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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.

Good News now reaching 10,000+

Today's edition of the *Good News* e-mail becomes the first to reach over 10,000 (total recipients listed at the bottom of every e-mail) alumni and friends and it continues to provide updates on and vital links to our University. You can help us continue to build this e-mail data base by:

- Forwarding *Good News* to everyone on your alumni buddy list.
- If *Good News* was forwarded to you, drop me a line at walpole@ulm.edu so I can add you to the list serve.
- Due to the large number now receiving this on-line update, it is almost impossible for us to notify you when your copy of *Good News* is returned to us due to an e-mail bounce – so, if you change your e-mail address please send us your new one.
- You can also help keep our alumni data base current by utilizing the on-line update form when you move, change jobs, etc. A link to this site is provided at the conclusion of this e-mail.

Thanks to each of you for your continuing efforts in helping us keep our records current.

ULM Receives Unqualified Audit

ULM has received an unqualified audit for year ended 2003 according to state Legislative Auditor Steve J. Theriot. The report, which was made public on November 30, found no matters that required disclosure. "We received an unqualified opinion last year and no findings this year, which is a strong indicator that our transformation of the university is real and is working," Said ULM president James E. Cofer. "I appreciate the effort of all our administrative offices and departments for their diligent work. As a team, we are making great strides."

"This effort was led by Nick Bruno, Vice President for Business Affairs, Diane Singletary, Controller, and Alisia Hale, Associate Controller," Cofer continued. "The report reflects the good management practices we have put in place across the entire campus."

"The results from the Legislative Auditor's review are very satisfying," Bruno said. "It is an indication that the efforts made by the administrative team to improve our processes and policies

are having a positive impact on this University. It has truly been a team effort and I am grateful for the hard work of the many employees and administrators who have contributed to this latest achievement.”

Around our ULM . . .

- Attention History Channel watchers . . .Mark Ryan, Director of the Louisiana Poison Control Center and member of the ULM Pharmacy School faculty, will be on the History Channel's "Modern Marvels" Jan. 5, 2005. Portions of the show were taped on the ULM campus.
- The School of Visual and Performing Arts presents the 30th Annual Christmas Madrigal Feaste on December 2, 3, 4 in Brown Gymnasium. Seating begins at 5:30 and the processional begins at 6:00 p.m. each night. You are invited to come enjoy a wonderful meal and beautiful music of the season in the gym as it is transformed into a Renaissance castle. Tickets are \$25.00 and are available by calling (318)-342-3811. You can reserve tickets over the phone and they can be held at the door or you can pick them up and pay for them in 105 Biedenharn, the School of Visual and Performing Arts office. Come enjoy the holiday season Renaissance Style!
- For those of you in Monroe, or who will be in Monroe from Monday, November 29 – Friday, December 3 (8 am – 6 pm), you are invited to stop by Bry Gallery and check out the Student Art Sale.
- The Scholarship priority deadline for incoming students is December 1st. According to Lisa Miller, our Director of Recruitment and Retention, scholarship applications are as strong as in previous years. If you have a student interested in ULM, have them give us a call at **800-372-5127**.

Athletic Updates

- University of Louisiana at Monroe Baseball Coach Brad Holland has announced the signing of 10 recruits, two high school players and eight junior college products. The signees consist of six pitchers and four infielders and include a pair of area players from West Monroe and Winnsboro. “Coach (Jeff) Schnexnaider and Coach (Britten) Oubre did a tremendous job of recruiting,” said Coach Holland. “They signed a class that meets our needs on the diamond as well as bringing in student-athletes who can do the job academically.”
- Two University of Louisiana at Monroe softball players, Loren Dixon and Heather Hanson, have received a national academic honor. The two players have been named All-America Scholar Athletes by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. “We’re real proud of Loren and Heather,” says Coach Holloway. “They are valuable leaders of our team on the field and they are our leaders in grade-point average also.” Dixon is a senior outfielder and three-year letter winner from Pasadena, Texas. She has a cumulative 3.41 GPA in nursing. Heather Hanson is a sophomore who was ULM’s starting shortstop last spring. An education major from West Monroe, she has a 3.80

grade-point average. To be named a NFCA All-America Scholar-Athlete, a college player must earn a 3.5 GPA for a full academic year.

- ***ULM FOOTBALL ENDS SEASON WITH A 13-10 WIN OVER ULL*** - Freshman Ragan Walters (Jackson, Miss.) kicked the game-winning field goal with seven seconds remaining as our ULM Indians ended the 2004 season with a 13-10 win over Louisiana Lafayette. The Indians wrapped up the season with an overall record of 5-6, the best finish since the 1999 season. ULM also posted its best-ever finish in the Sun Belt conference with a 4-3 mark, tied for third place with New Mexico State. “These guys found a way to win five ball games all close, all won in different fashions, these guys just found a way to win,” said head coach Charlie Weatherbie. “These seniors have paved the way for this program to turnaround.” The winning effort on the field provided a major boost in attendance as well – for the four games played in Malone Stadium, ULM averaged over 15,000 in attendance and if you include the “home” game in Little Rock, our home attendance for the 2004 season was well over 20,000.
- Our basketball Indians are off to a good start with the men and womens teams currently sporting identical 2-1 records. For ticket information, please contact the ULM Athletic Ticket Office at **318-342-3ULM**.

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/>

And that concludes this edition of ***Good News***. As always, 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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