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From the SGA'S President



Frank Taylor, Jr., SGA President
Student Rep. SUS Board of Supervisors

This year is going to be an electrifying year for the students at Southern University-Shreveport. We have already experienced "One Hit Wonder" that was a huge success where over 200 CD's were made absolutely free with "Jewel Cases" for SUSLA students.

This is just a very small sample of what is to come for the students at Southern University. To become part of the Student Government Association (SGA), please visit the SGA office located on the second floor of the Johnny L. Vance Activity Center.

I am Frank Taylor, Jr. the Student Government Association President for the 2003-2004 year. I have also been elected to represent over 15,000 students including 5,000 employees on the Board of Supervisors this year.

So my fellow Jaguars, have fun and enjoy the coming year.

*The Honorable Frank Taylor, Jr.
SGA President/Board of Supervisors Student
Representative*

The Best Kept Secret

By Vanessa Leggett

Students who have not chosen a major have many choices here at SUSLA. These choices include a career as an Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT). AMT's perform maintenance on different parts of an aircraft's engine, the landing gear, and the hydraulic system. This exciting career gives the highly trained technicians an opportunity to work on different types of aircrafts.

AMT's are technicians who have high problem solving skills. They often receive employment with companies that offer competitive wages that range between \$20.00 to \$25.00 an hour. The benefits can include free transportation to many parts of the world for the employee and his family, with many of the major airlines.

At Southern University, the AMT Program has received the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) approval to provide training here in Northwest Louisiana. The FAA regulates all the training programs to ensure that subjects are taught to high standards.

The program requires two years to complete. A student can earn either a two-year degree and/or a certificate of training. Courses taught, in the program, prepare students to successfully pass the testing that is necessary to earn the federal **Airframe and Powerplant Certificate**.

According to the 2003-2004 edition of The Occupational Outlook Handbook, once certified, most airline mechanics work at major airports near large cities. Civilian mechanics employed by the Armed Forces work at military installations. There also large numbers of mechanics who work for aircraft assembly firms located



Concepcion Rodriguez, Director Aerospace Technology
stands next to vintage plane

in California and Washington State. Others work for the FAA where the facilities are located in Oklahoma City, Atlantic City, Wichita, or Washington, D.C. Mechanics for independent repair shops work at airports all across the United States

Employers are searching for qualified and motivated students who are hard working. They should also be able to diagnose and solve complex mechanical problems. Agility is important for the climbing necessary to do the job. These skilled laborers often work on the tops of the airplane's wings and fuselages.

Many might think that this is a career for males. Fortunately, the program has seen an increase in female students. Several have recently graduated and one graduate, Michele Priebe, has received a job with Continental Express Jet in Shreveport, LA.

The AMT Program at SUSLA is located at 1560 Airport Drive, Hangar #20. The director for the Aerospace Program is C.D. "Rod" Rodriguez who believes that this is a challenging career for any student who is interested in a challenge.

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Editorial Page

From the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs, I am pleased to welcome you to the first edition of Jaguar Speaks within five years. The major goals and objectives of this student newspaper are concerned with the transmission of information, the quest for truth, the development of students, and the general well-being of society. Free inquiry and free expression are crucial to the attainment of these goals. The Division of Student Affairs encourages students to develop the capacity for critical judgment and to engage in a sustained and independent search for truth. This student newspaper is a tool to help students accomplish these objectives.

The purpose of this publication is to present information and to highlight accomplishments of our students. The intended outcome is an informed and



Dr. Sharon F. Green

enlightened readership. The student newspaper is one of the many opportunities afforded by this Division to enhance student learning.

SUSLA is proud to offer broad opportunities for our students. Within this quality educational institution, services that support the university experience are essential to student success.

This division assumes the major responsibility for helping to create a positive campus environment that enhances and supports learning. The quality of student life is significantly affected by the availability, variety, and integrity of services and extra academic support programs on campus. It is our task to build alliances between the classroom and campus life, and to provide an opportunity for students to experience the excitement and responsibility that comes from being an active member of a community of higher learning.

To this end, the publication of the Jaguar Speaks is indeed a major accomplishment. Accordingly, I am indeed honored to congratulate the student body of SUSLA on the publication of this paper. As Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs, I look forward to many other programs and activities that enhance student learning.

Director's Message



Melva Christi Turner

It's indeed a pleasure to be on staff as a member of the Jaguar nation. This semester has definitely been exciting and filled with many events. We anticipate the spring semester to be one that you would not want to miss.

In January, we will have activities that will include a week of welcoming events, and a Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will be held in February. We will also welcome the Milwaukee Dance Connection and Attorney Thomas Todd of Chicago as our Black History month speaker.

I hope that you will enjoy all events and activities that have been planned for your enrichment in the next semester. As Director of Student Activities, it is my goal to educate while entertaining the students here at SUSLA.

JAGUARS SPEAK



M.J.

"I feel that SUSLA is an excellent institution. The teachers here, for the most part, are very patient and understanding."

T.A.

"Southern is a great institution. Here at SUSLA, the student-teacher ratio is much better than those at four-year institutions and thus the students can learn better."

A.K.

"Southern University is a wonderful school that helps students to get started in their education. As a Substance Abuse major, Southern is adequately preparing me to work in my field."

L.R.

"Southern is growing and I am glad to be a student here. I am excited about the fact that my major, Respiratory Therapy, is a respected program in the community."

G.R.

"I am a proud Southernite, and I am looking forward to using my Business Degree to get a job as an Administrator once completing my four-year degree."

Your Voice Is Your Vote

The Student Government Association and Student Center Board will jointly host a voter registration drive. The date of this drive will be announced at a later time. All students who are not registered voters are encouraged to participate in this drive, so that their voice may be heard.

YOUR VOICE IS YOUR VOTE

SPORTS

GO, GO, G.O. HEY JAGS LET'S GO!

By: Melody Henderson

“BURR, it’s cold in here, it must be some Jags in the atmosphere.”

That line comes from Bring It On, which is one of my favorite cheer movies. I greet you in Jaguar Spirit!

The 2003-2004 cheerleader squad consists of twelve dedicated young ladies. Leading the squad is two-year veteran, Tyra Munson (captain), assisted by Katrina Grant, Tyrice Munson, and Jaharris Wade (co-captains). Other members of the squad include Carla Anderson, Krystal Dixon, Shanequa Jackson, Karon James, Hayes Moore, Alicia Richardson, Krystal Adger and Lorenzo Stephanson.

The cheer team has been in existence for two years. Monyetta Shaw is the director and Darrell Thrash is the assistant coach. Practice is held three times a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. However, if you want to hear all of their chants, which my favorite is “Can You Feel It,” come and support our Jaguar Cheerleaders. Show some Jag Spirit.

Thanks to the co-captains for being cooperative with me.

Lady Jaguars: New Season Brings New Hopes

By: Sherquitha Haley

Coach Robinson says, “This year’s group of Lady Jaguars are considered to be a joyful group who loves what they are doing.”

Coach Robinson loves coaching, and he has coached at several schools prior to coming to SUSLA. This includes schools located in the states of Texas and California. Robinson’s California team had a winning record, and his goal is to continue that success here at Southern.

When asked how does he rate the Lady Jags, he replied, “They are quick, physical, intense and can score from the outside.”

Current starters for the Lady Jags are Nicole Jackson (forward/guard), Catessa Branch (forward/guard), Tiffany Gray (guard/forward), Crystal Thomas (guard/forward), and Simone Craig (guard/forward).

Robinson is both a coach and teacher. He loves what he does because it gives him the opportunity to interact with a group of talented athletes. **Good luck Coach and Lady Jags!**

TAKE IT TO THE HOOP!

By: Ester Falcon

Coach Francis is known for his leadership abilities both on and off the court. His coaching experience ranges from Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) to Park College in Parkville, Missouri, and then to Kaskaskia Community College in Contralia, Illinois.

While at Park College, he led the team from a record of 0 wins and 36 losses to 27 wins and 7 losses in a period of three years and then to its first NAIA Championship.

Coach Francis is now head coach here at SUSLA. He has accumulated a record of 55-33 in just three years. In 2002-2003 Coach Francis, the coaching staff, and the Port City Jaguars won the Conference Championship. This was the first championship in the history of the school.

However, according to Coach Francis, most of the current team players are freshman and his strategy is not about winning or losing – but as he says. “To touch at least one person.”

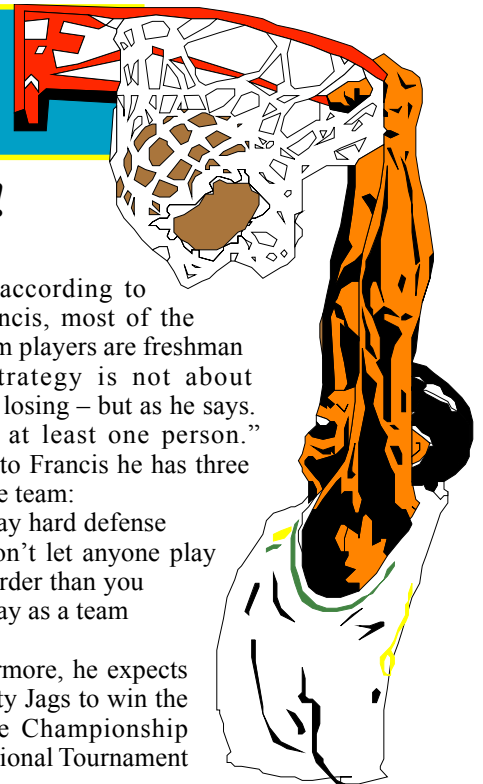
According to Francis he has three rules for the team:

1. Play hard defense
2. Don’t let anyone play harder than you
3. Play as a team

Furthermore, he expects the Port City Jags to win the Conference Championship and the National Tournament this season.

The current starters are: Corey Holden (center), Al Taylor (forward), Derrick White (guard), and Corey Dean (guard).

Good luck Port City Jags and Lady Jaguars!



2003-2004 Port City Jags



2003-2004 Lady Jaguars

Coronation



Miss Tyrice Munson

CORONATION 2003

The breathtaking, awe-inspiring coronation of Miss SUSLA, Tyrice Lyneice Munson took place on the warm of October 23, 2003. This year's theme was "A Rose For All Seasons" and the array of festivities included story telling and musical performances.

The enthusiastic narrator for this gala was Ms. Angelic Feaster. All musical selections were rendered by "The Entourage" from Grambling State University.

A special touch to the coronation was revealed when Miss SUSLA thrilled all who were in attendance. She magically emerged from a beautiful rose onto the colorful and eye-inviting scenery. Other exhilarating attractions, included, the appearances of the royal courts from the campuses of Southern University Baton Rouge and New Orleans, as well as, sweethearts representing various clubs and organizations here at SUSLA.

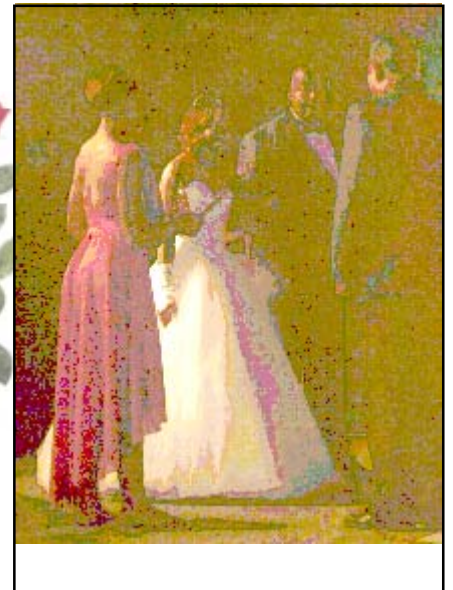
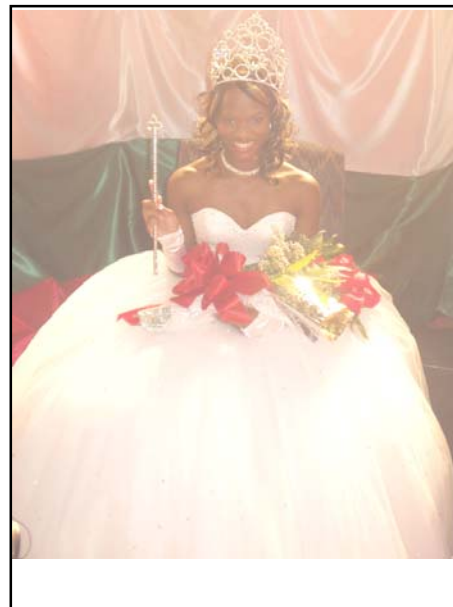
The coronation was extravagant, fun-filled, breathtaking and sensational. It was truly beyond one's wildest imagination. It was coordinated by our new Student Activities Director, Ms. Melva Turner. Congratulations, Ms. Munson!



Kimberly Bryant, Miss Sophomore



Joshlyn McDuffy, Miss Freshman



To Achieve

By: Geroid Roberson

To Achieve is to strive for opportunity
Opportunity that is obtained through effort
Effort that is strongly influenced by desire
Desire motivated by personal interest
Interest that appeals to one's goals
Goals are an individual's determination of destination
We all must achieve to succeed.

~2003

SUSLA'S QUEEN

Tyrice Lyneice Munson is 19 years of age. She is the beautiful daughter of Marva Gafford and Rev. Tyrone Munson. She is a sophomore nursing major with a 3.2 grade point average. Miss Southern is an active participant in many clubs and organizations. She is a member of the Elite Club, African American Society, Student Support Services, and is a Jaguar Cheerleader.



This talented queen has hobbies that include singing, dancing, cheering, reading, and learning new activities. During her reign as Miss Southern, she plans to visit different elementary schools and speak to students concerning the importance of taking care of the body and getting regular check-ups.



Joshlyn McDuffy, Miss Freshman, Harry Blake III, Freshman Class President, Tyrice Munson, Miss SUSLA, Frank Taylor, Jr. SGA President and Member SUS Board of Supervisors, Kim Bryant, Miss Sophomore



Miss Southern University at Baton Rouge and her Royal Court



Miss Southern University at New Orleans and her Royal Court



Dr. Sharon F. Green extends greetings during the 2003 crowning ceremony of Miss SUSLA 2003, Tyrice Munson

Top 20 Songs by Billboard



- Step In The Name Of Love**, R. Kelly
Stand Up, Ludacris Featuring Shawnna
Walked Outta Heaven, Jagged Edge
The Way You Move,
OutKast Featuring Sleepy Brown
You Don't Know My Name, Alicia Keys
Damn!, YoungBloodZ Featuring Lil Jon
Holidae In, Chingy Featuring Ludacris
& Snoop Dogg
Stunt 101, G-Unit
Change Clothes, Jay-Z
Read Your Mind, Avant
Wat Da Hook Gon Be, Murphy Lee
Featuring Jermaine Dupri
Rain On Me, Ashanti
Milkshake, Kelis
Runnin (Dying To Live), Tupac
Featuring The Notorious B.I.G.
Baby Boy, Beyonce Featuring Sean Paul
Clubbin, Marques Houston
Featuring Joe Budden & Pied Piper
Clap Back, Ja Rule
More & More, Joe
Get Low, Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz
Featuring Ying Yang Twins
Me, Myself And I, Beyonce

Top 10 Movies ET

- Dr. Seuss
The Cat in the Hat
The Haunted Mansion
Elf
Gothika
Master and Commander:
The Far Side of the World
Bad Santa
The Missing
Love Actually
Brother Bear

HOROSCOPES FOR DECEMBER

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Sagittarius

Today's planets indicate that this would be a good moment to get rid of everything that is still holding you back, dear Sagittarius. One block for you may be the impulse that you seem to have to blend with others. Don't forget that you are an individual. This is not something to be overcome rather it should be celebrated!

Capricorn

Today's planets indicate that you can expect a very profitable period coming up, dear Capricorn. You have worked hard lately, and it is only natural that you have finally arrived at this stage. You are going to be able to measure the distance you have come, always evaluate your power. Whatever you do, don't think small!

Aquarius

Today's aspects will be asking you to make more of an effort, dear Aquarius. Come back down to earth and join the rest of us mere mortals. Cultivating your independent nature seems to be pulling you away from people. It is better to mix with others and get involved in a cause that is bigger than yourself. Accept working with others to get any job done.

Pisces

Today's aspects can be interpreted in several ways, dear Pisces. The planets correspond to a search for space, whether it is a physical or an intellectual space. You may be asking yourself many questions, or perhaps you're thinking of taking a long trip. What will you decide to do? Will you read Kant or plan a trip to China?

Aries

In navigating the seas of your emotional life, dear Aries, you may feel as though you have made a great effort over the past month. You have been available, and you have done your best to maintain harmony. With today's celestial energy at play, you feel a yen for more spontaneity. It seems that the enterprising and reckless Aries has returned!

Taurus

Today's planets show that your emotional world will glow with positive energy. You'll be meeting more people, and your encounters are likely to be more profound. During the next weeks, allow music to fill your senses!

Gemini

For you, the changing planets bring a period of timidity. You will probably go out less, introduce yourself to fewer new people, and be less prone to show off. Any relationships you do form will be much more intense than usual for you. The weeks ahead are thus quite promising, though you have to readjust your attitudes.

Cancer

You may have spent the past few weeks exploring other horizons, meeting new people, going out more in the evening or even making short trips away from home. But this is a moment to settle down. Today's planets are giving you just the incentive you need to be stable. Expect some pleasurable moments in the comfort of your home this month.

Leo

You are quite likely to enjoy the change of tone that occurs today. Don't you feel a need to take your friendships beyond the superficial level? Perhaps you should re-establish contact with some friends from the past, as well. Though you may find that you have some bonds to repair. In any case, you can expect another month devoted to sweeping the cobwebs out of your life!

Virgo

Today, dear Virgo, you can expect to be somewhat more enterprising in your human relationships. You may find new friends, or enjoy spending quality time with old ones. Perhaps you can look forward to an intensification of your love life. With today's planets, find resources to improve emotionally.

Campus Corner Spotlight

JAGUAR'S SPOTLIGHTS A SUSLA STAFF PERSON



MINNIE JOHNSON

Our dedicated SUSLA Staff person who will receive our spotlight in this volume of the *Jaguar Speaks* is one who deserves this recognition. Stop by the Johnny Vance Center and say, "Thank you" to Miss Minnie Johnson. She is a dedicated worker who has been employed at SUSLA since October 2001. We are glad that you can still do an effective job though we keep up the loud noises and continually "slam the bones". Job well done!

Students in the News



GEROID ROBERSON

Geroid Roberson is a Business Management and Accounting major. As a volunteer for many community service programs, Geroid wants Shreveport to be a better community for children to grow and learn. He is a member of the Business and Accounting Club (Students In Free Enterprise), and he is a member of PHI THETA KAPPA International Honor Society. He maintains a 4.0 G.P.A and will be graduating in the spring of 2004.



ASHLEY PARDUET

Ashley Pardue is an evening student majoring in Elementary Education. In addition to being a student, she is employed as a teacher's assistant at Hooter Park Head Start Center and also, she is the mother of a beautiful daughter, Andrianna. She maintains a 3.9 G.P.A. and will be graduating in the spring of 2004. After graduation, she plans to further her education at Louisiana Tech University.

Clubs and Organizations

Afro American Society
C.E.L.T.
Cheerleader/Danceline
Early Childhood Education
Electronics Technology
Elite Club

Radiologic Technology
Student Center Board/ SGA
International
Dental Hygienic
Business Club
Hospitality Club
Library
MLT/Phlebotomy
Phi Theta Kappa
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Mr. Ron Anderson/
Mr. Ted Scott

Men's Basketball
Women's Basketball
University Gospel Choir
Campus Yearbook /Newspaper
University Students Against
Destructive Decisions
Students In Free Enterprise

Coach David Francis
Coach Arthur Robinson
Ms. Sonya Hester
Dr. Sharon Green
Ms. Norma Whitake

Mr. Nathaniel Manning

The Jaguar Modeling Troupe

Modeling Troupes model all around the world. They strut their fashions across cities, states, and nations. We are fortunate that a new modeling troupe, full of style, has been brought to the Jaguar Nation. They will be adorned in apparel from casual to formal wear. This group of stylish models hopes to bring many performances to SUSLA. Seasonal trends, styles, and fashions from Shreveport's finest couturiers, will be modeled in performances during the 2004 spring semester.

Tiffany Washington is *Miss Jaguar Modeling Troupe*. Jeffrey Hall and Jemario Cooper are President and Vice-President respectively. Auditions for new troupe members will be held in early spring. Keep a watchful eye for announcements.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Southern University Museum of Art (SUMAS)

By: Laura L. Hyson

The Southern University Museum opened its doors on February 21, 2002. The Museum is the realization of a dream by Southern University's President, Dr. Leon Tarver II (Baton Rouge).



The Museum is comprised of eight galleries, a stage, front and rear foyer for display of art and a gift shop. Southern University's Museum of Art features African arts and African American arts. They also feature the art work of local artists in Louisiana.

For upcoming Exhibit's or information regarding tours for groups, please contact Ms. Carolyn Coatney (Museum Coordinator) or Mr. Jeffrey Baker (Museum Facilitator) at 678-4634. The museum is located at 610 Texas Street in the Metro Building on the first floor.



Hours of operation:
Tuesday through Friday
from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday from 10:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

NOTE: ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE FEE PAYMENT PROCESS NO LATER THAN 1:00 P.M. SATURDAY, January 10th.

Late fees will be accessed after this period.

January 6 New Student Orientation, Testing and Registration (freshmen and First-Time Transfer). *Express Play begins at 3:00 P.M. for pre-registered students.*

January 7-10 General Registration (Alphabetical)
SEE HOURS BELOW

January 12 Spring Semester Classes Begin and Add/Drop Period Begin

January 12-14 Late Registration Period

January 23 Last Day to Register or Add Courses for Credit

January 30 Fourteenth Class DaY

January 6 Freshmen/Transfers – 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Express Pay – 3: 00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 for pre-registered students only

January 7-10 General Registration (Alphabetical)
 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

January 12-14 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

January 10 Registration/fee Payment
 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

January 12-14 **Late Registration Period**
 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 (registration in NCR 104/Fee Payment in ADM Bldg.
 / Advisement in Respective Area)

Seasons Greetings!

DECEMBER

Happy Holidays!

4 Pre-Kwanza Celebration

5 Christmas Cantata

6-11 Final Exams

JANUARY

1 Welcome Week

6 New Student Orientation, Testing and Registration

7-10 General Registration Period

12 Classes Begin

14 NASCAR Racing

19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday



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