

UL System News

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Horace Judson to Become Grambling's Seventh President



Dr. Horace Judson, the former president of Plattsburgh State University of New York, has been named the next president of Grambling State University and will assume that role on June 1.

In accepting the appointment, Judson, a senior fellow at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, said he and his wife, Gail, are looking forward to joining the Grambling family.

"We look forward with great anticipation to joining Grambling and the University of Louisiana System. We look forward to becoming citizens of the great state of Louisiana," Judson said.

Judson, 62, received his doctorate in organic chemistry from Cornell University. He has served as a top administrator of California State University, Stanislaus and Morgan State University in Baltimore. A Florida native, he also served as an assistant professor at Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona

Beach, Fla.

Judson has been credited with improving campus finances, diversity, retention and graduation rates fundraising and sponsored research during his tenure at Plattsburgh.

In recommending Judson to the Board, UL System president Sally Clausen complimented Judson's experience as a "tested president with a fine academic background as a scholar and teacher whose leadership is marked with significant accomplishment."

New Residence Halls Abound on ULS Campuses

Apartment or Suite-Style Halls Follow National Trend Toward More Privacy, Amenities



Going to a university used to mean living either in a dormitory or in an off-campus apartment or house.

But, increasingly, universities are giving students a more modern compromise that blends the collegial atmosphere of the dormitory with the privacy and amenities of home – right on the campus.

They are called "apartment-style" or "suite-style" residence halls, and University of Louisiana System universities are in the midst of a \$204 million effort to replace older dormitories with these contemporary living quarters.

"Students expect a lot," said ULS Student Board

Member Jennifer Porter. "Many have their own rooms at home and want to maintain that privacy without sacrificing the social aspects of roommates on campus. These new residence halls are a perfect blend of both."

Housing improvements are either underway or recently completed at all eight UL System campuses. They are being financed through private companies that can offer the modern conveniences and state-of-the-art facilities that students are seeking.

"Our customers are students. They want a wide range of options, and I'm pleased that our universities are able to offer them," University of Louisiana System President Sally Clausen said. "Our campuses are launching

new housing projects, and they are using creative solutions to finance them. It was a matter of seeing the need and finding a way to accomplish it."

New residence halls with 3,060 total beds have recently been completed or are under construction on UL System campuses. In addition, new projects recently approved by the UL System Board will accommodate students.

The new facilities represent 43 percent of the 14,360 total beds in the UL System. The eight-campus system has 63 percent of the residence hall space in Louisiana.



University Spotlight – UL Lafayette



CajunBot Accepts National 'Grand Challenge'

On March 13, University of Louisiana at Lafayette's CajunBot, a six-wheeled all-terrain vehicle, participated in a 210-mile race across desert terrain as part of a challenge set forth by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency of the U.S. Department of Defense.

The Grand Challenge pitted 25 teams against one another competing for a \$1 million prize. The catch: no drivers. Vehicles were guided using only Global Positioning Satellites. The goal: to enhance the government's capabilities with unmanned vehicle technology for future military use.

For years now, the UL Lafayette Computer Science Department has ranked among the top 10 programs

in the nation with the Center for Advanced Computer Studies ranked in the top 35 in quality research and in the top 50 in external research funds.

UL Lafayette's team joined other notable universities such as the California Institute of Technology and Virginia Tech University. However, no entries crossed the finish line, so the Grand Challenge is set again for 2006.



UL Lafayette's "Cajunbot" uses Global Positioning Satellites to navigate instead of people.

Other Board Action

The Board approved the following university requests:

Academic and Student Affairs

- McNeese: request to offer the existing Associate of Science degree program in Early Childhood Education through distance learning technologies
- Southeastern: request to reorganize its College of Basic Studies
- UL Lafayette: request to award an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree

to Mr. Robert Trahan at its May 2004 commencement Audit and Finance

- McNeese: request ratification of approval to allow a student referendum to increase the All Girl Cheer Squad fee
- UL System: request to establish an LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorship for Grambling State University entitled Dr. Arlynne Lake Cheers Endowed Professorship in Education

Facilities Planning

- Nicholls: request to amend the FY 2004-05

Capital Outlay Budget Request to delete the following three self-generated projects: Student Recreation Center, Galliano Cafeteria Renovation, and Residence Hall Renovations

- UL Lafayette: request to construct a Chimpanzee Research Facility project at the New Iberia Research Center

Personnel

- Grambling: request to approve contract for Interim Head Football Coach Melvin Spears, Jr.

Did You Know?

The UL System's eight campuses yield a combined economic impact of \$3.3 billion annually.

University Spotlight - Northwestern State University



Journalism Department Produces Documentary

A film documenting the impact of the U.S. Army's training in Louisiana on the town of Winnfield before World War II will premiere on Louisiana Public Broadcasting April 5 at 9 p.m.

Northwestern State University's Journalism Depart-

ment partnered with the Louisiana Political Museum in Winnfield to record how the people of Winn Parish remembered World War II.

This is just one of several broadcast productions from NSU's Journalism Department, which offers real life training for its broadcast students.

The school maintains the University's television sta-

tion, Channel 22, with a full-service studio and state-of-the-art equipment.

WATCH:

"The Great Louisiana Maneuvers of 1941: The Winnfield Story"

**9 p.m., Monday, April 5
LPB**



Northwestern State University's Journalism Department is home to a state-of-the-art broadcasting facility.