

Red Stick Times

The Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University

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Throughout the 68-year history of GSB, only 106 students (out of 15,941) have made a clean sweep with all A's. This year one senior had 10 A's. Congratulations to **Brandon T. Nelson** from Whitney Bank in New Orleans, LA

Junior class results will be reported tomorrow.

Who are the Faculty?

At this session you are being taught by fifty-four faculty members from sixteen states plus Mexico. All of our sponsoring states, with the exception of West Virginia, are represented on our faculty as well as four non-sponsoring states. The faculty is a diverse, and highly experienced group of individuals.

Bankers make up one-third of the faculty and the next largest group is consultants. But 53% of the consultants are former bankers and if this group is added to the "banker" category, bankers account for 59% of the faculty. Academics are 24% of the faculty and 19% of your teachers are "other" which includes regulators, attorneys and other professionals.

TODAY @ GSB

4:45	FR/JR Case Groups
5:30-6:45	Dinner
6:00-7:00	State Receptions

Meet the Freshman Politicians

Ben Burton, First State Bank, Lineville, AL

Mitch Gay, Branch Banking & Trust, Morehead City, NC

Sam Giddens, Irwin County State Bank, Ocilla, GA

Cliff Kilpatrick, Cape Fear Farm Credit, Albertson, NC

Charles LeFevre, Fidelity Bank, New Orleans, LA

Todd Owens, Fidelity Bank, Burlington, NC

Whit Ross, MS Department of Banking, Jackson, MS

Robin Simpson, Bancorpsouth, Rogers, AR

John Paul Timpa, First Federal Bank of Louisiana, Lake Charles, LA

David Watts, Citizens Bank & Trust, Albertville, AR

Voting will be at the start of the first period this afternoon with results reported tomorrow.

State Receptions Today at 6pm

You are reminded that bankers from AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MO, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV are invited to a reception hosted by their state banker associations **TODAY** at 6:00 pm in the Cotillion Ballroom at the LSU Union. This is one of the few opportunities you will have to meet fellow bankers from your state. Receptions are hosted by the following:

AL	Scott Latham
FL	Jeremy Hayes
GA	Joe Brannen, Kathy Friestad, Brad Barber
KY	Dan Harbison
LA	Bob Taylor, Ginger Laurent
MO	Shane Cowger
MS	Mac Deaver, Jerry Host, Gordon Fellows
NC	Peter Gwaltney, Blair Jernigan
SC	Jimmy Clarkson
TN	Colin Barrett, Stacey Langford
VA & WV	Bruce Whitehurst

Refreshments appropriate to banker's receptions will be served.

Deadline Extensions on BSPs

The School is quite strict in adhering to the due dates for the bank study projects. You can appreciate the fact that it is quite a chore to keep track of over 400 projects arriving monthly during the period September through February. To avoid the "late" stamp, projects must be postmarked by the 15th of the month due. Projects mailed later receive an automatic "C" grade.

It is inevitable that situations develop in people's lives that prevent the completion of the projects by their due dates. In such cases, extensions are granted for a two week period. Requests for extensions should be made prior to the deadline. If granted by Dr. Woodland, bankers are often required to wash his car during the session or mow his grass!

Mexican Colleagues

Enrollment from banks in Mexico has reached a new high at this session. For about sixteen years Banorte, based in Monterrey, has sent officers to the school for professional education. This year the bank enrolled 19 first year students in school which brings their total enrollment to 206. Joining this group are five bankers from Bajio bank which is headquartered in Leon, Mexico. This bank now has 15 enrolled. Joining the list of Mexican banks participating in the school this year is a relatively new bank, Banco Base, which is located in Monterrey. This bank sent 7 students to the Class of 2019.

GSBSU Logo Shirt Day

Upon arriving on campus last Sunday members of the Junior and Senior classes received handsome GSBSU golf shirts which were designed by the class officers, and paid for by your class dues! Your officers have asked that you wear the shirts tomorrow (Thursday) to be identified as an upperclassman.

Mudbugs on West Coast

The LSU Alumni Association is a very active organization in support of the university's graduates across the nation. Its hotel on campus is host to our faculty and houses our office during the Session.

As you might expect, a part of the PR program and fund raising activities involve hosting crawfish boils at different locations such as St. Louis, Chicago, Houston, etc. Next month they host the 29th meeting of the alumni association in San Diego by cooking 12 tons of crawfish or about 48,000 mudbugs. It is expected that all will pass a good time. The event is sold out months in advance.

BMS Course

One of the courses well received by the students is the senior capstone course Bank Simulation. The origins of this course date back to the 1970's when the FDIC and the American Bankers Association joined forces to simulate the banking industry. Since that time the program has undergone many, many improvements to incorporate changes in the industry. The present program, which is owned by the School, is updated and modified annually under a partnership with the banking schools at the Universities of Colorado and Washington.

Dr. Ernie Swift is the coordinator of the course and works closely with our two other university partners to assure that the program delivers the best possible learning experience to members of the senior class. The time and effort Ernie devotes to this project is substantial and much appreciated.

Lost & Found Service

Most years we end up finding more stuff than has been reported as missing. Just notify the ECA desk of your loss or drop off what you may have found. We collect all of that at GSB headquarters at the Lod Cook Hotel. It never fails that somebody leaves an expensive calculator in a classroom. When the sun comes out, umbrellas are also abandoned. We suggest you may want to tape your name on anything of value so we can find you if we find it.

Excused Absence

A member of the Junior class, **Mark Welch**, was called home Monday to await an addition to his family which arrived 3:29 am on Tuesday. The young Jack Christopher Welch clocked in at 6 lbs. 10 oz., and mother are doing well and Mark is back in class Wednesday.

Packages and Mail

Make sure you stop by the ECA Activity Center room 2 for mail and messages. We already have a few packages for students.

From Chef Laurence:

Our chef at 459 cafeteria wants us to know that we are free to ask him or his staff if a special menu is required because of health issues such as allergies, etc.. As a professional chef he sees such meals as culinary challenges rather than annoyances and will prepare foods to satisfy your needs. His cooperation is much appreciated.