Northwestern State University faculty in the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences initiated a beautification project around Bienvenu Hall, where the department is housed. Department Head Dr. Zafer Hatahet, Assistant Professor John Byrd and Instructor Millard Mangrum, with help from recent graduate Victor Bennett of Pollock, removed obstructive trees, planted flowering shrubs and laid sod around the building. They plan to install an irrigation system that can be operated from within the greenhouse and eventually add other attractive features. Byrd said the new landscaping was designed to be easy to maintain and makes the building more attractive.

The project was partially funded by a grant from the Coypu Foundation, an organization founded by the late John S. McIlhenney that supports environmental and ecology projects.

The volunteers also received assistance from NSU Physical Plant personnel and grounds crew members, as well as a contribution from Natchitoches Turf Farm.

Millard Mangrum, Victor Bennett and John Byrd worked through summer heat to improve the curb appeal of Bienvenu Hall.
Dr. Debra Shelton, assistant professor in Northwestern State University’s College of Nursing and Allied Health, will be inducted into the National League for Nursing’s Academy for Nursing Education. Inclusion in the Academy is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a nurse to illustrate a commitment to advancing the quality of American health care. An induction ceremony will take place Sept. 20 during the 2013 Education Summit in Washington, D.C.

Evaluations take into account applicants’ contributions to innovative teaching and/or learning strategies; nursing education research; faculty development activities; academic leadership; promotion of public policy that advances nursing education; and/or collaborative educational, practice, or community partnerships.

The NLN Academy of Nursing Education fosters excellence in nursing education by recognizing and capitalizing on the wisdom of outstanding individuals in and outside the profession who have contributed to nursing education in sustained and significant ways. Fellows in the NLN Academy of Nursing Education are individuals who have made enduring and substantial contributions to nursing education as teachers, mentors, scholars, public policy advocates, practice partners and philanthropists. They provide a visionary leadership and are recognized for their expertise in nursing education.

“My many of the present fellows have been friends, mentors and authors of books I use in nursing education, so being among this group is such an achievement. I am quite honored to be inducted. To be the first nurse in Louisiana is also very special to me,” Shelton said.

Shelton has been on faculty at Northwestern State since 1992 teaching in the Master of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs. She is coordinator for the adult/critical care concentration for the nurse educator and clinical nurse specialist role concentration.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing at Texas Woman’s University, master’s at Northwestern State and Ed.D. from Nova Southeastern University. Her clinical experience focuses on care of adults, primarily oncology. She is licensed as an advanced practice nurse in Louisiana (CNS-medical-surgical nursing) and is certified as a nurse executive from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, oncology nursing from the Oncology Nursing Society and academic nurse educator from the National League for Nursing.

Shelton’s research interests include success in nursing school, assessment and evaluation in nursing and simulation. She is a member of the Beta Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, Oncology Nursing Society, American Nurses Association, National League for Nursing, and The International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning. She currently serves on the editorial board of Oncology Nurse Advisor and the review board for the Clinical Simulation in Nursing Journal. People ... Continued from Page 1

College titled Core Competencies in Civic Engagement

Steve Gruesbeck, instructor of psychology and director of Service-Learning, is a section editor of the journal.

More information about the journal is available at ulsystem.edu/JSHE.

Dr. Charles J. Pellegrin, associate professor of history and director of the Southern Studies Institute, was selected as program chair for the Louisiana Historical Association’s 56th annual meeting, scheduled for March 27-29 in Hammond. Pellegrin is serving the second of a three-year term on the organization’s board of directors.

Two articles by Dr. Ryan Hancock were published in June. These include “School Counselor Stress and Meditation” in the Journal of Counseling in Illinois and “Counselor Stress Reduction through Guided Imagery” in Play Therapy. A third article, “Factors Impacting Counselor Competency with Sexual Minority Intimate Partner Violence Victims,” has been accepted for publication by the Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling, pending revisions.

Greg Handel has been named acting director of the Mrs. H.D. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts at Northwestern State University effective July 1. His appointment is pending approval by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

Handel replaces Bill Brent, who will become director of operations and special projects for the School of Creative and Performing Arts.

“Becoming acting director of the School of Creative and Performing Arts is a huge honor,” said Handel. “When I interviewed at Northwestern State, I was extremely impressed by the spirit and collegiality of the faculty and staff in CAPA and the university. I was quick to realize the stellar leadership that Mr. Brent had given in building a high-quality faculty and student body in the arts, and I was honored to receive an offer to join the faculty. Mr. Brent and I will continue to work closely to maintain the quality of CAPA, and to move forward and grow our programs in the arts, and I am proud of our students, I’m most proud of our faculty.”

Greg Handel will take the reins at CAPA

Handel will focus on observation of student teachers, student recruitment and fundraising.

“It has been a pleasure and honor for me to serve as director of the School of Creative and Performing Arts for the past 27 years,” said Brent. “Many great strides have been made in the quality of events and as well as the talented students who come to NSU to study with a world-class faculty.”

Brent praised the School’s faculty for their dedication to Northwestern State, “I simply cannot say enough about our faculty. The past four years have been extremely difficult due to the budget cuts that have had a negative impact on all of higher education in Louisiana,” said Brent. “However, our faculty have met the challenge and continue to find ways to inspire our students every single day. While I am proud of our students, I’m most proud of our faculty.”

The School of Creative and Performing Arts includes the Department of Fine + Graphic Arts, the Department of Music and the Department of Theatre and Dance.

“Patrons and supporters of CAPA can rest assured that they will continue to be treated to high-quality performances in music, theatre, dance and art, and I look forward to assisting CAPA to continue to play a vital role in the spirit and personality of NSU,” said Handel.

Handel teaches music, music education and fine arts and advises more than 80 music education majors each semester. He also served as rehearsal accompanist/organist for the Northwestern State’s Chamber Choir and Concert
For more than 40 years, Robert Crew has regarded photography as an enjoyable avocation. And now, he will be permanently associated with the teaching of photography.

Northwestern State University is naming the photographic studio in the Mrs. H.D. Dear and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts in recognition of Crew. The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System has approved the naming of the studio.

Crew received the honor at a retirement reception held in the Orville Hanchey Art Gallery.

“Years I have been amazed at Robert’s photographic creativity and ability to capture a moment,” said Northwestern State President Dr. Randall J. Webb. “He has a love for photography and is enthusiastic about any opportunity to discuss photography and pass along some of what he has learned.”

Webb praised Crew for his honesty, integrity and career-long dedication to students. The Northwestern State president presented Crew with resolutions passed by the Louisiana House of Representatives and Louisiana Senate commending Crew for his years of service to the people of Louisiana.

Crew has been executive assistant to the president since 1997 and retired in June. He earned his bachelor’s degree at NSU in 1965 and his Master’s of Education at Northwestern State in 1968. A classroom teacher in Caddo and St. Mary’s Parish from 1965 until 1970, Crew worked in the Louisiana State Department of Education from 1970 until 1997.

As executive assistant to the president, Crew helped obtain several enhancements to Northwestern State’s art program and the photographic studio.

Crew had two displays on exhibit in the Orville J. Hanchey Gallery at Northwestern State in 2009, “Here Comes the Bride: Four Decades of Bridal Fashion and Portraiture” and “Places and Faces: Photographs of Louisiana Architecture and Characters.”

Crew was official photographer at two inaugurations of former Gov. Edwin Edwards and was photographer for the Louisiana Teachers Association.

Choir. Handel received the 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award for the College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research. He has been a public school teacher at all levels in South Dakota and Arizona.

Handel and Director of Bands Jeff Mathews co-authored “The Best Sounding Band in the Land: A History of the Northwestern State University Band,” which will be published soon.
Folklife Center looking for Folk Festival volunteers

The Louisiana Folklife Center needs many volunteers to help with the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival being held in Prather Coliseum on Friday, July 19-Saturday, July 20. Hours are 4 p.m.-11 p.m. July 19 and 8 a.m.-11 p.m. July 20.

In return for five or more hours of volunteer work, volunteers will receive a Festival t-shirt and free admission to all events. Visit the event website at louisianafolklife.nsula.edu for more information.

To volunteer, contact Director Shane Rasmussen or Hylan Wells at the Louisiana Folklife Center in Room 213 Kyser Hall, at (318) 357-4332 or e-mail rasmussen@nsula.edu or wellsh@nsula.edu.

Faculty, staff eligible for discount football ticket options

NSU Faculty & Staff Football Season Tickets are now available.

NSU Faculty & Staff chairback seats are $90, a discounted rate in the Reserved Chairback seating area. This is a savings of more than 45 percent, and includes a parking pass, which has a $60 value. Bank draft and payroll deduction options are available.

To order season tickets and pick your 2013 seat location call the ticket sales staff at Ext. 4268.

Teen art camp will focus on sculpture, 3-D design

Northwestern State University’s School of Creative and Performing Arts, Department of Fine and Graphic Art will offer the Visual Arts Academy for teens. This year’s Visual Arts Academy for students age 12-17 will focus on sculpture and 3-D design. The all-day camp will be 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. July 15-19. Students may arrive as early as 8 a.m. and bring their own breakfast and can be picked up as late as 5:30 p.m. Students should bring sack lunches. Tuition is $222 with a sibling discount available. Instructors will be Amanda Roe, from the Louisiana School of Math, Science and the Arts, and Annabel Jones, artist and graduate assistant in NSU’s Department of Fine and Graphic Art.

For more information, contact Leslie Gregory Gruesbeck at (318) 357-5476 or e-mail gruesbeckl@nsula.edu.

Strings professor visits Seoul

Paul Christopher, associate professor of low strings (CAPA), traveled to South Korea to perform and recruit as a guest of violinist Unkyoung Kim and the Hug World Foundation June 10-20. While in Seoul, Christopher performed at the Olympic Village and Sunwha Art School followed by a benefit concert and recital for handicapped residents in Chungju. Pictured are Eugene Kim, Syl-Yong Olson, orchestra director at Natchitoches Central High School; Paul Christopher, Jin Seon Yee and Unkyoung Kim, violinist. Yee is a 2012 graduate of Northwestern State and is currently teaching English in Seoul.

In Chunji, South Korea, Christopher took a pre-performance photo with pianist Unhi Kim, violinist Unkyoung Kim and members of the Seoul Cello Ensemble.

Paul Christopher with Hug World Founder Dr. Seo Seong Won in Seoul, South Korea.

Aaron Honored

Dr. Laura Carwile Aaron, director and graduate coordinator in the Department of Allied Health at Northwestern State University, was named a 2013 Fellow of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT). The honor was confirmed during the annual ASRT governance meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., June 14-16.

Testing Center relocated

The Tester Center has been relocated to Kyser Hall, Room 401C, according to Jamila Maxie, director of the Office of Testing. The telephone number (NSU ext. 5246) remains the same. However, the FAX number has been changed to 6893.

For more information, contact Maxie at maxiej@nsula.edu.
JULY CLASSES

Water Aerobics

This workout consists of simple low impact exercises executed in the water. The program is designed to promote and maintain cardio respiratory fitness, strengthen muscles, and improve flexibility.

This program is especially recommended for arthritic and/or pregnant women.

Date: July 2-31 (Session 2)
Aug 6-30 (Session 3)
Tues, Wed, & Fri

Time: 11 a.m.- noon
Fee: $35 per session
Location: NSU Recreation Complex
Instructor: Denise Poleman

Scrapbook 101

Discover the inspiration that comes from creating scrapbooks. This class will orient all levels of paper crafters to the tools of the trade, practical organization and the elements of scrapbook design.

Learn step-by-step how to create focus and unity through a variety of matting techniques, and leave class with a full understanding of the elemental components of scrapbooking.

Date: July 9, 16, 23, & 30, Tues
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Fee: $39
Location: TBD
Instructor: Amber La Mons

Painting with a Twist

Looking for a fun way to express yourself creatively, or just something different to do with friends? We have the answer for you!

Paint a picture, with step-by-step instruction, along with a local artist. You’ll create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind work of art you will take home at the end of the event! Join us for camaraderie and creativity! We’ll provide your canvas, paint, brushes, and apron; and you’ll have a fun afternoon with friends- or make new ones!!

The painting will be a 3 hour selection from Painting with a Twist and will be taught by a local North Louisiana artist!

Date: July 13, Sat
Time: 1-4 p.m.
Fee: $65
Location: South Hall
Instructor: TBD

Driver Education

This course will consist of 30 hours of classroom instruction and a minimum of 8 hours of practice driving (behind-the-wheel instruction).

You will receive a certificate verifying successful completion of the course. Please provide proof of age. Must be 15 years old, on or before the first day of class!

Date: July 29-Aug.2
(Driving Schedules will be set once class begins.)
Time: TBD
Fee: $350
Location: South Hall
Instructor: Kevin Warner

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Bead Town Workshops

Stephanie Masson, instructor in the Department of Language and Communication, far left, was one of several volunteers who participated in the first Bead Town workshop June 25. Visiting artist Stephan Wanger, center, invited the public to join him in creating elaborate mosaics that depict scenes of Natchitoches. Bead Town workshops are being held Tuesdays through Fridays in Northwestern State University’s Hanchev Gallery, where a selection of Wanger’s work is on exhibit through Aug. 18. Wanger will live in Natchitoches for six months while the murals that commemorate the Natchitoches Tricentennial are in progress. More mosaics are on display at the Natchitoches Arts Center, 716 Second St. To participate in a workshop, call the Natchitoches Main Street office at (318) 352-2746. Private and/or corporate workshops are also available. Wanger’s work is also the subject of a documentary currently being filmed by Cataclysm Pictures.

Frank Serio Sr., father of Dr. Frank Serio Jr., head of the Department of Mathematics and Physical Sciences, passed away June 10. Services were held at St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Minden on June 14 with interment following at Hillcrest Cemetery in Haughton. A plant was sent to the services from the NSU floral fund.

Oliver Washington Sr., father of Dorothy Washington Jones, instructor of economics in the Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences, passed away June 11. Viewing and funeral services were held on June 22 at Old Morning Star Baptist Church in Colfax.

Funeral services for Gladys Harris, sister of Madeline Meziere, library specialist at Watson Library, were held June 21 at Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Baton Rouge.

Edgar Raymond Jordan, father-in-law of Ashley Jordan, RN at NSU Health Services, passed away on June 19. Funeral services were held June 23.

A plant was also sent to services for Mrs. Laura Russell, mother of Dr. Jack Russell, coordinator of the Computer Information Systems program, and mother-in-law of Barbara Russell, instructor of Computer Information Systems.

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The Academic Tutoring Center is updating its library. Tutors are asking any faculty who have extra desk copies of their current or future textbooks to contact the ATC and the staff will retrieve the textbooks.

For more information, contact Lori Leblanc, counselor, Tutoring and Disability Support, at Ext. 5045 or e-mail leblancl@nsula.edu.

Northwestern State’s Department of Military Science will host an event to mark the start of the fall semester for ROTC cadets. The department will host an open house from 10 a.m-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29 at the James A. Noe Armory. This event will include the NSU ROTC activation ceremony at 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Maj. Mark Bolton, assistant professor of military science at Ext. 6020 or e-mail boltonm@nsula.edu.

Northwestern State University employees are invited to donate to the Crisis Leave Pool. Anyone who accumulates annual leave can donate a minimum of eight hours or a maximum of 16 hours per fiscal year.

The Crisis Leave Program is a means of providing paid leave to an eligible employee who has experienced a catastrophic illness or injury to himself/herself or eligible family member. The program’s intent is to provide assistance to employees who, through no fault of their own, have insufficient appropriate accrued leave to cover the crisis leave period.

Employees can only donate annual leave into the pool. You can obtain a copy of the donation form by contacting Yvette Garrett Ceasar-Williams, associate registrar for records, by calling Ext. 6171 or e-mailing williamsy@nsula.edu. The form must be submitted to the Payroll Department in Business Affairs.