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# FROM THE PRESIDENT



The University of Louisiana at Monroe continues to be regarded as an icon of academic excellence at home and abroad because it remains rooted in tradition, while recognizing that sustaining those traditions requires a willingness to keep pace with the diverse needs of our ever-changing world. We continue to attract new Warhawks to join our ongoing mission, sending graduates around the globe equipped with a first-class education acquired in state-of-the-art facilities.

This edition of the ULM Magazine will introduce you to new acquaintances and reunite you with old friends. We welcome the arrival of new ULM family members — including Executive Director of Foundation and Alumni Relations Susan Chappell, Alumni Affairs Director Robin Underwood, and Associate Director of Alumni Affairs Brooke O'Bryant — and share in the good news of Warhawks who have advanced beyond our borders in pursuit of their dreams.

Although we celebrate the successes of our Warhawks whether near or far, we are especially pleased when their career paths lead them back to the nest. Stan Humphries and E.J. Ok are two former ULM athletes, who have progressed from talented players to outstanding coaches, helping to groom the next generation of sports stars in their capacities as assistant and associate coaches for the ULM Women's Basketball team. While some of our Warhawks return to extend to others the guidance they once received here, others pledge their allegiance to ULM by sending more loved ones our way, as the Scelfo family has done now for over forty years. Still others express their continued support for ULM with generous donations and a regular presence at campus and community events, like Buddy Embanato, the university's first mascot and a longtime member of the ULM Letterman's Club (L Club).

We are delighted to know that so many members of our extensive ULM family stand with us as we journey towards the realization of campus constructions and renovations projected in our 2013 Facility Master Plan. On July 1, 2014 local community leaders joined us in a groundbreaking ceremony for the cutting-edge renovations in store for 51-year-old Sandel Hall. In August 2014, we gathered once again for the Liew International Student Center groundbreaking. The facility will serve as ULM's center for facilitating the cultural transition of our many international students, doing our best to ensure that they begin their new lives as Warhawks without the usual hassles of relocation.

As we enter the 2014 school year, we gladly accept our role in shaping the lives of new students and in maintaining the ties that bind us together with our alumni, friends, and community supporters who make our continued existence richer with each passing year.

I trust that the stories in this issue of the ULM Magazine will remind you of the joys of your own university experience, and encourage you to join me in ULM's drive to propel the education of our region toward a promising future.

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Nick J. Bruno, Ph.D.



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## NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTER

ULM welcomes the world

In January, Eric Liew (BBA '93) and his wife Linda Pruett pledged \$1 million to the building of a new International Student Center on the ULM



campus. The center will serve as a base camp for arriving international students, many of whom arrive with no friends or connections in the area.

The center will house students until they are placed into campus housing or find an apartment. It will also be a place for students to socialize.

The Liew family broke ground on the project in August. The new facility will be next to Col. T. William Hemphill Hall on Northeast Drive.

Construction is set to be completed in spring 2015.



#### ULM ALUMNI 2014 AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding ULM Alumni honored

The Golden Arrow Award recipient is **Bart Dornier** (BBA '85). He is a State Farm agent in Metairie, and is an Alumni Legacy member. He served as Alumni Association President in 2006-07, and his dedication and love of ULM is evident to all. He is a supporter of the ULM Golf program and an active Athletic Foundation member.

**Gary Hamilton** is the recipient of the George T. Walker Lifetime Achievement Award. He is retired from Bancorp South and is active in many civic organizations. Throughout his years of service, he has supported the Athletic Foundation and has been a dedicated Grove tailgating resident. Through his generosity with time and service to the Alumni Association, he has been a key supporter of the shrimp boil and La' Louisianne Crawfish Boil for many years.

**Michael Davis (B.S. '08)** is the recipient of the Rising Young Alumni Award. He is the Assistant Director of Housing at ULM. He has served on the ULM Staff Senate since 2012, and is currently serving as Staff Senate President for 2014-15. Michael is working on his master's degree in student affairs administration. He is both an Alumni and Athletic Foundation member, and has been active in both organizations since graduation. Michael frequently volunteers and assists with events and activities at the Anna Gray Noe Alumni Center, and also serves as a deacon at North Monroe Baptist Church. He is married to Kristi and has one son, Cole, and is expecting his second child in October.

**The Lincoln/Union Alumni Chapter** is the recipient of the Chapter of the Year Award. The chapter held its 29th Annual Golf Tournament and Silent Auction. This fundraiser is held each year to sponsor a ULM student scholarship.

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## GET TO KNOW THESE NEW ULM FACES

ULM Foundation and Alumni Relations



BART DORNIER



GARY HAMILTON



MICHAEL DAVIS

Meet Susan: As a wife and mother of three, ULM has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. My father, Van McGraw, began employment at what was then Northeast Louisiana State College in 1959, and served for the next 37 years. My husband Ryan and I are both proud ULM graduates who have worked hard to make our community a better place. As the new executive director of Foundation and Alumni Relations, I hope to use my years of management experience to further the university's success and ensure a stable financial future for its students and constituents.

Meet Robin: I have a lifelong passion for ULM. Growing up I never had any doubt that I would attend ULM, and I enrolled with joy in the fall 1997. I am a 2000 graduate with a major in marketing, and I am the current Director of Alumni Affairs. My father, Coach Roger Stockton, is a Hall of Fame member, and my mother, Dr. Cathy Stockton, earned the first doctorate of education issued in our university's history. My husband Geoffrey Underwood and his parents Geoff and Donna Underwood have degrees from ULM. We are proud parents of three future Warhawks: Grace, 14, Emma, 12, and Roger, 7, who bleed maroon and gold.

Meet Brooke: Growing up in South Louisiana, ULM was not always on my radar, but after one fateful trip to Monroe for Browse on the Bayou, that changed — it was love at first sight. I graduated from ULM in 2011 with a degree in mass communications-broadcast journalism with a minor in sociology. While here, I was a Hometown Hawk and the editor-in-chief of the Hawkeye. After graduation, I became a ULM recruiter and now reside as the associate director for Alumni Affairs. My husband Cory and I live here in Monroe, with our energetic dog. Stella.

#### 'MOST UNDERRATED" LOUISIANA COLLEGE

Ranked by BusinessInsider.com

ULM has been ranked by BusinessInsider.com as Louisiana's "most underrated" college.

BusinessInsider.com, in partnership with niche.com, published a list of 50 underrated colleges around the country - one from each state which exhibited great academics, high acceptance rates and strong in-state student populations.

"I have said many times, ULM is the best kept secret in Louisiana's higher education system," said ULM President Dr. Nick J. Bruno. "It is very rewarding to see independent sources recognize that ULM is an institution that has a lot to offer to students seeking a quality education."

ULM was ranked with other "underrated" universities, such as Clemson University, Mississippi State University, Texas A&M University, the University of Florida, the University of Oklahoma and Virginia Tech University.





### ID YOU KNOW?

#### Points of Pride

- The Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators names Paul Karlowitz, Louisiana Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year
- The Louisiana Contractors Educational Trust Fund donates \$100,000 to the School of Construction Management towards an endowed professorship
- CollegeAtlas.org names ULM's nursing program as the number nine program in the nation
- The Associated Press names ULM's student newspaper the number 10, four-year college weekly newspaper in the nation
- ULM students surpass national testing scores on 11 health and pharmaceutical science program licensure exams
- OnlineU.org names ULM's online MBA as one of the nation's 25 most affordable
- The U.S. Department of Justice awards ULM with a \$250,000 grant for "Project FOUND," which provides education and training for law



enforcement on how to locate and address missing persons with

## SANDEL HALL GETS A FACELIFT

51-year-old structure begins complete remodel

Sandel Hall has been a pillar of the university's landscape since 1963, and after over a decade of waiting, the university has embarked on the complete remodel of the 51-year-old structure. ULM officially began construction on the building in July.



Sandel Hall began as the university's second library location after outgrowing its first

location in Bry Hall. The then two-story building served as the university library until the current library location opened in 1999.

In 1977 a third floor was added to the location, and since the library's departure from the building, the facility has housed many university departments.

Recruitment and Admissions, The Office of the Registrar, Financial Aid, Enrollment Services, The Office of Career Connections, and the Bookstore will all call the new Sandel Hall home. KEDM Public Radio 90.3 and the student-run radio station KXUL will both have studio and office space in Sandel Hall. Officials hope to have the building ready for use in spring 2016.

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## 2014 ULM FOUNDATION AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

RECIPIENTS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Dr. Khalid El Sayed, Dr. Joshua Stockley,

Dr. Kim Marie Tolson, and Dr. Deborah Chandler

ULM faculty honored for excellence

Community leaders

PICTURED ABOVE:

and university officials gather for the Sandel Hall ground-breaking. From left to right is Dr. Stephen Richters. ULM executive vice president; John Schween; Monroe Mayor, Jamie Mayo; Former ULM President, Dr. Dwight Vines; Senator Mike Walsworth; Senator Francis Thompson: Congressman Vance McAllister: Senator Neil Riser: ULM President Dr. Nick J. Bruno; Senator Bob Kostelka: Representative Dr. Frank Hoffmann: and Bill Land of Land3 Architects.

In August, ULM faculty gathered to honor excellence in Research, Teaching, Creative/ Artistic Activity, and Service at the fourth annual ULM Foundation Awards for Excellence. Each winner was chosen based on a set of standards determined by a selection committee. For each category, recipients were awarded unique honors based on their overall effectiveness in their field and their contributions to the university.

- The award for Excellence in Research went to Dr. Khalid El Sayed, professor of medicinal and natural products chemistry in the School of Pharmacy. In his 13 years at ULM he has acquired research grants totaling over \$1.6 million, and has participated in joint collaborations and studies that have resulted in more than 100 publications, seven patents, five book chapters, and 150 research abstracts.
- Dr. Deborah Chandler, associate professor and director of choral activities, won the award for Excellence in Creative/Artistic Activity. Noted as the backbone of the vocal music program at ULM, Chandler is in constant demand as a quest conductor and clinician, and is known for her ability to attract the most talented students to the ULM Choral Program.
- The award for Excellence in Service was given to **Dr. Kim Marie Tolson**, professor of biology, and coordinator of graduate services for the College of Arts, Education, and Sciences. Tolson is known as a community educator who is heavily involved in professional and civic organizations which enlighten and enhance the region's foothold in the biology community.
- The Excellence in Teaching award winner, Dr. Joshua Stockley, associate professor of political science and director of the ULM Honors Program, has been called a marvel in the classroom who utilizes teaching techniques that require critical thinking and push for student engagement. Stockley is willing to take chances and incorporate new media into lectures to improve the experience of his students, as technology continually becomes a major player in how society operates.

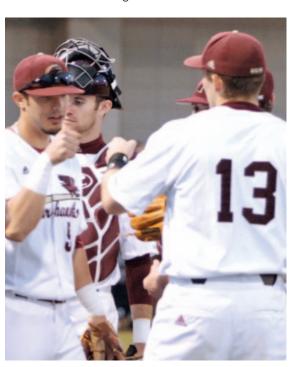




#### WARHAWK BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

2014 campaigns end with great tournament runs

Softball finished the season as the nation's top team in stolen bases, after an unprecedented and unexpected run in the Sun Belt Conference tournament. ULM finished among the final three in the tournament after ousting seventh-



seeded Troy, fourth-seeded Western Kentucky, and third-seeded Georgia State. ULM, which was picked last in the 2014 preseason poll, won three games at the conference tournament for the first time since 2008.

After a mid-season coaching change. ULM Baseball turned their season around and nabbed the eighth seed in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. The Warhawks staved off Western Kentucky in a conference tournament elimination game before falling to Texas State. The secondhalf season surge and tournament run helped propel catcher/ infielder Ross Moore to a spot on the Sun Belt Conference All-Tournament team.

2014-2015 tickets on sale soon!

Warhawk Basketball is just around the corner! Several ticket packages are available:

#### **GENERAL ADMISSION** PACKAGE — \$75

10 good-any-game general admission tickets — great if you can't attend every game. Provides a savings of over 60 percent versus buying single-game tickets.

#### FREQUENT FLYER PASS — \$100 Still the best value you'll find!

Provides access to general admission seating at ALL home athletic events at ULM.

\* ULM Faculty/Staff price — \$75

#### LOWER LEVEL RESERVED — \$150

Feel like you're in the game — sit in Fant-Ewing's lower level! Reserved seats located in the "100s" section. This package SAVES MONEY versus buying single-game tickets!

\* ULM Faculty/Staff price — \$120

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#### MEN'S GAMES

Lower Level Reserved — \$12 General Admission — \$10

#### WOMEN'S GAMES

All tickets — \$5

#### **DOUBLEHEADERS**

Lower Level Reserved — \$12 General Admission — \$10

#### **GROUP DISCOUNTS**

\$7 per ticket for 10 tickets or more

For more information call the Warhawk Ticket Office at 318-342-3ULM

## WATER SKI TEAM WINS 25TH NATIONAL TITLE

ULM captures 25th title in 35 years

The ULM Water Ski Team won its 25th National Championship title at the Collegiate Water Ski National Championship Oct. 20, 2013, at Imperial Lakes in El Centro. Calif. The team has won three years in a row and 25 titles in the 35 years of the competition's existence.

The Warhawks racked up 12,885 points, ahead of the second place team, in-state rival, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, who scored 12,610 points, and the University of Alabama who came in third with 10,330 points.

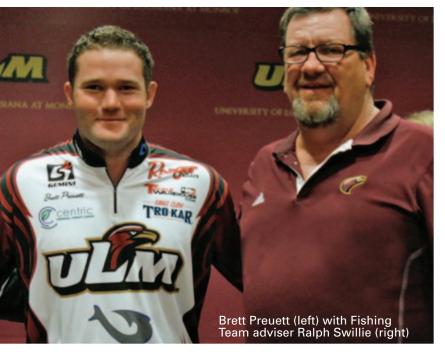
The ULM men swept the top five spots in the jump competition with Claudio Koestenberger coming in first, Siarhei Bushyn coming in second, Martin Kolman placing third, Michael Stevenson placing fourth, and Will Oliver placing fifth. The five men were separated by only 40 points with the first place Koestenberger scoring 580 points and the fifth place Oliver Scoring 540 points. James Earl won the men's trick competition. The ULM men also took the overall men's, slalom, trick, and jump competitions. Martin Kolman and Siarhei Bushyn took first and second place respectively in the overall men's skier competition.

On the women's side, Janice Stevens took second place in the women's trick competition and fifth place in the women's overall competition. Emilia Hoikkanen won second place in the overall women's skier competition.

Women's Team: Jenny Benjamin of London, England; Eleanor Benjamin of London, England; Emilia Hoikkanen of Finland; Carli Guyer of Pierson, Fla.; Maddison McCammon of Clermont, Fla.; and Janice Stevens of Morrisburg, Ontario, Canada.

Men's Team: Jake Bridges of Ireland; Siarhei Bushyn of Minsk, Belarus; James Earl of Solihull, England; Claudio Koestenberger of Sattendorf, Austria; Martin Kolman of Prague, Czech Republic; Will Oliver of Hull, England; Nikita Papkul of Novopolotsk, Belarus; Tyler Scott of Covington; and Michael Stevenson of Gilbert, Ariz.







## BRETT PREUETT WINS SHOWDOWN

Heads to Bassmaster Classic

Brett Preuett, a graduate student from Colfax, won the Carhartt College Classic on Aug. 5, at the Chatuge Reservoir in Young Harris, Ga. Preuett will now compete in the coveted 2015 Bassmaster Classic.

Preuett was part of an eight-man bracket made up of the top individual anglers from the overall team tournament — the Carhartt College Series National Championship.

Along with the individual honor, Preuett and his partner, Jackson Blackett of Sterlington, placed third in the team competition.

ULM sent three other duos to compete in the team tournament. Trapper Munn of Oak Grove partnered with Dustin Perkins of Elmer.

Nick LaDart of Monroe partnered with Brian Eaton of Monroe, and the freshman duo of Tyler Craig of Frierson and Joseph Grassi of Monroe, rounded out the group which competed in Georgia.



**JEFF DOW** 



HEATHER HOLTE



COREY LYON



BRUCE PEDDIE

## WELCOME TO NEW WARHAWK COACHES

ULM athletics infused with new leadership

Since the arrival of Brian Wickstrom as ULM's new Athletic Director in 2013, he has made strides to up the potential of the 15 NCAA programs on campus. With retirements and some reassessment, new coaches have been hired for Women's Basketball, Women's Golf, Softball, and Baseball.

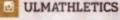
After the retirement of long-time coach Mona Martin, Women's Basketball brought in Jeff Dow to lead the team. Dow brings a winning tradition to ULM with an overall coaching record of 221-109. Dow subsequently hired two assistant coaches — ULM and NFL legend Stan Humphries, and former Rice University star player, Amber Cunningham.

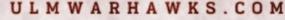
Women's Golf saw a change in coach as well, with the arrival of Heather Holte, who brings over 15 years of golf and softball coaching experience to ULM.

Corey Lyon is the new head coach for Warhawk Softball. Lyon comes to ULM after a three-year stint at Southern Arkansas University, which saw a yearly increase in wins under his leadership, culminating with a trip to the NCAA tournament. Lyon is building his staff and has brought in former Lamar University batting leader, Candyce Carter as assistant coach.

Bruce Peddie was named the Warhawk Baseball head coach on May 13, after taking on interim duties earlier in the year. Soon after, Peddie brought in Eric Folmar, who will work with the Warhawk hitters, and serve as the team's recruiting coordinator.











# HOMECOMING 2014 September 22-27



Homecoming at ULM is a time for friends and family to reignite their passion for our university. Come home to the place where your fondest memories were made, where you met the love of your life, or where you found your life's passion.

Homecoming is for the entire family and ULM hopes that your experience at the university brings you back to enjoy this time with us.

Throughout Homecoming week — Sept 22-27 — we invite you attend some of our great events, including our parade and pep rally; the Business Symposium; the National Champion Water Ski Show; the University Mile, and many



Anna Beth Reardon enjoys the 2013 Homecoming game with her grandmother, Sally Cox.

others. For more information about Homecoming 2014, including the full schedule and event times and dates, visit: ulm.edu/homecoming



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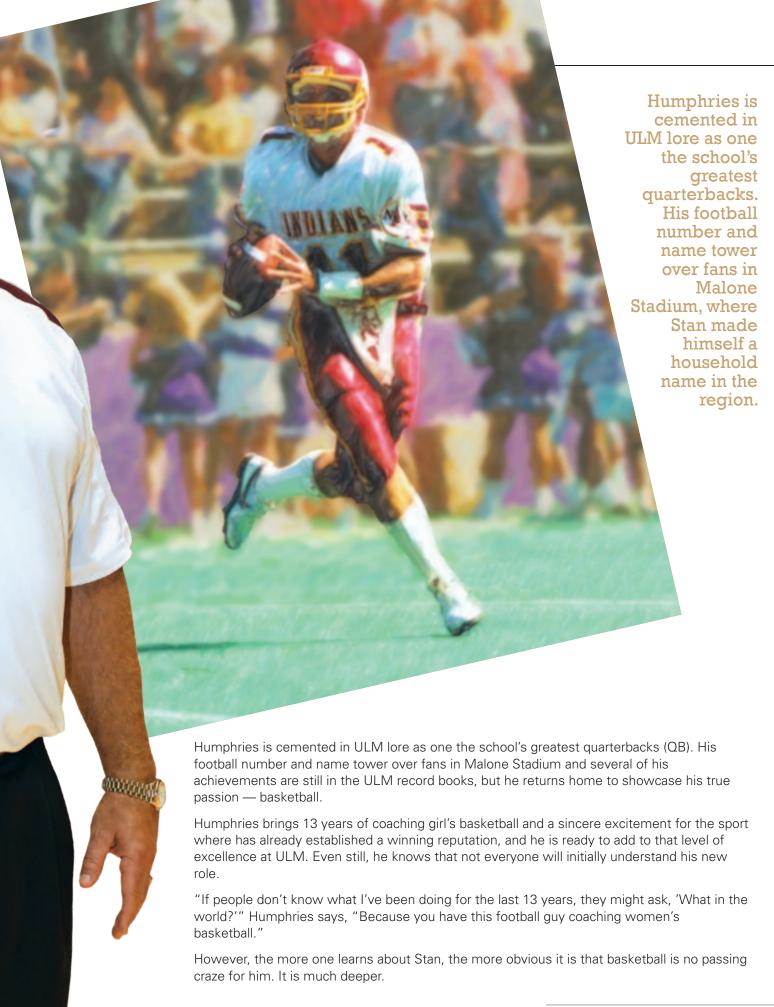
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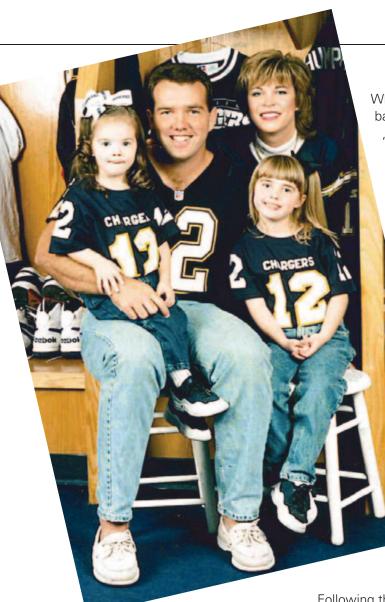
By Hunter Harris

Athletic Director (AD)
Brian Wickstrom and
ULM Women's Basketball
Head Coach Jeff Dow
produced a lot of buzz
within the ULM
community in April when
they announced the hiring
of Stan Humphries as a
new assistant coach for
the ULM women's
basketball team.
Yes, the Stan Humphries.

With Humphries's football achievements still remaining in the ULM record books, it might be expected he would return — again — as a football coach or consultant. However, Humphries has returned ready to add his level of excellence to the ULM women's basketball program.







Stan Humphries (middle) with wife Connie (rear) and daughters Chelsea (left) and Brooke (right) in the San Diego Chargers locker room.

What pushed Stan Humphries, football champion, onto the basketball court? It all comes down to one word — family.

"Probably from growing up, I loved basketball more than I probably ever loved football. My mom's side of the family, that's all they ever played, was basketball. I just love basketball," said Humphries.

After a strong high school career in both football and basketball, Stan was left with a tough decision — which sport to play in college. Humphries thought of his future.

"I really at one point thought about going to college and playing basketball — at lower level, small schools — but I felt like I had a better chance at football to do more and go further," Humphries said.

And go further he did. A lot further.

Humphries excelled at football and impressed the athletics administration at Northeast Louisiana University so much that they offered him a scholarship.

At NLU, Stan quarterbacked the 1987 I-AA
National Championship team, and, in only two
years, threw for 4,395 yards and 29
touchdowns, and was selected as a
first-team All-American, as well as the
Southland Conference and Louisiana Offensive
Player of the Year.

Following the 1987 championship season, Humphries turned his attention to the National Football League (NFL). Drafted by the Washington Redskins in the sixth round of the 1988 NFL Draft, Humphries grew as a  $\Omega B$ .

"I learned a lot with Washington, playing for Joe Gibbs. I learned a lot from my teammates in Washington, who were the older, veteran guys."

Altogether, Humphries appeared in nine games during his four seasons in Washington, before he was traded to the San Diego Chargers prior to the 1992 season.

In San Diego, Humphries earned a starting position. In his six years with the Chargers, Humphries threw for more than 16,000 yards and 85 TDs.

Most notable was the 1994 season, when he uncorked some of his college-days magic, and lead the Chargers to comeback wins, including a go-ahead touchdown pass to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 17-13 to put the Chargers in Super Bowl XXIX.

Even though the Super Bowl trip did not end the way Humphries intended — the Chargers lost to the San Francisco 49ers 49-26 — Stan continued his hard play for the remainder of his career, until a series of concussions forced him to retire from the NFL following the 1997 season.



Stan Humphries with wife Connie (middle) and daughters Chelsea (right) and Brooke (left).

Following two years coaching football at ULM, Humphries realized his dreams of coaching basketball. He earned a stint at Ouachita Christian School (OCS) as an assistant coach with the girl's basketball team, where he coached his daughters Brooke and Chelsea, before embarking on a successful run as head coach of girl's basketball and athletic director at St. Mary's High School in Natchitoches, with Chelsea as his point guard.

Brooke and Chelsea remember their father's strength on the sidelines. Brooke says, "He expected us to be the best we could. He was intense in a good way."

Chelsea holds onto the moments with him: "Everybody would tell us we had a famous dad, but where he was famous to us was as our coach. That's where we got to see him as a leader." Just like their father, the small moments carry the greatest weight for the Humphries sisters.



"We made it to the state semifinals, and even though we lost there, that accomplishment — to watch my daughters — was probably better than even me playing in the Super Bowl. As a parent, as a dad, I had a lot of fun." Even years later, one can still see the impact their experiences together had on Stan.

After returning to the twin cities, Humphries now turns his attention to bringing the same level of success to ULM. Humphries notes, "This university has been really, really good to me. I want to do anything I can to help."

Stan never forgot to take the time to enjoy the experiences with his daughters. He has strong emotions well up about the opportunity.

"Brooke's senior year at OCS,
Chelsea was a freshman, and
they started on the same team.
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Wickstrom is just as excited to get to work with Humphries, and reiterates Stan's openness to the ULM community.

"Stan is just a standup guy. He has no hidden agendas. He is who he is," said Wickstrom.

Coach Dow appreciates the love that Humphries has for his alma mater.

Dow says, "Obviously, with Stan, you're talking about somebody who is passionate about ULM, ULM Athletics, and women's basketball. So he's basically doing anything he can to help."

Humphries and the rest of the women's basketball staff will have a great opportunity to prove their

toughness this season. The team lost four seniors — the top four leading scorers — to graduation. Moreover, the Sun Belt Conference has continued expansion, changing the basketball landscape with several new teams.

Even though the team may be going through a transition, Humphries's expectations for the team are still very still high.

Humphries says, "That's when you have the greatest accomplishments, when folks aren't as sure about your future."

Humphries will bring the competitive hunger his family knows and loves to the ULM team.





Coach Humphries and the rest of the Warhawks know that dictating their future will begin with hard work. He wants players to take a selfless approach to their game, with a sense of family, a concept for which he cares so much.

"I try to impress selflessness upon teams I've coached. They want each other to have success. It's not so much about 'I.' You might not be the most talented, but if you have that belief and trust in yourself and your teammates, you can achieve a lot more than you think you can."

With a ULM legend back patrolling the sidelines, he and the rest of his ULM family see no limit to what the Warhawks can achieve.

The Warhawks women's basketball team begins its season on November 15 at home against William Carey.

Stan and his family demonstrate the blending of success and humility that the ULM faithful appreciate in their alumni.









#### **ULM** ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



E.J. (left) gets instructions from coach Linda Harper (right)

E.J. takes much of what she learned from her legendary coach, Linda Harper, as a barometer for her own success.



E.J. (right) always cherished her time with coach Harper (left)

E.J. takes much of what she learned from her legendary coach, Linda Harper — who passed away in February 2014 — as a barometer for her own success.

"She was like my mom, and because of her, I am here today. She was an incredible person, but she was tough. She let me know exactly what I needed to do and she knew how to manage her staff and her players by pushing the right buttons," she said. "I'm going to be like her. She cared about her players, and she loved me and took care of me because I had no family here. She helped me get through."

"I miss her a lot. I could trust her and always count on her. If you have that, someone like her, then you are the luckiest person in the world."

Now entering her 24th year on the bench as part of the coaching team for ULM women's basketball, Ok takes that same approach in her own coaching. She's confident about the upcoming season and the new additions on the coaching staff, including new head coach, Jeff Dow.

"I feel very good about [the team], and Jeff is very hardworking and demanding. We are going in the right direction — not just players but the program as a whole. The program has been rich in high potential since I was playing, and everyone is really excited about bringing in a new style and new people. Our players have the right attitude and that makes a big difference."

"I have already experienced this life, which is a big plus when trying to teach them. I'm trying to find a way to push them in the right direction and to help them improve as players. I want to help them have the drive that I had. My goal is for them to reach their goals," she said.

At the conclusion of my visit with E.J., she told me how she would like to thank her fans. She said, "One day, when I become a millionaire, I want to invite all of them to a big party because they mean so much to me."

#### **ABOUT E.J. OK**

Ok was not only one of the greatest players in ULM history, but she also played on what are arguably the greatest Warhawk teams, the 1982-86 units that went 102-15, won three Southland Conference championships and played in the 1985 Final Four round of the NCAA Women's Basketball tournament.

One of the most dazzling point guards to play the game, Ok averaged 18.9 points, 2.7 rebounds and 8.4 assists per game for her career. In 1984-85, she averaged 18 points and 8.9 assists to lead ULM to a 30-2 record — which was top in the nation — and to the Final Four.

In 1986 she earned the Jim Corbett Award as the state's Athlete of the Year, collegiate, professional, male or female. A three-year All-American, Ok is ULM's all-time leader in assists with 978, and free throws made with 528. In 2004-05 she was bumped to second on the all-time steals list by former Warhawk Nina Randle. She had 297 steals over her career and ranks second in points scored with 2,208.

During her four years as the Warhawks' point guard, she and All-American Lisa Ingram led ULM to three top 20 rankings — No. 13 in 1984, No. 2 in 1985, and No. 3 in 1986.

A member of the ULM Hall of Fame, Ok was named Southland Conference Player of the Year four straight years — the only basketball player, female or male, to ever be so honored.

In addition to the honors mentioned, Ok was also named to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and in 2004 became the first female inducted into the Southland Conference Hall of Honor.

#### **CAREER RANKINGS:**

Assists - 1st - 978 Free Throws Attempted – 1st – 702 Free Throws Made – 1st – 528 Field Goals Attempted - 2nd - 1,814 Field Goals Made - 2nd - 840 Points - 2nd - 2.208 Scoring Average – 3rd – 18.9 (min. 50 games) Free Throw Percentage – 10th – .752

#### **HONORS & AWARDS:**

#### 1982-83:

All-Louisiana Second Team Southland Conference Player of the Year Southland Conference First Team Southland Conference Player of the Week [1x] All-Tournament Pizza Hut Classic All-Tournament & MVP Southland Conference (Note: SLC Tournament canceled after 1982-83 season, reinstated in 1987-88)

#### 1983-84:

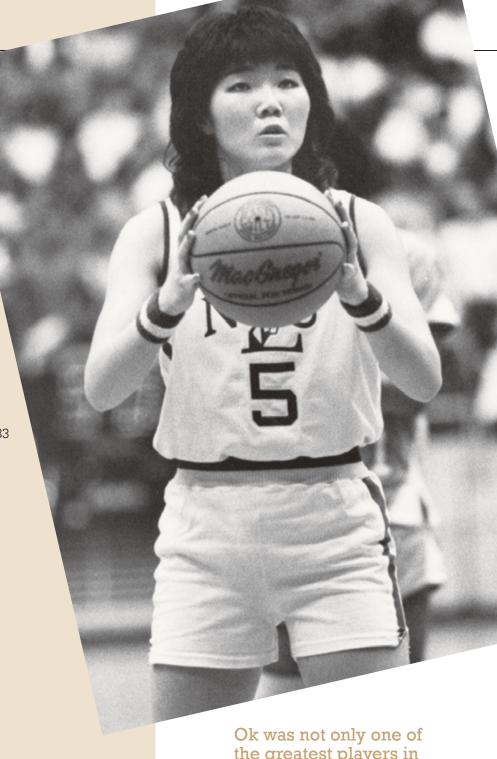
All-Louisiana First Team Southland Conference Player of the Year Southland Conference First Team Southland Conference Player of the Week [2x] All-Tournament Miami Masonic Classic

#### 1984-85:

Louisiana Player of the Year All-Louisiana First Team Southland Conference Player of the Year Southland Conference First Team Southland Conference Player of the Week [2x] All-Tournament Dial Classic All-Tournament Kangaroo Shootout All-Tournament NCAA Midwest Regional Wade Trophy Finalist **Broderick Cup Finalist** Champion Player of the Year Nominee

#### 1985-86:

All-Louisiana First Team Southland Conference Player of the Year Southland Conference First Team Southland Conference Player of the Week [3x] All-Tournament Alaska Northern Lights Invitational Naismith Award Finalist **Broderick Cup Finalist** Champion Player of the Year Finalist



the greatest players in ULM history, she also played on what are arguably the greatest Warhawk teams, the 1982-86 units that went 102-15, won three Southland Conference championships and played in the 1985 Final Four.

## SCELFO FAMILY



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## TRADITION Scelfo-ULM legacy continues

by Angelique Burton Emerson



Bobby and Jenny's triumphant transitions to collegiate life gave birth to a succession of Scelfo siblings attending NLU for more than a decade: Frank Scelfo (BS '81, MEd '83), Barbara Ann Scelfo Jeffers (attended '79-'80), Chris Scelfo (BGS '86, MEd '88), Susan Scelfo Clinkscales (BS '89) and James "Jimmy" Scelfo (BS '91).

Like Jenny, Susan was inspired most by big brother Bobby, whose ULM pharmacy degree paved the way for his ascent to director of pharmacy at River Oaks Hospital. Susan highlights Bobby's persuasiveness on choosing Louisiana's only publicly supported pharmacy education and research institution.

"He explained how a career as a pharmacist was rewarding, serves people, and is a great profession for a woman." As influential as this sale's pitch was, Susan revealed the following as his most convincing evidence, "He married Michaelle – a fellow pharmacist – which reaffirmed and strengthened my decision to apply for pharmacy school and attend ULM."

Susan stated that she continues to enjoy the benefits of her ULM educational foundation in her current role as senior director of client services for California-based OptumRx. Looking back on her journey from retail pharmacy to managed care pharmacy, she proclaimed, "Bobby was right – pharmacy has been rewarding, fulfilling, and an incredible career with endless opportunities!"

Susan expressed gratitude to Bobby for both her career and school choices. When asked how being a ULM student has benefitted her in her career, she responded, "ULM provided a strong foundation for my success, a great education and wonderful experiences."

The Scelfos expanded more than their career opportunities while attending at ULM. The Scelfo family history and the University of Louisiana at Monroe's history became so intertwined that several of the siblings expanded the family by marrying ULM graduates. Jenny's late husband was Wiley S. Reagan Jr. (BS '75, MS '77); Frank married Holly Kingrey Scelfo (BS '82); and Chris married Nancy Caldwell Scelfo (BBA '83). What's more, Bobby and his wife, Michaelle Wolfe Scelfo (BS '82) have produced two ULM warhawks of their own: Craig Scelfo (BBA '11) and Meredith Scelfo (construction management major).

"The inspiration for me to pursue a degree at ULM was from both of my parents," Craig said. "I grew up listening to stories from my entire family discussing the great times they each had at ULM. The first day I stepped on campus to visit, I realized what they had all been talking about for so many years and that ULM was the place for me."

Michaelle said that she and Bobby made no effort to influence their children's school choices, but she still believes that knowing how much NLU meant to their parents played a major role in Craig and Meredith's decision to continue the family tradition. "I began serving on the Alumni BOD (board of directors) when I was expecting Craig! To this day Bobby and I have friends from NLU that are part of our daily lives, and Craig and Meredith have grown up around these friends, and of course essentially all of the immediate Scelfo family." In addition, Michaelle points out that the family's participation in alumni events has afforded their children an opportunity to experience the camaraderie of the ULM alumni community for themselves.

Like his aunt, Craig also credits his ULM education for the success of his career. He began working at First Guaranty Bank in Hammond in 2011, the same year he graduated from ULM.



"I am very thankful to my entire family for encouraging me to attend ULM, a school and time in my life that I will always cherish."

Craig is certainly not the only Scelfo with cherished memories of life at ULM. Bobby recalls canoe rides on the bayou, and Jenny thinks back to times spent lounging around the student union building with friends. Both Chris and Frank also enjoyed the bayou in the springtime.

Nearly all of them fondly remember kicking off fun nights at the Siesta, and gathering at the Circus — the discotheque where students could dance the night away. "Back then the sidewalks rolled up at Midnight," Michaelle said. "On Saturday nights after midnight the hangout was The Hangout!" The Hangout offered Monroe's first bring-your-own-beer after-hours bar from midnight to 4 a.m.

By the time Craig arrived at ULM, the places to be and the times to be there had changed. The Siesta and the Circus had been replaced by Mustang Sally's as a favorite student hangout; this club offered food, drinks and entertainment Thursday through Saturday night.

Despite the changes in hangouts, nightlife and even the face of the campus, Michaelle feels certain that both Craig's and Meredith's ULM experiences have been comparable to hers and Bobby's in all of the right ways: "still a great place to be... nice people, 'just right' campus size/student population, great education and reputation in academic fields." Michaelle added that she could only think of one disadvantage of her children attending ULM, and that is the 280 mile distance from home. "The kids might consider that an advantage!" she acknowledged with a laugh.

The ULM campus has been an ever-present component of Scelfo family life, even for those who graduated decades ago. Frank and Holly treasured their times here so much that they became the first couple to hold a wedding reception at the ULM Alumni Center. Moreover, Frank remarked that many of the people that they met in college have become lifelong friends.

Not only have the bonds of friendship endured the test of time, but the wisdom imparted by ULM professors has also transcended the boundaries of the classroom. Craig, who has a BBA in finance, has said of his favorite professor, Dr. Michael Parker, "He taught his students about life, and not just about numbers. His lessons were based more on his life experiences and ways to progress in a career rather than progressing through school. He was a great professor and family man."

Craig's mother, Michaelle, noted that "preceptors and mentors/guest speakers are now colleagues with whom we have networked at conventions and served with in the state association." Dr. Sujit Das & Mr. Geiger helped to shape Susan's thought process in college. "They were both, inspirational, encouraging, and talented," she said. Frank revered Coach St. Amant and Coach John David Crowe. Jenny attributes her solid foundation and her status in the medical technology society of Louisiana to her experiences at ULM. Her favorite professor was Dr. Keve.

Jenny's B.S. in medical technology laid the first stone for her career as a clinical diagnostics manager for Horiba, Inc. in New Iberia.

Her familial sources of inspiration, Bobby and Michaelle, live in Covington and have parlayed their bachelor's degrees in pharmacy into successful careers as a hospital pharmacy director and a long term care consultant, respectively.

Frank's B.S. in physical education helped him to secure a spot as the quarterback coach for the National Football League's Jacksonville Jaguars in Jacksonville, Fla.

A bachelor's in liberal arts and a master's in education endowed Chris with the knowledge and versatility to become the tight ends coach for the Atlanta Falcons of the National Football League.

Susan's B.S. in pharmacy led to a senior position with the premier integrated health services provider in the world

After earning his B.S. degree, Jimmy moved on to medical school and is now a practicing physician in Orlando, Fla. Bobby and Michaelle's son, Craig, has applied lessons learned in pursuit of his BBA in finance to become a commercial loan officer with the same Hammond bank that first hired him shortly after the conferment of his ULM degree.

Craig's sister, Meredith, is currently at ULM majoring in construction management. As for Bobby and Michaelle's seventh grader, Brent, we will just have to wait and see if the Scelfo-ULM legacy continues.

In the 1970's, one by one, the Scelfo siblings of New Iberia embarked on a journey to Northeast Louisiana University, where they sowed the seeds for loving marriages, future generations, lasting friendships, prolific careers and a family tradition that lives on at the University of Louisiana at Monroe in 2014.

The ULM campus has been an ever-present part of the Scelfo family life, even for those who graduated decades ago.

# SOAR

### The Campaign

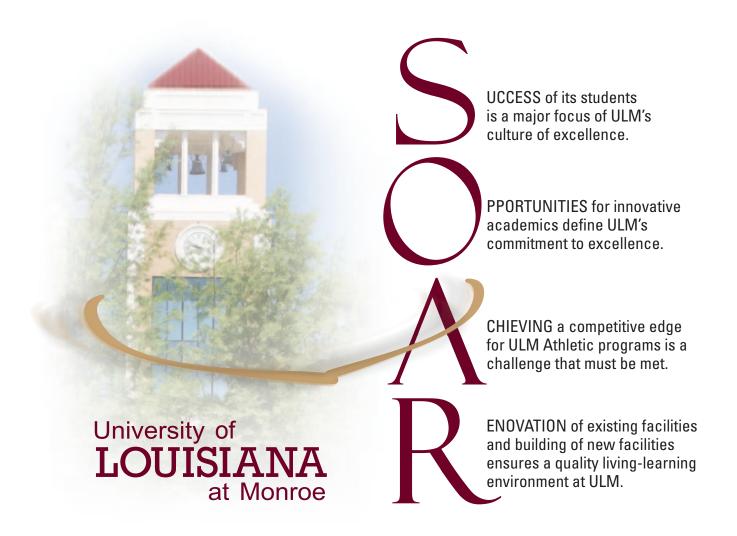
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After establishing the SOAR campaign in 2013, the University of Louisiana at Monroe has seen a surge in support from the community in an effort to propel the university forward during continued budget challenges facing Louisiana higher education. ULM's constituents, with help from the ULM foundation, have shifted the university's future by helping to advance its mission of giving students a safe, comfortable institution, which provides innovative technology and facilities.

The SOAR initiatives provide opportunities for alumni and friends of the university to participate in every aspect of its future — from endowments supporting students and faculty to building projects adorning all areas of campus. During this leadership phase of the campaign, many have already stepped up to support several of the exciting SOAR projects, including:

- The Success of our first two President's Top Hawks Scholarship recipients — high ability incoming freshmen — who recently returned to the U.S. after studying abroad, expanding their educational reach, and spreading the word about ULM around the world.
- The **Opportunities** for faculty, such as the Thurman Potts Endowed Professorship, which provides funds for construction management faculty for research, classroom supplies, student trips, and more.
- Achieving a competitive edge through the enhanced support of our athletic programs and facilities such as the new field turf donated by JPS Aviation.
- **Renovation** of facilities brings top students and student-athletes to the university. Plans are to rebuild Brown Theater to a state-of-the-art performing arts center. Additionally, the Malone Fieldhouse project with its new locker room, coaches' offices, and hall of fame area will attract more top-tier athletes into the ULM family.





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Matching Gifts: Many companies participate in matching gift programs. Some companies will even match gifts made by retirees and spouses of employees. If your company is eligible, request a matching gift form from your employer and send it completed and signed with your gift. We will do the rest. The impact of your gift may be doubled or even tripled!

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One of the foremost executives in the chemical industry around the world

by Kiwana Sutton



#### Forty-one years ago, Sunil Kumar graduated from ULM with a master's degree in business administration.

What followed was a career that would place him as one of the foremost executives in the chemical industry around the world, most recently winning the prestigious Society of Chemical Industry (SCI) Medal for his impact, commitment, and contributions to the chemical industry.

The current chairman and owner of Universal Plastics and Nylon Corporation of America, Kumar was born in New Dehli, India. After moving to the United States in 1971 and deciding to pursue his MBA, Kumar chose ULM.

"My college goal was to get a good job start, and it changed as I went along," said Kumar. "Exposure to the business world and learning global markets became an obsession as I progressed through my MBA program. Hence, I wrote my MBA research paper on global productivity metrics and did a thesis on location research analysis."

Kumar went on to executive positions in top companies such as Bridgestone/Firestone, International Specialty Products, and GAF Materials Corporation, all recording multibillion dollar sales. Kumar credits a portion of his success to the time he spent at ULM and the relationships he built along the way. He has not forgotten those moments on campus so many years ago that helped him become who he is today.

"My ULM education gave me a broad outlook and ability to continue learning after graduation," he said. "One of my favorite memories is working at the Academic Computer Center with Professor Robert Wysocki. He was bright and intense. In addition to Professor Wysocki, I have high regard for Professor Dwight Vines, who later became president; Professor Robinson in accounting, Professor Hood, and President George Walker."

Even as a high-level CEO and executive, Kumar has kept up with the university's success and sees the impact the university has on the community.

"ULM has become a much bigger force in northern Louisiana, especially in education, pharmacy, and business programs," he said.

With Kumar's exceptional post-graduate accomplishments, he has given advice to many of those seeking to mirror his success.

"Incoming students should not be 'scared' of any academic fields," he said. "Just follow your passion, even if it seems difficult. Things work out."



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## BUDDY EMBANA

by Donna Bernard

For several consecutive days before each ULM home football game, you can find Buddy Embanato in The Grove. Buddy enjoys relaxing in his RV, passing out food and drink to friends, watching the team during walkthroughs in nearby Malone stadium, and waiting to cheer the Warhawks to victory.

He says there is nothing he'd rather be doing, and he has been cheering on the ULM Warhawks since they were the Northeast Louisiana State College (NLSC) Indians on the site where Walker Hall is todav.

> His love and support of the Warhawks began when he was just a kid, maybe 9, he says, and as a Cub Scout carried trays of ice cold colas through the crowd at the football stadium and sold each cup for a nickel. It was just after that time, he estimates in the fall of 1958, that a representative of the university saw him and his friends performing a traditional Native American dance they had learned through their Boy Scout

endeavors. That group was recruited to perform the dance at halftime of the home football games, and he would even ride a horse out into the middle of the field just before kickoff and throw a spear into the ground to signify the beginning of the game and declare a hopeful victory.



## Maintaining his school spirit through decades of changes

"My sister and I made everyone's costumes," he said describing the labor of wrapping each feather together with a thin piece of wire to be incorporated into the outfit. He and his sister, Mariana Burroughs, spent hours getting all the colorful warbonnets just right. And thus the very first mascot was brought to life and Buddy continued his mascot appearances through the beginning of his college days in 1962.

He took the job very seriously

"The mascot's job is to keep the crowd's attention" he said. "Along with the cheerleaders," he added, "If everybody does a little bit, we do a lot."

With that much love for the school, he was one of the many that hated changing mascots. He had been unfazed by the school's name changes - his uncle had graduated under the name Northeast Junior College, he and his wife were both graduates under the name NLSC, and his daughters both graduated ULM, but his passion was the mascot, and becoming a Warhawk was a hard transition for him.

"Look, if your kid had a kid and named it something that you hated, you would still love your grandkid," he said, making a correlation about how he feels about the Warhawk replacing the Indian. "It's like your child, you love it, you nourish, it and you do everything you can to help it be the best it can be."

"It's obvious we had to change," he said. "And the Warhawk represents fighting — never give up — and with the Chennault tie in, I can't think of a better mascot."

He refers to a Louisiana native General Claire L. Chennault, who flew a Warhawk P-40 during World War II and emerged as a leader for American fighter pilots against Japanese opponents in the air.

"This is my school," Buddy added. "We have to support it in every possible way: athletically, academically — anyway we can support it.'

He is a die-hard fan.

"When I die, I'm gonna have them spread my ashes over the Grove."



Embanato (rear) reminisces his days as a mascot, as seen in the 1963 Chacahoula

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#### 1959

Mona McClure Meredith retired from teaching in the Ouachita Parish School System, and began a second career working in her husband's (Walter Meredith ('74) architecture office in Monroe.

#### 1960

**Joella McCleary Branch ('60, '65)** lives in Winnsboro. Since retirement, she has become self-employed.

Tom Parks ('60, '65) retired from Clemson University in 2003 and from the University of Texas in 2013. During his tenure as associate dean at Clemson, he founded Call Me Mister, a teacher preparation program for African American males. This multi-million dollar project now has a strong presence in 19 states. Meanwhile, the Parks's family has shown a strong presence at ULM; his nephew Dr. Ron Berry is dean of the ULM College of Business and Social Sciences. Also, several of Parks nieces and nephews have graduated from ULM's undergraduate and graduate programs.

#### 1964

**Thomas Claridge** lives in Los Gatos, Calif. with his wife, Misty Claridge.

#### 1965

**Charles Coger** retired, closing Coger Drugs after forty-three years of operation. He lives in Huntsville, Ala. with his wife, Lois Coger.

**Ellis Fowler** is married to Rosalie Fowler, and they live in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

#### 1966

**Jamie Driskill** and his wife, Carolyn Driskill, recently moved from Anna, III. to Mount Vernon, III. to be closer to his wife's parents.

#### 1968

**Joe McCarty** is retired, and lives in Rodessa with his wife, Cherry McCarty.

#### 1969

**Joseph Bosworth** is married to **Jo Ann Collingsworth Bosworth ('66)**. They live in
Houma, where he is the pharmacist- in-charge at
Rouses Discount Pharmacy #24.

James R. (Jimmie) Rogers wrote an essay on the human transcendence experience, "Higher Learning," which appeared in the March 2014 issue of the *Mensa Bulletin*.

#### 1970

**Ed Davis ('70, '77)** is married to **Betty Davis ('78)**, and they live in Austin, Texas.

**David G. Roach** retired from the University of Mississippi. He lives in Oxford, Miss. with his wife, Vivian Curry Roach.

#### 1971

Danny Ellis lives in Seattle, Wash. with his wife, Helen Ellis. They welcomed the birth of their beautiful granddaughter Sarai N. Asim June 11, 2014. Sarai's parents are Danny and Helen's daughter Aisha and her husband, Andre.

Doris Elaine Hawthorne lives in Decatur, Ala.

Roselie Overby ('71, '74) retired from Oak Grove High School in West Carroll Parish Schools. She taught for a total of 34 years in La. and Texas, and worked as a research associate at LSU Shreveport Medical School for nine years. Yard work at home and volunteer work with Oak Grove Garden Club, West Carroll Master Gardeners, and LSU Bird Counts will comprise Overby's busy retirement schedule.

#### 1972

**William Funderburg** is self-employed and lives in Franklin, Tenn. with his wife, Pamela Funderburg.

**Harold Gallman ('72, '76)** is married to **Gloria Watson Gallman ('75)**. They live in Rayville, where he is the director of personnel for the Richland Parish School Board.

**James Monk** is a graphic artist for Bancroft Bag, Inc. in West Monroe. He lives in Mer Rouge with his wife, Dorie Monk.

#### 1974

**Yvonne Underwood Holmes** is a retired manager of corporate human resource for CITGO Petroleum Corporation in Houston, Texas. She now lives in Tulsa, Okla.

**Bonnie Anderson Lawson** received her M.S. from the University of Kentucky at Louisville in 1997. Lawson is the manager of operator services for BellSouth Corporation. She lives in Monroe with her husband, James Lawson.

**Lydia Moore LoboyLydia** is retired, and lives in Ponchatoula with her husband, Len LoboyLydia.

**Catherine Wortham Long** has retired from her position as an insurance adjuster for Crawford & Company. She lives in Beaumont, Texas with her husband, Wilfred (Buzz) Long.

#### 1975

**Gloria Watson Gallman ('75, '77)** is the principal of Holly Ridge Elementary for Richland Parish Schools. She lives in Rayville with her husband, **Harold Gallman ('72)**.

Michelle Landry Heimgartner retired from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals in 2013. She and her husband, Lenny Heimgartner, now live in Key West, Fla.

#### 1976

Otto Benavides, emeritus associate professor/ director at California State University took advantage of the Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP), which enables him to continue working part-time while retired. He has collaborated with Austrian Online University Worldwide Education (WWEDU) as a visiting professor and course designer for their online master's program in instructional technology. During a recent trip to Europe. Benavides was invited to deliver a keynote presentation in Barcelona, Spain. In October 2013, he presented papers on distance learning at the International Council for Educational Media at Nanyang University in Singapore. Benevides is also a part of WWEDU's distance learning technology integration training team, conducting faculty sessions at the School of Law in Johannesburg, South Africa and at Anadolu University in Eskeshihir, Turkey. He and his wife, Cynthia Benavides, live in Clovis, Calif.

Laura Miller lives in Abita Springs.

**Delores Deloach Rabalais** is the principal of Riverside Elementary in Avoyelles Parish Schools in Marksville. She lives in Simmesport with her husband. Patrick Rabalais.

Joseph Williams is the director of Electronic Health Records (EHR) Service Delivery for United Surgical Partners International in Addison, Texas. He lives in Plano, Texas with his wife, Stacy Williams.

#### 1977

Jeanie Shadoin Colvin, widow of Clark Colvin ('76), retired from Rockwall ISD in Rockwall, Texas and returned home to Shreveport. She is currently the Academically Gifted ELA teacher at Elm Grove Middle School in Bossier Parish Schools.

**Pellegrin Dudley** lives in Houma with his wife, Diette H. Pellegrin.

**Vivian Wood Shepherd** is a medical technologist at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Marshall, Texas. She lives in Longview, Texas with her husband, Jay Shepherd.

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#### 1978

**Jeffrey Bolotte** is the clinic pharmacy manager at Our Lady of Lourdes RMC in Lafayette. He lives in Scott.

**Debbie Nielsen Dunham** is married to **Mike Dunham** ('79). They live in Fayetteville, Ga., where she is a teacher for the Fayette County Board of Education.

Monty Ingram married Patsy Ingram in 2011 and moved to Tyler, Texas, where he is a staff pharmacist for NuTech, Inc. His daughter, Kelsey, is expected to graduate from ULM's Kitty Degree School of Nursing December 2014.

Kathaleen Pittman lives in Shreveport.

**Darrell Pitzer** retired from Exxon Mobil Corp. and lives in Spring Hill, Tenn. with his wife Jan Hodges Pitzer.

**Kathryn Medus Sullivan** is the CEO of the central region of UnitedHealthcare. She lives in Chicago, III. with her husband, Howard Sullivan.

#### 1980

**Jerri Ray de Pingre** is the president and CEO of Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce. She lives in Minden with her husband, Benny de Pingre.

#### 1981

**Linda Andrews Collins** is a permanency achievement specialist for the state of Illinois. She lives in Dolton, III. with her husband, Glenn Collins.

**Jerry Stansbury ('81, '89)** is a retired officer of the West Monroe Police Department. He lives in West Monroe with his wife, Sandy Stansbury.

#### 1982

**Susan McGraw Chappell** is the executive director of the ULM Foundation and Alumni Relations. She lives in Monroe with her husband, **Ryan Chappell ('80, '88)**.

**Steven Elam** is married to **Kathy Elam** (**'84**). They live in Prairieville, where he is the sales manager for Atlanta-based Newell Rubbermaid.

**Charles Porter** is a sales consultant with Odessa, Fla. based Innovative Metering Solutions. He lives in St. Mary's, Ga. with his wife, Peggy Porter.

#### 1983

**Don Greenland III** is married to **Angela Greenland ('83)**. They live in Conway, Ark., where he is the chief operating officer of Nabholz Construction Services.

**Carl Howard** is a senior army instructor with Allendale County Schools in Fairfax, S.C. He lives in Columbia, S.C. with his wife, Robbie Howard.

**Cynthia Heckford McKinney ('83, '90)** recently joined the staff of ULM's controller's office as an accounting specialist II. She lives in Monroe with her husband, **Randy McKinney ('84)**.

Sheryl Scott Shepard lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

**Jefrey Turner** is an attorney with Allen Turner Law. He lives in Peachtree City, Ga.

**Mary Wells** works at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. She lives in Callaway, Fla.

#### 1984

**Angela Batts Edwards** lives in Winnfield with her husband, Jessie Edwards.

**Karen Toms** is a pharmacist at University Health Shreveport. She lives in Bossier City.

Myra Pharis Tosten is now a development officer for the ULM Foundation, following a thirty-year career in banking. She lives in Monroe with her husband, Charles Thomas Tosten III (\*85).

**Scott Turner** is the vice president of sales for Dallas-based B.C. Williams Bakery Service. He lives in San Antonio, Texas with his wife, **Sandy Holleman ('84)**.

#### 1985

**Gerald McHenry** was appointed vice president of quality for ThyssnKrupp Elevators Americas in Memphis, Tenn. He lives in Collierville, Tenn. with his wife, Mary McHenry.

**Scott Rundell** is the director of tolling operations for the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development. He lives in Baton Rouge.

#### 1986

**Patricia Beavers** received her doctorate in health administration in October 2013. She lives in Clarksville, Tenn.

**Sonja Odom Dillingham** lives in West Monroe, where she is a teacher at Good Hope Middle School. Dillingham has two wonderful grandsons, Brycen and Jax, as well as a new son-in-law, Edward Thomas.

**Marie Robinson White** is a nurse at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md. She lives in Hanover, Md. with her husband, Reginald White.

#### 1987

**Karen (Kacee) Cobb Anderson** lives in Cheyenne, Wyo.

**Ernest Cubit** is married to **Trisha Cubit** (**'88)**. They live in Southlake, Texas.

Janet Case Graham ('87, '90) lives in Slidell.

Patricia DeFils Williams works for the Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital in Pineville. She lives in Alexandria with her husband, Martin Williams.

#### 1988

**Krystal Peterson** is a flight attendant for Atlanta-based Delta Airlines. She lives in Covington.

#### 1989

Cherie Tharpe Anyan ('89, '08) and Gary Mark Anyan ('85) are proud to announce the graduations of both their oldest and youngest daughters. In May 2014 Kirstie Anyan graduated from ULM, and Abby Anyan graduated from West Monroe High School . Abby will enter ULM in the fall of 2014. The Anyans are a fourth generation ULM family and live in West Monroe.

Jane Holcomb is the specialty territory manager for Tampa, Fla.-based Romark Laboratories. Her clients include infectious disease physicians and gastroenterologists throughout Arizona. She lives in Chandler, Ariz.

Pamela Spikes Johnson, a career social worker, happily assumed the full-time position of stay-at-home mom on April 26, 2011, the date she and her husband, Steven Johnson, were blessed with the birth of their first child, Joshua Edward. The Johnsons live in Kentwood, Mich.

#### 1990

**Agnella Lee Perera** received her doctoral degree in leadership and policy study from Virginia Tech on May 6, 2014. She is the superintendent of schools for Isle of Wight County Schools in Smithfield, Va. She also lives in Smithfield, Va. with her husband, Rajiv Perera.

#### 1991

**Johnny Brooks** is a teacher with the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. He lives in Baton Rouge with his wife, Kimberlyn W. Brooks.

**Ronald Davis** is a freelance journalist, pilot and aircraft maintenance technician. He lives in Rayville with his wife, Bernadette Cahill.

**Kea Jefferson Martin** is the supervisor of asset accounting for Cleco Corporation in Pineville. She lives in Alexandria.

Clarence Strahan and his wife, Dianne Strahan, are the proud parents of Brian Strahan, a Piedmont College Presidential Scholar. Clarence Strahan is a retired chief inspector for the U.S. Marshals' office in Glynco, Ga. The Strahans live in Richmond Hill, Ga.

#### 1992

**Tonya Harris-Fields** is the lead medical technologist with Memorial Hermann TMC in Houston, Texas. She lives in Fresno, Texas with her husband, Ricky Fields.

Lt. Col. Christopher Jeselink, retired from the U.S. Army on November 26, 2013, after 26 years of service. He lives in Clinton, Miss. with his wife, Karen Jeselink ('92).

**Lee Anne Parker McDonald** is the owner of Pearlie Sue and Company, LLC in Ruston, where she lives with her husband, Clay McDonald.

#### 1994

Wanda Carney Goleman ('94, '97) was promoted to Associate Professor of Biology in the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences at Northwestern State University. She lives in Natchitoches with her husband, Harvey Goleman.

#### 1995

Spencer Caldwell lives in Monroe.

**Bret Resweber** is the owner of Resweber South Inc. He lives in Lafayette with his wife, Beth Marino Resweber.

#### 1996

**Scott Browning** is the pharmacy manager at Walgreens in Alexandria. He lives in Pineville.

**Christopher L. Houston Sr.**, a Ouachita Parish School System employee, lives in Monroe with his wife, **Chandra Houston ('96)**. Their son Christopher L. Houston Jr. recently transferred to ULM from the United States Air Force Academy, where he was a member of the Air Force football team.

**Jo Jo (Jotavus) Jones** is a teacher and coach for Spring Branch ISD in Houston, Texas, where he lives with his wife, Latonya Jones.

#### 1997

**Tisha Flewellen** is a staff pharmacist with Our Lady of the Lake, RMC. She lives in Baton Rouge.

#### 1998

**Tanisha Jolla** is a fiscal officer for the Town of Richwood. She lives in Monroe.

#### 1999

**Claire Condrey Gordon** is a pharmacist with Community Pharmacy in Monroe, where she lives with her husband, Dr. Hardy Gordon.

**Jeremy Slaughter** lives in Shreveport, where he is a senior property manager with Sealy and Company.

#### 2000

**Paul Corley** is the head chef at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet, Texas. He lives in Marble Falls, Texas with his wife, Amanda.

**Vanessa Rena Small** is a librarian with Monroe City Schools. She also lives in Monroe.

#### 2001

**Rebecca Moseley** became the associate director of career services for Career Technical College in Monroe in January 2014. She also lives in Monroe.

**Terrence Robinson** works in admissions and recruitment at Career Technical College in Monroe, where he lives with his wife, Chetamor Robinson.

#### 2002

**Kema Dawson** is a mortgage title closer for Bank of America. She lives in Dallas, Texas.

**Traqina Quarles Emeka** was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor in the University of Houston - Downtown Department of Criminal Justice. She lives in Tomball, Texas with her husband, Franklin Emeka.

**Corey Tashombe Hardy** is a network MRI supervisor with Cambridge Health Alliance in Cambridge, Mass. He also lives in Cambridge, Mass

Elizabeth Cabello Herod is an underwriter for Chubb & Son in Chicago, III. She lives in Vernon Hills, III. with her husband Scott Michael Herod (10).

**Miranda Hasley Shriver** and her husband, Marc Shriver, have a son named Hasley Adam Shriver. They live in Minneapolis, Minn., where she is a senior vice president with Guy Carpenter.

**Brandi Barber Stephens** is married to **Shomichael Stephens ('02)**. They live in Shreveport.

**Julia Tidwell** is a certification officer with Texas Wesleyan University in Ft. Worth, Texas. She also lives in Ft. Worth, Texas.

#### 2003

**Marcus Barnhill** is a teacher for the Caddo Parish School Board in Shreveport. He also lives in Shreveport.

Marsha Fannin Crader was promoted to Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy in July 2013. In June 2014, she became president of the Arkansas Association of Health-System Pharmacists. She lives in Jonesboro, Ark. with her husband, Travis, and their two wonderful boys — William, 5 and Luke, 21 months.

Christopher Fontenot's part-time business, A Cajun Life food cart, recently launched its first seasoning. This all-purpose seasoning is available at regional grocery chains in Oregon and at drugstore.com. Fontenot is working on two more seasonings, plus a line of coffee. He is also seeking a second business location. He lives in Damascus, Ore. with his wife, Hillary Fontenot

**leshea Hollins Jones** is now the IT Executive Director and corporate information officer (CIO) of her own company, Direnzic Technology & Cybersecurity, LLC. She lives in Monroe with her husband, Larry Jones.

**Mark Skipper** is a technician at South Ark Equipment in Rayville. He lives in Monroe with his wife, **Brandy Skipper** ('04).

#### 2004

**Jessica Manes** lives in Monroe, where she is the concessions manager for the City of Monroe – Civic Center.

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Angela McCray ('04, '05) lives in New York, where she is an attorney with Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett, LLP.

Sharon Taylor lives in Bloomington, III. with her husband, Frederick Taylor.

#### 2005

Crystal Johnson ('05, '08) lives in Monroe.

#### 2006

Sara Caldwell lives in Monroe.

Mindy Livaudais lives in New Orleans.

#### 2007

Elizabeth Scott Camacho is an internal process controls manager for Louisiana Corrugated Products in Monroe. She lives in West Monroe.

Alton Dozier is a teacher with Ouachita Parish Schools. He lives in Jena.

Megan Moore Johnson married Jordan Johnson on May 17, 2014. They live in Shreveport.

#### 2008

Jesse Holmes is an army musician with the U.S. Army. He lives in Waynesville, Mo. with his wife Amber.

Melissa Tedeton is married and lives in Downsville.

#### 2009

Angelique Burton Emerson returned to Monroe from San Antonio, Texas, where she taught middle school English language arts and high school theatre arts. She is a graduate assistant with the ULM English Department, and expects to receive her master's in creative writing (poetry) May 2015.

William Trey Hill received a doctorate in psychology from Kansas State University May 2013. He began his tenure-track assistant professor position in Fort Hays State University Department of Psychology August 2013. Hill lives in Manhattan, Kan. with his wife, Amy Knowles Hill ('08, '09). She became the school psychologist for Salina USD 305 in Salina, Kan. July 2013.

Anthony Hutchins lives in Stansbury Park, Utah with his wife, Shana Hutchins.

#### 2010

Cathi Netemever Hemed is a project coordinator with Intermountain Management in Monroe. She lives in Monroe with her husband, Ruslan Hemed

Larry Nauven lives in Cut Off.

**Kiwana Sutton ('10, '12)** is the media relations specialist in the Office of Public Information at ULM, and serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the ULM magazine. She lives in Monroe.

Blake Upshaw is the audit-in-charge for Allen, Green & Williamson, LLP. He lives in West Monroe.

#### 2011

Lauren Babb Carlson is an accountant with Georgia Pacific in Crossett, Ark. She lives in Crossett with her husband. Chase Carlson.

Kramer McDaniel lives in Plain Dealing.

J. Eric Newton is a marshal with the City of Coppell in Texas. He lives in Providence Village, Texas with his wife, Heather N. Newton.

Brooke Hofstetter O'Bryant is the associate director of alumni relations at ULM. She lives in Monroe with her husband, Cory O'Bryant.

Caitlyn Olivier lives in Arnaudville.

**Justin Powell** works in sales at Homes Plus in West Monroe. He lives in Monroe with his wife, Courtney Powell ('05).

#### 2012

Elizabeth Affatato is a public assistance analyst II with the State of Alaska – Policy and Program Development in Juneau, Alaska.

Carl Elie ('12, '13) is a counselor with Johnny Robinson Boys Home in Monroe. He also lives in Monroe.

Brittney Hendrix Evans is a fourth grade teacher in Ouachita Parish Schools. She lives in Monroe with her husband, Dillon Evans ('99).

Sharon Helverson has a son, Oliver, who celebrated his first birthday July 3, 2013. She is a part of the administrative staff at Outback Steakhouse in West Monroe, where she serves as key manager and bartender. She lives in Monroe.

Ahmaad Solmone is a senior recruiter for ULM. He lives in Monroe.

**J.D. Stroup** is married to Nancy Stroup.

**Courtney Young** is a child welfare specialist with the Department of Children and Family Services in Shreveport. Young also lives in Shreveport.

#### 2013

**Jesse Albritton** is the RN, BSN – manger of the critical care service line at Saint Francis Medical Center in Monroe. He lives in Farmerville with his wife, Jessica Albritton.

Danielle Craft Brandon was crowned Ms. Armed Forces Hawaii 2013. She lives in Honolulu, Hawaii with her husband, Andrel Brandon ('12)

Tiffany Brown lives in Alexandria.

Bridgett Johnson Dora works for Ouachita Parish Schools. She lives in Monroe with her husband, Henry Dora.

Brenna Mock Guice was promoted from delivery coordinator to delivery director at Minnesota-based Healthland in 2013. Guice also has her project management professional (PMP) certification. She lives in Winnsboro with her husband Jeb A. Guice ('05).

Phillip Hebert lives in Pineville.

Henry Richard is a senior account manager for Enterprise Holdings, Inc. He lives in South Lyon, Mich. with his wife, Pamela Richard.

Asmaa Sallam lives in Memphis, Tenn. with her husband, Alaadin Alayoubi.

Sarah Turknett lives in Galliano.

#### 2014

Christopher Dorsey lives in Rayville.

Jaimie Treadway Harris lives in Monroe.

**Tyler Hawthorne** lives in West Monroe with his wife. Michelle Hawthorne.

**Benjamin Johnson** is a family therapist with the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home in Lake Charles. He also lives in Lake Charles.

**Steven Mertz** lives in Pleasant Grove. Utah with his wife Ashley Mertz.

Jessica Richardson lives in Sterlington.

Chelsea Bertrand Smith is married and lives in Lafayette.

Abbi Wright Splawn lives in Whitehouse. Texas with her husband Andrew Splawn.

#### RETIREMENTS

Bailey, Christina, Office of Public Information, July 14, 2014

Breedlove, Carolyn E., Human Resources, February 1, 2014

**Brown, Alan K.,** University Development, December 31, 2013

**Bryan, Linda,** Speech Language Pathology (CODI), December 31, 2013

**Dearmon, Heloise,** Pharmacy Internal Operations, January 2, 2014

Hale, Jeffrey, Pharmacy Internal Operations, September 14, 2013

Hall, Mary B., Food Services, August 16, 2013

**Hayes, Richard E.,** School of Visual & Performing Arts, May 12, 2014

Jarrell, Beverly B., Dental Hygiene, June 4, 2014

Holloway-Hill, Rosemary, Softball, July 1, 2014

Lee, Carolyn D., Registrar, June 1, 2014

Lock, Helen, English, December 31, 2013

Martin, Mona, Women's Basketball, March 17, 2014

Morgan, Belinda R., Kitty Degree School of Nursing, May 12, 2014

Owens, Shirlee A., Political Science & Sociology, December 31, 2013

**Parker, Billie J.,** Physical Plant Administration, December 31, 2013

Parker, Keith A., Construction Management, May 12, 2014

**Poindexter, Judith,** Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWTP), April 30, 2014

Ramsey, Jerri, College of Education & Human Development, December 31, 2013

**Rappaport, Harvey,** Clinical & Administrative Sciences, August 31, 2013

Reid, Linda, Kitty Degree School of Nursing, May 12, 2014

Rogers, Judy B., Office of the President, February 28, 2014

Sisson, Claude B., Facilities, March 11, 2014

Taylor, Rebecca F., Controller, February 1, 2014

**Trotter, Vincent,** Physical Plant Administration, July 14, 2013

**Wade, Patricia A.,** Physical Plant Administration, August 14, 2013

**Weathersby, Barry D.,** Physical Plant Administration, July 14, 2013

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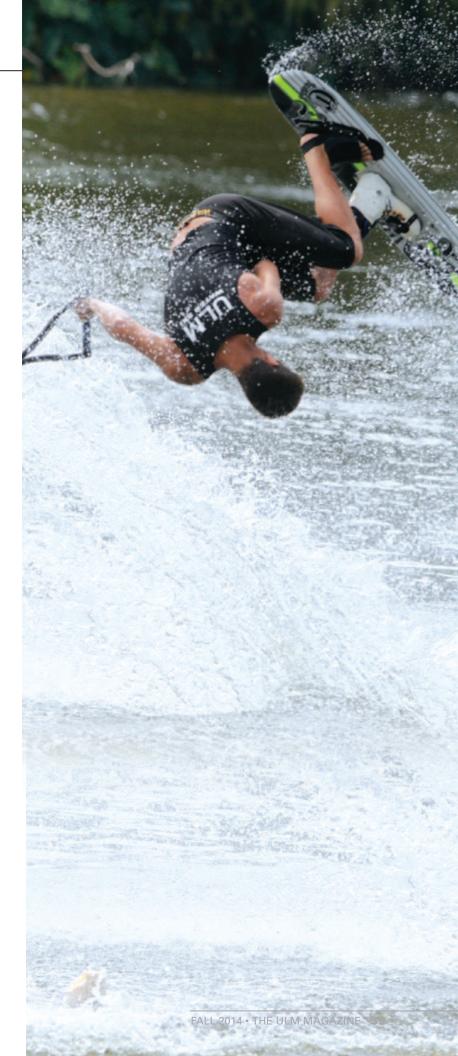
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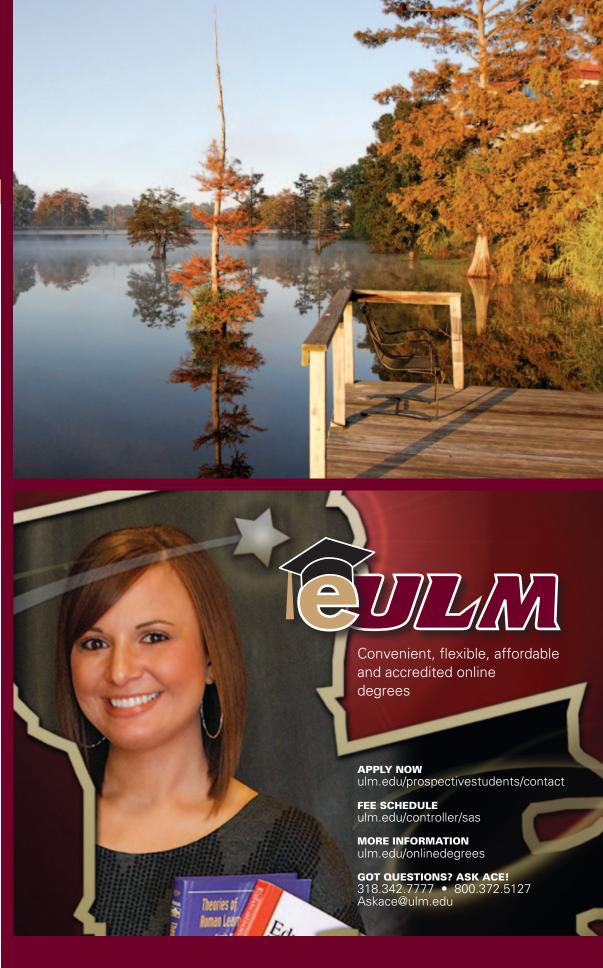
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