

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Nicholls family,

As we re-open the university for the Spring 2009 semester, the financial challenges that have been facing our nation have taken hold in Louisiana. In turn, the resulting decline in state revenues has brought mid-year budget reductions to most governmental agencies, including that of higher education.

In December, members of the university family may have seen initial mid-year budget reduction figures amounting to \$2.5 million for Nicholls. That figure was subsequently reduced to \$1.5 million, but the impact is nonetheless severe and disruptive.

Comments by higher education leadership in Baton Rouge suggest that the cuts to higher education are manageable because the institutions shared a \$34.7 million pool of new dollars in 2008-09. Even with the cuts, higher education is seen as still being at the Southern Regional Education Board average for funding.

As Nicholls reached the Southern average in 2007-08, the university did not receive new dollars in 2008-09. In fact, the university's overall budget reflected a reduction in appropriation of approximately \$51,000. Even with a tuition increase, the university budget for 2008-09 has been severely challenged. The subsequent impact of hurricane season in 2008 and the resulting loss of revenue have only intensified the challenges faced by Nicholls in maintaining a balanced operating condition.

Each of us at Nicholls recognizes the severity of the financial situation nationally and in Louisiana. In turn, we fully accept our responsibility to address the university's share of higher education's budget reductions while making every effort to maintain the integrity of the academic program.

This administration has submitted the required Budget Reduction Plan amounting to the full \$1,456,276. Expenditures in travel, supplies and capital outlay are included among the most significant reductions. Travel has been reduced by \$125,000. Supplies have been reduced by \$221,454, including \$50,000 for fuel, \$99,852 for educational supplies and \$71,602 for additional supplies. Capital outlay has been reduced by \$175,000, including \$110,000 for library and scientific equipment, \$50,000 for library reference material and \$15,000 for general equipment. This week, departments will receive an e-mail from our university budget officer discussing some of the specifics of this budget reduction.

As a result of the budget cuts, students will be affected primarily by decreases in course offerings and increases in class sizes – necessary to compensate for the decrease in adjunct faculty funding and the freezing of full-time faculty and staff positions. Library acquisitions and operating hours, other lab hours, employment opportunities and scholarship offerings will be reduced as well, along with funding for Quality Enhancement Plan initiatives, the Louisiana Center for Women and Government and the Louisiana Center for Dyslexia and Related Learning Disorders. These reductions may subsequently inhibit the university's ability to meet certain recommendations of accreditation agencies.

Regarding the effect of the proposed cuts on faculty and staff, the Nicholls administration has sought to preserve positions and pay. No personnel reductions are expected at this time, but vacant positions remain frozen – a decision that was made in late 2008, prior to the initiation of the budget cut, to counteract hurricane expenses and the resulting loss of revenue.

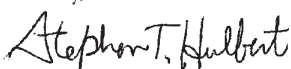
The required budget adjustments are being implemented at this time and affect all areas of the university's operating budget, as well as that of athletics. Because of lost game guarantees and other areas of revenue generation resulting from canceled football competitions as well as increased athletic program costs in general, athletics is undergoing a budget reduction of \$471,195 to ensure a balanced operating condition by the June 30th fiscal year end. This represents a reduction of approximately 8.5 percent of the initial FY 2008-09 budget for athletics.

The 2008-09 budget situation is still a "work in progress" as there are remaining unknowns. The most significant of which involves the decision of state-level higher education that each university will absorb a portion of its spring 2009 Go Grants as well as the full cost of its dual enrollment program. The Go Grants Program is the need-based scholarship initiative that was implemented by the state in 2007-08.

I remain confident that we can maintain the academic core in support of our students, but I understand full well that there will be an impact on existing services. Every effort will be made to minimize that impact. The patience and support of every member of the university family will be needed to fulfill our shared obligations here.

I will provide the university family with periodic reports regarding the financial challenges that we face together.

Sincerely,



Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert



Chatagnier to receive Dunbar Award



"Cheyenne"

Ronald "Cheyenne" Chatagnier, electrician foreman for the Office of Operations, will be recognized at the 50th annual Dunbar

Awards luncheon, slated for Friday, Jan. 30, at the New Orleans Doubletree Hotel. A 21-year employee of Nicholls, Chatagnier has been designated an Honorable Mention awardee.

The Dunbar Award is the highest honor that classified state employees can receive for their service to the citizens of Louisiana. The Civil Service League bestows the award on local, state and municipal civil service employees who distinguish themselves via unselfish service. Nominees are judged on commitment to the classified service, contributions toward workplace improvement, personal initiative and volunteer community service.

Nicholls veteran receives honorary doctorate



Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, university president, presents Dr. Alfred Delahaye, professor emeritus of journalism, an honorary doctor of letters diploma as Dr. Badiollah Asrabadi, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Carroll Falcon, provost and vice president of academic affairs, adorn Delahaye with a ceremonial sash. Pictured from left are Asrabadi; Dr. Deborah Bordelon, former dean of the College of Education; Delahaye; Falcon; Dr. Albert Davis, dean of University College; Hulbert; and Dr. Alton Doody, dean of the John Folse Culinary Institute. Delahaye, who joined the Nicholls faculty in 1957, was presented the degree on Dec. 13, 2008, at the university's fall commencement in Houma.

In the Kitchen

Nutty Chocolate Clusters

6-8 oz. white chocolate morsels
 3 1/2 oz. graham crackers
 1 cup chopped macadamia nuts
 12 oz. dark chocolate



Line a cookie sheet with baking parchment or wax paper. Break the graham crackers into very small pieces. Melt the white chocolate in the microwave at 30-second intervals, until melted and smooth. Stir the graham cracker pieces and chopped nuts into the melted white chocolate. Place heaping teaspoons of the mixture onto the prepared cookie sheet, chill in refrigerator until set, then remove clusters from baking parchment. Melt the dark chocolate in the microwave and allow to cool slightly. Dip the clusters into the melted dark chocolate, allowing the excess to drip back into the bowl. Return the clusters to the cookie sheet and chill in refrigerator until set.

Have a favorite recipe you'd like to share with Nicholls faculty and staff? Send it to graham.harvey@nicholls.edu.

Fremin's business is no longer 'picking up'



Larry Fremin buffs the floor in Elkins Hall prior to his Jan. 7 retirement from Nicholls.

Hurricane Gustav struck.

Years ago when Fremin learned of the birthday of an Elkins Hall worker, he placed a "Happy Birthday, Wanda Loupe" sign on his cart. He soon began collecting birthday dates for annual signs, and George Caballero of the Office of the Controller volunteered to make any computer sign Fremin wanted. When Caballero left in the 1990s, Lisa Duet of the Office of Finance and Administration volunteered to be his sign maker, he said.

Only two people ever asked him not to publicize their birthdays, but many asked him to do so. He customarily asked anyone new to the buildings to tell him their birthday. When someone from a distant building asked him to publicize her birthday, he said she did not qualify. But when her job shifted to his buildings, he added her to his birthday list.

He modified his cart some years ago to accommodate little flags and certain signs. He even had trash bags air-brushed with a turkey design or Mardi Gras masks or whatever was appropriate for certain seasons. He always saluted holidays, especially Veterans Day, when he placed his own photograph on his cart. For St. Patrick's Day, he would wear a leprechaun outfit.

Elkins Hall custodian Larry Fremin has given up his janitorial rolling cart and all the signs on it that said happy birthday and "My Business Is Picking Up." He retired on Jan. 7 at age 76.

Elkins and Picciola hall personnel are already saying they will miss their annual birthday notices that prompted many phone calls and good wishes from friends and colleagues.

Fremin had been out on sick leave since early September. Doctors told him he had to stop working because of injuries he suffered while riding as a passenger in a three-car accident in Marksville just before

Nicholls seals international deal with Korean university



Dr. Sung-Jin Kim, dean of the College of International Studies at Hallym University, and Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert (right), president of Nicholls, sign an inter-institutional exchange agreement in the President's Conference Room of Picciola Hall.

Administrators of Nicholls and Hallym University – based in Chuncheon, South Korea – signed an agreement Tuesday, Jan. 6, to facilitate and develop friendly inter-institutional relations and academic cooperation.

"This relationship with Hallym is the first of a series of partnerships between Nicholls and international institutions," said Dr. Stephen T.

Hulbert, president of Nicholls. "We anticipate further agreements with institutions in Asia, as well as institutions in South America, in the near future."

The Hallym pact stresses improved intercultural understanding and enhanced educational opportunities for students from both schools. Exchanges in all fields of common

interest are promoted, including student and faculty exchange, collaborative research and the creation of educational materials.

The agreement also offers Hal-

lym exchange students access to the Nicholls College of Business Administration's master of business administration program – provided certain qualifications are met.

REMINDER:

The university will be closed Monday, Jan. 19, for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Professionals rewarded for quality achievement



Winners of the 16th annual Quality Achievement Awards include University Police Lt. Steve Tullis; Stacey Guidry, director of disability services and crisis intervention coordinator; and Catherine Arcement, administrative coordinator 2 for financial aid. Pictured from left are Larry Howell, associate provost; Tullis; Guidry; Arcement; and Dr. Eugene Dial, vice president for student affairs and enrollment services.

The Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services has announced the recipients of the 16th annual Quality Achievement Awards, recognizing the most outstanding employees of 2008 in the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services.

Catherine Arcement, administrative coordinator 2 for financial aid, received the Joanne C. Ferriot Office Support Award; University Police Lt. Steve Tullis received recognition in the opera-

tions support category; and Stacey Guidry, director of disability services and crisis intervention coordinator, received the Bonnie J. Bourg Professional Staff Award and the Employee of the Year parking space.

In addition, each honoree received a Student Affairs Quality Achievement Medal and mon-

etary award provided by Pro-NSU.

Award recipients are selected based on their self-motivation, enthusiasm, willingness to perform beyond the call of duty and positive representation of the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services and/or the university.

To be eligible, awardees must have been employed by Nicholls for at least one year.

New communications policy established at Nicholls

In order to maintain consistent, professional communications at Nicholls, a procedure for review and approval has been implemented by the President's Executive Council and Cabinet. Reviewing requirements for a particular type of communications product or project apply to anyone producing it, no matter the source of funding or labor.

The following materials require approval of the Strategic Communications Planning Committee:

- Admissions search materials;
- The Nicholls Web site home page;
- Video and multimedia for the Web or other use;
- Television and radio commercials and broadcasts; and
- Large outdoor displays, including billboard advertisements.

The Office of University Relations and the Office of Printing and Design Services must review and approve the following:

- The athletics Web site home page;
- Print advertisements with university-wide and non-

university-wide themes;

- Academic and non-academic newsletters and program brochures;
- Flyers, posters and other communications for University-wide events as well as departmental, school and athletic events; and
- Invitations and tickets.

Materials that require the approval only of the Office of Printing and Design Services include:

- Logos, including those for student organizations using official Nicholls graphics;
- Covers of athletics media guides for revenue-generating sports;
- Clothing and other products displaying the Nicholls logo;
- Letterheads, business cards and other stationery; and
- Signs and vehicle emblems.

In addition, The Colonel newsletter and the Jubilee festival magazine must be reviewed and approved by the publications' respective editorial boards.

For more information, contact Dr. Rebecca Pennington, assistant vice president for development and university relations, at Ext. 4010.

CAUGHT YOU WORKING! Employee Photo of the Week



Danielle Whittaker, administrative assistant 4 for the Office of Plant Operations, takes a phone call in her Elkins Hall office.

'Unmasking their potential'

In 1993, the Louisiana branch of the Orton Dyslexia Society – now the International Dyslexia Association – hosted an international conference in New Orleans themed “Masked Potential.” This theme has since been repeated at other conferences and presentations throughout Louisiana.



Langston

Disorders has introduced its own twist.

“Unmasking Their Potential,” a one-day conference for parents, teachers, guidance counselors and anyone else interested in making a difference in

the lives of students with dyslexia, is slated to kick off Saturday, Jan. 31, in the Peltier Hall auditorium.

Rob Langston, chairman and CEO of the For the Children See **Unmasking**, page 8

BEHIND THE NAME

Elkins Hall memorializes campus pioneer

(Editor's Note: Dr. Alfred Delahaye, professor emeritus of journalism, has agreed to write a series of articles on how and why campus buildings got their names. The first appears below.)

The oldest building on campus did not become Elkins Hall until 1964 when President Vernon F. Galliano got state board approval to name it in memory of Charles Calvert Elkins. The building's namesake died Dec. 29, 1963, six months after retiring to Jonesville after a 15-year tenure as dean and president.

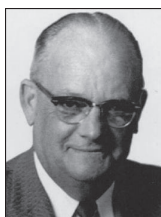
Area residents were somewhat startled to learn in 1948 that LSU had chosen as dean of Francis T. Nicholls Junior College a north Louisiana Baptist. But in 1963 more than 400 well-wishers attended a testimonial banquet in Shaver Gym and heard the president of LSU say that Nicholls enrollments had risen 25 percent in 1957, 46 percent in 1958 and 25 percent in 1961. He said Elkins had "pioneered with unmistakable success."

People who knew Elkins well remember him as an outgoing, charming gentleman and a decisive administrator who had confidence in his subordinates.

Here is a concise biography:

Born Nov. 19, 1900, on a 400-acre farm in Union Parish, youngest of nine children; bachelor's degree in mathematics education in 1926 at Natchitoches where he was cited as handsomest man on campus; married Addie Eugenia Randall of Manifest Aug. 24, 1924; M.A. in education from LSU in 1934; teacher, principal,

supervisor, superintendent in Catahoula Parish, 1923-42; stateside service in U.S. Army Air Force, 1942-45 (mostly as a personnel officer); attended summer sessions at Universities of New Mexico (1924) and Minnesota (1941); LSU director of Remedial Reading Bureau, then Testing and Guidance, 1945-48; LSU Ph.D. in education, May 1948.



Elkins

On Sept. 16 and 17, 1948, Elkins welcomed 161 freshmen to a building for which LSU planners had provided no showers or equipment storage. LSU soon built a "little gym" behind the building; it was later moved next to Shaver Gym as a dormitory for athletes and moved yet again to the maintenance area for storage. Athletes dubbed it "The Ponderosa," the home in the TV hit "Bonanza," and maintenance workers still call it that.

Dean Elkins was caught between LSU officials unwilling to promote the growth of Nicholls and his awareness of how pitiful were Nicholls facilities. When he proposed that the LSU board meet at Nicholls

to learn of its dire needs, his superiors told him to abandon the idea or lose his deanship.

Area legislators, aware that Nicholls would never

thrive under LSU, passed legislation in 1956 to place it under the State Board of Education and make it a four-year college. This surprised LSU, Elkins and his faculty.

Having developed a junior college from scratch, Elkins now had to pioneer in developing a four-year institution with the budget, facilities



Holiday gumbo and gifts



Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, university president, addresses several hundred faculty members, staff members and retirees at the annual President's Holiday Gumbo, conducted Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008, in the Cotillion Ballroom of the Bollinger Memorial Student Union. Also pictured - and preparing to distribute gifts - are, from right, Lori Boudreaux, administrative assistant 2; Phyllis Daigle, administrative assistant 5; Aline Cheramie, retired administrative assistant 5; and Audrey Dozar, executive assistant to the president.

New supervisors required to take course

The Department of Civil Service's Comprehensive Public Training Program will offer a performance-planning and review class for supervisors on Wednesday, Jan. 28, in Ellender Memorial Library.

New supervisors of civil service employees are required to take this course, or they will not be able to complete evaluations or planning sessions for civil service employees. A brief description of the course can be accessed at http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/cptp/classes_houma.htm.

Class space is limited, and registration is required. Steps for registration follow:

- 1) Call Assistant Director of Human Resources Ken Cortez at Ext. 4039 to request a form. Complete as much of the information as possible, especially the course title, date of the course, name, mailing address and e-mail address.
- 2) Print the enrollment form and sign it.
- 3) Supervisors must sign the form as well, or registration will be denied.
- 4) Deliver the form to the Office of Human Resources in 179 Elkins Hall.

and faculty of a junior college. In 1962, Beauregard Hall opened across from White Hall and Shaver Gym. When Elkins retired because of poor health, Polk Hall and two dormitories were under construction and SACS accreditation plans had begun.

Mrs. Elkins presented an oil portrait of Dr. Elkins in 1971. It hangs today left of the main entrance and marks the area where Elkins had his office. Elkins Hall was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on Feb. 12, 1999.

Non-credit springtime classes offered for adults

The Office of Continuing Education will offer the following non-credit courses for adults:

• COMPUTERS

Introduction to Windows XP: Level 1

Time and date: 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 3 and 4; May 12 and 13

Location: 102 Betsy Cheramie Ayo Hall

Fee: \$130/\$135 (includes course manual)

Microsoft Access 2007: Level 1

Time and date: 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, April 28, 29 and 30; Tuesday through Thursday, August 4, 5 and 6

Location: 102 Betsy Cheramie Ayo Hall

Fee: \$195/\$200 (includes course manual)

Microsoft Excel 2007: Level 1

Time and date: 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, February 17 and 18; Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26 and 27

Location: 102 Betsy Cheramie Ayo Hall

Fee: \$130/\$135 (includes course manual)

Microsoft Excel 2007: Level 2

Time and date: 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3 and 4; Tuesday and Wednesday, June 9 and 10

Location: 102 Betsy Cheramie Ayo Hall

Fee: \$130/\$135 (includes course manual)

Microsoft PowerPoint 2007

Time and date: 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14 and 15; Tuesday and Wednesday, July 21 and 22

Location: 102 Betsy Cheramie Ayo Hall

Fee: \$130/\$135 (includes course manual)

Microsoft Word 2007: Level 1

Time and date: 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17 and 18; Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23 and 24

Location: 102 Betsy Cheramie Ayo Hall

Fee: \$130/\$135 (includes course manual)

Microsoft Word 2007: Level 2

Time and date: 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 31 and April 1; Tuesday and Wednesday, July 7 and 8

Location: 102 Betsy Cheramie Ayo Hall

Fee: \$130/\$135 (includes course manual)

• DANCE AND MUSIC

Advanced Middle Eastern Dance (Belly Dance)

Time and date: 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 11, 18; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 22 and 29

Location: Dance Studio, Shaver Gym

Fee: \$70/\$75

Beginner Middle Eastern Dance (Belly Dance)

Time and date: 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 11, 18; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 22 and 29

Location: Dance Studio, Shaver Gym

Fee: \$70/\$75

Let's Dance

Time and date: 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 8, 16; March 2, 9 and 23

Location: Shaver Gym, Dance Studio

Fee: \$39/\$44 per person

• FINANCE

The Complete Financial Management Workshop

Time and date: 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, March 19, 26; April 2

Location: 301 Gouaux Hall

Fee: \$50/\$55 (Participants may bring spouse or guest at no extra cost.)

• LANGUAGES AND COMMUNICATION

Public Speaking

Time and date: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25; April 1

Location: To be determined

Fee: \$105/\$110

American Sign Language

Time and date: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 17; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7, 28; and May 5

Location: Ellender Memorial Library, Multipurpose Room

Fee: \$100/\$105

Cued Speech

Time and date: 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 16; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 27;

and May 4

Location: Bollinger Memorial Student Union, Bowie Room

Fee: \$100/\$105

• PHYSICAL ENRICHMENT

Co-Ed Hatha Yoga

Time and date: 7:15 to 8:15 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 27, 29; Feb. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 26; and March 3; OR Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31; April 2 and 7; OR Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30; May 5, 7 and 12; OR Tuesdays and Thursday, May 14, 19, 21, 26, 28; June 2, 4, 9, 11 and 16

Location: Shaver Gym, Dance Studio

Fee: \$60/\$65

Pilates

Time and date: 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 17, 19, 26; March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19 and 24; OR Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 31, April 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30; OR Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28; June 2, 4, 9 and 11; OR Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 23, 25, 30; July 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 and 23

Location: Shaver Gym, Dance Studio

Fee: \$65/\$70

Walking and Jogging to Develop Physical Fitness

Time and date: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 3, 5, 10, 12, 19, 26; March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31; April 2 and 7

Location: 117 Peltier Hall

Fee: \$75/\$80

Weights Training as a Part of Overall Fitness

Time and date: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. OR 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18; March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30; April 1 and 6

Location: 124 Shaver Gym

Fee: \$65/\$70

• **SPECIAL INTEREST**

Cleaning Out Your Clutter – Room By Room

Time and date: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25

Location: Ellender Memorial Library, Multi-Purpose Room

Fee: \$25/\$30

How to Start a Home-Based Medical Transcription Business

Time and date: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Monday, June 29

Location: Ellender Library, Multi-Purpose Room

Fee: \$45/\$50

Introduction to Canoeing

Time and date: 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31

Location: Nicholls Bayouside Wharf

Fee: \$45/\$50

Introduction to Paranormal Investigations

Time and date: 8 to 10 p.m. Saturdays, March 7, 14 and 21; OR Saturdays, June 13, 20 and 27

TubaChristmas 2008



The university's annual TubaChristmas, presented Sunday, Dec. 7, in Talbot Theater, showcased the talents of area tuba and euphonium players. A growing national tradition for 35 years, the first TubaChristmas was conducted at New York City's Rockefeller Plaza Ice Rink on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1974.

Location: Bollinger Memorial Student Union, LeBijou Theater

Fee: \$60/\$65

Introduction to Stand-Up Comedy

Time and date: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays,

Feb. 3, 10, 17; March 3 and 10; OR

Tuesdays, March 24, 31; April 7, 21

and 28

Location: To be determined

Fee: \$85/\$90

A Potter's Wheel

Time and date: 9 to 11 a.m. Saturdays,

March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4 and 11

Location: 108 Talbot Hall

Fee: \$125/\$130

Self-Esteem 101

Time and date: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays,

March 4, 11, 18 and 25

Location: 133 Peltier Hall

Fee: \$75/\$80

• **TEST PREPARATION AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS**

ACT Prep Course

Time and date: 8 a.m. to noon Saturday,

February 14; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 7 and 14; 8:30 a.m. to 1

p.m. Saturday, March 21

Location: 219 Powell Hall

Fee: \$305

Notary Exam Study Course

Time and date: 6 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays

through Thursdays, March 2 – 5; March

16 – 19; and March 30 – April 2

Location: 247 Peltier Hall

Fee: \$225/\$230 (textbook included with registration fee)

Life and Health Insurance

Pre-Licensing Course

Time and date: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and

Saturdays, Feb. 20, 21, 27 and 28; OR

Fridays and Saturdays, April 17, 18, 24

and 25; OR Fridays and Saturdays, June

19, 20, 26 and 27

Location: To be determined

Fee: \$200/\$205 (textbook included with registration fee)

Property and Casualty Insurance

Pre-Licensing Course

Time and date: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and

Saturdays, March 20, 21, 27 and 27; OR

Fridays and Saturdays, May 8, 9, 15 and

16; OR Fridays and Saturdays, July 17,

18, 24 and 25

Location: To be determined

Fee: \$200/\$205 (textbook included with registration fee)

• **ONLINE TRAINING**

The following courses can be taken at any

time via any computer with Web access. Call

Ext. 4444 to register.

Administrative Medical Specialist with Billing and Coding

Credit: 300 Contact Hours

Fee: \$1,995

Grant Writing

Credit: 300 Contact Hours

Fee: \$2,095

Graphic Design

Credit: 80 Contact Hours

Fee: \$1,495

Medical Transcription

Credit: 240 Contact Hours

Fee: \$1,595

Video Game Design and Development

Credit: 500 Contact Hours

Fee: \$1,995

Interior Design

Credit: 350 Contact Hours

Fee: \$2,295

Travel Agent Training

Credit: 200 Contact Hours

Fee: \$1,595

English as a Second Language - Global English

Credit: Unlimited Contact Hours

Fee: \$595

The course registration fees will increase by \$5 one week prior to the first day of each class.

For more information on these or other courses – including online courses – visit the Nicholls

Web site at www.nicholls.edu/cnc or call the Office of Continuing Education at Ext. 4444.

Sports

Webb honored by The Sports Network as an All-American

Senior Lardarius Webb's national honors keep pouring in as The Sports Network has named him a First Team All-American safety – and dubbed him with Honorable Mention recognition as a kickoff return specialist.

The two accolades give Webb 37 total awards for his two-year career at Nicholls, which includes eight All-American team selections by various news organizations.

“Lardarius is a very talented and gifted athlete, and

we are all very happy for him to have been recognized for his athletic ability on a national level these past two seasons,” said Jay Thomas, head football coach.

Webb is one of eight players from the Southland Conference – and the only representative from the 2008 Nicholls squad – to be named to The Sports Network's All-American teams.



The Opelika, Ala., native tallied 55 total tackles from the safety position, including seven pass breakups, three sacks, two fumble recoveries, two interceptions and one forced fumble. Webb also doubled as a return specialist, returning 10 punts for 152 yards – plus a touchdown – and 16 kickoff returns for 472 yards and a score before opponents stopped kicking to him.

He was also a four-time conference Player of the Week, with three designations recognizing his performance on special teams. A Defensive Player of the Week award came after the Colonels defeated No. 11 McNeese State, 38-35, in Lake Charles. Webb racked up six tackles during the game, all solo, including one for a loss, a sack, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. He also had two pass breakups in the win.

NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

Calendar of Events JAN. 14-28, 2009

Wednesday, Jan. 14

- Final day to pay fees for early registrants.
- Early spring registration ends at 4 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Texas-San Antonio, Thibodaux, 6:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Texas-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15

- Transfer Student seminar.
- Regular registration begins.

Friday, Jan. 16

- Freshman Institute.
- Regular registration ends at 4 p.m.
- Women's Track, Leonard Hilton Invite, Houston, Texas.

Saturday, Jan. 17

- Women's Basketball vs. Stephen F. Austin, Thibodaux, 2 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Stephen F. Austin, Nacogdoches, Texas, 6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 19

- Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; university closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

- Semester meal plan begins with breakfast meal.
- Late registration begins.
- Classes begin.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

- Men's Basketball vs. Central Arkansas, Thibodaux, 6:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Central Arkansas, Conway, Ark., 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 22

- Final day to register; late registration and drop/add ends at 4 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 23

- Women's Track, Purple Tiger Invite, Baton Rouge, La.

Saturday, Jan. 24

- Men's Basketball vs. Northwestern State, Thibodaux, 5 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Northwestern State, Thibodaux, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

- Women's Basketball vs. McNeese State, Thibodaux, 6:30 p.m.

For inclusion in the monthly calendar, e-mail complete event details to graham.harvey@nicholls.edu.

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Foundation and president of the Langston Company Inc., is scheduled as keynote speaker. Langston has conducted assemblies for more than 400,000 children in the United States, traveling 100,000 miles annually to present his message of inspiration – based on his personal battle with dyslexia.

Author of the book “For the Children: Redefining Success in School and Success in Life,” Langston has been featured on various radio and television news shows and has teamed with the Charles and Helen Schwab Family Foundation and the Professor Garfield Foundation for the benefit of children with learning disabilities. Copies of Langston’s book will be available for purchase at the conference.

Additional presenters will include staff of the Louisiana Center for Dyslexia and Related Learning Disorders; members

of the board of directors of the Louisiana branch of the International Dyslexia Association; independent educational consultants; and representatives from the Region 1 Educational Service Center and the Parent Training and Information Center.

The conference will include various breakout sessions as well – covering such subjects as elementary phonics and college readiness.

Conference cosponsors include the Louisiana branch of the International Dyslexia Association, the Giardina Family Foundation and Coastal Commerce Bank.

To register, call Karen Chauvin, director of the Louisiana Center for Dyslexia and Related Learning Disorders, at Ext. 4897.

Solution to Dec. 10 Sudoku Puzzle

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

Puzzle by websudoku.com

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.

Nicholls Trivia Teaser



Who received an honorary doctorate from Nicholls in Spring 1985?

Submit answers by e-mail to graham.harvey@nicholls.edu or by telephone to Ext. 7059 by Friday, Jan. 16. 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.

Congratulations to Dr. Ken Chadwick, head of the Department of Management and Marketing and associate professor of management. Chadwick was the winner of the Dec. 10 Trivia Teaser. Nicholls was 21,993 days old as of Dec. 10, 2008.

Jan. 13 Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Bienvenue! Au revoir!

Nicholls welcomes the following new employees: **Lori Henry**, coordinator of the Student Athlete Learning Center in the Office of Athletic Academic Advising; and **Tricia Jenkins**, child development teacher for

Generations Teaching Generations Preschool.

Nicholls bids farewell to **Allie Johnson**, assistant director of the student union for student activities, who resigned Jan. 9.

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