Go Purple, Go White, Go Green!

NSU is developing initiatives to promote a healthy and environmentally friendly campus. You can get involved.

What does “green” mean to you? The question has been posed to faculty, staff and students and a variety of answers are helping administrators at NSU define and project ways to make the university healthier and more environmentally friendly.

Working with Vice President for University Affairs Marcus Jones, Service Learning Coordinator Steve Gruesbeck polled individuals campus-wide about their feelings on “going green” and found that opinions are both global and personal. The components of NSU Green include not only campus beautification, infrastructure and facilities, but also behavior changes, volunteerism, civic engagement, service learning and career development.

The university seeks to promote “a healthy campus, healthy bodies and a healthy student body,” according to President Randall J. Webb.

“Energy conservation, sustainability and related green activities are now at the forefront of national attention,” Webb said. “NSU is exploring options to excite and involve faculty, staff and students in this initiative.”

Some measures are already in place. The Print Shop, the grounds crew and Red River Sanitors have begun using more environmentally friendly products and supplies and the university has become more sensitive during renovations and construction. Several buildings on campus are encouraging recycling paper, plastic and aluminum.

With its role as a component of service-learning, this year’s NSU Service Day will...
FAA renews Aviation Science certification

NSU’s Aviation Science Department had its Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) 14 CFR Pt.141 Pilot School Certificate renewed in August for the standard additional two-year period, according to David King, head of the Department of Aviation Science. The airplane-pilot school certificate is reissued on the basis of quality of program; personnel, instructors, maintenance, enrollment, graduation, checkride pass rates, and facility inspections.

Along with this, within the past two months Aviation Science has passed on-site inspections from Veterans Affairs (VA), Homeland Security (TSA), and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). No discrepancies or deficiencies were noted with any of the four (4) Federal agencies.

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York at Cobleskill, Universite of Guelph, Universite du Quebec a Montreal, Universidad de Guadalajara and Fundacion Universidad de las Americas Puebla.

The purpose of the project is to teach university students a set of portable, transferable skills that will help them connect culture to food preparation, agriculture and economic development through tourism. By participating in this project, students will emerge with a greater appreciation of the differences and similarities of various cultural groups throughout North America.

Dr. Richard B. Jensen, professor of history, Louisiana Scholars’ College, traveled to Bielefeld, in northwest Germany, to attend a conference on the “Control of Violence” held Sept. 10-13. As an authority on the subject of anarchist terrorism, Prof. Jensen was an invited commentator at the conference, another of whose participants has been researching anarchist terrorism in Germany and France. The meeting was sponsored by the German Research Foundation and the Center of Interdisciplinary Research at Bielefeld University. Professors from major universities in Europe, the United States and Africa attended.

Dr. Wade Tyler, professor of social work, has been elected chairperson of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners. LABSWE is the licensing board for all social workers in the state. It also oversees continuing education requirements and adjudicates ethical violations. Dr. Tyler was appointed to LABSWE in December by for Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco. He has also been appointed by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) to their upcoming Practice Analysis Task Force. This task force will poll U.S. and Canadian social workers to determine tasks that make up current social work practice. The practice analysis is the foundation of ASWB’s examination blueprint, from which all levels of social work licensing examinations are formed. The ASWB examination is used by most social work licensing entities in the United States and Canada.

Dr. Gerra Perkins, Dr. Mary Lynn Williamson, Dr. Nelda Wellman, and Dr. Wendell Wellman, College of Education, attended and presented at the North Atlantic Region Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors Conference in Portland, Maine, Sept. 18-21. Perkins, Williamson, and W. Wellman’s presentation was entitled “Expanding Emerging Counselors Creativity: Thinking Outside the Box.” Perkins and N. Wellman’s presentation was entitled “Minding What Matters in our Elementary Schools” and examined the elementary school counselors’ roles that were perceived as being most valuable by stakeholders.

Dr. Perkins, Dr. Williamson, and Dr. Henrietta Pichon attended and presented at the University of Louisiana System’s Service Learning Conference held in Baton Rouge on Aug. 11. The presentation, “Combating Truancy: A Prevention and Remediation Focus,” described the service learning activities that have been incorporated into the School Counseling and Student Personnel Services programs.
NSU ACS chapter named Outstanding

The Northwestern State University Student Affiliate chapter of the American Chemical Society has received the Outstanding Chapter Award for its 2007-08 outreach activities. Award winning chapters will be recognized in the November/December issue of In Chemistry magazine and at the ACS Student Affiliates chapter award ceremony that will be held during the 237th ACS national meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

NSU’s chapter ranks in the top 15 student affiliates out of approximately 650 in the United States, according to Dr. Gillian E.A. Rudd, faculty advisor. The chapter was recognized for its organized recruiting program, community service and participation in activities that benefited their department and the university. Many of the chapter’s projects promoted chemistry to students and the general public, particularly in elementary schools. The chapter demonstrated originality in the “chemvention” and “chemdemo” programming it presented to young students, said Nancy Bakowski, ACS undergraduate programs office manager. These programs are aimed at encouraging children’s interest in science.

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be themed “Go Purple, Go White, Go Green” with planned activities for Oct. 22, during Homecoming Week.

“Northwestern has taken the lead in service-learning and has been developing a Request for Proposals for energy conservation,” Webb said. He also is considering incentives to encourage more walking and biking on campus.

Gruesbeck is interested in coordinating volunteer efforts that enhance students’ fields of study and has received enthusiastic response from groups already developing projects.

“Group projects and senior level classes lend themselves well to service learning,” Gruesbeck said.

Several in- and out-of-classroom projects are already underway.

The university is partnering with the city on the Cans for Cash aluminum can recycling program.

The Student Government Association is exploring ways in which students can help to make Northwestern a greener and healthier place for everyone.

Undergraduate and graduate student research projects and presentations across the curriculum are addressing “green” topics such as sustainability, recycling, environmental protection, and local, organic farming.

CAPA’s Green Lounge is currently under construction. Situated on the rear, second floor patio, this outdoor lounge will be appointed with stylish furniture built entirely from wood grown in sustainable eucalyptus forests.

Watson Library subscribes to GREENFILE, a new electronic database of scholarly, government and general-interest articles addressing green building, pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy and recycling. This is a valuable resource for students and faculty engaged in research and applied projects.

“A Northwestern Green Advisory Board is being established and the Northwestern Green website is currently under construction. The Northwestern Green logo, designed by Beth Mann, illustrates the connection between what we are doing at Northwestern and the larger, global movement towards environmental sustainability,” Gruesbeck said. “Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to openly discuss their projects and ideas about what ‘green’ means to them."

A variety of Undergraduate Fellowship and Grant Opportunities are underwritten by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, US Dept. of Agriculture, and US Dept. of the Interior.

In addition, Louisiana Board of regents & NSU Internal Grants may be used to support green research and other academic endeavors.

“Northwestern encourages education, research, and action focused on the environment, energy conservation, and sustainability,” Gruesbeck said. “NSU is proud to support thinking and acting in an environmentally responsible way.”
Economic forecaster to speak at Porter Forum

The College of Business will host the 42nd annual J. Walter Porter Forum on Friday, Oct. 10. During this event, business executives are invited to speak on topics in their areas of expertise in an effort to bring academia and industry together. The theme of this year’s event is “Turbulent Times.”

This year’s speaker will be Dr. Rajeev Dhawan, director of the Economic Forecasting Center at Georgia State University, who has been a previous speaker at the Porter Forum. Two other speakers are to be announced. The program will begin at 8:15 a.m. in Room 107 of Russell Hall. Following will be a luncheon for guests, speakers, faculty and the Dean’s Advisory Board members and College of Business seniors. The Forum was initiated by Porter, who saw the need to bridge the gap between the college campus and industry.

In other news, the College of Business will be featured on the Oct. 13, 2008 edition of Business Week.

NSF grant will fund GCMS for science labs

Dr. Massimo D. Bezoari, professor of Chemistry in the Louisiana Scholars’ College, is the principal author and investigator on a grant that was awarded to NSU by the National Science Foundation. The proposal is entitled “Collaborative Enhancement of Undergraduate Science Education Through Inquiry-Based GCMS Experiments.” Dr. Priscilla Kilcrease (OIRSP) said that the $199,912 award is the “second largest ever obtained at NSU from the National Science Foundation.”

The proposal describes the acquisition of a gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer (GCMS), a state-of-the-art instrument that will become the focal point of the undergraduate chemistry curriculum. The instrument will promote innovative pedagogy in the undergraduate science laboratory courses, using a guided inquiry approach.

The proposal also describes novel experiments in forensic chemistry, clinical chemistry and biochemistry, organic chemistry, and analytical/environmental chemistry that will be added to the chemistry laboratory curriculum. In addition, some new experiments will involve students in service-learning projects relating to the analysis and monitoring of surface waters in northern Louisiana, and the occurrence of pesticides in the environment and in grocery foods.

Students and faculty at NSU, BPCC, and SUSLA will participate in the project. Dr. Bezoari stated that students will gain invaluable experiences in using the instrument throughout their chemistry lab courses, as well as in research projects that can result in publications in scientific journals and presentations at national science meetings. “Such experiences will be of immense benefit to our graduates who pursue internships and careers in science, medicine, and industry.”

Dr. Bezoari credits the success of the grant not only to the educational improvements and research potential that will benefit students, but also to the collaborative effort of colleagues at NSU, BPCC, and SUSLA.

He stated that the senior administrators at all these institutions were very encouraging throughout the process. He noted the help of Dr. Kilcrease and Carla Howell (OIRSP) and Jennifer Videtto (Institutional Research) in collaborative efforts and data-gathering; Dr. Paul Withey and Dean of the College of Science and Technology Dr. Austin Temple in providing support for housing and maintenance of the instrument; and the co-investigators at the various institutions who will make the project a success, including (from NSU) Dr. Betsy Cochran, Dr. April French, Dr. Walter Flomer, Dr. Darrell Fry, Dr. Jacqueline Mason, Dr. Gillian Rudd, and (from BPCC) Dr. Elaine Cox and Mr. Danny Hoston, and (from SUSLA) Dr. Barry Hester.
The Heritage Resources Programs at NSU invite the university to attend a Heritage Resources Reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2 at Lee Nelson Hall (NCPTT), 645 University Parkway. The event will include displays, video and presentations regarding some of the program projects, including discovering African American History in Vernon Parish, archaeological excavation in Pava, Italy and a faculty-led tour of Egypt.

“There will be a short program from 6:00-6:30 highlighting three activities from the past year,” said Dr. ElizaBeth Bede Guin, program coordinator. “The reception is open to the public and it is our way of thanking all the countless individuals who have supported our students’ endeavors in the heritage community. Come, eat, and enjoy. And if you have a heritage project that you would like to bring to our attention please come and share it with us.”

CGHRC gets African American family documents

Northwestern State University’s Cammie G. Henry Research Center received a donation from a Natchitoches family that will be included in archives relevant to the history of the African American community in Natchitoches.

Grace Baptiste Thomas donated items relating to her brother Charles Ray Thomas, a U.S. Army Private in the 644th Transportation Corps Truck Company, who was stationed at Flak Caserne, Munich, Germany, when he was shot and killed in a rifle accident in 1946.

The donation includes Thomas’s portrait, three letters to his mother, Sarah Polk, and the certificate of honor signed by President Harry Truman.

“These items bring the tragic story alive and the documents are part of the Thomas family and the history of the African American community in Natchitoches,” said Mary Linn Wernet, NSU archivist. “The donation of these family papers to NSU will allow researchers from this area and from the rest of the world to read the papers and write about this event.”

The donation is the first to the Research Center from an African American family, Wernet said. “The Cammie G. Henry Research Center envisions the day when the African American Museum is open and the portrait and accompanying documentation is offered as a lot to the African American Museum,” she said.

CAPA will present “Romeo and Juliet”

Northwestern State University’s Theatre and Dance Department will present Shakespeare’s classic tale of star crossed lovers, ROMEO AND JULIET in October. Considered one of the greatest love stories of all time, complicated by the interplay of fate and repeated misfortune in timing, the tragedy of Romeo and Juliet will play at A. A. Fredericks Auditorium from Oct. 29-Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The juxtaposition of light and dark, the injection of comic moments, and the beauty of the language of love further enhance the play and make it a classic for all time. The show is set in Verona, Italy, but is directed with new and exciting twists. Directed by Pia Wyatt, the cast includes students ranging from the freshmen class to seniors.

Tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for sr. citizens; NSU and LSMSA students admitted free with current ID. Call 357-4483 for more information. Reservations accepted, but not necessary.
CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Jeff Girard, School of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $84,621 from the Louisiana Division of Archaeology for the renewal of “Regional Archaeology Program 2008-2009.”

Ms. Julie Longlois, Carl Perkins Program, received notification of an award of $169,290 from the Louisiana Community & Technical College System for the continuation of “Carl D. Perkins Basic Grant – Postsecondary.”

Dr. Darlene Williams, Vice President of Technology, Research, and Economic Development, received notification of an award of $191,593 from the U.S. Department of Education, FIPSE, for “Bridging the Gap in Health Care in Selected Rural Communities in Louisiana.”

Louisiana Board of Regents (BoR)
Funding Opportunities FY 2008-09
http://www.laregents.org
BoR Support Fund (BoRSF) Grant Programs

A. Enhancement Program: Traditional and Undergraduate. Eligible disciplines for FY 2008-09 include:
Biological Sciences
Computer and Information Sciences
Engineering B (Industrial, Materials, Mechanical, etc.)
Humanities
Social Sciences
The Enhancement proposal deadline is November 10, 2008 (electronically) and November 18, 2008 (hard copy).

B.1. Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS). Eligible disciplines for FY 2008-09 include:
Biological Sciences
Chemistry
Computer and Information Sciences
Earth/Environmental Sciences
Engineering B (Industrial, Materials, Mechanical, etc.)
Health and Medical Sciences

B.2. Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS). Target areas for FY 2008-09 include:
1. Data and Telecommunications
Environmental Technologies
Existing Principal Industries, such as Petrochemicals and Agribusiness
Food Technologies
Louisiana Culture and History
Materials Science
Medical and Biomedical
Micromanufacturing
The ITRS Notice of Intent deadline is September 22, 2008.
The ITRS proposal deadline is October 31, 2008.

C. Graduate Fellows Program:
Traditional Graduate Fellows (TGF):
Eligible disciplines for FY 2008-09 include:
Agriculture
Biological Sciences
Business
Chemistry
Computer/Information Sciences
Earth/Environmental Sciences
Education, including Literacy
Engineering A and B
Health/Medical Sciences
Mathematics
Physics/Astronomy
Graduate Fellowships for Teachers (GFT):
Eligible disciplines for FY 2008-09 include:
Mathematics
Science
The TGF and GFT proposal deadline is November 14, 2008.

Endowed Chairs/Professorships Programs. All academic disciplines are eligible.
The Endowed Chairs/Professorships Programs deadline is March 31, 2009.

Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars
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(ATALAS) Program. Eligible disciplines for 2008-09 include:
1. Arts
2. Humanities
3. Social Sciences

The ATLAS Notice of Intent deadline is October 7, 2008.
The ATLAS proposal deadline is November 21, 2008.

BoR SELECT Grant Program:
In the BoR’s “Supporting Electronic Learning and Essential Campus Transitions” (SELECT) grant program, one proposal per academic unit will be accepted. Specific “Areas of Interest” are listed in the 2008-09 RFP at www.regents.state.la.us by clicking on “What’s New at the Board of Regents.” The SELECT proposal deadline is October 10, 2008.

GRC Web Conference
“Preparing Competitive NSF Proposals”
Tuesday, October 7, 2008: 1 – 3 pm ET
Location TBA via NSU Messenger

Broadcast simultaneously during the External Funding Conference, a panel of NSF administrators and program directors will lead detailed discussions on proposal preparation, the NSF merit review process, and agency guidance on conflict of interest issues.

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

Watkins kiosk to be featured in design publication

A Northwestern State University Fine + Graphic Arts program kiosk designed by Assistant Professor Anthony Watkins was featured in the July/August 2008 edition of Graphic Design USA, a magazine seen by an estimated 100,000 creative professionals. This marks the fourth of Watkins’ design projects to be included in the journal, which also includes work for the Atlanta Falcons, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Fossil, Old Dominion University, Savannah College of Art and Design, the Grand Ole Opry, McGraw-Hill and Yahoo! Media Group.

The project, primarily used during recruiting events, was also awarded a Gold ADDY earlier this year by the Shreveport/Bossier Advertising Federation.

Watkins teaches graphic design in the NSU School of Creative and Performing Arts.

This kiosk designed by Tony Watkins will be used at recruiting events.
Funeral services for Connie Brossett Turlington, mother-in-law of Melissa Turlington, Accounts Payable/Business Affairs, were held Thursday, Sept. 25.

A donation was made to the March of Dimes 3327 Jackson Street, Suite E, Alexandria, LA 71301, in memory of Joshua Paul Lemoine, infant son of Dr. Francene Lemoine, assistant professor of biological sciences.

A plant was sent to the funeral service of Glen Nelms, father of Elwin Ellis, banner database administrator, Information Systems.

A donation was made to the NSU Foundation in memory of Corbia L. Blair, father of Woody Blair, coordinator of Facilities Services.

Yankowski to exhibit sculptures at LSU-A

Northwestern State University Professor Michael Yankowski will exhibit 24 sculptures at the LSU-A University Gallery through October. Working in a variety of media including carved and fabricated wood, cast metal, ceramics and found objects, Yankowski creates intimate sculptures reminiscent of reliquaries or scientific apparatus. Exploring themes of technology, nature, and faith, his works are detailed intriguing constructions, surrealistic yet often pointed.

Yankowski exhibits his work nationally including this year’s “September Competition” at the Alexandria Museum of Art. He has won numerous awards including first place in the 2007 “20x20x20” National Competition at LSU Baton Rouge. He was awarded a Louisiana Artists Endowment in 2000 and the NSU Donald Derby Endowed Professorship in 2007. He is represented by Carol Robinson Gallery in New Orleans. Some of his work can be seen at: michaelyankowski.com

The LSU-A exhibit will run Oct. 3–31 at the LSU at Alexandria University Gallery in the Student Union. There will be an opening reception from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 with a gallery talk from 6:30–7 p.m. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday.

Icarus Icthus, a sculpture by NSU Professor of Art Michael Yankowski, will one of several the artist will exhibit at the LSU-A University Gallery in October.

Birth Announcement

Matt DeFord, assistant professor, Creative and Performing Arts, and his wife Julie welcomed Maxwell David William DeFord (Max) on Thursday, September 18th at 9:13 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and measured 21 inches in length.
Adjunct Professor of Art Valerie Powell will have her artwork featured in Studio Visit Magazine, Volume 2, which will be released in late October 2008. Studio Visit is a new series of juried artist books, that highlight innovation in contemporary art. Valerie’s artwork, “614 days” and “Stretching Green,” will be included in the magazine, along with her contact information and artist statement, in a two-page spread.

Studio Visit will be mailed to 1,500 of the nation’s top galleries and curators and a growing subscriber base of over 500 collectors across the country. Subscriptions inquiries can be emailed to info@studiovisitmagazine.com. You can learn more about Valerie’s artwork and her other upcoming projects at valeriepowell.com.

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Flip book for lefties to be included in ‘Change for a Ten’

A piece entitled “For the Lefties” (a left-handed flip book) by Assistant Professor of Art Isaac Powell will be in included in the exhibition “Change for a Ten” hosted by Art 180 at Virginia Commonwealth University’s Brandcenter in Richmond, Va., on Oct. 10.

The exhibition encourages artists from around the nation to take a template supplied by Art 180 (the size of a 10 dollar bill) and draw, paint, write or use whatever medium the artist desires in order to show the kind of change that they would like to see in the community.

More info can be found at art180.org and isaacpowell.com.
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Date: Oct. 6 & 7, Mon & Tues
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Date: Oct. 6 & 7, Mon & Tues
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 203 (Natchitoches Room)

BASIC FLORAL DESIGN II
Date: Oct. 11, 18, & 25, Sat.
Time: 1-4 p.m.
Fee: $200 + $100 mat. fee
Location: The Master’s Bouquet (108 South Drive)
Instructor: Dawn Martin

FINANCIAL STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESSFUL RETIREMENT
(To be taught in Alexandria)
Date: Oct. 16-Nov. 6, Thurs
Time: 6-9 p.m.
Fee: $55
Location: Learning Center for Rapides Parish
Instructor: Robert Harger

MS WORD
Date: Oct. 16, 20, & 27, Thurs, Mon, & Tues
Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Fee: $99
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 113
Instructor: Dara Stanfil

MS EXCEL
Date: Oct. 30, Nov. 2, & 4, Thurs, Mon, & Tues
Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Fee: $99
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 113
Instructor: Dara Stanfil

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