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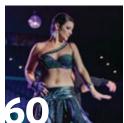
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Craig E. Colton (1974 BACH, 1978 MAST A&)

Craig E. Colton's Perilous Place, Powerful Storms: Hurricane Protection in Coastal Louisiana (University Press of Mississippi) is a history of overreaching, gridlock, intrigue, and the final catastrophic results along America's most vulnerable coastline. The hurricane protection systems that failed New Orleans when Katrina roared on shore in 2005 were the product of four decades of engineering hubris, excruciating delays, and social conflict. Colten, the Carl O. Sauer Professor of Geography at LSU, traces the protracted process of erecting massive structures designed to fend off tropical storms and examines how human actions and inactions left the system incomplete on the eve of its greatest challenge.

Ronald J. Greer (1969 BACH BUS)

Ron Greer's book If You Know Who You Are ... You'll Know What To Do (Abingdon Press) is an appeal for living with integrity, which Greer defines as "Doing the right thing when we know it's the right thing to do. Integrity is who we are when someone is watching and when there is not a soul in sight." Greer, who has spent the past 27 years as a pastoral counselor at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta, is a Clinical Member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, a Fellow of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, and an ordained United Methodist Minister.

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Clarence Nero (2007 MAST A&S)

In Too Much of a Good Thing Ain't Bad, the sequel to Three Sides to Every Story, Clarence Nero takes us back into the lives of Johnny and James in a powerful novel about fraternities, family, and college drama. The two survived the tough streets of New Orleans, but when Hurricane Katrina lays waste to their beloved Ninth Ward, they are forced to begin a new chapter in Washington, D.C. For Johnny, this means finally pursuing his dream of a becoming a student at the historic Wheatley College. James soon joins Johnny in the nation's capital, but the strong connection that brought them together in prison is strained by the pressures of their new lives.

Harris Dickson Shortle (1962 BAJ)

"No man in Louisiana would have believed the fearless advocate John Laronde might be panicked by a snapshot. But it had taken him quite by surprise. It had come so suddenly." Everything was going along normally for John Laronde. Now a prominent attorney in Louisiana, he was certain he had left the past in the past. But when a series of photographs revealing his past, all mysteriously marked Duplicate, turn up in stacks of mail awaiting him in his office, he suddenly realizes that someone out there knows his secret.

We're Looking for ...

Miss LSUs – A database of former Miss LSUs is being organized to develop a network of support for the current titleholder to assist with the development of pageant history and in hopes of coordinating a reunion during the 2009 Homecoming celebration. Contact Rachel Smith at 225-578-0524 or rsmit46@lsu.edu with your reign and contact information.

Engineering Women & Minority

Alums – The College of Engineering is looking for women and minority alumni to highlight in the inaugural College of Engineering Diversity Alumni Book. Forward names and contact information to Akilah Taylor at 225-578-0092 or ataylor1@ lsu.edu.

In The Duke of Zardano, Shortle travels to a medieval country filled with war-torn city-states conquered by the greatest soldier in Italy, Lord Rinaldo. After laying waste to Salagardi, Rinaldo has one desire - to reclaim his birthright as Duke of Zardano. But the Duchess Laura's rule is feared by all, and since she is rumored to use black magic to retain her throne, Rinaldo must accomplish his quest alone. Lord Rinaldo may be ready to take back Zardano, but is he ready to take on the Devilshoof?

Rebecca Wells (1975 BACH A&S)

With The Crowning Glory of Calla Lily Ponder, Rebecca Wells introduces a spirited heroine, Calla Lily Ponder. Born in La Luna, La., in 1953, Calla possesses an uncanny ability to touch a person's head and feel just what is happening, not only on the surface but deep within as well. When tragedy strikes, she leaves home for beauty school in New Orleans, blossoms into adulthood, and, through a series of ups and downs, learns to appreciate the true value of the "healing hands."

