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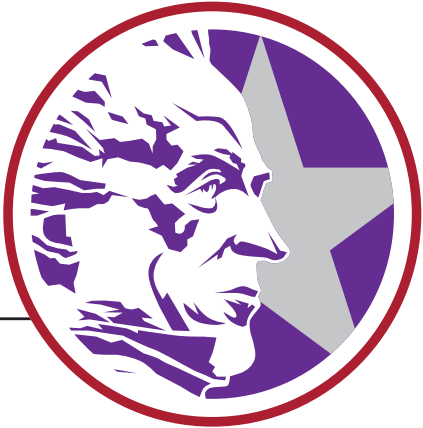
Jack up a canvas

■ Painting a sunset on a canvas, Aishat Sanni and Autumn Ashley, both freshman nursing majors from Houston, participate in an Student Activities Association event called Jack Up Your Canvas by Surfin' Steve. Students were able to paint a scene of the Nacogdoches skyline with the SFA water tower in the background.

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Harris enters NBA draft

By Nathan Wicker
Sports Editor

SFA Men's Basketball player and 2018-19 All-Southland Conference second-team selection Kevon Harris announced on Twitter that he has declared for the 2019 NBA Draft.



Kevon Harris

Harris, a junior from Ellenwood, Georgia, announced his decision on his account Monday night. The decision comes shortly after SFA announced its 2019 signing class.

"Before anything else, I want to thank God for everything he has done for me," Harris said in his tweet. "Because of [God], I have been able to use my gifts to play the game I love at a high level. By doing so, I have been blessed to create many fond memories with teammates and coaches throughout the years. After long discussions with [God] and my family, I have decided to explore my future in professional basketball by signing with an agent and entering the 2019 NBA Draft.

"Playing in the NBA has been one of my biggest dreams, and I am prepared for the journey that I am about to take," Harris said. "I am eager to see where I stand through the NBA Draft process. Throughout the draft process, I'm going to maintain my NCAA eligibility."

Due to a new rule from NCAA, players are allowed to be represented by agents who are certified by the NBPA and NCAA. Players who have collegiate eligibility left are still able to return to school if they are not drafted, as long as they end the relationship with the agent following the draft.

"The NBA made it very clear to our program that Kevon [Harris] is in no way saying goodbye to SFA or compromising his remaining NCAA eligibility during this process," said SFA head coach Kyler Keller on SFA Basketball's Twitter account. "...We wish him the very best as he prepares for this next step. We also believe there is a great chance that Kevon [Harris] will have a huge senior year at SFA in 2019-20."

Along with being named to the All-Southland Conference second team for the second-straight year in the 2018-19 season, Harris was also named to the 2018-19 preseason All-Southland Conference first team. Harris proved himself as one of the conference's elite scorers after finishing the season second in the SLC in scoring by averaging 17.8 ppg.

The NBA Draft is set for Thursday, June 20.

Tornado devastates



Photo courtesy of Jasmine Bourque

Damage and debris are left behind after a storm hit the city of Alto. One person died, and several others were injured. Among the injured were some SFA students and faculty and staff members.

Student recounts experience: 'the building collapsed on me, and that's all that I saw'

By Meredith Janning
Staff Writer

Storms blew through The Caddo Mounds State Historic Site in Alto April 13, destroying parts of the museum, leaving one person dead and injuring dozens of others.

Some SFA students were in the museum for

the Caddo Culture Days. Jasmine Bourque, a junior art education major from Sheppard, was teaching a clay pots seminar with a professor and another student when the tornado hit.

"They say it was an F2, which isn't that bad, but for me never experiencing one, it was terrible," Bourque

said. "I didn't really get a good look. I was by a window, and through the window all I saw was white from the rain and the wind and stuff. And then I was pushed into a room, and then the building collapsed on me, and that's all that I saw."

Bourque says that due to lack of service in the area,

the extent of the storm was unknown, leaving little time for necessary safety precautions.

"Whenever everything was kind of happening, it just happened so fast," Bourque said. "There were people that knew to go to the bathroom because that was the safest place to go, but in a panic, we

were all just pushed into a classroom, and we all just fell down. And then it was over. In the split of the moment, there wasn't any safety precautions taken."

The following Monday, interim president of SFA, Dr. Steve Westbrook, sent out an email regarding the

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Photo by Katie Harris / The Pine Log

Next to Village is one of the sites for the hammock areas.

Rec creates hammock groves

By Raquel Torres
Webmaster

The Student Recreation Center and the Physical Plant are beginning to establish Hammock Grove areas. The Hammock Grove areas will be spaces for students to put up their hammocks to rest or read with friends.

There are five areas that have been chosen to be Hammock Grove spaces. The first one is located on the corner of Baker Street and Starr Avenue. The remaining four areas include the North side of the Ag Pond near the

football field, the area behind the Boynton Building, the north side of Steen Library and Lumberjack Landing and near the Student Recreation Center.

Future sites that are still in the works include the lawn behind the Forestry Building, the lawn behind the Baker Pattillo Student Center Dining Hall and the lawn behind Kerr Hall.

Steven Whitman, assistant director of Outdoor Pursuits at Campus Rec, explained how the idea came to be.

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OMA series speaks on interracial relationships



Photos by Kayleigh East / The Pine Log

Brave Space is a series of discussions started by OMA designed to bring students, faculty and staff together to talk about topics dealing with intercultural or interfaith issues that affect the community. These talks are meant to provide a safe space for individuals to discuss these issues with others without fear of judgment.

Left: David Ajiga, economics major from Lagos, Nigeria, and Kayla Benefield, HR management major from Mercedes, listen to the lecture. This particular talk focused on interracial relationships and how they are both seen by others as well as by those in them.

Right: Two students take part in a discussion about interracial relationships. As they talk to each other, the other participants are welcome to join as well.

School of Theatre to present ‘Cat on a Hot Tin Roof’

By Lauren Owens
News Editor

The SFA School of Theatre will perform Tennessee Williams’ “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” in the W.M. Turner Auditorium starting at 7:30 p.m. from Tuesday until May 4.

“Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” tells the story of a southern family going through conflict after realizing that Big Daddy, the father of the family, has cancer and will soon have to give someone else his inheritance. Director Jack Heifner described it as a play about truth and lies.

“It’s really about a family in conflict and about trying to find out the truth,” Heifner said. “He’s [Big Daddy] been told lies that he’s not ill. Everybody in the play has been lying to him about certain things.”

This is Heifner’s first time directing the show; also, it’s the first time it’s been done at SFA since 1989. The setting has also been made more modern than the original play. Heifner wanted to teach the actors about Tennessee Williams and his specific style of writing, which he described as “poetic realism.”

“When I was a young person, and I discovered Tennessee Williams, I felt like I had found something that was extraordinary, and I still feel that way about

his work,” Heifner said. “As far as American dramatists go, he’s certainly one of the greatest dramatists we’ve ever had.”

Aubrey Moore, senior theatre performance major from Frisco, plays the role of Maggie. She described her character as someone who wants security in her future and isn’t afraid to go to extremes to make sure she gets it.

“Maggie’s emotions change on a dime, so

“I hope the people leaving this play will have a better understanding of the real damage caused by the lies we tell the ones we love most...”

—Mike Warren

it’s impossible to guess what her reaction will be to something,” Moore said. “She’s feisty, smart, beautiful and cunning. More than anything, Maggie just wants her husband, Brick, to love her.”

Moore said that being a part of the show has taught her to never give up, and that the cast has given her a lot of support. She is also glad to have gotten a chance to learn about Tennessee Williams.

“Williams was an incredibly smart man, and the connections he weaves through the play are brilliant. His words in this play can resonate with anyone,” Moore said.

Mike Warren, sophomore theatre major

from Huffman, plays the role of Big Daddy, a 65-year-old plantation owner and father. Warren said that he’s new to theatre and that being put into such a main role right off has caused him to discover his potential as an actor. The moral of the show also resonated with him.

“I hope the people leaving this play will have a better understanding of the real damage caused by the lies we tell the ones we love most and the lies we tell ourselves,” Warren said. “There is a beautiful and powerful message being given by this play, and I hope it is felt.”

Kiara Hawkins, junior theatre education major from Tyler, plays Big Mama, who she described as the matriarch of the family. According to Hawkins, the show is meant to tell its audience that all families have problems.

“This experience has taught me more about the style of acting in this show. I have never been in a classical show like ‘Cat on a Hot Tin Roof,’ and it has been so much fun to be a part of the process,” Hawkins said.

Tickets for “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$7.50 for youth and \$5 for SFA students. For more information or tickets, call (936) 468-6407 or visit www.theatre.sfasu.edu. The play is recommended for mature audiences.



Photo by Garrett Uhl / The Pine Log

Adam Lamb and Aubrey Moore work on the stage during rehearsal.

SFA music student wins award in national competition

SFA music composition major Jesse Edwards has garnered another award in a prestigious national competition for one of his original orchestral scores.

For the third year, The Philadelphia Youth Orchestra conducted a nationwide search to name the three winners in the PYO Young Composers Competition. Edwards, a Tyler senior, earned second place for his piece “Saturday Afternoon.” This recent recognition adds to the ever-growing list of accolades Edwards has received.

“It’s an honor to be recognized by such an amazing ensemble,” Edwards said. “It’s especially exciting for me to be able to share my music with a youth orchestra - the next generation of great musicians.”

Edwards studies with Dr. Stephen Lias, professor of composition at SFA, who described Edwards’ most recent honor as “well-deserved.”

“Jesse is one of those students I never have to push because his hunger for personal and creative growth is so strong,” Lias said. “He has really helped hold the bar high for his colleagues.

“Composers build their reputation

by winning competitions,” he said. “The earlier in their career they start doing this, the better for them. So having this on his resume will give Jesse considerable credibility and gravitas as he seeks commissions and applies to graduate programs.”

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“Saturday Afternoon” was inspired by one of Edwards’ visits to New York City.

“When my wife lived in New York City, before we were married, I would go up to visit as much as I could,” he said. “We never had very much time together - sometimes just a weekend - so it became a sort of challenge to see how many things we could fit in a day. ‘Saturday Afternoon’ follows the adventures of one such day on a weekend trip during the winter of 2016.”

An internationally performed composer of rising acclaim, Edwards’ newest work, “Mint Chic,” was recently performed at the Alba International Music Festival, in Alba, Italy, by SOLI Chamber Ensemble. Edwards has worked with SFA’s Orchestra of

the Pines, Starks Sound, and film director Adam Rothstein to create what has been noted as “accessible,” “well spoken,” and “straightforward” by Italian composer/educator Ferdinando Nazzaro.

His music has been performed by the Lemberg Sinfonietta in Ukraine, the Phoenix Ensemble in Ukraine, the Hobart Wind Symphony in Tasmania and high school and university choirs and bands throughout East Texas.

Lias noted that SFA’s reputation as an institution that provides a quality

fine arts education bodes well for the university as it recruits art, music and theatre students.

“The fact that SFA can attract students of Jesse’s quality and nurture their development in a way that bears fruit like this is a testament to the entire College of Fine Arts,” Lias said. “Jesse has collaborated with both the theatre and art programs scoring plays and movies and has spent a semester studying abroad at our partner institution in Hobart, Australia. Although Jesse would have succeeded anywhere, SFA has been an excellent fit and provided him exactly the opportunities he needed to grow into the composer he is today.”

Following graduation in May, Edwards plans to pursue a master’s degree in music composition.

“I’m just looking forward to even more future opportunities like this one that allow me to spread a little more joy and beauty in a world that needs it,” he said.

For more information on Edwards’ music, recordings and videos, visit jesseedwardsmusic.com.

Crime Log:

April 22 - 17
No reports.

April 16
An officer was dispatched to UPD to meet with a complainant in reference to a terroristic threat. The complainant said on April 10, a subject made a threatening statement while attending class in the agriculture building. There is one suspect.

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Annual art exhibit held at Cole Art Center



Photo by Kayleigh East / The Pine Log

The 25th Texas National art competition and exhibit is running from April 13 to June 9 at the Cole Art Center at The Old Opera House in downtown Nacogdoches. Winners include first place, Jennifer Garza-Cuen; second place, Alejandro Macias; third place, Sarah Jentsch; and honorable mention, Sarah Fisher,

Carmen Schaefer and Fidalis Buehler. The exhibit features photography, painting, sculpture and mixed media. All art included must have been completed within the last two years. This year's exhibit featured more than 50 unique pieces of art.



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SFA Men's, Women's choirs to perform at Cole Concert Hall

The Men's Choir and Women's Choir at SFA will present a concert featuring a variety of performers, including high school choirs from Nacogdoches and Lufkin, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 3, in Cole Concert Hall on the SFA campus.

"Songs My Mother Taught Me" is a collection of folk songs, game songs and hymns from around the world, according to Dr. Tod Fish, associate director of choral activities at SFA and conductor of the choirs.

The Women's Choir will perform Stephen Hatfield's popular arrangement of the Brazilian folk song "O sapo" (The Toad). Dr. Kristin Lyman, assistant professor of music education at SFA, will play percussion on the song.

"This piece is highly rhythmic with lots of Portuguese that has served as a challenge for the choir," Fish said. "There are many cool uses of alliteration from the lower three voices to serve as examples of the Tico Tico tradition."

Herbert Midgley, music technology lecturer, will also join the Women's Choir on the guitar for their performance of "Shady Grove."

The Men's Choir will perform Brian Tate's arrangement of "Ehara," which is a Maori folk song from the indigenous Polynesian culture of New Zealand.

"The song speaks to the ideals that love, life, faith and hope are nothing new, and they are handed down from our ancestors," Fish explained.

The concert will conclude with SFA Men's and Women's choirs combining with the varsity mixed choirs from Lufkin and Nacogdoches high schools to perform Peter Wilhousky's stirring arrangement of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

"We are excited to have these two choirs, directed by SFA alumnae Nicole Stewart and Jennifer Weems, respectively, joining us," Fish said.

String students from the studios of Dr. Jennifer Dalmas, professor of violin and viola, and Dr. Evgeni Raychev, cello adjunct faculty, will accompany the choirs on various selections.

"I am also thankful for suggestions from Dr. Brad Meyer and members of his percussion studio for their stylistic suggestions," Fish said.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$3 for students and youth. For tickets or more information, call the SFA Fine Arts Box Office at (936) 468-6407 or visit www.finearts.sfasu.edu.

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PREVIEW AVENGERS ENDGAME

By Webb Smith
Staff Writer

We are only getting closer and closer to “Avengers: Endgame” day by day, and with that, new theories are being thrown out as much as fans are getting excited about the new film. Before I go ahead and add my speculation as to what is going to happen in the new film, I should start by going over what happened in “Avengers: Infinity War.”

I feel like this is implied, but spoilers ahead. Before I can even get into “Avengers: Infinity War,” I will leave a brief recap of every character in the film. Starting with my favorite, Spiderman, we had him playing a role on Stark’s side in the Civil War arch of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. This led to him going through the growing pains of being a super powered teenager with Tony doing what Tony does, messing with things too much.

Tony Stark as of this point was a billionaire who decided to retire from being Iron Man in “Iron Man 3,” but decided to not do that seemingly, because we all know how much he loves being Tony Stark.

Captain America got reunited with his best friend Bucky Barnes, who became the Winter Soldier after mind washing made him a KGB agent. Captain America is now a fugitive and

also now sporting the look of Nomad, another form of Captain America from the comics, which is a bad sign regarding his mortality.

Bruce Banner is starting to become okay with being the Hulk, which is great because everytime the Hulk talked in “Thor Ragnarok,” I had to question why this wasn’t a Hulk movie until the Thor scenes came back up. Thor is missing an eye and sporting the “unworthy Thor” look, which will be mentioned later as its one of the coolest Thor things ever.

Black Widow is still with Captain America after having fought against the hydra agents of civil war, marking her a fugitive as well.

Finally, Doctor Strange, who is the most important character in my eyes, finally obtained the Eye of Agamotto and became sorcerer supreme. He also occasionally grabbed other characters for one-shot scenes.

There are others, but considering the size of the roster in the MCU, this is the shortest I feel comfortable with.

Thanos is a man who is trying to find a way to stop overpopulation, and as a villain in the Marvel universe, he decides to use an artifact to wipe out half of all living things. To do this, he needs the infinity stones, which are all scattered in what I can only call the Marvel Macguffins.

Thanos sets out to collect his Infinity Stones for the Infinity Gauntlet with the help of his four minions, who each start to search for the stones themselves. In the process of doing this

however, the various heroes of the MCU start to meet up to fight against these villains after they are seemingly forced together due to battles.

In this time, Thanos kills Vision and takes his Infinity Stone, kills his daughter Gamora

for an Infinity Stone and seizes the remaining stones along the way. This reaches its height with all the heroes meeting up for a massive battle in Wakanda in the same style as every big Marvel fight. The movie left off with Thor using the Stormbreaker, an axe meant to be able to kill Thanos, to try and take down Thanos. Thor was unsuccessful, which leads us to where we are now—half of all living things vanishing into dust. Surviving members are Stark, Banner, Nebula, M’Baku, Okoye, Rhodes, Rocket, Rogers, Romanoff and Thor.

Onto speculation: Captain Marvel will play a big part in this movie, as she was clearly the emergency distress signal from Fury. But I personally believe Hulk will play a massive role in the movie, as he has slowly been building up his character from the first Avengers movie. He is clearly smarter now, which gives me faith that the Russo brothers have decided to finally show Planet-Buster Hulk.

Hulk is a limitlessly powerful creature driven only by his rage, so it makes sense for him to unleash it all after the death of his friends by sending the Mad Titan into a harsh battle that the Thanos of the comics is afraid of dealing with. Even with the jokes revolving around Ant-Man, I do think he will have a pivotal part in the movie at some point.

Review: O’Connell memoir turned into Netflix show



Art from Netflix

By Isabell Tenorio
Staff Writer

“Special” is an eight-episode Netflix original that follows Ryan Hayes, a gay man with mild cerebral palsy played by Ryan O’Connell. The show is based off of O’Connell’s memoir “I’m Special: And Other Lies We Tell Ourselves,” which closely reflects his life. With each episode only being about 15 minutes long, it’s a fun and easy watch.

I really enjoyed the show, and when it finished, I wanted there to be more. A lot happens to the point where you have to make sure what played out actually did happen. Some things I appreciated about the show was that it wasn’t afraid to hold back.

The main characters didn’t tip-toe around Ryan being gay—you get to see him try to have more of a romantic life—nor did it hush around his cerebral palsy.

He did try and hide it from his friends and co-workers, but in the end when he comes clean, they don’t treat it like it’s something bad. They listen to him and go back to their work, which might have been satirical.

It did show how his home life was affecting his social life, with his mother, played by Jessica Hecht, constantly degrading his ability to be an independent adult. It was interesting to see her be her own character, and see how Ryan leaving to be on his own would affect her. In the last episode, you can tell that the duo needed time apart to not only find themselves, but to establish a better relationship with each other.

Picking back up with how the scene of Hayes coming clean about his condition might have been satirical there were some jokes that I understood, but didn’t know if I could actually laugh and agree with.

In a way, you could say the show gets dark, especially when Ryan jokes about himself. I’m not saying they need to make all the jokes instantly relatable to everyone or it won’t be good, but it got to the point that I was kind of thrown off and wasn’t used to shows being allowed to do what they did.

For example, in most of the scenes Ryan’s boss, played by Marla Mindelle, was in, she would say things that obviously were made to get

a mixed reaction from the audience, and you really have to question why the line was said at all.

In those jokes you wonder if it was made to make people kind of re-evaluate what they find funny in the first place, or if it was made to show that people talk like this normally and we just never pay attention because we want to pretend they didn’t say it. It’s an interesting line that is barely crossed, but somehow it works.

Overall I enjoyed the show and had fun watching it with my friends as a way to spend our Saturday night. It was fun to see how Ryan would be able to get himself out there and get people to look past his cerebral palsy.

There were some moments of us shouting at the screen “why would you do that,” or closing our eyes in response to secondhand embarrassment. In the end, it was a cute show that I hope to see another season of.

If you like shows that don’t shy away from what was promised along with some surprises along the way and with a cliffhanger that you didn’t think would be possible, this is the show for you.



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Purple Pitches, SFA's A Capella group, is known for being a friendly, loud and loving group to be around. Its purpose is to bring some contemporary A Capella to campus, have fun and be able to touch someone who is having a bad day. The singers will have their first spring concert in the Kennedy Auditorium at 7 p.m. on May 4. This photo was taken at the Dancers of the Son concert, which was Purple Pitches' first-ever performance.



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SFA lends helping hands

A tornado hit city of Alto on April 13, resulting in significant damage of the Caddo Mounds State Historic Site. The tornado resulted in one fatality and left several critically injured; the site itself was met with immense damage. The damage sustained was discussed in a letter from the executive director of the Texas Historical Commission, Mark Wolfe.

“Roughly 50 percent of the visitors center building was demolished by the storm. We are working to obtain a structural assessment of what remains.... The Grass House is gone. Some interpretive signage on the site grounds is intact, but some was lost.

“The site’s guest house suffered minor damage. Conditions of the utility buildings across the road range from demolished to mostly intact. The demolished structures were primarily garage space for tractors. Those vehicles appeared to be okay, just inaccessible. The site managers’ house was slightly damaged.”

The damage done was clearly significant and will require countless of hours of dedication from community members to help rebuild what was lost.

Luckily, many considerate SFA students, organizations and athletes are taking action to help the Alto community clean the site and remove the debris left over from the storm.

To make sure that these students would be able to aid the community in such an extreme way, head football coach Colby Carthel even canceled a football practice so the players could go and help out. These acts of selflessness are prime examples of students emulating The SFA Way in the community.

Helping rebuild isn’t the only way that the SFA Athletics department has

helped the Alto community, as they also allowed the baseball team to play a recent game on our turf.

This positive demonstration of initiative shows just how compassionate and influential SFA’s Lumberjacks are, on and off the field, in and out of the classroom. Despite the Big Event being canceled this year due to a severe thunderstorm warning, the student members are still reaching out to help out the community in a bigger way than they would have hoped.

During this time of mourning for the loss of a life, injuries and the destruction of a historic site, it is inspiring that the community is able to come together. With so many painful things happening in the world, it is a positive reassurance to see selfless people working as hard

as they can to help others.

This is also not the first time that SFA students have helped out any way that they could, as this current act of selflessness relates closely to when Hurricane Harvey hit in 2017. During the hurricane clean-ups, students and teachers took a trip to Houston to help clean up the damage and go out on rescue missions. During this time, students on campus donated blood to the efforts, as well and set up fundraisers to send donations to people in need.

SFA truly is no stranger to helping the community. This is not just students having to go and clean up around the community one weekend; it’s students volunteering their free time to the community. This is SFA wanting to help just because we know it will benefit the greater good.

The compassion students are exhibiting should be commended and encouraged for others to pick up the torch the next time a community is in need.

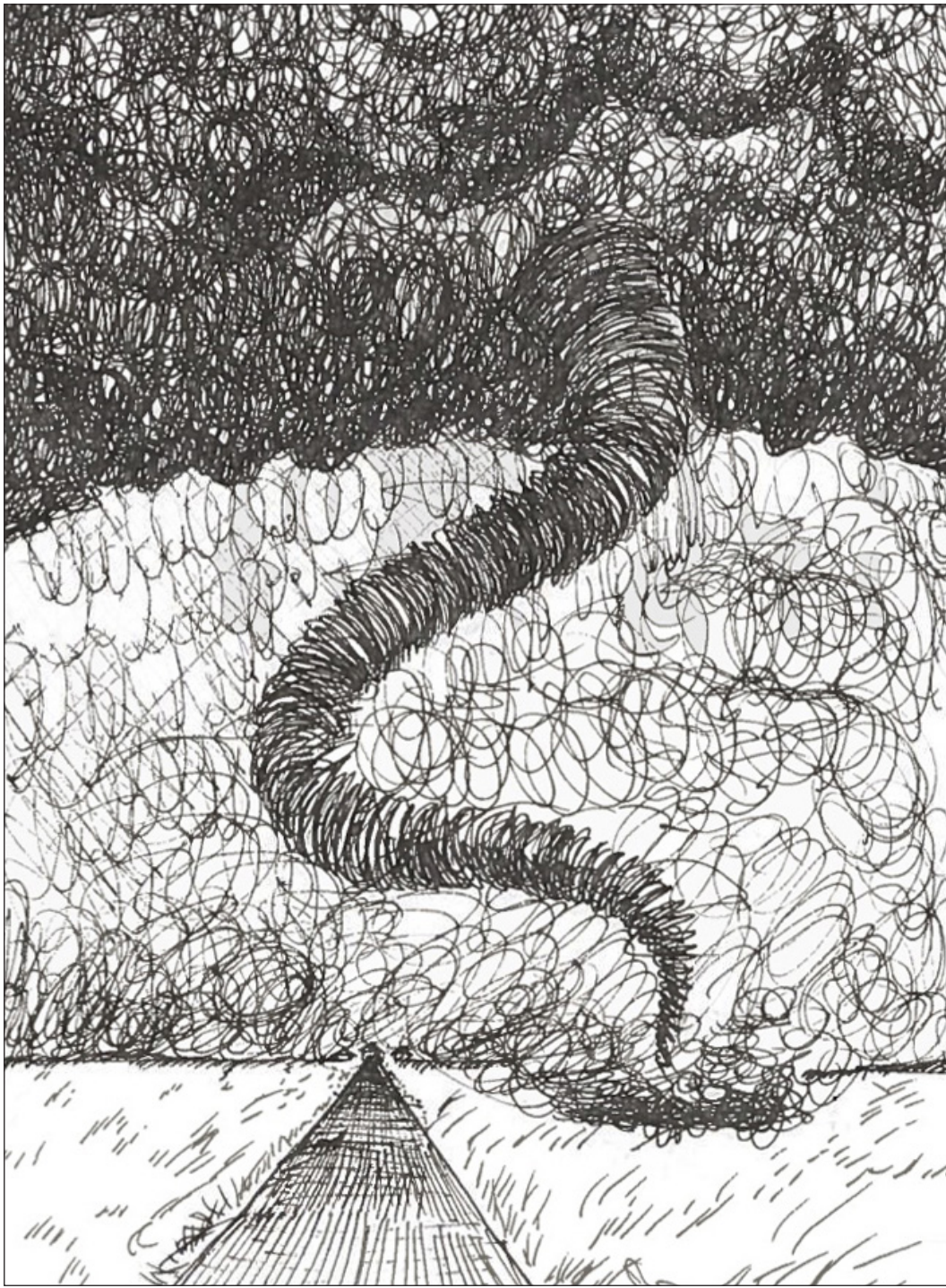


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Nowitzki legacy inspires more than just basketball players



By Deanna Swindell
Staff Writer

It’s been a long journey in my fandom of Dirk Nowitzki—11 years to be exact. I can still remember the final game in 2011 when the Dallas Mavericks became NBA champions. I was proud of the whole team, and I was proud of Nowitzki for leading them there.

When Nowitzki publicly announced his retirement from the NBA in his last home game against the Phoenix Suns on April 9, I was devastated. In this past season, several teams and their fans were saying goodbye to Nowitzki and congratulating him on his 21 seasons in the NBA.

What annoyed me was that this was happening without him announcing his retirement; it felt like they were telling him it was time to retire. The media questioned Kevin Durant because he didn’t say anything to Nowitzki, but Durant said that when he officially announced his retirement, he will say goodbye. I agreed with Durant.

In the past few seasons it became evident to me that it was time for Nowitzki to retire. He wasn’t playing like he used to; he was getting old. But this season, when he came back from his injury, I felt like he was improving. His defense wasn’t great, but he made up for it offensively. Nowitzki was not on the starting lineup in the beginning of the season but acquired more minutes as the season went on and was once again a starter.

In his last season, he averaged 7.3 points per game. He had a 35.9 field goal percentage, a 31.2 3-point percentage and a 78-free-throw percentage. In his last games, he scored 30 points against the

Suns and obtained his last double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds against the Spurs.

I believe if everyone didn’t assume Nowitzki was going to retire this season, he probably wouldn’t have. He might have gone for another season. If he did, the Mavericks would have had Luka Doncic, Nowitzki and Kristaps Porzingis in their starting lineup for the 2019-20 season. Although it’s upsetting this won’t be the case, I’ve come to accept it.

I don’t speak for the whole “Mavericks Fans For Life,” but I think we are all grateful and say “thank you” to him for the commitment and dedication Nowitzki has had for Dallas. For the NBA, he has changed the game for taller players by proving they can also be 3-point shooters, and big guys don’t

always have to stay near the basket. For me, he has allowed me to have a deeper love for basketball. Nowitzki is the main reason why I love to watch, study and write about basketball.

I have a goal of one day writing for the Dallas Mavericks. It saddens me that I will never be able to write for them with Nowitzki playing for them, but I am grateful for being able to grow up watching him play. Sometimes I think about how I was never able to watch some of the great players, those that Nowitzki admired, players like Wilt Chamberlin and Larry Bird, who were at Nowitzki’s last home game. I can say that Nowitzki was my favorite basketball player, and I was able to admire the way he played the game.

Although Nowitzki has retired, the Mavericks have Luka Doncic, who in just his rookie season has proved he will be one of the greatest players in a few years. And even though this is the end for Nowitzki, I know it’s not the end for the Dallas Mavericks. I will continue pursuing my goal to write for them and remain a huge MFFL. Once again, thank you, Dirk.

Small-town journalist’s career goals deserve support, respect



Alyssa Faykus
Design Editor

As graduation draws ever closer, I am getting asked what I want to do after college. I suppose it’s only natural to get a job after you spend so much time and money on a degree. When people used to ask me this question, I would get very defensive. I was not totally sure until just a few weeks ago the kind of path I

wanted to follow.

When I grow up, I want to be a small-town journalist. By small town, I mean anywhere but Houston, Dallas, Austin or San Antonio. The larger towns don’t appeal to me the way smaller towns do.

Typically, when I say I want to be a small-town journalist, I get a lot of weird looks or suggestions of it being a bad idea. I’ve been told flat out, “don’t do it.” When I tell people I study journalism, they get this idea in their head that I should move to New York to write or work for a major daily in Texas.

Just because my dream is centered in a small town does not make my dream small. There are many people in my major moving to Houston or Dallas for jobs or internships with large companies with name recognition. With my degree and experience, I, too, could have similar career path, but I’m not selling myself short by not applying to those jobs. I know I am capable

enough to work jobs for big companies, but that just isn’t me.

After living in Nacogdoches for three years, I have come to love the community that can be built in close proximity. The Pine Log, my internship and my church have all fostered great communities for me that I will fondly look back on. While I would love to stay in Nacogdoches for a few more years, I feel like I would be settling for a comfort zone. The best things in our lives happen when we are out of our comfort zones.

There is nothing wrong with staying in a place you know, especially if it is a place you love. I’m sure there are many reasons not to

leave one’s hometown or college town, whether it be for financial, family or emotional reasons. I am privileged enough to know many places in Texas and call them home. Nacogdoches has really felt like home, especially as of late.

I think it is kind of sad that I only got to spend three years in this wonderful town. Nacogdoches is so

charming to me with its red brick streets, massive, beautiful gardens, pine trees and all the flora that blooms throughout the seasons. I’ve been taking in the campus, gardens and downtown as much as I can before May 18 comes.

Luckily, being an adult means you get to control your life a little more than you used to. I think my time in Nacogdoches is up for now, but maybe one day I can move back to the town that feels like home to me. I will hold on to my big small-town dreams.

Occasionally, The Pine Log’s Opinions Page features an advice column. The staff will be answering questions about anything from relationships to general life issues, and everything in between. To submit your questions, email The Pine Log at sfasupinelog@gmail.com.



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Sound Recording Technology ensemble beats to a different drum



Photo by Christy Murray / The Pine Log

Members of the Contemporary Ensemble jam out together during the concert April 11 in Cole Concert Hall. Music played at the concert included rhythm and blues and music by Anderson Paak, James Brown, Fugees, Ray Charles and others. This ensemble is under the direction of Nick Lambson.

SFA Sound Recording Technology’s Rockin’ Axes to perform on May 1

The Rockin’ Axes at SFA will present a concert featuring popular songs from different time periods when the student ensemble performs at 7:30 p.m. May 1 in Cole Concert Hall on the SFA campus.

A student group within the School of Music’s Sound Recording Technology program, the Rockin’ Axes is directed by Nick Lambson, SRT faculty member.

“Students suggested and voted on these songs, including my selections, so there is no real theme,” Lambson explained. “Instead, we made sure to cover a number of sub-genres and songs from different time periods.”

Lambson said he also chose songs and assigned parts that would challenge specific students or that would allow them to develop their strengths. Among the selections are “Supermassive Blackhole” by Muse, “Bohemian Rhapsody” by Queen, “Smells Like Teen Spirit” by Nirvana and “Black Dog” by Led Zeppelin.

“We chose one song by Muse that uses a custom guitar with a built-in electronic music controller, which one of the students recently purchased,” he said. “We also chose ‘Bohemian Rhapsody’ because of the recent biopic, but also because it’s a classic.”

A student composition, “Through the Dark,” co-written by SRT major Chance Hill and student Vic Odom, will be featured. “They have worked hard and gone above and beyond by doing a recording of it, and we’re excited for the world premiere,” Lambson said.

Lambson also promised a surprise. “Without giving anything away, there will be a special encore ...,” he said.

The concert is a presentation of the College of Fine Arts and School of Music. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$3 for students and youth. For tickets or more information, call the SFA Fine Arts Box Office at (936) 468-6407 or visit <http://www.finearts.sfasu.edu/>. Follow the ensemble on Facebook at The Rockin’ Axes of SFA State University.



Photo by Christy Murray / The Pine Log

Cody Laughlin, sophomore sound recording technology major from Houston, plays guitar for the Contemporary Ensemble . The Contemporary Ensemble is composed of Sound Recording Technology majors and plays a variety of music from different genres.

STORM: Students volunteer for relief

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the storms, wishing for recovery and informing students and faculty of counseling services available to those affected.

“Lumberjack students and faculty participating in the Caddo Culture Day event at the Caddo Mounds State Historic Site west of Alto were in the very center of the devastation. I have reports of acts of heroism by members of this group both during and after the tornado. Although the vehicles used as transportation to the event were destroyed, I am so thankful that no life-threatening injuries were reported among our group. Vehicles can be replaced – Lumberjacks can’t,” the email stated.

To help with the clean-up process, different SFA sports teams have gone to the museum, clearing debris and rebuilding parts of the surrounding area. Kaycee Richard, a junior equine science major from Lake Charles,

Louisiana, went with other members of the Rodeo Team on April 15 and 16 and rebuilt fences.

“It was definitely something that you never thought you would see, like it was in a movie,” Richard said. “I haven’t seen anything that bad since Hurricane Rita, but there was just cars and trucks stacked on top of each other and trees everywhere, on houses all over the road and just trash everywhere. Houses were just demolished, barely anything left and the poor families just standing outside in shock. But there were lots of people out there helping out.”

Richard said there is more work to be done, and various members of the team will likely be going back to continue to help.

Students who would like to volunteer can find opportunities through contacting the Dean of Student Affairs at (936) 468-7249 or dosa@sfasu.edu.

GROVES: Physical plant assists in creation

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“Other universities have done similar things. One thing we identify with here at SFA is student wellness,” Whitman said. “The second part, we’ve seen and heard of people hammocking on campus over the past few years. It’s becoming more of a trend. We decided to combine those things and put up what we’re calling Hammock Groves in spots that students may already be, and places that are not distracting but are also not distracted by cars going by. So quiet, restful areas are the ideas.”

A year ago, Whitman approached the Physical Plant director, and they both agreed it would be a great addition to campus.

“Between all of us, we identified the spots. A common misconception that people have is that hammocking is bad for trees. Hammocking does

not damage trees,” Whitman said. “The point of this is not to say that trees are being damaged. We are providing a space that could be used for this, but then maybe there’s also a social interaction that could happen where people are hammocking in the same space.”

The Hammock Grove area that’s being constructed now on Baker Street is intended to be a park where people can hang out, with an addition to charging stations and benches. Whitman expressed that his goal is to have all Hammock Grove areas up and ready to use by this fall.

“It’s a place to push people to be together, so there’s a social aspect to it. We’re trying to show people that it is a common recreational activity that people want to do,” Whitman said.

“We want people to know we’re supportive of it. I’ve seen hammocking policies at other schools in Texas, but

we thought that was a little overwhelming. It doesn’t damage trees.”

Gary Williams, grounds manager for the University, also thought the Hammock Groves would be a great addition to campus.

“We are working on Hammock Groves, so we’re putting in posts in triangles. People can hang hammocks in groups of threes,” Williams said. “We’ll have several areas on campus for those. It’ll have hooks for it. The Rec Center put in the idea, and we’re supporting them by setting up locations and putting in the materials.”

The very first Hammock Grove area on the corner of Starr Avenue and Baker Street is almost done, but due to inclement weather, the planting of grass has been delayed. It is expected to be completed by the end of this semester.

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2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 28
(Executive Session)

8 a.m. Monday, April 29
(Committee Meetings)

9 a.m. Monday, April 30
(Board Meeting)

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BOWLING

■ After beating No. 1-ranked Vanderbilt to claim SFA's second national championship in the Division I era, the Ladyjacks placed fifth in the 2019 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships.

WOMEN'S GOLF

■ The Ladyjacks closed out the 2018-19 campaign with a fifth-place finish in the SLC Championships. Erica Lautensack set the program's 54-hole record with a 1-under 215.

FOOTBALL

■ The Lumberjacks will play their annual Spring Game at 5 p.m. Saturday. Following the game, there will be a screening of "Avengers: Infinity War" on the screen on the south side of the stadium.

TRACK & FIELD

■ The Track and Field team will compete in the Alumni Muster Invitational on Saturday in College Station.

Lumberjacks, Ladyjacks set for weekend series against NSU

By Deanna Swindell
Staff Writer

SFA baseball and softball return to Nacogdoches this week as the Lumberjacks take on Prairie View A&M University, and the Ladyjacks battle the University of Louisiana-Monroe on Wednesday. Both teams will play Northwestern State in a three-game series on Friday-Sunday.

■ Lumberjacks

The Lumberjacks will play at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at Jaycees Field. SFA maintains an overall record of 18-22, an 11-7 conference record and a .450 winning percentage. They won their last series against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, 2-1. PVAMU has a 16-26 overall record, an 8-9 conference record and a .381 winning percentage.

SFA baseball is ranked No.5 in the SLC but still has four conference series to move up before the conference tournament. In their last matchup, the Lumberjacks defeated the Panthers 8-5 by making a comeback in the sixth inning with four runs.

The Panthers' Alex Martinez holds a batting average of .327, has had 10 home runs this season and 50 RBIs. Martinez also has a .893 fielding percentage. Daniel Lingua has been a lead player with a .395 batting average, one home run and 37 RBIs as well as a .935 fielding percentage. Kyle Smith has pitched 62.1 innings for PVAMU and holds an ERA of 5.49, a 1.71 WHIP and has had 39 strikeouts this season. Right behind him is Tyler Laux, who has pitched 50.2 innings. Laux has a 5.86 ERA, a 1.87 WHIP and 38 strikeouts.

The three-game series begins at 6:30 p.m. on Friday against Northwestern State, and will continue at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. NSU has a 23-15 overall record, a 12-9 conference record and a .605 winning percentage.



Jacob Stobart throws a pitch during the last home series against Sam Houston. The Jacks will take on PVAMU on Wednesday, followed by a three-game series against NSU on the weekend.

Photo by Garrett Uhl / The Pine Log

They are ranked No. 6 in the SLC.

Caleb Ricca has a batting average of .303, and has contributed five home runs and 25 RBIs this season. With 54 innings pitched, Nathan Jones has a 2.50 ERA, .96 WHIP and 54 strikeouts. Ridge Heisler has pitched 67.1 innings for NSU with a 3.07 ERA, a 1.24 WHIP and 49 strikeouts.

■ Ladyjacks

SFA softball will play another away game before returning to Nacogdoches at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Geo-Surfaces Field. The Ladyjacks are ranked No. 4 in the SLC with a 29-17 overall record, 14-7 conference record and a .630 winning percentage. Softball is a few weeks away from their conference tournament in

May.

SFA is coming off a series win against Abilene Christian, winning 2-of-3 in Abilene. The Ladyjacks captured the first game, 2-1, and the second game, 10-3. In the final game of the series, the Jacks lost, 6-5, in nine innings.

ULM has a 9-36 overall record, 5-15 conference record and a .200 winning percentage. Jayden Mount leads the team with five home runs. She has a .313 batting average, 25 RBI and a .939 fielding percentage. Sydney McKay contributes at bat with a .400 batting average, one home run this season and 22 RBI. Adrianna Chavarria has pitched 94.2 innings and has a 4.95 ERA, a 1.87 WHIP and 40 strikeouts.

In the three-game series against NSU, the Ladyjacks will play in a doubleheader at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday, and will close out the series at noon on Saturday. NSU is ranked No.6 in the SLC. They have a 23-21 overall record, a 13-8 conference record and a .523 winning percentage. The Ladyjacks have been able to win their last two series against the University of the Incarnate Word 3-0 and 2-1 against Abilene Christian University.

Cayla Jones leads the NSU offense with a .316 batting average, seven home runs and 28 RBIs. Riley Cantrell has 30 RBIs and Alexis Perry has 24 for the Devils. On the mound, Samantha Guile has 96.2 innings pitched with a 2.68 ERA, a 1.33 WHIP and 65 strikeouts.

The Ladyjacks will finish out their conference season against rivals Sam Houston State University on May 3-4 in Nacogdoches. The Lumberjacks will return to the road to play the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Tuesday, and McNeese in a three-game series on May 3-5.

NCAA champions celebrate big win



Photo by Garrett Uhl / The Pine Log

Members of the SFA bowling team celebrate their NCAA championship on Tuesday at the BPSC plaza.

SFA football to cap off spring practices with exhibition

By Charles Hopper
Contributing Writer

The 2019 SFA football season is just around the corner, and this week the Lumberjacks will hit the gridiron once again for the annual spring game at 5 p.m. Saturday at Homer Bryce Stadium.

Attendees will be able to see the direction of new SFA head football coach Colby Carthel, who was hired last year. Tailgating will start at noon.

This season, the Jacks will rely heavily on quarterback Jake Blumrick, who is likely to be the head of the offense this upcoming season. The senior will look to lead SFA back to the FCS playoffs for the first time since 2014.

The Lumberjacks have approximately 50 returning players from last year's team, which includes 19 starters. In addition, the Jacks will also welcome 35 newcomers by this fall.

The Lumberjacks signed the third-best FCS class in the nation and the top in the Southland Conference across the two signing periods in December and February.

The coaching staff recruited 10 offensive

linemen, tight ends, five defensive linemen and edge rushers. One key pickup was freshman defensive tackle Carl Williams, who ranks as the nation's No. 1 recruit in FCS. The team also picked up defensive backs and secondary to help the defensive output, as six teams outscored SFA by at least 10 points last season.

SFA finished the 2018 season with a 2-8 record under former head coach Jeff Byrd, who took the spot of Clint Conque after his resignation.

Carthel, a proven winner and national champion with deep Texas ties, led Texas A&M-Commerce to the pinnacle of NCAA Division II football.

At the helm of Commerce, he had a .766 winning percentage. As a head coach, Carthel posted an 59-18 overall record, and a 36-8 (.818) record at Commerce. The SFA community has been buzzing since Carthel's arrival to Nacogdoches.

The game is free to the public. Along with the game, fans will also have the opportunity to watch "Avengers: Infinity War" on the video board on the south end of the stadium immediately after the game.



Photo by Nathan Wicker / The Pine Log

Brittany Crawford makes contact with the ball during a home series against McNeese. The Ladyjacks will be back in action against ULM on Wednesday, followed by a weekend series against NSU.

Baseball/Softball Southland Conference Standings

Baseball

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| 1. Sam Houston | 9. Abilene Christian |
| 2. Southeastern La. | 10. McNeese |
| 3. Incarnate Word | 11. Houston Baptist |
| 4. Central Arkansas | 12. Lamar |
| 5. Stephen F. Austin | 13. New Orleans |
| 6. Northwestern St. | |
| 7. TAMUCC | |
| 8. Nicholls | |

Softball

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| 1. Nicholls | 9. Houston Baptist |
| 2. Sam Houston | 10. Abilene Christian |
| 3. McNeese | 11. TAMUCC |
| 4. Stephen F. Austin | 12. Incarnate Word |
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Upcoming Schedules

Baseball:

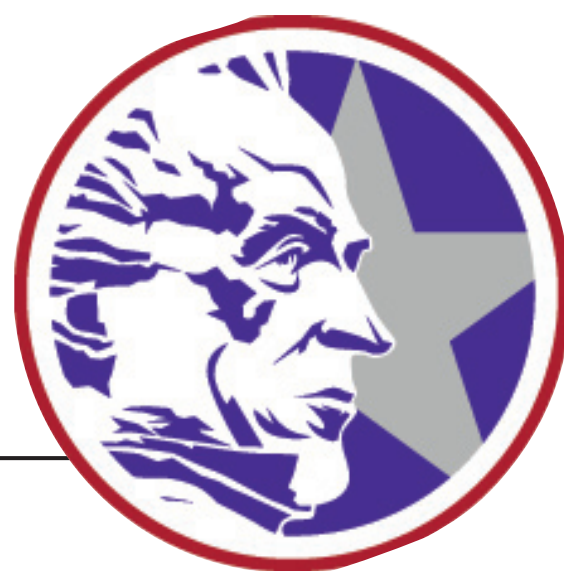
- 4/24 - Prairie View A&M
4/26-28 - Northwestern State
4/30 - at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
5/3-5 - at McNeese
5/7 - at Dallas Baptist
5/10-12 - at Nicholls
5/16-18 - New Orleans

Softball:

- 4/24 - at Louisiana-Monroe
4/26-27 - Northwestern State
5/3-4 - at Sam Houston
5/7-10 - SLC Tournament at Natchitoches, Louisiana

Track & Field:

- 4/27 - Alumni Muster Invitational at College Station
5/3-5 - SLC Outdoor Championships at Natchitoches, Louisiana



2019 *READERSHIP AWARDS*

BEST OF LIFESTYLE

BEST PLACE TO RELAX

Home/Dorm/Apartment/My Bed

BEST PLACE TO GO FOR A WALK/JOG

SFA Mast Arboretum

BEST PLACE TO FIND A BARGAIN

Dirt Cheap

BEST PLACE TO STUDY (OFF CAMPUS)

Java Jacks

BEST SALON/BARBER

Milford's Barber Shop

BEST PLACE TO GET A TATTOO

Casey's Tattoo

BEST PLACE TO GROCERY SHOP

Kroger

BEST CLOTHING STORE/BOUTIQUE

Texas Size Bling

BEST OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Legends of Nacogdoches

BEST ON-CAMPUS EATERY

Chick-fil-A

The Pine Log recently invited readers to vote for their favorite people, places and things in our second-annual “50 Best of SFA and Nacogdoches” readership survey. Hundreds of Pine Log readers cast votes for 50 different categories in our online poll, and the results are in! We hope you enjoy learning about our readers’ favorites in this special edition of The Pine Log. Watch for the third-annual “50 Best of SFA and Nacogdoches” survey in spring 2020.

BEST OF OUTTAKES

BEST PLACE TO TAKE A DATE

“East Texas Research Center [in library]”

BEST DESSERT

“Honestly, Kroger has really good brownies for like four dollars.”

BEST SFA STAFF MEMBER

“The nice ladies at Chick-fil-A”

BEST PLACE TO GET A TATTOO

“On your tush”

BEST THING ABOUT BEING A LUMBERJACK

“Not being a Bearkat”

BEST SANDWICH

“Peanut butter and jelly”

BEST GRADUATION PHOTO LOCATION



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SFA student Gabrielle Guidry poses for her graduation photos in front of the SFA main entrance, which was voted Best Graduation Photo Location in the 2019 Pine Log Readership Awards.

BEST OF **OUTTAKES**

BEST SFA STAFF MEMBER
“The late Dr. Baker Pattillo”

MOST ICONIC SFA LANDMARK
“New wooden SFA sign”

RUGBY



BEST INTRAMURAL TEAM/SPORTS CLUB

MAST **ARBORETUM**



BEST PLACE TO GO FOR A WALK/JOG

BEST OF **EXPERIENCES**

BEST PLACE TO TAKE A DATE
Auntie Pasta’s

BEST PLACE TO TAKE PARENTS/OUT-OF-TOWNERS
Clear Springs

BEST SPOT FOR A NIGHT OUT WITH FRIENDS
Banita Creek Hall

BEST LATE-NIGHT/ALL-NIGHT EATING SPOT
Whataburger

BEST SPORTS VENUE FOR FAN EXPERIENCE
William R. Johnson Coliseum

BEST PLACE TO HEAR LIVE MUSIC
Banita Creek Hall

BEST PLACE TO MEET NEW PEOPLE
Around Campus

BEST SFA TRADITION
Big Dip

BEST SFA EVENT
Homecoming Bonfire

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BEST OF **SFA**

BEST PLACE TO STUDY (ON CAMPUS)
Steen Library

BEST PLACE TO BUY SFA GEAR
Jack Backers

BEST PLACE TO BUY TEXTBOOKS
Jack Backers

BEST INTRAMURAL TEAM/SPORTS CLUB
Rugby

BEST STUDENT ORGANIZATION
Lumberjack Marching Band

BEST GREEK ORGANIZATION
Kappa Sigma

MOST ICONIC SFA LANDMARK
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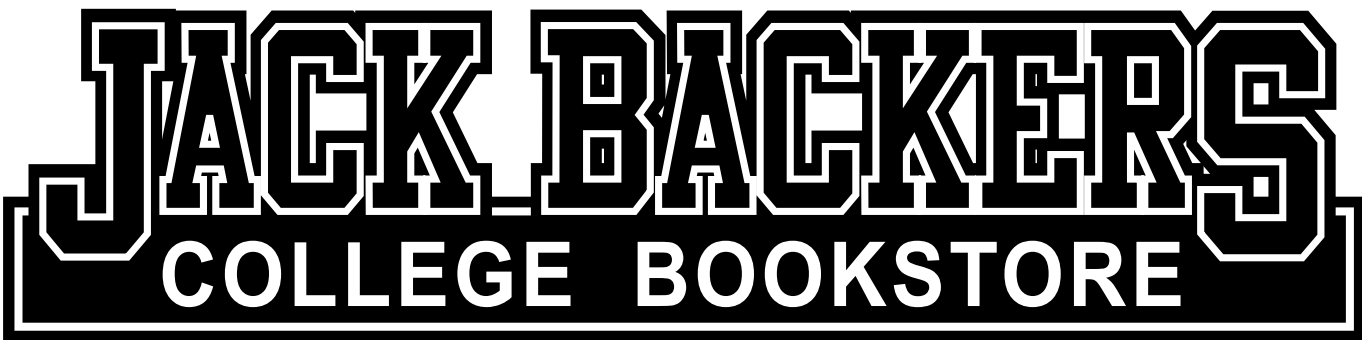
BEST PLACE TO GRAB A SNACK (ON CAMPUS)
Einstein Bros. Bagels

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The Pine Log readers voted the Homecoming Bonfire as the “Best SFA Event” in the readership poll. The bonfire is one of the most popular events of the Homecoming schedule and features live music and performances by the SFA Spirit Teams. Homecoming 2019 is scheduled for Oct. 25-27.

BEST OF **FOOD**

BEST BURGERS

Butcher Boys

BEST PIZZA

Napoli’s

BEST DONUTS

Shipleigh Do-Nuts

BEST SANDWICHES

Newk’s Eatery

BEST DESSERT

Blue Horse Bakery

BEST OVERALL RESTAURANT

Maklemore’s

BEST FAST FOOD

Chick-fil-A

BEST ASIAN CUISINE

Peking Chinese Restaurant

BEST COMFORT FOOD

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BEST COFFEE SPOT

Java Jacks

BEST HAPPY HOUR

Sonic

School of Music wins big in 2019 Readership Awards

SFA’s School of Music won four awards in The Pine Log’s 2019 “Best of SFA and Nacogdoches” readership poll.

Two of those awards include Best Faculty Member and Best Staff Member. Deborah McCarty, an administrative assistant for the university bands, was voted Best Staff Member. She has been on staff since 2014.



“I was thrilled,” McCarty said. “I was honored, excited and very happy that I received the votes for this award.”

Associate Director of Bands Dr. Tamey Angley was voted Best Faculty Member. Angley is also the Director of The Lumberjack Marching Band.

Angley has been a part of the School of Music since 2011. “I was humbled and excited to win the Best Faculty Member award,” Angley said.

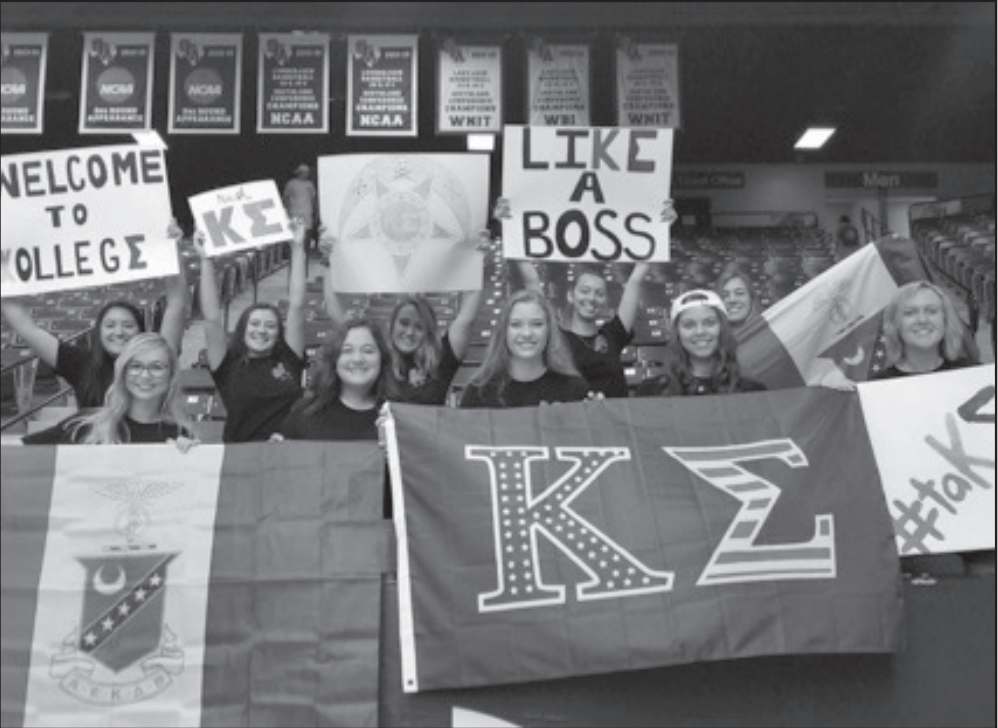


Top: Deborah McCarty, winner of the Best Staff Member award for the Pine Log’s 2019 Readership Awards. (courtesy photo)

Bottom: Dr. Tamey Angley, winner of the Best Faculty Member award for the Pine Log’s 2019 Readership Awards. (courtesy photo)

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KAPPA **SIGMA**



BEST GREEK ORGANIZATION

BEST OF **OUTTAKES**

BEST THING ABOUT BEING A LUMBERJACK

“All of the amazing opportunities”

“Being able to call SFA home”

“Going to a school that has a beautiful campus, kind faculty and staff, and the most school spirit around”

“All my amazing friends”

“Throwing up your axe”

“Coolest mascot ever”

“Deeply rooted traditions and immense pride”

“Plaid all day every day”

William R. Johnson voted ‘Best SFA Sports Venue’



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William R. Johnson Coliseum was voted “Best SFA Sports Venue for Fan Experience” in the 2019 “Best of SFA and Nacogdoches” readership poll. Led by the Purple Haze Association, faithful Lumberjack and Ladyjack basketball fans come out in force to support the teams throughout the

season. According to SFA Athletics, SFA and its fan base have dominated average attendance at home games in the Southland Conference—more the doubling attendance records for the University’s closest competitor. Lumberjacks Make Great Fans!

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Below is a listing of second-place winners that received a high number of votes.

BEST PLACE TO STUDY ON CAMPUS
Cole STEM Building


BEST STUDENT ORGANIZATION
Student Activities Association

BEST PLACE TO MEET NEW PEOPLE
Baker Pattillo Student Center

BEST SFA EVENT
The Big Event


BEST SFA TRADITION
Axe Handles

LUMBERJACK MARCHING BAND



BEST STUDENT ORGANIZATION

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BEST OF OUTTAKES

These are just a few of the votes cast by Survey Respondent No. 210 ...

BEST BURGERS
“We need more parking.”

BEST COMFORT FOOD
“I’m comforted when there’s parking spots.”

BEST PLACE TO GO FOR A WALK OR JOG
“Running late to class because I couldn’t find a parking spot”

MOST ICONIC SFA LANDMARK
“Would Surfin’ Steve approve of the parking situation?”

BEST FACULTY MEMBER
“Ones that don’t take off your grade for being late because of parking”

BEST SFA TRADITION
“Fighting over parking spots”

BEST BOUTIQUE
“The one that sells those T-shirts that complain about parking”