

Red Stick Times

The Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University

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WITH the end of classes this afternoon, there are no more evening assignments this week. Freshmen are expected to be in their case prep groups Sunday night at 7:00 pm -- and everybody is expected to be in class at 8:15 am Monday morning.

School Party TODAY

Today at 5:00 pm the school will hold its traditional party which all students and faculty are invited to attend. The party will be held at the same location as last year, the LSU Mini Barn which is adjacent to the Parker Agricultural Center on the southern edge of the campus. You will be served about 34,000 crawfish, 30 lbs. of jambalaya, salad, and an unknown quantity of adult beverages. There are about 15-20 crawfish to the pound so the math works that you need to eat about 60 crawfish. Good luck and be sure you have plenty of alka seltzer.

Service will begin at 5:00 pm and the festivities will end at 8:00 pm to give you ample time to study for the Saturday morning exams.

Freshman Comments ...

A couple of freshman commented that the school was like drinking out of a fire hose. I think that means more knowledge is being thrown at them faster than they can digest.

TODAY @ GSB

11:45	Student Advisory Meeting
4:30	Classes Dismissed
5:00-8:00	Annual School Party

CHECK your Saturday morning schedule carefully as times and some classrooms are different from what you have been doing this week.

The Saturday schedules are:

FRESHMEN:

- **8:00-9:00am** exam in Nicholson Auditorium.

JUNIORS:

- **8:00-9:15am** exam in Dodson Auditorium

SENIORS:

- **8:00-8:30am** exam in 143 Coates
- **8:45-10:45am**, the last period will be to put BSim to bed for the week.

The exams for all classes will be of the multiple choice/true-false variety, giving you a fighting chance even when you aren't sure about the answer. You **MUST** bear down with a #2 pencil (pencils will be provided at the exam) to mark answers boldly in one box per question. The computer cannot read opscan sheets marked with a ball point pen -- it just gives you a big fat zero.

EVERYONE is asked to turn in their evaluation sheet covering the first week with your exam tomorrow morning.

Mexican Bankers

The School has had a long and mutually-beneficial relationship with the largest independent bank in Mexico. In 2000, Banorte sent 12 students to the School on a trial basis and these bankers did so well as evidenced by their enhanced careers and expertise contributed to the bank that their path has been followed by 148 of their colleagues which, as of the last year's graduation resulted in the bank having 181 graduates. Hopefully, this total will increase by 15 on June 3rd.

News Release for Freshmen & Juniors

NEWS RELEASE forms are now available for 1st and 2nd year students who would like to get a little publicity back home. These can be accessed on-line at www.gsblsu.org, click on Session Info, then Press Releases. All you have to do is fill in the blanks (printing your name, title and bank as legibly as possible) and **mail it to your local newspaper**. If more than one are from the same town, you might consider getting together to make it a joint release -- even if you are competitors.

Seniors will be provided a different story next week foretelling the good news of their impending graduation.

Steak Night

On Saturday evening at 5:30, the steak grilling, usually done outside, will be cooked on grills inside 459 Commons. The inside move assures no interference from the weather, mosquitoes, or other inconveniences, and gives the kitchen staff the opportunity to use their new grills. A keg of beer and wine will also be available for those who wish to imbibe.

Who Are You?

The statistics we gather from you provides interesting information regarding backgrounds. The model group of students are junior officers in banks which have \$100-\$500 million in assets. These bankers account for 35% of the student body but students employed by banks giving over \$1.0 billion in assets represent 35% of the students.

You are a well educated group. Eighty-eight percent of you hold College degrees with about a quarter of you with Masters degrees.

As one would expect, the freshmen are younger than the seniors. About 40% of the senior class is 40 years of age or older compared to about 30% of the first year class that falls into this age group. We assume that with age comes wisdom.

Weekend Activities

IF you plan to go to N.O., don't leave B.R. without a reservation. It would also be a good idea to stay together in groups rather than engage in independent research, and to confine your wandering to well traveled areas such as the French Quarter, St. Charles Avenue, Magazine Street, etc.

THERE's plenty to do and see in and around Baton Rouge. A visit to the State Capitol is well worth your time. At 34 floors, it's the tallest capitol building in the U.S. You can pay your respects to Huey P. Long, flamboyant Governor of Louisiana, whose final resting place is near the front steps where he was assassinated. A drive through the Bayou Teche area west of the Mississippi River is highly recommended. If gourmet dining is your dish, Baton Rouge has just about as many excellent restaurants as New Orleans.

Several of the most popular eateries in Baton Rouge are:

- Bone Fish Grill - 7415 Corporate Blvd.
- Carrabba's Italian Grill - 7275 Corporate Blvd.
- Fleming's - 7321 Corporate Blvd.
- French Market Bistro - 16645 Highland Road
- Galatoire's Bistro - 3535 Perkins Road, Suite 400
- Gino's - 4542 Bennington Avenue
- Juban's - 3739 Perkins Road
- Louisiana Lagniappe - 9990 Perkins Road
- Mansurs on the Boulevard - 5720 Corporate Blvd., #A
- PF Chang's China Bistro - 7341 Corporate Blvd.
- Ruffino's - 18811 Highland Road
- Ruth's Chris Steak House - 4836 Constitution Avenue
- Sullivans Steakhouse - 5252 Corporate Blvd.

Have a Safe and Pleasant Weekend!