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LSUS debate team wins again at TCU

Corey Drummond
PRINT EDITOR

The LSU Shreveport debate team won their latest tournament at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. The team took the top prize, as well as fourteen individual awards.

In the professional division, the debate team took over the competition. All four semifinalists were from the LSUS team, closing the tournament early.

Colby Walker, senior, business management, took first place in the tournament and as speaker with an undefeated record in the preliminary rounds of the tournament.

In the varsity division, LSUS advanced three competitors to the quarterfinals. Elizabeth Kemp, junior, political science, made it all the way to the finals and took second place in both the tournament and as speaker.

The next competition the LSUS debate team will participate in will be the Southern Forensic Championships hosted by John Brown University. This is a major south central regional tournament that also crowns the top competitors in the state of Louisiana. The LSUS team will be defending its state championship title at the tournament.

Late last year, Shreveport Mayor Cedric Glover declared November 7 to be “LSU Shreveport Debate Team Day.” Later this year, the debate team will participate in the Montgomery Cup.



The LSUS debate team has yet another successful victory

Photo by Corey Drummond

Elevator repairs delayed again for a new part

Corey Drummond
PRINT EDITOR

The Bronson Hall elevator will be down for another few days due to a complication with obtaining the part needed for repair.

Repairs for the Bronson Hall elevator seemed to finally be moving forward, with the elevator to be up and running in a matter of days as of the time of our last story.

Unfortunately, American Elevator Services, the contractors that maintain LSU Shreveport's elevator system, had a miscommunication problem with the vender of the part which caused the delay.

In an email with Mark Ketchum, LSUS operating engineer foreman, Matt Thompson of AES explained the error.

“Our office was in the process of ordering the pump when I sent the email last Thursday. We were told by the supplier that they had a matching pump in stock. They proceeded with processing our credit card. Long story short, the Supplier's Inventory Computer showed that there was one pump in stock, but that was not the case,” Thompson said.

After running into this obstacle, Thompson worked it out with the vender to build a brand new pump for the eleva-

tor. It would take more time, but the supplier offered a free, faster method of delivery for the part.

“The supplier is having to make our pump and it's scheduled to be released tomorrow or Friday. As a courtesy for the mix up, the supplier is upgrading our shipping from Ground Freight to 2nd Day Ground Freight. We should have it at the beginning of this upcoming week,” Thompson said.

Thompson said that they were notified of the mix up recently, and exhausted other options to obtain the part for LSUS in a timely manner. Unfortunately, the only vender in the area with the part cost \$2,000 more and had an eight-week turnaround, so they returned to the original supplier.

Regardless, the pump for the elevator is still coming thanks to efforts from Ketchum and Thompson.

“The install of the new pump is on our priority to do list. Therefore, the pump will be installed as soon as it arrives to Shreveport at the beginning of next week. We will pull guys off non-priority jobs and put them on the elevator at LSUS Bronson Hall,” Thompson said.

The pump is expected to arrive and begin installation by next week. Keep looking to the Almagest for any further updates.



Photo by Kaylynn Henry

The Bronson Hall elevator is still down for repairs, and likely will be until later next week

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LSUS sports reach new milestones:

LSUS bass team qualifies for regional championship

Despite severe adversity, the LSU Shreveport Bass Fishing Team of J.P. Kimbrough and Jared Rascoe qualified for the FLW Collegiate Regional Championship by virtue of their 15th place finish on Sam Rayburn Lake, Saturday, January 24th.

"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.

Jared Rascoe, a Sophomore majoring in Secondary Education Mathematics added, "Without

a big motor we were forced to use the trolling motor all day and luckily I was able to land a 7lb 11oz beast that gave us just enough to qualify. We are very fortunate to have qualified with just 2 fish. Just goes to show you should never give up."

The tournament on Sam Rayburn Lake was the first of three events in the Southern region of the 2015 FLW College Series. Ninety teams from Universities in Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Colorado competed.

Two additional FLW tournaments will take place on Lake Texoma, TX and the Red River, LA. LSUS hopes to qualify two more teams at these events. Teams that qualify will fish the Regional Championship on Grand Lake, OK. The top finishers in each of the five FLW College regions

will then meet in the 2016 FLW College National Championship.

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 James Avant at AVANTJ50@lsus.edu.

Visit <http://www.flwoutdoors.com/bassfishing/collegiefishing/> for more information about FLW College Fishing.

LSUS athletics achieves champions of character gold star

LSU Shreveport is named a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Champions of Character Five-Star Institution for the fourth straight season. The Pilots did so well this past year that they earned the Gold Star status!

The Pilots earned 92 of the 100 possible points on the NAIA Champions of Character scorecard in order to get named as one of the 168 institutions named as five-star institutions.

LSUS' athletic department has been recognized as a five-star institution each year since the 2009-10 season. The 92 points accrued in the 2013-14 season was an increase of 32 points over

the Pilots' 2009-10 tally of 60.

This season was the first time the NAIA implemented a tiered system for honoring its five-star institutions. The NAIA recognized athletic programs as gold, silver or bronze five-star institutions, based off of point total. LSUS was one of 12 gold level institutions (90 or above), 61 silver level (75-90) and 95 bronze level institutions (60-74).

Points are calculated off of a yearly scorecard that is created by the NAIA Champions of Character committee. The scorecard presents tangible, measurable goals in the categories of:

character training, academic focus, character recognition, character promotion and conduct in competition.

The Champions of Character program launched in the early-2000s and is continually refining to ensure the NAIA is always at the forefront of character promotion in collegiate athletics. The program serves to enhance NAIA institution administrators, staff and student-athletes in the areas of integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership."

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February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Black History Month Art Show and Competition 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 Caddy/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 St. Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day <div style="background-color: #4a4a8a; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px; display: inline-block;">Mardi Gras Break</div>	17	18 Ash Wednesday 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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