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“SOMETIMES THE QUESTIONS ARE COMPLICATED AND THE ANSWERS ARE SIMPLE.” - Dr. Seuss

Zeta Phi Beta Hosts Annual Donation Drive

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LSU Shreveport's Psi Sigma Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta is hosting a toiletry drive for the Providence House this week.

“I have been a member of the Psi Sigma Chapter since spring 2009, and I remember doing a toiletry drive every fall around Thanksgiving,” said TaLisha Bacon, community health, junior.

This is an event that is hosted each year to help the Providence House. The majority of the Providence House funds come from private donations and foundations. The Providence House provides short term transitional housing for families in need.

The goal of the Providence House is to end the cycle of homelessness by helping families with programs that are offered.

“We know there will be many other drives going on at this time, but we ask for your help and donations to help these women with everyday items that may not be covered,” said Bacon.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority chose the Providence House because of its Zetas Helping Other People Excel initiative through the national sorority.

“I am concentrating in pre-occupational therapy, but I'm still deciding if I would like to go into social work for battered women,” said Bacon. “Due to personal reasons, the plight of battered women holds a dear spot for me.”

The Psi Sigma Chapter has a table set up every Common Hour in the UC through Friday to take donations.

Students Awarded SJF Scholarships

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Jennifer Middleton and Rebecca Wheeler are the Shreveport Journalism Foundation scholarship winners for the 2012 year. Wheeler received the Kerry Garland Memorial Scholarship while Middleton received the Orland Dodson Memorial Scholarship.

The SJF held its annual meeting and scholarship presentation banquet Nov 2 at Ralph & Kacoo's to discuss this year's final report and award two LSU Shreveport students scholarships.

The SJF invited both students and their guests to attend the annual end of the year meeting and to accept recognized for their achievement.

Middleton and Wheeler submitted an essay in hopes of receiving a scholarship that the SJF has given to students within a 100 mile radius of Shreveport since 1987.

“I had an idea of what I wanted to write and have worked really hard at my academics so I thought I would have a good shot,” said Wheeler, public relations, senior. “In my essay,



Photos by Julie Thomas

Rebecca Wheeler receives the Kerry Garland Memorial Scholarship.



Jennifer Middleton receives the Orland Dodson Memorial Scholarship.

I wrote about how public relations is not only the career I want to pursue but it really is the best fit for me.”

Each scholarship was worth \$1000 in discretionary money for the recipient to use it as see fit with a “no strings attached” policy according to SJF President Gregg Trusty.

The best thing about this scholarship is “we are able to do something for the students who want to pursue studies in our career,” said Trusty. “We love new members and new ideas any way we can get them.”

SJF specifically holds a meeting with all current board members to choose the recipients. The students were chosen solely based on the content of their writing. All names and identifiable content were removed from the essays so the identity of the writer remains unknown until the winners are selected.

“We look for the one with creativity; the one that stands out to us with potential and who really wants this,” said Tricia Grayson, SJF secretary.

The announcement of Wheeler's scholarship winning achievement was presented to her during her public relations: non-profit class by SJF President Trusty and Vice President See AWARD, pg. 3

LSU Shreveport Logs On to Faster Internet For Less

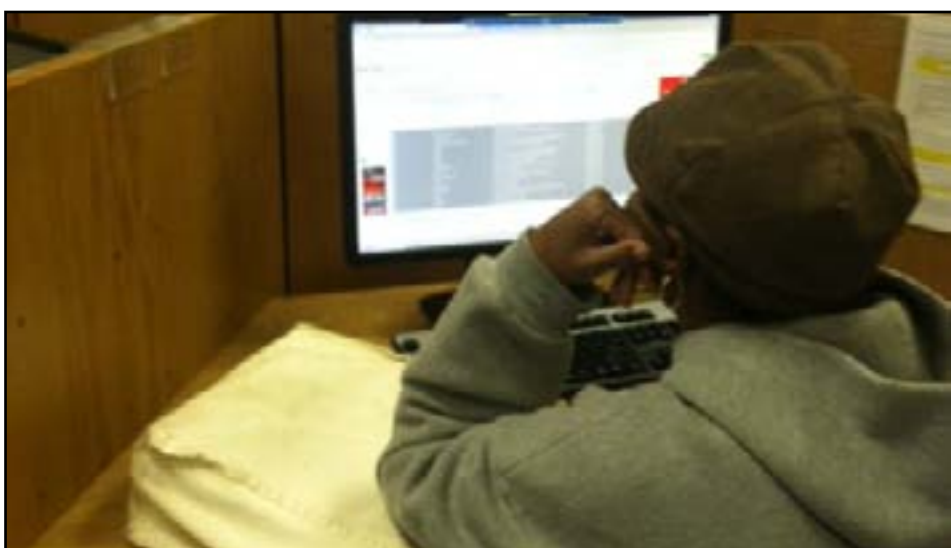


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Angela Hill, psychology, junior, surfs the campus-wide network in the library.

Rebecca Wheeler
 STAFF WRITER

LSU Shreveport students are now able to browse the campus-wide internet faster, while the university saves money.

The network system the university has been using revised their rates and offerings. This enabled LSUS to double their bandwidth from 50 megabytes per second to 100 and save money in the process.

Chief Information Officer Shelby Keith said Information Technology Services is always monitoring the university's bandwidth and looking for ways to better allocate financial resources.

According to Keith there are two costs associated with the network, a line and in-

ternet fee. The line fee remains unchanged and costs the university \$1,548 a month. The internet service was \$2,000 a month and it went down to \$1,800 a month.

The money that pays for the bandwidth is provided through a grant and is not part of the technology fee students pay each semester.

“The grant is actually through the College of Arts and Sciences,” Keith said. “Once the grant runs out the university will have to come up with the money from university funds, if we're not able to either renew that grant or try for another grant.”

Keith estimates that LSUS has about two years remaining on the grant.

The increase in megabytes should expedite processes affiliated with distance

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Campus Veterans Honored For Veteran's Day



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Veteran Shawn Bohannon, archives and special collections

Morgan Marshall
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Friday, LSUS Shreveport held a special commemorative program honoring active military and veterans.

It began with posting of the colors by the Barksdale Air Force Base Honor Guard, a performance of the National Anthem by Arther Chatman, and three commemorative speeches.

A number of people attended the program at 11 a.m., including active duty, veteran, and non-military.

Veteran and faculty member Shawn Bohannon, archives and special collections, attended the program.

"It makes me proud to see my fellow veterans there [at the ceremony], as well as interested people that took the time out of their day to come and pay homage to veterans," Bohannon said. "It's something as simple as a ceremony that reaffirms my own decision all those years ago to serve the country and honestly makes it all worthwhile."

Bohannon served in the Air Force for 21 years before retiring in June 2007 as a Master Sergeant. While in the Air Force he served as a law enforcement specialist for 10 years before training to be Air Force Historian, a position he held until retiring from the Air Force. Other than attending the commemorating program at LSUS, Bohannon is

also a member of the American Legion, 40 & 8 Society, as well as the VFW.

"A lot of young students who don't have a direct connection to the military, who don't have a family member or somebody in the military, are able to see that their fellow students are veterans," said Bohannon. "It's great that they have that opportunity to recognize them for the sacrifices that they've made on behalf of everybody."

The program commemorated all veterans, but a special focus was placed on students and faculty who had served.

"I can't really overstate the importance," Bohannon said. Bohannon also expressed his happiness that on-campus veterans were being honored, pointing out that a number of both students and faculty have served in the military, some even overseas. Bohannon said that he thought it was important for LSUS to recognize not only its own veterans, but also all those that have served in the military over the years.

Also among the audience were faculty members, military members, and students.

"I felt that the importance of the program to students was that it brings awareness on the importance of national security," said Kole Grain, chemistry, senior. "It also inspires students to obtain and utilize traits of valor, courage, and perseverance that were displayed by our veterans."

More Details Revealed About "ONE LSU"

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At their meeting last month, a new proposal was introduced to the Board of Supervisors for the Louisiana State University School System. The proposal was created by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, or AGB, and suggests a re-aligned Louisiana State University. The proposal is ultimately a vision for a completely re-structured LSU system and devises a system for one university with multiple campuses.

According to a report prepared by the AGB the proposal is a reflection of the growing need for Louisiana to reform in the area of higher education. The report states, "The Board of Supervisors' determination to move forward with a new and realigned Louisiana State University constitutes recognition of the need to become fully competitive in 21st century global education – and of the benefits of doing so."

Dr. Paul Sisson, LSU Shreveport Chancellor, believes that a realigned LSU would have sev-

eral benefits for our school and would be a real advancement for this campus.

"The things that appeal most to me, and that I think would be most beneficial for our region, are the single application to LSU, with an option to choose which campus you attend, the coordination of courses and programs, and the expanded offering of degree programs," said Sisson.

These benefits would mean that when a student applies to an LSU school, there would only be one application process, and the student would simply designate which campus they would like to attend. The coordination of courses programs would result in common course numbers and names, and would make it easier for students who transfer between campuses. And the expansion of degree programs would mean that every degree would be offered at every LSU campus.

Sisson stated that while meeting with a handful of the faculty, staff and SGA leaders last week, in an unofficial poll, a majority were in favor of the proposal, while a significant number were

undecided until more details about the proposal are announced.

Sisson himself is for the proposal at the moment, pending further details. He also believes that the proposal, or something like it, will be passed in the end.

"I think something along the lines of the AGB proposal is bound to pass, because the financial situation of the state calls for big and bold innovation. The details might differ slightly from what has been proposed so far," said Sisson.

One of the details of the proposal that is still unknown, is that of the LSU name. Sisson believes that there is a chance that LSUS could gravitate towards the name LSU, which would exemplify even further a newly aligned LSU system. However, this is still one of the many questions surrounding the proposal.

More details will undoubtedly be revealed in time. The next vote on the AGB's Proposal should be in the next two or three months, once teams and committees have time to form based on their positions about a restructured LSU system.

From Lawn Care to Painting, Facility Services Provides

Crystal Vandegriff
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

LSUS Shreveport students may think that the university runs like a well-oiled machine, but it takes a lot of work to keep it that way. The Department of Facility Services is in charge of all the tune-ups.

The most prominent example is the weekly lawn care, taken care of by university employees.

"We have 4 employees that care for about 256 acres of land, about 450 trees, and about 450 shrubs," said Donald Bloxom, director of facility services.

Other services include keeping the university's indoor pest population to a minimum, as well as making sure all equipment is kept up to code.

"We have a contractor treat the building for pests. The buildings are treated once a month or more often if needed," Bloxom said. "All facilities and systems are inspected – some monthly, some semi-annually, etc. The inspections are conducted by both university employees and contractors."

Two of the problems facing facility services are problems that are in large part student-driven. Litter and graffiti are problems that fall under the jurisdiction of facility maintenance.

Bloxom also adds that litter is not just a student problem but one that has been exacerbated

by both faculty and campus visitors.

Last week, two stalls in the first floor women's restroom of BH had to be dealt with.

"The stalls were repainted to hide the graffiti," Bloxom said, adding that such a thing is not an unusual occurrence.

So what happens to the students who perpetuate these problems? Rebecca Chiles, director of university police, said these students could face serious consequences.

"The person would receive a summons if caught," Chiles said. After the student receives the summons, an appropriate fine or punishment would be decided on.

History Matters to Professor Gary Joiner

And why he says it should matter to you, too...

Crystal Vandegriff
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

Students of all ages often grumble about required history courses, complaining that history is boring and worthless. With his latest book, *History Matters*, Dr. Gary Joiner, associate professor of history, is hoping to change all that.

In his office, you can see Joiner's love for history: the bookshelves are filled with old books and historical texts, as well as being decorated with re-creations of historical artifacts. It was here that Joiner spoke of how his latest book developed.

"I do a 4 1/2 minute segment on Red River Radio every Tuesday morning and we had talked about doing something to get people interested in history, and calling it 'History Minute' or something," Joiner said. "I started thinking, well, most people go through school, because they had coaches that teach history and they come out hating history...They get dates but they don't understand the connectivity of it and I want to try to rectify that."

Of his nearly 300 radio shows, Joiner picked 56 to include in the book.

"I picked 56 and divided them up into general categories, almost like chapters but they're really more like categories, and that's the book," Joiner said. "I tried to group things – national, international, broader philosophy. Some of [the stories] are older, some are newer and it's worked out really well."

History isn't the only cause that Joiner is passionate about; *History Matters* was developed as a fundraiser for Red River Radio.

"Every single penny goes to benefit Red River Radio," Joiner said. "It did very well for the network in the last funds drive. I just went over last week and signed right at 100 copies."

Joiner also has advice for students who feel that history is a waste of their time.

"It's absolutely not a waste of your time. As a historian, I tell my students that it's really like a soap opera, and sometimes it can move about as slow," Joiner said. "But, you have to see why you're here. If you don't know history, to paraphrase Michael Crichton, you're a leaf that doesn't know you're part of a tree."

Another project Joiner is looking forward to is the possibility of a history Master's program coming to LSUS.

"We have submitted the paper work for a Master's in history, so that's working its way," Joiner said. "If it does come about, we hope to have that next fall."

Joiner, a life-long history lover, also spoke of what motivated him to become a historian.

"This is going to sound strange but I knew I wanted to be a historian before I knew what it was, and certainly before I knew I could get a job doing it," Joiner said. "When I was a kid, my parents used to go up to the Ozarks for vacation in the summer. When I was about 4, we were up in Northwest Arkansas, close to the Missouri border, and at that time, the Pea Ridge Battleground was just going into the federal system – this was even before the centennial of the Civil War. My father talked to someone about these two little old ladies who were in their nineties and we went to Old Corn Tavern, which is their home and was there during the battle and they were there during the battle. At 4 and 6 years old,



Photo by Crystal Vandegriff

Dr. Gary Joiner, associate professor of history and author of the new book *History Matters*.

they served as scrub nurses for the surgeons...That struck me. I never looked back. That was powerful."

The book *History Matters* is now available through Red River Radio.

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Veterans Honored With Flag-Raising Ceremony



Counter-clockwise from top: members of the Barksdale Air Force Base Honor Guard raise the Flag to begin a Veteran's Day event at LSU Shreveport last Friday. More than 50 students, faculty and staff, many of whom were veterans, were in attendance. Attendees listened as Dr. Gary Joiner spoke about the history of the federal holiday. During the event, a U.S. Navy veteran played the National Anthem.

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Joanna Kresge

A flag-raising ceremony was held on Friday in honor of Veteran's Day. The ceremony was held at the flag pole on the University Center Mall.

Dr. Gary Joiner, associate professor of history, also appeared as a guest speaker, informing the audience of the historical significance of Veteran's Day and how it began.

