Employees recognized for service

Chef Todd Barrios, CEC, participated in the Breakfast with a Chef event held to close the season of the Cane River Green Market on Saturday, July 28. This event is held as a fundraiser for the Main Street Program for downtown Natchitoches. He prepared his Breakfast Jambalaya with sausage, bacon, smoked ham, onions, peppers, scrambled eggs and rice.

Scott Burrell, coordinator of theatre/artistic director and associate professor of theatre, attended the International Michael Chekhov Festival and Workshop in Amherst, Mass., in August. At the festival, Scott was awarded certification as an official teacher of the Michael Chekhov Acting Technique. In order to receive the certification, Scott attended three international festivals/workshops and two teacher’s workshops in the past four years.

David Christophe and Janis Davis were recognized as having achieved 40 years of service and 35 years of service, respectively, to the University. They were congratulated by NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb during the Aug. 17 faculty/staff luncheon.

Northwestern recognized employees with 30 years of service to the university during the annual lunch. From left are Tony Smith, Dr. Vickie Parrish, Dr. Norann Planchock, Carl Jones, Phyllis Gardner, Anna Nugent, Simon Mitchell and NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb.
The College of Nursing at Northwestern State University recently announced that Linda Nichols and Deborah Hickman, nursing instructors at NSU Leesville/Fort Polk, have successfully passed the Certification for Nurse Educator (CNE) examination. This certification is awarded by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and signifies exemplary achievement in the area of nursing education. Only 550 nurses in the United States, including 14 from Louisiana, have achieved this distinction. Hickman and Nichols will be recognized in the September/October issue of a national journal, Nursing Education Perspectives.

To be eligible for the exam, nurse educators must have been successfully employed as college/university nursing faculty for two years and hold a minimum of a master’s degree.

To prepare for the exam, Nichols and Hickman attended the five-day National League for Nursing Education Summit in New York City and participated in a workshop sponsored by the League.

Mathews touring with Air Force Expeditionary Band

Dr. Jeff Mathews, director of Student Activities and associate professor of music, a 22-year veteran of the National Guard, was recently called to active duty in support of the war effort in Southwest Asia. He is currently at the midpoint of a 60-day deployment.

Captain Mathews is assigned to the U.S. Central Air Force Expeditionary Band. The band’s location is currently not approved for publication. Part of the band’s mission is to “… positively promote morale, outreach and diplomacy among American and Coalition Partners… throughout the Area of Operations.”

Mathews and his seven-member contingent of the band traveled to bases in Iraq, Afghanistan, Djibouti (Africa) and other undisclosed locations for 30 days, performing 25 shows, boosting internal morale for service members at bases all across the AOR.

“The pace was break-neck and physically challenging due to the desert conditions, long travel hours, and loading and unloading 3,000 pounds of equipment twice a day,” Mathews said. The band traveled primarily on C-130 aircraft but also made treks via helicopter and vehicle convoy.

“We played one Forward Operating Base (FOB) that was so remote they had not any entertainment for 10 months,” he said. “The outpost is only reachable by convoy so most civilian entertainers decline to go there. This was probably one of our most gratifying performances. The folks based there were ecstatic about our appearance.”

The band traveled to the Horn of Africa to fulfill the outreach and diplomacy objectives of their mission. In Djibouti the band visited an African orphanage where they helped feed the children and gave them some needed attention and affection.

They played two performances in small African villages in order to develop a trust between Americans and the citizens of the villages, which were located only a few miles from the Somali border, an Al Qaeda hot-bed.

“I will never forget sitting down with the village elder (chief) to establish a report, demure to his authority and gain his blessing for the performance,” Mathews said. The villagers were extremely excited about the concerts and more than willing to participate by clapping, dancing or playing percussion instruments along with the band.

As Officer In Charge of the CENTAF BAND for the next 30 days, Mathews will be a one-man-band of sorts. The next group of bandsmen is not scheduled to arrive until September 15. His time until then will be filled performing administrative tasks and managing logistics for the next tour.

Mathews has been a member of the faculty at NSU for nine years. His wife is Dr. Kristine Coreil, associate professor in Creative and Performing Arts. They have two daughters, Devon and Lauren.

Mathews is scheduled to return sometime in the middle of September.

“I can’t wait to get back to my family and NSU,” he said.
Twelve NSU faculty members have received tenure and 27 faculty have earned a promotion in rank effective with the start of the 2007-2008 academic year, according to Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Thomas Hanson.

Those receiving tenure were: Dr. Zafer Hatahet of the Department of Biological Sciences, Dr. Mark Swanstrom of the College of Business, Dr. Nikita Fitenko of the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts and Dr. Laura Aaron, Linda Copple, Ann Deshotels and Mollie Moody of the College of Nursing.

Also granted tenure were: Cheryl McBride of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Dr. Catherine McMillan of the Department of Health and Human Performance, Dr. Susan Barnett of the Louisiana Scholars’ College and Dr. Richard DeVault, Dr. Lisa Galminas and Dr. Leigh Ann Myers of the Department of Mathematics.

Those promoted to full professor were: Hatahet and Dr. Leeann Sticker of the Department of Biological Sciences, Dr. Patrice Moulton of the Department of Psychology, Dr. Lisa Abney and Dr. James Cruise of the Department of Language and Communication and Clyde Downs and Dr. Vicki Parrish of the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts.

Promoted to associate professor were: Swanstrom, Aaron, McMillan, Barnett, Fitenko, Haley and Teresa Kevil of the College of Nursing, Dr. Keith Dromm and Dr. Alexei Muravitsky of the Louisiana Scholars’ College, David King of the Department of Aviation Science, Dr. Douglas Bakenhus of the School of Creative and Performing Arts and Dr. Gillian Rudd of the Department of Chemistry and Physics.

Those promoted to assistant professor were: Kari Cook of the College of Nursing, Dr. Keith Dromm and Dr. Alexei Muravitsky of the Louisiana Scholars’ College, David King of the Department of Aviation Science, Dr. Douglas Bakenhus of the School of Creative and Performing Arts and Dr. Gillian Rudd of the Department of Chemistry and Physics.

Tenures and promotions announced

Thomas featured in photo book

Photo by Kyle Cassidy

Director of Libraries Fleming Thomas and wife Dr. Jean D’Amato, professor of Classics, Scholars’ College, appear in a recently published book, “Armed America, Portraits of Gun Owners in their Homes” by Kyle Cassidy, who is a close friend of Sonny Carter, digital imaging specialist at Watson Library.

To view a portion of the book on-line, go to http://www.armedamerica.org/.

To visit the Thomas/D’Amato page directly, go to http://www.armedamerica.org/aa2/index13.html.
Forty-five new faculty have been added at NSU for the 2007-08 academic year, according to Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Thomas Hanson. They include more than 20 new positions created with a portion of $15.5 million in new funding provided by Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco and the Louisiana Legislature to replace faculty who left Northwestern as well as faculty who are associate professor Randy Reed, assistant professor Krist Swinberghe and instructors Sue Champion, George Gardiner, H. Phil Habig and Margaret Vienne.

New faculty in the College of Business are associate professor Randy Reed, assistant professor Krist Swinberghe and instructors Sue Champion, George Gardiner, H. Phil Habig and Margaret Vienne.

Joining the faculty of the College of Education are associate professor Mary Lynn Williamson, assistant professors Diane Bordenave and Henrietta Pichon, temporary assistant professor Nelda Wellman and temporary instructor Wendell Wellman.

Assistant professors Paul Forsyth and Sharon Joy, temporary assistant professor Paul Christopher, instructors Alan Ernstine and Issac Powell and temporary instructor of voice Christopher Gillam are now on the faculty of the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts.

The Department of Journalism has added professor Thomas Fensch and assistant professors Jung-Hyun Lim and Karen Lee. Assistant professor Andy Crank, temporary assistant professor Shane Rasmussen, instructor Stephanie Masson and temporary instructor Samantha Sullivan are teaching in the Department of Language and Communication.

New faculty in the Department of Psychology are assistant professor Kathryn Kelly and temporary instructors Shannon Hale and Danielle Paul while associate professor Grant Northcutt, assistant professors James McDonald and Mark Melder Ron Pedro and Bill Sexson are part of the faculty in the School of Social Sciences.

Assistant professor Darren Garner and instructor Brenda Falcon are new faculty in the Department of Social Work.

The College of Nursing has added assistant professors Patti Akin, Christie Maranto, Connie Roppolo and temporary instructor Benjamin Wood to its faculty.

In the College of Science and Technology, new faculty include assistant professor Wanda Goleman and instructor Angela Miller in the Department of Biological Sciences, assistant professors April French and Catherine Situma in the Department of Chemistry and Physics, assistant professor Trey Cunningham in the Department of Health and Human Performance and instructor Mark Thompson and temporary instructor Eric Fountain in the Department of Mathematics.

Assistant professor Shelly Burns has joined the faculty in Watson Library.

Visiting journalist will speak about U.S. image in Arab media

Dr. Hesham Mesbah of Kuwait University will serve as a visiting lecturer in the Department of Journalism at Northwestern State University through Sept. 12.

Mesbah, an associate professor in Kuwait University’s Department of Mass Communication, will deliver a lecture “How the U.S. is portrayed in Arab Media” on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 3 p.m. in the Ora G. Williams Studio (Room 142) of Kyser Hall. The lecture, which is part of the NSU Department of Journalism’s “Newsmakers and Shakers Forum,” is free and open to the public.

“Understanding other cultures and media systems is important for our journalism students. Now we have the opportunity with Dr. Mesbah to understand better worldviews from Arab countries,” said Dr. Paula Furr, head of the Department of Journalism at Northwestern. “This is a unique opportunity for us to have a scholar like Dr. Mesbah enrich our classes.”

A native of Egypt, Mesbah received a bachelor’s degree in mass communication from Cairo University, a master’s in television journalism at The American University in Cairo and a doctorate in mass communication from Cairo University.

He has been on the faculty of Kuwait University since 1999 and also was on the faculty of Cairo University. Mesbah was a visiting scholar at the University of North Carolina and studied at the London International Film School.

As a scholar, Mesbah has made presentations on various aspects of media at conferences around the world.

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Wall named head of College of Business

**Dr. Jerry L. Wall** has been named Dean of the College of Business and professor at NSU. His appointment has been approved by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

Wall was a professor of management at the University of Louisiana at Monroe from 1983 until 2007 and director of the Center for Business and Economic Research from 1983 until 2005. He developed and taught courses in international business, research and several areas of management. As director, Wall generated more than $3.4 million in grant activity over 10 years and published multiple economic reports on the area.

“I was attracted to this position because of the challenges that were offered at Northwestern,” said Wall. “The College of Business is accredited and maintaining accreditation is a different challenge. There is a great deal of potential here because of the faculty present as well as the students.”

The College of Business is accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AASCB) International. NSU achieved reaffirmation of accreditation in 2005 for six years, the longest period granted by the organization.

“As dean, I want to continue providing a quality business education for our students and maintaining our accreditation by making sure our students receive high quality instruction,” said Wall. “I want to build bridges to the communities we serve and make sure we are providing quality graduates that meet the needs of businesses. I want to make sure we offer courses that are needed including continuing education classes.”

Wall also wants Northwestern’s College of Business to provide students with a better understanding of international business.

“We are part of an international world of work, so we will be exploring international opportunities especially in South America because of the continent’s ties to the Port of New Orleans.”

Wall earned a bachelor’s degree from Oklahoma State University, an M.B.A. from East Carolina University and a doctorate from the University of Missouri. He was also a faculty member at Western Illinois University where he was also director of the Small Business Institute and an instructor at Southwest Virginia Community College. Wall was a visiting professor at the University of Iowa.

He also served as director of special projects for the Louisiana Small Business Development Center, editor of the Delta Business Review, the Northeast Louisiana Business Review and the Journal of Behavioral Economics and as co-editor of the Best Paper Proceedings of the Academy of Management.

Wall has been treasurer and a member of the board of directors of the Alliance of Universities for Democracy in Pecs, Hungary, and a member of the board of directors of the Ed Plus Foundation and the Military Officers Association of America.

A member of the Rotary Club, Wall was a member of the board of directors of the Downtown Monroe Rotary Club and was a recipient of the Rotary Foundation District Service Award and the Governor’s Choice Award.

Wall retired as a colonel in the U.S. Army in 1995 after 31 years of reserve and active service.

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Dr. Mesbah and Dr. Paula Furr, journalism department head, have been invited to make a presentation at the Arab-US Association for Communication Educators conference in Dubai Oct. 27-31.
**Research and Sponsored Programs**

**Mark your calendars: Research Day, April 8, 2008**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Mr. Scott Burrell, Department of Theatre, School of Creative and Performing Arts, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $182,838 from the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund for “The Renovation of Audio Infrastructure for the A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Building.” Dr. J. Mark Thompson, Shawn Parr, and Masahito Kuroda are collaborating faculty.

Dr. Zafer Hatahet, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science and Technology, received notification of an award of $112,508 from the Louisiana Board of Regents for the “Establishment of modern genetics and molecular biology laboratories.” Dr. Francene Lemoine is collaborating faculty.

Dr. Laura Aaron, Department of Radiologic Technology, College of Nursing at Shreveport, received notification of an award of $96,900 from the Louisiana Board of Regents Traditional Enhancement for the “Technology Integration to Enhance Student Clinical Competencies in Radiologic Technology.” Rebecca Britt and Kendall DeLacerda are collaborating faculty.

Dr. Lisa Abney, Department of Language and Communication, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $60,000 from the Louisiana Division of the Arts for the continuation of the “Special Initiatives – Folklife Program.”

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

Ms. Linda Chance, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science and Technology, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Native Plant Society for “Native Plant Conservation in West-central Louisiana Initiative.”

Dr. Paul Nagel, Department of Elementary/Secondary Education, College of Education, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Board of Regents for “The Next Generation: LaGEA Members and Teachers Consultants.” Dr. Vickie Gentry is collaborating faculty.

Dr. Lynn Woods, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, College of Science and Technology, submitted a proposal to the FIPSE (Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education) North American Mobility Grant Program, SUNY Cobleskill Consortium (USDeD) for “Building Bridges through Culture, Cuisine, Agriculture, and Tourism.”

For more information regarding funding opportunities, visit ORSP’s website at [www.nsula.edu/orsp](http://www.nsula.edu/orsp).

**NSU Enrichment Fund (NEF)**

Internal Grants Program
Round 1 AY 2007-08

**DEADLINE**

**September 17, 2007**

NEF Professional Development Applications and
NEF Undergraduate Student Research Applications

**GRANT-PROGRAM WORKSHOPS**

(On the Natchitoches Campus*)

for Proposals with Early-Fall-2007 Deadlines

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS GRANT PROGRAMS**

**September 13, 2007:** Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund (BORSF) Grant Programs
1:00-1:45 p.m. - Enhancement of Academic Departments/Units*
2:00-2:45 p.m. – Research and Development*

**September 14, 2007:** Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund (BORSF) Grant Programs
10:00-10:45 a.m. – Enhancement of Academic Departments/Units*
11:00-11:45 a.m. – Research and Development*

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The Office of Electronic and Continuing Education would like to announce the following September Professional Development sessions:

**Tips & Tricks for a Successful Online Course**
9-11 a.m., Sept. 20
2-4 p.m., Sept. 25
Learn about the major components that make up an online course.
- Getting Started
- Syllabus
- Communication
- Time Management
- Assessment – Rubrics
- Evaluating your course
- Maintenance and enhancement
- Helpful websites

**PowerPoint**
9 a.m.-noon, Sept. 6
Trainees will learn features of PowerPoint.
Skills:
- Toolbars
- Create a new presentation
- Explore PowerPoint views
- Placeholders, title areas, object areas
- Text formatting
- Apply a design template
- Apply spell-check
- Add slides
- Insert an object
- Use the Microsoft Clip Gallery
- Save a presentation
- Print a presentation
- Work with slide master
- Edit clipboard images
- Insert image from another source
- Insert slides from another presentation
- Add WordArt
- Edit and format shapes
- Use text overlays with shapes
- Insert a chart
- Insert a diagram

**Word – Office Tasks**
9 a.m.-noon, Sept. 11
This workshop will focus on daily office tasks, including topics such as:
- Format a paragraph
- Formatting text
- Cutting, copying, inserting, moving, and pasting text in a document
- Switch between editing views
- Using spell check, grammar, features, thesaurus, autocorrect, and auto text
- Using tabs
- Save and retrieve a document
- Use templates and wizards
- Preview and print a document
- Using mail merge

**Word – Academic Projects**
9 a.m.-noon Sept. 13
This workshop will focus on using Word for academic tasks, including topics such as:
- Using the Reviewing toolbar
- Formatting paragraphs and text
- Use tabs
- Find and replace
- Insert page breaks
- Insert headers and footers
- Creating a table of contents, indexes

**Excel – Level One**
9 a.m.-noon, Sept. 18
9 a.m.-noon, Sept. 19
Trainees will learn basic features of Excel.
Skills:
- Introduction to Excel components
- Creating & navigating worksheets
- Entering text, dates, numbers
- Selecting cells
- Entering formulas & functions
- Saving and updating workbooks

**Excel – Level Two**
9 a.m.-noon, Sept. 26
Trainees will learn intermediate features of Excel.
Skills:
- Formatting worksheets
- Printing workbooks
- Creating and modifying charts
- Saving worksheets as web pages

**FrontPage**
9 a.m.-noon Sept. 27
Trainees will learn the basic features of FrontPage needed to build and manage web sites.

All sessions will be held in Room 113, Dodd Hall.
To see a complete Professional Development Schedule for the fall, go to http://www.nsula.edu/ece/Training.asp.
Additional sessions will be added as needed. If these times or topics do not meet your needs, please call 6355 or email ece@nsula.edu.

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**NSU ENRICHMENT FUND**

**INTERNAL-GRANTS PROGRAM**

September 5, 2007: NSU Enrichment Fund Internal Grants Program
2:00-3:30 p.m. –NEF Professional Development* and NEF Undergraduate-Student Research*

*NOTE: All workshops on NSU’s main campus will be held in the President’s Room of the Student Union. ORSP Workshops will also be offered in Shreveport at the College of Nursing, but dates and times have not yet been determined.
Services for Mrs. Bennett Raynes were held Friday, Aug. 17 at Trinity Baptist Church. Mrs. Raynes, mother of Joy Boyt of Business Affairs and mother-in-law of Dot Raynes, NSU Middle Lab secretary, passed away Aug. 15. A spray of flowers was sent to funeral services by the NSU Floral Fund.

A spray of flowers was sent from the NSU Floral Fund to the funeral service of Mr. J. C. McCrory, father of Dr. Jim McCrory, director of Information Systems.

Funeral services for L. W. Vaughan, father of Katy Hall (Registrar’s Office) and father-in-law of Dr. Tom Hall (Engineering Technology) were held Aug. 16 at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Camden, S.C. Mr. Vaughan passed away on Aug. 14 after a lengthy illness. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Mr. Vaughan to either of the following: Bethesda Presbyterian Church, 503 DeKalb Street, Camden, S.C. 29020 or Hospice of Kershaw County, 2001 West DeKalb Street, Camden, S.C. 29020. A donation was made by the Floral Fund to Hospice of Kershaw County, Camden.

Dr. Ray Kumar, professor of biology in the College of Nursing, passed away Aug. 22 after a short illness. Visitation was at Aulds Funeral Home in Shreveport on Aug. 24. A plant was sent from the NSU floral fund.

Scholarship created to honor Cheryl Donaho

A scholarship has been established at Northwestern State University in memory of Cheryl Perot Donaho to benefit a student seeking a degree in education or business.

First preference will given to a female graduate of St. Mary’s School with a high level of extracurricular activity. Second preference will be given to a female student seeking alternative certification. The recipient must maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or higher and will be selected by the St. Mary’s faculty and members of the Donaho and Perot families.

Donaho, a native of Natchitoches, attended St. Mary’s where she played softball and was involved in other extracurricular activities. After earning undergraduate and master’s degrees, she was a teacher and coach at St. Mary’s for several years before joining the faculty at Northwestern, where she taught for four years, while remaining actively involved with the St. Mary’s Lady Tigers softball team.

“If there happens to be a softball player that meets the criteria, the family hopes that will happen,” said Dee Dee Perot, sister-in-law of the honoree. “Additionally, if there is not a female student from St. Mary’s that will be attending NSU in business or education, the scholarship committee will look at an alternative teacher certification student on an as-needed basis. Cheryl went through NSU’s alternative certification program to become certified.”

Donaho passed away July 7.

Space Science Group collecting leftover supplies

The Space Science Group is collecting leftover bottles of duplicating fluid (methyl alcohol) that campus departments have stored. “We will gladly come by and pick it up if you will call us at 5186,” said Patty Varnado, managing director. For more information, call the number listed or e-mail http://www.spacesciencegroup.org.
Faculty exhibit features diverse works of art

Northwestern State University is hosting its annual Arts Faculty Exhibition. “New: 2007 Department of Fine & Graphic Arts Faculty Exhibition” opened Monday, Aug. 20 and will run through Sept. 14 at the Orville J. Hanchey Gallery, on the Natchitoches campus. An opening reception was held Aug. 23 with music will be provided by Art Professor Clyde Downs. The public is invited to attend.

Faculty members included in the exhibition include Shawna Atkins, Roger Chandler, Brooks DeFee, Matthew DeFord, Clyde Downs, Larrie King, Leslie Gruesbeck, Robert Moreau, James Pipes, Isaac Powell, Valerie Powell, Phoenix Savage, W. Anthony Watkins III, Joanne Yankowski and Michael Yankowski. A variety of media showcase the latest work from each.

This exhibition is sponsored in part by the School of Creative and Performing Arts and the Friends of the Hanchey Gallery. Daily hours of operation for the gallery are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call (318) 357-5476.

Departments can utilize Majors Fair for recruiting

Time is fast approaching for Northwestern’s sixth annual Majors Fair, to be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4. A booth and representatives from each department are needed for the Majors Fair. Your presence is very important!

This year’s Fair will also offer mini-sessions on financial aid, Web for Students, advising and degree audits. Several hundred students are expected, and all entering first-year students on main campus will be held accountable to attend.

You will have the opportunity to greet your own declared majors in your disciplines. This is also a good venue for recruiting students into a minor in your fields. Theatre has picked up several minors at Fairs in the past, as an example. Major change forms will be available for this purpose during the Fair.

RSVP

Each department should respond to this memo by Thursday, September 27, using this form. Let us know the contact person from your area and the equipment and materials needed. University College and Student Affairs will set up as usual. For more information, contact Terence L. Vinson (4172) vinsont@nsula.edu or Dr. Sue W. Weaver weaver@nsula.edu.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE: ____________________________ (email) ____________________________

NEEDED EQUIPMENT: ____________________________  ______________________________________
The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences recognized Cheryl McBride with an award for her many years of service as Director of the Child Development Center (1988-2007). Effective Aug. 13 Janna Maggio became the new director. McBride will continue to be a full-time assistant professor in the FACS department. Above left photo: FACS department head Dr. Patricia Pierson presented the award to McBride. Above right, McBride and Maggio were congratulated by aide Karen Winn, left, and Marsha Bernard, CDC teacher, right.

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totaling approximately 400 hours of training.

Michael Chekhov (1891 - 1955) was the nephew of the playwright Anton Chekhov and was widely recognized as one of the greatest actors of the 20th century. In 1942 Hollywood, he became an acting coach to the stars, acted in many films, and published his famous acting book, “To the Actor.” Prominent actors who studied with him were: Gary Cooper, Marilyn Monroe, Gregory Peck, Patricia Neal, Clint Eastwood, Anthony Quinn, Ingrid Bergman, Jack Palance, Lloyd Bridges, and Yul Brynner.

The Michael Chekhov Association (MICHA) is a not-for-profit organization that links the artistic vision Michael Chekhov created with the work of actors, teachers and directors of today. MICHA aims to add a much-needed dimension to current methods of acting training. The hope is to train a new generation of practitioners that will incorporate Chekhov’s psycho-physical approach into their acting technique.

Dr. J. Mark Thompson, professor of music, was recently appointed as chair of the Advisory Council on Literature for the International Trombone Association. This is one of three councils, the others being pedagogy and research, that serve the organization and report to the ITA Executive Committee. Dr. Thompson has served the ITA in various capacities over the years, and he is currently a member of the ITA Press Committee and an elected member of the Board of Advisers.

Mary Linn Wernet was invited to become a member of the Louisiana State University-Alexandria Archivist/Librarian Selection Committee this summer. As Certified Archivist and Head of the Cammie G. Henry Research Center, Wernet was asked to participate in the selection process by Director of the LSU-A Bolton Library, Jules Tate. The selected candidate will begin in October.

Dr. Julie H. Ernst, Asst. Professor of Anthropology, delivered a presentation titled “Service Learning, Heritage Education, and Civil Rights: Civic Engagement at NSU’s Heritage Resource Program” on August 13, 2007 at the ULS Serves conference in Baton Rouge, LA.

The presentation was co-authored by Dr. Ernst and M.A. in Heritage Resources alumni Melissa Hagen Dezendorf and Dustin Fuqua and current Heritage Resources graduate students Martha Arrington and Monica Pels. This was an updated version of a talk they gave in June at the American Democracy Project’s annual conference.
Health and Safety Officer outlines university’s asbestos inspection and management plan

In compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency’s Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools Rule of October 30, 1987, and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality’s LAC 33:111, Chapter 27, we wish to notify you of the following:

Asbestos is a building material that has been used in floor tile, ceiling tile, insulation, and numerous other materials for many years. Asbestos fibers can cause serious health effects if they are not properly sealed into the material they are a part of.

An inspection of campus buildings is being conducted for asbestos-containing materials. You may view a copy of the asbestos inspection report and Management Plan by contacting the manager of each building or the LEA designated person at Northwestern State University - Mrs. Tammie Pezant.

The management plan includes a description of asbestos containing materials in the buildings, procedures for re-inspecting buildings at six month intervals, and a schedule for removing existing asbestos containing materials.

We want you to know that we have instituted procedures that will maintain asbestos remaining in buildings in a safe condition until it is removed. We will continue to keep you informed of new actions regarding asbestos.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mrs. Tammie Pezant, Environmental Health and Safety Officer, (318) 357-4424, pezantt@nsula.edu.

CAPA faculty conduct master classes in Honduras

Dr. Douglas Bakenhus, associate professor and conductor of the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony; Dr. Denette McDermott, professor of flute, and graduate student Josue Ramirez taught master classes and performed recitals at the Victoriano Lopez School of Music in San Pedro Sula, Honduras in July.

In addition, Dr. Bakenhus conducted the San Pedro Sula Chamber Orchestra in a performance that included Bartok’s “Divertimento for Strings,” Uruguayan composer Leon Biriotti’s “Ana Frank, A Symphony for Strings, and Ditterdorf’s Duo Concertante with Josue Ramirez as soloist.

Dr. McDermott and Dr. Bakenhus also heard several students audition for an NSU music scholarship.

“The work ethic observed at this school of music is truly outstanding,” Bakenhus said. “We look forward to additional students from Honduras in the near future. The cultural diversity and commitment to excellence in music that they bring will be a tremendous benefit to our campus and community.”

Currently, there are three alumni of the Victoriano Lopez School who are in the Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony. Concertmaster Raul Mugni (violin), his wife Denissa Rivas (principal flute) and principal bassist Josue Ramirez.
**ECE announces non-credit courses for September**

### Driver Education
*Call now to register for Spring 2008*

### Beginning Guitar
**Date:** Sept. 4-Oct. 23, T  
**Time:** 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** $49 + $10 supply fee  
(supply fee pd. directly to instructor)  
**Location:** NSU Middle Lab School, Pod A  
**Instructor:** Philip McClung

### Intermediate Guitar
**Date:** Sept. 4-Oct. 23, T  
**Time:** 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** $49 + $10 supply fee  
(supply fee pd. directly to instructor)  
**Location:** NSU Middle Lab School, Pod A  
**Instructor:** Philip McClung

### Rape Aggression Defense
**Date:** Sept. 10-10, M  
**Time:** 2-5 p.m.  
**Fee:** $15  
**Location:** TBA  
**Instructor:** Deputy Chad Nelson, Officers Rebecca Borders & Jessie Taitano, & Deputy Shannon Brunson

### Water Aerobics
**Date:** Sept. 10-Dec. 7, MWF  
**Time:** 10-11 a.m.  
**Fee:** $85  
**Location:** Nesom Natatorium  
**Instructor:** Lori Elits

### Beginning Ballet for Adults
**Date:** Sept. 10-Oct 17, MW  
**Time:** 6-7:15 p.m.  
**Fee:** $75  
**Location:** TBA  
**Instructor:** Sarah Stravinska

### MS Powerpoint 2003
**Date:** Sept. 11, 13, & 18, TR  
**Time:** 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** $99  
**Location:** Dodd Hall, Rm. 113  
**Instructor:** Gena Hatcher

### ICD-9 CM Medical Coding Training for Certification (42 Hours)
**Date:** Sept. 15-Dec. 8  
(Alternating Sat. /schedule subject to change)  
**Time:** 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** $600 (plus $19.95 terminology book, if no experience)  
**Location:** Dodd Hall, Rm. 113  
**Instructor:** Evelyn Prewitt

### Basic Floral Design
**Date:** Sept. 15-29, S  
**Time:** 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
**Fee:** $300 tuition plus $100 supply fee (supply fee pd. directly to instructor)  
**Location:** TBA  
**Instructor:** Dawn Martin (LA State Licensed Florist, member of SAF, & LSFA)  
Over 20 years’ floral experience

### Cajun Dance
**Date:** Sept. 20-Oct. 25, R  
**Time:** 7-9 p.m.  
**Fee:** $75/per couple  
**Location:** Prather Coliseum, East Concourse  
**Instructor:** Billy Keyes

### ACT Prep
**Date:** Sept. 22-Oct. 13, S  
**Time:** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
**Fee:** $179 (includes materials)  
**Location:** Russell Hall, Rm. 115  
**Instructor:** TBA

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