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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.

### **Official University Ring Unveiled at Homecoming**

The design of the official ring for the University of Louisiana at Monroe was displayed for the first time during homecoming week. The university's official ring is a new way for ULM to continue to build on its rich traditions and pride with easily recognizable symbols that celebrate ULM's culture and history. The ring, made by Josten's, Inc., includes several symbols of ULM.

The traditions and history represented:

- > 1931 recognizes ULM's beginning as Ouachita Parish Junior College and the opening of classes on September 28th of that year.
- > The bayou symbol represents the place of ULM's beginning and reflects the first words of ULM's Alma Mater, "By the bayou's tranquil water..."
- > The six cypress trees represent the history of ULM's establishment, as, moving clockwise from the extreme left, they represent Ouachita Parish Junior College, Northeast Center of Louisiana State University, Northeast Junior College of LSU, Northeast Louisiana State College, Northeast Louisiana University and The University of Louisiana at Monroe.
- > The Indian below the cypress trees symbolizes a composite of local Native American tribes of the area and reflects the mural on the Student Union Building.
- > The opposite side of the ring shows the year of graduation over a depiction of two significant buildings – Brown Hall as the first (and for a time the only building on campus) and the University Library with its view of Bayou DeSiard and the BellTower.
- > Underneath lies the official seal of ULM.
- > The stylized "L" in the center of the stone should be worn with its curve

facing forward (toward the end of your finger). This "L" represents the athletic traditions at ULM, including championships and significant accomplishments in football, basketball, track, golf, tennis, baseball, softball, and swimming and diving, as well as representing all of the fine athletes who have competed on ULM's fields since 1931.

> Surrounding the stone is the name of the campus, the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

We are very pleased with the ring," Pam Shepherd, ULM Alumni Relations Director, said. "It was amazing to us when we realized there was not an official ULM ring - we saw it as a wonderful opportunity to have one official piece that would represent ULM." Shepherd also said, "It turned out great and we think new graduates and past graduates will like it, too." The idea of having an official ring came about when a former student of the 31 Ambassadors organization in the Alumni Relations Office brought up the idea. A university committee composed of students, Alumni Office personnel, University staff (all alumni) and faculty (all alumni) was then formed.

Alumni and eligible students may order the ring now. For more information contact Pam Shepherd at the ULM Alumni Center: 318-342-5420 / 800-261-0174.

> ***See the ring at:***

<http://www.ulm.edu/universityrelations/news/oct04/ringpics.html>

### **Browse on the Bayou in November**

The dates have been set for one of ULM's largest student recruitment events, Browse on the Bayou. This Fall's event is scheduled for Saturday, November 6 (when ULM hosts Utah State in football). Check in will be at Brown Auditorium, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The program will begin at 9 a.m. Browse on the Bayou, ULM's biggest student recruitment event of the year, attracts approximately 600 students and parents each semester to the campus of ULM. Participants will receive a free t-shirt, coupons to area restaurants, and will get to experience life at ULM. Registration for the students will begin at in Brown Auditorium followed by break out sessions on financial aid, housing, and health sciences. Students will also have the option to attend a session on athletics, student life, the student success center or the honors program. The students will then move to Brown Gym for the opportunity to talk one on one with professors and members of student organizations. Register online for Browse on the Bayou at [www.ulm.edu/browse](http://www.ulm.edu/browse) or for more information call 318-342-5430 / 800-372-5127.

## **ULM Speech Team Wins in Missouri**

While the presidential debates in St. Louis may have been the premier speech contest in the state of Missouri recently, a second hotly contested event also pitted some of the nation's best and brightest in a speaking competition -- and ULM's hot speech and debate team brought a fistful of honors back to Monroe. ULM competed against 19 teams representing colleges and universities from seven states and won second place overall at the annual Drury University Speech Tournament. ULM is now preparing for the 13th annual R.J. Bicker Speech and Debate Tournament to be held on campus Oct. 29-31.

## **ULM Water Ski Team wins 18th National Title**

The University of Louisiana at Monroe Water Ski Team holds the National Collegiate Title for the 18th time. The team won the top spot at the 26th Annual National Collegiate Water Ski Association (NCWSA) Tournament held Saturday in Zachary, La. ULM won by five points, which is the smallest point value in collegiate water skiing. Ranking right behind ULM was defending champion, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. ULM won the national title by scoring a total of 12,680 points. ULL finished second with 12,675 points. Arizona State (12,200 points), Florida Southern College (8,860 points) and Purdue University (8,490 points) rounded out the top-five team placements in Division 1. Water ski Coach Bill Bagley is very pleased with his team. He said, "The team is so excited. Ryan's jump just couldn't have been better. It all came down to this one event. The entire team contributed to the total score and once again they are bringing home first place."

Athletes from 20 of the top collegiate water ski teams across the nation competed at the Collegiate Nationals. The event was held at Tri-Lakes, home to Bennett's Ski School, in Zachary, La.

## **Athletic Briefs**

> The University of Louisiana at Monroe women's basketball team has been picked to finish third in the Southland Conference race this winter in polls of league coaches and sports information directors and Indian star Nina Randle was named to the preseason all-conference first team. ULM has three starters back from the 2003-04 team that went 18-11 overall and was 13-3 in the SLC. "We are happy about our recruiting class and we have more depth than before," said Martin. "It should be a challenging year for us but

we think we will be in the fight for the title. The key for us is to stay healthy."

> Mike Vining is not surprised his University of Louisiana at Monroe men's basketball team has been picked to finish eight and 10<sup>th</sup> in Southland Conference polls of coaches and sports information directors. "We have only one starter coming back and five players returning altogether, so I'm not surprised we were picked low," says Vining, the winningest coach in Southland Conference history. "And nobody knows much about the players we've brought in, especially the SIDs. But I think we're going to be better than everybody expects. And being picked low is a great motivator for the players."

> Three years ago the ULM Powerlifting team was created and since that time they have enjoyed tremendous successes. When founded, the team only had two members and in three years has grown to twenty-two members. Since becoming an official ULM club sport two years ago they have twice come in third in the nation against such schools as Navy, The University of Texas, Texas A&M, Air Force, and LSU. In three years the ULM Powerlifting team has produced six All-American lifters. The Powerlifting team is currently forming a Powerlifting Fan Club. If you have any questions you may contact Paula Ramirez, ULM Powerlifting team president, at 318-345-3450 (home) or 979-248-1620 (cell) or Bo Shelton, Director of Powerlifting Operations at 318-343-3846 (home) or 318-423-3243 (cell). You may also e-mail any questions to [ULMPOWER@tribe.ulm.edu](mailto:ULMPOWER@tribe.ulm.edu).

### **Are you ready for some football?**

Our ULM Indians are **RED HOT** heading into Saturday's big tilt vs three time conference champion University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. ULM, winners of 3 in a row, will hit the field in Denton at 6:05 p.m. Local fans who subscribe to Time Warner can watch the game on channel 78 – the game will also be broadcast to approximately one million homes, from West Texas to Florida, over the Cox Network. UNT is currently in first place in the Sunbelt Conference with a 3-0 record while Coach Charlie Weatherbie's Indians are in second in the SBC race with a 2-1 record. Our Indians have a strong passing attack triggered by quarterback Steven Jyles, the SBC Offensive Player of the Week two weeks ago, and a strong defense led by the current Sunbelt **and** National Defensive Player of the Week, safety Chris Harris. Harris leads the Sun Belt and is second in the nation in interceptions with five and the ULM defense ranks second in the conference in both scoring defense and total defense. Prior to the game (beginning at noon and ending around 5:00) the ULM Dallas / Ft Worth Alumni Chapter will host an all-you-care-to-eat Pig Roast, with all the trimmings, for \$5.00 per person. Wear your **gold**, bring your lawn chairs (and your grill if you want) and join

us in Denton. Tickets for the game, at \$16.00 each, will be available under the ULM tent.

ULM will return home on November 6<sup>th</sup> to host Utah State. The game on the 6<sup>th</sup> in Monroe is ULM Family Day with a host of activities planned for the entire family including the family 4-pack (4 general admission tickets to the game / 4 cokes / 4 hot dogs / and 4 ULM caps for \$44.00). Contact the ULM Athletic Ticket office at 318-342-3ULM for more information.

### Coming Soon . . .

Within the next couple of weeks, the ULM Alumni Page ( [www.ulm.edu/alumni](http://www.ulm.edu/alumni) ) will launch a year-round Homecoming Link. "Homecoming 2005" will be updated as each reunion / Homecoming activity is finalized. We anticipate the date for Homecoming 2005 to be chosen late May / early June.

### Home Page Links

> 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/>

Mark your calendars! The Alumni Association's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual **Chili Cook-off** is set for **November 20<sup>th</sup>** when ULM hosts ULL in Monroe. Applications for the Marsala Beverage \* K-104 \* KNOE TV Chili Cook-off are now available at the ULM Alumni Center.

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

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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. For a complete listing of all of the **good news**, please visit the ULM web site at [www.ulm.edu](http://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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