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Submitted by Danielle Cobb

THE MEANING BEHIND HOMECOMING

BY NINA OVALLE

When Homecoming comes to mind, some may think back to their high school days of dancing the night away, wearing dress-code approved attire, in a gymnasium full of teacher-chaperones. However, college Homecoming is celebrated as a time to invite alumni back to campus and remember their university experience.

Northwestern State University of Louisiana is hosting several events to celebrate alumni for the 2023 Homecoming season.

Joel Ebarb, alumnus of the Eta Omicron chapter of Theta Chi fraternity, defined Homecoming and what it means for him.

"For me, Homecoming literally is coming home, it really is a cherished opportunity to revisit the places and

people that made you who you are today," Ebarb said. "For any community, Homecoming is about connecting with your roots, where you came from and celebrating and thanking the people that helped you along the way."

Ebarb sees Homecoming as an opportunity to not only celebrate the past but embrace the future.

"For a brief moment, alumni are able to recapture the excitement and energy of their undergraduate experience, we see ourselves in the students of today, and it gives us hope for tomorrow," Ebarb said.

Theta Chi will be hosting Friday Night Brotherhood, tailgating, Brotherhood at the Loft, an Alumni Softball Tournament and an Alumni Corporation Meeting in which alumni can revisit with their fraternity brothers for Homecoming.

Danielle Cobb, director of NSU Alumni Affairs, explained that many organizations welcome their alumni back to NSU for the Homecoming season.

"We have a bunch of different chapters of different organizations that are present here at Northwestern, so a lot of them have their own groups for their affiliates but we also have events that all alumni are welcome to," Cobb said.

The Louisiana Scholars College, NSU Lady Demon Volleyball, the Black Alumni Alliance and Theta Chi will all be hosting reunions in the spirit of Homecoming.

"Each group kind of has their own mission, if you will, of just trying to keep those former students engaged with the university as a whole, and building those relationships with alumni, so that faculty members can build connections to help our current students," Cobb said.

The importance of alumni relations with NSU is paramount to Cobb.

"Without our current students we wouldn't be here, like NSU would not be an entity, and whenever they graduate that still holds the same because alumni, a lot of them, really support the university," Cobb said.

Cobb explained Homecoming as an embrace of the comradery between NSU alumni and current students.

"Just having everyone come back and not forgetting about NSU creates a realization that they're still a part of this family even if you're not a current student here," Cobb said.

Clarence Frank, Theta Chi Alumni Association president, also believes Homecoming creates a family environment for NSU.

"It is a time for us to come together again at the university that we love and relive some of our college life and rekindle those relationships we developed while in undergrad," Frank said. "It is our way of building relationships between alumni and active members to promote our motto of 'Theta Chi for Life.'"

Frank hopes for the traditions of Homecoming to continue.

"We hope to reconnect with all of our alumni who may have been out of the loop for a while and restart a tradition of gatherings to stay in support of our active chapter," Frank said.

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This Homecoming season, Frank is excited to celebrate Theta Chi's 50th Golden Celebration. Frank hopes to celebrate all the past accomplishments of Theta Chi and all those who have contributed.

Frank values the connection that Homecoming brings. This is why he said Homecoming is one of his favorite memories from NSU.

"Homecoming was always a special time for me because lots of alumni always return to campus and I loved connecting with them and enjoying them for a weekend or however long they were in town," Frank said.

Ebarb also values the relationships and connections that are made during this time of year.

"I remember when I was an undergraduate and all of our chapter alumni would return to campus," Ebarb said. "I am looking forward to meeting the current members and sharing the Homecoming experience with them, just as the alumni did with us when I was a student."

Ebarb is ready to reflect and expand his Homecoming memories by attending this year's festivities.

"I loved our marching band, color guard, and Demon Dazzlers when I was at NSU, and I am excited to see how the Spirit of Northwestern marching band has evolved since I graduated in 1990," Ebarb said.

Cobb shared her favorite memories of the NSU Homecoming parade.

"When I was a student at Northwestern my favorite event was the Homecoming parade," Cobb said. "I was involved in the Greek system, so that was always something we really looked forward to, the late nights making the floats and everything and then participating in the parade it's just special to me."

Now that Cobb is an alumna herself, she continues to celebrate her time at NSU by attending the Homecoming parade with her family.

"My little girl loves the Homecoming parade, and this will be my little boy's first Homecoming parade this year, so the whole thing comes full circle, like I used to participate in it but now my family gets to participate in it," Cobb said.

Cobb urges NSU students to take advantage of Homecoming events this year and celebrate the full circle it creates.

"If you see someone that looks like they could be an alumni, take the opportunity to meet them and introduce yourself," Cobb said. "I have found that the alumni are so excited to meet current students and love to share their memories, so take advantage of those opportunities to mix and mingle because you never know if that could be your next boss or even mentor."

Illustration by Naomi Adams



NSU organizations celebrate Homecoming through events and competitions

BY KALLIE BOURGEOIS



Photo by Jayda Gee

For weeks organization members pick up paint brushes, gather designs, practice dances and prepare for this year's Homecoming competitions.

Northwestern State University of Louisiana's Recognized Student Organizations will participate in several Halloween-themed competitions during Homecoming week that will be judged on a ten-point scale to earn a ranking. They will then be awarded points based on rank.

Yonna Pasch, director of student affairs, welcomes all on-campus organizations to celebrate Homecoming.

"Each organization and member can attend all Homecoming events and programs as they are free of charge to currently enrolled students," Pasch said.

Only organizations that have signed up may participate, but not all will actually compete. This year out of the approximately 100 RSOs at NSU only 25 RSOs signed up to participate.

Jacob Boyter, Pi Kappa Alpha Mu Kappa Chapter president, will participate in the 2023 Homecoming competitions.

"The Mu Kappa Chapter enthusiastically joins the spirited competitions that make Homecoming memorable, from building creative floats to choreographing entertaining lip-sync performances, they go head-to-head with other organizations," Boyter said. "These competitions foster brotherhood and unity within the fraternity."

Boyter plans to fully embrace Homecoming traditions with his brothers.

"This celebration of Northwestern State's Homecoming is a time for the Mu Kappa Chapter to display their pride and passion for their alma mater, creating lasting memories while participating in time-honored traditions," Boyter said.

The Pi Kappa Alpha Mu Kappa chapter will be tailgating with their alumni in celebration of Homecoming tradition.

"During this special week, the fraternity invites all its alumni to partake in the festivities," Boyter said. "One of the highlights is undoubtedly the Homecoming game and tailgate, where members come together to support NSU."

Terrell Woodard Jr., co-founder and public relations director of the Black Male Alliance (BMA), is thrilled to participate in the organizations' first Homecoming.

"Being that this is our first Homecoming celebration, we have been anticipating participating since our inception, so this year is really special," Woodard said.

Woodard hopes to ensure that BMA will be successful for years to come, so that they'll all have something to come back to as alumni of NSU.

"Since we are a new organization with no alumni, our view on Homecoming is a little bit different," Woodard said. "This year, we are using Homecoming as a motivation to continue the legacy of the BMA."

Madison Anderson, Alpha Omicron Pi Kappa Chi (AOII) chapter president, hopes to celebrate Homecoming by participating in everything she can.

"Alpha Omicron Pi celebrates Homecoming by participating in everything we can," Anderson said. "We are in lip sync, painting a banner, designing a Halloween tote bag, and donating to the food pantry!"

This Homecoming, AOII will be hosting an open house for alumni to see renovations to their sorority house.

"We love to participate in lip sync and the competitions every year, but it is also such a great way to give back to the university and our alumni," Anderson said. "Homecoming to Alpha Omicron Pi means tradition."

Anderson is eager to celebrate Homecoming with her sisters.

"AOII looks forward to Homecoming every year, even our alumni are excited!" Anderson said. "We are so excited to be participating in Homecoming this year."

What goes into making Homecoming happen?



Photo by Chris Soileau

Meet the University Programming Council's staff. The faces behind Homecoming week's event planning.

BY KEVIN THOMAS

Almost all colleges throughout the fall semester plan to celebrate Homecoming, a tradition to welcome back alumni to celebrate their organizations' existence. At Northwestern State University of Louisiana preparations for Homecoming have been underway to prepare for this year's Homecoming theme: Haunted Homecoming.

NSU's University Programming Council (UPC) is the organization that is responsible for creating events for students. One of the biggest events they undertake is planning Homecoming festivities.

Briannah Stransberry, junior social work major, is the team manager. Her job includes overseeing all logistics and event planning regarding Homecoming.

"The process begins pretty early, and planning is still going on as we speak. Our theme, Haunted Homecoming, was determined at the end of last semester. However, actual planning began at the very beginning of this semester," Stransberry said.

For UPC the process of planning Homecoming week involves brainstorming and envisioning what they want the events to look like.

"Planning a weeklong event is surely a process. We put together a Homecoming packet that is presented to RSO's by our advisor. After that, we can get down to the nitty gritty," Stransberry said. "After we decide what activities we want for our students, we begin reaching out and negotiating with vendors."

UPC also works heavily with vendors to negotiate what they will be able to

provide for the events and check their schedules to see if they can fit into the Homecoming week schedules.

Hailee Hroch, senior criminal justice major, is the membership supervisor and works alongside Briannah Stransberry to make sure that the vendors are all set up and prepared for the week.

"I oversee the Fall Team and their events. My job includes keeping track of minutes, keeping track of excuses and running the meetings with our council. I also work with a multitude of vendors for events along with so much more," Hroch said.

The UPC staff are all involved in some way, shape or form to help make sure that Homecoming is in the best shape for everyone on campus to enjoy.

Christian James, junior communication major, expressed that when it comes to putting together an event as big as Homecoming, UPC attends the national conference Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA).

"We attend the national conferences called APCA and that's where we get all of our vendors, all of our speakers, singers novelties for events. We start

thinking about this stuff ahead of time so we can make it the best possible for our students," James said.

While the organization does the planning and execution of Homecoming, they leave the decision of the Homecoming theme to the student body.

"The theme itself is usually picked by the students. We run a poll, and it is voted on and that's how we get the theme. This year, Homecoming happened to fall upon Halloween, and it was a perfect idea," Hroch said.

After spending a semester planning and visualizing Homecoming, UPC looks forward to students' reactions.

"My favorite part about this process is seeing everything come to life. Going from complicated logistics to seeing the students interacting

and enjoying our events in real time is always a rewarding feeling. It makes all the stress feel worth it in the end," Stransberry said.

UPC puts together events for the student body to attend throughout the school year. The execution of these events is not easy, James said.

"I just want them to know that we work very hard to make these events good for them. If there's something that they don't like they need to tell us, because we are trying to plan these events for them," James said. "It makes it so much easier if they give input on what they

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didn't like, or what they did like so that we can continue to produce grade A events for them."

UPC members are excited to share their hard work with all staff and students. Homecoming week events do not happen overnight; the events take months' worth of planning for all students to enjoy.

SCAN ME!



ARTS & LIVING

Louisiana Scholars’ College looks to connect during the Homecoming weekend

BY MARY FLETCHER

The Louisiana Scholars’ College was founded in 1987 on the campus of Northwestern State University of Louisiana as the state’s designated honors college. Last year marked the 35th anniversary of the Scholars’ College’s continued service to the NSU student community.

The Scholars’ College offers the opportunity for a traditional liberal arts education at a fraction of the cost. Some of the hallmarks of the program include the Texts and Traditions course sequence and the opportunity to complete a senior thesis.

Homecoming provides the opportunity for the Louisiana Scholars’ College alumni (who have gone on to excel in various fields, including medicine and law) to reconnect and to see how much Scholars’ has changed since they graduated.

According to interim director Dean

Kostantaras, a variety of events will be held during Homecoming weekend.

“There will be a meet and greet on Friday afternoon at Mama’s on Front Street with complimentary beverages and appetizers. On the following day we will have an open house at

Morrison Hall and a tailgate party before the game. Alumni are also getting free tickets to the game,” Kostantaras said.

Abbey Broussard, a second-year English language arts teacher at Provencal Junior High, shared that she benefited greatly from her education at the Scholars’ College.

“The lasting impact of my Scholars’ College education is that I learned how to learn. I feel that Scholars’ taught me how to live a more

integrated and meaningful life by presenting me with a variety of people, experiences, disciplines and texts to learn from,” Broussard said.



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Tanner Thibodeaux, who is a social studies educator at Provencal Junior High and a Scholars’ alumnus, said that his time in the Louisiana Scholars’ College helped to open his mind to a variety of things.

“Although it’s very cliché, being introduced to many different viewpoints and concepts forced me to learn how to think for the first time,” Thibodeaux said.

Thibodeaux also advised potential students to embrace the things that may not make much sense to them in that moment, because the soft skills that can come with it can serve you later down the line.

UPC and Alumni Affairs Homecoming Events:

Monday, Oct. 30

Frighten Fall Fest - UPC will kick-off Homecoming with Frighten Fall Fest. The event will start at 6 p.m. at the Seven Oaks Stage. There will be a costume contest, caricatures, carnival games, the HOCO boos contest, and more.

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Monster Mash Bash - UPC’s annual Lip Sync competition will start at 6 p.m. at the Seven Oaks Stage. Watch different organizations battle for the Lip Sync competition.

Wednesday, Nov.1

Zombie Run - Students interested in participating in the Fun Run will meet at the Seven Oaks Stage at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2

Trick or Treat Food Drive - A drive-thru service event to gather more items for the NSU Food Pantry. Organizations compete for points.

The event will be from 11 - 1 p.m. at the NSU Food Pantry.

Friday, Nov. 3

Long Purple Line Luncheon - The luncheon will be at the Natchitoches Events Center, 750 Second St. Check in will be at 11:30 a.m. and the program will start at noon. To purchase a ticket visit www.nsu.la/LPL2023

Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally - The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the floats will start on NSU’s campus and end at downtown’s riverbank stage to follow the Homecoming pep rally.

Theta Chi 50-year Anniversary Reunion - The Eta Omicron Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity will gather at the President’s Residence from 7-10 p.m.

Louisiana Scholars’ College Reunion - Alumni from the Louisiana Scholars’ College will meet for a pre-parade reception from 4-5:30 p.m. at Mama’s Blues Room.

Black Alumni Alliance - The Black Alumni Association will meet at Onyx Wine & Cigar Lounge at 7 p.m. for a social event.

Saturday, Nov. 4

N Club Hall of Fame - induction ceremony in Magale Recital Hall starting at 8:30 a.m.

Louisiana Scholars’ College Open

House - The open house will take place at Morrison Hall at 10 a.m. It will follow with tailgating at noon and alumni that attend will receive complementary tickets to the football game.

Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development Hall of Distinguished Educators - A reception will honor the 2023 inductees at the Teacher Education Center Commons from 10:30 - 11 a.m. The program will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Middle Lab School Auditorium.

The all alumni and friends tailgating - the tailgating will take place around the Turpin Stadium at 11 a.m. the tailgating will be from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Food tickets can be purchased at the tailgate. Tickets for non-Alumni Association members and Alumni Association members will vary in price.

The Department of Social Work - The department will host the Title IVE Child Welfare Scholars Appreciation Rally from 10 - 11 a.m. in Kyser Hall room 345B. After that event the department invites alumni and students to join the department’s tailgating tent from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dona’d’s Demon Alley near Collins Family Pavillion.

Theta Chi Fraternity - The fraternity will have a tailgating tent beginning at 11 a.m. at the Collins Family Alumni Pavillion. The 50th Golden Celebration Banquet will follow after the game and take place at Merci Beaucoup Restaurant starting at 6:30 p.m.

NSU Volleyball Reunion - the volleyball team will have the reunion at 11 a.m. in Prather Coliseum during the game against McNeese. Former players will be recognized at the game and the team will begin tailgating at Collins Pavilion at 1 p.m.

ROTC Tailgate - the tailgate will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the practice field across from the Collins Pavillion.

Black Alumni Alliance - The group will tailgate from noon to 2 p.m. at the NSU Practice Field. Later on, that evening, the BAA and Phi Beta Sigma anniversary will be celebrated at Onyx Wine & Cigar Lounge starting at 10 p.m.

The Homecoming Football game will kick-off at 3 p.m. and the NSU Homecoming Court will be presented at halftime around 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 5

Theta Chi Fraternity - Softball tournament will begin at 9 a.m. at the NSU Softball Field. An alumni meeting will follow in the President’s Room of the Student Union at 2 p.m. and a chapter meeting at 4 p.m. at the Theta Chi House.

Black Alumni Alliance - invites members and guests to brunch at Onyx Wine & Cigar Lounge from noon to 5 p.m.

Meet the 2023 Homecoming Royalty: Their path to representing NSU



(L-R) Terrel Woodard, Malaya White, Jacob Boyter, Lizzie Blanchard, Nicholas Cooksey, Linzi Lampert, Zachary Remedies, Tyra Jones, Nick Knotts, Mary Scruggs, Zach Cooper, Zoe Johnson, Hannah Davis, Caiden Matthews, Natalie Mangandi, Kameron Burns, Madison Cook, Derrick Varnado, Avery Tullos, Johnny Cox, Jr., Kacy young and Scott Fowler.

BY MADELYN MURPHY

Each Homecoming game, community members and the student body of Northwestern State University of Louisiana look to Harry Turpin Stadium as the lights shine on that year’s Homecoming court. On Nov. 4, the court will line the field and await the announcement of the King, Queen, Miss NSU and Mr. NSU as they hear their names ricochet across the stadium.

Members of Homecoming royalty clutch to the excitement and reflect on the years that led up to this moment. Most importantly, the impact that they want to leave as holders of these titles.

“Hearing my name being nominated for Mr. NSU was truly an honor to hear and see the support of my fellow peers,” Ebenezer Aggrey, this year’s Mr. NSU, said.

To Aggrey, receiving this recognition means more than a title. Being Mr. NSU

is a role that amplifies his time at the university.

“Being selected as Mr. NSU, to me, means representing the university with honor, dignity and respect. It is what we choose to do with the platforms we receive that really makes a difference.”

There is always more that goes into a position given to someone than what the title offers a person. However, it is the person who receives the title to make the difference or to choose what to do with it.

“The best part of being Miss NSU so far for me is being able to represent the curly-haired Black girls out there, and show people that your natural self is beautiful,” Bailey Willis, Miss NSU, said.

Willis wants to use the title of Miss NSU as a platform to inspire others to embrace their natural beauty. She makes sure others know that there is value and beauty in what the rest of the world may not view as worthy.

“I struggle with imposter syndrome sometimes, but time and time again, my peers show me that I am worthy, and it means so much,” she said.

Self-doubt is an obstacle many people face, and Willis openly shared her experience with it. Now with the title of Miss NSU, she received affirmation from her classmates, allowing her to feel valued. A feeling that she strives to pass down to others.

“It is so humbling to be able to represent my university on such a large scale as this. I love NSU so much,” Willis said.

Zoe Johnson, the Homecoming Queen, shares with Willis a love for NSU.

“It was such a surprise to find out I was Queen,” Johnson said, “I just love every single human on this court, and I cannot wait to get Homecoming week started.”

Johnson was excited to feel the validation and honor from the student body.

“I honestly think the best part about being Queen is getting to make my momma proud, not necessarily because of the title, but because she now gets to see how people have recognized what she’s known for years,” Johnson said.

Becoming NSU’s Homecoming Queen is a symbol for the way Johnson is viewed by her peers.

“I believe that she is so deserving of the title,” Zach Cooper, NSU’s Homecoming King, said. “She is such a hard worker.”

Since last summer as Freshman Connectors, Johnson and Cooper have become best friends. The pair enjoy sharing this experience of being King and Queen together.

“Whenever I found out that Zach Cooper was King, I legitimately cried. And I don’t cry,” Johnson said. “He is so deserving! He is kind to everyone he meets and is a stranger to none.”

Cooper is glad to know the student body views him as someone fit for their Homecoming King.

“It makes me feel like I am truly making a positive impact on my community,” Cooper said. “NSU has been a place



Miss & Mr NSU
Bailey Willis & Ebenezer Aggrey

for me to grow and be comfortable with who I am. It’s an amazing feeling to know that I might be helping make it feel the same for others.”

The years that these students have spent at NSU creating friends, making a home and delving into campus life are a testament to NSU’s values.

“NSU has truly become my second home. I would not be the person I am today without this campus, the faculty and staff, and my friends I’ve made here,” Cooper said. On Homecoming day, Aggrey, Willis, Johnson and Cooper will feel the love that they have given to the university back to them as friends, family and faculty applaud them for their accomplishments.

The King & The Queen
Zach Cooper & Zoe Johnson



VIEWPOINTS



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Tradition or Repetition? Homecoming Court and its accessibility

BY DESTIN LOPEZ

Homecoming season is among us at Northwestern State University of Louisiana, and for some students, it brings along joy and attention. Each year Homecoming Court, King and Queen and Mr. and Miss NSU are chosen. These people are nominated to be on the ballot by Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs), and each category has different requirements on GPA, number of nominations, and more. Once you are nominated, then the Student Government Association releases the ballot, and students are allowed to vote on each category. SGA announces results once voting ends, and the winners are constantly celebrated until Homecoming season is over.

This process, from a basic viewpoint, seems fair and accessible for all students. It is students being nominated and voted on by other students, how much better could it get? But in reality, is homecoming another way to highlight some of the same sought-after, popularized students? The Homecoming Court is meant to be a smaller representation of our student body, yet it can feel to some as though it is not accurately representing the diversity or inclusivity that NSU likes to pride itself on.

There are many different reasons why an RSO would nominate a person for a spot-on homecoming court, or Mr. and Miss NSU. Whether they are an active member of the RSO, their friend is the president of the organization, or they asked them to nominate them, a nomination is a nomination no matter what. For example, you need four to get onto the Homecoming Court Ballot.

This means that four different RSOs have to nominate you, whether they are sororities, student media organizations, clubs or a council, anyone who can get four can get themselves onto the ballot. Whether or not your RSO wants to nominate you is a different problem, especially in ones with high numbers of students classified as juniors and seniors. Some students can be involved in an organization for all four years just to not be chosen to receive a nomination over someone else, as each RSO only has a certain number of nominations to give out for each gender. Personal politics in each organization could also lead to certain people getting nominated, regardless of the hours of work put in, over certain others.

Is there really a chance of being an underdog in this situation? The more involved you are in an organization on campus and in the community can increase your amount of recognition on campus, but it may also be easier for certain students to do those things. For example, if they do not have a job, they will have more time to attend club meetings and activities. If their parents were alumni at NSU, it would be easier for them to get connections on campus and in town. There are equally dedicated individuals that may not be able to be as involved on campus because of bills, tuition and more.

Are there any ways to make this selection process more inclusive? Unfortunately, I do not believe so. One possible way would be to open the ballot to anyone who wants to nominate themselves, instead of having to get nominations from RSOs. Instead of letting organization presidents decide who gets to be on

the homecoming court ballot, we could let the individual student decide if they want to be on the ballot (if they meet the requirements). This does not take away the opportunity from anyone and opens it up to students who may be reticent and afraid to ask their RSO to nominate them. The student body still gets the chance to vote for their choice of Homecoming Court, and I feel that if more students got a fair chance to make it on the ballot, they would be more inclined to vote. While the number of votes that were cast this past

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election is not known, I know many students who chose not to vote because they were not happy with the ballot. If more students felt like their voice was being heard, they would be more involved.

NSU Demons football team get ready for this year’s Homecoming game

BY CHRISTIAN ROBINSON

The stakes for a university to win a Homecoming game are always high, and for Head Coach Brad Laird of the Northwestern State University of Louisiana Demons football team that game raises the pressure.

“When the schedule comes out we always circle that Homecoming game for not only the players, but the university as a whole,” said Coach Laird.

Homecoming is one of the biggest celebrations at NSU. The occasion doesn’t only impact sports but the university too. It is a time for NSU sports alumni to meet back at their alma mater and be honored at the football game.

Coach Laird is excited to see the team network with alumni and talk about how to improve the program. This is an opportunity for players to see themselves in the eyes of alumni and ask how to achieve the path alumni

may have taken.

“It is a rare opportunity for our players to talk and listen to NSU alumni and learn a thing or two,” Coach Laird said.

While the university celebrates and hosts events throughout Homecoming week, the football team is focused on the game to bring home a win.

“Our guys understand that they have a job to do in those three hours. Our guys are professional and know what’s happening outside the field. But I have no doubt that they will be locked in on Saturday come gametime,” Coach Laird said.

The NSU Demons look forward to Homecoming as they take on Houston Christian University’s Huskies Saturday Nov. 4, 2023, at the Harry Turpin Stadium starting from 2 p.m. The game will also be streamed on ESPN+ at the same time.

Despite the pressure, Brad Laird, Northwestern State University of Louisiana’s Head Coach for football, is ready to take on Houston Christian University’s Huskies at the Homecoming game Nov. 4, 2023

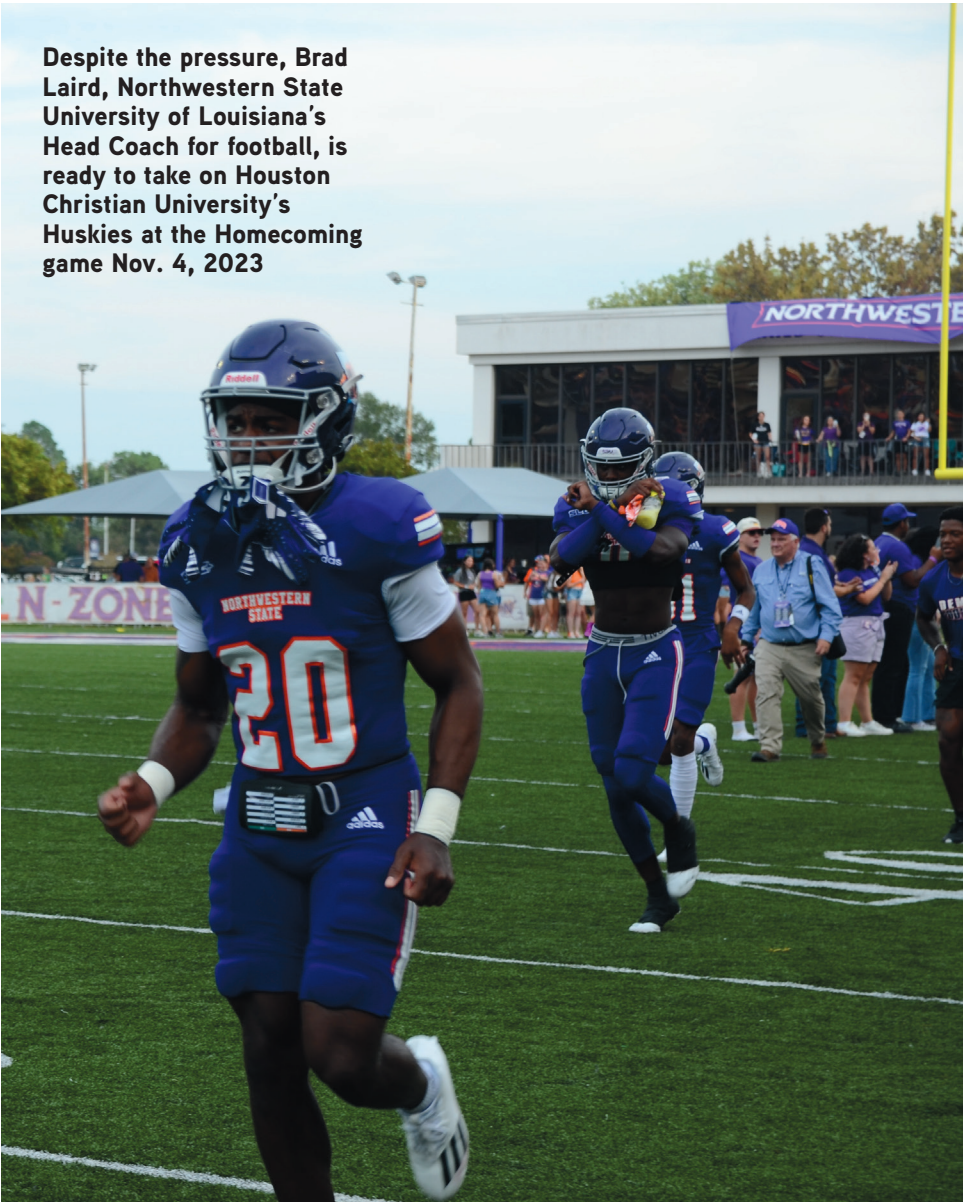


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The Current Sauce would like to extend our sincerest condolences to the family of Ronnie Caldwell, Jr. Losing Ronnie has impacted everyone in the NSU community, whether he was a friend, classmate, teammate, student his tragic death has left a hole on the campus community. We stand with his family as they process his death and celebrate his life and accomplishments. The Current Sauce would like to dedicate this issue to him and will showcase a series of photographs submitted by the Athletics Department to remember him. While he no longer is with us, his life will remain in the memories of those who carry him in their hearts and in the pages of our publication.



Photos Submitted by The Athletics Department

