Moss Memorial Library moves to new location

By Joanie Creson

Moss Memorial Library at Delgado's City Park campus will soon be housed on a temporary basis in Building 10, where the CATT Center was located prior to Hurricane Katrina. After the library was damaged, around 20,000 volumes were submerged in water.

According to Constance Varnado, Assistant Dean of Library Services, all of the library’s functions will return. Students will receive instructions on how to use the databases.

Audio-visual equipment will be available at least two or three video players for viewing videotapes and DVDs. Other functions include copiers, microfiche, and technical processing.

The campus library received a $50,000 grant from Capital One to replace specific items that were damaged during Katrina. Some of those items include shelving, book carts, reference materials, and a security system.

The reference librarian will offer tours at the City Park campus on Mondays and Tuesdays, and at the West Bank campus on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tours are done on a call-in basis.

A new service that the library provides is called Question Point Virtual Reference. It is a 24-hour service that students can use to enter into live chat sessions with reference librarians from around the world, who can answer general reference questions.

If it is something specific to Delgado, then our reference librarian will be able to receive information from the Question Point librarians and do a follow-up with the student or faculty member. The service is being provided for free to Delgado for one year. Varnado hopes that the students will use and benefit from the service.

After Katrina flooded the city, the library lost about 20,000 volumes that were submerged in water. The staff returned in October and November and was able to go back to work.

“We were able to go in and pull out those wet books because we were told before any remediation could be done, those books would have to be out. The library staff and some of the faculty helped,” Varnado said.

The staff and faculty worked on the project and were able to remove almost all of the books.

There are about 130 volumes left to be discarded. That collection includes journals, magazines, newspapers, reserve materials, plus new books that were being processed. The library staff is hoping to save at least 95 to 98 percent of those volumes.

After an evaluation was done, the staff was told that approximately 95 percent of the collection can be saved. It is their hope that the project will be completed by this December.

Varnado is optimistic that in two to three years the library could be up and running again in Building 7. When the library opens in Building 10 at the City Park campus, the operating hours will be from 8:00 - 7:00 pm on Mondays through Thursdays, and 8:00 - 4:30 pm on Fridays. Anyone having a reference question can call 483-4416.

Welcome Back!

By Bridget Boudreaux

Looking for something fun to do? Come out to Welcome Fest 2006 on Wednesday, September 13 from 11-2 p.m. behind Building One on Delgado's Dolphin Patio.

There will be music, free food and drink (bring your own ID) for students who are interested in joining Delgado's organizations, intramural sports, and other activities on campus, presented by Student Life and SGA. In addition to sponsoring Welcome Fest, the SGA is seeking qualified students interested in serving on the Student Senate. If you would like to run for this office, you must qualify by Monday, September 18, 2006. You can pick up your application in the office of Student Life in Building 11, Rm. 105 or call 504-483-4380 / 483-89.

Students who are interested are encouraged to run for one of the positions available, and students who are interested should come to the event on Wednesday to discuss with the Senate what the jobs involve.

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Many people did the same thing as Smith, taking the call for evacuation lightly. Although, they didn't evacuate for Hurricane Katrina, many people have now changed their attitude toward evacuation.

"I consider myself foolish for not leaving home in the east, I was so scared, but God was with me and I learned a valuable lesson, when they say go, I'm going", says former New Orleans East resident Martha Croft, who now lives in St. Rose.

Evacuating for hurricanes is bad, Smith said. "Like for Hurricane Ivan, nothing happened."

There will be a Health Fair on Wednesday, October 11, from 11-2 p.m. in the Delgado's Basketball Gym. There will be 35 presenters who will screen for a variety of things, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and on October 12 there will be a Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop.

Ready or Not?

By Lorenzo Franklin

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Shoot for the Stars

By Susan Hague
faculty adviser

The crew comes in with cameras, lights, cables, securing the area, sets up, shoots, wraps up, breaks set and moves on to the next location. This is the nature of the business for film and television production, flexibility and fleetness of foot, and since Katrina destroyed Delgado’s TV studio in Building 7, Lynn Robertson has had even more opportunities to practice what she knows about television production.

Delgado’s offer classes online and in person last spring. “We do plan to have a conventional mobile unit for TEPV, but after Katrina, it seemed like our entire program was one,” jokes Robertson. That may be changing now that Delgado has merged with the Louisiana Technical College (LTC) on Airport Highway in Metairie. There is room to grow the program at LTC. Plans for expansion of the program include a film technician program which is in the development stage, including grip and electric classes. Robertson will also be at the City Park campus. As faculty adviser for Delgado Television (DTV), Lynn asked if DTV could have a corner of the Dolphin newsroom for a post-production editing booth—another indication of not only how compact TV equipment is now, but how print, radio, television and internet are melding, blurring the boundaries that used to divide them. DTV airs programs through access cable channel 76 in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes. “You don’t have to be a TV major to join DTV—if you come to Welcome Fest, look for the television monitors next to the Theater Club and The Dolphin, and you’ll find us there,” says Robertson.

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There are a few tips for preparing for a hurricane:

1. Be alert to storm advisories with a weather radio
2. Have a family disaster plan and a plan for your pets.
Contact your veterinarian or local humane society for information on preparing your pets for an emergency.
3. Bring a first-aid kit, flashlight, medicine with refill, important documents (birth records, insurance policies, social security card, etc.).
4. Have enough food and water for at least 3 days.
5. Secure your homes before leaving—board up windows, glass doors, tie down loose objects or bring them inside 6. Top off your car tank when it gets near half-full.

and especially for students:

1. Make sure your car is ready by having it fully inspected
2. Have a way to contact instructors (numbers, email)
3. Have copies of your records, diploma or degree, immunization, more than one type of I.D., textbooks, laptop, cell phone and car charger, a printed copy of your cell phone numbers.

Don’t let what happened on August 29, 2005 cripple you, but teach you. No one knows when the next major disaster will happen. Be ready and stay prepared for anything.

ATTENTION GRADUATES!

Don’t forget the deadline to apply for December’s graduation is October 27. Stop by the Registrar’s office for further details and to pick up an application.
Play Tryouts for “Hello Again”

By Zachary Luther

Auditions will be held on Saturday, September 16 at 1:00 pm and Sunday, August 17 at 7:00 pm in the 3rd floor drama hall, Building 1 of Delgado Community College City Park campus for the musical “Hello Again.” The play will need six men and four women, ages range from 20 to 50. All performers must sing and move well. Please prepare a musical number in the style of Stephen Sondheim or prepare a musical number in the style of Stephen Sondheim or present a monologue as a character in the play “La Ronde” by Arthur Schnitzler, which explores the ideas of love and sexuality. In the musical, each scene is a separate entity, where one character moves forward to the next scene. By the end of the play, the musical comes full circle, with the last gentleman meeting the woman from the first scene.

originally produced in 1993 at the Lincoln Center in New York City, “Hello Again” will be performed in November at Delgado’s City Park campus. The musical will be directed by Tim Baker with musical direction by Karl Harrod.

For more information, please call 483-7258.

Ansel Adams: from my Perspective

By Zachary Luther

My tour through the Ansel Adams exhibit at the New Orleans Museum of Art showed me many breathtaking photographs. It was very hard for me to just pick three that I enjoyed. I seemed to see so many beautiful scenery pictures that they almost became too repetitious. The ongoing theme of my choices may even be those that were most simplistic. The three works I chose were: “Trees,” from El Rio de la Mora in Yosemite 1935, “Saguaro Cactus,” from Arizona 1942, and finally “Windmill,” from Owens Valley, California 1935.

“Trees,” was one of the first pictures that I originally saw. The two trees all by themselves, but probably part of a forest, immediately captured my attention. It was very obvious that the dominant center of interest was these two trees. Going against the rule of thirds, the picture was almost completely symmetrical. I was hung up on, if you have noticed, this was a very simple picture that seemed to say so much more than those mundane and perfectly shaped pictures that seem to say so little but are so much more interesting.

The second picture I chose to be in my ultimate list was “Saguaro Cactus.” Once again this was a very simple picture that seemed to say so much more than those mundane and perfectly shaped pictures that seem to say so little but are so much more interesting. It almost makes me wonder if Ansel was obsessed with symmetry. It was very obvious that the symmetry was meant in the photograph, but I was delightful-surprised. The picture was also composed vertically to give the windmill height …and I suppose the height of the picture is something to it. The mill was spinning which seemed to give the wind a bit of personification. This was something I wasn’t expecting to see out of an old black and white photograph, but I was delightfully surprised. The picture was also composed vertically to give the windmill height …and I suppose dignity as well. It’s not everyday a windmill gets its own picture so I guess the height of the picture is the same as dressing up for a glamour shot.

The last picture I chose was entitled, “Windmill.” This was a somewhat mysterious picture in that the windmill itself was freakishly alone. There was just a windmill all by itself, but still there was something to it. The mill was spinning which seemed to give the wind a bit of personification. This was something I wasn’t expecting to see out of an old black and white photograph, but I was delightfully surprised. The picture was also composed vertically to give the windmill height …and I suppose dignity as well. It’s not everyday a windmill gets its own picture so I guess the height of the picture is the same as dressing up for a glamour shot.

Don’t Forget!!

The deadline for filing your 2005 Federal and State Income Taxes is October 16. If you think you owe money, hurry! If you will get a refund, don’t wait!

www.irs.gov or 1-800-829-1040/(4059 for TDD)

Dr. Zohary's 2005 Income Tax Seminar

October 6 - 8 at 6:00 pm

Don’t miss this opportunity to hear Dr. Zohary, an IRS volunteer, review your 2005 tax forms and answer your questions.

Academic Drawing* stored at the University of New Orleans Art Department did not flood, and is now available for viewing on the third floor of Isaac Delgado Fine Arts Gallery in Building One, 615 City Park Avenue. The dominoes are six feet high, and reference the black monolith in “2001: A Space Odyssey.” The painting, “1984” was in the 1984 World’s Fair and also refers to George Orwell’s book of the same name.

An entire wall of the gallery acts as a hangar for dozens of brightly-colored paper airplanes, and the lighting creates color shadows on the white wall behind them.

Gertjejansen is a professor of fine arts at UNO, where he teaches painting. He also exhibits at Gallery Bienvenu, 518 Julia St. The Delgado show is open to the public during gallery hours, Mon. - Thurs., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Oct. 18, 2006. Gallery director Robin Pellegrin can be reached at (504) 483-4624.
Intramural sports - back on the map

By Darrell Wilson
associate editor

Intramural sports are back at Delgado Community College for the first time since the spring of 2005. Last fall Hurricane Katrina ruined most of New Orleans and Delgado canceled their entire fall semester. Delgado reopened for a full semester in the spring of 2006, but there were no intramural sports because of budget cuts and not enough student participation.

Many are excited about the number of people who have signed up for intramural sports so far.

"It's great so far this semester," Assistant Dean of Student Life, Tim Galliano said. "I'm excited with the number of people who have signed up for intramural sports."

This fall and spring at Delgado, they will offer flag football, volleyball, soccer, martial arts, softball and basketball for intramural sports.

Delgado will have a new intramural assistant, Merva Duque. Duque is Delgado's soccer coach.

"Before the hurricane we had a men's soccer team but there will be no soccer played this year except in intramural sports," Duque said.

This year Delgado will also bring back their faculty challenge for intramurals. In this challenge, the winning intramural volleyball team for the students will compete against faculty and staff at Delgado.

For all intramural sports there will be no tryouts. Everybody who signs up will play. This season, Delgado intramural sports are expected to be better than ever. To sign up for intramural sports, go to Student Life in Building 11 or you can register at Welcome Fest.