

# The Dolphin

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## Architecture Students Win National Award

compiled by Dolphin Staff

Delgado's Student Chapter of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) placed third in the nation for Outstanding Student Chapter, competing with senior institutions such as Purdue University and Brigham Young University. First place went to the University of Nebraska, and Texas A&M took second place. In 2004, Delgado tied with Texas A&M for third place. Winners were announced Feb. 9 during the International Homebuilders Show in Orlando, Florida, the largest building construction show in the world which attracts more than 100,000 participants from all over the globe.

"This is a big deal for us,

since we only had one semester to build our chapter from no members to 54 after Katrina," said Victor Mirzai, faculty adviser for Delgado's student chapter of NAHB. "The packet was due in the fall of 2006, and our students submitted a 100-page portfolio that was judged according to the four categories of Chapter Activities, Campus Activities, Community Activities, and Fundraising Activities."



Front row from left: Professor P. Victor Mirzai, Mai Tran, Miko Marshall, Sean Mitchell, Christie Badinger.

Back row from left: Gabe LaCombe, and Peter Young.

Gabriel LaCombe, student NAHB board member, accepted the plaque and a check for \$750, and the student chapter also received 24 technical construction/estimating calculators valued at

\$150 apiece.

"No one else got any calculators, and the judges talked about our comeback from Katrina and accomplishments for almost five minutes at the awards ceremony," said Mirzai. "The students designed a

'Katrina Cottage' that could be used to help rebuild New Orleans, and our chapter wants to build it to display in the Superdome's Home and Garden show March 30."

"My most enjoyable experience at the 2007 International Builders Show in Orlando, Florida, was the job fair. I was able to meet one on one with more than 15 major companies in the construction industry. This experience allowed me to have hands on learning about what the industry expects and delivers," said student Christie Badinger.

The conference also put students in the spotlight at the job fair, which included Fortune 500 homebuilding companies such as KB Homes, Centex Homes, KHovnanian, Drees Homes, Mercedes Homes and others. Delgado students were prepared to interview professionally and compete successfully for management positions which started at \$80K in 2004, according to Mirzai.

## New Programs at DCC

By Joanie Creson  
Editor-in-Chief

New programs are on the horizon of fall 2007 at Delgado Community College. They include a Certificate of General Studies, as well as an Associate of Science in Teaching. In the Allied Health Department, programs include Ophthalmic Medical Assistant, Health Information Technology, and Medical Coding Certificate of Technical Studies.

According to Tim Stamm, Interim Director of Curriculum and Program Development, the Certificate of General Studies program consists mainly of general education requirements with 30 credit hours. Students can take 6 hours in their "elective area of choice" to see what they like, then transfer to any Associate Degree program or 4-year college.

"We just made it easy for people who want to do quick career exploration," said Stamm.

One of the reasons this program is being offered is because admissions standards are getting higher at 4-year institutions. If someone does not have high enough GPA or SAT scores, they can come to Delgado and take 30 credit

hours, then transfer to a 4-year institution.

To enroll in the program, students need to meet with General Studies advisers in the Liberal Arts division at the City Park campus, and Liberal Arts and Sciences division on the West Bank campus. They must develop a degree plan with one of the advisers.

The Teacher Education program involves 56 hours of general education courses. It is a selective admissions program and students have to meet certain criteria before they are accepted.

"There's a minimum GPA, and candidates have to go through an interview process to show that they have the pre-disposition for the field of teaching," said Stamm.

The Associate of Science in Teaching is specifically targeted for grades one through five. This is a great opportunity for students because of the need for teachers in our community. Applications for the fall semester are now being accepted. The application deadline for Louisiana TeachNext is April 30. For more information or to apply for the Teacher Education program, visit the website at [www.LouisianaTeachNext.org](http://www.LouisianaTeachNext.org) or call Sean Martin at 485-2378.

Early Childhood Education

is going through a name change. The program is still being offered, but it is now called Care and Development of Young Children.

No pre-requisites are required for the Ophthalmic Medical Assistant Program, but students must be eligible for Math 118 and English 101. Classes are held at City Park and the Northshore campus; clinicals are offered on the Southshore, Northshore and Baton Rouge. Applications are being accepted through May 30, 2007 for the class starting in August 2007. For more information contact Fran Langlow at 289-4432 or via email: [fmorel@dcc.edu](mailto:fmorel@dcc.edu).

Students interested in health care that want minimal patient contact might consider enrolling in the Medical Laboratory Technician program. Upon completion graduates are qualified to work in a medical laboratory performing tests on blood and other body fluids which help physicians detect and prevent disease. This program starts in January 2008 and applications are due Oct. 15, 2007. For further information contact Sheila Hickman at 483-4198.

The Phlebotomy Program is taught both in the spring and fall semesters. This is a one semester program that

teaches students how to draw blood. There are two lecture courses plus one practicum course for this program. Anyone interested may contact Sheila Hickman at 483-4198.

Health information focuses on health care data and the management of health care information resources.(HEIT) HEIT includes two years of integrated general education, required related courses, and the professional HEIT courses. The program begins in August of each year and consists of two years combined didactic and clinical education. For more information contact Missy LaCour at [m-lacou@dcc.edu](mailto:m-lacou@dcc.edu).

In the Medical Coding Certificate of Technical Studies, 33 credit hours of required related courses and professional HEIT courses are included. Qualified medical coders are needed for the financial well-being of all healthcare facilities. For information about this program please contact Missy LaCour at [m-lacou@dcc.edu](mailto:m-lacou@dcc.edu).

Allied Health will hold a Health Career Information Fair on April 19 from 9 a.m.-noon in the gymnasium of Building 11 to provide more detailed information about their majors and requirements.

## Paving the Way

By Joanie Creson  
Editor-in-Chief

Microsoft Corporation is donating a \$425,000 grant to fund Delgado's Workforce Training IT skills programs, through the Greater New Orleans Economic Development Foundation. Steve Ballmer, Microsoft CEO, made the announcement with Dr. Alex Johnson, Senator Mary Landrieu, and other community leaders February 26 at the Jefferson Workforce Connection Center. Ballmer held a press conference to announce Microsoft's total donation of \$1.7 million in grants to assist in the rebuilding of the Gulf States. The \$425,000 grant Delgado received will help people in making a transition back into the region by supporting workforce development training programs.

The grant is intended to advance economic opportunities for business and the local economy by improving the technology skills of the local and returning workforce. Delgado, Microsoft and its partners are working together to ensure that every job seeker will have access to the education and training needed to

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## Campus News

### Balancing Work, School, & Family

Wednesday, March 14  
5:30 p.m., Student Life Center

### Job Interviewing Tips

Tuesday, March 20  
5:30 p.m., Student Life Center

### Improve Your Memory

Monday, March 26  
Noon, Student Life Center

### Critical Thinking Skills

Wednesday, March 28  
5:30 p.m., Student Life Center

## The Dolphin

Delgado Community College's Student Newspaper

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Submissions can be mailed to The Dolphin, 615 City Park Ave., New Orleans, LA 70119 or brought to the Dolphin office in CP11 Room 104, Monday through Friday. The office phone number is (504) 483-4061, the fax number is (504) 483-4408 and the e-mail address is [thedolphin29@yahoo.com](mailto:thedolphin29@yahoo.com).

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## Honor Society Alert

By **Bridget Boudreaux**  
Associate Editor

Look at your grades and if you have A's and B's, then you are eligible for any of Delgado's honor societies that best fit your major. Students at Delgado who are actively involved in these societies are recognized on graduation day by name, and wear honor cords and sashes for their specific area of achievement.

Omega Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is looking for students who have a GPA of 3.0 or better. Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society

was started in 1918, and is the official honor society for two-year colleges. These societies encourage leadership and service, with more than 1.3 million members and 1,200 chapters in the United States, U.S. territories, Canada and Germany.

March is the perfect month to join Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) and pay your one-time membership fee of \$65. PTK organizes fun events such as movie nights, national conventions, Habitat for Humanity volunteer day and more.

"Phi Theta Kappa recruits from students who are in the honors program, but it is an organization, not honors class," said faculty adviser Emily Cosper. "PTK has scholarships that help students go to four-year schools, with Tulane giving PTK

members who meet their admissions requirements \$10,000 toward tuition."

The next induction takes place on April 20, 2007, but the deadline to join is April 11. For more information contact Emily Cosper at (504)



Mu Alpha Theta members pictured l to r: front row, new members Theresa Nguyen, Chantelle Boudreaux, Ray Fellows and sponsor Richard Sasser of the Delgado Math Dept. Back row, Chapter President Renee Quin and new member Sean Hart.

483-4107 or [ecospe@dcc.edu](mailto:ecospe@dcc.edu).

Sigma Chi Eta chapter is for any Performance and Media Arts majors with an overall GPA of 3.0 for 20 completed hours and at least a 3.25 in nine semester hours of Television Production, Mass Communication/Journalism, Public Relations, Theatre or Speech Communication. There is a one-time fee of \$30, which includes the induction, certificate, lapel pin, and membership for life.

"You may not think you can afford the membership, but you can't afford to miss your chance to build your resume and network to better compete in the job market," said Sigma Chi adviser Susan Hague. "Employers look at your grades and they also look for evidence of service to community, leadership and team-

work skills."

The next induction for Sigma Chi Eta, Eta Chapter will be April 26 as part of Delgado Television Production's TV Showcase night, starting at 6:30 pm. in the Isaac Delgado Drama Hall. For more information contact advisers Susan

Hague or Jenny Louis in the Liberal Arts Department at (504) 483-4512, [shague@dcc.edu](mailto:shague@dcc.edu) or [jlouis@dcc.edu](mailto:jlouis@dcc.edu).

Mu Alpha Theta is an honor society for students who take at least two higher level math classes and make an A or B. This society does have strict requirements to be a member, but like the lottery, you can't win if you don't try.

For more information, contact Richard Sasser of the Delgado Mathematics Department at (504) 483-4569.

For business majors, Alpha Beta Gamma honors fraternity promotes business education, sponsors fundraisers, and advances knowledge of opportunities for students in this field. Alpha Beta Gamma requires a GPA of 3.4 or higher.

These are the honor societies that require at least a 3.0 GPA, but there are several campus organizations that you can join to get involved with your major and build your resume and leadership skills. Go to [http://www.dcc.edu/classification/students/student\\_life/organizations.htm](http://www.dcc.edu/classification/students/student_life/organizations.htm) for the complete list of student organizations.



Interested in writing? Able to meet deadlines? Like a creative challenge? Then join the Dolphin staff. Front row, Lorenzo Franklin; second row (l to r), Jade Purvis, Bridget Boudreaux, and Jaclyn Furlow; third row, James Broussard, Joanie Creson, and Ronald Richardson.

# Trying to Maintain, Post-Katrina

By **Jade Purvis**  
Staff Writer

You may have noticed last semester while walking along the covered sidewalk the rusted, twisted metal remnants between the bookstore and Building 10. This was the New Orleans Math and Science high school, whose construction was halted in its tracks by Hurricane Katrina. The building has now been cleared, and fresh grass is budding on the open field.

There are many noticeable signs of progress since the storm, such as the clearing of the rusted eyesore, but there are also still many noticeable problems, wounds inflicted by Katrina that haven't healed. The inundated Child Care Center has never returned, and Student Services relocated to the second floor of the Student Life Center. The clocks on campus all note a different time, the result of the submergence of the generator in Building 12 that synchronized the clocks.

While some storm-related damage is evident, such as the total wash of Building 7 which housed the library, other issues such as leaky heating pipes are dangerously hidden.

In the first week of classes this semester, second year

general science major Scott Sasser reported that while strolling along a covered walkway near Building 10, he noticed what looked like



Photo courtesy of the Delgado Public Relations Department.

This view of the old airplane hanger taken from Marconi Ave. shows Katrina's wind damage to what would have been the new Math and Science high school. At right, the same area seen from the walkway between Building 1 and Building 10.

something burning in the grass. Sasser said he proceeded to step on what he assumed was a cigarette, when his foot and lower leg sank into the grass and into an underground cavity of boiling water.

The boiling underground water was caused by a leak in one of the main underground lines of the heating system on campus. Katrina's corrosive floodwaters may have contributed to the leak, or it may have been a typical maintenance problem. After it was reported, the maintenance team responded by blocking off the affected area with yellow caution tape. This

was followed by plywood and barricades.

FEMA assessed about 30 leaks in the piping system on campus and the school was

awarded just under \$1 million to replace them. The problem is, when the amount awarded



Photo by Jade Purvis

Maintenance blocked off this walkway by Building 10 after a student stepped into a sinkhole caused by a leaky pipe.

to an institution exceeds \$350,000, the funds must be managed by the state.

"Delgado did have quite a large amount of maintenance

issues before, but of course Katrina increased that two-fold," says Adolfo Girau, Director of Facilities Planning. Since the amount



Photo by Jade Purvis

to repair what was damaged on campus is being managed by the state, it means

Delgado, the Superdome, area hospitals and other state property are on the state's waiting list of institutions to repair, according to Girau.

Louisiana has a projected 6-year plan to repair Delgado. So far, the state has remediated all necessary buildings on campus with the exception of Building 7, which was appointed an architect and is awaiting a master plan. Other progress includes the repairs on the carpentry, machine, and automotive

buildings and roofs, as well as the GM Center, but no construction has begun.

The New Orleans Math and Science School was 10 percent completed when storm winds caused the metal framework to collapse. The building and debris have been cleared away, but with the higher cost of construction, the funds previously available are no longer enough to cover the costs to rebuild. Also, the needs for the new school have changed, requiring more land than the Delgado City Park campus can accommodate.

The land was promised to the New Orleans School System, but now that it no longer meets the needs of the project, Girau said, "We're trying to get it back."

With a third fewer support staff, reduced from 24 to 16, and an estimated \$30 million in campus damage ranging from infrastructure damage to piping problems, the maintenance department is faced with pressure to come up with at least a temporary solution to the devastation Katrina left behind.

Until the state can complete the repairs to Delgado, the maintenance department has enough funds in its budget to pay for temporary repairs whenever a problem arises.

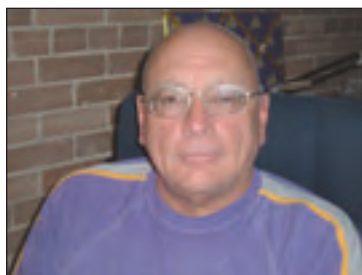
But for now, it's just a waiting game to get our campus back.

## Headache Cure

By **Ronald Richardson**  
Staff writer

It can be very stressful when registration time comes around because of the long lines and all of the students who are trying to enroll. This brings up the question of how to avoid standing in line and how to get the classes you need. The answer is early registration for continuing students, beginning Monday, March 26.

The only problem is that students sometimes forget to register. This is why there are advisers for Delgado students. Advisers can help students decide what major and what career may be right for them. Here are the advisers you can go to for help:



**Mike Lucia**

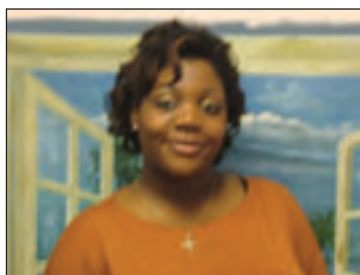
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**Miya Martin**

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If you're in Liberal Arts alley, the last door on your left brings you into the area of Miya Martin's office.



**Racquel Washington**

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The mysteries of science will be explained, or the courses you need to take will become clear, when you meet with Racquel Washington.

Look for the door with the LSU colors and tiger on it, and you've found the office of Mike Lucia.

## VISC STUDENT EXHIBITION

All Visual Communications Students are encouraged to enter two projects in the following categories: **design, illustration, or photography.**

**Deadline for entries is Tuesday, March 13 --**

**Exhibition opens Thursday, March 15.** Projects must be brought to the Gallery on the third floor of Building One. Students must provide their own glass cut to the size of the finished piece as well as mirror "clips" used to secure the glass to the gallery wall.

A VISC faculty member will be there to help from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Carnegie Bound

By Joanie Creson  
Editor-in-Chief

Members of the Symphony Chorus of New Orleans, which include students and faculty from Delgado Community College and Ursuline Academy, will perform "Fauré's Requiem" at New York's Carnegie Hall on Monday, March 12. Steven Edwards, Professor of Music at DCC, is the Musical Director.

According to chorus member Mike Dawson, the opportunity for this performance arose when MidAmerican Productions contacted Edwards and asked if he would like to conduct Fauré's Requiem at Carnegie Hall.

The one requirement was that he provide the minimum number of singers, 175. The Symphony Chorus will join with choristers from Alabama, Michigan and Mississippi. Delgado Chorus

members include students Kyoko Shichi, soprano, Jeff Underwood, tenor, Mike Dawson, bass, and faculty member Judy Held, soprano.

In addition to being a member of the Delgado Chorus, Dawson joined the Symphony Chorus about five years ago, and talked about how both have influenced his progress as a singer.

"The Delgado Chorus has been an important part of my music education," said Dawson. "The experience of performing with the Symphony Chorus is extraordinary and challenging... We connect with the conductor on many levels and it can be a truly emotional experience."

At the end of the fall semester, the Delgado Chorus recorded in the sound studio on campus, with a plan to record more songs each semester and possibly produce a CD.



Photo by Tom Dawson

A mixed chorus including students and faculty from Delgado Community College, Ursuline Academy, and members of the Symphony Chorus of New Orleans, shown above, will join with choristers from Alabama, Michigan, and Mississippi for their concert of Fauré's Requiem at New York's Carnegie Hall March 12, under the direction of Steven Edwards, Delgado Professor of Music.

## Jon McLaughlin: Songs from the Heartland

By Joanie Creson  
Editor-in-Chief

The debut album by Jon McLaughlin, titled *Indiana*, is filled with original songs of life experience almost everyone can relate to.

The title track is a soothing ballad that pays tribute to McLaughlin's hometown of Anderson, Indiana. Another song called "Human" has a catchy chorus, "after all, we're only human," that listeners can relate to.

"Beautiful Disaster" is about a 17-year-old girl searching for that everlasting relationship. Here is an excerpt from the chorus:

"She would change every-

thing for happy ever after, caught in the in-between, a beautiful disaster, she just needs someone to take her heart."

"Just Give It Time" could be an anthem for New Orleans, post-Katrina: "still waters, heavy heart, the plans we made all fall apart... just give it time, it's going to get better, now is not forever at all..."

McLaughlin's style is unique, but musical influences, Billy Joel, Ben Folds and early Elton John are obvious in his songs.

According to McLaughlin, there are "songs about relationships, girls, faith, friends,

family, and even some songs about the music industry on the album."

"I just want to keep writing songs about my life and my beliefs and just be honest," said McLaughlin.

Rarely do I find an album where I can listen to every song and not get bored. This is a CD you are likely to keep in your player for a while, especially if you are a Billy Joel fan. The release date for *Indiana* is May 1, 2007.

McLaughlin will tour to promote his album, and will play **New Orleans Thursday, March 8** at The Parish (upstairs at The House of Blues).

## St. Joseph and St. Patrick

By Lorenzo Franklin  
Staff Writer

Buon giorno! Como esta? In case you are wondering, in the Italian language this means "Hello, how are you?" Why should you greet someone in Italian? It's simple, the month of March hosts the Italian holiday called St. Joseph's Day, March 19.

The Italian American Marching Club is one of the largest ethnic organizations in the southeastern United States. New Orleans has an objective to keep the Italian heritage prevalent. The organization has incorporated the focal point of New Orleans festive culture, the parade, into the Italian heritage. This is known as St. Joseph's Day which is celebrated each year. Pizza, wine, and some Italian music begin this celebration. Participants march through the French Quarter in black tuxedos, giving out flowers, kisses, and fava beans for good luck as everyone dances and parades.

The parade continues on to the grand ballroom of the New Orleans Hilton where

the young Italian signorians are presented.

The annual St. Joseph's parade will be March 10, 2007 and begins at 6:00 p.m. in the French Quarter. There will be St. Joseph altars all over the city March 18. BUONA GIORNATA! (Have a nice day)!

The annual St. Patrick's Day parade in the Irish Channel will be on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17. After the traditional noon mass, the parade begins at the corner of Felicity and Magazine. Watch out for flying cabbage, carrots, onions, and potatoes!

### ATTENTION GRADUATES!

Don't forget the deadline to apply for May 2007 graduation is **April 2**. Stop by the Registrar's office, second floor of Student Life, to pick up an application.

## Black History Month Poetry Contest Winner

### 1st place - Jamie Bertucci

Society is you and me.  
Everyone is a piece of they.  
Very much of what we do,  
Ends up as words that others say.  
No black, no white,  
No slave, no free,  
No I exists except as we.  
Though he and she are part of you,  
No one alone can simply be.

### 2nd place - Rommel Molina 3rd place - Kim Powell

## Beyond the Glamour and Glitz

The Dolphin Staff

Hollywood has established a presence in New Orleans, and this means more local opportunities to work in the film and entertainment industry. Besides being an extra on the movie set, what other jobs are available, and what do you need to know to succeed? "Beyond the Glamour and the Glitz," a mini-conference on what it's like to work behind the scenes of film and TV, will be Thursday, March 15, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at La. Technical College (LTC) on Airline Hwy. near Zephyr Field. Delgado Community College and LTC are sponsoring the one-day event.

Keynote speaker will be Desiree Young, an MBA whose company, Venture Walk Business Partners, specializes in personal marketing. She will talk about self-marketing and how to create your own brand. Kris LaMorte, Delgado Theatre Dept. faculty, will speak on what it's like to work as a grip in Los Angeles and what the industry looks for when hiring grips. Cox Sports Production Coordinator Julie Vicari will talk about what it takes to be a television producer.

"This mini-conference is for anyone, especially students,

Photo by Todd Taylor



Delgado Television students Marlo Lacen and Brian Paul work with a camera dolly at the LTC studio.

wanting to break into the biz at the entry level," says Lynn Robertson, Delgado TV Production faculty and conference coordinator.

Katrina damaged the television studio at Delgado's City Park campus, the library, and several other buildings, limiting the space available for a conference. The TV Production Dept. has been operating on the LTC campus and working with LTC to host this event in the main building in Room 31. Space is limited to the first 50 or so participants on a first-come, first-served basis, and the \$10 fee includes lunch. To contact Lynn Robertson, call 736-7105 or send email to lrober@dcc.edu.

## Exhibit A

The Dolphin Staff

If you missed the show of Daphne Johnson's quilts, up through March 8 in the Delgado Fine Arts Gallery, your next chance to view work on display will be Thursday, March 15, when the Visual Communication students' exhibit opens at 6 p.m.

"We will have three shows of student work," says gallery director Robin Pellegrin. "The Interior Design student exhibit is set for Thursday, April 9 - 12, and the Fine Arts student show will open Thursday April 19 -26."

The gallery is located on the third floor of Building 1, and is open Monday - Thursday, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. or by appointment, 483-4624.

## Family Drama

By Jade Purvis  
Staff Writer

The stage is set for Delgado Theatre Arts to present *All My Sons*, by Arthur Miller, opening Wednesday April 11 and running through Sunday April 15.

Delgado's latest production, directed by Kris LaMorte, tells the story of Joe Keller, who, as a successful, self-made businessman, has done a terrible and tragic thing during World War II.

Now two years after the war, one of Keller's sons has returned and is about to marry his missing brother's girlfriend.

Joe has spent his entire life in the single-minded pursuit of wealth for the sake of his

family, living the American Dream. According to the play's notes, Arthur Miller, who also wrote *Death of a Salesman*, wanted to address with this play the compromises we are forced to make to live in a dishonest world, as well as to demonstrate a country's irrevocable loss of innocence: timely lessons as we find ourselves in the new millennium engulfed in another war.

The play will be performed in the Drama Hall on the third floor of Building 1, with performances nightly at 8, and Sunday matinee at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for students. For reservations, call 483-7252.



Photo courtesy of Delgado Theatre Dept.

The cast rehearses a tense scene from "All My Sons," opening April 11 under the direction of Kris LaMorte.



Photo courtesy of Delgado Theatre Department

The cast of "A Woman Called Truth" take a bow to close out the February production, which sold out its Friday performance.

## Premonition of Disaster in La.

By Joanie Creson  
Editor-in-Chief

Released by Columbia Pictures, the film *Premonition* is based on a screenplay by Bill Kelly. It stars Julian McMahon (*Charmed, Nip/Tuck*) and Sandra Bullock (*Miss Congeniality, Two Weeks' Notice*) who portray the typical American couple with two kids.

The movie was originally scheduled to begin filming in New Orleans on August 28, 2005. Those plans were cancelled due to approaching Hurricane Katrina, so the production crew relocated to Shreveport, where the entire movie was filmed.

"The whole thing was shot in Shreveport, so it was a very Louisianan-based crew," said McMahon. "Other people came from New Orleans. The film industry there was very supportive by putting people out in different places-people who are without housing down in New Orleans and have lost their jobs, or weren't able to get one because of the hurricane."

"It was actually quite a wonderful experience in regards to meeting all of those people with positive attitudes, and all of who put themselves together to heal from the effects of what happened only a few months before," said McMahon.

According to *The Dolphin's* phone interview with

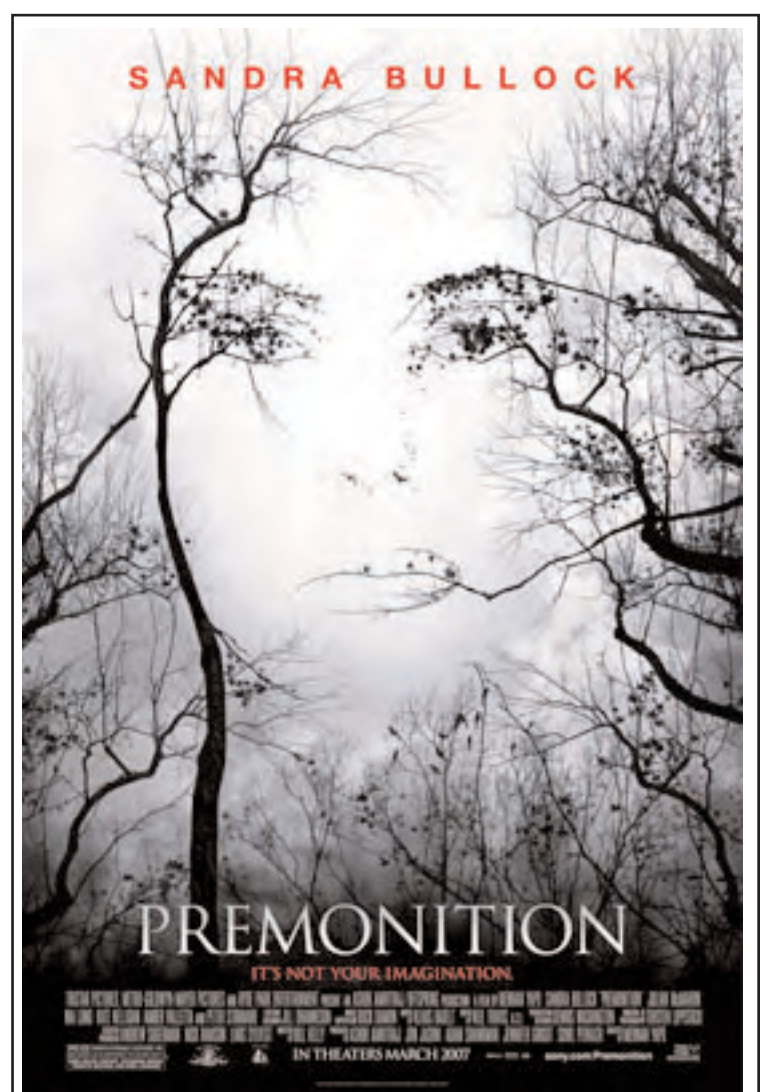
McMahon, the message to take from the movie is, "take a moment to appreciate what you have because it's important."

The movie centers on the main characters Linda and Jim. They have been married for about eight to ten years, and living a very normal, middle-American mainstream lifestyle. Everything's very consistent, which brings them to an extremely stale place in their lives. Linda wakes up one morning, takes the kids to

school, comes home and begins her usual chores. She then gets a knock at the door to find out that her husband's been killed in a car crash. The very next morning she wakes up to discover her husband is still alive.

At this point in the film she realizes that her days are out of order, and there's maybe a potential for her to prevent this accident. Linda has experienced a premonition.

*Premonition* is set to release on March 16.



# Guide to Health Services

**By Jaclyn Furlow**  
Staff Writer

No insurance? Need access to healthcare? Like the majority of the population in New Orleans, you are probably on a budget and in the dark about where affordable service providers are in the metro area. To shed some light, here is an overview of some of the available resources.

For general health concerns, St. Thomas clinic is probably the best thing going in this city. Physical exams, prescriptions, well-woman exams, pediatrics, birth control prescriptions, blood tests, STD testing and treatment--they do it all. They are located at 1020 St. Andrew Street, near where Magazine St. turns one-way. Phone is 529-5558, call for hours and any questions.

Next on the list is Common

Ground Clinic. Started after the levees failed as an emergency solution for the few who first returned, this project has grown into a powerful healing machine that touches on general health, women's health, aromatherapy, law advice and more. Their hours do vary and their services are free, so no complaints on the waiting. For more information you can call the clinic at 504-361-9800 located on Teche Street.

Continuing in the free service direction will be the Covenant House at 611 N. Rampart St. 584-1100. Tulane has a clinic for adults, 584-1112, on the other side of the building to address most needs while the Covenant House has some free services for adolescents and children, including vaccines.

For free HIV testing there is NO/AIDS task force located

on Frenchmen St. across from Mona's. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-7:30 and Mondays and Fridays 1p.m.-3p.m., there will be free rapid testing (20 minute results). Call 945-4000 for more information.

On the sliding fee scale is Daughters of Charity, another source that does most types of appointments but does not provide birth control or narcotic prescriptions. They have two locations. You can call the Causeway location at 482-0084 in Metairie or 945-1531 for the Bywater location.

Also available is the Jefferson Health Unit, 838-5100. Most of you are probably familiar with them for providing immunizations needed to attend college.

Not free but still cheaper than private doctors is Planned Parenthood 1-800-230-PLAN on Magazine

Street, available for well-woman exams, testing and treatment, pap smears. You can also receive Gardasil, the new vaccine that prevents cervical cancer. If you are on a budget and under the age of 27 you can fill out a quick and easy form with your name, estimate of income and fax that on the spot to MERCK pharmaceuticals. Within 15 minutes, they will let you know at the time of your appointment if they will pay for the vaccine, and you pay only for the office visit.

As a student, you have access to some health services at Delgado. Coordinator of Health Services Stephen Monnerjahn, who is also a paramedic, spoke about what services are offered here. For campus emergencies, there is a mobile unit to help. While there is no Insulin available

D-50 is offered for hypoglycemia. Tylenol is also there for those headaches during finals. If you have questions please go to Building 11, Room 102 or call 483-4596. Delgado holds a health fair each semester with free screenings for cholesterol, HIV, blood pressure, and you have the chance to donate blood, too.

Another aspect of health we may often neglect is our mental health. In these trying times no one is unscathed. The catastrophes and hard times we are going through affect us all in different ways. If you need someone to talk to, call 1-800-273-TALK for free counseling. Also, 1-866-794-HOPE is available from Red Cross. You might be eligible for financial aid. For further information go to A2care.org.

## Life's not easy in the Big Breezy

**By Jade Purvis**  
Staff Writer



Photo by Jade Purvis

Still a presence in the city, the National Guard rolls down City Park Ave. in front of Delgado.

Raymel Poche, Sr. tossed and turned, unable to get some much needed sleep. The 7-year veteran of the New Orleans Fire Department who once assisted in the rescue of 9th Ward residents following Hurricane Katrina flipped on the television in the Engine 12 FEMA trailer to check on the weather, which seemed to be taking a turn for the worse. In a matter of seconds, Poche and two others were in for the ride of their lives.

A monstrous funnel of wind came down like a giant hand, uprooting and tossing the trailer and its occupants and crashing it down on whatever was in its destructive path, including

Poche's car. For Delgado student Raymel Poche, Jr., the tornado ripping through New Orleans last month hit a little too close to home. After losing a home in Gentilly to Katrina's flood-waters, Poche, Jr., a Television Production major, and his family have been displaced from a natural disaster for the second time in 18 months. His father sustained rib and back injuries when winds flipped the trailer the fireman was stationed in.

An F-2 tornado (113-157mph winds) hop-



Photo by Jade Purvis

At the corner of Orleans and David streets, the tornado touched down, destroying the shed and damaging the rear of the house.

scotched across the region, hitting some of the same homes that have just been rebuilt or haven't yet recovered from Hurricane Katrina.

On Orleans Avenue, just

half a mile away from Delgado's City Park campus, a twister shredded the back shed of a home, with debris strewn along the sidewalk and across the street on the neutral ground.

Poche, Jr. adds, "We've been displaced twice in the same year and a half. We're all paranoid now." For some Delgado students, the powerful tornado simply meant power outages or nasty weather, but for others it meant displacement and having to start over...again.

## Lost in Oz ...

**Reporter:** "So what do you plan on doing about the recent tornado activity in New Orleans and Westwego, Dorothy, I mean, Governor Blanco?"

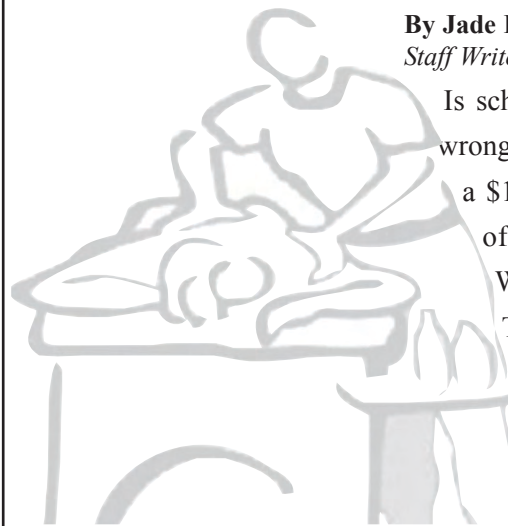
**Governor Blanco:** "Well, I think we'll have to take a trip to Kansas and see how they deal with their twisters."



cartoon by James Broussard

## And now a massage from the West Bank....

**By Jade Purvis**  
Staff Writer



Is school rubbing you the wrong way? De-stress with a \$15 one-hour massage offered by Delgado West Bank Massage Therapy students. As part of their certificate program, therapeutic massage students are required to practice what they learn as part of their academic and clinical education. Delgado's West Bank campus is inviting both the college community and the public for massages to be given in Building 2 of the Delgado Community College West Bank location at 2600 General Meyer Avenue.

**Massage session times are as follows:** Mondays-12:30 p.m.; 1:45 p.m.; 3:30 p.m.; and 4:45 p.m. Wednesdays- 1:30 p.m.; 2:45 p.m.; 4:30 p.m.; and 5:45 p.m.

To arrange your massage appointment, contact Sallye Raymond, Massage Therapy/West Bank Fitness Center Director, at (504) 361-6417. Raymond advises that you call ahead for your appointment and arrive 15-20 minutes early for it.

## RIAA e-mails intended to punish downloaders

By Wade Larson  
Daily Nebraskan  
(U. Nebraska)

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. If an e-mail drops into your inbox soon with the letters RIAA on it, be afraid. Be very afraid.

On Wednesday, the Recording Industry Association of America issued 400 pre-litigation settlement letters to students at 13 universities across the nation, and 36 of those letters are destined for students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

RIAA spokeswoman Jenni Engebretsen said the letters are part of the RIAA's increased efforts to target illegal downloading on university networks.

She said more than half of college students illegally download music and movies, and the RIAA is cracking down.

"There is not a college student in America that doesn't know this activity is illegal," Engebretsen said. "Yet we are continuing to see extensive illegal file trafficking on college campuses."

Engebretsen said the letters are intended to offer students a substantial discount on the

finer they face, in addition to giving them an alternative to an appearance in federal court.

She said there was no minimum number of illegal downloads required to file a lawsuit, so anyone caught with even one file transfer could potentially receive one of the letters.

Students who receive the letters have until March 20 to contact the RIAA and reach a settlement, or the RIAA will file a "Doe" suit because they don't know whom they're suing.

Kent Hendrickson, associate vice chancellor for information services at the University of Nebraska, said the RIAA has the IP address, which identifies a computer on a network, of the offending parties, and it's up to university officials to track down the user of that computer and deliver the letter.

It's a task Hendrickson said he would rather avoid. He said the university couldn't track and prevent all the illegal downloading on campus, so the RIAA has to take action.

"We're desperately trying not to be the police people," he said. "It needs to be the RIAA that does the policing

and not the campus."

He said while some students may wonder why the university is facilitating the RIAA's request, for him it's a no-brainer.

"We are legally obligated to assist in this process," he said.

Hendrickson encouraged students to stop downloading and be more aware of copyright laws and the university's requirements to avoid receiving a letter in the future.

Kelly Bartling, a UNL spokeswoman, said UNL officials are waiting to receive the IP address from the RIAA so they can track the users and forward the e-mails.

She said university officials would be able to track the IP addresses in 15 to 20 minutes, provided the information is current.

However, depending on how old the data is, the university might not be able to track the IP address at all.

Bartling said the e-mails are demonstrative of the RIAA's more aggressive stance on copyright infringement. She said she hoped students would take notice.

"If people aren't taking this serious, I think it's time that they do," she said.



photo by Joanne Creson

The Wild Mardi Gras Indians closed out Delgado's celebration of Black History Month Feb. 26. "Things like this are what make it worth staying here," said one viewer, Diane Cohen.

### Qualifications

for SGA Officer Elections:

President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary

Deadline Thursday, March 29

Student Government Elections April 24 and 25

Contact Office of Student Life, 483-4454

for more information

## Sat. March 10 elections set for 94th District, District A

compiled by Dolphin staff

Emile "Peppi" Bruneau, La. State Representative for the 94th District, is retiring, and a special election for his replacement is set for Saturday, March 10. The 94th District includes Lakeview, Lake Vista, City Park and MidCity.

Six candidates, two Republicans and four Democrats, will vie for his seat. The League of Women Voters website, <http://www.lwvno.org/>, has a description of each candidate and how each plans to improve the 94th District. For your review, here is brief roster of the candidates to choose from.

- [ ] Phillip Brickman, Republican, attorney
- [ ] Jeb Bruneau, Republican, sales representative for Republic Beverage Company

- [ ] Nick Lorusso, Republican, attorney
- [ ] John Holahan, Democrat, attorney
- [ ] Deborah Langhoff, Democrat, self-employed computer business
- [ ] William "Bill" Vanderwall, Sr., Democrat, medical social work and community organization

Division A will elect a judge for Civil District Court from a field of seven declared candidates, all Democrats, all working in the field of law.

- [ ] Tiffany Gautier Chase
- [ ] Suzette Peychaud Bagneris
- [ ] Charlene Larche-Mason
- [ ] Phillip Costa
- [ ] Kenneth Plaisance
- [ ] Douglas McGinity
- [ ] Morris Reed

Voting precincts open early (before 8 a.m.) and close at 8 pm. If you haven't voted since Katrina, call 658-8300 to find out where to cast your vote.



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Ducks clear a trail in the algae-covered pond next to the Student Life Center. A volunteer crew from Campus Crusade plans to clean the pond on March 14.

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#### Paving Way

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succeed in today's technology-driven economy.

In another transaction, Delgado Community College and Louisiana Technical College District I signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Urban League of Greater New Orleans. Delgado will provide Adult Basic Education services and health to local at-risk and adjudicated young adults ages 18-24.

#### CRIME LOG FROM DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS POLICE WEBSITE

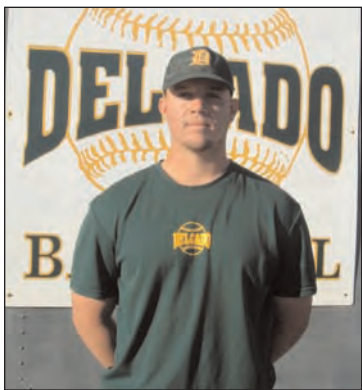
02/26/07	12:00P.M.	An individual who appeared to be a student was apprehended and arrested for committing a theft from an office in Building 1of the City Park campus.
11/02/06	1:00P.M.	A student reported vehicle was burglarized in the parking lot of Zone 4.
11/03/06	10:00A.M.	A student reported a vehicle stolen from the parking lot located in Zone 4.
11/06/06	2:30P.M.	A student reported vehicle was burglarized in the parking lot of Zone 3.
11/08/06	2:30P.M.	A student reported a guitar, valued at \$150.00 lost or stolen from Building 1, 1st floor restroom.
11/14/06	2:51P.M.	Officers of the Delgado Campus Police Department affected the arrest of a Delgado student, who was booked with two counts of auto burglary.

<http://www.dcc.edu/departments/police/log/index.html>

# SPORTS

## Diamond in the Rough

By Joanie Creson  
Editor-in-Chief



**Delgado First Baseman  
Matt Gaudet**



photos by Joanie Creson

Delgado has had to rebuild both the physical playing field and the team since Katrina. FEMA provided most of the money for the new scoreboard.

Even though Delgado's baseball record stands at four wins and eleven losses, first baseman Matt Gaudet is optimistic things will turn around.

"We're off to a slow start, but we're starting to pull everything together," said Gaudet. "It's a little different this year compared to last year, because last year

we had to put our whole field together before the season started. This year we are a new team, and it's taken us a while to get to know each other and kind of gel."

The Delgado Dolphins will play at home this weekend, with game dates and times listed on the schedule at right. The field has a state-of-the-art scoreboard and new fence, part of the field's improvements post-Katrina, and will receive a new lighting system at Kirsch-Rooney stadium.

DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DOLPHINS 2007 BASEBALL SCHEDULE					
Day	Date	Opponent	#/Innings	Site	Time
Wed.	3/7	Pearl River CC	2/7	Kirsch-Rooney(home)	1 p.m.
Sat.	3/10	East Hill CC	2/7	Kirsch-Rooney	1 p.m.
Sun.	3/11	St. Charles CC	1/7	Kirsch-Rooney	3 p.m.
Mon.	3/12	East Hill CC	1/9	Kirsch-Rooney	11 a.m.
WALT DISNEY WORLD SPRING WARM-UP - ORLANDO, FLORIDA					
Wed.	3/14	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Thurs.	3/15	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Fri.	3/16	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sat.	3/17	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sun.	3/18	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Fri.	3/23	LSU-Eunice	1/9	Kirsch-Rooney	4 p.m.
Sat.	3/24	LSU-Eunice	1/9	Kirsch-Rooney	1 p.m.
Sun.	3/25	LSU-Eunice	1/9	Kirsch-Rooney	1 p.m.
Thurs.	4/5	Pearl River JC	2/7	Poplarville, MS	5 p.m.
Sat.	4/7	Baton Rouge CC	2/7	Kirsch-Rooney	1 p.m.
Sun.	4/8	Baton Rouge CC	1/9	Kirsch-Rooney	1 p.m.
Fri.	4/13	LSU-Eunice	1/9	Eunice, LA	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	4/14	LSU-Eunice	1/9	Eunice, LA	6:30 p.m.
Sun.	4/15	LSU-Eunice	1/9	Eunice, LA	1 p.m.
Sun.	4/22	Copiah Lincoln CC	2/7	Kirsch-Rooney	1 p.m.
Mon.	4/23	Faulkner State CC	2/7	Bay Minette, AL	5 p.m.
Sat.	4/28	Baton Rouge CC	1/9	Baton Rouge, LA	1 p.m.
Sun.	4/29	Baton Rouge CC	1/9	Baton Rouge, LA	1 p.m.
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