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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's Village on the Bayou Open for Students \* Brief Construction Update*

- ULM's Village on the Bayou, three state of the art Residence Halls which replaced Sherrouse and Hudson Dorms, are completed and selling out fast! The one and two-bedroom apartments are already sold out for the fall with the 4-bedroom units currently standing at 50% occupancy. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the new apartments on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4 p.m. followed by an open house/tour of the 1, 2, and 4 bedroom apartments.
- Three million dollars worth of renovation work on Madison and Ouachita Halls is nearing completion.
- Our new 6,900 square feet Health Sciences Center, located next to Ouachita Hall, will be open for the fall.
- Three new buildings which will contain 123,226 square feet of suites (to sit where Olin, Monroe, and Slater Halls once stood) are under construction now.
- The 5-Laning of Desiard Street from back by Sal's to just past the Alumni Center entrance is underway. When visiting ULM in the near future, we recommend using either the 165 North Entrance or coming down Old Sterlington Road and turning onto Bon Aire Drive.
- Abatement of the SUB is almost completed and construction on that Five Million dollar project will begin shortly thereafter.
- Bry Hall is currently having its Art Gallery expanded in addition to having waterproofing and window replacement work done.

These are just some of the exciting changes occurring at ULM – come see it!

## ON CAMPUS

### *Faculty Excellence*

#### ***ULM Professor Named Outstanding Spanish Professor***

The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) named Maria Blanca Wortham, a professor in the foreign language department at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, Outstanding Spanish Professor at the university level.

The AATSP awards three teachers nationally each year, one at the elementary level, one at the high school level, and one at the college level. Wortham was nominated by the local Antonio Margil chapter of the AATSP for her contributions to the chapter, especially her coordination and work on the Spanish Festival for the region.

Wortham is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University and ULM. She has been an instructor in the Foreign Language Department at ULM since 2000. While at ULM Wortham has been part of the mentoring program, guided two freshmen Emerging Scholars, and is very active in recruitment and retention for the department and the university. She is also a member of the Executive Board of the Louisiana Foreign Language Teachers Association (LFLTA), which she serves as university representative for the northern region.

“This is an incredible and humbling honor. I have received this award because of the colleagues with whom I work, the mentors that I have been fortunate enough to have, and, of course, the students who have inspired me to find ways to reach them and share my passion for the language and culture,” Wortham said.

“Professor Wortham has empowered students to be very active participants in the learning process, and the result is that more students have chosen to continue their studies of Spanish,” Dr. Ruth E. Smith, Head of the Department of Foreign Languages at ULM, said.

“The Department of Foreign Languages at ULM has a strong reputation for excellence in the classroom, and when members of the department, like Professor Wortham, receive such an award, it is visible recognition of the quality of instruction that is found in the ULM language programs,” Smith said.

The purpose of the award is to bring attention to teachers who demonstrate and instill a love of the language and Hispanic cultures. Wortham is the third nominee of the Antonio Margil Chapter to receive the national award. Dr. Charles Holloway, Professor of Spanish at ULM, and Ruth Rosenow, Spanish teacher at Neville High School, have also been chosen as Outstanding University Professor and Secondary Teacher respectively in previous years.

Over 70 local chapters of the AATSP exist in the United States and Canada. The AATSP was founded in 1917, and is the oldest, largest, and most comprehensive language-specific professional association in the United States. The association’s 12,500 members help promote the study and teaching of Hispanic, Luso-Brazilian, and other related languages, literatures, and cultures at all educational levels. The AATSP encourages heritage and second-language study and supports projects to that end.

The AATSP publishes a highly acclaimed quarterly journal, *Hispania*; a general newsletter, *Enlace*; and a *Portuguese Newsletter*. The association also sponsors Phi Lambda Beta (college Portuguese honor society), the National Spanish Examinations (for secondary school students), the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica (secondary school honor society), and the Sociedad Hispánica

de Amistad (middle school community service honorary society).

### ***ULM Music Professor to Debut Music at Flute Convention***

Sandra Lunte, associate professor of music and Biedenharn Endowed Professor in Music, and Elizabeth Richter, professor of music at Ball State University, will present the world premiere of Gary Schocker's "Chimera" for Flute and Harp at the National Flute Convention in San Diego on August 15. The flute and harp duo commissioned the composer to write this special piece and will release a compact disc recording that includes this work.

Lunte recently won an Artist Fellowship in Music from the Louisiana Division of the Arts worth \$5,000. Lunte has been on the faculty at ULM for ten years. She has won numerous Artist Mini-Grants from the LDA, and is on the state artist and touring rosters. Lunte has also recorded seven compact discs with the National Flute Choir.

The Louisiana Division of the Arts website states that 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.

### ***Christine Berry Named Insurance Person of the Year***

Dr. Christine Berry, insurance, was named Insurance Person of the Year by the Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters, and The Insurance Women of Northeast Louisiana.

The ULM chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma recently received the Honorable Mention Award from Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society for business programs accredited by AACSB-International. With this recognition, the CBA will receive a \$500 scholarship to award to an outstanding student.

Dr. Michael Camille, geosciences, and Patty Watts, graduate studies and research, received the Best Poster Award for their presentation "Introducing Geospatial Technologies into the Middle and High School Classrooms" at the 21st Annual Louisiana Remote Sensing/ GIS Conference in April in New Orleans, La.

## **ULM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

### ***Travel Season Winding Down***

- Your Alumni Association will visit over 25 locations this year in support of ULM. The next chapter events will be held in: **Richland Parish** – August 11<sup>th</sup> \* **Greater Birmingham Chapter** – August 14<sup>th</sup> \* **CenLa** - August 19<sup>th</sup> \* and **Morehouse Parish** – August 30<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>

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/>

- ***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](mailto: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>

Any update received after the printing deadline will be saved for future use.

## **Envision ULM 2005 – September 8<sup>th</sup>**

### ***Ribbon Cutting for the New Pharmacy Building Scheduled for that Morning***

September 8<sup>th</sup> will not be just another day around ULM. That morning at 11:00, ULM, Governor Kathleen Blanco, and members of our Legislative Delegation will participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new School of Pharmacy Building followed by a lunch, to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Pharmacy Building, sponsored by the Monroe Chamber of Commerce. We will have more details on this event in the next ***Good News***.

From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. that evening, ULM will host Envision ULM 2005. 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 \$30 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 8<sup>th</sup>), **Denton** (October 29<sup>th</sup>), and in **Murfreesboro** (November 12<sup>th</sup>).

### ***TV Knocks On Our Door For The Fourth Time!***

ULM has announced that our first game of the season, the September 1<sup>st</sup> home opener vs. long time rival Northwestern, will be televised by KTVE-TV, the NBC affiliate in Monroe and Cox Sports Television. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m.

"We are excited to work out an agreement with KTVE, Cox Sports, and Northwestern State to get our first game of the season televised," said Staub. "It was important for us to get this game on television in markets where we focus a lot of our recruiting efforts."

The game will be available in northern Louisiana and southern Arkansas on KTVE Region 10 and in Louisiana, southern Mississippi, western Alabama, the Florida panhandle, eastern Texas, and southern Arkansas on Cox Sports Television.

"Our sports department works hard to bring viewers the best possible coverage of all ULM sports," KTVE sports director Chris Mycoskie said. "Adding the season's first football game to our programming line-up is just another example of our commitment to Indian fans and all college football fans in Region 10."

KTVE Region 10 will host a pre-game show with Chris Mycoskie and Matt Lincoln begins at 6:30 p.m.

### **2005 Louisiana-Monroe Football Schedule**

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

#Sept. 1 – (Thursday) Northwestern State, Malone Stadium – **7:00 GAME TIME – KTVE/Cox Sports**

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 GAME TIME - 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**  
\*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, - **6:00 GAME TIME - ESPN**

### **Regional**

\*Sun Belt Conference Game.  
#**Televised Game**

### ***Early Signs Another Recruit***

Louisiana Monroe men's basketball head coach Orlando Early has announced the signing of Afam Nweke for the upcoming 2005-06 season. He is the fifth student-athlete to sign with ULM since Early was hired in April.

"I am extremely excited about the signing of Afam," Early said. "He is a very intelligent player with a strong inside and outside game, and will be a tremendous fit to our program. I look forward to watching Afam grow and mature into what we hope will be a quality player in both the Southland and Sun Belt Conference."

Nweke, who played last season at Coastal Christian Prep School in Virginia Beach, Va., for head coach Walter Webb, is a 6-7, 220-pound forward. Last season with Coastal Christian, Nweke averaged 17 points and eight rebounds per contest, while playing one of the toughest schedules among Prep Schools in the country.

Before attending Coastal Christian, Nweke played at Elkins High School in Missouri City, Texas. In his final season with Elkins, he averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds per game.

"I chose ULM because it gave me an opportunity to become both a better athlete and a better student," Nweke said. "Coach Early is a very hands-on coach and I am excited about playing for him."

Nweke joins fellow Houston native Tony Hooper, David Garrison from New Orleans, Dalky Melendez from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Drew Meyerchick from Varnado, La., and Brandon Roberts from Van, Texas, as incoming freshmen for the upcoming season. The Indians also signed sophomore James Perkins, a New Orleans native, from St. Catherine's Junior College in Kentucky.

### ***ULM Volleyball Announces 2005 Schedule***

Matches against competition from 10 different conferences highlight the 2005 University of Louisiana Monroe volleyball schedule, released by volleyball head coach Mark Pryor.

"We have a nice balance of young and experienced teams on the schedule this season," Pryor, the Lady Indians first-year coach, said. "Our goal is to compete well against each of these teams and show improvement each match. This schedule will push our team to work hard if they want to accomplish these goals."

ULM will hit the road for a season-opening tilt with Southeastern Conference foe Ole Miss, before returning to Brown Gym for a two-match homestand against Arkansas-Monticello and Alcorn State.

The Lady Indians will report to campus on Tuesday, August 9. The team returns both its top offensive threat in junior Lindsey Ehlert (team-high 346 kills) and defensive stopper senior Megan Gloor (team-high 219 digs). The squad also returns its floor leader, junior setter Darci Mika, who led ULM with 758 assists in 2004.

***Four Indians Named Preseason All-Sun Belt  
Humphries, Profit and Jyles named to 30th Anniversary Team***

Four Louisiana Monroe student-athletes were named to the 2005 Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference Football Team at the league's Football Media Days in New Orleans. Joel Stelly, Brandon Guillory, Joey Trappey and Kyle Cunningham were named to the team by a voting panel of coaches, sports information directors and media.

The coaches on the panel also picked the Indians to finish fifth in the annual preseason poll with 33 points and one first-place vote (last year they picked us last and we finished third). The coaches selected four-time champion North Texas to win a fifth title, while Troy was picked second.

Media Days in New Orleans marks the kickoff of the Sun Belt Conference's year-long 30th Anniversary celebration. As part of the festivities, former ULM players Stan Humphries and Joe Profit, and current quarterback Steven Jyles were named to the all-time Sun Belt Conference Team.

Stan Humphries quarterbacked the Indians to a I-AA National Championship in 1987. He was a first team All-American and conference offensive player of the year. He played in the NFL for 10 years, leading the San Diego Chargers to the Super Bowl in 1995.

Joe Profit was the first African-American to play football for a predominantly white Louisiana college in 1967. Profit played running back for four years for the Indians, earning first team All-America honors and finished his collegiate career as ULM's, then Northeast Louisiana, all-time rusher with 2,818 career yards, a mark that stood for 22 years. He is still ULM's only first round NFL Draft pick, going to the Atlanta Falcons as the seventh pick in 1971.

Steven Jyles is the current starting quarterback for ULM. The senior from Baton Rouge has become the Sun Belt Conference's all-time passer in three seasons playing for the Indians. Jyles holds the Sun Belt career records in pass attempts (1,094), pass completions (586), and passing yards (6,752). Jyles is also setting the Sun Belt standard in total offense with 222.4 yards per game of total offense.

***The "Grove" to go On-Line!  
Improvements Coming to ULM's Popular Tailgate Area***

The Grove, ULM's popular tailgate destination, is another area of our university enjoying an upgrade. We anticipate having water and electricity available at all reserved tailgate spots by September 1<sup>st</sup>. A map of the grove will also be linked to the Alumni and Athletic pages on the home page. For information on the Grove, contact the Athletic Ticket Office at **318-342-3ULM**.

Beginning with this football season, your Alumni Association will have two maps of the tailgating area displayed in the Grove for your convenience.

**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](http://www.ulm.edu)
- Shop the ULM Bookstore on line at: [www.ulmbookstore.com](http://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](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.

## HOMECOMING 2005 – OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> vs. Troy State

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

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – Golf Scramble \* Tennis Tournament \* ULM Volleyball Game \*

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

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – 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 ESPN's live coverage!

[www.ulm.edu/homecoming](http://www.ulm.edu/homecoming)

*View the Homecoming Schedule of Events Which is Updated as Events are Confirmed*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

August 9<sup>th</sup> – 6-8 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the ULM Library - Health Sciences Day for our non-traditional students who might be interested in a major in the area of Health Sciences

August 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 – orientation for Transfer and Non-Traditional Students

- for information on these or any other recruitment related event, please call – **1-800-372-5127**

➤ August 13<sup>th</sup> – commencement – Fant-Ewing Coliseum – 2:00

➤ Our National Champion Water-Ski Team will host their ***Bayou Classic*** Tournament September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – we'll cover this in greater detail as the date draws closer!

➤ Football kick-off . . . 34 days and counting.

➤ November 3<sup>rd</sup> – next edition of the Presidential Lyceum Series

### Have you joined your Alumni Association yet?

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 15<sup>th</sup> of August.

ULM wishes you and yours a great day.

***GO INDIANS!***

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**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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