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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 Increases in Student Satisfaction for the Third Consecutive Year

Results from the 2005 ACT Satisfaction Survey are in and again, the University of Louisiana at Monroe has increased in student satisfaction.

The university's "Overall Satisfaction Rating" has improved again this year to **3.88**. The Louisiana Norm is 3.83; the Public College Norm is 3.93; and the National Norm is 3.95. In 2002, ULM's rating was **3.26**, in 2003 **3.6**, and last year was **3.79**.

ULM President Dr. James E. Cofer, Sr., is pleased with this year's numbers. "This is the third year in a row that we've seen an increase in student satisfaction. Our mission to become a preeminent student-centered institution is working and this report indicates that." "We are very pleased that the students are becoming more and more satisfied with our programs and services," said Cofer.

One indicator of the increased satisfaction in ULM by students is the increased demand for PREP. All regularly scheduled PREP sessions this summer (5) were successful. In fact, the demand was so high that ULM has scheduled an additional session this summer on July 26th before the annual "late PREP" set for August 18-19.

There is also a non-traditional student PREP, ULM TNT, for Transfer and Non-Traditional Students, set for July 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Airway Sciences Auditorium.

Cofer adds that ULM's ability to appeal to all students goes a long way in building student confidence and satisfaction with the university. "We want everyone to feel they are welcome at our university. That is why everything we do is centered around students from our orientation programs to our campus renovations," Cofer said.

To view and print the entire ACT Student Satisfaction report, go to:

<http://www.ulm.edu/upa/> and click on the link to the left that reads, “2005 ACT Student Satisfaction Survey.”

ON CAMPUS

Farm and Field Tour to be Hosted by ULM Farm Operations

The University of Louisiana at Monroe Farm Operations will host a Farm and Field Tour and open house on Thursday, July 21 at the ULM Johnson Farm located on Highway 80 east. The event will include tours of the row-crop operations, the cattle operations, and the equine operations.

Some of the row crops planted at the ULM Farm include grain sorghum, soybeans, and corn. The cattle operations, which are located on the ULM Johnson Farm, include a Purebred Angus herd and commercial cow/calf herd. The equine operations are located on the Layton Farm and includes a Thoroughbred broodmare herd and Stud Farm.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Agriculture Mechanization Shop followed by a brief program at 9 a.m. Tours of the farm operations will follow. Parking is available at the Agriculture Mechanization Shop. Anyone wishing to take the farm tour is welcome to ride a tractor/trailer that will be available. Buses will also be available to shuttle people between the sites. Several agricultural companies will have displays and representatives available to discuss their product. These companies will also host the lunch slated for 12 noon. For more information call Herman Slade, Director of Farm Operations at 343-8617.

Faculty Excellence

➤ ULM Professor Receives Fellowship in Poetry

Dr. Claudia Grinnell, director of the English Writing Center and assistant professor at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, recently received a Louisiana Division of the Arts Fellowship in Poetry. Grinnell’s work is receiving recognition as being among the state’s best work in poetry. The fellowship comes with a five thousand dollar award. Grinnell submitted twenty-five poems to apply for this fellowship. Receiving this award means a lot to the professor. “I am so thrilled. It is a great honor and a boost spiritually,” Grinnell said. The Louisiana Division of the Arts Website states: “Artist Fellowships are cash awards in recognition of artistic excellence. They recognize and award the artistic achievements of Louisiana’s exceptional individual artists. Fellowship awards are made through a highly competitive process, and are based primarily on artistic excellence. It is the intent of the Division of the Arts to acknowledge distinguished fellows of the highest artistic caliber in each discipline of the arts.” Grinnell is very active at ULM as the assistant editor of “turnrow,” a literary journal, and as web mistress for the magazine. She is also active online with “QED Poetry Journal” and is a published author. Her books include “Conditions Horizontal,” and “The Hayflick Limit.” Grinnell is currently working on her third book that has a working title of “Off Course.” Some of Grinnell’s other honors include Instructor of the Year (2003) in the Department of English; Finalist, Ann Stanford Poetry Competition (2003); and winner of the Southern Women Writers Emerging Poets Award in 2000. She has her masters in English from ULM and her Ed.D. from Grambling Sate University.

➤ *Two ULM Faculty Members to Perform at Conference in Japan*

The International Clarinet Association's "ClarinetFest 2005," is an international conference which takes place over-seas every other year and in the U.S. on alternate years. This year it will be in Tokyo, Japan from July 18-26. Two ULM Faculty members, Dr. William Nichols and Dr. Richard Seiler, Jr., were invited to perform two complete works for clarinet and piano by American composers (Elliott Carter and Robert Muczynski) on the opening concert of the conference. There will be clarinetists and assisting musicians from over the world performing, teaching master classes and giving lectures at this event, as well as competitions for young artists. William Nichols is a professor of music at ULM and is the past holder of the Emy-Lou Biedenharn Endowed Professorship in the Division of Music. He is an active performer who has played throughout the U.S. and in Europe. He is the principal clarinetist of the Arkansas Symphony and is a member of the Shreveport Symphony. A career in contemporary music has led to premiere performances of dozens of works with such ensembles as the Syracuse Society for New Music, the Aspen Conference of Contemporary Music, and the Center for New Music of the University of Iowa. He has appeared at Carnegie Recital Hall and as a soloist and chamber music performer at conferences throughout the U.S., including clarinet conferences in New Orleans and Oklahoma. He presented a lecture for the ClarinetFest 2002 in Stockholm, Sweden. In August, he will serve on the faculty of the International Wind Arts Festival in Yantai, China (Aug. 8-14), where he will present master classes for clarinet students from some half dozen Chinese conservatories, and will also play a solo recital. Richard Seiler is the ULM keyboard chair and teaches piano, piano literature, organ, harpsichord, and music theory. He has performed extensively as a soloist, accompanist, and chamber musician throughout the southeastern United States. In addition, he has been a featured soloist with orchestras in North Carolina, Illinois, and Louisiana, including the LSU Symphony in a performance of the Prokofiev Third Piano Concerto. Dr. Seiler tours frequently with ULM faculty ensembles including the Ouachita Trio, Trio Vindaloo, the Lunte/Seiler Duo, and Duo D'Arbonne, having performed at numerous College Music Society–Southern chapter conferences, International Horn Society–Southeast Division workshops, the 1999 and 2002 National Flute conventions, and 2001 International Clarinet Association convention.

ULM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Travel Season In Full Swing

- Your Alumni Association will visit over 25 locations this year in support of ULM. The next chapter events will be held in: **Winnfield** – July 21st * **Farmerville** – July 26th * **Richland Parish** – August 11th * **Greater Birmingham Chapter** – August 14th * **CenLa** - August 19th. 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 are finalizing plans for our annual event in **Houston**. Expansion plans include South Arkansas, Chicago, and Caldwell Parish. 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 **342-5420 / 800-261-0174**.

➤ *Alumni Dues Campaign Update*

A letter to every alumnus who last paid their dues in the months of January – August, and to those who have not at this point joined the Alumni Association, have been mailed. To those alumni who last paid their dues during the months of September – 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 *Good News* 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/>

Have you joined your Alumni Association yet?

➤ *DRUMBEAT News is next – send us your updates on-line*

The DRUMBEAT News, sent to all dues paying alumni, is next. If you have an update for the newsletter (marriage, birth of a child, professional development news, etc.), send that information to drumbeat@ulm.edu **OR** you can now include that information when you update your alumni record. We have added an information block for Drumbeat News to our on-line update form:

<https://ssl.ulm.edu/alumni/update.html>

Envision ULM 2005 – September 8th

The University of Louisiana at Monroe will host Envision ULM 2005 on Thursday, September 8th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event will be held at the Monroe Civic Center Conference Hall.

Don Weems, President of the ULM Alumni Association, will preside at the event, which will feature an update on several key projects by ULM President James E. Cofer, Sr. Highlights for the evening include comments from the Student Government Association president Kyle Gellman, and entertainment by Lori Leggitt, Miss ULM. Numerous alumni and community leaders will be present for the gala.

The second annual Hall of Distinction Award will be presented at the function to an outstanding alumnus, friend, or supporter of the university. The award was presented to Kitty Degree of Monroe at the event in 2004. The Golden Arrow Award recipient and the Slim Scogin Award recipient will also be recognized at the function. A social time, silent auction, dinner and live music are on the agenda.

The event is sponsored by the ULM Alumni Association, the ULM Foundation, the Indian Athletic Foundation, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, the West Monroe-West Ouachita Chamber of Commerce and the City of Monroe.

Tickets are \$35 per person and include a meal and wine. Tables of eight are available for \$280. Seating is limited to 900 people. Contact the Office of University Relations at (318) 342-5440 for tickets or for more information.

ATHLETIC UPDATES

Football Season tickets are on sale NOW!

Season Tickets for the 2005 football season are on sale now. Ticket prices start at \$50 for general admission seating to \$90 for chairback seating (tickets for our away games will go on sale around the middle of August). For information on season tickets / to purchase season tickets, please contact our Athletic Ticket Office at 318-342-3ULM. We look forward to seeing each of you in Malone Stadium and also on the road when we host tailgate events in **Little Rock** (October 8th), **Denton** (October 29th), and in **Murfreesboro** (November 12th).

TV knocks on our door, AGAIN!

ULM has announced that the November 19th home game vs ULL will be regionally televised by ESPN. The kick-off time has been moved from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. November 19th is also the day of our annual ***Chili Cook-Off!***

This marks the third time the Indians will be on TV for the upcoming football season.

2005 Louisiana-Monroe Football Schedule

*All times are Central Zone; Dates and times are subject to change.

Sept. 1 – (Thursday) Northwestern State, Malone Stadium, 7 p.m.

Sept. 10 - at Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo., 2 p.m.

Sept. 17 - at Georgia, Athens, Ga., 12 p.m.

##*Sept. 22 – (Thursday) at Florida Atlantic, Boca Raton, Fla., 6:30 p.m. - **ESPNU**

*Oct. 1 - Arkansas State (***Hall of Fame Day / Alumni Association Shrimp Boil***), Malone Stadium, 6 p.m.

Oct. 8 - vs. Arkansas, Little Rock, Ark., 6 p.m. – **Watch for tailgating information.**

##*Oct. 15 - Troy (***Homecoming***), Malone Stadium, **2:30 GAME TIME - ESPNU**

We will have a ***Homecoming Schedule*** linked to the home page soon.

*Oct. 29 - at North Texas, Denton, Texas, 6 p.m. – **Watch for tailgating information.**

*Nov. 5 - Florida International, Malone Stadium, 3 p.m.

*Nov. 12 - at Middle Tennessee, Murfreesboro, Tenn., TBA – **Watch for tailgating information.**

##*Nov. 19 - Louisiana-Lafayette (***Chili cook-off***), Malone Stadium, 6 p.m. – **ESPNU Regional**

*Sun Belt Conference Game.

#Televised Game

ULM Athletics Names Mosley Associate AD

Also Hires Marketing Coordinator and Assistant Media Relations Director

Doug Mosley has been named the associate athletics director at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, ULM athletics director Bobby Staub announced yesterday. Staub also announced the hiring of Barrett Ortego as marketing coordinator and Tim Lutz as assistant media relations director.

All three hires are pending the approval of the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors. Mosley begins his new position on July 18.

Ortego and Lutz began their duties on July 1.

“We are excited to have someone with Doug’s experience join our staff,” said Staub. “His varied background will be instrumental as we round out our administrative staff.”

Mosley will assist Staub with the day-to-day operations of the athletics department and serve as event manager for the department’s 16 sports.

Mosley joins the ULM athletics department following 18 months as Director of Athletics and Recreation for Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala. Mosley, who began his duties in December 2003, oversaw the day-to-day operations of the College's Department of Athletics and Recreation. During that time 124 student-athletes were named Academic All-Conference and 29 student-athletes were named NAIA All-America Scholar-Athletes, including all-time highs for single year totals in 2004-05 (64 and 15). Mosley also instituted a new student-athlete academic monitoring and counseling system and the Student-Athlete Committee. Mosley was responsible for hiring five head coaches, a sports information director and assistant director of athletics and recreation. Prior to his time at Spring Hill, Mosley served as the Assistant Director of Athletic Development at Troy University. While at Troy, Mosley helped launch the Red Wave executive suites program at Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium and managed 27 suites for university boosters and fans. Prior to that, Mosley served as marketing and public relations manager for Comcast Sports Southeast (CSS) where he helped grow the company to become the nation's seventh-largest regional sports network. As director of sports information, broadcasting and technology for the NAIA from 1996 to 2000, Mosley planned and directed event publicity for 23 national championships annually, served as an association spokesperson, produced and syndicated NAIA events for national broadcast and launched the NAIA website. Mosley also has extensive experience at the international sports level, serving as the softball venue press chief during the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, a representative for Kodak's photographer services at the 1998 Goodwill Games in New York and a USOC track and field press attaché during the 1999 Pan Am Games in Winnipeg. He has also been active in the USOC's Olympic Public Relations Association (OPRA). Mosley has more than 14 years of sports media and marketing experience and is a member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). He was formerly a member of the board of directors for both the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and the NAIA Sports Information Directors Association (NAIA-SIDA) He's been a sports writer for the Pensacola News-Journal and the Leaf Chronicle (Clarksville, Tenn.) and was sports information director for Auburn University-Montgomery from 1994-96.

“Barrett and Tim are two of the bright up-and-comers in their respective fields,” said Staub. “They will bring a lot of fresh ideas to our marketing and media relations operations.”

Ortego, a 1999 ULM graduate, will oversee the marketing efforts of the ULM athletics department. He has spent the past six years working in minor league hockey and working on his master's degree from Northwestern State University. Ortego was a public relations assistant for the Monroe Moccasins from 1998-99 while a student at ULM. He became director of ticket operations for the organization in 2000 after a year as a communications specialist for the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources.

Lutz joins the ULM athletics media relations staff as the primary contact for men's basketball, volleyball and softball, and will assist with the day-to-day operations of the media relations staff. Lutz spent the past year as the graduate assistant/interim assistant sports information director at South Alabama. At USA, he was the primary contact for men's basketball, volleyball, women's golf, and cross country/track & field. He also assisted with the Jaguars nationally-recognized baseball team, and served as the departmental webmaster.

Detrick Named ULM Assistant Volleyball Coach

BreAnne Detrick has been named the Louisiana Monroe assistant volleyball coach, effective July 1, 2005. Detrick joins new ULM head volleyball coach Mark Pryor's staff as the top assistant. Her hiring is pending the approval of the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors.

"We are excited to have BreAnne join the ULM staff," said Pryor. "She brings experience to the program as a strong student-athlete and coach."

Detrick spent last season as a student assistant at her alma mater, Wayne State University, located in Detroit, Mich. As a student-athlete for the Warriors, Detrick lettered two seasons and was a co-captain during the 2003 season. The Lambertville, Mich., native played in all 103 games as a senior, leading the squad with 427 digs at the libero position. She ranked third in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference at 4.15 digs per game and was named to the GLIAC All-Academic team in 2003.

Detrick played two years for Owens Community College (1999-2000) where she was a first team all-conference selection before taking 2001 off to work as a personal trainer.

Softball Coach "ties the knot"

Rosemary Holloway, who just completed her 21st season as the head coach of our Lady Indians Softball team, is getting married on July 22nd breaking the heart of many a bachelor! Congrats Coach.

IMPORTANT HOME PAGE LINKS

- Need to update your alumni record?
<https://ssl.ulm.edu/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
- Shop the ULM Bookstore on line at: www.ulmbookstore.com

REMINDERS

- **DON'T FORGET . . .** If you change your e-mail address, let us know! Send any new e-mail address to walpole@ulm.edu
- If you're a teacher, coach, 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 – Golf Scramble * Tennis Tournament * ULM Volleyball Game *

ULM Basketball practice for both teams * Pep Rally * Block Party

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 *

Game time has been moved to 2:30 to accommodate ESPNU's live coverage!

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 July.

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**.

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