

Red Stick Times

The Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University

TUESDAY, May 22, 2018

The Session is off to a good start and we greatly appreciate your cooperation. It takes a major effort to get 536 bankers moving in the same direction at the same time. But once the mass is in motion it is hard to stop.

Tuesday Evening Speaker

This year ALL students are required to attend this event. We are honored this evening to have as our distinguished speaker Mr. James M. Olson at 7:00 pm in the LSU Union Theater.

Mr. James M. Olson who teaches courses on intelligence and national security. Mr. Olson served his entire career in the CIA's Directorate of Operations. His career highlights include serving as the chief of CIA headquarters and in overseas assignments in Moscow, Vienna, and Mexico City. He lives in College Station, Texas.

He was assigned by the CIA to the George Bush School of Government and Public Service in College Station, Texas, as an officer-in-residence in December 1997. Teaching courses on Cold War Intelligence, U.S. National Security, and International Crisis Management. Frequent guest lecturer at other courses, conferences, and symposia. Appointed a permanent faculty member of the Bush School in August 2000.

Mr. Olson speaks French, German, Russian and Spanish. As a native of Iowa he is learning to speak Texan.

TODAY @ GSB

4:45	FR/JR Case Groups
5:30-6:45	Dinner
6:00	Deadline for FR Nominations
7:00	Speaker at Union Theater

Apartment Dwellers

Bankers are reminded to check at the ECA Activity Center (where you registered) for messages and mail. Report any apartment maintenance problems to the ECA front desk which is staffed by LSU personnel. The GSB desk in Room 2 in the Activity Center is staffed by GSB personnel from 7:30 am - 9:00 am, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm daily. The GSB desk phone number is **578-5019**.

REMINDER to Freshmen

Nominations for President of the Class of 2020 must be turned in by 6:00 pm this evening to the **ECA Activity Center**. Please print the name, title, bank and home town of the nominee, and make sure the nominee signs the sheet as assurance s/he would serve if elected. The person making the nomination must also sign the sheet. Voting will be Wednesday at the first afternoon class with the results in the Thursday Red Stick.

TRADITIONS

There are a few GSB traditions for which there are no reasonable explanations. One of these is designation of the first Wednesday as "Hawaiian Shirt Day" for Seniors. This practice has been passed down through the years from class to class – a strong indication that, when not occupied in study, students are challenged to figure out something to do. The first Friday is "Class Shirt" day for Juniors and Seniors and the second Wednesday is "logo" shirt day for all students.

BankSim Computers

One year ago the school purchased computers for the BankSim teams. This year the teams no longer need the computers because the Cloud is performing the many calculations that are needed in the course. Some students reportedly have been asking questions like "What happens if it rains? Or even snows? Or worse yet, "What if it is a sunny day?" We are not sure from where these students came.

Internet Access

For Internet access in apartments, you will be asked for a user name and password when logging onto the LSU network for the first time. The user name is **banking@lsu.edu**, and the password is **LSUbankers@2018**. Information is in your binder, the lavender **Information for Students**. If you need additional information, or are having trouble getting on the network, please call the Residential Life Help Desk Mon-Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm at 225-578-0560.

Where is the Bookstore?

For many, many years the LSU Bookstore was located in the first floor of the Student Union building and many bankers stopped by on their way to class for coffee and in the afternoon for additional intellectual studies. To better serve the needs of the campus population the new Barnes and Noble bookstore is located across the street from the Faculty Club. The store's management is offering our students 10% off on all purchases. Just show them your GSB nametag. They will open at 7:00 am each day for the convenience of bankers.

VIP on Campus

Visiting us for a few days this week are Gretchen Claflin and Dr. David Williams.

Gretchen is President and CEO of the Pacific Coast Graduate School of Banking in Seattle. That school, our school, and the Colorado School of Banking have been partners for many years in updating and maintaining the teaching effectiveness of BankSim. We are delighted to have a visit from Gretchen.

Also visiting is Dr. David Williams, Dean of Online and Graduate Studies at Union College in Barbourville, KY. Joining the list of universities that award graduate credit is Union College. Under his leadership his university has agreed to award our graduates six elective credit hours toward the 10 course (30-hour) MBA program at Union College. We are pleased to have Dr. Williams visit our campus and look forward to developing a close relationship with Union College.

Social Media

Those of you who use social media such as Twitter or Facebook may wish to share your school's experiences on **#GSBLSU2018**.

State Receptions on Wednesday

Continuing a tradition that began several years ago, several sponsoring state associations are hosting receptions for the students attending from their states. All the receptions will be held **Wednesday** evening in the Cotillion Ballroom in the LSU Union from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm and assembly areas for each state will be identified by signs. The same refreshments will be available to all attending. This is an excellent opportunity to meet bankers from your state who are in the other classes. The hosts of the receptions are as follows:

Alabama	Scott Latham
Florida	Jeremy Hayes
Georgia	Joe Brannen, Brad Barber
Kentucky	Dan Harbison
Louisiana	Bob Taylor, Ginger Laurent
Mississippi	Amy Davis
N. Carolina	Kim Hutchens
S. Carolina	Jimmy Clarkson
Tennessee	Colin Barrett, Bobby Moore, Stacey Langford, Lee Moss
Virginia	Courtney Fleming

Visitations

LSU mascots, Bengal tigers named Mike, never leave campus. You may visit Mike IV, Mike V and Mike VI, - all deceased – in ash form in the lobby of the Lod Cook hotel. These additions to the lobby décor were added since our last visit to campus. Mike VII is waiting on stand-by in his cage near the stadium. He has hotel reservations but is in no hurry to check in.