The Sul Ross Skyline, September 20, 2013

SUL Ross State University

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The posters begin popping up across campus as campaigning takes place Oct. 27-Nov. 7 for candidates for the 2014 Homecoming King and Queen.

The Club Spirit Challenge takes place the week of Nov. 10-15. The daily activities and friendly competition is coordinated by Campus Activities.

Monday, Nov. 10 is BEACH DAY, in keeping with this year’s theme: Lobos at the Beach! From 4-6 pm, the campus mall will be transformed with decorations by the Sul Ross cheerleaders and Campus Activities.

At 5 pm, head over to the Student Life office where the drawing for a complete homecoming float kit takes place.

Then make tracks for Marshall Auditorium where you’ll be entertained by comedian Rob Paravonian, courtesy of Sully Productions. You’ll also be introduced to the candidates vying for those two homecoming crowns.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 is CAMO DAY! Dress in your favorite camouflage and compete in the annual Homecoming Derby where team members are challenged to complete often hilarious feats. The Derby starts at 6 pm in the mall and is sponsored by Recreational Sports.

Wednesday, Nov. 12 is DRESS LIKE A PIRATE DAY! You’ll know what to wear. Vote for your favorite candidates in Homecoming King and Queen elections from 11 am until 1 pm in the UC foyer.

All you freshmen will hike up Hancock Hill to whitewash the famous Bar-SR-Bar. Wear old clothes because you may “spill” a little paint! It’s not all work though, because you’ll be treated to a pizza party afterwards, courtesy of the Freshman Leadership Program and Student Government Association.

The theme for Thursday, Nov. 13 is HAWAIIAN LEI & FLIP FLOPS DAY. Embrace your inner beach and dress the part! Did you forget to cast your vote yesterday? No problem, you can still vote from 11 am until 1 pm in the UC foyer for your homecoming favorites.

If you like sweets, be sure to go to the Cupcake Challenge at 5 pm in the mall. To participate and show who is cupcake boss, pick up an entry form at the Campus Activities office (deadline is 5 pm, Friday, Nov. 7). For the Cupcake Challenge, each club will put their creative skills to the test and decorate a single cupcake. If you have questions, contact Dominique Vargas at dvargus@sulross.edu.

At 7 pm, our own Lobo Ladies will challenge each other in a Powder-Puff Football Game at the track field (and check out those “cheerleaders”). This competition is sponsored by Campus Activities and Recreational Sports.

After the sun sets, look toward Hancock Hill, where the Freshman Leadership Program’s members will light the Bar-SR-Bar, a longtime favorite Sul Ross tradition.

LOBO PRIDE is the theme for Friday, Nov. 14. Show your spirit and wear red!

A President’s Tailgate and Community Ice Cream Social will be held starting at 6:30 pm in the Gallego Center’s lower level snack bar.

You won’t have to walk far for the 7:30 pm Pep Rally in the small parking lot near Entrance One, sponsored by the Sul Ross Cheerleaders, Lobo Marching Band and Sul Ross Athletics.

The Bonfire is back this year! Following the Pep Rally enjoy the Bonfire in the area below the tennis courts. At 8:15 pm, enjoy a concert by Claytyme Express, a classic Motown and soul revue.

Saturday, Nov. 15 is the big day everyone’s spent weeks preparing for, Sul Ross State Homecoming Day 2014!

From 8:30 to 9:30 am, meet in the mall for “We Ride for the Brand.” Celebrate Homecoming 2014 and a Sul Ross tradition when you create your own Bar-SR-Bar memento to take home with you. This activity, sponsored by the Alumni Association, is inspired by our late Alumni Association President, Don Sugarek. You can also visit the new Ride For the Brand display that students will build on year after year, also inspired by and dedicated to Sugarek, on the UC’s second floor.

Don’t be late for the Homecoming Parade that starts at the Alpine Civic Center and goes east on Holland Ave. to end at Jackson Field. Start time is 10 am.

At 11 am there will be a Tailgate Lunch served in the parking lot at Jackson Field. The meal is free for students who have a meal plan and student ID. There is a charge for all others.

Now that you’re fed, you’re ready for some football! Kickoff is 1 pm as our Lobos face off against Howard Payne University.

The coronation of this year’s Homecoming King and Queen will take place during halftime.

At 8 pm, there will be a Chuck Wagon and Alumni/Community Party at the Alpine Civic Center, and everyone is invited. Music will be provided by The Resonators! This event is sponsored by the Alumni Association.
Editor’s Message

Hi to all,

It is finally fall (the fun time of year around here!). The weather is cool, it’s not too windy, and there are tons of fun things happening.

This year the Haunted House and Fall Festival are being hosted at the Sul Ross Range Animal Science center (page 10). So many people are participating to make this a fun and spooky event. Help foster the spirit of good scary fun by attending in costume. Community members and kids are invited and encouraged to attend.

Domestic Violence Awareness month continues with events and workshops to encourage prevention of abusive crimes. Some things are scary for real. Take a moment to consider the statistics in the article on sexual assault (page 5).

Alpine is such a fun place this time of year as neighborhoods dress up in Halloween “clothes.” But if Halloween isn’t your thing, K Pasa may tempt you with other local happenings (page 8).

Thanks for reading and continuing to support student publications.

Shawna Graves
Editor-in-Chief
Hear ye, hear ye

Kibler answers pointed questions at Oct. 14 tuition fee hearing

By Shawna Graves
Editor-in-Chief

Seven students showed up to the public meeting that was hastily rescheduled for Oct. 14 to hear about a proposed tuition increase. Sul Ross community was given 24 hours’ notice of the date change through email notification.

SRSU president Dr. Bill Kibler led the presentation and explained the projected uses for the money generated by the fee hike. Cesario Valenzuela, vice president for finance and operations, helped answer questions.

The proposed increase of $9 per semester credit hour would go into effect Fall 2015. A student taking 15 credit hours could expect to pay a total of $135 more per semester. Of the $9 per semester credit hour, $.52 would be allocated to an athletic fee and $.50 would be allocated to a technology fee.

Also included in the increase is a $5 flat rate (per semester) increase allocated for recreational sports fees. By law, 20 percent of the total fees generated would be directed to need-based financial aid programs, such as work-study and scholarships. The rest of the money generated is projected to be allocated for faculty and staff pay increases. None of the fee increase will go toward creating new positions.

For an hour and a half Kibler and Valenzuela fielded questions from students eager to let it be known that they care about how funds are allocated and spent.

Nick Branson, geology undergrad, said, “We have some really good teachers. Giving them a pay raise doesn’t really bother me as much as giving more money for athletic fee increases.”

Valenzuela confirmed that the last athletic fee increase was two years ago.

Branson’s opinion was echoed by other students, who were concerned that academic programs were being overlooked at the expense of athletics, particularly football.

Kibler said that the lion’s share of the athletic fee would not go towards football, and he reminded the audience that for Sul Ross to qualify for NCAA designations, we must actively support 12 collegiate sports teams.

He mentioned that to really improve the state of Sul Ross sports, much more money would need to be generated, and people would need to have patience as Football Head Coach John Pearce works to build up a good program. He said universities depend on the generosity of donors for big money changes.

One of his goals for the university is to see that Sul Ross receives more support from alumni and donors in general. He cited the successes of the Museum of the Big Bend, the Borderlands Research Institute and the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute at generating outside support. He cited the S.A.L.E. arena as an example of how our university benefits from donations. The S.A.L.E. arena was donated by the San Antonio Livestock Exchange, and is part of what makes our campus unique among other universities.

One student wanted to know why more groundskeepers and custodians were not being hired, as there have been no additions to that department in two years, and the total staff has dwindled to five employees. Valenzuela said that positions have been posted, but retaining qualified applicants has been difficult since many people who would otherwise apply for the positions are opting for higher paying work in the Permian basin oil fields. He mentioned this as another reason it is important to keep up with pay increases, even if they are modest.

When asked how Kibler might reply to someone critical of newly created and/or high paying administration positions (including his own), he replied that when compared to the same positions within the Texas State University System, or even across the State of Texas in general, Sul Ross offers the lowest salaries.

Kibler said he would like to commission a study to address the comparisons of Sul Ross faculty and staff pay scale to other Texas university equivalents. He said he would like to “close the gap.”

Kibler and Valenzuela answered questions about the curious closure of the campus print shop. Some students wanted to know if and when the print shop would reopen, and why it closed to begin with. Kibler said, “It was losing money excessively. Their prices were too low. Billing didn’t always happen. Jobs were done, but bills weren’t being paid or were billed incorrectly.”

Regardless, students had suggestions to keep the print shop open. One student suggested Sul Ross operate the print shop as an academic endeavor, similar to the University of New Mexico’s model. Students could run the operations and the shop could be used as a teaching tool. The goal would not be to generate profit, but to cover costs while providing quality printing services and learning experiences for students.

Kibler conceded that this and other possibilities should be looked into, saying, “We will ask Denise Groves [who is in charge the print shop project] to reach out and see what they do in the New Mexico model.”

For now, it seems Kibler is serious about listening to student input, as he patiently heard out and responded to every question put before him.
SEXUAL ASSAULT ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Are you one of the 17 percent?

By Shawna Graves
Editor-in-Chief

In light of Domestic Violence Awareness month, and considering the recent report of a possible sexual assault on the Sul Ross campus, the topic of rape and campus policy is particularly relevant.

In looking at these issues, it is easy to come up with more questions than answers.

For starters, what is a policy? What constitutes sexual assault? And where does Sul Ross stand on either?

Policies are statements of intention that set the tone for campus conduct and how incidents are handled. They are guidelines that detail penalties and suggested steps for resolution of unacceptable behaviors or actions, including for crimes such as rape. The language of policies can go quite a ways in helping students feel protected and safe as opposed to directionless and lost.

Sul Ross does not have a sexual assault policy per se, but does have a detailed list of rape awareness programs and sexual assault procedures listed in the University Department of Public Safety (UDPS) 2013 Annual Security & Fire Safety Report located under the UDPS tab of the school’s website. Most students have likely never perused the pages of this document, nor might they have known where to look for it following an incident of rape, but it does exist.

This document uses Texas law to define rape, in part, as “penetration with any object by a man or woman against a man or woman without consent. Consent is not based on what the subject is wearing, not based on reputation, but must be freely given.”

Sexual assault is defined in part as “any form of non-consensual sexual activity representing a continuum of forcible rape to non-physical forms of pressure designed to compel individuals to engage in sexual activity against their will.”

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Current discussions explaining the underreporting of rape insidiously place responsibility on the victim. The victim feels ashamed, the victim feels intimidated, the victim is afraid. It seems like the discussion is framed to blame victims for not reporting these crimes all the while they are struggling with how to process and recover from a violent crime.

These definitions imply that a person must freely give consent to engage in sexual activity, and they include a measure of safety for persons being sexually harassed or who are experiencing continued, unwanted (or unethical) pursuit.

Surveys conducted by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in 2011 indicated that 1 in 5 women and 1.7 percent of men have been raped in their lifetimes. In a single year, 1.6 percent of women surveyed admitted to being raped. Yet less than 24 percent of those cases were reported to police in that same year.

The numbers are even worse on college campuses. According to reports, one in four college women have admitted to being victims of rape while at college.

So where are all the police reports? What is happening that makes it OK for people to anonymously confess their experiences of being raped, yet prevents them from reporting the rape to police or taking legal action against the perpetrator? Better yet, why do so many perpetrators get away with hurting someone in this way?

Sul Ross UDPS Lieutenant Kent Dunegan says, “Now days you have to be a strong advocate for the people [who have experienced sexual assault], because everything comes into question: dating habits, past experiences, the implication that they are at fault. It’s hard for a victim to want to come forward.”

Feelings of self-blame, feelings of shame, fear of humiliation, fear of not being believed, and lack of support are all deterrents keeping these issues from coming to light.

Counseling services are offered to all Sul Ross students, faculty and staff. Services include couples counseling, personal/academic counseling and more. All counseling is confidential. Contact either of Sul Ross’ licensed professional counselors to make an appointment: Mary Schwartze, Counselor/ADA Coordinator, mschwartze@sulross.edu, 432-837-8691, or Eleazar Cano, Counselor, ecano@sulross.edu, 432-837-8203.

CASE IN POINT

On Oct. 3 at 11:23 pm, a sexual assault was reported to the University Department of Public Safety (UDPS) from Sul Ross’ Lobo Village 3. The case is currently listed as a possible sexual assault and is still under investigation. UDPS Lt. Kent Dunegan says that persons of interest are being interviewed and evidence collected. The case will go to a grand jury next month.

In order to protect the case, further details are being withheld at this time. The last reported incident of rape at Sul Ross was in 2010, and that case went to trial.

The UDPS and the Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend are available to provide sexual assault awareness training to the campus community. You should contact Dunegan, 432-837-8101 (kdunegan@sulross.edu) and/or UDPS Director Johnnie Holbrooks, 432-837-8103 (johnnieh@sulross.edu) to schedule training in regard to sexual assault awareness. Please refer to the UDPS 2013 Annual Security & Fire Report (www.sulross.edu/page/115/university-department-public-safety) for additional information on sexual assault awareness.

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Renowned storyteller, writer presents Poindexter lecture

Antonio Sacre, internationally-renowned writer, storyteller and solo artist, will speak Thursday, Oct. 30 at Sul Ross State University.

Sacre’s presentation will begin at 7 pm in Marshall Auditorium. A reception will follow and the event is free and open to the public. His appearance is sponsored by the College of Professional Studies John B. Poindexter Speakers Series.

Sacre, born in Boston to a Cuban father and Irish-American mother, is an internationally touring writer, storyteller, and solo performance artist based in Los Angeles. He earned a B.A. in English from Boston College and an M.A. in Theater Arts from Northwestern University.

He has performed at the National Book Festival at the Library of Congress, the Kennedy Center, the National Storytelling Festival, and museums, schools, libraries, and festivals internationally.

His retelling of the story “The Barking Mouse” was published as a picture book by Albert Whitman and Company in March 2003. He is a frequent commentator on National Public Radio’s “Latino USA”. Sacre’s storytelling recordings have won numerous awards, including the American Library Association’s Notable Recipient Award, the Parent’s Choice Gold and Silver Awards, and the National Association of Parenting Publications Gold Award. He was awarded an Ethnic and Folk Arts Fellowship from the Illinois Arts Council.

His storytelling assemblies draw from an extensive repertoire that includes folk tales, myths and legends from around the world, focusing on Spanish-speaking countries, especially Mexico.

He also teaches drama, storytelling, and writing to teachers and students nationwide, and worked as artist in residence with youth in four inner city high schools of New York, Chicago, and South Central Los Angeles.

The John B. Poindexter Speakers Series highlights outstanding individuals who have been successful in their respective professions and allows them to share their stories with the students, faculty and staff at Sul Ross and the community at large.

For more information, contact Dr. Larry Guerrero, Dean of Professional Studies, 432-837-8134 or lg guerrero2@sulross.edu.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

SRSU symposium to discuss Big Bend’s economic outlook

Regional, state and national economic trends will be discussed at an upcoming economic development symposium, scheduled Wednesday, Oct. 29 at Sul Ross State University.

The symposium, “What is in Store for the Big Bend Region: An Economic Outlook,” scheduled from 7:30 am-1:30 pm, will be held in the Espino Conference Center, Morgan University Center.

The event is sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, El Paso Branch, in partnership with the Sul Ross Departments of Animal Science and Industrial Technology.

This is the Federal Reserve’s return visit to Sul Ross, with a similar event held in October 2011.

There is no registration fee, but participants must register to attend. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 22. To register online, go to http://dallasfed.org/research/events/2014/14bigbend.cfm#agenda.

The U.S. economy has been on a roller coaster ride over the past several years. The so-called Great Recession was the deepest and longest contraction in economic activity since the Great Depression.

Where is the economy headed? Economic activity has inched up in recent months. Will this trend continue?

Speakers will discuss recent economic trends and will provide remarks on what is in store for the economy at a regional level.

Topics of discussion will also include the U.S. economy, Texas and water availability, energy, agriculture, Mexico’s impact on the regional economy and an insight on the communications of the Federal Open Market Committee.

Schedule of events:

7:30 am: Registration/continental breakfast.
8 am: Welcome remarks, Robert McKnight, partner, McKnight Ranch Co., Ft. Davis
8:15 am: “The U.S. Housing Market—Where Is It Heading?,” Anthony Murphy, senior research economist/policy advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
9 am: “Upgrading Mexico’s Economy: What Is in Store for the Texas Border Region?,” Roberto Coronado, assistant vice president and senior economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, El Paso Branch
9:45 am: “Markets Key to Texas Water Availability,” Keith Phillips, research officer and senior economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, San Antonio Branch
10:30 am: Break
10:45 am: “2014 Energy Market Update,” Michael Plante, senior research economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
11:30 am: “Agricultural Issues in Far West Texas,” Logan Boswell, County Extension agent, Texas AgriLife Extension Service; and Rob Hogan, association professor and Extension agricultural economist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service
12:15 pm: Lunch buffet
12:30 pm: Keynote address, “How the FOMC Talks,” Mark Wynne, vice president, associate director of research/director of the Globalization and Monetary Policy Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Texas
1:15 pm: Closing remarks, Roberto Coronado

For more information, contact Marisol Martinez, 915-521-5244 or marisol.martinez@dal.frb.org.
Moises, a married Border Patrol agent, is suffering from depression and suicidal thoughts that cause him to struggle with his job while juggling his inner demons and his family. Realistic, raw and riveting, Miguel Peña does the role justice by bringing Moises to life with an ability to portray a flawed character everyone could relate to.

In the second half, the heaviness of the topics in the play weighed in. The audience seemed on edge and unnerved by the behavior of Peña’s character. Staying true to the unfortunate actions that a real life sufferer of depression might demonstrate, the lead character Moises ends his life in order to stop his internal struggle with anxiety and pain.

Although it did not end on a happy note, Castillo’s play shook the audience to their core by having them witness the consequences of depression and mental illness. The play ended with the bang as Moises took his own life in front of the audience. The intense ending of the play had the audience emotionally conflicted and momentarily stunned. As the lights abruptly darkened, it took a second for us to wrap our minds around the conclusion, although it wasn’t long before cheering began for the cast, crew and Castillo.

According to sophomore Vashti Armandariz, Castillo’s play “was very well acted, interesting and at times funny.” When asked what her favorite part of the play was, she answered, “The play talks about different topics and addresses [suicide], something that is hardly ever discussed.” Armandariz said she would recommend the play to her fellow Lobos.

“Moises” crew member Adrian Soto also expressed his opinion. Soto said his favorite parts were “the scenes where Moises and his brother Lucas are bonding,” because it reminded him of his own brother. Like Armandariz, he also stated that he would recommend the play.

After the applause and congratulations given by the audience to the cast and crew, I had a quick minute to speak to the playwright herself. Wearing a smile, Castillo shared her thoughts on her play’s opening night. According to Castillo, she was “proud of the actors and technicians… they did a great job.”

Castillo’s “Moises” is a modern-day tragedy that hits close to home for many. The actors, cast and crew (as well as Castillo herself) have come together and made a simple student theater production transform into a window that shows a slice of reality. Well-acted, well written, and well directed, the Sul Ross theatre department has created art with their immense talent and hard work.
Today-Friday, Oct. 31
An exhibition of paintings of student Miguel Ortiz is displayed at the main gallery, Fine Arts Building.

Today
Writing Scripts for HBO’s “Boardwalk Empire” Presentation in the Gallego Center room 129 begins at 7 pm.

Tomorrow
The Terlingua Green Scene hosts events throughout the day and into the night. Learn more about a self-sustaining lifestyle while having fun. Locations: the Terlingua Community Garden, Starlight Theatre and Community Center.

Monday, Oct. 27
The SSS Club meeting in WSB room 201 at 6:30 pm.

7:30-8:30 pm: Academic Enhancement Seminar on Comma Usage in Ferguson Hall room 203.

Tuesday, Oct. 28
From 9 am-3 pm is the Flu Shot Clinic in the UC room 210.

2:30-3:30 pm: Academic Enhancement Seminar on Comma Usage in Ferguson Hall room 203.

The Sul Ross Art Club meets at 5 pm in FAB 204.

Catch the Lady Lobos volleyball team in action against Hardin-Simmons in the Gallego Center at 6 pm.

Wednesday, Oct. 29
From 8:30 am-5 pm is the Sustainability in Agriculture Conference in the Espino Conference Center.

The Sul Ross Math Club meets at 5 pm in ACR 108.

Mavericks Branded by Christ meeting begins at 6:30 pm at the Big Bend Cowboy Church. There is a good meal and Bible study for college students.

7:30-8:30 pm: Academic Enhancement Seminar on Finals Preparation in Ferguson Hall room 203.

Come join the economic discussion. “What is in store for the Big Bend? An economic outlook” is being held in the Espino Conference Center on the second floor of the UC. Admission is free with registration.

Thursday, Oct. 30-Saturday, Nov. 1
Head south to Terlingua for the 48th annual Terlingua International Chili Championship competition. Located on the north side of Hwy. 170 between Terlingua and Lajitas. Admission is $40 for the week or $20 for Saturday only.

Thursday, Oct. 30
The Domestic Violence Awareness Month Information Table will be up in the UC from 11:45 am to 1 pm.

2:30-3:30 pm: Academic Enhancement Seminar on Finals Preparation in Ferguson Hall room 203.

A Kiwanis Club Spaghetti Supper will be held from 5-7 pm in the Alpine Elementary School cafeteria. Tickets are $7 and the event is open to the public.

The John Poindexter Speaker Series in Marshall Auditorium begins at 7:30 pm.

Friday, Oct. 31
It’s your last chance to watch the Lady Lobos volleyball team as they host Howard Payne University in the Gallego Center at 7 pm.

Don’t miss the Fall Festival and Haunted House at the RAS building from 5-11 pm. Open and free to everyone, it promises to be a fun time.

The Epic Proportions Tour concert comes to the RAS building from 8-11 pm.

Saturday, Nov. 1
The 4-H Plant ID Workshop will be held in the RAS room 128 from 9 am to 3 pm.

The 14th annual Mother Goose Halloween Parade starts at the Alpine ISD Administrative Building at 6 pm. Following the parade, the Fall Festival at Alpine Middle School will be open to the public and free of charge.

The Monster Run 5K starts at Alpine High School. This fun run/walk is open to the public. For those with children there is a supervised play area with games and activities for children. Participants must be present at 7 am to receive gift bags and t-shirts.

Sunday, Nov. 2
The CBBS 21st Annual Conference begins at 1 pm in the Espino Conference Center.

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 7-8
More than 27 speakers will be presenting on the history, archeology, and culture of the Big Bend area at the Center for Big Bend Studies 21st Annual Conference. Visit http://cbbs.sulross.edu/conference.php for registration information.

Monday, Nov. 3
The Conservation Biology Club meets at 5:30 pm in RAS room 130.

The SSS Club meets at 5:30 pm in WSB room 201.

7:30-8:30 pm: Academic Enhancement Seminar on Finals Preparation in Ferguson Hall room 203.

Tuesday, Nov. 4
2:30-3:30 pm: Academic Enhancement Seminar on Strategic Napping in Ferguson Hall room 203.

The Art Club meets in FAB 204 at 5 pm.

Wednesday, Nov. 5
3-5 pm is the McNair-Tafoya Symposium in the Espino Conference Center.

The Sul Ross Math Club meets at 5 pm in ACR 108.

What’s your student government up to? Attend today’s SGA meeting in WSB room 201 at 5:30 pm.

The Mavericks Branded by Christ meeting will be held at the Big Bend Cowboy Church. Join them for a good meal and Bible study for college students at 6:30 pm.

7:30-8:30 pm: Academic Enhancement Seminar on Strategic Napping in Ferguson Hall room 203.

Thursday, Nov. 6
2:30-3:30 pm: Academic Enhancement Seminar on Positive Change in Ferguson Hall room 203.

Don’t miss the Matt Beilis Concert in Marshall Auditorium from 8-10 pm. The event is free and open to everyone.

Friday, Nov. 7
8 am-6 pm is the BRI Landowner Workshop in RAS room 130.

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Have an event? Want an audience? Share upcoming events. Email Malyssa at malyssareed@gmail.com.
Over 30 presenters will discuss the history, archaeology and culture of the Big Bend and northern Mexico during the 21st annual Center for Big Bend Studies (CBBS) conference, scheduled Nov. 7-8 at Sul Ross State University.

Conference registration begins Friday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 am on the second floor of the Morgan University Center. The Director’s Welcome begins at 8:30 am and sessions start at 8:45, continuing until 5 pm.

On Saturday, Nov. 8, registration begins at 8 am and sessions continue from 8:30 am until 12:30.

Sul Ross faculty, staff and students may attend the conference at no cost.

Cost to the public is $40 for members and $45 for non-members who register prior to Saturday, Nov. 1. After Nov. 1, cost is $45 for members and $50 for non-members.

Annual membership rates to the CBBS are $35 for individuals and $50 for families and institutions. Students can receive their first year of membership for free, then $20/year thereafter.

A reception will be held from 5:15-6:30 pm Friday, Nov. 7, for all conference attendees, participants and board members.

A banquet will follow, featuring a presentation by J.P. Bryan, local history advocate and owner of the Gage Hotel in Marathon and Chalk Draw Ranch. Bryan’s presentation is entitled “A Change of Mind.”

Banquet seating is limited and by reservation only. Banquet cost is $30 for members and $35 for non-members; after Nov. 1, $35 and $40, respectively.

In addition to the conference and banquet, the CBBS is offering several tours to attendees. Prior reservations are required for all tours.

An early bird tour of the Genevieve Lykes Duncan Paleoindian site is offered Thursday, Nov. 6, for $35/person, $60/couple.

On Saturday, Nov. 8, a tour of adobe structures on Alpine’s south side and a separate tour of the homestead of Alpine first postmaster, James Darling, will be conducted; the cost for each tour is $20/person, $30/couple.

For more information, call 432-837-8179, email cbbs@sulross.edu or visit the website at cbbs.sulross.edu.

Get your GREEN on for Terlingua’s Green Scene

By Bailey Dunks

Come explore the beauty of Big Bend by joining the Terlingua Green Scene Sustainability Festival tomorrow, Oct. 25, down south in Terlingua, Texas!

This festival is geared to educate people on how to sustain themselves in the most “green” way possible. Demonstrations to promote a self-sustaining lifestyle will be held throughout the day and everyone is welcome.

It is encouraged to BYOB (bring your own bottle) as there will be no disposable cups to limit waste. Free drinking water will be on hand throughout the Festival. Just bring your own refillable jar or bottle. Water bottles will also be available for purchase.

If you come to the event on a bicycle (thereby reducing traffic), register at the main gate for a prize ticket.

Events will be held at the Terlingua Community Garden’s market building, just off Ghost Town Road. Other events are at the Casa de Cultura (Crisis Center, just south of Terlingua Trading Company) and events for kids will be at the Horseshoe Pits, a short distance from the Garden.

Volunteers are welcome and much needed! If you are interested in volunteering for the event, email terlinguagreenscene@gmail.com.

The events go throughout the day and into the night. Lots of local talent, art auction, people’s parade, live music, demonstrations, film festival and entertainment will be available.

All proceeds from the festival go to help fund the Terlingua Community Garden. So come out and enjoy the fun!
RAS Haunted House, Fall Carnival merge for lots of spooky fun

By Samantha Vela
Reporter

Ghouls, goblins and ghosts! Yes, folks, it’s that time of year and the Third Annual Haunted House will be opening its doors this Halloween at the Range Turner Animal Science Center.

The spooks and thrills will begin on Hollow’s Eve, Thursday, Oct. 30 from 7-10 pm, and again on Halloween Day, Friday, Oct. 31, with a kiddie-friendly hour from 6-7 pm and continue from 7-11 pm for the Sul Ross community and public.

The Haunted House has an estimated 13 clubs helping to plan, build, and run this year’s spooky haunted house with their own rooms or by teaming up with other clubs to “spookify” a room. So be prepared to be spooked!

This year’s Fall Festival is held in conjunction with the RAS Haunted House on Halloween day and takes place from 5:30 to 8 pm. Spooky good food and “ghouly” fun games will be hosted by participating Sul Ross clubs and organizations. Each representing club and organization will have fun game booths or food and goodies booths or both!

You might catch a glimpse of your future when you have your cards read, or test your skills at pumpkin bowling, to name a few of the activities.

Some of the food offerings include popcorn balls, candy apples, scary punch, chili bowls and funnel cakes.

“[This event] is just another great way to get Sul Ross and the community together for some fun and camaraderie,” said Melissa Petersen, Haunted House representative.

Come and join all the fun!

“It was a dark and stormy night ...”

Enter the Scary Short Story—Poem Contest

By Bailey Dunks
Reporter

The department of Languages and Literature is sponsoring a scary short story and poem contest! The contest is open to any Sul Ross students who are interested and prizes will be awarded for winning entries.

Any genre of horror will be accepted; such as psychological, terror, gore, paranormal, sci-fi, gothic, macabre and supernatural. The short stories and poems can be any length.

The prizes for winning entries are first place—$50 VISA gift card; second place—$25 gift certificate to Front Street Books; and third—$15 gift certificate to the Sul Ross Bookstore.

Submissions can be made to sigmataudeltasulross@gmail.com (.doc or pdf file), or you can deliver typed and printed hard copies to Dr. Rosemary Briseño at MAB 112-B.

The deadline is Oct. 31 at 11:59 pm sharp. Don’t forget to be scary!

The contest is sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta, English Honor Society, and they are currently looking for new members.

For information concerning the qualifications for joining Sigma Tau Delta, contact Briseño at rbriseno@sulross.edu or 432-837-8152.
And your favorite scary movie is ...

By Samantha Vela, Reporter

Destany Gooch
“Scream! I hate Scream, especially when I see the mask.”

Matthew Michel
“There are also scary TV shows, like American Horror Story. The second season Asylum is my favorite because it seems to be the most involved and the easiest to watch.”

Lupita Castillo
“A Korean movie, Tale of Two Sisters. It’s psychedelic.”

Darrien Quiroz
“The Michael Meyers movie because he doesn’t die! He is invincible!”

Demetri Cameron
“28 Days Later, because it’s similar to rumors being spread about the ebola outbreak. It just reminds me of the story of the ebola patients coming back to life.”

Miguel Viajar
“Jeepers Creepers, because he eats people and he can fly which means you can run, but he will get you.”

Ryan Vaughan
“The Devil’s Project!”

Jeremy Reed
“Saw...any of the movies. It can happen to you! And it is very graphic.”

Terrance Porter
“Child’s Play. For some reason I am scared of Chucky.”
Domestic Violence Awareness month on campus

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the Sul Ross Honors Club along with the SRSU Counseling Center and the Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend joined together to offer a variety of events to create awareness, educate, and pay tribute to those who have suffered because of domestic violence and sexual assault. Students were asked to wear purple on Fridays. Early in the month students decorated t-shirts that were displayed in the mall. The Art Club created silhouettes that told the stories of many abuse victims. Students walked from campus to the courthouse for a candlelight vigil honoring victims of domestic violence. “Love Shouldn’t Hurt,” an educational and inspirational workshop for students was held on campus. Members of the Honors Club are currently collecting toiletry items to take to the Family Crisis Center. They will accept donations of items at the Honors Office, Ferguson Hall 214, until the end of this month.
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crime. Furthermore, the lack of reports functions like a positive feedback loop encouraging perpetrators with statistics that are skewed in their favor.

Rather than looking around and saying, “One in four of my female classmates has or will probably experience an act of sexual violence or rape,” we should turn the tables.

Doing the math suggests that 17 percent of people involved in romantic relationships (or friendships) have committed an act of sexual violence against their partner (or friend). That is 100 percent unacceptable.

Maybe we should be asking, “Are you one of the 17 percent?” If the answer is yes, it’s time to break the cycle.

There is confidential counseling available through the Sul Ross Counseling and Accessibility services. Crimes of sexual assault are unacceptable and illegal, but the truth is, perpetrators need help.

Mary Schwartze, Sul Ross counselor, says counseling is available for “persons who have sexually assaulted, raped or had thoughts of such. We are here for these persons, to help navigate their thoughts and experiences, and break the cycles in some cases.”

More pressure should be put on the perpetrators of rape, and policies should reflect this in their language.

California activists, who created SB-967, recognized a gap between the policies and laws regarding rape, and the overwhelming, continued prevalence of such crimes.

They created SB-967, also known as the “yes means yes” bill, to change the language of and way we view sexual assault/rape.

SB-967 changes the tone of sexual consent from “no means no” to “yes means yes” by placing more responsibility on the initiator of sexual activity to obtain explicit, mutual permission upon engaging in sexual activity every time. Even if someone has been sexually involved with a person before, both the parties must communicate to insure that consent is mutual each time.

Of course, this law only applies to students at state-funded campuses in California. Plus, it assumes that many cases of rape are due to inexperience (and poor communication skills) on the part of students (rather than malicious power play).

Perhaps there is some truth to the inexperience factor, which on college campuses is exacerbated by consumption of alcohol. One survey stated that 25 percent of sexual assaults on college campuses occurred when one or both parties had been drinking.

As language changes to put more pressure on the role the perpetrator plays, we can hope to see a change in the results of future surveys.

There are leaders in the Sul Ross community making attempts to address these problems.

The Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend (FCCBB) works hard to get the word out that they are here to support people going through crises that include sexual assault and rape.

Gina Wilcox, an advocate with FCCBB, participates regularly in workshops and campus events to help educate students on their rights to be treated with respect. She wants people to be aware of the extensive free services FCCBB offers.

Schwartze also wants students to know that there is a safe place to turn to in times of crisis. “For persons who have been victim to sexual assault and/or rape, it is important that they know they have several resources on campus and in the local community.

“For example, UDPs has 24-hour officers on duty and the Crisis Center (FCCBB) has a 24-hour hotline.” She makes an important distinction, saying anyone in the Sul Ross community can turn to the counseling services offered on campus even “if they think they may have been sexually victimized.”

She recognizes the confusion that can accompany sexual encounters among the student population. Helping someone sort through and process their thoughts and feelings is what the counseling staff is here for, she says.

Dunegan added that there are male and female officers available to assist students. He also says, “The Crisis Center (FCCBB) folks know the procedures to a ‘T.’ They know how to help build a solid case, and can help a student every step of the process.”

Considering the statistical prevalence of forcible rape on college campuses, people should be talking about solutions. If we can create an atmosphere of support for those who have suffered and simultaneously encourage better dialogue surrounding sexual activity and consent, perhaps more people will understand their right to not be violated or taken advantage of in any circumstances, ever.
Original compositions highlight choir and wind ensemble concert

By Malyssa Reed
Reporter

Music filled Marshall Auditorium Thursday, Oct. 9 with the Sul Ross Choir and Wind Ensemble Concert.

The choir started the evening off with “O filii et filiae (O sons and daughters),” a song based on the Gregorian chants of the fifteenth century.

The next selection, “Dominic has a doll,” is based on the e.e. cummings poem and composed by Vincent Persichetti in the 1900’s. This piece was followed by three choral pastiches by Daniel Helden. The first of the three was a difficult madrigal with a constantly changing meter, some parts of which were incredibly complex.

“Two weeks before the concert I was saying to myself, ‘What have I done?’ but [the choir] did really well,” Dr. Donald Freed, choir director, said. The second of the three pieces was a more somber song about loss, death and sorrow, followed by a joyful song about overcoming those feelings. The final piece of the choir concert was “Music When Soft Voices Die,” composed by Dr. Freed based on the poem by Perry Bysshe Shelley.

The SRSU Wind Ensemble followed with the world premiere pieces from the Sul Ross composition contest. The first piece, “Exuberant Overture” by 16-year-old Vaibhav Mohanty, was followed by “High Plains Suite” by C. Foster Payne and “Euphotrombotonia” by Arthur J. Michaels. The last piece was “Bantu” by Sy Brandon.

After each piece, the audience could be heard whispering, “Wow,” to one another.

Composers Sy Brandon and C. Foster Payne, present at the concert, were able to work a little with the wind ensemble a few days before the performance.

“The performance was great,” band director Chris Dobbins said. “The band played well and rose to the occasion. Having the composers around was fantastic for both the students and the composers. The evening was full of excitement.”
Richard Newbold is from El Paso and already has his Bachelor’s in Biology from Sul Ross. He just started his first semester of graduate school here this fall. Newbold is a teaching assistant for botany lab and is thinking about focusing his thesis on evolutionary botany.

After finishing graduate school, he wants to do research, saying, “I could become an instructor, but I would rather do research.” He came to Sul Ross during high school for a conference and fell in love with the area. He says that he loves that you can walk outside at night and see every star in the Milky Way. “You can’t see that kind of thing in El Paso or any bigger city,” he says.

Newbold enjoys the nature of the area and goes on many day and nighttime hikes up Hancock Hill. One of his favorite spots on campus is by the sycamore tree in the mall in front of the University Center. “When the wind blows it looks like the leaves are dancing.”

Newbold’s advice to new students: “Get out of your comfort zone and be a well-rounded student. Even if you are a biology student, go and take some geology classes and see what it’s like. Maintain your grades, gain experience, and never feel entitled to something that you have not worked hard to achieve.”

Rio Clean Up Nov. 7-9 at Big Bend State Ranch Park & Big Bend National Park

Be honest: Has it been too long since you’ve enjoyed the satisfaction of a Dutch oven meal prepared over a searing bed of charcoal? When was the last time you soothed your mind with a startling, naked-eye view of the Milky Way, or were embraced by the darkest skies in the Lower 48? Have you endured a few days between hot showers and the comraderie of new and known friends in the great outdoors recently?

November 7-9, the Sul Ross Conservation Biology Club and Hancock Hill clubs team up with Big Bend National Park, Big Bend State Park, the Compadres del Rancho Grande, various outfitters and volunteers for Rio Grande River Clean Up. This is the weekend when we celebrate the Rio Grande and do a little bit to “give back” to a river which has seen better times and yet still has beautiful places to share.

Imagine rolling into Big Bend Ranch State Park’s Madera Canyon campground late Friday afternoon. You stretch your legs and stake out your tent as the sun sets and majestic crimson mountains yield to dusk…and then fade into a perfect darkness. Besides the occasional flashlight beam bobbing along in the hands of a camper, there are no artificial lights in this stretch of the Big Bend at night: No streetlights. No fast-food signs. No problem! The absence of light pollution means a grandstand view of the stars and a new ability to see farther in the “darkness” than you ever imagined.

Big skies and huge views inevitably result in an expanded appetite. Appropriately, the reviews of prior years’ weekends conclude: The food is downright great. Everyone pitches in and learns what they need to know about camp cooking and KP along the way.

Saturday morning involves an 8:30 am safety meeting prior to putting in at the designated location, Colorado Canyon or Santa Elena Canyon. Higher river flows levels this past summer have pushed litter up to the high water mark and swept it into some interesting places.

Why do some people feel no compunction about littering? This year there will be an opportunity to watch the film “Confluence,” a documentary film by Christopher Hillen of Marfa, which explores some of the natural resource issues confronting the Rio Grande. In previous clean-up weekends the volunteer crews have removed potentially hazardous items and obstructions from the river. This year’s event will focus on document what we find, where it’s located and serve as reference data for future initiatives.

You’ll get a good chance to stretch your muscles over the weekend: After boating and hiking the Rio Grande all day Saturday, optional hikes, bike rides and then back to campus are scheduled on Sunday.

A $15 meals and mileage registration fee is due Oct. 31. Packing lists, maps, directions and information is provided to registered participants.

For more information, contact Conservation Biology Club representative Christine Cosby (cosby.christine@gmail.com), Hancock Hill Club president Felicia Rocha (sandcougar@gmail.com) or Leslie Hopper (lhopper@sulross.edu or 432-386-6929).
The Lobo cross country team traveled to Seguin Oct. 4 to compete in the Texas Lutheran Invitational.

For the men, Guillermo Sanchez finished sixth with a time of 18:09. William Serrano was 12th with 18:48. Damian Lopez was 15th with 21:23; Kevin Gutierrez was 16th in 22:10; Tamarius Wilson was 17th in 23:01; and Abraham Kamara Monrovia was 18th with 24:54.

For the women, Victoria Tate finished 9th with 22:44 and Ale Ruiz was 11th with 23:16, while Kaleigh Bruch was 12th in 23:20. Jaycie Lubbers finished 15th in 25:43; Jessica Lubbers was 17th in 27:28; Shelby Stegot was 18th in 29:31; and Irlanda Vargas was 19th in 29:40.

The volleyball team competed against Hardin-Simmons in Abilene but lost in four sets, 14-25, 25-21, 210-25, and 17-25 on Oct. 3.

Reilly Junge led with 11 kills; Katie Reeves had 24 assists; McKenna Thomas had 13 digs and 3 aces; and Lauren Aldaño had 12 digs.

The following day, Oct. 4, the Lobos played Howard Payne University and won in five games, 17-25, 20-25, 25-23, 25-15, 15-10.

Outside hitter Aldaño led with 15 kills, Reeves had 20 digs, and libero McKenna Thomas had 17 digs. Aldaño added 14 digs, and Carly Monteiro had 5 blocks.

Friday, Oct. 10, the Lady Lobos volleyball team traveled to Austin to take on Concordia University. The visitors lost in three sets, 12-25, 27-29 and 12-25. Offensively, Carly Monteiro led with six kills; Reilly Junge end Emily Campos each had 5 kills, and Katie Reeves had 21 assists. Defensively, McKenna Thomas had 8 digs and Reeves had 7.

The following day, the Lady Lobos faced Mary Hardin-Baylor in three sets, losing 27-29, 16-25 and 21-25.

Campos had 10 kills, Monteiro had 7, and Junge had 6. Reeves had 25 assists, Thomas had 15 digs, Junge added 14, and Campos had 9.

The Lobos dropped to 5-16 and 1-10 in conference, but will look to bounce back against the University of Texas at Dallas Oct. 18. Due to print deadlines, the results of that game will be in the next issue.

Tonight the Lady Lobos are in Longview where they will meet LeTourneau University. Their next home game is Oct. 28 when Hardin-Simmons visits the Gallego Center.
Raehgan Shaw works the net at a recent home game. Photo by Susanna Mendez
The Sul Ross Lobos took on the Aggies of Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK Oct. 4 and had a devastating loss of 56-0.

The Aggies scored twice in the first quarter, three times in the second quarter, and three times again in the second half.

Head Coach John Pearce said, “They beat us in all three phases of the game: offense, defense and special teams. We couldn’t run the ball, we couldn’t stop the run, and penalties hurt us. We have to get stronger. We have to come back and get ready to face the number two team in the nation next Saturday [University of Mary Hardin-Baylor on Oct. 11].”

The Lobos dropped to 1-4 as they prepare to take on Mary Hardin-Baylor at home on Jackson Field.
Despite Strong Start, Lobos fall to UMHB 56-9

By Elizabeth Livingston
Sports Editor

The Lobo football team took on the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Oct. 11 at home in their Breast Cancer Awareness game. The Lobos got off to a strong start with an early lead of 7-0 and then again at 9-6.

The Lobos scored first on a 25-yard run by freshman quarterback James Davis after the home team forced a punt and held UMHB.

The Crusaders then scored, but the extra point was blocked by Jermaine Stevens, a freshman defensive back, while Chris Tate, a junior linebacker, returned it for a defensive two-point conversion.

The UMHB Crusaders came back at the end of the first quarter to take the lead and pull away, ultimately winning 56-9.

Head Coach John Pearce was happy with the way his team competed and said, “We gave them a run for their money.”

Quarterback Davis completed 11 of 22 passes for 117 yards and completed passes with eight different receivers. Shane Alexander, defensive back, led with 9 tackles, 6 unassisted, and forced a fumble. Freshman punter Stephen Slater punted nine times with a 35.6 yard average.

The Lobos dropped to 1-5 and 0-1 in the American Southwest Conference.

Sul Ross traveled to Abilene Oct. 18 to take on Hardin-Simmons University. Due to print deadlines, results of that contest will be printed in the next issue.

Tomorrow, Oct. 25, the Lobos have a bye. The next game is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 1 when the Sul Ross team travels to Marshall to play the East Texas Baptist University Tigers.