Natchitoches campus will initiate recycling program

As part of the “greeNSU” initiative, Northwestern will kick-off a campus-wide recycling program on the Natchitoches campus beginning Aug. 1 and faculty/staff participation will be key to the initiative’s success.

Campus personnel will be requested through their department head to participate by placing a blue desk-side recycling container in their office to collect recycled materials. (Container to be supplied.) Recyclables include paper, plastic drink bottles, aluminum cans and cardboard.

Campus personnel will empty the contents of their desk-side recycling containers into centrally located recycling bins in their building. Buildings with elevators will have containers on each floor. Red River personnel will then transport recycling bins to holding areas outside each building every Tuesday for pickup.

Ward’s Waste Service will remove all recycled materials on Wednesdays. Depending upon demand, recycling services may be extended to more than one day per week. Student organizations will be encouraged to participate in the campus-wide recycling initiative.

Six additional outdoor recycling bins will be located on campus. Bins will be adjacent to the east and west sides of Friedman Student Union, and at Kyser Hall, Russell Hall, the Creative & Performing Arts (CAPA) Building and Watson Library.

These initiatives fall in line with Governor Bobby Jindall’s order, which recommends office initiated recycling programs.

For more information on the recycling initiative or greeNSU, contact Director of Service-Learning Steve Gruesbeck at NSU News Bureau Newsletter for the Faculty and Staff of Northwestern

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Dr. Paul Nagel, College of Education, attended the 2009 WETSHOP Wetland Education Teacher Workshop in Galliano. While at the workshop, Dr. Nagel learned about the coastal subduction along Louisiana’s coast, Port Fourchon, America’s leading oil import location, and how efforts are underway to restore wetlands. As part of the training, Dr. Nagel will share what he learned with his elementary and secondary education students during the 2009-10 school year.


Dr. Duchardt was also invited to participate on the Louisiana Adolescent Literacy Task Force.

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Dr. Vickie Gentry, dean of the College of Education, served as a panelist for an Eduventures webinar, “Assessing and Demonstrating Teacher Quality in a Changing Environment” in June. Gentry discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the Louisiana system, both in general and from her vantage point as dean. She also discussed how leaders of education work to create productive relationships and positive approaches to working with their state to assess teaching.

Eduventures is a research and consulting firm for higher education. More than 40 universities from across the United States participated in the call. The discussion was intended to address changing expectations for P-12 student learning, a focus on the acquisition of “21st century” skills and changing student demographics. The conference also addressed criticism about the capacity of schools of education to prepare high quality educators, the ability of traditional schools of education to address areas with a shortage of teachers and alternative certification routes.

Drs. Barbara Duchardt, Sang Park, and Jodi Shirley were selected to represent Northwestern on the 2009 scholarship/study tour of Kongju National University (KNU) in Kongju, South Korea. They toured the city and campus on May 18, visited with and presented to the College of Education Dean faculty, and students. Duchardt’s topic was “Trends and Issues in Special Education in the United States.” Shirley’s topic was “The Evolution of Literacy Instruction in the United States” and Park’s topic was “The Use of Technology in Education in the United States: Tools and Practices.” The KNU deans, faculty, and students were gracious hosts to the visiting NSU faculty. This is the second year that KNU has provided travel for the scholarship/study tour to the faculty at NSU.

DeFord work featured in movie industry magazine

Artwork by Matt DeFord for the Year One movie was featured in the June issues of Famous magazine. To view the article, go to http://www.cineplex.com/Movies/FamousNews/FamousMagazine/June%202009.aspx?FamousArticles=31805

The article and a photo are on Page 6.
New Populations recognized during 2009 Folk Festival

The 30th annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival will be held on July 17-18, 2009 at Northwestern State University in air-conditioned Prather Coliseum in Natchitoches. The Festival draws visitors from Louisiana and surrounding states to sample Louisiana’s unique culture and traditions. With music groups, traditional crafts, Louisiana foods, exhibits, narrative sessions, Kidfest, and the Louisiana State Fiddle Championship, the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival is an educational and entertaining event. Beginning with this year’s Festival, children 12 and under will have free admission as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

The theme for the 2009 Folk Festival, “New Populations in Louisiana,” explores the importance of those cultures either new to the state or those which have sometimes been overlooked because of their cultural invisibility to many people. Some of the cultures that this Festival will celebrate are those from the Thai, Indian, Filipino, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Guatemalan, Italian, Mexican, Czechoslovakian and Vietnamese peoples. Among other events, the Festival will showcase traditional Japanese, Chinese, and Filipino dancing, Vietnamese lion dancing, Thai krathong flower arranging, Japanese origami, foodways from India, Japanese taiko drumming, and exhibitions relating to Mexico’s Day of the Dead, the Italian St. Joseph’s Day altars, and mahjongg. This Festival will enable visitors to experience some of the traditions of these populations residing in Louisiana, that in countless ways make significant cultural contributions to the state.

Friday night will be a Cajun dance, with Champ Crossno giving Cajun dance lessons, followed by Kyle Huval and the Dixie Club Ramblers and Don Fontenot and Les Amis de la Louisiane. In addition to the Louisiana State Fiddle Championship held Saturday morning, Saturday’s musical performers include (among others) Gal Holiday and the Honky Tonk Revue, Cajun dance lessons with Champ Crossno, Jesse Brown and Choupique, the Blake Brothers Bluegrass Band, Goldman Thibodeaux and the Lawtell Playboys, Knight Train, the Westside Baptist Church Praise Band, Hardrick Rivers and the Rivers Revue, the Back Porch Band, and Hadley Castille and the Sharecroppers Cajun Band.

The Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival is sponsored by the Northwestern State University Enrichment Fund, the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Office of Cultural Development, the Louisiana State Arts Council, the Louisiana Division of the Arts --- the Shreveport Regional Arts Council, the Louisiana Office of Tourism and the Office of the Lt.Governor. For more information, call 318-357-4332 or visit www.nsula.edu/folklife.

College of Business students excel at conference

Six members of the College of Business Phi Beta Lambda chapter competed with 1,776 PBL members from across the nation including U.S. Virgin Islands at the 2009 National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif., June 20-23. The students were Elizabeth Pryor, Nancy Giffin, Kaleigh McCord, James McAlpin, Josh Russell and Hannah Salter. The theme of this year’s conference was GET THE EDGE.

At the opening general session, NSU PBL was featured as spearheading a new service project-Operation Christmas Child.

Several members competed in the following contest:
- Accounting Analysis & Decision Making - Elizabeth Pryor
- Business Law - James McAlpin & Josh Russell
- Business Presentation - Kaleigh McCord, Nancy Giffin, & Hannah Salter
- Economic Analysis & Decision Making - James McAlpin
- Financial Concepts - Josh Russell
- Human Resource Management - Nancy Giffin
- Sales Presentation - Kaleigh McCord
- Future Business Executive - Hannah Salter

James McAlpin placed 7th in business law, Josh Russell placed 9th in financial concepts, and Nancy Giffin placed 4th in human resource management. Hannah Salter placed in the top 15 in Future Business Executive, according to Dr. Margaret S. Kilcoyne, associate professor and Director of Business Programs.
At the June meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Society for Engineering Education in Austin, **Dr. Tom Hall** was elected as Vice President for Institutional Councils. ASEE is the professional society for engineering and engineering technology educators, representing nearly 14,000 individual members. As Vice President of Councils, he will serve on the ASEE Executive Committee for: 324 U.S. Engineering School Members 16 Canadian Engineering School Members 89 Technology School Members 18 Non-US/Canadian Members 38 College Affiliate Members 306 Engineering Research Council Members 136 Corporate/Assn./Government Members This will be Hall’s second and last year on the ASEE Board of Directors and the last year as the Chair of the Engineering Technology Council.

**ULS announces service-learning conference**

The University of Louisiana System is committed to promoting service-learning as pedagogy at its eight institutions. In the last three years, the UL System has awarded NSU a total of $111,831 in support of service-learning courses and projects.

This year’s Service-Learning conference is scheduled for Monday, August 10 at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge. NSU Alumna (2008) Stephanie Quinn will guest lecture on “Service-Learning from a Student’s Perspective.”

All Northwestern faculty and staff interested in learning more about service-learning are invited to attend this FREE one-day conference.

For more information please contact **Steve Gruesbeck** in the Office of Service-Learning at 5911.

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**Jarrod Sanson**, PASS-Port Coordinator from the Department of Electronic and Continuing Education, in conjunction with Dr. Janice Hinson, Louisiana State University, and Jeanne Samuel, Tulane University, recently published a chapter in the book “Wired for Learning: An Educator’s Guide to Web 2.0.” The chapter is titled “Technically Speaking: Supporting 1.0 Teachers in a 2.0 World.”

A paper, “Using Web 2.0 Technologies to Meet Quality Matters (QM) Requirements”, written by **Dr. Lissa Pollacia**, Professor, College of Business, and Terrie McCallister, Instructional Design Specialist from the Department of Electronic and Continuing Education, has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Information Systems Special Issue, Impacts of Web 2.0 and Virtual World Technologies on IS Education.” Publication will be in July 2009.

**Drs. Tara Gallien** and **Sonia Tinsley**, faculty from the Department of Health and Human Performance, recently became Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES). The CHES credential demonstrates that the standards of competence established by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing Inc. (NCHEC) have been successfully met.
The Louisiana Addiction Technology Transfer Center (LAATTC@NSU) is pleased to announce the 5th Gulf Coast Addiction Technology Transfer Center Leadership Institute (5th GCATTC-LI) which the LAATTC@NSU has provided since 2007. In the past four years, the Leadership Institute has had 82 participants. It is primarily for Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico, which is in junction with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Partners for Recovery and Addiction Technology Transfer Centers, and the U.S Department of Agriculture Graduate School. Coordinated by the LAATTC@NSU, the primary goal of the 5th GCATTC-LI is to cultivate leaders within the substance abuse and mental health field through the development of a strong combination of leadership competencies, actual experience and self-confidence.

This unique six-month fifth GCATTC-LI preparation program (beginning July 15, 2009 – January 2010) provides a combination of in-depth assessment, traditional training seminars, distance education, and field experience as well as the guidance of a mentor. This year’s Immersion Training Conference will be held in Austin, Texas on August 10-14, 2009. For more information, please contact the Director of LAATTC@NSU, Joseph (Jody) D. Biscoe at 318.357.4643 or biscoej@nsula.edu.

Addiction studies immersion training conference set

Schools on NSU’s campus will display 100% Smoke Free School Campus signs distributed by the Louisiana Tobacco Control Program (TCP). The NSU Elementary Lab, NSU Middle Lab and Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts must abide by Act 815, which prohibits smoking on any K-12 school campus in the state. From left are Regional TCP Coordinator Judy Daniels, NSU Middle Lab Principal Ben LaGrone and Dr. Tara Gallien, NSU Health and Human Performance.

Signs will remind people on campus about the university’s new smoking policy, which was signed by President Dr. Randall J. Webb and includes a statement about Act 815. From left are Pat Widhalm, LSMSA executive director; Judy Daniels, TCP regional coordinator; Emily Shumake, LSMSA Director of Student Affairs and Dr. Tara Gallien.
The following individuals received notification of an award from the Cane River National Heritage Area, Competitive Grants Program:

**Dr. Julie Ernstein**, School of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, for “Interpretive Plan for Kate Chopin/Bayou Folk Museum Site (Cloutierville, LA)” for $2,500;

**Dr. Tommy Hailey**, School of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, for “Military Heritage Assessment and Tour of CRNHA (Phase 1)” for $27,000; and

**Dr. Lisa Abney**, College of Liberal Arts, for “The Cane River-Red River Conference” for $2,500.

**Dr. Tara Gallien**, Department of Health and Human Performance, College of Science and Technology, received notification of an award of $18,000 from the Louisiana Public Health Institute for “Louisiana Tobacco-Free College Initiative (LTFCI).”

**Ms. Janet Colson**, School of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $50,000 from Cane River National Heritage Area for “Creole Heritage Center: Projects.”

**Dr. Garrett Dancik**, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science and Technology, received notification of an award of $16,539 from the National Institute of Health through LSU A & M, Summer Research Program, for “Statistical Analysis of Computer Models of Biological Systems.”

**Dr. Shane Rasmussen**, Louisiana Folklife Center, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to the National Endowment for the Arts for “2010 Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival.”


The following individuals submitted proposals to the Louisiana/Kentucky Campus Compact Service-Learning Training Institute for the Travel Grants Program:

**Mr. Steven Gruesbeck**, Director of Service Learning, and **Mr. Jack Atherton**, Department of Criminal Justice, College of Liberal Arts.

**Mr. Joe Morris**, Department of Criminal Justice, College of Liberal Arts submitted the following proposals to the Bureau of Justice Assistance: “Interstate Corridors Project: I-10;” and “Technology Impact on Law Enforcement.” **Daphne Levenson** and **Polly Snell** are collaborators.

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

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**New numbers for Red River**

Red River Saniters has new telephone and fax numbers as part of changes in their contract.

For questions regarding work orders or other needs please call 9-1-866-832-5326 or for fax service fax to 9-1-877-827-0101. These are 800 lines that will be managed by their Shreveport office and communication to on site staff will be made by Lu Anne Adams.
NSU hosts spider identification workshop

Most everyone has heard that daddy-longlegs are among the most poisonous spiders but their fangs are too short to bite people. As it turns out, daddy longlegs don’t have fangs, aren’t poisonous, and aren’t even spiders. This is just one of the many myths about spiders that was “busted” at a workshop hosted by NSU on June 12 and 13.

The workshop was held at NSU’s Aquaculture Research Center in Marco and led by Dr. Margaret Hodge of the LSMSA and Dr. Steven Gabrey of NSU’s Biology Department. The goal of the workshop was to introduce participants to the world of spiders and establish a network of volunteers to contribute observations and data to the Louisiana Spider Survey (LSS). The LSS will inventory and document the distribution of spiders throughout Louisiana.

“Spiders are an important component of Louisiana’s biodiversity. Because spiders function as both predator and prey, they play a big part in food web ecology. They just don’t get a lot of attention,” said Dr. Gabrey.

Among the nearly 20 amateur and professional arachnologists and entomologists who attended the workshop were several graduate and undergraduate students from across the state, along with faculty and research professionals from NSU, Scholar’s College, LSU-S, LSU-BR, and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The first part of the workshop introduced spider anatomy, ecology, and biology. This was followed by practice in collection, preservation, and curatorial techniques. Participants then spent the afternoon working on identification skills.

“Spider identification to the species level can be quite difficult and often is based on nearly microscopic characters such as number of eyes, number and shape of hairs on the legs, and size and shape of reproductive structures,” said Dr. Hodge, who is also director of the Louisiana Spider Survey in addition to being a member of the Biology faculty at LSMSA.

Louisiana is only one of three states in the country to have such an inventory. The survey and workshop is funded through a 2-year grant from the State Wildlife Grants Program of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

For more information about the Louisiana Spider Survey, contact Dr. Hodge mhodge@lsmsa.edu or Dr. Gabrey steveng@nsula.edu.

Linda Newman Cox retired after 17 years at Watson Library

Linda Newman Cox retired June 26 after 17 years at the NSU library. She held masters degrees from LSU in library and information science and NSU in English. Cox held the rank of associate professor. At the time of her retirement, she was head of the Serials and Media Division and Interlibrary Loan, although earlier she held the positions of Instructional Resources librarian, Collection Development librarian, head of Technical Processes and reference librarian.

Ms. Cox served on the Faculty Senate for eight years. She sat on various university and library committees and with Abbie Landry, she co-edited the 2007 library self study report. With Lisa Bond, she co-chaired the Library Renovation Committee which was responsible for the creation of the Student/Faculty Reading Room. The committee selected carpet, laminate counters, paint and furnishings that improved the look of the library in several areas.

Cox held memberships in the American Library Association, North Atlantic Serials Interest Group, Louisiana Chapter of Association of College and Research Libraries and the Louisiana Library Association. She was a member of various committees, including conference planning for each and chaired several of the committees. A major accomplishment was service on the statewide Library Paraprofessional Review Task Force, which was responsible for restructuring and upgrading the Civil Service library job series, resulting in name changes, more credit for technical complexity of jobs and higher ceilings.

Cox is married to Donnie Cox, who recently retired as the Associate Athletic Director at NSU after 28 years in the Athletic Department.
Lady Demons announce dates for basketball camps

The Lady Demon basketball team will present three basketball camps this summer.

**A Team Camp** will take place July 27-29. This camp is open to varsity, junior varsity or club teams. Each team is guaranteed to play a minimum of eight 32-minute games. The cost is $425 per team or $700 when registering two teams. The camp will be held in Prather Coliseum. Applications and a $100 deposit are due by July 9.

**Little Dribblers Camp** will be Aug. 3-6. This fun camp is designed to work with youngsters to teach them proper techniques and fundamentals of basketball. The camp is open to boys and girls age 5-12 at a cost of $75 per child. The camp will be from 8 a.m.-noon in Prather Coliseum.

The coaching staff for camps is former WNBA player and current assistant coach **Trina Frierson**, assistant coaches **Mindy Newlee, Victoria Willis, Head Coach Jennifer Graf** and current and former Lady Demons.

**The Don’t Die Wondering Camp** will be Aug. 8. For more information, contact Willis at 357-4136.

ECE announces professional development opportunities

The Office of Electronic and Continuing Education would like to announce the following professional development sessions for July.

All sessions will be held in Room 113 of Dodd Hall.

To sign up, please email **ece@nsula.edu** or call 357-6355.

**Blackboard Advanced**
Wednesday, July 8 10 a.m. - noon
Tuesday, July 21, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
This module will cover in depth areas in both gradebook and testing features. We will cover such subjects as preventing cheating, java strings, and automatic test creation.

**Tips and Tricks for a Successful Online Course**
Wednesday, July 22, 9 a.m. - noon
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 2007/Photostory**
Tuesday, July 28, 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of PowerPoint 2007 and how to integrate the slides into Photostory (free program). Also, learn how to add audio to the presentation to use in Blackboard.

For a complete list of workshops offered this semester, see [http://ece.nsula.edu/professional-development](http://ece.nsula.edu/professional-development).

More sessions can be added as needed. If you would like further offerings or additional times, please let us know.
NON-CREDIT SHORT COURSES - July 2009

Book/Article Writing Clinic
How to Get Published
Date: July 2, 9, 16, &23, Thurs
Time: 6-7:15 p.m.
Fee: $75 + $10 material fee (paid directly to instructor)
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 213
Instructor: Danny Von Kanel

Kenpo Karate
Date: July 6-29, Mon & Wed (Session 2)
Time: 6:15-7:45 p.m.
Fee: $50-Children (ages 7-14)
$65-Adults (ages 14 & up)
Location: Health & Human Performance, Rm. 127
Instructor: O-Sensei San Romulus Roquemore

Basic Floral Design
Date: July 11, 18 & 25, Sat
Time: 1 - 4 p.m.
Fee: $200 tuition plus $100 supply fee
Location: The Master’s Bouquet, 108 South Dr., Natchitoches
Instructor: Dawn Martin (LA State Licensed Florist, member of SAF & LSFA) Over 20 year’s floral experience

Louisiana Retail Florist Exam Prep
Course (87 Hours/2 Weeks)
Date: July 11 & 18, Sat (classroom)
July 13-24, Mon-Fri (worktable)
Time: Sat-5:30 p.m. (classroom)
Mon-Fri-8 a.m.-5 p.m. (worktable)
Fee: $1638 (includes textbook & materials)
($889 mat. fee paid to instructor prior to start of class)
Location: Classroom instruction-Russell Hall, Rm. 203 (Natchitoches Rm. Kitchen)
Worktable instruction-The Master’s Bouquet (108 South Dr., Natchitoches)
Instructor: Dawn Martin

Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People
Date: July 13, Mon
Time: 6-9:30 p.m.
Fee: $65 + $25 material fee (paid directly to instructor)
Location: Creative & Performing Arts, Rm. 228
Instructor: David Haynes

Grant Writing Clinic: Writing a Proposal that Gets Funded
Fast Track: Grant Writing Series I
Date: July 18, 2009, Sat
Time: 9 am -5 p.m.
Fee: $140.00 + $45.00 book & mat. fee
(www.grantroadmap.com)
Location: TBA
Instructor: Emma Jean Bush

Intermediate Camera
Date: July 21, Tues
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Fee: $59
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 203
(The Natchitoches Room)
Instructor: Gale Trussell

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CALL
800-376-2422 or 318-357-6355

Sympathy
The NSU Floral Fund sent a spray to funeral services for Mrs. Pat Dennis, retiree, College of Education; Mrs. Barbara Elizabeth Scott Grappe, mother of Buford Grappe, Business Affairs/Purchasing, and Jerry Colton, retiree from the Carpenter Shop.

Services for Cora Lee Rufty, mother of Sandra Rufty, NSU Shreveport Nursing Library, were held June 27 at Ladies Funeral Home Chapel, Kannapolis, N.C. Interment was at Carolina Memorial Park. Mrs. Rufty passed away Monday, June 22. Donations can be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.
Maisey – The Galactic Girl

An interplanetary tale about doing it right… the first time!

An original play for children by (NSU student) Megan Berry

July 30–Aug. 1 and Aug. 6–8
1 p.m.
Theatre West, NSU Campus
Tickets are $4 each (group rates available for groups with 10 or more people)
Reservations are recommended (required for groups with 10 or more people)

Call (318) 357-4483 for more information or reservations

Summer Dinner Theatre presents...

Neil Simon’s “Last of the Red Hot Lovers”
July 29 - August 1 and August 5-8
6pm -- $20 (meal and show)
Reservations Required 318-357-4483

Directed by Wm. Perry Morgan-Hall, Asst. Professor of Musical Theatre

Barney Cashman married his high school sweetheart. Now he feels he is missing out on life. On three different afternoons, he attempts to have an extra-marital affair; each woman offers a different challenge. Can Barney go through with it—and cheat on his wife? This comedy will linger with you even after the laughs become an appreciative memory. (This show is suggested for audiences 13 and older.)