Dr. Michelle Fazio Brunson in FACS and Dr. Barbara Duchardt will have an article published in Collaborations, the journal for the Louisiana Early Childhood Association. The article is entitled, *A Review of Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs Serving Children from Birth through Age 8: A Position Statement of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.*

Dr. Brunson will have a second article published in the issue entitled *A Framework for Planning a Meaningful Early Childhood Social Studies Curriculum.* It is co-authored with Mary Beth VanSickle, an NSU alum and current LSU doctoral candidate.

Dr. Jeffrey Anderson, assistant professor of history at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, presented a lecture about the development and practice of Hoodoo in the African-American community of the Southern United States. The audience of about seventy was made up of NSU students, faculty, staff, and community members from as far away as Shreveport. Dr. Anderson’s talk was the first in the new NSU Multicultural Lecture Series presented by the Louisiana Folklife Center and the Office of Cultural Diversity.

The NSU Libraries has acquired 744 titles of the Gale Virtual Reference Library. The GVRL is part of an overall package of e-books totaling $414,000. The e-book collections are provided by a series of Student Technology Fee grants and special initiatives for FY 2008-2009. With the concurrence of SGA leadership, President Kayla Wingfield used the funds to create a remotely accessible reference library which students can readily use with a laptop and an Internet connection. Distance learning students, especially those in rural locations, now enjoy a huge array of reference works that support their learning endeavors. Northwestern State University has the largest collection of Gale Virtual Reference titles in the state of Louisiana.

“The Office of Electronic and Continuing Education is truly excited that NSU is able to offer this e-book collection,” said Hedy Pinkerton, director of Electronic and Continuing Education. “This is a reflection of the emphasis today’s students place on technology. It will be equally beneficial for traditional students and our more than 5,000 online students, enhancing the capability to access even more information electronically. Providing the audio download capability will be a popular time management tool, allowing students to multi-task and access information anywhere and anytime. The Gale Virtual Reference Library will be yet another avenue to help provide a culture of success for our students.”

Michael E. Matthews, MLIS and Head of Serials, Media and Interlibrary Loan Services at Watson Memorial Library, wrote the first Technology Fee grant proposal in October of 2007. Cody Borque, then SGA president, approved the first grant for a smaller purchase of 36 reference e-book titles, totaling $50,000. Wingfield’s administration was equally interested in providing a world-class electronic reference library for their fellow students, and approved Matthews’s additional proposals for FY 2009-2010. In a letter of
Important End of Semester dates and times announced

University Registrar **Lillie Frazier Bell** has announced important dates for the end of semester academic calendar. Please note the following important dates and times.

- **Dec. 4 (4 p.m.)** – Deadline for graduate students to submit all documents required for graduation in the Fall 2009 semester.
- **Dec. 8** – Final day to appeal a grade from Summer 2009.
- **Dec. 8** – Final day to remove “I” grades with approved 60-day waiver from Summer 2009.
- **Dec. 9** – Last day of classes.
- **Dec. 9-16** – Final examinations begin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 and end at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16.
- **Dec. 11** – Candidate grades are due to be entered via the Web for Faculty and Advisors System by 10 a.m.
- **Dec. 13** – After this date, please do not make any grade changes for students who are graduating. Changes to candidate grades submitted electronically after Dec. 13 will not be accepted. After Dec. 13 - candidate grade changes will be accepted only on receipt of a properly executed change of grade form. Electronic changes to candidate grades will be reset by the Registrar’s Office to the last value submitted prior to the deadline.

**Dec. 15** – Completed commencement program due at University Print Shop by 12 p.m.

**Dec. 17** – Residence halls close.

**Dec. 17** – All grades for the 16-week, second eight-week (B-Term) and fourth four-week sessions are due to be entered via the Web for Faculty and Advisors System by 12 p.m.

**Dec. 18** – Academic action for students on probation and suspension will be run at 12 p.m.

**Dec. 18** – Semester Ends.

**Dec. 18 - Commencement ceremonies on Friday, December 18, 2009.**

- **10 a.m.** Commencement ceremony for the Graduate School, College of Education, College of Liberal Arts and College of Nursing.
- **3 p.m.** Commencement ceremony for the College of Business, the Louisiana Scholars’ College, College of Science and Technology and the University College

Please refer to the University Registrar’s Office Web page at [http://www.nsula.edu/registrar](http://www.nsula.edu/registrar) for more detailed information regarding the final exam schedule, academic calendar, commencement information, etc. Call the Office of the Registrar at (318) 357-6171 if you have any questions.

**Become a member of the Excellence Team Today!**

Faculty and staff are invited to join the University’s Excellence Team to support NSU in its quest to attract and retain tomorrow’s leaders.

Members of the Excellence Team donate $12.50 per month to NSU’s Capital Campaign “Excellence: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow” for three years.

Tax-deductible donations will help the NSU Foundation create scholarships for students and help with program enhancements across the campus. Faculty and staff can donate online at [www.northwesternalumni.com/excellence](http://www.northwesternalumni.com/excellence), through a payroll deduction, by check, credit card or by contacting a member of the Alumni & Development staff at 4414.
Northwestern State University bestowed the honor of Professor Emeritus on Dr. William Dennis of Natchitoches, who served in NSU’s Department of Engineering Technology from 1972 until his retirement in 2003. Dennis was congratulated by faculty from the department, seated from left, Bobby Nowlin, Adam Jannick and Bob Simmons. Standing are Phillip Brown, Dr. Austin Temple, Dennis and Dr. Tom Hall.

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support, the recently departed Director of the Libraries Fleming Thomas urged the grant committee to consider the purchase an “important legacy for future students.”

“Because of the scholarly dedication of Ms. Wingfield and her peers, the NSU Libraries now has one of the largest reference e-book collections in the United States. Our collection exceeds that of the University of Texas System, which consists of nine universities,” Matthews said. “This is a profound demonstration of student support for the University Libraries. The grant exceeded all of my rational expectations, and even a few of my wild ones.”

“The students at NSU care a great deal about the quality of their library. They have the drive and vision to work with the library faculty and staff in pursuing options to make the library even better despite the economic situation. Purchasing the Gale Virtual Reference Library will enable Watson Library to provide even greater support to student and faculty research and class work, both face to face and online,” said Director of Libraries Abbie Landry.

The Gale Virtual Reference Library can be accessed on the Watson Library home page at http://library.nsula.edu. It contains currently published and scholarly books on every conceivable topic, from the Arts to Zoology. The GVRL can be browsed by subject or title and is full-text searchable. Articles are available in HTML, PDF, and MP3 format for easy downloading and are ADA compliant. Commuters may want to take advantage of the MP3 file format for the long drives along northwestern Louisiana’s roads.

“Student Technology is very pleased to provide all students the tools and technology to achieve academic goals,” said Jennifer Long, Student Technology Fee Coordinator.

“Having this set of resources will, indeed, benefit our students and faculty. I appreciate the hard work that our Library Staff and our student leaders have done to help with the procurement of these materials,” said Dr. Lisa Abney, Acting Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs.

In order to use this and other online library resources from off-campus, students will need their MyNSU username and password. Faculty who use Blackboard can use the “Bookmarks” feature to paste a link to a specific article in their course shells.

For more information, contact Matthews at 357-4419 or matthewsm@nsula.edu.
The Theatre Department Costume Shop sponsored a Winter Coat Drive in conjunction with the October production of *Almost, Maine*. Some of the donated items were used in the show and afterwards everything was given to the Kiwanis Club of Natchitoches.

Costume Professor **Jessica Parr** would especially like to thank **Jacki Giesey** and theatre student **Stacey LeDoux** for their coordination efforts.

“**We collected 45 items, and it was a great way for people to support both the arts and the needy with one donation,”** Parr said.

“We had a nice response from people all over campus. Thank you to all who contributed.”

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**Woods leads students on New Orleans tour**

Students in Hospitality Management and Tourism participating in **Dr. Lynn Woods’** Lodging Management class went on an annual field trip to New Orleans.

As guests at the J.W. Marriott they received first class treatment, beginning with a tour and complimentary breakfast of the J.W. followed by another tour and complimentary luncheon at the Marriott and ending at the Marriott Convention Center Hotel. They met former students who have graduated with their Bachelor’s of Science in the Hospitality Management & Tourism program at Northwestern and are currently working in management capacities for the Marriott chain.

The next day the students toured the Foundry, a special event venue owned by Bella Luna’s Restaurant, and enjoyed beignets and coffee before heading for Antoine’s where they sampled delicacies such as gumbo, shrimp remoulade and baked Alaska. Touring Antoine’s mysterious secret passageways and hidden rooms were of special interest.

“All in all the students had a great time and were able to interview and make valuable contacts for the job market,” Woods said.

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**Theatre Dept. thanks patrons for coat drive success**

Dr. Lynn Woods and students were guests at the J.W. Marriott in New Orleans. On the first row are Hannah Scoggins, Danielle Antoon, Desiree Parker, Yamila Galvin, Woods, Mylie Hadden and Jannah Gray. On the second row are Cory Richard, Bianca Schulz, Kayla Harville, Kristen Podgurski, Meagen Vasseur and Mary C. Plitre. On the third row are David Walker, Katie Young, Kacie Michalek, Taneisha Satcher, Nichole Rogerson, Sarah Barrow and Kayla Porche. On the back row are Taylor Seals, Alyssa Taylor, Jessica LaCombe, Jessica Cavanaugh, Jordan Craft and Kelsey Trautman.
Dr. Jack Russell, professor of Computer Information Systems at Northwestern State, was the recipient of the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) Life Time Fellow achievement award. This was presented to Dr. Russell in Washington DC in the Sam Rayburn Room of the Capitol Building complex. This recognition is offered in honor of his sustained, long-term, meaningful and effective support of AITP, the Foundation of Information Technology and the AITP-EDSIG in its ongoing mission to improve Information Systems (IS) education and to support IS students and foster the careers of IS faculty in North America.

Dr. Russell was the 2006 Recipient of the AITP Educator of the Year award, the 2005 recipient of the Ben Bauman Award of Excellence, and the 2003 AITP Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Russell was a Regent with the Foundation of Information Technology and past president of the AITP EDSIG (the IS education arm of AITP). As the president of the AITP – EDSIG on three occasions (1998, 1999, 2003) he was responsible for the management and coordination of the Information Systems Educators Conference (ISECON), the Journal of Information Systems Education (JISE) and the Information Systems Education Journal (ISEDJ).

Dr. Russell is the author of two best-selling textbooks in program design, and was the recipient of the 1997 Minnie Stevens Piper Professor of Texas award given to only 10 professors in the state of Texas. Prior to coming to NSU Dr. Russell was a Regents Professor with the Texas A&M University system. Dr. Russell’s Systems Analysis teams have won the national championship five times (2001 – 2005) and placed 2nd in the nation twice (2006, 2007) and 3rd in the nation once (2000) within a 10-year span. As the coordinator of CIS (2000 – 2006), Dr. Russell architected a CIS program that has been heralded as one of the nation’s best by leading companies and by Business Week for its unique balance of object-oriented and event programming, relation database design and implementation, systems analysis and design, electronic commerce, web design and web programming and “Enterprise” transaction-oriented business programming (COBOL). This curriculum, because of its balance, has been called by IS leaders as “a very unique program that potentially attracts large transaction-oriented (enterprise-wide) companies to recruit its graduates who are adequately trained to become software engineers and systems analysts.”

Briggs’ hockey jersey retired by alma mater Tufts

A ceremony was held at Tufts University in Medford, Mass., to retire the #9 jersey of Harry H. Briggs, Jr., Ph.D., who was a star player on the Tufts ice hockey team in 1941 and 1942. About playing ice hockey at Tufts, Dr. Briggs commented, “Although I played most positions, I liked right wing best. However, because back then goalies did not wear masks, most goalies didn’t last very long in goal. I probably played goalie more than any other position.” Dr. Briggs later served as head coach of the Tufts ice hockey team in 1946-48.

After his career as a player and coach at Tufts University, Dr. Briggs went on to compete professionally, playing for the Ohio and Ontario, Canada, professional hockey leagues. He continued his professional career in the 1950s, playing for Nuremberg, Germany, and Anchorage, Ak.

Known locally as the “Paddlin’ Professor” because of his long-distance swims to earn funds for college scholarships, Dr. Briggs teaches political science at NSU Leesville-Fort Polk.
NSU’s Department of Mathematics and the Space Science Group hosted an open house showcasing the Mathematics Experiences Lab and the Black Hole Science Laboratory in November, as part of the NSU-125 celebration.

The Mathematics Experiences Laboratory was created to bring real world experiences and processes to core college mathematics. By providing hands-on activities to support math concepts, the Lab deepens learning and improves retention, according to Dr. Frank Serio, head of the Department of Mathematics. Students who use the Lab get a taste of the latest technology used to support mathematics education including the TI N-spire calculator, TI Navigator, data collection devices, and the Interwrite board, pad, and personal response system. The flexible classroom space allows for small group activities, discussion, or traditional lecture.

The Mathematics Experiences Laboratory is located in Kyser Hall, Room 401A.

The Space Science Group has a long history of developing innovative programs that provide curricular tools and teaching resources to Louisiana schools and teachers. The Black Hole Science Laboratory is a unique learning facility, which is available to Louisiana students, grades 5-8, for day-long field trips.

The Space Science Group puts on a spectacular Mr. Wizard type science show along with hands-on student activities that offer engaging learning experiences in science and math. This program allows students to personally experience the fun and wonder of learning and produces stronger, more focused students who better understand how academic achievement relates to the quality of their lives.

The laboratory is also used to conduct workshops that provide teachers with the training and resources they need to improve the quality of science and mathematics instruction in the classroom. The SSG furnishes information on how to create an adequate teaching environment in schools (on a budget), and provide the curriculum and supplies needed to implement the demonstrated teaching applications, said Patty Varnado, SSG managing director.

The Black Hole Science Laboratory is located in Kyser Hall, Room 402.
Colson explains Creole culture to Winnfield civic group

Janet Colson spoke to the Winnfield Rotary Club in October to explain the mission of the Creole Heritage Center. Louisiana Creoles are peoples of mixed heritages, generally Spanish, French, African American and Native American, she explained, but emphasized that there is no hard and fast definition.

Through the rich and culturally mixed history of Louisiana, unions of different cultures created children that did not fit into specific cultural groups, so they began to gravitate to areas of their own to create distinctive Creole communities. The Cane River area is one, but, Colson explained, there are about 70 separate Creole communities that have been identified across the state.

The scope of the association is bigger than Louisiana, however, as members are now counted all across the U.S. and internationally. A database that began with 400 families has grown to a listing of over 6,500 names.

The mission of the Creole Heritage Center, which opened in 1998, is to promote and preserve the Creole culture. Activities and events are held in the state to create awareness and conferences across the country are designed to bring visitors into the state to witness the culture first-hand.

“Based on comments I have received, we’re accomplishing our goals,” Colson said.

At Creole reunions, generally large gatherings, people come from all over to find their connections. Marriages will often involve one party from one Creole community and the other from a separate community.

Projects for the center include an annual celebration in October, production of a film on CD entitled “Cane River Creole,” which “gives the Creole voice,” Colson said.

“If you’ve never been to Cane River, it’s worth it. It tells who we are. The film is a good tool to use to teach about the Creole culture. It also promotes the Heritage Center.”

The center has produced a CD textbook, which online links that is available to educators and libraries. It also has a general brochure about the center and booklets to show the center’s outreach. A current project is a documentation to the Creole language.

Colson said she has a love and passion for her work which isn’t over when she goes home at the end of the day.

Born in California to Marksville Creole parents, she said she lived the Creole life there before returning to Louisiana.

A plant was sent from the NSU Floral Fund to the funeral service for Johnny Williams, father of Jamie Flanagan, instructor/advisor in Student Support Services.

A spray was sent to the funeral service for Mrs. Annette Hill, mother of Beth Kees, Information Systems programmer.

Mrs. Rose Marie Homfeldt Lucky passed away Saturday, November 7. Mrs. Lucky was the mother of Pam Hetherwick, administrative assistant to the vice President for University Affairs and grandmother of Trey Lucky, Athletic Grounds department. Services were held at First Baptist Church in Natchitoches on Nov. 10. A spray was sent to services from the NSU floral fund.

Watson Library mourns the loss of Linda Dianne Cooper Holman, Technical Processes Department, who passed away Tuesday, Nov. 10. Services were held Thursday, Nov. 12. Interment was at Davis Springs Cemetery in Fairview Alpha. A spray was sent to services from the NSU floral fund.
CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Laura Aaron, College of Nursing, received notification of an award of $5,709 from the American Society of Radiologic Technologist (ASRT) Education and Research Foundation for “Academic Honesty and Professional Behavior among Radiologic Science, Nursing Students and Faculty in the U.S.”

Ms. Stephanie Campbell, Health Services Director, received notification from University of Louisiana System of an award of $19,329 from the Office of Public Health for “H1N1 Contract.”

Northwestern received notification of an award of $22,962 from the Louisiana Board of Regents through Bossier Parish Community College, Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana (CALL), for the following programs: Mr. Joseph Biscoe - “Psychology – Substance Abuse” and “Addiction Studies;” Dr. Paula Furr - “Journalism;” and Dr. Norann Planchock - “Nursing.”

Ms. Claudia Triche, Department of Social Work, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of additional funding of $20,000 from the Casey Family Programs for “Supervisory Mentoring Program for the Office of Community Services, Department of Social Services, State of Louisiana.”

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Dr. Marcia Wells, College of Nursing, submitted a proposal to the Spencer Foundation for “Learning Interaction in Synchronous and Asynchronous Teaching Environments.”

Dr. Vickie Gentry, College of Education, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Board of Regents, the Wallace Foundation Grant, for “Regional School Turnaround Specialist Program Provider.” Drs. Wendell Wellman, Nelda Wellman, Paula Furr, Kimberly McAlister, Marty Rhymes, and Mr. Ben Lagrone are collaborators.

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

NSU Athletics featured in Athletic Management Magazine

NSU Athletics was featured recently in Athletic Management, a magazine subscribed to by high school and college athletic administrators across the United States with a circulation of over 100,000. The article, entitled “Ahead of the Game,” detailed the year-round public relations plan developed by key leaders in the athletic department to promote NSU football after the Fall 2008 hiring of Head Coach Bradley Dale Peveto.

Written by Executive Director of the NSU Athletic Association Dr. William Broussard, the article gives a month-by-month glance at the many elements involved in promoting the NSU Football program with a detailed public relations strategy, easily broken down into the tactics that were applied.

“The proof is in the pudding, as the ‘Peveto Promise’ ticket refund program resulted in over 100 new season ticket sales and only one request for a refund, and tailgating at NSU home football games and participation in the summer promotional tour were more robust than ever,” noted Broussard.

The feature in Athletic Management magazine was NSU’s first ever. It can be accessed online at http://www.athleticmanagement.com/2009/10/19/ahead_of_the_game/index.php.
Werewolves and witches invaded the campus of NSU Leesville-Fort Polk on the evening of Oct. 27 for the first annual Halloween Poetry Reading. This was an opportunity for students and faculty to take a short break to enjoy an hour of fellowship and poetry, organized by English instructor Fred Taulbee.

The program featured Catherine Merchant, administrative assistant to Executive Director Joe Pope, reading, “Haunted Houses,” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Fred Taulbee reading Edgar Allan Poe’s “The Raven,” Adam Rex’s “Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich,” “Count Dracula Doesn’t Know He’s Been Walking Around All Night with Spinach in His Teeth,” and “The Dentist.”

The highlight of the evening was the reading of original poetry by NSU Leesville students. A few of the poems were entitled, “Home Alone,” “Monsters,” “Halloween,” and “The Old Man Sits Alone.” Taulbee also read some of his original works, “My Shadow Has Frankenstein Shoes,” “How the Devil Got Pointed Ears,” and “The Candy Corn Vampire,” as did Dr. Paralee Norman, a Haiku entitled, “Skulls and Crossbones Danced.”

According to Taulbee, “About 65 students and faculty attended. The success of the program will encourage us to schedule more evenings like this.” While this was the first Halloween poetry reading, it was actually the second poetry reading program at NSU Leesville-Fort Polk, as Taulbee had organized one last spring.

For over 10 years, St. Denis Hall has been hosting a “Trick or Treat” for the children of the Child Development Center and Head Start. This year, the children weren’t able to come to St. Denis due to the heavy rain. That didn’t stop the Halloween Spirit of the St. Denis employees who took their Wizard of Oz cast to the CDC and Head Start despite the rain. The following employees literally masked to the teeth to look like the Oz characters. Participating were Amber LaCaze as Dorothy, (complete with Toto who didn’t make it to the kid’s buildings), Kim Durr as the Scarecrow, Kay Cavanaugh as the no-longer cowardly Lion, Pam Dyes as Auntie Em with an attitude, Markalyn Williams as Glenda, the Good Witch of the North, Cynthia Leonards as the Witch of the South, Stephanie Stanton as the Wicked Witch of the West and Pam Harding as the Witch’s Guard.
Farming Dinosaurs in Louisiana
Aquaculture scientist informs civic group about gar farming

By Dr. Julie Delabbio
Professor and Director of the NSU Aquaculture Research Center

Renowned Canadian researcher Dr. Brian Glebe addressed the Natchitoches Rotary Club luncheon about his current research activities at NSU’s Aquaculture Research Center. The topic of his talk was “Farming the Dinosaurs.” The Canadian Federal Government paid Dr. Glebe’s travel costs, living costs and salary for the past six months while he was on sabbatical in Louisiana studying the possibility of farming alligator gar. Dr. Glebe told the audience “Alligator gar have been on the earth for over 100 million years. This is a fish species that existed alongside the dinosaurs in the Jurassic period, but unlike the dinosaurs, this fish continues to survive in modern times. This fish is truly ancient.”

Both Northwestern and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery are interested in developing culture techniques for this fish species.

“The alligator gar is definitely a fish worth investigating for its aquaculture potential,” Glebe said. “In my 35 year career, I have never seen a fish grow as fast as the alligator gar.”

Glebe has held senior science positions in both government and private industry.

He was one of the pioneer researchers in developing fish culture techniques in support of the Atlantic salmon farming industry in North America. Glebe observed that the development of the Atlantic salmon farming industry on the east coast started with the same fledging effort that he sees presently occurring in the development of gar for commercial fish farming in the south.

“These first steps, however, should not be underestimated in their importance to future economic development,” Glebe said. “The production value of the Atlantic salmon farming industry is now over $ 500 million per year.

Glebe acknowledged that strong marketing efforts will be as important as the development of farming techniques if the farming of gar is to reach commercial success. But, he does not see this as an insurmountable barrier. He pointed out that in the past, neither catfish nor crawfish had fine-dining appeal, but today these fish farming industries are worth millions of dollars and their products are marketed coast-to-coast.
Fishing team earns spot in 2010 national tournament

The NSU fishing team placed fourth in the FLW Outdoor Fishing tournament held in Natchitoches in November. The team earned a spot in the national championships tournament to be held in Knoxville, Tenn., in April 2010. The fourth place berth earned the Club $4,000 and another $4,000 for Northwestern.

Team members Jeffrey Rich and Aaron Sistrunk represented their school well by reaching the top five and improving each day. They placed eighth on day one with 6 pounds, 3 ounces, improved to fourth on day two with 7-6 and ended in fourth by catching 8-2 for a tournament total of 21-11.

John Dollar is faculty sponsor.

For more information on the tournament and its results visit http://collegefishing.flwoutdoors.com/tournament.cfm?cid=14&did=24&t=events&day=3&atype=6&tid=6180&tyear=2009&aid=150567

Christmas Gala will pay tribute to NSU-125

“Northwestern Through the Years” will be the theme of the annual Christmas Gala presented by The Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts at Northwestern State University Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. The Gala is an NSU 125th Anniversary event. Coordinator of Theatre Scott Burrell is the writer and director of the Gala.

This year marks the 125th anniversary of NSU and as part of the celebration, the Gala will showcase the talents of the art, music and theatre/dance programs over the last 125 years. The characters of the Professor, Isabella the Ghost, and the three Muses (the statues on the front of the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium) will guide the audience through the night’s entertainment.

Tickets are $10. NSU, Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts and BPCC@NSU students are admitted free with a current student I.D. Reservations or advance sales are not available.

The CenLaTex Harp Ensemble directed by Shirley Jennings will perform prior to the Gala in the Orville Hanchey Art Gallery. The Northwestern State University Jazz Ensemble directed by Galindo Rodriguez and the Northwestern Theatre and Dance Out On A Limb Improv Troupe directed by Burrell will perform as a prelude to the Gala.

The Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony will perform Around the World at Christmas Time arranged by Bruce Chase, Jingle Bells arranged by Randol Alan Bass, Walking in a Winter Wonderland arranged by Calvin Custer and Jingle Bells Forever by Robert W. Smith. Dr. Douglas Bakenhus is the conductor.

The Northwestern State University Choir will be joined by faculty member Dr. Andrej Kurt on Carol of the Bells arranged by Mikhail Leontovich/Willhousky. Dr. Christopher Gilliam is the conductor.

The Northwestern Theatre and Dance Rockettes will perform to Rockin Around the Christmas Tree. Joshua Legg is the choreographer. The Northwestern Theatre and Dance Men’s Dance Ensemble will perform to Baby Please Come Home. Pia Wyatt is the choreographer and Katie McGowan is assistant choreographer. The Northwestern Theatre and Dance Musical Theatre Performance Ensemble will perform to Hey There Good Times. Perry Morgan is the director and Emily Tuttle is the choreographer.

The Northwestern Percussion Ensemble will play Disco Medley. Ken Green is the director. The Northwestern Theatre and Dance Wooden Soldiers, NSU Demon Dazzlers, Natchitoches Northwestern Symphony and NSU Jazz Orchestra will perform March of the Wooden Soldiers arranged by Leon Jessel and Sing Sing Sing. Rebecca Morgan is the choreographer.

The Northwestern Percussion Ensemble, Northwestern University Choir and Northwestern Theatre and Dance will perform Betelehemu arranged by Wendell Whalum. Brendon Mizener is the percussion director. Gilliam will direct the choir and Barry Stoneking is the choreographer.

For more information, call (318) 357-4483.
Free H1N1 vaccines will be offered

The Office of Health Services will sponsor a Mass H1N1 Immunization Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the East Concourse of Prather Coliseum. There is no cost for the vaccine and the immunization is open to the public.

All five high risk categories will be vaccinated. They include: pregnant women, healthcare workers, persons caring for or living with infants 6 months old or less, anyone from 3-24 years old and anyone from 25-64 years old with medical conditions.

Those receiving the vaccine will be asked to wait in the monitoring area for 20 minutes after being immunized, so please plan for the entire process to take at least 30 minutes.

DeFord works accepted to on-line exhibit

Three pieces of artwork by Matt DeFord were accepted into the “7th Annual Color: Bold/Subtle Juried Online International Art Exhibition” at the Upstream People’s Gallery in Omaha, Neb. The works are entitled “Grope,” “Ocular” and “Rubricate.”

The exhibition opened worldwide on Dec. 1 at www.UpstreamPeopleGallery.com and will be on view through November 30, 2010. This show will be featured for one month and then be moved to the “Archive” section of the web site. The exhibition will run for a complete 12 months’ representation. To date there are about 800,000 views per month with hundreds of millions of view since inception.

DeFord’s work was selected from about 200 entries from various parts of the world.