Students’ fatal car crash spurs national tire recall

Joshua Castro
Editor-in-Chief

A rollover accident that killed two of our fellow Lobos last August has led to the recall of 41,000 tires made by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

At the beginning of the fall semester, Matthew Smith, 21, and Kerrybeth Hall, 18, both of Port Lavaca, were on the road to Alpine when one of the tire’s tread came apart in Pecos County.

The Ford F-150 then went into a side-skid and flipped, killing the two.

In a letter to federal safety regulators, Goodyear said it first saw an increase in warranty and damage claims during a review in May 2010.

Fifteen months later, Smith and Hall wrecked. “You have to wonder, if something had been done sooner, could these young people be alive today,” said Attorney Rob Ammons, who is representing the Smith family.

On Feb. 16, Goodyear decided to recall the tires. Just last week it wrote a letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration saying that only a few tires “may experience a partial tread area separation under certain severe usage conditions.”

The recall only specifies six sizes of tires made between March and June 2009. The company said it plans to send notices to customers this month.

The following tire identification numbers (found on the sidewall) are included in the recall:

PJJY5SHV0909-PJJY5SHV2209,
PJJY5SHV0909-PJJY5SHV2209,
JJY5SHV0909-PJJY5SHV2209,
PJJY5SHV0909-PJJY5SHV2209,
PJJY5SHV0909-PJJY5SHV2209,
PJJY5SHV0909-PJJY5SHV2209.

“Why did it take children dying before you chose to acknowledge the problem,” said Dina Smith, Matthew’s mother.

The Skyline sends their condolences to the families of Matthew Smith and Kerrybeth Hall.

SR hosts Texas Academy of Science through March 3

Jason Hennington
News Writer

For the first time in the history of the Texas Academy of Science, Sul Ross State University will host the annual meeting.

Scientists and guests will gather Thursday-Saturday, March 1-3 for the 115th annual meeting at Sul Ross.

Dr. Christopher Ritzi, Department Chair of Biology and Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences, said, “Being a scientific meeting, we’re going to call this an experiment, and we’re going to have to see if it will work.”

According to Ritzi, hosting a meeting this large will be a big event for Sul Ross.

“Normally, most of the TAS meetings tend to cycle through universities around the I-35/I-45 corridor, where the majority of the population of Texas is found,” he said. “Having them come out this far west here doesn’t happen that often.”

The meeting was held in Junction a few years ago, but this is the farthest west the meeting has traveled in years, if ever.

“Getting it out here in Alpine is a really big thing. It will get people exposed to the Big Bend country, in which folks living in East Texas and the coastal part of Texas may never have seen,” Ritzi said.

Ritzi explains that the Texas Academy of Science meeting will display and represent a variety of sciences showcased in the area. Numerous presentations will take place over topics such as anthropology, biomedical sciences, botany, cell molecular biology, chemistry, biochemistry, conservation ecology, environmental sciences, neuroscience, science education, math, and several other fields of science.

“If a topic can fit in any of the basic STEM areas of science and math technology, there’s probably a section or a venue for it to be presented in,” Ritzi said.

The majority of the presentations given will be student presentations, with an expectation of three students to every faculty member that attends the meeting.

“We are looking forward to all the different talks that come in,” Ritzi said. “At Sul Ross, we have our areas of expertise, but we will admit that we aren’t experts in everything. So this is a great opportunity for us to see all the different, other areas of science going on, and let our students get exposed to that. Additionally, it lets the rest of the state know that Sul Ross and Alpine exists and that this is another school in Texas that can provide opportunities for students in the future from their own institutions.”

Schools from all across Texas are planning to attend the meeting, with some schools sending large groups of 20 or more. Schools such as Texas State, Texas A&M, Southwestern, University of Texas Austin, Mary Hardin Baylor, St. Edwards, Texas A&M Galveston, Texas A&M Corpus, Sam Houston State, Lamar and Temple, along with a host of other universities in Texas are registered to attend. In addition, state agencies, such as Texas Parks and Wildlife, are registered.

“We’ve got a lot of different schools being represented,” Ritzi said. “A lot of them tend to be smaller schools, but we do have some of the bigger schools coming in. We are seeing a good representation of universities from around the state.”

Sul Ross will also be giving oral and poster presentations during the meeting.

“Not only are we hosting the meeting, but we have quite a few of our students that are going to be presenting,” Ritzi explained. “It’s not just other schools coming in to showcase their work; we’re also showing them some of the research we’ve been doing.”

Sections being presented by Sul Ross students will include mathematics, geology, numerous biology presentations. At least ten oral presentations and six poster presentations will be given by Sul Ross students.

“Closer to a tenth of the talks being done are going to be Sul Ross, so we’re making a good strong showing since it is our home court,” Ritzi said.
EVENTS

TODAY
MEETING
The Texas Academy of Science will hold their first ever meeting at Sul Ross starting today. Registration is in the University Center second floor with presentations occurring across campus. Info: Chris Ritzi, 432-837-8420.

SPORTS
Get your kicks by playing Indoor Soccer from 7 to 10 pm at the Graves-Pierce Gym. Info: Ryan Baade, 432-837-8299.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2
MID-SEMESTER
TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY
MEETING
The Texas Academy of Science meeting will be holding oral and poster presentations at various locations across campus. Info: Chris Ritzi, 432-837-8420.

EVENT
“Micro-Cinema: Celebrating the Rural Experience” continues today at 7 pm in the Studio Theatre. Admission is free to Sul Ross students and guests. Info: Dona Roman, 432-837-8219.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3
MEETING
The Texas Academy of Science meeting will be holding oral and poster presentations at various locations across campus. Info: Chris Ritzi, 432-837-8420.

SPORTS
Lobos Baseball hosts Mississippi College at Kokernot Field. The first game of the double-header starts at 3 pm. Info: Chris Kennedy, 432-837-8673.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6
EVENT
A reading by Tahitian writer Rai Chaze starts at 2 pm at MAB 302. The event is sponsored by the Languages & Literature Department. Info: Dr. Shanah Hiilman, 432-837-8015.

It’s time for the Annual Spring Carnival! This year’s fund-raising event starts at 4:30 pm on the University Mall. The carnival is free and open to everyone. Info: Jeff Blake, 432-837-8424.

SPORTS
Soccer comes to Sul Ross Indoor Soccer to discuss findings of the Pronghorn Restoration and Research Project. The seminar begins at 7 pm in the Espino Conference Center. University Center. Info: 432-837-9488.

SEMINAR
The Borderlands Research Institute hosts a seminar to discuss findings of the Pronghorn Restoration and Research Project. The seminar begins at 7 pm in the Espino Conference Center, University Center. Info: 432-837-9488.

MEETING
The Central Section of the Geological Society of America presents oral and poster presentations and field trips at various locations on the Sul Ross campus. Info: www.geosociety.org/sections/sc/2012mtg.

The Student Government Association (SGA) will hold a meeting at 3:30 pm in the Warmock Science Building’s room 201. The meeting is open to everyone. Info: Maria Adams, 432-837-8017.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8
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SPORTS
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CONCERT
A Music Ensembles Concert will be held at 7:30 pm in Marshall Auditorium (MAB). The event is sponsored by the Theatre Program of the Fine Arts & Communication Department. The concert is free and open to everyone. Info: Chris Dobbin, 432-837-8081.

Pools hours change
The 6:30 am lap swim on Mondays and Fridays has been cancelled at the Graves-Pierce Pool. The pool will still be open for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 6:30 am morning lap swim.
‘Micro-Cinema’ film shorts program begins tomorrow

Sharoya Hall Reporter

Sul Ross Theatre Department presents their independent film screening themed “Micro-Cinema: Celebrating the Rural Experience” tomorrow and Saturday, March 2 and 3, beginning at 7 pm in the Studio Theatre in the Fine Arts Building.

For many years, the SRSU Video Club has been at a standstill, but students are in for a wonderful experience that Donna Roman, director and professor of theatre, claims as the first step into rebuilding a film presence at this university.

Roman has always had a strong film background. She started off at SRSU as a communications professor who was soon asked to take over the campus TV Studio. With help and inspirational guidance from her mentor George Bradley, who started the video program for SRSU, Roman had the full potential to take on the task.

“Sul Ross used to have its own short form film festival called the West Fest,” Roman said. “It ran for several years and was a student-driven idea.”

This festival only accepted short films from students all over the state and was highly recognized. Some years later, the faculty underwent many changes. Roman stepped down of the theatre department and the film festival slowly disappeared. Now with communications professor Gregory Schwab back on board, Roman is excited to get back to doing films.

“It is really my true love,” she said. “Theatre is my first love, but I love film.”

The Rural Route Film Festival out of New York wanted to do a festival geared to small town experiences. They accepted entries from all over the world and put together compilations of the ten best short films (shorts), films that are between a minute to an hour in length. Roman took advantage of the opportunity and came up with “Micro-Cinema: Celebrating the Rural Experiences.”

“I wanted to celebrate the rural experience because that’s who we are,” she said.

The Micro-Cinema plays in Houston every month. Roman explains that it is not a festival, but a two-day event of screening independent films that have a common theme.

“That is where we are going to start,” she said. “I think it is really exciting for you as students to see what’s happening in the arena. It certainly empowers students to say, ‘oh, I can do that, too.”

With this opportunity Roman is determined to keep the “shorts presence” alive stating that students can use this opportunity as a calling card.

“If the student can put together a well-made short film and have an idea for a feature film, it could be used to go to investors. I really love this because when we did our festival, they were all shorts,” she said. “It is important to me because of what we are doing academically.”

The Micro-Cinema event is not a festival and will not be judged or have any new entries. It will however do something different for the second night by showing the feature film “The Straight Story” by David Lynch.

“These are just screenings that I hope will bring our community together and broaden our presence by introducing a film series to the theatre program,” she said.

The SRSU Video Club is reinstating this semester and this event is something that Roman will continue annually. She plans to switch the theme next year to Latin films, then soon films directed by women and African Americans.

“Every year we will look at different themes,” she said. “I hope students will be excited about it.”

Wikileaks, Stratfor, Anonymous, oh my!

Wikileaks is it at it again. Doing what they do best: hacking the private email accounts of high ranking individuals and releasing evidence of their corrupt and immoral practices.

First, for those of you not familiar with wikileaks.org, it’s a site that runs on donations and leaks information online (like confidential videos and files). There’s only a handful of full-time staff that review and post documents but they also have a small army of technical volunteers.

This time, in what they’re calling “The Global Intelligence Files” they set their cross-hairs on the Austin-based firm Stratfor, a “subscription-based provider of geopolitical analysis” according to its Twitter bio.

Wikileaks released a statement regarding the emails, saying “they reveal the inner workings of a company that fronts as an intelligence publisher, but provides confidential intelligence services to large corporations ... and government agencies,” the statement says. “The e-mails show Stratfor’s web of informers, pay-off structure, payment laundering techniques and psychological methods.” (After digging through some of the emails I found one with the subject “US Bank - Dirty Money” and in it they discuss using Wells Fargo to launder money the same way the Sinaloa, Mexico drug cartel does. It’s also worth mentioning that El Paso has a corporate Wells Fargo building and their sister city Ciudad Juarez is occupied by drug cartels.)

More than five million files were obtained but only about 200 have been published so far. The web has been buzzing about what got revealed, #Gi Files was trending on Twitter since Sunday night, not long before Wikileaks went public with the confidential emails.

Meanwhile, over in the Facebook realm, Stratfor called the hacking a “deplorable, unfortunate — and illegal — breach of privacy.” They went on to say that, “Some of the e-mails may be forged or altered to include inaccuracies; some may be authentic. We will not validate either. Nor will we explain the thinking that went into them.”

Hmmm... Sure, buddy.

The emails range from July 2004 to last December. Over 4,000 files mention Wikileaks and its founder Julian Assange, including one from Stratfor vice president for intelligence Fred Burton stating that “we have a sealed indictment on Assange.”

If the government does pursue any kind of charges against Wikileaks, I hope they’re fair and hold Stratfor responsible for any illegal spying acts they may have done. Especially since “government and diplomatic sources from around the world give Stratfor advance knowledge of global politics and events in exchange for money,” according to Wikileaks.

Anonymous, another internet-freedom-seeking entity, had 25 alleged hackers arrested across Europe and South America on Tuesday by the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL). Anonymous is the group also responsible for coordinating the “Occupy” protests and hacking (and forcing a shut down of) a variety of websites and Sony’s Playstation Network. After the arrests, Anonymous tweeted, “TANGO DOWN? INTERPOL’s website looks completely offline now http://www.interpol.int/ Could it be in response to 25 Anons arrested? Dunno. ^_^”

The two watchdogs have joined forces to become a revolutionary alliance in the fight against big brother for our virtual freedom. This may all seem like something right out of a Hollywood script, but it’s taking place RIGHT in our own backyard.

Lobo Thoughts:

The Library Idea Board

If parent showed their kids how to defend themselves, things like this wouldn’t happen. I was only bullied once in my childhood and the kids got stopped. It is ok to defend yourself.
The worlds of two Hollywood actors become intertwined as the “talkies” smolder the future of silent films. The Artist was nominated for ten Academy Awards and took home five!

- Won – Best Picture
- Won – Best Actor
- Won – Best Directing
- Won – Best Original Score
- Won – Best Costume Design

Hugo is director Martin Scorsese’s film adaptation of the New York Times bestselling book by Brian Selznick’s. The film was nominated for eleven academy awards and took home five oscars!

- Won – Best Art Direction
- Won – Best Cinematography
- Won – Best Sound Editing
- Won – Best Sound Mixing
- Won – Best Visual Effects

USHER* Love in This Club*

The Rock-afire Explosion is the animatronic band that brought thousands of kids to Show Biz Pizza during the 1980’s. A few lucky collectors were able to purchase the sets after the franchise closed and creatively programmed them to perform to pop music. Rock-afire Explosion has spawned a documentary by film maker Brett Whitcomb and a music video, “Electric Feel” by MGMT.

Charlie Chaplin may have given one of the greatest speeches in recorded history in the 1940 movie, “The Great Dictator”. This version has been edited to coincide with powerful imagery that solidifies his message.

Benny Benassi ft. Gary Go – Cinema (Skrillex Remix)

This version won Skrillex the Grammy for Best Remix Recording Non Classical.
Tahitian author/poet at Sul Ross March 6

A presentation/reading by Tahitian author and poet Rai Chaze will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2-3:15 p.m. in MAB, Room 302 on the Sul Ross State University campus.
There is no admission charge and the public is invited.
The people indigenous to the area known as French Polynesia are the Ma‘ohi people.
Tahitian writer and poet Chaze is a voice for Ma‘ohi writers who experience many struggles within an array of colonial, cultural, linguistic, political, and social contexts.
Books will be available for purchase.
The event is sponsored by the Department of Languages and Literature. For more information, call (432) 837-8151.

Clarinet, piano recital set
March 5

Guest artists Dr. David Barrientos, clarinet, and Lyudmila Kise, piano, will present a recital Monday, March 5 at Sul Ross State University.
The recital, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Marshall Auditorium.
On Sunday, March 4, they will present a master class in Francois Fine Arts Building, Room 200, at 3 p.m.
Barrientos will work with Sul Ross and area clarinet students to help them in their playing.
This event is also free and open to the public.
For more information, contact Chris Dobbins, (432) 837-8018 or cdobbins@sulross.edu.

Sponsored by the Skyline Club.

Raffle tickets are $2 each or three for $5. Tickets may be purchased from any Skyline member or at BAB 108.
The winning ticket will be drawn at the March 6 Spring Carnival on the Mall. (You do not need to be present to win.)

Join your friends at the Spring Carnival Tuesday, March 6 at the Mall!

Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance in 3D starring Nicolas Cage & Red Tails

For movie times call 432-837-5111

micro cinema
celebrating the rural experience

[The Best of Shorts Program: Rural Route Film Festival]
"The Straight Story" directed by David Lynch
Students take advantage of Career Fair 2012

Angela Greenroy
Reporter

The big question as a student approaches graduation is: what will I do when I have my degree? You put years into an education that is meant to prepare you for life beyond college, but can you really be prepared to enter into an unknown world? You can be prepared with the help of our on campus Director of Career Services and Testing, Susan Fox Forrester.

Susan Fox Forrester arranged the 2012 Career Fair, held upstairs in the UC Tuesday morning. Career vendors from all over Texas bought a space to advertise promising career choices for interested students. Among the vendors were the Lajitas Golf Resort & Spa, the Dallas Police Department, Department of Homeland Security, Fastenal, National Park Services, and others. Each provided information about the various careers and many had items to give away.

Also, the information provided by Susan Fox Forrester, included internships. Amanda Peppers currently works in the Career Services office and she explained that deadlines are coming up quick. As summer approaches, these internships need to be filled. Many are accepting applications now.

Amanda Peppers was quick to point out students to the HACU National Internship Program. It is a paid internship for all majors. The qualifications are simple: be enrolled in a degree-seeking program, must have completed the freshman year, a GPA of 3.0, be eligible or authorized to work in the U.S., and be an undergraduate or graduate student. Travel and housing is paid and a student may be eligible to receive academic credit. Visit Career Services for more information.

Internships are offered all over the state of Texas and many are local. Students interested in obtaining training in a specific area of study or wanting to fill the summer with a new experience should visit the Sul Ross internship webpage, www.sulross.edu/pages/6872.asp. There is also a webpage for graduates seeking jobs, www.sulross.edu/6875.asp.

For those students who aren’t ready to graduate yet, there are still opportunities available. The Sul Ross website also has a page dedicated to jobs for students on and off campus, www.sulross.edu/pages/6877.asp.

Not listed among the Alpine jobs is Lajitas Golf Resort & Spa. Lajitas is about 90 miles south from Alpine and the representatives who attended the Career Fair extended an invitation to students looking for weekend employment. For evening jobs, the Resort and Spa would cover expenses to put students up for the night. This is a great opportunity for interested students looking for a weekend job and getaway in one.

Any and all questions should be directed to Susan Fox Forrester who is qualified to help students plan for their future.
The fast and the furious: Sul Ross men’s relay team

Jason Hennington
News Writer

“Ask any racer, any real racer. It doesn’t matter if you win by an inch or a mile, winning is winning.” – Dominic Toretto (played by Vin Diesel) in “The Fast and the Furious”

The observation above seems to apply to the Sul Ross State University men’s 4 X 100 track team.

The team consists of Anthony Martin, Waco; Miles McCloyen, Lewisville; Akibule ‘Hakeem’ Collins, San Antonio, and Alex Trevino, Mercedes. Like the movie, “The Fast and the Furious,” the team has a unique story in coming together to show off their speed. Graduate assistant Coach Demon Flemings, Cameron, used the thought and idea of placing the athletes with others of their skill and status to recruit each of them.

This past weekend the relay team competed at Trinity University, San Antonio, against teams from Trinity, Texas Lutheran, Concordia, Angelo State, Huston-Tillotson, Hardin-Simmons, and Our Lady of the Lake, and placed first in the 4 X 100 relay with a time of 42.1 seconds.

“I was recruited by a lot of D1 schools, but my SAT scores weren’t high enough to get in, and I was just going to go to a junior college, but Coach Flemings found me on the internet and came and talked to me,” Martin said. “He told me about Sul Ross, and told me that they are trying to do big things out here. So I decided to come out here and run.”

Martin ran in state meets for four years in high school, with his fastest time being a 10.28 in the 100 meter.

Flemings knew with Martin on the team that he would have to find other athletes to push him beyond his limits.

“One day I was at work and this coach called me up and said I want you to come to Sul Ross,” Collins said about a conversation with Flemings. “He was telling me that he has one of the best athletes from the state of Texas that he had recruited, and that he wanted me to be a part of that. I looked up their times and they looked very interesting to me.”

Collins, who came from a speed-heavy school with what he calls a “monster relay team”, was not allowed to run an individual event until his senior year. Once he entered he advanced to the region and state in individual events.

Adding Collins was a step in the right direction, but Flemings still needed more top-level athletes to make the team contenders, and while searching for another runner, he came across McCloyen.

“I just wanted to go somewhere and run,” McCloyen said. “My coach told me a coach from Sul Ross called, but he was calling actually for another student. He asked my coach if he had anybody else, and my coach told him yeah I have somebody else.

McCloyen ran 21.4 seconds in the 200 meters, and when Flemings heard that, he immediately wanted him at Sul Ross.

“He told him my time, and Coach Flemings said ‘man, that’s fast. Yeah, tell him to get out here,’” McCloyen said.

Flemings contacted McCloyen and told him who he had on his team and what direction the team was headed, and McCloyen happily accepted the offer.

“I told him, ‘I’m interested in this, and I feel like running ‘He told him my time, and Coach Flemings said ‘man, that’s fast. Yeah, tell him to get out here.’’”

“We were a 21.10 in the 200 meters at the state meet. Flemings not only brought in athletes, but also another graduate assistant, Jeremy Medrano, Kingsville, to help with the team.

“I was never going to coach, but Flemings kept telling me, ‘let’s go coach. I’m running by myself. It’s not like high school anymore, I’m running by myself. It’s good competition to be pushed by.’

Collins explained that being able to team with other talented runners would be a good way to push himself, and seeing what the coaches had to offer is what influenced his
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decision to attend Sul Ross.  
When he told me the 
athletes that had come here, I 
thought it can’t be true that he 
can possess that type of talent 
at a young age as a coach,” 
he laughed. “I looked them 
and saw that he had some 
talented kids, and when you 
work with good talent as your 
own it makes you even better, 
especially when you work with 
your peers who possess the 
same talent that you possess.” 

Trevino never looked at 
anyone’s times or statistics, 
but knew that he was going to 
up and saw that he had some 
he laughed. “I looked them 
at a young age as a coach,” 

Sully Triathlon set 
for Sunday, March 25

The Sully Super Sprint Tri- 
athlon is planned for Sunday, 
March 25, beginning at 8 am. 
The triathlon is made up of 
three parts: a 500-meter swim, 
a 3.1 mile run, a 15-mile bike 
race, and a 360-meter swim. 

Competitors can sign up 
individually or as a team of 
two or three persons. 

Applications can be down- 
loaded at www.sulross.edu/ 
pages/5505.asp. Additional 
information can also be found 
at this site. 

If you are interested in vol- 
unteering for the event, please 
contact Ryan Baade at 432- 
837-8299.

The coaches stressed the 
importance of going to class 
and being a positive part of 
the community. The student- 
athletes have raised their GPA 
during the Fall semester, and 
have worked with the Wesley 
Center and attended Bible 
study regularly. 

“Mr. Woody Stracken has 
been a big help for us,” Flem- 
ings said. “Having these guys 
go down and do volunteer 
work at the food bank, hiking 
trips, bible study, and all types 
of things. He’s been a big help 
to us. It’s help them change 
their attitudes and change 
their whole perspective on 
life.” 

Medrano also explained 
that various people have come 
in to help the players and that 
as coaches they are trying to 
be different in a positive way 
rather than be ordinary. 

“We’re just trying to help 
them out in the long run for 
life,” Flemings said. “If Miles 
goes somewhere else or four 
years down the line, I want 
him to feel like he can call me 
at any time of night and say 
‘hey, coach I need help with 
this or that.’ It’s basically like 
a friendship or a family. We’re 
making life-long relationships, 
not just college relationships.” 

The commitment they have 
made to the team and each 
other fuels their will to win. 

“Working with these guys 
have made me a lot better, and 
more of a leader. We all just 
click really well,” Martin said. 
“Based on everybody’s work 
ethics, we should win confer- 
ence, and we should have two 
relays make it nationals.” 

Along with working well 
with each other, and continu- 
ing to push hard in every prac- 
tice, every member of the team 
sees success as the outcome of 
the season. 

“These guys they argue a 
lot, but they argue because 
they have never had competi- 
tion among themselves,” 

Medrano said. “They are used 
to being the dominant ones, 
and win they think well this 
guy is faster than me, it makes 
it competitive, but it makes it 
personal and they think I want 
to win too.” 

Both Flemings and Me- 
drano are thankful to head 
track Coach Ke Kola Kealoha 
for giving them this opportu- 

ity to coach, and they hope to 
elevate Sul Ross to the top tier 
of the conference. 

“He gave us the opportuni- 

ty and we took full advantage 
of it, and our track team has 
come a long way,” Medrano 
said. “We lack respect right 
now, but given after our first 
meet, we feel like we’ll get 
respect. We feel like we’ll get 
leverage over the fact that a 
lot of people will take us seri- 
ously.”

Skyline gets own YouTube channel

The Skyline now has its 

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Spring Carnival

MARCH 6TH
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4:30PM
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Sul Ross hosts Geological Society meet

Geoscientists from across the south-central U.S. and beyond will convene at Sul Ross State University for the South-Central section meeting of the Geological Society of America March 5-10.

Technical sessions will cover the tectonic history of the Trans-Pecos, the Rio Grande, west Texas aquifers, geoarchaeology, petrology, cave processes, minerals and fossils.

The program highlights new research, expands on existing science, and explores the geologic and hydrologic processes which shaped and continue to influence the landscape and resources of the Trans Pecos and the Permian Basin.

Sul Ross faculty, students and research center directors will present on technical and contemporary topics alongside academic and professional Geologic Society peers.

Geology faculty member and Rio Grande Research Center Director Dr. Kevin Urbanczyk and Chris Burnett of the University of Texas at Austin, will present, “Fear and Learning in Big Bend: Is It Safe to Take a Field Trip Down There?” This paper, presented at 1:45 p.m. on Friday, March 9, addresses perceptions and facts of safety and risks related to border violence that increasingly impede educational field trips to the border.

Robert Mallouf and William A. Cloud, retired and present director, respectively, of the Center for Big Bend Studies, will present “A Historical Perspective on the Search for Paleoindians in the Big Bend,” at 1:45 p.m. on Friday, March 9.

This paper sets the stage for the geoarchaeology symposium, highlighting current and past geoarchaeological work in the Big Bend area.

The agenda also includes a symposium, “Big Bend National Park and Vicinity: A Decade of Research,” on Friday, March 9, 9 a.m.-12:10 p.m. in the Espino Conference Center, Morgan University Center.

Conveners are Don Corrick, Big Bend National Park; Dee Ann Cooper, The University of Texas at Austin; and Roger Cooper, Lamar University.

This special session includes presentations on a new and improved fossil exhibit in Big Bend National Park; mysteries of the sixty-one giant Platymerus platynus (Cretaceous bivalve molluscs) concentrated in a patch along one bedding plane in the Boquillas Formation east of Lajitas, Texas; the proposed connection between storms and microbes in the Del Rio Formation of west Texas; and more.

In addition to presentations and poster sessions, professionally guided field trips covering quaternary geology and hydrogeology of the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo (Monday, March 5) and recent studies of magmatism in Big Bend National Park (Tuesday, March 6) will be offered.

Following the meeting, a field trip of the geology of Colorado Canyon (Saturday, March 10) is planned. The conference is only open to registered participants. For more information and to register visit: http://www.geosociety.org/sections/sc/2012mtg/.

For additional information contact Kevin Urbanczyk, (432) 837-8110 or E-mail: kevinu@sulross.edu.

Scenes from Saturday’s Alumni Softball Game

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Lobos suffer sweep in Dallas

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The Sul Ross baseball team traveled to Richardson to take on UT-Dallas last weekend, Feb. 24 and 25. The Lobos fell in all three games by scores of 14-1, 6-5 and 5-4.

In game one, the Comets took an early 1-0 lead in the second inning and never looked back.

Sul Ross gave up runs in the third, fifth, sixth and eighth innings.

The Lobos lone run came in the top of the eighth when Brian LaLima reached on an error with two outs. Will Nelson was hit by a pitch and advanced LaLima to second base. Marty Baldez hit an RBI single to score LaLima and make the score 14-1.

Jay Croft suffered the loss for Sul Ross, giving up seven runs on 11 hits in 5 1/3 innings pitched.

Game two started off well for the Lobos as they jumped on the Comets early by taking a 1-0 lead in the second inning.

Andy Silcox hit his first homerun of the season in the top of the fourth inning. The solo homerun by Silcox added to the lead for the Lobos making it 2-0.

Trevino held the Comets scoreless into the seventh inning as Sul Ross added two insurance runs.

Trevino took the mound to start the bottom of the seventh inning with a 4-0 lead but could not finish the game. Lucas Garza took over on the mound with bases loaded and no outs.

The Comets manufactured four runs and tied the game forcing extra innings.

With two outs in the eighth, Zach Hopson reached on an error, Josh Vasquez singled and Dakota Dill hit an RBI single to score Hopson putting the Lobos up 5-4.

UTD rallied in the bottom of the inning and scored two runs to steal the victory with a final score of 6-5.

Cody Christian started on the mound in game three for Sul Ross.

The Comets led early as they led 3-0 into the fourth inning.

The Lobos scratched across two runs to cut into the lead.

With one out in the top of the fifth, Vasquez singled, Dill doubled moving Vasquez to third. Brian Mata grounded out to second base allowing Vasquez to score and move Dill to third. Silcox reached on an error as Dill scored to put Sul Ross ahead 4-3.

That lead did not last long as UT-Dallas scored two runs in the bottom of the inning on a two run homerun to take back the lead 5-4.

The Lobos did not score in the sixth or seventh and lost game three, 5-4.

Sul Ross is now 2-13 on the season and will take on Mississippi College in a home series at Kokernot Field.

Games will begin with a double header on March 2 starting at 3 pm and a single game on March 3 at 1 pm.