PEOPLE

Dr. Gilliam E.A. Rudd, associate professor of chemistry, served as an onsite peer reviewer of the 2009-2010 American Chemical Society student chapter reports. She prepared grant review responses and provided feedback for inChemistry magazine in Washington, D.C.

During the Peer Review Conference, held on July 16-18 in Washington, Rudd reviewed a variety of successful activities in which student chapters engaged in 2009-2010. Each reviewer was responsible for making a decision on approximately 25 submitted reports, considering the two external reviewers’ comments and the chapter report. She also reviewed comments made by the external reviewers, which were incorporated directly into the award notification email messages sent to chapters. In addition, Rudd provided valuable feedback on improving the chapter report forms, the submission process and the structure of the peer review conference.

Northwestern recognized outstanding faculty with Excellence in Teaching Awards during the university’s Fall Faculty Institute. Honorees were selected by their peers based on scholarship, leadership and service to their colleges. From left are Director of Alumni and Development Drake Owens and Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Lisa Abney honoring Dr. Gerra Perkins, Dr. Bill Housel, Dr. Curt Phifer, Charlie Penrod, Dr. Francene Lemoine and Shirley Cashio with President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

Excellence in Teaching awards presented

Six members of the NSU faculty were recognized with Excellence in Teaching Awards in recognition of their scholarship, leadership and service to their respective colleges. The awards were presented during the annual Faculty Institute, held just prior to the start of the Fall semester. Recipients were selected by their peers for the award.

Honored were Dr. Gerra Perkins, Dr. William Housel, Dr. Curt Phifer, Charlie Penrod, Dr. Francene Lemoine, and Shirley Cashio.

Perkins is assistant professor and School Counseling Program Coordinator in the College of Education and Human Development. She has been teaching at NSU since 2007 in the areas of school counseling and counseling.

Housel is associate professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences. He has been teaching for 16 years, seven at NSU, in the areas of sociology, political science and history.

Phifer is a professor of biology in the Louisiana Scholars’ College. He has been at NSU since 1988, teaching biology, neurobiology and developmental biology.

Penrod is an assistant professor in the School of Business within the College of Science, Technology and Business. He is in his third year of teaching business law.
Dr. April French, assistant professor of chemistry, was invited to join the American Chemical Society (ACS) Exams Institute to participate in the writing of a new General Organic Biochemistry (GOB) Exam for 2010. The exam is given to introductory and nursing majors chemistry courses, either as part of a one-semester or two-semester course sequence in chemistry. The exam is standardized and generally used for five years by instructors across the country. Experts within the field of chemistry are invited to join the committee and discuss the most important topics that all students taking this course sequence should know at the end of the course and write questions to be used in the exam.

Dr. Gerra Perkins, College of Education and Human Development, and Drs. Oesher and Ballard from Southeastern Louisiana University, recently published an article in the Journal of School Counseling. The article, “The Evolving Identity of School Counselors as Defined by the Stakeholders,” is based on data that Dr. Perkins collected from counselor educators, professional school counselors, teachers, and administrators.

Dr. Perkins was also appointed as Chair of the Ethics and Practices Committee for the Association for Play Therapy, an international professional organization that promotes play therapy in mental health counseling. The position is a three-year appointment.

Dr. Glen Cooley, associate professor of accounting, Karl & Linda Moore Endowed Professorship, Leesville-Fort Polk, has earned status as a Certified Fraud Examiner. Cooley is teaching Accounting 4120 this semester and took the initiative to complete certification in that field. His certification was approved by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, of which he is now a member.

David King, head of NSU’s Aviation Science program, reports that the program’s FAA Pt. 141 Airplane Pilot School Certificate renewed for another 2-year period. After a 4-day inspection by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Operational Inspectors Aug. 23-26, the airplane pilot school was awarded renewal. Inspectors spent four days going through records, personnel, practices, procedures, and various safety items. One inspector quoted that it was “one of the best facilities that he had ever inspected.”

Helaine Razovsky gave a paper (“Remaking Sherlock Holmes in Our Image”) this summer at a conference at Bennington College in Vermont. The conference, Sherlock Holmes: The Man and His Worlds, was held June 24-27.

Dr. J. Mark Thompson, professor of music, performed with the Des Moines Metro Opera from June 15-July 17. While there he performed bass trombone for Carlisle Floyd’s Susannah—the composer made an appearance at the festival—and cimbasso for Giuseppe Verdi’s Macbeth. The cimbasso is essentially a valved contrabass trombone. Thompson also returned for his 13th season as bass trombone with the Lancaster Festival in Ohio from July 20-Aug. 1. This year, the Lancaster Festival Orchestra was awarded The American Prize in Orchestra Performance—professional division.

Dr. Curt Phifer, professor of biology in the Louisiana Scholars’ College, recently had an article published in the journal Brain Research. The article, “High-fat intake induced by mu-opiod activation of the nucleus accumbens is inhibited by Y1R-blockade and MC3/4R stimulation,” appeared in the March 24 issue of the journal. The article described experiments that revealed new insights into the control of feeding behavior by intrinsic opioid mechanism in the mammalian brain. Dr. Phifer co-authored the paper with colleagues at Pennington Biomedical research Center in Baton Rouge.

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at NSU.

Lemoine is an associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences within the College of Science, Technology and Business. She has been teaching at NSU since 2006 in the areas of genetics, cell biology, microbiology and virology.

Cashio retired following the Spring 2010 semester after serving as Director of Undergraduate Studies and Research in Nursing in the College of Nursing and Allied Health.
Northwestern honored selected faculty with two awards for excellence in advising and introduced a new award to recognize information literacy. Recognition took place during the university’s Faculty Institute.

Recipients of the Excellence in Faculty Advising Award are Jody Biscoe and Dr. Kim McAlister, based on student nomination. Martha Stanton was named the Staff Advisor of the Year. The awards were presented by Steve Hicks, executive director of the Academic and Career Engagement Center.

Barb Pierce was named recipient of the inaugural Fleming Thomas Information Literacy Award, which honors the former Director of Libraries who passed away last year. The award recognizes faculty who place emphasis on training students to utilize the library’s resources to conduct research.

Biscoe is associate professor of psychology and addiction studies in the Department of Psychology within the College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research.

“The principal role of advising is to assist students in navigating and succeeding in their academic journey,” Biscoe said. “Students enter college with dreams and aspirations of where and what they believe their future will be upon graduation. It’s my responsibility, as an advisor, to establish a sound advisor relationship with the advisee in order for them to establish and understand the connection between their dreams and the journey of accomplishing their goals.”

He has been at NSU for eight years, advising about 100 students during that time. He also advised students at two other institutions of higher education before coming to NSU. For him the most rewarding aspects of advising students is “without a doubt, seeing those students who walk across the stage at graduation and move towards the next chapters in their lives. I wish them much success and feel satisfied in knowing I had a small part in their journey.”

McAlister is Head and Assessment coordinator, Department of Teaching and Learning, College of Education and Human Development. She has worked with teacher education majors for 12 years, combining approximately 100-150 undergraduate and graduate students as advisees.

“I truly enjoy working with students to discuss career options as well as plan their schedule for not just a single semester but for the duration of their program. There is such excitement meeting with a sophomore or junior and planning their graduation. I believe it is incredibly motivating as well,” she said. She often advises students to be their own advocate and protect their grade point averages. She also tries to accommodate other aspects of students’ lives, such as job and family responsibilities.

“The most rewarding aspect of advising students is having them complete our program Continued on page 4
30 and 45-year employees congratulated

Northwestern State University recognized employees who have served at the university for 30 years during the annual faculty/staff luncheon. From left are Ladell Conley, John Jackson, Earl Metoyer, Pam Hetherwick and NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb, who congratulated the honorees. In the right photo is John Carter.

Dr. Maxine Johnson, left, and Jerry Pierce, right, were recognized during the annual faculty/staff luncheon for 45 years of service to Northwestern State University. They were congratulated by NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

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and begin or continue their professional career. To make a plan with a student and have them implement it is extremely satisfying to me,” she said.

Pierce is an associate professor of social work and is nearing completion of her Ph.D. in applied social sciences and social work.

Gail Kwak, reference/government information coordinator for NSU Libraries, chaired the selection committee for the Information Literacy Award said the profession has changed greatly in recent years with an increasing move from print to electronic resources.

“One thing that did not change was Fleming’s dedication to the idea that if information literacy and library use were important to faculty, they would be important to students,” Kwak said. “This concept of faculty leadership in information literacy has become increasingly important to librarianship in recent years do to the increasing availability of online information and the problems that can arise when students don’t use this information properly.”

“This award means so much to me. I am honored to have been the inaugural recipient of the Fleming Thomas Award, not only because Fleming and [his late wife] Jean were friends of ours but also because I see my job as an educator who prepares students for the future,” Pierce said. “Our students need to know how to retrieve and critically analyze all sources of information that comes their way. Information these days includes traditional library resources such as books and periodicals and also includes databases, government websites and documents and other sources of information, such as television news. It is my job to make sure the students can find the information and be able to tell which information is accurate and factual and which is opinion.”

Stanton has been advising students for almost three years and has over 10 years of professional advising experience. She and her family relocated to Natchitoches from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. She was referred to advising within the former University by personnel in the College of Education.

“She is extremely conscientious and dedicated to her students,” Hicks said.
Northwestern State University, along with seven other schools in the University of Louisiana System, was recognized during the UL-System Conference on Service-Learning for achievements in service-learning over the past four years. The Aug. 9 awards program was part of a capstone conference in Baton Rouge celebrating the end of a $1.2 million federal grant.

Four NSU faculty/staff presented at this year’s UL-System conference on Service-Learning. They were Dr. Mike Cundall, Dr. Henrietta Pichon, Jack Atherton and Jim Hurley. NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb also sat on the UL-System President’s Panel and spoke about the importance of service-learning and what role service-learning plays in the achievement of NSU’s institutional mission. Over the last four years, NSU received funding for several outreach/service projects. Projects included expansion of NSU Welcome Week, spearheaded by Dr. Patrice Moulton in 2006; combating truancy, Dr. Gerra Perkins, and heritage education for local school children, Dr. ElizaBeth Guin in 2007; cyberbullying, Dr. Perkins, supplemental math education for school children in Natchitoches Parish, Dr. Kim McAlister, CASA-youth advocacy, Dr. Michelle Morris, and green foods and local farming, Dr. Michael Cundall in 2008; and free tutoring/mentoring for NSU students and parish school children, Dr. Cundall in 2009.

According to NSU’s Director of Service-learning Steve Gruesbeck, the UL-System awarded NSU $3,448 with which to send a multi-disciplinary team of faculty and staff to the Aug. 9 conference to learn about best practices in Service-Learning. The team will provide professional development to fellow faculty/staff during the next academic year.

Team members include Vickie Wissing, Nursing; Kari Cook, Rad Tech; Cundall, Scholars; Dr. Tara Gallien, Health and Human Performance; Jack Atherton, Criminal Justice; Lori LeBlanc, Languages; Dr. John Foster, Communications; Jamie Flanagan, Student Support Services; Jim Hurley, NSU Vista Volunteer; Dr. Lisa Abney, provost and vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, and Gruesbeck.

Gruesbeck also served as one of five panelists at the annual Keep Louisiana Beautiful conference in Baton Rouge Aug. 20. Gruesbeck spoke on best practices in “green” initiatives among Louisiana universities.

Specifically, he spoke about the evolution of NSU’s Green Initiative, from grass-roots student recycling efforts to a campus-wide weekly recycling program along with various green service and service-learning projects.

Up Next:

• NSU will be one of several universities in Louisiana to participate in Students-In-Service. This program allows a dozen or so NSU Students to obtain educational awards of up to $1,000 in exchange for 300 hours of community service (-learning). NSU will be a sub-grantee of the Louisiana Campus Compact.

For more information on Service-learning at NSU, contact Gruesbeck at sgruesbeck@nsula.edu or (318) 357-5911.
CONGRATULATIONS

Ms. Lisa Rougeou, Department of Language and Communication, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of additional funding of $16,000 for “National Evaluation Grant.”

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, LA Folklife Center, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $1,000 from the Louisiana Office of Tourism for “2010 Natchitoches – NSU Folk Festival.”

Dr. Tommy Hailey, History and Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $28,000 from the Cane River National Heritage Area entitled “Military Heritage Assessment & Tour of the Cane River National Heritage Area: Phase II.” Mr. William R. Smith is collaborator.

Dr. J. Mark Thompson, Department of Creative and Performing Arts, College of Liberal Arts, received notification of an award of $6,316 from the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission entitled “Security Enhancements to the Creative and Performing Arts Library.”

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Mr. Joe Morris, Criminal Justice Department, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to U. S. Department of Justice for “Procedural Justice Curriculum Initiative.” Ms. Daphne Levenson and Ms. Polly Snell are collaborators.

Mr. Joe Morris, Criminal Justice Department, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to the Illinois Community Policing Institute for “CNDA Training Project Support.” Ms. Daphne Levenson and Ms. Polly Snell are collaborators.

Dr. Elizabeth Guin, Criminal Justice Department, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to the Cane River National Heritage Area for “Joint CRNHA/MAHR Graduate Assistantship – (Two)”.

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

Student Support Services receives critical funding

Funding for a program that helps disadvantaged students has been re-awarded for the next five years. Administrators in NSU’s Student Support Services program received notice of the renewal from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Federal TRIO Programs.

“If the grant had not been renewed, then 360 NSU students would have lost the services of the grant as of the end of August, and the entire staff would have most likely been laid off,” said program director and principal writer Don Barker. “The importance of the SSS program to the students it serves can be expressed in these terms: nationwide, only 18 percent of all low income and first generation college students earn bachelor’s degrees within six years. Of the students who entered the program in 2004-2005, just over 40 percent earned bachelor’s degrees within six years.”

Student Support Services, which began at NSU in 1980, currently serves about 360 NSU students with intensive academic and student services designed to support the teaching and learning process. Students chosen to participate are first generation in college, low income, disabled, or a combination of the three factors. In addition, students selected for participation must have an academic or other type of need for the services of the program.

“Our SSS program provides these students with a ‘hand up’ to become, in many cases, the first member of their family to have ever earned a college degree. That degree often changes an entire family’s expectations of their children,” Barker said.
Conine receives Guard medal for support of Mathews

Frances Conine, executive director of Student Services and Conduct, recently received the Air National Guard’s Center of Influence Award for the work she did to assist the family of colleague Jeffrey Mathews.

Members of the Air National Guard who have served more than 30 days in Southwest Asia since Sept. 11, 2001, were given the Hometown Hero Award. Those who received this award were authorized to present the Air National Guard’s “Center of Influence” award to a person that was a positive influence or on them or their family during the deployment.

“Frances was wonderful to me and my family while I was deployed,” said Mathews, who is associate director of bands and an associate professor of music at NSU. “For me, Frances was a great source of communication between myself and the University. We e-mailed often and even spoke on the phone a few times. Frances organized care packages that were put together in the Division of Student Affairs and mailed to me to share with my fellow airmen. She checked on (wife) Kristine (Coreil) and our two daughters while I was away, even taking Kristine to dinner and a play.”

Mathews, who was director of Student Organizations from 2004-08, was deployed to Iraq in July through September 2007.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sybil Myrt Ballard Raulins, who away Wednesday, August 18, were held Saturday, Aug. 21. She is the mother of Nancy Rachal, Physical Plant.

Funeral services were held Aug. 24 for Margaret Whiteside Ackel, mother of William Ackel, Rec Complex, and Mary Ackel Odom, Auxiliary Services. Mrs. Ackel passed away Aug. 22. NSU Floral Fund made a scholarship donation to Family and Consumer Sciences in memory of Mrs. Ackel.
WATER AEROBICS
This workout consists of simple low impact exercises executed in the water. The program is designed to promote and maintain cardio respiratory fitness, strengthen muscles, and improve flexibility. This program is especially recommended for arthritic and/or pregnant women.

Date: Sept. 8-Dec. 10, Mon, Wed, & Fri
Time: 10-11 a.m.
Fee: $95
Location: Nesom Natatorium
Instructor: Denise Poleman

SCRAPBOOKING YOUR MEMORIES
Do you have shoeboxes full of pictures that you would like to put into scrapbooks that will be treasured for years to come? Attend this workshop to learn how to take those photos and turn them into beautiful arts of work. You will learn basic techniques and have the opportunity to use the Cricut – a cutting system that allows you to enhance your pages.

Date: Sept. 7, Tues (5-6 p.m.)
Introduction Meeting & supply list provided
Sept. 9, 16, 23, & 30, Thurs (5-8 p.m.)
Fee: $59 + participant purchases own supplies
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 132-B
Instructor: Terrie McCallister

SMART SHOPPING: MORE THAN JUST CUTTING COUPONS
With basic knowledge, a pair of scissors and sales ads, a smart shopper is prepared to spend less. This class will cover the rules for using coupons, how to use coupons to their full potential, store coupon policies, utilizing store reward programs, stockpiling, using the internet to help plan shopping trips, and deals around town.

Date: Sept. 11, Sat
Time: 9 – 11 a.m.
Fee: $60
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 132-B
Instructor: Lori Luneau

ACT PREP
This course will prepare students for all sections of the ACT exam, including English, math, reading, science reasoning, and writing. The course will use retired exams to give students valid pre- and post-test scores. This data will also be used to make sure that areas of need are addressed. Students will review the necessary content and examine test taking strategies, maximizing their score improvements. The course materials include additional exercises for further review.

Lunch will be on your own and for one hour each day.
Registration for this course does not include registration for the exam. You may register for the ACT Exam online at ACT.org or call ACT at 1-800-525-6926.

Date: Pre-test- Sept. 11, Sat Classroom- Sept. 25 – Oct. 16, Sat
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Fee: $189 (includes materials)
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 213
Instructor: TBD

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

Date: Sept. 11, 18, & 25, Sat
Time: 1 - 4 p.m.
Fee: $200 tuition plus $100 supply fee
Location: The Master’s Bouquet 108 South Dr., Natchitoches
Instructor: Dawn Martin (LA State Licensed Florist, member of SAF & LSFA)

BEGINNING GUITAR
The focus is on humming and strumming familiar tunes; music appreciation and enjoyment. You will learn basic major and minor chords. Weekly practice sessions will include familiar songs. We will compile a collection of at least 25 familiar songs that you will learn to play in 8 easy lessons. Home practice will be required in order to achieve successful results. Students should be at least 11-years-old. (Self-motivation to practice and learn is a must.) Singing is encouraged, but not required.

Date: Sept. 14 – Nov. 2, Tues
Time: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Fee: $59 + $10 material fee (mat. Fee paid directly to instructor first night of class)
Location: NSU Middle Lab School
Instructor: Philip McClung

INTERMEDIATE GUITAR
Intermediate students will

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continue to use chords learned at the beginner level. We will add major 7ths, flats, sharps, and other specialized chords to the mix. Focus will then shift to styles of playing, experimentation with rhythm patterns, basic finger picking, transposing keys, and solo and ensemble performance of familiar songs.

Singing is encouraged, but not required. Emphasis will be on traditional rock and blues playing techniques. Intermediate students will also practice tuning their own instruments using digital tuners, piano, pitch pipes, tuning software, and free-tuning by ear.

Prerequisite for intermediate class: Students should be able to successfully demonstrate the major, minor, and 7th chords learned in the beginner class, or possess equivalent skills and knowledge to enroll in the intermediate class.

Course (87 Hours/2 Weeks)

Instructor: Philip McClung
Location: NSU Middle Lab School
Instructor: Philip McClung

LOUISIANA RETAIL FLORIST EXAM PREP
Course (87 Hours/2 Weeks)

The State of Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry requires the licensing of retail florists. In order to obtain a LA Retail Florist License one must first pass the written LA Retail Florist Exam. This 87 hour course is not only designed to review the textbook & study material included in the written exam, but also offers design instruction to aid the individual in their preparation of becoming a professional retail florist.

27 hours/classroom

These hours will serve to acquaint students with the instructor and other students and to review the latest textbook and study material recommended by the LA Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry for the LA Retail Florist Exam. Reading material and individual textbooks will be provided to every student enrolled in this course.

60 hours/worktable

Students will be provided with hands on training in a reputable flower shop under the instruction and supervision of Dawn Martin, a LA Licensed Florist who has over 20 years experience as a retail florist, shop owner, manager, designer, and instructor in the retail floral industry. Students will be trained in the art of floral design as well as the latest techniques in the processing and care of fresh cut flowers and other knowledge necessary to help them prepare for the LA State Retail Florist Exam and their career as a professional florist.

NOTE: Although all requirements for the LA State Retail Florist Exam will be taught to every student enrolled, it is the student’s responsibility to prepare for and pass the exam.

DISTANCE LEARNING NOTARY EXAM PREP

This course is being offered in cooperation with Louisiana State University Shreveport. In this course you will be given a specific review of the subjects tested on the Notary Exam using the 2010 Edition of “Louisiana Civil Code (LCC)”. This book will be needed for the open-book portion of the Notary Exam. It is available at Campus Corner on University Parkway for approximately $171.00 plus tax.

The Notary Public Official Study Guide is available through the Secretary of State’s Office, which is the publisher of the book. Please visit http://www.sos.louisiana.gov to place your order.

PLEASE ORDER THIS BOOK BEFORE the class begins and bring to class the first day!

Date: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 30, Nov. 6 & 13, Sat
Time: 1 -5 p.m.
Fee: $289-(Textbook not included)
Location: Russell Hall, Rm. 122
Instructor: Robin Jones

PHOTOGRAPHING FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Most people want to improve their photo ability when taking pictures of friends and family. This class will help do just that. Subjects covered will include: background: posing, facial expressions, use of available light, best use of flash, shooting inside, shooting outside, getting good photos in low light conditions, creating special effects for family portraits, taking photos of kids, and best use of local yards for photos. This is a hands-on class. Bring your camera and lots of smiles.

Dates: Sept. 28, Tues (Sess.1) Oct. 26, Tues (Sess. 2) Nov. 16, Tues (Sess. 3)
Time: 6- 8 p.m.
Fee: $59
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 132-B
Instructor: Gale Trussell
Dr. Paul Nagel, associate professor in the College of Education and Human Development, was one of five teachers from across the United States and Canada to be part of delegation to represent the National Council for Geographic Education to participate in a nine day trip to northern Peru in August.

During the 10-day visit to northern Peru, Dr. Nagel visited Gocta Waterfalls, and the ancient Chachaphuyu religious and ceremonial site of Kuelap. Gocta Waterfalls are the third highest waterfalls at 2,528 in the world and Kuelap is located on a mountain over 10,022 feet high.

Dr. Nagel was able to develop partnerships with other members of NCGE, NAAEE, and NABT. Dr. Nagel will be part of a panel discussion about the trip to northern Peru at the National Geography Education Conference Sept. 28-Oct. 3, 2010, in Savannah, Ga.

As Dr. Nagel and other’s traveled in the Andes Mountains to Kuelap, a small wildfire was spotted. This wildfire grew into an enormous fire that engulfed the side of a mountain. “I could hear the sound of the forest burning at the top of Kuelap as the fire spread.”

Nagel selected for delegation to northern Peru
NSU Writing Project hosted this year’s Literacy Lagniappe conference August 7 in the Friedman Student Union on the NSU Campus.

Nearly 150 educators from districts all over Louisiana attended for workshop sessions delivered by Louisiana Writing Project teachers, faculty from NSU and LSUS, and the Louisiana Department of Education literacy team.

The keynote speaker was Donalyn Miller, author of The Book Whisperer: Awakening the Inner Reader in Every Child and Ed Week’s “Book Whisperer” blog.

NSU Writing Project Director Lisa Rougeou and introduced keynote speaker Donalyn Miller to conference participants.

Jarrod Sanson promoted NSU electronic learning programs to conference attendees, including Jennifer Anderson, a teacher at the NSU Middle Lab.

Recruiters thank colleagues for Move-In Day help

The Office of University Recruiting would like to sincerely thank all of the faculty & staff listed below, who came out to weather the incredible heat to help the new students move in to their new home last Saturday. Those that helped that did not sign in with us, we thank you as well.

We would also like to extend a very special THANK YOU to Sodexo for providing lunch for each of these volunteers.

- Kioh Kim, College of Education and Human Development
- Perry Wisinger, Social Sciences
- Marcus Jones, Vice President of University Affairs
- Wanda Coleman, Biology
- Diane Jones, Cultural Diversity
- Perry Moore and staff, NSU Bookstore
- Harold Foster, Army ROTC
- Maye Foster, Registrars Office
- John Foster, Language and Communications
- Adam Johnson, Athletics
- Lisa Abney, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Chris Maggio, Dean of Student Affairs
- Ron McBride, College of Education
- Frances Conine, Student Affairs
- Steve Horton, Graduate School
- Curtis Penrod, Institutional Research
- Margaret Kilcoyne, School of Business
- Jeff Moore, Men’s Basketball
- Amy Moore, NSU Elementary Lab School
- Greg Burke, Athletic Director
- Jennifer Videtto, Institutional Research
- Will Broussard, Athletics
- Jack Russell, College of Business
- Theresa Kyzar, College of Nursing

And as always, Dr. Randy Webb and Mrs. Brenda Webb were on hand to greet our students to campus.
Dr. Lynn Woods, professor in the Hospitality Management and Tourism program, 18 students and a group of parents, faculty and interested individuals, enjoyed a first class tour of Greece, Italy, Austria and Germany over the summer. The group began their trip in Athens, Greece, the Cradle of Democracy and birthplace of Western civilization, where they viewed the Parthenon on the Acropolis overlooking Athens. After an exciting evening of Greek dancing, throwing plates, and eating shish kabobs, they boarded for a four day cruise around the Greek Islands.

After visiting Kusadasi, where Paul wrote the book of Ephesians, they traveled on to Patmos to visit The Monastery of St. John’s, where St. John wrote the Book of Revelation. The next day, the ship docked in Rhodes, medieval walled city built by the Knights of St. John, and viewed the walls surrounding Rhodes. Students had a fun-filled day swimming in the Aegean Sea and relaxing on the beach.

Day 6 brought the group to Crete, home of the Minoan Palace and the legend of the Minotaur: half man half bull. On Santorini, the most picturesque of all the Greek Islands, participants could opt to take a cable car or ride a donkey up the steep hill to the main town.

It was difficult to top Greece, but once the group landed in Venice and saw its beauty they were amazed at this “city in the sea.”

“We had a most romantic gondola tour of Venice,” Woods said, “even though the weather was wet, we didn’t mind…Venice is beautiful no matter what!”

The group viewed the Facade of St. Mark’s where the relic remains of St. Mark have been housed since they were smuggled out of Alexandria, Egypt.

The group had an opportunity to visit the Palace of the Doge and stroll over the Bridge of Sighs, connecting the palace and its prison, supposedly named for prisoners breathing a sigh of despair of their last glimpse of the breathtaking city before becoming incarcerated.

Besides the incredible architecture, many canals and gondolas, it is noted for its Venetian glass blowing. Therefore, no tour would be complete without a hand-blown glass demonstration.

Day 9 was a sojourn to Milan, home to flashy fashion designers and The Duomo, the magnificent Gothic cathedral which took over 500 years to complete.

The group had a private “backstage” tour of La Scala, Opera House begun in 1776 by Giuseppe Piermarini and still going strong in the 20th century thanks to the tireless work of conductor Arturo Toscanini. After such a comprehensive tour of Milan, the group was ready for some refreshments of wine tasting back in Verona.
I think the students really like Verona because it reminds them so much of Natchitoches...charming with a river running through. The story of Romeo and Juliet, young, star-crossed lovers, simply adds to the mystique of it,” Woods commented. The group saw Juliet’s balcony and the Arena (older then the Coliseum in Rome).

Next day, the group traveled by coach through the vineyards of northern Italy, then through the Alps on to Innsbruck with a tour of the Tyrolean Folklife Museum before settling into their Alpine chalet for the night. As one student (Paige Barbo) proclaimed: “Wow, we’re above the clouds.” It was absolutely astounding!

On their way into Munich, the group stopped at the “Sleeping Beauty” Fairytale castle of Neuschwanstein, home of the Mad King Ludwig, for an inside tour of the unusual grottos and cathedral sized rooms.

The final stop was Munich and an interesting tour of Marienplatz and its famous Glockenspiel. “Munich” derives from the city’s German name, Munchen (little monk), so named because the original settlement bordered a monastery. On the last night, the group had a chance to bid “Auf Wiedersehen” to each other and raise a stein of good cheer at the Hofbrauhaus, built in the 16th century by the Bavarian Duke, Wilhelm V. The Duke realized he was spending too much money having beer delivered into the city, so he built a brewery next to the court. Five centuries later, the beer continues to flow!

Dr. Woods’ tours may be taken for three hours credit, regardless of the students’ major, and are open to the public. Please contact her at [llwoods@nsula.edu](mailto:llwoods@nsula.edu) regarding how to sign up for next year’s exciting tour to the Great Barrier Reef in the Australia and New Zealand Tour June 10-25, 2011.

Charter service offering Shreveport tour to faculty, staff

Tri-City Charters, the official charter bus service of NSU Athletics, is sponsoring the travel arrangements for a series of tours offered by the Shreveport-Bossier Convention Visitors Bureau and luncheon on beginning at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21.

They will be offering three FAM Tours of the area including a lunch at the Municipal Auditorium and have invited faculty and staff from NSU to participate in the tour. If enough individuals RSVP for the tour (at least 20) they will make arrangements for round trip bus service to and from Natchitoches.

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Anyone interested in participating should e-mail Dr. William Broussard, associate director of Athletics for external relations, at [broussardw@nsula.edu](mailto:broussardw@nsula.edu).
Dr. Hiram “Pete” Gregory, professor of anthropology, and Dr. Shane Rasmussen, assistant professor of English, co-directed a three-day Symposium on the changing cultural state of the Delta. Sheila Richmond was also instrumental in organizing the event.

Held in the Friedman Student Union Ballroom on August 19-21, the symposium, “Culture Change & Continuity in the Delta Region,” consisted of discussions between community members, cultural authorities, and scholars from around the state as well as Mississippi. Sessions included “American Indian Communities: Keeping On Keeping On,” “The Creole Community: Continuity and Renaissance,” “Blues Along the River – Natchez to Ninth Ward,” “People from the Hills, Rivers, and Swamps,” and “Some New Populations.” Richmond, Gregory, and Rasmussen served as session moderators.

The symposium also included musical inforances with Creole La La music by Goldman Thibodeaux and Zydeco Joe Citizen, blues by Hezekiah Early and Little Poochie, Native American songs and stories by the Tunica-Biloxi Singers, bluegrass and country by Max Turner and Marcy Frantom, and traditional Chinese, Tibetan, and Mongolian dancing by the Sunshine Chinese Dance Troupe.

Also included was a screening of the film *A Common Pot: Creole Cooking on Cane River*, which was introduced by Tracey Colson of the Creole Heritage Center. The Symposium was sponsored by the Lower Mississippi Delta Region Initiative of the National Park Service, Cane River National Park and presented by the Louisiana Folklife Center in conjunction with the Williamson Museum.

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**We’ve Moved!**

The office of Liz Gresham, internal auditor, has moved to Building 19 (Power Plant across from the President’s Office) Room 001. Liz has the same phone (4421) and FAX (5373) numbers.

The Office of Admissions has moved to a new location at South Hall, 444 Caspari St.

In response to recent reorganization and staff changes at NSU, Student Affairs announces several changes.

Student Affairs welcomes:

- Don Barker, Frances Welch, Connie Lewis, Jamie Flanagan, and Denise Garland, Student Support Services
- Catherine Faucheaux, Director of Tutoring and American with Disabilities Program
- Jamila Maxie, Director of Testing
- Ashley Jordan, RN in Health Services
- Nina Carter, Administrative Assistant in Counseling and Career Services

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**STUDENT UNION OFFICES RELOCATION:**

- Reatha Cox, Student Life and First Year Experience – Rm. 152 (Old One Card Office)
- Joy Johnson, First Year Experience – Rm. 152 (Old One Card Office)
- Yonna Pasch, Student Activities and Organizations – Rm. 102
- Diane Jones, Student Activities and Organizations – Rm. 101
- Kirk Lee, Student Activities and Organizations – Rm. 214
- Natalie Laurence, Fraternity and Sorority Life – Rm. 214
- Catherine Fauchaux, Tutoring and ADA – Rm. 240A and Tutoring Lab – Rm. 240B
- Frances Conine, Student Services and Conduct – Rm. 309
- Annette Allen, Student Services and Conduct – Rm. 309
- Kristi Simms, Counseling and Career Services – Rm. 308