A team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will visit Northwestern March 11-14 to review the university’s accreditation standards Northwestern’s QEP proposal. The review is part of the procedure that determines if the university is reaffirmed as a quality institution of higher education.

“Having the university accredited gives credibility to the degrees offered and the policies in place to run the university,” said Dr. Patrice Moulton, vice president for Student Affairs. “It is an accountability process to show that the university is providing a quality education and the school is doing things well and in a reasonable manner for the student.” This extends beyond academics to all areas of the university that provide services to enhance the university’s mission.

Also on the table is approval for NSU’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), manifested as ACE.

As part of its national accreditation process, NSU has developed a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) that focuses exclusively on student success in academic pursuits as well as career planning. The proposed Academic and Career Engagement, or ACE, will be an improved way to enhance student learning and academic achievement as well as provide students with knowledge about the career fields they are preparing to enter. The advising and counseling initiatives are intended to put students on an academic track aligned with their interests and goals while exploring field-specific information and resources.

Pending approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the program will begin with the Fall 2008 semester, as first-time freshmen will receive strong academic and career counseling as part of the collegiate experience.

The visiting SACS team will consist of nine people from universities similar to Northwestern within the region. Following their evaluation, the team will conduct an exit interview to give university officials an idea about the results of their findings. If approved, reaffirmation for the university will be announced this December at the SACS conference.

“The reaffirmation process is about integrity and credibility,” Moulton explained. “Reaffirmation is evidence that the university sets high standards, provides quality services, employees qualified faculty and provides excellence in education.”
A service dedicating the Northwestern president’s residence in memory of the late Dr. Arnold Kilpatrick and in honor of Mrs. Juanita Kilpatrick was held Feb. 21. A permanent plaque was placed at the front door of the residence recognizing the Kilpatricks as the first residents of the home, and “commemorating the role the Kilpatricks made in making the home a meaningful part of the university,” according to Mrs. Brenda Webb.

Dr. Kilpatrick was president of Northwestern from 1966-78. Completed in 1970, the residence took shape under Mrs. Kilpatrick’s guidance. Several members of the Kilpatrick family were present for the reception and dedication at the home.

The home is frequently used to entertain students, faculty, alumni and honored guests of the university.

“It is hard to express my appreciation,” Mrs. Kilpatrick said. “I love this house…it is something I am proud of.”

Mrs. Kilpatrick recalled that the day the family moved into the home, May 12, was a difficult one. Her daughter, Lael, was involved in a car accident that morning and Dr. Kilpatrick’s mother, who was ill, died that night. The responsibility of coordinating the move fell to Annabelle Lewis, who worked with the NSU first ladies for many years until her retirement in the late 1990s.

Built facing Chaplin’s Lake with Doric columns that echo the style of the Bullard mansion columns, a symbol of Northwestern, the president’s residence was designed by local architects and built at a cost of $125,000. The home’s 6,178 square feet of floor space include a living room, formal dining room, den, breakfast room, kitchen, utility services area, guest suite, family room, three bedrooms, four baths, fireplaces and tastefully appointed furnishings and accents.

Dr. and Mrs. Webb have lived in the home since 1996.

Dr. and Mrs. Webb share a photo of the Presidents Residence with Mrs. Juanita Kilpaptrick, former first lady of NSU, who was instrumental in guiding the construction of the President’s Residence to its completion in 1970.
Screenings, demonstrations, and resources will be offered at HealthFest

The Department of Health and Human Performance will present HealthFest 2007, Natchitoches Parish’s largest community health fair, on Thursday, April 12. The event will be held at Prather Coliseum from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Exhibitors from Natchitoches and other surrounding communities, including Alexandria and Shreveport will be available for participants to visit and ask questions about various health topics and services. Many health screenings will be available as well. For example, participants can get a blood profile, which includes total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, triglycerides, and glucose. There will be four cholesterol screening stations this year. Other screenings include body fat analysis, flexibility, colon screening (using a take-home fecal occult blood test [FOBT] kit), blood pressure, and height and weight.

“The health fair is a perfect opportunity for individuals to be proactive about their health,” said Tara Gallien, HealthFest director. “HealthFest brings health information, services, and screenings together at one central location to accommodate community members’ busy schedules. The HealthFest committee encourages all students, faculty, and staff to set aside at least one hour to attend the event. More time may be required if participants decide to get several screenings.”

In addition to health-related exhibits, participants can enjoy watching various fitness demonstrations, including martial arts and tap-dancing.

“Something a little different this year is the chance to participate in some of the demonstrations,” Gallien said. “For example, participants can try belly-dancing, Zoomba, Nia, or Pilates.”

For more information about HealthFest, contact Gallien at 318-357-5199 or e-mail at tarag@nsula.edu.

Student, faculty volunteers needed

The Department of Health and Human Performance is sponsoring a second health fair at the Martin Luther King Recreational Facility in Natchitoches.

The event will be on June 14 from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Due to the date of the event, very few students and faculty will be available to assist with its implementation.

Individuals interested in volunteering or needing community service hours are asked to contact Tara Gallien at 357-5199 or email at tarag@nsula.edu.
The Criminal Justice program through the School of Social Sciences will hold a career fair from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 in the NSU Student Union on the Natchitoches campus. The event is open to anyone interested in criminal justice as a career. This annual fair provides a forum for students, prospective employers, recruiters, law schools, and interested members of the community to meet and communicate in a convenient setting for employment services. Students and members of the communities around Northwestern and the State of Louisiana are also encouraged and invited to attend.

Law enforcement, correction organizations, federal, state and local governments, law schools, university graduate programs, and other prospective employers are invited to represent their organizations and to present career options to interested individuals regarding the application process for available positions in law enforcement, law, and associated fields. These professionals participate in this career fair along with students and other individuals interested in speaking with professional contacts about employment opportunities and career options.

The Criminal Justice Program at Northwestern State University provides an array of options for career development including an associate degree in criminal justice, a bachelor degree in criminal justice, the ability to fulfill the requirements for both degrees on several campuses and/or completely by Internet courses for students seeking criminal justice associate and bachelor’s degrees. Persons interested in pursuing this fascinating field as a career are also invited to attend and meet our faculty and staff.

For more information, please contact Shirley Snyder, Job Fair Coordinator, 350 Sam Sibley Blvd., Natchitoches, LA 71497; (318) 357-5505, or the Criminal Justice Office at (318) 357-6967.

To find out more about the Spring 2007 Criminal Justice Career Fair, check out the website: http://www.nsula.edu/criminaljustice.

Golf tournament will benefit scholarship funds

The NSU Criminal Justice Program will host the second annual Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament to raise funds for the Frank C. Kyle and Glen Denning Devanie Memorial Scholarships. The tournament will take place beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 14.

Individuals, businesses and organizations are invited to participate in this tournament. Teams are encouraged to enter the tournament and to challenge friends and colleagues to do the same. Businesses, organizations, and groups are encouraged to support this charity on an even more personal level, providing donations and prizes toward these worthy scholarship charities in addition to playing in the tournament. Donations and sponsorships are tax deductible.

The Kyle scholarship was established to recognize the professionalism in criminal justice that embodied the character of a deceased faculty member of the NSU criminal justice program. The Devanie scholarship was established to honor the legacy of a criminal justice major and an Alexandria deputy marshal killed in the line of duty.

To find out more about the golf tournament, visit the website for information, entry forms, and donations forms: http://www.nsula.edu/criminaljustice. For more information, call 6967 or 357-5505.

Maxine Johnson and Mrs. Brenda Webb created a festive atmosphere are the Shreveport College of Nursing by decorating a Mardi Gras tree.
**CON’s Ledbetter presented title of Dean Emeritus**

Dr. Peggy Jean Ledbetter was presented with the title of Dean Emeritus at the Northwestern State University College of Nursing. Ledbetter is a Nightingale Hall of Fame inductee and boasts an extremely long list of professional accomplishments.

Having completed a diploma in nursing, followed by her baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degrees at the University of Alabama, she sought and became the dean of the College of Nursing at Northwestern in the late 1960s. That position served as the lynchpin from which many precedent-setting changes in nursing education and practice, not only at Northwestern, but throughout the State and at the national level.

At the time of her appointment as Dean, some of the first’s in Louisiana began to occur:

- She was the first Dean of Nursing in Louisiana to hold and earned doctorate; and, at the time, was the youngest dean of nursing in the nation!
- She was the first woman with an earned doctorate to hold an academic dean position at Northwestern;

In years following:

- The first master’s program in nursing was established at Northwestern.
- The first advanced practice masters program was established at Northwestern.
- With the initiation of the Associate Degree program, Northwestern’s College of Nursing was the first to house three autonomous degree programs in nursing.
- The first Continuing Education program for Registered Nurses within a College of Nursing was established at Northwestern.
- The first chapter of Sigma Theta Tau in Louisiana was established at Northwestern

Throughout her 20-year tenure at Northwestern, she directed untiring efforts toward advancing the profession of nursing in Louisiana and throughout the nation.

The following constitutes a brief summary of some of her professional activities:

- She was appointed to the Louisiana State Board of Nurse Examiners (now LSBN) by the Honorable John J. McKeithen, serving as president during her term; she was instrumental in the successful reenactment of the Nursing Practice Act in 1976.

- She was a continuous member of the Louisiana State Nurses Association, serving as president, vice president, and on the Continuing Education, Nomination, Resolution and Goals, Historical, and Legislative Committees. She also served as Vice Chair of the Voluntary Organization to Involve Nurses in Government (VOTING), which is was the forerunner to LANPAC.

- She served as a Nurse Consultant to the Surgeon General of the U. S. Air Force, receiving the designation of “Emeritus” in 1980.
CONGRATULATIONS

Ms. Julie Longlois, Carl Perkins Program, received notification of a $17,284 award from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System for “Carl Perkins Basic Carryover.”

Dr. Matthew Boggan, College of Education, received notification of an award of up to $1,000 from the La. Board of Regents, NSF EPSCoR sponsored Travel Grants for Emerging Faculty (TGEF) Program.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Mr. Jody Biscoe, III, Department of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals for “Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Control the Enforcement Arm of Synar Amendment in Louisiana with Dataset.”

For more information regarding funding opportunities, visit ORSP’s website at www.nsula.edu/orsp.

GRADUATE COUNCIL RESCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 6

Please be advised that the Graduate Council meeting scheduled for February 27, 2007 has been rescheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2007. The Graduate Council will meet in Room 203-C, Roy Hall to review all proposals submitted, according to Dr. Steve Horton, dean of Graduate Studies.

Departments having proposals on the agenda for this meeting should provide a representative to answer any questions that may arise. If you have any questions concerning the rescheduled Graduate Council meeting, please call Janine at 357-5851.

Costa Rica eco-tour is open to students, faculty and staff

Dr. Lynn Woods, associate professor of Family and Consumer Science, is sponsoring a summer trip to Costa Rica that is open to students, faculty and the community.

The trip, course number HMT 4260, will take place the third summer session.

“This is a brand new course,” Woods said. “Right now, the trip, including room, two meals per day, all ground transportation, all Spanish classes and all sightseeing activities, such as ziplining through the rain forest, snorkel lessons, arenal volcano horseback ride, Meringue Salsa dancing classes, are included in the $2,100 trip price.”

What is not included is the third summer session tuition fee and airfare.

The course is a study abroad, which is designed to acquaint participants with the experience of living in a foreign country for three weeks. Participants will learn first-hand about the host country’s culture, tradition, language, cuisine and major tourist attractions.

For a syllabus with a complete list of activities included with the Costa Rica trip, e-mail Woods at llywoods@nsula.edu.

Woods is also promoting a new on-line non-degree Lodging Management Certification class.
Gardening-How to Develop a Tropical Landscape in Central Louisiana & Domestic Landscape Design
TAKE ONE OR BOTH CLASSES FOR $49

How to Develop a Tropical Landscape in Central Louisiana
Date: Mar. 6, Tues
Time: 6-7:30pm
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 203
(Natchitoches Room)
Instructor: Gale Trussell

Domestic Landscape Design
Date: Mar. 13, Tues
Time: 6-7:30pm
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 203
(Natchitoches Room)
Instructor: Gale Trussell

MS Excel 2003
Date: Mar. 6, 8, & 13, Tues & Thurs
Time: 5:30-8:30pm
Fee: $99
Location: Williamson Hall, Rm. 103
Instructor: Dara Stanfill

ACT Prep
Date: Mar. 10-31, (Sat.)
Time: 9am-4pm
Fee: $179
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 115
Instructor: TBA

ONLINE COURSE
Telecommuting-Working from Home!
Date: Mar. 13-Apr. 27
Fee: $69
Instructor: TBA

Cajun Dance
Date: Mar. 15-Apr. 19, Thurs
Time: 7-9pm
Fee: $75 per couple
Location: Prather Coliseum, East Concourse
Instructor: Billy Keyes

Decorating Plated Desserts
Date: Mar. 16 & 17, Fri & Sat
Time: 6-10pm-Fri
9am-12pm-Sat
Fee: $89
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 203
Instructor: Nathaniel McGaskey

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David Tummons, an electronics technician in the Department of Electronic Learning, will complete a 32-year journey in higher education when he receives his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice this spring. Tummons, who earned an associate degree in general studies in 2006, became interested in the criminal justice field while attending a law enforcement school with the U.S. Coast Guard in which he was a team member and leader on several “busts,” relating to immigration in Alaska and fisheries to drugs in Puerto Rico and Hawai.

Employed with Electronic Learning since March 2001, Tummons’ job is to assist in the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the classrooms that stream video classrooms.

“This position used to be an independent when I was first hired,” he explained. “My office was opposite the radio station in Kyser. I was basically the campus electronics technician. I also set up audio/visual equipment when needed in the Fine Arts and Magale auditoriums or anywhere else on campus and I assist in the maintenance of the scoreboards and PA systems for the athletic department.”

As a criminal justice major, Tummons is a member of the Lambda Alpha Epsilon, a fraternal criminal justice organization that keeps members abreast of the ever-changing law enforcement tactics, and laws in our country.

Keeping up with classes while working full-time was a challenge, he said.

“Last year I took 21 hours both semesters, plus a full load in the summer because my VA moneys were running out and I wanted to hurry and finish. That was probably my hardest year here,” he said.

The rewards are being on the cutting edge of the future of education.

“Streaming classrooms out to other communities is just the beginning,” he said. “Last year Northwestern had our first graduate that attended totally through Electronic Learning Department to earn her bachelor’s in psychology. She did this completely from her home in Indiana. In the future, if one chooses, a student will be able to have total live classroom participation directly between your home PC, and Northwestern classrooms.”

Tummons is originally from Bolivar, Mo., a small community, and graduated from Bolivar High School. He later received technical training through the U.S. Army Telephone Lineman’s School in Augusta, Ga.; the U.S. Coast Guard Electronics School in Petaluma, Calif.; and the U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Training in Petaluma.

Tummons’ hobbies include working out at the WRAC, racquetball, bike riding and woodcarving.

He considers his job at Northwestern the most interesting he has ever had.

“I have traveled around the world three times and have worked with many different people but I will always consider NSU and the people here in the electronic continuing education department as the most professional yet,” he said.

Commenting on his experience as a non-traditional student, Tummons said the size of the university is a big advantage.

“I started attending colleges 32 years ago. I have attended 8 different Colleges/Universities from Alaska, to Stuttgart, W. Germany,” he explained. “I took my first classes at a college in Missouri where the freshman class alone was 12,000. My first year classes had 400 people in them. There was no camaraderie in a school that large. And forget about trying to talk to the professors before or after classes. You were nothing but a number to them.”

His experience at NSU has been very different. “Since I have been here I have always been impressed with the care and sincerity the professors have toward helping the students,” he said. “There is one professor in particular who I had not been in their class, or seen them for two years. I was stuck one weekend with a very difficult calculus problem, so as a last resort, I called them at home on a Sunday evening. They did not hesitate to stop what they were doing to help me to understand the problem and walk me through it so I could finish the others.”

Although returning to the classroom at a mature age is challenging, Tummons said he does not want to put barriers on himself just because of his age. He was inspired to continue to pursue the degree after reading a collection of Ann Landers letters in which a woman in her 50s...
NSU will host SLC Baseball Tournament in May


Coach Mitch Gaspard and what figures to be a talent-laden Demon team are counting on the home field advantage to play a big role in their charge to the tournament title. The champion gets an automatic invitation to the NCAA Tournament. The charming setting in the natural bowl facing Chaplin’s Lake ranks among the best in the country.

Advance ticket purchases guarantee prime seat locations, including box seats, for each tournament game at a significant savings over the per-game rate. They also help the NSU Athletic Department recoup the financial guarantee required to host the event.

The charming setting in the natural bowl facing Chaplin’s Lake ranks among the best in the country. You can be sure there will be great food grilling at the top of the hill throughout the tournament, as teams from around the SLC come hoping to knock off the Demons.

For ticket information, visit www.nsudemons.com and click on the buy tickets button on the left side of the main page, or call the NSU athletic ticket office at 318-357-4268.

Sympathy

Services for Mrs. Annie Lee Dumars McDaniel, mother of Billie Ray Dumars, Red River Sanitators, Biology Department, passed away Sunday, January 21, 2007. Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 27.

Services for John R. Hippler Sr., father-in-law of Ada Hippler, Department of Language and Communication and NSU Writing Project, and father of former NSU employee Stan Hippler, passed away Monday, Feb. 5.

Services were held at Beulah Baptist Church in Many on Feb. 7.

A donation was made to the United Way in memory of Mrs. Mary Pauline Posey Tatum, mother of Dr. Susan Pierce, associate professor, College of Nursing.

Birth Announcements

Todd Barrios, CEC, chef instructor in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, and his wife Sheree would like to announce the birth of their son. Cale Griffin Barrios was born on January 30, 2007, at 10:36 p.m. at Natchitoches Regional Medical Center. Cale weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Cale has an older sister, Camryn, age 7, and an older brother, Caden, age 19 months.

Jenny Cowan, scholarship coordinator for Louisiana Pathways, NSU Child and Family Network, and husband Chris welcomed James Wyatt Cowan to their family on January 26. “Wyatt” was born at 6:24 p.m. at Christus Schumpert Highland in Shreveport. He weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

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earned an undergraduate and master’s degrees and entered the workforce “at her age.” He also finds inspiration in the George Elliot quote, “It’s never too late to be who you might have been.”

Remembering many late nights “when I was up past midnight trying to finish that last bit of homework, or find one more source for that last page to a term paper, and when I was tired and wondering why was I putting myself through all of this ‘at my age,’ I stop and think to myself ‘Where will I, or anybody, be in two or three or four years?’ We don’t know. Besides, today’s 50 is yesterday’s 30.”
of the Cultural Resource Office, attended the annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology in Williamsburg, Va., in January to present a paper entitled “Finding Historic Burials at the Sandiferd Cemetery: A Comparison of Two Soil Compaction Meters.”

**Dr. Massimo D. Bezoari**, associate professor of chemistry at the Louisiana Scholars’ College, and Jennifer Foret, former undergraduate at Huntingdon College, published an article entitled “Perfumes Have a Rich History” in the Natchitoches Times weekend edition Feb. 10-11. The article was abstracted from the background work to a research project that the co-authors presented, “Perfume Analysis Using GCMS,” at the 223rd National American Chemical Society Meeting in Orlando, Fla.

Several faculty members from the College of Business will be traveling to the Federation of Business Discipline Conference in San Diego, Calif., March 12-17.

“Communication and General Knowledge Skills: Alumni Perceptions” submitted by **Dr. Julie McDonald**, associate professor; **Dr. Margaret S. Kilcoyne**, associate professor, and **Dr. Joel Worley**, professor, has been accepted for publication and presentation at the Association for Business Communication 2007 Conference in San Diego, CA on March 12-17.

Also accepted for publication and presentation at the conference were “Alumni Perceptions of Degree Preparation: Are Business Programs Effective?” submitted by Dr. McDonald, Dr. Kilcoyne and Dr. Worley and “A Profile of College of Business Courses Offered over the Internet” submitted by **Dr. Walter Creighton**, professor, and Dr. Kilcoyne.

Dr. McDonald is serving as the 2007 President of the Association of Business Information Systems.

**Dr. Dorothy Hubbard** attended the Catholic Medical Association meeting in Boston October 26-28, with two medical students from LSUHSC-Shreveport and with Dr. Bruce Pistorius, Shreveport pediatrician in private practice. This meeting was the 75th annual meeting of the CMA. People, primarily physicians, attended from all over the country. Dr. Hubbard and the students gave an overview of the meeting to the Catholic Medical Student Association of LSUHSC-Shreveport on January 30.

Dr. Hubbard had an article published in the Linacre Quarterly, February 2007, entitled “Catholic Medical Student Program.”

**Debra Shelton** presented “Evaluating in the Classroom” at the 2007 Faculty Development Conference held in Houston on February 8 - 10. The conference was the first of its kind sponsored by the American Association of Colleges in Nursing. Also attended the conference was **Shirley Cashio**.

Dr. Hubbard presented “Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare Service” to the Catholic Medical Student Association of LSUHSC-Shreveport on February 13.

**Dr. Paul Nagel**, College of Education, attended the 21st Century Literacies Impact Conference in Berkeley, Calif., February 1-2. Representatives from the Partnership for 21st Century Skills and from the core curricular areas of English, geography, math, science and social studies explored how 21st century skills can be embedded into core content subjects to give U.S. students the tools they need for success in a global society and workforce. Dr. Nagel, representing geography education, was able to learn about professional development and teacher education for the 21st century. The conference was hosted by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

**Juliette Delabbio**, professor and director of the NSU Aquaculture Research Center, was appointed to the position of Disaster Relief Coordinator for Louisiana at the annual meeting of the Louisiana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society in Thibodaux this past February.

The American Fisheries Society is a national organization and is the largest, non-profit group of fisheries professionals in the United States. After the hurricanes, this group provided $30,000 to Louisiana and Mississippi to help rebuild damaged facilities and support continuation of fisheries research and services in the aftermath of the disasters.

The group has again donated another $30,000 this year in support of disaster relief efforts directed towards fisheries science in the affected states.

**David King** and **Larry Varnado** of Aviation Science attended the Air Safety Foundations annual Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on February 17-18.