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Martin Luther King Jr.



Rosa Parks



Malcolm X



Oprah Winfrey



Barack Obama



Frederick Douglass

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EDITORIAL

Students should support
BLACK COMMUNITY
all year long

Black History Month started out as a week-long celebration in 1926. In the 1960s, it was finally extended to the entire month of February. This month was picked to also highlight the birthday of Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass. Black History Month didn't become a national holiday until 1976 by the order of President Gerald Ford. This shouldn't have to be said and should already be known, but we, as a country, shouldn't just use one month to acknowledge the accomplishments of the black community throughout history and turn a blind eye to the road that still needs to be paved. This also applies to our community here in Nacogdoches. We need to show our support for the accomplishments of black organizations and black-owned businesses, no matter what our background is.

Today, there is a diverse community in Nacogdoches doing everything to make changes with prejudices and stereotypes that have been cemented into the town far back into its early start. As stated in the book, "Images of America: African Americans in Nacogdoches County" by Jeri Mills, Jim Crow laws forced a group of African American owned businesses (including a tailor shop, barbershop, restaurants and a silent movie theater) from what is known presently as Church Street in the

early 1920s. The businesses were eventually forced out of the north side of Nacogdoches to the south side. Fast forward to the 1970s, very little was said in the media about the Civil Rights movement. Many marched through downtown to protest, which was started by students attending SFA at the time. Jump to the present, and there is still a divide between the black and white communities.

Most of the black-owned businesses are still on the south side, which keeps them out of the loop when it comes to different events and opportunities offered. There are still protests occurring that try and give a spotlight to the injustices that the black community face on and off-campus. The

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parallels are apparent. There has been progress since the 1920s, and that is worth celebrating throughout the whole year, not just one month that is overshadowed by a commercialized holiday.

We, as students of SFA, need to support the black community no matter what. We also should do it with respect. Progress is in the making, but that does not mean there is no more to do. Black people's voices are still being overshadowed and treated like they're not important. We, as a community, need to help in every way we can. If we don't show support, how will change happen?

OMA to host Black History Month celebration

By Denon Blasey
Contributing Writer

The Office of Multicultural Affairs is hosting an event for Black History Month at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Twilight Ballroom of the Baker Pattillo Student Center. The event is being hosted by DaQuan Allen, a sophomore creative writing major from Dallas.

This event will mark the seventh year that the Black History Month Celebration

event has been held. The event used to be named the Martin Luther King Celebration, but has since been changed so that it could acknowledge all important figures, not just the late Dr. King.

Allen was selected at the beginning of the year by the OMA to set up the event. Allen said that the big thing he wants this event to focus is on is education for other students of SFA, not just young black students, saying

"I think it will be a good learning point for white, black [and] people of all races."

"Once I heard that I had the event, I kind of made it personal," Allen said. "And education is my big thing, so I try to push that into every event that I plan."

In the past, the event has had different activities such as dancing and a few different speeches. Allen says he hasn't finalized these yet, as many people want to perform for

this event. However, the headlining event is the appearance of keynote speaker Dr. Willie Trotty. Trotty will be giving a speech near the end of the event.

"He used to go here," Allen said as to why the OMA chose Dr. Trotty. "And he was one of the first black people to go to SFA, so he saw the integration process. We just want to get his perspective on how it looks now versus how it

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SFA's Black Student Caucus organizations honor black history on campus

By Raquel Torres
Editor-in-Chief

Black History Month is a significant month at SFA. Here are some black student organizations that have been prevalent on campus

and have shaped black history at SFA, all under the Black Student Caucus.

• NAACP

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has

meetings at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the Tiered Classroom on the second floor of the Baker Pattillo Student Center. The organization's goal is to inform, educate, advocate and agitate the students of SFA to fight for civil rights, on and off campus.

Recently, the NAACP celebrated Founder's Day with a march to celebrate 111 years of service.

The march began on the third floor of the student center and ended at a bookstore on campus.

The organization will have a

Gumbo Fundraiser, selling gumbo for \$5 and seafood gumbo for \$7 at Surfin' Steve on Wednesday. They will also be hosting a Black History Program at 5 p.m. Thursday at 2220 E. Main St.

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Housing incentives designed to save students money

By **Meredith Janning**
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The University is introducing two new housing incentives that aim to help students graduate faster and spend less on college.

The Spring Transfer Housing Allowance can be applied to a transfer student's first semester to reduce or offset the cost of living on campus.

According to Vice President of University Affairs Dr. Steve Westbrook, this incentive aims to reduce the amount of time it takes to graduate, increase the number of transfer students on campus and encourage students to increase the number of semester credit hours taken.

The Summer Student Housing Rebate allows students who live on campus in the spring and take nine credit hours across all summer semesters, and then continue living on campus in the fall, to get a rebate equal to the amount paid during the summer terms, Westbrook said.

"Each of these programs were reviewed over a period of months by Residence Life

staff and other departments to make them as understandable and impactful as possible," Westbrook said. "Once we believed we had these ideas in place, Admissions began promoting the spring transfer program to prospective students and the marketing for the summer program began being developed, so it could be in students' hands before registration for summer school begins in March."

Director of Residence Life Winston Baker said the incentives have been in development for about a year, taking inspiration from other universities to make a program that works best for SFA.

"We basically did our homework to make sure that it could be something that would be good for SFA," Baker said. "Other schools have done the same thing. Some incentive programs are done by other universities, but other universities are not SFA, and we want to make sure this is the right situation for us. And, we believe it is."

According to Baker, there is an application process that students need to go through to utilize the incentives.



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"There's going to be an application process because we have to know who's part of this," Baker said. "You will qualify [for the summer incentive if you're] a student here. Now the key is, next fall you have to stay with us. And if you decide to stay with us, that money now will go back to you, so you will have to pay for the summer. But if you stay true and take nine hours, including Maymester,

summer one and summer two, then in the fall you will see that credit on your account."

The summer hours can be divided among the summer semesters in any way, as long as the student takes nine hours.

"You can take three, three and three, or you can take summer one and take nine hours," Baker said.

Carrie Charley, director of

Auxiliary Services, said the incentives stem from a part of a bigger plan to benefit students.

"These ideas were born from the strategic plan to have a more affordable education and experience for our students," Charley said. "And time to completion is a huge piece of that, too."

Charley also said that living on campus helps students be more successful,

especially transfer students who might have otherwise lived off campus.

"Studies show that students who live on campus have higher GPAs and then are also being immersed into the community," Charley said. "It's more convenient. So, it was a great incentive for us to give a chance to some transfer students who might not otherwise have that opportunity."

Crime Log:

2/11/20

An officer was dispatched to the lobby of UPD in reference to an assault. The complainant stated on Nov. 30, 2018, she was assaulted by a known person at Hall 20. There is one suspect.

2/12/20

An officer was dispatched to the Student Recreation Center in reference to theft. The complainant stated on Feb. 12 his unattended cell phone was stolen at the Student Recreation Center. There are no suspects.

An officer was dispatched to Lumberjack Landing in reference to a drug complaint. Upon arrival, the officer located a subject in possession of marijuana. The subject was issued a summons to appear before Nacogdoches County Court. There is one suspect.

To contact UPD in an emergency, call 9-1-1.
For non-emergencies, call (936) 468-2608.

Board of Regents approves tuition plan

By **Amanda Hope**
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In January's meeting, SFA Board of Regents approved a new fixed-rate tuition option for undergraduate students to underline the University's "15 to finish" program.

The new fixed-rate tuition option will allow undergraduate students to take up to 21 credit hours at the cost of 12 hours. The board's goal is to decrease the amount of debt students take on and give students the opportunity to finish their degrees on time.

In an SFA press release, President Dr. Scott Gordon talked about the advantages about the fixed-rate tuition program.

"Timely degree completion reduces the cost of a four-year degree and allows students to begin their careers and capitalize on their lifetime earning potential," Gordon said. "We are looking at every possible option to make college more accessible and affordable for our students, including a variety of course delivery modes that will allow us to most effectively meet students where they are."

The press release also states that the regents approved a flat tuition

charge of \$100 per semester for undergraduate students and \$75 per semester for graduate students.

Dr. Danny Gallant, vice president for finance and administration, said in the press release this will replace course and lab fees and will help students calculate their expenses.

Student Government Secretary Annie Martinez, a junior public administration major from New Braunfels, is in favor of the new

"This allows for me to save and invest money that originally would have gone to tuition and fees. Students will have less of a financial burden when it comes to tuition."
- Annie Martinez

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SGA President Scarleth Lopez, a senior psychology major from Dayton, attended the budget meeting and got to learn about the program first-hand. Lopez is a first-generation college student and believes the new program is going to be beneficial to first generation student because it relieves a lot of financial worries.

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SFA recognized as 2020 College of Distinction

By **John Ammon**
Contributing Writer

SFA, along with four other public schools, was named a 2020 College of Distinction, an achievement that illuminates the University's care for student success in and out of the classroom, for the first time.

"The organization advertises themselves as a service for students and parents," said Dr. Marc Guidry, associate provost for academic affairs. "They help students pick the best fit for the individual and family. They emphasize that not one size fits all, and each student needs different resources to succeed."

This achievement does not just showcase what the University is doing for their current students; but on their website, they help support the campus, too.

"They interviewed us," Guidry said. "Then, they said we meet their criteria to be a college of distinction. That means we will be listed on their website, so when students are looking for schools in Texas, they may end up getting directed to us."

The award exemplifies the University and its ability to work together as a whole to provide students with the best chance to succeed. Schools are only accepted if they meet the criteria of four distinctions: engaged students, vibrant community, great teaching and successful outcomes.

"I hope our students and graduates are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue the career of their choice, as well as feel confident in their ability to use that knowledge and skill set in a variety of ways," Jamie Bouldin, director of the Center for

Career and Professional Development, said. "I also hope that they gain strong friendships, find a mentor and make lasting memories."

SFA received specific accolades for its programs in business, education, engineering, nursing and career development.

"I think that collaboration amongst different areas on campus is crucial to having a healthy and successful learning environment," Bouldin said. "Honors like the College of Distinction award show that different departments at SFA are working together to provide support for students."

Getting students to not just learn at school but to want to learn at school is a key factor for a successful college career, according to Dr. Michael Tkacik, director of the School of Honors.

"If you want students to learn, you have to make them want to come to class," Tkacik said. "The classroom should be challenging and invigorating. You are teaching not just subject matter but skills for the future."

The goal of the award is to provide incoming high school students a list of schools beyond the statistics and popularity polls, according to the College of Distinction website. Providing the correct atmosphere for a student to grow is a simple but important concept, according to Tkacik.

"The exchange of ideas, the positive atmosphere, even the tranquility of a place of learning," Tkacik said. "These things are all invaluable, and it was what the college experience should be like. I would urge our students to slow down once in a while, look around and appreciate the magnificence of being at a university."

Foster student organization hosts first event, 'In the System'

By **Kayley Frazee**
Staff Writer

The In The System event was an experience tailored for a group of individuals to speak on their foster care experiences throughout their lifetime. The event was held Monday. It was also used to promote a new organization, yet to be named, whose goal is to help students previously in the system

"My God-given mission in life is to make a change in the foster care system," Selena Austin, host of the event, said, "Far too often are these kids falling through the cracks in a system that is failing them. And, far too often is the system failing them by allowing them to be placed and adopted into abusive and neglectful situations. I have now heard at least three separate stories of individuals who were adopted into horrifically abusive homes. There have even been children killed. This event means the start of the rest of my life working through God and helping make a change."

The event consisted of Austin speaking of her experience of being in foster care, as well as Walter De La Cruz, the on-campus liaison for foster and adopted students.

"All state institutions are required to have a liaison on campus to assist and serve former foster and adopted [students]," De La Cruz said. "My experiences working with these students has been mostly positive. I have worked in social work, and this experience awoke the need for me to be of further service to all in need. Hearing these individuals speak about their lives is very informative, and this allows me to better understand and to better assist them."

According to Austin, the purpose of the event was to educate students on both the foster system and on the stereotypes of CPS.

"The program is to also educate students on what the school and CPS has to offer foster/adopted students and how the student body themselves can become an ally to those in the foster system," Austin said. "The event was thought of during a training session my

first week as a CA. We were talking about programing, and God put the thought into my head to work on a project along the lines of the foster system. It is something I am truly passionate about and wanted to bring awareness to."

Along with Austin, De La Cruz wanted to create awareness around campus in regard to students who have gone through foster care.

"I want to inform everyone that we have a growing network of advocates and students that are available to all students who need them," De La Cruz said. "There is a lack of awareness of these populations on campus and in society as a whole. We want people to realize our presence, to let them know they are not alone. We also want people who are interested in helping these types of students that their efforts and time will go to a good cause. The greatest asset I have discovered are the students who are passionate about helping others. In addition to students, there are numerous individuals and departments across campus who have assisted and

expressed interest in advocating for these populations. We will use social media, events on campus and in the community to build a local network and expand. I also reach out to local school districts, so that they know that SFA has individuals here ready to help incoming foster/adopted youth in any way possible."

Austin also said she wants to break the stigma around being adopted and wants to change things for foster kids in the future.

"Hardly anyone talks about the foster system and being adopted," Austin said. "I used to think telling people I myself am adopted was taboo. Through my whole life, as well as my adult life, I have gone through so much, [a lot] of which were the consequence of my time spent in the system. What I am hoping is to make a change to avoid situations similar to what not only I, but so many countless others have had to live through and continue to live through today."

To learn more about this organization, contact Austin at austinsn1@jacks.sfasu.edu

ORGS: Black history represented throughout campus

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• Association of Black Student Nurses

The SFA Association of Black Student Nurses is another new organization just established last semester. Their purpose is to create a community of black pre-nursing or nursing students on campus. They will be hosting a study night at the School of Nursing at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

• Black Mental Health Org

Established last semester, the Black Mental Health Organization was created to advocate for the improvement of mental health within the black community on campus. They hosted a panel last semester called “My Mind Over What Matters,” which was reported by The Pine Log. Recently, the organization hosted a discussion called, “How Toxic Are You?” which highlighted helpful points for dealing with “toxic” behavior. During the month of February, the organization has honored some notable Black psychologists. The next panel the BMHO will host will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 26 in the BPSC Regent’s Suite A. The panel will be in collaboration with Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority, Inc.

• Women of Virtue

Women of Virtue is a Christian organization that was made, “to uplift women for the glorification of Jesus Christ.” The organization has meetings at 6 p.m. every Wednesday.

• African Student Organization

The African Student Organization promotes unity and diversity on campus. Recently, the organization is hosting “The Election 2020,” a date auction. The event will be Wednesday in the BPSC theater at 8 p.m. The ASO holds meetings at 6 p.m. every other Tuesday in the Caddo Room of the BPSC.

• Men of Achievement

Men of Achievement is a Christian organization on campus that promotes professionalism and brotherhood. The organization recently volunteered at The Yellow House on Martin Luther King Day.

• Fashion N Motion

Established in 2009, Fashion N Motion is an organization that works to build confidence and awareness in a stylish way. The organization hosts an annual Fashion Show on campus, produced and executed fully by students. The organization will host a Black History Month

presentation at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Tiered Classroom.

• National Association of Black Accountants

The National Association of Black Accountants provides opportunity to black professionals in the accounting, finance and related business professions. At SFA, the organization participates in regional conferences and hosts professional workshops where students create LinkedIn accounts. The organization will meet again at 5 p.m. March 2 in the Business Room, 167.

• PLUTO

PLUTO at SFA is an acronym that means, “People Like Us Take Over.” The organization hosts parties and on-campus events.

• Curvez

Established in 2014, SFA Curvez is an organization that empowers women of all shapes and sizes. The organization recently hosted a general meeting for Black History Month that discussed the importance of the holiday. The president of the organization honored six women in a presentation.

• Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Iota Mu chapter arrived to SFA in 1977. The fraternity recently hosted an Open Mic Night in the Axe Handle Café. They are currently holding a Toiletry Drive until Thursday. Items can be turned into the Greek life office, located on the third floor of the student center.

• Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Eta Epsilon arrived to SFA in 1972. The sorority will be hosting an event called, “Proaktive” at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday in the Regents Suite A and will be accepting donation items including toiletries, shoes and eyeglasses.

• Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Delta Sigma Theta Theta Gamma arrived to SFA in 1971. The sorority recently celebrated Diva Week 2020 with a week full of events including a book drive where they accepted book donations.

• Campus LIFE

Campus LIFE is an organization geared toward SFA’s black community to educate on financial literacy and investments.

Actors Take Downstage



Photo by Christy Murray/ The Pine Log

Making observations within their book, Bo, played by Drake St. Pierre, and Dayna, played by Makayla Moreno, help change the course of main character Donald’s life. This play, “The Disruptive Discursive Delusions of Donald,” was originally created by Michael Roderick and tells of a man awakened in the middle of the night by two strangers who claim to change his life, depending on his sock color. This adaptation of the play was directed by Richard Rogers, a senior theatre major from Kerrville.

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looked then and the progress SFA has made.”

Trotty is the current vice president of research and development at Prairie View A&M University. He received both his B.S. in 1970 for Biology and political science and then his M.S. in 1972 for Biology and secondary education from SFA. He would further his education by getting his Ph.D. for educational administration and industrial management from Purdue University in 1977. Since then he has gone on to serve on many different board of directors and been the author of numerous proposals for teaching support, according to Prairie View Today, the leading news in Prairie View.

Trotty will be talking about his time at

SFA where, according to Allen, he was one of the first black men to attend. He will be one of the last speakers to present at the celebration, speaking at the last 30 minutes of the celebration.

“I’m excited to have Dr. Trotty come,” Veronica Beavers, director of multicultural affairs at SFA, said. “He has roots to SFA. He has a lot of family that’s been from SFA. I think he definitely understands our culture. He has a lot of experience with higher education as well, along with talking about black history [and] along with the experience that he got outside of SFA, I think he will be an amazing speaker.”

BEACH VOLLEYBALL: SFA’s new team to begin play at tournament this week

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our coach’s strategies, putting those to work too and being connected to our partners. I’m excited to see how we put up a fight against these other schools.”

Luna said the team is excited to be representing SFA on the sand pit, and he is happy to be able to share the culture of their sport with the school, saying that they hope to bring more awareness to their sport. Although the team is untested, having not gone to any pre-season events, the

“I’m excited to see how we put up a fight against these other schools.”
Beach Volleyball Head Coach, Alex Luna

team is confident in their abilities to perform.

“I think beach volleyball matches are a lot of fun,” Luna said. “It’s one of the only sports that I know of that you play music during play. From an event experience standpoint, it’s a whole different vibe than a lot of the other sports. It’s the atmosphere that’s really special about our sport. It comes from the beach, it comes from a certain type of culture. We hope we can add value to the school the same way it’s been adding value to us.”

BASKETBALL: SFA Basketball to play in doubleheader Saturday against UIW

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SFA holds a 19-4 overall record, a 12-1 conference record and a .857 winning percentage.

The Ladyjacks come off a 72-49 win against Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi and a 59-47 win against the University of New Orleans Privateers last week.

UCA holds an 11-13 overall record, a 7-8 conference record, a .467 winning percentage and is coming off a 58-73 loss against Sam Houston State University. The Sugar Bears led against the Bearkats during the second half of the game. However, they were outscored 25-6 in the fourth quarter to allow the Bearkats to win the game. The Sugar Bears ended the game with a .417 field-goal percentage and a .250 3-point percentage.

UCA averages 56.5 points per game with a .403 field-goal percentage and a .211 3-point percentage. The team averages 39.4 rebounds, 9.7 assists, 6.3 steals and 2.8 blocks per game. Senior guard Taylor Sells leads the team in points with 9.5 points per game and 2.9 assists a game.

On defense, the Sugar Bears’ junior center

Hannah Langhi leads the team with 6.2 rebounds a game and has blocked a team high 25 shots.

UIW is sitting firmly in the middle of the conference with a 11-12 overall record, a 7-7 conference record, a .500-win percentage and is coming off a 57-61 loss to the UNO Privateers. The Cardinals average 57.7 points per game and have a .368 field-goal percentage and a .311 3-point percentage. The team averages 34.0 rebounds, 10.5 assists, 8.4 steals and 2.7 blocks a game.

Senior guard Imani Robinson leads the team’s offense with 13.7 points per game with a .411 field-goal percentage and an .271 3-point percentage. Junior guard Kara Speer also contributes with a .391 3-point percentage and 7.6 points per game.

On defense, Speer pulls down an average of 7.1 rebounds a game while Robinson leads the team with 37 steals.

The Lumberjacks match against the Sugar Bears will be broadcast on ESPN+ and the game against the Cardinals will be on ESPN 3.

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“As a first generation student, I had a lot of questions about how to pay for college and not knowing the amount made it harder, too,” Lopez said. “This will help reduce the uncertainty, as well as encourage students to take the full course load.”

The board also approved a price reduction for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. For student who complete the program in four years, the 31-semester credit hour online program will cost \$8,300.



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New ‘Students for Trump’ organization comes to SFA

By Grayson Porter
Web Content Editor

Students for Trump is a new SFA organization founded by Turning Point Action, a conservative nonprofit organization, and is based around a social media phenomenon from 2016. The organization first started on Instagram, but the members have more plans for the organization in the future.

The organization was brought to SFA with the intent to help students who support Trump to be able to speak out about what they believe and feel supported in a group setting.

Symphony Brown, SFT president and junior political science major from Houston, said she is also advocating for the students who support Trump and are bullied by their peers. Not only is Brown wanting to stand up for her president, she is also wanting to stand up for those who feel unwelcomed.

“I realized that a lot of people are scared to be Republican,” Brown said. “They are scared to say, ‘Hey, I am a supporter of Trump.’ But, I’m just like, ‘No, you don’t need to be scared.’ I’m an African American woman

who is standing out here like, ‘I love our president.’ So, that’s why I wanted to create Students for Trump.”

Brown is also president of the SFA College Republicans and plans on having the two sister organizations work together to hold events and create more on-campus talk about Trump.

“Students need to know that there is an outlet where they can show their support for the president,” Joshua Reid, organization secretary and senior criminal justice major from San Antonio, said. “Often times in classrooms and in discussions with friends, it can be hard to show your support or even have an outlet to show your support for the president and to get involved with others.”

While the organization is brand new, it is already gaining traction online through their Instagram account @sft_sfa as followers and support come in from students at SFA and from the Nacogdoches community.

Some followers are also from other schools’ SFT organization branches, such as the University of Louisville branch and the University of Mississippi branch. These organizations are working to advocate for Trump’s ideals

and to spread his message to the general public who may be unaware.

SFT hopes to bring awareness to other minority groups who support Trump as well, such as Hispanics for Trump and Women for Trump.

“As a former Democrat and being told growing up that I was a Democrat because I was Hispanic, I was able to come to this college and really learn how to think for myself in the classroom, which is the way I feel like it should be,” Annie Martinez, a junior public administration major from New Braunfels who supports the organization, said. “You should be learning how to think, not what to think and that is a really great thing about SFA professors.”

By there not being a lot of bias in the classes she has been in, Martinez has learned to think for herself and found what she believes in.

“I don’t feel like there is a lot of bias in the classroom,” Martinez said. “I’ve been taught how to think for myself and not indoctrinate into what to think, and this is one set of beliefs that I should believe, but rather do research for myself and to be able to advocate for myself.”

Actors perform in student-directed production ‘The Disruptive Discursive Delusions of Donald’



Photo by Christy Murray / The Pine Log

Bailey Van Hecke, junior theatre major in the role of Bernice, wakes up startled from her sleep as Drake St. Pier, junior theater major from Wylie in the role of Bo, gazes at her from behind in the student-directed production “The Disruptive Discursive Delusions of Donald.”



Photo by Will Green / The Pine Log

Matthew Manuel, LIFE executive and sophomore business major from Houston, leads the game Kahoot for students who attended Monday night’s meeting.

Campus LIFE organization hosts event, addresses student finances

By Jocelyn Bradford
Life & Arts Editor

Campus LIFE hosted an event called Get Yo Life, an informational session addressing personal finances with students Monday in the Baker Pattillo Student Center Multimedia Room.

The focus of the event was teaching students about interest rates, credit cards and credit history, saving money and budgeting efficiently. Two LIFE members, Naomi Carney, LIFE executive and sophomore business major from Houston, and Matthew Manuel, LIFE executive and senior nutrition major from Dallas, lead the discussion.

The event started with attendees playing Kahoot, an educational game that allows those participating to answer multiple choice questions through the use of their phones. It was the executive board members’ idea to start with the game as a way to make the event more interactive.

The purpose of the game was to see what students knew about financial literacy. After each question was answered, Manuel discussed the right answer and encouraged students to ask questions or give real life scenarios based on the topic of discussion.

The atmosphere was casual and LIFE members encouraged students to interact with one another.

By using a game to engage

in conversation, students were interested and engaged in the conversation and asked question about their financial situations.

“[Our goal is] to make more of a presence, be more interactive, more interesting [and] make personal finance more fun and more captivating because it actually impacts people,” Manuel said.

After playing the game, students expressed that they received more knowledge over the topics discussed and were asked by fellow LIFE members things students wanted to hear at the next meeting.

“We just ask, ‘What is the basic knowledge that people don’t know, but really need to know?’” Manuel said.

At the end of their events, members make sure to put the focus on what students want to learn about, as well as decide topics based on what they struggle with and want to learn more about.

“We’re learning, and it’s our goal to learn more,” Carney said. “So, the things that we’re working hard to learn, we want to teach other people.”

While Campus LIFE is an inclusive organization, part of their goal is to reach minority groups on campus.

“We’re open and inclusive to everyone, but part of our goal was to reach those most affected by the gap in financial privilege and those tend to be minorities,” Carney said.

LIFE members were more

than happy with the students they were able to impact at Monday night’s event.

“Affecting one person’s personal finances is great,” Carney said. “The more individuals that we can help, the better.”

When it comes to why financial literacy is important, Manuel stated that it’s important to learn ways to be smart with your money while still being a college student to better plan for the future post-college. By setting the foundation now, students instead will not feel behind.

“The time is now,” Manuel said. “Work hard now, so you don’t have to later.”

Campus LIFE stems from the Legacy Institute of Financial Education, a locally based, non-profit organization that offers financial education, mentorship and growth opportunities for individuals in the Lufkin area. The organization is here at SFA to help students learn about ways to save money and invest properly. Their ultimate goal is to build a community of people to grow and network.

“Empower yourself and empower your people,” Carney said. “You can empower those around you as long as you seek that knowledge yourself.”

For more information, see the Campus LIFE social media page or visit the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

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ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

The Iota Zeta chapter of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity was chartered in spring 2011. We pride ourselves on helping collegiate men become exceptional leaders and giving them uncommon opportunities to better their communities. Our chapter works hard to aid those with disabilities through our national philanthropy organization, The Ability Experience, and raise funds and awareness to provide people with disabilities the opportunities they deserve. Overall, we are a brotherhood of young men from all walks of life, striving to attain the highest possible standards of scholarship and make our time at SFA count.



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Writer encourages others to be conscious of pronouns

How many new people do you think you meet in a day? In a month? In a lifetime? I'm a writer for the Pine Log, which means I have to meet and interview new



By Kayley Frazee
Staff Writer

people on a regular basis, so I might meet more than the average person. According to an article by "Adioma" called "Counting the People Your Life Impacts," an average person will meet around 80,000 people in their lifetime. So, basically, we meet a lot of people. Each person comes with their own story and identity. Last semester, I took a feature writing class. On the

first day, the teacher passed out the syllabus, which had the standard information at the top: office hours, phone number, office location. But, there was one that I had never seen before, pronouns: he/him. I thought that it was cool; but aside from that, I didn't really put much thought into it. Then, as the teacher was giving his introductory speech, he mentioned that he was going to try and stop

saying, "you guys" and start saying "you all" or "everyone" to be more inclusive. Once again, I went "Aw! That's sweet!" Aside from that, I didn't really think about just how impactful his actions were. I'm a cisgender female. This means that I was born a girl and still identify as one. This also means that, to put it bluntly, I'm privileged. To me, the teacher's actions were

just sweet, but to somebody who identifies as non-binary, gender fluid or gender queer, can you imagine what a nice gesture, which quite honestly requires not that much effort, that probably was? I think that everyone, whether staff, faculty or student, should put the same amount of thought into making sure we're being inclusive and thoughtful of people's identities.

Not everyone is a guy or a girl. I understand, calling someone, "he" or "she" is a hard habit to break. I have a friend that I love very much who identifies as they. However, despite my best effort, I sometimes slip up. But in the end, I think letting people know they can be their true selves, no matter where they are, is much more important than a habit.



Research before posting on social media

You are taking a leisurely stroll through Facebook or whatever social media you use, and you happen to come across a post that you are not entirely sure is accurate. So, you do what should come naturally to anyone who has ever gone to some form of schooling. You decide that you want to check the facts and see if they're right. Lo and behold, they are not right at all. Now, you, being the Good Samaritan you are, decide that you would like to help them get their facts correct. Yet, the person you are trying to help out decided that they don't want to listen to facts. They instead would like to believe the misinformation or "fake news" that they have posted. This is a common thing that has happened within the last couple of years. Even worse than this, people will openly reject facts if they don't concur with their beliefs. This is the



By Denon Blasey
Contributing Writer

“Eventually we get to a point where we as a society cannot determine what is real and what is ‘fake news.’”

problem that many face with the rise of news sharing on social media. It's a chain reaction, like dominos falling over. One person shares an obviously incorrect news source, but it fits with what they want to promote, then another and another. Eventually we get to a point where we as a society cannot determine what is real and what is "fake news." We, the students receiving higher education, must take action to trudge through the mud of misinformation to be able to produce actual facts and reliable news sources. Students of SFA, I implore you to never stop sharing the figurative light of reliable and factual news sources. Because if we as a society let people willingly share their misinformation, then we fail as intellectuals. As John F. Kennedy said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." While "fake news" may not be the biggest evil out in the world, misinformation must be fought by those who deem it necessary for the facts and truths to, once again, become what we as a society decide to live by.

Editor expresses dislike for ‘The Bachelor’

I'm going to be really honest with all of you. The other day I heard about a man who has over 20 girlfriends. At first, I wasn't sure what to do; I was blown away. I thought, should I tell the women and let them know? But, then - and this is the crazy part - they all knew about each other! And, the cherry on top? They are all competing to win an offer of engagement from him. Imagine competing to win over a man. Bless their hearts. If you don't know, I'm talking about the cultural phenomenon and television show known as "The Bachelor," and any spinoff associated with it. As a girl who grew up as an only child and spent most of her time with her older family members, watching "The Bachelor" or "The Bachelorette" was an event. And, I hated it. As I get older, my peers are now watching the show, and I just can't pick up what they're putting down. I mean, one of my friends got his "bros" together for a "Bachelor night." If I wanted to compete in a mini challenge having to sing karaoke just to win a date with a guy, I'd just drive down to Frog's on BAG Night and test my luck there. The feminist in me hates the idea that any group of women would want to fight over a man, and the feminist in me also hates the idea that any group of men would want to fight or compete



By Meaghan Morton
Design Editor

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over a woman. Yes, I know it's just a television show and it should be all in good fun, but what kind of ego are we readily stroking for these people. Although, I should like the show, right? Former SFA student Jasmine Nguyen is a contestant on the current season, and my aunt knew last season's Demi Burnett. I hung out with her one time as a kid. I mean Demi and I are Facebook friends at least. But, there are a few things I would much rather do or endure than watch "The Bachelor," like run out of gas on a back road with my phone on 1% battery, step on a Lego block, have permanent split ends in my hair, be a waitress at a restaurant (that's honestly a hard job) and almost anything else... I promise you. And typically, I'm the kind of person that says, "Hey, just let people like what they want to like. As long as it isn't hurting them or others it's whatever," but "The Bachelor" is where I draw the line. That and "Grey's Anatomy," another show I was tortured with as a kid. Now, as an adult, I will never even attempt to watch it, but that's for another column. To put out this trash fire, dating shows like "The Bachelor" are just terrible. If you want to watch a real dating show, watch MTV's "Next" or "Parental Control." These shows are discontinued, trashy and probably some of the cringiest unintentional comedies you could watch. And while this is meant to be lighthearted, I do have a passionate dislike for "The Bachelor."

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TRACK & FIELD

■ The SFAMen's and women's track and field teams will be competing at the Texas A&M Invitational on Saturday in College Station. This will be the last invitational tournament before the SLC Indoor Championships.

GOLF

■ The Lumberjack golf team will compete at the Border Olympics on Monday and Tuesday in Laredo. The Ladyjacks will compete at the Islander Classic on Monday and Tuesday in Corpus Christi.

TENNIS

■ The Ladyjacks will play against Texas A&M University at 5 p.m. Saturday in College Station. They lost to University of Houston 7-0 on Saturday. This will be the last match before they begin conference play.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

■ The beach volleyball team will begin its first season at 9 a.m. Friday when they compete against Cedar Valley College in the Kingsville Tournament. They will play the University of Ottawa - Kansas at 3 p.m. that same day.

SFA's beach volleyball team to debut Friday in Kingsville

Coach Luna, team confident for upcoming season, to play against conference opponents

By Denon Blasey
Contributing Writer

Two players stand on each side of the net, sand shifts between their feet as they move around and set up to spike the ball as rain falls down on their heads. The team must be able to not only work on their own, but they must also be able to know what the other player is about to do.

Beach volleyball is different than its inside cousin. Instead of having six people on the court, there are two players. The sport puts significant emphasis on the individual. They do not get the luxury of having a sturdy, waxed wooden floor; but instead, they have to stand on the ever-shifting support of sand. SFA's Beach Volleyball head coach Alex Luna would compare the similar sports to checkers and chess, with beach volleyball as chess.

"It's a lot more of an individual sport, so there is no coach that is telling you what to do," Iris Fletcher, a freshman kinesiology major from London, Ontario, Canada, said. "You have to know your team and know yourself. It's a self-driven sport, but you need to win as a team. You're outdoors, so you're dealing with the elements. You only have two people on the court instead of six. No subs. There is no one that is going to be able to take you off the court."

Fletcher was the team's first signee. The University announced last May of the addition of the sport and hired Luna to start recruiting and training the team. He started out with a roster of five, but now has 12 women on the team, including players from SFA's volleyball team: senior Corin Evans, freshman Payson Kelley, junior



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Top row from left to right, senior Paige Schieferstein, graduate student Morgan Beckham, freshman Ariana Pagan, freshman Payson Kelley, junior Madelynn Miller, senior Xariah Williams, freshman Maren Wisener, and bottom row from left to right, junior Olivia Unnasch, senior Corin Evan, junior Bailey Mulder, freshman Iris Fletcher and sophomore Neena Purdue make up SFA's first beach volleyball team.

Madelynn Miller, junior Bailey Mulder, freshman Ariana Pagan, sophomore Neena Purdue and senior Xariah Williams.

The SFA beach volleyball team will play their first game at 9 a.m. Friday against the Cedar Valley Suns in Kingsville, followed by a game at 3 p.m. the same day against the University of Ottawa Kansas.

With the four-day stint of rain that was recently over

Nacogdoches, the team was outside training every day, most times having to practice in rain-soaked sweats. However, Oliva Unnasch, junior and psychology major from San Diego, California, said once they get started, they can barely feel the rain.

"Personally, once we get out there and start going, it's almost like we don't think about it, at least for me," Unnasch said. "The mindset that I kind of have is that we're going to

be playing games in this kind of weather, and we're going to play games in worse weather. I have played games in worse weather."

After playing a few non-conference games and invitational tournaments, SFA will compete at the Southland Conference mid-season event against Southeastern Louisiana University, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi, University of New Orleans, Nicholls State University and Houston

Baptist University. The Ladyjacks' home opener will be at 3 p.m. on April 8 against Abilene Christian University.

"I think we're looking pretty good; we've made a lot of progress, and it's neat to finally have indoor come in and train with us," Unnasch said. "We've progressed a long way. I'm pretty confident in

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SFA basketball teams look to remain on top of Southland Conference standings

Lumberjacks, Ladyjacks to play UCA, UIW this week as they approach end of conference play



Photo by Will Green / The Pine Log

Aiyana Johnson, sophomore forward/center, jumps to attempt a layup during the Ladyjacks' match against the Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi Islanders last week. SFA won the match 72-49 and will play the University of Central Arkansas on Wednesday in Conway, Arkansas.

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Lumberjacks

The Lumberjacks hold a nine-game winning streak and look to continue their No. 1 seed dominance this week when they take on the University of Central Arkansas Bears at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in William R. Johnson Coliseum and the University of the Incarnate Word Cardinals at 4:15 p.m. Saturday in San Antonio.

SFA holds a 22-3 overall record, a 13-1 conference record and a .929 winning percentage. The Lumberjacks come off an 81-74 win against the University of New Orleans and a 75-67 win against Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. The win against the Islanders was a redemption game for the Lumberjacks as the Islanders were the only SLC team to have beaten the Jacks.

The Lumberjacks were up by 1 at half time, but were able to outscore the Islanders 43-36 in the second half. The Lumberjacks' offense proved

to be the key to winning, as four players finished in double figures.

UCA holds a 9-17 overall record, an 8-7 conference record, a .533 winning percentage and is coming off an 82-67 loss to Sam Houston State University. SHSU's senior center Kai Mitchell dropped 30 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the match. The Bears' leading scorer for the game was sophomore center Hayden Koval who scored 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

UCA averages 75.1 points per game with a .416 field-goal percentage and a .319 3-point percentage. The team averages 38.6 rebounds, 13.8 assists, 5.3 steals and 5.2 blocks per game. Junior guard Rylan Bergersen leads the team in assists and scoring averaging 2.9 assists and 14.8 points per game with a .402 field-goal percentage and a .240 3-point percentage. Junior guard Deandre Jones averages a team high of 5.4 assists per game 1.3 steals per game.

On defense, the Bears' sophomore guard Haden Koval leads the team with 7.6 rebounds and 3.1 blocks per game.

UIW holds an 8-17 overall record, a 5-9 conference record and a .308 winning percentage. The Cardinals average 65.9 points per game, a .411 field-goal percentage and a .288 3-point percentage. They average 33.3 rebounds, 12.1 assists, 7.3 steals and 2.4 blocks per game.

Freshman guard Keaston Willis leads the team in scoring with 13 points per game off a .342 field-goal percentage. Freshman guard Drew Lutz also contributes with 11.1 points per game and has 81 assists this season, averaging 3.2 assists per game. On defense, freshman guard Vincent Miszewicz leads the team with 7.4 rebounds per game and 22 blocks on the season.

Wednesday's game will be broadcast on ESPN+ and Saturday's will be on ESPN3.

Ladyjacks

The Ladyjacks basketball team will look to continue its three-game winning streak and defend their No. 1 seed in the Southland Conference this week when they take on the University of Central Arkansas Sugar Bears at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in Conway, Arkansas, and the University of the Incarnate Word Cardinals at 2 p.m. on Saturday in San Antonio.

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