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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.

## **TOP STORY . . . .**

### **EARLY NAMED ULM MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH**

Orlando Early was named as the ULM men's basketball coach at a press conference held April 11<sup>th</sup> on the ULM Campus.

Early, 37, spent the past four seasons as an assistant with the Alabama Crimson Tide. During those four seasons, Alabama advanced to the NCAA Tournament all four years and won the 2002 SEC regular season championship. The Lebanon, VA. native was a four-year letterman for Gardner-Webb College, playing point guard and leading the team to the 1988 NAIA District 26 title. Early graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1990 and took his first collegiate coaching job with his alma mater in 1993. After two seasons at Gardner-Webb, Early took an assistant position at Western Carolina in 1995. He was promoted from assistant to associate head coach for the Catamounts in just his second season. During his tenure, WCU won the 1996 Southern Conference title and advance to the NCAA tournament. In 1998, Early took a position with UNC-Charlotte. The 49ers advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 1999 and 2001 and to the NIT in 2000 with Early on staff. Charlotte also won the Conference USA tournament championship in 1999 and 2001.

Athlon, America's Premier Sports Annuals, ranked Early No. 3 Nationally on its "Top Assistant Coaches" list in its fall 2004-05 basketball issue. Mike Gottfried, Head Coach of Alabama said "Orlando Early is a tremendous teacher of the game. He will get everyone excited about ULM Basketball from the players to the community. He is going to be a star in

our profession." ULM Athletic Director Bobby Staub echoed those sentiments saying "we are very fortunate to have someone of Orlando Early's caliber as our new men's basketball coach. He is the right fit for ULM as we move into the Sun Belt Conference."

On behalf of the entire ULM family, we welcome Orlando Early and his family to the University of Louisiana Monroe.

## **ON CAMPUS**

### ***Ron Berry named Dean of the College of Business Administration***

After completing a National Search, ULM has named Interim Dean Ron Berry as the new Dean of the College of Business Administration. Berry was named as head of the Department of Computer Information Services at ULM in 2000 and served in that capacity until being named interim dean in 2004. Berry holds the Entergy Endowed Professor of Computer Information Systems, has published more than 40 refereed articles, and has served as the founding editor of the Journal of Internet Commerce.

Berry has listed the re-accreditation of the Business School and the recruitment of more business majors as his top priorities.

### ***ULM Professor earns Insurance Person of the Year honor***

Christine Berry, Director of ULM's Insurance Studies program, was named as the Insurance Person of the Year by two industry groups. Berry's award was announced at the annual Insurance Day luncheon held in Monroe where Insurance Commissioner (and ULM Graduate) Robert Wooley was the featured speaker. Berry earned the award because of her advancement of the Insurance Industry. Among her projects: ongoing development of the Insurance Center for Innovation at ULM, which will upgrade the program and could stimulate economic development as a research facility.

Berry holds the State Farm Professorship of Insurance Studies at ULM and is the president-elect of the Northeast Louisiana Chapter of the CPCU.

### ***ULM lands insurance innovation cash***

Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corp's top executive said the company will donate \$30,000 to help develop ULM's Insurance Center for Innovation. ULM offers an insurance degree, but the center will also be a resource for professionals already in the industry. The center will offer distance-learning courses, on line, which will be of a tremendous benefit to insurance professionals. The center will also be a tremendous benefit to

ULM students providing them a greater connection to the industry which should help ULM place them in good jobs when they graduate. ULM President Dr. Jim Cofer said the center “will strengthen our insurance program and the university while expanding our ability to serve our students and the industry.”

### ***TeachNortheast Deadline Extended***

The TeachNortheast program at the University of Louisiana at Monroe has extended its application deadline for aspiring teachers who wish to begin the program in the summer. The new deadline is Friday, April 15, Interested persons can contact <http://www.ulm.edu/teach> or call 318-342-3000 immediately to apply.

TeachNortheast recruits outstanding professionals, interested in teaching special education, elementary education, and secondary education, to participate in the ULM Practitioner Teacher Program (math and science only) or the Master’s Alternative Certification Program while they serve as teachers in local “high needs” schools. The program is looking for recent college graduates and mid-career professionals, from a variety of backgrounds, to bring their experience, knowledge and records of achievement to public schools in northeast Louisiana.

### ***Ballroom Dance Offered Through ULM Continuing Education***

ULM’s Continuing Education presents classes in ballroom dance favorites including the Foxtrot, Cha Cha and Waltz. The classes last one hour on Tuesdays beginning April 5-May 10, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Brown Annex, room 120. The fee is \$80 per couple/six sessions. The instructor of the classes is Sara Sanders, Assistant Professor in the Division of Theatre and Dance.

For more information, call 318-342-1030 or email [sanders@ulm.edu](mailto:sanders@ulm.edu) You can register at the ULM Indian Bank or Division of Continuing Education.

### ***Wind Ensemble in concert at ULM***

The Division of Music at ULM will present the Wind Ensemble in concert Monday evening, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium on the ULM Campus. The Wind Ensemble is conducted by Derle Long, Director of Bands at ULM. Guest conductors for this performance will be two ULM graduate students along with Dr. John Stroube, Assistant Director of Bands at ULM. The program will feature two works by English composer Gustav Holst and there is no admission charge for this performance. For additional information, contact the ULM Band Office at 318-342-1594.

## ***DAMSALS2 NSF Project Hosts Summer Institutes at ULM***

The University of Louisiana at Monroe will host its second of three DAMSALS2 (Delta Agriculture Middle School Applied Life Science) Summer Institutes this summer. The institutes are scheduled for June 6-24, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each day, excluding weekends. This year, the DAMSALS2 NSF (National Science Federation) project is geared for science and social studies teachers in grades 8-10.

Funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation, DAMSALS2 is a three-year ITEST (Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers) project that helps teachers use information technology to support science instruction at the 7th - 12th grade level. It serves the rural school systems of the Mississippi River Delta in northeast Louisiana.

"The project's objectives are to enhance the information technology skills of science teachers and students, increase awareness of the use of information technology in agriculture related sciences, and increase the science content knowledge of teachers and students," said Patty Watts, designer and director of the DAMSALS2 ITEST Project. Participants will learn geospatial field techniques using devices. They will use graphing calculators to collect data, and computers to access and analyze on-line data and present findings. On-site visits, compressed video meetings, and Blackboard discussions will support implementation during the academic year.

Teachers who participate in DAMSALS2 will learn how to employ technology to enhance instruction, use agriculture to teach science concepts and skills and provide students with great opportunities to learn. Participating teachers may be eligible for six hours of graduate level science credit. Also, each participant will receive \$2,000 worth of science-teaching materials and equipment. Stipends will be paid for participation and additional support will be provided for travel.

The new program is set to run for three years. Each year there will be a summer institute for teachers, summer camps for students, and academic year follow-up activities. The participants will be students from the twelve rural school systems in northeast Louisiana. The first year will be for grades 7 and 8, the second year will be for grades 8 and 9, and the third year will be for grades 9 through 12.

For more information and to apply online visit <http://www.ulm.edu/damsals2> . Brochures are available at ULM's Hannah Hall room 112.

## ***Educators coming through for ULM***

As of today, over 50 educators have e-mailed our Director of Recruitment and Retention, Lisa Miller, offering to help ULM in its recruitment efforts. If

you are in the field of education and would like to be a part of the ULM Recruitment Team, e-mail Lisa at [lmiller@ulm.edu](mailto:lmiller@ulm.edu).

### ***Register for Summer and Fall Classes Soon***

Registration for Summer I, Summer II classes at ULM begins on April 18. Registration for the Fall 2005 semester begins on April 19. For more information check out <http://www.ulm.edu/schedule/sumfall05/>.

## **STUDENTS FIRST**

### ***ULM Panhellenic Association Wins Award at Conference***

The University of Louisiana at Monroe's Panhellenic Association attended the Southeastern Panhellenic Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, during March 31 – April 2. The Association members who attended were members of Alpha Omicron Pi, Kappa Delta and Phi Mu. The Association was recognized at the conference with a plaque commending their outstanding program in Panhellenic Relations.

The program that earned the Association this award is the Panhellenic Progressive Dinner, which is hosted in conjunction with a Stocking Stuffer Party for the Salvation Army. The night begins with all of the sorority women arriving at Cospers Hall in badge attire. Each sorority is in charge of a different course of the meal and the women rotate through the sorority wings. At the conclusion of the dinner, the women gather to sing carols and stuff stockings for the Salvation Army. Each woman brings a gift for a boy and a girl to put in the stockings. The program is intended to foster Panhellenic spirit and also give back to the community.

### ***Award winning spirit groups accepting applications***

During the next month, Jennifer Hyde, Coordinator of ULM Spirit Groups, and her staff will be selecting representatives for the Cheerleading squads, the Warbonnets dance team, and Indian Scouts spirit group. Here is a brief summary for each group:

- ***Cheerleaders*** - The 2005-06 ULM Cheerleading program will consist of two squads, Coed and All-Girl. The tryout date is Saturday, April 23, 2005 at 9 a.m. in Brown Gym. A mandatory clinic will be held on Friday, April 22 from 6:30–9:30 p.m., with optional clinics on April 20 and 21 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Applications are due to the Office of Spirit Groups by Wednesday, April 20, 2005.

- *Warbonnets* - The 2005-06 ULM Warbonnets dance team will consist of 40 members who will perform at home football games, men's and women's home basketball games, pep rallies and the Miss ULM Pageant. Tryouts are scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2005 at 9 a.m. in Brown Gymnasium. A mandatory clinic will be held Friday, April 29 from 6-9 p.m. Applicants will learn the tryout dance and fight song at this clinic. Applications are due to the Office of Spirit Groups by Saturday, April 23, 2005.
- *Indian Scouts* - The 2005-06 Indian Scouts will serve as the official university host group. Indians Scouts work a variety of home athletic events, in addition to attending all pep rallies and other spirit functions on campus. Interviews will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2005 in the Student Union Building. Applications are due to the Office of Spirit Groups by Friday, April 29, 2005.

Applications for all three groups are available from the Office of Spirit Groups on the ULM campus. Contact Jennifer Hyde or Jenifer Armstrong, Assistant Coordinator of Spirit Groups at (318) 342-5293 for more information.

## **ATHLETIC UPDATES**

### ***Tribe finishes third in rain shortened ASU Indian Classic***

The University of Louisiana at Monroe golf team shot a 3-over 290 to finish in third place, out of fifteen teams, at the ASU Indian Classic in Jonesboro, Ark. The tournament was shortened to one round after a rain delay took out the first two rounds of competition on Monday.

Sophomore Daniel Keeton, who saw his first action since the fall season, was the top finisher for the Indians. The West Monroe native led the Tribe's charge by shooting a 3-under 69 on the day which tied him for second.

Arkansas State finished just one stroke ahead of the Indians to wrap up second place. ULM got a scare from Rice University as the Owls completed the one round tournament just one stroke behind the Indians.

ULM will be back in action April 25-27 as they look to defend its 2004 conference crown in Kingswood, Texas for the 2005 Southland Conference Golf Tournament.

### ***Updates on current and former Student Athletes \* Softball signings***

- ULM pitcher Matt Green was named as this week's Louisiana Sports Writers Association player of the week. Green, a junior for the

Indians, won his last start against Lamar with a complete game 12 strikeout performance. He surrendered eight hits, two runs (only one was earned), and did not walk a batter for the third time this season. Green now has a league high 90 strikeouts on the season and moved into eighth place on the ULM career strikeout list with 206. His record this season stands at 7-1.

- Rachel Walker qualified for the Mideast Regionals in the women's javelin for the Louisiana-Monroe Men's and Women's Track and Field Team after her performance at the Texas Relays. Walker placed sixth in the finals, with her personal best this season of 167-09. Veronica Karlsson placed second in section B in the women's discuss throw, with a mark of 161-08. ULM will be off until April 16, when they will compete in the Mississippi State Invitational.
- The NFL draft, scheduled for April 23-24<sup>th</sup>, will have a ULM flavor to it if the football experts are correct. Chris Harris, who closed out his football career at ULM last season, enters the draft with solid statistics. Last season he intercepted 7 passes which tied the school record, he ended up tied for first place in the NCAA in interceptions with .64 per game, he ended his ULM career tied for second in all-time interceptions with 14 (second only to ex NFL cornerback Vic Minor), he played in the Hula Bowl, was named the Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week for the October 23<sup>rd</sup> game, he was All-Sun Belt Conference first team in 2003 and 2004, and all-Sun Belt second team in 2002.
- Another ULM great, former quarterback Raymond Philyaw who is the current signal caller for the Chicago Rush of the Arena Football League, has been named Offense Player of the Week for week 11 of the AFL season. His effort last week, 27-35, 264 yards, 6 touchdowns and 1 interception led the Rush (6-4) to a victory over defending AFL champion San Jose. This is Philyaw's second AFL weekly honor.
- ULM Softball Coach Rosemary Holloway, currently in her 21<sup>st</sup> year of leading the Lady Indians Softball Program, has announced three signings for the current recruitment period. Megan Miller, Catcher/First Base from Wichita Kansas, Lindsay Overturf, Infielder from Monroe's Ouachita Parish High School, and Amber Wade, Pitcher, from Edmond, Oklahoma. The Lady Indians softball program is in its 26<sup>th</sup> season. The program is a member of an elite group – the Lady Indians are included in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association's All-Time Top 50 Poll, conducted in 2004.

### ***Final Reminder – Track and Field Reunion***

A reunion is scheduled for former letterman, coaches, AD's, etc., at the final home track meet at ULM on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Some early RSVP's include

World Record holders Don and Dave Styron. The reunion, organized by Ronnie Overby, will become an annual event at the last Track meet held each season at ULM. For additional information, drop Ronnie Overby an e-mail - [ronnie1064@cox.net](mailto:ronnie1064@cox.net)

## **ULM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS**

### ***New Dues Campaign nearing full swing***

As announced in the last edition of ***Good News***, your Alumni Association's new anniversary date dues campaign is in full swing. We are almost caught up with our letters and within the next few weeks, everyone who last paid their dues during the months of January - May should have received their initial letter for this year. To those alumni who last paid their dues during the months of June – December, your letter will arrive approximately two weeks prior to your anniversary month.

We are excited about this new campaign and look forward to setting new records of involvement on behalf of our alumni. Just think what we, as alumni, could do for ULM if just those receiving this newsletter paid their dues this year?

Your continuing support of ULM is greatly appreciated.

### ***The travel season is upon us***

Your alumni association, and tons of local volunteers, is just about finished setting 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>

Between now and the next ***Good News***, we will host the following events:

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Morehouse Parish Crawfish Boil \* **April 28<sup>th</sup>** – Acadiana Chapter Crawfish Boil \* **April 30<sup>th</sup>** – Imperial Calcasieu Chapter crawfish boil  
**May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Greater New Orleans Johnny's Pizza party \* **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Greater Baton Rouge after hours social.

In addition to the above locations, we have events already scheduled for **Dallas/Ft Worth \* Washington, DC \* East/West Carroll Parish \* CenLa \* Raleigh, NC \* Atlanta \* Caddo-Bossier \* Lincoln/Union \***

**Texas Hill Country (Austin, TX area) \* Jackson, MS \* Arkoma \* Nashville** - with an additional 8 more events to schedule (Birmingham, Houston, Richland Parish, Winn Parish, Franklin Parish, West Ouachita, South Arkansas and Chicago! Once we secure the date for the event, you'll receive an e-mail / a save the date post card / a reminder e-mail or two / and then a letter with RSVP information.

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

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.

**GO INDIANS!**

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