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Alumni and Friends:

Here is the latest *Good News* from ULM. After reading this e-mail I hope you will forward it everyone on your ULM Buddy List. Each time we add an alumnus or friend to this list, we help spread the *Good News* about our University.

ULM Cheerleaders Win National Title Second Year in a Row

The University of Louisiana at Monroe Cheerleaders brought home their second national championship January 17th. ULM's team won first place in the Small Co-Ed Division I category during national competition at the Universal Cheerleaders Association's College National Cheerleading Championship held in Orlando, Florida.

Coach of the ULM Cheerleaders, Jennifer Hyde, is proud of her team. "This year everyone worked very hard," said Hyde. "It is a lot tougher to win a second year in a row, but we had a lot of talent this year. It is not very often that teams win back to back, there are some that have done it, but it is difficult. We just had so much talent and everything was so sharp and clean during our routine," she said.

The ULM Cheerleaders are composed of one squad, including male and female members. The competition squad carries 16 members and 4 alternates. The cheerleaders are responsible for cheering at all football games and home basketball games. In addition to the university-related activities, the ULM Cheerleaders are committed to competing at one of the major national cheerleading competitions during each season.

For more information contact Jennifer Hyde at 318-342-5293 or at hyde@ulm.edu. Find a picture of the ULM team at the 2005 competition at www.varsity.com

ULM Speech Team Begins Spring Semester With Another Tournament Championship

After completing a fall semester that saw the team win 101 awards, including two tournament championships, the University of Louisiana at Monroe's Speech and Debate Forum began the spring semester with a tournament championship at Arkansas Tech University January 21-22, 2005. Team members earned a total of 24 awards over the weekend, including 9 individual championships and the team championship. The tournament featured 15 colleges and universities representing 5 states.

The tournament featured a breakout performance by sophomore Marcus Beckwith, who completed his best tournament yet as an Indian. Beckwith earned the tournament championships in Poetry Interpretation, Program of Oral Interpretation, Prose Interpretation and the Pentathlon

Competition. Team captain Isaac Henderson earned championships in Dramatic Interpretation and Debate, en route to a second place finish in the Pentathlon competition. Senior Tara Bouchie earned championships in After Dinner Speaking and Persuasive Speaking. Also earning awards for ULM were Dena Boone, Hannah Hammons, Patrizia Mangiaracina, Kina Reed and Lashonda Williams.

“This victory gives us the momentum we need heading into the state championship tournament next month. Our primary competition last year was Louisiana Tech, and the team did very well against the Bulldogs during the Arkansas Tech tournament,” said Head coach Bob Alexander. The Louisiana State Championships will be hosted by Xavier University on February 18th-20th, 2005. The ULM Speech and Debate Forum is open to any undergraduate student, and no prior experience is required. If you are interested in finding out more about the team, you are encouraged to contact Bob Alexander at 318-342-1462.

MORE on our ULM Students

- The Student Government Association is planning its third annual **Mardi Gras Ball** which will be held Thursday, February 3 from 9 p.m. - midnight at the Atrium Ballroom (2001 Louisville Avenue) in Monroe. ULM students will be admitted free with tickets - Faculty, staff, alumni and friends can purchase tickets from Dr. Martha Upshaw, SGA Advisor, for \$5.00 each – her office is in the SUB (200A). Tickets are limited and will be available on a first come-first serve basis. A DJ will be on hand as well as hors d'oeuvres and the attire for the ball is formal. Please bring your ID. A shuttle bus service will be available for the evening.
- The Campus Activities Board and the Office of Student life and Leadership at ULM proudly present the 52nd Annual Miss University of Louisiana at Monroe Scholarship Pageant on Thursday, March 3rd at 7 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. The Miss University of Louisiana at Monroe Pageant is a competitive scholarship program emphasizing physical fitness, talent and academics. The pageant seeks talented, energetic and intelligent young women with the following characteristics to compete for this prestigious honor: · A minimum 2.5 previous semester and cumulative grade point average · Successful completion of 24 semester hours at ULM prior to Spring 2005 · Full-time enrollment at ULM in Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 semesters. For more information, contact Kathleen Gillan at 318-342-5289.

Around ULM

- The work on upgrading ULM’s physical environment will be ongoing for the next several years. In addition to our \$70 million dollar housing effort, this spring we will see work begin on the widening of DeSiard Street and on the renovations to the Student Union Building and Sandal Hall. The work on these facilities will require the relocation of several offices. Once complete these projects will dramatically improve the look and feel of our campus.
- The Sound of Today Alumni Association President, Keith “Beard” Joyner, wants to remind all of the SOT Alumni to...pay their dues! Please contact Keith at 910 Edwards Rd #17 / West Monroe, LA 71291 / kdjoyner@jam.rr.com The SOT Alumni

Association is in the process of planning several events and looks forward to your participation.

Athletic High Lights

- The University of Louisiana at Monroe Indian Athletic Foundation will host its annual Signing Day Party on Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m. on the 7th Floor of the University Library. ULM football coach Charlie Weatherbie and his staff will be on hand to announce the 2005 ULM Football Signing class and show video highlights of the signees. Members of the IAF or ULM Foundation are invited to attend. Indians football fans who are not members are welcome to attend at a cost of \$10 per person. For more information, contact Molly Pealer, IAF Development Assistant, at (318) 342-5428.
- A national publication has selected University of Louisiana at Monroe men's basketball as one of the 100 greatest collegiate programs of all time. ULM is ranked No. 95 among the nation's 327 Division I basketball programs by *100 Greatest College Basketball Programs of All Time*. Published by Street & Smith, the specialty magazine went on sale nationally on Jan. 25. One of only two programs from Louisiana on the top 100 list—the other is LSU at No. 50--ULM is also the only Southland Conference team among the 100. Kentucky is ranked the No. 1 program in the country and UCLA No. 2. The magazine highlights ULM's long success in basketball as evidenced by its seven championships in the Southland Conference, three in the Trans America and two in the Gulf States. Seven ULM teams have participated in the NCAA Tournament and two in the National Invitation Tournament. The article also notes that the Indians have had only five coaches in their 53 seasons of senior college basketball with two of them having tenures of more than 20 years, Lenny Fant (22 years) and Mike Vining, now in his 24th year. Former ULM players featured are long-time NBA star Calvin Natt; Glynn Saulters, the first Louisiana college player to play for the U.S. Olympic team, and Wojciech Myrda, who set the NCAA career record of 535 blocked shots in his 1999-02 career. The magazine also lists ULM's top 10 all-time scorers—Natt, Saulters, Henry Steele, Anthony Jones, Jerry Jingles, Terry Martin, Mike Rose, Donald Wilson, David Pickett and Paul Marshall.
- For a complete listing of all the athletic events being hosted at ULM (and to see when one of our teams might be in your area) please view the ULM Athletic Web Site located at: <http://ulmathletics.collegesports.com/>

Bus Trip Scheduled for the LSU Baseball Game

ULM Alumnus (and President of the Baseball Booster Club) Dave Raymond has booked a Mayo tour bus for Tuesday, February 15th to take a group of fans to the ULM vs LSU Baseball game. The bus will leave the ULM baseball field at 12:30 pm and should arrive at LSU's Alex box stadium around 4:30 for the baseball game that starts at 6:30 p.m. The bus will return after the game. The cost for the bus will be \$30 / person. Tickets will be \$8 / person for general admission seating. Reservations are needed ASAP. If you are interested in this trip, contact Dave at (318)-361-4707 or 322-0507.

Student Recruitment Update

ULM cordially invites our alumni and friends to share an “Evening with ULM” as we bring our recruitment show to New Orleans – February 17th and then to Shreveport – February 22nd. We hope you’ll join President Cofer, University Administrators, Alumni Center Staff, and fellow alumni and friends as we discuss ULM with potential students from your area.

Evening with ULM – Shreveport

February 22, 2005
7:00-8:30 p.m.
The Club Level
Independence Stadium (south end zone)
Shreveport LA

Evening with ULM – New Orleans

February 22, 2005
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Doubletree New Orleans Lakeside
3838 North Causeway Blvd
Metairie, LA 70002

For more information, please contact your ULM Alumni center at **800-261-0174**. If you need information for a prospective student to attend, please contact our Recruitment and Retention Division at **800-372-5127**. We hope to see you in Shreveport and New Orleans in support of ULM.

Important Home Page Links

- Need to update your alumni record?

<https://www.ulm.edu/webform/alumni/update.html>

- Apply for the ULM Credit Card / Order the official ULM Ring (for the ring, you can also call **800-854-7464**)

<http://www.ulm.edu/alumni/>

- Want to financially support ULM from the privacy and comfort of your own home (which includes paying your alumni dues!):

<http://www.ulm.edu/giving/>

Alumni Calendar of Events

Your alumni association, and tons of local volunteers, are busy planning the Spring / Summer travel schedule. Please check the Alumni Calendar of Events often for the latest news on when we’ll be coming to your area.

<http://www.ulm.edu/cgi-bin/alumni.pl>

**DON'T FORGET . . . If you change your e-mail address, let us know!
Send any new e-mail address to walpole@ulm.edu**

And that concludes this edition of *Good News*. As always, thanks for helping spread the *Good News* about our ULM. Our next *Good News* e-mail should arrive in your inbox around the 30th of January.

GOOD NEWS is e-mailed around the 15th and 30th of each month by your ULM Alumni Association. This e-mail contains a brief sampling of all the *Good News* surrounding our university. For a complete listing of all of the *Good News*, please visit the ULM web site at www.ulm.edu. If you would like to be removed from this list, please contact Tom Walpole (contact information is below). Thanks for your continuing support of **ULM**.

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