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Pardon the inconvenience ...

Employees may have noticed that several construction projects are currently under way on the campus.

One-fourth of the Science Building will be off limits for the next few months while workers tackle a much-needed renovation project on the structure.

The west end of the second floor is roped off, with the first phase of the four-phase project well under way.

“We will do it a quarter at a time,” said Vice Chancellor David Wesse, who acknowledged that the project may be an inconvenience to people who use the building.

Some offices and classrooms have been relocated to make way for the renovation. The Clinical Laboratory Technician lab has moved to a temporary location in The



Trash bags full of insulation line a hallway on the second floor of the Science Building. The building is under renovation.

Learning Center at England Airpark. Although faculty members are having to share classroom and laboratory space with others, they are excited about the improvements.

“It’s inconvenient because of these improvements, but we’re all excited about what the outcome will be,” said Dr. David Huey, interim chair of the Department of Biological Sciences.

After this phase is complete, work will begin on the east end of the second floor. Each phase should take about six months, so the project should be completed in two years.

Meanwhile, work is progressing on new tennis courts behind the Fitness Center. The courts will be lighted, giving staff and faculty members a chance to play at night. The tennis courts should be finished late this summer.

CAPS 2005 a success

Children’s Academic Program for Summer (CAPS) was another success this year as 140 children converged on campus for a two-week camp that ended June 24.

Based on feedback from the participants, the children had fun “and learned a lot at the same time,” said Tammy Moreau, director of Continuing Education.

“The Continuing Education department would like to express, again, how much we appreciate all of the help and support from staff, faculty and the various campus departments during the last two weeks. ‘Thank You’ does not adequately express our appreciation – however, we do offer a sincere ‘Thank You!’ to all who have helped make CAPS a success,” she said.

Several faculty and staff members taught classes while University Police kept the campus safe.

Moreau issued a pat on the back to Web Services Coordinator Deran Schilling, “who used his magic” to



Assistant Professor of Health Sciences Sheryl Herring helps a CAPS student take measurements during a Mad Scientist class

pull together the first-ever CAPS webpage. You can access the CAPS page at caps.lsua.edu or from the Continuing Education webpage.

Campus Clipboard

Dr. Douglas Allen, professor of biology, has been named Rotary International Programs Service Director for the District Leadership Team of Rotary District 6190 beginning July 1. Allen is a member of the Rotary Club of Alexandria-Metro, where he will begin his fourth year as club secretary on July 1.

Linette Guillory, a library clerk who received her Bachelor of Liberal Studies in business in May, has been voted chairman of the National Payroll Week Campaign for the Acadiana Chapter of the American Payroll Association. As chairperson, she will plan events in Alexandria and Lafayette during National Payroll Week, which is celebrated Sept. 5-9 to honor America's wage earners and the payroll professionals who pay them. Linette will be the Acadiana chapter's treasurer next year.

Professor of English **Dr. Bernard Gallagher** has been appointed to serve as a judge in the Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines for the National Council of Teachers of English. The program is an NCTE-sponsored competition designed to honor quality literary magazines from middle schools, junior high schools and high schools in the United States and Canada, and to honor American schools abroad for excellence in writing. Each judge evaluates magazines submitted in their state.

Congratulations to Assistant Professor of Accounting **Adena LeJeune** on the birth of her son, Levi Paul LeJeune. Levi was born May 24 at St. Frances Cabrini Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 7.5 ounces and measuring 21 inches in length. Or as mom says, "He is fat and contented, and blue eyes and golden hair (for now)" like his sister Lydia.

Dr. Dorene Fox has agreed to be the Coordinator of Title III Programs and Director of the Advising Center. She will begin her new duties on Aug. 15 and will continue to teach in the Department of Mathematics and Physical Sciences.

ABL Management, the university's new food service contractor, began operations on July 1. Please welcome the new manager **Donna Pinder**, who comes to LSU



The Department of Allied Health twice in June hosted students from LaSalle, Winn and Rapides parishes who are participating in the Central Louisiana Area Health Education Center's A-HEC of a Summer Program. The program gives high school students opportunities to explore different careers in medicine. As part of their visit to LSU Alexandria, students got some hands-on experience in classes taught by faculty members Sheryl Herring and Cathy Robinson (pictured above).

Alexandria from Southern Polytechnic State University in Atlanta with 10 years experience in food service. Changes in the Magnolia Cafe will be gradual, but as Manager of Auxiliary Enterprises Eric Gossett says, "Donna and her crew will be working to establish a new face for food service in anticipation of the fall semester." Donna can be reached at Ext. 6430.

Free swim pool hours for the summer have been adjusted. The updated summer hours are as follows:

- Monday:** No Free Swim Hours
- Tuesday:** 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday:** 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday:** 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Friday:** 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

County agent gives gardening tips

Avoyelles Parish County Agent Dr. Carlos A. Smith entertained LSU Alexandria employees on June 28 during a first-ever Garden Party Luncheon on campus.

Smith used humor to give the audience some useful gardening tips. Working his magic, Smith made planters out of such items as a cinder block and an old shoe.

The luncheon also featured a Garden Treasures Sale, with proceeds benefiting the Staff Senate Scholarship Fund. Employees donated items for the sale, which netted about \$450.

Staff Senate President Lisa Mayeux gave certificates of appreciation to Georgia Cavanaugh who suggested the idea for the event, and to Betty Burns and Laurie Tanner for taking the lead in making the luncheon a success. Smith also was honored with a certificate for entertaining and educating the employees.

The luncheon and sale were so well received that similar events will likely be held in the future. "I think this is the start of something big," Mayeux said.



Avoyelles Parish County Agent Dr. Carlos Smith kept LSU Alexandria staff and faculty members entertained during a Garden Party Luncheon on June 28. Employees shared their favorite salads for the luncheon, a first for the university.

Picture this ...



PC Support Specialist Alan Henry helps set up computers for summer registration.



Dr. Walter Hollingsworth poses with students Jessie Monk, left, and Sam Adams before the start of a golf tournament on campus. The tournament raised money for the Department of Business Administration.



Susan Warford and her colleagues in Accounting Services kept things running smoothly during summer registration.



Criminal Justice instructor Mike Wright had the "easy job" during the Business Administration golf tournament. He was in charge of seeing whether anyone won the hole-in-one prize -- a Mazda sports car. Unfortunately, no one won.

Coming up this month ...

July

4 Independence Day Holiday

Campus closed.

5 Summer Sizzler

Campus Plaza from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

6 Campus Connection

Orientation session and activities for new students, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

7 Residual ACT, Caffey Annex

7 Campus Connection

Orientation sessions and activities for non-traditional students, 3-5:30 p.m.

8 Student Orientation

Regular orientation for new students, Coughlin Hall

18-20 Early registration for the Fall 2005 semester

19 Evening registration

31 Friends of the James C. Bolton Library

Annual membership meeting, 2-3 p.m. in the library

