People

Dr. Lissa Pollacia and Dr. Jack Russell attended the International Association of Computer Information Systems (IACIS) conference held in Reno, Nevada, Oct. 4-8. Dr. Pollacia presented a paper, “Factors Affecting Declining Enrollments in Computer Information Systems” that explores the reasons why there is a national decline in the number of students majoring in computer-related fields. Dr. Russell presented a paper entitled “A Proposed Teaching Model for a Capstone Class in the IS Curriculum: A Survey Analysis of IS Educators and IS Professionals.” This paper outlines the teaching model that he utilizes in the CIS Capstone class at NSU.

Michelle Fazio Brunson will present “World Wide Wow: Bringing the Early Childhood Classroom into the Digital Age” at the Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators on November 29 in Baton Rouge.

Stacy Fontenot, projects coordinator for the School of Social Sciences, represented Northwestern at a national

Service Week: Can You Handle It?

Service learning is simply doing service that will have a measurable outcome. NSU faculty/staff will have the opportunity to contribute during NSU’s first-ever Service Week Nov. 6-10.

“The rationale behind this program is to serve the community, the university and the learner,” explained Patric DuBois, Director of Wellness and Recreation. “Service Week is a win-win for all involved. We try to include service learning in many of the activities that we do during this week.” Planners hope students will connect their curriculum to the service learning experience, learn to successfully interact with public and private agencies and analyze their learning experience beyond the actual event.

“We are starting it off on a smaller scale that we hope to see grow in the future,” DuBois said. “We hope to have a few hundred participants from all areas.” Service Week is a part of the NSU Express in Student Affairs, which began last spring. Planners intend for Service Week to become an annual event.

The ways to get involved are listed below. “We have had a very good response from the faculty/staff on the NSU campus wishing to be a part of Service Week,” DuBois said. “I think it is very important for all of us to be involved in one way or another in service. I think the feedback we have received from our faculty/staff shows how caring and supportive they are towards the whole NSU community.”

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Couple receives Peacemakers of the Year Award

Dr. John Dollar and wife Janet received the Peacemakers of the Year Award from the DOVES organization on Oct. 2. DOVES (Domestic Violence, Education and Support) is a non-profit community based organization dedicated to ending domestic violence. The Dollars generously donated a car to the organization to assist in fundraising efforts. The car will be raffled and the drawing for the winner held on November 10, 2006 with all proceeds supporting program sustainability at DOVES.

“Without the support of community members like the Dollars, we at DOVES would not be able to carry out our mission of ending domestic violence,” stated Dr. Catherine McMillan, fundraising chairperson and assistant professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance. “We are grateful to the Dollars and thankful for their donation.”

Tickets can be purchased for $5 from any DOVES board member or from the following faculty: Dr. Catherine McMillan, Department of Health and Human Performance; Dr. Bill Housel, Department of Sociology, or Barbara Pierce, Department of Social Work. Dr. John Dollar is an assistant professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance since the Fall of 2003. His wife Janet is a homemaker originally from Deridder.

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chapter officer training workshop for The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Fontenot currently serves as secretary of the Northwestern Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

Dr. J. Mark Thompson, Professor of Music, performed at a special convocation and a luncheon celebrating the centennial of Louisiana College on October 26. The keynote speaker at both events was the Honorable George H. W. Bush, 41st President of the United States.

Love Fund

A City Bank & Trust Co. Love Fund has been established on behalf of the Jeffery Guin family. Jeff is employed at the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, and ElizaBeth Guin is employed in the NSU School of Social Sciences as graduate coordinator and associate professor in the Heritage Resources program. The Guins, including their two-year-old daughter Kaleigh, lost their home due to flooding from the storms on October 16. Anyone wishing to make a financial contribution can go to any City Bank branch and ask to donate to the Jeffery Guin Family Love Fund. Questions can be directed to City Bank’s main branch at 146 St. Denis St., phone number 318-352-4416.
**NSU Assistant Professor Dr. Catherine McMillan and Graduate Student Beverly Owusu-Duku attended the Susan G. Komen “Race for the Cure.”**

**HHP professor, student promote breast cancer screening program during ‘Race for the Cure’**

Dr. Catherine E. McMillan, assistant professor of health promotion in the Department of Health and Human Performance, and Beverly Owusu-Duku, a graduate student in the Master of Health Promotion degree program attended the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Sept. 16.

Dr. McMillan is the director of the “Take Action Against Breast Cancer Project.” This program is designed to provide women without insurance or other financial support in the Natchitoches and Red River parishes the opportunity to obtain free mammograms. This program will create an awareness of services available in the areas and encourage women to seek diagnostic testing. The total amount of the award is $15,000. Owusu-Duku serves as the project’s assistant director. She will graduate in the spring of 2007 and go on to pursue a medical degree.

Anyone interested in the program is encouraged to call 357-5120.

**Faculty violinist will perform recital**

Assistant Professor of Violin **Andrej Kurti** will present a recital Friday, Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Kurti will perform Partita No. 2 in D-minor for Solo Violin by Bach, Sonata No. 2, op.27 for Solo Violin by Eugene Ysaye, Mozart’s Violin-Viola Duo in G-major, with viola part to be performed on euphonium by NSU faculty member Masahito Kuroda and Sonata No. 4, op.27 for Solo Violin by Ysaye.

“The works by Bach and Mozart are classics, and a great deal has been said about their genius in music and history of music,” said Kurti. “However, Ysaye sonatas are less known even though they are masterpieces written for the solo instrument. They demand high technical abilities from the performer. The music is beautiful, flowing, and there

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University College’s Academic Center houses a university-wide tutoring program, academic advising, and disability services. The Kyser Hall location also contains a study hall and student technology computers. These services are free and open to all NSU Students. For more information, call 357-6980 or visit Kyser Hall room 239.

**Kyser Hall Tutoring Program & Tutoring Outposts**

During the day, the Academic Center provides free tutoring services to all students in the Kyser Location. This location is optimal for many students, especially those who are in between classes.

The Academic Center Tutoring Outposts have been developed to facilitate free tutoring by appointment and on a walk-in basis during evening hours in multiple locations on campus: Boozman Residence Hall, Health & Human Performance Building, and the Wellness, Recreation, and Activities Center (WRAC). These extended hours of operation and locations were strategically selected in an effort to reach-out to resident and commuter students.

In all four locations, Academic Center tutoring services address core curricula and certain other courses, including those for which there is a high rate of grades: D, F, and W.

Tutoring is provided in approximately 100 different subjects, ranging from math and science to English, history, and communication.

Free tutoring services include: One-on-One Peer-Tutoring and Small Group Tutoring. In addition, Academic Success Workshops have been (and will continue to be) an important part of the Tutoring Services available at the Academic Center.

All Academic Center peer-tutors have at least a 3.0 Cumulative GPA and faculty endorsement. In addition, College Reading and Learning Association certification ensures that tutor training and performance meets national standards of excellence.

Effective tutoring services, such as those provided in the Academic Center, are key components to a university-wide retention plan that works. We hope that everyone will take the opportunity to visit with us and take advantage of free peer tutoring and other services aimed at promoting academic success for all students at NSU.

1. **Kyser Hall Academic Center** (Room 239) M-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
2. **Tutoring Outpost @ Boozman** (3rd Floor Lobby, adjacent to the Student Technology Computer Lab). Sun-Thursday: 7 p.m.-10 p.m.
3. **Tutoring Outpost @ WRAC** (Room 208, just left of the Welcome Desk) Mon-Thursday: 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
4. **Tutoring Outpost @ HHP Building** (Room 129, adjacent to the Student Technology Computer Lab. Also, Room 119 can serve as an over-flow room) Sun-Thursday: 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

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1/2 Price Blood-Lipid Profiles at the WRAC Fitness Assessment Lab (WRAC)

Movie in the Alley at 7pm – “An Inconvenient Truth”. (Service Week Committee – Iggy)

We will have a discussion or question/answer session following the movie with Dr. Greg Granger.

International Student Association will visit the NSU Elementary Lab School to share a variety of cultural activities.

**November 8 – Wednesday**

Thanksgiving Dinner @ Lunch served by you at the Council on Aging (Service Week Committee)

1/2 Price Blood-Lipid profiles at the WRAC Fitness Assessment Lab (WRAC)

Canned Food Drive Continues (SAB)

Phi Beta Sigma All Greek Basketball Fundraiser tournament 6pm – 9pm (WRAC)

Wellness Seminar – “Diabetes Awareness” 5pm at the WRAC Room 208 (WRAC)

International Student Association will visit the NSU Elementary Lab School to share a variety of cultural activities.

**November 9 – Thursday**

“Pay it forward: A day to help others” (Service Week Committee)

Canned Food Drive – City Wide Collection Day (Wal-Mart and Brookshires) (SAB/RSO’s)

International Student Association will visit the NSU Elementary Lab School to share a variety of cultural activities.

**November 10 – Friday**

Canned Food Drive (SAB)

The Big Event/Clean-up Day – Campus RSO’s and general student population clean specified areas on campus and at the Council of Aging 10am – 3pm. (Service Week Committee/RSO’s/SAB/SGA)

NSU Men’s Basketball vs. Utah State 7:45pm in Prather Coliseum
Physical Plant outlines projects, gives updates

The 2006-2007 fiscal year started out very busy for the Physical Plant. Several projects have been completed and many others, several of which are multi-million dollar projects, are being planned.

The most notable project is the Williamson Hall renovation. It is being designed with planned renovations to start in the summer of 2007. Dodd Hall is now being prepared to house the Departments of Engineering Technology and Continuing Education in the summer of 2007 during these renovations. Additionally, a project to replace the electrical distribution system on campus has been funded and planning is now underway for the project design. East and West Caspari are being designed to include the renovation of East Caspari and the demolition and reconstruction of West Caspari so that the buildings together can serve as a central Student Services Building. These three projects will make major strides to improve our campus and offer improved learning environments for students.

Other projects scheduled include the abatement and demolition of Rapides Hall. Abatement is scheduled to start in December and demolition is planned for spring 2007. Also, the design is underway for the demolition of the “old” Grounds and Automotive building on South Jefferson near the railroad tracks. The Grounds staff has already moved to the newly renovated facility within the new Facilities Complex on South Jefferson, and the automotive services shop will relocate shortly.

Other campus projects include:

1) Repairs at the Campus Police/Health Services building including new air and heating systems, plumbing, electrical and roofing.

2) A project has been designed to repair the exterior walls of the Creative and Performing Arts Complex, including brick cleaning and repair. The “EFIS” white surface is deteriorating and has become a visual concern for this facility.

3) The State Office of Facility Planning and Control has received bids to re-roof the James A. Noe North (ROTC) and South (Recruiting, Student Services, and Nursing) Halls, Campus Police/Health Services Building, and the “new” Grounds and Automotive shop at the Facility Services Complex. These projects address aging and leaking roofs and were on the list for replacement prior to Hurricane Katrina. These projects were delayed while the state addressed the critical needs situation in south Louisiana.
**Rebecca K. Boone**, director of Counseling and Career Services, announces two career development courses that are offered every fall and spring semester.

- **OR1030, Career Guidance**, which is designed for freshmen and sophomores who are having difficulty identifying career goals/majors.
- **SPS4000, Professional Development**, which is designed for second semester juniors and seniors. This course is designed to help students prepare themselves for the job search and professional life. Please advise any advisees or students who would benefit about these courses.

A donation was made to the Immaculate Conception Church in memory of Mrs. Mamie E. Trunzler, retiree from Counselor of Women and was Acting Dean of Student Personnel before retiring.

A plant was sent for the funeral service of Mr. Ervin J. Christensen, father of **Dr. Paula Christensen**, faculty member in the College of Education.

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Mrs. Glenda Broadway, mother of **Marla Rachal** in Business Affairs, passed away Oct. 11. Services were Oct. 13 at Blanchard St. Denis with the burial at the Coldwater Baptist Church Cemetery. A spray of flowers was sent to the funeral service from the NSU Floral Fund.

Maria Inez Isbell, mother of **Terry Isbell** in the Department of Psychology, passed away in October after a long illness. At the request of the deceased, there will be no memorial. Her family will inter Mrs. Isbell’s cremains in her native Sangre de Cristo Mountains in the spring.

A spray of flowers was sent to the funeral service for Mr. L. C. Prelow, father of **Sepora Fisher**, faculty member in the Department of Social Work.

A plant was sent for the funeral service of Mrs. Hattie Pope, mother of **Joseph Pope**, faculty member at the Leesville Fort Polk Campus.

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is a feeling like there is more than one person playing a lot of times during the compositions.”

Kurti said only about two dozen musicians have performed the sonatas by Ysaye. A recording of Ysaye sonatas by Kurti made in Magale Recital Hall will be released in the next few months by Blue Griffin Records. Kurti has been recording for Blue Griffin for five years.

A native of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Kurti won several first prizes in national violin competitions. He was also a guest on national radio and television as a featured violinist.

Kurti completed a Bachelor of Music degree and then a Master of Music degree at the Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory. During that time, Kurti toured several European countries as a soloist and a chamber musician.

He completed an additional Master of Music degree and then a doctorate at the University of Georgia. During that time, he became a National Finalist at the MTNA competition, as well as the winner of university competitions.

He has also collaborated with over 30 musical ensembles in non-classical music styles in Athens, Ga., and performed with the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band on the Charlie Daniels Band song The Devil Went Down to Georgia.
Lily Luneau was born on Thursday, October 5 to Lori and Dusty Luneau. She weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 19.5 inches long. Dusty is the Network Administrator for the Space Science Group. Congratulations to the new parents!
CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Joe Morris, Criminal Justice Program, School of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of a $2,491,882 award from the Department of Homeland Security, Preparedness Directorate for “Emergency Planning for Critical Infrastructure Employees and Families.”

Mary Linn Wernet, Watson Library, received notification of a $15,000 award for “Meeting the demands of the ever increasing collections in the Cammie G. Henry Research Center.”

Dr. Dayna Lee, Louisiana Regional Folklife Program, received notification of a $15,000 award from the National Park Service Cane River Creole National Historical Park for “Caddo Connections to the Lower Mississippi River Valley.”

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Ms. Sheila Richmond, Louisiana Folklife Center, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities for “Passing It On–The Next Generation: Narrative sessions at the 2007 Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival.”

Mr. Joseph Biscoe III, Department of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to the University of Texas/Austin, Gulf Coast Addiction Technology Transfer Center for the continuation of funding for “Amendment #5 to cost-reimbursable subaward.”

Dr. George Avery, School of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to Stephen F. Austin State University for “Archeology Collections Management at SFASU.”

Dr. Randy Haley, Department of Social Work, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Board of Regents, SELECT Program, for “NSU Social Work Electronic Bachelor’s Degree Intermediate Course Development Module.” Dr. Wade Tyler, Barb Pierce, Sepora Fisher and Pat Clark are collaborators.

Dr. Rae Osborn, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science & Technology, submitted a proposal to Vernier Science Teachers Association for “Integrating a water quality activity into the undergraduate curriculum.” Dr. Jonathan Akin is collaborator.

The following were submitted to the Board of Regents Enhancement Subprogram:

Dr. Massimo Bezoari, Scholars’ College, submitted a proposal under the Traditional Enhancement Program entitled “Enhancement of Pre-Health and Pre-Medical Science Programs with NMR Spectroscopy.” Dr. Gilliam Rudd, Dr. Darrell Fry and Dr. Andrei Ludu are collaborators.

Dr. Laura Carwile Aaron, College of Nursing, submitted a proposal under the Traditional Enhancement Program entitled “Technology Integration to Enhance Student Clinical Competencies in Radiologic Technology.” Rebecca Britt and Kendall DeLacerda are collaborators.

Mr. Scott Burrell, School of Creative and Performing Arts, submitted a proposal under the Traditional Enhancement Program entitled “The Renovation of Audio Infrastructure for the A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Building.” Mr. Shawn Parr, Dr. J. Mark Thompson, and Mr. Masahito Kuroda are collaborators.

Mr. Matthew DeFord, School of Creative and Performing Arts, submitted a proposal under the Undergraduate Enhancement Program entitled “Equipment Purchase for the Enhancement of Ceramic Studies.”

Dr. Zafer Hatahet, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science and Technology, submitted a proposal under the Undergraduate Enhancement Program entitled “Project Setup of Modern Genetics and Molecular Biology Laboratories.” Dr. Francene Lemoine is collaborator.

For information concerning the 2006-07 Louisiana Board of Regents funding opportunities, deadlines, forms, and more, go to www.laregents.org. For other funding opportunities, visit ORSP’s website at www.nsula.edu/orsp.
4) A major asphalt project was recently completed to overlay Caspari Street from Turpin Stadium to South Jefferson, sections of Tarleton Drive, and Prather Coliseum (West), and a new parking lot was added near the Softball Complex to increase parking availability for campus events. Campus wide repairs are also being identified and scheduled for repair.

5) Another asphalt related project has been designed to repair and overlay the parking lot at the rear of the Print Shop building.

6) The Alumni Courtyard at the Fine Arts Complex is complete, which includes a fountain, a clock, new lighting and landscaping.

7) The Grounds department has added irrigation systems to several areas on campus for much needed water including FACS, Morrison Hall, Fournet, and the triangle at Caspari and Sam Sibley streets.

8) Campus entrance gates have been installed. Brick columns and landscaping is being planned.

9) Fournet Hall has received improvements to the air and heating system, which failed in September.

10) Preparations for the Art Department accreditation are winding down as staff complete repairs including painting, AC work, and door replacements.

11) The Married Student Housing Complex (7 buildings) have received new roofs following damage caused by Hurricane Rita.

12) A new annex building is being constructed at the Facility Services Complex to provide additional storage and shop space.

13) Several projects are underway at the College of Nursing campus in Shreveport; including projects to address water intrusion issues by waterproofing areas, install new windows, and repair the cover of the connecting bridge from the main building to the historical building on Line Avenue.

14) The Teacher Education Center has been re-carpeted with the final two sections complete this summer.

Many of these projects were delayed due to budget concerns following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Funds for these projects are restricted to facility maintenance.
Mark your calendar for the weekend of Nov. 10-11. Northwestern State has used a theme of "Big Time in Your Backyard" to promote the accomplishments of its athletic program and the fact that the Demons are this area’s NCAA Division I "home team."

The "Dynamic Demon Doubleheader" on Friday night, Nov. 10 and Saturday night, Nov. 11 certainly fits that theme.

The showcase attractions: a Friday night men's basketball matchup between two 20-win, NCAA Tournament teams from last season, the NSU Demons and the Utah State Aggies ... Followed on Saturday night at Turpin Stadium by the football grudge match between Northwestern and McNeese State.

The Friday night basketball action in Prather Coliseum actually tips off with a women's contest sending the Lady Demons against Jackson State at 5:45. The men's matchup between the Demons (26-8 last year) and Aggies (23-9) follows two hours later.

Saturday night, Nov. 11, the Demons and Cowboys kick off at 6 at Turpin Stadium.

A 3D ticket is just $10 covering admission to both nights' events. Contact the NSU Athletic Ticket Office at 357-4268 to get your discounted ticket – regular general admission tickets to attend the three games on both nights would cost $20.

Northwestern and Utah State met last year in the ESPN BracketBusters in a Feb. 18 game at Logan, Utah. The Demons led all but the final two minutes in a 66-63 defeat. Coach Mike McConathy's “Demons of Destiny” went on to beat 15th-ranked Iowa in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Once again the Business Affairs office decked themselves in Halloween regalia to greet visiting preschool trick-or-treaters. Kneeling are Elizabeth Yopp, Debbie Adair, Dustie Litton and Katia Colavito. On the back row are Holly Whittington, Markalyn Williams, Diana Cobb, Kristi Oldemeyer, Vicki Ammons, Pam Wells, Daphne Sampite and Tabitha Kerik with Jasmine.