

Keeping LSU Alexandria
employees connected

Ceremony marks start of student housing construction

On Tuesday, Oct. 24, the LSU Alexandria community and local community members celebrated the start of construction of The Oaks, the first student housing project for the campus.

This project marks a "major event in the development of the institution," according to Chancellor Robert Cavanaugh.

"Campus housing will change this institution in so many ways--ways that we can't even



LSUA Chancellor Dr. Robert Cavanaugh addresses crowd in front of backhoe used to break ground.

see right now," Cavanaugh explained.

According to Cavanaugh,

"Students from across the state and even a farther region will now have the opportunity to come to LSUA to take advantage of our fine faculty and our outstanding programs."

A project of this magnitude does not come out "of the work of one person," Cavanaugh said to faculty and staff.

"Anything good that happens on this campus is because a lot of people work hard to make it happen." ●

Staff Senate JAM benefits scholarship for staff

This year's Staff Senate JAM will be held on Monday, Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Brumfield Caffey Annex.

The \$5 Lunch will include brisket, yams, salad, bread, dessert, and a drink.

Tickets are available in Auxiliary Services and are encouraged to be purchased until Friday, Nov. 3.

Sponsors include Alexandria Coca Cola, Allen Canning, Campus Federal Credit Union, Guillory

Payroll Solutions, Kroger, Long's Preferred Products, Auxiliary Services, McCampbell Real Estate, Outback Steakhouse, Roy's Quality Foods, T'Dada's, and Water Street Market. Because of these sponsors, all proceeds will benefit the LSUA Staff Senate Scholarship.

Faculty and staff are asked to provide dessert for the JAM. To help furnish these items, contact a staff senator as soon as possible. ●

AFA Gumbo reservations due

This year, the LSUA Alumni & Friends Association opens its Fall Social free to the public. Reservations, however, must be made with Mary McCampbell by Wednesday, Nov. 8.

Starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Caffey Annex, gumbo will be served, and live entertainment will be provided.

There will also be an opportunity to join AFA \$25 per year, which includes several campus benefits. ●

Walls describes new crawfish species

For describing a new species of crawfish named the Caddo Chimney Crawfish, LSUA instructor of biology and crawfish expert, Jerry Walls, was featured in the July 2006 volume of the *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington*.

Otherwise known by its official scientific name, *Procambarus machardy*, the new crawfish was found in Walter B. Jacobs Memorial

Kelly announces new book

LSU Alexandria criminal justice professor Charles T. Kelly, Jr. announced the January 2007 release of his new book entitled "Boundaries: Readings in Deviance, Crime, and Criminal Justice."

Published by Pearson Custom Publishing, his book is a compilation of journal articles from experts worldwide and will be used as a criminal justice reader for policing classes. ●

Rollins presents at conference in Georgia

LSUA Librarian Debra Rollins recently gave an invited presentation at the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy in Savannah, Ga. On October 6, Rollins presented the "Development of Information Literacy Competencies through an Interdisciplinary Course-embedded Research Project" to participants of the conference. ●

Nature Park in Blanchard, La. The crawfish is about four inches long with large, strong claws and is marked with several small black spots. The Caddo Chimney Crawfish was named in honor of LSU-Shreveport's Dr. Laurence "Mac" Hardy, an expert on fish, reptiles, and amphibians.

Walls has described three other new species of Louisiana crawfish in previous studies. ●

Hamilton wins award

LSUA nursing professor, Nancy Hamilton, recently received the Dr. Warner C. LeBlanc Scholarship Award for Academic and Nursing Excellence. This is Hamilton's first year teaching LSUA's nursing department. ●

Sanson's Huey Long article published

LSU Alexandria history and political science professor Dr. Jerry Sanson was published in the summer 2006 issue of *Louisiana History*, the journal of the Louisiana Historical Association.

His published article is entitled "'What he did and what he promised to do...': Huey Long and the Horizons of Louisiana Politics." Sanson based this article on his presidential address recently delivered to the LHA. ●

Sullivan's study published

Dr. Susan Sullivan, assistant professor of biology at LSUA, was recently published in the August 2006 edition of *PLoS Pathogens*. Sullivan's article was entitled "CD8+ T-Cell Responses to *Trypanosoma cruzi* are Highly Focused on Strain-Variant *trans*-Sialidase Epitopes."

Sullivan was a member of the research team that sought to understand and enhance the immune response against *Trypanosoma cruzi*, a parasite that causes Chagas disease, which is endemic to several South American countries. Sullivan found that there are CD8+ T immune cells that can "respond to the parasite, so enhancing the response should assist in control of or clearance of the infection." ●

Martin attends conference

Carol Martin, instructor of business applications, attended "Reconnect and Move Forward," the fall conference of the Louisiana Association of Business Educators, on Oct. 13 at ULL. Included were sessions with Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, commissioner of higher education, on higher education in Louisiana and Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco on building a stronger Louisiana through education. ●

Congrats to all for your hard work. ●

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LSUA makes difference in Cenla with Habitat for Humanity

On National Make a Difference Day, several LSUA faculty and staff members joined 27 LSUA students to make a difference by teaming up with Habitat for Humanity.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, led by Julie Gill, event organizer, Dr. Cal Johnston, Robin Butler, Dr. Thomas Armstrong, and Dr. Mary Treuting and her husband JB and son Robert Louis helped roof a house in Cenla.

This event's purpose was not only to contribute to the community but to introduce the service learning initiative to LSUA, according to Gill.

"Through service to the community..., students can learn fundamental skills of organizational behavior, leadership, project management, finance, and much more," Armstrong explained. ●

Nat'l Radiologic Tech. Week

Nov. 5-11 is National Radiologic Technology Week, and Student Radiologic Technology Association is celebrating this by putting up a display in Coughlin Hall, according to Sandra Franklin, coordinator of radiologic technology.

The association will also provide snacks and meals for the radiologic technologists at the clinical education sites in show of their appreciation to the Radiologic Technology Program at LSUA. ●



Faculty, staff, and students work on roof of local home for Habitat for Humanity.

Welcome new LSUA faculty, staff members

John Allen
Alicia Book
Sherry Bovey
Nancy Borden
Kent Bowie, Jr.
Maria Burke
Terri Compton
Phyllis Daugherty
Johnny Dausat
Ray Dausat
Elizabeth Derbonne
Genet Duke
Kevin Ells
Lisa Fallis
Derek Foster
Gezahegn Chaka
Nancy Hamilton
Stephanie Jackson
Ella Johnson
Lynn Laakkonen
Ronald Lemoine
Kionna LeMalle
Timothy Saucier
Christopher Stacey
Robert Tille
Jerry Walls
Julie Young

Assistant Professor of MAPS
Adjunct for Nursing
Adjunct for Education
Director of Media Relations
Custodian 1
Adjunct of AE&H
Adjunct of Nursing
Adjunct of Education
Maintenance Repairman 2
Adjunct of MAPS
Custodian 2
Assistant Professor of MAPS
Assistant Professor of AE&H
Adjunct of Biological Sciences
Adjunct for AE&H
Assistant Professor of MAPS
Assistant Professor of Nursing
Adjunct for Nursing
Custodian 2
PK 16 Coordinator
Adjunct for MAPS
Assistant Prof. for Education
Assistant Professor of AE&H
Assistant Professor of BSS
Advising Counselor
Assist. Prof. of Bio. Sciences
Adjunct for Business

Snapshots

The Oaks Groundbreaking Ceremony kicks off construction



(Above) Dr. Robert Cavanaugh recognizes David Wesse, Larry Williams, Bob Karam, and Dr. Thomas Armstrong for their hard work to make The Oaks student housing possible.



(Above) June Guillory, Theresa Seymour, Sadie Phillips, and Laurie Tanner refresh themselves with a cold drink.



(Left) Renee West, Callie Harvey, Angela Bordelon, and Karen Norman serve as balloon holders.

Faculty, staff members help make third annual Trick or Treat Street a hit



(Above) How low can he go? Dan Purvis takes his turn at limbo.



(Above) Shelley Keiffer, Beverly McCullom, and Rebecca Robison take a break from belly dancing to strike a pose.



(Left) Dr. Cavanaugh (aka Sumo Man) treats one of the children at the Chancellor's Office booth.

Snapshots

Faculty, staff, students roll up their sleeves to make campus beautiful



Dr. Shonu Nangia and Sandra Purifoy plant new plants beside the fountain on Campus Beautification Day Oct. 21.



Dr. Cavanaugh grills burgers for faculty, staff, and students who lent a helping hand on Campus Beautification Day.

Farewells...



Leslie Quinn, former registrar, smiles with appreciation after receiving a gift at her going away party/baby shower held on Oct. 20.

All scream for ice cream at Staff Senate Social



Glenna Cornell hands Amy Barton her choice of ice cream at the social while Dr. Eamon Halpin waits in line.



Debbie Decuir, Belinda Aaron, June Guillory, and Glenna Cornell prepare for the Staff Senate Ice Cream Social on Oct. 5.

Nangia, Seymour coordinate LSUA's first language lab

Dr. Shonu Nangia, assistant professor of foreign languages, and Teresa Seymour, director of educational technology, have taken another step in putting LSU Alexandria "light years ahead of other universities in terms of technology."

Thanks to Nangia and Seymour and the encouragement of Dr. Thomas Armstrong, LSUA now officially has the equipment and capability for its first language lab that is "comparable to any other." The lab project was completed through a Student Technology Fee Grant, according to Seymour.

The digital technology installed on all on-campus lab computers allows students to expand their understanding of the languages they are studying. Instead of pressing rewind constantly on an out-dated tape recorder, CAN-8 VirtuaLab allows students to control the speed of the audio files online and even record and listen to themselves.

Students can use CAN-8 to practice conversation or pronunciation, to fine tune grammar skills, or to take tests.



Teresa Seymour and Dr. Shonu Nangia test the CAN-8 VirtuaLab digital technology that now allows LSU Alexandria to have its first language lab capability.

This technology also gives students the ability to visit, through language, parts of the world they would not otherwise mostly likely be able to go.

"Since they cannot go out, we are bringing the world to them," Nangia said.

CAN-8 is also useful for professors teaching foreign languages classes.

Professors can monitor, evaluate, and give feedback to students after they have completed their sessions.

Although only 10 students can access the program at any given time, the program is fully expandable, meaning more licenses and headsets can be added at any point if necessary, according to Seymour.

Nangia and Seymour were the perfect match to facilitate this project. A faculty member of over a year and a half, Nangia is expanding the language department, which now includes French and Spanish classes with a French minor coming soon.

Here since 1995, Seymour began her work coordinating Developmental Educational Learning Lab, which gave her the expertise needed to complete this project. ●

"Technology is a great equalizer. Because of technology, the education we are able to provide our students matches the other education out there."

● Dr. Shonu Nangia

TUN provides flat screen television

The flat screen plasma television now installed in the Student Center was provided at no cost to the university by The University Network.

In exchange for student foot traffic or eyeballs, TUN supplies LSUA with the television with the intent to run LSUA announcements and other advertisements and spots geared toward college students.

Each week, LSUA receives three 30 second advertisements that will run each time within the continuous four-minute loop. The LSUA announcements can include information about upcoming events, deadlines, or



general announcements.

Anyone wishing to place an announcement on the television should contact Nancy Borden at 487-4407.

Those who contributed to the completion of this project include Theresa Seymour, Frances Roberts, Rob Cox, Bob Karam and members of the Facility Services staff. ●

Media relations director ready to serve LSUA

The new media relations director is here to help LSUA gain the positive media attention it deserves. In order to do so most effectively, please use Nancy Borden as your resource for gaining media coverage. To do so, submit a Request for Media Coverage form sometime in advance before you would like any information published. Please do not assume that she knows that an event is scheduled and therefore needs coverage.

Also, keeping track of the media coverage LSUA receives is essential to the media relations operations; therefore, it is important that she is aware of, if not coordinating, these occurrences.

Finally, if you or a fellow colleague has done anything you feel is newsworthy, let her know. She will do her best to inform the LSUA community, as well as the local community, of these accomplishments. Contact Borden at 427-4407. ●

Online learning focus of upcoming Free Forum

Continuing Education will offer a Free Forum to the community titled "Is Online Learning for Me?"

The Free Forum will be presented from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 16 in the Welden "Bo" Nipper Building, located on Tower Road on the LSU Alexandria campus.

Teresa Seymour, director of educational technology at LSUA, will provide the presentation.

Seymour will discuss the tools needed to be successful in completing an online course, the effective communication tactics suggested for online learning, and the hardware needed to take an online course. The Free Forum also includes a quiz to determine if a person is a good candidate for learning online.

The program is presented free of charge by LSU Alexandria and its Free Forum sponsor, Red River Bank.

Although the program is free, pre-registration is required to help plan for handouts and refreshments.

To register, call Continuing Education at 473-6495 or go to www.ce.lsua.edu, click on Free Forum and select "Is Online Learning for Me?" ●

Upcoming Events

Nov. 1-4

59th Annual Southwest Theatre and Film Association Conference

Nov. 3 - Dec. 1

John Scott Exhibit Opening Reception 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. University Gallery

Nov. 6

Staff Senate JAM 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Brumfield Caffey

Nov. 10

LSUA Movie Club "Road to Bali" 7 p.m. Nursing Auditorium

Nov. 14

AFA Gumbo Social 6:30 p.m. Brumfield Caffey

Nov. 16

Continuing Education Free Forum "Is Online Learning for Me?" 6 -7 p.m. Bo Nipper Building

Nov. 9 - 12

ESP Presents "The Colored Museum" 7:30 p.m. Kress Theatre

Nov. 21

Open House for prospective students 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Brumfield Caffey

Nov. 23-24

Thanksgiving Holiday, campus closed