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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 this list, we help spread the *Good News* about our University.

ULM Fall 2004 Enrollment Increases

The University of Louisiana at Monroe's enrollment for the fall 2004 semester is 8,836. This is up from last year's 8,580 students. This 3% percent increase marks the second year in a row that ULM has had an increase in enrollment. "The increase in enrollment represents continued progress for ULM," President James Cofer said. "We are encouraged not only by the quantity of the increase but also by the quality of our freshmen class."

First-time full-time freshmen totaled 1,487, up 16% over last fall. However, the TOPS eligible freshmen are up 30% and the freshmen average ACT is 20.83 up from an average last year of 20.28. This represents the highest average ACT for a beginning freshmen class in the history of the institution.

ULM recently made major campus improvements in dining services, the bookstore, and online enrollment services. For the second year in a row ULM had the largest increase in student satisfaction of any institution in the state. These factors along with the buzz about the university's \$67 Million new housing project help generate excitement about ULM.

Lisa Miller, ULM Director of Recruitment and Admissions said, "Students pick ULM because we live our motto of 'Students First.' Students at ULM get that extra special touch that they do not see at other schools."

Athletic Update

> Louisiana-Monroe swimmer Francisco Picasso has been selected to represent Uruguay in the 2004 FINA World Short Course Championships to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., Oct 7-9.

Francisco, who is a sophomore on the ULM Swimming and Diving Team, will be competing in the 200, 400 Individual Medley and 200 breaststroke. He is the current National Record holder in Uruguay in the 100,200,400 IM, 50,100,200 breaststroke and 50 freestyle in short course meters. He also holds National records in 50 freestyle, 200 IM and 50 breaststroke for long course meters.

> The University of Louisiana at Monroe men's cross country team won the Louisiana Tech Cross Country Invitational over the weekend, and the women placed second. The Indians took

first with 28 points followed closely by Louisiana Tech with 31 and Northwestern State with 77. The Lady Indians scored 44 points, following Northwestern's 20. Louisiana College placed third with 75 and Louisiana Tech followed with 83. The Indians travel to Natchitoches to compete in the Northwestern State Invitational, Monday, Oct. 4.

> ULM's Golf Team finished third in the ULM/Fred Marx Intercollegiate Invitational behind first place Stephen F. Austin and second place Louisiana Tech. Other places include Sam Houston State at fourth, McNeese was fifth, and Birmingham Southern was sixth.

Alumni can help with Student Recruitment

The dates have been set for ULM's two largest on campus student recruitment events known as **Browse on the Bayou**. This Fall's event is scheduled for November 6th (when ULM hosts Utah State in football). For information on how you can help your university in the area of student recruitment, please contact our office of Recruitment and Admissions at **800-372-5127**.

Around ULM / Alumni Association News

> HOMECOMING 2004 (**ULM...Our Place in the Sun**) is set for October 16th! Its time to begin making your plans to join us in Monroe for this exciting weekend of events. A new ULM Tradition, the **OFFICIAL ULM CLASS RING**, will be unveiled during Homecoming weekend.

A Homecoming brochure should have arrived at your home by now containing a list of our Homecoming activities / reunions. One group's information was unfortunately not included in the Homecoming brochure and that was information on the Sound of Today. The Sound Of Today Alumni will get together at the ULM Band Room on Friday night, October 15 at 7:00 P.M. for food, fun, and films. Their regular Homecoming activities will begin on October 16 with the rehearsal in the bandroom at 10:00 A.M. Their annual meeting (where they elect officers and take care of the most pressing business for the year) will follow the rehearsal. For more information, contact Brian Lassiter at b-lass@excite.com

> Your Alumni Association's next two chapter events include Atlanta on Saturday, October 9th and Birmingham on October 10th. A letter has been mailed to all our alumni in those two chapter areas along with several e-mail reminders.

> **Mark your calendars....November 20thULM vs ULL in Monroe.....Chili cookoff weekend!**

Home Page Links

Homecoming 2004 link

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

For a complete listing of all our Chapter and Indian Athletic Foundation events, please view the Alumni Calendar of Events

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

Need to update your alumni record?

<https://www.ulm.edu/webform/alumni/update.html>

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/>

Olin Hall, the “Big O,” came to the ground last Saturday – to look at photos and to view a clip of the implosion, please access (you must have Quick Time installed on your computer to view the video clip of the implosion):

<http://www.ulm.edu/olin/welcome.html>

Thanks for helping spread the *good news* about our ULM.

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. For a complete listing of all of the *good news*, please visit the ULM web site at www.ulm.edu If you would like to be removed from this list, please contact Tommy Walpole (contact information is below). Thanks for your continuing support of **ULM**.

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