Faculty, staff get discounted tickets for May 11 Family Fais Do-Do

The NSU Alumni Association and NSU Foundation are offering a faculty/staff discount of $20 per ticket to the Family Fais Do-Do, set to begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 11 at Collins Pavilion. The discount applies to any faculty/staff employee plus one guest.

All friends of Northwestern State, faculty, staff, students, alumni, supporters and community partners are invited attend the family-oriented outdoor event. This celebration of the NSU family will include food, music, entertainment, door prizes and announcements.

Dress is casual for the fish fry and shrimp boil with trimmings and assorted beverages. The Glenn Rainey Band will perform for music and dancing and a Kids Zone will include games, inflatables and activities.

General admission tickets are available at the Alumni Center for $30 per person, with children under 12 eating free. Fees are payable to the NSU Foundation by calling Jill Bankston at (318) 357-4241 or e-mailing bankstonj@nsula.edu. Tickets are also available online at NorthwesternAlumni.com.

To purchase tickets at the discounted rate please visit the NSU Alumni Center during regular business hours, or email Jill Bankston at bankstonj@nsula.edu or Haley Blount at blount@nsula.edu for more information.

To keep up with information on the Family Fais Do-Do and other events, follow NSU on Facebook/NorthwesternState.

PEOPLE

Dr. Holly Stave, professor of English in the Louisiana Scholars’ College, presented two papers at recent conferences.

Stave presented “The Cold War and Domestic Terrorism: Jayne Anne Phillips’ Shelter” at the International Society for the Study of Narrative in Las Vegas in mid-March. She later presented “Performing the South: Lee Smith’s The Last Girls” at the Society for the Study of Narrative Literature in Nashville.

Lisa Rougeou, Department of Language and Communication and Teaching and Learning, was one of three invited speakers for the Opening Plenary of National Writing Project’s 2012 Spring meeting. The panel was held March 30 in Washington D.C. and led to small group sessions that explored a wide-range of information about funding available for K-university programs.

Dr. Barbara Duchardt was the keynote speaker

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University event calendar linked to nsula.edu

Northwestern State’s new calendar of events went live April 19 and is available for faculty and staff to use to list events regarding their department or office open activities.

The calendar can be accessed at nsula.edu/calendar. The calendar includes campus events which are open to the public or promote the educational mission of Northwestern State. Users can filter the calendar to show events they are most interested in and can download events to their personal calendar.

Those on the Northwestern State campus who need to book rooms for campus events should still use the existing EMS system. To place events on the calendar, faculty and staff should work with the campus communicator in their area of the Office of Marketing and Branding.

For more information, contact Bill Smith at extension 4245 or e-mail smithb@nsula.edu or Christina Lake at extension 4414 or lakec@nsula.edu.

McBride named SITE international program chair

Dr. Ron McBride, former professor of educational technology at Northwestern State University, has been named international program chair for next year’s Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE) conference. The organization’s 24th annual conference will be held in New Orleans in March 2013.

McBride retired last year from Northwestern State’s College of Education and Human Development, but remains an active contributor to the professional organizations.

McBride is a vice president of SITE and chair of the Information Technology Council (ITC), which consists of 17 special interest group, including areas that research the use of technology in teaching and learning.

“The special interest groups in the ITC represent members from over 25 countries worldwide. I serve on the Executive board for SITE and have been active in the organization for 14 years,” McBride said.

Program chairs are usually selected from SITE members in the host state. The program chair works with American Association of Computer Educators (AACE) to plan the conference, arranging key note speakers, special sessions and social events. Recently SITE 2012, held in Austin, Texas, had over 1,500 attendees from 54 countries.

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Dr. Gerra Perkins, College of Education and Human Development, was elected as chair of the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) Board of Examiners. Her yearlong term will begin May 5.

Dr. Perkins attended and presented at the American Counseling Association’s annual conference in San Francisco, March 21-25. The presentation, “Current Trends in Ethics: A Discussion with the ACA Ethics Committee,” discussed the top 10 areas in which counselors typically have questions. Perkins was appointed to the ACA Ethics Committee in July 2011 and will serve through June 30, 2014.

An article by Dr. Terrie T. Poehl, assistant professor of education, is published in the May issue of Mathematics Teacher, a publication of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The article, “Delivered Tomorrow: Plain and Truck Geometry,”

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics is a public voice of mathematics education supporting teachers to ensure equitable mathematics learning of the highest quality for all students through vision, leadership, professional development and research.

For more information, visit nctm.org.
Dr. Masahito Kuroda, a native of Japan, organized the Northwestern State performance of “A Song for Japan,” part of a global effort to send wellwishes to Japanese citizens affected by last year’s tsunami.

Northwestern musicians, ensembles collaborate on ‘Song for Japan’ performance

Over 100 student/faculty musicians gathered March 23 on the stage of Magale Recital Hall in Mrs. H. D. Dear, Sr. and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts to perform the special arrangement of “A Song for Japan” composed by Steven Verhelst. The event was a part of the international project called “East Japan Earthquake Tsunami Charity Collaboration Project” organized by a group of trombone players in Japan and Europe to send musical goodwill message to the people who were affected by earthquake/tsunami disaster in northern Japan last year.

The concert began with the presentation by Dr. Masahito Kuroda, assistant professor of euphonium, tuba, sound recording and music technology, on the latest efforts on rebuilding the community in the devastated area, followed by the world premiere performance of “A Song for Japan” arranged for this occasion by Dr. Kuroda.

“We are all so touched by such warmth and positive energy from all the performers and audience members at the concert,” Kuroda said. “I would like to express my sincerest thank you for all the participated students, friends, audience and many faculty members at CAPA, including Dr. Burt Allen, Dr. Christopher Gilliam, Galindo Rodriguez, Dr. Kristine Coreil, Dr. Mark Thompson, Dr. Christine Allen, Ken Green, Dr. Andrej Kurti, John Dunn, Dr. Sharon Joy and Richard Rose. Without their warmest support, the concert would never have happened.”

The concert was video recorded and edited by Dr. Kuroda, and sent to the project organization in Japan. The video can be viewed on the Internet, either at the project’s official “A Song for Japan Channel” on Youtube.com, where it is among over 200 video recordings of the piece by musicians all over the world; (http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0568F188A7AFE0B2&feature=view_all).

Viewers can also follow the direct link to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iOCmX TBnzNw&list=PL0568F188A7AFE0B2&index=3&feature=plpp_video

Viewers can also get to the video by searching on Youtube.com with the keywords “A Song for Japan at NSU.”
Aspiring school counselors from Northwestern State University’s College of Education and Human Development completed a service-learning initiative that addressed suicide prevention for seventh and eighth grade students at Pineville Junior High School.

“Research shows that suicide is considered a ‘silent epidemic’ and has claimed the lives of more teenagers and young adults than cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza and chronic lung disease combined and is a major public health problem within our nation,” said Dr. Gerra Perkins, coordinator of the counseling program at Northwestern State. “The National Institute of Mental Health’s most recent report shows an alarming, almost decade-long trend of gradual increase in suicide completions. Disturbingly, it is estimated that only 36 percent of youth at-risk for suicide in the past year received mental health counseling. The majority of counseling/treatment received came through school-based programs, underscoring the vital importance of supporting these programs within our area schools.”

Perkins and 11 students visited the school to implement the program and provide support to the Pineville Junior High Health Center, which serves seventh and eighth graders. In collaboration with the counselor from the health center, NSU alum Kayla Milstead, students in Northwestern State’s school counseling program presented a series of four guidance lessons on suicide prevention to the eighth grade student body through the health/physical education classes.

“The goal of this curriculum was to provide students with knowledge, skills, and strategies that would enable them to help a friend, or themselves, who may be considering suicide,” Perkins said.

Students who presented lessons were Wendy Brewer, Crystal Burch, Jennifer Carroll, J.P. Guerineau, Lacie Hughes, Danielle Jones, Michael LaCour, Cathy Mullen, Anna-Kate Oglesby, Latoya Pea and Shalonda Todd.

“Going to Pineville Junior High to implement the curriculum we designed was an unbelievable experience,” according to Oglesby.

“The experience at PJH was one I will never forget,” Jones said. “In the process of helping these young students I was also helping myself grow as a future school counselor.”

Echoing those sentiments, Carroll said she was filled with gratitude for the experience.

“It helped to remind me why I chose this program and made all the hard work worth it,” she said.

“As we reflected on the week and shared stories, it was apparent that we all felt the week was well worth every second of stress and planning,” Burch said. “We cried, talked, shared and made future plans. We all left knowing that we made a difference.”

Perkins expressed gratitude to the administrators and colleagues in the College of Education and Human Development who chose to fund the service-learning project through funds from the Melba Law Steeg Endowment. She also expressed thanks to Columbus Goodman, principal at Pineville Jr. High for his support and vision, to Milstead for her collaboration and enthusiasm for meeting student needs, and to the eighth
Nine new members were inducted into Northwestern State University’s chapter of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars. An induction ceremony was held on Wednesday, April 18 on the second floor Reading Room at Watson Library. Members of Phi Beta Delta include faculty, staff and students who are selected based on their international orientation, scholarship accomplishment and/or contribution to international exchange.

Newly inducted faculty include Jim Crawford, Christine Ferrell, Pamela Francis and Charlene LeBrun of the Department of Language and Communication. Newly inducted student members are Susan Barden and Kyle May, Louisiana Scholars’ College; Dana Hart, Theatre; Tom Lawler, Social Sciences, and Mario Torres, School of Business and Music.

Crawford, professor of Spanish, was guest speaker and addressed current issues in Latin America and the possibility of Latin America as a destination for student travel. A native of Venezuela, Crawford has travelled extensively in South America and often takes students on trips abroad.

Phi Beta Delta is the first honor society in the United States to recognize scholarship achievement in international education. Its goals are to increase the recognition, credibility and importance of the international experience and create a catalyst for international academic-based programming on college campuses while providing support and recognition to those individuals on campuses who are involved in international endeavors.

The Northwestern State University chapter received its charter in 2010 with the induction of 25 faculty, staff and student members. This academic year, Phi Beta Delta sponsored a Student Study Abroad Panel and Reconciling Narratives Through Communication, an open conversation about Israel/Palestine. The group also sponsored a no-host dinner for members and friends.

For more information about Phi Beta Delta contact chapter coordinator and president Sharon Joy at joys@nsula.edu or (318) 357-5754.

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grade coaches and students at PJH for the warm welcome.

“It is amazing to work with professionals who recognize and place a priority on meeting the mental health needs of our children and adolescents. And, it was an absolute pleasure to see our NSU students in action. I am continually amazed by their dedication and passion for school counseling,” she said.

For more information on the school counseling program at Northwestern State, visit delt.nsula.edu/school-counseling or contact Perkins by e-mailing perkinsg@nsula.edu or calling (318) 357-6915.
Representing Northwestern State at the Association of Information Technology Professionals were, front row from left, CIS Program Coordinator Dr. Jack Russell, Austin Burns, Daniel Curiel, Greg Cruice, Matt Foshee, Dawson Wainright and Jamey Nelson. On the back row are Barbara Russell, Victoria Brown, Sesley Meshell, Stephen Thompson, Jimmy Van, Steven Cambron, Zechariah Hennigan, Demarius Davis and Duncan Harrelson.

Computer Information Systems teams bring home national championships at AITP competition

Dr. Jack Russell, coordinator of the Computer Information Systems program, and Barbara Russell accompanied their students to the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) National Collegiate Conference, where two teams students won national titles in their divisions.

The Systems Analysis and Design team of Steven Cambron of Simpson and Dawson Wainwright of Lake Arthur won their division, as did the Enterprise Server COBOL team of Steven Thompson of Natchez, Texas, and Daniel Curiel of Leesville.


Fourteen Northwestern State students participated in the conference, along with NSU-AITP advisors Barbara Russell and Dr. Jack Russell. More than 500 students from universities around the country competed in the AITP National Collegiate Conference, including Purdue, Brigham Young, Ole Miss, Texas State, University of Wisconsin, Texas Tech, Southern Indiana, UT-San Antonio, University of Alaska and others.

“There were 71 teams in each of these categories and we are proud of these awards and the students who won them,” said Dr. Russell. The first place wins were the 13th for Northwestern State in 12 years, he added.

“We had fun,” Cambron said. “We competed hard and we’re going to win again next year.”

The teams spent several hours per week for the last two months practicing outside of class for the competition.

The Systems Analysis and Design teams were required to find the best solution for a business model using Unified Modeling Language (UML).

The COBOL team created a program in which a company could read and print a report. COBOL (Common Business-Oriented Language) is used in business, finance and administrative systems for companies and governments.

“Once again, Northwestern State has shown what an outstanding program we have in Computer Information Systems,” said Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb. “Our history of success at AITP raises prospective employers’ awareness about the quality of our program and opens up opportunities for our students as they transition into their professional careers.”
Yarn bombers create gifts both public and personal

The Northwestern State University yarn bombers struck again. Prior to spring break, crafters coated a crape myrtle tree in front of Sylvan Friedman Student Union with colorful crochet in an ongoing attempt to add warmth to public spaces.

Students in an Intro to Fibers art class claim responsibility for the bombings, which raise interest in knitting and crochet. Stitchers are regarded as artists rather than vandals because the knit graffiti does not deface objects or property.

Guerilla knitting is not the only priority for the textile artists. They and students in another art class presented Yonna Pasch with an Easter gift of hats they crocheted out of light spring-weight yarns. Pasch, director of student activities at Northwestern State, is a cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

“It was a total shock,” Pasch said. “I thought it was such a wonderful and thoughtful idea. I usually don’t wear my wig, Stella, so hats or scarves are what I usually wear. So for these students to think of me when deciding on a project really meant a lot to me.”

Instructor Leslie Gruesbeck said the students hope to continue their endeavors as a service project for other cancer patients.

Aquaculture Research Center selling crawfish through late May

Northwestern State University’s Aquaculture Research Center is selling live crawfish harvested from the Center’s crawfish ponds in Lena every week though late May. Crawfish are delivered from the Center to Northwestern State’s main campus at 10 a.m. Fridays and are available for pickup in the parking lot of St. Denis Hall. The price per pound is established every Monday.

“The crawfish are in sacks so we recommend those who purchase bring a cooler for transport, particularly on warm days,” said Dr. Julie Delabbio, ARC director. “Calling early in the week is important because we are usually sold out by Thursday afternoons.”

For more information or to place an order, call Delabbio at (318) 663-0382 or e-mail delab-
**CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

Ms. Sheila Richmond and Ms. Markita Hamilton, Creole Heritage Center, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research, submitted a proposal to the Cane River National Heritage Area entitled “Research for The Black Churches of Natchitoches Parish: A Cultural Guide.” Dr. Hiram F. Gregory and Ms. Loletta Wynder are collaborators.

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, LA Folklife Center, College of Arts, Letters, and Graduate Studies and Research, submitted a proposal to the Cane River National Heritage Area for “The 33rd Annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival.”

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, LA Folklife Center, College of Arts, Letters, and Graduate Studies and Research, submitted a proposal to the Paragon Casino Resort for “33rd Annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival.”

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

**CGHRC staff attend workshops, volunteer at APHN event**

Library Specialist 1 Shelia Thompson and Head Archivist Mary Linn Wernet attended the Ark-La-Tex Archivists meeting at the Bossier Parish Library Historical Center Friday, April 13.

During the meeting Wernet and Thompson toured the Bossier Parish Library Historical Center and attended the following sessions: Lane Callaway 8th Air Force Historian, Barksdale Air Force Base, Demonstration of Historical Center’s PastPerfect Online collections database and presence on Ancestry.com, Chris Brown, Archivist at Centenary College, “Regional Emergency Response Network for Louisiana,” and ATLA business meeting.

Wernet volunteered as a docent at the African House on the Melrose Plantation complex during the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches Annual Melrose Arts and Crafts Festival on Sunday, April 22.

Imaging Specialist Sonny Carter and Wernet attended the following Webinars sponsored by OCLC for LOUIS: The fundamentals of using CONTENTdm to manage digital collections were covered in the following webinars: (1) Getting Started with CONTENTdm, (2) Working with Text in CONTENTdm, and (3) Maintaining Collections in CONTENTdm. CONTENTdm is the program used by LOUIS to create, mount, enter metadata and maintain digital collections into the LOUIS Digital Library.

Session One, held Mon, April 2, provided instruction on the structure of CONTENTdm, navigating and using CONTENTdm Collection Administration to create and manage a digital collection that includes text-based materials, as well as using the CONTENTdm Project Client to prepare digital items for addition to a collection. After completing this web-based training, Carter and Wernet learned the foundational knowledge required to begin using CONTENTdm to manage textual materials.

Session Three, held Monday, April 9, provided instruction on editing collection items through CONTENTdm administration and the CONTENTdm Project Client. Additionally, the course explored workflows that make it possible through the use of tab-delimited data to import significant numbers of compound objects and/or legacy metadata in one operation. After completing this web-based training, Carter and Wernet learned the foundational knowledge required to begin using CONTENTdm to manage digital collections.
McAlister will serve on NCATE board

Dr. Kimberly McAlister, department head and coordinator of assessment in Northwestern State University’s Department of Teaching and Learning, College of Education and Human Development, has been appointed to the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Board of Examiners. NCATE is a council of educators created to ensure the quality of their profession and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an accrediting institution or teacher education programs.

McAlister was one of a cohort of 56 National Board of Examiners members trained in Indianapolis last November. Team members who review institutions on behalf of NCATE are drawn from the Board of Examiners, which is composed of teacher educators, teachers and state and local policy makers. BOE members are nominated based on their expertise in professional education, teaching and research and are skilled in evaluation techniques and making sound judgments about professional education units. All BOE members are initially appointed to three-year terms.

“As a National BOE member, these individuals represent a distinctive group of professionals drawn from a pool of teacher educators, practitioners, policy makers, and subject matter specialists,” said Stephanie Kowal, assistant to the Vice President of Accreditation at NCATE. “Their work on accreditation reviews will have critical impact on ensuring the quality of educator preparation programs and the fidelity of NCATE’s national accreditation system.”

McAlister joined the faculty at Northwestern State in 1998 and served as coordinator of Assessment and Undergraduate Studies before being named head of the Department of Teaching and Learning.

For more information on the Department of Teaching and Learning, visit dtl.nsula.edu.

Dromm defines sexual harassment in business ethics publication

A new book by Keith Dromm, associate professor of philosophy in the Louisiana Scholars’ College at Northwestern State University, has been published by the Broadview Press.

The book, Sexual Harassment: An Introduction to the Conceptual and Ethical Issues, is part of the Broadview Guide to Business and Professional Ethics.

According to Dromm, the book is designed to be a textbook but can also be used by scholars and professionals in fields like human resources.

“This has been a topic of interest of mine for several years and an outgrowth of the work I have done during my career,” said Dromm. “It came out of my interest in the ethical issues that arise in two areas: romantic or sexual relationships and employment.”

In the book, Dromm defines sexual harassment and why it is considered wrong. He also discusses where sexual harassment can occur, how it can occur and how it can be prevented.

Each chapter concludes with review questions, discussion questions and a group activity.

The book contains appendices on the legal definitions of sexual harassment, websites relevant to interest in sexual harassment and a list of films and television shows that deal with sexual harassment.

“The best book currently available on the subject,” said Martin Clancy, professor and chair of philosophy at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. “Essential reading for anyone teaching or thinking about sexual harassment in the contemporary philosophical, legal and business professions.”

Dromm, a member of Northwestern State’s faculty since 2003, was a 2008 recipient of the Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award.

He was honored for his research on the influential analytic philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein and on the philosophy of film.
Dr. Jeff Mathews caught a quick photo op with First Lady Michelle Obama during a White House ceremony, where one of the National Guard bands he oversees performed. “Usually a band from outside D.C. is not allowed to play inside the National Capitol region,” he said. “Since I worked a waiver for them through the Pentagon I was invited to join them for the event. This is all in my Chief of Air National Guard Bands role.” The performance was held in conjunction with the First Lady’s and Dr. Jill Biden’s announcement of “Joining Forces Community Challenge” winners, which recognized exemplary support for military families.

Lang/Comm faculty engage in discussions, readings

Dr. James Crank chaired the roundtable on “New Approaches to Gone with the Wind” at the annual Society for the Study of Southern Literature Conference in Nashville March 29-April 1. The panel featured southern literature scholars Michael Kreyling, Deborah Barker, Amy Clukey and Dr. Crank, who presented on pedagogical approaches to the text. Dr. Crank’s book Understanding Sam Shepard is in galleys, and will be released on Halloween of this year from the University of South Carolina Press.

Michelle Pichon was invited by Julie Kane, Poet Laureate of Louisiana, to be a part of a reading series on Wednesday, April 11, called “Just Listen to Yourself: The Poet Laureate Presents” 2012, at the Louisiana State Library in Baton Rouge. The reading featured 12 poets, including Kane, from all over the state, who each read one poem to an audience of state workers and general public. The poem Pichon read was called “Saboulet,” a Creole baseball term meaning to knock it out of the park, and is about the memory of Pichon’s grandfather in Slidell.

Charlene Lebrun, Jim Crawford, Pamela Francis and Christine Ferrell were inducted into Eta Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars. There were nine inductees.

Birth Announcement

Judy Rachal, University Printing, and Roy F. Rachal, former employee, have a new grandbaby. Jason Drew Rachal arrived April 10 weighing in at 7 pounds 14 ounces and measuring 19 inches. His parents are Jason R. Rachal and Carmen Smith Rachal, both Northwestern State graduates. Aunt Courtney Rachal is Northwesterns’ out-of-state recruiter.
Dr. Paul Nagel, associate professor of geography and social studies education in Northwestern State University’s College of Education and Human Development, is the recipient of this year’s Award of Excellence, presented by the Louisiana Middle School Association. Nagel is coordinator of the Louisiana Geography Alliance, which promotes geography education in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Nagel’s award was presented April 26 at the LMSA conference generation session in Baton Rouge. He was one of five teachers and administrators recognized during the ceremony. Three classroom teachers, a principal and Nagel, the only higher education representative, were honored.

“I just try to do my best, as my late mother always told me to do,” Nagel said. “The passion I have for geography was inspired by her as we traveled together. I try to challenge my students and the others I work with to think critically about our world.”

“Paul is a leader for geography and social studies on the national level,” said Mike Koren, a colleague who served with Nagel on the National Council for Social Studies board of directors. “He has worked very hard inspiring teachers and sharing his knowledge and lesson plans to help teachers in the classroom.

Nagel holds a bachelor’s degree in history from the University of Minnesota, a master’s from the University of Guam and Ph.D. in geography education from Texas State University-San Marcos. He taught middle school social studies in Guam and Texas for six years.

The LMSA annually recognizes outstanding middle level educators in Louisiana who demonstrate a commitment to middle level education and actively work in middle level education as a teacher, school or central office administrator or college of education instructor.

Pellegrin named recipient of Bostick professorship

Northwestern State University Assistant Professor of History Dr. Charles J. Pellegrin has been selected as the Clyde Bostick Professor of Social Sciences. Funds from this endowed professorship are used to defray costs of research and travel.

Pellegrin’s research project involves the career of Kent H. Courtney, a New Orleans-based radio host, publisher, and political organizer in the 1950s and 1960s. Courtney ran unsuccessfully for Louisiana governor and Congress.

“I am grateful to The Department of Criminal Justice, History, and Social Sciences, the university and the generosity of Mr. Bostick for creating this opportunity,” said Pellegrin. “My research should be able to reintroduce people to Mr. Courtney, who was an important figure in the conservative movement and had contact with a number of prominent national figures.”

Pellegrin is transcribing 850 tapes of Courtney’s broadcasts to a digital format. The tapes are in the Courtney Collection in the Cammie Henry Research Center in Watson Library at Northwestern State.

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Soupaina Chihib, Colt Waagner and Indya Boothe taught colors and shape in Spanish while completing their alfombras.

Nathan Sheehan, Lena Russell and Audry McCoy showed students how to add the finishing touch to their alfombra with fresh flowers and fruit.

15-minute show, which was a radio edition of his newspaper, The Independent American, and other radio shows he appeared on around the country as well as speeches he made,” said Pellegrin.

Pellegrin’s research is an outgrowth of an earlier paper of Medford Evans, a faculty member at Northwestern State in the 1950s, who was also an author and editor. A native of Larose, Pellegrin has been a member of Northwestern State’s faculty since 2004, teaching courses on U.S. foreign relations, U.S. military history, the history of modern China and modern Japan. He will also teach a course on the history of the New South beginning in the fall 2013 semester.

Pellegrin holds a B.A. in social studies Education from Nicholls State University, a M.A. in history from University of Louisiana – Lafayette and a Ph.D. in history from Mississippi State University.

Students in Christine Romain Ferrell’s Spanish 1010 and Spanish 1020 shared their research about the tradition of the alfombras in Guatemala for Holy Week with 40 first graders at Natchitoches Magnet School. They taught the children colors and shapes in Spanish, and created their own model of an alfombras in a 6 x 3 foot box. Students gathered flowers, pine needles and leaves and hand-dyed sawdust to prepare for this service learning project.

“NSU students and Magnet School students really enjoyed engaging in this hands-on activity,” Ferrell said.

Louis Ellis led Magnet first graders in the “procession” at the end of the Alfombras project.
Nostalgia abounds in 2012 Summer Dinner Theatre

Northwestern State University Theatre will stage two nostalgic Summer Dinner Theatre presentations this summer. Features are “100 Years of Broadway: A Musical Review” and “The Taffetas: A Musical Journey through the Fabulous Fifties.”

Performances for “100 Years of Broadway” will be presented June 13-16 and June 20-23. Andrew Lewis is director and musical director. Pia Wyatt is choreographer.

The Taffetas will be performed July 25-28 and Aug. 1-4. The show was conceived by Rick Lewis. Andrew Lewis is director and choreographer. Michael Rorex is musical director.

Doors for Summer Dinner Theatre productions will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. Shows will begin at 7 p.m. The cost for the dinner theatre is $25. Reservations are mandatory for all shows. Menus are to be announced.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Jane Norman at (318) 357-4483 or e-mail normanj@nsula.edu.

Interested in learning to belly dance? Classes start May 17

The class will introduce Tribal Fusion Belly Dance, a type of belly dance that combines several dance styles and will incorporate different types of music.

Basic steps, basic combinations, improvisation and a choreographed dance will be covered in the six weeks. No dance experience is necessary.

Participants should dress in comfortable clothes, such as tank tops, yoga type pants. No shoes are necessary.

For more information or to register, call (800) 376-2422 or (318) 357-6355.

To learn more about non-credit courses, visit gatlineducation.com/nsula.edu or ed2go.com/nsu.
Funeral services for Earl Metoyer Jr., a 30+ year employee at the Print Shop, were held Monday, April 9 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Melrose.

Cards to express sympathy can be sent to the Metoyer Family at 752, Hwy. 484, Natchez, LA 71456.

Mr. Metoyer passed away April 4. A plant was sent to services from the NSU Floral Fund.

Funeral services for John Cleveland Watkins, father of Frances Conine of NSU Student Services, were held April 17 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Natchitoches. In memory of Mr. Watkins, the NSU Floral Fund made a donation to Hospice of Natchitoches.

A plant was sent to services for John Gray, father of Melinda Parrie, Electronic and Continuing Education multimedia and web development, and father-in-law of Joe Parrie, Information Systems webmaster.

A plant was sent to services for Mrs. Virginia Rogers, mother of Elizabeth Holloway, Athletics Football, Baseball, Track administrative assistant.

Henry T. “H.T.” Ware, father of Kay Cavanaugh, Business Affairs, passed away on Tuesday, April 24 following a lengthy illness. Visitation was held at Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home in Crowley.

Funeral services were at Wyman-Roberts Funeral Home in San Augustine, Texas on Saturday, April 28, followed by graveside rites at Antioch Cemetery.

Funeral Services for Francis D. Gilson Hughes, sister of Gil Gilson, support services, College of Nursing, will be held Monday, April 30 at First Baptist in Natchitoches.

Memorial services for Mrs. Helen Darfus, mother-in-law of Janet Darfus, professor in the College of Nursing, will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 5 at, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Natchitoches. Mrs. Darfus passed away Sunday, April 29.

Get Moving at the WRAC

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