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'Changing for the better every day'

Museum of Art ceremony, Alumni social and good news from Baton Rouge highlight June 22

In the words of Chancellor Robert Cavanaugh, June 22 was "a wonderful day."

It started with good news from Baton Rouge. The Louisiana Board of Regents approved three major developments concerning LSU Alexandria's growth — campus housing, a new bachelor's degree program and golf course expansion.

The day ended with Cavanaugh cutting the ceremonial ribbon to publicly seal the deal on the LSUA Foundation's acquisition of the Alexandria Museum of Art.

"Today has been a wonderful day," he told reporters.

Regents' approval of the university's plans for an apartment complex on campus leaves just one more step in the process. The university in August will request financing from the State Bond Commission. If all goes as planned, construction will begin in September and the first residents will move in next year



The AFA Summer Social included a ribbon cutting and a drawing for a gift basket. Missy LaBorde presents the basket to winner Wayne Denley.



for the Fall 2007 semester.

"This will change the face of the institution," Cavanaugh said, calling the Board of Regents vote a huge success for the university. "LSUA is changing for the better every day."

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Services David Wesse said, "We are delighted that the Louisiana Board of Regents has affirmed LSUA's determination to place student housing on its campus. Campus housing and housing-re-

lated services and activities are a key part of the university's development as a four-year institution and will help the university recruit and retain high quality students."

The housing complex will be operated by University Housing Services and constructed by Shreveport Construction of Shreveport. It will

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Chancellor Cavanaugh greets Gov. Kathleen Blanco during her visit to the Alexandria Museum of Art. Louisiana College President Joe Aguillard looks on.

Governor visits museum

Gov. Kathleen Blanco visited the Alexandria Museum of Art after making a public stop at Union Tank Car on Wednesday, June 21. The private visit gave many LSU Alexandria and museum employees a rare chance to shake hands with the governor, who told the group she's planning a run for re-election.

Blanco also took a moment to visit a class of summer art students.

See more photos from Blanco's visit on Page 5.

Spotlight on ...

Meet June Guillory, Staff Senate president



What do you do at LSUA?

My title is Assistant to Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness. My most time-consuming job duty is working on the evaluations and surveys given throughout the year. I am sure everyone on campus has seen some type of survey recently! Among my other duties, I compile the information given to me for the Fact Book annually. Our office also is responsible for the facility utilization, which requires us to inventory each room and office on the entire campus.

How long have you been here? I started working in the LSUA Records office in 2001. After six months I moved to the office I am currently in now.

Tell us about your educational background.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration which I finished at Northwestern State University. I also attended LSUA during my first years in college.

Where do you live? Where did you grow up?

I currently live in Hessmer, about 5 miles from where I grew up in the outskirts of Bunkie.

Tell us a little about yourself.

I have been married to Scott for two years. I enjoy gardening, and I love seeing my flowers bloom each year.

What are some things that the Staff Senate does each year?

The Staff Senate has many activities throughout the year including the Garden Party in the spring, the ice cream social in the summer and the Staff Senate Jam in the fall. We also have a booth set up at the Shakespeare-on-the-Greene festival. We also try to recognize the birthdays of each staff member on campus with a little treat during the month of their birthday. If we have missed your birthday, please let us know so we can update our files. Each year we honor our favorite bosses with the Boss of the Year award.

What is the role of the Staff Senate?

The role of the Staff Senate is to be the voice of the staff on campus. We are there if you have a problem that needs to be addressed or just want to make a suggestion. We hope to promote programs and policies that enhance the personal and professional lives of the staff.

How can people get involved in the Staff Senate?

We have meetings every third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m., normally in the Rare Books Room in the Bolton Library, Room 123. We encourage everyone who is interested to attend. We will be having our elections soon for the upcoming year, so please be on the lookout for nomination forms. You may nominate a friend, or send your name in if you'd like. All staff members are invited to come to meetings and join in our activities.

Campus Clipboard

Paper Clip Project founder comes to LSUA

David Smith is from a small, rural town in Tennessee where blacks and non-Christians are seldom seen.

The whole town learned a valuable lesson

about diversity when students at Whitewell Middle School began a class project eight years ago, said Smith, the school's associate principal.

The now-famous Paper Clip Project started simple: collect 6 million paper clips to represent each victim of the Holocaust. What happened next "would change the students, their teachers, their families and the entire town forever ... and eventually open hearts and minds around the world," according to literature on the project.

Smith brought his story to LSU Alexandria students recently by invitation of Greg Gormanous.

The Paper Clip Project gained momentum after national news programs aired stories about it. In just a short time, the students had more than 20 million paper clips in hand. The clips now rest in a cattle car that was originally used to transport Jews to their deaths.

Smith said the students have been all over the world to talk about the project. Being exposed to the world around them has made the students more tolerant of others, he said.

Smith's visit to LSUA was booked on short notice. In fact, he may never have brought his story to LSUA if Gormanous had not been at a weekly Rotary Club meeting the day before. Gormanous said he was so touched by Smith's speech that he grabbed him afterward and asked if he could come to LSUA. "I told him this is last-minute but I have a class of 14 people who would like to hear your story," he said. Smith confirmed that night that he'd be able to speak to Gormanous' class the next day. Betty Burns sent out an invitation to the campus first thing that morning. Some 60 people crowded the classroom.



David Smith, left, and Greg Gormanous

People

Dr. Rhonda Shook, assistant professor of communication studies and theatre, has been appointed to serve as Director of Theatre.

Shook has been at LSUA for two years. She has written several plays, including "Sex, Santa, and Ugly Shoes," "John Berryman's Birthday," "To Know A Veil" and "Thunderstruck in Possum Grape."

Dr. Shonu Nangia, assistant professor of foreign languages, has been selected to serve as a peer reviewer for the Michigan Academician, a journal of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts & Letters. The journal is published quarterly.

Say that again

"I also want to bring back to Central Louisiana a sense that we can do things here ... that we're not stifled in any way. If we define a goal, we can reach it and achieve it."

- English professor **Ginger Jones**, in a Town Talk interview about what she hopes to bring back to LSUA after teaching in Montenegro this fall.

"I really think that one of the best things you can teach your children is accountability."

- Chancellor **Robert Cavanaugh**, in an interview about Father's Day.

"... there is more to life than being a sports star or an entertainer ... What a person does in one's life really does matter."

- Education Professor **Cal Johnston**, in an interview on the impact that a male teacher can make on the lives of elementary school students.

Campus Clipboard showcases achievements, accomplishments and milestones of LSUA employees. Submit items to Kathy Gunn at kgunn@lsua.edu.

Coming up

July

3-4 Fourth of July holiday
Campus closed



6 LSUA Night at the Aces, 6:05 p.m.
Dr. Cavanaugh will throw out the first pitch.

Tickets are \$4 at Bringhurst Field. Auxiliary Services has a limited number of free tickets for employees.

7 Campus Connection '06, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Campus Connection is a full day of activities to give high school graduates a chance to learn about LSUA. Please welcome them to our campus.

17-21 YouthLearn!

YouthLearn! is an educational program for teens who completed grades 6-8.

July 31-Aug. 4 Teen Leadership College

Teen Leadership College is a community awareness and leadership program for teens, sponsored by LSUA Continuing Education and the City of Alexandria.

Welcome new employees

Crystal Lopez is an Administrative Assistant in the Advising Center
Carol Corbat began her new position as chair of the Department of Biological Sciences
Dixie Clark began her new position as chair of the Department of Business Administration
Lisa West is an Administrative Coordinator 2 in Auxiliary Services

Picture this ...

Gov. Kathleen Blanco stopped by the Alexandria Museum of Art on June 21. A day later, the museum was the background for the annual LSUA Alumni and Friends Summer Social. Photos clockwise from top, Blanco greets City Councilman Myron Lawson and SGA President Connie Cooper; Blanco visits an art class at the museum; Guests at the AFA Social include, from left, Clarence Goleman, Mike Jenkins, Catherine DeLee and James DeLee; Paper Tiger editor Seth Currie poses with Kathy Wimmert; Ms. LSUA Kerra Marcotte, right, smiles with former Ms. LSUA winners Brandi Rabalais, left, and Paulley Rabalais.



Picture this ...



Dr. Cavanaugh (above) and Missy LaBorde (right) hold “Bailey” the spider monkey.

Photos below and far right, students participate in CAPS.



▲ Richard Elder, left, and Greg Gormanous ham it up with a tiger cub while a student captures the action on a camera phone. Two tiger cubs and a spider monkey visited Gormanous’ class, compliments of the Alexandria Zoo.



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have apartments with one, two or four bedrooms. Rent will average \$400 a month per student. The cost will pay for utilities, cable and Internet access.

Regents also gave LSUA approval to begin offering the Bachelor of Science in Psychology beginning this fall. This is another huge step as LSUA continues to expand its baccalaureate-degree offerings.

Cavanaugh also was pleased with the board’s approval of renovations to the golf course clubhouse and agreement to match funding for the Jenkins-Mulder Endowed Professorship in Business. The professorship is made possible through the donations of Michael Jenkins and Howard Mulder, longtime friends of the University.