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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, again, 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 the 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 (*this years session ends June 23rd*). 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 ULM’s needs stay in the budget.

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 – More Construction News!

> *New 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 had its first tenants (the Miss Louisiana contestants) move in June 14th and the apartments received glowing reviews. The one and two-bedroom apartments are already sold out for the Fall with the 4-bedroom units currently standing at 50% occupancy. The building which will replace Olin Hall is ahead of schedule * the post office and Monroe Hall have been demolished * abatement is continuing on Slater Hall with demolition to follow immediately thereafter.

> *Residence Hall Update*

Ouachita Hall is undergoing its second major renovation in a year and when the Hall opens this fall, it will be totally renovated. Last summer, Ouachita got new furnishings, windows, individually controlled ac/heating units, lighting, and high speed internet. This summer, the Hall will have all the bathrooms renovated.

Madison Hall is also undergoing its second major renovation in less than a year. Last summer Madison received new furnishings, electrical upgrades, and high speed internet. This summer the Hall is receiving new doors, windows, individually controlled ac/heating units, and bathroom upgrades.

> *Student Union*

Abatement on the SUB renovation, a \$5 million dollar student-funded project, started last week and should be completed in the next few weeks with construction to follow shortly thereafter.

> *Desiard Street Project*

We would like to again remind our alumni and friends to try and utilize the 165N entrance to ULM this summer due to the 5-laning of Desiard street.

Check out <http://www.ulmreslife.com>, or 318-342-5240 to find out more about ULM's Village on the Bayou. You can also view photographs of all the construction projects at ULM by going to: <http://www.ulm.edu/reclaim/>

U.S. Marine Forces Reserve Band to Play July 4th Concert at ULM

The United States Marine Forces Reserve Band - New Orleans will present a concert, free of charge and open to the public, Monday, July 4, at 2 p.m. in Fant-Ewing Coliseum on the campus of the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Families are welcome to come celebrate the 4th of July before and after the concert in the Grove area South of Malone Stadium with several activities for kids of all ages.

The band is comprised of fifty enlisted Marines. The program will be selected from the Band's varied repertoire, to include familiar marches, traditional classics, patriotic favorites, New Orleans jazz, and popular contemporary music.

The United States Marine Forces Reserve Band - New Orleans was established October 1, 1978. Under the operational control of Marine Forces Reserve, the unit is comprised of active

duty Marines stationed at the Naval Support Activity Base in New Orleans, La.

Each year the musicians of the Band travel throughout the entire United States, performing more than 250 concerts, parades and ceremonies, entertaining over 6,000,000 people. The Band is composed of a Ceremonial and Concert Band, Jazz Combo, and Brass and Woodwind Quintets. The Band supports all units of the Fourth Marine Aircraft Wing, Fourth Marine Division, Force Service Support Group, and Marine Corps Reserve Support Command. Additionally, these Marines are often called upon to provide musical entertainment in support of the Marine Corps Recruiting and Community Relations programs. With an authorized strength of 50 active duty Marines, the Band has performed at many recognized civilian events, including the Texas State Fair, the Fiesta Days Celebration in San Antonio, Texas, Flag Day Celebrations in Troy, New York, and the Fourth of July Celebration under the arch in St. Louis, Missouri. The Band also performs annually in New Orleans Mardi Gras balls and parades.

For this and other ULM news online visit www.ulm.edu and while there, check out ULM's on-line calendar for all of ULM's upcoming events.

College of Education and Human Development Receives Accolades for Redesign of Teacher Preparation Program

ULM Only School to be Approved with Flying Colors

As part of the high-stakes redesign of teacher preparation programs started in 2000, 20 colleges and universities across the state, including the University of Louisiana at Monroe, were required to redesign all teacher preparation programs. The redesigned programs are submitted to a team of external evaluators selected by the Louisiana Board of Regents. These evaluation teams review each program and recommend that a program is either fully approved as submitted, approved only if specified changes are made, or not approved at all.

ULM recently received an exceptional review—all redesigned graduate teacher preparation programs submitted in this cycle were fully approved with no stipulations. ULM is the *only* university or college whose redesigned programs were approved with flying colors, i.e., with no stipulations.

Dean of the College of Education and Human Development at ULM, Dr. Luke Thomas, said, “We could not be more pleased. We worked tirelessly and all faculty and staff in the College of Education and Human Development along with colleagues from the College of Arts and Sciences is to be commended for their service and dedication to teacher education and to this university.”

Included in the review for initial teacher preparation are M.A.T. degree programs in Art Education, Foreign Language, Health and Physical Education, and Music Education; advanced teacher preparation programs include the M.Ed. degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a major in either Early Childhood, Elementary Education, Instructional Technology Facilitator, Middle School, Reading, or Secondary Education, and M.Ed. degrees in Educational Leadership or Educational Technology Leadership. Among program strengths cited by reviewers are strong alignment with professional standards, conceptual framework, and assessment strategies; well-established processes and structure; and incorporation of portfolio procedures consistent with requirements for National Board Certification.

ULM officials are pleased with the results and so is Sally Clausen, President of the

University of Louisiana System.

In a letter to ULM President James Cofer, Clausen said, "Upon review of the recent statewide external evaluation results for our education programs, it was quite amazing to see that there was essentially only one institution that received a complete clean bill of health without any stipulations for its programs submitted - The University of Louisiana at Monroe!" Clausen also stated the national reviewers recommended a special commendation to be given to ULM for its Educational Leadership program.

"This is a great example of the dedication that higher education has to ensuring that high quality programs exist for teachers and leaders to ultimately impact the learning of students in our Louisiana classrooms," said Clausen.

Dr. Phyllis Sanders, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction and PK-16 Coordinator at ULM, said, "It speaks volumes about us. It is a very intense process and it takes a lot of collaboration and hard work. We basically got a slam dunk."

Dean Thomas is enthusiastic about the completed work, but says there is more to do. "We still have to redesign our graduate special education programs for advanced candidates, so we cannot rest yet."

The College of Education and Human Development at ULM offers opportunities for career and professional advancement in an environment conducive for growth and development fostered by a faculty and staff committed to the highest standards of excellence. The College is comprised of four departments, all offering programs that prepare professionals for service in P-12 schools. Including the redesigned programs, ULM's CEHD offers a total of 28 programs (18 undergraduate and 10 graduate degree programs) for initial teacher preparation as well as 14 graduate programs with specialization in 25 areas for advanced teacher preparation. In addition, other programs and options are offered in Psychology, Kinesiology, Substance Abuse Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, Community Counseling, and Exercise Science.

Four Programs Enter the College of Business Administration

The ULM College of Business Administration, CBA, will soon become the new home to four programs. Aviation, Construction, Computer Science, and Interior Design are all moving from the College of Arts and Sciences to the CBA.

Dean of the CBA at ULM, Dr. Ron Berry said, "We are excited about the programs joining the college. The aviation and construction programs are closely related to business. Their graduates are professionals who can manage airports and construction projects. Interior design is also a great fit with construction, and moving computer science into the college will centralize the two computer-related academic programs on campus in the College. While CIS and Computer Science are very different and serve different needs, we are hopeful that housing the two together will lead to improvements in both programs."

In addition to this change, the entire CBA is planning to move into the Airway Sciences building, which currently houses the Department of Aviation. ULM Officials have already met with an architect to talk about modifications to develop a dean's office and additional faculty offices. The plan is to complete renovations this fall so the CBA can begin the Spring 2006 semester in the new building.

Currently the CBA is comprised of the Department of Accounting, the Department of Economics and Finance, the Department of Computer Information Systems, and the Department of Management and Marketing all housed on the third floor of the Administration Building .

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: **Nashville** – June 22nd – this will be our first event in yet another new Alumni Chapter * **Arkoma (Tulsa, OK)** – June 24th – this will be the first event held there in many years * **Texas Hill Country (Austin, TX)** – June 26th. 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** * and **Birmingham** with an additional 6 more events to schedule (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**.

Have you mailed your Alumni Dues check yet?

STUDENTS FIRST

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.

ULM Students Study Abroad for the Summer

Parlez-vous français?

Well, it helps, especially if you're a University of Louisiana at Monroe French major readying to study abroad for the summer.

On July 6, Lisa Peterson, from Monroe, will join the Summer Immersion Program at Université Sainte-Anne in Church Point, Nova Scotia. For five weeks, she will experience total French immersion. No English speech is allowed anywhere on campus (except for the occasional

call home).

“I do speak a decent amount of French, but I’m definitely far from fluent,” Peterson said, who also has a concentration in global studies. “I am hoping, however that after five weeks of nothing but French that I will be. This will obviously be a huge help with my major. Also, learning about the cultures of the people of French Canada will be a big help in the global studies aspect.”

Peterson’s specific program will have her living in a dorm on the campus there and going to classes in the morning. Students in the program can take part in extra activities like whale watching. Peterson’s French studies began at Neville High School in Monroe under Valerie Matejowsky, who now teaches at ULM. So far, Peterson has completed fifteen hours of French at ULM.

“We have great French teachers here, and I’ve learned a lot from them,” Peterson said. “They’ve been a big help to me both in the classroom and outside of it. Thanks to all this, I feel pretty well-prepared for my semester abroad. I’m definitely excited that I’ll be visiting such a beautiful place, especially one right on the ocean.” Peterson plans to return on August 3.

Three other ULM French students have earned opportunities to study abroad this summer. French minors Francesca Clark, from Eunice, and Brandon McQuillin, from Calhoun, will also participate in the same immersion program with Peterson. Kristina Lang, a French major from Houston, Texas, received a scholarship from CODOFIL (Council for the Development of French in Louisiana) to take courses on language and culture at the Université de Mons in Belgium this July. The scholarship covers tuition, room and board for the month-long program.

“These students are taking the ultimate step in their study of the language—they’re going to learn, eat, play, dream, live and breathe in French,” Dr. Chris Michaelides, associate professor of French and president of the CODOFIL Consortium, said. “It’s something that takes courage, especially at the beginning, but that can also be a lot of fun and, for many students, a truly life-changing experience. And when they return to ULM in the fall, we’ll have them share their experiences with students here, so that others will be encouraged to take advantage of these kinds of opportunities.”

New Information Display System Now Available

ULM has introduced a new system, AxisTV, which will increase communication with our student body. This new web-based display system will show messages on 13 strategically-placed flat screen plasma monitors throughout campus. These messages can contain plain text and picture backgrounds plus audio and video.

Communicating effectively with students is an ongoing challenge at any university, but ULM officials feel this new system is a step in the right direction. “We have e-mail, we have meetings, we have even had other electronic systems, but we feel that AxisTV will help us reach the students in a new way,” said Amy Weems, interim assistant dean of Student Life and Leadership at ULM .

Only a handful of the plasma screens are ready for use right now, but all screens will be ready by the Fall 2005 semester. Messages will be displayed on the 50" monitors in the Administration Building (foyer), Sugar Hall (1st floor student lounge), Nursing Building (next to elevator), Chemistry and Natural Science Building (between rooms 100-101), two in the WigWam, Sandal Hall (bookstore facing checkout), Recruitment and Admissions, ULM Library (in the main lobby), Strauss (in south stairwell), two in Schulze Cafeteria, and one in the ULM Activity Center.

ULM has used other electronic systems in the past, but this one is different. "This system enables us to have several content managers as opposed to one, which allows for much more volume and variety in what is posted," said Adam Taylor, video and wireless network technician in the ULM Computing Center .

Taylor, who initially implemented the system, says the audience can also be specifically targeted by the multi-displays. "For example, the displays in the cafeteria areas can show menus for the day, while the monitor in the activity center can show group exercise schedules. Displays in academic buildings can show group meetings whereas all displays will show general ULM information such as holiday closings, finals test days and other messages targeted to all students."

"The system allows this university to be on the cutting edge," said Dr. Nick Bruno, vice president for Business Affairs at ULM. "One of the biggest concerns we have at ULM is how to continue to put our students first and I think this is a great way. These monitors are displayed in very visible places throughout the campus and all students should have a good idea of the events happening at ULM ," Dr. Bruno said.

"One of the best aspects of this new messaging system is how it was purchased," Weems said. "Students funded this system through STAP (Student Technology Access Plan) funds and it is my understanding that 13 more monitors will be purchased by the students next year. This really shows that the students are supporting communication on this campus and we are always proud of that."

AxisTV visual messages can be simple and elegant or visually complex based on selected options and creative resources. ULM also has the ability to include MPEG video, audio, composite images, still graphics, data feeds, text crawls and links to dynamic images on the web or local area networks.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

Outback Classic Registration Underway

Registration is underway for the 2005 ULM Outback Golf Classic, July 8-9. The fun-filled weekend of great food and great golf is the annual fundraiser for the Louisiana-Monroe golf program. Cost for a 4-person team for the weekend is \$700 or \$175 per person.

Festivities begin on Friday night, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. with the annual dinner and auction in Fant-Ewing Coliseum on the ULM Campus. This special dinner has grown into the social event of the year for ULM athletics and will be catered by title sponsor Outback Steakhouse. There will be a wide range of auction items available for bid from oil changes to condominium packages, from gas cards to special trips for the outdoorsman. Also available at auction will be autographed sports memorabilia and other special items.

The weekend continues on Saturday, July 9 with a four-person scramble golf tournament at Calvert Crossing Golf Club in West Monroe. Shotgun starts will begin at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Pairings for the tournament will be announced at Friday night's dinner and auction.

Teams will be flighted according to score with prizes for the first, second and third place teams in each flight. During the tournament there will be prizes for the closest drive to the hole on par threes and for the longest drive. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. Hole sponsors Waterfront Grill and McAlister's Deli return with their signature treats available at their

respective holes.

Refreshments on Friday and Saturday will be provided courtesy of Marsala Beverage and the Ouachita Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

For those interested only in the dinner and auction, the cost is \$75 per couple.

Tournament information is available at all local Monroe and West Monroe golf courses. Information is also available through the Indian Athletic Foundation - 318-342-5428 - or the ULM Golf Office - 318-342-3569.

2005 Summer Sports camp schedule reminder

Football Camps – begin July 16th – contact Josh Brooks at 318-342-5369

Basketball (Men’s) – registration is underway now – contact Camp Director Harold Juluke at 318-342-5404

The Camp will be held June -30.

New - The Louisiana-Monroe women's basketball program has added another camp to the summer schedule. ULM head coach Mona Martin and her staff will hold the 2005 Lady Indian Elite Basketball Camp from June 30 through July 2. The Elite Camp is for young women in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, or ages 16-18. The cost for the camp is \$175, including a \$75 deposit. For more information about the Lady Indian Elite Basketball Camp, contact E.J. Ok at 318-342-5409.

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

Early Adds Another Recruit

Louisiana-Monroe men's basketball coach Orlando Early has announced that Dalky Melendez has signed a letter of intent to attend ULM in 2005-06. Melendez is Early's fourth signing since taking over the Indians program in April. His father played professionally in the Dominican Republic. Melendez is a 6' 8", 200 lb. forward from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He attended Florida Preparatory Academy in Lake Suzy, Fla. He averaged 17.7 points and 14.3 rebounds per game as Florida Prep was 23-9 and the 1A state runner-up in Florida. In addition, he shot 58 percent from the field and 85 percent from the free throw line. In three seasons at Florida Prep, Melendez's teams were a combined 75-19.

"Dalky is a very skilled, athletic forward who will fit well in our style of play," said Early. "He is a high energy player who we are looking forward to watching progress as a person and a player over his career at ULM."

2005-06 ULM Men's Basketball Signing Class

Name	Pos	Ht	Hometown
David Garrison	F	6-7	New Orleans, La.
Tony Hooper	G	5-11	Houston, Texas
Wesley Johnson	G	6-7	Corsicana, Texas *
Dalky Melendez	F	6-8	Santo Domingo, D.R. *
Drew Meyerchick	G	6-1	Varnado, La. *

James Perkins G 6-3 New Orleans, La.
Brandon Roberts G 6-0 Van, Texas *

*Early signees - November 2004

Former Indians named to Minor League All-Star Teams

Two former Louisiana-Monroe baseball players have been named to their respective Minor League Baseball All-Star teams. Monroe native Ben Jones has been named to the South Atlantic League All-Stars South Division team as the starting designated hitter. Jones, a two-time all-Southland Conference first baseman for the Indians, currently plays for the Charleston RiverDogs, a Single-A affiliate of the New York Yankees. Jones has played in 57 games so far this season and is batting .295 with seven home runs and 44 RBI. The RiverDogs are currently in first place in the SAL Southern Division.

The South Atlantic League All-Star game will take place on Tuesday, June 28 at Lake Olmstead Stadium in Augusta, Ga.

Former Indian Jim Miller was named to the California League All-Star team. Miller was a relief pitcher for ULM in 2003 and 2004. He plays for the Modesto Nuts, a Single-A Advanced affiliate of the Oakland A's. Miller is currently second in the California League with 14 saves in 26.1 innings of work for the Nuts.

The California League All-Stars will face the Carolina League All-Stars on Tuesday, June 28 at Harry Grove Stadium in Frederick, Maryland.

Matt Green drafted in Second Round

Louisiana-Monroe pitcher Matt Green was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks as the 49th pick overall, first pick in the Second Round of the 2005 MLB First-Year Player Draft. Green is the earliest Indian to be taken in the draft since current Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Ben Sheets was the 10th overall pick in 1999.

The Monroe, La. native was recently named to the Louisville Slugger All-America third team for his performance during the 2005 season. Green, who would have been a senior in 2006, was 10-2 with a 2.56 ERA and 141 strikeouts this season for ULM. His skills also earned him the 2005 Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year award.

Karlsson and Walker finish up at NCAA Nationals

The 2004-05 athletics season at Louisiana-Monroe officially came to an end on June 8 at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Sacramento, Calif. ULM's two national competitors, Veronica Karlsson and Rachel Walker, wrapped up the season in the qualifying rounds of the women's discus and javelin. Karlsson finished 20th in the women's discus with a throw of 156' 5" while Walker finished 23rd in the javelin with a distance of 143' 2".

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

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 – July, 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 August – 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
- **GOOD NEWS COUNT ADJUSTMENT**
We have adjusted the count (located at the conclusion of each *Good News* letter) to a new total due to a software upgrade which will better monitor those e-mail addresses which bounce. When an e-mail sent to the address we have for you bounces 3 times, that address will be deleted from the *Good News* list service and from your record. We will then mail a card to you asking you to contact us with an updated address. Even if your address hasn't changed (we realize from time to time we will receive a bounce notice on a "good" address) we ask that you still reply so we can continue to keep our records current. Thanks for your continuing support of this service and of ULM.
- 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 – your assistance could be the difference in a student attending our university.

HOMECOMING 2005 – OCTOBER 15TH vs. Troy State

Join fellow Alumni & Friends for a great weekend of events including:

Friday, October 14th – Homecoming Parade * Men’s and Women’s basketball practice tip-off
* Pep Rally & Bon Fire after the basketball practice

Saturday, October 15th – 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. – Homecoming Awards brunch at the Alumni Center – (Golden Arrow / Chapter of the Year / Service Award winner / meet the ULM Homecoming Court) *
tailgating in the grove begins at 1:00 * game time is 6:00

MORE TO COME!

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 June.

ULM wishes you and yours a great day.

GO INDIANS!

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**.

12,500 Alumni & Friends received this ***Good News*** e-mail.