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Organizations to host
Spring Break send-off

By Amanda Hope
Staff Writer

Student Wellness Action Team, Lumberjacks Care and Student Government Association will be hosting a safe spring break send-off that will have free food, games and prizes at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Campus Recreation courtyard.

During this event, students will learn about safe sex, alcohol safety, consent, sun care and bystander intervention before leaving for spring break. The groups want to raise awareness over the dangers that could happen during spring break.

“SGA decided to have this event due to the rising numbers of deaths from car wrecks during spring break and other areas like safe sex,” SGA Business Senator Wester Couch said. “Our goal is to bring awareness to the issue and the statistics with realistically what could happen. Drunk driving, safe sex [and] not using sunscreen are all issues that need to be touched on and students need to be aware of.”

SGA wants everyone to be safe during spring break. Couch said because SGA is students for the students, they care for the student body, and they don’t want to see student deaths. SGA is hoping students take a lot out of this event.

Sabrina Anderson, a junior psychology major from Arlington, and a group of friends plan to drive to Florida and spend their spring break on the beach. She is aware of the safety risks that can occur during spring break, and she is excited that there will be an event to learn about spring break safety tips.

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University builds bus stop



Photo illustration by Meaghan Morton / **The Pine Log**

Among other construction projects on campus, one of the newest additions is a covered bus stop with a bench to help protect riders from the elements.

East Texas Research Center asks student organizations to donate materials for University Archives

By Kayley Frazee
Staff Writer

East Texas Research Center located in Steen Library is asking student organizations to donate materials representing their history to the University Archives.

In 2023, the University will turn 100 years old, and the ETRC wants to exhibit campus history. The deadline for submissions is April 1, and winners will be announced April 15. First place winners of the contest will be awarded \$250.

“The ETRC designed this contest in the hopes that student organizations would become more active in preserving the history of their groups and their campus influence/impact,” Alexandra Schutz, university archives and repository librarian, said. “The University Archives currently has holdings for some of SFA’s student groups, but it is only a small fraction.”

The University Archives was established as a unit within the ETRC, then called Special Collections, by President Ralph W. Steen in 1973. Since that date, it has been responsible for archiving the inactive and historical records of

SFA.

“The East Texas Research Center’s mission is to preserve the history of East Texas,” Schutz said. “Preserving primary resources concerning the individuals, cultures and businesses in our area allows researchers to conduct scholarship concerning the history of our region. Certainly, studying the past allows for thoughtful decision-making in the current day.”

This is the first year the East Texas Research Center is hosting the contest. Student organizations must be registered with Student Engagement to be eligible for the prize, but any group can donate materials.

“By preserving institutional history, we are providing context for the lives of numerous individuals who studied here or taught here, who went on to run businesses in the area, continue family lines, run for political office and provide general influence over the region,” Schutz said.

“Organizations should enter the

contest to ensure that the piece of SFA history they possess will be preserved in the University Archives and not forgotten.”

To enter the contest, participants must fill out the entry form, as well as the deed of gift form, which can be found online. Donations must be turned in at the ETRC, located on

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– Shane Reynolds, senior Theatre major from Las Vegas

the second floor of the Steen Library. Participants can donate scrapbooks, photographs, constitutions, by-laws, meeting minutes, programs, advertisements, member rosters, swag or social media posts. ETRC urges participants not to throw away anything they are unsure of and to send it anyway.

“Many student groups may still have files, photographs or other materials from decades past that would help fill in our gaps,” Schutz said. “And, those groups

that only have materials from this year will be contributing to the historical memory of SFA in years to come.”

There is a rubric on the website telling students exactly how their entry will be scored. The ETRC can assist student organizations with storage for the archival materials they are submitting. If groups expect to have difficulty delivering the materials to the ETRC, they can arrange for the items to be picked up.

Shane Reynolds, a senior Theatre major from Las Vegas, says the Beta Phi cast of Alpha Psi Omega, plan on submitting a collection of general meeting minutes, archived social media posts, photographs, written proposals and letters of correspondence, some of which date back to the 1970s and 1980s.

“I have a great deal of trust and respect for the staff of the East Texas Research Center and their facilities,” Reynolds said. “Everything is specifically conditioned to allow for the long-term endurance of

historical documents and records, and we’d like our history preserved. I’ll be happy to know that our history, which previously had been stored in a file cabinet in an obscure locked closet without air conditioning, will be preserved and made accessible for years to come.”

Alpha Psi Omega has an original copy of the student-written proposal which asked the School of Theatre to produce student-directed plays. The document is several decades old, but the School of Theatre puts on student-directed productions today.

“We feel that Alpha Psi Omega has played a small but important part in SFA’s history,” Reynolds said. “Alpha Psi Omega, the National Theatre Honor Society, has been bringing together talented artists and serving the community for many years. It may be a small organization, but I’m proud of our members and the work they’ve done.”

To learn more, participants can attend Student Organization Preservation Prize (SOPP) workshops, held at the East Texas Research Center. The next one will take place 4 p.m. March 26.

Singer, songwriter turned professor

Professor from Costa Rica leaves home country to pursue academic career

By Korbyn Lee
Staff Videographer

Dr. Juan Carlos Ureña is a Spanish professor at SFA, but he is not the typical professor. Ureña is also an accomplished singer and songwriter of popular Spanish songs and has even gone on tours around the world. Ureña describes music as his first career and something he had been drawn to since he was a child in Costa Rica.

“I started singing since I was a very little kid in church, then in school,” Ureña said. “I had to be singing in every single assembly and activity that the school did.”

Ureña continued singing throughout high school and into his college years. He studied music education at the University of Costa Rica. By the time he was 17 in 1978, he had gone on his first international tour.

“It was very interesting because I had to get special permission [from my parents] because I was underage,” Ureña said.

According to Ureña, touring and going

to school was not easy but it was made possible by having special arrangements with his professors. Ureña often found himself having to make up class work, and sometimes even having to drop the class.

“It took me a little bit longer than normal students to finish the bachelor’s degree because of that,” Ureña said.

At the beginning of his career, Ureña was known for being a solo artist who wrote songs about political and social issues. The content of his music is what made Ureña stand out from others, though sometimes he explained that the contents of his songs could also cause him problems.

“It was good because it made me different, [but] it was bad because sometimes it could get you in trouble,” Ureña said. “I didn’t care. I wanted to

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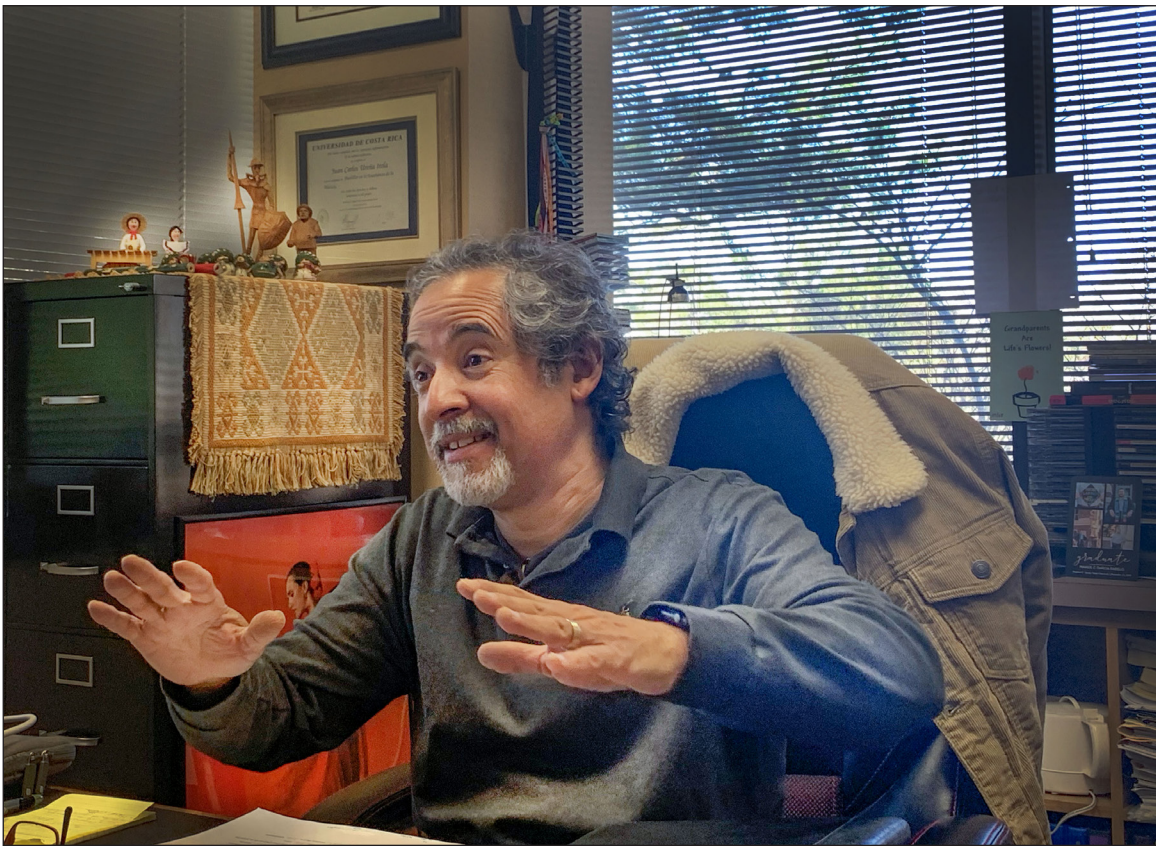


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Spanish professor, Dr. Juan Carlos Ureña, is a well known singer songwriter in Costa Rica. He and his wife moved to the United States and started working at the University as professors.

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Lumberjacks will play a doubleheader against Sam Houston at home on Saturday.



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Crime Log:

2/26/20

Officers were dispatched to Lot 25 in reference to an intoxicated subject. Officers arrived and made contact with a subject that was found to be intoxicated to the point of being in danger to themselves and others. The subject was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Nacogdoches County Jail without incident. There was one suspect.

2/28/20

An officer was advised of a hit and run on Griffith Boulevard. The officer located the suspect vehicle and identified the driver. The victim's vehicle was located, but the officer was unable to locate the owner. This incident is under investigation. There is one suspect.

2/29/20

An officer was dispatched to Lumberjack Landing in reference to an intoxicated subject. The officer made contact with the subject who was intoxicated to the point of being in danger to themselves and others. The subject was not arrested and was transported to Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital due to a medical issue. There is one suspect.

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

Advisers encourage students to prepare for next semester, utilize planning resources

By Kayley Frazee
Staff Writer

Advisers will begin taking appointments for scheduling summer beginning March 24, so students should make appointments before then. Registration for fall 2020 starts April 14.

Advisers receive training over a five to six-week period. In this, they learn degree plans, day-to-day routines, policies, procedures and course sequencing. They also are given a chance to sit in and shadow other advisors in their respective offices.

"It is important for students to get advised because it provides a clear path and understanding to their ultimate goal, graduation," Megan Kelley, freshmen and academic achievement adviser for the James I. Perkins College of Education said. "Navigating degree plans, pre-reqs and course sequencing can be confusing at times. Being advised

removes the confusion and possibility of graduation being prolonged because of those lesser-known facts."

For students who want to know information about their progress, students have access to a student degree evaluation under the "Advising" tab of their mySFA account. The degree evaluation, which is used by the registrar's office to determine graduation qualification, will list the required courses for the major and minor, show which areas of the degree plan courses are being used in, calculate GPA in several areas and keep track of how many hours have been taken at SFA.

It is also what the Financial Aid Office uses to see if a student's courses are counting in their degree plan.

Students can also run a What-If Analysis to explore different major options. It will show where courses would count if the student switched to a new major.

Advisers urge students to be honest with them in appointments, to ask questions and to not procrastinate making appointments.

"Advisers are here to help," Kelley said. "We cannot fix an issue or provide resources if we do not know the problems our students are facing. While we may not know all the answers, we have connections all over and are happy to help students find the answers they need."

Another important thing advisers want their students to remember is to schedule appointments early.

"Don't procrastinate," Jennifer Goddard, academic adviser II for the Nelson Rusche College of Business said. "I try to notify students early that my schedule is open for advising. If several students wait until the week of registration, my schedule is often booked, and I have a difficult time getting them in before registration. This can result in them not getting the

classes they need."

Kelley also said that advising is a way to make sure students are taken care of, offering help to pick the best classes and boost GPAs, while also making sure the student has the support they need.

"Advisers are a built-in support system," Kelley said. "While our main objective is to aid in the completion of their degree, we do so much more than that for our students. We provide them with assistance, encouragement, advice and guidance that aids in their development as a whole. Our students are more than a GPA to us, and we want to give them the absolute best support during their time here at SFA."

To find out who your adviser is, log on to your MySFA and click on the Advising tab.

ResLife announces changes to housing, effective next fall

By Meredith Janning
Managing Editor

Residence Life announced changes to housing that will affect six residence halls. Starting in the Fall 2020 semester, Village Building 2 will transition to a hybrid dorm for both freshmen and upperclassmen, Hall 16 will be a non-first-year hall, Hall 10 will be males only and Mays, North and South halls will no longer be used.

According to Director of Residence Life Winston Baker, the changes made to Village 2, Hall 16 and Hall 10 are meant to match the ratio of male and female students on campus.

"We need to have the flexibility to switch," Baker said. "But right now, that's what we're planning; but in case our numbers change, then we'll have to switch around."

However, Baker said the changes to these three halls will not be permanent.

"In terms of assignment, nothing in assignment permanent," Baker said. "This is what we have now, but again, it depends on the population

"The other aspect is that we always look at our housing occupancy and the best way to maximize space."

*- Carrie Charley,
Director of Auxiliary Services*

change. We have to be flexible in our assignment."

Baker said the cost to renovate Mays hall is too expensive for the building, which was built in 1950.

"That's a 70-year-old building," Baker said. "When you look in terms of renovation and upkeep, the money in it will be too much. We had looked into North and South, especially South, to renovate that building. That's initially in terms of the cosmetics, not talking about the mechanical, we're looking at \$2.5 million."

With mechanical renovations included, Baker said the costs would not be financially feasible. However,

with the new residence hall being built behind Lumberjack Landing, available space is not a concern.

"The other aspect is that we always look at our housing occupancy and the best way to maximize space," Carrie Charley, director of auxiliary services, said. "And all three of the buildings [North, South and Mays Hall] are not at full capacity, so that's another thought, too. How could we maximize assignments so that we have a healthy program to where we can continue to use our housing revenue to put back into renovations of other buildings?"

The new residence hall is scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2021;

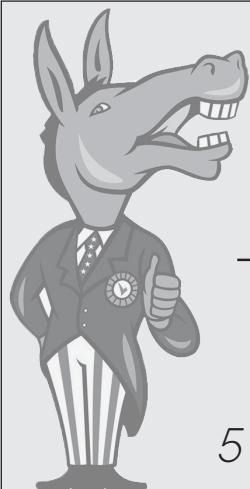
and according to Charley, it is in its final design revision phase and will probably not break ground until the summer.

Of the three halls being closed, Mays Hall is the only one being demolished. Baker said North and South are being saved for overflow spaces, as needed.

"I can only tell you that Mays will be demolished; the other two are going to be basically in reserve," Baker said. "We always have to take things slowly. For example, what if we got 2,000 more students that came in this fall, where do we put them? At least we have a place to put them. So, I think it's going to be one building at a time and just start with Mays."

When it comes time to select new housing assignments, the students in the closing halls will be given preferential choice, according to Baker.

Although it will be unavailable to students in the fall, there is no set timeline for Mays to be torn down.



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School of Music to host faculty performance after Spring Break

The SFA School of Music will present faculty member Dr. Ben Tomlinson performing a percussion recital at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, in Cole Concert Hall on the SFA campus.

The program features a selection of music that spans many different percussion instruments and includes works by Casey Cangelosi, Pat Jacobs, Brian Nozny, J.S. Bach, Paul Lansky and Minoru Miki.

Nozny's "Thief" is written for marimba plus tuned metal pipes. The performer lays the pipes on the instruments and melds natural sounds (rosewood bars from marimba) with the artificial (tuned metal pipes), according to Tomlinson.

"The combination is a beautiful and unique timbre not found in many other pieces of music," he said.

"A Cool Gadget for Tambourine" by Cangelosi is for tambourine and pre-recorded audio playback.

"Tambourine is not a percussion instrument we typically hear in a solo setting," Tomlinson

said. "The piece challenges the performer with a lot of imaginative extended techniques that really showcase the tambourine as a virtuosic instrument."

The second movement of "Marimba Spiritual" by Miki will close out the program and will feature SFA percussion students Mariah Taller of South Bend, Indiana, Davis Carr of Sugarland and Aaron Milam of Longview.

Tomlinson describes "Marimba Spiritual" as a fast-paced, high-adrenaline piece of music that takes inspiration from Japanese taiko drumming.

"It is one of the oldest pieces written for marimba soloist and percussion ensemble

and is sure to be a crowd favorite," he said.

Concert 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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FILM FEST: Festival brings viewers insight into film making process

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but this time, it was Joe Lansdale’s turn to take the spotlight. The best film I watched at the fest was “All Hail the Popcorn King,” a documentary about author Joe Lansdale, directed by New York native Hansi Oppenheimer. My connection to Lansdale was my very limited knowledge of the movie, “Bubba Hotep,” which starred Bruce Campbell and was filmed in Nacogdoches. Lansdale wrote “Bubba Hotep,” a story about an Elvis impersonator living in a nursing home who truly believes he is Elvis and another man who believes he is John F. Kennedy. “All Hail the Popcorn King,” was entertaining and made me an official fan of Lansdale’s. The story he told in the documentary that most likely gave the film its name was that, believe it or not, he would get his writing inspiration from popcorn. To induce dreams that would eventually inspire him to write, Lansdale’s wife would make the greasiest popcorn imaginable for him to eat before bed. It was a mixture of regular popcorn and Kroger Lard. He joked, saying that if he heard his wife making popcorn, they must be running out of money and need another book published. The experience overall was great, and both Meredith and I learned a lot, not just about the subjects of the films, but about who made them and the work that went into each one.

POLE VAULT: SFA athletes to compete in tournament

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going, and I told him I had just quit. He told me to wear shorts the next day and meet him after school on the track. He handed me a pole and said, ‘Have at it.’ After that first jump, I knew I made the best mistake of my life. I knew that it had just drawn me into something that I couldn’t get away from.” With this being Bizzell’s senior season, one of the things she will miss the most is the friendships. “I’ve made so many friends through track,” Bizzell said. “Just being with the pole vaulters every day and my friends on the track team and travelling to meets, it’s become a family to me.” One of the main goals for the remainder of season and career for Ellis is to keep up with the other athletes who will keep jumping higher and breaking records. “I just want to be right along there with them, be doing it with them and get to have those memories and those achievements,” Ellis said. With the 2020 Sumer Olympics looming, both pole vaulters have a goal to possibly compete in the games by competing in the Olympic trials. “That’s what I’m going for,” Bizzell said. “It’d be really cool to be there with Branson and Jen jumping.” “That’s been my end goal ever since I was a little kid,” Ellis said. “I was a gymnast for about five years, and I always told my parents that one day I want to be in the Olympics. I really don’t care what it’s for. It’s always been my life goal is to do that; and now that I’m actually seeing that it’s possible, it’s just overwhelming.”

BASEBALL, SOFTBALL: Lumberjacks, Ladyjacks will host the Lamar University Cardinals in a three-game series

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leading the team with 16 hits and eight RBIs. Sophomore infielder Kelby Weyler chips in with a .351 batting average, 13 hits and six RBIs, tying with George at 17 TB. Junior right-handed pitcher Trevin Michael leads the Cardinals in their young season with two wins as pitcher. Michael has pitched 22 innings for LU, holds an ERA of 2.05, a .50 WHIP and has had 25 strikeouts this season. Behind him, junior right-handed pitcher Zach Bravo has pitched 13.1 innings. Bravo has a 3.38 ERA, a 1.76 WHIP and 13 strikeouts. **Ladyjacks** SFA’s softball team will begin its week of action as they compete against the Baylor Bears at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Geo-Surfaces Field. The Ladyjacks have a 13-4 overall record and a .765 winning percentage. The Ladyjacks come off a seven-game winning streak and will have their first taste of conference play against the Cardinals in Beaumont. Baylor University has a 17-4 overall record, a .810 winning percentage and starting their conference play against Kansas March 20. Freshman infielder Aliyah Pritchett leads the team with five home runs. She has a .283 batting average, 12 RBIs and leads the team with 34 total bases. Junior infielder Maddison Kettler contributes at bat with a .415 batting average, seven RBI’s and has 27 total bases. On the mound for the Bears, graduate right-handed pitcher Gia Rodoni has pitched 59.1 innings and has a 1.30 ERA, a .76 WHIP and 80 strikeouts. In the three-game series against LU, the Ladyjacks will play in a doubleheader at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday, then at noon Saturday to wrap up the series. LU has an 8-8 overall record and a .500 winning percentage. The Ladyjacks have split their last two series against the Cardinals, losing 2-1 in Nacogdoches and winning 2-1 in Beaumont. Senior infielder Jade Lewis leads the LU offense

with a .471 batting average, six RBIs and 23 total bases accounted for. Junior catcher Hannah Carpenter leads the Cardinals with two homeruns and chips in three RBIs. On the mound, right-handed pitcher Aaliyah Ruiz leads the Cardinals with 49.2 innings pitched with a 2.54 ERA, a 1.36 WHIP and 32 strikeouts. The Ladyjacks will play Texas Southern University, or TSU, at 3 p.m. on Tuesday in Houston to wrap up their week. TSU has a 7-10 overall record and a .412 winning percentage. Sophomore infielder Haslam Daryn leads the team with two homeruns. She has a .316 batting average, 13 RBIs and has been walked nine times.

SPRING BREAK: Organization spreading safety awareness

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“I’ve never been to the Florida beach during spring break, but I hear a lot of stories about parties and other stuff,” Anderson said. “I think it is good that this event is going on, and students are learning about the different problems that could go wrong during spring break. Not only do students gain knowledge about alcohol safety but also skin care under the sun.” According to The Washington Post, in 2018 over 400 crashes involving students under the influence happened in Texas, and the accidents resulted in 11 deaths. The Center of Disease Control also warns that someone is killed every 31 minutes because of drunken driving during normal times, but the number increases by 23% during spring break. CDC also stated that the annual cost of alcohol-related crashes is approximately


\$44 billion. Journal of American College Health reported that during spring break, the average male drinks 18 more alcoholic beverages, and the average women drinks 10 more drinks. More than half of the spring breakers drank until they got sick or passed out. In The Marshall News Messenger’s article “Texas DPS offers safety tips for Spring Break,” Texas Department of Public Safety encourages the public to be safe during spring break and how DPS is going to enhance law enforcement efforts during spring break. “We are asking the public to do their part by driving responsibly, obeying the laws and monitoring road conditions during their Spring Break travels,” DPS Director Steven McCraw said. “DPS will do our part to enhance safety by patrolling the roadways to remove dangerous drivers.”

FERG: Students with disabilities need elevator accommodation

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completely restricted only to students or faculty with disabilities during the busier hours of the day. While this is a common issue that many students are aware of who take classes in Ferguson, Disability Services continues to meet students’ needs when it comes to equal access to students with disabilities. “What our office does is work with students who have disabilities to make sure that the university is providing equal access to facilities, to courses, to programs and services on campus,” Tiffany Rivers, director and ADA coordinator of disability services, said. “That includes access, but also making a welcoming and


inclusive environment for our students.” Rivers said that she believes SFA faculty and administration work hard to make the campus as inclusive as possible for students with disabilities. “Our biggest challenge is making sure students are aware of the many resources that are on our campus,” Rivers said. The ratio of students with disabilities to the rest of the student body is small, ranging from 500-600 students with disabilities compared to the total student population of approximately 13,000. It is important for all students to be more aware of others and how a small change in routine can make a huge difference.




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UREÑA: Musicians transition to professors

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do it that way, and I still continue in the same line.” Ureña takes inspiration from Costa Rica and its traditional music when he is writing his own songs. Though some of his songs may have a newer sound, he says that all of his music is built from traditional roots. “A lot of traditional music is the root of my music composition in my songs, so even when I am playing a song that sounds contemporary, the roots [and] the musical styles of that song come from traditional music,” Ureña said. In the 1990s, Ureña’s life took an interesting turn when he met his wife Jeana Paul-Ureña in a popular venue in Costa Rica. Ureña was performing with a popular Nicaraguan singer Luis Enrique Mejía Godoy and describes the encounter as “love at first sight.” “She was very close to the stage [when] we started playing,” Ureña said. “I kicked the microphone accidentally, and the mic went straight to her. She [caught] it, and she put it in front of me again. I said, ‘Thank you,’ and I kept playing [while] looking at her.” Jeana Paul-Ureña, the chair of Languages, Cultures and Communications at SFA is from the United States originally; but at the time, she was traveling with the Associated Colleges of the Midwest in Costa Rica. They were introduced to each other by a mutual friend at another one of Ureña’s performances and after that they started dating almost immediately. Much like Ureña, Paul-Ureña played music in

college. She played in Texas at her school, Texas Tech University, and she focused mostly on country and rock songs. The Ureñas started performing in Spanish together by the 1990s. “She was interested in the music because she liked music, so I started teaching her some songs,” Ureña said. “She was learning very fast and was very good at learning different styles.” The Ureñas moved to the U.S. and started working at SFA as professors. They decided to step back from music to pursue their academic careers, but they are still performing. “We wanted to get married and start a new life,” Ureña said. “We had more opportunities in terms of jobs, but that also distanced me from the music career. It’s like giving up something for another thing.”

BASKETBALL: Last SFA basketball games

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Jaylonn Walker from Calvert has the second highest scoring average of 13.5 points. Walker has a .408 field-goal percentage this season. Leading the Bearkats in assists is senior guard Jenniffer Oramas from Pembroke Pines, Florida. Oramas has a total of 88 assists this season. Sam Houston will play the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Islanders on Wednesday. Since it is the last scheduled game of the season, the Lumberjacks plan to honor their senior players. The SFA Ladyjacks will recognize seniors Riley Harvey and Kennedy Harris. Before their matchup against the Bearkats, the Ladyjacks play the Abilene Christian University, or ACU, Wildcats on Tuesday. **Lumberjacks** The Lumberjacks prepare to face the Bearkats at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday in William R. Johnson Coliseum. Fans can watch the game live on ESPN 3. The game will be broadcast on the radio station Q107.7. In the SLC, the Lumberjacks have a 17-1 record, along with a 26-3 overall record. The Bearkats are ranked fourth in the SLC with a conference record of 11-7. The Bearkats have an 18-11 overall season record. “We are always excited to represent SFA versus one of our oldest rivals, Sam Houston,” said Kyle Keller, SFA head men’s basketball coach. “Regardless of each team’s records, when both teams in any sport play, it is an intense battle. We really look forward to the challenge.” While playing on Saturday, the Lumberjacks will encounter SHSU’s sophomore guard Zach Nutall from Bryan. Nutall holds the Bearkats’ highest

scoring average of 15.5 points. Behind him, senior forward/center Kai Mitchell from Haverstraw, New York has a scoring average of 14.5 and SHSU’s highest field-goal percentage of .558. Leading in assists is senior guard Chad Bowie from Houston who has 73 assists this season. Bowie also has 60 steals this season, which is the highest number of steals for SHSU’s men’s basketball team. Before playing the Lumberjacks, the Bearkats will play against the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Islanders on Wednesday. Before taking on Sam Houston, the Lumberjacks played against the ACU Wildcats on Tuesday. During the game on Saturday, the SFA men’s basketball team plan to recognize seniors Nathan Bain, John Comeaux and Kevon Harris.



Photo by Jaron Spinler / The Pine Log

Students wait in line to take the elevator in the Ferguson Liberal Arts building. Lines for elevators are much longer due to an influx of students taking classes in Ferguson, causing students with disabilities to wait their turn.

Disabled students affected by long elevator lines

By Seth Hoffman
Contributing Writer

Due to an influx of students in the Ferguson Liberal Arts building this semester, many students with disabilities are being pushed to the back of the line for the elevators. As more students attend classes in the building, the elevators tend to get crowded. While this affects students

and staff alike, students with disabilities are the ones who might be affected the most. Angela Clarke, administrative assistant of institutional effectiveness, said that there are 307 classes scheduled that meet one to three times per week, for a total of 686 weekly meetings this semester in the Ferguson Liberal Arts building. With this heavy flow of

weekly traffic, more students are using the elevators to get to classes, causing students who can only take the elevator to wait in much longer lines. While there is no solution to reducing the number of students who pass through Ferguson on a weekly basis, students can find ways to be more mindful of those who need priority access to the elevators by taking the

stairs or allowing students with a disability to take the elevator first. Emily Vanderzworth, student worker for multidisciplinary programs and senior business law major from Bynum, saw an incident happen this semester in Ferguson where a crowd of students waiting for an elevator did not give a student with disabilities first

priority on the elevator. "I was trying to go back up," Vanderzworth said. "I always take the stairs, and I saw someone in an automated wheelchair in the back of a crowd of 20 to 30 people." Vanderzworth mentioned that none of the people made any effort to let the student in the wheelchair to the front of the line. "I understand that not all

problems are obvious and visible to the naked eye," Vanderzworth said. "But, there aren't going to be 30 people that absolutely have to take the elevator." Vanderzworth said she would like to see one of the two elevators at Ferguson

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LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus holds interest meeting



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Ashton Maisel, president and junior political science major from Plano, reads off the meeting agenda at the caucus's second interest meeting of the semester. Titled "Welcome to the Future," the purpose of the meeting was to discuss upcoming events, collaborations and volunteer opportunities.

Design Editor reviews Nacogdoches Film Fest

By Meaghan Morton
Design Editor

Hosting a podcast about movies with your friend has its perks, I do have to say. And one of those perks was being able to attend the Nacogdoches Film Festival at the Fredonia Hotel. The weekend was filled with films, fun and familiar faces that we were able to talk about on our show, "Reely? Podcast." Both Meredith Janning, my co-host, and I anticipated the event for weeks, planning what we were going to talk about on the show, picking what movies we wanted to watch and what panels we wanted to attend. But, the highlight of the film fest was the people we met: George Foreman and Joe Lansdale. George Foreman is the

most familiar of the two. At the film festival, he shared his life experiences and answered questions from a large crowd that filled the Banita Room in the Fredonia Hotel. When I walked up to him, it was hard to stay composed. I immediately regretted not buying the George Foreman Grill that was at Goodwill and getting him to sign it. However, Meredith was able to get his autograph. Then, as we were reading the pamphlet for the festival, Meredith and I saw one of our favorite names: Bruce Campbell. Our hearts nearly dropped. One of Meredith's favorite movies is "The Evil Dead," starring Bruce Campbell. We knew he had attended the film festival before in its inaugural year; See FILM FEST on Page 3



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No party complete without a plan

Parties seem to be happening almost every weekend, whether it be at people's houses or at the local bars. They range from small hang outs to big crowds, all having fun. Some of them have a very special guest attending, alcohol. It's understandable. Some people like the taste and like having a couple of drinks throughout the night, which is fine. But, what is not fine is deciding to get behind the wheel while intoxicated. There have been many PSAs about what happens when people drink while drunk and that a person's decision-making skills aren't as fast as they normally are, yet people still think they are the exception and still get behind the wheel. It's time to get a little smarter about going out to parties and have solid plans to make sure that people are safe when they head home.

One service to rely on are shuttle rides that are there for people in those situations when they or their friends are too out of it to function. Uber and Lyft are popular choices and are a great idea for people to use. If students are not wanting to spend a lot of money on those services, there is Driving Jacks, a free shuttle service whose main purpose is to make sure

students get home safe. Not only do they make sure to keep everything confidential, they advertise their services to students and people in the Nacogdoches community. The only downside is that they do mention on their website that they can only give rides to a student's dorm or house and that they only stay in their set routes. So, in case these options don't work, make sure to designate a friend to be the driver, preferably someone who won't go back on their word and will stay sober until it's time to go home.

Yes, it's nice to relax with a cup of beer or alcohol, but is it really worth it to drive while intoxicated? We are not saying people shouldn't have fun, but think about others that will be on the road at the same time. Someone might think they are a good driver both sober and drunk, but intoxication levels differ between each person and cause the reaction time to slow. So, that means what someone could do while sober, they can't do while drunk. If any of their reactions are too late, they might cause an accident that can either hurt both parties or cause death. Be smarter about drinking, and don't end up being a statistic.

“...is it really worth it to drive while intoxicated?”



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Why students should make voting a priority

I remember I was only in elementary school when my parents made me go with them, so they could vote. I never understood why it was important to them to vote, and why they were exposing it to me at such a young age. Why did coloring in circles mean so much? I realize now, my parents never taught me this lesson as way to enforce political beliefs, but the opposite. They taught me voting is a personal journey everyone should practice.

Last year, the Texas State Senator election was the first major election I participated in. However, to be honest, I did not know where to start in making my decisions. I was lucky enough to have a fantastic government teacher, who took class days to inform us the views of each candidate. He never spoke negatively about anyone, only the truth, and allowed us to form our own opinions. It is important to take the time to study every candidate and their policies and match them with our own beliefs and morals.

I think it is easy to forget that voting is not



By LeighAnn Mars
Contributing Writer

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only important during presidential elections, but also non-presidential. This is especially true for students on campus because of the upcoming SGA elections. Voting allows the administration to see what students want for a better experience here at SFA. Young people have the power to make a difference, and one way to achieve that is by making their voices heard on election days. Voting is not only about the candidates running, but also choosing the right policies that you believe will make the school, community or nation a better place.

Young adults are a large influence in any election. We are one of the most diverse age groups, yet not enough of us show up on election day to take the stand. We are so quick to form opinions, but when the time comes to freely express it, we are absent. I hear excuses like, “I am not a political person, so I don't care,” but you should care. When you do not show up on election day, you're allowing others to speak for you.

Here's a scenario: someone asks you what your favorite pizza topping is, but a friend answers for you and says onions, when in fact, your favorite is pepperoni. Consequently, you are given an onion pizza. How do you feel? You may hate onions, or you might be content with onions, but you really wanted pepperoni. If only you had voiced your opinion sooner.

Dealing with a quarter-life crisis is very serious

When it comes to the word “crisis,” there are many different interpretations that people may have of what it actually means. A crisis can often be associated with a natural disaster or a sudden life-altering event. However, what many people may not know is that going through a crisis is a lot more common than you might think.

According to Merriam-Webster dictionary, one definition of a crisis is “an emotionally significant event or radical change of status in a person's life.” Right underneath is the hyper link to the word “mid-life crisis.” If there is a mid-life crisis, then surely there's a quarter-life crisis, right? I'm pretty sure that most 20-something-year-olds out there can say that at some point in their college career, or even post-college career, that they have experienced some form of crisis, whether it was with their identity, finding a new job, change of relationship status or just transitioning from a somewhat adult to an “adultier” adult after graduation. While it's easy to blame these feelings on stress from work or school, or just overall stress in general, there's actual research that backs up going through a quarter-life crisis.

A survey done in the UK in 2013 of 1,000 people showed that over 70% of those in their 30s reflected that they had a major life crisis in their 20s that acted as a turning point in their life, and in those over 40, 35% recalled such a crisis in their 20s as well. Some common life events that come into play with these crises include relationship breakups, debt, conflict with parents and friends, dissatisfaction with a current job or unemployment and overall pressure that comes from being a college



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“... I am happier, healthier and taking better care of my mental and physical health.”

student. College is hard. Having a social life is hard. Working full or even part time while taking classes is hard. And since the average college age is 18-25, there is a whole spectrum of people who are experiencing different things, so why put everyone in one box and label it “basic school struggles?” So often we choose to put those feelings and experiences on the back burner to avoid dealing with it for fear of it being dismissed.

For some reason, this generation of college students has created an aesthetic around struggling in their 20s and joking about the mental illness that comes with it. We are in a time where now more than ever there are resources and people qualified to help us deal with these feelings, so why hasn't the conversation of dealing with the quarter-life

crisis been started? Let me be one of the first. My name is Jocelyn. I am 23 years old, still in my undergrad (I know) and I am experiencing my quarter-life crisis this semester. Almost everything I listed above that may go into a crisis is what I am currently dealing with, and for the longest time I told myself I was okay. However, the people who know me personally noticed that something was wrong, and it wasn't until I opened up to my favorite professor about what I was going through that I realized I wasn't okay either. While everything in my life isn't perfect now, I am happier, healthier and taking better care of my mental and physical health.

We, as students, are in a time where life is changing, we are changing, and the feelings that come with those changes, while they can be scary, are normal. If you find yourself going through something that feels like it's more than just the “basic” day to day stress, don't ignore or brush it off like I did. Your feelings are valid, and finding someone you trust, whether it's a friend, a mentor or a professional, is one of the best things you can do. Sharing your struggles doesn't make you weak; it makes you human.

Hey ESPN, it's Stephen F. Austin not SF Austin

Stephen Fuller Austin. That is the full name of our University's namesake. It's more commonly known as Stephen F. Austin or even SFA and even further, SFASU. However, some television networks obviously don't know how we do it here in Nacogdoches. And by “some television networks,” I specifically mean ESPN.

If you were to watch ESPN during one of their many broadcasts of the SFA basketball games, you'd notice something a little off. Over in the corner of the screen you would see a glaring, atrocious mistake: SF Austin. Really? SF Austin?

At this point, I believe the misnomer is made out of spite by whoever operates the graphics for the network I will now only refer to as ES Programming Network. I believe they may or may not be a Sam Houston State University alumnus, but that is totally up for speculation.

In the beginning, it could have been an honest mistake. A weird one, but still honest,



By Meaghan Morton
Design Editor

nonetheless. However, as soon as people became aware, the SFA Twitter community blew up, heated as to why in the world ES Programming Network would call us SF Austin.

Juliet might have said, “What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet,” in reference to how Romeo's family name truly meant nothing to her and wouldn't interfere with their star-crossed love, but this isn't that kind of situation.

And I know what you might be thinking, “Well, Meaghan, Stephen F. Austin is a pretty long name to fit on that small graphic.” Give me a break. Just condense it down to our three-letter acronym: SFA. They do it for West Virginia University (WVU); and if they can fit names like Florida and Tennessee in there, I promise you they can fit the letters S-F-A in there.

We are Southland Conference Champions, in conference we have a record of 17-1, and we beat Duke in one of the biggest college basketball upsets this season. I think we deserve to be called by our true name.

So, here's your chance ES Programming Network. Do right by us, and I promise you won't have your Twitter notifications flooded with angry fans telling you to fix our name.

Students need option to live on campus during breaks

As spring break gets closer and closer, students get more and more excited to have some time off. Beach trips are planned, hotels are booked and flights are made. Personally, I will be fawning over my newborn niece and sleeping in. Not everyone is so lucky, however, to get to go to their hometown and relax or have the opportunity to travel somewhere exciting.

Some students are international and live too far away to justify going home for a week. Others have jobs here in town and will have to work over break. Those students will be staying here in Nacogdoches; and if they live on campus, they will be paying for it.

I don't think students should have to pay



By Kayley Frazee
Staff Writer

to stay over breaks. They're already paying quite a bit to live there, so why are they being penalized for staying for reasons that are, more often than not, out of their control?

Students with jobs often have those jobs to pay for school; and now, they're having to use some of that money to stay somewhere, so they can work that job. International students who can't go home, and are already feeling homesick, now have to pay for it.

I understand that when students stay here there are things to pay for like electricity and water. It just seems like students who live in dorms pay a lot of money to do so. Why are they having to pay more money to stay somewhere they already live?

There has to be a solution. There could be a program in place for students that can't go home founded by donors or a specific scholarship they can apply for to pay for their room during break. Students that come from far away or have a job shouldn't have to worry about paying for housing.



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TRACK & FIELD

■ Members of the track and field teams will compete at the NCAA Indoor Championships on March 13-14 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. At the SLC Indoor Tournament, the Ladyjacks finished first while the Lumberjacks were fourth.

MEN'S GOLF

■ The men's golf team will be competing at the Houston Baptist University Colin Montgomery Invitational tournament on Monday and Tuesday at Augusta Pines Golf Club in Spring, Texas.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

■ The Ladyjacks will compete at the Southland Conference Mid-Season Event March 14-15 in Houston after playing five nonconference games. The team finished the Arizona State Invitational with one win and two losses.

TENNIS

■ The Ladyjacks will play against University of the Incarnate Word at 1 p.m. Friday, Abilene Christian University at 11 a.m. Sunday and Sam Houston State University at 1 p.m. March 14. This will be the first games of a five-game home stand.

Pole vaulters jump to new heights



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Branson Ellis, a sophomore from Tyler, and **Kaylee Bizzell, a senior from Golden,** placed first at the Southland Conference Indoor Championship. Ellis jumped a height of 5.62m at the meet. He cleared a height of 5.80m, which is an Olympic standard jump, at the Toyota USATF Indoor Championship. It also set the record for the SLC and SFA. At the same meet, Bizzell achieved the fourth highest jump in the NCAA with a height of 4.50m. Both athletes will compete at the NCAA Indoor Championship March 13-14 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



Pole vaulters Bizzell and Ellis clinch gold medals at SLC Indoor Championship, set goal to compete at Olympics

By Alec Reyes
Staff Writer

SFA's Track and Field team was represented by pole vaulters senior Kaylee Bizzell and sophomore Branson Ellis at the USA Track and Field Indoor Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They both left Albuquerque setting records and personal bests.

Bizzell, a senior from Golden, set a new personal best by clearing 4.50m, which tied the fourth best mark in the NCAA and finished seventh overall. She took first in the Southland Conference Indoor Championship last

week with a 4.07m jump and was awarded All-SLC honors.

"This has definitely been the best season yet," Bizzell said. "I'm soaking in my senior year. Nursing school's cooled down a little bit; and now, I'm focusing on track a lot, and I've had a pretty good year. I'm excited for the next few meets and outdoor."

Ellis, the reigning SLC champion, cleared 5.80m (19 ft -0.25in.) on his sixth jump of the day. The jump set both SLC and SFA indoor records and was an Olympic standard jump. He finished the event in second place and was named the SLC Men's Field Athlete of the Week.

"It was very humbling," Ellis said. "It was because I know that not everybody is

able to do that, and just the fact that I got an opportunity and the chance to do that really meant a lot to me."

While it was a jump that made several records, SFA volunteer assistant coach Jeff Erickson claims it was expected, considering Ellis' performance in practice.

"We pretty much knew it was coming," Erickson said. "It wasn't really a shock to us that much because we see it every day."

Ellis, an agricultural engineering major who attended Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler, began pole vaulting his sophomore year. He was a three-time state qualifier in Class 6A where he won the silver medal the first year and won the gold

medal the next two. Ellis also set the Texas Class 6A record his senior year by clearing 18 feet and 3¼ inches. However, even before taking up pole vaulting, Ellis competed in gymnastics.

"When I was in gymnastics, my coach took me about as far as he knew, and I stopped progressing because we didn't know what to do after that," Ellis said. "I eventually stopped doing that."

But, it was one day during biology class that would change Ellis' life.

"I was in biology class one day, and my teacher was the pole vault coach," Ellis said. "He came up to me and asked me how gymnastics was

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SFA's baseball, softball teams to begin conference play this week

By John Ammon
Contributing Writer

SFA baseball returns to Nacogdoches this week to play Lamar University in a three-game series Friday through Sunday. The Ladyjacks will play at home against Baylor University Wednesday, then travel to Beaumont for a series against LU Friday and Saturday. On Tuesday, they will travel to Houston to play

Texas Southern University.

Lumberjacks

The Lumberjacks will start their series at 6 p.m. on Friday at Jaycees field. The series will continue at 2 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. SFA maintains an overall record of 3-7, with a .300 winning percentage. The Jacks lost their last series against the University of Portland 0-3. LU has a 5-5 overall record and a .500 winning percentage.

SFA baseball is looking to get their conference play off to a fast start. In their last meeting, SFA swept LU in Beaumont and have a winning streak of four.

The Cardinals' junior outfielder Avery George holds a batting average of .390, leading the team with 16 hits and eight RBIs. Sophomore infielder Kelby Weyler chips

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Lumberjacks, Ladyjacks to play Sam Houston Bearkats in doubleheader

SFA's basketball teams to host Bearkats on senior night, look ahead to tournament play

By Faith Skodak
Contributing Writer

The SFA Lumberjacks and Ladyjacks basketball teams are set to face the Sam Houston State University Bearkats this week to close the season before the Southland Conference tournament in March.

Ladyjacks

The Ladyjacks plan to take on the Sam Houston, Bearkats at 2 p.m. on Saturday in William R. Johnson Coliseum. The game will be broadcast on ESPN3.

In the Southland Conference, the Ladyjacks remain in first with a 15-3 SLC record along with an overall season record of 22-5.

SHSU is ranked third in the SLC with a 14-4 record. Their overall season record is 19-8.

"The battle and rivalry with Sam Houston is intense and passionate for both our players and the fans," said SFA head



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Celebrating after a play, Nathan Bain, from Freeport, Bahamas, yells out while walking alongside teammate **Sama'Zha Hart, from Dallas.** The Jacks defeated the Northwestern State University Demons 90-59 on Wednesday.

women's basketball coach Mark Kellogg. "Both teams are having really good seasons; and most likely, there will be a lot on the line for this game. We need to create a tremendous home court advantage on Saturday afternoon."

On Saturday, the Ladyjacks will face sophomore forward Amber Leggett from Navarre,

Florida. Leggett has the highest scoring average at 15.6 points per game. She also has a .458 field-goal percentage, which is the fourth highest field-goal percentage for the Bearkats. In steals, Leggett has a total of 77 this season, along with 22 blocks. Senior guard

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