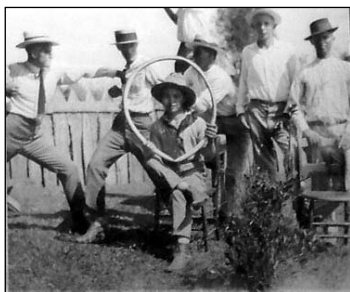


Library presents 'A Glimpse into the Past'



'A Glimpse into the Past' will remain on display in Ellender Memorial Library until the end of July. Approximately 25 photos have been enlarged for viewing.

What sorts of treasures might be hidden in a family's attic? Jean and Sarah Verret of Raceland found out in October 1999, when they discovered a collection of old photo negatives from approximately 80 years ago.

"The Verrets found the photos more or less by accident," Neil Guilbeau, assistant archivist, said. "They sent the negatives to Wal-Mart to get them developed and were astonished by the subject matter and quality."

Featuring Jean's ancestors, the photos capture the lives and culture of early 20th century Cajun families at work and play. A family friend of the Verrets, Rosetta LeBoeuf, was

so impressed that she convinced the family to loan the photos to Nicholls – and even paid for their professional enlargement, Guilbeau said.

The photo exhibit will remain on display in Ellender Memorial Library – past the stairs on the first floor – until the end of July.

The fact that the negatives survived 80 years' worth of hurricanes and still managed to retain such striking detail make the exhibit a must-see for all faculty and staff, Anke Tonn, reference librarian, said.

"This exhibit shows the face of the early Cajun family," she said. "The clothing, the cars, the

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BEHIND THE NAME

Ellender was U.S. senator, Gouaux a Lockport doctor

(Editor's Note: At the request of Inside, Dr. Alfred Delahaye, professor emeritus of journalism, has written a series of articles on how and why campus buildings got their names. The ninth appears below.)

Allen Joseph Ellender and Francois Theophile Gouaux have little in common, except that they were both south Louisianians and their names appear prominently on campus buildings.



Ellender

Ellender, for whom the library is named, served in the U.S. Senate for a third of a century and was once two heartbeats away from the presidency. Gouaux, for whom the university's second science building is named, was a Lockport doctor and a Lafourche Parish health officer.

Ellender, born Sept. 24, 1890, in Montegut, served in local capacities before getting elected in 1924 to the Louisiana House of Representatives. He became floor leader, then speaker and, in 1937, U.S. senator.

In January 1971 he became president pro tem and chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. Except for a two-

year interval, he was chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee from 1951 to 1971. He was a Democrat and a strong defender of sugarcane interests.

He believed in détente during the Cold War and was one of the first senators to criticize Joseph R. McCarthy, his anti-communist colleague. He was a Capitol Hill legend for his Cajun cooking, and the Senate dining room still serves "Ellender gumbo."

He traveled the world with a movie camera, and many of his films are in the Nicholls archives, which also house his cataloged papers in more than 2,000 boxes. Ellender died July 27, 1972,



Gouaux

while campaigning for a seventh term. The nation's president and vice president and about 30 senators attended the funeral of the "lawyer, farmer, statesman" as his gravestone proclaims.

Ellender Memorial Library bears the senator's name and Ellender Residence Hall the name of his wife. The senator's name is also on a high school and a federal building in Terrebonne Parish

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CAUGHT YOU WORKING! Employee Photo of the Week



Joel Weiss, assistant men's basketball coach, presents a T-shirt to camper William Pitre on the final day of Coach J. P. Piper's Boys Day Camp. Conducted June 1-4, the camp offered instruction, games and contests for boys entering the second through eighth grades.

Statistics forecast enrollment boost

Major indicators in the university's current enrollment data project an enrollment increase for the fall 2009 semester.



Housing applications outweigh last year's pool by 137. These include rooms in the university's new residence facilities – Millet, Zeringue and Scholars Hall – as well as the older facilities – Ellender, Calecas and Babington halls. The number of residents in the student apartment complex, La Maison du Bayou, is expected to rise as well.

Other indicators include financial aid applications – overtaking last year's figure by 9 percent – and the confirmed attendance rolls for freshmen orientation, which are up by 7 percent.

Regarding incoming students who had originally selected a

major that will no longer be offered at Nicholls due to state funding reductions, none have declined acceptance into the university.

Each student received correspondence suggesting alternate majors and was provided with the opportunity to speak with an academic advisor.

"These indicators, combined with the current two-point increase in the university's freshman retention rate, indicate an enrollment boost at Nicholls," Dr. Eugene Dial, vice president for student affairs, said. "The preliminary numbers are very encouraging, especially since so many of the incoming students live outside the region. We believe Nicholls is the school of choice for highly qualified students within the Bayou Region and, increasingly, beyond."

With a Little Help from Friends ...

Campus must conserve energy

By Mike Davis, assistant vice president for administration

As we begin the second month of our new work schedule, I want to update everyone on the steps being taken by the maintenance department to reduce energy consumption in campus buildings. This is also a great opportunity to remind faculty and staff of the steps we can each take to conserve energy.

In most academic and administrative buildings, maintenance will shut down chillers at 4 p.m. and air handlers at 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. Both will be re-started at 7 a.m. the next day – a process that will be repeated Saturday and Sunday evenings.

On Monday mornings, the equipment will be re-started around 4 a.m. so that the buildings will be adequately cooled for the work week. For those buildings not on the main loop system and that do not have classes scheduled on Fridays, maintenance will raise thermostats at 11:30 a.m. and cycle the chillers.

Maintenance will also survey temperature readings in each building, and if necessary, thermostats will be raised slightly. Please do not call maintenance if your area is slightly warmer than you are normally accustomed to. Maintenance staff will continue to make adjustments as required in any area to achieve energy savings.

Regarding personal steps to conserve energy, please remember to turn off all computers, monitors, printers and other equipment at the end of the work day. This includes labs that consume power during the night.

When you leave for lunch or long meetings – and certainly at the end of the day – please turn off your lights. Likewise for classrooms, conference rooms and storage rooms not being used.

Any step, no matter how small, that each of us takes to save energy will greatly assist the university in achieving overall energy savings. We all have a part to play in this important endeavor, and your assistance and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

T-shirts feature new mascot

"Welcome Back Day" T-shirts, featuring the new Colonel Tillou design, are on sale until Tuesday, Aug. 11.

For shirt sizes, prices, design and ordering information, go to www.nichollsalumni.org/programs and check under the "Events" heading.

T-shirts will be available for pick-up during the Welcome Back Day festivities, scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 27.

For additional information, contact Jessica Harvey at Ext. 4951 or jessica.harvey@nicholls.edu.

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activities, the authenticity. It's just amazing."

Other exhibits coordinated by Tonn and Guilbeau include an aviation display, currently viewable on the library's second floor — and an exhibit

chronicling the University Honors Program's recent trip to Costa Rica, slated to open Monday, Aug. 3.

For additional information about upcoming library exhibits, call Tonn at Ext. 4633.

Banner transition underway

As the university's software system becomes obsolete, a new and improved system is incrementally taking its place.

The Banner Unified Digital Campus – an administrative software package with capabilities in student services, financial aid, finance, human resources and institutional advancement – is Web-based and thus more user-friendly than the old PLUS system, Sam Cagle, associate director of computer services, said.

The first system to “go live” will be the university's finance operations – tentatively slated for transition on Wednesday, July 1, Cagle said. Subsequent transitions

include admissions, slated for September 2009; human resources, scheduled for January 2010; and financial aid, slated for February 2010. All student services should be phased into the Banner system by fall 2010, Cagle said – and by 2011, the university system will have been completely overhauled.

As systems are brought online, the SunGard software and information technology company – the university's software system provider – will offer targeted departmental training, effectively “training the trainers,” Cagle said.

For additional information on the transition, go to <http://cs.nicholls.edu/banner/banner.html>.

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and a middle school in Marrero.

The senator, who was the Nicholls commencement speaker in 1962, regularly assisted Nicholls in obtaining federal funds, once working his political magic in less than a day. The Ellender family presented an oil portrait to the library on April 28, 1988.

In contrast, Gouaux was widely known in Lafourche Parish as a respected Lockport doctor. He was born Feb. 22, 1883, in Natchitoches but spent his early

years in New Iberia. In 1897 he was valedictorian at Jesuit High School in New Orleans. Jesuit College awarded him a bachelor of arts in 1901 and Loyola University a master of arts in 1902.

His father, a New Orleans physician, then sent him to the University of Pennsylvania where he received a medical degree with highest honors in 1906. He also won the Louis Laplace Medal in Surgery, Laplace being a professor of surgery who had once studied with Louis Pasteur in France. Laplace invited young Dr. Gouaux to join the staff of a new hospital being built in France, but construction delays caused Gouaux to return to Louisiana.

He entered private practice in New Iberia, then relocated to Lockport in 1908 to replace a physician who had died in a hunting accident. In that same year he established Gouaux's Drug Store. Dr. Gouaux was assistant coroner for Lafourche for 10 years and then parish health officer from 1916 to 1924.

He served as president of the Lafourche Parish Medical Society, the Third District Medical Society

Calendar of Events: June 19 - July 14

Friday, June 19

- Statistics Day for Full Term.

Thursday, June 25

- Women's Track, USA Championships, Eugene, Ore.

Friday, July 3

- University closed for Independence Day holiday.

Monday, July 6

- Final exams for Mini Term A night classes.
- Classes resume for Mini Term A and summer full term.

Tuesday, July 7

- Final exams for Mini Term A day classes.

Wednesday, July 8

- Grades due for Mini Term A.

Thursday, July 9

- Classes begin for Mini Term B.

Friday, July 10

- Final date to submit thesis for final committee approval.

Tuesday, July 14

- Statistics Day for Mini Term B.
- Graduate comprehensive examinations.

and, in 1930, the Louisiana State Medical Society. Dr. Gouaux was well known as a lecturer on the prevention of typhoid fever and tetanus, and he was a visiting staff member of Hotel Dieu Hospital in New Orleans.

He was an active Catholic layman (Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus) and was a trustee of Holy Savior Catholic Church until his death on March 19, 1944. He was the father of five children, including Eugene Godfrey Gouaux for whom the auditorium in Gouaux Hall is named; Gene Gouaux was a state representative from 1956 to 1960 and for 18 years a member of the Nicholls governing board; he played a major role in getting university status for Nicholls.

An oil portrait of the father hangs in the Gouaux Hall lobby, and one of the son in the auditorium.

Orienting the freshmen



Dr. John Lajaunie (right), professor of finance, talks with a student during the Freshmen Orientation Expo, conducted Thursday, June 4, in the Cotillion Ballroom of the Bollinger Memorial Student Union.

REMINDER



The university will be closed Friday, July 3, for the Independence Day holiday.

Inside Nicholls Items

Chosen from more than 100 entrants, **Dr. Daryl Holmes**, associate professor of English, is one of five authors whose work will appear in Country Roads magazine's 2009 Regional Writings issue – now being distributed throughout the area. Holmes won in the humor category for her submission "A Lunker Legend," a tale about a drive-in funeral home in a small town in Maine.

Amelia Mason, instructor and clinical coordinator of athletic training, was recently selected to spend her summer as head athletic trainer for the Harwich Mariners in the Cape Cod Baseball League, or CCBL. Mason began her duties on June 1 and will stay with the Mariners – the 2008 CCBL champions – until their season concludes in early August. Mason will also have the opportunity to assist with the CCBL 2009 All Star Game, which will take place in Boston's Fenway Park.

Dr. Rebecca Pennington, assistant

vice president for development and university relations, was elected to a one-year term as second vice president of the board of directors of Bayou Area Habitat for Humanity at its May 26 board meeting.

Dr. DesLey Plaisance, assistant professor of mathematics, recently became a member of the editorial staff of the LATM Journal, a refereed publication of the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics, for which she also co-authors a column titled "Preservice Point of View." In addition, Plaisance conducted presentations at the 2009 National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Meeting/Exposition and the 2009 National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. The presentations were respectively titled "Mathematics Anxiety, Technology, and College Algebra" and "Mathematics Anxiety and the Mathematics Supervisor."

Bienvenue! Au revoir!

Nicholls welcomes the following new employees: **Lauren Barker**, case manager for the Family Service Center; **Dylan Harrison**, head women's soccer coach, who will join the faculty on July 1; and **Xun Li**, assistant professor of management, who will join the faculty on Aug. 13.

Nicholls bids farewell to the following employees: **Ashley Kelly**, police officer 1, who resigned effective June 14; **William Kellner**, assistant men's basketball coach, who resigned June 8; and **Jeffrey Smith**, associate athletics director for sports medicine, who will resign effective June 30.

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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Nicholls Trivia Teaser

"Lethal Mill" is an anagram for what campus facility?

Submit answers by e-mail to graham.harvey@nicholls.edu or by telephone to Ext. 7059 by Monday, June 22. 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 Rick Reso, associate director of development. Reso was the winner of the May 20 Trivia Teaser. "A Dubious Anomaly" is an anagram for La Maison du Bayou.

June 17 Sudoku Puzzle

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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

Solution to May 20 Puzzle

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