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ULM SPEECH AND DEBATE FORUM VICTORIOUS IN HOUSTON

> The University of Louisiana at Monroe's Speech and Debate Forum began the 2003-2004 intercollegiate speech competition season with a third place finish at one of the nation's strongest intercollegiate competitions. The competition featured the 2002 national championship team from the University of Texas, in-state rivals McNeese State University, as well as eleven other universities from throughout the region.

ULM SPEECH TEAM HOLDS ITS OWN AGAINST THE BIG 12

> The University of Louisiana at Monroe's Speech and Debate Forum completed its first-ever appearance at the Kansas State University Invitational Speech Tournament with a 6th place overall finish. The competition featured the Big 12 powerhouses Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas State, as well as twelve other universities from throughout the region. The tournament, hosted by Kansas State University, was held in Manhattan, Kansas on October 4th.

The team will now take a couple of weeks off from competition as they prepare for October 24-26. At that time, ULM will host the annual R.J. Bicker Speech and Debate Tournament. ULM's team will then complete the fall semester with competitions at Central Missouri State University and Louisiana State University at Shreveport on the weekends of October 31-November 2 and November 14-16.

ULM'S WATER SKI TEAM ADVANCES TO NATIONALS

> Despite light rain for most of the day, the 2002 National Championship University of Louisiana at Monroe Water Ski Team scored big on the water as they competed for a spot in the 2003 national competition. ULM's overall team score put them in the top three in order to advance to nationals. The Indian's overall score trailed slightly behind the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. ULM's Ski Coach Bill Bagley said it was a great tournament, but it will be tight competition at nationals.

ULM'S FLYING TOMAHAWKS WILL HOST INTERCOLLEGIATE SAFETY CONVENTION

> The Flying Tomahawks, ULM's competition flight team, is hosting the Region IV National Intercollegiate Flying Association's (NIFA) Annual SAFECON (safety convention) on October

22-25. This is the first time in over 10 years that ULM has hosted the competition. Universities in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Texas compete every year and the top teams are invited to attend the National Competition. The flying events will be held at the Monroe Regional Airport and some of the ground events will be held on campus in the Airway Science Building. For more information call Paul Karlowitz at 342-1780.

ULM ATHLETES CLIMB NATIONAL RANKINGS

> For the second week in a row, big performances by Louisiana-Monroe tailback Kevin Payne and punter Joel Stelly moved each up the NCAA statistical charts ranking the national leaders. Payne, a redshirt freshman, ran for 143 yards in Saturday's 45-42 win over Louisiana-Lafayette. The second 100-yard game in as many weeks and fourth of the season for the Junction City, Ark., product vaulted him to 20th in the nation in rushing with an average of 103 yards per game. Payne also caught three passes for 28 yards and now ranks 20th nationally in all purpose yards with an average of 137.9 yards per game. He continues to lead the Sun Belt Conference in both rushing and all purpose yards.

Stelly, a sophomore from Cecilia, punted just three times against the Ragin' Cajuns but averaged 56.7 yards per punt. That included a career-long 67-yarder and another that traveled 62 yards. Those two bombs helped raise Stelly's season average to 45.7 yards per punt, first in the conference and sixth in the nation. Last week, Stelly had ranked 12th nationally.

Wide receiver Mack Vincent is up to second in the conference and 41st in the nation in receptions per game with 5.6 after his record-setting night against the Cajuns. Vincent, a senior from Marrero, caught eight passes to break the ULM career receptions record formerly held by Cisco Richard.

ULM's next home game is October 25th which is also the date of the Ouachita Parish Chapter Shrimp Boil.

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