Spooky events coming up

LSU Alexandria employees and their families will have several opportunities to get into the Halloween spirit this year.

**Trick or Treat Street**
Our little ones are invited to the second-annual Trick or Treat Street celebration, which is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 27. The event provides safe trick-or-treating for children age 12 and under.

Last year’s event was a terrific success and promises to be bigger than before, organizer Julie Gill said. The event will be from 5-7 p.m. on Oct. 27. The public is invited, so help spread the word.

For a $3 fee, children will be given a special bag and then allowed to trick-or-treat at booths set up along the campus block. It will be moved to the Caffey Annex in case of rain. The booths are manned by various departments and student organizations on campus.

The deadline to sign up for a booth is Oct. 24. Departments should contact Gill at Ext. 4456. Student organizations should contact Dan Purvis at 6486.

Remember that Trick or Treat Street is a safe, friendly event geared for young children. In other words, scary costumes and themes are discouraged.

**ESP Haunted House**
If you want to get scared, however, check out the Empty Space Players’ Haunted House, on Monday, Oct. 31, in the Caffey Annex. This event is not for the faint at heart, organizer Rhonda Shook said. LSU Alexandria students and employees can get a sneak peek at 2:30 p.m. at a reduced rate of $1. Once inside, visitors will walk through a series of scary scenes. They’ll see a mad scientist’s laboratory, werewolves in Old London, a graveyard and something really, really frightening involving Alice in Wonderland. And don’t forget the scary clowns.

The Haunted House will reopen at 7:30 p.m. on Halloween night at a cost of $2 per person. Again, spread the word because the public is encouraged to come.

**Ghost Stories**
Are you interested in ghost stories? Check out the evening event at the Southern Crossroads Storytelling Conference on Friday, Oct. 28. The conference will be held all day in the Caffey Annex at LSU Alexandria. Ghost stories will begin at 7:45 p.m. and go on “for as long as it takes to drive the spirits back from the world of the living,” said organizer Owen Elmore.

**Halloween Contests**
Check out two different contests this Halloween season.

The university’s annual Pumpkin Carving Contest is scheduled for Oct. 26-28 in the Student Union lobby. Student Activities is sponsoring a Halloween Costume Contest on Oct. 31.

Storytelling conference set for Oct. 28 on campus

LSU Alexandria, the Louisiana Storytelling Association and the Cenla Storytelling Guild are sponsoring the second annual Southern Crossroads Storytelling Conference at LSU Alexandria on Friday, Oct. 28.

Caren Neile, Director of the South Florida Storytelling Project, will be the keynote speaker.

The event begins at 8 a.m. with workshops followed by lunch at 11 a.m. and a Scholarly Paper Presentation from noon until 3 p.m.

The main event of the conference – the storytelling concert – is from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the Caffey Annex. It features stories presented by Neile and storytellers Worley Firmin, Mary and Neil Early, Mary LeCompte and S. Corinne Pearce.

Neile’s keynote address will be delivered at a 6 p.m. Continued on Page 2
FLAME to sponsor fashion show on Oct. 21

Want to learn how to dress professionally on a limited budget? The Future Leaders and Majors in Education (FLAME) organization at LSU Alexandria is sponsoring a fashion show Friday, Oct. 21, with you in mind.

Fall Into Fashion will be at noon Oct. 21 in the Caffey Annex. The cost is $5 with lunch or $2 without lunch. Proceeds will benefit FLAME.

The fashion show is designed to demonstrate inexpensive ways to dress professionally. FLAME members will serve as models. The clothes will be provided by Goody’s, and entertainment will be provided by Dr. Cal Johnston of the Education Department.

Tickets can be purchased from any LSU Alexandria FLAME member or through faculty members Melissa Parks, Julie Gill or Donna Odom-LaCaze. Call 473-6454 or 473-6457 for more information.

Welcome new employees

Troy Armand joined the staff as a trade apprentice in Facility Services.

Brenda Stacy is a financial aid counselor in Financial Aid.

Samantha Roy is an Associate II in the Children’s Center.

Jackie Clark is a Custodian 1 in Facility Services.

Steve Wilson is coordinator of planning and assessment in Institutional Research.

Saurabh Singh is an educational technical specialist in IET.

Audrey Dyson is an Associate Teacher 2 in the Children’s Center.

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dinner. Neile is founder of the Palm Beach County Storytelling Guild and founding managing editor of the journal “Storytelling, Self, Society: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Storytelling Studies.”

She has presented performances, workshops, keynote lectures and seminars throughout North America and the Caribbean. She is a 2005 recipient of a NSN Oracle Award for Regional Service and Leadership, and a 2001 recipient of a Woodrow Wilson National Foundation Fellowship.

Stay late for Halloween ghost stories at 7:45 p.m., also in the Caffey Annex. The ghost stories will go on “as long as it takes to drive the spirits back from the world of the living,” according to the SCSC brochure.

The storytelling concert and ghost stories are both free of charge. Registration for the rest of the conference is $40, which includes all events and both meals. Workshops and meals may also be purchased separately.

For more information, contact LSUA’s Dr. Owen Elmore at oelmore@lsua.edu or the Louisiana Storytelling Association’s Neil Early at mnearly@wnonline.net. Or visit a link to the SCSC’s Website at www.lsua.edu

Mark your calendars

The Staff Senate JAM will be held Monday, Nov. 7, on the LSUA quad. Watch your e-mails for information on T-shirts and tickets.
ESP play ‘Burn This’ opens Friday, Oct. 14

Four LSU Alexandria students have been cast in the upcoming production of Lanford Wilson’s “Burn This.”

The university’s Empty Space Players theatre group is producing the contemporary play Oct. 14-23. Performances will be in Room 205 of the Fitness Center.

Director Rhonda Shook, assistant professor of communication studies and theatre, announced the cast.

The part of Anna will be played by Yolande Thornhill, a theatre major from Glenmora. Kendall From of Alexandria, biology major, will play the role of Pale. Jonathan Belgard, sociology major from Pineville, is cast as Larry. Dustin Johnson, a theatre major from Pineville, will play the role of Burton.

“Burn This” is a contemporary play that is set in motion with the death of a young, gifted dancer and his lover. Shook said playwright Wilson presents a gorgeous, moody and surprisingly funny play in which love grows out of grief.

Because of the language and subject matter, the production of “Burn This” is not appropriate for children. You must be 17 or older to attend.

Tickets are $4 for LSUA students, $6 for LSUA employees, students from schools other than LSUA and seniors age 62 and older, and $9 for the general public.

Reservations can be made by calling (318) 473-6467 or 473-6581. If you get the answering machine, please leave the date and time of the performance you would like to attend, your name, the number of tickets you will need and your telephone number.

You can also send the same information to Theatre Director Jim Stacy at jstacy@lsua.edu.

Performances
Oct. 14 - 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15 - 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20 - 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21 - 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 21 - 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22 - 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23 - 2:30 p.m.

Picture this ...

Above: Dr. Betty Elder talks about her ongoing research during the first presentation of the “Working Scholars” series. The vice chancellor’s office and Faculty Senate started the series to highlight faculty who are engaged in research and scholarship.

Right: LSU System President William Jenkins, center, signs an agreement between the System, LSU Alexandria and LSU Eunice. Under the agreement, LSUE will teach community college-level courses at LSU Alexandria and the Learning Center.

The University Chorus performs “This is My Country” during a Constitution Day celebration.
October

14-15, 20-23 “Burn This”
Lanford Wilson play to be presented by the Empty Space Players. Room 205 Fitness Center

15 Deadline to apply for endowed professorships
Full-time faculty teaching 12 hours or more with the rank of assistant professor or higher are eligible.
Apply to Dr. Tom Armstrong.

15 Texas Renaissance Festival trip
Call Continuing Education at Ext. 6495 to register.

21 Fall Into Fashion, noon, Caffey Annex
Fashion show sponsored by FLAME. Tickets are $5

24 Change Your Life 101
A Free Forum presented by LSUA and Red River Bank, 6-7:30 p.m., Rapides Parish Technology Center, Weldon “Bo” Nipper Building. Call Continuing Education at Ext. 6495

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28 Southern Crossroads Storytelling Conference
Workshops and storytelling sessions all day on campus. Registration fee is $40. Contact Owen Elmore at Ext. 6519 for more information.

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