Chair Notes and Departmental Update

Spring semester has been in session almost a month now, and I am excited about the changes and upcoming events in our department. The Master of Criminal Justice program is in full swing, with thirteen students enrolled in the various classes. I am very excited about the new program and am eagerly anticipating more students enrolling in the fall. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Dr. Stephen Mallory in the Legal Studies department for more information.

In March 2008, the Department of Legal Studies will offer CJ 445: Comparative Criminal Justice. Students who are enrolled in this course will spend their Spring Break in San Diego, CA examining criminal justice and homeland security operations in southern California and northern Mexico. Students will visit the San Diego County
Sheriff’s Department, where they will receive tours of local criminal justice facilities and attend a seminar on the dangers of MySpace.

The students will also have the 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 perform their duties. The students will also receive a briefing on border issues from the Tijuana Consulate’s Office and the Drug Enforcement Agency. This opportunity is only available to Criminal Justice majors. If you are interested, please contact Carol Reid in the legal studies department for more information and to pick up an application. The slots will fill up quickly, so get your applications in today.

I hope everyone has an exciting and productive semester. Good luck to all!

Training Academy:

The Legal Studies Department would like to wish the cadets from the University Police Department and the Oxford Police Department the best of luck at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officer’s Training Academy. The academy is in Pearl, MS and began on January 14th 2008. It is a ten-week program, and the graduation ceremony will be 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 the National Association of Legal
Assistants website at www.nala.org

Nala.org is a great website for paralegal students. The website is easy to navigate and hosts a wide range of information from general topics for legal assistants to news and updates on NALA programs to help legal assistants continue their education and receive certification in their field.

According to their website, "The National Association of Legal Assistants is the leading professional association for legal assistants and paralegals, providing continuing education and professional development programs." NALA is 18,000 paralegals strong and continues to improve the quality of legal services in over 90 state and local associations. Interested in becoming a member of NALA? Visit their website today at www.nala.org

**Uncommon Careers for CJ Majors**

The Legal Studies Newsletter will be introducing criminal justice careers that are not commonly thought of by CJ majors. This issue we will look at a Collision Investigations Manager.

According to the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, a Collision Investigations Manager “manage(s) the activities and professional staff involved in complex in-depth investigations of serious bus collisions or major bus accidents; determines the scope and direction of each investigation and coordinates team efforts.”

A Collision Investigations Manager is responsible for analyzing a serious bus accident and determining what changes, if any, can be implemented in
departmental policies and procedures in order to prevent future accidents.

Qualifications for a job as a Collision Investigations Manager include a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice, training as a collision reconstruction expert by a nationally recognized school, and 5 years senior law enforcement traffic or professional collision investigative experience.

Conferences

Update on the Master of Criminal Justice Degree Proposal

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. Steve Mallory

The Justice Society
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

The Paralegal Studies Program at the University of Mississippi is pleased to announce that we have been granted one internship spot for Spring 2008 with the Mississippi Innocence Project. The newly formed Innocence Project is based at the UM Law School and is under the direction of W. Tucker Carrington. According to Carrington, the purpose of the project is to provide “the highest quality legal representation to... Mississippi state prisoners serving significant periods of incarceration who have cognizable claims of wrongful conviction. In addition, the Project seeks to identify systemic problems in Mississippi’s criminal justice system, develop initiatives designed to raise public and political
awareness of the prevalence, causes and societal costs of wrongful convictions, and to promote meaningful criminal justice reform.” Our paralegal intern will have the opportunity to participate with law school and journalism students in the Project.

If you are a paralegal student and would like an internship with the Mississippi Innocence Project, please contact Angie Williams at awilliam@olemiss.edu

Listserv

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

The DeSoto campus has been involved with a number of activities since the last time that I wrote an article. In the fall semester we kicked off the fall semester by creating a student organization (Students For Justice) that has been active in raising money for charity, as well as sending care packages to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The SFJ is an organization that is not exclusive for Legal Studies majors, but includes students from Ole Miss, Northwest Mississippi
Community College and Southwest Tennessee Community College students. The basis of the organization is to support the community. For more information please read the article by President Rhonda Vance.

In February we will be kicking off our own newsletter known as the APB (All Points Bulletin) whose purpose will be to keep the students (current and prospective) of any important dates and news.

Faculty Profile: Meet your Faculty

This issue we are profiling LTC James P. Shaver, Professor of Military Science.

LTC Shaver has been a valuable resource for our Criminal Justice program. Currently serving as the Professor of Military Science for Ole Miss Army ROTC, LTC Shaver is responsible for training future Army officers at Ole Miss. He has helped bring many disciplined students into our Criminal Justice program during the last two years and has assisted our program by teaching CJ courses such as CJ 390 The American Experience at War.

Lieutenant Colonel James P. Shaver graduated from Georgia Southern University and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Infantry in 1987. He began his career as a rifle platoon leader, mortar platoon leader and company executive officer with the 5th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division at Fort Polk, LA from April 1988 to December 1991.

After attending the Infantry Officer Advance Course, LTC Shaver reported to FT
Bragg, NC and the 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, where he served as an assistant battalion operations officer, then as C Company Commander from 1992 to 1994. After company command, LTC Shaver served as the brigade adjutant.

After departing FT Bragg in 1995, LTC Shaver earned a Masters Degree from Long Island University and completed the West Point Tactical Officer Education Program. This was followed by an assignment as a Tactical Officer at the United States Military Academy from 1996 to 1999.

From 1999 to 2001, LTC Shaver was assigned to the 87th Training Support Division, Birmingham, AL where he served as the division training officer.

From 2001 to 2002, LTC Shaver served overseas in the Republic of Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division as a division G3 liaison officer.

After returning from Korea, LTC Shaver was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), FT Campbell, KY from 2002 to 2004 as the battalion operations officer and battalion executive officer. During this tour, he spent a year in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

LTC Shaver commanded the 3rd Battalion, 351st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 87th Training Support Division, in Florida, from 2004 to 2006. His battalion trained and prepared thousands of Reserve and National Guard troops for overseas deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan.

LTC Shaver’s awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), the Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and
the Korean Defense Service Medal. He is authorized to wear the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Canadian Parachutist Badge.

LTC Shaver is married and has two sons.

Student of the Month

This issue we are profiling an outstanding paralegal student, Bonnie Bass.

Bonnie was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee. She presently lives in Oxford, Mississippi. She joined Tannehill & Carmean, PLLC in November of 2007 and is currently a legal assistant there. She is pursuing two bachelor’s degrees, one in Criminal Justice and one in Paralegal Studies, and is scheduled to graduate in May 2009. Her civic involvement and hobbies include the Legal Studies Student Association, being with friends and family, being outdoors, and planning her upcoming wedding.

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.

**Alumni Spotlight**

Captain Libby Lytle was born and raised in Illinois, but has lived in Mississippi since 1993. She has been in law enforcement for 17 years, and 12 of those years have been spent here in Lafayette County. Captain Lytle began her career with the Broward County Sheriff’s Office in Florida, where she worked for three years. She then moved to Natchez, MS where she worked until being hired on with the University of Mississippi Police Department in 1996. Captain Lytle now works for the Oxford Police Department.

Captain Lytle graduated from Ole Miss with a BA in Criminal Justice in 2001. She is involved with organizations such as the Mississippi Women’s Law Enforcement Association and the National Law Enforcement Association. Captain Lytle works hard to protect those in need and to provide a voice for those who do not have one. She has gained respect from the community and her fellow officers through her dedicated and unselfish work. She handles even the most daunting of tasks with dignity and grace.

Captain Lytle is an asset to the criminal justice field, and we are proud to have her as an alumnus of our program.
Calendar of Coming Events

1. **Applied Sciences Career Fair:**
   - **February 27th** 10:00 to 2:00

   Applied Sciences will be hosting a Career Fair in February. All majors are welcome to attend. The following agencies will be attending the Career Fair: Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, Mississippi Highway Patrol, Oxford Police Department, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Mississippi Wildlife, Federal Bureau of Corrections, U.S. Marshalls, Department of Homeland Security, and Navy, Air Force, and Army ROTC.

2. **CJ 445 Comparative Justice Trip to San Diego:**
   - **Mar 9th – Mar 15th**

   CJ Majors will have an opportunity over Spring Break to study law enforcement agencies in other regions and other countries. They will be traveling to San Diego for five days and will travel South to Tijuana during one of those days to compare law enforcement policies across the border with our policies in the U.S.

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**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.

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.

5. Dot and Chester Quarles (PhD) (2004)
8. Linda and Jeff Davis (2004)
12. Tracy and Arthur Chancellor (2005)
15. Dr. Lorri and Mike Williamson (2005)
17. Scott and Billie Stringer (2005)
18. Deborah and Jeff Todd (2005)
26. Whitney (Cantrell) and Gray Nickels (2006)
33. Steve Scruggs (2007)
34. Linda Christian (2007)
35. Bobby Pettit (2007)