

PRMMA UPDATE

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WORDS FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT BY LEE ANN KAIGLER

Our meeting for February semester is putting bios of so please if you have any was a huge success. We had each person in our major in ideas of what you would an outstanding amount of the newsletter. This will like to do tell us we want members present, and fun also help us get to know one y'all's opinion. Ideas that was had by all. Ms. Baller's another and know why each we have come up with are class is now opening the of us choose the major we camping, kayaking, or meetings with a few ice did. maybe even white water breakers to allow all the We have a lot of great ideas rafting. All of these are members to get know one for this semester, and I hope great ideas but if we want to another. I think this is a we get to do the things that do them we have to get great idea. Another thing we have talked about. This started on the plans now. that we are doing this is completely up to you all Please let us know what you think.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- MAR 3: HOME BASEBALL GAME. MEET IN TURNER LOBBY 6:30
- MAR 7: NEXT MEETING LOCATION ANNOUNCED IN A FEW WEEKS
- MAR 25: TRIP TO MEMPHIS ZOO. MEET IN TURNER LOBBY AT 9:00 AM
- APR 1: TRIATHLON
- APR 1: APPLIED SCIENCES FAMILY FUN FAIR 10-2.
- APR 8: GOLF TOURNAMENT
- APR 12: SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK AND FIELD 8-2

MARCH 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Baseball	4
5	6	7 PRMMA	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Zoo
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Tri/ familyfun
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Golf Tourney

LANCE DUVALL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE BY ELLEN EVERETT

Once a semester, the Park and Recreation Management department awards a scholarship to deserving students called the Lance Duvall Scholarship. The scholarship is \$500. According to the HESRM website, the purpose of this scholarship is “to award financial assistance to an undergraduate or graduate student, currently enrolled at the University of Mississippi, who demonstrates leadership qualities, academic excellence, and the desire to

pursue a career in the field of Park and Recreation Management.” A few of the requirements for eligibility are that you must be enrolled full-time (12 hrs. for undergraduate and 9 hrs. for graduate) in a PRM degree program. You also must have a GPA of 3.25 an all coursework done at Ole Miss and at all other schools that you have attended. You can find all the information you need, including an application and the specific requirements on the HERSM

website. The website can be accessed from the www.olemiss.edu. Click on “departments”.

The deadline for applications for the Lance Duvall scholarship is coming up fast, So, if you are interested in applying, you should see a professor for more information.

Do folks in the recreation field get the last laugh? David Matthew Zuefle, Ph.D.

Have you ever wondered why you chose recreation and parks as a career? I have. On more than a few occasions. Sometimes it happens when I walk out of a meeting, feeling like I just lost two hours of my life talking about nothing; sometimes it's when I read a newspaper and see the most recent in short shrift given the field courtesy of a harshly critical politico.

Some of the most memorable times have been when I'm on an airplane, headed to a conference, involved in casual conversation with a seat mate. Inevitably it comes to, "So, you're a professor, that's interesting... What's your field?" Often, my answer has been followed by stunned silence or tittering laughter. After further conversation, some of my neighbors come around a little, and some of them don't.

Not complaining. We all make our deals with life, and in fairness, I knew this was part of my deal. It started back in the eighties when it was mighty hard to explain to the folks in my rural Appalachian community just why I would throw away all of the good things a National Merit Scholarship could bring and instead go off to major in parks and recreation. Kind adults with my best interests at heart pled with me not to waste my life in such a career.

Later, in grad school and on my first academic jobs, I saw these attitudes, ranging from unfamiliarity to derision, continue. Campus newspapers were, and are, always full of gems such as, "you know you have senioritis when you don't even go to your REC class;" and observations, like one from an anonymous young college wit who mordantly opined that a course called "Women and Leisure" probably utilized a cookbook as a text.

I guess the ultimate challenge to my professional security came about four years ago from a non-major taking one of my classes as an elective. While in my office to check on a test grade he was quizzing me about my career choice, which he clearly considered dubious, when he asked: "How do you sleep at night?" I was stunned. This question opened my eyes to the outright disdain that some held for my humble little field. Indeed, such a question seemed more appropriate for Saddam Hussein or Slobodan Milosevic than for me.

Since I wrote a little for the popular press then, as I still continue to, I decided to respond to my student's questions publicly, as well as personally. I can recall a few of my finer points easily.

They're probably worth repeating, not only for their educational value, but for our own reassurance. So here goes.

Despite the opinions of some, our field is a good field. It is the moral descendant of the marriage between the original 19th century conservation movement to the children's welfare and playground movements. Today it is carried on through curricula at hundreds of college programs in the United States, Canada, and around the world and represented by prominent national and international professional organizations. Last year's National Recreation and Park Association Congress filled the whole city of St. Louis with its attendees. Our field is part of a diverse family of other fields whose kin include health, wellness, and exercise science, as well as forestry, landscape architecture, and wildlife management.

Broadly construed, leisure services is the largest industry in the world. But even being a bit more restrained in our estimates, it's still clear how vast its economic impact is. Every state has a park service; every town of any size has a recreation department. Recreation centers are often the showcase that represent a community's

Submitted by David Matthew Zuefle, Ph.D. to Parks & Recreation magazine as a column for publication in the "At Issue" section in the April 2004 issue.

DO FOLKS IN THE RECREATION FIELD GET THE LAST LAUGH CONTINUED.....

progressiveness and quality of life. Tourism development is a battling cry for regions across the country trying to rebuild their economies. Every university either has a shiny, new student recreation center or it wants one.

Leisure helps us define our very lives—and perhaps even makes them livable. And when we're honest with ourselves as a society, as we should be every once in a while, we must admit that we desperately need what it has to offer: recreation, play, rest, contemplation and the possibility of wholeness.

But perhaps the best thing about our field is the work itself. It's not for everyone, but for those who find their place, it can be more of a calling than a job. As a friend of mine, who makes his living as an outdoor educator in a big city, once said: "It's living an ideal and ideally living." How true; it is easy to go to work when you love what you do. When I was in my park uniform in years past I met person after person, world-weary

by age 35, who wished out loud that "I'd done what you are doing." And while some of the jobs don't offer spectacular salaries, we do get a better chance than most to 'take our pay in sunsets,' as the park rangers say.

On the other hand, it's also wrong to think that all jobs in the field are low-paying. Recreation jobs exist in all sectors of the economy – commercial, non-profit, and public. Some sales, marketing, management, and research positions even offer extraordinary salaries. And if you're inclined toward research, the recreation, parks, and tourism field is rich with possibilities for inquiry in the social, behavioral, and natural sciences.

But aside from all that, for many of my students and colleagues, just the opportunity to walk gently on the Earth, make a contribution to their communities, and earn a decent wage is reason enough to choose the recreation field.

So, sometimes when I'm

feeling a little nagging doubt, I remind myself of my nearly-forgotten apologia, prompted by a skeptical student a few years ago. It helps me to remember that the old digs don't have much sting anymore, and that the majority of folks are on our side anyway. As I get older, I feel much less defensive about my career, and much more at ease. I even laugh along with the tired old jokes every now and then. I've heard them all; they come with the territory. Doubly so for me as a Texas A&M grad. You can only imagine the never-ending line of pointed humor that an Aggie recreation major must learn to endure, dear reader.

But most reassuringly, beyond a maturing ability to engage in self-deprecation, aside from my abiding belief that my choice of a profession was a good one, is the one main point of my original response to my student back then.

You know, I sleep just fine.



7TH ANNUAL PARK & RECREATION MANAGEMENT CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 2006 Park and Recreation Management Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the Lafayette County American Red Cross will be held April 8, 2006 at the University Golf Course.

Proceeds of the tournament will go to the local American Red Cross (ARC) Unit. Lafayette County ARC disaster relief fund benefits victims of disasters such as hurricanes, fires, tornadoes,

and floods within a six county area.

Tournament format is a four person scramble, hosted at the University Golf Course. Gather your own team or enter as a single and be placed on a team. The entry fee is \$75.00 per person which includes green fees, cart rental, t-shirt, prizes, catered gourmet meal and awards at the golf course. There is no alternate date should weather

prevent play, the meal will still be served as scheduled and door prizes given.

There will be prizes for teams finishing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (Pro Shop Gift Certificates), as well as longest drive, hole in one, and closest to the pin contests. Additional door prizes will be given.

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THE REBEL MAN SPRINT TRIATHLON: BY JOHN SUTER

The Rebel Man Sprint Triathlon is set for April 1, 2006. The triathlon will take place at the Turner Center and on the Ole Miss campus and will include a 400 yard swim, 10 mile bike, and a 5K (3.1 mile) run. The start time is set for 7:30 a.m. and the event should end by

10:30a.m. CEU's will be offered to all members of PRMMA at .1 for each hour of volunteering or every \$100 of donations earned for the event.

Volunteers are needed for the day of the event beginning at 5:30 a.m. for setup, registration, distribution of

race packets, course directors and cleanup should end by 11:00a.m.

If you would like to volunteer your time please contact the Race Director Jon Suter at 915-5521 ext.5570 or email at jsuter@olemiss.edu.



LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER...

Name: Jena Clinard

I am from Gallatin, TN. I am a senior this year, and I will be graduating this May with a major in Psychology and a minor in Spanish. I hope to attend law school in Nashville next fall. I love to travel, do mission work, and hang out with my friends. While in Oxford, I have enjoyed being a member of First Baptist Church and Kappa Delta Sorority.

Name: David Sabin

I am a Senior Criminal Justice Major with a Minor in Parks and Recreational Management. I am 22 and from Hattiesburg, Mississippi. I am a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, LSSA, and PRMMA. Outside of school I enjoy playing tennis and working. I work as a Reserve Police Officer with the Oxford Police Department and hope to work in Federal Law Enforcement once I graduate. I chose PRM as a minor because I have always enjoyed the outdoors and have an interest in working in summer camp programs and this minor will help me develop the skills I need if I choose to pursue a career in this field.

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER CONTINUED**Name: Nathan Eldridge**

I am from Nashville, TN. I am a junior here at Ole Miss and am a Parks and Recreation Major. I chose Parks and Rec because I love the outdoors and hope to continue working in the outdoors after I graduate. I guide climbing, backpacking, and river trips during time off from school. I feel that taking classes like leadership and camp leadership I will be able to perform as a better guide and help to provide a more enjoyable outdoor recreational experience to clients. I love to do anything outside for fun like climbing, kayaking, biking, hiking, skiing . . . pretty much anything in the wild. I'm taking this class for my major and in hopes that I will learn to be a better leader. I also have hiked all over the USA and Canada but in the future I want to go to other countries.

Name: Michael C. Young

I am from Holly Springs, MS. I am a senior here at Ole Miss and am a Parks and Recreation Major. I plan to use major to pursue a career in municipal or nonprofit recreational programs then after working in the field work on my master in education. The most memorable experience in PRM was the 2005 MRPA Conference in Natchez, MS, all the CEU events and the tour of the Ole Miss Indoor Practice Facility.

Name: Daniel Howie

I am a senior in the Parks and Recreation Program, where my focus is the Leadership track. I am from Oxford, Ms and hope to stay here after I graduate as either a camp director at Camp Hopewell, or as a Youth Minister at First Presbyterian Church of Oxford. I am currently the youth minister at First Pres., and love to hang out with kids, play with my puppy Dax, and watch movies in my spare time. My friends call me Howie, and I can make anyone laugh inside 5 minutes of meeting me.

Name: Cragin Gilbert

Though I was born in Gulfport, my family has a large farm in Poplarville, MS. At the farm, I have cows, ducks, geese and a large lake full of fish. Growing up, I spent a lot of time outdoors. I play lots of sports and enjoy hunting. I enjoy baseball, fishing, outdoor activities as well as spending time with family and friends. I have chosen to study Parks and Recreation Management because the subject matter is very interesting to me. I hope to have a career that involves the outdoors. I have had many jobs that involve the outdoors. I have been a lifeguard, an entertainment coordinator for the casinos, an umpire for little league baseball as well as a staff member for many sports camps.

Name: Scott Belleperche

I was born and raised in Fort Wayne, IN and arrived here in the fall of 2003. I am an active member in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity and have made friends all over the South. My interests in life are coaching young kids and doing whatever possible to help make a difference in his/her life. That is why I chose this major because I feel it will prepare me to be successful in the future. Eventually I would like to end up living in Chicago because I love the Cubs.

Name: Tyler Holland

I am from Flowood, MS. I am a junior PRM major. Jobs and hobbies include; Kanakuk counselor, Pontotoc K-Life helper, playing basketball, video games, and jumping jacks. I hope to become a youth minister when I grow up. Hotty Toddy

Name: Robert Daniel Lane

I am from Monroe, LA. I am a junior here at Ole Miss and a Parks and Recreation Management: I chose this major in order to prepare me for the plans I wish to accomplish in the future. I would love to have a job that would allow me to work outdoors. One of my goals is to own and manage a ranch in Texas for deer, turkey, and other wild game. Other things I am interested in include: Hunting, Fishing, Traveling to see new places, Experiencing new things, All sports, Riding horses, and spending time with my family and friends. I am also a member of the Ole Miss Football team.

Name: Jennifer Marie Lorenzen

I am from Memphis, TN. I am a Parks and Recreation Major with emphasis in the Sports Leadership Track. I want to coach collegiate rifle after I graduate, and get my gemology certification.

HERE ARE SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO GET 3 HOURS CREDIT.....

Parks and Recreation Management in Costa Rica

Imagine studying in a rain-forest. Imagine living in the country that has a larger percentage of its total area set aside in parks and preserves than any other country on Earth. Now imagine spending two weeks in one of the most beautiful cloud forests in Costa Rica. By living and studying at the Ecolodge & Biological Station in San Luis, a working tropical farm bordering the Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve, and visiting surrounding sites you're free to experience ecotourism first hand. You'll be met and picked up at the San Jose airport and transported to a hotel in San Jose. The following morning you will leave with the San Luis Ecolodge.

Study under University of Mississippi professor Matt Zuefle

http://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/study_abroad/2006programs/ParksRecCRSummer06.html

PRM 490

Three (3) Semester Hours

Outdoor Education: Okefenokee and Cumberland Island Field Trip - March 10-19, 2006

This course is an offering at Ole Miss by Dr. Matt Zuefle, who has twenty years of experience in outdoor education and touring the Okefenokee Swamp and Cumberland Island areas. This section of PRM 490 will provide for educational opportunities in basic outdoor skills, environmental studies, and an overview of public natural resource agency management styles through an incredible trip to the semi-tropical swamps, rivers, and barrier islands of southern Georgia and northern Florida.

<http://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/culture/Okefenokee.html>

IS ANYONE LOOKING FOR AN INTERNSHIP THIS SUMMER, WELL HERE ARE SOME THAT ARE AVAILABLE.....

I would like to announce an internship opportunity for candidates in the Recreation/TR field!!

The internship job opening is a 12-15 week internship available this summer for recreation, therapeutic recreation or related field candidates wishing to complete field requirements. We are a new; grassroots organization where the intern will be involved with all aspects of the summer program including: program planning, implementation, evaluations, leading clinics and other miscellaneous office duties and projects. Knowledge of summer outdoor recreational activities preferred (climbing, biking, kayaking, rafting, hiking, etc.) but not necessary.

Resume or application needs to be in by the end of February. Please check out our website for more information.

http://www.disabledsportseasternsierra.org/tr_internship.html

Internships at Wilderness Inquiry

http://www.wildernessinquiry.org/jobs_interns.shtml

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City of Ft Morgan CO. is seeking an intern to assist the Fort Morgan Recreation Department. The intern will plan, organize and direct activities for adults, teens, youths and families. Please contact Chris Nunes, Director of Community Services for application at 710 E. Railroad, Ft. Morgan, CO. 80701, or via e-mail at cnunes@cityoffortmorgan.com, fax (970) 867-3039.

The Telluride Blues & Brews Festival is looking to bring on an energetic and music or event industry related intern! This is an ideal internship for a college student seeking to gain valuable insight and experience in the day-to-day operations of a large scale event as well as hands-on experience. Website: www.tellurideblues.com

ResortQuest has several beach front condominium properties located directly on the Gulf of Mexico beaches from Panama City Beach, FL westward to Perdido Key, FL. We are looking for **Juniors or Seniors** in a college major of Recreation and Leisure Studies to help run summer programs for our guests. **This MUST be for college credit.** This summer we will implement full-scale children's programs at *fifteen different resort* locations! We feel that the best quality staff members for these positions are recreation students that bring a vast amount of energy, enthusiasm, and innovative ideas. ResortQuest employs full-time recreation directors with recreation specific bachelor's degrees to oversee all recreation programs. We look forward to sharing our unique beach resort opportunities with you! Send Resume via email to: Kate Price director of Recreation kprice@resortquest.com

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP in LEISURE, AGING, & HEALTH

The Department of Recreation, Sport, and Tourism at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign is excited to announce the availability of 9-month half-time graduate assistantships for students interested in studying the leisure, health, and well-being of adults in mid to late life. There is also a possibility of summer funding.

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NEXT MEETING:
MARCH 7, 2006
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