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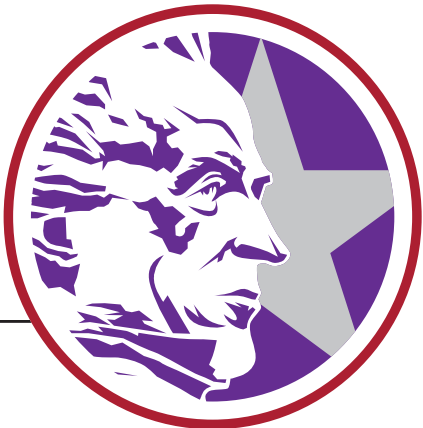
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Who is @SFAQuestions?



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Racking up almost 5,000 followers on Twitter, the creator of @SFAQuestions, will be relinquishing the account to an SFA student after she graduates in August.

Student running popular account revealed

By Raquel Torres
Webmaster

At almost 5,000 followers, the Twitter account @SFAQuestions is easily one of the most popular accounts for students on campus to follow. From advice for incoming freshmen to the account people mention to sell textbooks, “WYD tonight SFA?” has been there for students since

the summer of 2016 and has remained mostly anonymous until now. Yajaira Romero, senior advertising and public relations major from Houston, created the account for questions from incoming freshmen. While taking 18 hours a semester, having an internship and a job, Romero said she spends about six hours a day on Twitter managing the account.

“In high school, I loved helping people. There was actually an account that was for freshman questions. I was a freshman. [The user] decided to reveal herself, and she never used the account again,” Romero said. “I thought, well what’s going to happen to the next freshman class? I feel that every freshman class needs someone to look up to because ultimately high school does not

prepare you for college.” The account began as just that—questions for incoming freshmen. After a year, Romero revealed her identity to the account, but still, the majority of her followers seemed to not know who she was. Every day, Romero can refresh her notifications every minute and have 30 notifications. As her page grew in followers,

she realized that not all of her audience were freshmen. She decided as an advertising major, to promote small businesses. “A lot of people don’t take the time to explore Nac. They don’t know what restaurants there are out there, what bars there are, what things there are to do. So I started to promote fraternity parties because they

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@SFAQuestions
Following - 2,432

Followers - 4,958
Tweets - 6,829

SFA basketball player transfers to Trinity Valley Community College

By Deanna Swindell
Staff Writer

Freshman Mitchell Seraille announced his commitment to Trinity Valley Community College on May 1, just five days after announcing on Twitter he was putting his name into the transfer portal. He’s joining six of his former teammates who have either quit, transferred or have been kicked off the SFA men’s basketball team. Seraille is from Houston, where he played basketball at Jack Yates high school before signing with SFA. In his one year as a Lumberjack, Seraille averaged 4.1 points per game, started in five games and totaled 15 assists, 11 steals



Mitchell Seraille

and 29 blocks.

After completing his senior season in high school, Seraille was named All-State laurels

for the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and earned the District 24-4A MVP honors. “Want to say thank

the coaches at SFA for a opportunity to play here and thank the fans for their support, but after some thinking I decided

to put my name in the transfer portal and open up my recruitment,”

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Mitchell Seraille
@_Mitch00

Follow

To all these young dudes that’s getting scholarships from big schools...make sure that’s what you want to do, make sure it fits, & most importantly make sure you have some coaches thats willing to help and see you become better off and on the court

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Final Exam schedule

Monday, May 13		
Class Period	Week Day	Exam Time
8 a.m.	MWF	8 - 10 a.m.
10 a.m.	MWF	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Noon	MWF or MW	1 - 3 p.m.
4 p.m.	MWF or MW	4 - 6 p.m.
5 p.m.	MWF or MW 5:30 p.m.	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14		
Class Period	Week Day	Exam Time
8 a.m.	TR	8 - 10 a.m.
11 a.m.	TR	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
2 p.m.	TR	1 - 3 p.m.
5 p.m.	TR	4 - 6 p.m.
6:30 p.m.	TR	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15		
Class Period	Week Day	Exam Time
9 a.m.	MWF	8 - 10 a.m.
11 a.m.	MWF	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
1 p.m.	MWF or MW	1 - 3 p.m.
7 p.m.	MWF or MW	4 - 6 p.m.
8 p.m.	MWF or MW 8:30 p.m.	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 16		
Class Period	Week Day	Exam Time
9:30 a.m.	TR	8 - 10 a.m.
12:30 p.m.	TR	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	TR	1 - 3 p.m.
8 p.m.	TR	8 - 10 p.m.
Friday, May 17		
Class Period	Week Day	Exam Time
2 p.m.	MWF	8 - 10 a.m.
3 p.m.	MWF or MW 2:30 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
6 p.m.	MWF	6 - 8 p.m.
Conflicts		1 - 3 p.m.



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Those who chose to participate in the OMA's booth for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month were offered the chance to make their own leis and learn facts about Asian Pacific American heritage. The table was hosted on May 1 outside of the Baker Pattillo Student Center.

OMA organizes booth for heritage month

By Isabell Tenorio
Staff Writer

The Office of Multicultural Affairs hosted a table on May 1 in celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage month.

OMA set up its table outside the BPSC and had materials to make leis and a bowl of facts open to take or read. This was the first time OMA held an event for Asian Pacific American Heritage month, and they hope to continue to bring awareness to the student body.

Some of the facts in the bowl included, "In 1992, Congress passed Public Law 102-450 which annually designated May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month" and "1.5 million of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone or in combination are residents of the United States as of 2016."

Planning for the table started back in the fall semester as well as throughout the spring semester.

"One of the reasons why we've never been able to celebrate it before is because Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month is in the month of May, which in the past we've always

Another reason for hosting this table is to bring attention to the Asian population at SFA. Student ambassador Vanessa Huynh says that it's also important to bring awareness

Tonga, Samoan..."

OMA wants to cover all the different cultures and not just focus on one over the others. That way, they can make sure people not only learn about other cultures but get a fun activity out of it that they will associate the meaning with.

"For me, I talk a lot about like the Latinx people because I myself am Latinx," said Andrea Flores, student ambassador. "But I really don't know enough about this community. So, I think it's going to be really cool for other people to learn about it as well because there isn't a lot of this population on campus, but it's still important to raise their voice."

The main message that OMA hopes people took from this table was students taking the time to learn about other cultures.

"If you're unsure about any race or any culture, be sure to do your research before voicing anything. Just respect each culture and race," Huynh said.

"It's important to know that there are Asian pacific islanders out there and not just Chinese, Vietnamese and like Korean and all. Like there's actually like Hawaiian, Tonga, Samoan..."

—Vanessa Huynh

ran into complications because it's usually during dead week or right there towards the end," said Jalon Berry, assistant director of OMA. "So, this year we were like 'we're just going to do it on the first. May 1 before Dead Week so that we can get it in and celebrate it.'"

to different types of Asians.

"Not all Asians are the same; there's just different types of Asians," Huynh said. "And also, it's important to know that there are Asian pacific islanders out there and not just Chinese, Vietnamese and like Korean and all. Like there's actually like Hawaiian,

'Songs My Mother Taught Me'



Photos by Garrett Uhl / The Pine Log

The SFA Men's and Women's choir presented 'Songs My Mother Taught Me,' a concert featuring a variety of performers, on May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cole Concert Hall. The performance included several songs from a variety of places.

Left: Director Tod Fish directs the SFA Men's choir as they perform one of the many songs chosen for this concert.

Right: The pianist plays along with the choir as they sing several songs and hymns from around the world.



SFA graduate receives excellence in education award

Shannon Lee, a three-time SFA graduate, was awarded the 2019 Gilbert I. "Buddy" Low Excellence in Education Award from the Beaumont Foundation of America.

The foundation is dedicated to enriching the lives and enhancing the futures of less fortunate children and youth, families and the elderly with a focus on improving education, health care and social services. According to the foundation, the award celebrates and recognizes superior contributions of teachers whose leadership and dedication inspire a spirit of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities.

Lee serves as a reading interventionist and dyslexia specialist and coordinator for pre-K through

fifth grade at West Sabine Elementary School in Pineland.

"I want to inspire my students to make personal connections to the lessons in order for them to succeed. Teaching gives me the opportunity to prepare my students for college and their future careers," Lee said. "I am dedicated to the teaching profession, and I want to make a difference in the

lives of my students."

Lee holds a bachelor's degree from SFA in elementary education and master's degrees in secondary education with mid-management/principal certification and superintendent certification and elementary education with a concentration in reading.

In her current role, she teaches students how to read and tests those who have reading difficulties.

"I am dedicated to the teaching profession, and I want to make a difference in the lives of my students."

—Shannon Lee

Her lesson plans often focus on fluency, vocabulary, comprehensive instruction and phonemic awareness.

"I enjoy working with my students and listening to them read," Lee said. "I believe all students can be good readers and writers, and I make reading a priority in my classroom."

Lee studied in SFA's reading specialist graduate program, which she said "made a world of difference in my life."

"The instruction I received from my SFA professors has given me greater insight into literacy and how literacy plays a critical part in the lives of all students. It has made a difference in how I teach and address their needs," Lee said.

Crime Log:

May 7
No reports

May 6
An officer was dispatched to Homer Bryce Stadium in reference to a criminal mischief. The officer met with the complainant who said the men's restroom had been vandalized. There are no suspects.

An officer was dispatched to the lobby of UPD in reference to theft. The complainant said his unsecured bicycle was removed from the bike rack at the East College Cafeteria. There are no suspects.

An officer was dispatched to Hall 20 in reference to a drug complaint. The officer made contact with a subject and found him to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. The subject was issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. There is one suspect.

May 5 - 3

On May 5, an officer conducted a traffic stop in Lot 29. The officer made contact with the driver and two other occupants and determined all three were minors and had been consuming alcoholic beverages. The driver was issued a citation for driving under the influence. The other two occupants were issued citations for consumption of alcohol by a minor. There are three suspects.

On May 4, an officer was dispatched to Griffith Hall in reference to an intoxicated subject. The officer made contact with the subject and determined the subject to be intoxicated to the point of being in danger to themselves and others. The subject was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Nacogdoches County Jail without incident. There is one suspect.

May 2 - April 30

On May 2, an officer was dispatched to the lobby of UPD in reference to an assault family violence. Upon arrival, the officer made contact with the complainant, who said she was assaulted by her ex-boyfriend in Lot 21. There is one suspect.

On May 1, an officer was dispatched to the Baker Pattillo Student Center in reference to a theft. The complainant said money was removed from her unattended wallet at the student center. There are no suspects.

To contact UPD in an emergency, call 9-1-1.

For non-emergencies, call (936) 468-2608.

TWITTER: Twitter account answers students' questions

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needed a place to put all their flyers. I figured if there was just one place that everybody could go to so they could see what was going on throughout the week and be updated, that's where I wanted to be," Romero said.

Small businesses in Nacogdoches often send direct messages to the account for their daily specials to be retweeted—from happy hour to events.

While the account is a positive thing for Romero to focus on, students often sent direct messages to the page with wrong intentions.

"It [the account] is not to put people down. It's not what I am. It's to lift people up and other small business and to get the word out there," she said. "I never want it to be negative. That's not who I am. Like the girl who tweeted 'Don't go to college if you can't afford it,' I got tagged in it. I didn't want to have a say in it, but she offended a lot of people with that tweet."

Just a year ago, a student was being accused by multiple women of stalker tendencies. The situation began with many tweets from many women, and SFAQuestions was one of the people to retweet and speak on this issue.

"I retweeted it because I thought, 'okay, if I'm a girl and I want to be safe, I want other girls to be safe.' Because we don't even pump gas at night as a girl. Girls just don't feel safe on campus," she said.

Later, the University Police Department addressed the stalker rumors and said the student was not an issue. This was a hit to the account's credibility.

"I was like okay, I got this information from these girls that said are saying that they got their information from the CAs. After that, I never put out information without checking first. This got way bigger than I thought. I didn't think it was going to be a big deal, but it ended up being a really big deal. I need to be careful," Romero said.

After being involved in retweeting information about the alleged stalker, Romero reached out to the student being accused, to apologize personally.

Another incident she recalls is a recent one. Romero said she saw a couple of party goers at a Theta Chi party leave a friend black-out drunk in a car while it was cold outside.

"The tweet specifically was, 'Make sure that you leave with your friends, make sure they're safe. If that's not the case, then you need new friends.' Anything can happen. I don't want anyone to get into an accident. Just because I said Theta Chi, their adviser said, 'Make sure you always say that the tweet was not about Theta Chi, that it's about party-goers. I said okay,'" Romero said. "It gets twisted."

One of her favorite things about running



Yajaira Romero

Photo by Alyssa Faykus / The Pine Log

this account is Motivation Monday. Each Monday, she tweets something motivational to help students start their week off right.

Romero said she will be graduating this August.

"I was going to leave the account, and let that be my legacy. But people said, 'You can't leave it,' so I figured I need to find someone who has the same vision as me," she said.

Romero is currently in the process of

interviewing people to take the account. During the interviews, she makes sure to tell the applicants that it's important to be unbiased.

After graduation, Romero hopes to live in Florida or Houston.

"It was never important to me that people knew who I was. It was never about being popular. I just wanted to help people. I hope I accomplished that. It's not about me. It's about the help that I'm providing to people," Romero said.

Dr. Shirley Luna, executive director of University Marketing Communications at SFA, explained the relationship between the account and the university.

"We have not had any issues with the @SFAQuestions account, and for that reason have not sought to have it shut down. The use of the University's name and licensed trademarks can cause confusion, and viewers may mistake the content posted as official communication from the University. If that were to become a problem, the University would begin the process to have the account removed. Students should not take for granted anything they read on unofficial social media accounts, which are very often the source of 'fake news.' I encourage students to follow the official SFA social media accounts on Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram."

One of the people who say they have benefited from this account is Ashley Atkins, junior sports business major from Sugar Land. She has followed the account since her freshman year of college.

"I think this account is incredibly helpful to students. If you simply tag the account, they'll retweet your tweet. I've sold textbooks and gotten info about parties and even safety tips or news from this account," Atkins said.

Atkins said she has not seen any incorrect information on this Twitter account.

"The only way this could be harmful to students is if they don't fact check and believe everything on Twitter, but that goes beyond this account," she said.

"This account is usually a hub that students check when they hear of something happening in Nac or on campus. For example, the videos of the [alleged] police brutality at Verge apartment complex I saw on this account. The comment section was practically a support group for the women of these videos."

"Information is generally posted to SFA questions before the University even does. This account always has the latest updates on parties and happenings around SFA and what the general public is doing on weekends, too."

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SFA bands play concert in park



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Aubrienne Clark (left) and Lionel Brown play their flutes in the Free Speech Area between the BPSC and the Music Building. All four SFA concert bands (university, symphonic, wind ensemble and wind symphony) performed for the public on Sunday.

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Kappa Kappa Psi sell snowcones, ice cream and old School of Music T-shirts to fundraise for their fraternity.

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NAC SUMMER TO-DO LIST

Story by Shannon Poe

With summer approaching in nearly two weeks, many college students are deciding to stay in Nac to take summer classes or because they have an apartment. Although some might believe otherwise, there are many fun things to do in Nac for the summer. These may not take up the entire summer, but they do kill a day or two on the weekend.

Trails – One thing Nacogdoches is known for is its trails. Walking or running the trails is a great way to appreciate the beauty while also getting a workout in. For a longer trail with great scenery, go to the LaNana Creek Trail. This trail spans 3.5 miles and starts at the youth soccer complex on Main Street. For a walk among the flowers, the Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden is the perfect place. This is just one stop on the tour of Texas' largest Azalea garden. You can sit and enjoy the summer breeze or walk with friends and appreciate the famous azaleas.



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Photo by Alyssa Faykus / The Pine Log

Visit Lake Nac/fish in the Ag Pond – Want to cool off after walking those trails? Visit Lake Nac for a nice refreshing day outdoors with friends. It's free to enjoy, and you can swim until 10 p.m. If you know someone with a boat, this is a great opportunity to kick back and have fun. If you like to fish, now is the chance to bring out those fishing rods and head to the water, or to the Ag Pond. Lake Nac is located in Douglass and has two entry points, so be sure to map your GPS correctly.

Blueberry Festival – Every summer, the Nacogdoches County Chamber hosts the biggest festival of the year in downtown Nacogdoches. There are vendors with different blueberry treats, live entertainment, shopping, a pet parade and much more. The festival is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 8. Even though the festival itself is one day, there are several events on the Friday before to get you in the festival spirit. After the Blueberry Festival, you can head over to Millard's Crossing and attend the Blueberry Jam Outdoor Music Concert from 6 to 9 p.m.

Local Events – All throughout the summer, you can find events to attend that are put on by different businesses. The Fredonia Brewery hosts trivia nights, live entertainment and events such as Geeks Who Drink every Thursday night. The Nacogdoches Public Library also hosts events throughout the year that you can find on the library's website or Facebook page. Events can also be found on the Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce website calendar.



Photo by Shannon Poe / The Pine Log

Farmers Market – Although many people don't think of the Farmer's Market as fun, there are many different things to do there. Along with the fresh produce, there are usually performers and locals you can talk to about their craft. It's a nice way to start a Saturday morning, and it helps the Nacogdoches community when people shop local. The Farmer's Market is held every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon.

Review: 'Avengers: Endgame' leaves fan curious, excited

By Meredith Janning
Staff Writer

I was lucky enough to see "Avengers: Endgame" on the night of its official release with my friend who, like me, has been anticipating this movie since we left the theater after "Infinity War." But with rumors, speculation and spoilers floating around for months before the premiere, we were scared.

The opening of the movie displayed some odd choices by the directors, Joe and Anthony Russo. With the past few years of Avengers movies creating and growing characters who are loved by many, you would think that those characters and the things people love about them would be evident.

However, I think a few characters were given the short end of the stick in this movie in terms of development. While there are some that have obviously grown and changed for the better throughout this era of Marvel, there were some that seem almost neglected by the Russo brothers, not in terms of screen time, but in terms of consistency. It feels like the past few movies in the MCU have created characters that people can finally relate to, but with "Infinity War" and "Endgame," it's like those characters don't have any constant traits. It's a lot of back-and-forth for the audience, but I think it's mostly due to the director differences between these and the standalone films, and it should almost be expected.

Truthfully speaking, this is my only big

complaint about the movie.

The Russo brothers had a big task putting this movie together, and I think they ultimately delivered on it. With all of the speculation of what was going to happen on the internet – time travel, deaths, alternate realities, etc. – they had a lot of pressure from fans. I was worried that I would already be expecting everything that was going to happen.

Fortunately, the pressure from the fans was not evident. The directors created a unique way of doing everything that needed to be done, and it was not like anything I anticipated. This film is truly bigger than anyone thought it could be.

By the end credits, I had forgotten any complaints I had, and I wasn't upset about things that I didn't like. Once it had faded to black and credits started rolling, it didn't matter anymore. This is honestly everything I could have hoped for from a Marvel movie.

Being in a theater full of people who are all experiencing the same end of an era, seeing the same payoff after 10 years of these films, was a reward in itself. It's a beautiful moment, really.

Art from IMDB

"Avengers: Endgame" is a lot to unpack, a lot to accept, and it was a very emotional experience. There was a nostalgia value that brought tears, laughs and even comfort. This is the last big film with all of the Avengers in it because of contracts and making room for the next phase of heroes, but it doesn't leave you wanting more. I would even venture as far as to say I'm curious and excited to see what's next because I'm almost not sure if Disney or Marvel can top this.

It was a satisfying end. Bittersweet, but satisfying.



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The Pine Log is the independent voice and the official newspaper of SFA. The staff publishes a weekly newspaper that comes out on Wednesdays each fall and spring semester. The staff consists of writers, editors, videographers and photographers. The Pine Log staff recently attended the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association conference in March and brought back a total of 22 awards, including first place for "Overall Excellence Newspaper."



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Lumberjacks Make Great Journalists!

Student graduates despite setbacks of homelessness, academic probation

By Meredith Janning
Staff Writer

After being on academic probation twice, being homeless for two years and living in her car, one student will graduate this May.

Silk Daniels, a hospitality management major with a focus on travel and tourism, is graduating at the end of this semester after serving as a department ambassador with a job lined up with Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta. Daniels' journey, however, was not an easy one.

Before reaching this place in her academic career, Daniels posted in a Tweet that she had been on academic probation twice and homeless for two years, living in her car and house hopping between friends.

"I bought a black Cobalt, and I paid it off, which was good because I got in a situation where I couldn't afford rent anymore," Daniels said. "I mean, I was a sophomore in college at this time, so I just wanted to have a taste of the apartment life, but I wasn't necessarily ready for it. Not to mention eBills were also kicking my butt, so I just couldn't afford it. But I know myself, if I was to give up and go home, I probably wouldn't

come back. Not saying I'm a quitter, but I just know myself, and so I had to stay in school."

Daniels initially started school as a pre-med psychology major at Mary Baldwin University in Virginia, where she was put on academic probation for the first time, before transferring to SFA in 2015 with a GPA of 1.7.

"I got here and changed my major to hospitality, but then I didn't pass that semester," Daniels said. "I got up, I was at a 1.7 at first, but then I ended at a 1.8 or something like that. 1.8 or 1.9, so I stayed on academic probation. After you miss that first academic probation, you're not supposed to really come back to the school. I wrote an appeal begging them, like 'if you guys really look at it, I went up a point. I'm not at a 2.0 yet, but can you just have hope in me, please?' and they gave me another chance. SFA gave me another chance by the grace of God."

Despite these hardships, Daniels claims her journey made her a better person, helping her understand the importance of struggle.

"I got even more focused," Daniels said. "After the homelessness, I became more humble. I became more modest, more understanding of people's trials. More understanding that people go through things because I was a little

shallow. I'm not going to lie. Prior to everything I went through I was a little shallow, and I needed that to happen to me to grow up a little bit."

Daniels also thanks faculty for aiding in her success. One faculty member in particular is Patty Ashworth, who inspired Daniels through prayer and devotions.

"She didn't [confide in me] right away, but I could tell that she was kind of struggling because she was having difficulties with things," Ashworth said. "She really didn't start confiding in me until, it was like May of 2017, she had come, and she was really struggling, but you could tell that there was a desire there. I love to help people, and so any student that comes and needs assistance, first of all, that's my job, but that's what I feel I'm supposed to do. I could tell she needed just some help."

For students experiencing struggles, Daniel's offers one piece of advice: don't give up, no matter your struggle. Dr. Hollie Smith, assistant dean of student affairs, also reminds students that there are options for help.

"Depending on the situation, SFA may be able to offer temporary housing and meal plans for students in a crisis situation," Smith said.



Photo courtesy of Charles Middleton

Silk Daniels, senior hospitality major, poses next to the Lumberjack Express for her senior photos.

TVCC: Six players transfer during, after basketball season

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Seraille said on Twitter.

Seraille decided to play at a TVCC for a year and plans to return to Division 1 basketball for the last two years of his collegiate career.

"To all these young dudes that's getting scholarships from big schools," he tweeted. "Make sure that's what you want to do, make sure it fits, [and] most importantly make

sure you have some coaches that's willing to help and see you become better off and on the court."

On Wednesday he tweeted, "Just signed with Trinity Valley Community College #JUCOPRODUCT."

Other teammates who have left include TJ Holyfield, Aaron Augustin, Jock Hughes, Kevon Harris, Karl Nicholas and Aaron Walton.

Kentucky Derby themed event held at Fredonia



Andy Escarcega, hospitality admin from Nacogdoches, signs in people attending an event on Friday. The School of Human Sciences hospitality department hosted the event at the Fredonia Hotel in honor of the Kentucky Derby that took place the next day, on Saturday. The theme was "Paint the Roses Red," and raised funds for the hospitality program. Attendees were encouraged to wear fancy hats, bow ties and attire in red colors to the event.

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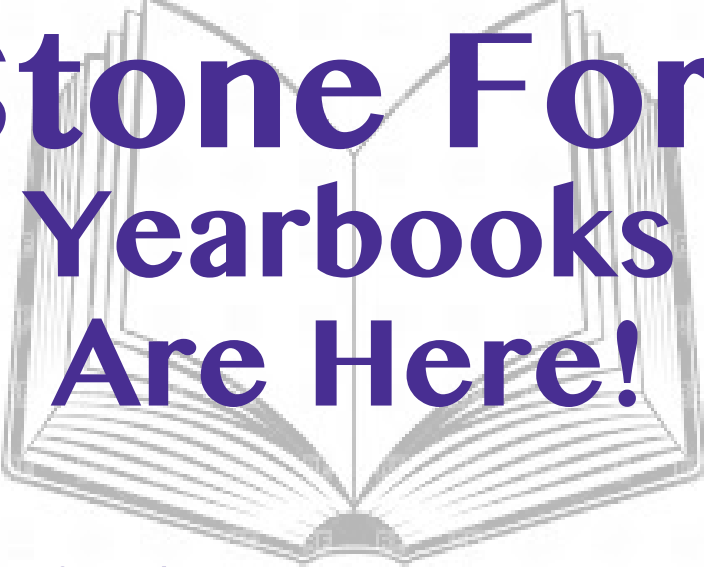
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Everyone negatively impacted by stereotyping

From a young age, stereotypes are ingrained in our minds through TV shows and movies we watch. From the typical “jock bully” to the stereotypical “hero” trope, it is easy to see a stark difference in how these characters are perceived. These stereotypes are ingrained in our brains and have become so normalized to us as a society, we may not even realize that we are doing it in our own personal lives.

Stereotypes can range from harmless to harmful in a variety of ways, but they should never be used as a way to classify someone that you haven’t fully gotten to know yet. Stereotyping becomes such a second nature to us that it influences us in everyday decisions, from who to sit by in class and who to ask for directions or advice.

In college, stereotypes can be more prevalent with the many organizations and clubs that students on campus can choose from. With so many clubs to choose from, different assumptions can be made—as if being a member of a certain club is someone’s only identity.

Students are judged at face value in many of these clubs, as a member and as an outsider. This is normal and is honestly something that everyone does; however, this excuse doesn’t make the action okay.

Assumptions can come from joining Greek life and can even be pulled from the major students are in. For an example, some people wrongly assume that all sorority girls are vapid and all business majors are snakes, but it is important to look past those false perceptions. Even as a mass communication major, many journalists are assumed to be liars and that we are all trying to spread “fake news,” which is typically not the intent.

Stereotyping can also be a painful reminder of how society views certain groups of people. Homophobia and racism are quickly dismissed when you put them under the guise of a stereotype of a person. Seeing people in this negative

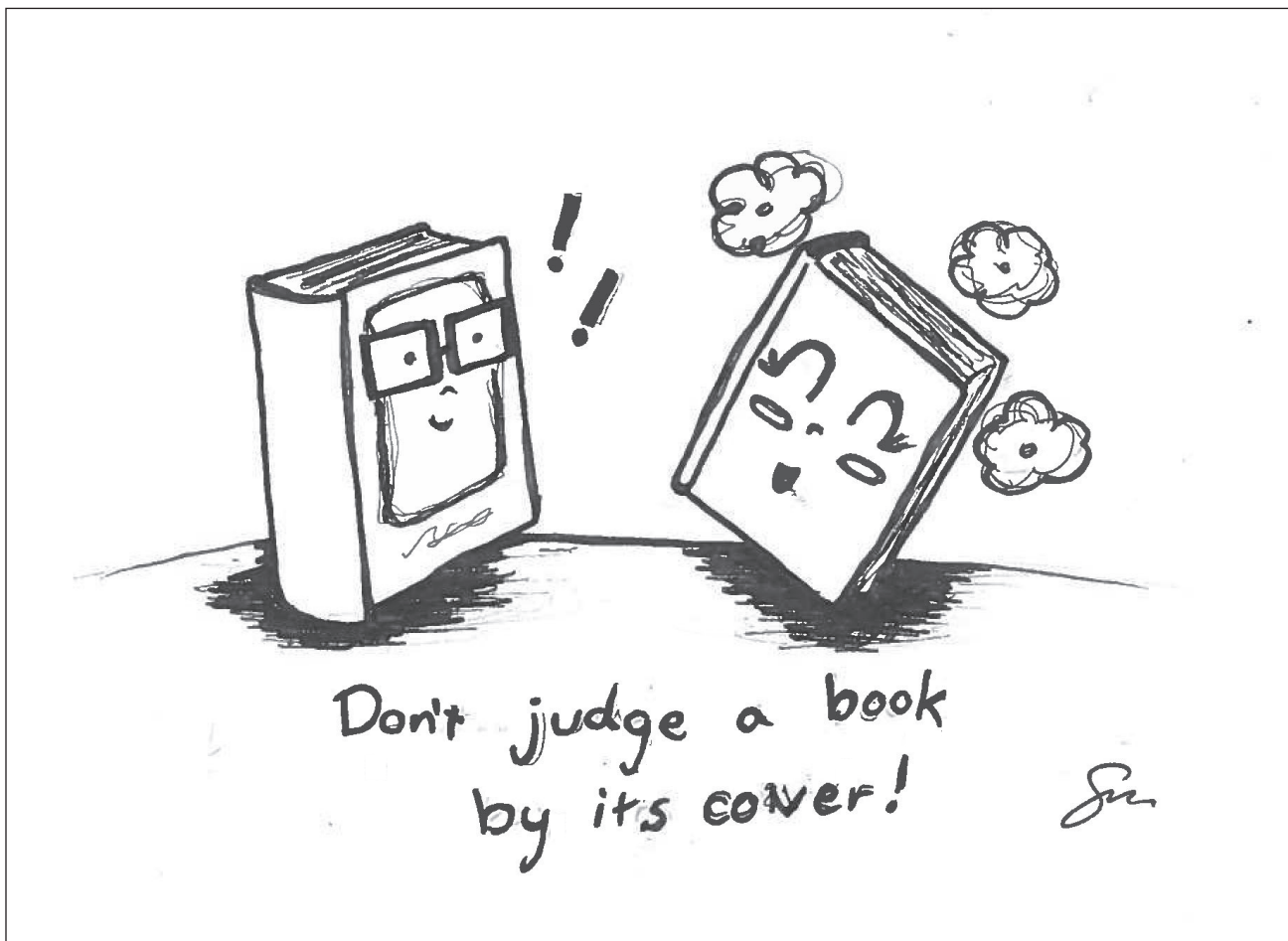


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light can be harmful to them and to people around you who may overhear.

If you talk with your friends and make a vague assumption about who they are, based on a surface level classification, someone with that actual classification may overhear. You may think that making a stereotypical “gay joke” is just funny, but what you may not realize is that there could be someone in the LGBTQ+ community around you, and they probably have to deal with that stereotype constantly.

Small jokes and comments centered around stereotypes can seem unimportant, but the effects they have can really hurt people, mentally and physically.

People of color face stereotypical racism all the time, from jokes about

“going back to where they came from,” to being asked if they have “picked cotton before,” which has happened to one of our staff member before while in Nacogdoches. These jokes are harmful and inappropriate to be said in any situation, and the type of thinking that causes them needs to be addressed. Truly, they aren’t even jokes.

The jokes are never just jokes, but are rather a reflection of how you perceive that person as a whole, or at least how society has conditioned you to perceive them. A Tumblr post brought up the idea that “the first thought that goes through your mind is what you have been conditioned to think. What you think next defines who you are.” This brings up the fact that you need to decide to try and quit stereotyping, even if it just happens in your mind.

If you take the initiative in your mind to change how you view people you don’t know, you will be able to see the world in a better light and make connections with people who you may have never gotten to meet before.

Senior farewell: editor-in-chief’s journey in publications



By Meaghan Morton
Editor-in-Chief

and it was placed into the mailboxes of everyone in the neighborhood.

Then the mail person hit me with the fact that technically that was a federal offense (getting into someone else’s mailbox) so my operation was shut down. My lime-green pamphlet with clip art of a house was no more.

Later, toward the end of my freshman year in high school, my English teacher, Karen Cook, suggested to me that I join the yearbook staff. So of course, I took it and ran with it. With some growing up, I was editor-in-chief of the yearbook.

Then I knew I had to go to college. But I had no idea where to go. Being a first-generation college student, I had no idea how to search for a school or even what I wanted. I honestly don’t even remember when I decided to be a journalist, but I knew. With the guidance of Ms. Cook, I moved to Kilgore and attended Kilgore College—a small community college in East Texas. Ms. Cook knew the adviser of The Flare, Rachel Stallard, and Mrs. Stallard drove all the way to Malakoff (around an hour and 30 minutes) to meet me. I showed her my work, and I think she was impressed. I did not know at that moment I had met one of the best mentors in my life.

Finally, I was at Kilgore. I made my way

through the ranks at The Flare. I started as features editor, then managing editor and then spent a year as the editor-in-chief. I was the hot-shot editor that thought she knew everything and did a pretty good job of guiding a group. My life truly changed at Kilgore College, through experiences, good and bad. I learned so much.

Then, adviser of The Pine Log, Amy Roquemore, visited our class in an attempt to recruit transfer students. I’ve always been pretty stubborn, so I continued to insist I was still thinking about going to the University of Texas at Arlington, while in the back of my mind, I knew I wasn’t going to go. But I thought I had to have some grand scheme to choose a college, when in reality, it was sitting right in front of me. Stallard had attended SFA, my design mentor had worked on The Pine Log, and several other alumni had done the same thing: The Flare to The Pine Log. In other words, I am involved in a long line of Flare/Pine Log family.

I don’t think I would change a thing. I’m very much a believer that you have to make the best of the situation you’re in, and I think I’ve done just that. I came in knowing I would be editor-in-chief of The Pine Log one day, and here I am.

Through my time in working on publications (all seven years) I’ve seen Austin’s 6th Street from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Halloween weekend, saw a woman shove a nail up her nose, visited Selena’s memorial, ate at the original Whataburger and so much more.

I’m proud of myself, and I still can’t believe I’m going to graduate in August. I’m a first-generation student and the daughter of a single mother who showed me how to work hard in the face of adversity.

I’m so thankful for the leaders and mentors in my life along with my friends and the people who have helped me get to this place in my life.

“I’m proud of myself, and I still can’t believe I’m going to graduate in August.”

Letter to the Editor

Remember to thank a ranchers; they deserve your recognition

Jodi Evans

Remember to Thank a Rancher

I am sure we have all seen the posts across social media about how you should thank a farmer for the food he, or she, puts on your plate. These posts typically mention the amount of food that the average farmer provides for a household in the United States. However, how many of these types of post are about ranchers? The difference between ranchers and farmers can be a bit hazy to some people.

The simple explanation is a rancher raises animals, and a farmer grows crops. Now, farmers do deserve thanks for working all year round from sun up to sun down to help put food on the plates of Americans, but why don’t ranchers get some recognition, as well? Ranchers put in the same amount of work, if not more at times, for the same small pay of a farmer, and yet the only time people seem to look at them is when someone has claimed they are doing something wrong. A rancher’s entire life revolves around their livestock. They do their best to keep their animals happy and healthy their whole life.

I have been involved in the livestock industry my entire life. Through the years I have seen livestock owners who will do anything for their animals. Ranchers across the nation do it every day, some in mild situations and others in extreme circumstances. No matter how cold, hot, wet, or windy it may be outside, they are going to ensure their animals come first. Now you may be thinking, “I thought

they were cruel to their animals and only raise them for money.”

It is currently lambing season at my house, which means we have recently had many lambs born over the last month. Every night during this season, someone is in the barn making sure every ewe lamb can give birth with no complications and make it as painless as possible. Ranchers understand that they have a duty of caring for these animals and do not take it lightly. I asked my sister, Brady Evans, who is currently helping with lambing season why she is so willing to do these things for her animals. Why does she choose to stay up until 3 a.m. helping several ewes give birth?

She stated, “I do this because it’s what I was made to do. I went to college and tried to find a different path, but I was drawn back to this way of life. When I am in the barn whether it be 3 a.m. in the morning or 1 p.m. in the afternoon, I am at my happiest with my sheep. I feel God put me there to do his work and tend his animals, and that’s just who I was made to be.”

It is not just about the money or making sure the family can put their food on the table; it is about raising animals who could not do without our help. So next time you sit down and enjoy a full meal with vegetables, meats and all, remember to thank not only a farmer, but a rancher as well.

Evans is a sophomore mass communication major from Snyder.



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Senior finds joy, passion in journalism



By Shannon Poe
Copy and Life & Arts Editor

For the past two-ish years, I have worked at The Pine Log. My byline has been on God knows how many articles, and I've sat in some very uncomfortable interviews. The Pine Log has been my feeding tube for the past couple of years. Weird analogy, I know, but I think it kind of describes my experience here.

When I first applied to SFA, I applied as a forestry major. Complete 180, I know, but I thought I loved the forest. Turns out, after one backpacking trip, the forest wasn't my calling. I turned to my roots of writing and decided that English was my one true calling. Well, after a creative writing class turned sideways, I decided that I wanted to still write, but write news stories, not fiction. I figured journalism would be the best fit, and The Pine Log was the first place I wanted to apply.

When I first interviewed for a writer position, I had absolutely no idea what I was doing. I had only taken one mass communication class, and that was intro to mass comm. My experience with writing news stories came from me googling "how to write a news story" in order to have something to show the editor-in-chief in my interview. I guess she saw something in me that I didn't, or maybe they were in desperate need of writers, but I was officially a paid writer.

As soon as I got my position, I was going 100 miles per hour. I was constantly writing story ideas in my notes app and I got butterflies before every interview. I felt like I had belonged in a place for the first time in college.

From then on out, I can say that I have learned

more than any class could teach me (not to hate on any mass comm classes). The real experience of emailing and calling professors, students or Nacogdoches people for interviews gave me a new kind of confidence. Not only did my confidence go up, but so did my writing. I didn't have to google how to write a news article because they had me writing one every week.

Somewhere along the way and countless hours in the office, I found my best friends. The writers and editors of The Pine Log, we all think alike. We hear of something and immediately say "story idea." We spend hours and hours together on Tuesdays working on the paper for Wednesday morning.

We also go to interviews together, or help each other with our class assignments. If one of us is stressed, someone will help out.

There were times when three of us were in the office till one or two in the morning, most of the time just goofing around. This type of friendship is what helped me get through college.

Being a part of something bigger than myself has taught me so much. I have learned how to connect with people, work on a deadline and produce top notch news. To the staff, editors and Rachel and Amy, thank you for taking me in and teaching me the greatest thing I've learned, journalism.

If it weren't for that backpacking trip or that weird creative writing class, I wouldn't be writing this farewell column. I wouldn't have found The Pine Log and I wouldn't have met my best friends. Search for what feels right because eventually you'll find your calling.

Editor expresses love of sports through publication

By Nathan Wicker
Sports Editor

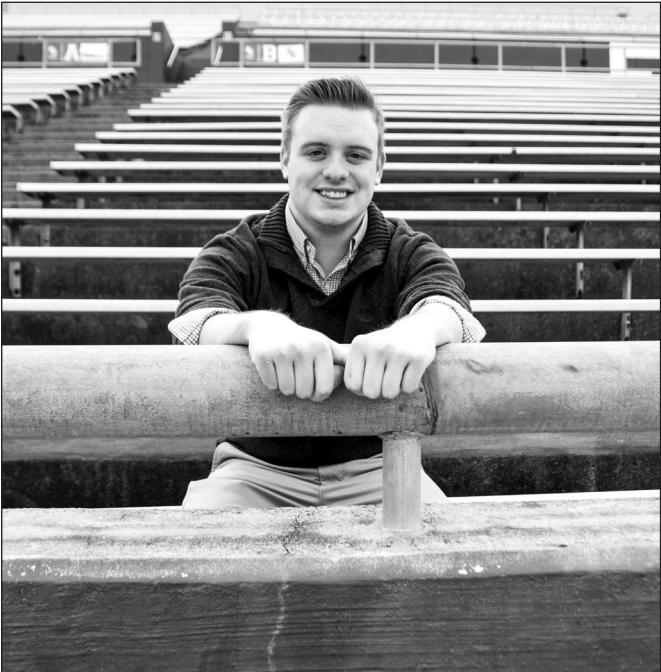
It all began, as most things do in life, by taking a chance. In my first year in college, I was a music major struggling to find enjoyment and a passion that I thought I had in the years before. I would sit in a practice room with a blank stare, telling myself I would "practice in five minutes." Five minutes turned into 10, 10 turned to 15 and so on.

Then one day as I was sitting in the practice room, I clicked on a link. The link took me to a happy place. The link took me to a sports story. As I read the story, relief washed over me. Eventually, I would read a sports story every day before practice. I was a frequent reader of ESPN, Sports Illustrated and, of course, The Pine Log.

Though I found a source of relief, I was still not pleased with my educational situation. As I was reading a soccer blog, a thought filled my mind: "maybe I could do this." I didn't know a thing about journalism, and I certainly wasn't a fan of writing in high school, but I had a passion for sports, and I hoped that was enough. I decided to take a chance.

So, in my second year of college, I changed majors and took my first journalism class. I was scared to death. However, as time went on, I found a passion for journalism that I was so desperate to find the year before. Enough so that I took another chance and applied for The Pine Log.

And here we are, closing out my second year with The Pine Log and first year as the



sports editor. As I close out my tenure with The Pine Log and turn my attention to graduation and other future endeavors, a few words come to mind to leave with you all. But I'm going to settle with two basic words: thank you.

Thank you to all who have helped me get this far. To all my friends and family, thanks for pushing me to be the best that I can be, and helping me keep my head up when things get tough. To my friends and colleagues at the Pine Log, thanks for encouraging me and making me want to strive to be better after every article.

Thank you to Amy Roquemore and Rachel Clark for providing ample amounts of resources and encouragement whenever I, or my Pine Log counterparts, needed it. Most importantly, thank you to the faculty, especially Dr. Gary Mayer, for sharing your passion and knowledge for Journalism with me. Thanks to my good friend and mentor John Krueger for taking the time to teach me what it means to be a sports editor, and for giving me opportunities to contribute to the Daily Sentinel.

Thank you to everyone at SFA Athletics for providing me an abundant amount of opportunities to interview players and coaches. Special thanks to Charlie Hurley, Luke Bolanos and Kevin Meyer for always setting up interviews, answering questions and making my experience that much better.

And last but not least, thank you to the readers. Thanks for motivating me and my Pine Log colleagues. We wouldn't go anywhere if it weren't for the love and support we get from everyone who takes the time to read our stories. You truly make our dream a reality.

Thank you, and, as always, Axe 'em, Jacks!

Senior thankful for experience, plans on attending graduate school



By Lauren Owens
News Editor

I first joined The Pine Log as a contributing writer in the spring semester of 2018. Ever since then, I've been impressed with the work environment in terms of how things are run and organized as well as the people I've met.

Throughout the year and a half that I've been here, I've managed to go from contributing writer to staff writer and finally, to news editor. The process of building my way up has caused me to acquire certain skills, especially with editing.

I originally never thought I'd wind up being an editor, if I'm being honest. Luckily, when I was applying for my last semester with the Pine Log, I took up the position of news editor, and it has been an honor to be able to uphold such a title.

I've enjoyed working on this paper as both a writer and editor over the years. It's given me many opportunities that I wouldn't have otherwise, and I will always be thankful for that.

Before I became an editor for The Pine Log, I didn't have a lot of skill with InDesign. I wasn't completely clueless but having this opportunity has definitely allowed me to learn a lot more about the program than I previously did. Now, I'm pretty confident about what I create on it.

Of course, I also feel like I've been able to improve my writing skills greatly throughout my time here. I've had many wonderful opportunities to cover some very interesting events and meet some amazing people.

As far as real-life experiences go, I feel that The Pine Log has helped to better prepare me for any future journalism jobs I might get. The staff is all so very professional and serious about their jobs. I couldn't have asked to be a part of a better organized student paper.

I would really like to thank the staff of The Pine Log for helping me through this journey. Tuesday nights with the editors were always such a joy, and I'm very glad to have been a part of such a welcoming community. The friends I've made during my time on this paper are all very great ones.

Along with them, I would like to thank my professors for helping to shape me into a better writer. When I first came to SFA, my news writing skills were a lot less impressive than they are now.

I'd also like to thank my parents for all they've done to support me both emotionally and financially throughout my time at SFA. This includes boosting my confidence enough to let me apply for The Pine Log in the first place.

After graduation, I have plans to continue attending SFA as a graduate student in the English field with a concentration in creative writing. As I close this chapter of my life and enter another, I have to say that I will never forget the supportive friends I've met as both a writer and editor for The Pine Log, as well as the wonderful experience being a part of the staff has given me. Thank you all so much, and I wish you the best.

Editor bids farewell to publication



Alyssa Faykus
Social Media and Design Editor

I could write thousands upon thousands of words about how The Pine Log has touched my life, but sadly I cannot surpass more than 700, so here it goes:

When I took my first journalism class, I hated it. I thought it was stupid to write in inverted pyramid style. I hated that I could not use an oxford comma. I felt like all the life was sucked out of everything I would ever write, and I would never have a creative voice.

Boy, was I wrong.

One day two months ago, I mustered up all of my courage and applied for The Pine Log. I had always loved writing, so why not give this a shot? I hadn't caught the journalism bug quite yet, but after my first interview, it was like I was set on fire in the best way possible.

I was first hired on as a staff writer. I got to cover forestry, ROTC and the liberal arts. I was so filled with passion, I thought I could change the world one article at a time. And through my time at The Pine Log, my world has changed one article at a time.

I used to never be able to talk to strangers. Making phone calls made me nervous. Being slightly aggressive was never part of my nature. But here I am, two years later and my life has changed for the better.

Journalism has given me a sense of freedom that I never had before. More

importantly, it gave me the best friends in the world and the most passionate colleagues I could ask for.

We as journalists spend so much time interviewing others, asking them to share their stories with us that we can become lost in the mix. We become a medium for these people who are brave enough to share their stories.

Ask a journalist what they believe in and why they do what they do, and there is no doubt in my mind that you, too, will want to change the world. I've met the most inspiring people in my life, and they are all editors, writers, photographers or videographers.

I've gotten to meet my junior high heroes because of The Pine Log. I went to physical training with the ROTC at 5 a.m. I hiked through forests and learned so much about my University while on staff. I think my favorite memory would be as social media editor, being on the field at Homer Bryce for Homecoming, taking photos that will help me remember a happy part of my life for the rest of my life.

I'd like to thank Shannon Poe, who encouraged me to apply for The Pine Log. Without her subtle pushing, I probably never would have applied, and I am forever grateful that you are in my life.

To Parastoo Nikravesh, my first editor-in-chief and a woman I look up to, I am so grateful that you took a chance on me as a reporter and so thankful that you continue to push me as a journalist and a person.

To all the editors, past and present, thank you for letting me turn my stories in late and dealing with my crippling La Croix obsession. You have all taught me so much in indescribable and numerous ways. I would not have wanted to go on this journey with anyone else but you all.

To Amy Roquemore, who is, in my unbiased opinion, the best newspaper adviser. Thank you for keeping us on our game, helping me whenever I needed it and being a role model to all of us.

I will greatly miss The Pine Log and the friends I have made through it. The things we love always have a way of coming back to us. And lastly, I'd like to thank God, from whom all good things come. All glory to Him.

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■ Four Ladyjacks were named to the Southland Bowling League All-Academic Team. The Ladyjacks were Paige Beeney, Sarah Gill, Dakota Faichnie and Sarah Voiers.

■ The Ladyjacks brought home their ninth outdoor title in program history and earned the second-highest point total ever in a SLC Outdoor Championship. The men's team finished third in the competition.

■ Angelo Leyvani earned first-team All-SLC, and Jake Hendrix earned a spot in the second-team All-SLC.

■ The Ladyjacks added Tasharian Robinson to the team for the upcoming season. Robinson is a red-shirt sophomore from League City who most recently played at University of Texas-San Antonio.

By Deanna Swindell
Staff Writer

Entering the last month of the regular season, the Lumberjacks baseball team will play a weekend three-game series against Nicholls State University Friday through Sunday.

The Lumberjacks hold an overall record of 21-27, a 13-11 conference record and a .438 winning percentage. SFA is tied with Northwestern State for No. 5 in the Southland Conference.

The team has come off a weekend series loss 3-0 against McNeese. The Jacks lost 0-2 on Friday, 1-6 on Saturday and 5-1 on Sunday. The Jacks will start their series against Nicholls at 6 p.m. on Friday in Thibodaux, Louisiana. They will then play at 6 p.m. on Saturday and their last game at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Ranked No.9 in the SLC, the NSU Colonels have a 24-23 overall record, an 11-12 conference record and a .511 winning percentage. They are one game behind McNeese and are looking to have a spot in the conference tournament from wins in these last two series against SFA and Abilene Christian University.

NSU had a difficult weekend against Houston Baptist University, losing 7-11 after 12 innings on Saturday and winning 4-3 on Sunday

after 15 innings. The Colonels' Adam Tarver has had four home runs this season with a .260 BA and 20 RBI. Austin France has a .263 BA with two home runs and 26 RBI.

Having pitched 84.1 innings this season, Jacob Bedevian has a 3.31 ERA, a 1.12 WHIP and 52 strike outs. On defense, Tarver has a .995 fielding percentage with 360 putouts and 19 assists.

Despite SFA's loss on Sunday against McNeese, Pitcher Trayson Kubo had eight strikeouts, totaling 53 SO for the season. Kubo's highest number of SO was 11 Army in March. He has pitched 48.1 innings this season with a 5.77 ERA and a 1.70 WHIP.

Alex Palmer became the leading pitcher for strikeouts for the program adding nine of them on Friday for a total of 85 SO. Palmer has pitched the most innings for the Jacks this season. With 81 innings, he has a 2.78 ERA and a 1.04 WHIP.

The Lumberjacks will play their final weekend series against the University of New Orleans on May 16 -18 in Nacogdoches before playing in the SLC tournament starting on May 22.

**Next Up:
New Orleans Series:**

Gm. 1: 6:30 p.m. May 16
Gm. 2: 2 p.m. May 17
Gm. 3: 1 p.m. May 18



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Josh Campbell swings at a pitch. The Lumberjacks will square off in a weekend series against Nicholls this weekend. Following that series the Lumberjacks will face New Orleans in the regular season final series before the Southland Conference Tournament.



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Emily Wolfe prepares for a pitch in a 6-3 win against Northwestern State in the first game of a doubleheader on April 26. The Ladyjacks are preparing for the Southland Conference tournament next.

By Charles Hopper
Contributing Writer

The Ladyjacks are gearing up to play in the Southland Conference Tournament this week after losing their last series against Sam Houston State University, 2-1, on Sunday.

Next up for the Ladyjacks will be facing the winners of the first game between Central Arkansas and Southeastern Louisiana, which will be played at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Natchitoches, Louisiana. The winners and the Ladyjacks will play in the third game of the tournament at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

The tournament is double-elimination, so if the Ladyjacks win, they will play SHSU in game five at 11 a.m. Wednesday. If they lose

in game three, they will play in a game at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

SFA ended the season as the fourth seed with a record of 34-19 on the season and 18-9 in conference. In their last game, they went 6-28 on at bats while only gaining three runs on the day. SFA's Alex Hedspeth, Emily Wolfe and Madison Clements were the only scorers on the team, and Lauren Becker brought in two of their hits and gained the only RBIs on the team.

Overall, both teams struggled to get hits, as they combined a total of 51 at bats but only 11 hits.

As SFA prepares for the SLC Tournament, the team needs to focus on closing out games and their defense on big hitters. Offensively, they need to turn more hits into runs.

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