Spring 2006

This Is BPCC

Bossier Parish Community College
Volume VI, Issue II

Top Ten

1. Enrollment for spring tops previous years. Students are enrolling in record numbers at BPCC. This spring, 4,689 students have signed up for spring classes. This figure is 6.3% higher than last spring.

2. In early spring, Mr. Bill's creator spoke to BPCC classes. Walter Williams, who dreamed up the popular Saturday Night Live character, inspired students and the community with his talk.*

3. On January 24 at the 58th annual Bossier Chamber of Commerce Meeting and Banquet held at Horseshoe Riverdome, Chancellor Tom Carleton was named the Outstanding Business Person of the Year. Both he and Bossier Parish Community College were recognized for their contributions to Northwest Louisiana.

4. In late fall, the Emmett E. Cope Student Center was officially dedicated with Cope family members present. Mr. Cope was the superintendent of Bossier schools when the concept of a community was born—almost forty years ago.*

5. The Health and Physical Education Complex was the site of the annual Veterans Day Ceremony. Korean War veterans were honored for their service to America. Approximately, four hundred people attended the ceremony.*

6. BPCC has a new Director of Athletics—Louis Bonner. Coach Bonner is also the head basketball coach.

7. Theatre opens for spring productions. The entire campus has awaited the official opening of the theatre/auditorium on campus. The portico that faces the quadrangle will be a perfect place for outdoor performances.*

8. Two Delgado instructors have joined BPCC faculty. Following Hurricane Katrina, Max Short and Dr. Ed Thomas "camped out" at BPCC. This spring, they are both full-time employees.*

9. The Business of Music, Graphic Design, Film and TV Set Construction, and Makeup are four new concentrations in the Division of Telecommunications. These programs are a direct result of the bustling film industry in Northwest Louisiana.

*Denotes more information inside.
VETERANS HONORED AT BPCC

On Friday, November 11, the College hosted its annual Veterans Day Ceremony. This year’s ceremony involved many firsts:

- The ceremony was held in the new Health and Physical Education Complex, which had been open one week.
- Area Korean War veterans were the honored guests; nearly 60 Korean War veterans attended.
- Nearly 350 people attended the ceremony.

Mr. Joe Caldwell, the Louisiana Department Vice Commander of the American Legion, was the special guest speaker. The Concert Winds, Concert Choir, and Gospel Choir provided the musical inspiration during the patriotic ceremony.

Participating in the first annual 5K run/walk held on the BPCC campus. Proceeds benefited the Foundation’s scholarship fund.

ONLINE SUCCESS

This spring through its online program, BPCC is serving students from 10 states, other than Louisiana, and 22 parishes within Louisiana. The Division of Educational Technology is offering 75 online courses this semester:

- Arkansas
- California
- Florida
- Indiana
- Maryland
- Missouri
- New York
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- Texas

Louisiana Parishes:
- Avoyelles
- Bienville
- Bossier
- Caldwell
- Caddo
- Calcasieu
- Claiborne
- DeSoto
- East Baton Rouge
- Jackson
- Jefferson
- LaSalle
- Lincoln
- Livingston
- Natchitoches
- Ouachita
- Rapides
- Red River
- Sabine
- St. James
- Vermilion
- Webster
- Winn

Student Center Dedication


Dr. Don Cope and his sister Frances Cope Mitchell pose with the plaque honoring their father Emmett E. Cope.

Above: The Chancellor visits with displaced students and faculty during a dinner held in their honor. Chef Liz Dickson (standing) and her Culinary Arts students prepared a typical South Louisiana meal to treat the Delgado group feel at home in Northwest Louisiana.

Left: Katie Kes (Computing Services) stands beside the quilt she designed to be raffled off by ADAPTS, a student organization at BPCC. ADAPTS raises money to provide scholarships for students with disabilities or those with special needs. A portion of the money raised from the sale of the quilt will go to Campy Methodist Camp, which is helping Katrina victims. This quilt depicts Building A on the BPCC campus. Katie’s next project will be an LSU-themed quilt.

The winning faculty team for the first annual BPCC 5K run/walk is from the Division of Science and Allied Health. Pictures from left to right are Pam Tully, Connie Winters, Elaine Cav, and Rosalene Johnson.

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

(by calendar year)

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Chancellor Carleton introduces Mayor LaWalker at a professional series seminar sponsored by the Division of Economic Development at BPCC.

For a BPCC, a publication of the Public Relations Office is published twice a year. To be added to the mailing list, notify or call (318) 429-4925.

Accreditation Statement:

Bossier Parish Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Associate, Bachelor's, and Master's degrees. This accreditation is reaffirmed in 2010-2015. The College maintains accreditation by the Louisiana Board of Regents in accordance with the state accreditation standards.
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ANOTHER KATRINA EVACUEE IS GLAD TO HAVE A HOME...AT BPCCC

Dr. Ed Thomas, formerly a Delgado Community College instructor, is happy to have a residence to call "home" and a work place to call his "second home." After evacuating from flood-ravaged New Orleans last fall, Dr. Thomas found himself on a bus to Shreveport's Hirsch Coliseum. With only the clothes on his back, he eagerly accepted Chancellor Tom Carleton's invitation to stay in his residence while sorting out his home and work situations.

Chancellor Carleton immediately put Dr. Thomas to work at BPCCC. He began tutoring in the College's Learning Lab. Now a full-time faculty member, Dr. Thomas is instructing five developmental math classes and two physical science classes. Currently, Dr. Thomas has no plans to return to his New Orleans home. Even though his mid-city residence shows no visible damage, the surrounding area has been destroyed.

Pleased to be at BPCCC, Dr. Thomas emphasizes the incredible friendliness and helpfulness of the faculty and staff.

DIVISION NEWS

Mathematics and Technical Education Chair, Frank Vivano 678-6643 fivivano@bpcce.edu

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2. Certificate of Technical Studies in Construction Technology
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Electronic Technology Director, Kathleen Gay 678-6136 kgay@bpcce.edu

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Chancellor Tom Carleton has been invited to join the Committee of One Hundred, which is an elite service organization that promotes the general welfare of Northwest Louisiana. Selection for membership is based primarily on proven community interest and leadership.

Division of Science and Allied Health faculty members Instructor Judith Caston and Assistant Professor Pam Tully have been nominated for the NISOD Outstanding Teacher Award. NISOD is the National Institute for Staff and Organization Development, in the Community College Leadership Program through the University of Texas. Since 1978, NISOD has sponsored an International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence.

Students and the Division Chair selected both ladies in recognition of their outstanding classroom teaching skills.

Kathleen Gay, Director of Educational Technology, has been chosen to represent the LA Board of Regents on the MERLOT Project for Workforce Development Initiative in the area of allied health and electronic learning. The MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning & Online Teaching) community has recognized a significant and growing need for many institutions of higher education to develop and deliver high quality academic programs that serve regional and national workforce development demands. Kathleen will serve on a steering committee that will be responsible for developing and implementing the management of this MERLOT Workforce Development Initiative.

Stephanie Rogers (Corporate Training) and Sherrie Johnson (Project Coordinator-Workforce Development) have been appointed by the Mayor's office to serve on the Mayor's Commission for Women in Bossier City. The commission is dedicated to promoting and furthering legal, political, economic, and educational opportunities for the advancement of women in the Bossier City area.

Paula Johns, Vice Chancellor for Economic Development, has been recognized recently.

- Board of Directors - Bossier Chamber of Commerce -

2006-2009
- Nominated for Exemplary Leader for 2006 through The Choir Academy.
This is one of the nation's most distinguished organizations on institutional effectiveness. The award recognizes department chairs, directors, deans, vice-presidents, coordinators, and other organizational leaders for their outstanding leadership abilities in institutions of higher learning.

Krista Lobrano, Assistant Professor (Library), and Stephanie Rogers, Corporate Account Manager (Economic Development), have been selected to participate in the 2006 Leadership Development Institute (LDI) class offered by the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

Corporate Training Available.

CALL 678-6136
**STUDENTS VOLUNTEER**

at photography convention

Two photography majors at BPC recently participated in the Imaging USA Photography Convention in Austin, Texas. By volunteering to work the convention, Michelle Parker and Sheena Harper received free lodging and passes to the convention seminars/Workshops.

The convention sponsored sixty-five educational programs and over 400 vendors from across the United States, who displayed their products from the latest photography equipment and accessories to top of the line paper and printers. Professional photographers attend this annual convention to learn tips and tricks.

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![Chancellor Image]

Chancellor Tom Carleton poses with Ms. BPC Jessica Bailer and SGA President Chris Hudgen during the annual Christmas special held at the Bossier Civic Center.

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Grand marshals for the convention are (from left to right) Dr. Ray Scott Crawford, Joe St. Andre, Patrickio Wyatt, and Steve Slaughter.

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SNL's Mr. Bill COMES TO BPCC

In mid-January, Walter Williams, the creator of the popular Saturday Night Live character Mr. Bill, spoke to classes at Bossier Parish Community College. Williams was brought to Shreveport/Bossier as part of a grant by the Robinson Film Center. Williams, a New Orleans native, introduced Mr. Bill to SNL over thirty years ago. The character spent five years on the comedy show. Recently, Williams has created forty new episodes of Mr. Bill for the Fox Family Channel. In addition to comedy, Williams is working on documentaries and educational DVDs concerning the Louisiana wetlands.

The public was invited to attend any of the three one-hour sessions. Walter Williams, the creator of the popular Saturday Night Live character Mr. Bill, spoke to BPCC students about his career. Here, Williams signs his name in cement after imprinting his hands and feet. This piece will be displayed in the BPCC quad.

CIVIL WAR AFICIONADO PUBLISHES DIARY

Clifton Cardin, who serves as production coordinator in the Telecom Division, is also the official Bossier Parish historian. He and Gary Jones, another noted area historian and author, are co-publishing a Civil War diary this spring. The diary, which was written by Williams's great-nephew of Vice President William R. King, provides an account of this soldier's tenure in Bossier Parish with the "Marks Guards" company. In this written work, King details many aspects of the war not usually mentioned in a diary. King, who was well-educated, even had a tendency to quote Latin throughout the diary. After the war, he served as a pharmacist and school teacher in Texas.

The diary is being published by the University of Tennessee. A title has not yet been determined.

BPCC theatrical program nationally recognized

Slaughter, Crawford, and Leber participated in the highlight of the conference—a five-hour master class acting session with Lauren Lane, an accomplished stage actor best known for her performances on television in Hunter, and as "Ce Ce Babcock" in The Nanny. Ms. Lane now teaches acting and directing at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.

The BPCC Associate in Arts in Theatre degree program is the only two-year theatre degree program in Louisiana. In addition to core courses, students chose a focus of study in either performance or technical theatre. For more information about the program, please refer to the drama section of the BPCC official website at www.bpcc.edu or call 318-678-6021.

Curtain Call

Sleep 'N' Beauty

Professor Stephen W. Slaughter, the Drama program director, is adapting and directing a reinterpretation of Sleeping Beauty, the popular musical fairy tale for children. The fairy tale adaptation is filled with talking singing and dancing animals and a mysterious, mischievous rabbit. This fun-filled musical romp is guaranteed to delight children of all ages.

The show is scheduled for performances on Saturday, April 22, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; then Sunday, April 23, 2:00 p.m. in the new BPCC Theatre on campus. Special performances are also scheduled for Bossier Parish elementary schools.

Gease

Want a night of well-greased hair and "kooky" side-burns? An abundance of jukebox jingles and bobby-soxers? If so, the most popular fun-filled musical in the history of rock 'n' roll is coming this spring to Bossier Parish Community College.

The number one greatest musical GEASE is packed with explosive energy, vibrant 1950s pop culture and all those unforgettable songs from the hit movie, including "Summer Nights, You're the One That I Want, Greased Lightning," "Freddy My Love," and many more. Join Bossier Parish Community College, along with those groovy T-Birds, sexy Pink Ladies and the whole gang for this high octane rock 'n' roll party.

Dr. Ray Scott Crawford, who will be directing the production in the new BPCC Theatre, explains, "Grease doesn't have a deep philosophical message... it simply gives the flavor of being a teenager in the 50s — when rock 'n' roll and putting grease on your hair were the most important things in life, and that is the level to which we intend to take it."

For additional information, call the Drama Program — 678-6021. (See the Forecasting section for performance dates and ticket prices for each production)

Summer sessions at BPCC

Session A: June 5 through July 27
Session B: June 5 through June 29
Session C: July 5 through August 1

Bossier Parish Community College Mission Statement

The mission of Bossier Parish Community College is to provide instruction and service to its community. The mission is accomplished through courses and programs that provide sound academic education, broad career and workforce training, continuing education, and varied community services through flexible instructional delivery systems. The College provides a wholesome, ethical, and intellectually stimulating environment in which diverse students develop their academic and workforce skills to compete in a technological society.

Summer School Registration

June 1
678.6004
On February 20 during the half-time of a Cavalier basketball game, twenty-three dignitaries participated in the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the Health and Physical Education Complex on campus.

Chancellor Tom Carleton, SGA President Chris Jvden, Representatives Billy Montgomery and Jane Smith, Campus Facilities Chairman Kevin McCutcher, and Mayor La Walker offered brief comments concerning the significance of the structure.

The Complex is one of the last two buildings to be completed on the $55,000,000 campus.

The Cavalier softball team uses the new weight room and exercise equipment to keep in shape. The state-of-the-art equipment is housed in the new Health and Physical Education Complex. All athletic teams use the facilities.

BPC is a member of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

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March 17
Mrs. BPC and Mr. & Mrs. Tiny Cavalier Pageant - 7:00 pm at the Booster Civic Center free and open to the public.

March 22
One Act Play - BPC Theatre - 6:30 pm.

April 2 - 8
National Library Week

April 6
BPC job Fair - 1:00 - 4:00 pm. - Building F
Area businesses and organizations are encouraged to participate. Information contact Kathy Buch (678-6064 or kbuch@bpc.edu)

April 7
Senior Fling - 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - BPCc courtyard and Building F.
All area graduating high school seniors are encouraged to attend. For additional information, students should check with their school's guidance counselor or BPC's Recruiting Office at 678-6273.

April 10
Ticket sales begin for Step 'N' Beauty, the annual children's production. For box office hours call the BPCc Drama Program at 678-6021.

April 10 - 15
Easters / Spring Break, College closed.

April 21
Jazz Ensemble Concert - 7:30 p.m. in the BPC Theatre. Free admission.

April 22
Step 'N' Beauty presented by BPCc and the Cavalier Players, Location: BPC Theatre. Performance one 7:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. $10.00, Adult admission $12.00 BPCc faculty/staff free for BPCc students with ID.

Spring Music Showcase - 7:30 p.m. in the BPC Theatre. Free admission.

April 28
BPCc and the Cavalier Players present Grease, 7:30 p.m. performance in the College's newly completed theatre. $14.00 adults; $10.00 seniors, military and non-BPCc students; $10.00 BPCc faculty/staff free for BPCc students with ID.

For more information, call the BPCc Drama Dept. at 678-6021.

April 29
Grease performances at 7:30 p.m. (see above for additional information)

April 30
Grease performances at 2:00 p.m. (see above for additional information)

May 5, 6
Grease performances at 7:30 p.m. (see above for additional information)

May 7
Grease performances at 2:00 p.m. (see above for additional information)

May 11
Spring 2006 Graduation - 7:00 p.m. Location: BPCc Health and Physical Education Complex

May 17
Last day of spring semester

May 29
Memorial Day-College closed

JUNE 1
Registration for summer sessions:
Session A: June 6 through July 27
Session B: June 6 through June 29
Session C: July 5 through August 1

JULY 4
Independence Day-College closed

AUGUST 3
Summer 2006 Graduation - 7:00 p.m. Location: BPCc Health and Physical Education Complex
TOP TEN

1. Fall enrollment numbers make history. For the first time in the thirty-eight year history of the College, student enrollment figures have neared the 5,000 mark. This fall, 4,845 students are in classes—that number reflects almost a 10% increase over last fall.

2. BPCC and Northwestern State University join forces to help students. For the first time in the state of Louisiana, a community college and a four-year university have banded together to assist incoming freshmen. With changing entrance requirements, universities are looking for ways to keep students interested. As a result, BPCC is offering courses at NSU, and students in those classes are awarded the same advantages of every other NSU student—even though they are registered as BPCC students. Approximately, 130 individuals are a part of the BPCC@NSU initiative. These students—once they have completed the required courses—may transfer to NSU as full-fledged students.

3. SGA President Chris Jividen selected to serve as Board of Regents Student Member. No community college has ever had representation on the Board of Regents. Chris—an outstanding BPCC student—is the first.

4. Two new programs approved. Programs from the Division of Business and Computer Science and the Division of Mathematics and Technical Education have been approved for spring 2006. Construction Technology and Legal Secretary will be available.

5. SimBaby at home with Paramedics. The EMT Paramedic program is the owner of SimBaby, an infant training simulator, which is the only one in the state. The $30,000 manikin was purchased through the Workforce Development Division.

6. Drama production goes on the road to Michigan City. BPCC drama instructors produced a play at summer stock at the Canterbury Theatre. Director of Theatre Stephen Slaughter directed the production that starred Dr. Ray Scott Crawford and Rona Leber.

7. Many academic programs benefit from soaring fall enrollment. Division chairs are elated at the increase in program numbers. One academic program has increased by as much as 125%.

8. Health and Physical Education Complex ready to open. Everyone is excited about the opening of the new gymnasium—just in time for basketball season. The Cavaliers will inaugurate the facility during the BPCC Classic November 4 and 5.

9. GED classes available at BPCC. For the first time, the college is offering GED classes to the public—free of charge. Classes run Monday through Friday.

10. Starbucks coffee on campus. This doesn't sound like a big deal to many folks, but to BPCC students and employees having a coffee shop in the Student Center is a big deal. In addition, Chef Liz and her Culinary Arts students are providing lunch three days a week.

*Additional information inside
NEW PROGRAMS

BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVES PROGRAMS

Bossier Parish Community College has announced the approval of two new academic programs: Certificate of Technical Studies in Constructional Technology and Certificate of Technical Studies in Legal Secretary. Both courses were created at the request of local demand. With the new campus, BPCC can now begin to offer new programs on a more accelerated scale. Both programs will begin in spring 2006.

Constructional Technology is designed for graduates to be prepared to act as foremen overseeing construction sites. In addition, those people already employed in the construction industry may use this certificate to upgrade their skills. With the devastation caused by Katrina, skilled construction workers are in great demand. Contact person: Frank Viviano, Division Chair for Math and Technical Education. 678-6043 or friviano@bpcc.edu.

Legal Secretary, a program that will be taught by area lawyers, will provide the skills required for entry-level positions in the legal secretarial field. Currently, there are no degreed programs being offered at any area post-secondary institution. Contact person: Richard Robins, Division Chair for Business and Computer Science 678-6011 or robins@bpcc.edu.

THE BABY COST $30,000

Austin Beard, the new EMT Program Director, is the proud "parent" of SimBaby, an infant simulator priced at over $30,000.

This manikin, which responds to medical treatment as if it were alive, is the only one in the state of Louisiana. There are 25 manikins nationwide.

In real emergency, a good outcome depends on the realism of the paramedic's training. A critical part of the learning process for emergency care personnel is practicing treatment the same way it happens in real time. SimBaby is a "real time" manikin; its pupils dilate, it cries and makes lung sounds, it exhales, and can even "die" if its condition is misdiagnosed or treated incorrectly.

"Being able to purchase this sophisticated training equipment enables BPCC to train allied health students at the highest levels of healthcare with the most current technology available," comments Paula Johns, Vice Chancellor for Economic Development, whose division secured the grant money for this project.

Submitted by Lisa Miller, project coordinator

STUDENTS CAN TAKE MORE THAN ONE MATH CLASS AT A TIME

BPCC has devised a way to speed motivated students through the chain of developmental math classes.

A new computer-based math class will allow students to work individually with an instructor, who will assist them in completing more than one developmental math class in the same semester.

For example, a student could start out in MATH 098 and half way through the semester, go into MATH 099—thus finishing two math classes in 15 weeks.

This program, which is funded by a $60,000 grant, will start up in the spring and be available to full-time BPCC students.

For additional information, contact Division Chair Frank Viviano at 678-6043.

BPCC INSTRUCTOR RECEIVES EMERGENCY MANAGER CERTIFICATION

(From left to right Mrs. Kathryn DeFata Baratini, Rachel Baratini, Mayor "Lo" Walker, Mr. Gene Baratini, Chancellor Tom Carleton, and Caddo-Bossier Homeland Security Director Chuck Mazzonetti)

Bossier City Mayor "Lo" Walker and Bossier Parish Community College Chancellor Tom Carleton congratulate Mr. Gene Baratini for receiving the Louisiana Emergency Manager (LEM) certification from the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association (LEPA) qualification board. Baratini becomes one of only 40 certified LEMs in Louisiana. Baratini, who is an adjunct instructor of political science and government studies at the college, is the only certified emergency manager teaching full time or part time in any Louisiana college or university.

Pictured here is BPCC student Nancy Harrwell performs simulated first aid techniques as part of the hands-on disaster drill phase of the 20-hour community volunteer training course. Baratini's students often seek first responder training. Here Bossier City Fire Department paramedics act as victims to evaluate the skills learned by the students.

In the Caddo-Bossier Community Emergency Response Team graduating class of June 2005, seven of the eleven qualified volunteers were former students in Mr. Baratini's BPCC political science classes from the previous semester. Students are shown here at the graduating ceremony with members of Bossier City Fire Department's Heavy Rescue #1 truck and the BCFD Fire Academy Senior Instructor.

-With the growing student enrollment comes an increase in the popularity of some of the degree programs. The following sampling illustrates the impact of the swelling numbers.

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BPCC and LTC-Northwest Partnership: a new connection

This summer, Chancellor Carleton at LTC-Northwest Campus Dean Charles Strong signed an agreement that will allow students at the LTC-Northwest campus in Minden access to BPCC's library. This partnership will help to enhance the learning opportunities of those students who attend the Minden campus.

Chancellor Carleton says this is the first agreement of this type to be signed between a community and technical college in the Louisiana Community & Technical College (LCTCS) System. "I look forward to working with LTC-Northwest because we are both in the same business of education and this will benefit the citizens of Northwest Louisiana," said Chancellor Carleton.
DIVISION NEWS

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Kathleen Gay, Director of Educational Technology at BPCC, and Desi Devereaux, LTCC Blackboard Administrator at SOWELLA, have been invited to present their joint presentation on “Bridging the Gap: Reaching Beyond the Barriers to Teaching & Learning,” in the Teaching in Higher Education (THE) Forum e-Proceedings. Both Gay and Devereaux presented on the principles of Universal Design for Learning at the 2005 Innovations Conference in New York City, and again, at the “THE Forum” in Baton Rouge in April 2005.

SCIENCE AND ALLIED HEALTH

The Pharmacy Technician Program will begin offering admission to its clinical program twice yearly. This spring, January 2006, the PTEC clinical program will be offered to qualified students. Qualified students are able to graduate with a Certificate in Technical Studies in Pharmacy Technology after 2 semesters of clinical classes. The fall clinical program start date and the Associate in Pharmacy Technology (AAS) will continue to be offered. Interested students should contact Terri Mundy, PTEC Program Director in B105, or call (318) 678-6215 for more information.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Bill Bruce and Eric Tussen of the Telecommunications Division recently completed an introductory course in Avid Media Composer editing. Avid is the industry standard in non-linear film and television editing and is responsible for 99% of prime-time television shows, 85% of feature films, and 80% of commercials. The four-day course in Los Angeles was paid for by a Board of Regents grant that also included all of the necessary equipment for the Division to offer Avid non-linear editing courses.

For Customized Training Programs, CALL 678-6211

APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!

Speech Professor Kathryn DeFatta-Baratini has just published her third book. This one entitled \textit{I Thirst, A Christian Approach to Feeding Tubes and Artificial Hydration} is a Christian response to an issue that may touch every family in America. This brief overview provides a Biblical answer to secular society's culture of death. The book is available on Amazon.com.

Holly French, Associate Professor of English, has been named the President of the Board of Directors for the Bossier Arts Council.

Marjorie Harper, Director of Student Activities, was selected to present a session on “Community College Programming” at the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities National Leadership Conference held in New York City in August.

Paula Johns, Vice Chancellor for Economic Development, presented “Creating a Thread of Campus-Wide Entrepreneurship” at the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship in Las Vegas in October.

Accounting Supervisor Vicki Morehead recently earned her MBA from LA Tech. She started her educational career at BPCC, where she received an associate degree.

Lisa Wargo, who has recently promoted to Dean of Workforce Development, has been instrumental in making BPCC a state leader in Workforce Training and Economic Development.

Technical director for BPCC’s Drama Department David White was recognized for his lighting talents. For two consecutive years, David has received the Best Lighting in a Musical at the Third Annual Memory Theatrical Awards in Shreveport.

BPCC IS OFFERING 72 ONLINE CLASSES THIS SPRING.

Call 678-6136 for details or visit our website for a full listing: www.bpcc.edu
PROMOTIONS AND TENURE
Chancellor Tom Carleton announces the following promotion and tenure recipients for fall 2005:

Tenure
Al Smith  Division of Science and Allied Health
Constance Winter  Division of Science and Allied Health
Kim Cox  Division of Science and Allied Health

Promotions: Faculty
Professor
Kathryn DeFatta Barzanti  Division of Liberal Arts
Mary Catherine Hambel  Division of Liberal Arts
Michelle Grant  Division of Business & Computer Science
Paul Weaver  Division of Business & Computer Science

Assistant Professor
Kristi Lobrano  Learning Resources

Staff:
Dean of Workforce Development  Lisa Waro  Economic Development
Media Assistant  Brenda Wingard  Public Relations

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
BPCC currently has 32 Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWT) grants approved for a total of $9,860,981. Additionally, the division has six grants waiting to be approved totaling an additional $668,255. IWT grants help Louisiana companies who qualify to train their employees with viable skills to make them more productive employees. BPCC consistently leads the state in IWT grant programs.

The Division of Workforce Development is currently offering Hurricane Katrina survivors the opportunity to earn a Louisiana Work Ready! Certificate from the Louisiana Workforce Commission. The Work Ready! Certificate is a credential endorsed by the Governor that reflects workplace skills to potential employers.

BPCC now has GED classes! Classes are offered 8:00 am-11:00 am Monday through Friday and are free of charge. Currently 36 students are enrolled in class, and some students will complete the class in December.

“Coach” Raymond Blanco, the First Gentleman of Louisiana, kicked off YOUTH DAY 2005: “NO SKILLS, NO THRILLS – REALITY CHECK.”

One hundred and twenty five students from seven parishes in Northwest Louisiana participated in the 2005 YOUTH DAY, including those students from BPCC’s W.I.A. program. This year’s event was hosted at LSUS and next year BPCC will host the event on our campus.

As part of the Governor’s initiative to enhance workforce development in Louisiana, the Third Annual Youth Day was planned for students ages 16-21 who are enrolled in W.I.A programs. Job Corps, and other educational/training programs. The purpose of this one day dynamic event was to make the youth aware of the available opportunities which can empower them to be successful in the workforce and in their lives. Workshops, motivational speakers, and hands-on participation filled the day.

The W.I.A. program at BPCC provides job readiness and educational preparedness training to low income, “at risk, out of school” youth between the ages of 17-21. Once training is complete, follow-up services such as counseling, mentoring, retention, as well as job search are provided. Many W.I.A. students become BPCC students. Free transportation is provided to training.

CHANCELLOR’S AWARDS—GRADUATION, MAY 19
Each spring graduation, Chancellor Carleton selects individuals who have made significant contributions to the College during the year.
The honorees this year are as follows:

Outstanding Service
Karen Musgrove  Director of Public Relations
Carolyn Burroughs  Division Chair, Science and Allied Health
Tom Williams  Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

Outstanding Faculty
Danny Hoston  Division of Science and Allied Health
Chef Liz Dickson  Division of Science and Allied Health, Program Director for Culinary Arts

Outstanding Administration/Staff
Karen Rechta  Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Marjorie Harper  Director of Student Activities

Recognized as outstanding employee at the annual LCTCS Conference Day in New Orleans are the following: Chancellor Tom Carleton, who received the President’s Award for his work with Project MOMS; Lynda Dickson, who received the Outstanding Support Staff Award; Danny Hoston, Outstanding Faculty Award; and Karen Musgrove, Outstanding Administrator Award.

Chef Liz Dickson, the program director for BPCC’s Culinary Arts program, was commissioned to produce the official Louisiana show cake for the International Festival of Sugar Art and Convention, which took place this July in New Orleans.

Dickson’s cake—a three-tiered 10 foot design—featured Louisiana landmarks all made of sugar. Milky white magnolias and dogwoods, bright purple wisteria, golden fleur-de-lis, alligators, cypress knees were just a few of the sugar art that decorated the 200 pound cake.

The convention officials expected to display more than 500 cakes and pull more than 2,000 visitors from around the globe. Visitors from Japan, Australia, South Africa, England, Peru, Canada, and Sri Lanka viewed the cakes and demonstrations.
TUESDAY NIGHT DINNERS—EVERYONE’S FAVORITE!

Back by popular demand, the Culinary Arts Department is offering its Culinary Arts dinner at the BPCC campus. Chef Elisabeth Dickson and her students began the Tuesday night dinners in the middle of September and will continue serving the weekly dinners through the spring semester.

Each week Chef Dickson publishes a delicious menu which includes a main entrée, a side of vegetables, dessert, and a choice of tea, punch, or coffee. Complementing the meal is a salad bar.

New this year is the addition of a separate serving area for “to go” orders. These orders are prepared on the first floor of the College’s Building F and are ready for pick up there.

On the second floor, Chef offers an area for sit down dining to accommodate the growing numbers of faculty, staff, students, and community who are finding out about the “best bargain in town” for $5.00 per person. Add Tuesday nights from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. to your calendar!

Location: Building F, the Student Center
Time: 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm
Cost: $5.00

BPCC THEATRE PRESENTS LOVE LETTERS IN CHICAGOLAND THEATRE

Bossier Parish Community College Theatre Arts Program/Cavalier Players in conjunction with the Canterbury Summer Theatre, presented three performances of A.R. Gurney’s Love Letters in late summer at the Mainstreet Theatre in Michigan City, Indiana. The Canterbury has a 36-year history of presenting professional summer stock theatre for the Chicagoland/Michiana area.

BPCP Players presented the bittersweet romantic comedy at the BPCC Student Center in April of this year, and were then invited by the Canterbury to revive the play as the final offering for the theatre’s summer season. This delightful and poignant show traces the lifelong letters written correspondence of the dutiful lawyer Andrew and the lively artist Melissa. The story of their lifelong friendship is gradually revealed through the magic of their letters.

Love Letters was directed by BPCC Director of Theatre and Professor of Speech/Theatre, Stephen W. Slaughter and featured performances by BPCC theatre faculty Dr. Ray Scott Crawford, Assistant Professor of Theatre/Speech, and Roma Leber, Associate Professor of Speech.

Crawford has been Artistic Director of the Canterbury for 19 seasons, and since joining the BPCC Theatre Program, he has provided a number of professional opportunities for BPCC Theatre Arts students as actors, directors, and technicians. Each year he hires a resident company (from all over the country) of performers and staff to produce the Canterbury’s summer stock season of musicals and comedies. This past summer, BPCC theatre students Rachael Magill, Tonya Frey, and Blake Weitenkimmer served as actors and technical company members.

The Cavalier Players has been producing plays since 1989 and BPCC currently offers the only two-year Associate of Arts in Theatre degree in the state.

A RED, WHITE, AND BLUE CHRISTMAS

Presented by BPCC and the City of Bossier, another exceptional Cavalier Play production is set for November 30 and December 1 at the Bossier Civic Center. This twelfth annual production, written and directed by Director of Theatre Stephen W. Slaughter, will be dedicated to all troops defending our American way at home and across the sea.

Returning to the stage, by popular demand, are Santa and Mrs. Claus. They will be accompanied by BPCC’s Ladies in Gold dance line, Cavalier cheerleaders, concert choir, concert winds, Cavalier Players choir, and Chancelor Tom Carlton. Bossier City’s new mayor, Lo Walker, will be on stage to assist with audience recognitions of present and past members of the armed forces.

This annual Christmas show is promoted as a family-oriented event with the help of 10,000 flyers being distributed throughout the community and all elementary schools.

The public is encouraged to attend this free production with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. Each night’s show starts at 7:00 p.m. Donations of canned foods are encouraged and will be accepted at the door.

Dates: November 30 and December 1
Location: Bossier Civic Center
Time: Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; performance, at 7:00 p.m.
Free admission for everyone

BPCC FOUNDATION SPONSORS FIRST ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK

For the first year, the Foundation has sponsored a 5K run/walk around the BPCC campus. The event will take place on Saturday, November 5 from 8:00-11:00 and all monies will support the student scholarship fund.

Co-sponsors are AEP Sweeny and The Times. Fund-a-Student sponsors are Allen Millworks, Bossier Chamber of Commerce, Bossier Federal Credit Union, Citizens National Bank, First LA Bank, Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation, Griggs Enterprises, Hampton Inn, and Mr./Mrs. John LeGrand.

Registration is $20 a person, $40 a couple, and students (with an ID) pay $10. For more details, contact Stephanie Rogers at 678-6316.
BROTHERS TWO, the summer project for this year's Telecommunication Film Institute, was written by BPCC instructor Cliff Cardin and produced by Dean Larry Powell. This film details the story of twin brothers who go their separate ways in life. Thirty years later they reconnect when their father dies of a stroke. Jennifer Tadlock of California directed the film.

During the past 15 years, Mr. Gullatt has been an assistant basketball coach at the Division 1 level. In 1989, he was employed at Nicholls State University under Head Coach Rickey Broussard. While at that university, the coaching staff and the team set an NCAA DIVISION 1 record for the third greatest turnover in winning percentage in NCAA DIVISION 1 history.

In 1991, Gullatt was hired by Mike Vining at NLU/ULM in Monroe. The team won six SLC championships and participated in the NCAA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT four times. That program featured several former BPCC players Anthony Cook, Daryl Jones, Alvin Edwards and former NBA player Mike Smith.

In the year 2000 he was promoted to the Associate Head Basketball Coach at ULM. He remained in that position until June of the year 2005, when he joined the BPCC staff.

Gullatt comments, "I will do my best to continue and enhance the positive direction of the College and its various athletic programs."