

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY

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The campus of Sul Ross State University consists of approximately 600 acres and numerous buildings, including ten academic classroom buildings, the Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library, a maintenance complex, a student center, three residence halls, over 100 apartments, and the President's Home.

The **Barton H. Warnock Science Building** features labs, an observatory and other facilities for chemistry, physics, geology and several branches of biology, including botany, zoology, microbiology and molecular biology. The science building houses the Biology Department and the Earth and Physical Sciences Department.

The **Turner Range Animal Science Center** houses the university's animal science and natural resource management departments. It includes an animal health clinic, an equine science center, swine production facilities, farrier technology programs, meat processing facilities, and modern, well equipped laboratories.

In 2001, the 77th Legislature provided more than \$17 million for a renovation and addition to the Warnock Science Building and a renovation and addition to the Turner Range Animal Science Center.

The **Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library**, with its state-of-the art automation technology, also houses the Archives of the Big Bend, the Office of Information Technology Media and Instructional Technology Services. In 1997, the 75th Legislature provided resources for an expansion of the Wildenthal Library. Renovation and the addition of a third floor to the Wildenthal Library was completed in 2001.

The **Academic Computing Resource Center** is home for the University's modern computer laboratories available for student, staff or faculty use. In addition, the building contains the Computer Science and Mathematics departmental offices, tutorial areas and classrooms, the Title V Science Initiative and the Chihuahuan Desert Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc.,

The **Morelock Academic Building** contains the Languages and Literature Department, the Education Department, the Criminal Justice Department and Law Enforcement Academy, the Office of the Dean of Professional Studies and the Mary Thomas Marshall Auditorium.

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In 1997, the 75th Legislature provided resources for the conversion of **Ferguson Hall** from residential to academic use. Ferguson Hall now includes the Center for Big Bend Studies, the Academic Center for Excellence, Student Support Services, Counseling and Prevention Services, the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences, Title V Program and the Vocational Nursing Department.

The **Francois Fine Arts Building** houses the university's Art Gallery, the Studio Theatre, the Fine Arts and Communication Department, classrooms and studios, along with facilities for SRTV and KSRC-FM Radio.

The **Briscoe Administration Building** is home to most central administrative offices as well as Recruiting and Admissions, the Registrar, Financial Assistance, News and Publications, the Purchasing Department, Business Administration Department, Controller's Office, Human Resources, the Department of Public Safety, offices of the Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, the Vice President for Business Affairs, Vice President for Administrative Services and the President of the University.

In 1993, the 73rd Legislature provided resources for the renovation and conversion of **Lawrence Hall**, a residence hall originally built in the late 1930s. Lawrence Hall is currently home of the Museum of the Big Bend. It houses the Behavioral and Social Sciences Department and features a Cactus Garden Laboratory in front of the building.

In 1995 and 1997, the 74th and 75th Legislatures appropriated funds for the construction of a 51,719 square foot **University Center**. The University Center (UC), constructed in 1999, is the center of campus life and serves as the community center for members of the university family, including students, faculty, administrators, alumni, guests and visitors. The UC includes conference facilities, meeting rooms, indoor and outdoor dining facilities, game room, campus bookstore, post office, office spaces for the Student Government Association, Campus Activities, Student Health Services, Student Life, the Career/Life Center, Alumni Affairs and the UC Coordinator.

In 1997, the 75th Legislature provided resources for the construction of the **Pete P. Gallego Center**, an 81,000 square foot multi-purpose special events center, home to sporting events and other major activities at the University. The center, which was completed in 2001, provides seating for 3,900 persons when used for commencement, and concerts, or 3,200 permanent armchair seats for competition basketball and other sporting events. The center also houses offices for Athletics Programs and the Physical Education Department.

The **Graves-Pierce Recreational Sports Complex** contains an indoor pool, gymnasium, classrooms, weight rooms, racquetball courts and an exercise track. It also houses the offices of

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Recreational Sports Programs and is adjacent to seven tennis courts that were constructed in 1996.

Major facility expansion programs have been initiated at **Rio Grande College**. In 2001 over 13,000 square feet of classroom, computer lab, and office space was dedicated in **Eagle Pass**. In 2003 over 33,000 square feet of classroom, computer lab, science/nursing lab, faculty and general office space was added to the facility in **Del Rio**. Plans call for similar expansion to take place in **Uvalde**. The Uvalde expansion will also include classroom, computer lab, and faculty and office space to be completed in 2007.

The **Physical Plant Complex** is the center of many of the university's operations. The Print Shop and Central Receiving Department are located here, along with many of the Sul Ross Maintenance Departments.

The **Industrial Technology Building** is home to the university's Industrial Technology Department and numerous programs. It contains several labs and tech-classrooms.

Student housing residence facilities are **Mountainside Hall, Fletcher Hall** and the **Brick Cottages**. Construction is underway for a new \$20 million student housing complex.

In 2004, SRSU received approval from the Texas State University System to enter into a development agreement for new housing on the Sul Ross State University campus.

University dramatic and musical events are staged at the Studio Theatre, the Mary Thomas Marshall Auditorium, and the Outdoor Theatre of the Big Bend, an open air theatre used in the summer.

Football and track and field events are held at Jackson Field, baseball at Kokernot Field, and activities of various types are held in the historic Kokernot Lodge. The birthplace of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, the University hosts an NIRA rodeo on campus each year in the covered San Antonio Livestock Exposition Arena. The University is a member of the American Southwest Conference, participating in non-scholarship competitive sports events for both men and women under the auspices of the NCAA Division III. Sponsored sports include basketball, volleyball, football, baseball, softball, tennis, and cross country.

In 2001, Sul Ross State University acquired the old Centennial School property in Alpine and began the process of restoring it for use by the University. Centennial School now houses the Big Bend Region Minority and Small Business Development Center, costume storage for the SRSU Fine Arts Theatre Department, along with space for various grant-based programs and research projects of the Center for Big Bend Studies along with other state and local government agencies.

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In 2002, SRSU received its largest private contribution commitment which launched a major fundraising campaign to renovate and restore a native rock building on the campus to once again serve as the home of the Museum of the Big Bend. Originally constructed in the late 1930s, the rock building first served to house the Big Bend Memorial Museum and later served as the Student Union Building. When the new University Center was dedicated in 2000, the native rock building again became available for use, but would require renovation to serve again as the museum building. In honor of the major benefactors whose private contribution made the fundraising campaign successful, the renovated facility will be named the Miriam and Emmett McCoy Building.