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A Man on a Mission

Excellence drives sense of purpose

Discover ULM Traditions

The value of old and new traditions

Excellence in Faculty and Staff

Excellence exemplified



FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a pleasure it is to welcome readers to *Discover ULM*, the magazine of the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

The magazine's new title reflects the theme I have utilized throughout the first year of my presidency. As I have met with alumni, friends and the community-at-large, I continue to encourage everyone to discover ULM's excellence. I am proud to say they are doing just that!

Some are discovering faculty members' many noteworthy accomplishments, from the arts to outstanding research, which includes work in addressing major health issues such as cancer and Alzheimer's disease. Others continue to place a premium on mentoring our students. In addition, ULM researchers have again earned the distinction of having a U.S. patent awarded; read about it on page 3 of the magazine.

Others are discovering our outstanding facilities and equipment. From the Natural History Museum to the new video scoreboard at Malone Stadium, ULM boasts some of the best accommodations for learning, cultural enrichment and entertainment in the region. Both are featured in this issue.

The in-house creation of ULM's own mobile app, featured on page 3, and our other technology successes such as Flight Path – ULM's degree auditing system – makes it even easier for prospective students to discover all the university has to offer.

Speaking of students, discover their excellence in our accredited programs with impressive licensure passage rates, as well as the talented and intelligent Miss Louisiana winners who earned ULM a "triple crown" three years in a row. Their story and a review of all the Miss Louisiana winners with ULM ties are featured on page 4.

These points of pride are the fruition of a seed sown many decades ago, when the university started out as a tiny, northeastern Louisiana junior college.

Along the way, some of our best campus traditions were born.

This edition of the magazine showcases some of those traditions. You will also read about many of our successful alums who contribute to their communities and who help us discover what a great resource this university has been to them. These outstanding graduates who are featured in this issue are the best evidence that, regardless of the decade, there is still so much to discover about ULM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Bruno". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Nick J. Bruno, Ph.D.
ULM President



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A fitting way to honor ULM's longest serving president

GEORGE T. WALKER: University Builder's legacy lives on

As president of the University of Louisiana at Monroe from 1958 to 1976, President Emeritus Dr. George T. Walker left a lasting legacy, one whose tenure was marked by great accomplishments.

Walker, 98, died on June 19, 2011.

His contributions were marked with both class and a sense of humor – a testament to his trademark solid character.

A few of Walker's accomplishments:

- In the 1960s and 1970s, Walker increased enrollment from 2,000 to over 9,000 students.
- Walker was responsible for dramatic growth in campus infrastructure and initiated these major building projects: Garrett, Hanna, Sugar, Strauss and Schulze Dining Halls; Business Administration Building, Band Building, Sandel Library, Fant-Ewing Coliseum, Heard Tennis Stadium, Brown Stadium, Malone Stadium, Anna Gray Noe Alumni Center, Lake C. Oxford Natatorium and several residence halls.
- A large number of academic programs became nationally accredited under his tenure, including: pharmacy, business, nursing, occupational therapy, dental hygiene, chemistry, home economics, education, music, and social work.
- In 1961, ULM offered its first graduate degree, the masters of education. ULM's first doctoral degrees, the Ph.D. in pharmacy and the doctorate in education, followed in 1967.

He served in numerous higher education positions, including dean of Applied Arts and Sciences at Northwestern State University, then dean of administration and finally the president at Northeast Louisiana State College in 1958. He was later named president emeritus at ULM.

On Sept. 30, 2011, ULM President Nick J. Bruno ensured Walker's legacy as a "University Builder" lived on as ULM rededicated the Administration Building – the home of Walker's office while president – to George T. Walker Hall.

Walker's daughter, Ellen Walker Stephenson, said she was proud to see her father honored at the university that meant so much to him.

"It is such an honor. We are just so appreciative of Dr. Bruno for arranging this," she said. "It brings back a lot of fond memories."

Stephenson said her father would have been thrilled to see a building named after him.

"My father was always so interested in the buildings here on campus," she said. "My mom used to say he was going around counting the bricks."

Walker's son, George Walker Jr., said dedicating Walker Hall is a fitting way to honor his memory.

"ULM was always near and dear to his heart, and we're just really appreciative of the university's recognition of that," he said.



Dr. Khalid El Sayed



Dr. Paul Sylvester



Dr. Girish Shah



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U.S. Patent & Trademark Office awards ULM two patents

Public campaigns have heightened our awareness of the adverse health effects stemming from excessive tobacco use. What is not so well known is that fresh tobacco leaves may possess certain useful anticancer compounds, according to Dr. Khalid El Sayed, an Associate Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the ULM College of Pharmacy.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office awarded El Sayed and ULM colleagues Drs. Paul Sylvester and Girish Shah a patent for their discovery of anticancer prototype compounds, which are found in the waxy substance on fresh tobacco leaves and which show potential for controlling metastatic breast and prostate cancers.

"The leaf and flower of *Nicotiana tabacum*, as tobacco is scientifically known, contain high amounts of the key flavor ingredient called cembranoids. Interestingly, cembranoid ingredients of tobacco show great promise as anticancer agents," he said.

El Sayed noted that nature still provides the single most important source of drugs or drug precursors. About half of all modern pharmaceutical agents are derived from, or are modeled on, natural products, according to El Sayed.

"The high incidence and death rate of breast and prostate cancer types emphasize the need for new strategies," El Sayed said.

This is not the first patent awarded to ULM. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office awarded Shah a patent for his invention of a biomarker for prostate cancer that may eventually become a new screening tool for physicians.

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Mobile app reaches out to next generation of ULM students

The University of Louisiana at Monroe recently unveiled its newest technological creation, ULM Mobile, an innovative mobile app.

What makes the ULM Mobile app so unique is that it provides a portable method for students to access from their smart phone or device much of the same information they currently access from their desktop or laptop computer.

The free app, developed in response to a recent survey showing 78 percent of ULM students use a smart phone device, allows students to review class schedules, check their email, access athletics and campus news, vote in campus elections, and even learn about scholarship opportunities.

ULM President Dr. Nick J. Bruno said, "The ULM mobile app is the latest technological tool developed by our highly knowledgeable staff. ULM is fortunate to have the level of in-house expertise to develop technology customized for the university's needs."

The app creators — Rob Glaze, Richard Peacock, and Paul Gullette — are ULM alums.

The ULM Mobile app is available for download at ulm.edu/app.



Take a picture or scan this QR-Code with your smart phone or device to download the ULM Mobile app.

Discover **ULM** CAMPUS NEWS



Katherine Putnam



Kelsi Crain



Hope Anderson

Discover ULM's Crowning Achievements

ULM beauty queens reign supreme

Throughout the history of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, the Miss Louisiana Pageant has been not only a staple in the community but has had a special connection with the ULM campus. These women are the best evidence that ULM produces some of the brightest and hardest-working young women in the state. The university is proud to have been the home of many Miss Louisiana winners including the current Miss Louisiana, Hope Anderson (B.A., '10), who was the third of three consecutive ULM students to become Miss Louisiana.

The following women held the Miss ULM and Miss Louisiana titles concurrently:

- Miss Louisiana 2010 Kelsi Crain
- Miss Louisiana 1981 Donese Worden
- Miss Louisiana 1968 Susanne Saunders
- Miss Louisiana 1966 Joy Woods

These women were ULM/NLU students or graduates at the time of their crowning and many held the title of Miss ULM/NLU at some point before their Miss Louisiana reign:

- Miss Louisiana 2011 Hope Anderson—ULM graduate
- Miss Louisiana 2009 Katherine Putnam—ULM student and 3rd Runner-Up to Miss America
- Miss Louisiana 2007 Amanda Joseph—ULM graduate student
- Miss Louisiana 1994 Tiffany Mock—ULM graduate
- Miss Louisiana 1988 Valerie Brosset—ULM graduate
- Miss Louisiana 1988 Patricia Brant – ULM pharmacy graduate and 1st Runner Up to Miss America
- Miss Louisiana 1984 Anita Whitaker—ULM Nursing Graduate, Ed McMahon's Star Search \$100,000 winner

ULM grads excel on national licensing exams

University of Louisiana at Monroe graduates continue to excel on national licensing exams, with several academic programs surpassing national passage rates.

In the College of Pharmacy the licensure passage rate for first-time pharmacy graduates is 95 percent, while the national licensure passage rate is 83 percent. Accounting students in ULM's College of Business Administration exceeded the passage rate of students with only undergraduate degrees from every school in Louisiana appearing in a recent study, with the exception of two private schools. And in the College of Health Sciences, Nursing's licensure pass rate ranks highest of all Louisiana four-year nursing programs. Speech language pathology, medical lab sciences, and dental hygiene graduates maintain 100 percent pass rates. Radiologic technology graduates achieved a 100 percent first-time pass rate on the national exam.



Dr. Denny Ryman

Dr. Denny Ryman, dean of the College of Health Sciences, said, "The high licensure pass rates in the College of Health Sciences are a testament to the dedication of our extraordinary faculty, which allows our graduates to compete for positions anywhere in the country."



Dr. Gary Stringer

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Style your ride with Warhawk pride!

Warhawk fans have the unique opportunity to display their Warhawk pride on their vehicles, while also benefiting ULM student scholarships.

Any Louisiana registered vehicle is eligible for the plate – fans need only visit expresslane.org and click on “special plates.”

Ninety-six percent of the proceeds from each plate benefit the ULM Alumni Association Prestige License Plate Scholarship.

Prices vary. Calculations are based on the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and value of the vehicle at the time of original purchase.

For more information on how you can “Style Your Ride with Warhawk Pride!,” contact Priscilla Turner at 318-342-1018 or turner@ulm.edu

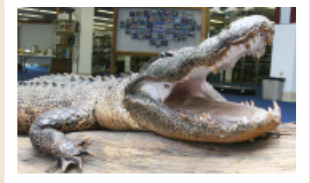
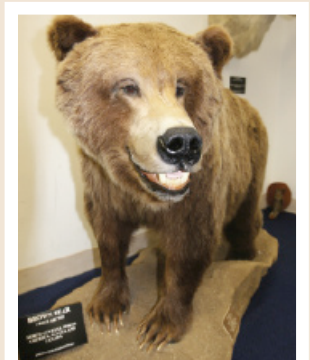


ULM Museum of Natural History home to rare specimens

The ULM Museum of Natural History, approximately 50 years old, houses the third-largest university-based collection of fish in the world.

The museum also houses:

- Second largest herbarium (preserved plants) in the southeastern United States and its collection (475,000 specimens) is as large as the other 14 herbariums in Louisiana combined
- Archeological artifacts from Watson Brake, the oldest known mound complex in North America at 5,500 years old, as well as artifacts from Poverty Point, Plum Creek, and more
- Fossil skull casts, including 34.3 million-year-old fossil whales from Louisiana



The museum, located on the third floor of Sandel Hall, is divided into three divisions: botany, geosciences, and zoology.

The museum is a popular place for local schools, which tour the facility regularly. To find out more about the museum, call 318-342-1868.



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WARHAWK STATS
RUSHING 176
PASSING 165
TOTAL 341



WARHAWKS 24 DOWN 1 TO GO 10 BALL ON 35 5:34 QUARTER 4

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HD video scoreboard, sound system and website greet Warhawk fans

When Warhawk fans entered Malone Stadium for the Warhawks' home opener against Grambling State Sept. 10, they were greeted with a new High Definition video scoreboard. The new video scoreboard includes a state-of-the-art sound system.

"The new video scoreboard certainly adds to a better in-game experience for our fans as well as that of our student-athletes," said ULM Director of Athletics Bobby Staub. "This project has been a long time coming, and we appreciate the patience of our fans. It was well worth the wait and adds to the exciting times for ULM Athletics."



Bobby Staub

"The new video scoreboard is very, very exciting not just for the players, but also for our fans and our ability to recruit," ULM football head coach Todd Berry said. "The new board and sound system provides a great opportunity to showcase our student-athletes and ULM. This is not just a video scoreboard; it is a **very nice video scoreboard!**"



Todd Berry

The new 15-millimeter high definition video display board is one of the largest in the Sun Belt Conference in addition to being the second largest on-campus board in Louisiana. The board features nearly 1,600 square feet of total video space, including a 23 feet tall by 49 feet wide area dedicated to video and 450 square feet of video advertising space.

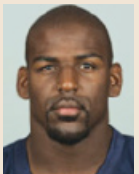
To complement the new HD Video Scoreboard, ULM's Athletic Department has launched a new and improved Web site for Warhawk Athletics. Enhancements include a clean, fresh look with multi-media and social media features, all designed to make it easier for fans to support Warhawks Athletics!

The Web address is the same: www.ULMWarhawks.com

Warhawks go pro

Ask any kid — or for that matter any college football player — what their dream is and the answer would probably be to play professional football. Several Warhawks had that dream come true and found success on rosters in the National Football League and the Canadian Football League.

Chris Harris is in his 7th season in the NFL. Drafted by the Chicago Bears in 2005 as a strong safety, he spent three seasons with the Carolina Panthers before returning to the Bears in 2010.



Chris Harris

Aaron Morgan, a defensive end, was drafted by the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars in 2010, and is currently listed as injured reserve on the Jags roster.

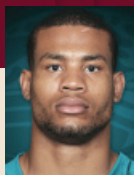
Stephen Jyles is in his 6th year in the CFL. As a quarterback, he's currently on the roster of the Toronto Argonauts after playing for the Edmonton Eskimos, Saskatchewan Roughriders, and Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Prior to the 2011 season, several other Warhawks played in the NFL, including **Marty Booker**, who spent 10 years with the Chicago Bears, Miami Dolphins and the Atlanta Falcons; **Kevin Payne**, who played for the Chicago Bears from 2007-2009; and **Brandon Guillory**, who recently played in the CFL for the Edmonton Eskimos and is currently a free agent.



Warhawk Basketball

ULM President Nick J. Bruno congratulates Glynn Saulters during the jersey retirement ceremony held during the ULM-ULL basketball game at Fant-Ewing Coliseum on Feb. 25.



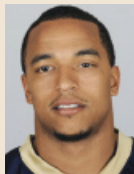
Aaron Morgan



Stephen Jyles



Marty Booker



Kevin Payne



Brandon Guillory

2011-12 BASKETBALL SEASON TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Warhawk Basketball is just around the corner, and season tickets for men's and women's basketball are now on sale. Several season ticket packages are available:

Basketball Flex Pack — \$75

Offering 10 good-any-game general admission tickets, this package is up your alley if you love to cheer for the Warhawks but can't attend every game. This package provides a savings of over 60 percent versus buying single-game tickets.

Frequent Flyer Pass — \$99

Still the best value you'll find, the frequent flyer pass provides access to general admission seating at ALL home athletic events at ULM. * ULM Faculty/Staff price — \$90

Lower Level Reserved — \$150

Feel like you're in the game by sitting in the lower level of Fant-Ewing Coliseum! Reserve your spot in the reserved seats located in the "100s" sections. Take advantage of this season package to SAVE MONEY versus buying single-game tickets!! * ULM Faculty/Staff price — \$120

Men's Games

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

Women's Games

Lower Level Reserved — \$8 Adult General Admission — \$6

Doubleheaders

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

Groups of 10 or more are encouraged to call the Warhawk Ticket office at 318-342-3ULM for group discounts.

ULM's retires Glynn Saulters' jersey

Former basketball great and Olympic gold medalist Glynn Saulters was honored when ULM retired his No. 12 jersey.

Saulters is the first men's basketball player in ULM history to have his jersey number retired.

Saulters was one of the most prolific scorers in ULM history from 1965-68. He is one of just two players in school history to have recorded over 2,000 points in his college career — he ranks second all-time with 2,134 points.

Saulters also holds seven of the top 10 single-game scoring marks, including a 51-point effort against Nicholls State during the 1967-68 season.

A two-time All-American, Saulters also ranks in the top five in school history in scoring average (23.5 ppg) and free-throw percentage (.826). He earned Gulf State Conference Player of the Year honors in both the 1966-67 and 1967-68 seasons.

Following his ULM career, Saulters helped the U.S. national team to the gold medal at the 1968 Olympic Games. He also played one season with the New Orleans Buccaneers of the ABA.

A photo gallery of the Glynn Saulters jersey retirement is at ulm.edu/gallery/02-26-11



Investiture

A RICH TRADITION IN ACADEMIA

When the campus community joined University of Louisiana at Monroe President Nick J. Bruno as he formally celebrated his investiture ceremony Oct. 2, it witnessed one of the oldest traditions in academia.

Investiture at the collegiate level originated in English universities, modeled after the investiture of knighthood ceremonies by the monarch of England. Such a ceremony was seen as a formal installation of an incumbent into public office, and as such, caught on in the United States.

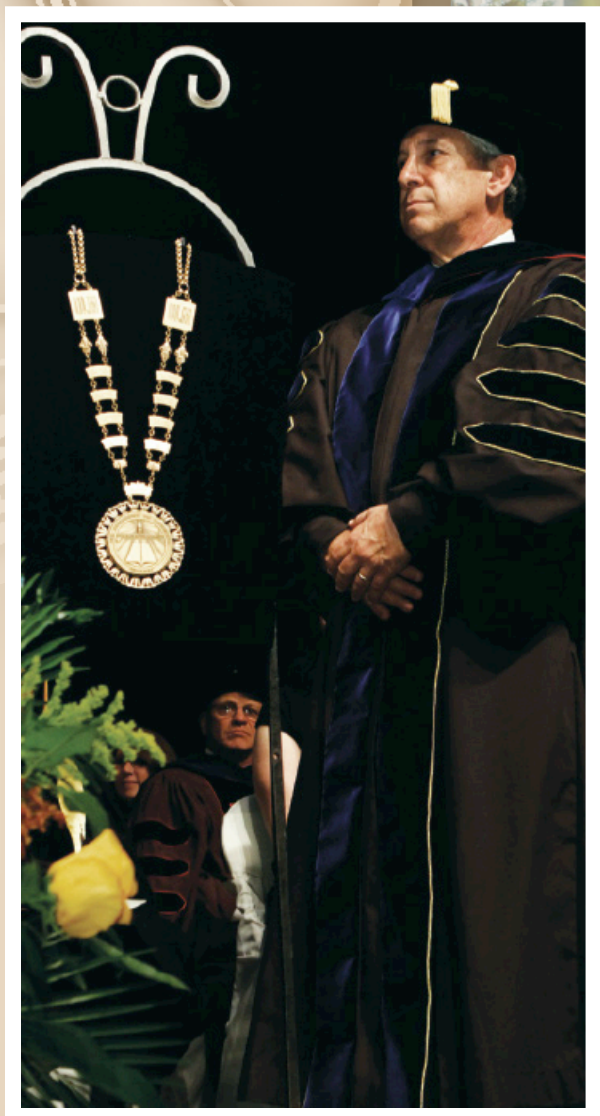
Investiture, a Latin-based word that means, “dress in robe,” is a general term for the formal installation of a leader. The leader literally takes possession of the institution’s insignia, formal dress and adornment.

In that sense, the investiture of a leader is similar to the coronation of a new monarch, albeit a less grandiose scale than that of a country’s king or queen!

Investiture is perhaps most well known as the appointment of religious leaders.

However, judges leading all the way up to the justices of the United States Supreme Court are also invested with their office.

Investiture in the United States is also used at a variety of levels of political offices and, of course, at many colleges and universities. Some, such as the University of Richmond, use investiture to welcome an incoming freshmen class and install them as official students.



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A MAN ON A MISSION



PRESIDENT NICK J. BRUNO'S PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE DRIVES "SENSE OF PURPOSE"

By Keli Jacobi

If one wants to know about Dr. Nick J. Bruno, the eighth president of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, one need only look beyond the title to the man. And if one wants to know about the man, one need only look to the father.

"My dad was 5 foot 9 and never weighed more than 150 pounds," Bruno said, a gentle smile creeping across his face at the memory. "But in spite of his actual size, my dad was a giant in our eyes," he said.

It was a typical whirlwind Monday morning and Bruno was sitting behind a stack of papers piled high on the desk of his sixth floor library office overlooking Bayou DeSiard. Although it was only mid-morning, the president had been going about the business of running the university since before dawn.

"Before dad died, he told me, 'take care of your family, take care of your mom, and take care of yourself,'" Bruno said. "... After the funeral, I shared with (Louisiana Tech) President Dan Reneau that my goal in life was to be half the man my dad was. If I can only achieve that much ..."



Bruno did not quite complete the thought. As his voice trailed off, it was obvious he was still fighting hard against the obvious emotion welling up inside. It has been just shy of two years since Steve Anthony Bruno, 92, died of cancer and was laid to rest in the tiny “Little Italy” town of Independence, but clearly, the thoughts of the father are never far from the heart of the son.

Moments later, Bruno composed himself and continued, “I always want to give him credit. He had his priorities straight.”

A SOLID FOUNDATION AND STRONG WORK ETHIC

Growing up a member of the Steve Bruno family, perhaps one of the highest priorities would have been developing a hearty work ethic – the kind that is focused like a bull whose gaze is intent on the crimson colors of the matador’s banner just before the charge.

Running any kind of business takes singular dedication in order to be successful, but running a family-owned farm, as the Bruno family did, means there is no such thing as a “traditional” work day, no steady union wages or benefits to fall back on, and most of all, little time or tolerance for those who have cultivated the habit of slacking off.

It could be argued that although it is a much bigger enterprise than running a family farm, running a university campus teeming with 8,000-plus students and roughly 1,200 faculty and staff requires the same kind of competence, dedication and entrepreneurial spirit. Bruno has long aimed for the job of university president, but the road to his present post at ULM has not always been an easy, straight shot to the top.

His formative years included a K-8 education in the tightly structured, family-like atmosphere of the Catholic school system in South Louisiana, where healthy competition was encouraged and expectations were high.

“We were provided a culture of excellence there,” Bruno said. “Everyone was expected to do a certain level of work ...

I hated being second, even though sometimes I was. But it wasn’t because I didn’t apply myself.”

An early mentor and advocate was Sister Mary Annunciata, who corralled the eight rowdy boys in Bruno’s class and inspired them to do better.

“She really fought for us,” Bruno said. “We were always into something.”

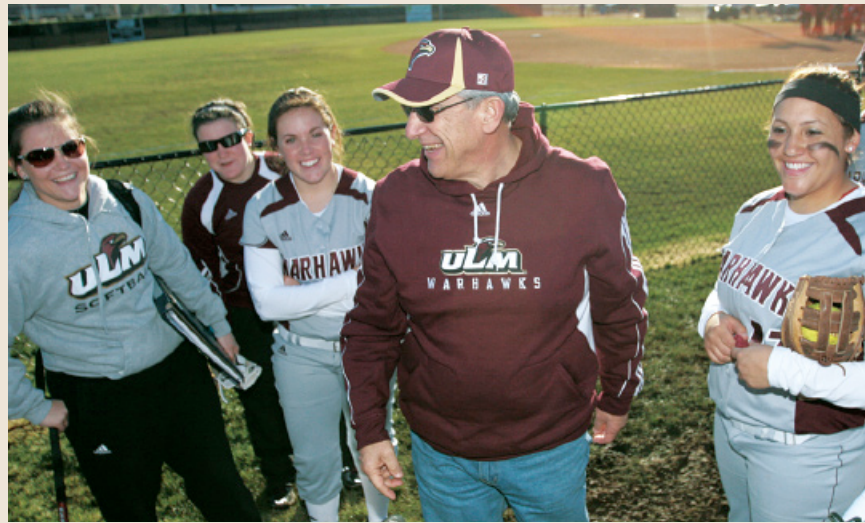
But as much influence as Sister Annuciata’s positive motivation had on young Bruno, it took a less than supportive high school faculty member who publicly expressed his doubts about Bruno’s ability to achieve an education beyond the 12th grade that really put a fire in Bruno’s belly. Not only did the teenaged Bruno pursue his undergraduate degree after high school graduation, he did so with the vision and vigor of the young CEO of a startup company, completing his bachelor’s in three years instead of four.

Even though it was spurred by negative energy, Bruno said, “That particular high school teacher did more to help me achieve than anyone. The moment served as a real motivation to move on and up to better things.”

At Southeastern University in Hammond, Bruno would befriend yet another faculty mentor who would profoundly shape his attitude and work ethic, but in a much more positive way. It was the first day of classes at the college and Bruno had that typical lost look of so many freshmen as he tried to figure out his way around campus. The faculty member – who would eventually become a department head – noticed Bruno and then did something too often forgotten in today’s busy workplace. He offered to help.

“That little act of kindness coming from him so many years ago has been my model, a model for how to reach out and try to make someone feel more comfortable,” said Bruno. “Even today, if I see a student looking the way I must have looked back then, I try to engage that student ... it was a simple but poignant moment.”

For Bruno, this approach is more than just a matter of



“AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE ARE IN THE PEOPLE BUSINESS.”

— ULM PRESIDENT NICK J. BRUNO

ethics or simple philosophy, it is a model for how businesses ought to be run.

“At the end of the day, we are in the people business,” he said. “If we’re not accessible, if we’re not working hard enough to establish those connections with our students, then we won’t be very successful.”

A UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT’S DAY IS NEVER REALLY OVER

University presidents, or at least the excellent ones, are usually charismatic political animals with a high level of people skills. Bruno had a perfect model – his father – a man who honed the people skills needed to propel him not only as the patriarch of the Bruno family farm, but as a community figurehead in Independence for many years until his death in December 2009.

One look at Bruno’s packed schedule confirms his dad’s spirit is alive and well. It is there in his willingness to meet and greet as many of his constituencies as humanly – and sometimes inhumanly – possible in a given day.

A recent report revealed that the president had scheduled an average of five public speaking engagements every month since being named ULM’s eighth president in October 2010, from church groups to civic groups to business luncheons. These public appearances do not reflect the number of weekly meetings he has held with internal constituencies during the last year, whether student, staff or faculty. In fact, Bruno jokes

“DR. BRUNO’S PASSION FOR ULM IS TRULY EXCITING AND CONTAGIOUS.”

— SGA PRESIDENT BROOKE DUGAS

that among his greatest challenges over the course of his first year at the university has been “remembering everybody’s name.”

There is little doubt that among the many names he is most likely to remember are the bright young men and women representing the student body who make the president aware of the wishes of that key constituency. In fact, one of the first actions Bruno took during his first week in office at ULM was to concur with a resolution from the ULM Student Government Association seeking help in offsetting certain fees.

The SGA passed the resolution in November 2009 to ask for a waiver of university and student self-assessed fees during Wintersession and Maymester. Bruno submitted the proposal to the University of Louisiana System’s Board of Supervisors for consideration at its December 2010 meeting, and the measure eventually passed, making school more affordable for students as they progressed toward their degrees during “non-traditional” times of the academic year.

Former SGA President Brook Sebren said the resolution stemmed from a meeting with Bruno on his first day in office.

“I remember that the SGA leaders were pleasantly surprised by President Bruno’s willingness to spend more than an hour of his first day to deal with the issue,” said Sebren. “He listened to us, asked a few questions, and then tackled the challenge head on.”

It’s an experience reflected in Bruno’s close working relationship with ULM’s current SGA President Brooke Dugas, who said she finds inspiration in the president’s

enthusiasm and vision.

“Dr. Bruno’s passion for ULM is truly exciting and contagious,” Dugas said. “All members of the ULM community value his humility, approachability, and campus



engagement. I am confident that the university will continue to soar to even greater heights under his strong leadership.”

But even Bruno admits his drive, coupled with his people skills, has its drawbacks. For one thing, it requires that he and his wife of almost 20 years, Linda, occasionally bear the brunt of time away from each other. Or sometimes it can mean hosting an unexpected out-of-town guest in the president’s family home at Bon Aire, even when the energy to entertain may be ebbing.

Finally, it means that Bruno has low tolerance for others not quite as driven to excellence as he is.

“I’m impatient with mediocrity,” he admitted. “People who work just to get their paycheck and go home – I’m not interested in that.”

It is that same demand for excellence from others that brings out self-imposed demands, leading Bruno to sabotage his own best intentions at self-preservation.

“Sometimes I can tell I am getting drained and need a couple days to allow for a slower pace, or just extra time to catch up on paperwork at the office,” Bruno said.

“I’ll tell Judy (Bruno’s administrative assistant) to clear the calendar on Monday, and by Wednesday, I’ve directed her to schedule two or three meetings.”

Bruno pauses, and adds with his trademark smile, “There are times I wish I would’ve gotten this job when I was about 20 years younger.”

And, just when he is feeling every bit his age and then some, (Bruno celebrated his 60th birthday earlier this year), he says it is the younger folks, especially ULM students, who re-energize and re-invigorate his sense of purpose.

The faculty, too, are clearly a source of pride for the president, who can rattle off at a moment’s notice some of their

achievements to anyone willing to listen. From groundbreaking cancer research being performed in the College of Pharmacy or the high licensure exam passage rates coming out of the College of Health Sciences or College of Business, Bruno is never quiet about ULM’s achievements.

He also is never quiet about how important it is that ULM supporters and alumni, as well as ULM faculty, students and staff, tout the university to the public.

“One of the most challenging aspects in my first year back at ULM has been getting everyone to speak up about how great this place really is,” he said. “I think many of us know it, but for some reason we are hesitant to talk about it. We are still being a bit too modest.”

And among the most rewarding aspects of his job?

“The engagement of faculty and staff,” he said. “Everyone has something to share and ideas that can be built upon.”

Nowhere is Bruno’s

enthusiasm for college campus life more evident than at times such as home football or basketball games and rallies when the stadium or coliseum is awash in maroon and gold and cheers for the Warhawks permeate throughout the stands. His inaugural week as ULM president included attendance at the ULM Homecoming Football game in late October 2010, a great time to be on campus, he said.

“When you see that student enthusiasm and when we have a lot of alums coming back to campus, it’s an electric environment,” Bruno said.

“I’ve seen a lot of moments like that since being back. There are so many things that remind me how much fun working and living on a college campus can be. It is fun leading this institution, one with such a great history. It’s just been amazing.”

**“WHEN WE HAVE A LOT OF ALUMS
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— ULM PRESIDENT NICK J. BRUNO



Being at the ULM campus during homecoming festivities is not a new experience for Bruno, who worked alongside former President James Cofer as ULM's Vice President of Business Affairs for three years, starting in 2002, and helped formulate a plan for eliminating high deficits in targeted budget areas.

Bruno's return to ULM comes on the heels of his tenure as Vice President of Finance for the University of Louisiana System, where he strengthened relationships with key governmental agencies and state legislators, many who supported his presidential bid last year because they felt his business background made sense in light of the economic challenges facing the state's higher education institutions.

Bruno also garnered support from local mayors Jamie Mayo of Monroe and Dave Norris of West Monroe, as well as mayors of surrounding municipalities such as Bastrop and Sterlington. Monroe Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Sue Nicholson also enthusiastically embraced Bruno's leadership style, which she once described as providing "a sense of purpose."

Even so, Bruno says he still has a way to go before he and the university hit a strong stride. Despite an expedited work schedule and the background knowledge he brings to the university, he believes it will take at least three to five years for him to help steer the organizational ship and arrive safely in its port-of-call.

"I do have a sense of urgency to touch as many people as I can," Bruno conceded. "But I also will know when it is time to stop. Fortunately, I am in good health, so I am able to put in long hours ... of course, sometimes you need to just chill," he said, with a smile.

DISCOVERING ULM'S EXCELLENCE: A WEEK-LONG CELEBRATION AND INVESTITURE

ULM is celebrating its 80th year and so it seemed appropriate that the weeklong celebration culminating with Bruno's formal investiture ceremony on Oct. 2 evolved into a way to punctuate the university's numerous achievements through the years.

Notable alums from across the region descended on the campus to provide free public lectures, while distinguished faculty updated audience-goers on the research being performed in their discipline areas. As for investiture, Bruno insists that if the ancient tradition had the power to bring

the community to campus and heighten awareness of the great things going on at ULM, so much the better. In the meantime, Bruno's refusal to settle for good enough is as unstoppable as his inability to say no to an overfilled calendar.

"You want to be the best," he explained. "I am constantly

looking at other universities and seeing how we can be even better. I took this job because I wanted to apply the lessons I've learned. Excellence has no substitute."

And, although a certain powerful figure was not at the formal investiture of Nick J. Bruno, his long shadow certainly cast a spell as ULM's newest president, surrounded by his wife and family, fulfilled his ambition and received his proper regalia and vestments on Oct. 2.

"I had hoped at one time that dad would be there," said Bruno, pausing to reflect on the occasion. "I think maybe he was." ■

"BRUNO'S LEADERSHIP STYLE PROVIDES A SENSE OF PURPOSE."

— MONROE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT AND CEO SUE NICHOLSON

Since its founding, the University of Louisiana at Monroe has hosted numerous traditions that evoke school pride. We invite you to take a walk down memory lane and revisit a few of our favorite traditions and discover some newer ones.

A Walk Down

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**DISCOVER YOUR ULM PRIDE:
HOMECOMING AND OTHER EVENTS REMIND
CAMPUS COMMUNITY OF TRADITION'S VALUE**

By Keli Jacobi

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-- a word that means many things to many different people
-- has a profound impact on our collective lives.

In the award-winning musical, *Fiddler on a Roof*, the character Tevye explains just how important tradition is by saying it has kept his community "in balance" for many years, even as he admits to having no idea how or why those traditions ever came about.



Memory Lane

Pride in Tradition

That story was set in pre-revolutionary Russia, but closer to home, Americans have their own traditions, from the mundane to the spectacular. Whether a casual Sunday afternoon get-together or the annual viewing of spectacular Fourth of July firework displays across the country, our national psyche is laced with special traditions, and university campuses are certainly no exception.



Nathan Hall

“Our traditions provide a certain value because the memories they provide last far beyond the moment in which they are created,” said Nathan Hall, assistant dean of Student Life and Leadership at ULM. “One of the things our office is most responsible for is ensuring those traditions are maintained, even as they may evolve or change from one generation to the next.”

In other words, what most of us seem to instinctively know is the value of a tradition isn’t found in adhering perfectly to the ritual itself, but rather in enjoying what it provides for those who participate.

FALL MEANS FOOTBALL, HOMECOMING AND ALL THINGS MAROON AND GOLD

Few graduates would disagree that the best time of year to visit old stomping grounds is the week of Homecoming, when the stifling heat of summer has given way to crisp autumn air and Saturday afternoon tailgaters are serving up platefuls of their favorite family recipes.

The Grove is awash in school colors as the smells of gumbo, crawfish and barbecue invite visitors to succumb to “just one bite.” The tradition of tailgating precipitates the tradition of watching the annual homecoming football game at Malone Stadium, which was completed in 1979, and named for beloved, long-time coach, Jim Malone.



Coach Malone

In fact, so loved was Coach Malone by his players that it was Malone’s own college sweetheart (and later, his wife), Marjorie, who was named the school’s first homecoming queen in the fall of 1932. The football team elected Marjorie

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even though at the time she was attending LSU. Selecting the homecoming queen, king and the entire court continues to be a meaningful event, though the tradition has taken on a 21st century twist since students now use online voting to select their court.

As much as the sights and smells of game day might bring back a rush of the familiar for alums, there is nothing quite like a great marching band to make one realize there are distinctive sounds as well. So if good food and proudly wearing the school’s colors reflect the heart of ULM homecoming, then the Sound of Today band might very well be its soul.



The band had its beginnings way back in 1932 and today continues to motivate listeners with rhythmic sounds as it leads the Warhawks and all spirit groups on a long march through the Grove toward Malone Stadium prior to the Homecoming football game. The Sound of Today also entertains game day audiences at halftime, and much to the delight of Warhawk football fans, continues entertaining long after the last quarter has ended.



Billy Laird

One tradition that will see resurgence in 2011 will be the homecoming football parade. ULM alum and retired university employee Billy Laird, who started the first alumni office on the ULM campus, remembers the days of the homecoming parade fondly.

“I chaired the homecoming committee for 15 years,” he said. “Several different groups created floats that went right through the middle of town ... It was a way to show the school off to the whole community.”

Laird also fondly remembers catching the football for the winning touchdown against Louisiana Tech University at Brown



For those with a more “active” mindset, the university mile race, the Invitational Homecoming Tennis Tournament at Heard Stadium and the Annual Invitational Golf Tournament make homecoming week a hard-to-beat tradition.

Stadium in 1956, his senior year.

“We always had ‘Wreck Tech’ week and they were always our last game of the year,” Laird said. “Those were some of the biggest crowds ... It was great to see a similar size crowd at the ULM-Grambling game this year.”

Laird, who met his wife in the college cafeteria line on a Sunday afternoon and spent the better part of his personal and professional life at ULM, said even though he missed some of the traditions that had fallen out of style, he was philosophical about the reason.

“Every generation things are different,” he said. “It evolves and changes.”

Homecoming has evolved to become much more than an afternoon football watching party – it is a week chock full of festivities. Perhaps one of the most fun – and funniest – has been the annual Miss-ter Pageant, where male ULM students dress up and compete as the prettiest “female” representative of the opposing school. The ULM President crowns the pageant winner after members of the homecoming court have judged the contestants.

Every year, the Campus Activities Board sells homecoming T-shirts featuring the homecoming theme. For 2011 the students focused on a circus theme, boasting that ULM is “The Greatest College on Earth.” The Student Government Association has also recently started a new tradition of giving the first 100 T-shirts away beginning at midnight on Sunday before homecoming week.

ULM honors deserving individuals at the Annual Alumni Association Awards Brunch on homecoming day, highlighting ULM’s tradition of giving. The

Golden Arrow Award, the association's highest honor, is given along with the George T. Walker Lifetime Achievement Award, the annual Alumni Association Service Award and Alumni Chapter of the Year Award.

A complete schedule of Homecoming events can be found at ulm.edu/homecoming

Later in the fall, the Annual Chili Cook-off in the Grove gives folks something to "chilly-out" about prior to the Warhawk football game. The cook-off, which is open to the public, allows a maximum of six members per team who serve steaming, hot batches of home-cooked chili that must be cooked from scratch on site.

MARCH INTO SPRING FEVER

If the fall semester is all about homecoming festivities, then Spring Fever reigns supreme each spring semester at ULM.



Almost like a springtime bookend to another great academic year, Spring Fever began in the early 1960s as a class on western dance. In 1967, the entertainment committee of the Student Government Association partnered with the Department of Kinesiology to offer students an entire day of western-themed activities. By the early 1970s, what had become Spring Fever Day evolved into an annual weeklong event featuring great concerts, top movies, and all the entertainment and cookouts

you'd expect in Louisiana.

Local business owner Don Weems, who spent over two decades as the ULM Director of Alumni Affairs, agrees that whether the event lasts one day or one week, the primary purpose is to build relationships.

"We wanted to identify alumni, friends and people from the community to build support and get them to the university," said Weems.

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When the public and alumni are involved, there are untold benefits for those who participate in campus events and for the campus itself, according to Weems.

"That was why we formed 31 Ambassadors," said Weems. "We were getting students connected and cultivating them as volunteers before they ever left campus."

Weems said as a former advisor for the Ambassadors, he conducted an informal study to monitor the effect of the group's formation. At that time, about 15 percent of alums nationwide were giving back to their alma maters. But the 31 Ambassadors – over 300 had graduated by 1994 – gave back their financial support at an average of 72 percent.

"That was five times the national average," Weems said. "They lived that connection."



Don Weems





In fact, other schools have looked at ULM’s ambassador model to learn from it, according to Weems.

“The thing about it is that once they’re involved, it’s easier to keep them involved,” he said. “They are dedicated to the well being of the university, in whatever form it takes. That’s so important”

In 1989, the 31 Ambassadors instituted Oozeball, without a doubt Spring Fever’s dirtiest and most cherished tradition.

As those who have participated know, or who have simply reveled in, Oozeball is all about the mud. Competitors wear

friends, they are much more likely to be involved as alumni,” he said.

On the other end of the spectrum, the Golden Society was formed around the same time as the Ambassadors to re-establish connections with those alums who graduated 50 or more years ago.

“It was well received by the folks who graduated in and around the years 1933, 1934-35,” Weems said. “As they were invited back, they really appreciated the university remembering them.”



tattered clothing and worn-out shoes on the Friday afternoon of Spring Fever week, then make their way to mud pits behind the tennis courts for a volleyball tournament that can best be described as mud soup on steroids. But a look at the smiles behind the grit and grim as captured by photographers through the years reminds us that it is all in the spirit of good, clean fun. Men, women and co-ed teams compete and, at the end of the tournament, three teams are crowned Oozeball champions.

“Oozeball was something we borrowed from other schools and adapted it to our campus,” said Weems. “It’s just plain fun. The more people that do it, the more fun it is.”

Weems said Oozeball was the outgrowth of other developments created to help ULM students have a good experience at school.

“If they have great memories, great experiences and great

This year President Bruno made welcome the newest members of the Golden Society during a commencement day luncheon on campus, including 1936 alum Marc Swayze. His story is featured on page 24.

“All these things get people involved,” said Weems. “And that is a part of the goals the university has – to get people enthusiastic about being on campus”

Other spring activities at ULM are the Annual La’ Louisianne Crawfish Boil, which includes all-you-can-eat crawfish, trimmings, beverages and entertainment by a live band, and the annual Maroon and Gold game. The entire Super Warhawk weekend, as it is now called, is focused on the food, as well as a showcase for ULM’s athletic programs and outstanding talent in the School of Visual and Performing Arts.

Without question these and other activities instituted over 25 years ago are a success.



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MAKING THE STUDENTS WELCOME – EVEN BEFORE THEY SETTLE IN

Before school even begins, incoming freshmen are immersed in their new alma mater. Former Registrar Barry Delcambre, with the help of Patsy Rials, started PREP in the summer of 1976 to introduce the academic, social, and cultural aspects of ULM and promote a sense of dedication and pride among incoming students.

PREP stands for Preview Registration Environment Program and all first-time freshmen are required to attend the summer prior to beginning their freshman year. The PREP staff, composed of leaders in academics and student life, is one of the most sought after positions on campus.

Along those lines, Week of Welcome's purpose is to help incoming freshmen network with other students, faculty and staff to foster a sense of belonging to the ULM family. The Week of Welcome is also a way to highlight the many student organizations on campus. Traditions of the Week of Welcome include Move-In Mania, where campus representatives welcome and assist students to move into their residential halls; Back to School Pep Rally, where students meet athletes from all the fall sports and build spirit; Welcome Reception for Out-of-State and International Students held before classes begin so students and their families can network and become familiar with the campus; Spirit Day, held on the WOW Friday and every Friday thereafter, where students, faculty, and staff proudly wear their maroon and gold apparel, and many other activities.

The official opening of the fall semester begins with Convocation. On the afternoon of the first day of classes, students, faculty, administrators and staff members assemble in front of the University Library to begin the traditional march to Fant-Ewing Coliseum. Led by ULM's president, the Sound of Today and other spirit groups cross the Bayou DeSiard bridge and enter the coliseum followed by freshmen and all other participants.

Once in the coliseum and after a mini-concert by the Sound of Today, the semester is declared open. The ceremony culminates as all in attendance join in to sing the ULM Fight Song

and Alma Mater. Grovestock immediately follows Convocation and is a celebration of food, music, and fun for all in the Grove. Grovestock is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and allows students and faculty one last summer blowout before the start of classes.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO ADD A NEW TRADITION

As treasured as older traditions are to the students, each generation embraces newer ones.

To celebrate a true Louisiana tradition, the Student Government Association hosted its first Mardi Gras Ball in 2003, with more than 500 students, faculty and staff in attendance. The university president and his wife begin the festivities at the ball by leading the King and Queen of the Krewe of Janus and a parade of people to the first dance, before the ULM Mardi Gras King and Queen are announced and celebrated.

And the ULM campus is aglow each year with the Christmas spirit as the university kicks off the holiday season with its Annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in Scott Plaza. The full slate of events includes a visit from jolly Saint Nicholas who arrives in the Acemobile ready with treats for children.



Ace the Warhawk also lends a hand and the ULM Chorale and Brass Ensemble fills the plaza with song as they perform traditional Christmas carols. Participants are invited to sing during the candle lighting ceremony, and the president draws the name of some lucky young person who is invited to help flip the switch to light the plaza. The event follows the annual Employee Holiday Reception in the ULM Conference Center.

Whatever the season, one thing that never goes out of style is ULM's most time-honored tradition: Producing the finest alums in the world! ■

Discover **ULM** FOUNDATION AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



ULM Foundation President Malcolm Maddox; Dr. Richard Seiler of the School of Visual and Performing Arts; Dr. Charles E. Holloway of the Department of Foreign Languages; Dr. Paul Sylvester of the College of Pharmacy; Dr. Donna Rhorer of the ULM Department of English; ULM President Nick J. Bruno; and ULM Vice President for Academic Affairs Stephen Richters.

For every excellent ULM student and graduate, there are perhaps a myriad of mentors and faculty members who spur their excellence.

DISCOVER ULM . . .
Excellence in Teaching
Excellence in Creative/
Artistic Activity
Excellence in Service



Carolyn Bruce (left) with ULM President Nick J. Bruno and ULM Foundation Board Vice President and ULM Alum Linda Holyfield.



Sara Nicole Walker (left) with ULM President Nick J. Bruno and ULM Foundation Board Vice President and ULM Alum Linda Holyfield.

That's why this year, President Nick J. Bruno welcomed new faculty to campus, but with a twist – he and other administrators kicked off the academic year by honoring recipients of the first four faculty ULM Foundation Awards for Excellence, which came with a cash stipend and trophy.

The awards, made possible by the ULM Foundation, recognized exemplary faculty who have excelled in the areas of Research, Teaching, Creative/Artistic Activity and Service.

The ULM Foundation Award for Excellence in Research went to Dr. Paul Sylvester of the College of Pharmacy, whose pioneering research into the use of palm oil as a potential source for breast cancer treatment has attracted international attention and brought millions of dollars of investment to the university's continued research efforts.

The ULM Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching went to Dr. Charles E. Holloway of the Department of Foreign Languages, also selected this year as Outstanding Teacher by the College of Arts and Sciences. Holloway also earned the Outstanding University Teacher of the Year in 2001-02 in San Francisco during the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese Convention.

The ULM Foundation Award for Excellence in Creative/Artistic Activity went to Dr. Richard Seiler of the School of Visual and Performing Arts, who regularly performs for the ULM Faculty Artist Concert Series and produces annual performances at a variety of state, national and international conferences.

The ULM Foundation Award for Excellence in Service went to Dr. Donna Rhorer of the ULM Department of English, a member of the Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates, which represents the governing bodies of the University of Louisiana System, the LSU System, the LSU System, the Southern System Staff Senates and the two-year colleges.

A week prior to the faculty welcome, staff members Carolyn Bruce, an administrative assistant in the School of Visual and Performance Arts and Sara Nicole Walker, an associate controller in the ULM Office of the Controller, were also honored with awards for service.

Discover **ULM** FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



“Science is a dialogue, and every day we are exploring new information.”

DISCOVER Dr. Anne T. Case Hanks Assistant Professor of Atmospheric Sciences

Dr. Anne T. Case Hanks, Assistant Professor of Atmospheric Sciences, earned her Ph.D. at The Georgia Institute of Technology. She began working at ULM in 2008.

I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio.

It wasn't until I accepted a summer internship with the Department of Energy that I was exposed to the field of atmospheric chemistry. Atmospheric chemistry is an application of physical chemistry with an element of engineering and fieldwork. This internship allowed me to participate in my first field experiment 'The Central

California Ozone Study' in which I helped measure atmospheric formaldehyde. I have been hooked ever since.

I chose to teach at ULM because it offered the only atmospheric science program in Louisiana. I also felt like I could add a new element to the department and the atmospheric science program, as I am an atmospheric chemist who bridges chemistry and atmospheric science. I am definitely not a forecaster!

Atmospheric science students continue to amaze me. They are dedicated, smart, well-rounded individuals who are excited to learn about weather. It is very rewarding to see their knowledge about atmospheric sciences grow.

My lab is my favorite place on campus. It may be loud and messy, but I feel at home designing experiments, implementing plans, and reducing data. I am usually there during the week and on the weekends. I am also partial to Starbucks - it is a perfect place to grab an afternoon 'pick-me-up'!

Honestly, I cannot pinpoint one exact accomplishment of which I am most proud, but I am very proud of my research. My research excites and motivates me to investigate and explore the atmosphere and its chemical composition. I am pleased with this body of work and the fact that I can incorporate undergraduate students. My research at ULM has allowed me to participate in field campaigns in Spain, Canada and Greenland 2008. I have received research grants, and I have contributed to journal publications.

I lead students in many research projects that directly impact Louisiana. These projects include case studies of severe weather outbreaks in the Northeast Louisiana area, computer modeling and code development, and hurricane-related projects.

I am still amassing memorable moments, but I always enjoy tailgating with the atmospheric science students at the football games and seeing our majors graduate.

If students leave my classroom knowing only one thing, I would hope that it is the idea that science is a dialogue and every day there is new information being explored. Students must be open to new evidence and willing to change their minds.



DISCOVER Dr. Roxie Stewart Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy Practice

Dr. Roxie Stewart, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pharmacy Practice, began working at ULM in 2005. She earned her doctor of pharmacy from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Prior to working at ULM, she practiced institutional (hospital) pharmacy for 16 years.

I was born and raised in Ouachita Parish.

What first intrigued me about pharmacy was our neighborhood Rexall Drug Store pharmacist. I

remember going into this pharmacy when I was a child. The pharmacist was always so nice, helpful, and knowledgeable. He is the person who planted the seed.

What first appealed to me about working at ULM was being part of a team that I have always held in high regard. My first opportunity at the college of pharmacy was working with emergency preparedness. One year later, I was offered a teaching position. When working at the hospital, I had the privilege of being a preceptor for ULM students on rotations. I loved this part of my job, so when I had the opportunity to work closely with more students, I did not hesitate.

The most rewarding part of my job is when I see one of my former students successfully practicing pharmacy. It makes me feel good to think that I may have played a small part in their success.

Of all my accomplishments at ULM, the one that is closest to my heart is reflected in a letter of appreciation from the Division of Strategic National Stockpile at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They recognized my commitment, leadership, and service during the national Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

Our mission is to educate future health care professionals and meet the diverse pharmaceutical care needs of the people of Louisiana and to serve the profession of pharmacy through a balanced program of education, research, service and patient care.

One of my favorite ULM memories is helping design the Pharmacy Care Laboratory in the Bienville building. When we began this project, the lab was one huge empty room. Putting our vision on paper and seeing it come to fruition was very exciting.

My favorite spot on campus is the seventh floor balcony of the library.

One thing about me that most people don't know is that I grew up in the country. I had several unconventional pets during my childhood. In addition to several dogs, I had two Shetland Ponies (Princess and Queen); a squirrel (Chipper); and a skunk (Stinky).

Discover **ULM** FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



"I feel truly honored to tell potential employers about our incredibly valuable and capable business graduates"

DISCOVER Raymundo Arturo Rodriguez Instructor of Business

Raymundo Arturo Rodriguez, an Instructor of Business in the College of Business, earned a doctoral degree in management from Colorado Technical University. He began working at ULM in 2007.

I grew up in the city of Durango, located in Mexico. I came to the U.S. at 19 to play tennis for Harding University in Arkansas. My younger brother has followed in my footsteps by playing college tennis and settling down in the U.S. My older sister, parents and the rest of my family are in Mexico. Coming to the

U.S. as an international collegiate student-athlete was an amazing experience.

I worked in banking for about seven years, mainly as a commercial lender for mid-sized community banks in Colorado and New Mexico. I saw firsthand how a change in managerial policy can negatively affect the personnel of any organization, specifically the commercial lending units of the banks for which I used to work. I decided to go back to school and learn more about organizational development and change management.

I like spending time in the classroom. Interacting with students is something I really enjoy. It is not unusual to have a student (sometimes several students) in my office asking about different topics, such as my views of the banking industry or the current situation in northern Mexico.

I have been rewarded with some very encouraging feedback from students regarding the classes that I teach. Some of our college graduates have used me as a reference in their job-hunting endeavors; thus, I feel truly honored to tell potential employers about our incredibly valuable and capable graduates.

I look forward to the College of Business Brain Bowl every year. The finance team is a lot of fun during competition. We have more fun joking than winning.

During my free time, I like playing tennis. Occasionally I practice with the Warhawk team, but you can find me at just about any tennis court.

If my students could leave the classroom knowing only one thing, it would be to never waste an opportunity to learn something new. You never know how that new knowledge can benefit you in the future.



DISCOVER Kathy Davenport, RN, MSN Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing

Kathy Davenport, RN, MSN, is an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing. She earned her highest degree at University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark. and began working at ULM in 1989.

I was born in San Jose, Costa Rica to missionary parents. I returned to the states at age 3 and grew up in California, Oregon, Texas, and Louisiana. I moved to Louisiana the summer before my senior year at Ouachita High School. I attended Harding University in Searcy, Ark., where I earned my nursing degree.

My mother is a nurse; her example of care, compassion and desire to help others inspired me.

After I acquired my master's degree, I wanted to teach. When we moved from Searcy, Ark. in 1989, ULM was a natural choice. I had a friend on faculty and a friend in the community who both spoke highly of the university.

I love working with senior nursing students. They possess a great deal of enthusiasm and a desire to excel. During the summer, I work at a local hospital which keeps my perspective current and reminds me why I love nursing. I find it very gratifying to work alongside former students who are now my peers, supervisors, or are in advanced practice-nurse practitioners and nurse anesthetists, whom I now consult as a resource.

Twice I have been awarded the Clinical Practice Award by the School of Nursing. I received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from my alma mater, Harding University, and I was invited by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to attend three item-writing sessions for our nursing licensure exam (NCLEX) in Princeton, N.J. I am also a past recipient of the Sr. Jerome Crowley Endowed Professorship in Nursing.

I am privileged to be a part of the force that prepares a new class of graduates each semester, thus helping to alleviate the nursing shortage.

One of my favorite ULM memories is probably not a single experience, but a collage of clinical experiences working one-on-one where the student's preparation pays off in a "clarifying moment." I love simplifying advanced concepts to bring understanding and application to complex patient care situations.

In my free time, I enjoy bicycling, hiking and cooking. I enjoy traveling to see my daughters, who are also nurses.

The fountain area in front of the library is my favorite spot on campus.

If students could leave my classroom knowing one thing, it would be the importance and value of maintaining professional and personal integrity.

One thing most people probably don't know about me is that I used to perform and record music with my sisters, traveling to Europe and the Scandinavian countries as the Steffin Sisters.



MARC SWAYZE: How a talented artist became Captain Marvel's alter ego

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ULM Alum
Marc
Swayze
CLASS OF '36

In the “Golden Age” of comics, those featuring the fictional character Captain Marvel became so popular that they sold in legendary proportion.

As with every legendary all-American superhero, Captain Marvel was created – not born. And behind every creation is a creator; namely, Monroe native and ULM alumnus Marc Swayze ('36), who sketched and even occasionally wrote story lines for New York-based Fawcett Publications from 1941-53, including popular superhero Captain Marvel.

In fact, Captain Marvel comic books regularly outsold those featuring rival DC Comics' characters, and Captain Marvel became the first superhero adapted for film. The influence of Captain Marvel can even be seen in such contemporary shows as the Fox Network's animated series “American Dad,” in which the lead character wears a favorite T-shirt with Captain Marvel's signature lightning bolt on it.

Swayze is also the co-creator of Mary Marvel, as Swayze deftly illustrated the character's earliest adventures, demonstrating to 1940s-era audiences nationwide that yes, even a girl could be a superhero.

“Fawcett was a big company in the Paramount Building, right in Times Square, and they occupied the 22nd, the 23rd and 24th floors,” Swayze said.

“There were about 25—30 of us in the art department, but many of the artists were busy on magazines that weren't comics, because comics were new to Fawcett. And one of the first characters they got in with was Captain Marvel. That was about the time I got in with them.”

A Neville High School graduate, Swayze attended what was then known as Ouachita Parish Junior College where he focused on another artistic passion. “My other activity was an avocation – music,” Swayze said.

“I thank God I was born with two very powerful talents; one of them was art – I was drawing a cowboy before I could talk – and the other one was humming songs before I could talk,” he said with a laugh.

But it was his other talent – art – that took him to his first job in Corinth, Miss., where he worked as an assistant to Russell Keaton, creator of “Flyin' Jenny,” a once popular newspaper comic strip with a wide circulation. Swayze's work for Fawcett meant that he contributed to all phases of their comic-book artwork including layout, pencil work, ink work and color. He became one of the principal artists responsible for bringing the character of Captain Marvel to life.

“I'd even throw in a story to go along with the art, every now and then,” said Swayze, with a smile, from his Monroe home.

Even when Pearl Harbor was attacked on Dec. 7, 1941, Swayze continued to work freelance for Fawcett while serving in the military. He left the military in 1944, and arranged with Fawcett to produce art and stories out of his Monroe home.

Swayze was prolific during this period. In addition to drawing the Bell Syndicate's “Flyin' Jenny” newspaper strip, he also was art and story contributor for the fictional character of “The Phantom Eagle,” a young teenager flying for the allies in World War II and featured in Wow Comics.

But there was a corresponding decrease in the need for fictional superheroes at the end of World War II. Fawcett ceased publishing Captain Marvel in the 1950's and ceded rights to the character to DC Comics. Swayze's career as a comic artist was winding down almost in tandem with the decline in popularity of the comics.

Swayze now writes a column from his Monroe home containing his professional memoirs, which has been a favorite in *Alter Ego*, a collectors' magazine since 1996.





**ULM alum VICKI GILLIAM (BA, '87,
MA '90) put herself on trial recently**

DISCOVER
ULM Alum
Vicki Gilliam
CLASS OF '87

The petite, but feisty litigator, who takes on major corporations with the confidence of David taking on Goliath, took on her own case as the best evidence of the excellence that is found at ULM during the “Discover ULM’s Excellence” Investiture celebration Sept 26 - Oct. 2.

Gilliam built the case for herself as a former non-traditional student by calling on “witnesses” to her life, including the many professors at ULM whom she said opened up worlds to her she would have never otherwise seen.

She commuted from Bastrop to then-NLU as an undergrad, and continued to work while attending college, ultimately completing her master’s degree and graduating with honors each time.

“Outside of learning pure law, all the other tools of my trade I learned from the faculty and staff right here at ULM,” Gilliam said. “ULM was the only place where hundreds, probably thousands, of commuters had the opportunity to get an education.”

Gilliam earned national recognition for her work representing 650 members of a Native American tribe in Ringwood, N.J., in a lawsuit against Ford Motor Co. She said that for two years HBO camera crews followed her around as lead attorney in the lawsuit while filming the 2011 HBO documentary “Mann v. Ford.”

The documentary covers the community’s interactions with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and ultimately, the relisting of the dumping grounds near Ringwood as a Superfund site.

In 2009, Ford made a settlement offer of \$11 million to the plaintiffs in the case.

“I can provide a voice and it can be very loud,” said Gilliam. “The better a storyteller I am, the better the case for my client.”

Gilliam, who was named one of the 500 Leading Litigators in America, said ULM gave her the confidence to believe she can win at anything she sets her mind to. More than anything, it taught her to give to others what she had so freely been given.

Perhaps Gilliam has been fighting for her life since the day she was born. Adopted from an orphanage in New Orleans at six weeks old, she grew up on a farm between Bastrop and Mer Rouge.

By 17, she was married and living in a trailer on that same farm following graduation as high school valedictorian. She gave birth at 19, was divorced by 21, and was haunted by thoughts that her life was already over.

“As a young woman sitting in that trailer, I could not have imagined the life I live today,” she said.

Today, her accolades include being named one of the 50 Leading Business Women in Mississippi and one of 2009’s Mid-South Super Lawyers.

These accomplishments were made possible because ULM became her “educational home,” she said.

“The doors to the rest of my life were opened right here. That is why I can make such a strong case to dream large,” Gilliam concluded.

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Discover
75 percent
acceptance
rate of ULM
graduates

entering medical
schools —
significantly higher
than the national
average.

Discover
more than
95 percent

of ULM accounting,
risk management
and insurance,
computer science,
and finance students
are successfully
employed or
accepted to graduate
school within
three months after
graduation versus
the national average
of nearly 70 percent.

1961

Melba Freeman Parker '61, '66 is a retired teacher from Bastrop and was recently inducted into ULM's Golden Society.

1962

William Crider '62 '69 taught for over nine years in public schools and worked for over three years as an educational consultant for a major book and magazine company. William is now working in the ministry and just celebrated his 37th wedding anniversary with his wife, Sondra.

1963

Dr. George Fluitt '63 and his wife Dr. Clarice Fluitt have been married for 50 years and have traveled the world as evangelical pastors. George has been the pastor of The Eagle's Nest Church in Monroe since 1983 and Clarice oversees 30 churches across the country.

1964

Elbert "Wayne" Dyer '64 retired after 34 years with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. He has three children and nine grandchildren.

1967

Jennie Clare (J.C.) Casey '67 became the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma's 2010-11 faculty president. At USAO, she also serves as the committee for faculty athletics representative to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, on the academic integrity committee, as a master advisor and as a faculty advisor for the university student newspaper. She is a member of the national College Media Advisers group.

1968

Gary Bankston '68 and his wife **Alice Elizabeth Butler Bankston '65, '67**, a former Miss NLU, own Honda World of Ft. Smith, Ark., and are retired with two sons, two grandsons, and one on the way.

Bobby Bridger '68 is the author of a hardback and paperback edition of "*Ballad of the West*"; the award-winning, "*Buffalo Bill and Sitting Bull: Inventing The Wild West*", as well as contributing essays to anthologies on American western literary giants John G. Neihardt ("*A Sender of Words*") and Frank Waters ("*Frank Waters: Man and Mystic*".)

1969

Sherry Allen '69 is the female vocalist with a Big Band performance group, *The Jazzers*, performing standards from 1940-70.

1971

James Livingston '71 retired as director of Human Resources after 33 years with International Paper. He and his wife Becky work as biblical counselors in Memphis.

R. Lonny Spilberger '71 is a pharmacist and certified diabetes educator. He and wife **Claudia Tony Spilberger '70** enjoy spending time with their six grandchildren.

1973

Dick Bonin '73 and wife Earlene live in St. Charles, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis.

Thomas Gorman '73 recently retired from the U.S. Air Force where he served as a medical service officer. He now teaches computer courses to cadets, faculty and staff at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point. Gorman also recently founded the Ridgeview early music consort.

James Harris '73 is retired from the U.S. Army Reserve and the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services. In 2004, Harris was named Director of the Aiken County Department of Veteran Affairs.

1974

William Lauler '74 has a daughter, Jennifer who was married on Sept. 11, 2010. William also attended the 2010 ULM Homecoming game during the TKE-EM reunion.

1975

Richard Haberberger '75 has been promoted to Commanding Officer of the Naval Medical Research Center and Director of the Naval Medical Research and Development Enterprise, which includes nine U.S. Navy biomedical commands and detachments worldwide.

Lenard Halley '75, '90 is a contemporary Christian music concert promoter and recently toured with GRAMMY award-winning band Third Day.

Steve Lindsay '75 retired from Entergy Services, Inc. in June 2010 after 45 years of service.

Johnnie Lee Patterson '75 is an eight-year member of F.D. Thompson Post 521 in Monroe and was elected Second (2nd) Vice Commander of this Post for 2011-2012. His active duty and active reserve time of 27 years included tours to Fort Polk, Fort Dix, Fort Gordon, Fort Sill, Fort Jackson, Fort Lee and Viet Nam.

1976

Johnny Fatheree '76 recently wrote "*Plug Into People — How to Have 'em at Hello*", published by Tate Publishing of Oklahoma City. Johnny lives with his wife Connie in Aubrey, Tex., but spends many days at his fishing camp on Lake D'Arbonne.

Marilyn Nola Hammett '76 has two married children and three grandchildren.

Johnny Wilson Jr. '76 earned a doctorate from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio in 2009 after earning certification in non-profit economic development from Harvard Divinity School in 2005.

1977

Dave Buchheim '77 retired from the U.S. Army in 2008 and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his years of dedicated service and outstanding leadership. Dave also served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Steven Richardson '77 was named the Executive Vice President of Caldwell Bank & Trust in Columbia, La.

Mary Stutts '77 has worked for over 25 years in the health care and communications industries and is currently the Senior Vice President of Corporate Relations at Elan Pharmaceuticals.

Margaret Goulet Tomasso '77, '88 works at Promise Specialty Hospital and has a daughter, Jennifer Hootsell, in the ULM Graduate School pursuing a master in Speech Language Pathology. Margaret also has a three-year-old granddaughter, Caitlyn Hootsell.

1978

Cleveland Black '78, '80 was awarded the recipient of the 2010 TSRT Sharon Coffey Outstanding Imaging Educator of the Year.

Mary Danna '78 has worked at St. Francis Medical Center for over 32 years and is the great-grandmother of Lucy and Molly.

Kathy Wallace Johnson '78 is a registered nurse with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas and a Blue Care Advisor and Utilization Manager for the Federal Employee Program of Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois and New Mexico.

1979

Shawn Dorn '79 is the office manager for Jordan Oil Company, Inc. & Central Crude, Inc. in Lake Charles.

1980

Richard Matkins '80 and wife Ingrid relocated to Shreveport. Richard works with the Gordian Group. Ingrid teaches French at C.E. Byrd High School.

1981

Roger Maxwell '81 has accepted a new position with Murphy Exploration and Production Company in Houston.

Donna A. Rhorer '81 received her Ph.D. and returned to teach English at ULM. Dr. Rhorer enjoys her work with the ULM English Department and spending time with her family who also make their homes in Monroe.

1982

Darrell Cartwright '82 was recently named one of Birmingham's "Top Attorneys" by *Birmingham Magazine*. Darrell was one of eleven attorneys chosen in the field of tax law and was the only attorney selected in the group engaged in a solo practice.

Robert Wayne Farrar '82 is a married real estate broker with 2 kids.

1983

Barbara Hampton '83 has been elected president of the 2010 Board of Trustees of Leadership Georgia. She is the senior vice president and chief financial officer of Georgia Transmission Corp.

Frederick D. Jones '83 is the Coordinator of the Department of Criminal Justice for Louisiana College and the position of Director of Academic Success for Louisiana College Judge Paul Pressler School of Law based in Shreveport.

1984

Suzonne Ford '84, known as Devon O'Day, a Country and Christian music media entrepreneur, has written a book "Goodbye My Friend: Celebrating the Memory of a Pet" and help start www.hippiechicktwang.com, a Web site specializing in music, art and apparel.

Jeffrey Hutchison '84 and wife **Stephanie Gueringer Hutchison '86** are proud to see their daughter Shirley Hutchison enrolled at ULM.

William M. Stallings '84, was awarded the Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation by the CCIM Institute, one of the leading commercial real estate associations in the world.

1985

R. Scott Higginbotham '85, '89 works for Neel-Schaffer Inc., and has been promoted to senior project manager and Environmental Science Group leader for the Central Mississippi area. Scott has over 20 years of environmental and geological experience and is a registered professional geologist in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee.

Terry Williams '85 works with inmates released from the federal prison system through her job at the City of Faith in Maumelle, Ark.

1986

Frances Dobernic Mitchelson '86 of Pittsburg, Kan., received the Outstanding Alumnae Achievement — Contribution to Community Award during the Phi Mu Fraternity 2010 national convention at the Biltmore Resort in Phoenix.

Kurt Oestriecher '86 was been named the Outstanding Discussion Leader for the AICPA for 2009 for the fourth consecutive year and was the highest rated instructor in the country out of a faculty of 270 CPAs.

Terry Waldrop '86 is the winningest coach in Texas Wesleyan University Men's Basketball history. He reached that milestone in the 2007-08 season with his 161st career win and the mark now stands at 215. Terry was also named the National Coach of the year in 2006.

1987

Gayle Hoover Frick '87, a former Miss NLU, is the owner of Music City Studios in West Monroe.

Michael Gough '87, a member of the ULM 1987 National Championship football team, has currently moved back to Alexandria where he is the owner of a construction business.

1988

Curtis Hilbun '88 lives in Winnsboro and as a hobby plants tulips each year. He currently displays over 30,000 tulips on Calhoun Road in Wisner, La.

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Health
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placement
rate
for applicants to
occupational therapy
graduate school.

Toureno Taylor '88 completed his doctorate in Educational Leadership in 2009.

1989

James Bass '89 and his wife **Robbin Crooks Bass '85, '89** have a son, Joshua, who is attending the University of Texas at Arlington majoring in advertising with a minor in business.

Ron Camp '89, '91 is a justice advisor for the U.S. Department of State in Afghanistan, training and mentoring investigators, prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges.

1990

Myron Lilley '90 has been married to his wife **Sheila Jones-Lilley '87** for twenty years and are the parents to one son and two daughters.

1991

Laura McGraw Borel '91 has a son, Caleb, in the ULM pre-nursing program.

Clarence E. Strahan '91 has been promoted to Chief of the Field Training Branch of the U.S. Marshals academy in Glynco, Ga. Clarence was a Senior Inspector with the Judicial Security Division of the U.S. Marshals, assigned to Charlotte, N.C. since 1993. Clarence, his wife Dianne, and son Brian will relocate to Georgia. His daughter Allison is a student at Appalachian State University.

Christy Pepper Tolbert, '91 has been named the Teacher of the Year at Kings Manor Elementary in Kingwood, Tex. Her husband **Rich Tolbert, '92, '93** works for Gimball Corp. in Houston as a computer analyst, and they have two children Lynsey, 15, and Clarie, 12.

1992

James Ruiz '92 was awarded the 2010 Outstanding Mentor Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in San Diego, Calif., and the 2010 Regional Fellow

Award from the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences in Bristol, R.I.

1995

Jeff Matthews '95 has joined the consulting firm Charles River Associates as a vice president in the Financial Accounting & Valuation Practice in Dallas.

Leslie Miller '95 works as a development quality coordinator for Eli Lilly in Indianapolis after working in pharmaceuticals.

1998

Sarah M. Wilks '98 graduated from Ross University's School of Medicine in 2008.

Kimberly Garrett White '98 and husband **Doneil D. White '05** are the proud parents of a future Warhawk. They began a ULM college fund for son Dillon to ensure he receives the same quality education as his parents.

1999

Denna Murray McGrew '99 is married to **Jim McGrew '94** and is the Director of Operations for the Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana. She and her husband have two children, Ethan and Jenna.

2000

Christi Schexnayder Bucci '00 is homemaker and mother of three; sons Matthew and Anthony and daughter Katelyn. Christi previously worked at LDEQ in Baton Rouge in the radiation inspection field.

2004

Joy Breland '04 was recently promoted to Virtual Branch Coordinator at Ouachita Independent Bank.

Denise Pani '04, opened her private practice, North Louisiana Counseling Associates LLC in Monroe, specializing in counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy. Denise is the wife of Dr. Eric Pani,

ULM Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Tiwana Thomas '04 recently moved back to Louisiana after five years in North Carolina to become the Executive Director of the Desoto Parish Council on Aging.

2007

Jessica Baudoin '07, '10 has been named chief executive officer of The Family Tree. She has been with The Family Tree for the past eight months, serving as a clinician and grants coordinator. She is president-elect of the Louisiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Jessica also earned her Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy from ULM in 2010.

Kate Wadsworth '07 relocated to Nashville to start a brand new outpatient rehabilitation center.

2008

John Farris '08 has been selected to help with CenturyLink recruiting at ULM.

2009

Staci Adams Gatch '09, is married to **Marc Gatch '06**. Staci is employed with Hub Enterprises, a private investigations company.

Tanya Simonis '09 works for a government agency and will be starting a private practice in Wausau, Wis.

2010

John Edwards '10 is married with three children and graduated with an Ed.D. from ULM's Leadership and Counseling program.

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Retirees

Antley, Ann
Human Resources

Blackmon, Stephanie
Human Resources

Brotherton, Deborah
Soil Lab

Brotherton, Harry
Chemistry

Burson, Jane
School of Nursing

Cage, Bob
Educational Leadership
and Counseling

Cann, William

Carver, Nadine
Post Office

Clark, Murrelynn

Coleman, Robert
Physical Plant

Cozine, James
Student Affairs

Creekmore, Walter
Curriculum and
Instruction

Creighton, Victoria
Continuing Education

Cruse, Peggy
Student Services

Cryer, Richard
Physical Plant

Davidson, Mary
Physical Plant

Davidson, Ray
KEDM

Denton, JoLynn
Graphic Services

Doby, Frankie
Food Services

Fandal, Carlos
Foreign Languages

Garland, Dennis
Graphic Services

Gibbens, Sarah
University Library

Gibson, David
Division of Music

Gibson, Florencetta
School of Nursing

Gibson, Marilyn
Division of Music

Godwin, William
Graphic Services

Hebert, Ray
Post Office

Hendrix, Jerry
Physical Plant

Holloway, Robert
English

Hopson, Judy
Counseling Center

Horne, Frances
University Library

Jackson, Bessie
Family and Consumer
Sciences

Johnson, Michael
University Police

Jones, B. Diane
Food Services

Jones, Rhonda
Continuing Education

Joyce, Carolyn
Office of the Registrar

Keene, Cynthia
Computing Center

Kervin, Kitty
School of Nursing

Kile, John
Physical Plant

Knesel, John
Biology

Kutz, Martin
Physical Plant

Laird, Celia
School of Nursing

Lawrence, Mamie
School of Nursing

Leonard, Donell
Food Services

Logwood, Samuel
Physical Plant

Lohan, Michael
Physical Plant

Low, Jean
Psychology

Martin, David
Food Services

Matheny, Evelyn
Athletics

McConkey, Charles
Marketing

McKeithen, James
Foreign Languages

McNeil, Jerry
Radiology Tech

Minton, Dan
Auxiliary Services

Neal, Jackie
Recreation Services

Newman, Pamela
Educational Leadership
and Counseling

Nicklas, David
Business Affairs

Nolan, Betty
Copy Center

Oliver, Mona
English

Oliver, Paxton
College of Health
Sciences

Owens, Carl
Psychology

Owens, Charlotte
Mathematics

Peters, Floyd
Physical Plant

Pruitt, Barbara
University Library

Ramsey, Michael
Medical Laboratory
Science

Robinson, James
Physical Plant

Rollins, Larry
Physical Plant

Rowdon, Scott
University Police

Russell, John
Physical Plant

Scallan, Barbara
Internal Operations

Scott, Sharon
Continuing Education

Sellers, Ira
Physical Plant

Smith, Ann
Career Connections

Smith, Teresa
Financial Aid

Steffenson, Martin
Clinical and
Administrative Science

Teel, Jimmie
Physical Plant

Thomas, Laverne
Physical Plant

Thompson, James
Division of Music

Thompson, Sherry
College of Education and
Human Development

Tibbs, Thomas
Physical Plant

Tubbs, Carol
Bookstore

Vining, Mike
Athletics

Wallace, Patricia
College of Arts and
Sciences

Ward, Robert
Division of Arts

Washington, George
Physical Plant

Welch, Janice
College of Arts and
Sciences

Welch, Norma
University Library

Whatley, Thomas
Computing Center

White, Willie
Physical Plant

Williams, Mazie
Student Affairs

Young, Mitchell
Educational Leadership
and Counseling

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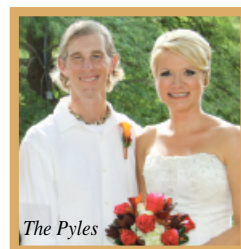
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In Memorium

- Acreman, Aubry L. 'Lee', 79**, June 27, 2009
- Attaway Nell W., 73**, retired librarian, August 3, 2011
- Bee, Ruby Nell, 72**, June 27, 2009
- Boatright, Ellen Fontenot, 84**, retired business education Instructor, December 31, 2010
- Boyd, Frank McCalla, 80**, retired associate professor of Biology, July 12, 2009
- Cheffin, Ella W., 66**, retired cashier Coenen Cafeteria, November 22, 2010
- DeMoss, Bob, 84**, former golf coach and member of the ULM Sports Hall of Fame, June 10, 2011
- Dulaney, Mary Jane, 79**, retired librarian, May 30, 2010
- Hartley, Dean S. Jr., 89**, retired department head of Aviation, March 19, 2010
- Hays, Rosina Marie Lisotta "RoRo", 76**, retired Computing Center, August 17, 2010
- Hendrix, Ralph Todd, 48**, maintenance foreman, September 8, 2011
- Manley, Willie Leon "Coach", 82**, former assistant football coach, March 13, 2010
- Nichols, Ruth N., 77**, retired Computing Center, September 18, 2011
- Rains, Letha Mae Laffoon, 84**, retired Food Services, August 5, 2009
- Roach, Thomas K., 72**, retired nurseryman/groundskeeper, January 22, 2010
- Sandrock, Gertrude M., 95**, retired associate professor of Music Education, June 4, 2010
- Tempalski, Anita Lucille, 83**, retired Computing Center, August 15, 2009
- Tubbs, Glenn, 68**, retired housing director and alumnus, Class of '64 – Social Studies, October 24, 2010
- Vaughn, Catherine Dean, 87**, retired Professor Emeritus, School of Education, August 7, 2009
- Walker, Dr. George T., 98**, retired President Emeritus, June 19, 2011

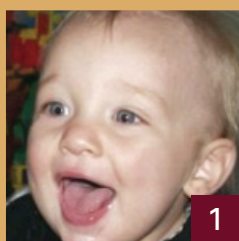
Marriages

- Ada Simon LeDoux '06** married in 2009 and welcomed a daughter, Jeanne, in the spring of 2010.
- Takila McCoy '00 to David Joseph,** May 29, 2010.
- Benjamin Pyle '01** and Elizabeth Bomar were married Sept. 11, 2010 in San Antonio.
- Christine Taylor '06 to Jeffrey Chisolm '09,** June 12, 2010.
- Christopher Thompson '08** married **Amanda Allemand '11** in July 2011.



Births

- 1** Kalan Scott Turner, born September 6, 2010, 7 lbs. 15 oz. to **Priscilla (Tyson) Turner ('05)** & Spence Turner.
 - 2** Andrew Rhodes Sawrie, December 11, 2009, 6 lbs, 15 oz, 19.5 inches long, born to **Leslie (Walter) Sawrie '01** and **Matt Sawrie '98**.
 - 3** Eva Gray Fowler, born January 26, 2010 at 7:44 am, 6 lbs, 13 oz, 19 inches long to **Lynn (Clyatt) Fowler '97** and **Chris Fowler '97**.
- Jude Michael Winke born February 22, 2010, 10 lbs, 5 oz, **Angela (Palomo) Winke '03** and **Fritz Winke '99**.
- 4** Amelia June Pyle, May 3, 2010, born to **Amy (Cummins) Pyle '04** and **Patrick Pyle '04**.
 - 5** Molly Marie Jefcoat, August 18, 2010, 7 lbs, 3 oz, 19 3/4 inches long, born to **Megan (Makar) Jefcoat ('02)** and Mitchell Jefcoat.
 - 6** Zachary Wyatt Herod was born on January 30, 2011 to **Elizabeth (Cabello) Herod '02** and **Scott Michael Herod '10**.
 - 7** Cole Michael Davis, June 1, 2011, 7 pounds 5 ounces 20 inches long to **Kristi (McLawchlin) Davis '08** and **Michael Davis '08**.



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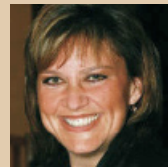
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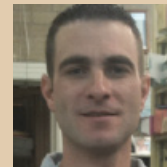
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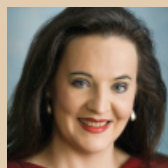
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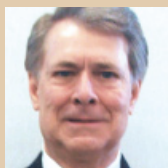
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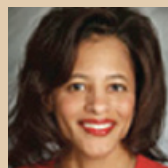
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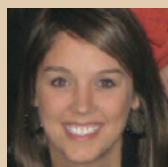
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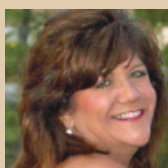
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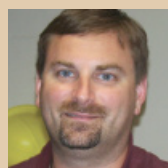
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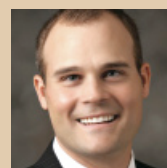
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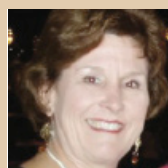
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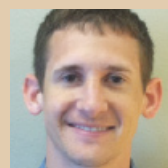
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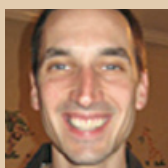
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It is truly an honor to speak of Dr. Nick J. Bruno today on behalf of the ULM student body.

Nearly a year ago, all members of the ULM family anxiously awaited the announcement of our next president. During the Presidential Search Process students specifically expressed their strong desire for our 8th president to be student-minded and highly engaged on campus.

I believe I speak for all students in saying that President Bruno has been both since his arrival. Since last November, he has made himself readily available to the student population. He proves his genuine concern for students by continuously welcoming their suggestions and concerns and making every effort to meet the needs.

From the beginning of his tenure, Dr. Bruno has been a very visible face. He is regularly found greeting students throughout campus and socializing with them at university functions. Dr. Bruno's visibility and accessibility is continuing to foster the warm sense of family in which ULM takes much pride.

Dr. Bruno brought with him a renewed excitement for ULM to campus. He is a true believer in the excellence of this university and what it has to offer the higher education system. When speaking to students he reminds us of ULM's greatness and the promising future before us. We are always encouraged to extend support for ULM and spread its message to others. His fervency is helping to regenerate strong school pride throughout the university. President Bruno's intense passion for this institution is contagious and precisely what ULM needs in a leader.

On a more personal note, any student who has spent time with President Bruno can attest to his sincere humility. Students value the level of respect extended to them from their president. Of all of his traits, Dr. Bruno's modesty has been most highly noted by his students. This characteristic is appreciated by students and helps to make him the approachable leader he is.

I asked one of ULM's student leaders to describe Dr. Bruno in a few sentences. The following was his response: 'Dr. Bruno has an extremely down to earth personality. He interacts with students like we are his equals, which puts us more at ease and makes us comfortable in expressing our opinions.

Overall, he brings great experience, quality leadership, and a wide perspective to ULM, making him the perfect president for the university.' I believe this quote effectively communicates the opinion students have of Dr. Bruno.

Dr. Bruno, students couldn't be more proud to call you their president. In your short time here you have earned the respect and appreciation of the student body. Your concern for students and desire to better our institution is apparent. Students are confident in your leadership and vision for this school.

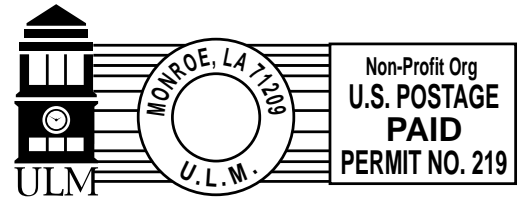
We know you will continue to direct the University of Louisiana at Monroe in a positive direction, and are looking forward to many great years under your leadership. ■



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