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School of Construction Management Now Part of the College of Business



Ron Berry

“Change”— Many have said that change is the only true constant in life. It certainly describes our 2005-2006 academic year at ULM. As many of you are aware, one of the changes was for the School of Construction Management, Computer Science,

moisture and mildew problem. Very soon, thanks to the generous support of the School’s Industry Advisory Council, lettering will be placed on the building identifying it as the School of Construction Management.

This past fall, I joined Dr. Parker in meeting his director’s challenge of a \$1,000 gift to the School. My wife and I strongly believe in changing lives through education. The Construction Management program at ULM has a strong record of doing just that—hopefully, if you are an alumni of the program, you agree and will continue to support the efforts of the faculty to build on this excellent tradition and to

prepare future construction management professionals.

and Aviation to join the College of Business as part of a University-wide reorganization plan.

To be honest, prior to the program’s move into the College, I knew little about the program other than it produced highly qualified, sought after graduates. Over the past year, I have enjoyed getting to know more about the program, its faculty, students, alumni, and supporters. By far, the program has more support from its alumni and industry than any of our other business programs. It is your support that makes the program the success that it is. We sincerely appreciate your continued support.

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**Ron Berry, Dean
College of Business**

In addition to the outstanding work that the Construction faculty performed in and outside of the classroom, there are a couple of other successes worth mentioning regarding the image of the school. First, the name of the school was officially changed to the School of Construction Management. The change was recommended by the faculty and the advisory board and approved by President Cofer and our Board of Supervisors. Second, much needed work was completed on the building with additional work planned. New windows were installed and work was completed on the HVAC system to rectify a

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from the School of "Construction Management."

This upcoming fall semester will not only mark the 75th anniversary of the university, but will also mark the 40th anniversary of the Department of Building Construction / School of Construction / School of Construction Management.

This is a truly a year to celebrate the many successes of the past and to look forward to continuing that tradition of success as we move into the future. We invite each of you to participate in the many activities planned for the upcoming year.

As part of our move to the College of Business Administration, we have begun to renovate our building. The university has done major work on the HVAC system and replaced most of the windows, but state funding is severely limited and will only go so far. In the next *Groundbreaker*, we will outline a plan for a major renovation effort which will require financial contributions from our alumni and friends.

Through your past support, our School of Construction Management is alive and well. Your continued support will ensure its continued success.

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

SCHOOL OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

At a time when ULM is celebrating its 75th anniversary, the School of Construction Management is also celebrating its own milestone: its 40th anniversary.

The School of Construction Management has gone a long way since its creation back in the 1960s. At that time, building construction, aviation and other less traditional university programs were developing rapidly throughout the United States.

In 1965, the University's President, George T. Walker, received a request from the local and state Associated General Contractors (AGC) to start a program in building construction.

Dan Dupree, Dean of the College of Pure and Applied Sciences at the time, put together the degree requirements and general program guidelines for the university to present to the State Board of Education for approval. The program was presented and

approved in the spring of 1965 and started in the fall of 1966.

After a careful selection, Thurman Potts was chosen to become the first Director of the School of Construction. In his first semester he had to hire the department's faculty and teach the 79 students enrolled. At the beginning there was no classroom or office space available. In a combined effort, local AGC members, industry members and the school administration convinced the board to build the school's current building. The program was growing much faster than the administration had anticipated.

In 1976 The program was the very first program in the nation to be accredited by the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE). The School of Construction Management has maintained accreditation over the past 30 years. Today the program has grown to become of the premier programs in the country.



Dr. Keith A. Parker

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ULM CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

ULM's history starts with lone 'modernistic' brick building

By Dr. John Knesel (Originally published in The News-Star newspaper, February 12, 2006)

"On Monday [Feb. 23, 1931] at 11 o'clock, Joe Renwick, President of the Parish School Board moved a spadeful of earth where the southeast corner of the building will rest." According to the Monroe Morning World, T.O. Brown, S.M. Collins (parish engineer), H.H. Land of J.W. Smith and Associates (architects), a representative of Ashton Glassell Co. (builders) and more than 20 workers witnessed the ceremony. Seven months later, Ouachita Parish Junior College welcomed more than 400 students, seven faculty, two janitors and a president.

The building [Brown Hall] was of a "modernistic" design, fronting 288 feet by 128 feet in depth and costing \$263,115. On the first floor were a cafeteria and kitchen, administrative office and four classrooms. The second floor held seven classrooms and the library. On the third floor were five classrooms, laboratories for chemistry and physics and instructors' rooms. All walls and ceilings were plastered and finished in a cream color. The wood trim throughout was oak, as were the floors of all classrooms, offices and laboratories. The corridor floors were terrazzo. The exterior finish was cream-colored brick trimmed with Indiana limestone. In addition to the central

building, there was an auditorium with a seating capacity of approximately 1,200 (comparable to the Paramount Theatre of that time) with window drapes and a stage curtain of rich blue velvet trimmed with side bands of silver. The east wing of the building housed the gymnasium with a capacity of 700 in concrete bleachers on each side of a basketball court floored with maple.



Let's imagine for a time some of what this building saw as she watched the comings and goings of those early years. We can see her looking toward DeSiard as more students came for classes than there were chairs to sit in; watching as some students struggled over

board sidewalks to classes; watching as buses arrived from outlying parishes; watching and listening to students talking as they sat on the building steps and grass. We can imagine her joy at the actual first days of a college. Looking north, she could see the first football field, athletes at practices and games; Gov. Huey Long attending football games with President and Mrs. C.C. Colvert; and a junior college championship team. We also see her watching students march into the auditorium in 1933 at their first graduation...

2006 HOMECOMING WEEK CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 25-30

The first session of the Ouachita Parish Junior College began September 28, 1931, with a full corps of teachers and an enrollment of 416 students.

Come see how we've grown as ULM celebrates its grandest birthday yet -the 75th!

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| September 26 | ULM Retirees' Luncheon
ULM President's Gala (VAPA) |
| September 27-29 | College of Business Symposium |
| September 28 | 75th Anniversary Celebration |
| September 29 | College of Pharmacy 50th Anniversary Celebration
ULM Alumni Golf & Tennis Tourney
ULM Block Party |
| September 30 | ULM Alumni Awards Brunch |
| September 30 | ULM vs. FLORIDA ATLANTIC (Go Warhawks!) |

OTHER 75th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS:

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| November 9 | Envision 2006 |
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Read more stories about the institution's history at www.ulm.edu/75th/

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

For more details and a complete list of ULM events, check out www.ulm.edu/calendar

Campus Construction Updates (Summer 2006)



University Commons I, which replaced Slater Hall, is finished and furniture was moved in in June. The floor plan for this new Residence Hall is one bedroom/double occupancy – full bath – no suitemates.

University Commons II, which replaced Monroe Hall, is also finished and furniture arrived in July. The floor plan for this new Residence Hall is two private bedrooms - full bath - no suitemates. The new apartments, suites, and residence halls have been at 100% occupancy since May.

The Retail Area located on the bottom of University Commons II —at the end where the University Police Station and Post Office once stood— will include a Starbucks, the Bank, SACS Office, and a convenience store. Each of these areas will open at different times throughout the summer and early fall.



Demolition on Lemert, Cosper, Harris, Breard, and the old Infirmary is complete and removal of Bayou Drive and the leveling of that land, sodding, etc., is now underway.

The Natatorium is undergoing needed cosmetic renovations inside and outside and code upgrades, and is expected to reopen in mid-September.

The SUB renovations are on schedule and should be completed in late November. The old Bookstore and Indian Bank will then be demolished once the SUB is complete. This renovation of the SUB will give ULM much needed meeting space for organizations and groups, along with the new Food Court — located where the pool tables and bowling alley were in the old SUB — large meeting rooms, and a ball room for banquets and conferences will be located on the second floor. The original SUB building will house Student Affairs personnel.



Plans for the new Intermodal Transportation Facility (new parking garage) are underway and ULM hopes to make a presentation to the UL System in August. The facility will be located next to the Nursing Building and will contain between 300 to 350 parking spaces. Once the construction contract is signed, it will take about a year to build. Included with this project is the reworking of all parking lots along Desiard Street, the building of a new wrought iron fence and stone gates at all entrance points to ULM along Desiard Street, and additional aesthetic improvements to the front of campus. These additional projects will begin sometime after the state finishes the five-laning of Desiard Street.

Check out more pictures at www.ulm.edu/reclaim/



THE EAGLE HAS LANDED! ULM UNVEILS NEW MASCOT

by Laura Harris

Joined by over 1,000 excited ULM family members, students, faculty, staff, alumni and community supporters, the University of Louisiana at Monroe proudly welcomed the Warhawk as its new mascot Monday, June 26 at Fant-Ewing Coliseum.

In his welcoming remarks, President James Cofer thanked the ULM family, many of whom participated in an extensive public nomination process and offered their opinions on the new logo designs.

“This is a historic day. Our students are able to have their own new traditions, along with the university’s treasured heritage,” he said.

Shortly before ULM unveiled the new mascot logos, including a large, eye-catching Warhawk at center court of Fant-Ewing’s newly-completed floor, Rod Washington, representing Monroe Mayor Jamie Mayo, issued a proclamation making June 26 “ULM Warhawks Day.”

The ULM Pep Band’s spirited music, the cheering crowd, the presence of a real red-shouldered hawk and the anticipation of the new logo designs made the unveiling even more memorable. One ULM student said, “It was so unique and special to be there, experiencing history first-hand ... Today I not only made change, I accepted it.”

Among the honored guests were Rosemary Chennault Simrall, daughter of Northeast Louisiana General Claire Chennault; Dick Daggett, a WWII pilot who flew the P-40 Warhawk; and George Luffey, chair of the ULM Mascot Committee.

The complete logo display may be viewed online at the ULM website: www.ulm.edu/gowarhawks. For merchandise, please visit the ULM Bookstore or go online at www.ulmbookstore.com or www.warhawkgear.com



‘Warhawks’ was the mascot suggestion that garnered the most votes in an online public poll. The ULM Mascot Committee’s decision to approve the logo designs coincided with the majority opinion of the various focus groups who met with Eric Rickabaugh, of Rickabaugh Graphics. The focus groups were composed of 80-100 staff, faculty, alumni, donors, community members, students, prospective students and children.

The proposed logo designs incorporated both aviation and bird imagery since the Warhawk has local historical connections to the P-40 Warhawk Airplane, flown by Northeast Louisiana’s General Claire Chennault and the Flying Tigers during WWII. The P-40 Warhawk was the first American plane to break the 300 MPH mark, was rugged, and could withstand heavy punishment. The Warhawk identity also included hawks, a fierce bird of prey, indigenous to this area and often seen on ULM’s campus. The hawk symbolizes courage, speed, power and vision.

2006 Football Schedule

Aug. 31 - Alcorn State - 7 p.m.
Sept. 9 - at Kansas - 6 p.m.
Sept. 16 - at Alabama - TBA
Sept. 30 - *Florida Atlantic – 6 p.m.
Oct. 7 - *at Arkansas State - 6:05 p.m.
Oct. 14 - *at Troy - 3 p.m.
Oct. 21 - *Middle Tenn. - 6 p.m.
Oct. 28 – at Arkansas (Little Rock) - TBA
Nov. 11 - *at Florida International - 6 p.m.
Nov. 18 - at Kentucky - 12 p.m.
Nov. 25 - *North Texas - 6 p.m.
Dec. 2 - *at Louisiana-Lafayette - 4 p.m.

* = Sun Belt Conference Game
All Times are Central Zone.

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and
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Support
the
Warhawks!!**

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FACULTY UPDATES

SOCM Welcomes Newest Faculty Members



*Dr. Conway-
Bruyninckx*

Dr. June Conway-Bruyninckx has taught Interior Design at ULM since 1979 and joined the faculty of the School of Construction Management in the fall semester of 2005. Her interdisciplinary background includes a B.A. in Sociology from LSU, a M.S. from Louisiana Tech in Housing in Family & Consumer Sciences and a Ph.D. from Texas Woman's University in Consumer Science (Housing and Gerontology). She has also completed a post-doctoral certificate in Gerontology at ULM and is a member of the Graduate Faculty in Gerontology, where she teaches the "Housing the Elderly" Course. Favorite community design projects have included the YWCA Historical Restoration, four churches in North Louisiana, the LCR Showrooms in Louisiana, and numerous building and renovation projects for area elderly facilities and the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home.



C. Bill Cook

C. William "Bill" Cook received a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering from University of Texas (Austin) in 1961 and has done graduate work in the Executive MBA program at the University of Texas Dallas. He is a Louisiana Registered Architect, a member of the American Institute of Architects, and holds a Certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. Mr. Cook is also a Louisiana Registered Professional Engineer. After more than twenty-five years in private practice, either as a partner in or a sole proprietor of architectural and engineering firm(s) in the Dallas area, he came to ULM in 1992 as Director of Physical Plant. He returned to private practice as an architect and engineer in Ouachita Parish in 1997 where he has successfully completed a number of projects for both public and private owners. Mr. Cook joined the faculty of the School of Construction Management in the fall semester of 2005.

In November, Dr. Manry was recertified to teach the OSHA 10-hour and 30-hour classes. The School of Construction gives out a 10-hour OSHA card upon completion of the construction safety class.

The Mechanical Contracting Education & Research Foundation (MCERF) provided financial support for Dr. Manry to attend the Mechanical Faculty Boot Camp in Ft. Collins, Colorado from April 17 through April 19, 2006. This boot camp preceded the Associated Schools of Construction National Conference which Dr. Manry also attended. The boot camp provided an excellent opportunity for university construction management faculty, who teach mechanical construction in their respective programs, to be trained in the area of mechanical construction management. Some of the topics covered included mechanical properties, mechanical systems, estimating, scheduling, and temperature controls. The MCERF funds were available as grants to defray hotel costs. MCERF also sponsored Dr. Manry to attend the Strategic Estimating Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

This past fall semester, Dr. Manry took four students to the MCAA Student Chapter Summit in, Seattle, Wash. They were Allen Bratton, John Strolis, Jonathan Barnes and Damon Walker. In September, Dr. Manry will be taking six students to the MCAA student chapter summit in Atlanta. These students will be the core of the MCAA student competition team which will be made up of two female students and four male students.



Thurman Potts

Potts' Endowed Professorship's First Recipient Named

Bill Cook, who joined the School of Construction Management in the fall 2005, was recently selected as the first recipient of the Thurman Potts Endowed Professorship.

The Potts Professorship was established in 2004 in honor of Thurman Potts, founding director of the School of Construction, thanks to generous donations from alumni and friends, as well as a large matching contribution from the Louisiana Contractor's Educational Trust Fund (CETF), and a matching gift from the Louisiana Board of Regents.

STUDENTS' NEWS

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following students received scholarships for 2005-2006

Thurman Potts Scholarship

Matt Bratton

John E. Baugh Scholarship

Kurt Mayes

Don A. Baxter Scholarship

Kelly Barkley

A.C. Breckenridge Scholarship

Jonathan Kaufman

Fred C. Culpepper Scholarship

Damon Walker

Bill Gilbert Scholarship

John Strolis

Hollis Graham Scholarship

Allen Bratton

J. Hilton Heard Scholarship

Will Lambert

Ranny Terrell Scholarship

Michael Barron

Cecil K. Carter Scholarship

Jonathan Penn

NAHB Scholarship

Jonathan Toby Hancock

NAHB Scholarship

Stephen Emery

Bill Eason Scholarship

Jerome Maddox

David Wayne Geissler Scholarship

Roger Ross

Hurvie Moak Scholarship

Adam Wyatt

Lamar Rogers Honorary Scholarship

Wes Tischner

Ouachita Joint Utility Scholarship

Matt Bratton (Fall) and
Kevin Wilkinson (Spring)



AGC Scholarships Recipients



*Matt Bratton and
Thurman Potts*

MCAA News

Ten students attended the March 2006 Convention in Hawaii. They were John Strolis, Jonathan Barnes, Matt Bratton, Donovan Bailey, Michael Bayles, Bridges McIntyre, Greg Hiegel, Olivier Haranga, Paul Cadriere, and Stephen Emery.

Chris FitzGerald (President and COO) of FitzGerald's out of Shreveport gave a presentation to the students on mechanical contracting and MCAA on April 5, 2006. This was the first MCAA-related presentation since the School of Construction Management established the chapter.

HURRICANE-RELATED PROJECTS

Clothing Drive

The president of our MCAA chapter, Alan Bratton, was also the Sigma Lambda Chi president last semester. Our Sigma Lambda Chi chapter, which is almost entirely MCAA members, sponsored a clothing drive for the hurricane victims. Besides using the honor society members, Alan recruited several other MCAA members to help with

collecting and delivering the clothes. The construction students also donated many of the tee shirts they had for sale.

Food Giveaway

At the beginning of the school year, the MCAA president, Alan Bratton, recruited some MCAA members to help with a monthly food giveaway at a local church. Although this is a regular monthly affair for local people, after the hurricanes, it took on an additional burden of helping some evacuees. MCAA members also help carry groceries bags/boxes from the church complex to vehicles and direct traffic.

Red Cross Shelter

Several of our MCAA members volunteered to help transform the older State Farm building — left vacant last year after State Farm pulled their regional offices out of Monroe — into the primary local, long-term shelter for 2,000 – 3,000 evacuees. The work involved taking down cubicles, moving outlets, moving furniture, etc.

STUDENTS' NEWS

Sigma Lambda Chi Officers

Fall 2005

Allen Bratton – President
Jonathan Kaufman – Vice President
Will Lambert – Pledge Trainer

Spring 2006

Jonathan Kaufman – President
Kevin Wilkerson – Vice President
Kurt Mayes – Pledge Trainer

Internships Needed!

The School of Construction Management is now looking for companies willing to participate in a summer internship program.

If your company is interested in participating, please contact Dr. Keith Parker at (318) 342-1860.

Potts/AGC Golf Tournament



This year again a record number of people participated in the annual AGC/Thurman Potts Golf Tournament at Calvert Crossing Golf Club in Calhoun, La. Proceeds from this event go towards funding the Thurman Potts-AGC Scholarship given to construction students at the ULM School of Construction Management. This is the premier scholarship given to construction students at the university.

This year, the School of Construction Management sponsored a hole in memory of Bill Normand, School of Construction Management assistant professor, who passed away in 2004.

Louisiana AGC would like to thank everyone who participated and to the sponsors who helped make this year's event another great success

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT GRADUATES

SUMMER 05

Michael Armstrong
Benjamin Cunningham

FALL 05

Kelly Barkley
Wesley Flintroy
William French
Brian Hood
Michael Jeane
William Lambert
Reginald Lowry
Philip Maher
Jonathan Markle
Burl Masters
Wesley Miller
Jonathan Penn
Johnny Phillips
Joseph Roan
Dewayne Robinson
Don Tichenor
Damon Walker
Shane Williams

SPRING 06

Cory Ashmore
James Barrett
Christopher Bartlett
Allen Bratton
Dennis Bratton
Rex Calhoun
John Carpenter
Thomas Collins
Andrew Elston
Olivier Haranga
Jeremy Johnston
Steven Jyles
Jonathan Kaufman
Jerome Maddox
Joseph Manuel
Bryan Marshall
Yancie Sullivan

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construction](http://www.ulm.edu/construction)

2006 GUILD BANQUET



Christine Berry, Ron Berry, Joe and June Conway-Bruyninckx enjoyed the Guild Banquet for the first time. (above)

David Dorsch and John Hunter (above, right)

Numerous door prizes were handed out and a live and silent auction took place at the event (bottom, right)



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The School of Construction Management and the Guild members would like to thank the companies and people who helped sponsor this successful event.

Construction Explorer Post

The Construction Explorer Post had a lot of activities in the 2005-2006 academic year. The Explorers and their families were invited to join the School of Construction Management and the College of Business Administration for tailgating and were given complimentary tickets to the four home football games. Needless to say, these events were well attended! At the ULM-Florida International Game, the Explorers competed in a miniature bridge-building competition as well as getting a tour of the construction of the new campus housing project from alumnus Stephanie Clausing. The Explorers built several other projects for competition during the year, including a tower and a concrete arch.

The new officers for the Construction Explorer Post are Tommy Lee, President, from West Monroe High School and Tra'Shawn Hudson, Vice-President, from Ouachita High School.





Kyle Kent

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Kyle Kent, '79 President and Founder, Kent Construction, Inc.



“The three things to remember to be successful in business are: your word is your bond; honor your debt; and always be honest with people,” Kyle Kent declares. It was Kyle’s father who taught him these priceless golden principles when Kyle started his business, Kent Construction, Inc., ten years ago.

Kyle, who grew up in Amite, La., still lives by these three golden rules and the success of his company is based on the fact that people trust his character and recommend him to others. “All you have in life to give people is your name,” he said.

Although he had always had some interest in the construction industry, Kyle’s decision to come and study construction at then-NLU was based on positive input from School of Construction alumnus Johnny Holstead, who was working in New Orleans at the time and took him one day to visit construction job sites and explained the opportunities in the industry with a construction degree.

As a student, Kyle was a member of *Sigma Lambda Chi*, the Construction Guild, and *Pi Kappa Alpha*. Today, Kyle is an active member of the Industry Advisory Council and regularly attends the IAC meetings to discuss and improve the future of the School of Construction Management. Kyle is also a member of the American Institute of Constructors.

Shortly after graduation and at only 25, Kyle decided to venture out and start his own company. “I saw the explosion of work on the Northshore and felt the

time was right to make my move,” he said. As the founder and owner of Kent Construction, Inc., Kyle participates in the sales and negotiations, and still handles 30 to 40 percent of Project Management on current company projects.

“What I learned at Northeast (ULM) prepared me for life in the working world: the general knowledge of construction, including reading blueprints, quantity take offs, scheduling, etc.,” Kent said. “It laid the ground work on what I was about to get into once I graduated and went to work for someone.”

“Students today need to learn as much as they can of the curriculum in college and be able to understand the basic tasks such as estimating, scheduling and plan reading, because the real learning starts as soon as they get out and go to work,” he further explained. “There is nothing like the hands-on learning

once you go to work for a company.”

Among some of the most exciting projects that Kyle was involved in are the Franco’s Athletic Club expansion which was a very unique project due to complexity of detail and finish work involved; the First Baptist Church Youth Center because of the artistic nature of the project; and the Veteran’s Memorial because it was done after 9/11 as a tribute to veterans.

Kyle has been married to Robin for 15 years and they have three children, Brandon (11), Brennan (9) and Blair (7). Kyle is very involved in his children’s sporting activities and events.

“The three things to remember to be successful in business are: your word is your bond; honor your debt; and always be honest with people.”

About Kent Construction, Inc.

Kent Construction was established in April 1996 with only four employees and revenue of \$1.6 million that same year. Over the last decade Kent Construction has assembled a staff of 30 employees who understand the company’s principles and portray them in every facet of their work. The company, with a current revenue averaging \$10 to 15 million per year, was founded on three principles of excellence — Teamwork, Quality and Value — and has earned a reputation for excellence, one customer at a time. Throughout the years, Kent Construction has completed numerous projects across Southeast Louisiana, including automotive facilities, banks, convenience stores, health clubs, medical facilities, office buildings, religious buildings, restaurants, retail shopping centers and specialty projects. For more information about Kent Construction visit www.kentconstructioninc.com

ALUMNI UPDATES

Matthew S. Stevens, '82

President, Stevens Construction Institute
Winter Park, FL

Matt Stevens has been a Management Consultant to construction contractors since 1994. His consulting firm has created an online digest of over 150 articles about the business of construction contracting. The Construction Contractor's Digest web site is a resource for construction leaders with articles ranging in subjects such as managing people and processes to financial management & computers.

These articles will be published in a 400-page book "Managing A Construction Firm On Just 24 Hours A Day". (McGraw Hill) in September, 2006. The book describes "work smart" processes and tactics for construction contracting and will include over 100 illustrations with 150 best Practices. Check out the Construction Contractor's Digest at www.contractorsblog.com

Martha Weems Boutwell Richey, '83

President, Richey Construction Co., Inc.,
Shreveport, LA

Richey Construction received the Shreveport Top 10 Small Business Award for 2005 for their outstanding business achievements and their civic contributions to the Shreveport community. Selection criteria included original entrepreneurship, response to adversity, innovativeness of products or services, growth in number of employees over the past three years, initiative in areas of national interest, service to the community and growth in sales over the last three years.

Established in 2000, Richey Construction specializes in commercial renovation, commercial new construction and construction management. Owned by Martha W. Richey and Ronald T. Richey, the company has seen gross sales triple in the last three years.

Alumni Meetings



Austin Crawfish Boil: Left to right: Trent Livingston, Keith Parker, Ted Williamson, Thomas Behan, Kelton Day, and Jaime Ainsworth.

This season was another busy one for the School of Construction Management and the ULM Alumni Association who organized and attended many alumni meetings in Louisiana and out of state. Many more meetings are planned for next semester. For more information and exact dates, check out the alumni web site at www.ulm.edu/alumni

If you wish to start or revive a construction alumni chapter in your area, contact Dr. Keith Parker at (318) 342-1860.

Join Your Alumni Association Today!

The second year of the ULM Alumni Association Anniversary Dues Campaign is underway. Letters to all alumni who last paid their dues in January – August and then to those who have not yet joined the ULM Alumni Association have been mailed. Private funds (your dues) are extremely important to the continuing successful operation of the ULM Alumni Association and all of ULM. Dues are \$25.00 for an individual alumnus, \$35.00 for a married couple, and \$500.00 for a lifetime membership!

Want to financially support ULM from the privacy and comfort of your own home (which includes paying your alumni dues)? Check out www.ulm.edu/giving/

**For an updated calendar of upcoming ULM alumni events
check out www.ulm.edu/alumni**

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GOOD NEWS! E-MAIL

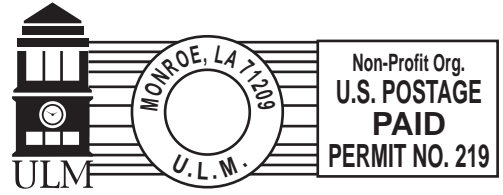
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