## Faculty, staff and student input vital to success of economic impact study

Northwestern is participating in a University of Louisiana System study to determine the economic impact each ULS school has on the community. The study is intended to provide tangible evidence that the University's influence extends well beyond its mission of providing a quality education. This survey of faculty and staff is a part of that comprehensive community and economic impact study.

Faculty, staff and students will be given an expenditure survey to help determine how much area businesses and vendors directly benefit from the economic activity of anyone associated with the university, including visitors to campus, retirees, and university-affiliated organizations. The assistance of faculty and staff is needed for this project to succeed. The information faculty and staff provide on this form will enable the researchers to calculate the economic impacts faculty and staff have on the community as accurately as possible. The information will be kept confidential.

In addition, the study will attempt to document the university’s quality of life impact through surveys of local businesses and civic groups to determine how the community is improved by the presence of the university. Consideration will be given to the university’s services, facilities and resources, as well as intangible contributions, such as workforce development and research.

Components of the study will consider university expenditures such as capital improvements, maintenance and payroll, as well as dollars spent locally by faculty, staff and students on housing, food, services, entertainment and retail. The impact of visitors to campus, through athletic events, conferences, family visits, and summer camps will also be considered.

“It is valuable to analyze the economic impact of Northwestern on the region it serves. Such a study provides the public and those of us at the university and state levels information about the positive effects created by our economic development activities as well as the educational, cultural and athletic programs we offer,” said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

The study will also gauge how businesses, organizations and community groups perceive Northwestern, not only as an education and economic resource, but also as an institution that offers programs and opportunities to enhance the quality of life in northwest Louisiana.

Northwestern’s data will focus primarily on its affect in Natchitoches Parish, with consideration for the university’s satellite locations in Shreveport, Alexandria and Leesville, according to Dr. Marcus Jones, vice president for University Affairs, who is leading a team of NSU faculty and staff in the data collection process.

“Northwestern’s mission statement and strategic goals reflect the importance we assign to these endeavors. Northwestern State University, through its faculty, staff, students, programs and services at its various campuses throughout central and northwest Louisiana, has a significant impact on our service area and its citizens,” Webb said. “We are grateful to have the opportunity to respond to the needs of the people in a manner than promotes the overall welfare of this region of Louisiana.”
Excellence in Teaching faculty honored

Six outstanding faculty were recognized for their contributions to the university and their individual colleges as recipients of this year’s Excellence in Teaching Awards. The outstanding teachers were selected by their peers and were honored during Homecoming festivities Oct. 24-25.

The faculty and their colleges are Dr. Zafer Hatahet, College of Science and Technology; Dr. Marcus Jones, College of Business; Dr. Karen McFerrin, College of Education; Dr. Susan Pierce, College of Nursing; Dr. Wade Tyler, College of Liberal Arts, and Dr. Lisa Wolffe, Louisiana Scholars’ College.

Hatahet is head of the Department of Biological Sciences at NSU and instructs classes in biology, genetics, molecular biology and biological chemistry. Jones is vice president for University Affairs and associate professor of business law and international business. McFerrin is an associate professor of education technology and serves on numerous faculty committees within the College of Education. Pierce is responsible for supervision of students in pre-clinical, fundamentals and pediatrics for the BSN program and is a member of the graduate program faculty. Tyler teaches social work, directs field education, advises students and serves on several departmental and university committees. Wolffe is a professor of Romance languages, teaching courses in literature, history, culture, conversation, French and Spanish.

Maggio elected to lead LaCUSPA in 2009-10

Dr. Chris Maggio will serve as president-elect of the Louisiana Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators for 2008-09. LaCUSPA is an organization made up of Louisiana higher education student personnel administrators of both public and private institutions. The work of its members impacts the lives of more than 200,000 students. Maggio will serve as president in 2009-10.

Maggio, dean of students and assistant provost for Student Success at Northwestern State University, is the fifth Northwestern staff member to head LaCUSPA during the organization’s 30 years of existence.

“It is an honor for me to represent NSU on the executive committee of LaCUSPA,” Maggio said. “This professional organization has been important in the development of the student affairs field in Louisiana. I look forward to working with other professionals to study and discuss issues that face out students in colleges and universities and collaborate on ways to assist students in their intellectual, social, moral and personal development.”
Richmond appointed to serve as Regional Folklorist

Sheila Richmond has been named Regional Folklorist for Region 2 of Louisiana. She will be based at Northwestern State University and work in a 12-parish area including Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto, Grant, Natchitoches, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, Vernon, and Winn parishes.

The Louisiana’s Regional Folklife Program is a cooperative endeavor between Louisiana universities and the Louisiana Folklife Program within the Division of the Arts. The primary goal of the program is to provide in-depth documentation of Louisiana’s folk traditions and to facilitate its appropriate use by the public and cultural tourism. The folklorists have the following mission: To identify and document folk cultural traditions and artists, To work with community groups to present their folk traditions to the public, and To provide information about folklife through media coverage, university lectures, and public presentations. The Louisiana Regional Folklife Program divides the state into five regions based on cultural and geographic factors.

“Serving as the folklorist for Region 2 offers an exciting opportunity to meet people who carry on traditional culture and to work with those who want to present these traditions in an appropriate manner,” said Richmond.

Richmond has been an instructor at NSU and coordinator of the Louisiana Folklife Center and Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival since 2005. From 2005 to 2007, she was also an adjunct instructor at Bossier Parish Community College at NSU. Richmond was an instructor at Northwestern from 1993-95.

In 2004-05, she was north Louisiana Coordinator for Louisiana Voices and a thesis chair and faculty advisor at Goucher College. Richmond worked at the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training as Louisiana Program Manager for Heritage Education from 2001-04 and Training and Education Opportunities Database Manager from 1997-2000.
Debra Shelton had three chapters in the book – Developing a Course Syllabus; Developing and Revising Curriculum; and Beyond Tests: Other Ways to Evaluate Learning. Diane Graham-Webb and Ann Deshotels co-authored the chapter on RN to BSN Students in the section on Perspectives on Adults as Learners. Book was published this past spring by F. A. Davis.

Five faculty members in the College of Nursing co-authored a chapter with Sally Carroll-Ricks, former College of Nursing Librarian, for the book – An Introduction to Instructional Services in Academic Libraries, Elizabeth Connor, editor. Faculty members participating were Debra Shelton, Diane Graham-Webb, Susan T. Pierce, Laura Aaron and Debbie Moore. Their chapter entitled Information Literacy for a College of Nursing was based on their plan to implement information literacy in all programs within the College of Nursing. Book was published this past spring by Routledge Press.

Julie Kane, associate professor of English, read from her book of poetry “Jazz Funeral” as part of the Cavanaugh Lecture series at LSU-Alexandria in October. Kane won the Donald Justice Poetry Prize for “Jazz Funeral,” which will be published next spring. She has also written “Rhythm and Booze” and “The Bartender Poems.” Prior to the reading, she spoke about her work and answered students’ questions about it in a Women’s Literature class.

Kane also gave the keynote address at the banquet for the Arkansas Philological Association annual conference. Her talk, titled “What’s New About Formalism?,” was followed by a poetry reading. The event was held on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith.

Earlier this year, Kane read several of her poems at the awards reception for the Open Poetry international sonnet competition, held at Sidney Sussex College of Cambridge University in England. Kane was the first prize winner in the competition.

Dr. Gillian E.A. Rudd, associate professor of chemistry and physics, attended a POGIL (process oriented guided inquiry learning) workshop on Saturday, Oct. 4 as part of the SERMACS (southeastern regional meeting of the American Chemical Society) in Little Rock, Ark. She also attended a professional development workshop entitled “Strategies for Success,” at Baton Rouge Community College Oct. 11 as set up by Pearson publishers.

Rudd has submitted two abstracts for the 237th ACS meeting to be held in March 2009 in Salt Lake City, Utah entitled: (a) Modified synthesis of orotidine 5’- monophosphate and (b) Northwestern state rocks from the bayou, again.

Dr. Rudd recently received associate member status to the graduate faculty and has been awarded a Ready Campus Course Integration grant from Louisiana Campus Compact. This grant is designed to allow faculty to develop emergency and disaster preparedness and response curriculum modules and integrate them into post-secondary curriculum. Rudd’s grant funding is $4,477 for budget items detailed in the proposal. The grant runs Oct. 23-Dec. 15.

Mary Brocato has been named to the Shreveport Journalism Foundation board of directors. The Foundation annually gives scholarships to journalism students in memory of the late Kerry Garland and Orland Dodson, two former staffers of the Shreveport Times.

Brocato is associate professor of journalism at NSU.

Dr. Juliette Delabbio, director of the NSU Aquaculture Research Center, presented a paper on “Gar Culture and Biosecurity” at the Second International Meeting on Lepisosteid Research and Management held in Heredia, Costa Rica, in September. The meeting participants were fish farmers, government fisheries specialists and researchers from seven different countries that came together to discuss the culture, conservation and recovery of this fish. Dr. Delabbio’s participation in this meeting was made possible through a NEF Professional Development Grant.

Denise Garland has been hired by NSU as an instructor and advisor in Student Support Services. Denise graduated from NSU with a bachelor of social work degree in May 2007. She earned her MSW in May 2008, at Stephen F. Austin and is a licensed graduate social worker.

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Keith Dromm, associate professor of philosophy in the Scholars’ College, has written a chapter for *Spielberg and Philosophy*, edited by Dean Kowalski (University Press of Kentucky). Dr. Dromm’s chapter, “Spielberg and Cinematic Realism,” uses several films by Steven Spielberg to help explain the concept of realism as applied to films.

Dr. John Foster attended the Louisiana Communication Association (LCA) annual conference on the campus of Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. While at the conference, he led a service learning panel presentation and discussion during the morning sessions. At the organizations business meeting, Dr. Foster was elected as the vice-president of LCA. As vice-president, John will be planning and Northwestern will be hosting the 2009 annual conference of LCA.

Shelia Thompson, Library Specialist 1 with the Cammie G. Henry Research Center at Watson Library, displayed a traveling exhibit entitled “Tied to the Isles” at the fourth annual Northeast Louisiana Celtic Festival Oct. 25-26. Their display concerning selected documents and collections related to Ireland and England. The Festival took place at Ike Hamilton Expo Center in West Monroe.

Dr. Sanghoon Park, assistant professor of educational technology in the College of Education, and Chanhee Son from Florida State University published an article entitled “The Functional Analysis of Handheld Computers Use in K-12 Classrooms” in the Journal for Computing Teachers, one of the SIG official journals of International Society for Technology in Education. This qualitative study explored the concept of Mobile learning and provided the guideline of integrating handheld computers into various classroom learning activities based on best practices collected from nineteen case studies.

Dr. Gerra Perkins and eight NSU students recently attended and presented at the Louisiana Counseling Association Annual Conference in Baton Rouge on Oct. 12-15. The students were: Kimberly Cain, Karla Chamberlain, Mary Beth Fingleton, Michelle Hunt, Kimberly Lachney, Danyelle McDaniel, Michelle Peterka-Kohlweiss, and Tynesia Taylor. Perkins presented with Dr. Mary Lynn Williamson on *Giving Back to Our Communities: Service Learning in Counselor Education Programs.*

Perkins also attended and presented at the Southern Association for Counselor Educators and Supervisors (SACES) in Houston on Oct. 23-25. The two presentations were *Supervision: All Fun and Games? and Perceptions of Elementary School Counselor Roles: Implications for Counselor Educators.*


Birth Announcement

Phyllis Gardner, administrative assistant in the office of the dean of students, and her husband David announce the birth of twin grandsons, Evan Thomas Gardner and Caleb Jase Gardner, who arrived at St. Frances Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria on Wednesday, Oct. 15. Evan weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces. Caleb weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces. They were welcomed home by their siblings Leah and Andrew.

Parents are D. Jason Gardner and Melissa B. Gardner, 2001 NSU graduates. Maternal grandparents are Tommy and Sharon Basco of Columbia.
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CONGRATULATIONS

Ms. Patty Varnado, Space Science Group, College of Science and Technology, received notification from Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation of an award of $8,000 for “The Space Science Group Science Laboratory and Teacher Training Center.”

Ms. Claudia Triche, Department of Social Work, College of Liberal Arts, received notification from the Louisiana Office of Community Services, Department of Social Services, of an award of $62,653 for “Title IV-E Child Welfare Training.”

Dr. Julie Delabbio, Aquaculture Center, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science and Technology, received notification from the LSU Agricultural Center of an award of $147,010 for the continuation of “Aquaculture Research Project (River Water Research) for FY 2008-2009.”

Mr. William Brent, School of Creative and Performing Arts, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $3,654 from the Shreveport Regional Arts Council for “Preserving the Past through Digital Photography and Oral History.” Ms. Leslie Gruesbeck is collaborator.

Ms. Shelia Richmond and Mr. Shane Rasmussen, Louisiana Folklife Center, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $2,922 from the Shreveport Regional Arts Council for “2009 Natchitoches NSU Folk Festival.”

Dr. Lisa Abney, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an increase of $26,000 from the National Writing Project, University of California – Berkeley, for “NSU Writing Project.”

Dr. Gillian Rudd, Department of Chemistry and Physics, College of Science and Technology received notification from the Louisiana Board of Regents, Louisiana Campus Compact, of an award of $4,478 for “Ready Campus Course Integration Grant Program.”

Dr. Trey Cunningham, Department of Health and Human Performance, College of Science and Technology received notification from the Louisiana Board of Regents, Louisiana Campus Compact, of an award of $1,672 for “Exercise Training for Emergency Preparedness.”

Dr. Paul Nagel, College of Education, received notification from the National Geographic Education Foundation of an award of $50,000 for “Geography across the Curriculum.”

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, Louisiana Folklife Center, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, Public Humanities Grants, for “New Populations in Louisiana Narrative Sessions/2009 Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival.”

Dr. Vickie Gentry, College of Education, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Board of Regents, SELECT program, for “Designing, Implementing, and Assessing Online Courses in Alternate Certification Programs.” Drs. Karen McFerrin, Sanghoon Park, Michelle Morris, Marti Rhymes, and Barbara Duchardt are collaborating faculty.

Mr. Joseph Biscoe, III, Department of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to the U.S. Agency for Health Care Research and Quality/National Institute of Health for “ARK-LA-TX Knowledge and Dissemination Meth Conference.” Ms. Melissa Gomez is collaborator.

The following individuals submitted proposals to the Louisiana Campus Compact, Ready Campus Course Integration Grant Program, funded by the Louisiana Board of Regents:

Mr. Jack Atherton, Criminal Justice Department, School of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, for “Ready Campus Integration Grant Program: Emergency Management Public Policy and Law,” Ms. Laurie Richardson is collaborator;

Dr. Gerra Perkins, School of Counseling/SPS, College of Education, for “Ready Campus Course Integration”;

Dr. Gillian E.A. Rudd, Department of Chemistry and Physics, College of Science and Technology, for “Ready Campus Course Integration Grant Program”;

Dr. George “Trey” Cunningham, Department of Health and Human Performance, College of Science and Technology, for “Exercise Training for Emergency Preparedness”; and

Dr. Kimberly McAlister, College of See ORSP Page 7
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Education, for “Safe Schools: Emergency Preparedness for K-12 Schools.” Dr. Jacqueline Mason is collaborator.

The following individuals submitted proposals to the University of Louisiana System, ULS Serves Grant:

Dr. Kimberly McAlister, College of Education, for “Spring/Splash into Math: Service Learning in Schools.” Ms. Dee Dee Perot is collaborator;

Dr. Michael Cundall, Jr., Louisiana Scholars’ College, for “Local Organics and Healthful Living”;

Dr. Michelle Morris, College of Education, for “A CASA Christmas: Future Teachers Serving Central Louisiana’s Youth.” Ms. Veronica Biscoe is collaborator; and

Dr. Gerra Perkins, College of Education, for “Cyberbullying Prevention,” Ms. Mary Lynn Williamson is collaborator.

The following individuals submitted proposals to the Kentucky/Louisiana Campus Compact, Service-Learning Course Mini Grant:

Dr. Henrietta Pichon, College of Education, for “Integration of Service Learning in an Orientation 1010 Course” and “Integration of Service Learning in a Graduate Level Group Dynamics Course”;

Dr. Michael Cundall, Jr., Louisiana Scholars’ College, for “Local Organics and Healthful Living”;

Dr. Gerra Perkins, College of Education, for “LA Campus Compact Service-Learning Course Mini Grant”; and

Ms. Robyn Whitehead, Department of Health and Human Performance, College of Science and Technology, for “Evaluation of Community Physical Activity and Health Status,” Drs. Catherine McMillan and Malcolm (Todd) Whitehead were collaborators.

For more information regarding funding opportunities, visit ORSP’s website at www.nsula.edu/orsp.
Students, faculty, and staff joined “Team TFL” for NSU’s Homecoming Fun Run on Oct. 22. Among faculty and staff were Dr. Susan Barnett, Dr. Sonia Tinsley, Dr. Tara Gallien, Frances Conine, and Becky Fredieu. In all, nearly 30 TFL supporters ran in the annual 5K fun run to help promote a tobacco free life on campus. Participants wore TFL bracelets and shirts during the run to show their support. The fun run is organized by the NSU Wellness, Recreation, and Activity Center. Tara Gallien, faculty advisor for the TFL committee, along with student committee members, felt that the fun run was a great opportunity to show TFL’s presence on campus and to promote a healthy lifestyle through exercise and a tobacco-free life.

“On the Land” a painting by Isaac Powell will be a part of the exhibition “Terra Firma” which will be presented at Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. The show will run from Nov. 7-Dec. 5, with the opening reception from 7-9 p.m. Nov 7.

“Manifest’s first group show and call to artists for season five will focus on interpretations of a theme not yet thoroughly explored by the gallery,” Powell said. “Landscape can be so very widely interpreted and expressed. From the most observational depictions of geographic locations to conceptual or nearly abstract spaces, landscapes are generally considered works representing real or imagined ‘land’ or natural spaces. However, even larger scale architectural conceptions, or combinations of the natural and man-made are often categorized as such. Manifest is eager to present a wide variety of contemporary works that explore this subject.”

Over 340 artists from across the U.S. and beyond submitted over 900 works for consideration to Terra Firma. A rigorous ten-person jury and curatorial process resulted in 27 works by 19 artists being selected for inclusion in the exhibit.

More information can be found at isaacpowell.com and manifestgallery.org.
Directors of Service-Learning

Steve Gruesbeck represented Northwestern at the 2008 Collegiate Environmental Sustainability Conference, sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The conference focused on the importance of environmental sustainability. Presenters provided informative sessions on why and how to “green” each campus. In addition to representatives from the EPA, speakers included administrators from the National Wildlife Federation, U.S. Green Building Council, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, U.S. Dept. of Energy and representatives from Emory University and Georgia Institute of Technology, recently honored by The Princeton Review’s Green Honor Roll.

Conference Topics included strategic planning and the importance of sustainability; Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System; sustainable food practices; environmentally responsible building construction, renovation, operation and maintenance, waste management (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle); nutrition, exercise and wellness; incorporation of environmental sustainability into the undergraduate and graduate curriculum; and service and service-learning with community partners. In addition, participants toured Spelman College’s GREEN Living-Learning Residence Hall, a new construction currently under review for the LEED: Silver Rating.

“Presenters and audience members alike shared innovative ideas and strategies for sustainability,” Gruesbeck said. “I’m very proud to say that we are one of the few southern schools seeking to inspire intellectual and behavioral investment at the grass-roots level by encouraging education, research, and service focused on environmental responsibility and sustainability. I am convinced that NSU is heading in the right direction and I am excited to join Vice President Marcus Jones as the co-chair of the Northwestern Green Advisory Board.”

The board will meet for the first time in November. Representatives from the faculty, staff, community and student-body will serve on this board, Gruesbeck said.

See Page 12 for more information about NSU Green’s new website.

Nominations open for Service-Learning recognition

Your nomination of faculty, students, and/or community partners for the 2009 Gulf-South Summit Awards represents one way of recognizing outstanding accomplishments in the area of service-learning and community engagement, according to Service-Learning Director Steve Gruesbeck.

Award recipients will receive a plaque in recognition of his/her accomplishments in addition to $500.

The Gulf-South Summit presents five awards that highlight the hard work and dedication of outstanding people and programs in the field of service-learning and community engagement in higher education. The five awards are used to recognize an outstanding:

- Practitioner Contributions to Service-Learning
- Community Partner Contributions to Service-Learning
- Faculty Contributions to Service-Learning Instruction
- Student Contributions to Service-Learning
- Service-Learning Partnership

Awards will be presented at the annual Gulf South Summit Conference on March 25-27, 2009, at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

The award nominations deadline is Nov. 7. Nomination Forms can be downloaded at http://www.lsu.edu/summit09/awards.html.

For more information or assistance, contact Gruesbeck at 5911 or sgruesbeck@nsula.edu.

Service-Learning workshop Nov. 13

The NSU Office of Service Learning and Louisiana Campus Compact will host “Service Learning 101: An Introduction to Service-Learning and Successful Grant Writing” from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 in the Family and Consumer Sciences Conference Room.

This workshop is a professional development opportunity in service-learning and will be offered free to NSU faculty and staff.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Steven C. Gruesbeck, NSU director of Service-Learning, by e-mailing sgruesbeck@nsula.edu.
Watkins invited to present work at School of Visual Arts

During October’s National Conference of Liberal Art and the Education of Artists, Assistant Professor of Art + Design W. Anthony Watkins delivered a presentation of his work, Visual Ideology – Representing Political Ideas with Image.

Visual Ideology is an effort to raise awareness to the use of images in messaging. Given the choice, what images would the general public associate with specific ideas or words? This project asks viewers to make decisions as to images that best represent their visual definition of political terms or ideas.

New York’s School of Visual Arts hosted the 22nd annual event, which was attended by educators and artists from Carnegie Mellon, Cornell University, Oregon State University, Rhode Island School of Design, Vanderbilt University and the University of West Virginia.

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

Jones photographs featured at Callaloo ethnic symposium

An exhibit of photographs by Dr. Marcus Jones was a featured component of a symposium entitled “The African Presence in Mexico,” Oct 22-23 at Texas A & M University in College Station. The symposium was presented by Callaloo, a journal of African diaspora arts and letters at TAMU, and the Center for African American Studies at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

The symposium featured guest speakers from Mexico and the United States, along with Jones’ photo exhibit. Topics explored slavery and freedom in colonial Mexico, post-slavery Mexico and contemporary Afro-Mexicans. Jones exhibit was entitled “Blacks in the State of Veracruz, Mexico.”

Jones, who is the current vice president for University Affairs and associate professor of business law and international business, has also worked as an interpreter, interviewer, and photographer for the four Mexican-centered issues of Callaloo, on three of which he served as co-editor. His academic studies in business and business law have been published in a number of journals, including Journal of International Business Strategy, Encyclopedia of Mexico, Review of Business Research Journal, and International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines Proceedings.

Callaloo, the premier African-American and African literary journal, publishes original works and critical studies of black artists and writers worldwide. The journal offers a rich mixture of fiction, poetry, plays, critical essays, interviews, and visual art from the African diaspora. Frequent annotated bibliographies, special thematic issues drawing on people and place, original art and photography are some of the features of this highly acclaimed international showcase of arts and letters.

Callaloo was founded by current editor Charles H. Rowell in 1976 at Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA. The journal moved to the University of Virginia and then Texas A&M.

“The editor and I have been conducting interviews for several years on this subject in the state of Veracruz, Mexico, Cuba, and Peru,” Jones said. “Many of my photos appear in those issues.”

For more information on the symposium, visit Callaloo’s website at http://callaloo.tamu.edu/events.htm.
Services for John Pickett, instructor of communication, were held at Roseneath Funeral Home near Toledo Bend on Thursday, Oct. 2. A plant was sent from the NSU Floral Fund.

Services for Abron Waters, husband of Janine Waters in the Graduate School, were held Oct. 19 in the chapel of Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home in Natchitoches. Burial was at Memory Lawn Cemetery. A spray of flowers was sent to the services from the NSU Floral Fund.

A memorial fund has been established through City Bank and Trust (Abron Waters Love Fund). Donations can be made at any branch.

A spray of flowers was sent to the funeral service for Mrs. Hazel Hayes. Mrs. Hayes retired from NSU as a civil service custodial worker that worked in Keyser Hall for many years.

Faculty, Staff and Friends,

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of my Northwestern family for the emails, phone calls, cards, donations, flowers and thoughtful gestures during the last week since my husband died. When we lose a loved one it’s hard to understand why. Abron and I had been married for 39 years and he was not only my husband but my hunting buddy and my best friend.

The support and kindness you have shown during this sad time for Abron’s mom, our daughters and grandchildren have reinforced my beliefs and faith in God and the power of prayer. Without your love and encouragement it would have been very difficult for me to get through these last few days and it’s comforting to know that I have so many friends who care.

Please keep my family and I in your prayers and, again, thank you for all the wonderful words of comfort.

Janine Waters

Leesville-Fort Polk campus hosts exhibit of faculty artwork

Leesville Mayor Betty Westerchil, Gloria Owen, and Joe Pope, from left, greeted faculty artists Michael Yankowski and Clyde Downs at the Leesville opening.

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Paula Baldwin-Sche, Gallery One Eleven Hostess, welcomed Larrie King, a local artist and graduate student in the NSU art department; Joe Pope, interim director, NSU Leesville-Fort Polk, and Pat Martinez, nursing advisor at NSU Leesville-Fort Polk, to the opening night of the NSU artists’ exhibit.

Gallery One Eleven in Leesville hosted the opening of an exhibit of works by NSU faculty and graduate students in September. Honored for exhibiting work were Clyde Downs, professor of painting and printmaking; Michael Yankowski, professor of design and photography; Joanne Yankowski, adjunct instructor; Tony Watkins, assistant professor of art and design; Brooks Defee, assistant professor of drawing and painting; Amanda Roe, graduate student and Larrie King, a Leesville artist and graduate student.

The show ran through October 4. “We are indeed fortunate to have such talented and hard-working artists associated with Leesville and Northwestern,” said Joe Pope, interim director of the NSU Leesville-Fort Polk.

“Gallery One Eleven has had some outstanding shows,” said Pat Martinez, nursing advisor. “The board is to be commended for their foresight and hard work in putting together such varied and creative exhibits.”
PUBLISHING WITH PIZZAZZ  
Date: Nov. 8, Sat. 
Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. 
Fee: $45 
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 113 
Instructor: Gena Hatcher  

MS POWERPOINT  
Date: Nov. 8, Sat. 
Time: 1-4 p.m. 
Fee: $45 
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 113 
Instructor: Gena Hatcher  

BASIC FLORAL DESIGN III  
Date: Nov. 8, 15, & 22, Sat. 
Time: 1-4 p.m. 
Fee: $200 + $100 mat. fee 
Location: The Master’s Bouquet (108 South Dr.) 
Instructor: Dawn Martin  

LA RETAIL FLORIST EXAM PREP COURSE  
Date: Nov. 8 & 15, Sat. (classroom) 
Nov. 10-21, Mon.-Fri. (worktable) 
Time: Sat. Classes 5-8:30 p.m. (classroom)  
Mon-Fri Classes 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (worktable) 
Fee: $1638 (includes textbook & materials)  
($889 mat. fee pd. directly to instructor prior to start of class) 
Location: The Master’s Bouquet (108 South Dr.) 
Instructor: Dawn Martin  

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