



July 28, 2003

ULM Alumni:

Welcome to another "good news" e-mail regarding ULM. My goal is to keep you updated on the good things happening at our university so you will be informed and so you can help spread the word to other alumni you maintain contact with.

This newly created e-mail list currently contains **98** names - if you know of other alumni who are always asking about ULM, send me their contact information and I'll add them to the list.

I also realize that some of you might not have the time for additional e-mails and or you might be receiving this information from another source - if either is the case, just let me know and I'll take you off this list.

Thanks for your continuing support of ULM

Tommy Walpole

ULM News Briefs

***ULM DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS SHOW 100% PASS RATE ON NATIONAL EXAM**

The American Dental Association, Department of Testing Services has reported that the University of Louisiana at Monroe senior dental hygiene students had a 100% pass rate on the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination. Most states require students pass the national exam prior to taking state board exams. Along with having a 100% pass rate over the past several years, ULM dental hygiene students have also scored in the upper quarter of all students in that field. Department Head of Dental Hygiene, Beverly Jarrell, says, "ULM Dental Hygiene Students have scored in the upper quarter of all dental hygiene programs on the Dental Hygiene National Board for the past several years and in each of these years have had a 100% pass rate. We are very proud of their accomplishments. Our students and faculty are very dedicated and we feel the quality of our program excels because of their dedication."

***ULM MEDICATIONS MANAGEMENT CLINIC OFFERS HELP TO SENIOR CITIZENS**

The University of Louisiana at Monroe School of Pharmacy and the Ouachita Council on Aging have partnered up to develop a Medication Management Clinic. The specialized clinic will address medication and other health-related concerns of area seniors, such as blood pressure, cholesterol and depression. Dr. Edwin Adams, ULM Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice

and a Certified Geriatric Pharmacotherapist, will be directing the clinic. "This clinic developed out of a need to address the specific needs of elderly patients. Our primary focus will be medication safety and efficacy, diabetes, cholesterol, and hypertension. However, we are trained to address any medication-related problem in any disease state. We will not be a replacement for their regular physician care. Instead, we will fill the role that seems to be missing from senior health care and provide specialized drug safety and efficacy monitoring. This type of service, through a Council on Aging, is the first of its kind in Louisiana and the nation. We hope it will serve as a model program for other Councils and also hope that it will further demonstrate the critical need for pharmacists trained in the medication management needs of our elderly in Ouachita Parish," Adams said.

The clinic, which began this month, is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays by appointment at the Ouachita Council on Aging located at 2407 Ferrand. Consultation services are free, however, a small fee will be charged for some screenings to help cover needed supplies. For more information or to schedule an appointment please contact Bobbie Gaar at 387-0535

*ULM ANNOUNCES NEW ENDOWED CHAIR IN GERONTOLOGY

Dr. Carl Renold has been hired as the Joseph A. Bedienharn Endowed Chair in Gerontology for the summer. Dr. Renold's specialization is gerontology, health services and distance education. For the past seven years he has been employed at the University of Southern California (USC) and California State University (Cal State) Fullerton. One of Dr. Renold's responsibilities at USC and Cal State is the development of courses for offering through distance education Dr. Renold's

assignment at ULM is to lead the faculty in offering a portion of the master's degree in gerontology by means of distance education. This primarily will be through the adaptation of existing courses to the Internet. Dr. Renold has been working with the ULM administration, Louisiana Board of Regents, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to secure approval for expanding the degree offering by distance education. "We are very fortunate to have someone of this caliber to lead us in the expansion of our degree offering. He is an excellent planner, very knowledgeable about processes and procedures, and enjoys sharing his expertise with the faculty," says Dr. Welch, Head of the Gerontology Program at ULM.

*ULM FACULTY AND STUDENTS CONSTRUCT MODEL AIRPLANE

Faculty and students from the University of Louisiana at Monroe will be working together to construct a large scale model aircraft. Paul Karlowitz, Interim Head of the Aviation Department, is heading up the project. Karlowitz says the purpose of the project is to get faculty and students working together and to educate students on basic aerodynamics, design and construction of airplanes. The model is a Douglas DC-3 aircraft like those flown by Delta years ago. It will be approximately 12 feet wide and 9 feet long. Once completed, the airplane will be put on display in the department's new Aviation Museum. Currently on display in the museum is a J-34 turbo jet engine out of a navy fighter plane. The project is open to all ULM students. Contact Paul Karlowitz at 342-1780 for more information.

Housing Update

RESIDENCE HALLS AT ULM GET MAKE OVER THIS SUMMER

There are numerous changes taking place at residence halls at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Features that will enhance the look, safety, comfort, and community of campus living are either already in place or will be soon.

One change is coming in the form of resident halls becoming theme halls focusing on a certain groups of students. Slater will be the "Learning Community" dormitory" with the north end designated for students studying in the College of Health Sciences or the College of Arts and Sciences. The south end is designated for students studying in the College of Business Administration or the College of Education and Human Development, however any student may reside in this hall regardless of major.

ULM President James Cofer is excited to see ULM becoming a more cohesive university. He says, "The idea of having a "A Learning Community" residence hall is great because it gives students more of a chance to interact with others in their field. We have seen this done at other universities and thought it would be great to try it here. We hope students take advantage of this learning environment."

Hudson Hall will become an academic year hall. This means that students who don't go home over the holidays can stay in their room all year. Monroe is designated for students enrolled in the ULM Honors Program. Cospers Hall is the Greek dorm. Ouachita Hall and Lemert Hall are the female dorms and Sherrouse is the male dorm. Masur will be a private room only resident hall while Harris will be used only when others have reached their capacity. Madison Hall will be used exclusively for guests, camps, and workshop participants.

Halls with interior corridors (Slater, Ouachita, Monroe, Lemert, Harris, Breard, and Cospers) will have proximity readers or keyless entry installed. This will allow only those holding a proximity key entry to the buildings. The proximity readers are in the beginning stages, but it is a possibility that Slater Hall will be operational with the new proximity readers early in the fall semester.

When the proximity readers are installed, they will be the only way into the lobby of those halls. New phones to be installed in the interior corridor of the halls will be a way for visitors to call a resident to personally let them into the hall.

Camile Currier, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Interim Housing Director, says this is great way for students living in the halls to screen visitors and to give them a chance to either escort someone or deny someone permission to their room.

Currier says, "A guest will have to call the room of the person they are visiting if they want to be let inside. Then the student living in the room will be the one making the decision all from the safety of their telephone."

The visitor phones located outside lobby entrances will also be equipped with an emergency button that will connect with University Police. It is to be used only in the case of an emergency.

Some other improvements to the resident halls include:

- Individual air units have been installed for better cooling (in addition to its existing central air) on the north side of Cospers hall.
- Hudson Hall has received new exterior doors that have been painted and installed. New double-headed light fixtures have been added to the north side parking lot poles.
- Lemert Hall has received new lighting fixtures in every bathroom.
- Ouachita Hall exterior wall panels have been repainted.
- Sherrouse Hall exterior rails have been painted.
- Slater Hall will have eight additional sitting areas located on the second and third floors for late night studying.
- In addition to keyless entry at inside corridor halls, additional readers will be placed at high traffic areas to accommodate side and rear parking at the residence halls.
- An intense schedule for programming is in place at the residence halls for the fall semester.

Security additions such as proximity locks, phones with a panic button outside hall lobbies and more parking lot lighting are being worked on throughout the summer.

"Emphasis is being placed on bringing the residence halls up to a standard in which we can all be happy. These residence halls at ULM are in as good of shape as any across the state," says Dr. Nick Bruno, Vice President for Business Affairs.

"We're doing painting in a lot of them, ventilation work, and pressure-washing. We're painting exteriors, acquiring new beds, and putting in new security systems. We are doing what we can to make these halls look and feel as good as possible for our students."

Efforts are also being made to accommodate ULM's taller students. Seven-foot long mattresses are being installed into hall rooms and will be available to those students who might not fit in the regular 6 foot-long beds.

As for the future of ULM's resident facilities, officials are preparing RFP's (request for proposals) that will ask private developers to come in and assess ULM's current facilities. Bruno says, "We are asking developers to come on campus and tell us what the best plan is for our future. This includes the possibility of constructing new residence halls and new on-campus apartments for students.

On-campus apartments are the latest development in university housing. Several universities across the state and nation are making significant renovations to existing buildings for their students to live in. This is a step towards allowing students to progress to different housing arrangements as they move along in their academic careers. Students, as freshmen, come in and need one particular aspect of residential life, and as they become juniors/seniors they need a little more independent or transitional collegiate housing before they move out into the real world. There are several options available to ULM and you could be seeing some big changes in our housing over the next year or so."

Bruno says plans are to demolish Nicholson Hall this summer and have a parking lot in place by the fall. Plans for an Intermodal Transit Parking facility or parking garage to be built in that area in the future are also being examined.

Coenen Cafeteria is also undergoing a change. It is currently being renovated to house Delta Community College. The Community College is renting it from ULM until they have their own facility. Once Delta Community College finishes their own facility, ULM will use Coenen Cafeteria for offices or classrooms.

Find this and other ULM News at <http://www.ulm.edu>.