SR receives $1 million for first endowed position

A $1 million gift from Peggy and Dan Allen Hughes, Jr., San Antonio, petroleum, has established the first-ever endowed position at Sul Ross State University.

The Peggy and Dan Allen Hughes, Jr. Endowment Fund will enable Sul Ross to establish the Dan Allen Hughes, Jr., Endowed Director for Borderlands Research. Dan Allen Hughes is a member of the Borderlands Research Institute (BRI) Advisory Board of Directors. In 2009, he was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to a six-year term on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

He serves as president of Dan A. Hughes, Company, LP; is president of Hupac Operating Company, LLC and CEO of Maverick American Natural Gas, LLC. He is also a member of the Texas A&M University College of Geosciences Advisory Council. Dan Allen (1980) and Peggy (1982) Hughes are both Texas A&M graduates.

“Peggy and I are very pleased we are able to make this gift,” he said. “The BRI, with the assets of Sul Ross State University, is currently conducting and will continue to conduct much-needed research on the wildlife of the Trans-Pecos Region. By endowing the executive director’s position at the BRI, that person will be able to spend most of his or her time overseeing and growing the institute.”

The BRI, organized in 2007 and located at Sul Ross, presently manages about 30 student research projects, totaling more than $2 million in grants.

Projects include various wildlife studies (mule deer, quail, desert bighorn sheep, black bear, mountain lion, pronghorn) as well as range restoration and native seed propagation. The BRI seeks to provide land managers with the most current scientific information on the management of the natural resources of the area through research.

“We are extremely grateful for this most generous gift,” said Sul Ross President Dr. Ricardo Maestas. “Mr. and Mrs. Hughes’ love of wildlife and their abiding interest in land stewardship dovetail with the Institute’s science-based research and education projects.”

Dr. Louis Harveson, BRI director, said, “Dan Allen has been with the Institute since day one and has truly helped us gain a solid footing in our research efforts. This endowment will greatly enhance our ability to educate students, undertake more research projects and increase our focus in various areas of conservation.”

SRSU scientists host Geological Society

Geoscientists from across the south-central U.S. and beyond will convene here this week (March 5-10) for the South-Central section meeting of the Geological Society of America.

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 shape 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 Geological 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 Platyceramus platanus (giant nautiloid 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.

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: www.geosociety.org/sections/sc/2012mtg.

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

DON’T FORGET TO “SPRING FORWARD” ONE HOUR THIS SUNDAY! TURN YOUR CLOCKS AN HOUR AHEAD FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!
SPORTS
Lady Lobos softball team takes on Dickinson College at 1:30 pm in the Tucson Invitational, and meets Edgewood College at 3:30 pm. All games played at Lincoln Park. Info: Chris Kennedy, 432-837-8673.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13
SPRING BREAK

SPORTS
The Tucson Invitational continues today with the Lady Lobos meeting the University of Wisconsin La Crosse and Marian University at 11 am and 3:30 pm respectively. All games played at Lincoln Park. Info: Chris Kennedy, 432-837-8673.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14
SPRING BREAK

SPORTS
The Lady Lobos softball team’s final day at the Tucson Invitational, Lincoln Park, finds them pitted against Central College at 9 am and Lakeland College at 11 am. Info: Chris Kennedy, 432-837-8673.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

FRIDAY, MARCH 16
SPRING BREAK

SPORTS
The Lobos baseball team travels to Abilene to take on McMurry University at 7 pm. Info: Chris Kennedy, 432-837-8673.

The Lady Lobos softball team hosts Hardin Simmons University at Lady Lobo Field in a double header starting at 5 pm. Info: Chris Kennedy, 432-837-8673.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

It’s a doubleheader for the Lobos baseball team against McMurry University in Abilene starting at 1 pm. Info: Chris Kennedy, 432-837-8673.

The Lady Lobos softball team plays their third game against Hardin Simmons University beginning at 11 am at Lady Lobo Field. Info: Chris Kennedy, 432-837-8673.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

RESIDENCE HALLS OPEN NOON

SPRING BREAK

EVENTS

CONCERT
Music Ensembles Concert.
7:30-9:30 pm. The Concert Chor, Mariachi Ensemble and Wind Ensemble will perform in Marshall Auditorium. Info: Chris Dobkins, 432-837-8018.

TODAY
MEETING
Geological Society of America South Section meeting. Various locations across campus. Info: Leslie Hopper 432-837-8648.

EVENT
Children’s Story Time. Lobo Village Community Room, 6-6:30 pm. Sponsored by SRSU Honors program. Info: Dr. Kathy Stein, 432-837-8317.

CONCERT
Music Ensembles Concert.
7:30-9:30 pm. The Concert Chor, Mariachi Ensemble and Wind Ensemble will perform in Marshall Auditorium. Info: Chris Dobkins, 432-837-8018.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9
MEETING
Geological Society of America South Section meeting. Various locations across campus. Info: Leslie Hopper 432-837-8648.

SPORTS
Lobos baseball team hosts Hardin-Simmons University at Kokernot Field. Game time is 7 pm. Info: Chris Kennedy, 432-837-8673.

The Lobos men’s and women’s tennis teams travel to Sherman where they meet East Texas Baptist University. First match starts at 3 pm. Info: Chris Kennedy, 432-837-8673.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10
RESIDENCE HALLS CLOSE 9 AM
SPORTS
Lobos baseball starts game one of a double header at 1 pm at Kokernot Field against Hardin-Simmons University. Info: Chris Kennedy, 432-837-8673.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 18
RESIDENCE HALLS OPEN NOON

SPRING BREAK

HAVE FUN AND STAY SAFE THIS SPRING BREAK!
Are your Student Gov senators accountable?

Angela Greenroy
Reporter

The Student Government Association (SGA) meets weekly to discuss questions, concerns, and key issues concerning the student body and the campus in general. SGA President Johnathan Cruz sends out a reminder emails in hopes that it will be read and responded to. It reads, “Senators and Club Representatives are required to attend. SGA meetings are open to any student that wishes to voice their opinion or concern about Sul Ross State University, in general. I encourage as many students to join us.”

Members of the student body cannot vote on issues, but any student can show up, share their thoughts, and see how they are being represented.

It appears that certain students campaign to be elected as senators for their department, but they fail to make these SGA meetings. It is a requirement to attend and student body members from each department should hold their senators accountable for each meeting. It is your responsibility to make sure your voice is heard. Who is the senator for your department?

Representatives for each club are also required to attend. This is important if your group needs financial assistance at any time throughout the year. No money will be awarded for groups who have not had a representative attend 75% of the meetings.

Representatives give voice to the needs or desires of other groups as well. If you are part of a club on campus, do you know if your representative is showing up to each meeting? How do you expect your representative to act at such meetings?

If you are unsure of how well you as individual or you as a group member are being represented, then you are encouraged to attend. The SGA is interested in what you have to say and it is important that senators and representatives do their jobs well. After all, we, the student body, choose them.

The issues discussed are not merely monetary. This last week, Feb. 29th, 2012, there was a vote about changing the requirements for the Man and Woman of the Year award. It was decided that staff, as well as full time faculty, should have a voice concerning this honor.

Also, a motion was made to change the minimum 3.0 GPA to a 3.5 GPA. This did not pass, but there been more students present to join in the discussion and had all the senators and representatives been present, the conclusion may have been different.

The Skyline Club had a presentation asking for a portion of the UFO funds for the upcoming trip to the Texas Intercollegiate Press Conference. They were granted a portion of the money after a heated argument.

In the future, other clubs will also be presenting asking for funds. It is important that students push their senators and representatives to attend these meetings. Senators and representatives are our link to our voice being, not only heard, but counted.

If these senators and representatives are not doing what they are required to do to keep the positions, then we must vote them out in the future. This is our school, these are issues that affect us all in one way or another, and we need proper representation at every SGA meeting.

It is a simple matter of accountability. Your voice matters so please come to the SGA meetings and speak up. If your senator or representative fails to attend, hold them accountable. It’s the least you can do.

El Paso, Juarez, Fort Hancock find their way onto DHS monitoring list

And now, more news that our government is acting shadily. In February 2011, The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that they plan to initiate an operation in which they would monitor online media, including social networks and news organizations.

That means they’ll be watching what you put on your Facebook status and what you’re tweeting about in order to uncover “items of interest.”

The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against the DHS after it declined to disclose any documents regarding the media monitoring program.

The proposed initiatives would gather information from “online forums, blogs, public websites, and messages boards” and disseminate information to “federal, state, local, and foreign government and private sector partners,” according to EPIC.

After going through the list of keywords that will raise red flags, I was surprised to find El Paso, Ciudad Juarez, and Fort Hancock on there.

This list is divided into nine sections labeled DHS & Other Agencies, Domestic Security, HAZMAT & Nuclear, Health Concern + H1N1, Infrastructure Security, Southwest Border Violence, Terrorism, Weather/Disaster/Emergency, and Cyber Security.

I’m sure you can figure out what category those cities fall under (Southwest Border Violence for the geographically impaired).

First of all, spying on people for what they talk about directly violates the first amendment to the Constitution and that’s exactly why EPIC has filed its lawsuit and has support from Congress.

According to EPIC.org, “the program would be executed, in part, by individuals who established fictitious usernames and passwords to create covert social media profiles to spy on other users.”

So for those of you with a Twitter account, I’m sure you’re familiar with random profiles (that don’t even have a picture) following you after you tweeted about a certain topic.

The lawsuit was filed last December and since then, EPIC has acquired almost 300 documents from DHS that include contracts and price estimates with General Dynamics (a “defense industry contractor for shipbuilding and marine systems, defense systems, land and amphibious combat systems and munitions,” according to its website) for 24/7 media and social network monitoring and periodic reports to DHS.

The documents reveal that the agency is tracking media stories that “reflect adversely” on DHS or the U.S. government.

That sounds too much like “Big Brother” to me!

They also planned to use certain websites (like WikiLeaks and Stratfor; two companies mentioned in last week’s issue—SPOOKY!) to “monitor public social communications on the internet.”

Most recently, officials from DHS went before the House Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence to testify against the allegations made by EPIC.

During the hearing, they lied about specifics of their operation. EPIC then wrote a letter to Congress pointing out the “inconsistencies in DHS testimony about the program,” and asked them to suspend it.

Only time will tell what comes of this whole bureaucratic-legislative mumbo-jumbo.

Hopefully Congress will keep the Constitution and our Bill of Rights in mind (unlike many other aspects of our government lately) when they have future discussions about this.

Keep yourself informed. Don’t just watch the major news affiliates. There is so much more important news that they always happen to miss ... I wonder why.

The next issue of The Skyline will be distributed March 29. Have a safe spring break and we’ll see you then!
Women in Film

Pray The Devil Back To Hell

A story of sacrifice, unity and transcendence, Pray the Devil Back to Hell honors the strength and perseverance of the women of Liberia. Inspiring, uplifting, and most of all motivating, it is a compelling testimony of how grassroots activism can alter the history of nations. Thousands of women came together to pray for peace and then staged a silent protest against the violence caused by their leaders. Armed only with white shirts and the courage of their convictions, they demanded a resolution to the country’s civil war. Their actions were a critical element in bringing about an agreement during the stalled peace talks.

Made in Dagenham

The film is a biographical dramatization of the 1968 strike at the Ford Dagenham car plant, where female staff walked out in protest against sexual discrimination and demanded the same wage as the men. Rita is a confident working mother who finds herself elevated to the position of striker-spokeswoman. She battles not only against the bosses but also the trade unionists that are getting ready to close a duplicitous compromise behind her back. The striking women achieve inspirational self-respect and they win their strike as well. And even given that this film is set in the period before Britain's industrial slide, equal pay for women can hardly be blamed.

Ireland native, Róisín Murphy has captivated a global audience as a solo artist. First, she was known for her sense of style and vocals fronting the group Moloko, with comrade Mark Brydon.

The mysteries of Stonehenge have puzzled mankind for thousands of year. One man from Flint, Michigan may have discovered the techniques used to move the massive stones.

Kimbra is a singer/songwriter from New Zealand. Her talents have long been celebrated overseas and are now enjoying recent success in the U.S. "Settle Down" is one track from her 2011 album, "Vows".

youtube.com
Range and Wildlife Club attends Wildlife Society meeting

Over 20 Sul Ross State University students from Natural Resource Management, Biology, and Range and Wildlife Management traveled to Fort Worth Feb. 24-26 to participate in the 44th Annual Meeting of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society (TCTWS).

Sul Ross students mingled and interacted with state, federal, and private wildlife biologists throughout the state and listened to two and a half days of scientific papers. In addition, students presented scientific papers, participated in a wildlife disease workshop, and were acknowledged at the Awards Banquet.

Laura Loeser, Alpine, presented a paper, “Use of Black Bears (Ursus americanus) and Mountain Lions (Puma concolor) as Umbrella Species for Biodiversity Conservation in the Trans-Pecos Region of Texas.” Loeser also presented a poster, “Transboundary Movement and Habitat Use by Black Bears (Ursus americanus) in the Chihuahuan Desert of Western Texas and Northern Coahuila, Mexico.”

Justin Hoffman, Bellevue, presented two papers, “Assess the Survival of Restored Pronghorn in the Trans-Pecos, Texas,” and “Post-Release Movement of Translocated Pronghorn in the Trans-Pecos, Texas.”

Kody Kuhala, Hondo, presented a paper, “Ectoparasite Diversity and Rickettsia Testing of Ectoparasites on Feral Swine (Sus scrofa) and Collared Pecarres (Pecari tajacu) in the Davis Mountain of Texas.”


Thomas Janke, Bartlett, presented “An Overview of the History of the Texas Desert Bighorn: An Account of Their Rise, Fall, Restoration, and Current Success.”

John Stone, Beaumont, presented a paper, “Effects of Hunting Pressure, Meteorological and Lunar Conditions on White-tailed Deer Use of Supplemental Feed Stations.”

Kendall Smith, Johnson City, presented a poster “Effects of Prescribed Fire on Pronghorn Habitat in Desert Grassland of the Trans-Pecos.”

James Weaver, Point, presented a poster, “An Evaluation of Pronghorn Fawn Survival in the Trans-Pecos.”


At the Awards Banquet, the TCTWS acknowledged John Clayton Campbell, Castroville, as an Outstanding Student Member of the Sul Ross Range and Wildlife Club.

Other students in attendance included Justin and Megan Boulware, Alpine; Andy James, Gatesville; Lalo Gonzalez, Chihuahua, Mexico; Richard Temple, Minden, La.; Joe Christensen, Nampa, Id.; Reagan Gage, Jarrell; Kate Dennison, Quincy, Mass.; Jack Turney, Sonora; Bryce Thompson, Alpine; and Tanner Regan, Midland.

Is London your spring break 2013 destination?

Angela Greenroxy Reporter

A trip to London during spring break of 2013 is open for students, faculty, staff, and those of the community who would be interested in attending. It’s a trip for anyone who would like to go, but for students, it’s a class that will offer both credit and financial aid.

Have you imagined walking the halls of Oxford University? Admiring the house where Anne Hathaway lived while Shakespeare was gone writing plays that would eventually outlive him? Standing in the Globe Theatre where actors brought the written word to life?

The Theater and Literature departments of Sul Ross are teaming up to offer this rare opportunity to the community. Possibly two classes will be offered, one from the theater department and one from the literature department. Those who sign up before the last day of March will receive a $150 discount off the set price which varies slightly for the person over age 30.

A simple way to sign up is to befriend the Theatroethe-Big Bend on Facebook. On their wall a link can be found that will bring visitors directly to the tour page. On the front page a link can be found that states “enroll on this tour.” Another page will appear to further entice you to take the plunge, click “let’s go” and fill out the form on the next page.

A few pointers for first time users:

1. Use your correct name (must match passport).
2. Don’t panic when the site says, “your trip is already stuffed to the rim,” click ‘next step.’
3. Skip through the insurance if you are comfortable doing so by selecting I’m aware that I’m not adding insurance.
4. At the payment page, students needing aid must be careful to select a small link in the bottom of the box, ‘I can’t make monthly payments.’ You will need to pay a $95 fee in order to secure your place.
5. Pay the fee by either entering credit card information or checking account information.
6. You must view the terms before you can finish and submit.
7. Upon completion, you can view your tour after setting up a password.

Passports must be obtained for this trip. It can take up to fourteen weeks for a passport to process so apply early. Dona Roman has stated that the Theater Department can take passport photos. Visit FAB for more information. Both Dona Roman and Sharon Hileman can answer questions about the prospective courses.

Student Brenda Gallegos has been on two previous trips and offers assurance to students who are nervous about obtaining financial aid, “The counselor will sit and explain everything to you – info, prices, etc. and then you make the decision. Their focus will be to pay for school first and tell you what is left after that.”

Two theater students present at the recent meeting, Ashley Page and Missy Embrey, felt at ease after Gallegos shared some of her experience.

Embrey says, “I am most excited about the shows and the tour of the Globe Theatre.”

Page shared, “I’ve always wanted to go to London and I am excited for the history of theater to come to life.”

Celebrate your spring break in the desert

Plants

Cooking with Desert

Agave

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Cooking with Desert

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CDRI.org , or visit our website 432-364-2499, at education@

14 -
Botanical Garden and Cactus

15 -
The Nature Center will have a wonderful display of cacti available for purchase during the Cactus Frenzy March 12 through the 17. After you enjoy the garden and greenhouse be sure to pick up the perfect cactus to brighten up your home or garden! A list of available cacti for purchase can be found on the CDRI website at www.cdri.org.

For questions or more information on upcoming events and programs please contact the Nature Center at 432-364-2499, at education@ cdri.org , or visit our website at www.cdri.org. The Nature Center is open year-round, Monday-Saturday, 9 to 5; located four miles south of Fort Davis, on HWY 118.
Miles of Smiles 2012 Spring Carnival

Photos by: Peter Dindinger
Lady Lobos softball goes 0-4 in ASC First-Pitch Tournament

Brian LaLima
Sports Writer

The Sul Ross softball team traveled to Dallas last Friday, March 2, and Saturday, March 3 to compete in the ASC First-Pitch Tournament.

On day one March 2, Sul Ross took on UT-Dallas in game one of a double header. The Lady Lobos struggled to put things together, amounting only one hit and fell in a five inning run rule to the Comets, 13-0.

In game two of the day, SR faced off against Mississippi College. The Lady Lobos found trouble early as they gave up eight runs in the second and five more in the fifth. Sul Ross struggled offensively once again, producing two hits and lost the game in a five inning run rule, 13-0.

Day two of the First-Pitch Tournament meant a new day for the Lady Lobos to bounce back. Sul Ross and LeTourneau squared off in the first game of the day. Offensive struggles continued to doom the Lady Lobos as they dropped the contest, 6-0.

In the final game of the tournament, Sul Ross played East Texas Baptist. ETBU found runs in the first inning and never looked back. SR once again could not find any offensive production, collecting only four hits and dropped to ETBU in a five inning run rule, 11-0.

The Lady Lobos are now 0-8 and will travel to Tuscon, Arizona Monday, March 12 through Wednesday, March 14 to compete in the Tucson Invitational.

Sul Ross will compete against Dickinson College, Edgewood College, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Marian University, Central College, and Lakeland College.

Rachel Barrett
Reporter

All hail the conquering heroes, as SRSU’s own Ranch Horse Team returns victorious from its maiden voyage!

Last weekend, they traveled to Abilene, for their very first contest. When the dust settled, they came out in third place overall as a team and brought away with them some very impressive individual awards.

Competing team members were Luke Hendryx, Reserve Champion in the Novice division; Christina Jones, 11th overall in the Novice division; Emily Sims, 3rd in Herd Work and 2nd in Working Cow Horse in the Limited Non-Pro division; Clay Elliott in Limited Non-Pro; Justin Smith in the Non-Pro division; and Nikki Woodward, 1st in Reining in Non-Pro.

With up to 50 riders competing in each division, how’s that for the first crack out of the box?

Coach Melissa Genetti is justifiably proud of her riders, who have committed to a rigorous practice schedule since last semester. They have joined the ranks of only 16 other schools with active teams.

The objective of the Ranch Horse Team program is, as she quoted from their sponsor letter, “to promote the education of horsemen in the safety, care, and training of the versatile Ranch Horse, and enhance the education of the college student interested in versatility competitions. In achieving this goal, the horse is used as a means to teach students how to represent themselves with respect, character, and teamwork.”

She further quoted that “the goal of students on the Sul Ross Ranch Horse Team is to preserve the tradition of the functional Ranch Horse that must be proficient in many areas of everyday ranch work. Students must compete in four events—Working Cow Horse, Stock Horse Pleasure, Reining, and Trail—to prove the versatility and adaptability of their horses in different aspects of work.”

Working Cow Horse demonstrates a horse and rider’s proficiency in controlling and maneuvering cattle.

In Stock Horse Pleasure, the horse must exhibit the obedience and temperament of the Western mount in basic riding exercises.

Reining goes further, showcasing the horse’s athletic ability and the rider’s control in more advanced high-speed moves such as lead changes and pivots.

Finally, the Trail division requires that the horse and rider maneuver through an obstacle course, such as crossing a wooden bridge, opening a gate, and riding over a pattern of logs, all to simulate natural obstacles encountered out on the real trail.

Coach Genetti is also proud of the fact that this team is completely funded by the students’ own efforts. Donations and fundraising have covered every dime of the cost of travel. Talk about motivation! We all know how difficult it can be to raise funds successfully, let alone get the incentive through to a group to do so. Such an encouraging start for SRSU’s Ranch Horse Team speaks highly for the members involved.

The team is looking forward eagerly to their next competition, which will be in Stephenville, Texas, March 23-25. We offer them our sincere congratulations for their success in Abilene, and wish them the very best of luck as they head for Stephenville!

Sul Ross is very proud to be represented by such a stellar group of students. I bet you my spurs they’ll be going places.

Interested in Western riding competitions, love horses, or just want to know more about the Ranch Horse Team? Contact Coach Melissa Genetti at 432-940-3668 or mgenetti@sulross.edu.

Once again, team, well done and best wishes for the future!

Jamison wins raffle

Sul Ross employee Tammy Jamison, Operations & Finance, was the lucky winner of the Skyline Club’s raffle for a sterling silver Bar-SR-Bar pin.

Congratulations, Tammy, and thank you to everyone who participated!
Sul Ross State University was represented by 16 student presenters and several faculty mentors at the 115th Annual Texas Academy of Science Meeting, held March 1-3 at Sul Ross.

Over 430 professionals and students attended the meeting, held for the first time in the Big Bend region.

The meeting began on Thursday, with a social, several workshops, and a movie screening of the PhD movie.

Friday was dominated by scientific presentations in the Warnock Science Building and posters in the Gallego Center.

Dr. Christopher Ritzi, associate professor of Biology and interim Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, hosted the meeting.

In addition, he was elected to serve as the Academy’s Vice President, a position that was rotate through Vice President, President-Elect, President, and Past President over the next four years.

Ritzi was also inducted as a Fellow of the Texas Academy of Science, for his contributions to science and education to the Academy and the State of Texas.

The talks presented ranged over various categories, including anthropology, biology, geology, science education, and mathematics.

A breakdown of the students and faculty from Sul Ross who presented and their presentation titles follows.

- Diana Hulsey, Dr. Martin Terry, and Dr. M. Abul Kalam. Clinical geographic variation in mescaline concentration among Texas populations of Lophophora williamsii (Cactaceae). Oral Presentation.
- Kody Kubala and Ritzi. Ectoparasite Diversity and Rickettsia Testing of Ectoparasites on Feral Swine (Sus scrofa) and Collared Peccaries (Pecari tayacu) in the Davis Mountains of Texas. Oral Presentation.
- Jonathon Navarette, Jodi Carnes, Kubala, Ritzi, and Jackie Denson. A survey of West Nile Virus (MNV) within feral swine (Sus scrofa) and javalina (Pecari tajacu) of Trans-Pecos Texas. Poster.
- Morales, Melton, Kubala, Ritzi, and Jackie Denson. A survey of Infuenza A within feral swine (Sus scrofa) and javalina (Pecari tajacu) of Trans-Pecos Texas. Poster.
- Morales, Ritzi, and Jackie Denson. A survey of Trichinella sp. within feral swine (Sus scrofa) and javalina (Pecari tajacu) of Trans-Pecos Texas. Poster.
- Laura Tang, Carnes, Rachel Milan, and Denson. A survey of the microbial diversity from two distinct locations within the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute: a perpetual spring and a desert soil site. Poster.

At the annual awards banquet, the Sul Ross faculty, staff, and students who helped to organize and put together a great meeting were recognized and thanked.

“Next year’s meeting will be held in Kerrville at Schreiner University, so we hope to continue to make a strong showing and let the rest of the state remain aware of Sul Ross and its contributions to math and science,” said Ritzi.

For more information, contact Ritzi at (432)837-8420, or e-mail critzi@sulross.edu.
The Lobo and Lady Lobo tennis teams competed against Mary Hardin-Baylor last Friday, March 2 and both teams lost their matches.

In Men’s singles, Chris Villafranco and Tanar Ragan dropped their matches in two sets, 6-0 and 6-1.

Villafranco and Ragan teamed up for men’s doubles. The duo performed well but in the end lost their match 8-1.

Geoffrey Schuette, Johnathon Cruz, Javier Holguin, and Dominic Lonowski competed for the men’s team in singles and doubles matches as they also fell to UMHB.

The Women’s team saw Monica Traylor and Lauren Lettunich take on UMHB in singles.

Traylor battled and dropped her match 6-1 and 6-2. Lettunich also played well but fell 6-0 and 6-0 in her match.

In doubles, Claire Underwood teamed up with Lindsay Brady for Sul Ross as they lost 8-2 in their match.

Stephanie Blea and Holly Sawyer also competed for the Lady Lobos and saw plenty of action in their matches.

The tennis team as a whole played well as they continue their season this Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10 in Sherman against East Texas Baptist University and Austin College.
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(TEXAS INTERCOLLEGIATE PRESS ASSOCIATION) COMPETITION
A wild and exciting series filled with home runs and ejections began Friday, March 2 in a late afternoon matchup against the Mississippi College Choctaws.

In game one Jay Croft took to the mound holding the Choctaws at bay through four innings.

In the bottom of the third Dakota Dill struck a triple and then teammate Brian Mata singled scoring Dill making it 1-0.

On to the fourth where Zach Hopson singled to score Mikey Apodaca making it 2-0.

The Choctaws added four runs in the fifth to take the lead.

Acy Kimbro came into relieve Croft and then Andy Silcox took one for the team and stole second, advancing to third on a Chris Rubio single and then scoring after a wild pitch.

Down 4-3, Lucas Garza came in for Kimbro, the Choctaws took a 5-3 lead in the sixth.

Hopson played hopscotch and advanced to third after a Josh Vasquez single. Hopson then scored on the balk by the pitcher.

Down 5-4, last inning, last chance for the Lobos, Apodaca came up with two outs and a runner on third. A high fly ball to deep left center and the Lobos were victorious 6-5 in walk off fashion.

Mississippi College was held scoreless making the score final at 12-6.

Fry (3-1) went 6 1/3 allowing six runs off nine hits and striking out three.

Sul Ross is now 4-14 (2-1) and will play Hardin Simmons in a three game series beginning on March 9 in Alpine at 7:00 p.m.

Lobos tracksters place at Saturday’s meet

Sul Ross Men’s Track Team competed at the University of Incarnate Word Track and Field Meet, Saturday March 3.

High finishes in the meet included a third place finish by the 800m relay (Miles McCloyen, Akibule Collins, Deshawn Griggs and Jural Hickman) in a time of 1:30.9.

Sul Ross “A” 400m relay was disqualified but the “B” 400m relay (Johnny Stewart, Lee Carothers, Xavier Jefferson and Jural Hickman) placed fifth with a time of 44.16.

Guillermo Sanchez (Freshman, Fabens) placed sixth in the 800m with a time of 2:08.07.

The Sul Ross men ran well with two 1600m relay entries. Team “A” (McCloyen, Collins, Hickman and Mobley) placed 6th with a time of 3:29.6. The Lobos “B” (Stewart, Jefferson, Carothers and Sanchez) ran a 3:38.4.

The Lobos are off the next two weekends for Spring Break but will be attending the Hardin Simmons Invitational on March 23 in Abilene.