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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 . . . .**

#### *School of Pharmacy / ULM Update*

Thanks! on behalf of your University and your Alumni Association to all who have called or written regarding the Pharmacy program story which we have mentioned in the last two editions of *Good News*.

ULM has presented its case to the appropriate boards in Baton Rouge and as of today, a 2 million dollar increase has been included in the budget for operation of program next year and 8.3 million dollars has been included in the outlay bill to purchase the State Farm building on Bienville Avenue to house the School of Pharmacy. For those who follow the budget / construction process, you realize this can change between now and the end of the session. We still need those phone calls, e-mails, or letters to your local representative (1) thanking them for their support of ULM and the School of Pharmacy and (2) "encouraging" them to make sure we get what they have promised / what we need.

As you know, this is about much more than just the needs of our Pharmacy School (our signature program). We, as alums, need to let our elected officials know how we feel about ULM. An alumni base making those calls and sending those letters will get and keep the attention of those in Baton Rouge we need on our side.

I encourage you, if you haven't already, to drop your local representative a note indicating your desire for their support of ULM.

*Your support is needed and appreciated.*

## ON CAMPUS

### *Build It And They Will Come*

#### > *Student Housing*

*ULM's Village on the Bayou*, the three buildings which are replacing Hudson and Sherrouse Halls, are nearing completion. The building sitting where Hudson Hall once stood will have a test run of occupancy on June 12<sup>th</sup> when the contestants for the Miss Louisiana pageant move in. JPI will begin inside painting and carpeting on the middle building of this complex in the next few weeks with the completion date for this building scheduled in July. The building closest to Schultz Cafeteria will be completed in August.

These three buildings are 1, 2, and 4 bedroom apartments that include a full kitchen with dishwasher, washer and dryer in each unit, high speed internet, cable television, 9 foot ceilings, ceiling fans, full bathroom including a bathtub, and each individual apartment has its own security system.

The building which will replace Olin Hall is now framed and they will begin roofing in the coming week or two. This building will contain private bedrooms that share a full bathroom complete with all the amenities listed above for the apartments (less the kitchen and washer/dryer).

Phase two of this \$50 million dollar project is underway now. Slater Hall, Monroe Hall, and the University Police / Post Office complex are closed and abatement has begun. Once the buildings are abated, demolition will begin (the Post Office / Police Complex has already been torn down and the dozers are on Monroe Hall as you read this letter) followed by the construction two new residence halls. These two buildings will be suites, containing all the same amenities listed above.

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

#### > *Health Care Center*

ULM's new Health Care Center, located next to Ouachita Hall / across the street from Madison Hall, will be completed in July. This building will also house the Counseling Center and will be staffed by ULM's Nurse practitioners and Counselors, Monday through Friday.

#### > *Student Union*

Abatement on the sub renovation, a \$5 million dollar student-funded project, should begin soon. The new SUB will encompass the old sub, the grill or Hardee's or Chick-fil-A area, the Elbow-room or Cass Center to some, and the original SUB building. Once completed, the renovated facility will have a ballroom, and a large conference area on the second floor that will be able to accommodate "movie nights" on campus, new SGA and CAB offices located in the old two story bookstore area, and the campus dining facility will move into the area previously occupied by the bowling alley and games area . . . also included will be a computer lab, lounge areas, meeting rooms for organizations, and a game room. The old Bookstore / Indian Bank complex will be torn down after renovation on the SUB is completed – those two buildings are currently housing all ULM employees who had offices in the SUB.

#### > *5-laning of Desiard Street*

Construction on this project, which will begin back by Sal's Saloon and extend past the Alumni Center, has begun and it is expected to take 600 days to complete. Travel, in and out of ULM this summer, will be a little difficult (we recommend using the 165 N entrance when possible this summer). In addition to the Desiard project, University Drive will also be re-worked this summer by the City of Monroe.

Once completed, ULM will construct stone/brick and wrought iron fences/gates spanning the length of the university along Desiard Street. Once completed, this will be one of the nicest projects we have undertaken.

### > *Soccer Complex*

ULM's new soccer complex, under construction now, will be ready for its first kick this August. The new field is located behind the Student tailgate section by the ULM / City of Monroe Softball Complex. Future plans for the area include lighting and additional facilities.

### *ULM Spring 2005 Graduates Receive Diplomas*

The Spring 2005 commencement saw diplomas awarded to 627 graduates. ULM President James E. Cofer, Sr. conferred degrees and awarded diplomas. Lieutenant General and ULM alumnus Michael W. Wooley delivered the commencement address. The three-star general is Commander of Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) at Hurlburt Field, Florida.

Wooley took the podium and told the graduates right away he felt privileged to be their commencement speaker. He said, "Honor is a word I don't throw around recklessly. I can tell you with all my heart and soul, it is truly an honor to speak to you all today."

He spoke about his experiences in life from ULM to the military, touching on the events of 9-11. He said, "We can't forget...we shouldn't forget. Most of you were freshman that year, starting your first fall semester. In both an instant, and over the last four years, the world changed, and it will continue to change. You may not realize it now, but your education has prepared you for that constant change."

Wooley told the graduates while he had a good time at ULM, he also learned valuable life lessons. "My experience at ULM taught me to prioritize my time and balance my life. By no stretch of the imagination was I 'all work and no play' – as my GPA can attest. Rather, I loved my time here."

He added, "'Work hard, play hard' continues to drive my choices as a military commander, husband, and father of two daughters, and now – grandfather. Priorities, goals, whatever you want to call them – they keep you focused on what is really important, so you're not looking back with regret at the last second."

He told the graduates he knew they were just beginning their journey in life as he did once he graduated from ULM. "Little did I know I'd command 20,000 people and hold a \$6.8 billion dollar annual budget. Just to put that in perspective, if you spent a dollar every second, it would take you 12 days to spend a million dollars; and it would take 32 years to spend a billion."

"When I was your age, I used to think about my parents and all the changes they saw over their lifetime. Now, I'm the guy with all the gray hair...and my daughters ask me what it used to be like way back when. My answer has been the same since I entered the Air Force: technology is great, but people are what continue to amaze me. If you take one thing away from this, I hope it is this: You Manage 'Things'...You Lead 'People'."

The AFSOC in Wooley's command provides Air Force Special Operations Forces and

Combat Search and Rescue for worldwide deployment and assignment to unified combatant commanders. The command has approximately 20,000 personnel, including active-duty Airmen, civilian professionals and AFSOC-gained Reserve and Air National Guard members. AFSOC Airmen are among the world's busiest warriors, with hundreds deployed at all times around the world.

Wooley received his commission from Officer Training School and is a distinguished graduate of undergraduate pilot training at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma. He has commanded the 17th Military Airlift Squadron; the 375th and 86th airlift wings and was Vice Commander of the Air Force Special Operations Command. At U.S. Forces Korea, the general was responsible for formulating strategy and policy for matters pertaining to the Republic of Korea and Northeast Asia. Prior to assuming his current position, he was Commander, 3rd Air Force, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, and England.

ULM had three graduates with a 4.0 grade point average: Susan Clow, a computer information systems major from Monroe; Maria Echenique, an economics major from Argentina, and Damon Christopher Pichoff, a history major from Franklin.

Several honor graduates were recognized during the ceremonies. They are designated as summa cum laude (3.900-4.000), magna cum laude (3.750-3.899) and cum laude (3.500-3.749).

78 Pharm. D's were awarded; 80 received their masters degrees; 4 received the specialist in school psychology degree, and 11 received their doctor of philosophy degrees.

Army ROTC ULM Students Cadet Joseph Trent Herring and Cadet Russell Eugene Varnado were commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army last week.

For this and other ULM News visit [www.ulm.edu](http://www.ulm.edu)

### ***Two ULM Music Instructors to Perform at International Conference***

Two music faculty members from ULM have been honored with invitations to perform at an international convention this summer. David and Marilyn Gibson will be performing with two ULM dance students, Nathaniel Jeane and Jo Anna Vandevere, at the 34th Annual International Double Reed Society Conference (IDRS) in Austin, Texas, June 5.

Marilynn and David Gibson are instructors of the trumpet and bassoon respectively at ULM. Over the years they have pursued increasing the available literature for the combination of the two instruments. Having performed Paul Hindemith's well-known Concerto for Trumpet and Bassoon and Orchestra on several occasions, they now have two more works to add to their repertoire, both written specifically for them. "Shortened Suite" is a non-commissioned, published multi-movement work composed by University of Virginia's Walter Ross and was presented to them as a gift.

They will play a piece entitled; "The Maniac of Gadara; Biblical Sketch #3." It is was a commissioned work written in 2002 by Lake Charles, La., Native, Keith Gates. Included in his compositional output are several operas, orchestral, choral and chamber works and he just recently celebrated the premier of his "Cello Concerto" with the Lake Charles Symphony Orchestra.

The 2005 IDRS Conference at the University of Texas School of Music will showcase a variety of unique programs and special features including concerts, workshops, and master classes. In addition to the extensive exhibits of instruments, accessories, music, and recordings,

the 5-day event will feature some of the world's leading performers on double reed instruments.

## **THE ALUMNI TRAVEL SEASON IS UNDERWAY**

Your Alumni Association, and tons of local volunteers, is excited about this year's travel schedule. We will visit over 25 locations this year in support of ULM with the next stops being in: **Atlanta – Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** followed by the re-start of our **East/West Carroll Chapter** with a dinner in **Oak Grove on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please access the Alumni Calendar of events for more information on this year's travel / event schedule:

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

In addition to the above locations, we have future events scheduled for: **Winn/Jackson Parish Chapter \* CenLa \* Lincoln/Union Parish Chapter \* Texas Hill Country (Austin, TX area) \* Arkoma \* Nashville** - with an additional 7 more events to schedule (Birmingham, Houston, Richland 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**.

## **STUDENTS FIRST**

### ***Important Summer Dates for Students***

June 1 - Summer I classes begin.

June 2-3, 8-9, 15-16, 29-30—PREP Program

July 1 - Final examinations for Summer I session

July 1 - Deadline for submitting all completed ULM **financial aid** application documents to be processed prior to the fall fee payment deadline.

July 6-7 - PREP Program

July 8 - Summer II classes begin.

August 8 - Final examinations for Summer II session

August 13 - Commencement Day.

August 22 - Fall classes begin.

For this and other ULM news online visit [www.ulm.edu](http://www.ulm.edu) While there, check out ULM's on-line calendar for all of ULM's upcoming events.

### ***ULM Summer Orientation Begins This Week***

Over 300 incoming freshman at the University of Louisiana at Monroe will be in Monroe to attend PREP (Preview Registration Environment Program) this Thursday and Friday, June 2-3.

PREP is a two-day freshman orientation designed to introduce the academic, social, and cultural aspects of ULM and to promote a sense of dedication and pride among incoming students.

While at PREP, students will have an opportunity to schedule classes for the fall semester, visit their residence hall, and learn about the wide variety of activities and organizations at ULM. Students will also get the chance to meet in small group settings with a member of the ULM PREP Staff and other students who share similar interests and concerns.

According to Ashley Ellis, PREP Coordinator at ULM, one of the goals for PREP this year is for students to learn about university traditions and school spirit. Ellis said that's why she chose this year's PREP theme to be "ULM....It's Worth It."

"Our goal for PREP 2005 is to instill in our incoming freshmen why the University of Louisiana at Monroe is really "worth it," Ellis said. "I want students to leave PREP with the knowledge and confidence they need to feel empowered to take control of their own college education."

All incoming freshmen are required to attend PREP. Students are encouraged to attend the first session for which they are available in order to register for their desired classes.

The first two PREP sessions are already full but students can register for one of the following remaining sessions: June 15-16; June 29-30; and July 6-7. Reservations for PREP will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Incoming freshman who have not signed up for a PREP session can register online at [www.ulm.edu](http://www.ulm.edu) <<http://www.ulm.edu>> or by calling (318) 342-7315/ 1-800-372-5127 or [PREP@ulm.edu](mailto:prep@ulm.edu) <<mailto:prep@ulm.edu>> .

For more information contact Ashley Ellis at 318-342-5489 or visit <http://www.ulm.edu/prep/>

### ***ULM Students Excel at Student Research Symposium***

The 5th Annual Student Research Symposium, designed to showcase the outstanding research being conducted by both undergraduates as well as graduate students at ULM, was held April 27<sup>th</sup>. Students who are actively pursuing their degrees and who have been officially enrolled in either undergraduate or graduate programs during the 2004-2005 academic years, participated in the event.

A total of 37 students won awards. The categories in which they competed were the Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Education & Human Development, Business Administration, Arts, Communicative Disorders, Pharmacy, Toxicology, and Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences.

## **ATHLETIC UPDATES**

### ***IAF Gears Up For Fundraising Campaign***

The University of Louisiana at Monroe Indian Athletic Foundation (IAF) has just begun their annual membership drive. Unrestricted contributions to the IAF benefit every athlete and every team at ULM through construction and maintenance of athletic facilities, the purchase of supplies and equipment, assistance with recruitment and competition expenses, and through the funding of scholarships.

Scott McDonald, community leader and IAF President, says expenses are going up and more

support is needed. "The ULM Athletic Department's education cost has risen by almost 60% since 2002," he said. "In addition, as all sports make the transition into the Sun Belt Conference, a higher level of competition will require an even greater investment in equipment, facilities and recruitment. Public support is the key to making all of this happen."

The IAF operates within the guidelines of the NCAA in all matters dealing with the ULM Department of Athletics. The IAF was founded in 1956 and later incorporated in 1972.

If you would like to become a member, contact Molly Pealer, Development Assistant for the ULM Indian Athletic Foundation, at (318) 342-5428 or to give online visit <https://www.ulm.edu/giving/Pledge%20form.htm>

### ***Track Reunion Recap***

"It was a resounding success and we got to see many of our old team mates and friends" were the comments from Ronnie Overby who organized the Track reunion held April 30<sup>th</sup> at ULM. "We had approximately 67 people to attend coming from as far away as Florida, Pennsylvania and the Carolinas."

The reunion for next year is already being planned – stay tuned to ***Good News*** for more information.

### ***Early Rounds Out Staff with Juluke***

The University of Louisiana at Monroe has announced the hiring of Harold Juluke to the position of Assistant Basketball Coach. Juluke joins new ULM men's basketball coach Orlando Early's staff, pending the approval of the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors.

"We are really excited to have Harold Juluke join our staff," said Early. "He has strong Louisiana ties. He's young and energetic, and is one of the rising stars in our profession."

Juluke spent the past three seasons as the director of basketball operations/administrative assistant for the men's basketball program at the University of Hartford. In addition to his basketball responsibilities, Juluke served as a resident director in the Office of Residential Life and as a graduate assistant to the director of athletics. He recently graduated from Hartford with his Masters in Business Administration.

Juluke is a 2002 graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University where he was a two-year letterwinner for Billy Kennedy's Lions. He initially played two seasons for Hartford, after graduation from St. Augustine High School in New Orleans.

### ***ULM Golfers Recognized***

The Louisiana All-State Golf Team was recently announced and ULM's Tim Kunick made the first team along with Pat Collagan, who was also named as the male freshman of the Year. Collogan had three top 10 finishes and a 74.4 scoring average as a rookie at ULM.

### ***Athletic Department Engages In Realignment***

In an effort to more strategically position itself in the future, the University of Louisiana at Monroe has announced that it will be adding a varsity women's golf program and discontinuing its swimming and diving program.

Women's golf will be added for the upcoming 2005-06 season. Men's and women's swimming & diving will be discontinued at the conclusion of the 2004-05 academic year. The addition of women's golf gives ULM 16 varsity sports, seven men and nine women.

"We are conducting an ongoing review of the athletics department," stated ULM Director of Athletics Bobby Staub. "From a strategic standpoint, we feel that this better aligns us with other regional Division I institutions. This move will also allow us to earmark additional resources to strengthen our women's programs in the future."

Currently seven of the eight Sun Belt Conference football schools, including ULM, and all of the non-football members sponsor women's golf for a total of 12 teams. Louisiana-Lafayette also has plans to add a women's golf program within the coming years, bringing the number of teams to 13. Of the 11 Southland Conference members, ULM will bring the total count of women's golf programs to six for the 2005-06 season.

Of the eight Sun Belt football schools, only one - Florida Atlantic, has a men's and women's swimming & diving program. Florida International and North Texas have young women's programs. Southland Conference members do not sponsor swimming & diving.

The six men and five women student-athletes affected by the decision will be given their immediate release to continue their academic and athletic pursuits at another institution. Student-athletes, in good standing with the University, will also be given the opportunity to remain at ULM on scholarship for the 2005-06 academic year.

"We are committed to making sure that our student-athletes affected by this decision will have an opportunity to remain on scholarship and graduate," said Staub. "We appreciate their contributions to the institution."

ULM men's golf coach Chris Wilson will add the women's golf program to his responsibilities. The women's golf team will compete in the Southland Conference in 2005-06, before moving into the Sun Belt in 2006-07.

The Lake Oxford Natatorium will stay open for all other activities. To check the schedule of activities at the Natatorium, please visit [www.ulm.edu/natatorium/](http://www.ulm.edu/natatorium/)

### ***Track and Field Athletics Place in SLC Meet – Compete in NCAA Regional Meet***

Senior Veronica Karlsson won the women's discus for the Louisiana-Monroe Men's and Women's Track and Field Team with a throw of 165-07 at the Southland Conference Championships. Michelle Crimmins placed third in the women's discus throw with a mark of 149-10. Adrienne Ford finished third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 54.78. The women's 4x100-meter relay team of Franki Jimmerson, Shamonica Pickett, Adrienne Ford and Tiffany Holmes finished fourth with a time of 46.14.

Throwers Veronica Karlsson (women's discus), Johan Persson (men's discus), Michelle Crimmins (women's discus), and Rachel Walker (women's javelin) competed in the NCAA Mid-east Regional held May 27, in Bloomington, In. **Results from the NCAA Meet:** Johan Persson wrapped up his 2005 season with a seventh place finish in the men's discus \* Rachel Walker finished sixth in the women's javelin with a throw of 153'3" \* Michelle Crimmins finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the women's discus with a throw of 156'2" \* and Veronica Karlsson advanced to the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field National Championship Meet with a throw of 175'8" which tied her for third place at the Regional Meet.

### ***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**

### ***Lady Indians Volleyball Signs Six to NLI***

Louisiana-Monroe women's volleyball coach Mark Pryor has announced the first members of his 2005 Signing Class. Pryor was hired in February to take over the ULM volleyball program.

"This group of young women addresses many of the needs that we have targeted since my arrival," said Pryor. "We will be more athletic, attacking the ball higher, faster defensively, and more versatile in our attacking options. Each member of this class will have the opportunity to come in and compete for playing time the moment they arrive on campus."

The Lady Indians volleyball program is going into its 24th season.

### ***GREEN NAMED SOUTHLAND PITCHER OF THE YEAR \* Bennett and Raymond also receive All-Southland honors***

Louisiana-Monroe's Matt Green has been named the 2005 Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year. Green also was named to the All-Southland Conference first team. Junior outfielder James Bennett was named to the second team, and senior first baseman Daniel Raymond received honorable mention.

Green, expected to be a top round pick in the 2005 MLB Draft in June, was 10-2 for the Indians in 2005. The junior from Monroe, La. recorded a 2.65 ERA and 141 strikeouts in 17 appearances. He even recorded a save in his only relief appearance of the season against Louisiana Tech on April 26. He recorded a career-high 12 strikeouts four times during the season - against Arkansas State, Northwestern State, and Lamar, and at Texas-Arlington. Green's 10 wins and 141 season strikeouts, along with his 257 career strikeouts, place him among the top five in ULM history. He is currently ranked sixth in the nation in strikeouts per nine innings.

Bennett was the top hitter for the Indians this season, hitting .333 in 55 games. The junior college transfer from Humble, Texas was the only player to start every game for ULM in 2005. He led the team in runs scored (49), hits (70), triples (7), home runs (13), RBI (45), total bases (130), and slugging percentage (.619). He was also walked more than any other Indian this season - 36 times. He led the Southland Conference in triples with seven. Bennett recorded 23 multi-hit and 14 multi-RBI games.

Raymond, a 2005 co-captain, finished the season with a .306 batting average and led the team in hit by pitch with 13.

## 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 In Full Swing*

We have caught up on all our letters and are happy to announce that the new dues campaign for the ULM Alumni Association is current. A letter to every alumnus who last paid their dues in the months of January – June, and to those who have not at this point joined the Alumni Association, are in the mail. To those alumni who last paid their dues during the months of July – 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)
- If you're a teacher, coach, educator and or you're just interested in helping ULM with its recruitment efforts at your school or in your area, please e-mail Mary Schmeer at [schmeer@ulm.edu](mailto:schmeer@ulm.edu) – your assistance could be the difference in a student attending our university.

**HOME COMING 2005 – OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> vs. Troy State – KICKOFF 6:00 P.M.**

**MORE TO COME ON THIS EXCITING WEEKEND**

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 June.

ULM wishes you and yours a great day.

***GO INDIANS!***

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