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Note from the Chair

2004-2005 has been an exciting academic year for the Department of Legal Studies. We began the year with the recognition of Dr. Chester Quarles as the Outstanding Tenured Faculty Member in the School of Applied Studies and we brought the year to closure with an award's banquet honoring Dr. Columbus B. Hopper. Between those events, we have added six new members to our faculty, Dr. Tim Angle, Dr. Angela Dunlap, Dr. Steve Mallory, Mr. Jeff Johnson, Ms. Renee Moore and Mr. Randy Corban, revised the undergraduate criminal justice curriculum, developed web based courses, enhanced the Department's endowment efforts, developed the department's first international course, and co-hosted the School of Applied Sciences/Lott Leadership Institute Conference on Social Justice and Public Policy. In August, we will conduct the first FBI Command College to be held in Mississippi with our co-hosts, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the

Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police. Also in August, we will begin initial development of a Master of Criminal Justice degree, which we hope will be available during the 2007-2008 academic year. Soon the Department will move from Odom Hall to Barr Hall, where we will, for the first time, have all of our faculty and staff housed in the same building.

Faculty News

The Legal Studies Department would like to welcome three new faculty members for the fall semester. **Randy Corban**, former University Police Officer, will be taking the position of Project Coordinator for Legal Studies. Randy will also be teaching Drug Enforcement weekend session classes. **Dr. Angela Dunlap** is now a full-time faculty member teaching Introduction to Criminal Justice courses for the Legal Studies Department. Dr. Dunlap received her doctorate degree in Administration of Justice from the University of Southern Mississippi, and

earned a Masters of Arts in English from Mississippi College. Also joining the Legal Studies team is **Dr. Stephen Mallory**, who will serve as Associate Professor for Legal Studies beginning in the fall semester.

Current News

The Legal Studies Department recently held the first annual **Lott Leadership Conference** on June 22-24. The conference theme was *Social Justice and Public Policy*. The primary focus of the conference centered upon the interdisciplinary aspects of social work and legal studies. Topics included such issues as social tolerance, human rights and social dignity, leadership in the war on terror, ethics, and crime and poverty. The conference featured such keynote speakers as **U.S. Attorney Jim Greenlee**, **David Crews of the U.S. Department of Justice**, and **Dr. Chester Quarles**, professor of **Criminal Justice**. The Legal Studies Department would like to acknowledge and extend our appreciation to **Dr. James Stafford** and **Robert E. Fox** for the special roles they played in making this first annual conference possible.

The Legal Studies Department also took part in attending the Federal Law Enforcement Coordination Meeting held at the Dunlap Lodge and hosted by **Mr. David Crews**. The meeting, attended by federal and state law enforcement officers from around the state, was held in honor of departing Mississippi ATF agent **Joey Hall**, who has taken a new position as training manager with the ATF National Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Brunswick, Georgia.

The **Legal Studies Student Association** would also like to report that we have new leadership for the upcoming school year. Former President of the Legal Studies Student Association, **Angelique Ayanian**, will be stepping down and coordinating grants for the 2005-2006 school year. Criminal Justice and Psychology major, **Ashlei Magnuson**, will replace Ayanian as President of the Association for the upcoming school year. In addition, criminal justice major and former Rome, Georgia, police officer **Nicole Marion** will assume the office of Vice-President of the Legal Studies Association. **Peter Lantz** will serve as the Treasurer of the Association. Positions to be decided are Secretary, Intramural Coordinator, and Multi-Programs Coordinators. If anyone is interested in a position in the Association—students, alumni, or law enforcement—please contact Ashlei or Nicole or stop by the Legal Studies Department for more information.

The Legal Studies Student Association is in the process of conducting a **T-shirt design competition** to choose a logo for the Association. We have not made a decision on the T-shirt design for the 2005-2006 school year, so we would like to extend an offer to all Legal Studies students to submit your entry in the logo design contest. Artistic skills and imagination are required for this task. We are asking anyone who is interested to design a logo with a law enforcement-related theme. In addition, the T-shirt must have Legal Studies Student Association printed on them somewhere (either front or back). Once completed, please turn all designs into **Carol Reid**, senior secretary of the Legal Studies Department. The officers of L.S.S.A.

will select a winner. The winner will receive a **FREE** T-shirt. Good luck and thanks for all your help!

REMINDER: THOSE WHO ORDERED SHIRTS FROM LAST YEAR NEED TO STOP BY THE LEGAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT AND PICK THEM UP ASAP!

Upcoming Events

The Legal Studies Department has set in motion several trips around the world, touring some very interesting places like Quantico, the Secret Service Building, famous Penitentiaries, and even Scotland Yard! In early August, Dr. David H. McElreath will be taking a select group of students to England for two weeks! Later on, in January 2006, Mr. Jeff Johnson will be taking another select group of students to Washington, D.C., for one week during the extended Christmas Break. Also, during the week of Spring Break, Mrs. Lori Williamson will be taking a small group to San Francisco for the entire week! If any students are interested in the Washington, D.C., trip or the San Francisco trip, there are still some spaces left, so contact the Legal Studies Department to find out more information on how to become eligible to go on one of these exciting and educational trips!

News/Announcements

The University of Mississippi has a new Police Chief. **Jeffrey Van Slyke** comes to Ole Miss from the University of Texas, where he served as Chief of Police for almost 6 years. Chief Van Slyke started his law enforcement career in Alabama. He has worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons and has served as Chief of Police at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, the

University of Iowa, and the University of Texas prior to joining the Ole Miss community.

Lt. Chris Robertson of the Oxford Police Department graduated in June from the FBI National Academy at Quantico. Congratulations, Lt. Robertson!

Cpl. Paul Garner of Oxford Police Department was honored by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety on June 13th for his excellence in DUI enforcement. Cpl. Garner made 171 DUI arrests in 2004, leading to his induction in the 100 Club.

Some 250 law enforcement officers and school officials from across North Mississippi attended a **Safe Schools Seminar** conducted by the U.S. Secret Service Agency in Southaven on June 1st. The seminar was sponsored by the Threat Analysis Center of the Secret Service Agency and the Southaven Police Department. **U.S. Attorney Jim Greenlee**, Secret Service **SAC Derek Verdeyen**, and **Southaven Police Chief Tom Long** kicked off the seminar, which was held at the First Baptist Church of Southaven. The pastor of the church, **Dr. Steve Howell**, is an officer at the Southaven Police Department.

This is the first issue of our monthly newsletter of the Legal Studies Association, and we want your input! Let us know what is going with you and provide us with other items of interest that we could include in the next issue. If you know of a Legal Studies student who has not received the newsletter and would like to be added to the mailing list, or if you have questions about the Legal

Studies Student Association, please contact Ashlei Magnuson at admagnus@olemiss.edu or Nicole Marion at nymarion@olemiss.edu.

Calendar of Events

August 22nd – Fall Semester Begins

September 10th – Cookout in the Grove

September 15th-16th – Applied Sciences Continuing Education

September 28th-October 1st – SCJA Conference

Applied Sciences Order

The Department of Legal Studies proudly recognizes our members of the Order. We would like to add your name to this list.

Dr. William Oliphant
Walter D. Gurley
Danny Covington
Karen and Randy Corban
Bonnie and David McElreath
Dot and Chester Quarles
Jan and John Bounds
Lindy and Jeff Johnson
Linda and Jeff Davis
Angela Dunlap
Eddie Lovin
Susan and James Warren, Jr.