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#### Office of International Programs to host Cultural Experience presentation

**By Kayley Fraze** Contributing Writer

The Office of International Programs will be hosting a Cultural Experience in which SFA international students discuss their homes, traditions and way of life.

This upcoming presentation will feature students discussing Paraguay, and will take place at 3 p.m. Friday in the Ferguson Building, Room 377. The event is open to all, and all SFA international students, faculty or staff are invited to present.

"Every semester we have a variety of countries presented," said Rebekah Raney, administrative assistant for the Office of International Programs. "I enjoy them all because each student always shares something different. I think it is important to learn about other cultures to see why people do what they do. We tend to assume everyone in the world is just like us with traditions, holidays and daily activities."

Presentations are decided based on which international students are interested in participating and presenting. The Office of International Programs currently has students registered from over 50 different countries.

"Research has shown us that if students don't feel comfortable in the culture where they are, they won't achieve academically," said Elaine Lambright, English-Language Institute coordinator. "So if you don't feel that your culture is valued and you don't understand the culture that you're in, it's going to impact your ability to learn that language. Even with students who aren't international, if they don't feel at home in a school, they won't stay there. So if we want to help our students succeed at all, we've got to help them understand and embrace the culture as much as possible."

For these presentations, international students are asked to volunteer and present on their home countries. Students cover a variety of topics, including history of the country, religion, daily life, traditions and

"Recently, I attended the Tunnel of Oppression on Campus," said Lerin Russell, international admissions coordinator.

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## Students gather at rally to protect, support DACA



Photo by LaShauna Bell / The Pine Log

Students gathered at Surfin' Steve on Tuesday night to rally for DACA as it heads to the Supreme Court. Ana Aguirre, junior international and intercultural communication major from Nacogdoches, holds a sign that says #HomelsHere, a hashtag that Texas Rising is using to raise awareness. Four DACA recipients shared their stories at the event.

By Raquel Torres Editor-in-Chief

To show support SFA students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Texas Rising and United We Dream partnered to rally at Surfin' Steve on Tuesday night as the case heads into the Supreme Court to be reviewed.

DACA is a program that shields children of immigrants who were brought to the United States from deportation. This week, the Supreme Court is considering whether the Trump administration can shut down

2012 as an executive order by the Obama Administration.

"If I could motivate somebody, that would be amazing," Texas Rising President Cerena Haefs, a junior political science major from Dallas, said. "To speak out, you're not alone on this. I want people to walk up to Surfin' Steve, especially DACA students, Dreamers, to see, 'These people are here for me."

Haefs said that many people don't know about DACA, which allows for recipients, also known as "Dreamers," to study and work in the United States, as well as

DACA, a program introduced in receive health insurance from employers and drive legally.

> "It's a very huge opportunity to a lot of kids, so it's just sad that not everybody knows about it," Haefs said. "But also, there's people out there that don't want [DACA] to be here."

> For people that want DACA to be shut down by the administration, Haefs said that Dreamers have not broken the law.

"They've been here since they were kids," Haefs said. "They probably have been more patriotic than other people. They contribute to society. A lot of facts are reworded, so they think DACA

students are taking money. In reality, they're not. If anything, they're contributing to society."

Haefs said that people don't know what DACA is and they don't want to hear it. She said she doesn't understand how anyone can judge something they don't know.

"Why don't you hear what they have to say?" Haefs said. "Why don't you talk to a DACA student? See their perspective. See what their life has been like for the past X amount of years. Talk to them. Learn about it."

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### SFA President, Dr. Scott Gordon, discusses plans, goals for University

**By Raquel Torres** Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Scott Gordon began his duties at SFA as the ninth president of the University on Sept. 19. During his time at SFA, Gordon said he has received a warm welcome, practiced transparency and has plans to transform the University into a model of the new American University with the help of students and staff.

"In this model of the new American University, we really want to develop a curriculum that is multidisciplinary [and] that is hands-on," Gordon said. "[We want] a curriculum that's interactive with the community, so that students can get a variety of applied experiences."

Gordon explained that an

American University means a university that is responsive to students, the region and the needs of the region.

"I mean that from a development standpoint, from a curricular standpoint and an institution that is easily navigable for students," Gordon said.

Some ways that Gordon said he has been practicing transparency is with the Breakfast with the President event that was recently held, along with meeting and visiting with deans of each college and taking questions.

"Another thing that's happening is we're going to take on the road a budget presentation, so that students, faculty, staff can see how the budget is developed, where the money comes from and where it goes," Gordon said. "I think that's important because a lot of times, budgets are not as clear and transparent as they can be. As a result, rumors start

to develop." Gordon said he is currently in the process of meeting with all academic colleges where he'll have open forums.

"They can ask anything they want, and I will answer them," Gordon said. "Everything from what I like most about SFA [or] what I like least to 'How much money do you have in your budget?' Those are all questions

I will take." The SFA president also said that he's working with SGA President Scarleth Lopez to gather an interdisciplinary team.

"I'm going to be putting together a student advisory panel made up of students from all across campus,"

Gordon said. "I want to look at students of different age, race, socioeconomic backgrounds, veteran status. I want as diverse a group of students as I can and meet with them on a regular basis to ask, 'What's working for you? What's not working for you?' I think asking students that is just as important as asking faculty, staff and administrators, too."

The SFA president also said that he's developing a President's Advisory Council.

"A lot of our colleges and academic programs have executive advisory councils." Gordon said. "This would be a representation of each of those councils that serves on a President's Advisory Council to give some input on what's happening campus-wide

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Photo by Katie Harris / The Pine Log

## Commercial Bank of Texas honors UPD in annual BBQ luncheon, buys tasers for University use



Photo by Andrew Delph / The Pine Log

**By Grayson Porter** Staff Writer

Starting in 2016, Commercial Bank of Texas staff member named Vickie Hubacek noticed distrust and anger toward firemen and police officers due to political controversies at the time. During this upset, she began to put on an annual BBQ luncheon as a way of thanking and to honor first responders - an honor that this year is being given to the SFA UPD. After Hubacek's retirement, the project is now run by the CBTX Administrative Assistant Ruth Ann Peterson.

The luncheon, to be held Friday, is put on solely by the staff at CBTX who take the time to smoke all the meat for the BBQ, and each department chooses a side dish to prepare

and serve. During the free meal, the staff members will also take the time to sit down with the first responders, as well as buying plates to raise money for a department necessity.

"[A cook team of five staff members] cook 25 pork butts, and all the rest of the employees from the bank cook beans, potato salad and all kinds of other stuff," Brad McGuire, an MBA student from Kingsport, Tennessee, said. "We probably have about 100 to 125 employees chipping in and pitching in on it."

In 2018, this CBTX event was given a Cornerstone Award by the Texas Bankers Association as a cornerstone in the community. The SFA UPD was chosen this year as a way to give back to the SFA community and, in turn, the Nacogdoches community

as a whole. Along with the free meals for the officers, Commercial Bank is also buying the UPD tasers for University use and is looking to replace body microphones for the parking officers.

"It is an honor for the police department to finally be recognized for what we do for the campus community," John Field Jr., chief of police, said. "One of the things that I found when I got here is that the police department wasn't getting the thanks for what they do. It is not about the police department; it is about what we do for our campus community. Everybody wants to feel the thanks sometimes. It is a great opportunity for us and a great opportunity for the University also."

CBTX has been honoring See UPD on Page 3



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# NEWS

## Associate professor awarded Susan Hardwick Excellence in Mentoring Award by American Association of Geographers

By Jocelyn Bradford Contributing Writer

Dr. Jeffery Roth, associate professor of geography, was awarded the American Association of Geographers Susan Hardwick Excellence in Mentoring Award for student engagement activities, his mentorship with undergraduate students, and his passion for the profession and overall student

Kaitlin Stewart, junior geography and history double major from Louisville, nominated Roth for the award, stating that his acts of kindness and his passion for student success are what motivated her to recommend him for the award.

"The whole award is based on being an excellent mentor, helping students both professionally and personally and helping their colleagues," Stewart said.

Criteria for the award include supporting junior peers, sharing time and expertise, and involving students, junior faculty, and employees in projects. Because Stewart felt that Roth met these criteria, as well as all the rest, his nomination came easy, she said.

"Dr. Roth is for sure the most giving person," Stewart said. "His office is always open. He really encourages us to participate. He's super inclusive [with] our Geography Club, and he really cares. When I knew the opportunity came up to do it, I wanted to nominate him.'

In order for Roth to be nominated, several letters of recommendation had to be sent with the initial submission. Among the ones selected, Dr. Darrel McDonald, professor of geography, said he felt honored to be a part of the process.

on his behalf of [Roth]," McDonald said. "I have always been impressed with his talent and his passion. He's an excellent role model.'

McDonald also spoke of Roth's ability to encourage students, his passion for education and the mentorship he provides.

"He is a very intelligent, professional scholar, but he has a passion for education and has a very open heart to help students try to do more than they would on their own," McDonald said. "He just has that ability to boost their interest and their confidence in themselves."

When asked about his feelings about being nominated, Roth said he felt like he had already won just with how much the students and staff supported him.

"My big reward was that they nominated me," Roth said. "Then, I got this email that said I [won] the award, and it pretty much blew my mind."

Susan Hardwick, the woman who the award was named for, was someone who not only made an incredible impact on the AAG community but also impacted Roth and his research.

"The woman [the award] is named after, I actually quote her in a paper I'm going to try to publish," Roth said. "And now, the woman I thought was so cool, I am going to accept an award in her name, and that blows me away."

This award will not only put Roth on the map but also bring positive attention to SFA and the Geography Department, which Roth finds most important. On April 10, 2020, the American Association of American Geographers annual conference will be held where Roth will receive

"I was more than pleased to speak the award. He will also have the opportunity to share with the AAG audience the extensive research he has been conducting, which will be over his black geographies class and multigenerational education.

"All of the students who graduate now [will] be seen in a different way, especially if they're going to graduate school," Roth said. "People recognize our work as high-quality work, and they recognize our students as receiving top quality education. I'm excited about that more than anything."

Curtis, junior Katharine elementary education major from Henderson, was among those who wrote a letter of recommendation for Roth, stating that his ability to connect with all students is what motivated her to nominate him.

"He has a way of meeting you where you're at, whether you're a geography major or not," Curtis said.

Being a future educator, Curtis stated that the person Roth is to her is who she strives to be for her future

"Dr. Roth has most importantly showed me the type of selfless educator, mentor and friend that I strive to become for my future students," Curtis said.

"Words cannot express how grateful and proud I am to be one of his students.'

While Roth is proud of his achievements, he is most proud of the recognition he has received by his students.

"It feels really good to be recognized and to be recognized by my students is about as good as it gets," Roth said. "To have your good job, that means more than I can

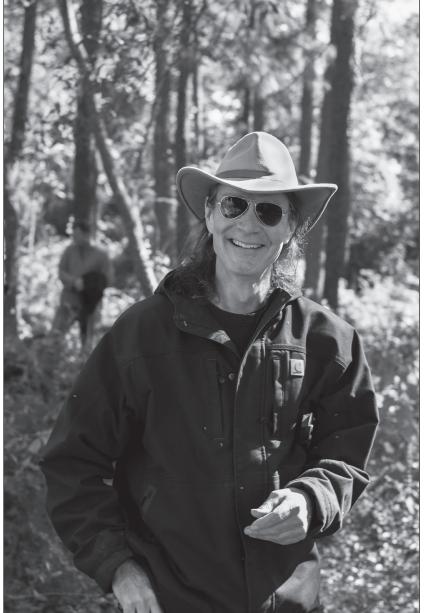


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students tell you that you're doing a Dr. Jeffery Roth led the Geography Club in an annual community service clean-up at St. Paul Cemetery. Roth is the Geography Club sponsor and takes the group on field trips every Friday.

### Crime Log:

11/7/19

An officer made contact with a suspicious vehicle in Lot 47. The officer discovered both occupants in possession of marijuana. Both subjects were arrested for possession of marijuana and transported to the Nacogdoches County Jail. There are two suspects.

#### 11/12/19

officer was dispatched to Lot 58 in reference to a possible sick person. Upon arrival, the officer made contact with the subject who was found to be intoxicated and a danger to themselves and others. The subject was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Nacogdoches County Jail. There is one suspect.

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## SFA Texas Council for the Social Studies looks at technology in classrooms, presents in Early Childhood Research Center

By Aaliyah Overshown

Contributing Writer

Social Studies hosted a presentation pictures in, you put dialogue in and at the ECRC last week about the 30 minutes later, you have a movie." use of technology in the classroom. This presentation, by Hattiesburg, Mississippi, native Vicki Thomas, focused on how modern technology has been used to helped evolve the world of education and how both teachers and students can benefit from utilizing technology as an

Thomas presented many types of apps and websites that both PC computer users as well as those who prefer Apple products can use to easily access educational tools. Some of the websites and apps included: Inspiration Maps, Glogster, Seesaw, Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter Polls, Google docs and many more.

"My favorite thing to use is iMovie," The SFA Texas Council for the Thomas said. "I love this. You put

> Thomas used her presentation to explain that because technology is not going away, it is something that students must learn to use both academically and in realworld situations. Technology tools help students be engaged, create collaboration and visualize major themes in a lesson and are also a great way to help students pre-assess their learning. Technology also directly correlates with online learning, the ability to use mobile and handheld devices, as well as game-based learning activities.

> "Every student, every staff member and every teacher needs a piece of technology," Thomas said. "Students

tells students all the answers."

seemed to agree with her claim that technology is highly useful in the classroom setting. The students who attended took the time to share how they, too, could use technology in their own classrooms someday.

"I think students are more involved with technology now," said Jermaine Bowie, kinesiology major from Tyler. "So, when you incorporate education with it, they seem to learn more effectively. Teachers are showing a great ability to adapt for students' best interests, which makes them way more engaged."

With new innovations technology, Thomas hopes educators are doing their best to ensure that

should be engaged in the content, not students stay up to date with current just 'Mr. Professor Smarty Pants' that trends, and that their students will be well prepared for an even more Student audience members technological future. Although most students are familiar with how to use technology, some people need instruction and help with all the new features being introduced.

"We're working on trying to get the University to offer certain types of certifications for online learning and technology such as Excel and Google classroom," Linda Black, undergraduate secondary education coordinator from San Antonio, said.

"I want educators to start with what they already know, and to not be afraid to use technology in the classroom," Thomas said. "Teachers should ask themselves, 'What can be used to help my students learn to

## NAACP to host first charity gala for Nacogdoches Boys and Girls Club

By Amanda Hope Contributing Writer

The SFA unit of NAACP will be hosting its inaugural charity gala to raise money for the Nacogdoches Boys and Girls Club from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday in the Twilight Ballroom. The event will be a black-tie auction with a full meal provided, and due to limited space, the event will be by ticket only. Tickets for paying members of NAACP are \$3. For singles, it's \$5, and for couples, it's \$8. Tickets are sold in the Office of Multicultural Affairs and can be paid for with cash or CashApp. For people who show up at the door, it will cost \$10.

According to the Boys and Girls Club's website, their mission is "to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible

citizens." The NAACP chose to donate to them because the Boys and Girls Club is a center that gives to the community.

"One of the core values of NAACP is community outreach, and what better way than through the youth?" NAACP President Ashley Bohanon, a junior human resources major from Chicago, Illinois, said. "SFA NAACP doesn't just talk the talk. [We] walk the walk. Throughout the semester, we have been volunteering at the local Boys and Girls Club, so we thought it would be a great idea to raise money for them."

Bohanon said their goal is to put on a diverse charity event that will show the people of Nacogdoches that SFA students do care about the community outside of the University. They have been preparing for this event since June.

"It has consisted of a ton of planning, committee

meetings, phone calls and a lot of hard work," Bohanon said. "This is probably the biggest thing we have ever put on, and we're super excited for

everyone to be a part of it." The Boys and Girls Club means a lot to treasurer Alayna Scurlock, a junior human resource management major from Houston. She believes it is important to help the youth because a lot of times they do not have a proper mentor or someone to be a role model.

'By having this event and raising awareness, we should be able to show people the difference that they can make by donating or volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club," Scurlock said. "It will show them that they can really change a child's life just by visiting them a few times a week and helping them in any way possible."

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The second half of an article titled "SFA Dining Services addresses raw chicken complaints" was left out of last week's print issue. In the same article, Dining Services Marketing Manager Tiffany Gonzalez's name was misspelled. The Pine Log regrets these errors.

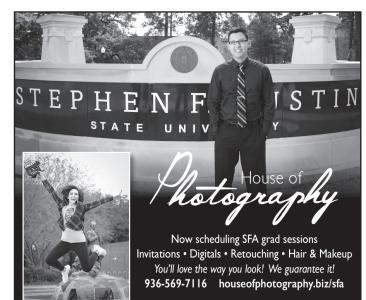
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### DACA: Student shares immigrant experience

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pathway to citizenship, DACA recipients who were approved, must renew the status every two years. Flor Rosique, a sophomore biochemistry major from Nacogdoches, is a DACA recipient and has renewed it punctually. Rosique said that right now, the processing fee for renewing every two years is \$495, and going through immigration lawyer is an added \$500.

"I remember me getting tired, and my mom carrying me on her back," Rosique said. "I was 4. I was really tired. I remember walking through cactuses and getting those little pricks on your skin. Whenever we did cross, we crossed the Rio Grande. I remember, we crossed with a giant [tire]. My mom got on there, she put me on her lap and we paddled across."

When they arrived in the U.S., they were stopped by border patrol and were deported. A week later, her mother said they were going to give it another try, and Rosique and her mother finally made it into the U.S.

"My dad had already come here a year before us," Rosique said. "I remember I was so happy to see his face one more time. It had been a whole entire year. I remember that. It's been a long journey, from me being 4 years old, up to here. We've endured so much. We've gone through so

Now an SFA student, she said it's a horrible feeling discrimination against immigrants from all over the world.

"Whenever I see someone being attacked because they're an immigrant, it makes me feel so down, so sad, because they're one of my people," Rosique said.

Although she's lived in

the United States since she was 4, Rosique's biggest fear every single day is that she may be deported to Mexico, a country that she has not been to since she was very little.

"Knowing that future here is uncertain, sometimes, it's not so much about the physical work you have to do, but the mental stress," Rosique said. "It's so much pressure."

Rosique said she's not certain she'll be able to renew her DACA.

feel "Sometimes discouraged," Rosique said. "I'm working so hard toward my degree, my work. What if it's for naught? What if I don't end up finishing my degree because I might get sent back to my home country? Sometimes, I'm like, 'Is this all worth it?'

Rosique said that if she was to get deported to Mexico, she wouldn't know the economy, pesos, where to work or where

"There's so many factors to consider," Rosique said. "I've always said I wanted to go back to the beach, Cancun, but I really don't know how the economy is there. What would I do? What would I live

Another option for Rosique is self-deportation.

"It's called the land of opportunities to only certain people," Rosique said. "Not everyone is open to the same opportunities. One of those opportunities is the opportunity to travel. I can't travel outside of the United States. I feel like I'm missing out on seeing so much of the world."

Another thing that Rosique said that is important today is

the immigration system. "The immigration system is broken," Rosique said. "The immigration needs to be fixed so there's an easier way

to come here. Put yourself in their shoes. I've seen those comments, 'Illegal is illegal' but they would do the same thing. It's about survival. They're [immigrants] wanting to come here to survive. If you wanted the best for your children, you'd do the same thing."

Michael Armstrong, a junior marketing major from Houston, is a conservative who said that he agrees that DACA should stay.

"I feel that DACA is a good program," Armstrong said. "In today's political atmosphere, it's important to remember people and basic human rights. These kids grew up here in America and know our culture. It is their culture."

Armstrong said that moderate conservatives would agree with him if they see both sides.

"A lot of us lean more right but do agree on some liberal policies," Armstrong said. "There will be some who don't agree with it, and their reasoning is understandable. But, in my case and many others' cases, no one wants to see kids suffer."

Armstrong said that there were some conservatives who would disagree with DACA because it could influence parents to send their kids to allow them to come to the U.S. They believe DACA could be misconstrued as a motivator.

"I personally don't like it when it comes to that," Armstrong said. "The parents send their kids here to live a better life, but they send them on these long journeys with [coyotes] who [couldn't] give less than two cares about them. Or they ride the top of a train to get further quicker. A lot of deaths and injuries happen on these journeys for a better life. That's at least what I've been told."

#### PRESIDENT: Gordon shares goals, plans

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for various programs."

He also said he plans on creating a website for budget transparency.

"That website's going to list all the budget requests are coming in across campus," Gordon said. "It's going to list where the budget requests have been funded and where they haven't been funded. All this stuff is going to be very open and available for people to see."

Gordon, a first-generation college student, said that if it weren't for scholarships, loans and federal aid he wouldn't have been able to go to college.

Gordon said that although he couldn't call home and ask his family college questions while at college, he said he had faculty and staff at his university who guided him.

"That has really shaped who I am as a faculty member and as an administrator," Gordon said. "We need to mentor. We need to guide. This whole concept of getting all the new students in the room and saying, 'Look to your left. Look to your right. One of you won't be here.' That's crap. We need to be here and say, 'Every single one of you is going to graduate, and we're going to do what we can to help you graduate.'

Gordon said he believes faculty and staff should help students be successful.

"That's a goal that we have," Gordon said. "Every decision I make, I look through that lens of, 'How does this help students be

Gordon said that most of his days are filled with meetings with legislators, donors, coalitions for economic development and other administrators. He said he does a lot of

listening and travels to Austin often.

A big issue on campus has always been on-campus parking. Gordon said that the University has to have a better logistical arrangement of classes, schedules and parking.

"If you have 13,000 students, all taking classes between 10 and 1 on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, you're going to have a parking issue," Gordon said.

"But if you have classes that are spread out a little bit differently, you might be able to remedy some of that."

Gordon said that the issues that the University is dealing with are minimal compared to some institutions.

"Is it something that we need to still look at?" Gordon said. "Absolutely, but we also have to make sure we realize that we're not in a horrible situation here.'

Gordon said that it costs \$50,000 to build one parking spot in a parking garage.

"If you had a parking garage that had 100 spots and each one is \$50,000, it's expensive," Gordon said. "Surface lots are about \$15,000 to \$20,000 per spot. So, when you look at all the parking out there, what you'll realize is there's a lot of money put into parking.'

Apart from being SFA president, Gordon is a member of the Nacogdoches Rotary, Nacogdoches Economic Development Corporation and the Nacogdoches Booster

"I think being active... in the community, has really already started to help build connections between the University and the community," Gordon said.

### UPD: SFA UPD honored, thanked for service

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first responders since 2016, and this is the first time the SFA UPD officers have been chosen for the luncheon. The officers will get to enjoy the free food catered by the CBTX staff members for the majority of the afternoon. "We appreciate getting honored," UPD Sgt. DougMasksaid. "We don't always get enough (thanks) in our line of work. Anytime we get anything extra, it is awesome."

The bank holds a stance of using this luncheon as an opportunity for first responders to be honored and given thanks. The luncheon is the bank's way of giving

back to not only first responders, but to the community they serve.

"Commercial Bank cares about the community," McGuire said. "SFA is a part of that community. We just wanted to give back. Hopefully, it is a way to bless the community we serve.'

The luncheon is being held at the Commercial Bank of Texas office on Main Street from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Community members are invited but will be required to buy a plate of food, as only first responders are allowed to eat free.

## GALA: NAACP raises money for charity

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Their overall goal is to empower and educate SFA students. NAACP Secretary Danniella Arishaba, a sophomore general business major from Dallas, said she is glad she joined and got involved. She encourages everyone one to not miss out on their charity

"I went to an interest meeting in spring 2019 and ended up getting really involved with

NAACP, Arishaba said. "Later in the semester, [I] ended up becoming the secretary for the fall 2019 and spring 2020 [school year]."

Scurlock also encourages people to get organization for anyone who wishes to make

society a better place for those who are treated unequally.

"Joining the NAACP has given me a chance not only to show that I know who I am and people who look like me are, but also that I am willing to put in the work to help people of color achieve," Scurlock said.

"I am very happy that I made the decision to join this organization. I encourage everyone, and not just people of color, to join NAACP because it truly is an amazing learning experience."

NAACP's last meeting for the semester was on Tuesday but meetings will be held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Tiered Classroom on involved with NAACP. She believes it is a great the second floor of the Baker Pattillo Student Center during the spring semester.

#### From Page 6 team, and 12 blocks.

Freshman middle blocker Malaysia Murdock holds a team-high .296 hitting percentage. She ranks third on the team in kills with 184 and is second on the team in blocks with 49. As a team, the Cardinals rank second in the conference with 140 service

aces, averaging 1.63 per set in 86 sets. McNeese comes to Nacogdoches after a matchup with Abilene Christian University on Thursday. Ranking 10th in the conference, the Cowgirls defeated Nicholls state 3-1 on Saturday. They possess a 11-15 overall record with a 4-10 SLC record. They last played SFA in October and lost to the Ladyjacks in three straight sets.

The Cowgirls have a .186 attacking percentage, averaging 11.9 kills per set. They on ESPN3.

also average 11.2 assists per set, 14.8 digs per set and two blocks per set.

Senior outside hitter Keegan Nelms leads McNeese with 259 kills, averaging 2.76 per set and holds a .195 hitting percentage. Additionally, she leads the Cowgirls with 299 points and is second on the team with 28 service aces. Defensively, the Santa Fe native has recorded 258 digs and 20 blocks.

Following behind Nelms on offense is junior outside hitter Alexis Lambert with 248 kills and a .271 hitting percentage. Angela McGownd, a senior defensive setter/ libero, leads the team with 442 digs, averaging 4.91 digs per set.

Thursday's game will be broadcast on

## **EXPERIENCE**: Presentation informs audience

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"Iled the debriefing tunnel at the end of the tunnel where students shared their reactions to the tunnel. In the debriefing room, the idea of multicultural awareness came up a lot. Hopefully, attendees will gain the ability to understand and appreciate the history, life experiences and beliefs that are different from their own. This will increase cultural awareness, which helps foster a better community."

Presentations may also include pictures, traditional clothing, music and videos. The students also prepare a dish or two of traditional food from their countries for attendees to sample. Presenters also answer questions from the audience.

"Learning about other cultures helps us to give perspective to our own culture and environment, and maybe see things from a different angle," said Heather Catton, director of the Office of International Programs. "It's not always easy to travel overseas and experience another culture, but the opportunity to get a glimpse at some of the traditions, taste the food and learn a bit about the history of the country is a good starting point for understanding others. It's about realizing that although there are differences in the way that we live and how we do things, the similarities are much greater."

According to Lambright, the presentation offers a look at new experiences for the University.

think having international students on

the University as a whole," said Lambright. "We talk about it greatly enriches them as transformative experiences, and obviously if you go study in another culture, that's a transformative experience for you, but when different language."

campus incredibly enriches American speakers get to know international speakers, well. I just really appreciate the courage of anyone who goes to college in a different country, especially if it's in a



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## My Chemical Romance announces upcoming reunion shows



By Amanda Hope Contributing Writer

In middle school, Megan Jenkins, a senior history major from Nacogdoches, was seen as the odd one out. While other girls would talk about their love for the Jonas Brothers or Maroon 5, she had her headphones in listening to, "Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge" by My Chemical Romance.

When the band announced their split in 2012, Jenkins was heartbroken because they were her favorite band. Their music helped her when life started to get rough. She gives credit to their song, "Famous Last Words" for helping her move on from something she did not know if she could ever get passed. Jenkins was at work when she got a call from her friend telling her MCR

reunited. She was in such a state of shock she had to step out of work to collect herself.

"I was one of those desperate few in a mad scramble to get tickets to the LA Reunion show, yet sadly failed in the threeminute sell-out," Jenkins said.

"I'm so excited that they're back. The band means so much to me and so many others. The fact that these few guys from New Jersey can help so many people, like my younger self, just with their music is incredible."

On Halloween, MCR announced a reunion show, which will be held on Dec. 20 in Los Angeles' Shrine Expo Hall. Their tickets went on sale Nov. 1 but sold out in three minutes. This show will be the band's first

show together since 2012. Fans are already planning for future shows.

"I'm super excited that they're back," said Cody Parks, a junior education major from Longview. "Now, I may be able to see them if they come to Dallas. I fell in love with MCR when I was a freshman in high school when I heard a song on the radio."

MCR touched the hearts of many students on campus. Savvy Jackson, a freshman deaf education major from Flower Mound, started listening to MCR to impress a boy she liked, but started to slowly fall in love with the band and became hooked.

"I fell in love with everything," Jackson said. "Their message, their various styles and, of course, their lyrics. Their personalities were amazing, too. I found them at a perfect part in my life. Hearing about the breakup was difficult for my young self, but I was also able to understand where it was coming from. However, hearing of their comeback sparked something in me."

MCR has been described as many different genres such as alternative rock, emo pop, pop punk and hard rock. The final song they recorded together was, "Fake Your Death," which was their way of saying goodbye to their

According to lead vocalist, Gerard Way, MCR's new album will reflect music they used to listen to when he was leaving high school and starting his adult life.

"[The band] is so genuine and raw, nothing like you hear today," Jenkins said. "I'm beyond excited to see what they have in store and hope this is just the beginning for the band."

The band is overwhelmed with the response from the group getting back together. After the sellout, the band made a new Instagram to thank their fans for their love and support.

"It is truly unbelievable to us the happiness we have experienced over the past two days," the band wrote on an Instagram post with various throwback pictures. "From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for the warm welcome back. We truly did not expect this. See you soon. Xoxo, MCR."

When the group split, Gerard Way, lead vocalist, spoke out and said it was, "nobody's fault." Way said the breakup was very difficult for the band members, but they did not want to "keep going and let it rust out on the rails." Evelyn Ferretiz, a junior interior design major from Houston, was devastated when they split up and wrote a poem to express her emotions.

"They broke up two days before my birthday on March 22, 2013," Ferretiz said. "I even wrote a poem. Obviously, I forgot how the poem went, but it went something like 'March 22 of 2013, the day the music died."

MCR shared details about three scheduled shows for 2020. They announced they will be playing in Australia, New Zealand and Japan. New Zealand's tickets went on sale Nov. 12, Australia's tickets will go one sale on Nov. 13 and Japan's will go on sale Jan. 18, 2020.

## Review: Bruce Campbell beats evil mummy as Elvis

**By Webb Smith** Life & Arts Editor

Bruce Campbell is in a lot of my favorite films to sit down, relax and just watch, laughing at the various things that the 'B Movie King' does on stage as he plays his parts. While I might not be the biggest fan of him within The Pine Log office, I do have a solid head on

me and a good understanding of the films that he happens to be in. I've been a large fan of the Evil Dead series even the and Sam Raimi run of Spider-Man where he cameoed in a large number of roles. Recently, I got to find out that I had missed a movie from the famous actor, and one that had scenes that were shot in Nacogdoches. "Bubba Ho-Tep" is a cult classic horror comedy film that has one of the most strange and weird concepts there.

The film takes place in a retirement home where Bruce Campbell, playing

Elvis Presley, swapped places with a body double, leading to him avoiding death. Therefore, his double became the one to pass on. He and his partner President John F. Kennedy, played by Ossie Davis, must fight an Egyptian mummy who is going around the retirement home, sucking out the souls of the people in it. This premise is already incredibly ridiculous and

think can truly be described well. It is super weird to watch because, although it is confusing, you don't ever find yourself questioning it that much. It is just one of those things that is just too weird to actually believe something that you just kind of accept.

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IMDb photo

cinematography is quite cool. It is made by some of the people who have worked on some other notable films that Bruce Campbell stars in like "Army of Darkness," which is also a cult horror movie and a notable film within the Evil Dead series. This is also cool since the short story it is based on was written by Joe R. Lansdale. Lansdale is writer in residence at Stephen F. Austin and has made a mark in many other forms of media. Some of the shots in this movie have a strange sort of quality to them. Sometimes, it can feel like something straight out of a Sam Raimi film, which is

characters quite entertaining. Watching them, they don't feel too over actual the top, and they play off of

each other quite well. Elvis and JFK are both old men in the film, which makes the action sequences not too high energy. Instead, the more intense scenes have the characters bouncing off of each other with some pretty witty dialogue.

The pacing of this. however, can feel a bit slow at times. But, considering their actual aim with this concept, the product was not that bad at all.

The problems I would normally have with certain films, like overacting and dialogue, bad are not really problems with "Bubba Ho-Tep." However, when

considering the movie as a whole, the concept is weird and unexpected.

Although the movie's entire premise is a bit of a surprise, I had a pretty good time watching it. It isn't exactly something that I would say is revolutionary. But, it is an enjoyable movie.

After all, sometimes a good movie with a weird plot is exactly the kind of movie that you need.



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## Green Fee will lead to positive changes

1,632 votes for the Green Fee, and 1,260 students voted "yes." The Pine Log reported last week that the next step for the Green Fee to be implemented is a presentation to the Board of Regents in January. The Green Fee is very beneficial to not only in the present, but for years to come.

The Green Fee is a \$5 fee per semester that will fund upcoming projects proposed by SFA students, faculty and staff. \$5 is not that much to ask compared to the Athletic Fee that was proposed back in 2016 and asked for \$10 per credit hour, resulting in up to \$150 additional in tuition. Students already have the additional \$10 post office fee. However, in the end, making the additional fee \$15 instead of \$150 looks like the better outcome. Also, the proposition of the Athletic Fee seemed to just benefit a certain group of students. There's nothing wrong with updating the sports facilities and anything else athletes need, but the money shouldn't be coming from the students, especially when they can't reap the benefits. With the Green Fee, students would be getting what they put in and will see the rewards throughout campus instead of in just one specific area.

Another benefit is that the money can be used to create an environmentally friendly campus. For example, adding recycling stations at convenient places instead of having people drive off campus would give students more of an initiative to

The Student Government Association got a total of recycle. More solar powered buildings or facilities over time can reduce the electricity bill. The saved money could be used to fund other school projects that need attention. Once we as a community start making a conscious effort in helping the environment stay healthy and clean, the rewards will be

The passing of the Green Fee also will show students that they do have a say in what goes on at SFA. SGA stresses that, although it is easy to share frustrations about the dilemmas we face on campus and it may increase awareness, it's better to go the extra step and do it in person. In this case, things worked out, and now students have the upper hand in changing what has been done for the better. Because overall, it is the students who should be the big voice to direct what needs to be done in order to give students a better environment. And now they will, bringing new ideas that will put the additional fee to good use. Seeing the positive feedback in voting "yes" for the Green Fee proves that once students are given an opportunity to make a change, they will take it.

Going green gets a mixed reaction from the public. But, no matter what anyone says, the Earth isn't the same as it once was. Even the little things, such as recycling and using solar power, will build up and eventually make things better for the environment. We are in favor of the Green Fee and hope that this will lead to more efforts to go green at SFA.



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## Women sportswriters face challenges in male-dominated career



By Deanna Swindell Sports Editor

to cover the Battle of the Piney Woods as the sports editor for The Pine Log this semester. As I was in the restroom of the press box, I looked at myself in the mirror and smiled, feeling proud of what I was doing. I walked out and immediately heard a much older man ask another, "Is she supposed to be here?"

There could have been simple reasons to why he would ask that. Maybe it was because I didn't have my press pass with me, because I was wearing normal clothes instead of work clothes or because

I'm young. But if you see it in my perspective, I was one of the few women in that press box. There were other males in that press box who were my age. And if they were in the same position I was in, the man would not have questioned whether they were supposed to be there. So, I was offended by that comment, but I took it with pride as I walked to my seat and got ready for work.

I haven't been in the media game for long. I just got into journalism during my freshman year of high school, which was about six years ago. I didn't get into sports journalism until my second year of college three years ago. I'm sad to say I've already seen how women feel excluded in sports media.

The first time I felt like I didn't belong in my profession was when I first covered a game for the SFA women's basketball team. I walked into the post-game press conference with a bunch of other male journalists, and I didn't ask any questions. Because I didn't say anything, I felt like I wasn't doing my job

As a sportswriter, I have to work hard. Additionally, I have to work harder than anyone else, because I know other people will expect me to fail. Being in a male dominated occupation means it will be much more difficult for a woman to have that job. When it comes down to it, they have a better chance of doing the job than I do just because they are men.

According to an article by David Austin Bumpus in Fansided

It was my first time being able titled "Women made sports media history in 2017, but obstacles in the industry persist," Bumpus named several women and described their experiences in the sports industry. One of the women he named is Jourdan Rodrigue. Bumpus said, "In early October, Cam Newton ridiculed Carolina Panthers beat reporter Jourdan Rodrigue during a press conference, chastising her question and saying how funny it was for a woman to know about running routes in the NFL.

> When I tell people I'm into sports, mainly basketball, they don't expect me to know much. When I start going into detail about a specific team or players, those same people are shocked at how much I know about sports. I know it's only because I'm a woman that they are amazed.

> Bumpus also talks about the response of male fans who were displeased with ESPN's Beth Mowins who was commenting on play-by-play for an entire football game. Bumpus quotes Shalise Manza Young, a reporter for Yahoo! Sports' Shutdown Corner, who said, "I think they have to keep doing things like that to sort of normalize it. There are still some men, it persists that they think that sports are this men's thing and they don't like a woman's voice talking about sports."

> Another article by Michael Serazio in Quartz titled "Female sports journalists still face rampant sexism on the job" also emphasizes how hate on social media has been the main source of harassment toward women who work in sports media. The women explain how much their looks are talked about by men. "I've gotten tweets that the only reason I have a job is because of my looks," Kim Jones, who works for the NFL Network, said. "I've also gotten plenty of more tweets that, you know, I'm an unattractive reporter who shouldn't be on television."

> I've received comments about being "another pretty face" in front of the camera when I tell people I am studying journalism. I don't want to be on camera. I want to write about sports. I feel that the people who say this believe I can only use looks to get a job or to be successful instead of my intellectual capabilities.

> Serazio says something in his article that I strongly believe is true. He says, "And when mistakes get made—as any human is liable to do—the female sports reporter feels like she's given less leeway than her male counterpart because he doesn't have to prove that he really belongs there."

One of the goals I set for myself as sports editor this

semester is to cover more of the women's sports because I saw that both women's and the smaller sports didn't receive much coverage by male editors. Although, women shouldn't have the responsibility to cover women's sports. When I was a staff writer last year, I was assigned to cover volleyball for most of the semester. I didn't mind because the other sportswriters covered football, which I didn't know much about. But when it came to basketball season, I noticed I was assigned a lot of the women's games to cover and felt like I wasn't being given the opportunity to cover male sports. It wasn't until I asked my sports editor that I was finally able to cover one of the men's

According to an article in an academic journal by Marie Hardin and Stacie Shain titled "Strength in Numbers? The Experiences and Attitudes of Women in Sports Media Careers," "Sports editors say they don't feel responsible to cover women's sports but instead to base their decisions on 'what's interesting." The authors go on to say that, "a 1997 analysis found that female-edited sports sections ran slightly higher percentages of women's sports than did sections edited by men."

Hardin and Shain interviewed some women in sports media, and they had similar responses to what I felt about women covering female sports. The article mentioned that 19 women journalists, "saw covering women's sports as a way to stall their careers because of the status of women's sports.'

I didn't realize that sports writing is the most male dominated profession in the United States when I first decided I wanted to be a sportswriter. Hardin and Shain said in their journal that a 1970s study by the Associated Press estimated 25 women worked in newspaper sports departments and five worked in sports broadcasting. There has been little progress over almost 40 years as it wasn't until April of 2016, as Bumpus said in his article, that "ESPN's Around The Horn featured an all-female panel for the first time in the show's history.... The panel marked a historic moment that came just a week after the program's 3,000th episode."

It seems it will be a long time, or maybe never, before women have an equal role in sports media. There is a huge gap that must be filled by women who are strong and capable enough to handle the harassment and indifference by men who do not want women to cover sports.

## Students research ways to find helpful local renewable energy sources



**By William Forbes** Guest Columnist

SFA students in a sustainability class recently explored local options for renewable energy in partnership with a new local citizens group Renewable Energy Nacogdoches. This past spring Natasha Johnson, sustainable community development major, and Taryn Lenert, sociology major, helped the Brown Family Health Center and HOPE, a local food bank, explore options for solar panels. If implemented, these ideas could save the institutions hundreds of thousands of dollars over a 30-year period.

A big hurdle is how to cover the up-front costs of the panels, which can run up to \$70,000 for a

larger installation. Such costs can be offset through incentives offered by the utility provider, or Oncor, Inc. in this case. Another funding source is the Sun Club, a non-profit funded by donations from customers of the Green Mountain Energy Company. Natasha and Taryn helped research this grant

program and get three certified solar installation companies to bid for the work as part of the Brown Family Health Center's application process. Although their application was not successful, they will apply for the grant again next year. Also through the initiative, the Health Center did receive some solar panels for their community garden area, which was donated by a new firm in town, Solaro.

An alternative the students also researched is the Texas PACE program, which offers financial incentives for energy conservation retrofitting in commercial, multi-family residential and non-profit organization buildings. Cities or counties must adopt the programs, but there is little to no cost or staff time involved. Citing success stories in other cities such as Amarillo, the students presented a slide show on this opportunity to city staff. Such programs present "win-win" scenarios for the environment and economy, through which building owners can both reduce energy usage and save considerable sums of money over the long term.

SFA is an example, using the consultant Siemens Corporation to retrofit campus buildings in stages, reducing energy bills from approximately \$11 million to \$7 million per year. Similar savings occurred by retrofitting the famous Empire State Building in New York City. Our State Energy Conservation Office offers yet another incentive program, LoanSTAR

(Saving Taxes And Resources). This was designed for public buildings owned by cities, school districts, universities and more. Borrowers receive low-interest loans to help pay for energy-related retrofits of facilities. Applicants repay the loans from energy cost savings realized by the projects. The program is a revolving loan program replenished by borrowers rather than new taxes.

Renewable Energy Nacogdoches, which promotes local projects that increase community energy independence, economic resilience and sustainability, served as a facilitator and guide for the collaborative effort through several meetings and coordination. The group is open to anyone interested in local renewable energy.

For more information on the citizens group, contact Resilient Nacogdoches (resilient.nac@gmail.com). SFA's sustainability class (SUS 350 Sustainable Community Assessment) is part of a major, minor or four-course certificate program in sustainable community development. Hands-on field experience is included to complement online coursework in all courses. SUS 300 is available this spring, where students will look to publish writings about their projects in an online journal.

For more information on the degrees or courses, contact me at forbesw@sfasu.edu.

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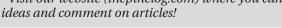
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#### **VOLLEYBALL**

■ The Ladyjacks will play their last two games at home against Lamar University at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday and McNeese State University at 1 p.m. on Saturday. They will play at the SLC tournament Nov. 22-24 in Conway, Arkansas.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

■ The Ladyjacks play one non-conference game this week with a matchup against the University of Central Florida at 3 p.m. Saturday in William R. Johnson Coliseum.

#### **FOOTBALL**

■ The SFA football team will travel this weekend as they play the University of Central Arkansas at 3 p.m. on Saturday. The Lumberjacks hold a 2-8 conference record after a 31-24 win against University of the Incarnate Word Saturday.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Triple-header wins

■ Non-conference play continues as the Jacks play Niagara University at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Drexel University at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Both games will be at William R. Johnson Coliseum.

## Bowling to host SFA Hammer Classic

Ladyjacks prepare for third invitational this season

By Meredith Janning News Editor

The women's bowling team is hosting the SFA Ladyjack Hammer Classic in Kenosha, Wisconsin, this weekend. This season, the Ladyjacks have competed in two invitational tournaments. They placed ninth out of 16 teams at the All-state Sugar Bowl Collegiate Invitational and placed sixth out of 16 teams at the Track Kat Klash Invitational hosted by Sam Houston State University.

Head coach Amber Lemke said the team has been improving with each event, and this tournament should follow that trend.

"This is only our third event of the year," Lemke said. "Our first one was a little bit rough, and our second one we progressively have been getting better. We just kind of have been talking more about how, yes, our name is on it, but it's just another tournament for us. We just have to prepare like we've always prepared going into events. I think that as the season goes on we typically get stronger,

and we're seeing that already pretty early in the season."

In terms of participating teams, Lemke said the tournament brings high ranking teams together, but there is not a specific team the Ladyjacks are worried about.

"Vanderbilt has had a very good year, which obviously we beat them on television last year," Lemke said. "McKendry is super strong. Nebraska, Youngstown, has had a very good start to their season. There's been a lot of teams that have had very good starts. I think as a whole bowling is getting more competitive. There are different student athletes going to different programs and elevating the play of those programs, so I think that in any given match anyone can be beat."

According to Lemke, the team has hosted this event in Texas in previous years, but due to bowling centers closing, the location has been moved multiple times.

"Most recently, we held it in Dallas," Lemke said. "They actually just received damage from the tornado that went through there just a few weeks ago, so their bowling center is currently not available to use. We had decided to move it to Wisconsin. We try and make our tournament pull some of the best teams in the nation every year, and we try and make it in a place where it's easy for teams to fly

This season, seven players returned after the National Championship. But, according to Lemke, there is not one particular key player, but a core of strong players across the board. Senior Megan Eaglehouse, an English major from Cibolo, agreed.

"I feel like our goal has been set higher for this tournament, and we've all kind of figured out where everyone fits in," Eaglehouse said. "So, we all have our key roles now, and it's not just a wondering, 'where does everyone fit in?' type of aspect."

Eaglehouse also said the previous championship titles have an effect on how the

tournament will play out for the team by giving them a bigger name.

"We still are kind of seen as such a small team and not as noticed as football and basketball," Eaglehouse said. "So, it's a little bit different, but I feel like we've gotten a lot more recognition after this national championship than we did ... in 2016. Especially because we have such a great athletic director this time around. Also, he's been very supportive of helping us and getting our name out there more, which is more warming to us because we know that people care. And, they do know we are a team here on campus, and we are important. We're



Photo by Charis Phelps / The Pine Log Senior guard Kevon Harris dunks the ball in the game against North Carolina Central on Saturday. The Lumberjacks won 94-64. Harris led the team with 32 points, seven



Photo by Christy Murray / The Pine Log Sophomore guard Stephanie Visscher dribbles the ball toward the basket during the matchup against Alcorn State. The Ladyjacks won their home opener 67-62.



Photo by Charis Phelps / The Pine Log

Sophomore quarterback Trae Self hands the ball to freshman cornerback Bruce Harmon during a play. The Lumberjacks defeated University of the Incarnate Word 31-24 for the last home game of the season and senior night. Senior running back Thomas Hutchings had a season high of 74 rushing yards and two touchdowns.



Photo by Charis Phelps / The Pine Log

Freshman Tommie White, from Sparks, Nevada, works on her technique during eam won its second national championship

title last season and are going into their third invitation, which they will host in can be pushed to the side." Kenosha, Wisconsin, this weekend.

## not just some small team that

## SFA volleyball wins third consecutive SLC season title

Ladyjacks' season continues at home against Lamar, McNeese

#### **By Alec Reyes** Staff Writer

The SFA Ladyjacks volleyball team concludes the regular season with two home games as they face Lamar University at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday and McNeese State University at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Both games will be held in Shelton Gym, and Saturday's game will be Senior

These will be the last two games before the Southland Conference Tournament, which will be held Nov. 22-24 at the Farris Center in Conway, Arkansas.

SFA finished its regular

season slate of road matches last Saturday after defeating University of the Incarnate Word in three sets. The victory gave the Ladyjacks the Southland Conference regular season title, their third consecutive title and 11th in program history. SFA also extended its nation-leading wins to 26 and extended their winning

streak to 19 matches. Lamar is coming off a victory as they defeated Southeastern Louisiana University in five sets last Saturday. They hold a 9-15 overall record, a 4-10 SLC record and rank 11th in the conference. In October, the Cardinals hosted

the match against SFA, which the Ladyjacks won in three straight

The Cardinals have a .164 attacking percentage and average 12.1 kills per set. They average 11.5 assists per set, 14.6 digs per set and 1.4 blocks per set.

Sophomore outside hitter Abigaile Nash leads Lamar's offense in kills with 270, averaging 3.29 kills per set, allowing her to rank fifth in the conference. Nash also leads the Cardinals in points with 296.5. Defensively, the Arizona native has recorded 271 digs, ranking second on the

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## Jacks to compete at regional meet

**By Deanna Swindell** Sports Editor

The SFA men and women's crosscountry teams will be competing at the NCAA South Central Regional meet on Friday in Fayetteville, Arkansas, after the women finished second, and the men finished fifth at the Southland Conference Championship.

At the SLC Championship, the Ladyjacks ran a 6K and had a score of 70 points, finishing behind the University of Central Arkansas who had a score of 64. Junior Kelsey Ramirez placed second individually with a time of 20:51.5. The first-place finisher was sophomore Arina Kleshchukova from the University of New Orleans who finished with the time of 20:50.5. UNO finished the race 11th with a score of

Following Ramirez for the SFA runners was freshman Meredith Clayton with a time of 21:59.5 who won the freshman of the year award. Senior Madison Compass finished 15<sup>th</sup> with a time of 22:06.7, freshman Isabel Borrego finished 20th with a time of 22:14.1, and senior Claire Crone finished 22<sup>nd</sup> with a time of 22:18.6.

"Our fifth-place finish was pretty darn good," cross-country head coach Cody Clark said. "When you start getting under 30 seconds, it's a really good day. Everybody in our top seven had a personal record. We had people PR by 10 seconds."

The Lumberjacks ran an 8K race with a score of 130. The standings for the men's race were Lamar at first with 34 points, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi second with 120 points, Abilene Christian University third with 126 points and McNeese fourth with 128 points.

Junior Yoel Yoel with a time of 24:53.6 placed 18th individually followed by SFA's sophomore Titus Kiplagas who placed 19th with a time of 24:54.5. Runners who also scored points were freshman Michael Urbina placing 23rd with a time of 25:00.5, freshman Parker Jones placing 26th with a time of 25:10.8 and sophomore Maxwell Murphy with a time of 25:42.1.

"It will be an opportunity for our group to be individually [in the] top 25, which is [an] All-Region honor," Clark said. "Kelsey Ramirez is in the conversation for an individual qualification for nationals."

Runners and teams who place for the NCAA National Championships will compete on Nov. 23 in Terra Haute,

