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Director's Corner

Dear Alumni and Friends,



As we begin our 35th year, the ULM School of Construction is focused and preparing to meet the challenges of the future. We have developed a strategic plan, increased our recruiting efforts, and are working on several fronts to involve our alumni and the overall construction industry in the future of our program.

The Industry Advisory Council (IAC) is playing a major role in this effort. Larry Favolora ('73) of Favolora Constructors has succeeded Charles Poole ('73) of Angelo Iafrate Co. as IAC chairman. Ken Holland ('69) of Delta Concrete chairs the financial committee, and Henry Heier of MCA of New Orleans chairs the electrical/mechanical committee.

I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank Charles Poole for his dedication and hard work as IAC chairman. His term as chairman lasted many more years than originally planned. He lead us through some very difficult times and should be recognized by all for his outstanding efforts. We are not letting him completely off the hook. He remains an important member of the IAC and we look forward to assigning him new duties in the near future. Thank you Mr. Poole!

The School of Construction needs input from its alumni. Our emblem, the "Groundbreaker,"

has come up for discussion as to the image it portrays. Please read the section on "Logo Changes" and give us your input. Also, as part of our outcome assessment program, we will be sending out a questionnaire that we need filled out and returned. We realize that very few people like surveys, but we really need this information and would ask that you help us in this matter.

"The School of Construction has an incredible history. Help it have the same type of future."

Finally, we need your financial support. We are working with the University and the IAC financial committee to establish a process for organized giving. State funding alone will not provide sufficient funds to compete as one of the top programs in the nation. The School of Construction has an incredible history. Help it have the same type of future.

**Dr. Keith A. Parker, Director
ULM School of Construction**

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Martha Richey, '83. President, Richey Construction Co.



Martha Richey

"I found the study of construction to be exciting. Working in the industry has proven to be a thousand times more interesting."

Interested in becoming our next Alumni Spotlight Guest?

Send us your news or get in touch with Dr. Keith Parker at (318) 342-1860 or e-mail: coparker@ulm.edu

"What I learned at ULM helped me in my career," Martha Richey, President of Richey Construction Company, Inc., declares. "I learned that I am capable of doing whatever I set my mind to do. I was given a basic education and the confidence in myself that is worth more than the sum of all the classes I took."

Martha graduated from the ULM School of Construction in 1983. In 2000, Martha and her husband Ron — a 1989 ULM Construction graduate — started their own company, Richey Construction Co. Inc. "We are in our first year of active business. We are performing a lot of the work ourselves—from demolition to finish carpentry. We are hiring subcontractors that have the same philosophy of giving each client a well-built project that will last long past that one-year warranty."

Upon her decision to enter ULM as a full-time student, Martha spoke to her brother, Don Weems, who was Director of ULM School Services at that time. "With my interest in architecture and decorating, my brother suggested that I speak with Thurman Potts, Head of the School of Construction," Martha recalls. "Don assured me that the field of Construction was wide open to women. Mr. Potts confirmed it and found an AGC scholarship for me."

During her years at ULM, Martha was a member of *Sigma Lambda Chi* and of the student chapter of AGC. "While taking my first few classes in Construction, I realized that I found this industry to be very interesting and challenging. I had never worked in construction and I had no family contacts in the industry even though my mother had designed two family homes and managed them while being built."

Right after graduation, Martha worked as a project administrator and commercial estimator for N&J Constructors, a company owned by a ULM Construction graduate in Lufkin, Texas. She then became a project manager for Breck Construction in Monroe, La. In 1992 she joined the Finney Company, Inc., in Shreveport, La., as a project manager, vice-president for project management, and commercial estimator, where she learned how to build a small company into a competitive growing company.

Through the years Martha has been involved in the Shreveport-Bossier Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction, serving as President and board member. "I am currently a member of Quota International of Shreveport, having served as President and board member. I am currently serving on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Louisiana." In 1997, female members of both NAWIC

and Quota clubs joined Martha in building a house for Habitat for Humanity. "The women who worked on this project were lawyers, financial planners, owners of businesses, and even a city judge. We worked every weekend from March to August to complete the house. We were able to acquire donations of materials from many companies in the Shreveport-Bossier area which cut the total cost of the house to the Habitat Chapter down to around \$10,000. The Quota Club was recognized on the International level for the house."

Born in March 1951, in Delhi, La., Martha graduated from Sarepta High School in May 1969. She worked at ULM for a period of seven years, and then decided to go back to school after her first husband, Danny Boutwell died in 1979. Together they had two sons, Eric and Bradley. "I met Ron Richey while working at N & J Constructors in Lufkin, Texas. When we married, our combined families and our construction careers blended quite well. Ron attended ULM and graduated with honors and a degree in Construction in 1989. Ron and I have a wonderful personal life. We have been married 16 years. We both enjoy our chosen professions. We have four grown children that we truly enjoy being around. We were thrilled to add a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law to our family this year. They are all good people who have found careers and lives that they love. We have a wonderful 5-year old granddaughter, Cloey, who we are thrilled to spoil. We have a travel trailer and enjoy being away for the weekends together."

"My advice to current construction students today is simple: If you are not interested in what you are studying, you are wasting your time and money. I found the study of construction to be exciting. Working in the industry has proven to be a thousand times more interesting. Any career will involve a continued learning experience. If you don't wake up everyday looking forward to your new experiences, take another look at what you are preparing for. It's not easy. It's almost always stressful. But it is fun!"

Richey Construction Company, Inc., Shreveport, La.

Founded in November 2000, Richey Construction Co., is a small-size general contracting firm based on performing quality construction for a fair price.

Licensed for General Contracting and Residential in the State of Louisiana, the company has completed site work and paving for a new office building and interior renovation of the Christus Coushatta Health Care Center in Coushatta, La. Current projects include an on-going renovation at a local motel and tenant finish-out for a local realtor.

FACULTY UPDATES

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

June 6/Oct. 4 Dr. Parker and Ms. Prevost attended the **Quarterly Meetings of the Association of Louisiana Utility Councils** in Lake Charles, LA, and in Baton Rouge, LA.

July 15-18 Dr. Parker, Dr. Manry, and Ms. Prevost attended the **South Eastern Underground Facilities Protection Council Quarterly Meeting** in New Orleans, LA.

July 25-27 Dr. Parker, Dr. Bray, and Mr. McCaskill attended the **ACCE Annual Conference** in Denver, CO.

Aug. 8-10 Dr. Parker and Dr. Manry attended the **"Heavy Bid Software" Seminar** by the HCSS Company in Houston, TX.

Aug. 13-16 Dr. Manry received **certification in "OSHA Course 510 Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Construction Industry"** from the OSHA Training Institute, in Mesquite, TX.

Sept. 10-13 Dr. Parker attended the **NFPA Life Safety Code** in New Orleans, LA.

Sept. 14 Dr. Parker and Dr. Manry attended the **AGC Educators' Conference** in Dallas, TX.

Sept. 24-28 Dr. Parker attended the **NFPA National Electrical Code** in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Oct. 10 Dr. Parker helped judge the **ABC Competition** in Baton Rouge, LA.

Oct. 14-17 Dr. Parker and Ms. Prevost attended the **73rd Annual Southern Section Conference of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors** in New Orleans, LA.

Oct. 17 Dr. Parker and Ms. Prevost attended the **2001 Contractor's Educational Trust Fund Summit** in Baton Rouge, LA.

Nov. 28-30 Dr. Parker, Dr. Manry, and Ms. Prevost attended the **Damage Prevention Convention** in Dallas, TX.

Dec. 6-7 Dr. Parker, Dr. Manry, and Ms. Prevost attended the **Performance Contracting for Publicly Funded Agencies Seminar** in Baton Rouge, LA.

AWARDS

Mr. Herbert McCaskill was presented with a plaque from the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE):

"In appreciation for his personal involvement and professional leadership as President. 1999-2001: For providing guidance and direction as ACCE earned recognition by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) : Developed a new strategic plan that will carry the council through the first decade of the 21st century : Continued to grow in the number of accredited and candidate programs: And obtained the first ever designation for Construction Management in the U.S. Department of Education classification of Instructional programs : And for his strong commitment to and support for High Quality Construction Education Programs." ■



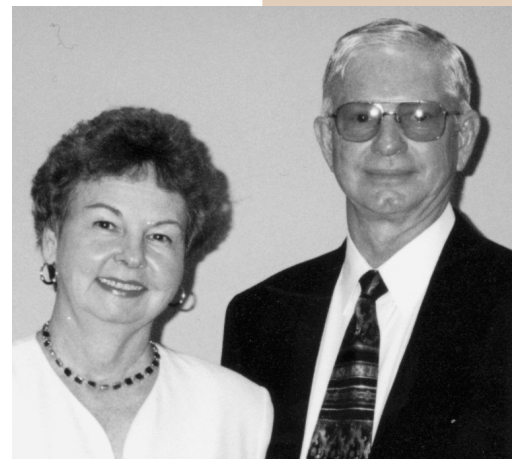
Herb McCaskill

BEACH ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

On September 4, 2001, officials from the University of Louisiana at Monroe accepted matching funds in the amount of \$40,000 from Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education for the Louisiana State Board Regents. The check presentation came at an afternoon press conference in the Media Room of the ULM Library.

Don Beach, President of Steel Fabricators of Monroe, Inc., and his wife Fran established the Beach Endowed Professorship in the School of Construction last December by donating \$60,000. The holder of the Professorship will be chosen based on the appropriate degrees and professional achievements. The funds for the Professorship may go towards improving community service, research, buying equipment, travel, and other activities as the holder sees fit.

The ULM School of Construction now has one \$1 million Endowed Chair (CETF), and four \$100,000 Endowed Professorships. ■



Don and Fran Beach



*Laurence Favalora,
IAC Chairman*

*President,
Favalora
Constructors, Inc.*

The Fall meeting of the ULM School of Construction Industry Advisory Council took place on Friday, October 5, 2001. A quorum was present. Eighteen were in attendance. The members of the Advisory Council met with the School of Construction faculty; Dr. Eric Pani, Interim Dean of the College of Pure and Applied Sciences; Mr. John Hunter, Board member and representative of the ULM Foundation; and the School of Construction students.

By-laws amendments: A motion was made to make appropriate amendments to the Industry Advisory Council by-laws. You can check out the amended version of the by-laws at www.ulm.edu/construction/iac1.htm

Election of new officers: Charles Poole appointed a "Nominating Committee" to identify potential candidates to serve as IAC new officers. The Nominating Committee included Laurence Favalora, David Dorsch, and Ken Holland. The officers will serve for a term of three years.

Starting in the Spring 2002, the new Industry Advisory Council officers are:

Laurence Favalora	Chairman
Scott Thompson	Vice-Chairman
Chip Carlson	Secretary/Treasurer

Financial Committee: A motion was made to create a Financial Committee to devise an organized plan to supplement the Potts Fund or create another fund if necessary.

The Financial Committee includes:

Ken Holland, Chair
Chip Carlson
David Dorsch
Laurence Favalora
John Kent
Keith Parker, Director School of Construction
John Hunter, ULM Foundation Advisor to IAC

Mechanical/ Electrical Committee: A motion was made to create a "Mechanical/Electrical Committee" to work on specific issues. The Committee is chaired by Henry Heier, with the possibility to include people from outside the Advisory Council. ■

**The Advisory
Council
currently has
24 members
and meets
twice a year
at the
ULM School
of
Construction.**

Next Industry Advisory Council Meeting April 2002

STRATEGIC PLAN

The following strategic plan has been developed as a joint effort between the School of Construction faculty, the Industry Advisory Council, and students in the program. The purpose of this strategic plan is to establish long term goals and short term objectives to achieve the mission of the ULM School of Construction and to serve the construction industry. This plan should be reviewed and revised annually to account for accomplishments and changing needs of students and the industry.

MISSION

The School of Construction at the University of Louisiana at Monroe is committed to being the premier institution of construction education in the state of Louisiana. Its mission is to provide the construction industry and related fields with highly trained and well motivated graduates who are prepared for a professional career through specialized managerial, financial, and technical course work.

SITUATION ANALYSIS

- Graduates of the program continue to enjoy virtually 100% placement in the industry.
- Starting salaries of graduates continue to rank as one of the highest of ULM programs.
- The program receives a high degree of support from the construction industry and alumni.
- Workforce demographics and construction industry forecasts indicate a severe shortage of qualified professionals and craftsmen to meet the needs of the construction industry.
- ULM School of Construction enjoys an excellent national reputation.

Situation Analysis (continued)

- Regional competition has increased with programs at LSU, Texas A&M, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, University of Arkansas Little Rock, John Brown University, Louisiana Tech, and Southern Mississippi University.
- Current facilities are underutilized and have the capacity to handle 300 students.
- Most current faculty members are of excellent quality. However, they carry a huge teaching load resulting in one of the highest student/teacher ratios in the College of Pure and Applied Sciences.
- One primary professor is planning for retirement in 2003.
- Limited faculty, staff, and funding have dramatically reduced efforts to promote and recruit students.
- Although several sources of outside funding are in place, they are limited and restricted as to how funds may be used.
- The selection process for both a new President and Dean is underway and should be completed by Fall '02.
- Past instability and high teaching load in the Director position has had a negative impact on the program.

LONG TERM GOAL (5 years)

Expand, improve and enhance school funding, faculty, staff, facilities, equipment, curriculum, promotional materials, recruitment efforts, and industry involvement to serve 300 students by 2005.

2001 OBJECTIVES (August 2001 through July 2002) to serve 200 students:

1. Employ one new tenure track professor.
2. Continue to employ a part-time instructor.
3. Obtain enthusiasm and support from faculty and staff for the strategic plan.
4. Present special bonus recognition to existing faculty and staff (i.e. consulting fees, equipment, travel, etc.).
5. Improve promotional materials (include more diversity, focus on successful graduates).
6. Define and document desired profile of a "good student" for the program.
7. School Director devote 20% of his time focusing on student recruitment and program promotion in the local area (Northeast Louisiana).
8. Strengthen the Industry Advisory Council.
9. Address equipment needs for surveying and field engineering.
10. Start preparations for ACCE Accreditation.
11. Begin aggressive fundraising campaign.

2002 OBJECTIVES (August 2002 through July 2003) to serve 215 students:

1. Maintain faculty from previous year.
2. Replacement plan and initial recruitment for retiring professor (Mr. McCaskill).
3. Initial recruitment plan for new professor in 2003.
4. Implement methods to retain faculty members.
5. Address computer hardware and software needs.
6. Successfully achieve ACCE Accreditation.

2003 OBJECTIVES (August 2003 through July 2004) to serve 250 students:

1. Employ new tenure track professor to replace retired professor (Mr. McCaskill).
2. Employ another tenure track professor.
3. Continue to employ part-time adjunct professor.
4. School Director reduce teaching load to 25%.
5. School Director and faculty increase regional and national promotion of the program, including participation in conferences, speaking engagements, etc.
6. Evaluate future facility needs.

2004 OBJECTIVES (August 2004 through July 2005) to serve 270 students:

1. Maintain faculty from previous year.
2. Initial recruitment plan for new professor in 2005.

2005 OBJECTIVES (August 2005 through July 2006) to serve 300 students:

1. Employ new tenure track professor.

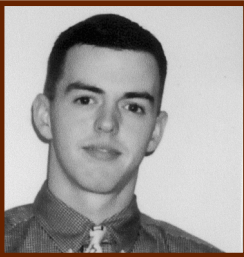
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becoming an
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**Check out the list of IAC members, committees, and minutes at
www.ulm.edu/construction/industry2.htm**



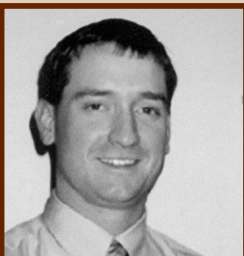
*Charlie Monk, Guild
and SLX President*



*Keith Keller
Vice-President*



*Lisa Holland
Secretary*



*Collin Dunn
NAHB President*



*Mark Rockett
AGC President*

STUDENTS' NEWS

SIGMA LAMBDA CHI

CONTRACTOR'S BANQUET

The annual Contractor's Banquet organized by the student guild took place on Thursday, October 18, 2001 at the Anna Gray Noe Alumni Center. Approximately 130 people attended the event.

The banquet is the main fundraising event of the year for the students. The proceeds will go toward funding the students' trip to Las Vegas to attend the 2002 Conexpo-Con/AGG, March 19-23, 2002.

"We doubled profits from last year," Lisa Holland, guild secretary said. "Six to seven students have their trip completely paid for, and we will try to send as many people as possible."

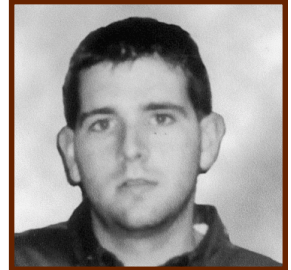
The Guild officers wish to extend their thanks to those who supported them and contributed financially or by donating an item to be auctioned off. ■

SCHOLARSHIPS

Collin Dunn	T. Potts/AGC Scholarship
Madison Flowers	A.C. Breckenridge Scholarship
Chris Guice	John E. Baugh Scholarship
Lisa Holland	Don A. Baxter Scholarship
Zebulon Mixon	Hollis Graham Scholarship
Charlie Monk	J. Hilton Heard Scholarship
Mark Rockett	Bill Gilbert Scholarship
Collin Dunn	NAHB Scholarship
Alexander Hayward	NAHB Scholarship
Vicki Ogle	NAHB Scholarship
Damian Thomas	NAHB Scholarship
Brad Augustine	Bill Eason Scholarship
Oscar Bejarano	QUOIN Scholarship
Vicky Ogle	QUOIN Scholarship
Matthew Nabholz	Pure and Applied Sciences Departmental Scholarship ■

Highest GPA Award

*Chris Guice
SLX Pledge
Trainer*



Out- standing Graduate Award

*Brad
Augustine
SLX
Vice-Pdt*



The Xi Chapter of Sigma Lambda Chi held its Initiation and Awards Ceremony on November 9. Approximately 25 people attended the event. Christopher Guice received the "Highest GPA Award" and Brad Augustine received the "Outstanding Graduate Award."

The SLX inductees for the Fall '01 Semester are:

Randy Bentz	Tim Lyons
Tim Breaux	Jacob Nabholz
Lisa Holland	Sam Strack
Lee Ledet	Chad Womack

Other Active Members are:

Darren Bonnett	Micky Knighten
Brad Caldwell	Charlie Monk
Brad Campbell	Vicky Ogle
Kelton Day	Ronald People
Collin Dunn	Jenina Perkins
Madison Flowers	Kalle Pettersson
Tyler Harrison	James Reed
Chris Highsmith	Robert Roegner
Brant Jones	Michael Speirs
Keith Keller	Bryan Tassin ■

STUDENT COMPETITION

The following students will participate in a competition in February 2002 at the QUOIN Chapter of AGC. Mr. Bobby Ensminger and Dr. David Manry will be the faculty advisors for the teams.

Construction Management	Heavy/Highway
Oscar Bejarano	Kelton Day
Tim Breaux	Lisa Holland
Brad Caldwell	Curtis Meeks
Spenser Cruse	Shawn Mills
Madison Flowers	Jason Pierce
Charlie Monk	Chad Womack ■

DIGGER'S NIGHT OUT

Underground locating and digging safety has become a priority in today's construction industry. On October 25, 2001, approximately 150 people from 48 companies showed their support for digging safety by attending Monroe's third annual "Digger's Night Out," organized by the School of Construction, in conjunction with the Ouachita Parish Joint Utility Council.

Mr. Vic Weston, President of Tri-State Boring, Inc., was this year's guest speaker. "The function of utility councils is to educate the contractors," Mr. Weston said. "It is an education of teamwork with the utilities and contractors working together. We have shifted emphasis from cost to safety."



Mr. Vic Weston receives award from Dr. Parker

After the presentation, Dr. Keith Parker presented Mr. Weston with a plaque for outstanding services and support of Construction Education. "Mr. Weston has been a great help to the ULM School of Construction. It is through efforts of professionals like him that we are able to maintain our high quality of education," Dr. Parker said.

"We have shifted emphasis from cost to safety"

Vic Weston

Seeing is Believing: Safely Exposing Buried Utilities, a short film, was also part of the presentation. Jeff Morrison of BellSouth was the Master of Ceremonies. A buffet style dinner was served and door prizes awarded throughout the evening.

More companies are expected to attend the event next year. For more information about underground damage prevention, check out our web site at www.ulm.edu/construction/undergro.htm

Sponsors of this year's event were:

Atmos Energy	Entergy	Pro-Techs of LA
Assoc. of LA Utility Councils	Gulf South Pipeline	Scott Construction Equipment
BellSouth	Koch Pipeline	Scott Powerline & Utility
CenturyTel	Louisiana AGC	Time Warner Cable
Columbia Gulf Transmissions	Louisiana One Call	ULM School of Construction
Ditch Witch of Louisiana	MCI Worldcom	Williams-Texas Gas

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DECEMBER 2001 GRADUATING SENIORS

Ainsworth, James
Augustine, Brad
Bentz, Randall
Bonnett, Darren R.
Campbell, James B.
Guice, Chris T.
Harrison, Tyler J.
Knighten, Mickey L.
Ledet, Lee J.
Lyons, Timothy J.
Pettersson, Kalle

Ramsey, Joshua J.
Ray, Michael S.
Roegner, Robert K.
Schramm, Nicholas L.
Self, Douglas W.
Speirs, Michael R.
Tassin, Bryan D.
Taylor, Lee Hollis
Tolar, Nicholas R.
Tuberville, Joshua D.

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LOGO CHANGES: WHAT DO YOU THINK?



Current Logo

At our last Industry Advisory Council meeting, it was brought to our attention that our logo may need updating. Some of you pointed out that the shovel held by the pelican is giving the wrong impression about what construction management is really about. Since our program focuses on the managerial aspects of construction, some have suggested to have the pelican hold plans or a laptop, or wear a tie...

What do you think:

Do you wish that we would update the logo for a better representation and promotion of your school? Or do you want to keep the logo as it is?

Please, send us your ideas, suggestions and comments at:

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or e-mail Dr. Keith Parker at:
coparker@ulm.edu.

RECRUITING EFFORTS

HELP US RECRUIT STUDENTS IN YOUR AREA

As we have increased recruiting efforts in Louisiana, several alumni have expressed an interest in helping. If you would be willing to help with this effort in your area, contact the School of Construction and get on board!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 02 **AGC Students' Competition, Dallas, Texas**
March 19-23 **Conexpo-Con/AGG 2002, Las Vegas, NV**
May 18 **ULM Spring 2002 Graduation, Monroe, LA**

Note: The Industry Advisory Council and the Guild Crawfish Boil will take place in April in Monroe, La. Please check out our web site for the exact date.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Aikens, Rudy '74

Owner, Aikens Fabrications, West Monroe, LA.

Adlong, Andrew, '94

Project Manager, Nabholz Construction, Conway, AR. Andrew is currently working on-site as a project manager on a renovation project in Houston, TX.

Behan, Thomas, '98

Project Manager, Wallace C. Drennan, Inc., New Orleans, LA.

Black, Bradley, '94

Truss Designer, Rodgers Manufacturing, Monroe, LA.

Brown, Dennis, '01

Assistant Project Manager, Shreve Land, Shreveport, LA.

Carelock, Robert, '94

Assistant Project Manager, Bill Harbert Construction, Charleston, SC.

"I have been in Charleston, SC with Bill Harbert Construction for over two years. At my arrival to Charleston, I was the onsite Project Manager on the C17 Life Support Facility at Charleston Air Force Base and the M1 Multipurpose Maintenance Facility at the Naval Weapons Station. Both of these projects were under NAVFAC (Navy) Contract and part of the DBOC (Design Build Order Contract) Program. I am currently the Assistant Project Manager on the new County of Charleston Judicial Center downtown. The 173,000 sf project is approaching \$ 37 million and should complete by the end of June 2002."

Chambers, Daniel, '97

Project Engineer, Whitaker Construction Co., Shreveport, LA.

Coon, Jay, '84

President, Southeast Construction, Inc., Monroe, LA.

"Since graduation, I have worked in the specialty contracting business. We started Southeast Construction, Inc. in 1995. Since conception of the company, sales have grown from \$350,000 to approximately \$2 million a year. Southeast Construction is a drywall, metal stud and EIFS contractor. We are now in the process of building an 8700 sq. ft. office/warehouse facility in the West Monroe Industrial Park."

Delcambre, Jott, '99

Project Manager, Ellis Construction, New Orleans, LA.

Duplechin, Brian, '92

Project Manager, Lemoine Company, Lafayette, LA.

Dupont, Aaron P., '98

Project Engineer, Angelo Iafra Construction, Baton Rouge, LA. "I've been building sound barrier walls for the state of Louisiana."

Ethridge, Grant, '93

Project Manager, Bing Bishop Construction, Monroe, LA.

Fordham, Kent, '93

Estimator/Project Manager, Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc., Farmerville, LA.

Hand, Cayce, '74

President, Hand Construction, LLC, Shreveport, LA.

"Hand Construction will pour 1million sq. ft. of concrete flatwork at the General Motors Shreveport Expansion Project as well performing numerous other contracts." Cayce would like to hear from his former ULM classmates.

Harris, Richard, '97

Project Manager, Abstract Construction Company, Dallas, TX. His most recent projects include: a 200,000 sf low-rise office building, 50,000 sf retail shells and finishout, a 16,000 sf bank,

and 25,000 sf tenant finishouts. Previously he was a Field Engineer for The Beck Group. Some of his past jobs were a Texas Instruments R&D II office building, Fujitsu Project C office, manufacturing building, engineering building, and the Katy Mills Mall.

Held, Leonard C. "Lenny", '77
Owner, Interior Finishes, New Orleans, LA.

Interior Finishes is a drywall/metal stud company. He is currently working with Jott Delcambre on a tenant-build-out.

Hebert, Derek, '97

Project Manager, Lemoine Company, Lafayette, LA.

"I was recently promoted to Project Manager and am managing 3 projects, each with a contract value of around \$2.5 million. I have been with the company a little over 3 years and have learned a great deal. We average around \$80 million a year but have set goals to be around \$100 million by 2002."

Hughes, Douglas, '95

Project Manager, Lemoine Company, Lafayette, LA.

Keene, Richie, '90

Superintendent, Mapp Construction, Baton Rouge, LA.

Landry, Greg E., '83

Vice President/Senior Project Manager, Lemoine Company, Lafayette, LA.

Mahoney, Lonnie, '72

Operations Manager, The Beck Group, Austin, TX.

Monk, Brian, '00

Estimator, Shreve Land, Shreveport, LA.

Morgan, Reggie, '97

Project Manager, Whitaker Construction Co., Shreveport, LA.

**Keep in
Touch**

**It's great
to hear
from you!**

ALUMNI UPDATES (Continued)

Rangel, Stephen Jr., '82

Owner, Minuteman Press Printing franchise, Cincinnati, OH.

"My last construction job was with Matrix Building Company in Covington, KY about five years ago. I worked for them for about 10 years. I have a five year old son and a 13 year old step-daughter."

**Richey, Ronald T., '89 and
Martha W., '83**

Owners, Richey Construction Company, Inc., Shreveport, LA.

"We formed our General Contracting business in November 2000. By June 2001, we were both working full time for Richey Construction Company, Inc. We are licensed for General Contracting and Residential in the state of LA. Currently, we are working on a renovation project at Christus Coughatta Health Care Center, Coughatta, LA.

Rios, Kent, '01

Project Manager, McInnis Brothers, Inc., Minden, LA.

Seiter, Adam, '00

Project Manager, Nabholz Client Services, Fort Smith, AR.

Sentilles, Stephen J. '85

Sr. Project Manager, Gibbs Construction, LLC, New Orleans, LA.

"After graduation I worked briefly in New Orleans, then relocated to Chicago, IL where I was a project manager for two family-owned companies. I worked and lived in the Chicago area for nine to ten years. I returned to New Orleans and was employed by F. H. Meyers Construction and then Gibbs Construction. I am a father of three girls, ages 15, 13 and 10. All three are competitive swimmers. It was a very educational experience working in Chicago and learning the

difference in the building aspects that must be employed due to the weather and soil conditions. The education which I received while at Northeast helped me greatly. I was able to utilize things that I learned in class that at the time I never thought I would use. To all students, pay attention because you never know where you will work or where the industry will take you. Use your God-given common sense to supplement your education. Common sense is the corner stone of this industry."

Short, Roger S., '83

Senior Project Manager, FoxCor, Inc., Little Rock, AR.

Sitton, Christopher, '00

Estimator/Project Manager, Brown Builders, Inc., Shreveport, LA.

Thompson, Clayton R., '94

Vice President and Regional Construction Manager, JPI Construction, Austin, TX.

Thompson, Jeffery S., '91

President, Thompson Contracting & Investments, Inc., Birmingham, AL.

Thrash, Thad, '88

Operations Manager, Ellis Corporation, New Orleans, LA.

Tinney, Meredith, '94

Project Administrator, The Beck Group, Dallas, TX.

"I am currently working on the Sabre Corporate Headquarters in Southlake, Texas., which is two 5-story office buildings and a parking garage. Owner will be moved in by the end of the year."

Trichell, Sean, '98

Assistant Project Manager, W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Co., Jackson, MS.

"I am in my fifth year with the Jackson, MS, office of W.G. Yates & Sons Construction, Co. I am

currently working on the Construction Management Team on a 2.5-year long prison project in Yazoo City, MS, for the Federal Bureau of Prisons. I have been assigned to this project since March 2001 and the project is scheduled for completion in September of 2003. This job is exclusively on site in Yazoo. The facility is a medium security facility and is design-built. I have previously worked on other commercial construction projects in the Jackson metro area on-site as the site project manager and assistant superintendent. I also worked for a year in the office on the estimating team."

Van Tassel, Kenneth "Ted", '83

Owner, Van Tassel-Proctor General Contractors, Little Rock, AR.

White, John, W., '96

Project Manager, W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Co., Jackson, MS.

John recently joined W.G. Yates and is currently working within the Project Management & Estimating Department learning procedures and criteria pertaining to the company's category of construction. He is performing take-offs, scope reviews, and bidding analysis on multiple projects throughout each week. John previously worked for BE&K Engineering and Construction as a Project Controls Engineer functioning as a project manager responsible for the planning, scheduling, cost management, and coordination for a \$140 million single cycle electrical plant.

Williamson, Ted F., '83

Territory Manager, Cemex USA, Austin, TX.

Ted accepted this position on June 1, 2001. "CEMEX USA is one of the three largest cement companies in the world." ■

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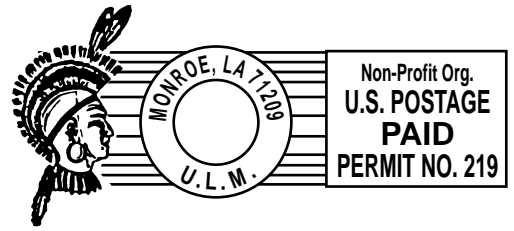
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