Northwestern State University’s College of Education and Human Development will be named the Gallaspy (Family) College of Education and Human Development in tribute to the distinguished educator and Northwestern State alumna Mary Rives Gallaspy and her family, several of whom are also Northwestern State graduates who pursued careers as educators.

Northwestern State President Dr. Randall J. Webb announced the renaming during last month’s Long Purple Line reception, where Gallaspy family members were gathered for the induction of Mary Rives Gallaspy into Northwestern State’s alumni hall of distinction.

“Mary Rives Gallaspy was a kind, generous, service-oriented lady who became blessed with resources and knew well how to manage them,” Webb said. “Her compassion for others during her lifetime was exemplary, but was even more so in her death. When she passed away in December 2010, her generous estate was directed toward the enhancement of the lives of many.”

Last year, the Gallaspy family announced a bequest to Northwestern State University that includes property in DeSoto Parish, as well as a monetary donation that together created the Mary Rives Gallaspy Charitable Trust administered by the NSU Foundation board of directors. Income from the trust funds two scholarships: the Hettie McMullen Fincher Scholarship in Mathematics and the Mary Rives...
Drawing for quilt raffle Nov. 28

Personnel at Northwestern State University’s Leesville/Fort Polk campus are raffling a Double Wedding Ring quilt handmade by Joyce Barnes, coordinator of special projects at NSU's Leesville Education Center. WTU Commander Maj. Logan Fileccia will draw the winning ticket Nov. 28. Proceeds will benefit Fort Polk’s Wounded Warrior Unit. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased from Joyce Barnes, Room 107, NSU Leesville/Fort Polk campus or by mailing payment to Barnes, 3329 University Parkway, Leesville, LA 71446. If purchasing by mail, include a self-addressed envelope for a return ticket stub. For more information, contact Barnes by calling (337) 392-3114 or e-mailing barnesj@nsula.edu

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Garfinkel has been invited to perform with BODYART on Nov. 15 at Denton High School in collaboration with the school’s jazz band.

“While at Denton High School I will be recruiting for NSU and performing with them that evening,” Garfinkel said. “The following day I will also be performing with them at Texas Christian University (TCU). The artistic director and rehearsal director are both alumni of TCU. I am thrilled to have this opportunity to perform and would love the support of the NSU community.”

Dr. Barbara Duchardt presented “Bibliotherapy: Meeting the Needs of Children through Literature” at the 46th Annual Louisiana Early Childhood Association Conference at the Sai Convention Center in Alexandria Oct. 18-20. Duchardt is a professor in the College of Education.

Lisa Rougeou, Departments of Language & Communication and Teaching & Learning, presented at the Louisiana Council of Teachers of English (LCTE) Conference in Lafayette Oct. 19. Her session was titled “A Refocusing on Students’ Proficiency as Writers: Overview of the CCSS Writing Standards as Equal Partners to the Reading Standards.”
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Gallaspy Scholarship for Business and Education. The Fincher scholarship honors Gallaspy’s aunt, who graduated from Normal, as Northwestern State was then known, in 1908. A branch of the Gallaspy family also established the Mary Leigh Marshall Gallaspy Endowed Scholarship for Family and Consumer Sciences.

Gallaspy was known for her generosity and involvement in her community. She was born in Pelican in 1925 and graduated from Northwestern State College in 1946. She did post-graduate study at the University of Colorado and the University of Arkansas, where she received her master’s degree. Gallaspy taught business and Louisiana history at Pelican High School from 1945-1971. She served as sponsor of the Future Business Leaders of America and transported many students to district and state FBLA meetings, as well as musical events, conventions and other activities. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, serving as MU chapter president from 1958-60 and 1968-70. She was Epsilon state secretary from 1959-61. For many years she was active in the DeSoto Parish Retired Teachers Association.

Gallaspy was a lifelong member of the Pelican Baptist Church. She served as chairman of the fundraising committee for the new Fellowship Hall, which was totally paid for when completed. She donated a piano and an organ to the church in honor of her parents, John Baker and Lillian McMullen Gallaspy, a 1913 graduate of Normal, and her aunt and uncle, Hettie and Earl Fincher. In addition, she donated property for the expansion of the Pelican Cemetery, and donated several Pelican town lots to the Pelican Baptist and Pelican United Methodist churches.

Gallaspy was also the owner of Rocking G Farms, a cattle and timber business in DeSoto Parish. She established two subdivisions in the Stonewall area, Pelican Place North and The Meadows.

Through the years, Gallaspy was a caregiver to many elderly relatives and friends in her hometown of Pelican. After her father’s death, she and her mother moved to Shreveport. When her mother became ill and two of her aunts also needed care, Gallaspy provided them a home and met their needs. The other half of Gallaspy’s extensive holdings were made available to the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home.

Dr. Vickie Gentry, dean of the College of Education and Human Development, said faculty in the college voted for the renaming and expressed full support of the initiative.

“The funds available to the NSU Foundation are primarily in support of scholarships for students majoring in education, business, mathematics and related fields of study. Thanks to Miss Gallaspy’s vision and generosity, the Foundation awarded Northwestern State students the largest number and dollar amounts in private scholarships in school history this fall,” Webb said. “It is with this deep kinship and high esteem I feel for every member of the Gallaspy family that I proposed the Gallaspy (Family) College of Education and Human Development as the title of the area that has been the cornerstone of Northwestern since its founding in 1884 as an institution of higher education dedicated to the preparation of excellent teachers and school personnel.”

In detailing his family’s long relationship with Northwestern State, John N. Gallaspy, executor, described his cousin’s rural upbringing as one in which education, religion and family were top priorities.

“This environment supplemented by her later years of higher education and followed by her career as a teacher produced the personality and mindset of Mary Rives Gallaspy. When she signed her last will and testament, she was enunciating the theme that shaped her,” Gentry said. “Students now and for future generations will benefit from Miss Gallaspy’s remarkable generosity in establishing substantial scholarship funds at her alma mater that will continue to perpetuate the lifetime of philanthropy and service for which she will be long remembered and appreciated.”
NSU will observe America Recycles Day Nov. 15

Northwestern State University will commemorate America Recycles Day with a recycling awareness event from 9 a.m.-noon Thursday, Nov. 15 on the pedestrian brickway in front of Kyser Hall. The university’s Student Government Association is sponsoring the program that encourages participants to sign cards to pledge to recycle more, according to Raven Maxile of Gueydan, SGA vice president.

The student-led program is one of several coordinated through a partnership between the University of Louisiana System and Keep Louisiana Beautiful, the state’s non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to litter prevention and waste reduction. The UL System and its nine universities joined forces with KLB as part of the Health Communities Grants program. KLB has awarded the UL System $30,000 to implement a series of projects around Louisiana.

“Each school involved s going to do a service-learning project based on America Recycles Day,” Maxile said. “Our campus event outside Kyser is intended to educate students about recycling. We encourage students and faculty to take the recycling pledge.”

The SGA is encouraging everyone to wear green on America Recycles Day. The SGA will provide recycle bins onsite for those who would like to drop off recyclable materials like newspapers, bottles, etc.

“With your signature, you pledge to find out what can be recycled in our community -- which for us is paper, plastic bottles, aluminum and cardboard -- so individuals can identify what they are going to be recycling. They can recycle soda cans, water bottles and used printer paper,” said Steve Gruesbeck, director of Service-Learning at Northwestern State.

Maxile is exploring the feasibility of creating memo pads from partially used paper.

“It’s a positive way to reuse paper and is actually better than recycling,” she said.

“Part of the funding for this is coming from the University of Louisiana System’s Extreme Clean Makeover grant proposal, a $30,000 grant the ULS received from Keep Louisiana Beautiful. This $30,000 is going to be spread out equally across each of the nine UL System campuses in an effort to increase and enhance recycling awareness, litter abatement and participation levels at each of the nine UL System campuses and their respective communities,” Gruesbeck said. Northwestern State will spend part of its allocation on t-shirts and reusable water bottles that promote recycling and initiatives that support next spring’s campus-community clean-up day. The SGA is making proposals to match those funds.

Gruesbeck served as a panel moderator at the KLB conference in New Iberia last month.
Northwestern State’s College of Science, Technology and Business recognized the recipients of endowed professorships funded through private donations and matching grants. Seated from left are Dr. Brenda Hanson, Dr. Margaret Kilcoyne, Dr. Begoña Perez-Mira, Dr. Lynn Woods and Dr. Julie McDonald. Standing are Dr. Tom Hanson, Dr. Mark Swanson, Dr. Nat Briscoe, John Williams, Dr. Jack Russell, Dean of the College Dr. Austin Temple, Dr. Ben Rushing, Dr. Mark Thompson, John Byrd, Dr. Larry Short, Dr. Mark Schaub and Dr. Glenn Cooley.

Science, technology, business professorship recipients honored

Northwestern State University’s College of Science, Technology and Business honored the recipients of endowed professorships and an endowed chair. Funds for the chair and professorships are provided through established donations and are matched by the state and total $158,028, according to Dr. Margaret Kilcoyne, director of Northwestern State’s School of Business.

Recipients are Dr. Lynn Woods, Family and Consumer Science Endowed Professorship; John Williams, Demon Regiment Endowed Professorship in Military Science; Dr. Glen Cooley, Poindexter Foundation Endowed Professorship in Accounting #2; Dr. Mary Reeves, Ted and Aleane Adai Endowed Professorship in Mathematics, and Dr. Ben Rushing, Ellis and Melva Juanita Martinez Couteo Endowed Professorship in Mathematics.

Also named were Charlie Penrod, Bryant and Heloise Lewis Endowed Professorship in Business; Dr. Larry Short, Karl and Linda Moore Endowed Professorship in Business; Dr. Mark Thompson, Roy O. Martin Endowed Professorship in Computer Information Systems; Dr. Tom Hanson, Barry Smiley Endowed Professorship in Marketing, and John Byrd, John S. McIlhenny (Coypu) Endowed Professorship in Biological Sciences.

Other recipients are Dr. Julie McDonald, Hooper-Curry Endowed Professorship in Business; Dr. Mark Schaub, Capital One Ban Endowed Professorship in Business; Dr. Brenda Hanson, Business Leaders Endowed Professorship in Business; Dr. Mark Swanson, Kilpatrick Life Insurance Professorship in Business; Marcus Jones, Ben D. Johnson Sr. Endowed Professorship in Business; Dr. Nat Briscoe, Poindexter Foundation Endowed Professorship in Accounting; Dr. Jack Russell, BellSouth Endowed Professorship in Telecommunications; Dr. Begoña Perez-Mira, David Morgan United Teacher Associates Insurance Co. Endowed Professorship in Business Administration, and Kilcoyne, Noble Morrison Endowed Professorship in Applied Management.

Each professorship represents an endowment of $100,000 created by a donation of $60,000 with a $40,000 match from the Board of Regents Support fund. Interest generated by the endowment funds faculty research, including travel, professional development and equipment.
Lang/Comm faculty reaching out to NSU community

Faculty in Northwestern State University’s Department of Language and Communication are reaching out to their students and colleagues in novel ways.

The Department created a free gift for lovers of literature: a book exchange in which everyone on campus is invited to donate books and borrow books. The take-one/leave-one exchange is located at 316 Kyser Hall at the entrance to the Lang/Comm faculty offices.

Three faculty, Lori LeBlanc, Oona Zbitkovskis and Michelle Pichon are hosting a radio show on KNWD-The Demon, Northwestern State’s campus radio station. “Get Lit Radio” features them spinning yarns and playing music.

The Department presented the Fall read, in the Thomas-D’Amato Reading Room (201-B) of Watson Library.

The faculty host the Read once each semester and invite students and faculty from across campus to read loved and original literature aloud.

This semester’s theme was “The Hunted and the Haunted: Life’s True Horrors.”

In preparation for NSU Language and Communication Department Fall Read, “The Hunted and the Haunted: Life’s True Horrors,” Christine Ferrell’s Spanish 1010 classes conducted a service-learning project at NSU Elementary Lab, NSU Middle Lab and Natchitoches Magnet School, working with fourth, fifth and seventh graders. The students researched the Mexican tradition of Day of the Dead and went to the schools to share the fruit of their research with the children. They build mini altars to a deceased Hispanic personality including the necessary elements. They tasted Pan de Muerto, and painted Calacas, which are painted skulls, pictured above, or dressed Catrinas – skeletons dressed in 19th century apparel. The Calacas and the Catrinas, made by the children, were on display in the Reading Room during Fall Read. Also on display were Jim Crawford’s Spanish classes’ altars in celebration of El Día de los Muertos, below.
Dr. Andy Crank, assistant professor in Language and Communication performed a vocal/guitar solo during the Fall Read. Crank was one of several faculty and guests who entertained a capacity crowd at Watson Library.

Dr. Shane Rasmusen amused children and adults alike as he read aloud during Fall Read. Several children also participated as readers in the kid-friendly Halloween event.

Kilted Lang/Comm instructor Dr. Thomas Reynolds assumed a Scottish brogue to read a folk tale poem appropriate to the Fall Read’s theme, “The Hunted and the Haunted.”
Dr. James A. Crank, has published a book on the actor, writer and director Sam Shepard. Understanding Sam Shepard was released from the University of South Carolina Press on Oct. 31. Crank is associate professor of English and director of undergraduate studies in the Department of Language and Communication at Northwestern State University. He is book review editor for Southern Studies, an interdisciplinary peer-reviewed journal published quarterly. Understanding Sam Shepard is Crank’s first single authored book as a scholar.

“The book is part of a series called Understanding Contemporary American Literature, published by the University of South Carolina University Press, that provides insight on American authors who are notoriously difficult to understand, especially for students,” said Crank, who has written on artists as diverse as James Agee, Sherman Alexie and Eudora Welty. “There has been work done on every other major playwright of Shepard’s generation.”

Shepard, born in 1943, is a playwright, actor and television and film director. He is the author of several books of short stories, essays and memoirs and won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1979 for the play Buried Child. Shepard was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his portrayal of pilot Chuck Yeager in the 1983 film The Right Stuff. Shepard received the PEN/Laura Pels International Foundation for Theater Award as a master American dramatist in 2009. Locally, he is perhaps best recognized for his role as Spud Jones, the husband of Dolly Parton’s character, Truvy, in Natchitoches-filmed Steel Magnolias.

Crank was so enthusiastic about the project, he finished the book in seven months, a year ahead of his deadline.

“The first chapter is a biography that provides the context of his life,” Crank said. “He is such an autobiographical writer. If you don’t have some

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“We are big fans of the novel, so we were excited to be offered this opportunity to share our views and those of other authors with fans of Salinger’s novel,” said Keith Dromm, an associate professor of philosophy in the Louisiana Scholars’ College. “We were especially interested in working on a writing project together. We are always discussing our individual projects with each other; we thought it would be fun to collaborate on a project, and it was.”

Keith Dromm said that any reader of The Catcher in the Rye would gain insights from the book.

“The book is for any reader of The Catcher in the Rye, not just those with a background, or even an interest, in philosophy,” he said. “It uses philosophy to explain the novel and explore some of it themes. For example, the chapter we wrote together investigates the relevance of Salinger’s biography to interpreting the novel. We hope that readers will find the book fun and interesting, and that it enhances their experience of the novel.”

Heather Salter Dromm is an instructor in the Department of Language and Communication. She recently wrote an essay for Louisiana Folklife entitled The Awakening as Fairytale. She is working on an essay about food codes in Sandra Cisneros’ Caramelo, which will appear in the collection Postnational Appetites.

Keith 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. Keith Dromm is the author of Sexual Harassment: An Introduction to the Conceptual and Ethical Issues.

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knowledge of his childhood and adolescence, you miss key parts of his plays.”

The chapters that follow examine Shepard’s early and late work with an exploration of Shepard’s Family Trilogy, a series that includes Curse of the Starving Class, Buried Child and True West, including production histories, notable performances and reviews.

“As an undergraduate, I was a double major in English and performing arts and acted in Buried Child. I was very taken with Shepard’s work and he is one of my favorite authors ever,” Crank said. “Those plays put him on the map, so my book moves from a biographical profile into an analysis of his plays.”

Shepard’s work is fraught with “themes of family dynamic and masculinity that take apart facets of American identity, like the West, rock and roll and suburbia,” Crank said. “I like the minimalism and experimentation that he does. Every time you see one of his plays, they defy expectations. His characters do illogical, spontaneous things.”

Crank thanked Watson Library Interlibrary Loan Assistant Jacqueline Hawkins and the support of Dr. Lisa Abney for their assistance in seeing the book to completion.

For more information or to order Understanding Sam Shepard, visit http://www.sc.edu/uscpress/books/2012/7106.html.
Northwestern State Cenla students and faculty who participated in the Race for the Cure were, front row from left, Kendall Delacerda, Candice Long, Dawn Carter, Brittany Esparza, Landa Johnson, Emily Smith, Mandy Knight, Leah Pearce, Kari Ellison, April Johnson, Christy Book and Tracie Carney. On the back row are Kari Cook, Matthew Mitchell, Rachel Delaney, Molly Ivey, Rachel Roster, Jessica Ashworth, Morgan Garner, Laura Nygren, Jasmine Alfred, Brandon Hughes, Amber Murray, Lauren Waguespack, Clint Whitehead, Magan Creasey, Garett Draughn, Lydia Kilgo, Kourtney Williams, Kyle Holloway, Noel Cole, Samantha Martin, Brittni Billingsly, Cody Edwards, Heather Maddox, Kristen Shumate, Kristina Hightower, Amber Campbell, Gabby Jeansonne, Jari Bordelon, Brooke Johnson and Michael Herron.

Cenla student, faculty support Race for the Cure

A team of students and faculty from Northwestern State University’s Cenla Center participated in Alexandria’s third annual Komen Race for the Cure Oct. 20.

“We had more than 40 registered radiologic science and nursing students registered on our team, which was named TeamNSU,” said Kari Cook, assistant professor of radiologic science. Kendall DeLacerda, radiologic science, and Leah Pearce, nursing, were also faculty participants.

“Each group held separate bake sales to raise money,” Cook said. “So far, the team has raised over $1,300. Donations are still being collected and we are hoping the total will be closer to $1,500 by the time we are finished.

For information on making a donation to TeamNSU in support of breast cancer research, e-mail Cook at cook@nsula.edu.
Leesville SNA collects food items

The Student Nurse’s Association on the Leesville campus, under the direction of Aundrea Hasty, president of the SNA, collected 2,200 items to feed hungry children in Beauregard Parish. These items were donated to the First Baptist Church in DeRidder to support the Children’s Back Pack Ministry. This ministry provides food for low-income school aged children who have a 3 to 4 day weekend off from school and may find themselves at home with nothing to eat. From left are Dr. Wendy Palermo, nursing faculty; Leslie Medley, Olivia McNeely, Katherine McNeely, Amanda Toney, Suzanne Craft, Laura Miller, Alyssa Whitley, Katherine Buck, Deborah Hickman, assistant professor and SNA Faculty advisor; Tiffany Paris and Katie Port, kneeling.
Joseph Pope, an instructor of mathematics at Northwestern State University’s Leesville/Fort Polk campus, was named the 2012 recipient of the Larry Monk Award.

The award honors Monk, executive director of the Leesville-Fort Polk campus from 2003-08.

Pope has been teaching at the Leesville-Fort Polk campus since 1974. He was an adjunct instructor from 1974 to 2000 and an instructor of mathematics from 2000-2008. From 2008-2012, he was interim executive director of the Leesville/Fort Polk campus.

“Larry (Monk) was a close friend,” said Pope. “It is quite an honor to receive an award named in his honor, but I can think of a lot of other people who should have received it.”

A graduate of Louisiana State University in secondary education, Pope earned a master’s in secondary administration and supervision from Northwestern State along with a plus-30.

Pope spent 24 years at Simpson High School as a teacher, coach, assistant principal and principal. He was a supervisor, secondary curriculum director for the Vernon Parish School Board from 1988 to 1998.

“I never planned to be a teacher,” said Pope, who is in his 48th year as a teacher. “I planned to be an engineer, but couldn’t afford everything I needed to take engineering classes. One day, a friend who was a retired Air Force veteran was talking about how much trouble he was having in math class. He told me ‘This new math is killing me.’ I explained to him that the math hadn’t really changed. It was just a different way of looking at things.”

Pope said he found an empty classroom and began working with his friend.

“Before I knew it, there were a whole bunch of people there who needed help. I decided I enjoyed teaching and that was what I would go into.”

Pope often works with non-traditional students who are taking math after a number of years outside the classroom.

“I try to help them as much as I can,” he said. “They may have been out of a math class for 20 years and sometimes going into a class with youngsters can be a little intimidating.”

Monk was a faculty member on the Leesville/Fort Polk campus for almost 20 years before becoming executive director.

Monk was a teacher at West Leesville Elementary and Leesville High School before being named Vernon Parish’s curriculum director in 1981. In 1988, he was selected as assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction, in-service and professional personnel. Monk held that position until 1999.

An alumnus of Northwestern, Monk received a bachelor’s degree, a master’s in business education and distributive education and a doctorate in secondary teaching, supervision and administration from NSU. He did additional post-doctoral study at UCLA, Peabody Teacher’s College of Vanderbilt University and Northeast Louisiana University.
Jensen shares expertise in anarchist terrorism, presidential protection at international and regional conferences

Richard Bach Jensen, a professor of history in the Louisiana Scholars’ College at Northwestern State University, recently delivered a paper at Uppsala University near Stockholm, Sweden.

The paper, “The Pre-1914 Anarchist ‘Lone Wolf’ Terrorist and Governmental Responses,” focused on two acts of violence committed before World War I by apparent lone anarchists and on police and government responses to this violence.

The two cases chosen were the 1896 bombing of a Corpus Christi procession in Barcelona and the 1901 assassination of President William McKinley. In the paper, Jensen explored the motivations of the different anarchists and compared and contrasted the government responses.

“While the different targets and possible motivations of the anarchist terrorists are interesting in these cases, even more striking are the sharply differing responses of the authorities,” said Jensen. “While the police and government responses in both cases were far from flawless, the ruthless actions of the Spanish provoked violent acts of revenge, while the briefly violent and mostly uncoordinated responses of the Americans led to no further terrorist deeds. The American government was long on anti-anarchist rhetoric but short on concrete acts of repression. This approach produced no martyrs.”

Also participating in the conference was professor and theologian Mathias Gardell, a noted expert on Islamophobia, who presented his findings on Anders Behring Breivik, the Norwegian terrorist who in 2011 bombed government buildings in Oslo, then carried out a mass shooting at a Workers’ Youth League camp. He was convicted of mass murder, causing a fatal explosion, and terrorism in August 2012. Gardell was called to testify at Breivik’s trial.

Also present was a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, indicating the conference “was not purely academic,” Jensen said.

Uppsala University is ranked as one of the world’s top 100 universities and is the oldest university in Sweden, founded in 1477.

The Centre for Police Research at Uppsala University funded Jensen’s travel.

Jensen has completed a book on anarchist terrorism, which should be in print by August or September 2013 and represents the culmination of 20 years of research.

Jensen was also a presenter at a conference at LSU-Shreveport, “The Life, Times and Legacy of Theodore Roosevelt,” that featured 35 scholars from colleges and universities from across the United State and abroad. Presenters covered Roosevelt’s life, presidency and domestic and international policies.

Jensen discussed the evolution of the United State Secret Service from an anti-counterfeiting division to its role in presidential protection, following the assassination of President William McKinley in 1901, which left Roosevelt president. In 1902, the Secret Service had assumed full-time responsibility for protection of the president. During Roosevelt’s two terms, the Secret Service became more efficient and increased its responsibility to a full-time White House details and protection of the president-elect.

In January 2013, Jensen will attend a meeting of the American Historical Association in New Orleans.

Athletic Dept. has special offer on basketball tickets

The NSU Athletic Department has a special offer for faculty and staff for first-time ticket buyers for the 2012-13 men’s and women’s Basketball season tickets.

“There are many reasons to consider this offer: good coaches in Coach Mike McConathy and new women’s coach Brooke Stoehr, quality student-athletes who make good grades and are good citizens, exciting Division basketball action and cost efficient entertainment. A total of 27 games means you pay less than $3 per game,” said Director of Athletics Greg Burke. “Let’s give our teams a great home court advantage.”

Payments can be arranged by bank draft and payroll deductions.

For more information, call the Demon ticket office at 4268 or e-mail demontickets@nsula.edu.
**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Dr. Shane Rasmussen**, LA Folklife Center, received notification of a $3,000 award from the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and Foundation, Inc. for “2013 Natchitoches – NSU Folk Festival.”

**Mr. Steven Gruesbeck**, Director of Service-Learning, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research, received notification of a $3,300 award from the University of Louisiana System for “UL System Extreme Clean Makeover Grant.”

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES**


**Ms. Carrie Crowell**, Department of Athletics, submitted a proposal to the National Collegiate Athletic Association for “NCAA Limited Resources Grant Program.”

**Mr. Greg Burke** and **Ms. Roxanne Freeman** are collaborators.

The following individuals submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund (BORSF) under the following subprogram:

**Undergraduate Enhancement**

**Dr. Zafer Hatahet**, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science, Technology and Business, for “Enhancement of Biological Chemistry Labs” and “Establishment of a Vivarium Facility at Northwestern State University”;

**Dr. Brenda Woodard**, Director of Veterinary Technology, College of Science, Business and Technology, for “Moving to the Digital Age of Veterinary Radiology – Acquisition of New Technology for Educating Veterinary Technicians.”

**Dr. James Woodard** and **Ms. Katie Gill Coody** are collaborators;

**Dr. J. Mark Thompson**, School of Creative and Performing Arts/Music, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research, for “Enhancement of Group Piano Instruction with Electronic Technology.**

**Drs. Christine Allen, Francis Yang, and Burt Allen** are collaborators; and

**Mr. Clyde Downs**, School of Creative and Performing Arts/Fine and Graphics Arts, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research, for “Arts Classrooms Upgrades.”

**Traditional Enhancement**

**Mr. Paul Pharris**, School of Creative and Performing Arts/Theatre, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research, for “Theatrical Lighting Technology Industry Standardization.”

**Mr. Phillip Kidd** is collaborator.

For more information regarding funding opportunities, visit ORSP’s website at [www.nsula.edu/orsp](http://www.nsula.edu/orsp).
Funeral services for Kenneth Ray Bison, husband of Polly Snell, associate director of GSRCP and Chief of Police in Many, were held Wednesday, Oct. 10 at Warren Meadows Funeral Home in Many. Chief Bison passed away Sunday, Oct. 7.

A celebration of the life and legacy of Terrel Alphonse Delphin, Jr. was held Oct. 31 with a mass at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Melrose. Interment followed in the St. Augustine mausoleum. Mr. Delphin was instrumental in the creation of the Creole Heritage Center here at NSU, and he is the father of Daphne Delphin, university analyst coordinator in the Registrar’s Office.
Christopher contributes to CD, arranges guest performances

Paul Christopher, associate professor of cello (CAPA) appears on Leerstelle Music’s new CD “Time, Manner, Place: Studies in Music and Motion” featuring new works by Tennessee composer Dr. Mark Prince Lee.

Christopher is featured on three works: *Resonance for Solo Amplified Cello, Kafkamsik Suite No. 1* and *Trio for Clarinet, Violin* and which also features NSU faculty member Dr. Malena McLaren on clarinet and NSU alumnus Edward Charity on violin. Copies can be ordered at www.cdbaby.com

Evan Drachmann, cellist and artistic director of the Piatigorsky Foundation, appeared in a guest artist recital with pianist Dr. Richard Dowling in Magale Recital Hall on Oct. 18. Prior to his recital Drachmann provided a master class for members of the NSU cello studio.

Performers included Jorge Rodriguez, accompanied by NSU piano student MinJeong Kim, and Milovan Paz.

On Oct. 20 Drachmann appeared as soloist with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra in Alexandria, Louisiana performing Elgar’s Cello Concerto in E minor, Opus 85.

Potpourri staff present gift packages

Adjunct vocal professor D’nissa Hester, left, won one of two prizes packages in the faculty/staff yearbook photo raffle. All faculty and staff taking photos for the yearbook were eligible to enter. Hester won two gift certificates for meals at Iberville Dining Hall from Sodexo, and a stainless steel water bottle, NSU decal, lanyard and reusable grocery bag supplied by Barnes and Noble. Potpourri Assistant Editor Randa Lopez, right, presented the award.

Registered Veterinary Technician Katie Coody, right, was one of two winners in the Potpourri faculty/staff photo raffle. Potpourri Editor Shana Lee presented Coody with two gift certificates for meals at Iberville Dining Hall from Sodexo, and a stainless steel water bottle, NSU decal, lanyard and reusable grocery bag supplied by Barnes and Noble.
Hailey presents findings from research using digital, thermal images in archaeological study

Dr. Tommy Hailey reported findings from archaeological research he completed in Nebraska earlier this year in which he demonstrated how aerial photography can enhance archaeological research. Hailey shared his expertise using digital and thermal images captured via aerial photography that could help researchers gather information on the Alkali Station, a post on the Oregon Trail in Keith County, Nebraska. The Alkali images were taken during a workshop sponsored by the National Park Service on non-destructive investigative techniques.

Hailey is an associate professor of anthropology in Northwestern State University’s Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences. Working near the Cedar Point Biological Station and Alkali Station site near Ogallala, Neb., Hailey piloted the NSU Cultural Resource Center’s powered parachute and shared operating procedures for photographing sites. He demonstrated how to use low-altitude aerial reconnaissance flights to capture still and video digital images as well as thermal images that help researchers identify features of archaeological interest and document the site as it currently appears.

“When documenting a site for the first time, the NSU Cultural Resource Office’s standard operating procedure is to photograph the area from a distance and from multiple directions, followed by more intensive photography at closer range,” Hailey said. “The distance photographs allow the site to be seen in its current natural and cultural contexts and provide reference points for future researchers.”

Hailey shot oblique and near-vertical angle images from high altitudes of 1,000-1,200 feet as well as low-altitude obliques from 300-500 feet, depending on the characteristics of the site. Photos were first examined in their original state, then processed using Adobe Photoshop software, he explained. Images are filtered to remove atmosphere haze, enhance color and make features more visible.

“Thermal imaging cameras record images beyond the range of human vision, at the far end of the infrared spectrum,” Hailey said. “Within these

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images, the outline of the rectangular remnants of the fort are quite distinct, as are the wagon ruts of the Old Oregon Trail and ruts going off in a northeasterly direction from the east side of the fort.”

The adjusted images also reveal details in the landscape that permit the identification of a number of cultural and natural features of interest, such as wagon ruts, dry streambeds, the large rectangular part of the fort and depressions that could be the remnants of structures associated with the fort. They also show the arrangement of what appear to be dividing walls within the fort and an apparent entrance on the south side. Many depict Oregon Trail ruts meandering through and around natural obstacles before disappearing beneath the convergence of modern roads and traces of what may be the remains of a settlement.

“These interpretations are purely speculative but other observations seem to lend credence to them, as least in my opinion. They do seem to roughly match with the historic plan of Fort Alkali,” Hailey said. “These observations may not be news to archaeologists familiar with the site, but if these features prove to be new discoveries and if they are associated with Fort Alkali, then the findings would be potentially be quite significant.”

The workshop was a unique opportunity for Hailey to share procedures for documenting a significant historical site by means of low-altitude aerial reconnaissance utilizing the NSU Cultural Resource Office powered parachute. Over the course of three morning flights, digital photographs and video as well as thermal still images and video were captured.

“These images provide a record of the appearance of the site at the time of the workshop and will allow archaeologists studying the site to gain new perspectives,” Hailey said. “The potential for aerial reconnaissance at Alkali has not been exhausted. Thermal imaging and digital photography may yet reveal features associated with Alkali Station that may continue to enhance our understanding of the inhabitants of Alkali Station.”

Legislators, Cenla director tour Ft. Polk

Jason Parks, interim executive director of Cenla campuses at Northwestern State University, left, met with Louisiana Speaker of the House Chuck Kleckley of Lake Charles during a recent tour of Fort Polk. Members of the southwest Louisiana legislative delegation met Fort Polk officials along with those from NSU and toured the base.
Library Specialist 1 Shelia Thompson and Library Specialist 2 Madeline Meziere attended the Louisiana Library Association/Louisiana Support Staff Association of Libraries 17th Annual Statewide Conference in Alexandria Sept. 21. The theme of the meeting was “Louisiana Support Staff: Puzzled? Library Support Staff has the Answers!”

Mary Linn Wernet underwent recertification process with the American Academy of Certified Archivist and was awarded certification under the guidelines of the ACA until June 30, 2017.

Wernet served as a volunteer docent for the Melrose African House tours during the Association for the Preservation of Historic Natchitoches Fall Tour of Homes on Oct. 14.

Wernet was recently appointed to the Louisiana Archive Training Collaborative committee that sponsors basic archive workshops across the state.

While visiting her hometown of Vincennes, Ind., for her 40th class reunion in September, Wernet gave a presentation before the members of the Northwest Territory Genealogical Society in Vincennes at the McGrady-Brockman House.

Wernet’s discussed the similarities and differences between Vincennes and Natchitoches, discussing the Indian path connecting the two cities, the shared Roman Catholic heritage and Brouillette family ties. There were 36 people who attended the presentation. She also gave a presentation concerning the Louisiana Bicentennial on Sept. 20 to 25 Lawrenceville, Ill., fifth graders.

Reviewing activities from earlier this year, Wernet completed the exhibit brochure and bibliography of the current CGHRC exhibition entitled “1812-1850, Louisiana Statehood Bicentennial, Natchitoches: Statehood-1850s.” The exhibition will be on display through December.

Thompson and Wernet set up a traveling exhibit on “Celebrating Louisiana’s Music” for the 33rd Annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival in July.

Wernet attended National Park Service National Center for Preservation Technology and Training “Preservation in Your Community” event held at NCPTT, on Aug. 7.

Wernet attended the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office meeting concerning the Louisiana Bridges Survey at the Natchitoches Events Center on Aug. 9.

Wernet attend the Cane River National Heritage Area presentation in the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training “Coincoin and Metoyer: A Decade of Archaeological Research” on Sept. 5.

Wernet was recently appointed to the 6th Annual Military Celebration and Symposium Advisory Committee to the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the 101st Airborne. This year’s theme is “Remembering the Airborne in the Pacific Theater.” The event will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16 at LSU-Alexandria. Wernet will create and display a relevant traveling exhibit for the event.

Wernet attended the NSU Creole Center and Williamson Museum sponsored event entitled “Hispanic Roots of Creole Culture Symposium” in the NSU Student Union Ballroom Oct. 11.

Wernet attended the NSU event in the second Floor Watson Library commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis with an interpretive reading of the letters between John F. Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev by NSU History Professors Drs. Charles Pellegrin and James MacDon-ald. The event was Oct. 22.

Wernet attended the El Camino Real de los Tejas National Heritage Trail meeting held at the Adai Caddo Tribal Center near Robeline on Oct. 19.

Wernet worked with LSU-A Archivist Michelle Riggs and submitted a proposal to present two traveling exhibits and a session on Alexandria during the 2013 Louisiana Historical Association meeting to be held March 21-23 in Alexandria. The session was accepted in October.

On Saturday, Oct. 27, Wernet attended the North Louisiana Historical Association meeting held at Roseneath Plantation in Gloster. James Means presented a program on the history of Roseneath Plantation.