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Alumni and Friends:

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

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

### ***ULM Pharmacy School Asks for Additional Funding – CONTACT your legislator in support of this important ULM Program***

The University of Louisiana at Monroe School of Pharmacy was recently placed on Cautionary Notice by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). ULM is the home of the only public school of Pharmacy in Louisiana.

The current situation began in the 1990s when the School of Pharmacy, with the support of the Board of Regents and Board of Supervisors, made the difficult transformation from a BS degree in pharmacy to the more advanced PharmD. The move was required by the ACPE to address the growing complexities of the pharmaceutical industry. No longer are pharmacists just dispensing medication. They are now part of the patient care team and expected to have knowledge in health care finance, drug outcomes and evaluation, disease state management and advanced therapeutics. In addition, pharmacists must keep up with the proliferation of new drugs and the associated complex drug interactions. The problem is further exacerbated by an increased demand for pharmacists.

There has been a rapid expansion of schools of pharmacy around the nation. For example, in 1997 there were 75 schools of pharmacy in the United States. Currently, there are 91 Schools of Pharmacy in operation with several more scheduled to open in the next few years. This market pressure places a premium on the limited number of pharmacy faculty. It forces ULM

to compete with better funded universities, which provide higher salaries, larger operating budgets and better equipped and more modern facilities. As a result, ULM is having a more difficult time hiring and retaining faculty for the School of Pharmacy.

During site visits over recent years, the ACPE has cited the University for its inability to hire and retain pharmacy faculty as well as inadequate facilities support. As a result of these assessments, the School of Pharmacy was given Cautionary Notice in June of 2004. Unless the program can provide evidence of substantial change, the PharmD program may be placed on probationary accreditation status at the January 2006 ACPE Board Meeting.

In order to compete with peer institutions and to meet the ACPE accreditation requirements, the ULM School of Pharmacy must be able to retain and hire competent faculty and administrators. To do this, and to provide them with the travel, equipment and supplies they need, the School of Pharmacy is requesting an additional \$4 million per year. To reach this financial goal, ULM will request \$2 million in extra funds this year, \$3 million next year, and the recurring \$4 million annually starting in 2007. In addition, ULM must provide ACPE with a plan to upgrade the facilities that house the laboratories and classrooms for pharmacy.

ULM currently has a capital outlay proposal for a mix of state and federal funds to construct a \$23 million facility. Recently, ULM President Dr. James E. Cofer, presented an alternative solution to the Board of Regents. The proposal calls for ULM to purchase the building vacated by State Farm on Bienville Street in Monroe to house the School of Pharmacy. According to Cofer the building would be less than half of the original request for a new Health Science Building and inexpensive to retrofit for the ULM pharmacy program. "But," Cofer cautioned, "We must get both the additional funding and the facility to make this work."

Cofer also said, "Our peer institutions are funded at \$12 million annually. With our current funding at \$6 million, we lag behind other schools of pharmacy."

Dr. Lamar Pritchard, the Dean for the College of Health Sciences, is working with Cofer and others to correct this situation. Unfortunately, the annual number of incoming pharmacy students will need to be reduced from 100 to 75 (1998 admission level). The measure also includes increasing the tuition for students enrolled in the pharmacy program.

"Even with the financial problems as serious as they are we still have a 100% passage rate and our students continually score 10% higher than students at peer institutions," said Pritchard.

Further action by ACPE such as probation would further compound the difficulty of recruiting faculty and likely result in the loss of accreditation by ACPE. "This is a situation that we take very seriously," Cofer said.

Let's turn this story into *Good News for ULM* (and for all of Louisiana) – contact your legislator today regarding the need to fully fund this signature program at ULM. I do not want to imagine ULM without a fully accredited School of Pharmacy located in a state-of-the-art facility.

## The Alumni travel season is underway

Your Alumni Association, and tons of local volunteers, is excited about this year's travel schedule. Beginning Thursday night, April 28<sup>th</sup>, we will visit over 25 locations in support of ULM. You can view the Alumni Calendar of events to keep up with all the travel news located at:

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

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

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** – Acadiana (Lafayette area) Chapter Crawfish Boil \* **April 30<sup>th</sup>** – Imperial Calcasieu (Lake Charles) 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 \* **May 7<sup>th</sup>** Day at the Ball Park in Raleigh, NC  
\* **May 14<sup>th</sup>** – Dallas/Ft Worth Chapter Crawfish Boil \* **May 15<sup>th</sup>** – Caddo/Bossier Family day at Cypress Black Bayou Recreation Park.

In addition to the above locations, we have events already scheduled for **Washington, DC** \* **East/West Carroll Parish** \* **CenLa** \* **Atlanta** \* **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.

I hope you'll join us when we're in your area. You can RSVP to any event by calling the ULM Alumni Center at **800-261-0174**.

## ON CAMPUS

### *ULM Professor named ASB President-Elect*

At the 66th annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists

(ASB) in Florence, Ala., Dr. Kim Marie Tolson, professor of biology at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, was selected as "President-Elect." "This is a prestigious honor," said David Roane, head of the biology department at ULM.

Tolson, as well as four ULM students, presented the results of their research. Tolson and graduate student, Michael J. Baranski, showcased a poster displaying an avian phenology study of two wildlife management areas in northeast Louisiana. Tolson and graduate student Amanda D. Carroll discussed the effects of silviculture and hydrological practices on breeding bird communities in northeast Louisiana.

Also at the event, graduate student John David White presented a poster highlighting the distribution and diversity of freshwater gastropods in Bayou Bartholomew, Ark.

Undergraduate student Jennifer M. Wyles and assistant biology professor Kerry Heafner discussed a phylogeographic and taxonomic assessment of *Isoetes butleri* Engelmann (Isoetaceae) in North America.

ASB is comprised of more than 1300 professional members nationwide. For more information, contact Dr. David Roane at (318)-342-1790 or Dr. Tolson at (318)-342-1805.

### ***Division of Music to present free concert***

The Division of Music at the University of Louisiana at Monroe will present the Symphonic Band in concert on Monday evening, May 2, 2005, at 7:30 pm in Brown Auditorium on the ULM campus. The Symphonic Band is conducted by John Stroube. A guest conductor for this performance will be graduate student Bart Harrison. There is no admission charge for this performance.

The performance will begin with Jack Stamp's **Gavorkna Fanfare**, followed by **Procession of Nobles** by Nicolay Rimsky-Korsakov. Third on the concert will be Percy Grainger's **Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon**, composed in 1936. Mr. Harrison will conduct **English Folk Song Suite** by British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. Dr. Stroube will then return to the podium for the conclusion of the concert with Franz von Blon's **Die Wacht am Rhein, Marsch** and **Chorale and Capriccio** by Caesar Giovaninni. For more information, contact Dr. John Stroube at 318-342-1580.

## **STUDENTS FIRST**

### ***ULM Wins Scholarship Award two years in a row***

For the second year in a row, the Miss Louisiana Scholarship Organization recognized the University of Louisiana at Monroe for offering the largest college scholarship to its university pageant winners.

Directors of the 2005 Miss ULM pageant, Amy Weems and Kathleen

Gillan, received the award for this achievement at the Miss Louisiana State meeting earlier this spring. All 30 contestants for the 2005 Miss Louisiana Pageant were in attendance as well as the board members, pageant directors, and production crew for the statewide-televised event. The meeting covered information about operations; production and local pageant directors were recognized for their contribution to the more than \$750,000 in scholarships given to the Miss Louisiana organization every year.

The winner of the university's pageant, Miss ULM 2005 Lori Leggitt, received a tuition scholarship valued at \$3,200, a private on-campus apartment valued at \$7,200, a bookstore award valued at \$600, a meal plan for two semesters (sponsored by the Campus Activities Board) valued at \$850, and a \$4,000 cash award given by the ULM Student Government Association. Other awards given included a \$3,200 tuition scholarship to the 1st runner up, a \$1,600 tuition scholarship to the 2nd runner up, and a \$1,000 tuition scholarship to the 3rd runner up.

Additional awards to other winners equal a grand total of \$23,400; representing the amount ULM awarded its participants in the 2005 Miss ULM Pageant.

"The SGA donated a total of \$6,000 to the 2005 pageant of which \$2,000 was for scholarships and a \$4,000 cash award for wardrobe," said Gillan.

She goes on to say, "Participating in the pageant is a great way for our students to win scholarships for their education. We are proud to be able to offer as much prize money as we do - we hope this will encourage more students to participate in years to come."

### ***Five to represent ULM at Miss Louisiana Pageant***

Of the 30 contestants competing for the title of Miss Louisiana 2005, five of them will not only be representing their local titles, but they will also represent ULM. ULM student Natalie DeMoss is Miss Louisiana Harvest, Lori Leggitt is Miss ULM and Michelle Mayer will be representing the Miss Central Louisiana pageant. Two recent ULM graduates will also be in the pageant, Angela Hillman, Miss Ark-La-Miss Fair and Laurie Payne, Miss City of Roses.

The 2005 Miss Louisiana pageant is scheduled for June 16-18 at the Monroe Civic Center. For more information on sponsorships or tickets for the pageant, contact Mike McMahan (318) 343-1300 or log on to [www.misslouisiana.org](http://www.misslouisiana.org)

### ***ULM recruitment holding steady***

Applications for enrollment at ULM for the Fall 2005 semester, our first under full selective admissions, is holding steady at 20% above last years number at this time. For additional information on how to get a student to ULM, contact **800-372-5127**.

## **ATHLETIC UPDATES**

### ***2005 Summer Sports camp schedule announced***

Brad Holland Baseball Camps – begin June 6<sup>th</sup> – contact Phil Keifenheim at 318-801-0911

Lady Indians Basketball Camps – begin June 6<sup>th</sup> – contact E.J. Ok at 318-342-5409 or Carlos Funches at 318-342-5410

Football Camps – begin July 16<sup>th</sup> – contact Josh Brooks at 318-342-5369

Soccer Camps – begin June 6<sup>th</sup> – contact Coach Stacy Lamb at 318-342-5090

Softball Camps – begin June 13<sup>th</sup> – contact Coach Rosemary Holloway at 318-342-5408

For additional information on any of the above camps, you can also contact the Athletic Department at **318-342-5360**

### ***Individual ULM Power Lifters place at Nationals***

Seven members from the ULM Power Lifting Club competed at the Collegiate National Championship in Baton Rouge held last week. Paula Ramirez, power lifter, club president and coach for the past year, placed second overall in the women's 123-pound class. Ramirez was also named an All-American for a fourth time. Other power lifters that placed include Chealsea King, who placed 5th in the 165-weight class, Larry Rivers, who came in 4th in 165-weight class. Brad Gullota and Jesse Chellete placed 7th in their respective weight classes.

### ***Championship Water Ski Team continues in fine form***

The next stop for the University of Louisiana at Monroe's National Champions Water Ski Team will be at the Louisiana Tech Invitational, a tournament taking place at Olde Oakes Ski Club in Shreveport this weekend from April 30-May 1.

Earlier this month, the water ski team continued their dominant winning streak by sweeping all men's events, winning the majority of the women's and finishing as overall champions at the Baylor Invitational.

Recruited from all over the country and the world, the ski team consists of: Natalia Berdnikova (Belarus), Carly Clifton (USA), Juanita Hernandez (Colombia), Regina Jaquess (USA), Breanne Wagner (Canada), Kate Adriaensen (Belgium), Laura Lammi (Finland), Tyler Collins (USA), Matt Curmi (USA), Kyle Dammann (USA), Thomas DeGasperi (Italy), Ryan Dodd (Canada), Jason Hutchins (USA), Ian Trapp (USA), Aliaksei Zharnasek (Belarus) and Joel Bohlim (USA).

The team will participate in several fall collegiate water ski competitions,

all the while aiming for the ultimate goal—winning their 19th NCWSA National Championship in October.

The team practices almost every day on Bayou Desiard. For a complete schedule, team stats and detailed team history, visit <http://www.ulmwaterskiteam.com>.

A new site is up supporting ULM water ski team alumni – please access: <http://www.ulmwaterskiteam.com/Alumni.htm>.

### ***ULM Track & Field has great day in Mississippi***

Louisiana-Monroe Men's and Women's Track and Field team showed glimpses of greatness, performing well at the Mississippi Open. The women won the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:52.91 and placed second in the 4x100-meter relay, at 47.16. Michelle Crimmins won the women's discus with a personal best of 47.23m in that event. Crimmins also finished second in the shot put with a mark of 13.04m. Brynna Stanley won the javelin throw with a personal best of 40.90m and Victoria Baudoin finished second behind Stanley, at 37.98m. Tisha Brooks finished second in the pole vault with a mark of 3.20m. Lilia Rivera placed third in the shot put with a throw of 13.02m. Adrienne Ford placed fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.33. Shamonica Pickett was fourth in the 400-meter hurdles, at 1:09.51. Amanda Bartlett placed third in the 1500-meter run with a time of 5:05.79.

On the men's side, Josh Faul won the javelin with a personal best of 61.33m in that event. Johan Persson placed second in the discus with a mark of 49.31m. Rani Giladi finished third in the triple jump, at 14.20m. Nate Boudreaux placed third in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 55.76. Matt Brophy finished fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:54.53.

ULM qualifiers will travel to Des Moines, Iowa to compete in the Drake Relays Thursday, April 28. ULM'S men's and women's track and field team will return to action Saturday, April 30 when they host the Indian Classic.

There will be a Track reunion on April 30<sup>th</sup> – for more information about the reunion, contact Ronnie Overby at [ronnie1064@cox.net](mailto:ronnie1064@cox.net)

The impressive performances at the Mississippi Open follow a good showing at the Stephen F. Austin Invitational. At this meet, the women placed second and the men placed fourth.

### ***Lady Indians return to SLC Tournament***

The Louisiana-Monroe women's tennis team ended their regular season 10-9 / 5-5 in the SLC and advanced to the SLC Tournament after missing last year's event. Though the Lady Indians lost their first round match in the tournament, the future looks bright for the program under 1<sup>st</sup> year coach Jill Breslin.

### ***Indian pitcher added to Brooks Wallace Award watch list***

Matt Green, a pitcher for the ULM baseball team, has been added to the "watch list" for the Brooks Wallace Award which will honor the nation's top collegiate baseball player. The award will be given June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Indians drafted / sign with NFL teams***

- ULM Kick returner and receiver Charles Estes has been invited to the NY Giants minicamp. Estes, who finished in the top five all-time for kick returners at ULM, was named first team Sun Belt conference as a kick returner in 2003 before switching last year to a pass receiver. He ranked #1 in the SBC and # 9 in the nation in kickoff runbacks in 2003 and was #1 in punt returns in the conference.
- John Winchester has signed a free agent contract with the Cleveland Browns joining former ULM defensive coordinator Bob Trott who is now an assistant coach in Cleveland.
- ULM cornerback Cash Mouton signed a free agent contract with the Baltimore Ravens.
- Chris "the hit man" Harris" received the draft day phone call everyone dreams about on NFL draft day when the Chicago Bears made him their 6<sup>th</sup> round pick. Harris played free safety for most of his career at ULM where he was tied for most interceptions in the nation last year with seven.

## **IMPORTANT HOME PAGE LINKS**

- Need to update your alumni record?  
<https://www.ulm.edu/webform/alumni/update.html>
- Apply for the ULM Credit Card / Order the official ULM Ring (for the ring, you can also call **800-854-7464**)  
<http://www.ulm.edu/alumni/>
- 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](http://www.ulm.edu)

## **ULM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS**

### ***New Dues Campaign almost at full swing***

The new dues campaign for the ULM Alumni Association is underway. 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?

- 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/>
- **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 15th of May.

**GO INDIANS!**

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