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"I HAVEN'T FAILED. I'VE JUST FOUND 10,000 WAYS THAT WON'T WORK." - Thomas Edison

Southern Journalism Foundation meets with students

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The Southern Journalism Foundation met with young journalists at LSU Shreveport last Tuesday to discuss the current state of news writing.

The veteran-to-student ratio was split down the middle with twelve on each side. This allowed for an equal discussion from different angles.

The biggest point of contention was the state of language usage in media today. Students and journalist took turns taking down common faux pas used in the English language such as: confusion between there, their, and they're, the usage of literally to mean figuratively, and errors that should be noticed by editors before they broadcast or print.

Social media was also discussed in the meeting. Students and veterans debated its usage as a tool or weapon in journalism.

The SJF also discussed its new logo, which features circles radiating off of the point of "j" in SJF to represent radio waves. The logo is undergoing further changes, since the circles mostly resembled a target symbol.

The SJF is redesigning a brand-new website to promote the organization. They are readily accepting new members from the journalism industry, as well as open to student involvement and volunteering.

LSUS Bass team No. 1 in state

Courtesy of Karen James, chair of management and marketing department:

LSU Shreveport is ranked #1 in college fishing over the last 12 months, according to the Bassrankings.com website.



Photo by Shaye Baker

Jared Rascoe with 7 lb 11 oz. bass

"I thought it was a typo at first," said Jared Rascoe, a sophomore majoring in secondary education. "But when I looked at the rankings and points, we were #1!"

LSUS Shreveport has had at least one team finish in the top 15 in each of their last five tournaments. In October of 2014, Jared Rascoe took big bass honors with a 7 pound 11 ounce bass on Sam Rayburn Lake.

J.P. Kimbrough and Jared Rascoe qualified for the FLW Southern Regional Championship in January of 2015 on Sam Rayburn Lake, where Jared caught another 7 pound bass. "I'm pretty stoked to be qualifying! Practice for us was a pretty tough experience, with the high winds, cold air temperatures, and driving rain. It was gut wrenching when our motor broke down before blast off but with a never give up attitude and a little luck we were able to pull it off" said J.P. (James) Kimbrough, a freshman Marketing major at LSU Shreveport.

In March of this year, Justin Gavin and James Avant (pictured at top) finished 15th in the Red River tournament which qualified them to fish the BASS National Tournament this summer.

"It was a great experience making the top 15 in my second tournament ever, and I can't wait to take the experience I learned in that tournament and apply that knowledge in the national championship tournament," said Justin Gaskin.

Fishing partner James Avant added, "The water rise killed our bite in the area Saturday, and we only managed one fish. I didn't think we had enough to make the cut at weigh in, but I was extremely excited when I found out we made 15th and would get to fish in the



Photo by Shaye Baker

Left: J.P. Kimbrough, Right: Jared Rascoe



Photo by Shaye Baker, bassmaster.com

Left: Justin Gaskin, Right: James Avant.

National Championship"

The LSUS Bass Club includes men and women who enjoy recreational or tournament fishing. Any full-time LSUS undergraduate or graduate student is eligible to join the Bass Club. Club members fish together locally, help each other learn new techniques, and engage in fundraising to support the travel costs of team members who compete in collegiate tournaments. To learn more about the LSUS Bass Fishing club or to become a member, contact the club faculty advisor Dr. Karen James at kjames@lsus.edu or Club President James Avant at AVANTJ50@lsus.edu.

Bassrankings.com is an independent website that ranks schools based on the overall performance of fishing teams fielded by a specific University. Points are earned-based on tournament results in three college series: FLW College Fishing, BASS College Fishing, and the Association of Collegiate Anglers (ACA) as well as independent school open tournaments, invitational tournaments, and qualifier events. Visit <http://bassrankings.com/college-rankings.php> for more information about rankings.

Dr. Bernadette Jones Palombo passes away

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Photo by The Almagest

Dr. Bernadette Palombo, professor of criminal justice and director of general studies, passed away April 11 at her home in Shreveport following a long battle with cancer. She received her twenty-year pin for teaching at LSU Shreveport shortly before her death.

Palombo arrived at LSUS in 1995 to lead a prestigious grant on Community Oriented Policing. Despite becoming known for community policing, she began research into numerous areas including teaching evaluations, gang theory, and white collar crime.

She was also dedicated to two different organizations: the Academy of Community Justice Sciences and the American Society of Criminology.

Palombo was a member of Alpha Phi Sigma national criminal justice honor society. She frequently encouraged students to participate in Greek activities and organizations, like the Lambda Sigma Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma at LSUS.



Triumphs in LSU Shreveport Sports:

Catching up with our sports teams courtesy of Mark Cantrell...

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Pilots fall to Belhaven in Thriller

The Belhaven Blazers picked up a walk-off 4-3 win of the 14th ranked LSU Shreveport Pilots on Wednesday evening at Smith Wills Stadium as Emilio Desilva ripped a RBI-single to score Dane Gecina for the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning. LSUS falls to 33-11 while Belhaven improves to 29-20 on the season.

The two mid-week starters turned the contest into a pitchers' duel but neither one would factor in the decision as

LSUS starter Kevin Williams left in the seventh inning with the game tied at two but the

Blazers would muster a run off reliever Brandon Russell (5-3) to take a 3-2 lead at the end of six.

The Pilots would rally tying the game once again with a RBI-double from James Jean in the top of the eighth inning.

Belhaven led 2-0 at the end of four while the Pilots scored their first run of the game on a RBI-double by Alex Montero who later scored on James Sloan's RBI-double to tie the game at two. Montero was 2-for-3 with two doubles and a RBI to lead the Pilots at the plate while Jean also recorded an infield hit to accompany his two

bagger.

Sloan reached every time with a walk, a fielder's choice, a double and a hit-by-pitch.

The Belhaven closer Zach Osha (4-6) picked up the win after working a scoreless ninth inning.

The Pilots will host the Wiley College Wildcats this weekend at Pilots Field for a four-game series. Friday's double dip will begin at 4 p.m. while Saturday's twin bill will begin at 1 p.m. with a Senior Day ceremony before game one and after game two.

Lady Pilots next year roster taking shape with early signees

LSU Shreveport women's basketball head coach Valerie Huizar and her assistant Christy Willis have been busy since the season ended as they announce the signing of three JUCO transfers to next year's squad. The Lady Pilots have added I'm Unique "Nikki" Bryant, Courtney Randle, and Chattera Cage as the first signees in the offseason but there will be more to come.

I'm Unique "Nikki" Bryant will enter her junior year with the Lady Pilots after guiding the Bossier Parish Community College Lady Cavaliers to a 19-13 season. She helped the Lady Cavs to an appearance in the conference semifinals in the post season tournament. She played in 31 games while starting in 25 averaging 6 points per game and grabbed 4 rebounds per contest. The 5-8 guard prepped at Airline High School in Bossier City.

"Nikki is a very strong and athletic player who will help us on both ends of the floor, especially in transition," said

LSUS head coach Valerie Huizar on her new recruit. "This is a great sign for our program

because she takes care of business on the court and in the classroom as well. We're very excited to move forward with our program adding more players like her."

Courtney Randle, a 5-7 guard, will transfer after a couple of stops early on in her collegiate career playing at Tarleton State for her freshman year and then transferring to South Plains College for her sophomore season. She played in all 28 games for the Lady Texans, starting in 27, as she finished out her sophomore year at an average of 13.43 points per game a total of 376 points. She had 6.75 rebounds per game. Randle was a two-time WJCAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week and was voted the conference's Player and Newcomer of the Year.

"Courtney brings a lot of depth and experience at the guard spot," said Coach Huizar. "Her speed and knowledge of the game will definitely make us better all-around as a team. She comes from a great support system and carries herself well on and off the court. We're very excited for next season to start so we can coach her and the

rest of our players coming back."

Chattera Cage will also make her debut in a Lady Pilots uniform to begin her junior year transferring from Southern University – Shreveport (SUSLA). For the Jaguars she played in 25 games with 18 starts and averaged six points and three assists per game.

"Chattera is a very skilled player in all facets of the game," added Coach Huizar. "We watched her closely while she played at SUSLA and think she's a great fit for our style of play. She's proven she can handle her business on the court and in the classroom as she's already earned her Associate's Degree. We're looking forward to having her join our program with the rest of our signees and returners."

These three signees will join a short list but talented returners for next year's club. Myeisha Williams will be back for her senior year while Courtney Pennywell returns for her junior season. Alexandra Miller and Jalisa Lafitte both return for their sophomore year.

LSUS Student Activities & Recreational Sports

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3 Passover	4
Spring Break						
5 Easter Sunday	6 Salsa with Salsa 11 a.m. UC Steps	7 CPR/AED and First Aid Training 1 - 5 p.m. UC Red River Room (\$25/LSUS students)	8 Giant Twister 11 a.m. UC Steps	9 LSUS Amazing Race 2 p.m. UC Steps Teams of 2-3 sign up in UC Office by 4 p.m. on 4/8. Self Defense 6:30 p.m. HPE Racquetball Ct. 1	10 Student Organization Council Meeting 11 a.m. UC Ballroom	11
Sizzlin' Spring Fling 2015						
12	13 Comedy Hour Common Hour 11 a.m. UC Port	14	15 Spring Fling Fair 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. UC Mall	16 Grocery Bingo 4:30 p.m. UC Port Self Defense 6:30 p.m. HPE Racquetball Ct. 1	17 Spring Fling Fair 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. UC Mall LifeShare Blood Drive 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. UC Mall Flagpole	18
19	20 CoffeeHouse Debate ft. the LSUS Debate team 11 a.m. UC Port	21 Baseball Tailgate Bash 5 p.m. Pilots Field	22 Earth Day Give Back: Campus Beautification 1 p.m. Meet at UC Steps	23 Self Defense 6:30 p.m. HPE Racquetball Ct. 1	24 Video Game Friday 11 a.m. UC Art Gallery LCIRSA State Basketball/Softball Tournament UL Monroe	25 LCIRSA State Basketball/Softball Tournament UL Monroe
26 Dead Week LCIRSA State Basketball/Softball Tournament UL Monroe	27 Stress Free Zone Common Hour 11 a.m. UC Lobby	28 UC Late Night 9 p.m. UC Port	29 Student Leadership Awards 11 a.m. UC Ballroom	30 SGA Undie Run 2 p.m. UC Steps Self Defense 6:30 p.m. HPE Racquetball Ct. 1	1 Canoe Trip 1 p.m. Location TBA Sign-up by 4 p.m. on 4/30.	
Stress Free Zone						

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. *Register online at www.lsus.edu/recsports for Rec Sports events or sign-up in the UC Office.



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