Beginning her second year at the helm of the Lady Cajuns is Mary Jo Castell. In her first season, Castell led the ULL female hoopers to a 11-13 record after taking over a program that went 5-16 the year before. Castell was twice named Louisiana High School AAA "Coach of the Year" for her successful efforts at Hammond where she led her team to two consecutive state titles. In those two seasons, Hammond won 72 of 75 games. In four years at Hammond, Castell's teams recorded an amazing mark of 140-50. Castell was twice named Louisiana High School AAAAA "Coach of the Year" for her efforts at Hammond. Castell welcomes back six returnees: Bayard; center Anne de Mahy, 5-9 junior from St. Martinville (Mercy); forward Debbie Cochran from Slidell; forward-center Michele Bourgeois, 5-6 junior from Opelousas (Sacred Heart); Arnetta Staten, 5-6 junior forward from DeRidder; guard Cindy Vincent, 5-5 sophomore from Grand Coteau (Sacred Heart). Jody Pontiff, a 5-3 guard from Jeanerette and Vivian Fruge, 5-5 guard from Ville Platte, were the only lettermen lost from last year's squad. Of the eight fresh on the roster, four are scholarship signees: Vellatee Letlow, 5-6 forward-guard from Welsh; Bernadette Griffin, 5-6 forward-center from Lake Wales, Fla.; Vicki Thibodeaux, 6-0 center from Iowa (Lacassine); Robin Fennidy, 6-0 forward from Marrero (Ehret). The Lady Cajuns will take the court when they open the season this Saturday at the Cajun Coliseum. Returning at point guard is Vincent, a starter last year. Cochran, Bourgeois and Staten have inside experience from last year. Hill, Letlow, Davis and the Dangerefield twins are among eight freshmen on the '79-'80 roster. Forwards Margy Bayard, 5-8 from Crowley, and Geraldine Davis, a 5-5 forward-guard from Cecilia, all walked on this fall. Inside depth will be one of the strong points for the Lady Cajus. At center, the top contender is deMahy. Backing her up are Thibodeaux, Griffin and Fennidy. "It's a better situation at center than ever before. We finally have some height but may be short on experience," says Castell. Bayard is the outstanding returnee at forward. She'll fill one slot while a host of others will contend for the starting nod at the other inside position. Cochran, Bourgeois and Staten have inside experience to the year. Hill, Letlow, Davis and the Dangerefield twins will alternate as reserves. Returning at point guard is Vincent, a starter from last season. Backcourt depth will be provided by Davis, Letlow and the Dangerefield twins.}

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### 1979-80 Lady Cajun Basketball Outlook

One senior, a pair of identical twins and a barrel full of freshmen are among the features of this year's edition of Lady Cajun basketball. Forwards Margy Bayard, 5-6 from Metairie (Archbishop Chapelle), is the team's only senior. The identical twins are the Dangerefield sisters, De'Nicea, 5-8 and DeNicea, 5-6, products of Baton Rouge (Redemptorist). The Dangerefield twins are among eight freshmen on the 79-80 roster. Second-year coach Mary Jo Castell welcomes back six returnees: Bayard; center Anne de Mahy, 5-9 junior from St. Martinville (Mercy); forward Debbie Cochran from Slidell; forward-center Michele Bourgeois, 5-6 junior from Opelousas (Sacred Heart); Arnetta Staten, 5-6 junior forward from DeRidder; guard Cindy Vincent, 5-5 sophomore from Grand Coteau (Sacred Heart). Jody Pontiff, a 5-3 guard from Jeanerette and Vivian Fruge, 5-5 guard from Ville Platte, were the only lettermen lost from last year's squad. Of the eight freshmen on the roster, four are scholarship signees: Vellatee Letlow, 5-6 forward-guard from Welsh; Bernadette Griffin, 5-6 forward-center from Lake Wales, Fla.; Vicki Thibodeaux, 6-0 center from Iowa (Lacassine); Robin Fennidy, 6-0 forward from Marrero (Ehret). The Lady Cajuns will take the court when they open the season this Saturday at the Cajun Coliseum. Returning at point guard is Vincent, a starter last year. Cochran, Bourgeois and Staten have inside experience from last year. Hill, Letlow, Davis and the Dangerefield twins will alternate as reserves. Returning at point guard is Vincent, a starter from last season. Backcourt depth will be provided by Davis, Letlow and the Dangerefield twins.
ARSHITA SHARMA, F, Fr-HS, 5-5, 133. De- 
Rider (Wilson-Toumey, WASH.) COLLEGE. 
Lettered as sophomore. Played on AA 
junior and sophomore. Lettered both years in basketball. PERSONAL. 
Born 6-30. Daughter of Mrs. Pat 
Darby, 500 Spindletop Drive, Baton 
Rouge. Teammate of sister 
D'Niece Darby on Lady Cajuns.

AMANDA GRIFFIN, F, Fr-HS, 5-8, 129, 
Julie Wulff, Ra., COLLEGE. One of four 
freshman signees on Lady Cajuns. 
First out-of-state signee under coach 
Pat Caustel. ..PERSONAL. Born 6-29. 
CRON. All-American honorable three 
times. Played on All-District as junior 
and senior. ...Averaged 17 points and 18 rebounds per game. 'Strong defensive player. High School played on 20- 
team as senior. Lettered three years in basketball. PERSONAL. 
Born 1-26-81. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. 
David Ferguson, 466 "D" St., Lake 
Wales, Fla.

LINDA GUARDIY, F, Sr-HS, 5-14, 112, Good 
Counsel Sacred Heart COLLEGE. Shared 
time last season at center with Anne 
Caudill. Outstanding defensive player. 
...Started at forward part of last 
year. ...PERSONAL. Class A All-Dist 
trict player. Second year in basketball. 
Two years in track. Averaged 6.5 
points in roll call games. ..PERSONAL, 
High school as senior and 
junior. ...PERSONAL. Born 11-24- 
80. Daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. 
Gerald Davis, 1111, (Mercy). 
RETURN. One of five seniors named to National 
High School Athletic Coaches 
Association All-American team. 
Averaged 12.5 points per game in 
leading her team to fifth 
freshman team championship. Twice named 
Class B All-State and AA All-
American as senior. Played on 
West team in All-Star game. 
PERSONL. Born 5-20-60. Daughter of 
Mr. Paul Vincent, 254-F, Lowa. 
...PERSONAL. Born 1-26-61. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. 
Calvin Thibodeaux, Rt. 2, Box 
156, Grand Coteau (Sacred Heart). 
PERSONAL. Has six brothers and five 
sisters.

TANGER HILL, F-HS, 5-10, 146, Crowley. 
HIGH SCHOOL. Class A All-District 
Starr. Outstanding junior and senior. 
All-State and All-District 
selection as scholar-athletes. PERSONAL. 
Born 10-24-81. Daughter of Dr. and 
Mrs. Robert L. Guibeau, Box 158, 
Grand Coteau. Has six brothers and five 
sisters.

VALERIE LENTM, S-F, Fr-HS, 5-10, 133, 
Waco. COLLEGE. One of four freshman 
signees on 79-80 North Central 
Class A All-State guard as senior. 
All-District 3-A. A.A. ...PERSONAL. 
Valuable Player" three times. 
Averaged 13.5 points per game while 
scoring 3.6 per cent from the 
floor. Outstanding free throw 
shooter with 74.5 percent. 
All-District pick as junior. PERSONAL. 
Born 10-19-81. Daughter of Mr. 
Robert F. Leftow, P.D. Box 214, 
Waxh.