



# PRMMA Newsletter

Ole Miss

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## 2007 Haunted Trail A Success! by Brian Yarbrough

Over 70 Park and Recreation students, and faculty, teamed with the Oxford Park Commission October 30th and 31st and programmed together the very scary and profitable 19th annual Haunted Trail at Avent Park.

Approximately 400 kids and adults alike attended the first night and over 1200 Halloween night!

Sixty percent of the profits go to Ole Miss PRMMA and the Oxford Park Commission gets the other 40%. The Haunted Trail grossed \$4,582.00. All proceeds directly support the PRMMA.

I had the opportunity to talk with Mr. Waddell who was in charge of the program, and he said, "I am very pleased with the efforts of the students, both cast members in the seven scenes and those working as guides."

Mr. Waddell also said, "Its an amazing program that calls upon students to gain both philosophical and practical aspects of park and recreation leadership."

I also talked with Park and Recreation students involved with the trail.

Will Cook said, "The haunted Trail is a good experience for the community as well as an opportunity for students to showcase their skills."

Nancy Tedford said, "It is a good program. I'm just really tired now."

I agree that this is an awesome program, and I want to say thank you to everyone that made this years Haunted Trail a success.

Awards for the best scene, costume, guide, etc. will be awarded at the Christmas party.



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### Events:

- **CPR/First Aid exam for students enrolled in Spring internship Thursday Nov. 29th at 4 p.m.**
- **PRMMA meeting Tuesday November 13th in Turner at 6p.m. Special guests will present on MWR**
- **Final PRMMA meeting and Christmas Party will be held Thursday Evening November 29th- TBA**

## 2007 Lance Duvall Scholarship Recipient

Natasha Kuritz, from Niceville Florida is pursuing her masters degree in park and recreation management, and is the fall 2007 recipient of the \$500.00 Lance Duvall Scholarship.

Natasha works for Campus Recreation and is involved with Intramurals and will be the Event Manager for

the 2008 Rebel Man Triathlon coming up March 29th, 2008.

After graduation Natasha plans to, "Live life to the fullest, and hopefully have a great job."

She also said, "Receiving this award is a huge honor because of what

it stands for, who Lance Duvall was, and the impact he had in our field." "I would encourage more people to apply. It is an awesome opportunity and very humbling to receive."

Applications for the fall 2008 Scholarship are due March 15th. Guidelines are available in 215 Turner.

**SPECIAL NOTE!**

Important Reminders for students taking the PRM 401 course this spring or summer. You **MUST** have a current CPR and First Aid certification card on file before you can enroll in PRM 401. You must also sit and take the CPR certification examination before you can enroll. The CPR exam is given at the end of each semester.

Also, you **MUST** have a 2.5 GPA average on all classes in the PRM core courses—194,200,301,302,332,362, 471,425,391, and 400 before you can enroll.

See your advisor if you plan on enrolling in an internship this spring asap!



## **Oxford Park Commission Activity Center—by Robert Bellperche**

The OPC Activity Center is located at 400 Price St. across from the Oxford Police station. Individuals of all ages come to enjoy a variety of recreational activities that include basketball, football, soccer, karate, gymnastics, cheer leading, tennis, and tutoring.

OPC provides experienced instructors for groups and one on one lessons. Recently a time for senior citizens from 8:00-

10:00 in the morning was added so seniors can participate cafeteria-style from many activities but most decide on walking a mile or two.

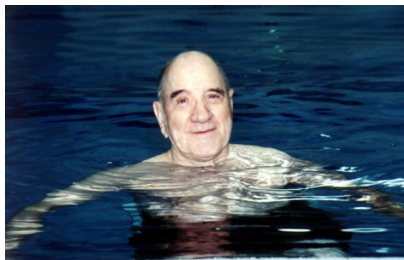
Beginning December OPC will reserve time for basketball practices for rec league teams of the Oxford Park Commission. Basketball games begin on the 3rd of January and will continue through the end of February. Try outs evaluate players on a point scale

from 1-5 for a variety of basketball skills competitions. These include dribbling, shooting, defense, passing, and rebounding. Teams are formed to optimize competition using this method. There is still time to register for the league and registration is held at the main office on South 10th St. behind McAllister's. The amount to join is \$40.00 and you have until November 16th to register.

## **New Foundation Started for Graduate Assistantships**

David "Moon" Mullen was honored by the members of the Aquatic Exercise Program last December with an initial contribution for a Foundation in his name.

This past week the AEP membership donated additional funds to bring the total to \$5035.00. Once



the Foundation reaches the final goal an assistantship formed for a student pursuing a graduate degree and wishing to work with Older Adults.

This Foundation honored Dr. Kim Beason and his wife Belinda with over \$4000 contribution for his work with Older Adults

## **Ole Miss and the Fair-Weather Fan by: Jake Hill**

Well, it's time to put the pigskin up and get out the round balls at Ole Miss but before we do, I must vent about the Ole Miss fan that comes out when we win, leaves if we are losing, and takes every opportunity to smear the Ole Miss players and coaches who are trying to build a program. Yes, we have had a poor season in football this year and it may get worse, but I congratulate our "Fair-weather-fans" for another marquee year of non-support.

I'm not congratulating you on your cold shoulder toward the team, the shame you bring abandoning the stadium on game-days nor your ignorance of the processes involved with building a successful college football program. But rather, fair-weathered-fan, pat yourself on the back for a great year in running off potential recruits for next season.

When recruits visit campus they should love Ole Miss if they like a school that boos the players and coaches. One more adept at throwing liquor bottles than chanting Hotty Toddy? Wow, Is that not every high school kids dream?

Here's a clue, instead of degrading our players, let's be supportive. Complaining never solves anything, it only gives a potential recruit a reason to head to L-S-pU, All-a-blama, or Starkville where every eager Bully student-fan learns to answer to a Moo-cow Bell.



## PRM Advisory Board Meeting- Brian Yarbrough

I recently had the opportunity to sit in on the fall 2007 PRM Advisory Board meeting. It was an interesting meeting of chosen professionals in Park and Recreation providing insight and advice on making our program stronger.

Mr. Hugh A. Stump, executive director, called the meeting to order and the previous agenda was approved.

Mrs. Tina Kitchens, Director of the Florence, AL P& Department volunteered. To become the Secretary for the Board.

New business included: clarify current board members, discuss and award Lance Duvall scholarship applicants, discuss new scholarship opportunity brought forward by Dr. Gilbert, consider two new board members, (Mark Garneau, Aquatic Director Campus Recreation and Jason Shirkey Associate Director of Campus Recreation) .

Dr. Gilbert's selection office in the Phi Kappa Rho honorary P&R Fraternity and the NRPA Accreditation Teams were noted.

Considerable discussion focused on the direction of undergraduate program tracks occupied a large chunk of meeting time.

The Board chose Natasha Kuritz for the Lance Duvall scholarship and were every pleased with the three candidates that submitted their applications for consideration.

If anyone has any questions about the members of the Board of Directors or about October's board meeting just ask. You can contact me at [bsyarbro@olemiss.edu](mailto:bsyarbro@olemiss.edu).



Children and Adults register for the 2006 Wall-Mart All-American Fishing Rodeo directed in part by Mark Baker, PRM Master Student as part of his Special Event Capstone event.



## Dr. Gilbert

Dr. Gilbert started working for the University of Mississippi in 1985 and is originally from Louisville Kentucky.

Dr. Gilbert has been working hard to encourage students eligible for Rho Phi Lambda to apply for this prestigious recognition in the P&R national fraternity.

Rho Phi Lambda is a honorary professional recrea-

tion, park, and leisure service fraternity for PRM students and Dr. Gilbert was recently voted in as the secretary.

Dr. Gilbert has also been working hard to establish a new scholarship for incoming freshmen.

This scholarship will encourage high school seniors to chose the PRM degree program at Ole Miss.

Recipients will receive \$500.00 at the end of their first semester if they keep their grades up.

Dr. Gilbert will be working with Richie Martin on the 1st ever Double Decker Car Show in April; Richie is pursuing his masters degree in Park and Recreation and the Car show is the capstone special event he will direct.



## Dr. Zuefle

Dr. Matt Zuefle is in his fifth year with the University of Mississippi. He earned his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University.

Matt's research interests include outdoor recreation and education, rural recreation and tourism, and environmental ethics. Matt is the Book Review Editor and an Associate Editor for the jour-

nal *Scholar*, serves on the Faculty Senate at Ole Miss, and was recently elected to the Board of the Mississippi Environmental Education Alliance.

Matt has also served on the NRPA/SPRE Board of Directors and the Mississippi Governor's Nature Tourism Task Force—as well as working with many regional groups such as the Mississippi Hills

Heritage Alliance and the Mississippi Natural Resources Initiative.

Dr. Zuefle enjoys bicycling, backpacking, canoeing, and when his knees can take it, basketball.



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## National Intramural Recreation and Sports Association

NIRSA is the leading resource for professional and student development, education, and research in collegiate recreational sports.

NIRSA was established in 1950, when Dr. William Wasson convened a meeting of 22 African-American men and women from 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities at Dillard University in New Orleans.

Headquartered in Corvallis, Oregon, NIRSA now includes nearly 4,000 highly trained professional, student and associate members throughout the United States, Canada and other countries. Serving an estimated 5.5 million students who regularly participate in campus recreational sports programs, NIRSA members are actively engaged in many areas of campus life: student leadership, development, and personnel management; wellness and fitness programs; intramural sports; sport clubs; recreation facility operations; outdoor recreation; informal recreation; and aquatic programs.

## Mrs. Deb Helms

Mrs. Deb Helms has been working for the University of Mississippi since 1986.

She is a resident of Oxford, but she is originally from Pontotoc Mississippi.

She received her bachelors and masters degrees from Ole Miss. Mrs. Helms is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist.

Mrs. Helms serves on three advisory boards for the Oxford Park Commission, School of Applied Sciences, and PRM.

She works as a consultant for two nursing

homes. One in Charleston and the other in Water Valley.

Mrs. Helms just finished a presentation on inclusion to the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities AAIDD.

Mrs. Helms has been working for the North Mississippi Regional Center since 1973, and really enjoys her work there.

Mrs. Helms said, "I really enjoy teaching PRM 362 every year. It is something I look forward to doing."

She also said, "I am enjoying taking more time to enjoy friends and family, especially my two granddaughters."

Dr. Beason stated that Ms. Helms is a perfect friend of the Ole Miss PRM program—she supports student internships, teaches using a practical application philosophy and serves as an advocate for parks, recreation, and leisure programs for all people.

