

# Campus organizations unite for Hurricane Harvey relief

SFA students donate supplies, time, blood to benefit those suffering from historic Hurricane Harvey's devastating effects



Photo by Cori Kallenberger/ The Pine Log

SFA students and faculty members far exceeded donation expectations last week when almost 200 people donated blood to the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center through a blood drive held by Jacks Give Back, a leadership and service program. A second blood drive was scheduled to accommodate those who still wanted to donate.

By Shannon Poe  
Staff Writer

Hurricane Harvey washed countless family homes and memories away. Thousands of Texans were left hopeless watching the communities that they grew up and raised families in suddenly gone. However, communities around the nation responded to this disaster by donating clothes, food and time to help those who now had so little.

SFA students have united with colleges, on-campus groups and organizations to aid those who are victims of Hurricane Harvey. One-third of SFA students hail from Houston with many of them being trapped by Hurricane Harvey in Houston or surrounding towns.

"We have been in contact with more than 200 currently enrolled SFA students who have been misplaced or delayed by the storm," Dr. Baker Pattillo, SFA president, said. "Our faculty and staff are committed to providing as much support and flexibility as possible for students impacted by the storm."

In response to the storm, SFA colleges are taking initiative.

"Each of our colleges has appointed a specific contact person to serve as a resource to help their students," Pattillo said.

Organizations, such as the Student Government Association, are gathering donations at the Campus Recreation Center to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

"The Campus Recreation Center is serving as the 'central hub' for donations," Jessie Jenkins, SGA president, said. "SGA realizes that Houston is not the only place with great need, so I will personally be working with SGA and other organizations to brainstorm ways we can provide relief to more towns who need help."

SGA also contributed money toward donations.

"SGA will be using the \$1,000 to purchase items in bulk and hand them over to Campus Recreation," Jenkins said.

Donations needed include various items—everything from adult and baby diapers to peanut butter and jelly and yoga mats.

Other organizations and fraternities are contributing in different ways to help victims

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## WHAT GIVES



The Campus Recreation Center will be accepting donations for Hurricane Harvey victims during operating hours.

### Items to donate:

Adult and baby diapers

Baby formula

Dog and cat food

Female products

First aid kits/items

Gatorade/Powerade

Hand sanitizer

Individually packaged snack food

Inflatable mattresses

Large trash bags

Non-perishable food

Peanut butter and jelly

Personal hygiene items

Puppy pads

Sandwich bags

Sleeping bags

Thin bed mats

Toilet paper and paper towels

Toiletries

Trash bags

Water

Infographic by Meaghan Morton

## General printing no longer free in student center

By Jillian Whitney  
Staff Writer

Free general printing will no longer be available on the third floor of the Baker Pattillo Student Center.

Students from any department could print personal documents in the Student Organization Resource Center until the end of the Summer II semester.

According to Lacey Folsom, associate director of student engagement, printing services in that area will now only be available for members of student organizations.

"There will also be restrictions on what student organization members can print," Folsom said. "Members may only print documents that will benefit their organization."

Examples of acceptable printing would be fliers or agendas. Accordingly, papers for members' classes and other personal documents may not be printed in the resource center. When a member wants to print, the student will need to state what organization he or she is part of, as well give provide a name and student ID.

This change in policy leaves students less access to printers. If their departments offer free printing, they may have to go further out of their way to print.

"For most athletes they have an academic center, like, way across campus and that's, like, a really long walk," Cheryl Montgomery, a junior accounting major, said.

Paid printing services are available at the library and the graphics shop. Each black and white page costs 10 cents to print at both locations.

"Some of us are broke and need free printing," Montgomery said.

Many students are unhappy about the loss of a free general printing service.

"I should get a discount in my e-Bill if I'm not paying for free printing," Jaemyn Quinn, sophomore speech pathology major, said.

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## Dancing professor quells fears

Professor helps inspire, relax students with a dance before class

By Brielle Thomas  
News Editor

While some professors just start their lecture, James Ewing, elementary math education professor, invites his students to dance into the lecture with him 15 minutes before class starts.

"It just kind of happened naturally," Ewing said. "My students said they had negative experiences with math and I had a negative experience with dancing, so I figured why not dance with them."

Although he doesn't dance with his students every class, Ewing says that his plan was originally to play music.

"I think that music changes people's moods and makes people happy," Ewing said.

According to Ewing, all of the methods he uses to teach his students are out-of-the-box.

"I feel like our education system is broken, so I purposely try and teach outside the box to encourage my students, my future teachers, to think outside the box," Ewing said. "And it's not enough just to tell them, I want them to experience it."

One of his favorite lessons is when he speaks to his students in Spanish, because he lived and taught in Spain for 24 years.

"I speak to them in Spanish so they can get an idea of how an English Language Learner (ELL) might feel learning math and other subjects," Ewing said. "I could tell them that but

it's not the same."

Ewing said he also played a card game with his class and purposely changed the rules of the game.

"For one team, the ace was high, and another team, the ace was low. For one team, spades were trump, and another team, the diamonds were trump, and then I mixed them around and told them [the students] that they couldn't talk," Ewing said. "The whole idea there was that often in math we play



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by different rules. This was to show them that some students might have different methods or strategies to help them learn."

Ewing will be giving a workshop titled "Math for All Students, Including ELLs and Students of Poverty" from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 23 in Regent Suite A in the BPSC, that will be about teaching math to ELLs, students of poverty and non-ELLs.

"In the morning, we will focus on how to meet the needs of ELLs, and in

the afternoon, how to meet the needs of students of poverty," Ewing said. "We will also look to see if what works for ELLs will work for non-ELLs."

Ewing says that all teachers are welcome but they must RSVP. There are only 45 spots left.

Ewing has a bachelor's degree in sociology, a master's degree in elementary education, with a focus in math, and holds a doctorate in teaching and curriculum.

"I was an elementary teacher for 25 years. I started when I was 23 years old," Ewing said. "Even while I was getting my Ph.D. I was teaching."

He said his inspiration for becoming a teacher came from his parents.

"I remember sitting down with my mom and dad when I was 20, a little bit lost and not knowing what to do because back then it was hard getting a job as a sociology major," Ewing said. "My mom was an elementary teacher and my dad was a professor, so I decided to become a teacher."

Ewing says his inspiration for becoming a professor came from his old professor.

"He was so passionate about his job and I knew I wanted to be just like him," Ewing said. "That was 30 years ago, and now here I am finally being an elementary education professor like him."

Dr. Jeanie Gresham, associate professor and assistant chair of the Department of Elementary

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# News

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## SFA School of Theatre hires House as director



“I want to create more opportunities for the students to have more access to the industry so that it almost becomes a very easy transition,”  
—Cleo House Jr.

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Cleo House Jr. returns to SFA as the new director for the School of Theatre. He officially took over for Dr. Rick Jones, on Sept. 1.

By Brittany Barclay  
Staff Writer

Despite growing up in a family of athletes, when Cleo House, Jr. was in ninth grade, he realized his passion was for the theatre. In the late 1990’s, House came to Stephen F. Austin State University to attend the High School Summer Theatre Workshop. He now makes a return after SFA hired him as Director for the School of Theatre. House said he is happy to be working here. “I think the School of Theatre at SFA is really a force to be reckoned with in the southern region of theatre departments; so, I really wanted to be a part of it,” House said. “I really wanted to be a part of the team and I felt blessed that they actually hired me.” During the entirety of his theatre career, his favorite he acted in was Macbeth in 2008 at the Folger Theatre Shakespeare. “That was really cool because we had a real magician working and directing the show; so, I got to learn how to do a lot of really cool magic tricks,” House said. House said he prefers directing over acting because he gets to work with more people and likes

being in charge. “I think all directors are a little bit of control freaks so, you know, they like to be in charge of the big picture so I have to admit that part of it,” House said. “I like the collaborative nature of things but I like being in charge.” One of House’s goals for the School of Theatre is to make the transition from educational theatre to professional theatre shorter. “I want to create more opportunities for the students to have more access to the industry so that it almost becomes a very easy transition,” House said. Another goal for House is to have a bigger audience turnout. Adjunct Instructor Jackie Rosenfeld, who went to graduate school with House, says she is interested to see what his ideas for the mission of the department are. “He’s really good at mining for diamonds,” Rosenfeld said. “You know, taking coal, polishing it and making it. It’s something beautiful.” House’s favorite part of theatre is the opportunity to touch and move people and the transformative nature.

“It’s possible that you can leave the theatre not feeling the same way you came in,” House said. House says he loves being an advocate for students and faculty. “I feel like I’m making a difference,” House said. According to Maggie Strain, theatre education major, she thinks House has a lot of big ideas for the School of Theatre. “I think Cleo is a default of ‘let’s try it’ rather than a default of ‘well, maybe not,’” She said. “He’s really open and receptive and he’s kind of a ‘find a way’ kind of person. So I think he’s moving us in the right direction.” Dr. A. C. “Buddy” Himes, Dean of the College of Fine Arts, says House has a vision for the program. “I thought he was the greatest thing,” Himes said. “I thought he was exactly what we were looking for. He will be taking the school in new directions that it hasn’t gone in the past.” House encourages people to look into their upcoming season and give suggestions on what they would like to see. “We want to become something that, not just we’re proud of, but something that all of SFA is proud of,” House said.

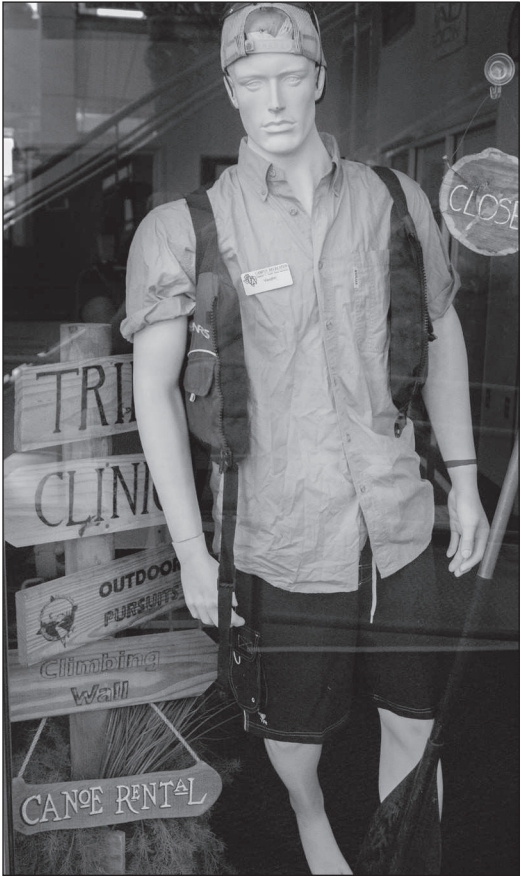
## Campus Recreation offers more than just machines

By Danielle Sanchez  
Contributing Writer

Adventures and opportunities lie in wait for students at the campus recreation center. When asked, many students say they do not step foot into the recreation center because they are not into physical fitness; however, more than that is being offered. “It honestly doesn’t surprise me,” Steven Whitman, assistant director of outdoor pursuits, said. “Many students don’t know about some of the other programs within the Recreation Center.” Kenneth Morton, director of the recreation center, said it is a bit frustrating with all the marketing they do, just to hear some students remain in the dark about all the great things they offer. The recreation center has a goal to provide something for everyone and is not just for people who are driven to

work out. It is also for those looking for some fun or a getaway. “I had absolutely no idea about all the trips they put together here until I started actually working here,” Julie Gill, a promotions assistant at the recreation center, said. The Outdoor Pursuits department gives students the chance to experience the outdoors and learn the skills they need while enjoying the outdoors. “Our goal is to provide diverse opportunities in outdoor education that promote independence, respect and group empowerment,” Whitman said. The department plans a variety of trips ranging from basic camping, to rock climbing and backpacking on mountains. If you are not interested in camping, there are trips solely for relaxing purposes. An upcoming event, Day on a Lake, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 9 at Lake

Nacogdoches. Students will be allowed to canoe on Lake Nacogdoches all day for free. Each trip has a different fee, but they are all inclusive and the department is willing to provide payment plans for the more expensive trips. Locations vary from Austin, to the Grand Canyon, to Big Bend National Park, Arkansas and more. For those who do not particularly enjoy group activities, but do enjoy camping and hiking on their own, gear is available for rental by Outdoor Pursuits. They even keep those who do not know much about hiking, camping, or rock climbing in mind by offering clinics, DVDs, books and computer programs. “There is more to wellness than ‘working out’ or physical activity inside the Student Recreation Center. Being well means balancing all aspects of one’s life,” Whitman said. Whitman encourages students to stop by the outdoor center to seek out events or to plan out those experiences for themselves.



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The Outdoor Center is located on the first floor of the Student Recreation Center. The Outdoor Pursuits Department plan trips and events and hosts clinics for students throughout the year.



Photo by Danielle Sanchez/ The Pine Log  
Pictured are some of the donations received at the rec center. The rec center has been gathering donations in response to Hurricane Harvey. SFA students, as well as members of the Nacogdoches community, are encouraged to donate.

## Harvey: Organizations come together for victims of storm

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and SFA students with family involved. Last week, Jacks Give Back, a Leadership and Service Program, hosted a blood drive with almost 200 donors participating, according to an SFA press release. The organization will be holding a second blood drive on Sept. 7 between the Baker Pattillo Student Center and Kennedy Auditorium, according to the press release. “We have 48 [people] already signed up to donate,” Collin Rutherford, SFA graduate student and Leadership and Service Programs representative, said. “The cooperation of

the staff and generosity of the students made this one of the best blood drives we’ve seen.” The Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics are also accepting donations of non-perishable food and toiletry items, according to the SFA website. These donations can be dropped off at the Human Sciences North Building in Room 101 or Liberal Arts North, Room 402. The Mu Sigma chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi and the Iota Mu chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha both accepted donations the past week for Harvey victims at the Baker Pattillo Student Center. SFA Counseling Services

offered students affected by the storm free drop-in counseling sessions last week, according to a letter sent out by Baker Pattillo. “At SFA we are best known for the high quality, individualized educational experience we provide our students, but we also have a very strong record for community service,” Pattillo said. “We continue to pray for the safety and well-being of all Lumberjacks... and we look forward to helping them remain safe and healthy and resume their normal lives as quickly as possible.” For more information visit [www.sfasu.edu/harvey](http://www.sfasu.edu/harvey).

## SFA economic group offers scholarship to students

By Taylor Antwine  
Staff Writer

The SFA Economics Reading Group (ERG) is giving SFA students of all majors the opportunity to win a \$1,000 scholarship. According to the Nelson Rusche College of Business website, the Economics Reading Group is a unique student group open to anybody who would like to know more about economics. The group meets four times a semester to discuss assigned economics-related readings. It is a rare opportunity to interact with faculty in an informal setting. The contest, sponsored by the Student Success Center, splits the book Hillbilly Elegy into four sections. “...Ideally students would submit a video response and the idea is that you record it and post it to YouTube and you tag it Hillbilly Elegy, which is the book we’re reading, and also book review and maybe throw an

SFA tag in there too,” said Dr. Ryan Phelps, ERG sponsor. “But then link that video to our Facebook page so that people can look at it and if you do all four videos by the deadline you will get preferential treatment but we’re really looking for anyone who wants to participate to be able to participate...” When asked why the ERG decided to provide the SFA students with this scholarship, Phelps said before, if you couldn’t attend the meetings you couldn’t be eligible for our scholarships; but now, if you have a cell phone and you’ve read the content, and you’re willing to put your thoughts out there online, you’re eligible. Phelps also said that part of the reason for the video contest was due to Generation Jacks. “...Dana [Cooper, Associate Professor of History] made Hillbilly Elegy assigned reading for all of the Gen. Jacks. So we have 100 students coming in that have all read the book,”

he said. “So I thought, ‘man not all of those students are gonna be able to make the meetings but there’s a lot of students out there that’ve read the book and how can I enable them to participate with the group given that I know a lot of them won’t be able to make those meetings?’ So the answer was you know, what I’ve come up with so far, the video response contest.” Students enjoy being a member of the ERG, according to Lori Watson, member of ERG. “Personally, I enjoy the discussions held between the students and the professor/professors. The books that have been chosen in the past have been interesting without having too much economics jargon and can be relatable to almost any student,” Watson said. For more information on the Economics Reading group, as well as the video response contest visit <http://faculty.sfasu.edu/phelpsr/>.

# Fraternities experience new rules

By Sarah Schneider  
Contributing Writing

“The people who joined this year had the benefit of being told to join and look for a brotherhood instead of social aspects.”  
—Rex Beard, IFC president

Bylaws for the Interfraternity Council rush have been updated in order to help counter any loop-holes concerning rush this fall semester.

Updates to rules include guest lists at parties, no alcohol at rush events, a minimum GPA requirement out of high school of a 2.5 for all potential new members and a new member convocation where rushees are grouped and visit with all fraternities for 10 minutes. The updated regulations in the IFC bylaws were enacted to highlight that potential new members “do not need to join [a fraternity] because of the social aspects, female aspects, etc., but join where they feel at home and have true brotherhood,” according to Rex Beard, IFC president.

Sorority recruitment and fraternity rush have begun to mimic each other, forming all of SFA greek life to be associated with a ‘formal’ recruitment process.

“(Fraternity rush) is more of a chill, let’s hangout, versus having a subject everyday,” said Emily Brezina, Panhellenic president.

In comparison, sorority recruitment consists of three days with the ideals of philanthropy, sisterhood, and preff, a preference night, as the main focus. Sorority recruitment and rush, although similar in their relationship to Greek life, have always been very different in terms of their new member experience. Rush is often confused with negative connotations in accordance to alcohol and social aspects such as partying.

“Rush was very relaxed. I got to spend quality time with the [fraternities] I chose to be with,” said Victor Mendoza, new Theta Chi pledge. “Prior to rushing, it was made very clear that alcohol would not be acceptable at any rush events, which I find very respectable and stress-relieving, especially for a young student coming into college.”

The Interfraternity Council has been at SFA since Nov. 27, 1909, and represents 16 active chapters, according the to SFA IFC website. The IFC is known for regulating and overseeing fraternal events, conduct and rush. Rush is the official name of fraternal recruitment of new members during a week-long period ending in ‘lines’ and ‘steps.’ Lines are when the rushees are looking to narrow the fraternities down to their two favorite houses, in order to make a final house selection. Steps is the equivalent of a sorority ‘bid day,’ which is when the fraternity and the rushees learn what fraternity they will be affiliated with based off of a mutual selection process.

“New members came to school to get a degree not to join a fraternity. We always had in the bi-laws before, that you had to meet 2-3 fraternities, but instead a lot of the people coming in, when they meet fraternities, suicide rush. And the problem with that is they don’t find where they have a family, home or brotherhood aspects,” Beard said.

The strides of the IFC have made a complete revelation to the Greek community in hopes of making rush an honest and fair process.

“The people who joined this year had the benefit of being told to join and look for a brotherhood instead of social aspects,” Beard said.

Since then, Brezina mentions that like rush, sorority recruitment rules “help with the process and traditions throughout generations” and that cracking down on rules of Greek recruitments will help Greek life as a whole.

“Saville Harris and the whole IFC exec. board have done a great job making sure the men know the rules and regulations.” Brezina said.

# Football: Fan evaluates football season

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since 2010 when the number-one single was Bruno Mars’ “Just the Way You Are.” Sadly, the Jacks will stay just the way they are and the streak will continue. Sam Houston is a preseason third ranked team and have after knocked off the seventh ranked Richmond. Hopefully the margin will not be as wide as 63-28; but, the Bearcats should win easily as they move toward their championship aspirations.

Central Arkansas will be the next team to host the Lumberjacks. The Bears had a fantastic year making it to the second round of the FCS playoffs and had an upset win over FBS’s Arkansas State. The last game was a 20-point victory for the 14<sup>th</sup> ranked FCS team, even with the Jacks forcing five turnovers. With that in mind, the Jacks could be able to force some turnovers and get a victory on the road. I got this one for Jacks.

The Southland youngsters, Houston Baptist will be next on the radar for the Jacks. With this being their fourth season in the Southland conference, the Cougars are still trying to find their place among the teams. After their best season in the Southland conference, HBU seems to have started to gain momentum. Although, I expect a better year for the Cougars; it will be the beginning of a streak for the Jacks.

The other Southland Cardinals, Lamar, have pressed the reset button and started a complete rebuilding after the termination of seven-year head coach, Ray Woodard. Mike Schultz will take over the spread offense of Lamar; however, most of time new coaches and new teams don’t gel immediately. With a disappointing season last year there are some long times ahead; I have the Jacks winning this game as the Cardinals look to find a new identity.

A new look Nicholls will be the

homecoming opponent for the Jacks. I definitely feel that the Colonels are a dark horse playoff team for the Southland Conference. In 2016, we saw much improvement from the Colonels and were one play away from the upset of the year over Georgia. They are already off to a good start after a last-second field goal that put the Colonels over McNeese. I believe we might see Nicholls’ first winning season since 2007.

The season finale, as always, will be the Battle for Chief Caddo. Our Natchitoches rivals were incredibly behind last year, only winning one game against the Division II Kentucky Wesleyan. It will be another bad year, but Northwestern will always play hard for the seven-foot Indian friend. I believe Chief Caddo will remain in Nacogdoches.

Overall, I have the Jacks at 6-5; a one game improvement from the past year. The statistics of each game will all rely on the plays from the new quarterbacks.

# Printing: Free printing now focused on organizations

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According to Folsom, the printing services were started for student organizations, not general printing. There was just no process for those who worked in the Student Organization Research Center to check who was printing and what their purpose for printing was.

“It has, I guess, from probably a student’s point of view, it has become, like, the free printing service on campus,” Folsom said. “But as far as we were concerned it has always continued to be the Student Organization Resource Center.”

Folsom says this change will allow the resource center to better focus on what student organizations need and better provide them with other services.

“In the grand scheme of things, unfortunately, I guess the concept of free printing is gone. We just instead restructured the program to be more supportive of our student organizations,” Folsom said.

# Professor: Ewing teaches in unique ways

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Education says Ewing is an energetic professor who challenges the Elementary Education 303 candidates in mathematics method instruction.

“Candidates are physically and intellectually engaged from the beginning of class to the end,” Gresham said. “One of the areas he stresses is productive struggle for all students. He is an asset to our department.”

Veronica Reyes, a senior elementary education major from Corsicana, says Ewing is what she likes to call an “above and beyond” professor and everything he taught her was positive and purposeful.

“Through his actions, it’s so clear that he cares about the success of every one of his students,” Reyes said.

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# Life & Arts

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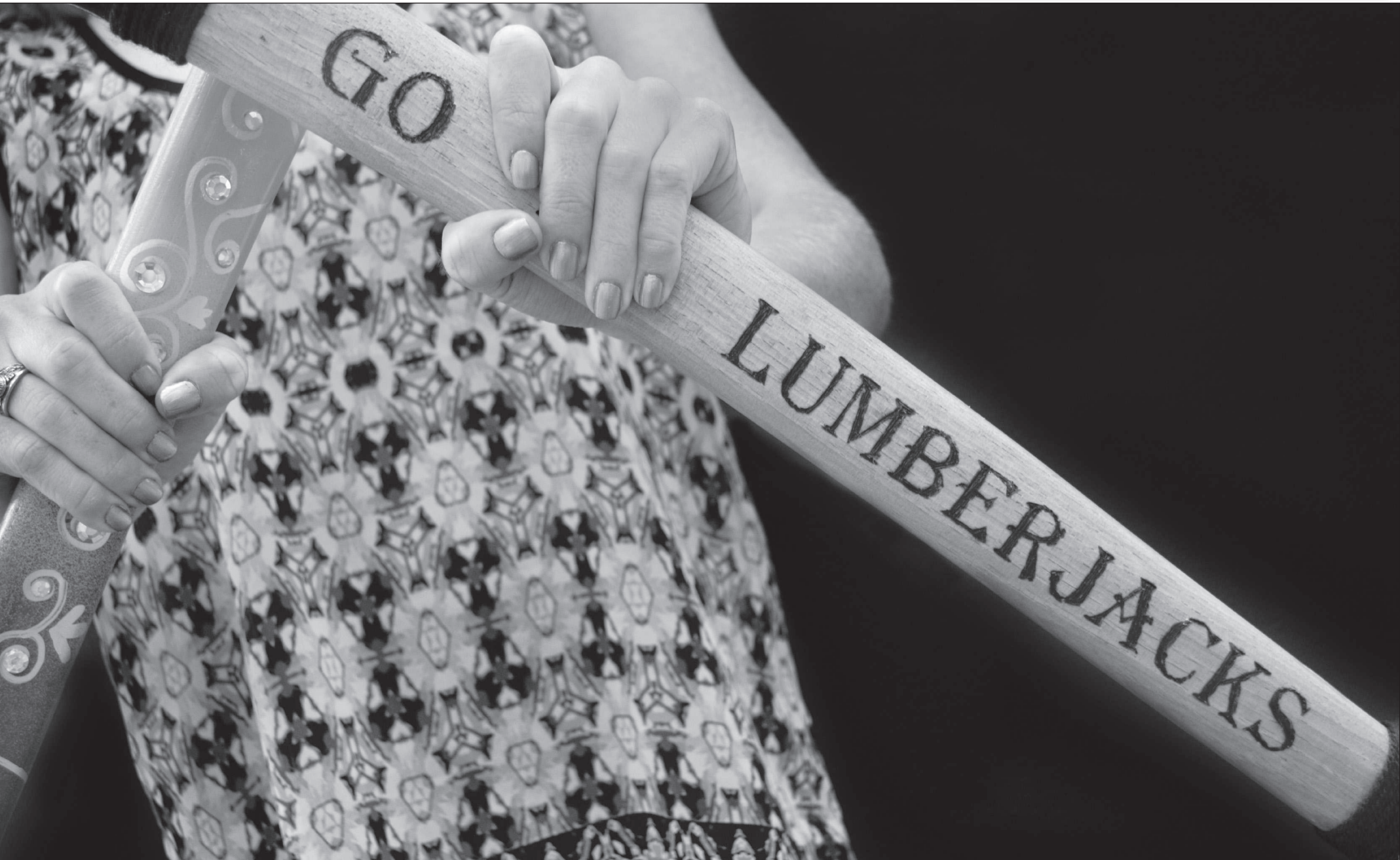


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# Traditions handled at SFA

## Students to receive axe handles during Holler at Homer

**By Raquel Torres**  
*Contributing Writer*

SFA's Purple Haze Association will host its annual Holler at Homer Friday at Homer Bryce Stadium.

As part of one of SFA's biggest traditions, students will be given axe handles to decorate while listening to music and eating free food. At the event, Purple Haze, along with many other organizations and SFA coaches, will unite with the student body to celebrate the 2017 football season. However, the tradition of the axe handle goes past sports and into other organizations, on campus as well.

Janet McLeroy, assistant director of admissions, makes sure the Jack Walkers always have their axe handles in hand while giving tours.

"When our Jack Walkers are hired on, one of the first things they do here is design and decorate their very own axe handle," McLeroy said. McLeroy says that the axe

**"** I believe that receiving an axe handle and personalizing it really establishes that you are part of the SFA family..."

**—Tamia Garrett**

It was carried over to the Purple Haze Association in 2002, and ever since, the tradition has been carried on. According to Tamia Garrett,

it really establishes that you are part of the SFA family and that you are a Lumberjack." Garrett says she has six axe handles of her own and showcases them proudly in

One was provided to me by the orientation department for serving as an academic success consultant for incoming freshman students," Fish said. "So every time I look at that one, it reminds me of the bright-eyed students that are entering our University and the spirit that they start off with." Fish says, as a professional at SFA, it is important to continue to carry on that same spirit.

"I hate hearing that they're spirit sticks because they're so much more than that," Fish said. Students who have yet to receive their very own axe handle will have the opportunity to get one and decorate it on Friday at Holler at Homer. For more information about this event, you can contact Orientation Programs, which oversees SFA Weeks of Welcome activities, at (936) 468-6641.

# Geek Street to introduce community to nerd culture

**By Meaghan Morton**  
*Copy Editor*

It's not a bird, plane or Superman who will be zooming into Festival Park this weekend, but Geek Street, an event hosted by Geek Street Open Air Market. The free event to be held from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday is open to all community members and will host geek-themed vendors and entertainment including belly dancers and cosplayers. Donations of cleaning supplies will also be accepted on site to benefit the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

"We've noticed that the Comic Con crowd—the geeks and the nerds, are a lot more generous and a lot more fun and entertaining for the community than just a straight bounce house type of event," said Cory McCoy, founder and CEO of the Center of Affordable Prosthetics.

The two coordinators, McCoy and Jennyfer Keohane, a makeup artist at Pink Pitbull Productions, have collaborated in the past in similar geek-esque events. Depending on how well Geek Street goes, they plan on hosting a bigger event in the future.

According to the event's Facebook page, this is a precursor to determine whether or not a full Comic Con could be held in Nacogdoches.

The types of vendors include body products, face painting, books, artwork, bounce houses and more. The event will also feature musicians from acoustic, punk and folk backgrounds.

Katherine Davidson, junior and vice president of the SFA Game Club, is interested in the event.

"I think it allows them [students] to create and strengthen friendships, further explore their interests and connect with the

community," Davidson said. She also claims to be a lover of all things nerdy and is also in the process of creating her own cosplay; however, due to the amount of time it will take to make the costume, Davidson will not be wearing it to the event.

"The character is named Jasnah Kholin from Brandon Sanderson's series,

The Stormlight Archive," Davidson said. "The cosplay is harder because I have to design and make her dress myself, as there are only written descriptions of the character."

For more information on Geek Street, visit the event's Facebook page, Geek Street: Nacogdoches Edition.

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## Charlottesville rally un.masks white supremacists

We are approaching eight months since President Trump was inaugurated, and there has been no shortage of hate-related incidents during his tenure. Racist-fueled motives are becoming more evident day-by-day, and the incident in Charlottesville, Virginia, is one example. The encounter left one dead, others injured and even drew in some comparisons to the Black Lives Matter movement against police brutality.

The First Amendment in the United States Constitution guarantees our right to protest. So it is not the overall concept of protesting that should fuel the anger of those who do not agree with white supremacy groups, but it is the message that they attempt to convey.

The rally was held to oppose the removal of a statue of Robert E. Lee, a commanding general for the Confederate Army during the Civil War, from a local park. The group had every right to protest this, until its members began chanting racist and anti-Semitic slogans. This is where the attempt to notate a moral equivalency between the groups on both sides of the protest by President Trump falls short. Just as white supremacy groups have the right to protest because of their beliefs, the other side has a right to oppose what they are saying as well.

There is a difference between celebrating particular events in history and acknowledging they actually happened. With the use of racial slurs and derogatory messages, the “Unite the Right” protesters are celebrating a time in history when people of color were made to be inferior to them.

This is where the difference on both sides of the rally is made. Being pro-black does not make you anti-white. Black Lives Matter is an attempt to secure equal opportunities for all. It is just like being a feminist does not mean you hate men. The sole ambition of supremacists is to stir hate and divide the country.

The protesters not only targeted black people but took shots at the Jewish community as well. While some waved Confederate flags, many others chanted Nazi-era slogans.

How can one find equivalency between one group who is driven to make all other races inferior to theirs, and other groups whose main goal is to fight for equal opportunity? Those who marched in opposition to the hate rally were unified in opposition to white supremacy.

There were representatives with a wide variety of ideological beliefs, backgrounds and political goals.

When discussing the actions of various race groups, it comes down to their intent. It is clear through mass media that there are not only black people participating in BLM



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protests.

No one is prohibited from attending a meeting while also feeling insecure they will be prosecuted for being there. Send a person of color to a KKK meeting, neo-Nazi meeting or any other pro-white supremacy gathering and watch what may happen. It's ironic how we send thousands of troops overseas to fight against the same persecution minorities face domestically.

No longer can any American citizen pretend as if bigotry does not exist in our own backyards. The ugliest reality for

people of color was revealed yet again in Charlottesville, but it does not only fall on those who took part in such a heinous demonstration.

It is also on those who do have good hearts but remain complacent. Be sensitive towards the emotions and opinions many people of color have when discussing problems that exist in our country. And when you are placed in a situation where hate, racism and bigotry appears, then denounce it. Silence allows persistent bigotry to be vocalized.

## Add ‘female’ to list of slurs used against women today

When I hear the word “female”, I think of adjectives like “strong” and “powerful;” I think of feminism, and I think of how there is so much to be done for this movement that I so closely identify with.

However, the word “female” takes on a different meaning for someone who is laced with hostility.

A quick twitter keyword search of the term “females” will demonstrate that “female” is a word now synonymous with misogynistic slurs. It is often used as a substitution for less savory insults in effort to seem more politically correct. But, we need to stop saying “female” as an insult and here’s why:

First, it reduces women to their reproductive organs. The word “female” is a biological term that removes identity and replaces it with species. This is dehumanizing and dangerous to a woman’s psyche.

When we refer to a woman as a “female,” it takes away her personality and replaces it with a more clinical and detached existence. We do not refer to our peers as “humans” because not only is this grammatically incorrect, it is also disrespectful and ignores the subject’s personality. Isolating women to their genitals is flagrantly wrong. Those who claim they are using the term “female” in social settings to address women as their gender are using microaggressions,



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which are unintentional discriminatory statements made toward marginalized groups of people.

Secondly, it contributes to rape culture. Rape culture can be briefly defined as an environment where rape and sexual assault are normalized because of behaviors such as sexual objectification and victim blaming.

Using “female” as a derogatory slur perpetuates the idea that women are less than their identity. Historically, there has always been an obsession with women’s chastity and innocence; a woman’s virginity takes precedence before anything else in some regards. Before you say this is not true, or an exaggeration—take a moment and think of the way “female” is used in conversation.

We do not see “women” and “females” being used

in identical contexts, but instead we see that either a woman is one or the other. Either she is a “woman” who is mature and chaste, or she is a “female,” a lesser human than a woman who is inherently and biologically undesirable.

This distinction is not necessarily made directly, but it can be implied that being a woman is ideally better than being a female.

Lastly, it’s equally, if not more, harmful as when women call each other females. The same sentiment has been said about other derogatory slurs.

When women throw insults at each other, it subtly gives men permission to participate in the abuse. When women refer to each other as “females,” a slippery slope is created about whether or not this can be considered reappropriation.

Men may believe that if women are calling each other “females,” then women, therefore, aren’t offended by it, and they can also implement the term in their everyday language.

Some women believe that applying words in their speech that are typically used as insults is empowering—and to some degree, it is; however, a woman must make the decision on whether she believes there is a correlation between her own use of “female” in her vocabulary and a man’s use of it in a derogatory fashion.

## Student shares importance of staying true to yourself

Being true to who you are in college can be challenging. College is a fresh start where most likely, very few people know you.

They’ve never heard of the town you are from, and they have no idea of any drama you faced in high school. They don’t know who your ex-boyfriend is, and they never really have to know. A blank slate can be a wonderful thing—or it can be terrifying.

I’ve always been the awkward girl who hates compliments, social gatherings and, of course, meeting new people. My parents used to always say I was just shy, when the fact of the matter was I’m socially awkward.

Get me around my friends, and I’m the life of the party! I love talking to people, giving advice and hearing other people’s point of view on different issues. But putting me in a situation of not knowing people well enough to do these things just makes life more awkward, and I think we can all agree that life needs to be a little less awkward.

So, I set goals for myself in college that for the most part were not academic. This list included things like “always keep writing” and “make lots of friends.”



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“My parents used to always say I was just shy, when the fact of the matter was I’m socially awkward. Get me around my friends, and I’m the life of the party!”

I am always trying to push myself out of my comfort zone, whether it’s eating alone in the cafeteria or writing for The Pine Log. These goals made me realize having a network is an important thing to do when you’re in college.

I made a lot of friends my first semester of college because I was in the marching band. I knew this would be a great place to meet a bunch of band geeks, which is the majority of my friend group

back home.

College is like a melting pot of all sorts of different walks of life, but soon I came to realize these were not my people.

I was dead set in being a music minor when I arrived to school, but after one week I quickly realized that it was not where I belonged.

A majority of band members are music majors, and being a mass communications major, we had nothing in common other than our uniforms.

I hold no resentment to the people I met in band. They all found something they were passionate about, and that’s great. But faking being in love with band isn’t who I am.

I always have loved writing, and I am excited to be in a position where I can do that again.

Never stay in a place or settle for a relationship just because you feel obligated or safe. Quitting band was one of the best decisions of my life.

I miss playing my instruments and marching and having all sorts of weird jokes with my buddies, but I am now in a field of study that makes my heart happy and gives me purpose.

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## SFA Scoreboard

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** Walk-on tryouts were held Sept. 5.

**VOLLEYBALL:** Jacks win MSU Invitational, extend streak to 7

**SOCCER:** Ladyjacks defeat Texas State Lady bobcats 2-1

**FOOTBALL:** Lumberjacks lose big at SMU 58-14

# Previewing the Jacks



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Lumberjacks and fans are crossing off Saturdays on calendars as football season returns and conference teams brace for impact.

Opening day, this past Saturday, was an uninspiring start to the season as the Lumberjacks were, as predicted, blown out by Southern Methodist University, 58-14.

The home opener and next test for the Jacks will come in the form of the Southern Utah Thunderbirds. Last year, the Cedar Falls Natives

went 6-5 and were just outside of the top 25 of the Football Championship Series. They also scored an upset win over Portland State and clinched a playoff spot in 2015. SFA will have to make sure to protect the ball from a defense coming off of a 20-interception season. Turnovers could be the downfall for the Jacks and bring them down to a 0-2 start.

SFA will remain at home when Incarnate Word will begin the Southland Conference schedule. Incarnate Word had a rough year in 2016 after going on a seven-game losing streak during which the defense allowed an average of 44 points. So far it doesn't look like much has changed as the Cardinals were plucked by Fresno State in their opener. Incarnate Word will play their rivals better, but this should be one that the Jacks put away.

Going back on the road to Abilene Christian where we will not only see football, but probably more Twitter wars amongst students. ACU was built like a dumpster fire as the Wildcats were a horrid 2-9 in 2016. ACU has not been a threat to most of the Southland and is not predicted to change. Jacks should win this one by a large margin.

The last game in September will be a revenge game for McNeese as the Jacks were able to derail their season after being ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the FCS to start 2016. A comeback victory saw the Cowboys' season pummel. Once a 10-win team in 2015, I believe we will see more of that team than the 2016 version. It should be a close game, but McNeese will win, avenging their past loss.

One of everyone's favorite games will kick off in the month of October: The Battle of the Piney Woods in NRG Stadium in Houston. SFA hasn't won a game in this series

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## SFA Football Upcoming Schedule

- **Sept. 6 vs. Southern Utah**  
**6 p.m.**
- **Sept. 16 vs. Incarnate Word**  
**6 p.m.**
- **Sept. 23 @ Abilene Christian**  
**6 p.m.**
- **Sept. 30 vs. McNeese**  
**6 p.m.**
- **Oct. 7 BOTPW vs. Sam Houston at NRG Stadium**  
**1 p.m.**

# Ladyjacks streaking in the wins



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The SFA Lumberjacks were in full action this weekend. The SFA Women's Volleyball Team won the Mississippi State Invitational and extended its winning streak to seven games. The women's soccer team defeated the Texas Sate Lady Bobcats 2-1 to improve to 5-1 on the season. Both teams will get a much-needed break before they're back in action. The volleyball team will host its annual SFA Invitational with the first games on Friday, while the soccer team will travel to Las Cruces, New Mexico, to battle with the New Mexico State Lady Aggies.



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# The curious case of Ezekiel Elliott

Dallas Cowboys running back's season in question; star player fights for right to return to field



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On Aug. 11, 2017, the Dallas Cowboys were preparing to travel to Los Angeles to face the Rams in their second preseason game. What they were not prepared to face was the six-game suspension Roger Goodell, NFL commissioner, handed down to reigning offensive player of the year, Ezekiel Elliott.

His domestic violence case has been the head of media speculation since July 2016, when the allegations were made. Now Elliott is

at the center of another poorly handled case on the part of the NFL front office committee. Before, they were not harsh enough against violators like Josh Brown, who will be mentioned later in this situation. This time they punished someone whose case was dismissed by investigators due to the lack of continuity in the accuser's story.

First, it is important to recognize the level of sensitivity an individual should have when discussing any matter of domestic assault, and it is important to state this stretches beyond a mere absence of a couple games. With the NFL handing Zeke a six-game suspension, the minimum for any act or threat of domestic violence, they are attaching the abuser label to his name.

The second-year player out of Ohio State University has been in the news for many things since being drafted

fourth overall by the Dallas Cowboys in 2016, but being an abuser clearly takes the top spot. This is his legacy on the line—his family's name, both present and future.

The egregiousness does not come in the suspension itself, nor does it come from the NFL's relentless effort to continue a case investigators have backed away from. It is not even in the mass amounts of text messages that claimed "Elliott wouldn't be believed because he is black," according to NFL Insider reports. It stems from the NFL commissioner and reports on how he never met one-on-one with either Elliot or Tiffany Thompson, the accuser. How can one carry a year-long investigation, have Elliot meet with the league a week before the suspension is handed down and at no time you feel it is necessary to talk to him in person?

There was a consultant, hired by Goodell, to supervise the investigation and report any findings she had to him.

*"As expected, Elliott appealed the suspension. But this shouldn't be an appeal to have the games reduced. This should be a fight to clear his name of all domestic assault allegations."*

The consultant concluded she couldn't believe Thompson because of the many fallacies found in her testimony. What does Goodell do? He passes on the opportunity to have a sit-down, face-to-face with the very consultant he wanted to advise him on this case.

As expected, Elliott appealed the suspension. But this shouldn't be an appeal to have the games reduced. This should be a fight to clear his name of all domestic assault allegations. If Elliott believes he is completely innocent, then there is no justification for him accepting a reduced suspension. If I were Zeke there would be no way I would accept any partial guilt in a matter as serious as domestic

assault. I have heard many people proclaim that Zeke should take his punishment and grow from this experience to reduce the risk of further damaging his reputation. A slew of analysts believe having this case continue to circulate in the news keeps his name synonymous with abuse. If the argument is Elliott should be suspended a couple games for conduct detrimental to the league then I can side with anyone who holds that to be true, but football fan or not, there is no way this suspension should hold.

Also, for Goodell, who is judge, jury and executioner for NFL cases, to not even have the common decency to sit down face-to-face with the person he is punishing, shows he is handling the case irresponsibly. He is attempting to protect the face of the league by making up for its lack of due diligence after leaked video of former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice showed him punching his then fiancé on an elevator.

This was after Goodell issued Rice a two-game suspension—not to mention the disaster Greg Hardy was as he showed no remorse or sympathy after the league reduced his suspension from 10 to four games, or the New York Giants kicker, who admitted to abusing his wife, yet gets the option to voluntarily remove himself from the team while only having to serve a one-game suspension.

These were cases where all fingers pointed in the direction of obvious guilt. Yet, they all received less punishment than someone whose case is a 50-50 toss-up right now? The league has done a poor job of being transparent in its findings, and the report they released on why they suspended Elliott left us with more questions than answers. All they can do to summarize the situation is say the suspension is warranted because of "the threat of domestic violence." What a slippery slope the NFL has found themselves on once again.