

Hurricanes test campus, community

Members of the Nicholls family have reason to be proud and relieved in the wake of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. The two devastating storms battered the Louisiana coast less than two weeks apart – Gustav on Sept. 1 and Ike on Sept. 12-13.

In an e-mail to the university community dated Sept. 18, Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, university president, attached a letter from Dr. Randy Moffett, president of the University of Louisiana System, praising Nicholls for going “above and beyond the call of duty with a spirit of collaboration and selflessness.”

Hulbert concurred: “Clearly, the hard work and dedication of staff did much to protect the university, ensure the safety and support of students and staff and respond to the needs of the broader community.”

Mike Davis, assistant vice president for administration, confirmed the university’s efforts were both comprehensive and successful. In a Sept. 29 memo, Davis outlined these efforts as well as the extent of campus property



Mike Davis, assistant vice president for administration, inspects post-Gustav ceiling damage in South Babington Hall.

Happy 60th birthday, Nicholls!

The Michael Foster Project, a brass band from Baton Rouge, leads the 60th anniversary second-line parade from Bollinger Memorial Student Union to the Quadrangle Tuesday, Sept. 23. Joining the band in the grand marshal’s position out front is Dr. Allayne “Laynie” Barrilleaux, assistant vice president for academic affairs.

damage:

- Emergency Planning Committee co-chairs Davis and Mike Naquin, controller and assistant vice president for finance, teamed with Brian Clausen, director of environmental health and safety, monitoring both storms for several days before they entered the Gulf of Mexico.
- When the storms threatened Nicholls, the Emergency Planning Committee met to decide on necessary action, based on the position, strength and probable course of the storms. Ultimately the committee decided to close the campus – and in the case of Gustav, to evacuate students to Louisiana Tech University.
- Although Ayo Hall has served for several

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Nicholls reports enrollment boosts

Despite the difficulties caused by the recent hurricanes, Nicholls recorded an enrollment increase this fall.

The current enrollment of 6,926 tops the fall 2007 figure by 44 students, with 2008 marking the second consecutive year of increases in both total freshman students and first-time freshman students – 183 and 61, respectively. Moreover, the number of full-time enrollees increased to 5,172, a 2.2 percent jump.

“I am quite pleased with this growth in the wake of Gustav and Ike,” said Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, university president. “Nicholls strives to

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Xing honored for professional excellence

The newest recipient of the Academic Council Salutes award is Dr. Cong-Cong Xing, associate professor of computer science.

“Dr. Xing is a leading researcher in his department,” said Dr. Badiollah Asrabadi, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “His research and scholarly activities have helped immensely toward reaccreditation of the computer science program, which was reviewed last year by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.”



Dr. Carroll Falcon, provost and vice president for academic affairs (left), and Dr. Badiollah Asrabadi (right), present the Academic Council's September 2008 award to Dr. Cong-Cong Xing.

Indeed, during the past five years Xing has been a prolific researcher, publishing eight papers in international and national journals and seven papers for international and national conferences – an average of three papers per year. His research interests include type theory of programming languages, with a focus on object-oriented and aspect-oriented languages; denotational semantics of programming languages; algebraic graph transformations and graph grammars; and computer science education.

In addition to publishing, Xing attended 18 regional, national and international conferences on computer science research and professional development, reviewed 33 journal and conference papers and chaired or co-chaired three international conference sessions.

Xing's professional associations include the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges and the Association for Computing Machinery.

For more information about the Division of Computer Science, visit <http://math.nicholls.edu/cmeps/index.asp>.

Eight hands playing, two hands turning



The university's 60th anniversary celebration climaxed with a monster piano concert in Talbot Theater. The event featured faculty, students and alumni performing together, via several combinations, on a Yamaha Grand and four new Steinway pianos. Pictured from left are Aimee Boudreaux, a 2007 music graduate; Leigh Torres, a 2007 music graduate; Elizabeth Arcement, a 2006 instrumental music education graduate; Holly Theriot, a 1994 music graduate; and Dr. Luciana Soares, assistant professor of music.

Students affirm top five campus improvements

From the field house to the dining hall, students at Nicholls recently declared their satisfaction with several campus upgrades since spring 2007.

The results of the spring 2008 ACT Student Opinion Survey listed the top five improvements as follows: athletics facilities, career planning services, the campus bookstore, food services and opportunities for student employment.

• Athletics Facilities

Nicholls recently installed new bleachers on the second level of Stopher Gym as well as a new backstop and bleachers at Didier Field. In addition, construction of a \$500,000 soccer field house – almost wholly donated by Pipeline and Construction Maintenance Inc. of Houma – is slated for completion during the spring 2009 semester.

“These improvements and additions to our athletics facilities provide a quality atmosphere for our athletes, contributing to a developing, competitive athletics program at Nicholls,” said John Kerry, president of Student Educators and Leaders and director of student rights and grievances for the Student Government

Association.

• Career Planning Services

Office of Career Services Director Kristie Tauzin Goulas said the university's career-planning marketing strategies have no doubt boosted student approval since spring 2007.

“Through class presentations and e-mails, we've been making a concerted effort to inform students of the services we offer, especially our online employment database where students can post their resumes and search for job opportunities,” Goulas said.

“This puts them one step closer to potential employers.”

Goulas said she appreciates the increased number of invitations from faculty members requesting classroom presentations.

• Campus Bookstore

Angelle Caillouet, campus bookstore manager, said the students' increased enthusiasm for the bookstore was almost certainly the result of the facility's recent remodeling.

“It has a nice, fresher, newer look,” Caillouet said.

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University featured on new, national Web site

A detailed portrait of Nicholls, one of the first institutions of higher education to join the Voluntary System of Accountability initiative, can now be accessed on the VSA's new College Portraits Web site at www.collegeportraits.org.

Featuring basic, comparable information about public colleges and institutions, the College Portraits were designed to be a non-biased source of reliable data for prospective students.

“Nicholls is proud to be among the first universities to participate in this program and, most importantly, to display readily accessible information about the institution on the program's Web page,” said Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, university president.

“This is a special university in that every effort is made to personalize the experience each student receives. The College Portrait is just one more means to inform students and their families about this fine university.”

In March 2008, the University of Louisiana System, Nicholls' governing body, was the first in the country to launch the portraits via individual university Web sites – posting

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Students benefit from wine and food event

The 13th annual Sponsor A+ Scholar Wine and Food Extravaganza will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, in the Cotillion Ballroom of the Bollinger Memorial Student Union.

Proceeds from the three-hour event will benefit Nicholls students with outstanding grades who demonstrate leadership ability. More than \$280,000 has been raised since the fundraiser began in 1996, with more than 200 Nicholls students having received scholarships.

"This event continues to demonstrate the strong commitment of the great friends and supporters of Nicholls," said Dr. David Boudreaux, vice president for institutional advancement. "Not only is the evening enjoyable for those who participate, but the funds we raise enable us to bring well-qualified students to our campus in ever greater numbers. We greatly appreciate the generosity of all who take part."

All food and wine is donated by area businesses and individuals, and the event will feature live music from Jazmine as well as silent and live auctions.

Items to be auctioned include an original primitive art painting by Alvin Batiste; a 2008 Mardi Gras print autographed by celebrities; a football autographed by Archie, Peyton and Eli Manning; a Sony Playstation 3; and a variety of fine wines from the cellars of Shirley Picou.

Tickets are \$75 per couple or \$50 per per-

son. Gold sponsorships are \$500 and include 20 tickets. Checks should be made payable to the NSU Foundation and mailed to the Nicholls Foundation, P.O. Box 2074, Thibodaux, LA 70310. For additional information, call the Office of Institutional Advancement at Ext. 4134.

Race for the Cure team seeks entrants

The Nicholls STEPs for Breast Health Program is forming a team to participate in the upcoming Susan G. Komen Bayou Region Race for the Cure, scheduled to kick off Saturday, Oct. 18, at Peltier Park in Thibodaux.

A one-mile run is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., followed by a five-kilometer run at 9 a.m.

Race for the Cure is a national series of 5K runs and fitness walks benefiting the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation – a supporter of breast cancer research, education, treatment and screening programs.

Those wishing to participate can pick up registration forms at University Health Services. The

completed form and \$20 fee must be returned to University Health Services by Thursday, Oct. 16.

Team members will receive a special team t-shirt and visor.

Participants can also take advantage of the \$20 pre-registration fee by registering at the "Party in Pink" on Friday, Oct. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Peltier Park in Thibodaux – or by registering online at www.komenbayouregion.org.

The public is also encouraged to save any Yoplait pink yogurt lids, because Yoplait will donate \$0.10 per lid, or up to \$1.5 million, to the benefit for each pink lid received by Dec. 31.

For more information, call Ext. 2600.

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years as the location of the Special Needs Shelter, the strength and projected course of Gustav prompted the Department of Health and Hospitals not to open the shelter. Nicholls does not generally operate shelters for the broader community.

- After Hurricane Katrina, Nicholls entered into other agreements with various state and parish governmental entities – agreements which remained in effect for Gustav and Ike. As a result of these, the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government stored vehicles and heavy equipment on campus to protect them from high water, and the Louisiana State Police operated its headquarters from



Within one week of Gustav's landfall, recovery personnel had cleared the campus for re-opening.

the Century Room at Guidry Stadium.

- Post-Gustav, Nicholls immediately agreed to new requests from various first responders. Ayo Hall was designated temporary housing for Troop C of the Louisiana State Police – nearly 200 troopers. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries was granted the use of parking lots at Guidry Stadium as a staging area for more than 50 vehicles and boats. The U.S. Coast Guard was cleared to store and protect two boats on campus, with several coast guard personnel receiving on-campus food and lodging. Also, Nicholls granted a request by the City of Houma to establish a kitchen for the public in the T. L. "Teddy" Duhè Building, which also served as housing for recovery workers.
- The main campus sustained approximately \$3.5 million in damages, \$1 million of which were inflicted upon the lights at Guidry Stadium. Additional structural damage to athletic facilities included the complete destruction of the softball outfield fence and scoreboard as well as the loss of about three-fifths of the baseball outfield fence. Approximately 35 other buildings on the main campus suffered varying degrees of roof damage, but overall the structural damage was minimal.



The softball scoreboard rests in its post-Gustav position.

- The Nicholls Farm, located on Thoroughbred Park Drive in Thibodaux; the Duhè Building in Houma; and the Sculpture Garden and Folk Art Studio in Chauvin survived Gustav with minor damage – but after Ike, the latter flooded. Recovery personnel are currently assessing the damage, which may only involve the cleaning of artwork.

"Nicholls was able to re-open within one week of landfall by Gustav and continued to serve as a staging area for personnel engaged in storm recovery," Davis noted. "Dedicated university staff, assisted by personnel from McNeese State University and Northwestern State University, were able to clear and secure the campus for the timely re-opening."

Economic strains prompt open enrollment

Given the current market conditions, the Teacher's Retirement System of Louisiana is allowing a special open enrollment, effective until Halloween.

To change carriers, participants must complete and submit the new Form 16A – Application for Optional Retirement Plan or

Change of Carrier – to TRSL by 4:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 31.

Form 16A can be found at www.trsl.org on the "Forms" Web page.

Participants also must complete enrollment forms for the new ORP carrier they select. The change of carrier, for purposes

of future contributions, will be effective upon the receipt of the completed Form 16A. For example, if the form is received in September, TRSL will make the change of carrier effective for September contributions.

For more information, call Ext. 2527.

\$12,275 in scholarships still available

Faculty and staff are encouraged to inform students of the many scholarship opportunities available for fall 2008.

Applications are obtainable in the Office of Financial Aid and should be returned no later than Tuesday, Oct. 14 – unless otherwise noted on the application. Students who have received other awards or participate in extra-curricular activities must attach a co-curricular activity reporting form to each application submitted. This form is available in Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services, located in Picciola Hall.

Available scholarships include:

- *The Braxton Hebert Memorial Scholarship in Education*
Amount: \$1,000

This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student enrolled in a degree program in the

College of Education. The recipient, who will hold the scholarship for two consecutive semesters, must be classified as a sophomore, junior or senior and have earned a 3.25 GPA or higher at the time of the award. To receive the scholarship for a second semester, the recipient must maintain a 3.25 GPA. Primary consideration will be reserved for residents of Louisiana. Should there be no qualified applicant from Louisiana, the scholarship may be awarded to any other student who meets the criteria.

- *The Camille Hebert Memorial Scholarship in Education*
Amount: 1,000

The requirements for this award are identical to those for the Braxton Hebert Memorial Scholarship in Education.

- *Charlene Crawley Scholarship*
Amount: \$250

This award is presented to a full-time student of at least sophomore standing with a minimum 3.40 GPA. Applicants must be Louisiana residents majoring in English, art, French, history or music.

- *The C. L. Jack Stelly & Associates, Inc. Excellence in Geomatics Scholarship*

Amount: \$1,250

This scholarship is awarded to a Louisiana resident majoring in geomatics at Nicholls. The recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student. Preference will be extended to the following students:

1. Those who have completed two years at the Louisiana Technical College's T. H. Harris Campus in Opelousas and received an associate's degree with an emphasis in surveying;
2. Those who have completed two years at another technical or community college in Louisiana and received an associate's degree with an emphasis in surveying;
3. Current Nicholls students, of at least junior standing, majoring in geomatics with a 2.50 overall GPA.

Provided the recipient meets all the above criteria, maintains a 2.50 overall GPA and is classified as a junior, he or she may keep this scholarship for four semesters. An entering freshman can keep the scholarship

"Lessons Learned from WWII"



The lecture portion of the 60th anniversary celebration featured Günter Bischof, chair of the history department of the University of New Orleans, discussing American and European diplomatic history of the 20th century. Bischof delivered his lecture in Talbot Theater.

for eight semesters.

- *The Danos Family Foundations Endowed Scholarship*
Amount: \$500

Residents from the South Lafourche area who receive federal Pell Grants are eligible for this award. The recipient must be enrolled at Nicholls as a full-time student and must have completed his or her freshman year with a GPA of 3.00 or better. Sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible for this scholarship. The recipient may receive the award for up to six semesters provided the above criteria are met.

- *First American Bank Scholarship (five available)*
Amount: \$500

These awards are presented to full-time students with low to moderate family income. Applicants must maintain a minimum 2.50 GPA and reside in one of the following parishes: Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, St. Charles or St. James. One recipient will be selected from each of parish. The scholarship is valid for one semester.

- *Florine A. Petit Education Scholarship*

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CAUGHT YOU WORKING?

Employee Photo of the Week

Deborah Raziano, director of alumni affairs, and Mike Davis, assistant vice president for administration, dance to the rhythms of the Michael Foster Project in the Quadrangle during the Nicholls 60th anniversary birthday party.

NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

Calendar of Events OCT. 2 - OCT. 13, 2008

Thursday, Oct. 2

- Football vs. Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 6:35 p.m., televised on ESPNU.

Friday, Oct. 3

- Women's Soccer vs. Sam Houston State, Thibodaux, 4 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball vs. Central Arkansas, Thibodaux, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 4

- Women's Volleyball vs. Northwestern State, Thibodaux, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5

- Women's Soccer vs. Stephen F. Austin, Thibodaux, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

- Sponsor A+ Scholar Wine and Food Extravaganza, 7 p.m., Cotillion Ballroom, Bollinger Memorial Student Union.

Thursday, Oct. 9

- Make up day for Tuesday/Thursday and Thursday evening classes lost to Hurricane Gustav.

Friday, Oct. 10

- Make up day for Friday classes lost to Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.
- Women's Soccer vs. Texas-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 7 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball vs. Stephen F. Austin, Nacogdoches, Texas, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11

- Football vs. Northwestern State, Natchitoches, La., 6 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball vs. McNeese State, Lake Charles, La., 4 p.m.
- Men's and Women's Cross Country, Watson Ford Invite, Clinton, Miss.

Sunday, Oct. 12

- Women's Soccer vs. Texas State, San Marcos, Texas, 1 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13

- Seventh week grades available for students.

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Amount: \$200

This scholarship is awarded to a full-time student majoring in education. The recipient must be of at least junior standing, a resident of the Tenth Ward of Lafourche Parish, maintain a 2.50 GPA and be able to show financial need.

- *Gilbert Cheramie Boats, Inc. Scholarship*

Amount: \$300

Children whose parents work for Gilbert Cheramie Boats Inc. are eligible for this award, provided they maintain a 3.00 GPA and full-time status.

- *The Helen Alene Melancon Excellence in Communicative Disorders Endowed Scholarship*

Amount: \$375

This award is presented to a high school graduate who demonstrates strong academic and leadership achievements and plans to major in communicative disorders at Nicholls. The recipient must demon-

strate financial need and be enrolled as a full-time student. He or she may keep the scholarship for four years, provided all the above criteria are met and a 2.80 overall GPA is maintained.

- *The Helen Alene Melancon Excellence in Men's Baseball Endowed Scholarship Awards*

Amount: \$375

Awarded to a high school graduate who demonstrates strong academic and leadership achievements, this scholarship is reserved for a student who will compete in intercollegiate baseball at Nicholls. The recipient must demonstrate financial need, be enrolled as a full-time student and be NCAA-eligible. He may keep the scholarship for four years, provided all the above criteria are met and a 2.80 overall GPA is maintained.

- *The Helen Alene Melancon Excellence in Women's Softball Endowed Scholarship Awards*

Amount: \$375

With requirements identical to the Helen Alene Melancon Excellence in Men's Baseball Endowed Scholarship, this award is reserved for a student who will compete in intercollegiate softball at Nicholls.

- *Lorraine M. Cooks Memorial Scholarship*

Amount: \$200

A minimum 3.20 GPA is required for this scholarship, presented to a full-time, senior education major who student-teaches during the current semester.

- *Louisiana Society Of Professional Surveyors Education Foundation*

Amount: \$500

This scholarship is awarded to a full-time freshman majoring in geomatics. The recipient must maintain a 3.00 overall GPA.

- *The Nicholas Laughlin Memorial Scholarship*

Amount: \$250

Awarded to a full-time student of at least junior status,

majoring in either information systems or computer science, this scholarship is reserved for a resident of Lafourche, Terrebonne or Assumption Parishes. The recipient must maintain at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA.

- *The Norman Swanner Scholarship for Student-Athletes (two available)*

Amount: \$250

This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has exhausted his or her athletic eligibility. One scholarship will be awarded to a student-athlete who participated in football and one to a student-athlete who participated in any sport. Recipients must demonstrate financial need and have the minimum GPA necessary to graduate in his or her curriculum.

- *R.H. "Dickie" and Charlene Barker Excellence in Marine and Environmental Biology Endowed Scholarship*

Amount: \$500

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Webb honored by conference

Senior football phenomenon Lardarius Webb was named Southland Conference Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance against Division I-FBS Memphis, the conference office announced Monday, Sept. 22.

In the first game of the season, Webb demonstrated why he was a consensus preseason All-American as he returned a blocked field goal 70 yards for a score. The touchdown put the Colonels up 7-3 in the second quarter and helped aid Nicholls in a 10-10 tie at half-

time. Sophomore Kyle Hughes was credited with the block.

A senior from Opelika, Ala., Webb added three kickoff returns and one punt return, registering seven solo stops on defense.

For the Nicholls football schedule, visit <http://geauxcolonels.cstv.com/sports/m-footbl/sched/nist-m-footbl-sched.html>.



Webb

Colonels defeat Lady Lions in opening SLC match

The Colonel volleyball team won the opening match of Southland Conference play Friday, Sept. 26, at the University Center in Hammond, defeating Southeastern Louisiana 3-1 and improving to 3-7 for the year.

"This is a great way to start off conference play," said head coach Chris Laird. "Our women did a phenomenal job and I'm so proud of them for coming back after losing that first set and getting the win."

Leading Nicholls were junior Manieka Golden of Porter, Texas, and freshman Rachel Yezak of Houston, Texas, who both tallied 13 kills on the night. Senior Chelsey Adams of Gulf Breeze, Fla., and junior Rachel Spreen of Houston, Texas, each posted nine kills.

Yezak finished the match with a double-double, adding 14 digs to her ledger.

Senior Enjoli Ford of New Orleans led the Colonels with 20 digs, while junior Amy Whitehead of San Antonio, Texas – who had 42 assists – was second on the squad with 16 digs.



Ford

The Colonels logged 52 kills as a team, while recording 84 digs for the night.

"They really stayed in the match and worked hard to defeat a really tough Southeastern Louisiana team," Laird said. "This is a good win for us and I'm pleased that we've started out conference play 1-0."

For the Nicholls volleyball schedule, visit <http://geauxcolonels.cstv.com/sports/w-volley/sched/nist-w-volley-sched.html>.

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detailed data on student progress, tuition, costs, degree offerings and campus safety. Now, with the new VSA Web site, the data are all available in one location.

Funded by a grant from the Lumina Foundation, the VSA and College Portraits are sponsored by two nonprofit organizations in Washington, D.C. – the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. More than 80 higher education leaders from 70 public institutions were involved in developing the program.

In addition to the VSA Web site, the Nicholls College Portrait is accessible via the "About Nicholls" dropdown menu on the Nicholls home page.

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recruit the better prepared students, not only in the Bayou Region, but throughout Louisiana and beyond. I commend our regional K-12 schools for their success in preparing students for college."

Such academic excellence is reflected in the current enrollment statistics. One out of four entering freshmen scored 24 or better on the ACT test, with the overall ACT score for first-time freshmen increasing by 0.31 points to 21.51 – exceeding state and national aver-

ages. In addition, the total number of first-time freshmen receiving Taylor Opportunity Plan for Students (TOPS) awards increased to 57.1 percent of the entering class – and valedictorian scholarships increased by 30 percent.

"The new student housing at Nicholls is a major factor in drawing such highly prepared students," said Larry Howell, associate provost. "Our new facilities, combined with the university's multifaceted recruiting efforts, have indeed been

successful in that regard."

The geographic diversity among Nicholls enrollees also continues to improve. While most students traditionally hail from Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes, the number of enrollees from St. James, Jefferson and Assumption Parishes increased by 9.8 percent, 10.1 percent and 3.4 percent, respectively. Moreover, the total number of international students at Nicholls jumped to 148 – a 23.3 percent increase – with the total number of first-time freshman international students more than doubling.

"As we continue to grow and improve, we attract more and more high quality students from an increasingly diverse background," Howell said. "This too is part of the

university's energetic recruitment efforts."

Additionally, the number of high school students who have taken advantage of the Board of Regents Dual Enrollment Program has more than tripled this fall. Nearly 300 high school students from around the area are enrolled in Nicholls courses for which they will receive not only high school credit but college credit.

Other substantial enrollment boosts were reported by the John Folse Culinary Institute, Department of Teacher Education, Department of Applied Sciences and the Department of Accounting and Information Systems – with total student increases of 52, 49, 46 and 39, respectively.

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Awarded to a full-time graduate student majoring in marine and environmental biology, this scholarship is reserved for a resident of either Lafourche or Terrebonne Parish. The recipient may keep the scholarship for four semesters, provided he or she meets all the above criteria and maintains a 3.00 overall GPA.

- *The SGA International Student Scholarship*

Amount: \$500

Full-time international students enrolled at Nicholls are eligible for this award, provided they maintain a 2.75 GPA. Applicants must also submit a 300-word essay stating why they deserve the scholarship, along with a letter of recommendation from a faculty or

staff member. The recipient may receive this scholarship for more than one semester, but not consecutively.

- *SGA Leadership Scholarship*

Amount: \$200

Reserved for a non-traditional freshman, this scholarship is awarded to students with at least a 2.00 GPA. The application may be picked up in the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services.

- *Stuart A. Lirette, Senior, Memorial Scholarship in Environmental Quality Studies*

Amount: \$500

Awarded to a TOPS-qualified student majoring in biology with a concentration in environmental biology, this scholarship requires the recipi-

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Other contributing factors included the store's online book-ordering feature as well as the new logo and the women's line of clothing, she said.

- *Food Services*

David Wait, general manager of food services, said the survey results stemmed from the recent overhaul of the features and practices at campus dining facilities.

"We have a more modern, more inviting look, and our employees are now required to take a customer service training course, resulting in a much more attentive and service-oriented atmosphere," Wait said.

The university's decision last year to hire Richard Curtis, a certified executive chef, nutritionist and dietician, also served as a turning point, Wait said. Curtis was charged to improve the menu with southeast Louisiana cuisine as well as teach at the John Folse Culinary Institute.

Alex Barnes, president of the Student Government Asso-

ciation, said these actions have had a positive effect on students: "Our university's food services have greatly improved in recent years. Not only do we now have great facilities, but the staff's positive attitude makes it that much better."

- *Student Employment*

Echoing Caillouet, Rachel Babin, assistant director of financial aid for student employment, said the students' enthusiasm regarding student employment opportunities at Nicholls is the direct result of marketing efforts.

"We started informing students of employment prospects through their student e-mail accounts," Babin said. "This helps keep it at the forefront of their minds."

Kerry concurred, adding that since he arrived at Nicholls, "opportunities for student employment have tremendously increased. Our university continues to implement and provide more options of employment for the student body."

ent to be a full-time student with an overall 2.50 GPA.

- *Thibodaux Service League Scholarship (two available)*

Amount: \$500

Recipients must be full-time students, of at least sophomore standing, with a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA. Prior-

ity will be given to applicants from the Thibodaux area who demonstrate outstanding character and reputation through volunteerism in the community or at Nicholls. Applications are due Nov. 14.

For more information on these scholarships, call Ext. 4411.

Reminder!

As of Wednesday, Oct. 1, the parking fine for all violations excluding no-permit citations is \$50.

Fines for moving violations and handicap violations remain \$50 and \$250, respectively.

A tribute to Nicholls pioneers



As part of the 60th anniversary celebration, Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, university president (standing), honors charter faculty members at a retiree breakfast in the Plantation Suite of the Bollinger Memorial Student Union.

Solution to Aug. 27 Sudoku Puzzle

6	2	9	7	4	1	5	8	3
5	7	3	8	2	6	9	4	1
8	1	4	9	5	3	7	6	2
2	9	5	4	3	7	8	1	6
4	3	1	6	9	8	2	7	5
7	8	6	2	1	5	4	3	9
3	5	8	1	7	9	6	2	4
1	4	7	5	6	2	3	9	8
9	6	2	3	8	4	1	5	7

Puzzle by websudoku.com

Inside Nicholls Items

- **Dr. Carol Britt**, director of the School of Fine Arts and associate professor of music, performed during the closing recitals of the American Organ Archive's Fall Organ Tour in New Hampshire and Vermont. Britt performed on a one-manual organ built in 1868 by Samuel Hedge, a New Hampshire organ builder.
- Four papers by **Dr. Jim Cater**, assistant professor of management, were recently accepted for publication. The first two, approved by the Academy of Strategic Management Journal and co-authored by **Dr. Ken Chadwick**, associate professor of management, were titled "Response to Hurricane Katrina: A Small Business Approach" and "Raising Cane's Response to Hurricane Katrina." The second two papers – titled "The Development of Successors from Followers to Leaders in Small Family Firms: An Exploratory Study" and "The Development and Implementation of Shared Leadership in Multi-generational Family Firms" – were co-authored by Dr. Bob Justis of LSU and published respectively in the Family Business Review and Management Research News.
- **Dr. Deborah Cibelli**, professor of art, presented a research paper titled "Faith and Fear: The Pilgrimage Experience at the Chauvin Sculpture Garden by Kenny Hill" at the SECAC Southeastern College Art Conference, conducted Sept. 27 in New Orleans. Cibelli also contributed the introduction to the book "Heatoffact: The Visionary Environment of Kenny Hill," which features more than 70 photographs by Karin Eberhardt and a forward by Dennis Sipiorski, both faculty members of Southeastern Louisiana University. The project was supported by a grant awarded to the Friends of the Chauvin Sculpture Garden from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council as administered by the Houma Regional Arts Council.
- **Anne Parr**, assistant professor of culinary arts, represented the John Folse Culinary Institute at the 2008 Women Chefs and Restaurateurs Conference in New Orleans. Parr was joined by several female culinary arts students at the conference, themed "Reinventing Ourselves Through Cultural Diversity." The conference kicked off Sept. 20.

Nicholls Trivia Teaser



Measured in millibars, what was Hurricane Gustav's lowest recorded air pressure?

Submit answers by e-mail to graham.harvey@nicholls.edu or by telephone to Ext. 7059 by Monday, Oct. 6. Responders with the correct answer will be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate to be used at Sodexo's retail food vendors located on campus.

The answer to the Aug. 27 Trivia Teaser is Kenneth Zeringue of Thibodaux. He drafted a resolution in the early 1970s, endorsed by the Nicholls Student Senate, that encouraged "streaking" on campus. There was no winner for the Aug. 27 trivia teaser.

Oct. 2 Sudoku Puzzle

		3				8	6
	9			6	5	2	
2			8			1	7
			5		8	1	
				4			
		9	1		6		
7	2				3		1
		8	4	7		5	
6	3					7	

Puzzle by websudoku.com

Answer to this issue's puzzle will be published in the next issue.

Bienvenue! Au revoir!

- Nicholls welcomes the following new employees: **Scottie Adams**, horticultural attendant for the Office of Grounds; **Amanda Barras**, parent coordinator for the Family Service Center; **Brea Bergeron**, case manager for the Le Cirque Family Service Center; **Melissa Bolt**, custodian

1 for the Office of Auxiliary Services; **Jared Domangue**, computer specialist for the Office of Computer Services; **Rose Duncan**, custodian 1 for the Office of Residence Life; **Misty McElroy**, campus photojournalist for the Office of University Relations; **Blaine Prejeant**, laborer for the Office of Operations and

Maintenance; **Chastity Ricouard**, administrative coordinator 3 for the College of Arts and Sciences; **Kathleen Robinson**, administrative assistant 3 for the Office of Residence Life; and **Susan Washington**, custodian 1 for the Office of Custodial Services.

- Nicholls bids farewell to the following

employees: **Dr. Deborah Bordelon**, dean of the College of Education, resigning effective Dec. 13; **Tamekia Livingston-Willis**, case manager for the Family Service Center, who resigned Sept. 12; and **Linda Peltier**, budget officer for the university, who will retire effective Dec. 26.

Have some university-related news that you would like to share with other faculty and staff members?

Send it to "Inside Nicholls" at graham.harvey@nicholls.edu.

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