Faculty and students from the Department of Biological Sciences shared research findings with over 300 fellow scientists at the 84th annual meeting of the Louisiana Academy of Sciences held Feb. 27 at the campus of LSU-Alexandria. Faculty members Francene Lemoine, Steve Gabrey, Millard Mangrum, Bridget Joubert, Jonathan Akin, and Rae Osborn traveled to LSU-A with students Meghan Breaux, Colby Lasyone, Laramie Lemon, Nicholas Treusch, Drew Coombs, Devin Owens and Dillon Green. The Department of Biological Sciences representatives contributed a total of six posters and four oral presentations, listed as follows.

- Posters:
  - Dillon Green: “Technique and Practice of Tomato Grafting.”
  - Rae Osborn and Nicholas Treusch: “Foraging Patterns of Tenebrio molitor.”
  - Rae Osborn and Nicholas Treusch: “Foraging by Birds in Suburban Areas.”

Abney has been acting provost and vice president for academic and student affairs since August.

Abney was dean of the College of Liberal Arts and head of the Department of Language and Communication in 2008-09. She was head of the Department of Language and Communication in 2006-07 and was acting department head in 2005-06.

“Though we face some challenges, we have creative and dedicated people on our campus whose input will be crucial as we work our way through the coming year,” Abney said. “The University has so many strengths, and I am looking forward to seeing the many wonderful things which we can accomplish together in the future. I appreciate the Search Committee’s hard work and thank them and Dr. Webb for their confidence in my ability to serve in this role.”

Abney has been a member of NSU’s faculty since 1997 and director of the Louisiana Folklife Center since 1998.

Research Day information available on-line

There is now a website for the upcoming NSU Research Day. [http://researchday.nsula.edu/](http://researchday.nsula.edu/)

Research Day will be held on April 15 in the Student Union (rooms TBA).

The keynote speaker will be Dr. John Bickel, head of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Mississippi State University. His talk will be on the relation of the mind and the brain and how far neuroscience can go in explaining behavior. The student and professor presentations be from at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Student Union. Room announcements will be coming soon. There will be an awards and reception to honor the speaker in the Old Gym of the NCPTT building beginning at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Mike Cundall via email or by phone 357.4580.
Dr. Jean Marie D’Amato Thomas, 64, professor of Classics in the Louisiana Scholars’ College since 1988, died on March 9 at Grace Home in Shreveport following a brief illness.

Jean was born on July 20, 1945 in Boston, Mass. She received degrees from Tufts University (1967) and Middlebury College (1969) and was awarded a PhD in classics from The Johns Hopkins University in 1976.

During a long and highly productive career, she taught at many institutions, including The University of Pittsburgh, Williams College, The University of Southern California, Brandeis University, Tufts University, and The University of Maryland.

Before coming to NSU, she was a program officer at The National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C. She offered a number of summer study programs and tours in Italy under the auspices of Northwestern, Stanford University, the Virgilian Society of America, and the University of Southern California.

Jean was known locally, nationally, and internationally. At the time of her death, she was putting the finishing touches on a book that is the culmination of decades of research. Entitled “The Phlegraean Fields: Formation of an Antiquarian Tradition,” the book incorporates archeological, historical, political, and literary elements, focusing on a geographical region northwest of Naples characterized by extensive volcanic upheaval over the centuries.

In 1993, following the publication of a major article in Viator entitled, “Cicero’s Property in the Phlegraean Fields and Antiquarian Investigation in the Naples Area,” Jean went to Italy to receive the highly esteemed Theodor Mommsen Award for her work. In 1992, she received the Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award presented annually by NSU. Jean created two Internet sites presenting her research, one on the U.S. Supreme Court Building and the other on the Phlegraean Fields, and gave innumerable lectures and presentations on her work both here and abroad.

She served as an officer in a number of organizations, including The Louisiana Foreign Languages Association, The Virgilian Society of America, and The Louisiana Classical Association. She received numerous grants for both research and curricular development from the American Philosophical Society, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, and the Fulbright Commission. She was selected for inclusion in The International Biography of Women, Who’s Who of American Women, and Who’s Who in the South and Southwest.

Driven by the desire to make the classical tradition familiar to young people and average citizens, she served as faculty sponsor for the NSU Tutors program, conducted workshops for elementary and secondary school teachers on Art and Science, presented guest lectures at Natchitoches Central High School and St. Mary’s School, wrote a series of columns for The Natchitoches Times on English etymology based upon Greco-Roman heritage, and was a guest columnist for the Alexandria Daily Town Talk.

In lieu of flowers, the NSU Floral Fund sent a donation to the NSU Foundation Dr. Jean D’Amato Thomas Scholarship Fund to support students who want to study abroad.

A plant was sent to funeral services for Franklin Presson, retired journalism professor from the NSU Floral Fund.

A plant was also sent to services for Mrs. Nena Brown, grandmother and legal guardian of Jessica Hudspeth, veterinary technology technician.
Northwestern’s Criminal Justice journal informs, educates

The NSU-National Journal of Criminal Justice, written primarily by the Criminal Justice faculty, is a monthly publication during the fall and spring semesters that is designed to not only be educational, entertaining, and a resource for current events in Criminal Justice, but also includes the additional section and mandate of dissemination of scholarship, incorporating the rigors of the peer-review process.

The goal is the selection of cutting-edge articles, opinions, research, and scholarship that will get people talking and add prominence and significance to the interdisciplinary discipline. The intended audience will be expanded to include all colleagues in Criminal Justice and professors throughout the academe, students in criminal justice and related majors, those working in the field, alumni, and friends.

The March issue contains the following articles: What is Double Jeopardy? What Can Be Won?; Assault Prevention; Get a Haircut and Get a Real Job (with apologies to George Thorogood); The Next Best Hope?; The Shoplifter from Hell; Police Transition Teams in Iraq; Successfully Housing the 9/11 Terrorists: Unsolicited Guidance for the Bureau of Prisons, Part III: The Managers; CJ Scholarships Golf Tournament Set For March 20, 2010; The Moon, Crime, and the Transylvania Effect; and Life After “The Storm”: The Saints, Superbowl, Katrina and the Media.

To access the March issue of the NSU-National Journal of Criminal Justice, please visit the following website: [http://criminaljustice.nsula.edu/assets/VolumeVIssue5March2010.pdf](http://criminaljustice.nsula.edu/assets/VolumeVIssue5March2010.pdf)

Love Fund

A love fund has been established for Joyce Barnes, financial aid counselor at NSU-Leesville/Fort Polk. The love fund is open at Sabine State Bank, account number ending in 7514). Mrs. Barnes is fighting a tough battle with cancer and is scheduled for two upcoming major surgeries.

In order to endure the surgery and any complications, she needs heart bypass surgery first. As soon as she recovers, she will be traveling back and forth to M.D. Anderson for her cancer surgery and treatments. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

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Note of Thanks

I would like to give a special thanks to my NSU family and friends for their outpouring of love and kindness during the misfortune caused by a fire that destroyed my grandchildren’s and their mother’s home.

It is nice to know that there are still special people that are willing to make a difference in so many people’s lives to show them that there is still love in the world. Again, thanks for your donations of love. Keep us in your prayers.

Joann M. Bell, Travel Department, and grandchildren

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director, Abney has worked to archive and maintain more than 6,000 hours of audio and videotaped materials and a print library. She has also overseen the operations of the Regional Folklife Program and the Louisiana Folklife Journal. She served as director of the NSU Writing Project from 2005 until 2008.

Abney was director of the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival, an event which was selected for inclusion in the Library of Congress’ Bicentennial Celebration: Local Legacies Project, and has received the “Top Twenty Events in the Southeast” Award given annually by the Southeast Tourism Society.

According to Abney, she plans to continue faculty-staff forums to better inform employees about events impacting the University and begin periodic student forums. She will be involved with the faculty-student and Jean D’Amato and Fleming Thomas lecture series events which will launch in April.

“Faculty research is very important, and despite our limited budgets for travel, I continue to work to support it,” said Abney. “The (NSU) Foundation account for faculty research has been established, and I will be visiting potential donors throughout the spring and summer.”


Steve Gabrey and Julie Delabbio: “An intensive study of the gender ratio in harvested red swamp crayfish (Procambarus clarkii).”

Talks:

- Drew Coombs, Devin Owens, and Jonathan Akin: “Effects of Changing Hydroperiod on Larval Recruitment in Mole Salamanders.”
- Chris St. Romain and Jonathan Akin: “Hatching Rates in Ambystoma maculatum Differ By Egg Type and Water Quality.”
- Millard Mangrum: “Improving Tomato Variety Production by Grafting.”

Dr. Julie Delabbio recently attended the Annual Meeting of the World Aquaculture Society in San Diego, California and presented research on “The Loss of Male Crayfish in Crawfish Ponds during the Summer and Fall of the Year.”

Dr. J. Mark Thompson, professor of music, served as adjudicator for the 2010 National Trombone Solo Competition held in conjunction with the Eastern Trombone Workshop, sponsored by the U.S. Army Band in Washington, D.C.

Paul Christopher, assistant professor of low strings-CAPA, appeared as soloist with fellow CAPA faculty members, Dr. Francis Yang, Dr. Andrej Kurti and the NNSO conducted by Dr. Douglas Bakenhus in Beethoven’s Triple Concerto on March 2. On March 20 Christopher presented several new compositions for cello at the Southeastern Composers League Forum at Louisiana Tech. He also presented guest artists recitals on March 4 at the Hurley School of Music, Centenary College in Shreveport and on March 22 at the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University-Bloomington. IU professor Dr. Don Freund was in attendance for the IU performance of his “Fast Music” for solo cello and enthusiastically invited Christopher to prepare a studio recording of his work this summer.

Thomas Reynolds, instructor of English in the Department of Language & Communication, presented his paper “Jean Ingelow’s New Clothes: A Critical Review” at the Louisiana Conference on Literature, Language, and Culture in Lafayette on March 6. In the paper, Reynolds argued for the recovery of the Victorian poet through an analysis of the criticism of her work over the past 150 years.

Two weeks later, he attended the national Conference on College Composition and Communication in Louisville, Ky. At the conference on March 19 he delivered his paper “Web 2.0 in the Pencil and Paper Classroom: Making Virtual Communication Tangible for the Adult Learner.” In the paper, he addressed the issues of introducing Web 2.0 technologies (like wikis, blogs, social networking, and web feeds) to nontraditional students in traditional classroom settings.

Dr. Julie Delabbio, M.S., CSCS; a visiting assistant professor in the Health and Human Performance Department, was invited to serve as a subject matter expert in a certification committee meeting for the American Council on Exercise (ACE) in Advanced Health & Fitness Specialist Certification (ACE-AHFS) at the ACE Headquarters in San Diego. This Cut Score Meeting was held March 3-5 and was considered critical for the ACE-AHFS certification program, as the focus of this meeting was to establish criterion-referenced marks for scoring, scaling, and normalizing the nationally accredited certification exams. Dr. Garrison has also been invited as the keynote speaker for the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Tennis Championship Tournament Banquet on Thursday, April 15 in Alexandria City Hall. The tennis tournament will take place in Alexandria April 16-18.

Student media leaders Taylor Graves (Potpourri), Hope McFarland (KNWD) and Mary Jordan (Current...Continued from Page 1
DAR exhibit will be on display through August

The Cammie G. Henry Research Center at Watson Library is hosting an exhibit commemorating the 75th anniversary of the St. Denis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1935. Exhibits, which include scrapbooks, yearbooks and a history of the organization will be on display in the Research Center’s reading room through Aug. 20.

Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead as the center is occasionally closed during meetings and holidays.

For more information, e-mail NSU Archivist Mary Linn Wernet at wernet@nsula.edu, or call ex. 4585.

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Sauce) attended the Spring National Convention of College Media Advisers with College Broadcasters in New York City March 13-17. Dr. Paula Furr, head of the Department of Journalism, and Student Media Coordinator Mary Brocato accompanied the students. Furr and Brocato presented a training workshop for student media leaders on “Acing the Interview: tips to get the answers you need when interviewing sources.” Onsite critiques of college yearbooks and newspapers from across the country were also held with the 2009 Potpourri receiving high marks.
A city-wide and campus clean-up will be held from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 24. NSU faculty, staff and students will meet at Normal Hill and work their way downtown, arriving at the riverbank at noon. Gloves and trash bags will be provided and light refreshments will be available at the riverbank.

The event is being held in conjunction with the Keep Natchitoches Beautiful clean-up initiative and the Keep America Beautiful Great American Clean Up.

For more information, or to register to attend, contact Steve Gruesbeck at gruesbecks@nsula.edu.

International Festival: Exotic food, music & fun

Students in the tourism, recreation and hospitality management program will present the International Festival Thursday, April 22 in the 700 block of Front Street in downtown Natchitoches from 4:30-7 p.m.

The event will feature exotic delicacies prepared by students in the culinary arts program, featuring cuisines from China, Egypt, Jamaica, Florida, Canada, Germany, Honduras, the Netherlands and Greece. In addition, wines from Germany and the U.S. will be served, as well as beer and soft drinks. Coupons can be purchased for $1 at the India booth.

“We are proud to feature entertainer Andrew Weissman with his reggae and African music,” said Dr. Lynn Woods, professor. Music from Jamaica and Honduras will also be featured.

Children’s games from Canada and The Netherlands will be offered, along with appearances by Minnie Mouse and Captain Jack Sparrow, available to sign autographs.

Kilcoyne earns research award, named ABC-SWUS VP

Dr. Margaret Kilcoyne, associate professor and director of business programs at NSU was named the recipient of the 2010 Outstanding Researcher for the Association of Business Communication-Southwest United States (ABC-SWUS) during a business meeting of the Federation of Business Disciplines Conference.

The award recognizes significant contribution to business communication scholarship and encourages excellence in business communication research.

A selection committee examines the overall significance of each researcher’s publication record for the last three academic years. Selection is based on the importance of the nominee’s research in pedagogy, curriculum development, consulting, adding to theory and knowledge and stimulating further research. Recommendation letters and a commitment to business communication research are also considered.

“I am truly honored that my business communication colleagues would honor me in such a way,” Kilcoyne said. “I am so happy to be able to represent NSU and the College of Business as an outstanding researcher.

Kilcoyne is also next year’s vice president and program chair for ABC-SWUS, responsible for the organization of the group’s two-conference program in Houston March 9-12, 2011. As vice president and program chair, she serves as the organization’s executive board representative for the Federation of Business Disciplines.
Mary Linn Wernet, university archivist, attended “Train the Trainer” workshop held on the LSU-A campus on March 5-7. The “Train the Trainer” workshop is part of a Louisiana Mississippi and Alabama Archive Training Collaborative initiated and led by archives education Dr. Elizabeth Dow, LSU Library and Information Science professor. The ATC was launched to establish a sustainable program of archival training for staff and volunteers in historical repositories across the three states.

In the workshop Wernet learned the basics of the psychology of adult learners, followed by the basics of developing learning and performance objectives, lesson planning and managing a classroom. Each participant received three books on training and a notebook of information. During the workshop, Wernet created a lesson plan applicable to archival staff and volunteers and located free internet-based information.

The lesson plans that Wernet drafted will provide the basis for two workshops. As part of being selected for the training, Wernet agreed to present two workshops before July 1, 2011. Wernet is already planning to hold the first of the two workshops during the fall of 2010. The focus of the first workshop will be the Care and Maintenance of an archive collection.

The first regional UL System Council on Service-Learning mini-conference, hosted by NSU, was a great success, according to Steve Gruesbeck, NSU’s director of Service-Learning. In attendance were 38 dedicated faculty and staff from UL-System Schools, as well as the Louisiana Campus Compact, Louisiana School for Math Science & Arts, Centenary College and Bossier Parish Community College. The conference included a screening of the documentary Stay Brady Stay and a gallery walk that showcased DEGREE of DEBRIS, the result of a collaborative service project between Nicholls State University’s departments of science and art. The exhibit will remain up in NSU’s Hanchey Gallery for a few more weeks.

NSU students and professors Justin M. Copeland, Dr. April N. French, Dr. Gillian E.A. Rudd and Dennis Gibson II showed off the Outstanding Chapter Award for the 2008-09 academic year during the American Chemical Society Student Chapter Awards Ceremony, held during the ACS spring meeting in San Francisco last month. Only 35 Outstanding Chapter Awards were given across the nation. LSU and Centenary College both received Honorable Mention.

Archivist attends workshop, plans training for archival maintenance

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CONGRATULATIONS

**Dr. Sonia Tinsley**, Department of Health and Human Performance, College of Science and Technology, received notification of an award of $41,970 from University of Louisiana, Board of Regents for “Coordinated School Health Initiative-Fitnessgram.” **Dr. Bill Dickens** is collaborator.

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

**Dr. Shirley Stave**, LA Scholars’ College, submitted a proposal to the National Endowment for the Humanities for “Toni Morrison’s ‘Beloved’ and ‘Paradise’.”

**Dr. Shane Rasmussen**, LA Folklife Center, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to Louisiana Office of Tourism for “2010 Natchitoches – NSU Folk Festival.”

**Dr. Chris Maggio**, Dean of Students, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission for “NSU Alcohol Education and Prevention.” **Ms. Frances Conine** and **Ms. Kristi Simms** are collaborators.

**Mr. William Ryan Smith**, Department of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to Cane River National Heritage for “Military Heritage Assessment & Tour of CRNHA (Phase 2).” **Dr. Tommy Hailey** is collaborator.

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

The American Counseling Association hosted a book signing for the newly released “Clinical Supervision in the Helping Professions” written by Gerald Corey, Robert Haynes, Patrice Moulton, and Michelle Muratori at the annual conference in Pittsburgh, Penn., in March. The book is a straightforward guide for new and practicing supervisors that emphasizes the attainment of skills necessary to effectively supervise others in a variety of settings. Dr. Moulton presented at the conference and served on professional panel discussions related to the topic of clinical supervision. From left are Corey, Moulton, Muratori, and Haynes.
Students and faculty of the Department of Mathematics attended the 87th annual meeting of the Louisiana/Mississippi Section of the Mathematical Association of America in Hammond March 4–6. Faculty members attending include Dr. Frank Serio, Dr. Leigh Ann Myers, Dr. Richard DeVault, Dr. Lisa Galminas, Dr. Kathy Autrey, Dr. Mary Reeves, Elizabeth Cole, and Mark Thompson.

Students attending the meeting were Philip Adams and Jessica Bass of Marthaville, Brittany Domangue of Woodbridge, Va., Allison Hardy of Reserve, Baylen Johnson of Baton Rouge, Jacob Matherne of Ville Platte, Jessica Ricks of Morrero and Randall Sullivan of Tatum, Texas.

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Dr. Reeves presented “Mathematics Experiences Laboratories” which was a follow-up report on the success of our recent BoRSF Grant that allowed for the creation of a lab where students could have hands-on experiences. Dr. Galminas and Dr. DeVault were among the judges for the student competitions. In conjunction with the selection of Northwestern State University as the site for the 89th annual section meeting in 2012, Dr. Serio was elected Louisiana vice-chair of the LA/MS section of the MAA.

Seeking continued challenges, Eason to pursue math Ph.D.

Mitzi Eason, adjunct mathematics instructor at NSU Leesville-Fort Polk, has been accepted into the doctoral program at Louisiana State University Baton Rouge. She will probably work as a graduate assistant in the Geaux Teach Program in the Gordon A. Cain Center for Scientific, Technological, and Mathematical Literacy at LSU. She plans to do research and write her doctoral thesis on improving math teaching—teaching ways to read math problems.

Eason said, “I had been thinking for quite a while about earning a Ph.D. in mathematics education, but I was enjoying teaching. Then, when I retired from public school I realized I needed continued challenges in my life.” She is looking forward to being a student again. She commented facetiously, “My daughter, who is an LSU student, can hardly wait to have me as her roommate.”

Eason earned her Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Louisiana Tech University in 1985 and her master’s degree from Northwestern in 2003.

A native of Vernon Parish, she taught mathematics in the Vernon Parish school system, at Simpson, Hicks, and Leesville high schools, until she retired and started teaching at NSU Leesville.

When asked what her plans might be after earning her doctorate, Eason said, “After teaching math for 20 years, I would like to share my experiences with other teachers and those wanting to become teachers. After enjoying teaching at NSU Leesville as an adjunct, I hope a Ph.D. will enable me to become a fulltime faculty member in math education.”

She said another option might be to work for the public school system, helping math teachers to enhance their skills.

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Dr. Darlene Williams, Vice President for Technology, Research, and Economic Development at Northwestern State University, and Dr. Jerry Wall, Dean of the College of Business and Professor of Management at NSU, participated in International Week March 15-19 at Pôle Universitaire Léonard de Vinci in Paris. The University of Louisiana System created a partnership with Pôle Universitaire that includes student and faculty exchange opportunities in 2008. Expenses for the trip were paid by Pôle Universitaire.

The partnership covers students in business, engineering, technology, computer science and visual arts, and includes the reciprocal exchange of faculty, staff and students; development of international student programs; hosting of visiting scholars and study tours/summer sessions and organization of joint academic and scientific activities such as courses, conferences, seminars, symposia or lectures. Williams made a presentation, “eNSU: The Development and Evolution of a World-Wide eLearning Enterprise.” Wall took part in a panel on “The Future of the European Project—Industries and Industrial Politics, Innovation and New Projects.” He also made a presentation “Globalization vs. Localization: Implications for International Marketing.” Williams provided an overview of the components which are largely attributed to the ongoing achievement of the eLearning program at Northwestern and presented an overview of the implementation of the financial model which includes self-generated, state, and federal funds and how the financial structure has changed over time to support the evolution of the program from an initiative to a world-wide enterprise. Northwestern formalized the development of an eLearning program in the late 90s.

“With a growing emphasis on the integration of technology and availability of eLearning tools, the institution readily acknowledged the importance of establishing eLearning as a priority,” said Williams. “Much of the success of the program continued on page 11
Ruby Smith, counselor, and the Pitkin High School Teen Trendsetters recently visited Northwestern State University Leesville-Fort Polk to present a check to the Larry Monk Purple Shield Emergency Fund. Accepting the donation and thanking the Teen Trendsetters were the fund’s committee members Dr. Glen Cooley, Pat Martinez, Catherine Merchant, and Executive Director Joseph Pope.

Soon after he became executive director at NSU Leesville-Fort Polk in 2003, Dr. Larry Monk started the Purple Shield Fund to assist students who had severe, temporary economic hardship.

In July 2008 Dr. Monk died suddenly, and the faculty and staff at the Leesville campus, with the approval of Northwestern State University, changed the name to the Larry Monk Purple Shield Emergency Fund in order to honor Dr. Monk’s memory.

Teen Trendsetters Reading Mentors program is a youth-driven initiative aimed at improving the reading skills of elementary students and providing leadership and community service experience to teens. It was started in Florida in 2002 by then-Governor Jeb Bush and has grown from just 30 students to thousands, with chapters in eight southeastern states. Pitkin High School, one of only three chapters in Louisiana, has 16 members.

The Teen Trendsetters work once a week for 45 minutes with second-and third-graders, following a curriculum developed by Volunteer USA and Scholastic.

Along with the curriculum, they provide books that students can take home throughout the school year so that parents can help reinforce a love of reading.

When asked about the decision to contribute to the Larry Monk Purple Shield Emergency Fund, chapter sponsor Ruby Smith replied, “Dr. Monk did so much for so many students and was such an exemplary educator that our students felt he was the example they were trying to follow. In other words they wanted to ‘Give Back’ or ‘Pay it Forward’ as Dr. Monk did and continues to do through this fantastic memorial fund.”

Trendsetters present donation to honor Monk

NSU Leesville-Fort Polk Executive Director Joe Pope accepted a donation to the Larry Monk Purple Shield Emergency Fund from the Pitkin High School Teen Trendsetters. From left are committee members Dr. Glen Cooley and Pat Martinez, Pope, Pitkin High Teen Trendsetters Lead Teen Krista Sesvold, Ruby Smith, sponsor, and Catherine Merchant committee member.

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Northwestern will host MAKING CONTACT, the 2010 American College Dance Festival (ACDFA) South Central Conference April 7-10. ACDFA is a nationally adjudicated conference for collegiate dance programs. Master classes, workshops, and performances will be conducted at the Fine Arts complex, The Wellness and Recreation Center, and The Louisiana School for Science Math and the Arts on the NSU campus.

The conference will bring nearly 600 student dancers and choreographers from Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Missouri, Pennsylvania and California to Natchitoches for four days. Dancers from represented schools will be adjudicated by a panel of internationally recognized dance professionals who will select works for the Gala Concert. Works from the Gala will be chosen to travel to the national festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Many exciting events have been planned for the conference including the commission of three new site specific works that will be performed in and around Front Street on Saturday afternoon. These dances will be created by guest artists Allison Orr from Austin, Texas, Karola Luttinghaus from Berlin, Germany and Jennifer Hicks from Chatham, Mass., during the conference. Each of these artists has a background in making work that is influenced by location. Natchitoches is rich with exciting venues for live performance. The history, culture and architecture of Natchitoches will be the inspiration for these artists. The performances are free to the public and will begin at 5 p.m. downtown, exact location to be determined.

Six concerts will be open to the public. There will be five preliminary adjudication concerts; three evening shows Wednesday Thursday and Friday, April 7, 8, and 9 at 7:30 p.m. as well as two matinee concerts on Thursday and Friday at 1:30 p.m. The weekend will culminate in an evening Gala Performance on Saturday April 10 at 8 p.m. Preliminary concert tickets are $5 for adults and $2 for any student. Gala Concert tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for seniors, or $5 for any student. NSU and LSMSA students are welcome free of charge. Concertgoers will have the opportunity to see some of the most exciting dance being created and performed on university campuses today.

Regional conferences like MAKING CONTACT continue to be invigorating and recharging experiences for students and faculty alike. Nine very successful conferences were held in the spring of 2009. The conferences ranged in size from 306 participants at the Central Region Conference hosted by Hendrix College, to the largest conference hosted by Texas A&M University in the South-Central Region with 590 participants. We will exceed this number. For a detailed calendar please contact the department of Theatre and Dance at (318) 357-4483.

NSU-hosted dance conference will include public performances

South Pacific
April 21 - 24 – 7:30pm
• AA Fredericks Auditorium - Reservations not necessary
We close our season with the timely and classic South Pacific, perhaps Rogers and Hammerstein’s most enduring musical. Classic songs from the American Musical Theatre song book fill the score: “Some Enchanted Evening”, “I’m Gonna Wash That Man Right Out Of My Hair”, “Bali Hai”, and “You’ve Got To Be Carefully Taught”. These songs continue to reintroduce generations to the classic musical theatre genius of Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II.
In 2004, the Creole Heritage Center at Northwestern State University commissioned New York artist Gilbert Fletcher to do a series of paintings of people, places, and culture of Cane River. Fletcher, a native of New Orleans, has exhibited in venues across the United States as well as internationally with exhibitions in Kumasi, Ghana and in Paris.

The initial exhibition of the Documenting the Cane River Creole Legacy series was at the George & Leah Mckenna Museum in New Orleans – just two weeks before Katrina devastated the city. Staff at both the museum and the Center rescued the exhibit materials and stored them in Natchitoches.

Now, the public gets another chance to view these wonderful paintings. Beginning April 17, several items from the Documenting the Cane River Creole Legacy series will be on exhibit at the Soumas Heritage Creole Cottage at the Villaggo Center in Bossier City.

The community outreach of this exhibition is the result of an ongoing cooperation between the NSU Creole Heritage Center and the Soumas Heritage Creole Cottage to further knowledge and promotion of Creole culture. This exhibit also serves as an additional showcase of the Creole Heritage Center at Northwestern.

For more information, contact the Creole Heritage Center at 318.357.6685.
Scrapbooking for Beginners

A crash course in the basics of scrapbooking. Bring your own pictures and learn simple techniques to get them into albums that you will treasure for years to come.

Date: Apr. 5, Mon (5-6 p.m.)
Apr. 12, 19, 26, & May 3, Mon (5-8 p.m.)

Fee: $49 + materials (supply list will be given out the first class meeting)
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 132-B
Instructor: Terrie McCallister

Basic Floral Design

Do you have an interest in floral design? Learn basic floral design including how to make a bow, various wiring techniques for flowers, how to design a centerpiece, and much more! This class is for beginning floral designers who want to learn "how the pros do it"! If you have a love for flowers and would like to know how to arrange them, this class is for you! Whether you would like to enter the floral industry as a designer assistant, or just want to arrange flowers at home, this class will teach you the basics you need to know!

Date: Apr. 10, 17, & 24, 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 years floral experience

Photographing Spring Flowers & Landscapes

Friends and/or family are the subjects of most American photographs and why not! They are the people we love most. We want some treasured pictures of them at different stages of their lives. This class will teach students how to take better photos of people technically, and how to give those photos that look of professionalism. Techniques taught will include: posing, lighting inside and out, how to relate to the people being photographed, filters, capturing action, and much more. This is a "hands - on" session with everyone moving around a lot to catch all the action. Special props will be in the room to simulate different light conditions.

Date: Apr. 13, Tues
Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Fee: $55
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 132-B
Instructor: Gale Trussell

40 Hour Basic Private Investigator (Session 2)

Become a Private Investigator!
Take your first step towards entering the exciting career of private investigations. In this comprehensive course, you'll gain the knowledge needed for passing the Louisiana Private Investigator License Exam!

Date: Apr. 16, 17, & 18, Fri, Sat, & Sun
Apr. 23, 24, & 25, Fri, Sat, & Sun
Time: Friday- 6-10 p.m.
Sat/Sun- 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Fee: $325 + $25 book fee (paid separately) + $50 exam fee
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 132-B
Instructor: Danny Simpson

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