

Dolphins Overcome Challenges to Compete in Junior College World Series

Two years ago, no one could have imagined the challenges the Delgado baseball team would face on their journey to one of their greatest achievements: competing in the Junior College World Series.

Delgado was evacuated the day after the baseball team took its physicals on Aug. 27, 2005, scattering staff and players. The following day, Hurricane Katrina descended, and two days later the levees broke. The baseball field's new scoreboard was blown into the neighboring cemetery. The center-field fence settled in the middle of the infield. The light poles were bent. More than four feet of water covered the field, leaving more than a foot of sludge.

The baseball field was wrecked, but the team's spirits were not.

Head Coach **Joe Scheuermann** went to work immediately after the storm to find his team, then find a way to get the baseball program back on its feet. Scheuermann tracked down all but one player, and in October the Dolphins had a team meeting. Scheuermann promised his players there would be a season.

With no budget, only scholarships, the team benefited from several generous donations and fundraisers that brought in a much-needed \$150,000 to make that promise come true.

Before, during and after practice, the players restored the field. The outfield wall was removed and replaced by a

chain-link fence, which the players put up themselves. Everyone pitched in to clean up the field, a temporary scoreboard was borrowed from the softball field, and the team focused on what it had to do: *play the game.*

And play they did, despite the personal challenges of recovery, extraordinarily well.

So well, in fact, that

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with a 6-5 victory over Jefferson College, the Delgado Dolphins clinched the South Central District Tournament and earned themselves a spot in the Junior College World Series for the first time in 22 years. This was the first World Series appearance for Scheuermann, son of the late Louis "Rags" Scheuermann, who started the Delgado baseball program in 1973 and brought the Dolphins to their first World Series in 1985.

"I get teary-eyed just thinking about it," he said. "This team has gone through so much. I think going through so much adversity and being able to keep going has helped this team get to where it is."

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Members of the 2007 Delgado Community College Dolphin baseball team in Grand Junction, Colorado where they played Western Nevada Community College in the Junior College World Series. It was the first World Series appearance in 22 years

DELGADO AND REGION 1 TECHNICAL CAMPUSES HOLD SPRING 2007 COMMENCEMENT

Delgado Community College graduated 454 students from the City Park Campus, the West Bank Campus and the Charity School of Nursing, and the Louisiana Technical College Region 1 Technical Campuses graduated 38 students, on Saturday, May 12, in Spring 2007 Commencement Exercises at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

The Honorable Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson, former state representative and city council member, delivered the commencement address. Naming it "possibly the most historical of Delgado's graduating classes" because of its students' bravery, determination and dedication to their education in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Ms. Clarkson reminded the graduates that they are the new leaders who will determine New Orleans' future. Delgado's chancellor, **Dr. Alex Johnson**, conferred the associate's degrees and certificates to students.

Two students tied for top honors, graduating with a perfect 4.00 cumulative grade point average. They are **Anna L. Elmer**, General Studies and Science; and **Roberta Rosa Gallegos**, Applied Science.

The Delgado Ensemble provided the processional and accompanied the Delgado Chorus in a presentation of Kirby Shaw's arrangement of "Bridge Over Troubled Waters." Chorus member and graduate **Juliette Swiler** also beautifully performed the National Anthem.

During the ceremony, tokens of appreciation were presented to Rev. Anthony DeConsiliis, C.S.C., Ms. Clarkson and Ashton J. Ryan Jr. as gratitude for their participation in commencement exercises and ongoing support of Delgado and the Region 1 Technical Campuses.

Earlier that week, at a Pinning Ceremony on Wednesday, May 9, the Charity School of Nursing Honor Pin was presented to **Penny Joseph**. The Honor Pin is the highest award presented by the nursing faculty. The honor goes to a graduating student who meets the criteria of character, nursing ability, scholarship, leadership, participation in school activities, positive influence on the student body, and loyalty to the school. Penny Joseph also had the highest nursing program grade point average and won the Daughters of Charity Outstanding Clinical Performance Award. **Jennifer Dupont** received the New Orleans District Nurses Association Leadership Award. **Albertlene Zachery** received the School of Nursing Award of Distinction. **Larry Sigur** and **Ishanda Coleman** received the Sister Blanche McDonnell Award.



Members of the Spring Commencement platform party pose for a picture before the start of the ceremony. They are (l to r) LTCTS Board Member, Ms. Ava Dejoie; Guest Speaker, Former State Rep. and New Orleans City Council Member, the Honorable Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson; Delgado Chancellor, Dr. Alex Johnson; Delgado Foundation Board Chairman, Mr. Ashton J. Ryan, Jr. and Our Lady of Holy Cross College President, Reverend Anthony DeConciliis.



Around the World in a Day

During lunchtime on Thursday, March 22, Delgado students, faculty and staff got a chance to explore the globe – right on City Park Campus – at the 2007 International Fair and Fashion Show. Sponsored by the students in the English as a Second Language Program and the Student Government Association, the annual fair was held on the Dolphin Patio and featured festivities with international flair: crafts and fashions from all over the world, live music by Julio and Cesar, plus pizza and soft drinks.



2007 Roast of the Town Honors Governor Kathleen Blanco

The Delgado Community College Foundation presented its fourth annual Roast of the Town fundraising event on Friday, April 20, at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel.

This year's event, honoring Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, featured a welcome from Delgado Chancellor **Alex Johnson** and side-splittingly humorous remarks from roasters Scott Angelle, Natural Resources Secretary; District 5 Senator Diana E. Bajoie; Tim Coulon, Jefferson Business Council Executive Director; Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu, who was the 2006 Roast of the Town honoree; and Walter Leger of the Louisiana Recovery Authority.

The lighthearted evening, which included a cocktail party from 6 – 7 p.m. and dinner and roast from 7 – 9 p.m., was presided over by its Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Norman Francis, who is president of Xavier University and chairman of the Louisiana Recovery Authority. Dr. Joseph May, LCTCS President, also joined the dais.

The roast raised approximately \$150,000 to benefit Delgado scholarship programs.



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1 Roast honoree Gov. Kathleen Blanco secondlines from the reception to the dinner.

2 LCTCS President Joe May and Delgado Chancellor Alex Johnson with 2006 Roast of the Town honoree and 2007 roaster Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu.

Student Government Association 2007-2008 Elected Officials

DELGADO - CITY PARK

Justin Nickolas, president
Denise Oliveria, vice president
Duane Rogers, treasurer
Mark Guichard, secretary

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Shannon Jenkins, president
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Tenesha Fredericks, secretary

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Margi Coats, president
Patricia McKnight, vice president
Suzette Hyde, treasurer
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CHARITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

Katherine Bradley, president
Erica Edwards, vice president
Le Ramirez, treasurer
Daisy Shipley, secretary

DELGADO WINS AT BIG EASY AWARDS

The Big Easy Entertainment Award for "Best University Production for 2006" was won by **Tim Baker** and the Delgado Theatre Department for the production of *Urinetown, The Musical*. Delgado's production bested two plays from Loyola University, *A Christmas Carol* and *A Girl's Guide to Chaos*, and Tulane University's production of *Fuente Ovejuna*. This is the Theatre Department's third Big Easy Award for Best University Production, which it received for *Chess* in 2001 and *Hair* in 1999.

Congratulations are also in order for Delgado Theatre Department instructor **Michael Aaron Santos** and his partner **Ashley Ricord** for winning the Big Easy Best Drama of 2006 for *The Woolgather*, (InSideOut Productions at the Big Top).

Also, **Lynn Robertson's** Television Production students produced a video shown at the event for the **Entertainer of the Year Award**: *Ricky Graham*.

Gambit Weekly's 19th Annual Big Easy Theatre Awards were presented at an all-star gala at Harrah's New Orleans Theatre on Monday, April 16.



Scene from the production of *Urinetown*, the Big Easy's "Best University Production for 2006" won by Delgado Community College's Theatre Department.

Dr. A. Shameem Choudhury Wins 2007 Excellence in Teaching Award

During Commencement Exercises on May 12, Delgado Community College announced the winner of the annual Seymour Weiss Endowed Professorship for Excellence in Teaching Award, the highest honor the college bestows upon its faculty.

The 2007 recipient is **Dr. A. Shameem Choudhury**, professor of English at Delgado's City Park Campus. Dr. Choudhury joined the English Department as assistant professor in 1976 and rose to department head in 1979. In the early 1990s, Dr. Choudhury helped establish the college's Honors Program, and from 1993-94, he served as its director. Among other classes, he still teaches the program's core course, Structure of Western Thought, which remains one of the most sought-after courses at Delgado.

A practicing poet, Dr. Choudhury was a founder of Delgado's literary magazine *Images*. For years, he has remained an active member of the Louisiana State Poetry Society and has been recognized by local and national government and education leaders, the media and the

public for a patriotic poem he wrote following September 11, 2001, "To the American Eagle." Most recently, this poem was presented to former President Bill Clinton during his visit to Delgado on September 15, 2006.

Because of his literary expertise, Dr. Choudhury was chosen for three consecutive years (1989 – 91) by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) to serve as State Literary Judge for Louisiana to review and recognize student literary magazines from high schools across the state.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions as an educator and Seymour Weiss Excellence in Teaching winner, Dr. Choudhury received among other things a \$5,000 cash award and attended the annual NISOD (National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development) conference held in Austin, Texas, on May 20-23.

Other 2007 Excellence in Teaching award nominees were: **Candace Clanton**, Liberal Arts and Sciences (West Bank); **Dena Frickey**, Business, Technology and Mathematics (West Bank); **Margaret**



2007 Delgado Excellence in Teaching award winner—Professor of English, Dr. A. Shameem Choudhury.

Garcia, Charity School of Nursing; **Cheryl Green**, Business and Technology (City Park); **Ruby Holliday**, Business and Technology (City Park); **Bettyrae Jordan**, Charity School of Nursing; **Karen Muhsin**, Computer Information Technology (Northshore); **Donna Pace**, Allied Health (City Park); **Lynn Robertson**, Liberal Arts (City Park); **Sylvia Sandberg**, Allied Health (City Park); and **Susan Santolucito**, Science and Math (City Park).

Claws for Celebration at Annual Crawfests

Delgado's Student Government Association (SGA) held its annual Crawfest celebrations at the City Park campus on April 18, West Bank campus on April 11, Northshore-Covington location on April 16, and Northshore-Slidell location on April 17. Students, faculty and staff enjoyed free crawfish, soft drinks, games, music and special entertainment at each of the popular festivals. On the City Park campus, Dave Coleman, a.k.a. "The Dating Doctor," gave a unique presentation, providing attendees with honest and direct advice to make their relationships matter.

Faculty, staff and students enjoy Crawfest held on the City Park Campus on April 18th. In addition to the City Park Campus this annual spring event is celebrated at the West Bank Campus, Northshore-Covington and Northshore-Slidell locations.



Spring 2007 PDA Wraps Up With Tailgate Party

Following its creative football-centric theme, the Professional Development Academy wrapped up a successful spring with a Post-season Tailgate Party on Thursday, May 24, in the Lac Maurepas room. According to one of the PDA's organizers, **Yvette Alexis**, City Park Campus assistant to the provost, 130 individuals attended at least one of the 22 PDA sessions offered during the spring.



At the Tailgate Party, several PDA attendees were recognized with a dolphin trophy. **Gay Duncan** from Financial Aid, **Annette Pete** from Business & Technology and **Krista Lawrence** from Business & Technology received dolphins for attending the most sessions. **Gerald LaRocca** from the Office of Information Technology (OIT) received a dolphin for being the 100th person to register for spring 2007 PDA, and **Winston McGruder** from OIT received one for being the first person to register.

- 1 Many attended the Professional Development Academy Tailgate Party on May 24.
- 2 Dolphin trophies were presented to those individuals that attended the most sessions.

Also recognized were the session presenters: **Dr. Leroy Kendrick** - Budget Management; **Karen Laiche** and **Dr. Jeffrey Smith** - College Policy and Protocol; **Ronald Doucette** - Conflict Management; **Thomas Lovince**, Service Oriented; **Warren Puneky** - Developing Decision Making Skills; **Dr. Alex Johnson** - Learning Centeredness; **Dr. Jim Hurrell** - Motivation; **Dr. Calvin Mackie** - Working Next to Complacency; **Sandra Madison** - Understanding and Defining Diversity; **Thomas Gruber** - Team Building.

Several PDA sessions are now being offered over the summer; for more information, please contact pda@dcc.edu.

Delgado Community College and Mandeville Fire District 4 Host EMS Open House

On Wednesday, May 16, Delgado Community College Department of EMS Education and Mandeville Fire District 4 hosted an Open House at their new EMS training facility at 1800 North Lane in Mandeville, La., to celebrate the launch of pilot courses with Fire District 4 that are expanding Delgado's EMS program to the Northshore.

Mandeville Fire District 4 and Delgado leaders, staff and students joined Advisory Board members, area EMS education partners, the media and other interested parties at the Open House, which included a tour of the 6000-square-foot facility, demonstrations of the more than \$250,000 of state-of-the-art simulation equipment, a presentation in the main classroom, and a lovely spread of lunch and cake generously provided by Fire District 4.



The more than \$250 thousand dollar state-of-the-art simulation equipment is demonstrated at the open house held at the new EMS training facility in Mandeville, La., on Wednesday, May 16.

To help meet the acute regional need for qualified EMS professionals, Delgado is currently piloting with Fire District 4 a unique incumbent worker training program for 16 firemen to complete a Paramedic Certificate of Technical Studies (CTS) program and 9 firemen to complete the EMT Paramedic Associate Degree Bridge Program. Delgado will also offer EMT-Basic classes at the new Mandeville training facility this summer and intends to open the three-semester Paramedic CTS program to the public in January 2008.

News and Happenings...

West Bank Campus Among Top 10 Tech Savvy Colleges

Delgado Community College's West Bank Campus has been named among the top 10 tech-savvy community colleges for 2007 by the Center for Digital Education and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). A ranking was established based on the third national Digital Community Colleges Survey, which examined how colleges are deploying technology to streamline operations and better serve students, faculty and staff. Delgado's West Bank Campus placed sixth among community colleges with student enrollment of less than 3,000. Nearly 200 community colleges across the country participated in the survey. Delgado *Chancellor* **Dr. Alex Johnson** and *West Bank Campus Provost* **Donna Alley** accepted the award at a breakfast on April 16 during the annual AACC conference in Tampa, Fla.

Construction Product Trade Show Held at Delgado

On Tuesday, April 17, the Construction Specification Institute (C.S.I.) New Orleans Chapter, in conjunction with Delgado Community College's C.S.I. Student Affiliate of Architecture Program, sponsored a construction product and trade show for industry professionals in the Gymnasium of the Delgado City Park Campus Student Life Center. This was the second year since 1995 that C.S.I. has chosen Delgado as the site for its annual trade show.

Vet Tech Department Partners with LSU

Delgado's Veterinary Technology Department has partnered with the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine to offer Delgado students a unique clinical study opportunity as part of the Vet Tech Associate of Applied Science degree program. Beginning with the spring 2007 graduating class, Delgado Vet Tech second-year students now complete their last semester of courses at LSUSVM through a comprehensive Externship rotation that includes Large Animal Medicine and Nursing, Laboratory Animal Medicine and Nursing, and Veterinary Technology Trends. This partnership, the first and only of its kind in the state, provides an unprecedented hands-on opportunity for Vet Tech students to work directly with Vet School students, preparing both for the real-world work environment.



Sociology Class Sponsors Panel Discussion on Recovery

Delgado's Modern Social Problems (SOCL 155-102) class, taught by **Melanie Deffendall**, sponsored a public panel discussion on April 24 to address the topic, "Are race or social class impeding our recovery?" During the two-hour panel, the leaders of tomorrow quizzed the leaders of today, including New Orleans City Council President Oliver M. Thomas Jr., former New Orleans City Councilmember Jacquelyn B. Clarkson, New Orleans Superintendent of Police

Warren J. Riley, Orleans Parish Deputy Chief of the Trial Division Niki Roberts, Donielle McGhee of Common Ground New Orleans, *Delgado Dean of Academic Affairs and Sociology Instructor* **Raymonda Dennis** and *Delgado Criminology Instructor* **Katina Whorton**. A lively and successful guided discussion centered on the ramifications of divisive language, crime, racism and classism both locally and nationally for New Orleans.

LTC Region I Reopens Culinary Arts Department

The LTC Region I has reopened its Culinary Arts Department beginning with summer 2007 semester at the Jefferson Campus, welcoming *Chef* **Jan Rost's** return as lead instructor. The Culinary Arts program was previously held at the LTC Slidell Campus, which was closed due to extensive damage by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Rost led the program's instruction from 2001 – 2005 before returning to lead the LTC-Jefferson program in May 2007. Rost will teach three courses this summer as part of a new competency-based management program developed by the restaurant and food service industry's most credible educational organization. The department's fall semester begins August 20 with a full Culinary Arts program that will be undergoing accreditation by the American Culinary Federation, meeting current industry needs and offering nationally recognized industry-based certifications. To learn more about the Culinary Arts Department, visit www.ltc.edu or contact Chef Rost at (504) 736-7072.

Student Successes

Student Selected Louisiana New Century Scholar

Andrea Meier, *Delgado graduate and Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society member*, was selected as the Louisiana New Century Scholar. Sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges, the Coca-Cola Foundation, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, and Phi Theta Kappa, the New Century Scholar program honors students who receive the highest All-USA Academic Team application score in each state. Andrea graduated from Delgado in December 2006 with a 4.0 and Presidential Honors. This fall, she plans to continue her education at Tulane University, where she received a substantial scholarship.

Vet Tech Student Wins 2 Awards

Erica Dragon is this year's winner of both the Delgado award for Outstanding Veterinary Technician, as voted on by program faculty members, and the first-ever Award of Clinical Excellence, as awarded to a Delgado Vet Tech student by the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine as part of a new Externship rotation partnership. As part of the award, Erica received a \$100 gift certificate donated by Uniforms by Bayou, and her name will be added to a perpetual plaque that resides at the LSU Vet School.

Excellence in Mathematics

Jennifer Olszewski is the winner of this year's Dr. Frances McDonald Mu Alpha Theta Award for Excellence in Mathematics. The award is accompanied by a \$500 scholarship. Jennifer, a 4.0 GPA student at Delgado, will be attending the University of New Orleans in the fall, where she will pursue a degree in biological studies. Dr. McDonald founded Delgado's chapter of the Mu Alpha Theta national honors society in 1998 and, along with Professor Richard Sasser, has been a co-sponsor of the organization since its inception. In 2003, the society's members voted to rename the organization's award in her honor.

ELET Student Selected for FAA Intern Program

Delgado Electrical-Electronics Engineering Technology (ELET) student **Amina Muwakkil** has been selected by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to participate in a paid internship program. As part of this internship, Amina will install and maintain electronic equipment and lighting aids associated with facilities and services required for aviation navigation at the New Orleans Louis Armstrong International Airport. Delgado's Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology-accredited ELET program provides the FAA's sole pool of students for this elite internship program.

Chancellor Johnson Receives Honors, Awards and Appointments

- Chancellor **Alex Johnson** received an Honorary Degree from Our Lady of Holy Cross College from its president the Reverend Anthony J. De Conciliis, CSC, PhD, at the college's 65th Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 6. A brunch was served in Dr. Johnson's honor in the Moreau Center that day.
- **Dr. Johnson** has also recently received a 2007 Lehman Urban Teacher and Counselor Education (LUTE) Special Recognition Award and was asked to give the keynote address when the awards were presented at the Honors Reception on May 17 at Lehman College in New York. Unable to attend the reception, Dr. Johnson accepted the award via Delgado student produced video. The award recognized leaders who have made outstanding contributions in urban education and are examples of the "competent educators dedicated to promoting justice, equity, and caring in urban schools" that Lehman College strives to nurture in its programs. In particular, Lehman College recognized Dr. Johnson's leadership role in the Hurricane Katrina restoration through an interview he provided for one of the college's publications.
- On April 10, **Dr. Johnson** was appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Louisiana Recovery Authority at the LRA's regularly held Board of Directors meeting at the State Capital in Baton Rouge. The 33 members of

New Hires

We welcome the following employees who have recently joined Delgado:

Jamie Lax – *Academic Advisor Northshore*

Jodie Andrews – *Program Assistant Workforce Development*

Harold Cade – *Job Placement Counselor*

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the LRA Board of Directors are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. They play an active role in the LRA's mission of securing funding for community recovery and resurgence, ensuring accountability and effectiveness, coordinating across jurisdictions, and planning for the rebuilding of South Louisiana.

- Most recently, **Dr. Johnson** was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of Greater New Orleans Inc., a dynamic regional partnership of public and private leaders driving the economic resurgence of the Greater New Orleans area. GNO Inc. is a nonpartisan organization focused on retaining jobs, creating new jobs, developing the workforce and fostering a pro-business public policy.

FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Dr. Leroy Kendrick**, executive director of Credit and Assessment Programs, has been requested to serve as an evaluator for a United States Department of Education Title VI-B Business and International Education grant. The focus of the grant activity is the teaching of importing/exporting, international business subjects, and foreign languages. To evaluate the grant, Dr. Kendrick attended a seminar June 16-20 at The European Academy in Berlin, Germany.
- **Barry Brantley, CHE, CMP, CAE**, Director of Hospitality, was selected as the "Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher of the Year" from Marketing Education in Region IV of ACTE for 2007. The six states included in Region IV of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) are Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Candidates were selected based on nominations required to include letters of support from supervisors, community leaders and former students
- **Adult Nursing Program Instructor Lynn W. Lowery, RN, MSN**, received a 2-yr appointment as the first National League for Nursing (NLN) Ambassador of Charity School of Nursing.
- **Kim Uddo**, Assistant Professor, Charity School of Nursing, presented "Building Your Clinical Library" at the NISOD 2007 International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, which took place May 20-23 in Austin, Texas.
- **Charity School of Nursing Associate Professor Donita Qualey, MN, RN**, presented "Under Attack State-by-State: Strategies to Strengthen Associate Degree Nursing" recently at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) convention in Tampa, FL. Donita was appointed to serve on AACC's Nursing Education Advisory Council and is a member of AACC's Commission on Economic and Workforce Development. She also serves as a member of AACC's Coalition of Affiliate Councils representing the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (NOADN).

Dolphin Baseball cont...

The emotion continued to run as high as the excitement when the team headed to Grand Junction, Colorado, to play their first World Series game versus Western Nevada Community College on May 26, 2007.

"We had a tough season, but these guys showed incredible resilience, at home and on the field," said **Tommy Smith**, Delgado's director of Athletics. "Going to the World Series was like their reward, like prayers answered."

The Dolphins fought hard in two games at the World Series, just barely coming up short after a tremendous effort in both. The first game, again Western Nevada Community College, involved a pitcher's duel that held Delgado to three hits. In the second game against Young Harris (Ga.) College, the Dolphins got their offense going in a slugfest of 15 hits that ended in a 12-9 loss.

As the season came to a close, all of Delgado's students, faculty and staff could not have been prouder of the Dolphins.

"I was fortunate to attend the '85 game, and this year's was totally different, but perhaps even more memorable," said Smith. "The guys showed a tremendous amount of class representing both Delgado and Louisiana. The whole team played really hard, and the leadership displayed by **Drew Allen, Matt Gaudet** and **Lee Haydel** was exceptional!"

"We can look back on this season with pride," said Sheuermann, "and we've got a lot to look forward to."