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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 Speech Team Wins Back-to-Back Tournament Championships**

The University of Louisiana at Monroe's Speech and Debate Forum won back to back tournament championships at tournaments hosted by Louisiana Tech University on October 30-31st and the University of Houston on November 5-7th. Team members earned a total of 63 awards over the two tournaments, including 20 individual championships. The Louisiana Tech tournament featured more than 175 competitors representing 17 colleges and universities, and the University of Houston competition featured more than 140 competitors representing 14 colleges and universities.

Head coach Bob Alexander noted that "the team is really beginning to mature. Thanks to the leadership of our co-captains Tara Bouchie, Isaac Henderson, Kina Reed and Lashonda Williams, our newer members have achieved success at an extremely quick pace. At this point, the team has more than *tripled* the number of awards we had earned at this point last year – and last year's team finished 3rd at the national championship tournament."

### **ULM's Campus Close-up Now on the Web**

Campus Close-Up, a one and one-half minute student news program, not only airs on television once a week, but also now can be seen on the web. The show is recorded in the television studio in the Mass Communications Department at ULM and airs on KNOE, the CBS affiliate in Monroe. Now, the show can be viewed at <http://www.ulm.edu/mcom/media.html> Thanks to Campus Close-Up, ULM Mass Communication students can experience both field and studio production techniques in assembling the program, which highlights contemporary events on the ULM campus.

### **ULM swimmers ranked NO. 1 in National Poll**

ULM's mens swimming team is currently ranked as the #1 mid-major swim team in the U.S. while our Lady Indians team is number 22. This ranking is courtesy of <http://collegeswimming.com> and they designate "Mid-Major" teams in such conferences as the Sun Belt, Big Sky, Mid-America, Colonial, Missouri Valley, Patriot, Southland and West Coast.

“The No. 1 ranking gives our team a big boost going into our next meets” says new swim Coach Weddell. I credit our team’s hard work for the ranking.”

### **ULM’S MAYA ADEN is Southland Cross Country Champion**

ULM sophomore Maya Aden won the Southland Conference individual championship in cross country winning the 8,000-meter event with a time of 24:08. The Canadian runner was also named the conference “Athlete of the Year” in his sport at the conclusion of the meet, run over a course at Idylwild Country Club. He is the first ULM runner to win the SLC men’s cross country crown (Nicola Roff-Ratcliffe won three women’s championships in 1987-88-89). The victory was the fourth in five meets this fall for Aden, who had the highest finish of any freshman in the race last year, 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Additional Athletic Updates**

- After losing all but five players off last year’s 12-19 team, Louisiana-Monroe Coach Mike Vining unveiled a new group of ex-junior college stars Thursday night as the Indians rolled over Arkansas-Monticello, 93-75, in an exhibition basketball game. ULM will open the season officially Saturday, Nov. 20, at home against Texas College but Vining thought his new team showed some regular season effort and discipline in whipping UAM, a pretty good Division II team that was strong enough to upset Arkansas State, picked by some to finish as high as third in the Sun Belt Conference, Monday night in an exhibition contest. Vining has eight newcomers, nearly all from the junior college ranks, and started four of them. The Indians played 10 players and all scored. Season tickets are on sale at the ULM athletic ticket office located in Malone Stadium. The phone number is 318-342-3ULM (3856).
- The University of Louisiana Monroe football team had three players named to the CoSIDA All-Academic District VI team, Mark Banks (West Monroe, La.) earned first-team honors while Josh Jenkins (Monroe, La.) and John Winchester (Logansport, La.) earned second-team honors. Junior Mark Banks earned a spot on the first-team with an overall GPA of 3.47, majoring in Biology. Junior Josh Jenkins was named to the second-team for the third straight year with an overall GPA of 3.25, majoring in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Senior John Winchester earned a spot on the second-team with an overall GPA of 3.29, majoring in Mathematics.
- The late John Pennel, the first man to pole vault 17 feet and one of the greatest athletes produced by the University of Louisiana at Monroe, will be inducted into the National Track & Field Hall of Fame next month. Pennel was relatively unknown before bursting into world-wide prominence on March 23, 1963, when he broke the world record in the pole vault with a leap of 16-3 at the Memphis Relays. ULM, then Northeast Louisiana State College, did not have a meet scheduled on March 23 but Pennel had been clearing 16 feet regularly in practice with the then-new fiberglass pole and Coach Bob Groseclose talked Memphis Relays officials—who had never heard of Pennel—into letting him enter the meet. Pennel would go on to set two more world records during the collegiate season and then competed in several major summer meets in the United States and Europe. On August 24 in his hometown of Miami, he broke the 17-foot barrier with a height of 17-0 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. Before he retired from track, Pennel would be a finalist in two Olympic Games, in

1964 and 1968, and break the world record a total of nine times. He also almost became the first man to break the 18-foot barrier—he cleared the height in practice but never in a meet and his final world record was 17-10  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Pennel won numerous honors. He was the Gulf States Conference Athlete of the Year in 1963, won the Sullivan Award that same year as the nation's top amateur athlete, and was inducted into the ULM Hall of Fame, the NAIA Hall of Fame and the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

### **ULM Alumni Association's Annual Chili Cook-Off**

Your ULM Alumni Association's Annual Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for this Saturday, Nov. 20, the morning of ULM's final home football game (vs old rival ULL). Applications are due to the Alumni Center by the 18<sup>th</sup> and can be found on line at

<http://www.ulm.edu/universityrelations/news/nov04/app.html>

Come join us in the grove for a great day of tailgating and then at the game (game time is 6:30) to watch our Indians close out the 2004 campaign. Wear your **maroon!** For ticket information, contact the ULM ticket office at 318-342-3ULM (3856).

### **Official ULM ring now available**

The official ULM ring can be ordered by calling **800-854-7464** or you can visit the ULM Bookstore located in Sandel Hall (formerly Sandel Library).

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

### **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/>

The next edition of *good news* will be sent at the end of the month – after the Thanksgiving Holidays – so here's wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving from

your ULM Alumni Association and the entire ULM family. And as always, thanks for helping spread the *good news* about our ULM.

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