Abney named winner of research award for studies in storytelling

As communication grows faster, one of the oldest ways of communicating, storytelling, is the best at bringing people together. **Dr. Lisa Abney** has studied storytelling for most of her academic career and was honored with the 17th Mildred Hart Bailey Faculty Research Award presented as part of Research Day.

Abney, head of the Department of Language and Communication and director of the Louisiana Folklife Center, has been a member of NSU’s faculty since 1997.

“This award has a long history and it has recognized people who I consider outstanding scholars,” said Abney. “My research focuses on storytelling, both in written form and oral. Whether I have researched grave digging, Southern literature or linguistics, the common thread is how people tell stories.

“As the world becomes more global and people are seemingly more connected with technology, they still have stories to tell about their experiences. This gives...
The leadership of the Northwestern Utilities Team has established a quarterly award that recognizes the outstanding performance of its foremen. As frontline supervisors, foremen play the pivotal role in motivating, training and leading the tradesman in their charge.

Early this year, Alton Lofton, utilities superintendent, and Fred Terasa, utilities energy manager, began to explore how to evaluate the performance of their foremen and how to reward success in that challenging capacity. Quickly, it became clear that the very attributes they desired to acknowledge and reward were evident in the example set by Charles Shivers in the HVACR Department.

Thus, they not only had their first recipient, they had a foreman whose leadership performance would serve as an example for current and future foreman to model. Furthermore, Charles’ behavior as a foreman exhibited what the Utilities Team wanted when they asked every member of the Team to “Expect the Best!”

As Alton often remarks, “Charles always takes the lead. Whether he’s first in the hole to make the repair or out there daily performing those critical preventative maintenance checks he can be counted upon to make things happen!”

Therefore, the Charles Shivers “Set the Example” Foreman’s Award was instituted. A plaque was created honoring Charles with the words “Leadership, Devotion, and Excellence” inscribed on it. Those three words embody the key attributes which set Charles apart from other leaders. He was also treated to lunch by Lofton and presented a beautiful portfolio embossed with the University’s seal by Alumni Affairs.

The Utilities Team is proud to have celebrated Charles Shivers’ success in this manner. We look forward to next quarter to see which Foreman “Sets the Example.”

Foreman award named for first recipient, Charles Shivers

Charles Shivers was presented with the Charles Shivers “Set the Example” Foreman’s Award for the first quarter of 2007, which was presented on April 4. His wife, Mary Margaret Shivers, secretary to Vice President for Academic Affairs, observed the presentation of the award.

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Abney has written numerous articles for national and international professional publications and books as well as local and regional publications and continues work on the Linguistic Survey of North Louisiana.

Since 1998, Abney has been principal investigator or co-investigator for 24 grants worth more than $600,000 to NSU.

Abney earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree at Texas A&M University and a doctorate at the University of Houston.

The Bailey Award is given annually to a faculty member or members for outstanding research and/or distinguished artistic performance or creative work substantially completed during the past three years.

Criteria for the award include: scholarly or creative significance; national, regional or local impact; originality and ingenuity of project design and critical recognition by experts in the field.
Utility tradesmen take ‘Prepare Professionally’ to heart

Richard Abel and Brent Shivers, Trades Apprentices in the HVACR Department of the Northwestern Utilities Team, were recognized as “Utility Aces” of the month for February 2007. This designation is awarded each month to the two Tradesmen who earned the most “Utility Aces” through their outstanding performances.

As reported previously in the NSU News, an acrostic of “RESPECT” provides Utilities Team members with calls to action. “RESPECT” stands for: Respond to customers; Expect the best; Support your leaders; Prepare professionally; Encourage accountability; Celebrate success; Think safety first.

Brent and Richard earned Utility ACE status in large measure because of the fact that they had, on their own time in the evening, attended a 90 hour EPA course of instruction at the Louisiana Technical College, Natchitoches Campus.

They earned a completion certificate for EPA 608 Type II Technician.

More importantly, they earned EPA certification to handle Freon. Richard, a previous recipient of the Utility ACE award, also earned certification as a universal technician.

Fred N. Terasa, utilities energy manager remarked when he presented the ACE Awards, “Richard and Brent have demonstrated what ‘Preparing Professionally’ means. Not only have they gained additional HVACR skills, but they have placed themselves in a position to compete for a journeyman position when they complete their on-the-job training.”

Williams and ECE team are presenters at THE conference

Darlene Williams, director of the Office of Electronic and Continuing Education at Northwestern State University, was selected as a presenter for the 10th annual Teaching in Higher Education (THE) Forum which was conducted April 15-17 in Baton Rouge. Co-presenters included NSU Assistant Professor of Sociology Dr. Bill Housel and Title III staff members Hedy Pinkerton, Terrie McCallister, and John Rodriguez.

The theme of the Forum was “Crossing Boundaries: Making Knowledge about Teaching and Learning Visible.” The Northwestern presentation, “Breaking New Ground – A Faculty Metamorphosis,” was under the conference heading Innovative Approaches to Student Learning. This is one of five categories which formed the nucleus of the Faculty Learning Conversations at the conference.

Williams’ presentation focused on Northwestern’s Title III grant, Innovative Student Services and Faculty Development. Now in its second year, the $1.800,000 Title III grant has funded the creation of a
More than a dozen students experienced New York City’s art and cultural opportunities as Dr. Roger Chandler, coordinator of Fine and Graphic Arts and associate professor of art, accompanied a student group on an artists’ tour of the city during spring break. The students explored several museums, including the Cooper Hewitt Museum of Design, the Frick Collection, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art.

The group also visited several city landmarks, including Rockefeller Center and the Today Show, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Central Park, Fifth Avenue and the Trump Tower.

Highlights of the trip also included a trip to the top of the Empire State Building and a performance of the Broadway production of “Spamalot.”

“New York remains the center of world art culture. One of the keys to understanding art in context is to see the actual image. This trip was to introduce students to the greater international world of art, its history and criticism,” Chandler said.

According to Chandler, the NSU art department faculty are deliberate about introducing students to regional work and world collections through trips to Houston and Dallas.

“As we find it imperative to inject students into the international as often and as soon as possible, this New York trip was the next and most logical step,” Chandler said.

Students participating in the artists’ tour of New York City were, front row from left, Bridgette Hocke, Rakeya Walker, Molly Dees, Brittany Mc MILLS, Caitlin Dartez and Shanda Guillory. On the back row are Cagney Coody, Adam Sanchez, Tyler Barnes, Atichart (Tony) Pinrut, Breean Gir oir, Travis Cash and Jennifer Kaup. Standing at right is Dr. Roger Chandler, faculty chaperone.

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The presentation reviewed the first year program results, which include 14 new online courses, and 20 faculty who are equipped to develop new media rich, interactive courses which are applicable for both traditional and online courses. Additionally, the presentation addressed some minor changes to the program for the subsequent years, based upon lessons learned, as well as resources and techniques used within the professional development program.

Williams also had a poster presentation on the CALL initiative currently being piloted by Northwestern and Bossier Parrish Community College.
Watson Library hosted an exhibit and reception in honor of Martha Madden and the 20th anniversary of the library’s acceptance of the donation of the Martha Madden Collection. Madden, former secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, donated a collection of papers, books and pictures to the Library in 1987, after leaving state government. Since then, she had added extensive materials that encompass her lifetime of public and private sector service. Other material documents the history of Louisiana’s and the nation’s efforts to meet education and environmental challenges. The collection reveals Madden’s interest in academia, world travel, government, management, entrepreneurial leadership and award-winning chili cook-offs. She has funded Watson Library activities that include archiving the Martha Madden Collection.

According to University Archivist Mary Linn Wernet, Madden donated the collection to NSU because of the Louisiana Sierra Club Collection housed at the Cammie G. Henry Research Center. The Center holds the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club newsletters, along with other environmental collections, including the Caroline Dormon Collection and the Lee Craig Levy Collection. "Madden’s papers track her lobbying effort for the Delta Chapter of the Sierra Club. The collection grew in scope and content as her career grew in scope," Wernet said.
Dr. Rondo Keele, assistant professor of philosophy in the Louisiana Scholars’ College, has received two grants in support of a book project on medieval philosopher Walter Chatton.

Keele was awarded $5,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities and $4,000 from the NSU Enrichment Fund. The grants will enable him to conduct research at the library of the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in Toronto and the Robarts Research Library at the University of Toronto.

Keele is among the scholars working to complete a critical edition of Chatton’s last known work, “Quodlibet,” from a 15th century Latin manuscript. The work is a revised record of public philosophical debates that Chatton held while Franciscan regent master of Oxford, during academic year 1329-30. The text treats 29 topics or questions suggested by the audience, about any philosophical topic they would like to see discussed.

“Quodlibet” means “whatever you like.” “Quodlibet” covers issues in ethics, metaphysics, physics, and theology and is one of the last works of its type as the genre essentially died out in England after 1340.

“In a critical edition, scholars take all of the manuscripts of a work and compare them to find mistakes that were made when copying the work. They attempt to reconstruct the work,” said Keele. “Doing this research puts me in touch with primary texts. It makes me more authoritative when I teach someone based on what I have read from an original source instead of from a book based on the original source. I talk about Chatton in my course on the philosophy of religion and new lectures have been developed from my research.”

According to Keele, Chatton was important because of his criticism of William of Ockham, a philosopher who was a contemporary of Chatton’s.

“Chatton was not particularly original, but he was so clever against the more influential Ockham,” said Keele. “Ockham and Chatton quoted each other extensively. Chatton caused Ockham to change his opinion on how the human mind worked.”

Chatton’s original thoughts were influential on the topic of how God knows everything yet human beings can have free will, said Keele.

Keele is in his second year on Northwestern’s faculty. He received his doctorate at Indiana University, completing his dissertation on Chatton and Ockham. Keele thanked Professor of Classics Dr. Jean D’Amato for her assistance in obtaining the grants.

The National Endowment for the Humanities is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation and public programs in the humanities.

Aichinger essays will be included in Congressional Quarterly Encyclopedia of the First Amendment

Three essays by Northwestern State University Professor of Political Science Dr. Alex Aichinger will be in the Congressional Quarterly Encyclopedia of the First Amendment, which will be published later this year.

Aichinger authored essays on campus speech codes, open meetings laws and the First Amendment and anti-loitering laws.

According to Aichinger, each campus speech code that has been challenged in court has been struck down because the codes were ruled to be vague so that no one could be sure what could and could not be said. Content based restrictions or discrimination based upon the basis of speech have not been upheld he said.

The impact of technology on public meetings was examined in Aichinger’s essay on open meetings law and the First Amendment. None of the original open meetings laws imagined e-mail or instant messaging which would allow members of governmental bodies to discuss issues outside the view of the public.

Aichinger said anti-loitering laws have been struck down unless they are carefully drawn. Courts have declared such laws unconstitutional if they allow for discriminatory enforcement or if the person who is being charged has no idea what the crime is. Aichinger said these laws must be very specific as to what cannot be done in order to be upheld.
Northwestern State University Assistant Professor of Art Anthony Watkins was named the 2007 American Inhouse Design Award winner, presented by Graphic Design USA Magazine, for a poster design promoting the 2006 School of Creative and Performing Arts Christmas Gala. Watkins was recognizes as the creative director and design for the project. The work will be published in the magazine’s July 2007 Awards issue, a 300-page special edition, that will be seen by Graphic Design USA’s national audience of nearly 100,000 design professionals and creative management. It will also be distributed at designer events and shows all year.

“Regarding the design, we really got started with a color palette,” said Watkins, discussing his inspiration for the winning design. “Remembering the flocked white Christmas trees at Sears as a child—we thought the cool blues combined with the rich browns created a nice winter feel. We also felt that doing something that differed from the expected red/green would add to the uniqueness of the event, allowing Gala to really stand apart from other Christmas season events.”

The dove, which figures prominently in the design, is not only a reference to peace, but also unity and togetherness, and a kind of offering gesture to all participants, Watkins explained.

“We really wanted to raise awareness of the event in our community and the region. In addition to producing the poster, we also designed the event program, T-shirts, and button/pins. The buttons were very popular. They only referenced the Gala event by color and image, no words,” Watkins said. “We hoped this would generate curiosity and questions about what the buttons were for, thereby promoting word of mouth advertising for the event. This type of conversation is priceless. I think we were successful.”


“The American Inhouse Design Awards has emerged as the premier showcase for outstanding work by inhouse designers. It is a unique opportunity for inhouse design, marketing and communications departments within corporations, publishing houses, non-profits, universities and government agencies to be recognized for their creativity, for the special challenges they face and for their contributions to their businesses and institutions,” according to Graphic Design USA, now in its 43rd year of publication. The magazine is the creative professional’s monthly news, people, projects and opinion magazine.

Past winners include the University of Florida, University of Illinois, University of Chicago, Yale University, Auburn University, Harvard University, Lincoln Center for Performing Arts, Habitat for Humanity, Boeing, Apple, and the Boston Celtics.
Sympathy

Mr. Johnny Carter, father of John Carter, passed away Saturday March 24 of a heart attack. John Carter is an employee at Plant Services as the Property Coordinator. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 27 at Hixson Bros. Funeral Home in Pineville. Burial was at Big Creek Cemetery in Pollock.

A plant was sent to the services from the NSU Floral Fund.

Hampton H. Gilbert, father of Suzanne Williams passed away on March 27. Suzanne is Coordinator of Teacher Candidacy and Certification in the College of Education. Funeral services were held in Florida.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations in memory of Mr. Gilbert be made to the following: Little Sisters of the Poor, 1655 McGill Ave., Mobile, AL 36604. A donation was made from the NSU Floral Fund.

Mr. Roy Troquille, stepfather of Richard Shilling, operating engineer master in the Power Plant, passed away on Monday, March 26. The funeral was held at St. Mary Margaret Catholic Church in Gorum on March 29.

A spray of flowers was sent to the funeral services from the NSU Floral Fund.

Mrs. Loreese Carpenter, mother of Peggy Lodridge, academic coordinator of the NSU CENLA Campus Center, passed away on Saturday, March 31. Funeral services were held April 3 in the Southern Funeral Home Chapel in Winnfield. A plant was sent from the NSU Floral Fund.

Services for Amy Foster, stepdaughter of Dr. Gillian Rudd, faculty member in the Department of Chemistry and Physics, and her husband, Mark Foster, were held in Minden on Thursday, April 12. Amy was a student at Texas A & M. She passed away Monday, April 9.

Mrs. Amy Dale, mother of Sgt. David Dale of University Police, passed away Saturday, April 14. Funeral services were held at Provencal First Baptist Church on April 17, followed by burial in Provencal Cemetery. A floral spray was sent from the NSU Floral Fund.

A spray of flowers was sent to the funeral service of Lee Roy Nugent, husband of Debra Nugent, Motor Pool.

A donation was made to the Wesley Foundation (First United Methodist Church) in memory of Dr. Pamela Anders Miller, associate professor, College of Business.

Birth Announcements

Angie Perot, secretary for External Affairs, and husband Andy welcomed their first grandchild in March.

Samuel Anderson Bailey was born Sunday, March 25 to Megan and Charlie Bailey. Sam weighted 8 pounds 3 ounces and measured 21 inches in length.

Don Barker, Director of Student Support Services, and his wife, Paula, announce the birth of their first grandchild, Natalie Elizabeth Barker, who was born on Super Bowl Sunday to Donnie and Heather Miller Barker.

Natalie was born at Terrebonne General Medical Center on Feb. 4 and was baptized at Holy Cross Church in Natchitoches on April 7 at the Easter Vigil.

David and Phyllis Gardner, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, announce the birth of their fifth grandchild. Andrew Fisher Gardner arrived at 2:56 p.m. March 21 at Christus St. Francis Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria. His parents are D. Jason and Melissa Basco Gardner, both NSU graduates.

Andrew weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and measured 20 inches in length. He was welcomed home by his 2-year-old sister, Leah. Other grandparents are Tommy and Sharon Basco of Columbia.
John Rodriguez is able to translate creative abilities into an important aspect of supporting other faculty and staff at Northwestern. As media development specialist in Electronic and Continuing Education, John teaches faculty how to create media for their on-line classes, such as video, basic graphics and PodCasts.

“I am also responsible for creating and updating websites for our department,” he explained. “I create presentations as needed, some print work, some video. I also provide technological expertise on certain things such as computer equipment and software for the faculty we provide professional development to. Pretty much anything creative as the need arises.”

Before joining the NSU staff nearly a year and a half ago, John was teaching graphic design students at a community college in Texas.

“Being creative and being consistent are probably the hardest aspects of the job,” he said. “Each new project brings a new set of challenges and they always seem to require some sort of creative twist or spin. Sometimes I get stumped and have to find inspiration. I enjoy using my artistic abilities to make things look intriguing and fun, yet still remain functional.”

John’s hometown, Fryeburg, “is this little blip on the map about 20 minutes from Minden.” He earned a BFA in graphic design from Louisiana Tech University, and an MFA in computer arts from Memphis College of Art.

“My passion is making art, either for shows or for personal enjoyment,” he said. Rodriguez exhibited a collection of his work in Gallery II at NSU entitled “Improving Nature.”

“It was an exploration of mankind’s impact on the animal kingdom and how we are constantly trying to improve things, even things that have been around millions of years,” he explained. He is working on ideas for a future exhibition.

He describes bowling as “one of my biggest goof-off hobbies, even though I am terrible.” He also enjoys spending time with his wife, fishing when time permits and sleeping in on the weekends.

“I am married to the most wonderful woman in the world. We do not have any children yet, but we have plans to change that in the future,” he said. “I am an only child with two loving parents that I visit often, and I have a wonderful extended family through my wife that I claim proudly.”

The couple has a cat named Knightly “that is pretty much like a child to us. I don’t think he knows that he is not a person.”

John said his job at NSU has given him a lot to be thankful for.

“Before I took this job, I didn’t know what would happen. I anticipated good things would come because of it, but I didn’t know I would make lifelong friends that I could depend on,” he said. “Since I have been here, my wife and I have established roots in the community, found a church that we enjoy, bought a house and have established relationships with some of the best people I have ever met. This job has not only brought opportunities for us at the university but in our community as well.”

Drs. Hanson present findings on LCC studies

Dr. Brenda Hanson, an associate professor in the College of Education, and Dr. Thomas Hanson, provost and vice president for academic affairs, presented findings from scholarly work, “The Effects of Implementing the Louisiana Comprehensive Curriculum (LCC) and the Impact on Practitioner Teachers in an Alternative Certification Program” as part of the 2007 Joint Conference of the National Center for Alternative Certification (NCAC) and the National Association for Alternative Certification (NAAC) in Washington, D.C., April 3-6.

The Hansons presented findings of a study that examined the effects of implementing the Louisiana Comprehensive Curriculum by teacher practitioners during their internship year. In addition, they presented findings that addressed the perceptions of teacher practitioners as to the impact the LCC has had on student learning and classroom dynamics.

The conference, dedicated to alternative certification of teachers, drew participants from across the country. Dr. Brenda Hanson is a charter member of the Louisiana Association for Alternative Certification (LAAC), and currently serves as treasurer of that organization. She also serves on the editorial board for the NAAC Electronic Journal.
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Political Dilemmas in NATO: Coalition Warfare and Intra-Allied Relations.” The conference opened with a speech by Major General Harold Cross, Adjutant General, Mississippi Army National Guard, and featured research papers on both historical and contemporary issues relative to international and domestic security.

Space Science Group staff members Georgia Hilton, outreach coordinator; Jessica Odom, site coordinator; and Patty Varnado, director, attended the Louisiana Middle School Association conference in Lafayette on March 28-30.

Mary Linn Wernet, head archivist, Cammie G. Henry Research Center, presented a paper entitled “Arthur Chopin (1908-1984) and his Collection in the Cammie G. Henry Research Center, Eugene P. Watson Memorial Library, Northwestern State University of Louisiana” and at the Louisiana History Association on March 22 in Alexandria during the session “Wheelers and Dealers: Political Papers in Louisiana Archives.”

On April 12, she delivered a presentation at the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics to be hosted by NSU on published works and manuscript collection, the materials that may be found within the NSU library and the Cammie G. Henry Research Center relating to linguistics and language studies.

On April 14, Wernet attended the North Louisiana Historical Association annual spring banquet at Christ’s Episcopal Church in Mansfield. At the meeting, she was elected vice president of the association and will serve in the position for two years, 2007-2009.

Dr. Augustine M. Amenyah and Dr. L.J. Clark of the College of Education at Northwestern State University recently gave a presentation at the African Americans in Higher Education 14th Professional Development Forum held at Grambling State University.

Amenyah is an assistant professor of adult education and Clark is an assistant professor of curriculum and instruction. The presentation, “Inclusion Strategies for Enhancing Minority Academic Success at PWIs” (Predominately White Institutions).

Amenyah and Clark focused on strategies that enhanced the academic success of minority students. The strategies included mentoring, peer groups, open discussion of minority scholarship, history and affirmation, academic enhancement and enrichment programs, weekly coffee engagements and more.

Dr. J. Mark Thompson, professor of music, recently won an internationally-advertised audition for bass trombone with the Des Moines Metro Opera. This prestigious festival was founded in 1973, and has become one of the most popular summer opera festivals in the United States. Dr. Thompson also recently performed bass trombone with the Alabama Symphony Orchestra in Birmingham on April 6-7 in performances of Debussy’s “Printemps,” Prokofiev’s “Piano Concerto No. 2,” and Schumann’s “Symphony No. 1 ‘Spring.’”

The NSU Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society, under the direction of Dr. Gillian Rudd, Department of Chemistry and Physics, received a certificate of achievement in recognition for their meritorious service during the 2005-06 academic year from the ACS. The recognition was made during the recent ACS meeting in Chicago.

Dr. Paula Furr and Dr. John Merrill, Department of Journalism, and Dr. Steve Horton, Graduate Studies and Research, recently attended the Western Social Science Association 49th Annual Conference in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. They were invited for two presentations, one on national journalism accreditation for higher education institutions and the second on the future of journalism education. Dr. Furr also presented with Dr. Hesham Mesbah from Kuwait University their comparative study of U.S. and Kuwaiti journalism students’ media-use patterns and their views on culture and interests.

Dr. Julie H. Ernstein, assistant professor of anthropology with the Heritage Resources Program, delivered a paper titled "History Meets Anthropology, Past Meets Present, and the Suburban Landscape" at the Phi Alph Theta-sponsored luncheon at the Louisiana Historical Association Meetings in March in Alexandria.
ORSP Extends Special Thanks!

Research Day 2007 was an unqualified success because of the unflagging support and hard work of the individuals who comprise the organizations and committees listed below. All of us in ORSP would like to thank each one of you for taking time, changing your schedules, being available on short notice—all of the things that you did to help us coordinate and organize this important day for Northwestern State University.

We feel that Research Day 2007 set a new precedent for both faculty and student participation and attendance. For the first time, the Sylvan Friedman Student Union was the site for Research Day where we accommodated eighty-plus presenters and an estimated 700-plus attendees.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Jennifer Piehl, Assistant Director of the El Peru-Waka’ Archaeological Project in Guatemala and Bioarchaeologist at the Center for Big Bend Studies at Sul Ross State University was presented in the Ballroom with over 150 attendees, the largest number of attendees ever recorded for this event. Her presentation was entitled Written on the Bones: Bioarchaeology of the Ancient Maya in Guatemala.

Research Day 2007 was held in memory of Dr. Pamela Anders Miller, Associate Professor of Quantitative Methods in the College of Business, who passed away February 24, 2007. Dr. Randall Webb presented a special plaque in her honor to her husband and parents.

The following awards were presented:

Mildred Hart Bailey Faculty Research Award—Dr. Lisa Abney
Phi Kappa Phi Undergraduate Student Research Award—Jennifer Shaw
Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Student Research Award—Nicholas Reves
NSU Research Day 2007 Program Guide Cover-Page Design Award—Lisa Rachal

None of this would have been possible without a group effort. So, once again, we want to take this opportunity to thank “our” groups. We couldn’t have done it without you.

Sylvan Friedman Student Union
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NRC’s Sponsored Events Committee
NRC’s Student Research Committee
Mildred Hart Bailey Review Committee
The Ad Hoc Committee on Student Research Awards
Office of Student Technology
The Graduate Council
The NSU Foundation
Phi Kappa Phi
Student Monitors

Congratulations

The following proposals were recommended for funding pending Board approval under the Traditional Enhancement subprogram from the Louisiana Board of Regents:

Mr. Scott Burrell, School of Creative and Performing Arts, College of Liberal Arts, for “The Renovation of Audio Infrastructure for the A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Building.” Recommended funding amount: $182,838.

Ms. Laura Carwile Aaron, College of Nursing, for “Technology Integration to Enhance Student Clinical Competencies in Radiologic Technology.” Recommended funding amount: $96,900.

The following proposal was recommended for funding pending Board approval under the Undergraduate Enhancement subprogram from the Louisiana Board of Regents:

Dr. Zafer Hatahet, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science and Technology, for “Establishment of modern genetics and molecular biology laboratories.” Recommended funding amount: $112,508.

Current Activities

The following proposals were submitted to the Cane River National Heritage Area:

Mrs. Janet Colson, School of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, submitted “Detailed Index & Accessibility – Phase II.”

Mrs. Janet Colson, School of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, submitted “Sister Frances Jerome Collection and Document Management.”

Dr. ElizaBeth Guin, Heritage Resources, School of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, submitted “Historical Research and building

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All-session passes providing prime seat locations for the

2007 Southland Conference Baseball Tournament

May 23-26

at Northwestern State’s Brown-Stroud Field

Northwestern State will host the six-team, double-elimination tournament for a record fourth time, including the second time in the last three seasons. The tournament champion receives an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament.

All-session passes, with admission to 10 tournament games, are available through the NSU athletic ticket office and at www.nsudemons.com on the internet. Prime field-level club reserved seats are $75 ($7.50 per game), with the bleacher back seating behind home plate priced at $50 ($5 per game). The remaining bleacher seats in the grandstand are $40 ($4 per game), and $35 for festival seating on the hillside ($3.50 per game).

The tournament passes provide a 50 percent savings over single-game prices, and also guarantee the patron’s seat locations. There are 909 seat available underneath the canopy for the grandstand, including 298 bleacher-back seats, 125 chairback reserved seats and 486 bleacher seats. A sellout of the chairback reserved seats is anticipated and a sellout of the bleacher-back seats is possible, said athletic ticket manager Zach Williams (williamsj@nsula.edu).

To order all-session passes, call Williams at 357-4268 or visit the www.nsudemons.com website and click on the “buy tickets” button.

Single game tickets and single session passes will go on sale as the tournament approaches.