Congressman tours Cenla nursing facility

Per a request by the Blackboard corporation, Samuel S. Lewis co-presented with Su Dupre a session titled “Creating Dynamic Online Courses” at the 2009 LACUE Conference in Baton Rouge. LACUE is the acronym for Louisiana Association for Computer Using Educators.

“We not only talked about creative and effective ways to use Blackboard itself but also how to effectively use Blackboard mashups — using Blackboard with various free, online applications such as Google Calendar, Google Docs, Intel Thinking Tools, Cooltext, Voki avatars, etc.,” Lewis said.

During the session, the two discussed best practices for teaching successful online classes, including tips and tricks on how to minimize cheating in an online environment and how to efficiently review and grade online student discussion board posts.

NSU's Director of Radiological Services Laura Aaron, left, and Dr. Norann Planchock, right, dean of the College of Nursing, were among the administrators who led Rep. Rodney Alexander on a tour of the radiological sciences labs and nursing clinical labs at Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria. The tour and presentation highlighted NSU’s partnership with RRMC in health care education.

Abney, David Williams, CEO of RRMC, Cheryl Wilson, COO of RRMC, Dr. Norann Planchock, dean of NSU’s College of Nursing, Zulick and Hedy Pinkerton, director of Electronic and Continuing Education at NSU.
Volunteer tutors needed to offer help for area grade school students

NSU Tutors, a campus service organization in which NSU students provide tutoring assistance to local school children, is seeking volunteers to meet the demand of students in need of academic help. The service is free to any person in grade school through high school, according to Dr. Mike Cundall, faculty coordinator.

Anyone interested who can provide even an hour a day per week on a regular basis is invited to participate. NSU Tutors provide tutoring from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday in Room 227/230 Morrison Hall.

For more information, contact Cundall at cudallm@nsula.edu or Tim Gattie, graduate assistant tgattie001@student.nsula.edu.

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Paul Christopher, assistant professor of low strings (CAPA), released his fourth CD devoted to the cello music of Jacques Offenbach. Available on the Human Metronome label “The Artist’s Gift” features world premiere recordings of the Three Duos Concertants, Opus 21 with Shreveport Symphony Principal Cellist Ruth Drummond and the Melodies de “Anna Bolena” de Donizetti for solo cello. Copies can be purchased at www.cdbaby.com or directly from Christopher.

On Jan. 29, Christopher gave a cello master class and performing a guest artist recital at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, with fellow CAPA faculty member Elena Kuroda, piano.

Ben D. Wood M.S.R.S., R.T. (R), assistant professor of radiologic sciences, published an article in the radiologic science’s peer-reviewed national professional society’s (ASRT) journal Radiologic Technology: The article appears in the current Jan/Feb issue. Academic Misconduct and Detection Ben D Wood Radiol Technol 2010;81 276-279 http://www.radiologictechnology.org/cgi/content/full/81/3/276.

Dr. Gerra Perkins, College of Education, was appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to the Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners. The appointment is for four years and will end in December of 2013.

The mission of the Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners is to protect the public interest by regulating the practice of mental health counseling in Louisiana. The board consists of ten members: three licensed professional counselors, three educators who are licensed professional counselors and whose function is the training of mental health counselors in accredited programs, three licensed marriage and family therapists, and one individual from the public at large.


PRESENTATION TITLE: Strategic Instruction Model: Teaching Students Parts of Speech and How to Write Complete Sentences: Proficiency and Fundamentals in the Sentence Writing Strategy.

Presenters: Dr. Barbara Duchardt, professor, College of Education; Anne Clouatre, Kris Braud, and Joyce Russo, education program consultants, mild/moderate, Louisiana Department of Education Office of Educator Support, Division of Special Populations.

POSTER SESSION: High School to College Transition for Students with Asperger’s: Tips for College Success for All Students

Presenters: Dr. Paula Furr, professor, journalism; Taylor Furr, NSU college student; Catherine Fauccheux, assistant director NSU Student Support Services; and Dr. Barbara Duchardt, professor, College of Education

Dr. J. Mark Thompson, professor of music, recently performed bass trombone on two concerts with the Alabama Symphony Orchestra in Birmingham. The first was on Dec. 31 for their New Year’s Eve Celebration in the style of old Vienna. The second was on Jan. 22, titled “An Evening of Rodgers and Hammerstein,” featured Broadway singers Lisa Vroman, Doug LaBrecque, and William Michaels.
Laura Aaron, program director and graduate coordinator for the Radiologic Sciences program, presented “The Publication Process” and “The Top 10 Errors in Manuscript Development...and How to Correct Them” at the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) Research and Writing Workshop conducted in Chicago in October. She currently serves as the chair of the Editorial Review board for the peer reviewed journal *Radiologic Technology* which is published by the ASRT.

Becky Britt, assistant professor and co-clinical coordinator for the Radiologic Sciences program presented “Burnout in Service Related Careers”, “Law and Ethics for Technologists” and “Diagnostic Imaging of Child Abuse.” This presentation was given to the Advanced Health Education Center in Houston in December. She also presented with other colleagues from the university to the College of Nursing in November “Service Learning in the Online Environment.”

Ms. Britt has also been selected as the holder of one of the Rapides Regional Medical Center Endowed Professorships for 2009-2010.

Kelli Haynes, undergraduate coordinator for the Radiologic Sciences Program presented “Drawing a Line in the Sand: Addressing Professionalism,” “Basics of Radiation Protection” and “Imaging the Geriatric Patient.” This presentation was given to the Advanced Health Education Center in Houston in December. She also presented with other colleagues from the university to the College of Nursing in November “Service Learning in the Online Environment.”

Ms. Haynes has also been selected as the Holder of one of the Rapides Regional Medical Center Endowed Professorships for 2009-2010.

Kelli Haynes, MSRS, RT(R) was invited by the Hong Kong Hospital Authority to speak at their Commissioned Training for Diagnostic Radiographers. She traveled to Hong Kong and presented three lectures on Jan. 1-2. The titles of the lectures were, Imaging the Geriatric Patient, The Geriatric Population and Professionalism in Geriatric Imaging. Haynes holds the Rapides Regional Medical Center Endowed Professorship and is coordinator of undergraduate studies and associate professor with the graduate faculty in radiologic sciences program.

Mathews named Air National Guard Band Chief

Dr. Jeff Mathews, associate director of bands at Northwestern State University, has been selected as Chief, Air National Guard Bands. The appointment to the part-time position takes effect next year.

Mathews will serve as functional manager of the Air National Guard band program and principal advisor to public affairs personnel on matters pertaining to the bands. He will determine the readiness of bands, recommend actions for improving bands, develop policy guidance for the band program, coordinate band policy issues and establish qualifications and procedures for hiring and training new band officers and enlisted members and conduct band officer auditions to fill vacancies.

As chief of Air National Guard Bands, Mathews will manage 11 bands with 400 personnel.

A 1990 graduate of Northwestern, Mathews taught high school band for seven years in the public schools of Louisiana and Texas. Mathews earned a master’s degree from the University of North Texas, where he served as a teaching fellow. He holds the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in conducting from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Mathews has served as commander and conductor of the Texas Air National Guard Band for fourteen years. The band has given concerts and performed at patriotic events around the world. In 1999, he led this band on a tour of the Czech Republic and in 2007 he deployed with the band to Iraq and Afghanistan.

He is married to Dr. Kristine Coreil and they have two daughters, Devon, nine, and Lauren, seven.
Fresh Campus youth summit to promote healthy living

The third annual Louisiana Youth Summit on Tobacco will be held on the NSU campus Feb. 27 drawing 11-17-year-olds from around the state.

The event is being sponsored by Fresh Campus through a grant from the Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco Free Living. Fresh Campus is a registered student organization that promotes a tobacco-free campus and healthy lifestyles.

The group is sponsored by Dr. Tara Gallien, a professor in the Health and Human Performance Department. There are four officers and seven to 10 active members in the organization.

Events for the summit will take place in the Student Union and will include workshops on empowering youth to promote healthy behaviors.

About 250 students are expected, according to Gallien, who is working with intern Carmel Bourg and Fresh Campus members to organize the event. Bourg is a graduate student in the Health Promotion program. She is completing her internship with Gallien on the Tobacco Free Living College Initiative (TFLCI) grant. She also works at the Alumni Center.

“I think it is great that Northwestern, through Fresh Campus, is hosting the summit,” Gallien said.

“It shows NSU’s commitment to the youth in our state. The summit will help our young leaders develop their leadership skills and strengthen their commitment to living tobacco free.”

Visiting professor bids farewell to Northwestern State

From Ksangho Lee, Professor, Kongju National University

More than seven months have passed since I arrived at Northwestern State University. During my stay at NSU, I had a wonderful and memorable experience. I visited and observed at K-12 schools and attended teacher education classes. I could clearly see educational differences between the United States and Korea.

In education, “what and how much students know” is important, but more important thing is “what students can do.” Korean students lack a creative thinking ability and a problem solving ability due to tendency to learn by rote memorization. On the other hand, I think that American education is competence based and process oriented. It seems to me that American students have more creative thinking ability and a problem solving ability than Korean students.

I had opportunities to go to various concerts and festivals, to take a trip out of state, and to

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Korean students visit NSU and Natchitoches

Nine education graduate students from Chungnam National University (CNU) in South Korea visited NSU and Natchitoches Dec. 1-6, 2009. The purpose of their visit was to explore and learn more about American/Louisiana education, culture, food, people, etc. While in Natchitoches, they gave three different presentations to College of Education classes. Their presentations include “English Education in Korea,” “Educational System/Policy” and “Science Education in Korea.” After the presentations, the Chungnam students discussed with the classes how education in the United States and Korea is similar and the topics presented. The students were divided into three different groups and observed classes at NSU Middle Lab School, Natchitoches Magnet School, and Louisiana School for Math Science and the Arts.

Dr. Kyung-taek Min, leading the Korean students, expressed his strong interest in developing exchange programs with the NSU College of Education. Specially, CNU would like to send their student teachers to K-12 schools in the Natchitoches area to provide them with an American classroom experience.

CNU is located in Taejon, the fifth largest city in South Korea, having 1.5 million inhabitants.

CNU has about 30,000 students at 13 colleges of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, economics and management, engineering, agriculture and life science, law, pharmacy, medicine, human ecology, fine arts and music, veterinary medicine, and bioscience and biotechnology, and at eight graduate schools of graduate school, business administration, education, public administration, public health, industry, patent law, peace and security studies.

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watch football games. It was the first time for me to watch a football game in person, which I enjoyed. I was also impressed and happy to say that seeing the musical “Mama Mia” in Broadway was memorable.

I have lived in Natchitoches with a freshman’s kind of thinking. People in Natchitoches have been very kind to me. I was satisfied with everything and spent many happy moments in Natchitoches. Now, I have a pleasure to go back to my home country of South Korea, but the sadness to leave Natchitoches is bigger than the pleasure to go back to my home country. When I go back to South Korea, I’ll apply various teaching methods that I experienced at NSU to my classes.

I’d like to express my gratitude to all NSU faculty and staff. I will not forget Natchitoches and NSU.
To all Faculty and Staff:

A new year brings more exciting athletic events at Northwestern State as the baseball and softball squads prepare for their 2010 campaigns. The action on the diamonds begins in a month or so, making now the time to secure your tickets for Demon Baseball and Lady Demon Softball.

The Demons will take to the field for 27 home games at Brown-Stroud Field this season, including a highly anticipated matchup against the defending national champion LSU Tigers on Wednesday, March 10. Interest for tickets to this contest has already been extremely high, but we wanted to give YOU – our faculty and staff – top priority in reserving a seat in the grandstand for this matchup. Purchasing a 2010 baseball season ticket will reserve a specific seat for all games, including the matchup against LSU. If you wait and just purchase a single game ticket to the LSU game, a prime grandstand seat will cost $20, which is nearly 25 percent of the total season ticket price. Additionally, grandstand seats cannot be guaranteed without purchasing your season ticket. Some seats have already been purchased, but many great seats are still available.

The Lady Demon Softball team will have 16 home dates, including eight doubleheaders. Season tickets for those 24 games are only $40, making the cost per game less than $2! For only an additional $10, you can be a member of the NSU Softball Outfield Club and gain access to the grandstand and the exclusive Outfield Club area, as well as receiving a t-shirt along with food and beverages at games.

Your support is a key component to the successes NSU Athletics has enjoyed, the traditions it has established and the milestones it strives to achieve in the future. Thank you for being a part of a great tradition and a brighter future at Northwestern State!

Adam Jonson
Assistant Marketing Director for Tickets Operations

Ludu will present workshop at CUR conference

A workshop by professor Dr. Andrei Ludu, professor of physics, will be presented at the prestigious Council of Undergraduate Research’s national conference at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, in June. Selected proposals represent the work of faculty and administrators who are engaged in undergraduate research across the country and around the world. Ludu’s presentation is entitled “Twenty four examples of undergraduate research problems that will guaranty success and publication.”

The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) is a national organization of individual and institutional members representing over 900 colleges and universities. Its mission is to support high-quality undergraduate student-faculty collaborative research and scholarship. CUR also provides information on the importance of undergraduate research to state legislatures, private foundations, government agencies, and the U.S. Congress.

“This opens up to us opportunities for recruiting, lobbying and presenting our programs,” Ludu said. “We will discuss 24 completely new subjects of scientific research available for teams of undergraduate students and faculty. All subjects are independent and can be related to open problems in physics, mathematics, applied mathematics, bio-sciences, chemistry, astronomy, engineering and computer modeling. These topics are easily approachable, do not need major prerequisites, and represent novelties in cutting edge sciences, such as bio-sciences, superconductivity, nanotechnology, green science and universe puzzles. They can also be completed in four to 24 months.”

The topics Ludu will discuss are designed to provide one peer reviewed publication in a journal focused on instructional and cultural aspects of physical sciences, mathematics, or computers.
Bobbie Fountain Wells, mother of Dr. Sue Weaver, dean of University College, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 5. Funeral services were held Dec. 8 at First Baptist Church of Logansport. A donation was made to the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home in memory of Mrs. Wells from the NSU Floral Fund.

The NSU Floral Fund sent a spray to services for Linda Dianne Cooper Holman, employed at the Watson Library in the Technical Processes Department.

Services for C.O. Landry, father-in-law of Abbie Landry, NSU Director of Libraries, and father of Michael Landry, were held on Dec. 12 at Norris Funeral Home in Bay Minette, Ala. Mr. Landry passed away in Georgetown, Fla., on Dec. 7.

Dorothy Moss Hanks, a former faculty in the College of Education during the 1960s, passed away Dec. 17, 2009. She taught first elementary teachers to become librarians.

Funeral services for Michael V. Matthews Jr., father of Michael E. Matthews, Serials and Media Head Librarian at Watson Library, were held at Saint Ignatius Church in Mobile, Ala., on Jan. 5. Mr. Matthews passed away Jan. 2 in Mobile. A plant was sent to funeral services from the NSU Floral Fund.

Funeral services for Ms. Frovelia Spillman were held Jan. 13. Ms. Spillman was the grandmother of Carla Howell, associate director of Research and Sponsored Programs; Jason Parker, director of rehabilitation for Demon Sports Medicine, and Elizabeth Yopp, formerly of Business Affairs, passed away at the age of 92 on Jan. 11.

A spray was sent from the NSU Floral Fund to services for Mrs. Velma Howell, mother of Paula Robertson, administrative coordinator, Student Financial Aid.

The Floral Fund also made donations to Cooley Methodist Church in memory of Robert Fraser Gay Jr., father of Robert Gay, Grounds, Department; and to the NSU Foundation titled the Dr. Nadya Keller Award in memory of Dr. Nadya Louise Clark Keller, a retired NSU biochemistry professor and founding professor of the Louisiana Scholars’ College.

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in simulations, and a presentation at a national workshop.

“We will describe the topics and, based on audience reaction and interest on each of them, we will analyze in detail the path from recruiting students to submitting the results for publication and presentation” Ludu said. “In the second part, we will present procedures that can enhance creativity and skill development in students and faculty.” Ludu said his workshop was a success if at least 50 percent of his audience pursues one of his topics of discussion.

Ludu has also been invited to give talks as key speaker at two conferences in Bulgaria. The first, in June, will be a short series of lectures at an international symposium on differential geometry applied in physics, based on the book he wrote in 2007. The second is to be the keynote speaker in a theoretical physics conference.

Haiti Benefit Concert

The Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts will hold a Haiti Benefit Concert Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall.

Admission is free and open to the public, but donations for the American Red Cross Haiti Relief effort will be accepted. American Red Cross representatives will be on hand to collect donations.

The concert will include performances by the NSU Student Jazz Combos, the NSU Faculty Jazz Combo and the NSU Jazz Orchestra.

For more information, contact NSU Assistant Professor of Saxophone Paul Forsyth at 357-4426 or forsythp@nsula.edu.
CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Weijia Zhu, Department of Chemistry and Physics, College of Science and Technology, received notification from the Louisiana Board of Regents, LaSIP Program, of an award of $177,983 for “Understanding Waves, Optics and Gravity through Project-based Inquiry, Hands-On Demonstrations and Online Learning.”

Ms. Nancy Alexander, Family & Consumer Sciences, College of Science and Technology, received notification of an increase in the following programs:

- $406,700 for “Child Care Provider Training,”
- $432,123 for “Onsite Provider Technical Assistance,” and
- $428,583 for “Consumer Education and Referral.”

Ms. Claudia Triche, Department of Social Work, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $90,000 from The Casey Family Programs for “Supervisory Mentoring Program for the Office of Community Services, Department of Social Services, State of Louisiana.”

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, Louisiana Folklife Center, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $10,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts for “2010 Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival.”

Mr. Joseph Biscoe III, Cultural Resource Office, Department of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, received notification from the University of Texas at Austin, of an award of $30,000 for the continuation of efforts for the LAATTC at NSU for “Amendment #9 – to cost reimbursement Subaward #UTA03-223.”

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Dr. Norann Planchock, College of Nursing, submitted a proposal to the LSUHSC Biomedical Foundation for “Sustaining and Expanding the Optimal Medical Home Workforce through the Identification of Quality Nurse Practitioner Preceptor- Preceptor Sites in Region 7.” Teresa Kevil, Christi Maranto, Connie Roppolo, and Katheryn Arterberry are collaborators.

Dr. Sally Cook, College of Nursing, submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Health Resources and Services Administration for “NSU Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship.”

Mr. Don Barker, Student Support Services, University College, submitted a proposal to the U. S. Department of Education, Federal TRIO Programs, for “Student Support Services.”

Ms. Lisa Rougeou, Department of Language and Communication, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to the University of California - Berkeley for “National Writing Project Continued Funding Application 2010.”

Ms. Lisa Rougeou, Department of Language and Communication, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to the University of California – Berkeley for “Teacher Inquiry Network Community Mini-Grant.”

Dr. Catherine McMillan, Department of Health and Human Performance, College of Science and Technology, submitted a proposal to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure/Northwest Louisiana Affiliate for “Take Action Against Breast Cancer.” Ms. Gina Hubachek is collaborator.

Mr. William Ryan Smith, Cultural Resource Office, Department of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to the National Park Service for “Archaeological Survey and Boundary Delineation of Deloach’s Bluff Battlefield.”

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

The Government Inspector
March 12 & 13, March 16-20 – 7:30pm
• Theatre West – Reservations
  strongly recommended (357-4483)
Corrupt government officials, secret cover-ups and, of course, a covert government investigation. Nikolai Gogol’s comedy satire reminds us absolute power corrupts, absolutely.

NSU Theatre & Dance asks you to save the following dates on your calendar.

NSU Dance Company Concert
March 26 & 27 - 7:30pm
• AA Fredericks Auditorium – Reservations not necessary
The Dance Company Concert showcases the diverse backgrounds of faculty and student choreographers. Both entertaining and thought provoking, this performance always has something for every audience member. Expect to see modern, jazz, ballet, and tap.

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.
Northwestern and the City of Natchitoches partnered in a tree-planting activity in celebration of Louisiana Arbor Day on Jan. 22. The planting of the live oak “Oakie,” which was donated by the city, was held at Ben D. Johnson Park next to the MLK Center and was attended by members of the Boys and Girls Club and other youth who learned about the benefits of planting trees. The event was supported by the LSU Ag Center, who partnered with NSU to deliver lessons about planting trees to low-income students after school. From left are NSU Director of Service-Learning Steve Gruesback, City Councilman Don Mims, NSU VISTA volunteer Jim Hurley, Councilmen Sylvia Morrow and Dale Nielson, and Natchitoches community affairs representatives Carol Steadman and Randy LaCaze. Northwestern will sponsor more Arbor Day activities in April, in conjunction with the city’s Keep Natchitoches Beautiful clean-up efforts.
Michael Yankowski, professor of art at Northwestern State University, was selected to participate in the national competition “Surreal Salon” at the Baton Rouge Gallery. Hundreds of works from across the United States were submitted and work by 35 artists were selected by David Ball, Academy of Art University, San Francisco.

The exhibition explores the lasting effect of one of the most intriguing movements of the 20th century which included artists such as Salvador Dali, Juan Miro and Rene Magritte. This multimedia event includes paintings, sculptures, photography and video art from uniquely talented American Artists.

Yankowski’s work entitled “Dream Under Construction” was inspired by the working studio of Surrealist Man Ray. It is a small wooden structure with ladders ascending to the two layers. Small original surreal sculptures are placed throughout imitating an artist’s studio space.

Icarus Ichthus: (Hemlock, basswood, brass, acrylic paint) The Greek Icarus attempted to fly with man made wings. The flying Ichthus (fish) is a metaphor for man’s quest to ascend beyond this world into the spiritual. Man can achieve a better spirituality on his own without the need for a technology, which will fail.

Yankowski participates in art competition, one-man exhibit

The exhibit is at the Baton Rouge Gallery, 1442 City Park Ave. and runs through Jan. 28. A internet catalogue can be viewed at www.batrougegallery.org by following the links to Surreal Salon.

Yankowski also currently has 21 works on exhibit at Mary Hardin-Baylor University in Belton, Texas. The collection of wall and pedestal sculptures are constructed of wood, fabricated objects and found objects. Several pieces on display have been exhibited in national competitions, McMurtry Gallery in Houston, Gruen Gallery in Chicago and at Carol Robinson Gallery in New Orleans.

Yankowski utilizes the various textures and forms achievable with wood, cast metal, ceramics and other media to create symbolic iconographic vignettes exploring science, nature and spirituality.

The exhibit runs through Feb. 5