



PRMMA Newsletter

Ole Miss

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Ole Miss Students Shine at the NRPA & MRPA Annual Conferences

The Mississippi Recreation and Park Administration (MRPA) conference was held in Tupelo Mississippi September 10th through the 13th and was attended by Ole Miss students and faculty.

Two Ole Miss students were chosen for both student-oriented scholarships offered by the MRPA .

Keith Gaskin, from Pittsboro, MS was chosen for the MRPA scholarship. He received a check in the amount of \$500.00 for use toward educational expenses.

Brian Yarbrough, from Oxford, MS won the C.W. Kirkland/Howard Summer Professional development Award. He was awarded a one year memberships to the MRPA and National Park and Recreation Association.

The NRPA conference was held in Indianapolis Indiana from September 25th to the 28th. Six students

attended along with the PRM faculty.

Carley Christie, Mitch Switzer, and Deidre Chatman ran for positions on the NRPA student branch board of directors. Each was voted into official one-year positions.

Carley is the Pacific Southwest Representative, Mitch, the Midwest Representative, and Deidre the Pacific Northwestern Representative.

The NRPA Student Branch is an entity within NRPA designed to provide a place for students, both undergraduate and graduate, to network with other NRPA members.

If you volunteer just a little of your time, the registration costs are waived. Believe me it is worth it!

Exciting events for students at Ole Miss— we are being recognized at state and national levels as stand out students in our field.



Picture of the Exhibit Hall in Indianapolis. Ole Miss staffed a Display in the Collegiate area of the expo and were visited by many alumni and friends.

Lance Duvall \$Scholarship\$

The Lance Duvall Park and Recreation Endowment Scholarship was created in remembrance of Mr. Lance Duvall.

Mr. Duvall passed away in a car accident on Interstate 55 near Winona July 2003. He was a 2003 graduate of Ole Miss with a degree in Parks and Recreation Management and was a well-liked student.

Mr. Arthur Olague was selected for the scholarship in 2007. He is currently a graduate student in Campus Recreation at Ole Miss. Arthur used the money to buy books and supplies.

When asked about the scholarship, Arthur replied, "After I learned about Lance Duvall, I felt honored to receive it." "I would encourage anyone

who is a PRM major to apply if they take the profession seriously."

Scholarship funds are generated through Alumni and friends contribution as well as the Haunted Trail and other PRM events.

Applications are available in Turner 215. Talk to Mrs. Janet.

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***IMPORTANT! PRM
Student Group Ad-
vising Wednesday
October 24th and
Thursday the 25th
from 430-6pm!***

Deadlines:

- Application deadlines for the Navy Morale, Wellness, and Recreation **Internship Program** are as follows: Summer 2008 Internships, Oct. 15th. Fall 2008 Internships, Feb. 15th. Spring 2009 Internships, June 15th

Contact, Jane Westbay, CPRP, Navy Fleet & Family Readiness Internship Program Manager, 901-874-6726 or see Dr. Beason for more details

- Applications for the **Lance Duvall Park & Recreation Management Endowment Scholarship** due Oct. 15th. See Mrs. Janet in Turner 215 for application packets.

Conferences and Workshops of Special Interest to Students:

*National Intramural Recreation and Sport Association (NIRSA) Convention: April 2-45, Austin Texas. Ole Miss PRM will attend and staff a Display!

* Resort and Commercial Recreation Association (RCRA): November 4-7 Atlantis, Paradise Island, Bahamas.

*American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAPHERD): April 8-12, Fort Worth TX.

- Future NRPA National Conferences:

2008– October 14-18, Baltimore, MD

2009– October 13-17 Salt Lake City UT

2010– October 26-30, Minneapolis, MN

2011– November 1-4 Atlanta, GA



Dr. Beason with Pete Rose

PRMMA October Meeting- Coming Soon!



This month's PRMMA meeting will be held at The Lanes— the Bowling Alley in Oxford, Ms. The Meeting is Tuesday October 16th at 6:30 p.m. **The Lanes** is located on Jackson Avenue.

There will be food, bowling, and lots of fun. PRM picks up the costs for the event if you have paid your dues!

PRM shirts will be available at the meeting for everyone that has paid their dues for 07-08. You will receive 2 shirts this year— a T-shirt designed by PRM Student and new Daddy

N.M.R.C. There will be games, rides, fun, and food. Contact Mrs. Deb Helms for more information.

N.M.R.C has so much going on all the time. It is a great place to get involved and really give your grades a boost with CEU points. They have a workshop on Autism Octo-

Jake Hill and an Oxford-style shirt you can wear when representing the PRM degree program.

If you have not paid your dues you can do so in Turner 215 or pay Deidra Chatman, Secretary/Treasurer.

Anyone who would like to become more involved in planning events can join the Social Committee— see Brian Yarbrough.

The Social Committee will meet in Turner 215 the first Wednesday of every month at a date to be announced.

ber 26th, Special Olympic bowling November 9th, Hippo (Horse) therapy every Wednesday, and a speech program called min-speak the 11th and 12th of October.

Mrs. Deb Helms would be more than happy to fill you in, and they really do need and appreciate

Special Events

The Haunted Trail will take place October 30th & 31st from 6:30 to 9:30 at Avent Park. All PRM majors are needed to assist. Please see Mr. Waddell for more information.

OKTOBERFEST will be on October 17th at

Ole Miss PRM Majors "Re-create"!

Matt Perkins is a Park and Recreation Major at Ole Miss and a mountain biking enthusiast.

Matt's love for the sport started at an early age. He has been infatuated with bicycles since he was a kid.

Matt now rides competitively through Active Oxford, a bike shop owned by Steve Valliant.

"Steve is my guru, my 'Obi-Wan so to speak. He was

the who helped me get into it all," Perkins said.

Perkins has won gold medals in state games and placed in a lot of competitions.

Matt said, "I guess my biggest dream is to ride in British Columbia, Canada up in the mountains. I just enjoy riding."

Check out Ole Miss Outdoors (OMOD) for info on trips planned for 2007-08.



Matt Perkins on his bike

Dr. Mike Dupper

Dr. Dupper is from Ney York, and has been part of the Ole Miss faculty for 29 years.

I met with Dr. Dupper the other day to discuss what he had going on this semester and found a mix of teaching, advising and service projects.

Dr. Dupper has two students doing independent study at North Mississippi Regional Center. Lauren Clark is working with the physical therapy department. She is doing 60 contact hours with a client from N.M.R.C this semester. Lauren Knight is also doing her Inde-

pendent study at N.M.R.C. She is working with the hippo therapy program.

Dr. Dupper is really involved with N.M.R.C. He wanted everyone who could to participate with all their events.

Mrs. Linda Lobb is Dr. Dupper's graduate assistant. She is also the area 4 Special Olympics Volunteer Coordinator.

You can contact Dr. Dupper at 5521. Linda Lobb can be reached at 5158.

Students interested in independent study options for the spring can contact Dr. Dupper or any other faculty member



Dr. Loftin is the chair of Health, Exercise Science and Recreation department. One of the five departments in the School of Applied Sciences.

Dr. Loftin is from Tyler, Texas. This is his second year here at the University of Mississippi.

I asked Dr. Loftin how he felt about Ole Miss and where he saw the PRMMA going in the future.

His reply was, "Ole Miss is a great institution. PRMMA has very good leadership with faculty, and it shows how they get their students involved with projects like the haunted trail, triathlon, and car show."

Dr. Loftin' is considered an expert in obesity research- both in children and adults. He publishes articles and is involved with research. Dr.

Loftin said, "With Mississippi leading the nation with obesity problems there is a lot of work to be done here."

Dr. Loftin is involved with the Southeast American College of Sports Medicine Fall Lecture. It is Thursday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Oxford Conference Center.

For more information contact Dr. Loftin at mloftin@olemiss.edu.

Dr. Mark Loftin, Professor and Chair of HESRM

Dr. Kim Beason, PRM Coordinator and Director of the Senior Adult Aquatic Exercise Program

Dr. Beason has been at Ole Miss for 18 years, receiving his B.S. in Criminal Justice and Biology at the College of the Ozarks in Missouri and his Master of Arts in Recreation Administration and Ed.D in HEPR-Administration from the University of Arkansas.

This semester Dr. Beason is directing several graduate student independent projects, one graduate Thesis and is also teaching Commercial

Recreation and Professional Development. He also has a very active research agenda and presented at the MRPA conference in September and will present in San Francisco at the Gerontology Society Conference in November. He will conduct the Annual Fantasy Sport Consumer Behavior Study and Aquatic Professionalism, Credentialing and Licensure Study this fall too.

Dr. Beason enjoys working as the Director of the

Senior Aquatic Program and will be taking his Aquatic Therapy Certification Exam this year.

As Coordinator, Dr. Beason is focused on revising the PRM curriculum, recruiting undergraduate and graduate students and maintaining accreditation standards.

Oh, he is getting married November 3 to the most patient Lady on the planet- Belinda. Congratulate him when you see him!



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San Francisco--Visa USA, along with Olympic Gold medalist Kerri Walsh and two-time Olympian Mike Lambert, announced today its support for a national campaign to increase and improve the spaces where America's youth can play.

The campaign, the Partnership to Play Every Day, is a collaboration among NRPA, YMCA of the USA, and the National Association for Sport and Physical Education. With corporate sponsor Visa, these organizations are working to increase the spaces and quality of play for our country's children and youth.

As part of the effort, Visa and the Olympians presented the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department with a jump-start grant to dramatically enhance youth volleyball programs, allowing area youth to get involved in Olympic sports in their own community. The grant is expected to triple the number of locations and participants in this program by enhancing facilities, purchasing equipment and providing scholarships to area children.

PRM Shirts Available at the October 16th Meeting!!!

Mr. David Waddell, Instructor

Mr. Waddell grew up in Springfield Missouri and has his undergraduate degree in Recreation from Missouri State University. Mr. Waddell is currently teaching his second year at Ole Miss as an Instructor.

Mr. Waddell's favorite thing to do is story telling. He enjoys comedy, and for those that have Mr. Waddell as a instructor this probably does not come as a surprise.

Mr. Waddell does consultant work with nursing homes when he is not busy teaching. He advises them on things like recreation.

Mr. Waddell has three sons, two daughter in-laws, two granddaughters, and another granddaughter on the way.

I asked Mr. Waddell if he was ready for a grandson and he said, "I was the middle of three boys growing up and I had three sons, so I am enjoying spoiling my granddaughters."

On Mr. Waddell's request I included the caption to the right, but I just wanted to be clear about why the Chief's logo made it into this Newsletter.



FUN and CEUs!

* October 26th-- Annual Haunted Places Pilgrimage. Dr. Beason will lead a trip North to Memphis to explore haunted trails, pumpkin patches, Hay Mazes and Houses to provide inspiration for students working the 2008 Haunted Trail. We will leave Oxford at 430pm and return later that night. Costs will vary depending on locations visited but should be under \$25.00. We will stop for supper and keep going. Dependent on Weather (we cont cancel, just limit our visits to Haunted Houses)

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