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Chair Notes and Departmental Update

The semester is rapidly coming to a close. This has been an exciting semester. I am proud to announce that the Master of Criminal Justice program got off to a great start. We have plenty of new candidates applying for and enrolling in the Fall 2009 semester. If you have any questions about the program, or are interested in applying, please contact Dr. Stephen Mallory in the Legal Studies department for more information.

This past March, the Department of Legal Studies offered CJ 445:

Comparative Criminal Justice. Students who enrolled in this course spent their Spring Break in San Diego, CA examining criminal justice and homeland security operations in southern California and northern Mexico. Students visited the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, where they received tours of local criminal justice facilities and attended a seminar on the dangers of MySpace.

The students also had the very unique and exciting opportunity of visiting the Tijuana Police Command Center and being involved in a ride along with the United States Border Patrol as

they performed their duties. The students also received a briefing on border issues from the Tijuana Consulate's Office and the Drug Enforcement Agency.

I hope everyone has had an exciting and fulfilling semester. I know that you are all studying hard for your finals, and I look forward to seeing all of our returning students next semester. For those of you who are graduating in May, congratulations and I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors!

Training Academy:

The Legal Studies Department would like to congratulate the cadets from the University Police Department and the Oxford Police Department on their successful completion of the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officer's Training Academy. The academy is in Pearl, MS and began on January 14th 2008. It was a ten-week program, and the graduation ceremony was held on March 20th 2008.

Endowment: Dr. Quarles continues to direct the Department's endowment efforts

with great success. As a graduate of our program, I can assure you that your contributions to the Department make a difference.

Student Job Search:

This section of the newsletter is designed to help Legal Studies students search for employment after graduation by recommending outstanding legal and paralegal websites. This issue we will be looking at Criminal Justice USA. This website is easy to navigate and offers a great overview of many different areas in the criminal justice field. As quoted for the website, "CriminalJusticeUSA.com provides aspiring criminal justice professionals with current, reliable and informative career information and job descriptions designed to help them make an informed decision when it comes to selecting a career in criminal justice or law enforcement". The website explains everything from what type of training is necessary to perform certain jobs to what each job entails. If you are still unsure about what is available in the criminal justice field, visit their website at www.criminaljusticeusa.com.

The Justice Society

Many of our students were unable to get funding as criminal justice majors. The scholarships just were not in our field. Today, criminal justice, homeland security, corrections, and paralegal students are all able to seek scholarships funded by our graduates and our faculty. Almost all of our faculty and our adjunct instructors are currently helping to fund these efforts. We solicit all of our graduates for help. If you want to make a difference in your alma mater, please send a financial contribution restricted for the use of the Legal Studies Department. You can help us make a difference. We need your help and hope that you will respond today.



Dr. Chester Quarles

I want you to help us raise more. If you send a pledge or a check to the *OLE MISS FOUNDATION* and put on the check “For the Exclusive Use of the Legal Studies Department,” you will help us create more scholarship aid and resource development.

After writing the check, please send it to me Chester Quarles, Legal Studies Department, Odom 205, University, Mississippi 38677. I will insure that your donation is placed in the appropriate departmental account and is used exclusively for criminal justice, homeland security, corrections and paralegal development.

Paralegal Update

Our Paralegal Program continues to grow under the direction of Professor Angie Williams.



Professor Angie Williams

A listserv has been created for all current students and recent past graduates of the Paralegal Studies Program. The purpose of the listserv is to post job announcements and other information of interest to Paralegal Studies majors. To subscribe to the listserv, send an email message to md@listserv.olemiss.edu with the line "subscribe bps" in the message body. The subject field should be blank. After you have subscribed to the listserv, you may post messages by sending them to bps@listserv.olemiss.edu.

Outreach News: The Johnson Report



Jeff Johnson

We are on our way to wrapping up yet another semester and I would like to take the opportunity to let you know what has been going on in Southaven. This semester the Students For Justice (SFJ) hurriedly organized a raffle to support Union University that was ravaged by a tornado earlier in the semester. They were able to raise over \$200.00 and I am so proud of them for taking on this endeavor and being so successful in such a short time period.

I have been contacted by the DeSoto County Sheriff's office in regard to partnering to sponsor a part-time law enforcement academy. I will let you know more in the next issue.

Student of the Month:



Clay Shepherd (far right)

Name: Clay Shepherd, Graduate Student

Hometown: McComb, MS

Undergrad Degree: Major: Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice w/ a dual emphasis in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security. Minor: History

Graduate Honors: Cum Laude

Graduation Date: December 2007

Personal Bio: Father, Mark Shepherd, began 25 year law enforcement career with the McComb Police Department before being elected Sheriff of Pike County in 2004. (Currently serving 2nd term as Pike County Sheriff). His mother is Kim Coney. Clay is a 2003 graduate of North Pike High School and he attended Northampton

University (UK) in the summer of 2007, taking classes focusing on Crime and Punishment and Human Rights, Globalization, and Terrorism.

He is currently a graduate student in Criminal Justice, emphasizing in Homeland Security. He is also serving as Treasurer for the University of Mississippi Criminal Justice Association. Clay is very involved in K-ville (Ole Miss Basketball Student Section)

Clay's future plans include working for a federal law enforcement agency, concentrating within the area of Homeland Security.

ATTENTION ALL ALUMNI MEMBERS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS!

The Department of Legal Studies is in the process of compiling a comprehensive database of our alumni members and criminal justice professionals to use as a resource bank and for future mailings. Please send us your business cards so we can begin to organize the database. Send your business cards to **Carol Reid**, Department of Legal Studies,

Room 203 Odom Hall,
University, MS, 38677. If you
have questions, please contact
Carol at 915-7902.

The Legal Studies Student
Association wants continuous
input from our students, alumni,
and other interested persons to
make the newsletter an ongoing
and valuable resource for its
recipients! Let us know what is
going on with you and provide us
with other items of interest that
we could include in the next
issue.

Calendar of Coming Events:

1. Graduation May 10, 2008

Mississippi Women's Law Enforcement Association

Their mission is to bring together
men and women to strengthen,
unite and raise the profile of
women in law enforcement.

Anyone, male or female, who
supports women being in the
criminal justice field is invited to
join. This includes, but is not
limited to, law enforcement
personnel, criminal justice
administrators and students,
security officers, business owners

and employees, and civilians are
all welcome and encouraged to
join.

Why Join the MSWLEA?

1. They are dedicated to
professional development for
lifelong learning to gain the skills
to excel.
2. They will develop recruitment
programs to attract qualified
female candidates to careers in
criminal justice.
3. They will provide mentoring
to encourage women to enter and
remain in the field of law
enforcement.
4. The organization will provide a
support system of individuals,
groups and services to accomplish
their mission and goals, and to
provide peer support when
needed.
5. They will demonstrate support
for community service programs
and give back to the community.

If you are interested in becoming
a member of this positive
organization, please pick up a
membership application in the
Legal Studies office or contact the

association through their e-mail address MSWLEA@yahoo.com.

Applied Sciences Order/The Justice Society



The Department of Legal Studies would like to encourage our alumni members to join **The Justice Society /Applied Sciences Order**. By joining such a distinguished group, you will be serving as a vital component in the growth of the Department as well as contributing to an endowment for our students to receive financial assistance. For more information about joining the Order, please contact **Dr. Chester Quarles at (662) 915-5413** or via e-mail at cquarles@olemiss.edu.

We proudly recognize our current members of **the Applied Sciences Order/ The Justice Society** and would like to add your name to this list.

1. Walter D. Gurley (2004)
2. Danny Covington (2004)
3. Karen and Randy Corban (2004)
4. Bonnie and David McElreath (2004)
5. Dot and Chester Quarles (PhD) (2004)
6. Jan and John Bounds (2004)
7. Lindy and Jeff Johnson (2004)
8. Linda and Jeff Davis (2004)
9. Jeanette and Stephen Mallory (PhD) (2005)
10. Lisa and Robert Cox (2005)
11. Chief Kenneth R. Winter (2005)
12. Tracy and Arthur Chancellor (2005)
13. Susan and James Warren, Jr. (2005)
14. Rev. Larry E. Finger (2005)
15. Dr. Lorri and Mike Williamson (2005)
16. Adam Peacock (2005)
17. Scott and Billie Stringer (2005)
18. Deborah and Jeff Todd (2005)
19. Lorie and Scott Roberts (2005)
20. Jackie and Ronald Tannehill (PhD) (2005)
21. Mandy and Danny Hall (JD) (2005)
22. Sheridan Maiden (2005)
23. Anne K. Ayles (2005)
24. Col. Jack E. Owen (USMC Ret) (2006)
25. Kay and Robert Fox (2006)
26. Whitney (Cantrell) and Gray Nickels (2006)
27. Richard Martin (2006)
28. Joan and Gary Bayens (2006)

29. Lieutenant Catory Bradley
(USA) (2006)
30. Terry and John Lyons
(2006)
31. Thelma Curry (2006)
32. Bob Nations (2007)
33. Steve Scruggs (2007)
34. Linda Christian (2007)
35. Bobby Pettit (2007)
36. Robert Mongue (2007)
37. Carl and Brenda Jensen
(2007)
38. Daniel Reep (2007)