70th Annual Sul Ross State NIRA Rodeo  
S.A.L.E Arena  
Info: 432-837-8240 |
| 10 am | 1 pm  
Alpine Kite Festival  
Ramada, 2000 US 90  
Free |
| 1 pm | 5 pm  
Sul Ross Soccer  
University of the Ozarks  
Lobo Field |
| 7-10 pm | 7 pm  
70th Annual Sul Ross State NIRA Rodeo  
S.A.L.E Arena  
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Academic Enhancement Seminar: Test Taking Strategies  
FH 203  
Info: 432-837-8338 |
| 9 am-1 pm | 5 pm  
SR Art Club meeting  
FAB 108  
Info: cgor6566@sulross.edu |
| 10 am | 6:15 pm  
5 pm  
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FH 203  
Info: 432-238-2054 |
| 10 am | 7 pm  
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Davis Mountain State Park, Hwy 118 in Fort Davis | 2 pm “The Love Song of J. Robert Oppenheimer”  
Marshall Auditorium  
Free for SR students and employees with SRSU ID  
Info: 432-837-8218 | 12 pm Geology Club meeting  
WSB 301  
Info: kru6892@sulross.edu |
| 12 pm Weight Watchers  
UC 216  
Info: 423-386-5673, 432-837-1210 | 6-7 pm Hooping Jam  
Kokernot Park, free  
Bring your own hoop or borrow one of ours;  
Come dressed to dance and sweat  
Info: www.farouthooping.com | 1:30 pm Tea Bo  
Alpine Public Library  
Free  
Info: 432-294-5034 |
| 6 pm Gaming Tech Club meeting  
BAB 302  
Info: smt14qi@sulross.edu | | 5 pm Math Club meeting  
ACR 108  
Info: abrown4@sulross.edu |
| 6:15 pm Ballet Folklórico  
Graves-Pierce dance studio  
Info: mgf13wu@sulross.edu | | 5-6 pm Academic Enhancement Seminar:  
MLA with MS Word  
FH 203  
Info: 432-837-8338 |
| **FRIDAY 2** | **MONDAY 5** | **TUESDAY 6** |
| 1:30 pm Tea Bo  
Alpine Public Library  
Free  
Info: 432-294-5034 | 1:30 pm & 6:15pm Tea Bo  
Alpine Public Library  
Free  
Info: 432-294-5034 | **THURSDAY 8** |
| 4 pm Sul Ross Volleyball  
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
Gallego Center | 5-6 pm Academic Enhancement Seminar:  
MLA with MS Word  
FH 203  
Info: 432-837-8338 | 9-10:30 am Hike with a Homeless Dog  
Davis Mountain State Park, Hwy 118 in Fort Davis |
| 4 pm Wii Family Sports Games  
Alpine Public Library  
Info: 432-837-9249 | 6 pm Rotaract Club meeting  
LV conference room  
Info: gf14rc@sulross.edu | 12 pm Weight Watchers  
UC 216  
Info: 423-386-5673, 432-837-1210 |
| 6:15 pm Tea Bo  
Crossroads Baptist Fellowship  
Free  
Info: 432-294-5034 | 7 pm Baptist Student Ministry meeting  
902 E. Lockhart  
Info: cctl4dv@sulross.edu | 1 pm Sul Ross Soccer  
Howard Payne University  
Lobo Field |
| 10 pm Texas Renegades  
Railroad Blues, 504 W Holland Ave.  
Info: 432-837-3103 | | 2-3 pm Academic Enhancement Seminar:  
Memory Skills  
FH 203  
Info: 432-837-8338 |
| **SATURDAY 3** | **WEDNESDAY 7** | **TUESDAY 6** |
| 8 am LSAT  
UC 211B  
Info: 432-837-8178 | 11 am-1 pm Intramural Registration (Flag Volleyball)  
UC 1st Floor Foyer  
Info: 432-837-8792 | 5 pm Gaming Tech Club meeting  
BAB 302  
Info: smt14qi@sulross.edu |
| 9-12 pm Farmers Markets  
Hotel Ritchey, 5th and Murphy St  
& Big Bend Thrift, 5th and Ave A | 12 pm Bones for Life  
Cathy Cartwright Learning for Life  
LLC, 107 N 6th St  
Info: 832-314-8103 | 6 pm  
Info: 432-837-8338 |
| 2 pm Sul Ross Volleyball  
Concordia University  
Gallagher Center | 2-3 pm Academic Enhancement Seminar:  
MLA with MS Word  
FH 203  
Info: 432-837-8338 | **THURSDAY 8** |
| 2 pm Maker Fair  
UC 2nd floor, free  
Info: 432-837-9424 | 5 pm SR Art Club meeting  
FAB 108  
Info: gero6656@sulross.edu | 9-10:30 am Hike with a Homeless Dog  
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Graves-Pierce dance studio  
Info: mgf13wu@sulross.edu | 12 pm Weight Watchers  
UC 216  
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| 10 pm King Octopus  
Railroad Blues, 504 W Holland Ave.  
Info: 432-837-3103 | 7 pm Sully Productions  
UC 202  
Info: dper7739@sulross.edu | 1 pm Sul Ross Soccer  
Howard Payne University  
Lobo Field |
| 7:30 pm Alpine Community Band Rehearsal  
FAB Band Room  
Info: 432-386-7478 | | 2-3 pm Academic Enhancement Seminar:  
Memory Skills  
FH 203  
Info: 432-837-8338 |
| 7:30 pm FCA meeting  
LVCC  
Info: 210-517-2732 | | 6 pm Gaming Tech Club meeting  
BAB 302  
Info: smt14qi@sulross.edu |
| 7 pm Sul Ross Volleyball  
McMurry University  
Gallego Center | | 6:15 pm Ballet Folklórico  
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FAB Band Room  
Info: 432-386-7478 | | 7 pm Sul Ross Volleyball  
McMurry University  
Gallego Center |
The First Annual Big Bend Comic Con was hosted in Sul Ross’ Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library Sept. 5. The event included various activities throughout the day on both the first and second floors of the library for attendees to enjoy.

The first floor had an artists’ alley in which several local comic authors and cartoonists, such as John Parrish, Austin Smith, Tommy Tesser, and Simon Curry, presented and sold their works. The Big Bend Comic Con also featured some special guests such as Alpine resident Chris Ruggia, who has serialized “Jack: Adventures in Texas’ Big Bend,” and Rudy Vasquez, who worked with Ink Works. The Big Bend Comic Con also featured a live video chat with Daniel Corey, creator of the comic series Dangerkatt’s Prophet, Moriarty, and Red City. The event included a Mario Kart competition and a viewing room in which classic superhero movies were screened.

Additionally, tabletop gaming and open crafting tables provided a range of crafts anywhere from coloring for children to T-shirt printing for all.

The second floor was exciting as well; it was the location for vendors with a vast variety of comic books and handmade crafts, such as costume accessories and comic con memorabilia. Several presentations highlighted the event, such as “Superheroes in Early Computer Games” by Sul Ross professor Avram Dumitrescu and “Avoid My Mistakes: Tips on Making Comics” by Ruggia.

Activities and games such as live Pac Man and a cosplay contest were held on the library’s outside lawn. Sul Ross’ education librarian, Amanda Gomez, was the organizer for the event and contracted the vendors. “First I sent out a survey to see if there was a demand for a comic con on campus,” Gomez said. “When I saw that there was, I spoke to Mr. Ruggia who pointed out other local cartoonists and comic artists ... I posted ads and people started to contact me.” Approximately 400 people attended the comic con, encouraging Gomez to continue this event in the future.

"[Next year] I would want to include more of the students, more campus organizations and expand the comic con within our student body," she said. Gomez encourages attendees to go on the Big Bend Comic Con Facebook page and comment on what they liked and disliked, as well as what they would want in a successive comic con.
MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY
Once again, the SRSU Spanish Club’s celebration of Mexico’s Independence Day on the campus mall brought out a big crowd Sept. 16. Live music was provided by Mariachi Tierra del Sol, with performances by the Ballet Folklórico from Presidio High School. They were joined by Sul Ross’ own Ballet Folklórico dancers and provided festive entertainment.

The crowd joined guest speaker Sergio Salinas Meza, Consul of Mexico, Presidio, in shouting “¡Viva Mexico! ¡Viva Mexico! ¡Viva Mexico!” and cheering on the mariachis and dancers.

Texas was a part of Mexico when it declared its independence from Spain in 1810, and the event holds a significant place in the culture and traditions of the state. Many Texans, particularly those living near the border, celebrate Mexico’s independence each year.

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SUL ROSS SKYLINE   SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

SRSU ADDS FOUR NEW LIBRARIANS
BY BAILEY DUNKS
REPORTER

Sul Ross’ Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library welcomes four bright new young faces in our library faculty this year and things around the library are looking very good. All four of our new librarians have one thing in common besides their new positions: they each received graduate degrees from the University of North Texas.

Nora Ohnishi is in charge of interlibrary loans. Ohnishi is an Alpine native and graduated from Sul Ross with a degree in general studies. She continued her education at UNT where she earned her master’s degree in information science. She feels that Alpine is the right place for her and she is very excited for things to come.

Next is the new collection development librarian, Valerie Howard. She grew up in Houston where she received her undergraduate degree at the University of Houston. She graduated with a master’s degree in library science from UNT. Howard is here to make sure the library is stocked with everything we need. She is also very excited to be here at Sul Ross.

Joining Howard is her husband, David Howard, who is the new technical services librarian (serials). He also grew up in Houston and is a Sul Ross State alumnus with a general studies degree. He got his master’s degree in library science from UNT. Howard says he really likes the new energy in the library.

Lastly, April Aultman Becker is the new Dean of Library and Research Technology. Becker was born in Houston, but grew up in Ohio. She earned her undergraduate degree at Stephen F. Austin University. She continued her education at UNT. She says she loves West Texas thus far. “It’s absolutely beautiful and the people are great,” she said.

Becker encourages students to come check out the library; it’s much more than books and free printing, she said, noting that there is some good stuff going on behind the scenes.

From left: Valerie Howard, David Howard, Nora Ohnishi and April Aultman Becker will be among those reading passages from frequently banned books as a part of banned books week next week. They will join other volunteers Wednesday, Sept. 30 at noon at the university center’s first floor. Photo by Magaly De Leon
‘THE LOVE SONG OF J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER’ 
OPENS 94TH YEAR OF SUL ROSS THEATRE

Austin, TX resident Carson Kreitzer’s “The Love Song of J. Robert Oppenheimer,” winner of the Rosenthal New Play Prize, the American Theatre Critics’ Steinberg Citation, and the Stavis Award, is coming to Sul Ross State University.

The production of “Love Song” is directed by graduate student Ashley Jane Page and will be performed in Marshall Auditorium Oct. 3–11. Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 8:15 p.m., and curtain time on Sundays is 2 p.m. This marks the 94th year of Sul Ross theatre.

“The Love Song of J. Robert Oppenheimer” follows the rise and fall of the wartime head of the Los Alamos Laboratory Manhattan Project. Often referred to as the “father of the atomic bomb” Oppenheimer takes the audience through the development of the bomb and the aftermath of the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki while the communist Red Scare gains momentum.
SENIOR SPOTLIGHT
MELISSA RODRIGUEZ
BY BAILEY DUNKS
REPORTER
As a senior at Sul Ross, Melissa Rodriguez is very active on campus, but most students probably know her as the RA for Fletcher Hall. Rodriguez is an Alpine native and decided to attend Sul Ross after living in Houston for seven years. She is majoring in communication studies and recently changed her minor to criminal justice. After graduation Rodriguez plans to continue her education at Texas State University in San Marcos where she hopes to receive a master’s degree in education focusing on student affairs.

After completion of her master’s, she wants to work in Residential Living, or another area of student affairs in higher education, for Sul Ross or another Texas university. Rodriguez has made many memories here, but her favorite comes from a Homecoming tradition: painting the Bar-SR-Bar every year. She recalls “coming back with paint in my hair and all over my clothing, and enjoying this long standing tradition with friends. “Of course, there was always free food afterwards,” she said. Rodriguez has been involved in a variety of clubs throughout her years at Sul Ross, including Lobo Legacy, SGA, Rotaract Club, the Spanish Club, and Residence Hall Association. She has also served as a pack leader and den leader for Lobo Days and is a Sul Ross Ambassador.
Rodriguez credits author F. Scott Fitzgerald with her favorite quote: “For what it’s worth: it’s never too late to be whoever you want to be. I hope you live a life you’re proud of, and if you find that you’re not, I hope you have the strength to start all over again.” She said, “It’s okay to not have a plan. It’s even okay to change your plan 100 times, but finding a goal that you are proud of makes everything a bit brighter.”

ERIC BANEGAS
BY RICKY SHUBERT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
Erik Banegas is a senior psychology major with a minor in biology. The Alpine native is finishing his degree after taking a five-year break while in the Marine Corps. Banegas was stationed in Camp Pendleton, CA, while spending most of his time in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, and Dubai. During this experience Banegas became fluent in Arabic, allowing him to interact with locals in the country.
“This really made me want to work in a foreign environment,” Banegas said. “I would like to work for the government, possibly overseas with the state department.”
Banegas said he owes a lot to his hero, his grandmother, for being a strong and influential person in his life. As far as personal goals go, Banegas wants to “take advantage and appreciate everything I have now. [We] don’t realize what we take for granted until it’s not around.”
SUL ROSS HOSTS NIRA RODEO THROUGH SEPT. 26

Collegiate rodeo returns to its birthplace as Sul Ross State University hosts the 70th Annual National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association event today and tomorrow (Sept. 25-26). Competition began yesterday and continues today and tomorrow in the San Antonio Livestock Exposition (S.A.L.E.) Arena at the Turner Range Animal Science Center.

General admission is $7 for performance and $4 for slack. Children under 12 and Sul Ross faculty, staff, and students with ID will be admitted free of charge. Programs and day sheets will be available at the ticket booth and concession stand. Slacks will be held beginning at 9 am both days. Saturday night will have a special act following the bronc riding by two very talented young ladies.

Teams competing include: Clarendon College; Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM; Frank Phillips College, Borger; Howard College, Big Spring; New Mexico Jr. College, Hobbs, NM; Odessa College; Ranger Junior College; South Plains College, Levelland; Tarleton State University, Stephenville; Texas Tech University, Lubbock; Vernon Junior Regional College; Weatherford College; West Texas A&M University, Canyon; Western Texas College, Snyder; and Cisco Junior College.

On Saturday evening, one of three candidates will be crowned Miss Rodeo 2015. The reigning Queen is Hallie Smith, Alto. Rodeo Queen 2015 candidates are: Taylor Hogan, Burleson; Samantha Kauk, Rosharon; and Katy West, Athena, OR.

Sul Ross boasts nine national team championship teams, seven men’s and two women’s; and 24 individual event titles. The rodeo team won men’s championships in 1949-1952—the first four years of NIRA competition—as well as 1962, 1982, and 1983. Sul Ross garnered women’s crowns in 1962 and 1985. Only Southeastern Oklahoma State University claims as many national team championships—five men’s and four women’s.

HOMECOMING 2015
KING and QUEEN APPLICATION

Deadline to Apply: OCTOBER 9

http://www.sulross.edu/page/2611/homecoming-2015
or the Student Life Office, UC 211

Filing Fee: $15 (or use Club or Organization Account)

2015 Theme:
LOBOS - FANTASTIC SUPER HEROES
SUL ROSS FOOTBALL KICKS OFF SEASON

BY DANIEL SANDOVAL
SPORTS WRITER

Sul Ross State University football kicked off the season Sept. 6 in their home opener, hosting Texas Lutheran University, ranked number 21 in preseason D-III national football rankings. TLU won the game 44-27.

The Lobos, a mostly freshman team, showed a solid foundation and potential in their first contest.

After the first quarter, the Lobos trailed TLU 13-0. With a touchdown in the second quarter by freshman receiver James Wells, the Lobos made it 13-6.

TLU fought back, increasing their lead to 20-7. With three minutes left in the second quarter, SRSU sophomore quarterback James Davis threw a pass to another freshman receiver Bryon James, who ran 89 yards for a touchdown. Davis’ pass to Calvon Henderson added the two-point conversion for a 20-14 score.

The Lobos came out firing in the second half, allowing sophomore Hasan Lipscomb to best TLU’s defense and tie the game 20-20.

Texas Lutheran scored once more with a 43-yard pass to make it 27-20, but the Lobos found their way back into the game when Davis connected with sophomore tight end Josh Lopez to tie it up again at 27-27.

While this was the last time SRSU scored, the Lobos provided a challenge to one of the nation’s best D-III teams.

“I’m proud of my players,” Sul Ross Head Coach John Pearce said. “I’m really happy with the atmosphere, support from the student body and community: the best environment for Sul Ross.”

Top: Freshman wide receiver James Wells carries the ball for the Lobos. Photo by Susanna Mendez

Middle: The Lobo defense surrounds a Bulldog carrier in the season opener. Photo by Gunner Gardner

Bottom: Freshman William Grear cuts through TLU’s defense for yardage. Photo by Magaly De Leon
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Office/Door Decorating Contest: ‘Lobos Fantastic Super Heroes’

**ATTENTION ALL DEPARTMENTS!**

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