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TOP STORY

College of Pharmacy Celebrating 50 Years Patch Adams Coming to ULM * Golf Classic

The University of Louisiana at Monroe College of Pharmacy is pleased to announce the celebration of our semi-centennial anniversary. We are honored to have served the great state of Louisiana for 50 years by equipping our graduates with the knowledge and expertise needed to provide essential pharmaceutical care to our citizens! This commemorative year will be filled with activities and events celebrating our lasting heritage and bright future.

The spring brings two exciting kick-off events. First, we have Patch Adams, M.D. coming to campus as our featured speaker for our inaugural William M. Bourn annual lecture series. Dr. Adams will speak to our College's students and faculty about "Compassionate Healthcare Volunteer Service during Special Times of Need." Many of our pharmacy students were deeply affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Dr. Adams is a renowned medical clown and social activist who has devoted his life to volunteerism and healing through laughter. The movie "Patch Adams" was based upon his life and career. He will certainly encourage as well as entertain our students, faculty, alumni and community.

Dr. Adams will present the keynote address for the Bourn Lecture on the morning of April 25, 2006 in Brown auditorium. He will then address our senior students during a special luncheon in the ULM library. That evening, in Fant-Ewing coliseum, Dr Adams will present a program entitled "The Joy of Caring" which is open to everyone - tickets will cost \$10 for the general public. All Health Science students and faculty from surrounding Louisiana institutions (ULM, Louisiana Tech, Grambling, and LSU-Shreveport Medical Center) will be admitted free of charge.

Our next celebratory event, The ULM College of Pharmacy Golf Classic, will be held on April 28, 2006, at Frenchman's Bend Golf Course. We invite everyone to join us as we plan to enjoy a round

of golf and sample some of Louisiana's finest cuisine. After golf, ULM pharmacy student Kayla Smith, along with her Cajun band from south Louisiana, will perform at the awards ceremony while our golfers feast on crawfish prepared by the Phi Delta Chi Fraternity at our new College of Pharmacy home on 1800 Bienville Drive. We look forward to enjoying this day of food, fun, and fellowship!

Both events serve as fundraisers to help replenish the College of Pharmacy Emergency Student Loan Fund that was depleted during hurricanes Katrina and Rita and to help develop our College of Pharmacy Student Resource Center.

For more information about purchasing tickets to the Patch Adams, M.D. "The Joy of Caring" presentation or registering for the ULM College of Pharmacy Golf Classic, please call Joellen Lee, Director of Public Relations and Alumni Relations for the College of Pharmacy, at (318) 342-3285.

FACULTY UPDATES

ULM Biology Professor Receives Prestigious Award

ULM assistant professor of systematic botany Kerry Heafner recently received the 16th annual Richard and Winnie Windler Award for the best plant systematics paper published in *Castanea*, a professional botanical journal, the previous year.

"Our department can take pride that we recognized his potential in bringing him to ULM, and I hope that this is a portent for a very bright future for him," said Thomas Sasek, a ULM associate professor of biology. At the 2006 Association of Southeastern Biologists annual meeting, Heafner and Rebecca D. Bray of Old Dominion University received the prestigious award for their paper titled "Taxonomic Reassessment of North American Granite Outcrop Isoetes Species with Emphasis on Vegetative Morphology and *I. Piedmontana* (Pfeiffer) Reed sensu lato," which appeared in *Castanea* 70:204-221.

Heafner is also the curator of the herbarium at ULM. His professional interests generally focus on the ferns and fern allies. He concludes that *Isoetes* is a wonderful model for evolutionary studies because it has undergone both Darwinian and non-Darwinian modes of evolution.

College of Pharmacy Professor Promoted to Department Head of Toxicology

Dr. Kevin Baer was recently appointed department head of the Department of Toxicology at the University of Louisiana at Monroe College of Pharmacy. Baer, who began his new position April 1, served as an associate professor in the Department of Toxicology. "Dr. Baer brings many years of teaching, research, and service to this position, and I am confident that the Department of Toxicology will continue to prosper under his leadership," said Dr. Lamar Pritchard, Dean of the College of Pharmacy.

Baer, who received a bachelor's degree in biology and a Ph.D degree in Pharmacology/Toxicology from ULM, joined the ULM faculty as an instructor in 1994. He was promoted to associate professor, and was granted tenure in 2000. Baer's current research interests include the use of biochemical and physiological biomarkers in freshwater fish, invertebrates and amphibians to assess environmental contamination.

Baer is a member of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry and is the associate editor of the *Drug and Chemical Toxicology Journal*. He received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year in Toxicology award in 1998, 2000 and 2001. Baer has replaced Dr. Benny Blaylock, who has served

as the Department Head of Toxicology for six years. Under Blaylock's leadership, enrollment in the program has more than doubled in the last four years.

Blaylock, a faculty member since 1993, will assume the position of associate dean of Operations, Technology, and Assessment for the College of Pharmacy. "I am very excited to have this opportunity to impact many areas within the College of Pharmacy," Blaylock says.

Biedenharn Endowed Chair in Gerontology to Depart ULM After Remarkable Term of Service

ULM Associate Professor of Gerontology Dr. Bonnie Hatchett will end her tenure as the Biedenharn Endowed Chair in Gerontology this summer after four years of hard work and dedication.

Hatchett will depart ULM to care for family in Arkansas after extensively leaving her mark in the gerontology department. She is the first African American endowed chair at ULM, and the position itself is 100 percent funded by the \$1 million Endowed Chair donation. Normally, the appointment lasts three years, but her extraordinary performance led to a year-long extension.

Hatchett's legacy includes writing and revising three books for publication from her work with the elderly in the northeast Louisiana region. She has more than doubled the oral history collection and has had several articles published while simultaneously building community ties with the university.

She has also given presentations on an international level related to issues affecting older adults, including HIV/AIDS and alcohol abuse. Hatchett also became an adjunct with LSU for the Life Course and Aging Center.

"We could not be more pleased with the work that Dr. Hatchett has done while at ULM," said Dr. James Bulot, interim department head of gerontology and sociology. "In addition to her scholarly and community service work, Dr. Hatchett also exemplified excellence in teaching. I don't think there was one student who did not praise her for the quality of education and instruction she provided. She will be sorely missed by students, faculty and staff."

For more information on ULM's nationally known master's degree in gerontology program, call 318-342-1430 or go to: <http://www.ulm.edu/~gero>.

Endowed Professor of Gerontology Completes Two-Year Tenure Position With Exemplary Success

ULM professor Dr. Chris Johnson finishes a two-year tenure in the annual position of Endowed Professor of Gerontology amid much lauded service and contributions to his department. Johnson, who has had three total years in the Endowed Professor position, will remain a professor of gerontology and sociology at ULM.

"I can honestly say that the department of gerontology would not be where it is at today without the work and support of Dr. Chris Johnson," said Dr. James Bulot, interim department head of gerontology and sociology. "He is a die-hard supporter of ULM, and it is an honor and a fitting tribute that he be recognized as the Endowed Professor of Gerontology. One of the hallmarks of this award is that it be given to someone who actively supports and does research in this field. I cannot think of another individual more fitting, or who utilized the resources more appropriately."

During his tenure in the position, Johnson has made six presentations at national conferences, had two papers published and has assisted in writing two research grants. He is currently co-publishing a third edition to a book. He also lends his time and efforts to the Greater Monroe/Ouachita Parish community as he works with the mayor's office to help Monroe become designated as a retirement community.

The endowed professorship is funded each year from a \$100k anonymous donation to the gerontology program, specifically through the interest earned on the principle. It's a competitive award

and considered to be a high honor. All faculty members at ULM are allowed to compete, and a non-partisan committee selects the winner on merit. Advertising for the endowed professor award for the upcoming year is expected to commence shortly.

For more information on ULM's nationally known master's degree in gerontology program or about Johnson's research, call 318-342-1430 or go to: <http://www.ulm.edu/~gero>.

ON CAMPUS

English Department Presents Celebrated Author Bryan Di Salvatore

In connection with ULM's English Department, Bryan Di Salvatore, a distinguished and prolific author who teaches a graduate course in non-fiction writing at ULM, will read from his works Thursday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Aviation Auditorium.

He is the author of two books: "Truck Stop" and "A Clever Base-Ballist: The Life and Times of John Montgomery Ward." Di Salvatore has written numerous articles in *The New Yorker* and has contributed articles to many notable publishers, including *Sports Illustrated*, *National Geographic Traveler* and *Islands Magazine*.

"The best writers do not come out of the Ivy League," said Di Salvatore. "The correlation between good SAT scores and those who can write is non-existent." Di Salvatore, ULM's writer-in-residence, leaves a lasting impression on his pupils.

"As students, we have learned a lot from Mr. Di Salvatore's unique experiences as well as his literary knowledge," said Katie Norwood, a ULM graduate student. "His contagious enthusiasm for writing and his candid critiques of our essays encourage us to flex our creative muscle while learning to find our own voice and style." "I want the kind of laser-precise critical eye that Bryan Di Salvatore brings to every writing class," said Brian Thompson, another ULM graduate student.

"Bryan reminds me of the Wild West outlaw—not only does he wear the prototypical moustache (the one that's shaped like an upside-down 'U'), but he's also very accurate when he needs to discharge a few words," said Shane Thompson, a ULM graduate student. Di Salvatore is no stranger to Monroe, though the first time he visited was in 1990 when he was touring the U.S. with Merle Haggard in order to write an article for *The New Yorker*.

English Studies Present

The ULM English Studies Society presents literary offerings by ULM talent this month. The first is a poetry reading featuring ULM football player Erroll Hogan, a senior in general studies. He will read his poetry April 25 at 6 p.m. in the Aviation Auditorium. The second event is a presentation by Dr. Janet Haedicke, a ULM professor of English, entitled "Movies, Melting Pots, and Menageries: Tennessee Williams on America." This event will occur Wednesday, April 26 at 1 p.m. in the Administration Building, Room 3-88.

The English Studies Society was created in 1997 by Jo Galle, Ph.D., and J. Eric McNeil as a way to bring ULM English students together to share thoughts about literature and engage in literary events. The club organizes fiction/poetry readings, attends literary festivals, and sponsors and edits chapbooks. Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact: 318-342-1500.

Starbucks comes to ULM

In fall 2006, ULM will welcome the only Starbucks Coffee Company in northeast Louisiana. Of the nationally recognized coffee chain coming to ULM, President James E. Cofer, Sr. said, "We asked ARAMARK to assist us in developing the retail space in the new University Commons. We are pleased that they could attract a quality brand like Starbucks to our campus."

Mike Trevathan, coordinator of auxiliary enterprises at ULM, in cooperation with ARAMARK, surveyed ULM students, asking them what they most wanted to see on ULM's campus. Starbucks was near the top of that list. An excited ULM student, Josh Tolleson, a mass communications senior said, "I think this will generate a tremendous buzz for the ULM campus, as well as the city of Monroe. With all of the additions to campus, this one adds a touch of prestige and a great place to get coffee."

Starbucks, which will sell premium specialty coffees, food and merchandise, will also appeal to the general public, Trevathan said. "It's here for the students, but we also need to recognize that the community is very integral in our momentum as a university," Trevathan said. "Because of the brand recognition, opportunity for future growth and attracting other nationally branded concepts to campus is immeasurable." Starbucks will offer students another great gathering place with large tables and internet access, said Robert Hoag, food services director for ARAMARK at ULM. "It's a good fit and it's in a very good location for students and the city of Monroe," Hoag said. Starbucks will be located in Bayou Commons 2 (on the corner where the Post Office and University Police Station were once located).

School of Visual and Performing Arts Offers Music Delights

The University of Louisiana at Monroe's School of Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) continues to offer the cultural enthusiast opportunities for artistic satisfaction this semester.

- Mel and Melissa Mobley will present a percussion recital as part of the Faculty Artist Concert Series Monday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Biedenharn Recital Hall. Tickets for the general public are \$7 and are free for ULM students, faculty and staff with I.D.
- On Tuesday, April 25, the ULM Jazz Ensemble and Concert Choir will present ³The Stars of Tomorrow - A Night of Jazz and Broadway.² The musical event will occur at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium with a reception following.
- Sandra Lunte will conduct the ULM Flute Choir in a Spring Concert Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Biedenharn Recital Hall. Admission is free.
- On Thursday, April 27, Myron Turner will conduct the ULM Orchestra in a Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Biedenharn Recital Hall. Admission is free.
- Derle Long will conduct the ULM Wind Ensemble in a Spring Concert Friday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. Admission is free.
- *There is No Place Like Home* will be presented 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. Tickets are \$2 for each adult and child.

For more information on any VAPA event, please call: (318) 342-3811 or go to: www.ulm.edu/vapa

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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.

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ATHLETICS

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ULM Women's Golf Earns First Ever Team Title at Bobcat Classic Finish Third at SLC Tournament

Only nine tournaments into its existence, the Louisiana Monroe women's golf team has captured the first team championship in school history after posting a final-round total of 314 and a three-round total of 939, to win the CenturyTel Bobcat Classic at Plum Creek Golf Course.

The Lady Indians finished four strokes ahead of Lamar, who carded a two-day total of 943. McNeese State finished third with a total of 953 and host Texas State finished fourth with a 955. Fellow Southland Conference schools Sam Houston State and Texas-San Antonio finished sixth and 10th, respectively, in the 14-team field.

"I cannot express how proud I am of our girls," assistant coach Stephen Bell said. "Our two freshmen (Angela Drane and Sara Larrison) really came out and played well today, and our three juniors (Marylou Starr, Starla Pittman and V.J. Smith) struggled early but never gave up. This is an amazing feeling to know that we have had a team for less than a year and are already competing at this level. Hopefully, we can carry this over into next week's Southland Conference Championship."

Drane was the top finisher for the Lady Indians after firing a final round 74. The mark helped Drane finish tied for third and proved to be the third lowest round of the day in the tournament field. Her three-round total of 226 placed Drane four strokes behind tournament individual champion, Emily Kvinta of St. Edwards.

The Louisiana Monroe women's golf team concluded its inaugural season by finishing third at the 2006 Southland Conference Women's Golf Championship after carding a final round 324 at the Club of Kingwood yesterday.

The Lady Indians posted three-round score of 967 to finish 31 strokes behind tournament champion, Lamar. Texas State finished second with a three-day total of 957, followed by ULM and McNeese State tied for third. Sam Houston State, Texas-San Antonio and Nicholls State rounded out the standings. The SLC Championship is the final tournament of the season for the first-year Lady Indians. ULM will not return to competitive action until its 2006 Fall Season, when it will compete as a member of the Sun Belt Conference.

Collogan Named SLC Golfer of The Week

Louisiana Monroe sophomore golfer Pat Collogan has been named the Southland Conference Men's Golfer of the Week, following a tie for second-place finish at the Chenal Collegiate.

The honor marks the first time in his career Collogan has been awarded Golfer of the Week. In the Indians last outing, Collogan finished two strokes behind the individual champion, at the Chenal Collegiate following rounds of 75, 70 and 69. His 69 fired in the final round was the low round of the day and tied for the second best in the tournament.

During the spring, Collogan has averaged 73.67 strokes per round and has had 14 of 15 rounds count toward the team score. On the year, he is averaging a team-best 73.12 strokes per round and has counted 30 of 33 rounds toward the team score.

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

ULM Baseball Adds a Pair of Games in Shreveport

The Louisiana Monroe baseball team has announced the addition of games against Southern Arkansas and LSU-Shreveport at Pilot Field in Shreveport, La., on Tuesday, April 18. Due to inclement weather, the Indians have lost seven games during the 2006 campaign. ULM had its second series of the year cancelled against Arkansas State due to snow in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and later lost a home contest against nationally-ranked Missouri, a pair of home SLC games against Texas-Arlington and a game at the ULL Mardi Gras Ball Tournament against Purdue, due to rain.

In addition to the Muleriders and Pilots, the Indians have also scheduled contests against Louisiana College and at Ole Miss to compensate for the games lost. Currently, SAU sports a 24-12 overall record. The Pilots currently have a 26-12 season record, including a 13-5 conference mark. Our Indians currently stand at 7-24.

Soignier Earns Louisiana Sports Writers Honor

Louisiana Monroe freshman shortstop Ben Soignier was named Louisiana Sports Writers Association Hitter of the Week by the state's sports writers last week. The award marks the first time an Indian has been recognized since former ULM standout Matt Green was named LWSA Pitcher of the Week on April 12, 2005.

On the week, Soignier recorded six hits in 12 official at bats, for a batting average of .500. Of his six hits, four were extra-base hits, including three home runs. Four of the base knocks drove in runs, while on the weekend, Soignier drove in nine. He also added four runs scored, three walks and a 1.333 slugging percentage.

In Game 1 of a series at Texas State, Soignier picked up two RBIs with a double, and on Saturday, he hit his first two collegiate home runs while collecting five RBI. He punctuated the weekend with a two-run homer on Sunday.

On the season, Soignier paces ULM with a .347 batting average. He is also the leader in hits with 33, runs with 18 and runs batted in with 19. Soignier has also added six doubles and 12 walks, while swiping eight bases.

Lady Indians Sweep Alcorn State

The Louisiana Monroe softball team ended a six-game losing streak with a doubleheader sweep of Alcorn State today, 6-0 and 8-0. Sammie Dillard and Lindsay Rittenhouse combined for a one-hitter in Game One. Dillard earned her tenth win of the season in her 21st start of the season.

Designated player Megan Miller had two of the Lady Indians seven hits in the game, including her seventh home run of the season in the fifth inning. In Game Two, Rittenhouse combined with Taylor Call for the two-hit shutout. Rittenhouse picked up her fifth win of the season.

ULM is now 22-25 going into this weekend's Southland Conference series with Stephen F. Austin, April 14 and 15. Friday's doubleheader begins at 4 p.m., while Saturday's single game starts at 12 p.m. at Lady Indian Field.

Dillard Named SLC Pitcher of The Week

Louisiana Monroe freshman Sammie Dillard has been named the Aeropostale/Southland Conference Softball Pitcher of the Week for her performances against North Texas and Northwestern State. The Phoenix, Ariz., native made four appearances earning a 3-0 record with a 1.05 ERA. Dillard

threw three complete games, one against North Texas (W, 6-1), and two against Northwestern State, winning 8-0 and 3-2. She gave up only one walk and struck out 13.

Dillard is the second ULM softball player to earn weekly Southland honors. On March 13, third baseman Lindsay Schafer was named Aeropostale/Southland Conference Hitter of the Week.

Lady Indians Beat McNeese State, 4-3

The Louisiana Monroe women's tennis team beat McNeese State 4-3, to improve to 11-5 overall and 6-2 in Southland Conference play. ULM won the doubles point when the No. 1 team of Diana Espinal and Daliny Sithomorada won 9-8 (7-5) to combine with a win at No. 3 by Giovanna Arrondo and Pauline Bourdet, 8-3.

It was an even split in singles play with the Lady Indians winning at No. 2 with Noelia Leon, No. 5 with Arrondo, and No. 6 with Sharon Makhanya. ULM returns to action on Friday, April 14 at 10 a.m. against Lamar. It will be Senior Day for Espinal and Sithimorada.

ULM 4x100 and Aden Win at UTA Invitational

The Louisiana Monroe women's 4x100-meter relay team and distance runner Maya Aden won events on Saturday at the Bobby Lane Arlington Invitational hosted by Texas-Arlington.

Aden won the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:23.98. It is the first time Aden has competed in the event this season. The Lady Indians women's 4x100-meter relay team of Sherita Price, Bola Shoyebi, Dominique McAdoo, and Tiffany Holmes won the event with a time of 45.74. The 4x400-meter team of McAdoo, Shamonica Pickett, Shoyebi, and Price finished third with a time of 3:48.19.

Orlando Early Basketball Camp Announced

Registration is now underway for Coach Orlando Early's 2006 basketball camp for boys between the ages of 6 and 17. A "Player Camp" will be held from June 19th – June 22nd, from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. At the Player Camp, campers will participate in two games daily, against competition of similar ages, abilities, and sizes. Also at the camp players will learn offensive and defensive techniques, reinforcing the fundamentals of basketball.

The price for the Player Camp is \$100 per player. For further information or to request a registration pamphlet, please contact Camp Director Harold Juluke at 342-5404, or via e-mail at juluke@ulm.edu.

ULM Adds Two For 2006-07 Men's Hoops Season

Louisiana Monroe men's basketball coach Orlando Early has announced the signing of Jordan Payne and Jonas Brown to national letters-of-intent to play for the Indians next season.

Payne and Brown become the third and fourth members of the 2006-07 signing class, joining prep star Nathaniel Roche of East Jefferson High School in Metairie, La., and Chipola (Fla.) Junior College standout Gerard Jackson, who signed during the early signing period.

"Jordan Payne is an outstanding addition to our program," Early said. "He is a big-time scorer who can play either guard spot and is a coach on the floor. We feel he gives us an added dimension that we did not have last season and are expecting big things from Jordan next year."

A 6-3, 165 pound guard from Meridian (Miss.) Community College, Payne averaged 25 points per game and five assists per contest en route to earning Mississippi Junior College All-State honors this past season. He helped the Eagles to a 14-11 overall record, while shooting 43 percent from behind the arc and 75 percent from the charity stripe. He was also selected to participate in the Mississippi JUCO All-Star game, which will be held on Friday, April 14, in Philadelphia, Miss.

Prior to joining the Eagles, Payne attended Heidelberg High School in Heidelberg, Miss., where he played for head coach Ted Williams. Payne chose ULM over Sun Belt Conference members Arkansas State, Troy and South Alabama, as well as Colorado State.

"We are excited about addition Jonas Brown to our program," Early said. "He is a very capable scorer who can play multiple positions for us. He helped Angelina College to a great season this past year, so we know that he will work hard to help our team win."

Brown, a 6-3, 180 pound guard, joins the Indians after spending the past two seasons at Angelina College. During his sophomore campaign, Brown averaged 13.9 points per game, a mark which ranked second on the team and tied for 13th in Region XIV, 4.0 rebounds and 2.1 assists and earned second-team All-Region honors. He helped the Roadrunners to a 24-6 record, which was good for second place in the region, only one game behind 2004-05 Junior College National Champions, Paris JC. In the Regional Semifinal contest against Kilgore JC, Brown scored 33 points to lift the 'Runners into the Regional Finals against San Jacinto. For the season, Brown converted a team-high 63 3-pointers, good for 35.2 percent, which ranked 12th in the region.

Prior to joining the Roadrunners, Brown was a high school teammate of current Indian Tony Hooper at Aldine High School in Houston, Texas. Brown chose ULM over SBC members Louisiana-Lafayette and Arkansas-Little Rock, as well as Illinois State.

Additional 2006-07 ULM Men's Basketball Signing Class

NATHANIEL ROCHE, Forward, 6-8, 230, New Orleans, La./Metairie, La. (L.B. Landry HS (three years) and East Jefferson HS (Senior year)): Averaged 17 points per game, 12 rebounds per game as a junior in 2004-05 ... played for the New Orleans Jazz AAU team.

GERARD JACKSON, Forward, 6-5, 240, Gainesville, Fla. (Chipola (Fla.) JC/Eastside HS): Averaged 10 points and six rebounds during sophomore campaign at Chipola Junior College ... helped team to a school-record 33-4 record and a fourth-place finish in the NJCAA National Tournament ... was rated as the Southland Conference's top early signee by respected college recruiting analyst Dave Telep ... was also ranked as the number two junior college forward by the Basketball Times.

Football Updates

➤ ***ULM Football Signs Running Back***

Louisiana Monroe head football coach Charlie Weatherbie has announced the signing of Demetric "Tay" Ogletree late last week to a National Letter of Intent for the 2006-07 season. Ogletree is a 6-0, 193-pound running back/free safety from Forsyth, Ga. Ogletree is wrapping up his senior year at Mary Persons High School in Forsyth. He was a three-year MVP in football and the Most Valuable Runner in track. "We are excited to gain a running back of his caliber," said Weatherbie. Tay will bring great speed to the offense." Ogletree, who goes by the nickname 'Tay' shortened from his middle name Octavious, joins a class of 22 signees for the 2006 season.

➤ ***Maroon Beats White, 65-43, in Spring Game***

Fueled by five interceptions, the defense generated the most offense in Louisiana Monroe's spring football game last Saturday at Malone Stadium. With freshman cornerback Greg James stealing two passes and returning the second one for a 96-yard touchdown late in the game, the defensive Indians--soon to be, Warhawks--won the game over the offense, 65-43. The defense scored its points under an improvised scoring system that awarded 12 points for an interception touchdown, five points for interceptions and fumble recoveries, three points for a sack, blocked field goal and stopping the offensive on fourth down behind the 50 and one points for forcing punts, and forcing a missed field goal.

"I thought our defense played really well," said Coach Charlie Weatherbie after the game. "The interceptions killed our offense although we did do some good things. But again, the defense did well and any championship team I've ever been associated with has a great defense."

The positive things produced by the offensive unit included a 46-yard touchdown run by Errol Hogan, a 50-yard scoring pass from Kinsmon Lancaster to Marty Humphrey, a 31-yard pass from Chance Payne to LaGregory Sapp and field goals of 39, 37 and 37 yards again by Ragan Walters.

But without star running back Calvin Dawson and starting guards Adam Hill and Aaron Schultz--all nursing injuries or recovering from surgery--the ULM offense had no sustained drives and sputtered for much of the day. The offensive frustrations were best illustrated by what happened after the pass from Chance Payne to Sapp. The play carried to the four-yard line but illegal procedure and offside penalties pushed the ball back and Walters eventually missed a 31-yard field goal.

Lancaster, the Shreveport sophomore-to-be who is attempting to fill the biggest empty shoes on the ULM team, those occupied for the past four years by Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year Steven Yyles, completed nine of 22 passes for 116 yards with one TD and two interceptions. He ran for a net of 19 yards on six carries.

Chance Payne, the transfer from Army, was 10-of-17 for 96 yards with no TDs but also no interceptions. Former Neville High star Darrell McNeal was four-for-11 with 42 yards and two interceptions and also played the slot receiver position, catching three balls for 15 yards. Lynard Barbosa was one-of-four for minus two yards and gave up the long interception to James.

E. Hogan was the leading rusher with 52 yards on four carries while McNeal was 6-21. Humphrey was the leading receiver with four catches for 77 yards and the TD while McNeal, Leo Colquitt and Justin Waller had three receptions each.

In addition to the two interceptions by James, the former Carroll High standout, all-Sun Belt cornerback Chaz Williams had one interception for 35 yards, strong safety Josh Thompson had one for 37 yards and free safety Kevin Payne had one for minus two. Another highly regarded local recruit, Sterlington tackle Justin Fulmer, was the leading tackler with four solos and two assists. His stops included two tackles for losses and one sack. Linebackers Harry Bradley (five solos), Josh Alexander (3-1) and Josh Thomas (3-1) and free safety James Truxillo (4 solos) were other leaders.

"We've had great defense all spring," said Weatherbie, "and there is no doubt that the secondary is one of our top strengths with players like Kevin Payne, Josh Thompson, Austin Willis, Chaz Williams, Greg James and Quintez Secka. Our offense didn't show up as well as we wanted today but remember that we have some good people like Dawson and the guards who did not play. Kinsmon Lancaster has some great gifts and talent at quarterback and we have some guys who have the chance to be fine backups. Darrell McNeal is very athletic and we will use him as a receiver and maybe running back this fall as well as at quarterback. Chance Payne is another good quarterback and showed us some leadership this spring."

The 2006 season will get underway on Sept. 2 when ULM hosts Alcorn State.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Between Now and the Next Good News:

- **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. For more information, please contact Dr. Walter Creekmore at ceekmore@ulm.edu or you can visit: <http://www.ulm.edu/symposium>
- **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.

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Through May 4th** - The Bry Art Gallery continues to show the Ninth Annual ULM Student Juried Competition and Exhibition. The Bry Art Gallery is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursdays, and 8 a.m.-noon Fridays when the university is in session.
- **Tuesday, May 9th** - The Office of Recruitment and Admissions at ULM will host a College Readiness Fair for area ninth and tenth-grade high school students and their parents Tuesday, May 9. The event is free of charge and will occur in the University Conference Center on the 7th floor of the library from 5:30 - 7 p.m. For more information on the College Readiness Fair, please contact Amy Robinson at the Office of Recruitment and Admissions at 318-342-5430 or 1-800-372-5127.
- **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 will utilize ULM's campus but will take place primarily at the Monroe airport using CenturyTel's facilities.

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ULM Nursing Students Receive Scholarships

The Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady at St. Francis Medical Center recently awarded scholarships for the spring semester to five nursing students at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. ULM seniors Chelsea Christy of West Monroe, Jennifer Graham of Mangham, Terri Ewing of Chatham and Lisa Cheek of West Monroe, who is also an employee of St. Francis Medical Center, each received a \$750 scholarship to use for educational expenses. Cynthia Adiele-Lampkins of Nigeria, who is living in Monroe and working at St. Francis North Hospital, received a \$1,000 scholarship.

The scholarships are funded with money raised by friends of the sisters in the Monroe community in the mid-1990s. The money was originally raised to erect a sculpture honoring the sisters who have

served at St. Francis since the opening of the hospital in 1913. The funds raised exceeded the amount needed for the sculpture, said Sister Anne Marie Twohig.

The sisters decided to invest the balance and use the interest to provide scholarships for deserving ULM nursing students. The students receiving the scholarships have at least a 2.5 to a 3.0 grade point average and live in the St. Francis service area. The sisters choose the recipients they believe are most deserving from a list of applicants submitted by the ULM School of Nursing.

ULM Foundation Provides Scholarships for Incoming English Majors

The University of Louisiana at Monroe Foundation recently provided \$1,000 to bestow scholarships for first-year students who commit to majoring in English. There will be four \$250 awards, each known officially as a First-Year Scholarship for Incoming English Majors. All potential English majors are encouraged to apply. The application can be found at <http://www.ulm.edu/~english>. The deadline is April 17.

For more information, call the English Department at 318-342-1485.

IMPORTANT HOME PAGE LINKS

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- 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.

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 30th of April.

ULM wishes you and yours a great day and a very **Happy Easter**.

GO WARHAWKS!

ULM will continue to use “Indians” and “Lady Indians” until this sports season ends.

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. 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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