

Students and faculty make-up class

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Due to LSU Shreveport closures, students and faculty are expected to make-up the time not covered by scheduled snow day make-ups. Next month, students can expect to put in more time to all missed courses during this time.

Dr. John Vassar, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs, has listed out the specific day for make-ups to occur. Only Session 1 face-to-face courses are affected by the closures; online courses will not require make-ups.

Day classes missed on Wednesday will be made up on Saturday, March 14. Evening classes from Monday will be made up on the same day. Class times will be the same as they are during the week.

Vassar notes in an email to faculty that there will likely be challenges associated with getting students to attend on a Saturday. Students can have many different circumstances for not being able to get to the class on that date. However, Vassar says that faculty must handle it with flexibility.

Each semester, two make-up days are scheduled for possible weather closures. Monday and Tuesday are covered by these days, but Wednesday's day classes are not. For evening classes, Tuesday and Wednesday are covered, but Monday evening classes need to be made up because MLK Day removes these classes in the Spring semester.

According to an email from Dr. Larry Anderson, dean of the college of arts and sciences, Chancellor Clark is concerned with the perception that the faculty got three days off with pay. Due to this, Vassar quickly emailed all faculty to inform them that the classes must be made up in some way.

Missing one more day than we have make-up days for has thrown off schedules and hours, and one can imagine it wasn't an easy decision to cancel school for the third day



Photo by Kaylynn Henry

LSUS was iced over and snowed out earlier this week, but the time off must be repaid

consecutively.

“One thing that makes it easier is technology. We have the Doppler and weather systems to inform us on upcoming storms and conditions,” Anderson said. “It comes down to ‘What side would I want to be wrong about?’ We erred on the side of safety.”

While dates have been set for classes to be made-up, it is left to professors to decide specifically how and when to make up their classes. Several options are available like: making up a class on the first day of Spring Break, add ten

minutes to the end of every course until the class has caught up, or using Common Hour to make-up a course. Each professor must document their make-up method and time.

History isn't very reliable in this instance, as there haven't been many situations like this to occur. Moodle seems like the simplest opportunity to make-up classes.

“I think that for most professors... [Moodle] would be their first inclination. It would maintain the amount of time for courses to meet,” Anderson said. “It seems like it would be the easiest thing to do.”

However, Anderson hopes professors utilize the variety of methods available to them to make-up this time instead.

“What do we do with students that can't make it to a class on Saturday? I am hoping if not all, than the majority of professors use these other ways to get their required time,” Anderson said.

Every three-credit course has to meet for a minimum requirement of 2,100 minutes. While students and faculty managed to get three days to study, sleep, grade assignments, or play in the snow, sooner rather than later that time must be repaid.



Water sources in Louisiana polluted by chemicals

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On Friday, February 20, Dr. Dalton Gossett, chair of the biological sciences department, gave a lecture about the pollution of water in North America from a chemical found in pesticides and fertilizer.

In his lecture titled “Presence of Atrazine in Surface Waters of North America,” Gossett discussed the findings of this chemical in our water and where it comes from.

Gossett studied and recorded the Atrazine in our lakes with Om Devkota, Stephen Banks, and Cran Lucas. He mentioned America's history with water pollution, remembering how lakes in Chicago in the 1850s were so polluted, dead fish were coming out of water faucets.

“Nature will clean itself, it might have to eliminate us to do it,” Gossett says about the world's history with balancing itself out.

He said that water pollution is hard to monitor due to so many ways to pollute it. The Clean Water Act of 1972 did

not do much to stall the polluting of lakes.

Bodies of water have point sources, places in which the water interacts with the water systems of our towns and cities. These include tubes in which water from our homes is sent back into whatever source we get it from. These can be monitored because they are fixed points.

Non-point sources are where the majority of pollution comes from. These are anywhere you can interact with water that isn't a fixed point. People can throw anything they want into any part of the water they choose and contaminate it. Stopping this type of pollution requires workers hired to monitor the water, but they can't be everywhere at once.

Water isn't always contaminated by people. Nature spreads just as much chemicals into lakes. Rainfall, tillage, runoff, leaching, soil characteristics, and seasonal patterns are reasons for the spread of atrazine to water sources.

Multiple test sites here in Louisiana like Cross Lake were tested for atrazine. Water sources close to agriculture had significantly more atrazine than other test sites.

By 1991, there was 500 million kg of fertilizer in water. In this, atrazine can be found. This amount will only increase

as time goes on. Increased population increased the amount of agriculture we need to produce, increasing the usage of fertilizer and herbicides, which are filled with atrazine.

Atrazine is not flammable or unstable, but is very soluble in water. It is considered a possible carcinogen. It isn't something we want in our water supply. In fact, the European Union banned atrazine because of large amounts of water contamination. Now, they use the substitute glyphosate.

Glyphosate has been seen as the best substitute to atrazine we have. However, its usage in the mainstream agriculture system stems from its tendency to kill everything it touches. Herbicides and pesticides with atrazine are used to protect plants, but glyphosate cannot distinguish between any material.

To combat this, modified seeds are being developed designed to be unaffected by glyphosate's negative effects. Since glyphosate breaks down much faster than atrazine, we don't have to worry about it contaminating our water. In the long-run, this could be a great, permanent substitute for atrazine.



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LSUS RRAC Players of the Week Honors:

Pennywell picks up fifth RRAC women's hoops weekly award

Kourtney Pennywell of LSU Shreveport (La.) displayed her all-around ability again and claimed her fifth RRAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week award, this time for the dates of Feb. 16-22. This is the 14th weekly award of the 2014-15 RRAC women's basketball season.

Pennywell was remarkably consistent in a 3-0 week for the Lady Pilots. The sophomore forward posted three double-doubles and connected on 64% of her field goal attempts for the week as LSUS locked down the fourth seed in

the RRAC Women's Basketball Tournament. For starters, she scored 24 points and grabbed 15 rebounds on Tuesday to lead a 70-46 victory over LSU Alexandria (La.), and she piled on 34 points and 10 boards as LSUS stormed past Bacone College (Okla.) on Friday. The Shreveport, La., native capped the week with 27 points and 11 rebounds to knock off the NAIA's 10th-ranked team, Langston University (Okla.), 78-66. Pennywell now has 21 double-doubles this season, and she leads the RRAC in scoring (22.3 ppg), rebounding

(11.5 rpg) and field goal percentage (.528). She is second in the nation in scoring and third in rebounding. The Lady Pilots are 13-6 in conference play and 17-10 on the season.

Courtney Bayliss of Our Lady of the Lake University (Texas), Ana Dominguez of the University of St. Thomas (Texas), Morgan Lee of Langston, and Kiera Oby of Wiley College (Texas) were additional nominees this week.

James named RRAC men's basketball player of the week

Lyndale James of LSU Shreveport (La.) earned recognition as the Red River Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week for the dates of Feb. 16-22. This is the 14th award of the 2014-15 basketball season and James' second award of the season.

James reached his 13th double-double of the season with three more in a 2-1 week for the Pilots. The junior forward made 64% of his shots

from the field on 23-of-36 shooting in the three games combined. On Tuesday,

James delivered his best game with 25 points and 16 rebounds as LSUS lost an 89-86 decision against in-state rival LSU Alexandria (La.). He was credited with 15 points and 15 boards in a victory over Bacone College (Okla.), and he posted 16 and 14 to overtake Langston University (Okla.), 73-66. The Bossier City, La., native is second in

the RRAC in rebounding with 10.8 per game. The Pilots have clinched a berth in the conference tournament with an 11-8 league record and a mark of 19-9 on the season.

De'quentin Greer of Our Lady of the Lake University (Texas), Curtis Jones of Langston University (Okla.), and Reginald Sonnier of University of the Southwest (N.M.) were additional nominees this week.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Black History Month Art Show and Competition 11 a.m. UC Art Gallery Submissions Accepted in UC Office 2/2-2/13	3	4 8-Ball Singles Pool Tournament 11 a.m. UC Game Room	5	6 National Go Red for Women Day 11 a.m. UC Lobby Student Organization Council Meeting 11 a.m. UC Ballroom	7
8	9 Ping Pong Tournament 11 a.m. UC Game Room LifeShare Blood Drive 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. UC Caddo/Bossier Room	10	11 Black History Month Speaker: Dr. Michael Hicks, Jr. 11 a.m. UC Theater	12	13 Make your own Valentine 11 a.m. UC Lobby	14 <small>St. Valentine's Day</small>
15	16 <small>President's Day</small> <div style="background-color: #4a4a8a; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Mardi Gras Break</div>	17	18 <small>Ash Wednesday</small> Karaoke Common Hour 11 a.m. UC Port	19	20 Video Game Friday 11 a.m. UC Art Gallery CPR/AED and First Aid Training 1 - 5 p.m. UC Red River Room (\$25/LSUS students)	21
22	23 CoffeeHouse Debate ft. the LSUS Debate team 11 a.m. UC Port	24 Couch to 5K Training begins 12:30 - 1 p.m. UC Mall Flagpole Evening Students' Event 7 p.m. UC Port	25 CoffeeHouse Artist 11 a.m. UC Port	26 Painting with LSUS 6 p.m. UC Art Gallery	27 Black History Month Art Show and Competition Winners Announced UC Art Gallery 11 a.m.	28

Calendar is subject to change. Unless otherwise noted, all events are FREE to LSUS students with valid ID. Questions? Email studentact@lsus.edu or call 797-5393.
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