



March 30, 2006

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 our distribution list, we help spread the *Good News* about our University.

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TOP STORIES

Mascot Poll Closes March 31st – 8:00 a.m. – CST www.ulm.edu/mascot/

A reminder - all ULM Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Donors, and Friends are being polled for their mascot preferences via the ULM web site through **MARCH 31st, 8:00 a.m., CST**. The mascot committee meets again April 3.

For more information, please go to: http://www.ulm.edu/mascot/poll_faqs.html

Bayou Bandits	Bayou Bruins	Bayou Gators
Bayou Hawks	Bayou Raiders	Bayou Storm
Hawks	Storm	War Hawks

La' Louisianne Crawfish Boil / Spring Game / Annual Board Meeting Set

The La' Louisianne Crawfish Boil, hosted by the ULM Alumni Association on the day of the ULM Spring Football Game, will take place Saturday, April 8th, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the North End Zone of Malone Stadium (Kick-Off for the game is at 1:00). Tickets for the event are on sale now and are available at the ULM Alumni Center. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance / \$20.00 at the door and your ticket includes crawfish with all the trimmings, live entertainment by the Mason Grenade band, and more!

The annual meeting of the ULM Alumni Association will take place the morning of the 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Scogin Room at Malone Stadium.

ON CAMPUS

ULM's Farm Provides Real Life Experiences

ULM's Farm continues to provide ULM students with real life experience that complements their academic coursework in Agribusiness. The Layton and Johnson Farms are the Department of Agriculture's laboratories where students study agricultural production, accounting, finance, marketing, and budgeting.

During the last decade, ULM's farm has been managed at various times by the Department of Agriculture, the ULM Foundation, and the Office of Business Affairs. Each of these departments organized and managed the farms differently, although all constituted an appropriate use of ULM's farm. The current administration views the farm as an integral part of the Department of Agriculture and has charged John Casey, Director of ULM Farms, with developing a plan that will use the farm's assets in a way that best serves ULM's agricultural students. The first step in developing this plan was to transfer operational control from the Vice President for Business Affairs to Dr. Casey as the Head of the Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Casey plans on utilizing the farm's resources to provide outstanding academic experiences for our students and to grow ULM's Department of Agriculture into a nationally-recognized program. The Department will continue to support all five academic minors, including equine science.

The ULM Department of Agriculture has a lot to be proud of. ULM's agricultural students placed second in the Delta Tau Alpha National Academic Quiz Bowl; the Department attained full membership in a national agricultural honor society Delta Tau Alpha; the Department recently hosted a competition involving 300 high school agricultural students; the Department helped host the Ag Expo in January; the Department is assisting in the Louisiana State FFA (Future Farmers of America) Annual Convention, which will be held in Monroe this summer.

Plant Sale

Everyone is invited to the Department of Agriculture's annual plant sale to be held Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1 at the Greenhouse, located on Bon Aire Avenue in Monroe.

Biology Department / Museum Present: NeilFest 06'

The ULM Biology Department and the Natural History Museum Friends Group are proud to announce the 1st annual NeilFest on Friday, May 5th and Saturday May 6th in Monroe. NeilFest, named after Dr. Neil Douglas long time professor and now Professor Emeritus at ULM, seeks to unite our alumni in support of the Natural History Museum at ULM.

The weekend includes a reception and a "Neil's Favorites" exhibit, a crawfish boil, live music, things for the kids to do, tours of the museum, and more.

If you'd like to find out more before then, please contact Robyn Jordan – 318-342-1366 – jordan@ulm.edu

Wine Over Water

Ouachita Alumni Chapter Introduces "A Taste of ULM"

The Ouachita Parish Chapter of the University of Louisiana at Monroe proudly announces a 75th Anniversary signature event: ***Wine Over Water!*** Experience a new tradition by strolling across the historic ULM bridge spanning the scenic bayou while sampling wine and hors d'oeuvres from various local restaurants. ***Wine Over Water*** is the University of Louisiana at Monroe's premier wine-tasting event, with proceeds benefiting the ULM Scholarship Fund.

On the bridge you will be served delectable food samples from area restaurants, and feature wines from Tonore's Wine Cellar. Enjoy live entertainment provided by the Harmon Drew Super Group, while cruising the beautiful Bayou Desiard on a party barge or simply enjoy its enchanting view from the ULM bridge.

This signature event will be hosted ***Tuesday, May 23, 2006*** on the bridge across the ULM campus by the Library from 7pm until 10pm. The attire is Dressy Casual, and tickets can be purchased at the ULM Alumni Center for \$50 per person.

If you would like to become a sponsor, purchase tickets, or have any questions, please contact ***Paulen Luttegharm*** at 318-372-9788 or ***Tania Simpson*** at 318-329-8807.

Wine Over Water.....A Taste Of The University. More to come!

ULM School of Nursing to Co-Host Health Fair

On Saturday, April 1, the ULM School of Nursing, in conjunction with Memorial United Methodist Church, will present a community health fair titled "Don't Fool Around With Your Health."

The Health Fair will be at Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 401 Sherrouse Ave. (just two blocks south of campus). This Health Fair has information for all ages.

Topics to be covered include:

- Screenings for Blood Pressure, Scoliosis, BMI, and Vision
- Heart Station for Kids
- Heart Station for Adults
- Breast Cancer Prevention-Adults and the Elderly
- Dental Hygiene and Prevention Screenings
- Stress and Relaxation- Integrative Medicine and Alternative Therapies
- Sleep and Insomnia
- Hearing Assessment and Referral
- Lung Health/Smoking Prevention with Information on Second Hand Smoke
- Alcohol Awareness
- Nutrition
- Information on La Chip, Medicaid and Foundations for Uninsured

Career Services to Sponsor Education Career Day 2006

The ULM Department of Career Services announces EDUCATION CAREER DAY 2006 which will be held Wednesday, April 5, 1-4:00 p.m. in the University Library Conference Center located on the 7th floor of the ULM Library. This event is open to all ULM students from freshman to graduate as well as alums within the College of Education. The Career Day will feature dozens of recruiters representing a wide range of educational opportunities from various school systems over a multi-state area.

Recruiters will be present to talk with interested students, conduct informal interviews, and disseminate school system information.

Have you joined the ULM Alumni Association yet?

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

www.ulm.edu/alumni

Alumni Increase Their Support and Involvement at ULM

The numbers are in and they reflect a remarkable increase in alumni activity and support at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. The amount of alumni activity has extensively grown over the last five years, and 2006's current totals demonstrate even further progress.

The ULM Alumni Relations staff has been busy both on and off the road. In 2001, 13 active chapters planned three chapter events. The number has increased each year; 23 active chapters planned 22 chapter events in 2005. So far, in 2006, 24 established chapters have planned 27 events.

These totals do not include any football game related undertaking or annual events such as the Golden Society reunion. It simply reflects a substantial increase in alumni chapter activity.

A significant amount of expansion and renewal among former chapters has developed during the last two years. In 2004, the Washington DC ULM Alumni Chapter joined the Louisiana College Coalition, which ULM Alumni Relations began. Alumni chapters re-formed in the Greater Atlanta, Greater Birmingham and Greater Jackson areas.

The votes of confidence continued in 2005. The Greater Nashville and Greater Carolinas began new ULM alumni chapters, and the East/West Carroll and Arkoma (Tulsa) chapters also started anew. The prosperity continues in 2006, as the Chicago ULM Alumni Chapter joins the Louisiana College Coalition. A new chapter will begin this year in the Caldwell Parish area. Projected expansion in 2007 includes the NY City ULM Alumni Chapter joining the Louisiana College Coalition.

Alumni have also expressed their growing confidence in ULM with an increase in the number of dues-paying alumni. Their presence has generously increased since 2001. In that year, there were 2,079 members, with 18 alumni achieving life memberships. By 2005, the first year of the Anniversary Dues Campaign, the total jumped to 2,755 members, with 34 alumni accomplishing life memberships.

The most current 2006 totals show an increase of 469 members as compared to the number this time last year. Similarly, six more life memberships have also been added than appeared this time last year.

Alumni Center Improvements

Physical improvements have been made to the Anna Gray Noe Alumni Center itself and the Alumni Association's auxiliary equipment. Building upgrades include new carpet throughout; paint applied to the social room and building exterior; repairs to the fountain; repairs to the lights around the bayou seating area as the benches there were refinished; landscaping, including the trimming of the front yard trees; repairs to the tree lights, the installation of a storage building, the painting and maintenance of the Alumni Association trailer, and the addition of an utility vehicle for alumni events.

Contact with ULM's alumni has been enriched, thanks to the addition of "Good News," the twice a month on-line newsletter. It made its debut in June of 2004 and now reaches over 10,000 alumni and friends, regularly informing the members of the good work and incredible achievements that their support of ULM accomplishes.

Is There an Alumni Chapter Near me?

www.ulm.edu/alumni/chapters.html

Planning for the Spring / Summer travel schedule is underway! This year, ULM and our local chapter leadership will host events in the following locations: Washington DC, Baton Rouge, Ouachita Parish, Houston, Morehouse Parish, Acadiana (Lafayette area), Imperial Calcasieu (Lake Charles), New Orleans, Carolina's, Dallas/Ft Worth, Caddo/Bossier, Jackson, Atlanta, East/West Carroll, Nashville, Arkoma (Tulsa), Texas Hill Country (Austin), Lincoln/Union, CenLa, Richland Parish, Winn/Jackson, Greater Birmingham. New Locations – Greater Chicago, Caldwell Parish, and in Oklahoma City (we have a conference there this year). We are also working on the possibility of expanding to California (we're working with established groups in both Northern and Southern California and we've targeted New York City for the 07 year).

Once the date for the event is set, we'll send an e-mail / a save the date post card / a couple of e-mail reminders / and a letter asking for RSVP's.

Alumni Dues Campaign Underway

The second year of our Anniversary Dues Campaign is underway. Letters to all alumni who last paid their dues in January – April and then to those who have not yet joined the ULM Alumni Association have been mailed. Private funds (your dues) are extremely important to the continuing successful operation of the ULM Alumni Association and all of ULM. Dues are \$25.00 for an individual alumnus * \$35.00 for a married couple * \$500.00 for a lifetime membership! I hope you'll take the time to include your check in the envelope provided and join us as we continue to play a vital role in the future of ULM.

- 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/>

If you have an update for the Drumbeat (marriage, birth of a child, professional development news, etc.), send that information to drumbeat@ulm.edu OR you can send that information to us via the on-line update form located at: <https://ssl.ulm.edu/alumni/update.html>

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HOMECOMING 2006 – celebrating 75 years of ULM – Saturday, September 30th, 2006!

ATHLETICS

<http://ulmathletics.collegesports.com/>

ULM Baseball / Softball Present Kid's Day Specials

ULM Baseball has made every Sunday home baseball game which begins at 1:00 "Kid's Day" at Indian Field. Two kids age 12 and under are admitted free with each adult ticket purchased. Activities include an inflatable moon walk (courtesy of Grand Rental Station) and the opportunity to join their favorite Indian on the field during the national anthem.

At every ULM home softball game, kids have the opportunity to receive free admission and to join their favorite Lady Indian on the field during the national anthem. To take advantage of this offer, just call 342-3ULM before the game and say, "I want to be a Lil' Slugger."

Indian Baseball Announces 2006 Schedule Additions

The Louisiana Monroe baseball team has announced a trio of additions to the 2006 schedule, including one game that will be played at Indian Field.

The first change will occur on April 5 when the Indians travel to Pearl, Miss., to face nationally-ranked Mississippi State. The contest will be held at Trustmark Park, the home of the Mississippi Braves, a AA affiliate of the Atlanta Braves.

Originally scheduled for one game, ULM and the Bulldogs will now tangle in a double-header, beginning at 4 p.m. The second game of the double-dip is slated to begin approximately 30 minutes following the completion of the first game.

The Indians will add a home game to the slate on April 25, when they host in-state rival Louisiana College. The contest will mark the first time the two squads have met on the diamond since the opening game of the 1998 season, a game that ULM won 23-0, in Pineville, La. The contest is slated to being at 6:30 p.m. from Indian Field and can be heard live on KMLB 1440 AM or at

www.radiopeoplesports.com.

The final addition to the schedule will take place the following day on April 26, when the Indians and Ole Miss will square off. First pitch is slated for 3 p.m. from Oxford-University Stadium, in Oxford, Miss. ULM and the Rebels will meet for the first time since March 13, 2002, a 13-6 victory for Ole Miss.

The Indians will return to action on Friday, March 31, when they continue a six-game road trip with a SLC series at Texas State. Game times from San Marcos, Texas are slated for 6:30 p.m. on Friday, 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Lady Indians Split With North Texas

The Louisiana Monroe softball team split a doubleheader today with future Sun Belt Conference foe North Texas, 2-6 and 6-1. "Our defense played really well today," said ULM head coach Rosemary Holloway-Hill. "Lindsey Taylor was able to get us some key hits today. It was also good that we were able to get more runners in scoring position."

In Game One, starters Kristina Fowler of NT and Taylor Call of ULM had a pitchers' duel going through five innings. The only runs given up were solo home runs by Mean Green third baseman Susan Waters in the first inning, while Lady Indian designated player Megan Miller evened the score in the bottom of the fourth.

North Texas took the lead in the top of the sixth when Call gave up a hit and two walks to start the inning. The Mean Green manufactured four runs to take a 5-1 lead. NT added a run in the top of the seventh to take a 6-1 lead.

The Lady Indians attempted a comeback in the bottom of the seventh, getting runners in scoring position. Second baseman Heather Hanson was able to get first baseman Courtney Tuggle across the plate, but ULM could not get the rest across.

In Game Two, the Lady Indians capitalized on two Mean Green errors and a timely double by Taylor in the first inning to take a 5-0 lead.

ULM starter Sammie Dillard threw a complete game to improve to 7-4 on the season, giving up only four hits and one run in the top of the sixth.

Taylor picked up her fourth RBI and second hit of the game in the bottom of the sixth to bump the score to 6-1.

ULM, 18-18 overall and 3-6 in the SLC, will host Northwestern State in a three-game Southland Conference series this weekend, April 1-2. Saturday's doubleheader and Sunday's single game at Lady Indian Field begin at 1 p.m. each day.

Lady Indians Beat Stephen F. Austin

The Louisiana Monroe women's tennis team improved to 4-1 in Southland Conference play with a 6-1 win over Stephen F. Austin. ULM is now 8-4 overall, while SFA dropped to 5-8 overall and 1-6 in SLC action.

The Lady Indians took the doubles point with a clean sweep. Diana Espinal and Daliny Sithimorada played a tough No. 1 match to clinch the sweep, 9-7, against Kama Scott and Megan Langston.

ULM then won five of the six singles flights for the win. Espinal won at No. 1, 6-0, 6-3, over Laura Harrison, while Sithimorada won at No. 3, 6-0, 6-1, against Langston.

"I'm very proud of how our doubles played today," said ULM head coach Jill Breslin. "Each match is important in conference play and we continue to step up each match."

ULM will go on the road for its next two matches, April 1 and 2, at Southeastern Louisiana and Nicholls State.

ULM Golf Finishes Sixth at Chenal Collegiate

The Louisiana Monroe men's golf team finished sixth at the Chenal Collegiate after posting a final round score of 296 at the Chenal Country Club. The Indians carded a three-round total of 901 and finished 24 strokes behind tournament champion Lamar. Texas-Arlington finished second with a total of 879, while Houston finished third with an 882. North Texas and Oral Roberts rounded out the top-five with scores of 883 and 900, respectively.

"Pat played really well," head coach Chris Wilson said. "He has been in the hunt in a lot of tournaments this year and he was in this one down to the end. I could not ask for a week off at a better time. We need to work hard and make some adjustments heading into the conference tournament."

Sophomore Pat Collogan led the charge for ULM finishing tied for second in the 81-man field. Collogan fired a 69 in the final round, the low round of the day and finished only two strokes behind individual champion, Austin Welch from North Texas.

Also playing well on Tuesday was freshman David McKendrick, who bounced back from a disappointing first day and carded an even-par 72 in the final round. McKendrick finished tied with teammate Daniel Keeton for 52nd at the tournament. Keeton struggled in the final round, posting an 81.

Seniors Casey Russell and Tim Kunick rounded out the scoring for the Indians. Russell recorded a final-round score of 78, while Kunick tallied a 77 to finish tied for 37th and 44th, respectively.

The Indians will not return to action until April 17-19 at the Southland Conference Tournament, held in Kingwood, Texas.

Lady Indians Finish Sixth at UTSA Tournament

The Louisiana Monroe women's golf team finished sixth at the UTSA Rowdy Round Up after firing a final round 312 at Buckhorn Golf Course on Tuesday.

The Lady Indians finished 44 strokes behind tournament champion, Okalahoma City University, who posted a three-round total of 914. Lamar finished second with a total of 927, while Western New Mexico rounded out the medalists with a total of 937.

Freshman Angela Drane led the way for ULM, carding a final round 74, to finish tied for 10th. Drane finished 11 strokes behind tournament champion, Theresa Nielsson of Lamar.

Also playing well for the Lady Indians was freshman Sara Larsson. After struggling on Monday to rounds of 79 and 84, Larsson rebounded to post a final round 73 and vault to a 17th-place finish.

Junior Starla Pittman was next to finish for ULM, tallying a 30th-place finish following a final round score of 83. Fellow junior Marylou Starr posted an 82 on Tuesday to finish tied for 39th, while V.J. Smith, also a junior, carded a final round 84 to finish 51st.

The Lady Indians will return to action on April 3-4, when they travel to San Marcos, Texas, to compete in the Texas State Invitational.

Bartlett and Shaw Win at Louisiana Classics

The Louisiana Monroe track & field teams recorded several solid performances at the Louisiana Classics in Lafayette. "All in all we had a pretty good day," said ULM head coach J.D. Malone. "We got another school record performance from Kathleen Gancayco in the women's pole vault."

Amanda Bartlett and Sadrina Shaw took first place in their respective events for the Lady Indians. Bartlett won the 10,000-meter run on Friday night with a time of 40:53.5. Shaw took the first win of her collegiate career in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:03.19. She also finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 13.92. Gancayco set a new ULM mark in the women's pole vault with a jump of 11' 0", good for second place in the event.

For the Indians, Matt Brophy was the top collegiate finisher in the 800-meter run with a second-place time of 1:54.89. Maya Aden finished fifth in the event with a time of 1:56.48.

Freshman Mychal Word placed third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 47.94. Word also ran the starting leg of the second-place men's 4x400-meter relay team that finished with a time of 3:12.8.

Shaw Wins 400 Hurdles at LSU Relays

Louisiana Monroe freshman Sadrina Shaw won the women's 400-meter hurdles on Saturday at the LSU Relays. Shaw recorded a winning time of 1:03.39. It is the second meet in a row that Shaw has won the event. Shaw also finished sixth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.54.

ULM returns to action on Saturday, April 1 at the Texas-Arlington Invitational.

Jyles Signs With Edmonton Eskimos

Louisiana Monroe's all-time passing leader Steven Jyles was introduced as the newest member of the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League. Edmonton General Manager Paul Jones made

the announcement in front of Jyles' friends and family at Malone Stadium last week. Jyles is the first Indian to sign with a CFL team since 1997 when Raymond Philyaw signed with Winnipeg.

"We are excited to have Steven Jyles as a part of our team," said Jones. "He is a special young man with a great future ahead of him at Edmonton."

Jyles spent the past four seasons as the starting quarterback for the Indians. In 2005, the Baton Rouge, La., native was named the 2005 Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year and led the Indians to a share of the Sun Belt championship title.

During the past season, Jyles became ULM's all-time leader in total offense and passing. He finished his career with 10,234 yards of total offense and 8,987 yards passing. He also holds the career marks for pass attempts (1,473), pass completions (795), and passing touchdowns (55).

"I would like to thank the fans who have supported me during my career at ULM," said Jyles. "Along with my family and friends. I'm excited about what I will be able to do playing for Edmonton."

The Eskimos are the reigning Grey Cup Champions. It is the 13th CFL championship in team history and second in three seasons. Edmonton will play its first exhibition game of the season on Sunday, May 28 at Winnipeg. Players are scheduled to report for training camp on May 14.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A sneak preview of upcoming events – more on each in future editions of Good News

Tuesday, April 25th

- The ULM College of Pharmacy presents Patch Adams, M.D., as the inaugural William M. Bourn annual lecture series. This event kicks off the semi-centennial anniversary celebration of the College of Pharmacy. For more information, please contact Joellen Lee, Director of Public and Alumni Relations for the College of Pharmacy at 318-342-3285.

Wednesday, April 26th

- The 6th Annual Student Research Symposium will be hosted by ULM on Wednesday, April 26th, at the ULM Convention Center and 6th floor media room. Applications for participation by student researchers are due by the end of the day on Friday, March 31st. For more information, please contact Dr. Walter Creekmore at ceekmore@ulm.edu

Friday, April 28th

- The School of Visual and Performing Arts will present *There is No Place Like Home* at Kiroli Park on Friday, April 28. School performances are scheduled for Pre-K through First Grade students at 9, 10, 11 a.m. and noon. For more information please call ULM at 318-342-3811. Tickets are \$2 for each adult and child.

Friday, April 28th

- The College of Pharmacy presents the ULM College of Pharmacy Golf Classic which will be held at Frenchman's Bend Golf Course. After the conclusion of the Golf Classic, the Pharmacy Fraternity will host a crawfish boil at the new College of Pharmacy home located at 1800 Bienville Drive. For more information, please contact Joellen Lee, Director of Public and Alumni Relations for the College of Pharmacy at 318-342-3285.

Saturday, April 29th

- The 3rd annual ULM Track & Field reunion will be on April 29th at a home meet. Coach Malone is requesting everyone who plans to attend to email him to be put on the list for a head count for the meal. They can also email either Ronnie Overby @ ronnie1064@cox.net or former coach, Dennis Groll @ dgroll@jam.rr.com.

Tuesday, May 30th

- The Sound of Today will be offering Summer Music Camps beginning May 30th. For more information, please go to www.ulm.edu/music and click on the Summer Music Campus link.

Thursday, November 9th

- ***Envision 2006 – Celebrating All Things ULM***

November 5-11th

- The Aviation Department and Flying Tomahawks Precision Flight/Ground Team will host the 2006 National Intercollegiate Flying Association's (NIFA) Region IV's competition. This event is scheduled for November 5 - 11 and will utilize ULM's campus but will take place primarily at the Monroe airport using CenturyTel's facilities.

STUDENTS FIRST

It's SPRING FEVER Time at ULM

www.ulm.edu/springfever

As the University of Louisiana at Monroe prepares for 2006's Spring Fever Week, anticipation grows for events both traditional and groundbreaking that occur during the five-day annual experience. Please view the Spring Fever link above - several of the events are for ULM students, faculty, staff and alumni only, but events open to the public will be marked.

From Monday, April 3 – Tuesday, April 4, the Campus Activities Board (CAB) will sponsor a Spring Fever T-Shirt Sale. Individual shirts will cost \$5 and may be purchased from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. behind Village Apartments on the ULM campus. The location changes to the Student Life and Leadership Office (SUB, Room 145) Wednesday, April 5, though all other details remain the same. The last day to buy the T-shirts will be Friday, April 7 at noon behind Heard Stadium (coinciding with the Oozeball Tournament).

ULM Students Will Present an “Island of Opportunity” at Upcoming Small Business Fair

ULM students will conduct an “Island of Opportunity” at the upcoming Small Business Fair Thursday, April 6. The event will occur from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Scott Plaza.

The Fair is sponsored by the Office of Student Life and Leadership and the Office of Commuter and Non-Traditional (CNT) Student Affairs. It showcases the finest products and services that ULM students have to offer.

ULM Pharmacy Student Nationally Recognized for Volunteer Efforts

A University of Louisiana at Monroe third-year pharmacy student recently received national recognition for her volunteer efforts during the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Candace Thibodeaux of Lake Arthur received the Wal-Mart Pharmacy/Pharmacy Times RESPy (Respect, Excellence, and Service in Pharmacy) Award at the American Pharmacist Association National Meeting held March 17-21 in San Francisco, California. Thibodeaux credits the entire ULM pharmacy department for her recent recognition. “Many ULM pharmacy students and faculty members helped, which was wonderful. It took all of us to accomplish what we did.”

Shortly after Hurricane Katrina hit in late August, Thibodeaux began tirelessly working alongside fellow ULM Pharmacy students in the Monroe Civic Center at a make-shift pharmacy, which served a

majority of the 2,000 hurricane survivors. One particular experience stands out in her mind.

An elderly man approached Thibodeaux with an eyeglass prescription. “He was practically blind, very febrile and listless, and I knew from the tone of his voice, he was in a lot of distress,” Thibodeaux remembered. Thibodeaux drove the man to a Monroe eye shop and stayed with him until he received his glasses. “There was no way I was going to let this man continue on without being able to see. His glasses had fallen off him as he was being rescued from his rooftop; he had nothing with him,” she recalled. “I spent the afternoon with this man, and talked to him and tried to console him as best as I could. It was an emotional experience I will never forget.”

Thibodeaux, along with other ULM Pharmacy students, continued to volunteer after September’s Hurricane Rita hit. Thibodeaux, who also hosted a displaced family in her home following the hurricanes, said her experiences inspired her. “It was very difficult, to say the least, but the entire experience has made me realize how much I am truly blessed to have been given what I have, and the drive to keep going when things are at their breaking point,” she said. “The entire experience has confirmed why I want to be a pharmacist. I am ready to commit to the service of others who need my help and who may be less fortunate than me. One person can truly make a difference, whether small or large; it only matters to the person receiving assistance.”

Thibodeaux, along with the ULM College of Pharmacy, is featured in the April edition of *Pharmacy Times*.

IMPORTANT HOME PAGE LINKS

www.ulm.edu

- Need to update your alumni record?

<https://ssl.ulm.edu/alumni/update.html>

- Want to order the official ULM Ring (you can also call **800-854-7464**)? For a limited time, Josten’s and the ULM Alumni Association will be allowing one change to the official ring and that is with the name engraved around the stone. During our 75th anniversary year, you can have the name of the school, when you graduated, put on the ring (**Northeast Louisiana University, Northeast Louisiana State College**, etc).

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

- To read about all the **Good News** at ULM, and keep up with events being held on and off campus, view the university web site and the University Calendar of events located at:

www.ulm.edu

- Shop the ULM Bookstore on line at: www.ulmbookstore.com

REMINDERS

- If you change your e-mail address, let us know! Send any new e-mail address to walpole@ulm.edu

- If you're a teacher, coach, or educator or if you're interested in helping ULM with its recruitment efforts at your school or in your area, please e-mail Mary Schmeer at schmeer@ulm.edu – your assistance could be the difference in a student attending our university.

MY OPINION . . .

I Will Always be an NLU Indian

Seventy-five years of a proud tradition will end shortly when our university introduces our new mascot. In the summer of 1978, I chose to attend NLU for the simple reason a majority of my Pineville High School classmates were coming to Monroe. I fell in love with the university not because it was called NLU nor because our mascot was the Indians, but because of the wonderful experiences I enjoyed everyday as a student. Those experiences continue for me today as a proud alumnus of ULM.

I lived in Olin hall and cursed it every time I walked up the stairs to the ninth floor (the elevators NEVER worked) and every time it took three days to change the air conditioning units from cold to hot. I experienced my first (and only, I swear) panty raid as a freshman, threw oranges off the ninth floor of Olin into the opening in the roof of Schultz Cafeteria, and as the Assistant House Director at Olin Hall put out many a trash fire in the trash chute (only to find out it was my suitemate setting the fires – he will remain anonymous).

I earned my undergraduate and graduate degrees from NLU, worked for NLU, and now proudly serve ULM. The change from NLU to ULM and from Indians to (TBA) will never cheapen my experiences which will stay with me for the rest of my life. I have made the choice to support this institution, which I love, no matter what it is called. Even today when I get excited at a football game I find myself screaming GO NORTHEAST and my office is decorated with NLU memorabilia.

In a few days, a new tradition will begin for ULM. I, as many others, will enjoy watching each new freshman class step onto our campus cheering for the ULM’s. It will take time, granted, for me to fully embrace this change – a change not one person connected with ULM sought – but I will fully embrace it (in time) while immediately supporting it.

I ask you to consider all that this institution has meant to you, will mean to you, and what it will mean to each new freshmen who walks onto our campus for the first time. Let’s show the world that a forced change will not dampen our spirit and support of ULM or our pride in our Alma Mater. Your support, as it has always been, is critical to our long term success and it is greatly appreciated.

Tommy Walpole

And that concludes this edition of *Good News*. As always, thanks for helping spread the *Good News* about our University. Our next *Good News* e-mail should arrive in your inbox around the 15th of April.

ULM wishes you and yours a great day

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