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MILLENIALS COULD DECIDE THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

BY GUNNER GARDNER
REPORTER

Today’s millennials—those between the ages of 14 and 34—have gotten a bad rap for things like being spoiled, narcissistic, lazy and entitled. But those aren’t the only pins millennials are wearing on their extra tight flannel shirts. No, it seems that the millennial youth demographic has been pegged with yet another insulting idiom: least likely to vote.

STATISTICS
According to the U.S. Census Bureau, young adult voters between the ages of 18 through 24 have consistently voted at lower rates than all other age groups in every presidential election since 1962, so not voting isn’t a new trend. But now, our generation has the potential to effect real change in today’s elections. As of 2015, we millennials have become the largest living generation, going on 83.1 million strong and passing up the “baby boomer” generation by about one million. We now have the numbers to make a difference.

Census figures show that in the past 40 years, voters over 45 cast from 49 to 62 percent of the total votes in congressional elections. The youngest voters, those aged 18-34, made up less than 25 percent of total votes, and that number has been going down each election year.

A MILLENIAL ARGUMENT
The biggest argument that we make as millennials is that we’ve inherited a majority of the problems we face today in society. We’ve been hit hard by an ever-collapsing economy and we are the first generation in modern history to experience record-breaking low levels of poverty, unemployment and wealth inequality, much more so than preceding generations experienced at our age.

Whether you agree or disagree, the fact is that millennials lack the solid economic, political and social bedrock that was provided to previous generations. Arguably, the most devastating problem we face is our broken partisan and apathetic political system.

WHY WE DON’T VOTE
Distrust is likely the main reason that we as millennials often choose not to vote. As years go on, many of us have developed a noticeable wariness toward authoritative figures and that includes government figures like members of Congress and even the President.

As we take on the burden of historically high student loan debt and a narrow job market, we feel as though that political authorities we’ve once put our trust in have turned their backs on us. Take the Obama administration for example. While President Obama did accomplish some remarkable things, we didn’t really see any of the “change” that we were promised. Simply put, most young people don’t vote because politics doesn’t serve our interests, so government doesn’t bother to pay attention to young people … because we don’t vote. As a result, young voters feel as though our votes don’t matter.

WHY WE NEED TO VOTE
There are 83.1 million of us. That’s a lot of votes! Millennials have the capability and potential to shape the political system to both our benefit and the rest of the U.S. population as well. You may think that your vote doesn’t matter but our collective votes can make a real change. That’s exactly why we as a whole should vote. In numbers alone, we have the power to be recognized as a political force to be reckoned with. All we have to do is let our voices be heard, make a change, and vote!

HOW?
To register to vote, please visit the Brewster County Tax Assessor-Collector’s office at 107 West Ave. E in Alpine, or you can call 432-837-2214 to get more information.

Another option is to visit www.rockthevote.com to register and learn more about the importance of voting.

Also, keep an eye out for a voting registration day here on campus to happen in the near future!

(Statistical information from www.census.gov.)
NOMINATION PROCESS CHANGED
FOR SRSU MAN, WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Each year at the Honors Convocation, the Sul Ross State University Woman of the Year and Man of the Year awards are conferred, and starting this year, the nomination process will be changed.

According to Dr. Jim Case, Provost, the nomination process will now allow student organizations that are currently active and registered with the Campus Activities office to nominate one senior for each award. Faculty members may also nominate seniors.

Campus organizations interested in nominating students for the awards should contact Lori Conant, Administrative Assistant to the Provost, 432-837-8036, to obtain the nomination form or for additional information about the nominating process.

Nominations for the awards from student organizations are due in the Office of the Provost (Briscoe Hall 203) by Monday, April 4.

The Honors Convocation is Monday, April 18.

Nominees must be seniors, have a grade point average of 3.0, and must demonstrate qualities of good citizenship and leadership.

1ST ANNUAL EASTER ROPING

BY MIRIAM AGUIRRE
REPORTER

On Saturday, March 26, the Sul Ross Rodeo Team will be hosting their First Annual Easter Roping at the Sul Ross S.A.L.E. Arena. A full day of activities are set to begin at 9 am and, depending on the number of people that participate, could last until 10 pm.

Sul Ross students participating are Bailey Birch, Creed Cade, Justin Garmin, Samantha Kauk, Jeffery Latham, Mesquite Mahaffey, Kayne Partin, Sam Powers, Randi Robinson and Katy West.

The Easter Roping is open to the public so anyone who wants to demonstrate their roping skills is encouraged to participate. The events include a two-team roping and 12 roping and 10 roping.

The event is a fundraiser for the Rodeo Team, and Jacob Gernentz, rodeo coach, would like for it to become a tradition.

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What would happen to the plants of West Texas if a decade-long drought or if fires were to ravage the remaining native grasses of the Trans-Pecos? Are the grasslands healthy enough to handle more stress, or do they need a helping hand?

Thanks to the Trans-Pecos Native Plant Materials Initiative that shouldn’t be a problem. Their goal is to create and provide sources of economically viable native seeds for reclamation and commercial purposes, and to supply a seedbank in the event of disasters.

Sul Ross State, through a joint collaboration with the Borderlands Research Institute and the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute (Texas A&M-Kingsville), is host to this budding program, now in its fifth year in West Texas.

Colin Shackelford, West Texas Project Coordinator, oversees operations for 37 counties in West Texas out of a small, well-organized and judiciously labeled office space at the Range Animal Science center. In addition to Shackelford, the Initiative has one full-time employee, BRI research technician Jameson Crumpler, and two part-time employees, Robert Schmitt and student worker Andrew Patterson.

Shackelford is quick to credit the many organizations working together to make the Initiative a success, including the Natural Resource Conservation Services, the Nature Conservancy, and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The process of creating a collection of select native germplasm, as it’s termed, is meticulous and involved. The scientists target particular plants for collection; collect, clean and catalogue the plant materials; perform test plantings and laboratory analyses; and increase quantities of the most resilient performers.

“Scientific farming,” Shackelford calls it. “You have to have a lot of patience,” he said. “Everything happens in one-year intervals. If a planting is not successful, you have to wait for the next growing season.”

Workers must gain access to a variety of locations where a particular species of interest might be, so that the final product comes from parent materials that survived in different elevations, climates and soils. The goal is to obtain a set of starter seeds that is sourced from at least 30 distinct populations of a single species. This process embraces the plant’s wild heritage and is the opposite of what goes into making cultivars, which are plants derived from diminished gene pools via selective breeding.

“We focus on local populations because local genetics have a proven history here,” said Shackelford. “There’s a reason they do okay out here. Seeds can come from all over the place, which is one of the reasons we’re doing this work. Seed harvested from Oklahoma may not be the best fit for West Texas.”

One example is ‘Haskell’ Side-Oats, a Texas native grass variety cultivated from the north Texas county of Haskell.

“It’s a ‘plant out of place’ in West Texas,” Shackelford said. “It doesn’t quite know what to do with itself here—it won’t persist very long or reproduce very well because it’s out of its range.”

The Trans-Pecos Initiative currently has two garden plots used to test plantings—a 25-acre plot just south of Alpine and a five-acre plot near Odessa.

The generosity and interest of landowners who want to support native plant ecology has helped tremendously, Shackelford noted.

“We’re on the cusp of having our first plant material release in West Texas,” he said. He anticipates a named release for three grass species that have been vetted through their processes: Silver Bluestem, Whiplash Pappusgrass and maybe Hall’s Panicum.

When the release happens, these seeds will become commercially available.

“If you’re using the right seed, all the variables outside of your control will be mitigated,” Shackelford said.

He is looking forward to demonstrating the success of the program when the first products of their labor become available to the general public.

“We want to produce at a scale where grassland reclamation is a viable option,” said Shackelford.

Students interested in helping with the project can apply for a student worker position that is currently posted on the Sul Ross website.
Plants are started from seeds in a greenhouse. Then plugs are transplanted to one of two farm sites where they reach maturity. At the Sierra la Rana farm site south of Alpine plugs are watered enough to get them started, then left on their own. “Part of the criteria of success is the plants have to figure out how to make a living on their own,” says Shackelford.

Colin Shackelford shows off some of the seed collection that will be sent to various places for storage and or propagation.

Seeds that have been cleaned and bagged by species.

Shackelford and his team collect data from a planting for at least two years. They are looking for seed production, biomass, germination rates and a host of other data. “We look for plants with naturally higher germination rates,” he says. They compare the data from these experiments and choose which populations of seed to use for public releases.
DINING ON THE EDGE OF THE MAP
ALPINE, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, HAS FABULOUS RESTAURANTS
BY RAINIE MILLER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When you imagine all the places you could eat, an isolated, West Texas desert town is probably not what springs to mind. Austin, sure—start walking any direction in the capitol city, and eventually you’ll smack into yet another trailer that popped up overnight (seriously, where do they even come from?), offering organic $8 burritos made with the lean meat of farm-raised, hand-milked vegan goats from a loving home.

Or, you know, pizza.

Of unknown origin.

Nevertheless, the residents of Brewster County seem to be acquiring food despite living in the middle of “freaking nowhere”—a woman at the farmer’s market used the chilling phrase, “Welcome to the island”—so we’re going to shed some light on the issue of where you can grab a bite, and hopefully convince you that Alpine is, in fact, capable of sustaining human life.

You just have to know where to look.

LA CASITA

You can count on La Casita, one of four Mexican restaurants in Alpine, to provide favorite dishes—ranging from fajitas to enchiladas and more—that always deliver on taste but not overly spicy. The service is likely the fastest in town, so don’t expect a long wait for your meal, but do expect a wait for a table if you arrive after the lunch crowd, so get there early! If you’re extra hungry, the smothered combination burrito is sure to fill you up; if you’re not that hungry, they’ll cheerfully supply you with a take-out box, making the meal an even better value. Prices are reasonable and beer is offered.

THE SMOKIN’ CUBAN

Right next to Harry’s Tinaja at 412 E. Holland Ave., the Smokin’ Cuban is a food truck that offers outdoor seating outside Harry’s, allowing you to eat yummy food, look out afar and take in the Alpine sights. The service is quick and easy; after ordering we received our food in less than five minutes. The main sandwiches are under $10, which includes a side of your choice. Sides and snacks are under $5.

Alpine has had its fare shares with Food Trucks, but The Smokin’ Cuban is by far one of the best food trucks in town. The menu is simple yet packed with flavor. They are most known for their Cuban popping flavors in their Havana burger: loose ground beef with onions, tomatoes, and cheddar cheese on a Cuban loaf (pickles on the side). I ordered the Smokin’ Cuban sandwich with a side of regular fries for only $8 and the sandwich experience was unbelievably delicious. The Cuban loaf perfectly held together the meats and cheese and even the vegetables; with each bite a combination of flavors settled in my mouth. The combination of smoked pork and ham, was a warm melting feeling added with the Swiss cheese. Overall The Smokin’ Cuban is a great place to eat and get a good authentic Cuban taste. Check out their menu at thesmokincuban.com.

MAGOO’S PLACE

If you’ve got 8 am classes and want a breakfast choice that isn’t fast food, Magoo’s Place starts serving a great selection of hearty and light breakfast offerings at 6 am. From pancakes to burritos to huevos rancheros, there’s something for everyone. Lunch selections are varied as well, with affordable prices ranging from $4 to $10. Menudo, a favorite hangover cure, is served on weekends. The atmosphere and wait staff are welcoming, portions are generous, and coffee refills are free! Magoo’s closes at 2 pm daily.

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Located at 1104 E. Ave. H, they are open from 11 am to 8:30 pm, and closed on Sundays. –C.Z.
CEDAR COFFEE SUPPLY

“What’s a Cowdog?” That’s a question you’ve probably asked someone when they told you where they just had lunch. If you don’t have something to look forward to in the middle of the week, Cowdog is the perfect food spot to fill that void, as well as the void in your stomach.

Coming toward campus on E. Holland Ave., keep your eyes peeled for a sky-blue food truck next to Plaine Coffee. Cowdog is open Wed.-Sat., 11:30 to 3. Don’t let the line at the window scare you away; the food is always worth the wait and the service is always friendly.

Cowdogs are Big or Little customized all-beef hotdogs (hence the name Cowdog) like the El Pastor, the Vegomatic, the Mexican, the Hangover (pictured below), and more; or you can customize your own with a variety of toppings. And don’t forget to add a side, like the Tater Flops!

My favorite is the Big Hangover (pictured), which is topped with bacon, cheese, hot sauce, Fritos and Cowdog’s own beef chili. My favorite side is the aforementioned Tater Flops: crispy-on-the-outside, soft-on-the-inside mashed potato patties topped with cheese, sour cream and chives.

One of the best things about this place, other than the food, is the affordability. As a college student, it’s difficult to find good food at a good price, but Cowdog delivers. –G.G.

LOS JALAPEÑOS

Try Los Jalapeños on Murphy Street for authentic Mexican food. They offer tacos, fajitas, seafood, hamburgers with homemade fries, enchiladas, salads, flautas, appetizers and daily specials. I chose the tacos al pastor for the main meal, which is not offered anywhere else in Alpine. There may be a wait for the food, but once you take a bite it’s very well worth it. The price range, from $4.75 for a bean and cheese burrito to $15.95 for shrimp a la diabla, is affordable and portions are quite generous. Business hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 9 am-2 pm and 5-9 pm. –V.A.

JUDY’S BREAD AND BREAKFAST

Judy’s Bread and Breakfast is a small bakery found on Holland Street. It is small, but there is plenty of space for people to sit comfortably and that contributes to its cozy atmosphere. Even though it does not have a big staff, your order is served relatively quickly and the staff is kind and happy to help. They have a variety of breakfast items available on the menu. Pastries, including cinnamon rolls, are also available. The food is homemade and their coffee is strong. –M.A.

CEDAR COFFEE SUPPLY

Open Monday-Thursday 7 am–6 pm, Friday 7 am–5 pm, and Saturday 9 am–5 pm, Cedar Coffee Supply serves—hands down—some of the best coffee in Alpine. In addition to the regular coffee drinks and cold brews, they also offer some tea selections. My favorite drink is the orange blossom latte with organic milk, either iced or regular. Cedar uses only homemade syrups and offers soy and almond options for those who are dairy-free or lactose-intolerant. Prices range from $2 to $6, and as a plus, your student ID will get you a discount. –V.A.

GUZZI UP

Guzzi Up is very open and spacious; with its modern art, relaxed lighting, and view of downtown Alpine, it’s a great place to go for dinner or drinks. The staff are friendly and attentive, and the pizza—which is served in generous portions—is downright fabulous. Try the Meatza, which tastes just like it sounds! Although the prices may be a little steep for college students, the fun atmosphere, delicious food, and impeccable service outweigh the cost. Guuzzi Up is located at 202 W Holland Ave, and is open Monday through Thursday from 11 am to 10 pm, Friday through Saturday 11 am to 12 am, and Sunday 11 am to 10 pm. –R.M.
Sul Ross senior and entrepreneur Krystal Tanner is set to graduate this May. Tanner is originally from Port Lavaca and moved to Alpine to start her studies here at Sul Ross.

Sadly things took a turn for the worst when Tanner’s sister passed away. Due to this, she decided to take a break from her studies. She came back two years later and is now about to complete her degree.

Tanner operates her own pet care business, Four Legged Pet Care located in Fort Davis. Tanner worked for Grand Companions, also in Fort Davis, as an animal technician. From there she gained the experience necessary in animal care to open up her own business.

Tanner explained that she never really planned on managing her own business. She started out as a pet sitter, walking a couple of dogs a day. Now she handles anything from pet sitting to hygiene care,

“I just really love dogs” she said.

Tanner has been president of the Biology Club for two years. The club, aside from doing fundraising events such as the annual spring plant sale, helped create and host Herpetology Day at the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute (CDRI). This is a new annual workshop event held in November for primary and secondary school students, in which students learn all about amphibians and reptiles.

Tanner is also a member of the Tri Beta Biological Society and Student Support Services Program.

She is a recipient of the Who’s Who award, which recognizes students based on academic achievement, service to the community, and leadership in extracurricular activities.

Tanner plans to pursue a career in teaching and aspires to be a biology teacher for middle school children.

“Working with children during the CDRI events made me realize that I loved teaching,” she said. “I know that I want to work with middle school kids because that’s when I feel a teacher can have the most influence.”

Vincent Parras of Fort Stockton is a four-year veteran of Sul Ross. As a video game designer, he is spending his senior year completing two game projects, a group and individual.

Over the years he has gathered a collection of characters that fit perfectly into a game about an artist suffering through an art block that suddenly transports into her sketchbook, only to be freed by fighting her inner demons.

The group project is a 3-D unit and base defense game about a teddy bear knight and his pals trying to protect a sleeping child from bad dreams and nightmares. Parras created the 3-D teddy bear, and is accompanied by his classmates in completing these projects.

Parras says that this entire semester can be summed up into three words: school, work and gaming.

“I try to spend four to five solid hours a day working on both projects, which for me, constitutes planning the schedule and production and making sure tasks are completed on time, as well as designing and modeling the majority of the art,” he said.

After graduation, he would like to move to a city most attracted to gaming and technology as a concept/character designer.

In addition to being the co-founder of the Gaming and Technology Club, he also participated in other organizations before being consumed by senior responsibilities this year, but he enjoys hobbies such as leather crafting, cosplaying and prop-making, as well as playing guitar.

In his spare time he would like to start a YouTube channel that includes video game commentary, time lapse of his digital art, and videogame and film reviews.
SMOOTH SAILING
GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR NETFLIX EXPERIENCE

BY BIANCA MORENO
REPORTER

The fast-growing Netflix website is our favorite place to go to watch the best movies and shows. However, the designers of Netflix have recently released new ways to improve your streaming experience.

NETFLIX ROULETTE

Netflix gives us suggestions based on what we watch and what we rate. However, some of these suggestions aren’t exactly accurate. From the creators of Netflix, there is a website where you can choose a genre, director, and even if you want to search TV shows or movies. Once you have personalized your preferences, the system gives you a random title based on your preferences. This is a fun way to choose movies or TV shows when no one knows which one to pick. http://netflixroulette.net/.

NETFLIX BIBLE

Another creation brought to us by Netflix designers is the Netflix Bible. The Netflix Bible is a website with “cheat codes.” The site brings together original Netflix genres as well as sub-genres. These sub-genres usually don’t get picked up by the original Netflix server and can bring you new genres such as “tearjerkers,” “teen dramas,” “serial killer/killer” and many more. This “bible” will revolutionize the way you categorize movies, and hopefully will help us find movies that are better suited to our daily emotions. http://whatsonnetflix.com/netflix-hacks/the-netflix-id-bible-every-category-on-netflix/.

NETFLIX SETTINGS

Another simple but great thing all Netflix users should know is how to get the best out of your streaming experience. You may be paying for HD viewing, but you may not have it set up properly. By going to account> playback settings and selecting “high,” you will enhance your HD viewing experience. Also, by going to account> subtitle appearance, you can change the font, font size and background of your subtitles.

Netflix is a great way for us to socialize with others and sometimes even get in touch with ourselves. Hopefully these hacks will help your Netflix experience be smooth and even better.

TODD GREEN PERFORMS AT MARSHALL AUDITORIUM

BY RAINIE MILLER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Feb. 20 at 7 pm, the Marshall Auditorium had a special visitor.
Perched above the crowd—which ranged from toddlers to senior citizens, all marveling at the array of exotic instruments on stage—Todd Green put batteries into a digital recorder and began to compose a song.
“It takes a lot of electronics to play acoustic instruments these days,” he admitted, earning a chuckle from the audience.
Layer by layer, adding sections of the melody as he recorded them live, Green created a beautiful, foreign tune reminiscent of the desert itself.
He shook drums; he plucked strings; he even beatboxed. All of it was effortless, and yet much of the music was improvised.
Showcasing more than 30 unusual instruments during the course of the evening, Green proved not only his mastery of songwriting but also of music history, giving lessons about each instrument’s origins.
“This is said to be the world’s hardest instrument to play,” he attested, holding up a pear-shaped pipa from China. He started seamlessly weaving its melody into his composition, with a practiced ease that suggested he’d not only accepted the challenge, but beaten it.
“Interestingly,” he went on, “most people who can play it are women.”
As he strummed the pipa in a circular fashion, eliciting a pleasant, almost celestial sound, Green seemed to inhabit a unique place in the musical world—breaking conventions, peacefully, to the beat of his own Indian drums.

If you’d like to learn more about Todd Green, visit www.toddgreen.com, where you can read descriptions of his instruments and purchase CD’s, books, and other merchandise, as well as peruse the thousands of quotes he has collected over the years.
HOWARD PAYNE ENDS LOBOS’ WIN STREAK

BY STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER CASTILLO
SPORTS EDITOR

The Sul Ross men’s basketball team closed out their regular season Feb. 20 in Brownwood suffering a loss to the Howard Payne University Yellow Jackets, 68-56.

The Lobos seemed to lose their earlier momentum as they shot a season low 17 of 59 from the field, and tied the game once just before the break at 28.

The Yellow Jackets came back after intermission to take the lead and let it run the rest of the game.

Although they lost their final regular season game, the Lobos still held the lead in the ASC West and went on to host the ASC tournament Feb. 25-27 in Alpine.

Photos by Susanna Mendez, Gunner Gardner and Magaly De Leon

LOBOS DOMINATE LE TOURNEAU IN FIRST ROUND OF ASC TOURENY

BY STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER CASTILLO
SPORTS EDITOR

Sully gained control early in the first quarter of their first game of the ASC tournament Feb. 25 at the Gallego Center and never looked back, winning 97-72.

The Lobos were up by 16 with 11:30 remaining in the first half as Caleb Thomasson banked in a layup and Alex Harrison nailed a long three to give the home team a 35-13 advantage.

Rocky Feliciano got in on the action, draining a three-pointer of his own at 17 seconds to give the Lobos a 48-27 lead at the half.

The Lobos went on to hold three 27-point leads in the second half and went up by 28 at 12:53 with a clean jumper by Feliciano.

The Yellow Jackets put up a fight but it wasn’t enough as the Lobos shut them out with a 10-0 run for the 97-72 victory and a shot at the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboys in tournament action the following evening.
Despite a 79-68 loss to the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys in the semi-final round of ASC tournament play that ended the Lobos’ season, the Sul Ross State basketball team had one of the most successful seasons in 12 years of play.

Taking an early 14-0 run, the Cowboys’ momentum was set. Missed shots and bad passes prevented the Lobos from gaining the upper hand and went into the break down by 21 at 45-24.

In the second half, the Lobos pulled to within six as Brock Anders nailed a tough jump shot with 30 seconds left in the game. The Sul Ross rally started too late, and despite a valiant effort by the home team, it just wasn’t enough as the Cowboys ended the game on a 5-0 run to win, 79-68.

The Sul Ross crowd was out in full force for the game that saw the Lobos walk off the court for the final time this season. The Lobos end an exciting season at 16-10 while HSU improved to 17-10.

The Cowboys went on to win the tournament and ASC crown the following night in the tournament finale against Louisiana College, 91-79. Hardin-Simmons goes on to the NCAA DIII Tournament.

Photos by Magaly De Leon and Susanna Mendez
Through the yuccas came a wave of wide hats, the tanned faces of real Texan cowboys (and cowgirls) sporting their uniforms with pride. Hosting the 30th annual Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering the weekend of Feb. 26 and 27, Sul Ross temporarily had a new demographic—that of a ranch town, a landscape alive with cattle wranglers and horse breakers.

But the men in red body paint broke the illusion, strolling past like bandanna-ed warriors from another time. Spiderman, a huge cardboard Lobo, and a paper baby-head mask follow suit, students excited for the 2016 ASC Men’s Basketball Championship, to cheer on their teammates with more than their voices. Basketball is not just a game; the jumping audience and cries for justice are evidence, painted proof, of the investment the players have made in this night.

A boy jingles his spurs to the beat as a man recalls a disaster, the tale of baked beans stirred with dirt. Cowboy poetry has no pretense—anything can be a story.

Alongside the bleachers, another boy bounces up and down, craning his arms skyward.

“I wish I was tall enough to reach the hoop,” he muses. “That way I could play, too.”

For that weekend at least, Sul Ross had an unusual mix of poetry lovers and basketball buffs alike. But regardless of the party they belong to, all members of the audience have one thing in common: a spirit of camaraderie and support for what they love best. Cowboy hats or Spiderman masks, we’re all fans here.
FINAL WEEKEND! Sul Ross State University’s spring theatre production, “The Miser,” concludes its run this weekend with performances tonight and Saturday at 8:15 pm, and on Sunday (Mar. 6) at 2 pm. All performances will be held in the Studio Theatre, Fine Arts Building. Photo courtesy Dona Roman

FIVE LOBOS GET ASC HONORS

Sul Ross senior Alex Harrison was named American Southwest Conference West Division Player of the Year following a vote of the league’s head coaches.

Harrison anchored a Sul Ross State team that won the West Division title and is the first Lobo named West Division Player of the Year since Sidney Hooper (2005-06). Starting 22 games, Harrison scored 13.1 points per game and shot .481 from the floor. Harrison pulled down 127 rebounds, handed out 54 assists and had 29 steals and 11 blocks.

In the West Division, the Lobos received three individual awards. In addition to Harrison, teammates Brock Anders and sophomore Caleb Thomasson were named Freshman and Newcomer of the Year, respectively. Anders shot .531, scored 9.7 points per game and had 106 rebounds. Thomasson led SRSU in scoring (13.8) and rebounds (8.2), both ranked in the top 15 in the ASC.

Senior Rocky Feliciano (El Paso/Hanks) was named to the ASC All West Division Team. Feliciano was near perfect from the foul line this season hitting 106 of 116 for a league-best .914 percentage. Feliciano also wrote his name in the ASC record book three times for perfect games at the charity stripe hitting all 13, 14 and 16 shots in three separate contests.

Junior Jacob Dawson was selected to the ASC West All-Defensive Team. Dawson averaged 4.6 rebounds per game and finished with a field goal percentage of .403 while averaging 9.1 points per game.

CARROLL NAMED ASC WEST COACH OF THE YEAR

First-year Sul Ross head men's basketball coach Clif Carroll was named the American Southwest Conference West Division Coach of the Year.

In his first season with the Lobos, Carroll led Sul Ross to its first West Division title since 2005 and fourth overall.

The Lobos finished the season with an overall record of 16-10 and finished American Southwest Conference play at 10-4.

Carroll was named head coach of the Lobo men's basketball program in the spring of 2015 following two seasons at McMurry University.
LADY LOBOS END SEASON
BY STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER CASTILLO
SPORTS EDITOR
Our fighting Lady Lobo basketball team wrapped up their 2015-2016 season that ended in Brownwood Feb. 20 with a 74-50 final loss to the Howard Payne University Yellow Jackets.
Sul Ross shot 35 percent from the floor, scoring only six points in the first quarter and were down by ten at the end of the first half.
The Jackets ran up the score to end the third quarter up by 22 points. The Lobos fought hard but couldn’t overcome the deficit when the final buzzer sounded.
They end the season at 4-21 overall and 1-13 in the American Southwest Conference.

MARCH EVENTS
Tae Bo every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1:30 pm, Alpine Public Library, and 6:15 pm, Crossroads Baptist Fellowship
Walk for Life every Wednesday and Friday, 10 am, Cathy Wright Learning Life Center
NON-VIOLENT Gas Pipeline Protest every Friday, 12-1pm, Railroad Park. Bring your friends and a sign!

FRIDAY 04
Lady Lobo Softball vs. Louisiana College, 3 pm, Lobo Field
Wil Sports Family Games, 4 pm, Alpine Public Library
BSM Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction, 5 pm, Kokernot Lodge
The Miser production, 8:15 pm, Studio Theatre

SATURDAY 05
Farmers Markets every Saturday 9 am-noon, Big Bend Thrift Store and Hotel Ritchey
Lady Lobo Softball vs. Louisiana College, 11 am, Lobo Field
The Miser production, 8:15 pm, Studio Theatre

SUNDAY 06
The Miser production, 2 pm, Studio Theatre
Dress for Success Workshop, 6:30 pm, UC 210

MONDAY 07
Lobo Literati League, noon, FH 209

TUESDAY 08
Alpine Community Band Rehearsal every Thursday, 7:30 pm, Band Hall

WEDNESDAY 09
Lady Lobo Softball vs. University of the Southwest, 1 pm, Lobo Field
Faculty Recital, 7:30 pm., Marshall Auditorium

THURSDAY 10
Hike with a Homeless Dog every Thursday, 9-10:30 am, Davis Mountains State Park
Weight Watchers every Thursday, noon, UC 210
Bingo Night, 7 pm, UC Espino Center
Choir and Wind Ensemble, 7:30 pm, Marshall Auditorium

FRIDAY 11
Library Lecture Series, noon, LIB 201
Lady Lobo Softball vs. University of the Southwest, 1 pm, Lobo Field

SATURDAY 12
Lady Lobo Softball vs. Howard Payne University, 11 am, Lobo Field

FRIDAY 18
Lobo Baseball vs. McMurry University, 5:30 pm, Kokernot Field

SATURDAY 19
Lobos Baseball vs. McMurry University, 5:30 pm, Kokernot Field

TUESDAY 22
Sky Watch Training, 7 pm, RAS 130

THURSDAY 24
Spring Carnival, 4 pm, Mall

FRIDAY 25
GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

SATURDAY 26
Sul Ross Rodeo Club 1st Easter Roping, 9 am-10 pm, S.A.L.E Arena

SUNDAY 27
EASTER SUNDAY

THURSDAY 31
Cesar Chavez Movie, 6 pm, Marshall Auditorium
FRESHMEN CLAIM TWO MEDALS AT EAST TEXAS TRACK TRIALS

BY STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER CASTILLO
SPORTS EDITOR

Lobo freshman shot putter La Nasia Reed finished first with a throw of 10.85 meters to earn a gold medal in the women’s shot put at last week’s East Texas Trials hosted by the University of Texas at Tyler. Reed was named American Southwest Conference Women’s Track and Field Athlete of the Week.

Freshman Gabriel Armendariz walked away with a silver medal for his second place throw of 41.39 meters in the men’s discus at the East Texas Trials.
BASEBALL STRIKES OUT AGAINST UTPB

BY STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER CASTILLO
SPORTS EDITOR

Feb. 23 brought a tragic loss for the Lobo baseball team as the University of Texas-Permian Basin took our boys, 16-14, in a tight battle on Kokernot Field.

The game heated up quickly when Ely Gallego hit a sacrifice fly to bring in Johnny Campos and tie the game at one in the bottom of the first inning.

UTPB gained the upper hand in a hurry as they scored three more runs.

A shot up the middle by Gallego once again allowed Campos to score, followed by a double from Ryan De Leon that scored Ryan Almager. Then Chris York stepped up to the plate to crank a homer that gave Sully a one-run advantage.

UTPB came back to score a total of six runs in the next two innings, but another Almager homer brought Gallego around the bases. The momentum continued as York scored on a single by Wesley Moss to pull the Lobos to within two at 10-8 after five innings.

The visitors tacked on another six runs, not making it any easier for the Lobos. Some simple mistakes on the Falcons’ side helped the Lobos get four more runs, but they came up just shy.

The Lobos are in Jackson, MS, today (Mar. 4) to face off against Belhaven University in a best of three series, then travel closer to home to meet Hardin-Simmons University in Midland Mar. 8.

The next home game for our Lobos is Mar. 18 when they host McMurry University.

SOFTWARE WINS TWO OVER CONCORDIA

BY STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER CASTILLO
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The Lady Lobos softball team came out on top of visiting Concordia University Texas Feb. 19-20, winning two of the three-game series. They won the first game of a double-header, 7-2, and barely dropped the second, 11-10. The following day saw the team take another win in a close contest, 3-2.

The softball team traveled to Clarksville, AR, to face off against the University of the Ozarks, Feb. 26-27. The Lobos lost both games of the double-header, 3-1 and 3-10, but came back the next day to end the series with a resounding win, 8-2.

The softball team hosts Louisiana College today (Mar. 4) in a double-header that starts at 3 pm on Lobo Field, and again tomorrow at 11 am.
LOBO TENNIS SCORES WINS OVER CONCORDIA

BY STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER CASTILLO
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Lobo men’s tennis visited Concordia University Texas Feb. 26 and came out on top to win the match, 6-3. The following day, they traveled to Georgetown to face Southwestern University and lost, 0-9.

The week before, the men’s team took two losses on their home court against University of Texas–Permian Basin, 8-1, on Feb. 16, and to Schreiner University, 7-2, on Feb. 20.

The women’s tennis team also hosted Schreiner Feb. 20, and lost against the Mountaineers, 8-0.

Once the women hit the road they changed their luck and gained a win against Concordia Feb. 26. The Lady Lobos had just enough to get the win, 5-4.

The following day they lost against the Southwestern team, 2-7.

Next week finds both teams traveling to the Dual Team Tournament in Midland Mar. 11-13.
CONGRATULATIONS
to the
2015 - 2016 LOBO MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM!

Thank you for your hard work ... your dedication ... and your spirit.
You make us proud.

Randy and Sherry Jackson
Alumni