



## Dr. Dorene Fox earns Bolton Award

Mathematics professor Dr. Dorene Fox received the university's highest faculty honor, the Bolton Award for Teaching Excellence, at a presentation dinner in March.

"Dr. Fox's efforts for her students, LSUA, her profession and her community can be summed up in one word—exemplary," said Lillian Wooley, assistant professor of English who nominated Fox.

Fox joined the LSU Alexandria faculty in the fall of 1991. A resident of Alexandria, she is active in the Central Louisiana Kiwanis Club and serves as faculty adviser for the LSUA Circle K organization on campus.

She said receiving the Bolton Award is "very humbling" and an honor.

"I think an outstanding teacher is one who provides quality education and continually looks for new material or finds new ways to reach the students," Fox said. "Therefore, to me, receiving the Bolton Award, which recognizes



Dr. Dorene Fox shows off her plaque with Vice Chancellor Thomas Armstrong, left, and Chancellor Robert Cavanaugh.

outstanding teaching, is quite an honor. This award, with all the letters of support, certainly encourages me to continue my efforts to enhance classroom experience."

Dr. Tommy Awtry, chairman of the Department of Mathematics and Physical Sciences, called Fox a role model for all faculty members.

"She is highly motivated and extremely active in all areas of responsibility. She routinely assumes additional responsibilities and is responsible with the tasks she accepts. While maintaining

high academic standards, she continues to strive to improve her teaching. Her teaching can be summarized as being student-centered."

Renu Gupta, associate professor of mathematics, said, "Dr. Fox extends herself beyond basic requirements for her job."

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## Former NATO chief visits LSU Alexandria campus



Lord Robertson, left, poses with his sister Rosemary Robertson-Smith and Dr. Henry Robertson.

When LSU Alexandria Children's Center Director Rosemary Robertson-Smith's brother came to town last month, the visit made local news.

Not your ordinary brother, Lord George Robertson just so happens to be the former secretary-general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. So when he came to Alexandria on March 9 to visit his sister and speak to Dr. Henry Robertson's history class, television and newspaper reporters were there.

Because of his busy schedule, it was Lord Robertson's first trip to Alexandria. And because of his celebrity, his time was restricted. It seemed everyone — from students to faculty — wanted a chance to meet him.

Rosemary later reported that she did manage some time alone with her brother. After the public presentation, they went to Rosemary's home where they visited a short while, had afternoon tea and ate Girl Scout cookies.

## Faculty, staff spot former President Carter in museum

Faculty and staff members attending a campus-sponsored day trip to New Orleans on Feb. 26 got an unusual surprise when they brushed elbows with a former U.S. president.

The group of 36, including students and community members, began a tour of the National D-Day Museum when they noticed a familiar-looking face. Former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, also were on the tour.

"They were just inches away from us," English professor Eamon Halpin said.

While there were a few security agents protecting the former president and first lady, the security presence was not noticeable. A few people in the LSU Alexandria group approached Carter and were surprised at his graciousness and openness.

"He spoke to some of the students. He was very pleasant," Halpin said. Student Roberta Guidry even was allowed to snap a photograph.

The New Orleans day trip was sponsored by the Chancellor's Arts and Humanities Committee. Faculty and staff who attended were Halpin, Lillian Wooley, Esther Blood, Rusty

Gaspard and Janeen Whitmore. Sign up for a future trip. Who knows what famous personalities you may meet?



Former President Jimmy Carter, with wife Rosalynn in the background, didn't mind posing for a photo at the National D-Day Museum.

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Dr. David Huey, professor of biology and another nominee for the Bolton Award, said, "Perhaps the most valuable contribution of Dr. Fox is as a role model for our female students who often learn to enjoy mathematics with her help. Dr. Dorene Fox is an excellent, experienced and caring professor."

Many of her students praise Fox for doing something that most of their former teachers never could do: get them to understand mathematics.

"For the first time in my life ... I actually understood algebra. I have Dr. Dorene Fox to thank for that," said former student Vickie Bowman.

Student Heather Rivas of Marksville said she reluctantly took one of Fox's classes in the fall of 2003. "Dr. Fox not only showed me that college algebra was within my reach, but also that I could become very confident in taking it. I received an "A" that semester and was so pleased with her teaching style that I based my entire schedule the following semester around one of her Math 1021 classes."

Fox said she loves the challenge of trying to get her students to understand and appreciate mathematics. "It's very rewarding to have students, especially young ladies, to say 'I have decided to teach math,'" she said. "I work hard at trying to get my students to understand. The fun thing about teaching is the challenge of how to do this better."

Fox received a Bachelor of Science from Rockford College, Rockford, Ill., in 1982. She earned the Master of



Dr. Fox and Lillian Wooley at the Bolton Award banquet.

Science and the Doctor of Philosophy with a major in mathematics from the University of Louisiana, Lafayette. Her areas of expertise include topology, adult learning theory, using graphing calculators in the mathematics classroom, using the Web in mathematics and academic advising.

She organized the LSU Alexandria Circle K organization and served as faculty adviser for the Tioga Key Club for seven years.

Fox served as president of the Kiwanis Club of Central Louisiana for two terms and is now a board member. She served in various capacities for Kiwanis International, including lieutenant governor of Kiwanis District 11.

She served as a docent for the Heart of Spain exhibit and was a Red Coat for the Chamber of Commerce for four years. She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics and the National Academic Advising Association. Fox and her husband, Randall Beaubouef, live in Alexandria. She has one son, Douglas Fox, 17.

The Bolton Award for Teaching Excellence was made possible by a gift from the estate of Mrs. James C. Bolton. Mrs. Frances Bolton Davis, a long-time supporter of LSU Alexandria and former president of the LSUA Foundation, established the award in 1988. Presented annually to an outstanding faculty member, the Bolton Award is the university's highest faculty honor. The recipient receives a plaque and a cash award.

# Campus Clipboard

A paper by **Dr. Jim Stacy** was accepted for the 2005 SETC Theatre Symposium on "Theatre, War and Propaganda" in Auburn, Ala., April 1-3. His paper is titled "Iterations of Conscience in Performance: The Catonsville Nine, their Trial and their Docudramas" and was accepted through a jury process.

**Carol Martin**, instructor of business applications and coordinator of student computer competency, attended Course Technology's Conference for Information Technology Educators on March 16-18 in Orlando, Fla. She attended eight sessions dealing with Skills Assessment Manager, Emerging Technologies and Teaching Techniques, Practical Computer Security and College Computer Literacy.

LSU Alexandria had an unprecedented number of proposals accepted for the Teaching In Higher Education Forum (T.H.E.) to be held in Baton Rouge April 17-19. Our Carl Perkins grant application will pay registration and travel for the seven individuals who will attend. The individuals and their proposals are: Exploring Development and Instruction of Courses for the Internet – **Lillian Wooley**; Desire 2 Learn (D2L): The Pros, Cons and Strategies for Success – **Cathy Robinson, Jim Rogers, Teresa Seymour**; From Handouts to Video Lectures Created by the Symposium Lecturn – **Dorene Fox**; Using D2L to Teach or Supplement College Mathematics – **Renu Gupta**; I Want My MTV: The Music Video Essay – **Leslie Hannah**.

**Dr. Annette Olsen-Fazi** gave a presentation Feb. 11 at the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association-American Popular Cultural Association conference. Her paper was titled "You Art What You Eat: Food as a Metaphor for Identity in Film and Literature from Different Cultural and Linguistic Groups."

**Dr. David Huey** and student Brad Hoosier gave a presentation at the 79<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Louisiana Academy of Sciences on March 18 at Grambling State University. Their paper was titled, "Nitrite toxicity and tissue accumulation in the mosquitofish."

**Dr. Les Hannah** will host a viewing and academic discussion of the film "Smoke Signals" at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the Marksville Fire Station Community Room. Hannah also will participate in "Authors' Row" of the



Chancellor Robert Cavanaugh and Facility Services director Bob Karam serve chicken and sausage at the annual Facility Services cookout.

Louisiana Library Association Conference at the Alexandria Riverfront Center on April 26-28. Hannah will have copies of his books available for sale and signing.

Our sympathies go out to **Dr. Jim Stacy** on the loss of his mother. Hazel Stacy died March 14 in Lake Charles.

Welcome new employees: **Nancy Radonovich** started in the Library as a Librarian; **Tiffany Bates** was moved from a transient to an associate II teacher in the Children's Center; and **Shonu Nagia** is an assistant professor in AE&H.

## Pat on the Back...

*Nursing Department Chair Dorothy Lary thanks the faculty and staff "for your contribution to the Nursing Department's endeavors to demonstrate an excellent nursing program during our recent re-accreditation visit. The support programs, the resource center and the University as a whole worked together for optimal involvement in the re-accreditation process. Thanks go to those who met with the visitors to discuss the nursing program and to those responsible for the campus grounds and the building's shining floors."*

# Coming up this month ...

## April

18 *The Southern Jewish Experience*, noon, Bolton Library  
Presentation by Rabbi Arnold Task. A second presentation will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20

20-23 *The Winter's Tale*  
Shakespearean classic presented each night at sunset, except Saturday, when it will be at 4:30 p.m.

22 Yanni Souvatzoglou exhibit, University Gallery  
The exhibit of sculpture by this Greek artist runs through May 19.

22-23 Shakespeare-on-the-Greene Festival  
Festival runs from 3-7:30 p.m. Friday and from 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday; includes **Friends of the Library Book Sale**, Children's Village, various food and craft booths, and 3 p.m. performance by **Theatre for Young Audiences** class. Production of plays from Courtroom Trauma, written and directed by Dr. Rhonda Shook. The plays, although written for young audiences, have an appeal for all ages. Admission to the festival is free.



23 Spring Open House, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

25 Spring Faculty meeting to award service pins and professorships

25 Honors Day Convocation, 3 p.m., Caffey Annex

28 Student Organization Advisor Appreciation Luncheon, Caffey Annex

## May

19 Commencement



19 Alumni and Friends Cochon de Lait  
Event begins at 6:30 p.m. on the campus plaza, tickets are \$20 and proceeds benefit the Alumni and Friends Association. Ticket price includes food, drink and music by Steve Wells and David Marler. Contact Institutional Advancement for more information.

# Picture this ...



Robin Butler helps her son decorate his goody bag before the Easter Egg Hunt.



Vice Chancellor David Wesse and his family pose with Dr. Ravish Patwardhan, second from left, who was on campus last week. Patwardhan treated Eric Wesse, second from right, after a wreck last year.



Missy LaBorde shows off LSUA's class ring.



Laurie Tanner makes sure we have enough to eat.



Dean Fred Litton and Dr. Fred Beckerdite enjoy their crawfish and company.



Newly crowned Ms. LSUA Brandi Rabalais enjoys crawfish with Kathy Wimmert, pageant director.