

Grambling State University

In focus

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“WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY”

Dr. Pogue Welcomes GSU Family to *In Focus*

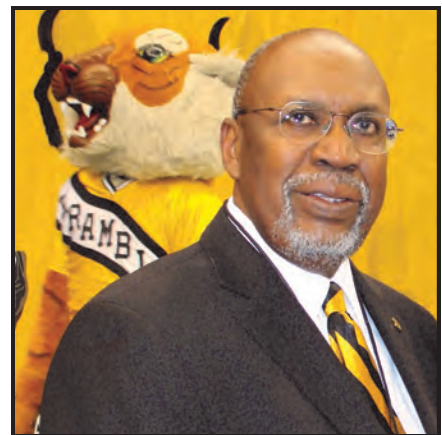
Welcome to the first edition of *In Focus*, a publication produced to enhance communication among students, faculty, staff, alumni, the administration, and others. *In Focus* will be produced monthly and will contain information about activities, accomplishments, as well as renowned Grambling events.

I want to take this opportunity to express profound appreciation to the Grambling State University family for the support you have provided to Dorothy and me since arriving at Grambling. We are excited about being members of the family.

This semester has been particularly challenging. In addition to welcoming new

leadership to the Grambling community, we have faced escalating budget reductions and have undergone numerous reaccreditations and evaluations. All of these efforts have been coupled with our efforts to develop and implement more strategic planning processes to improve the quality of education and the coordination of services at Grambling.

I, along with my entire leadership team, am committed to providing each of you with timely information about the positive events taking place everyday at Grambling. This is only the beginning of our efforts to ensure that the world knows that Grambling State University is truly the place where everybody is somebody. ☪



Dr. Frank G. Pogue, Interim President

In November 2009, the UL System Board appointed Dr. Frank G. Pogue to serve as the Interim President for Grambling State University. After forming the presidential search committee and launching a brief nation-wide search, the UL System Board unanimously agreed to pause the search for a president to allow Dr. Pogue to continue his efforts in stabilizing the university.



Grambling Mayor, Martha Andrus (l); Soledad O'Brien (r)

Soledad O'Brien Visits Grambling

On Sunday, April 11, 2010, Grambling State University's Lyceum Committee and the Student Government Association sponsored "Pioneers Paving The Way for Tomorrow's Leaders" featuring Soledad O'Brien.

O'Brien, recently named Journalist of the Year by the National Association of Black Journalists, offered students and the community pearls of wisdom as she spoke openly about her personal background and her career in broadcast journalism.

O'Brien was pinned by Dr. Pogue following her presentation as the newest addition to the extended

Grambling family. In a tremendous show of gratitude, O'Brien presented Dr. Pogue with a check for \$10,000 and agreed to continue providing internship opportunities for Grambling students majoring in mass communications. ☪



Miss Grambling, Ahvery Thomas (l); Dr. Pogue (c); O'Brien

Which Pioneer Would You Like See Visit Grambling State University? Please Email Your Suggestions to: MediaRelations@Gram.Edu

focus on...Legends



Coach Eddie Robinson



Conrad Hutchinson



Fredrick C. Hobdy

Grambling State University...Honoring Legends and Legacies

"At Grambling State University, creating and honoring legends are planned activities," said Interim President Frank G. Pogue.

In February, Grambling welcomed the Eddie G. Robinson Museum to the Grambling campus, as part of the African American Heritage Trail. Coach Robinson takes his place alongside other famous African-Americans who made their mark either from their birth in Louisiana or during their careers.

According to Interim President Frank G. Pogue, "There is no better place for the museum's location, other than right here at Grambling State University."

To date, Coach Robinson

remains one of the winningest coaches in collegiate football.

On May 13, 2010, Grambling will continue the tradition of honoring legends by dedicating the Assembly Center to Grambling legend Fredrick C. Hobdy and the New Performing Arts Center in honor of Conrad Hutchinson.

Their greatness and historic efforts while at Grambling State University will live forever in the hearts, minds, and souls of countless men and women. ☪

IN LOVING
MEMORY OF
MRS. MARY
HOBDY
DECEMBER 15, 1925
- APRIL 15, 2010



In recognition of the contribution of Mrs. Mary Hobdy to Grambling State University and the Grambling community, the foyer inside of the Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center will be named in her honor.

University Priorities Established

In January, Interim President Dr. Frank G. Pogue established priorities to guide Grambling State University:

1. To build on the academic strengths and accomplishments of the University;
2. To improve the financial and operational management of the University;
3. To improve the organizational efficiency of the University;
4. To develop a comprehensive enrollment engagement plan;
5. To identify and implement marketing and public relations strategies that will enhance the image of the University;
6. To identify and develop additional strategies to achieve fundraising and friend-raising initiatives and goals;
7. To explore and implement initiatives to ensure employment opportunities for graduates;
8. To identify additional ways to recognize and reward the achievement of excellence among faculty, students, and staff;
9. To enhance Graduate Studies and Research;
10. To improve facilities based on institutional and academic priorities;
11. To prepare the campus for new presidential leadership. ☪



focus on...Academics

Grambling Recognized for Community Service



Dr. Lawanna Gunn-Williams

Grambling State University was named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. This award represents the highest level of recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement.

Grambling State University, "Where service and learning are the hallmarks of excellence."

Grambling was the first UL System school to establish an Office of Service-Learning and the first to make service-learning a requirement of graduation. Last year, Grambling faculty and staff volunteered 46,500 hours, and students contributed 101,000 hours towards enhancing the community.

Dr. Frank G. Pogue, Interim President, stated that service learning will continue to be a goal of this institution.

Dr. Rory Bedford is the Director of Service Learning at Grambling State University. The program is supported by Title III funding and Learn and Serve America. ☞



Dr. Rory Bedford

Colleges and universities across the county are recognized each year for their impact on service-learning, volunteerism, and civic engagement. Grambling State University was one of two schools, along with Tulane University, in Louisiana to receive the Honor Roll with Distinction award.

2010 Academic Accomplishments

A. O. Kuku, William W.S. Clayton Endowed Professor of Mathematics

Group Theory: Classes, Representations, Connections and Applications. (Chapter 2) (2010) NOVA Science Publishers, 41-82.

Dr. Wynetta Lee, Dean of College of Education
Assessment in Higher Education. Pearson's Learning Solutions. (2010). Boston, MA.

Dr. Marianne Fisher-Giorlando, Professor of Criminal Justice
Awarded the Evelyn Gilbert Unsung Hero Award by the Academy of Criminal Justice Minorities and Women Section.

Dr. Beatrice McKinsey Assistant Professor of English (Presentation)
"Alice Walker's *The Color Purple: Fairytale or Spiritual Transformation*" at Mississippi Philological Association Conference. Hattiesburg, MS, February 19, 2010.

Dr. Lurie Thomason, Department of Criminal Justice
Appointed to the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice National Board for the Southern Region, 2010-2011.

Yvonne Calvin, Assistant Professor Department of KSLs
Appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to the Louisiana State Park and Recreation Commission.

Accreditation Season at Grambling



Dr. Connie Walton, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

This is accreditation season for Grambling State University as the university undergoes four reviews during the Spring semester. Grambling has 42 accredited programs, which represents 97.8% of all degree programs and 100% of all graduate degree programs.

Grambling is accredited by 18 separate accrediting associations, is a member in good standing in 20 organizations, and is 100% accredited in all programs required by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

At the close of the spring semester, Grambling will have undergone reaffirmation of

accreditation or reviews by the following :

International Association Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) **February 21-23**

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) **March 14-16**

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) **April 6-8**

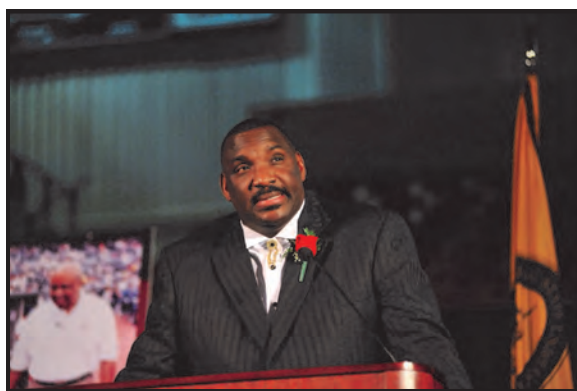
Title III, Mid-Year Evaluations **April 15-16**

National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) **April 24-28** ☞



SACS Accreditation luncheon

Eddie G. Robinson Museum Banquet



The Friends of the Eddie G. Robinson Museum hosted the first annual Corporate Banquet for the Eddie G. Robinson Museum on February 12, 2010.



Eddie G. Robinson Museum Grand Opening



Family, friends and supporters gathered on February 13, 2010 for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Eddie G. Robinson Museum.





2010 Port City Classic Tigers vs. Bulldogs

In the gridiron matchup between the Tigers and the Bulldogs, Grambling and Louisiana Tech will meet in the Port City Classic on Labor Day weekend in Shreveport.

Less than 4 miles separate these two UL System schools. Both profess dedicated alumni, active fans, and eager students, all thirsty for bragging rights. Yet, 2010 marks the first time in history these two will compete for “just desserts”.

Designated as a home game for Grambling, the battle kicks off at 6 p.m. at Independence Stadium, in Shreveport, LA.

“I’m looking forward to competing against Tech. The fact that they have more financial support to accomplish the same goals makes this a good opportunity to show our young

men where we are. Anytime you can play up, you improve your ability to be competitive when it matters most,” said Grambling head football coach Roderick Broadway.



Grambling Athletic Director J. Lin Dawson is looking forward to the matchup and hopes that it

will be profitable financially and emotionally for the Tigers. “To say that I am a little excited would be an understatement,” said Grambling fan Robert Clark of Monroe. “I know summer comes first, but I am really ready for football season. It’s my favorite time of year. I love Grambling and I love Grambling football.”

The matchup between Grambling State and Louisiana Tech will mark the head coaching debut for new Louisiana Tech head coach Sony Dykes. ☞

2010 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 4	Louisiana Tech (Port City Classic)
Sept. 18	Jackson State
Sept. 25	Prairie View A&M (State Fair Classic)
Oct. 2	Alabama A&M
Oct. 9	Alabama State
Oct. 16	Alcorn State (High School Day)
Oct. 23	Mississippi Valley
Oct. 30	Arkansas-Pine Bluff (Literacy Day)
Nov. 6	Concordia College (Homecoming)
Nov. 13	Texas Southern
Nov. 27	Southern University (Bayou Classic)

Bold denotes home game

Coach Rogers Named Coach of the Year & Coach Washington Named Head Men’s Coach



Coach Rogers in action during a home game.



Coach Washington (c, kneeling) calls the shots during time-out.

Grambling State Lady Tigers head basketball coach Donnita Rogers was named Southwestern Athletic Conference women’s basketball coach of the year.

Rogers, in her second year at the helm of the Lady Tigers program, led Grambling to a 10-8 conference record this season including a seven-game mid-season winning streak that helped her squad secure the #4 seed in the 2010 Farmers Insurance SWAC Tournament.

Rogers said she was “fully blown away” and contends that “behind every great coach is a great team and staff equally dedicated to success.”

First-year Tiger head basketball coach Bobby Washington took the helm of the men’s basketball following the departure of Coach Duckett and was recently named the head men’s basketball coach for the 2010-2011 season.

Under Washington’s leadership, the Tigers entered the SWAC tournament an underdog

but defeated number one seed, Jackson State, before losing to Texas Southern, the winners of the SWAC conference tournament.

Coach Washington said, “I was very pleased with the performance of the team. I knew they had it in them. The most challenging part of the season was taking the helm after the tragic loss of a player. My goal for next year is simple: recruit well, practice hard, and win.”

J. Lin Dawson, athletic director, was pleased with the season overall, but has even higher hopes for the upcoming year. “As we look ahead to the 2010-2011 season, our major focus is on enhancing our ability to provide our student-athletes with the tools they need for success both on and off the court.”

Dawson went on to say, “Our ability to provide student-athletes with a positive academic experience is essential. This year, we are putting more time and energy into our fundraising efforts. We must ensure that we are able to provide these young men and women with every opportunity possible for success.” ☞

focus on...Alumni

Grambling Alumnus Kerry Briggs Establishes \$100,000 Endowment

Grambling alumnus Kerry Briggs has established a \$100,000 endowed professorship in the Department of Engineering Technology in honor of his former professor and spouse, Mr. & Mrs. Clayton A. Wiley.

Briggs, a native of Little Rock, AR, graduated from Grambling in 1979 with a bachelor of science degree in Industrial Technology. He is the CEO and President of Briggs Field Services, Inc., a right of way acquisition company that he founded in 1992.

The Louisiana Board of Regents established the endowment program to expand the opportunities for faculty enhancement on diverse campuses. The program guarantees support assistance for

two \$100,000 professorships each year for four year campuses. Briggs's initial gift of \$60,000 will be matched by \$40,000 from the Board of Regents.



"Alumni support is critical to the success of this institution. Briggs's support is a great representation of the ability and willingness of Grambling

alumni to support this great institution and the work that we do in educating future generations," said Interim President Frank G. Pogue. ☞

In the Photo: Houston Alumni Chapter & Dr. & Mrs. Pogue (c), Kerry Briggs (left, center behind Mrs. Pogue)

2010 TIGER CARAVAN

The Grambling Department of Athletics has established the Tiger Caravan.

Upcoming dates:

*Jonesboro, LA—April 29
6:30 p.m.*

Jackson Parish Alumni Chapter

*Birmingham, AL—May 7
7:30 p.m.*

Birmingham Alumni Chapter

*Atlanta, GA—May 8
12:00 p.m.*

Metro Atlanta Alumni Chapter

*Shreveport, LA—May 13
6:30 p.m.*

Shreveport Alumni Chapter

For more information on the Tiger Caravan Contact

**Dr. Steve Favors
at 318-274-2303 or
favors@gram.edu**

focus on...Students

Student Leaders Prepare for Transition



*Steven Jackson
SGA President, 2009-2010*



*Ahvery Thomas
Miss Grambling, 2009-2010*

Grambling students recently elected new SGA leadership and a new Miss Grambling.

This year's exchange will be particularly poignant, as Grambling will say "good-bye" to an extremely active student government body.

Steven Jackson, Grambling's SGA President also served as the student representative on the UL System Board of Directors.

When asked about her reign as Miss Grambling, senior Ahvery Thomas said, "It was beautiful because I am so blessed to have had the opportunity, yet stressful because of the duties and responsibilities.

I will miss it dearly."

Newly elected SGA President, Lamark Hughes served as SGA Vice President for the 2009-2010 school year. Solange Sayers was voted Miss Grambling.

Other elected officers include: William Burge, SGA Vice President; Arsenio Wilborn, SGA Secretary; and Cemita Kahlek, Miss Senior.

Incoming SGA President Lamark Hughes stated that under his leadership the SGA will seek to identify additional research opportunities for students, improve communication with administration, and improve student retention rates. ☞

GRAMBLING STUDENT AWARDS

Imani Jackson

Junior in Mass Communication received the AT&T Advertising Excellence Scholarship in the amount of \$6,000 for the spring and fall. Ms. Jackson is the editor of the *Gramblinite*.

College of Business students received \$20,000 in scholarships from Wal-Mart. Scholarship recipients are Chantel Wilson-Lawrence, La'Nel Goshen, Ulrick Joseph, Derwin Emmanuel, Rachel Davis, Ashley Ramierz, Olayinka Mary Ademola and Garvin Casimir.

focus on... Giving

Giving Societies FY 2009

President's Club (\$1,000-\$9,999)

ExxonMobil Foundation, Inc.
Denny's Inc.
Martha Adams Alumni Chapter
Shreveport Federal Credit Union
Horace Judson
Eleanor L. Lowery
JP Morgan Chase
Dallas/Fort Worth Alumni Chapter (GUNAA)
Dominion Foundation
Farm Credit Bank of Texas
Kathleen Ellis
Mandeleine G. Trichel
Mark Doughton
Matthew Guidry
The American Society for Cell Biology
Neari F. Warner
Allen Williams
Greater North Louisiana CDC
Red River Bank
C. O. Simpkins
Marianne Fisher-Giorlando
American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Exco Partners Operating Partnership LP
Michelle O. Willis
Benjamin Williams
Jan M. Hamlin
Road Runner Masonry, LLC
Vincent Jackson
Douglas L. Williams Alumni Chapter (GUNAA)

Clarkson Aerospace Corp.
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Aramark Corporation
Cleco Support Group
Larry Pannell
GSU Morehouse Chapter (GUNAA)
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Primary Healthcare Associates, LLC
The Clark Company Inc.
Vickie Guillory
The Norfolk Southern Good Government Foundation
The Lifepoint Community Foundation
Ezil Bibbs
Connie Walton
MCIO Video Bingo Gaming
Monroe Ouachita Alumni Chapter (GUNAA)
Southwestern Athletic Conference
Washington DC Alumni Chapter (GUNAA)
Abdulalim Shabazz
Willie Daniel
Stacey Duhon
Michael Lyons
St. Matthew Baptist Church
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Alvin R. Bradley
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BanCorpSouth

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Ivory V. Nelson
Jeanette A. Hutchinson
Kevin Bolds
Lula King
Marcia R. Givens
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Shell Oil Company Foundation
Studs Club, Inc.
Veeda G. O'Connor
Virgil Robinson
West Monroe High School Band Boosters Club

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

President's Inner Circle (\$100,000 & Above)

GSU Matching Grant \$184,581
Board of Regents \$120,000

R.W.E. Jones Society (\$25,000-\$99,999)

Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation \$30,000
Ambling University Foundation \$26,000
Community Trust Bank \$25,000

Dr. Helen Richards-Smith Society (\$15,000-\$24,999)

Kellogg's \$20,000
ChevronTexaco \$18,500
Tom Joyner Foundation \$18,500
Richard Rayford \$16,155

Eddie Robinson Sr. Society (\$10,000-\$14,999)

Palmetto Property Estate \$11,556
Emma C. Wilson \$10,125
Anheuser-Busch, Inc. \$10,000

Grambling State University Mission Statement

Grambling State University is a comprehensive, historically-black, public institution that offers a broad spectrum of undergraduate and graduate programs of study. Through its undergraduate major courses of study, which are undergirded by a traditional liberal arts program, and through its graduate school, which has a decidedly professional focus, the University embraces its founding principle of educational opportunity. With a commitment to the education of minorities in American society, the University seeks to reflect in all of its programs the diversity present in the world. The University advances the study and preservation of African American history, art, and culture.

Grambling State University is a community of learners who strive for excellence in their pursuit of knowledge and who seek to contribute to their respective major academic disciplines. The University prepares its graduates to compete and succeed in careers related to its programs of study, to contribute to the advancement of knowledge, and to lead productive lives as informed citizens in a democratic society. The University provides its students a living and learning environment which nurtures their development for leadership in academics, athletics, campus governance, and in their future pursuits. The University affords each student the opportunity to pursue any program of study provided that the student makes reasonable progress and demonstrates that progress in standard ways. Grambling fosters in its students a commitment to service and to the improvement in the quality of life for all persons.

The University expects that all persons who matriculate and who are employed at Grambling will reflect through their study and work that the University is indeed a place where all persons are valued, "where everybody is somebody."



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