

# *The Mississippi College Courier*

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## *News from Mathematics and Computer Science*

Melinda Gann, Tommy Leavelle, Minnie Porch, and Teresa Floyd attended the annual meeting of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics on September 19 at the Hilton in Jackson, MS. Dr. Floyd presented a session entitled "Using a Graphing Calculator to Enhance Understanding of Mathematical Concepts".

## *News from Foreign Languages*

Debbie Pierce, Chair, Foreign Languages and Professor of French, was nominated by the Governor's Office, the State Board of Education and the National Asian Society to go to Washington, D.C. Nov 17-19 as recognition for work promoting International Education in Higher Education for the state of Mississippi. She will attend the 2003 States Institute on International Education in the Schools. Only 20 states will be represented where Ralph Begleiter (former CNN World Affairs Correspondent), Jon Engler, Colin Powell, Richard Holbrooke etc will be speaking.

## *Junior/Seniors Reception*

The Graduate School is hosting a reception for MC Juniors & Seniors on November 20 in the BCR Boardroom from 10:50-11:40 a.m. This reception will highlight MC's graduate programs and graduate assistants. Faculty are asked to please encourage juniors and seniors to attend.

## *MC Humanities Professor of year Chosen*

(10 Oct 2003) Mississippi College and the Mississippi Humanities Council have chosen Dr. Larry Logue, Professor of History, and a resident of Jackson, MS, as the Humanities Professor of the Year at Mississippi College for 2003-04. This award is given to a professor of humanities who has made an outstanding contribution to the field. The October 21 lecture topic was "When did the Civil War Really End."

Logue is known for his work in the area of Research and has recently researched and published on the subject of Civil War soldiers in the years after Appomattox. He is the author of *To Appomattox and Beyond: The Civil War Soldier in War and Peace*. He co-edited *The Civil War Soldier: A Historical Reader in 2002*. Logue earned the Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and came to MC from a teaching position at California State University and the University of Oklahoma. He is Associate Professor of History/Political Science and teaches courses in historical methodology and American social and cultural history, including the history of the family. A specialist in the use of Quantitative History, Dr. Logue has won fellowships to National Endowment for the Humanities

Ron Howard, VP for Academic Affairs, says "Dr. Logue is one of our most productive scholars. He brings the insights of a working scholar to his classes, both undergraduate and graduate. We are very proud to have him as a vital part of our learning community."

He is married to Barbara Logue, a widely published scholar and who serves as demographer with the Institutes of Higher Learning for the State of Mississippi.

## *Dr. David Magers Receives Outstanding Mississippi Chemist Award for 2003*

(23 Oct 2003) The Mississippi Section of the American Chemical Society (MSACS) has named Dr. David Magers, professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry of Mississippi College, for the distinct honor of Outstanding Mississippi Chemist for 2003 Award. He was recognized at the Awards Banquet for the MSACS, held recently at Mississippi Delta Community College. Dr. Magers gave a keynote address at the awards banquet.

This award recognizes a candidate each year who has made outstanding contributions in chemistry. The award is competitive, and nominees come from academia from all the universities in Mississippi, graduate schools and undergraduate, as well as from industry.

Magers was recently recognized as the Mississippi College Arts and Sciences Distinguished Lecturer for 2003. Dr. Magers received the BS degree from Mississippi College and the Ph.D from the University of Florida. He spent a year at Harvard University as a postdoctoral research fellow, working with Nobel laureate William N. Lipscomb.

**Mac and Donna Jo Culpepper  
invite you to their  
Eleventh Annual  
Christmas Open House  
262 Saddlewood Lane,  
Clinton, Mississippi  
(east of Cascades off of Northside Dr.)  
Saturday, December 13,  
10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

### ***Mississippi Health Partners Info***

If you currently have medical coverage through MC, you will want to go to the Mississippi Health Partners website ( listed below) to see if physicians that you would like to use are now listed in the directory. This will give you an opportunity to see if any changes have been made since you received the last directory. The link to the website for Mississippi Health Partners is [www.mhpartners.com](http://www.mhpartners.com) <<http://www.mhpartners.com/>>. Employees can visit this website to view a current listing of network providers and facilities.

*[The following is included at the request of the book's author]*

#### ***Starvin' Marvin, a book by MC Alum***

Brandon, MS – A humorous book about the relationship between a man and wife as they cope with his prostate cancer, titled *Starvin Marvin*, was published by Freedom Publishing in Brandon, Mississippi on August 25, 2003.

Share the experiences of Grand Paw and Wifey in this unique book as they experience fear, anger, depression, laughter, humor and love. The authors want readers to understand that cancer is not necessarily an automatic death sentence and that conflicting emotions are normal.

Grand Paw and Wifey approach the second half of their lives with anticipation of retirement, travel and a lot of leisure time. They have been relatively unaffected by health problems when, at the age of 53, he is diagnosed with prostate cancer.

*Starvin Marvin* moves the reader through a series of realistic and ridiculous events that Grand Paw and Wifey experience as they encounter differing emotions. Their personalities merge and collide as the cancer and subsequent treatment progresses. Grand Paw is happy-go-lucky while Wifey is more realistic and down-to-earth. The world of the newly diagnosed cancer patient can be challenging for others as well as the patient, as Wifey quickly learns.

In the mix is a feisty doctor who quickly bonds with Grand Paw and intimidates Wifey, much to her chagrin.

He plays an important role in their lives and the use of his name becomes a regular household occurrence. Other characters come and go in the book as Grand Paw speeds down the pity path.

The authors provide some medical information but this book is intended to speak to the human and emotional side of a serious health situation. They want men to understand the need to have annual checkups, as recommended by their health care provider.

Part of the proceeds from the sale of these books will be donated to the American Cancer Society to fund prostate cancer screening for medically underserved men.

Books can be purchased at the Barry Patch in Brandon, Lemuria in Jackson, at stores throughout Mississippi and Alabama and at [sanew2001@yahoo.com](mailto:sanew2001@yahoo.com) or [cherylgrbbs@aol.com](mailto:cherylgrbbs@aol.com).

#### **Starvin Marvin: About the Authors**

Two sisters, Sarah D. Newsom and Cheryl D. Grubbs, have written a book, titled *Starvin Marvin*. It is a humorous story about the relationship between a man and wife as they deal with his prostate cancer.

Inspired by real-life experiences of a family member, *Starvin Marvin* provides the reader with limited medical information and a lot of human emotion.

Sarah Duncan Newsom is a native of Kosciusko, Mississippi. She majored in English at Delta State University and obtained a Master's degree from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

After teaching school for thirty years in several states as well as Spain and Okinawa, she retired and decided to follow her dream of writing a book. With each passing year her sons would say, "Mom, if you're ever going to write that book, you'd better get started."

Over the years she has been published in several magazines and newspapers. Articles have appeared in Mississippi Magazine, Coast Magazine, Good Old Days, Okinawa Passtime, Off Duty, Journal of Reading, the Star Herald newspaper and others. She has had published educational materials as well as an educational game.

Her humorous outlook on life is portrayed in her writing. She brings wit and wisdom together seamlessly and leaves the reader feeling a sense of ownership of her emotions. She has been most gratified by readers telling her how much pleasure they derive from her work.

Cheryl Duncan Grubbs is also a native of Kosciusko, Mississippi. She majored in Business Administration at Mississippi College and obtained a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She has no formal writing experience but after retiring in 2002 from the ACT Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, she co-wrote *Starvin Marvin*, with her sister. Her husband, John, is the inspiration for the book. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1998 and has fought the aggressive "offender" since that time.

### ***Holiday Spectacular Presented by the Naturals***

The Mississippi College Naturals will present the Fifth Annual Holiday Spectacular, Friday, November 14, Saturday, November 15, and Monday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. This holiday dinner show, which premiered in 1999, will be held in Anderson Hall of B. C. Rogers Student Center on the campus of Mississippi College. Children from the metropolitan area who have auditioned and been selected to participate in this year's program will be performing with The Naturals on several musical numbers. This show has been presented to a full house since its inception. Reserve your tickets now and start your celebration of the holiday season with The Mississippi College Naturals and Holiday Spectacular. Tickets are \$20.00 and include dinner and the show. Students with a Mississippi College ID receive a \$5.00 discount. Children 12 and under may also purchase tickets for \$15.00. Tickets may be purchased by calling the office of The Naturals at 601-925-3856, by e-mail: [naturals@mc.edu](mailto:naturals@mc.edu) or from any member of The Naturals.

### **Graduate School to Host Graduate School Reception for Prospective Students**

(06 Nov 2003) Are you interested in learning more about a graduate degree in your field? Mississippi College will be offering you an opportunity to learn more about graduate level education on Monday evening, November 24 in Anderson Hall of the B.C. Rogers Student Center from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This a free information session. The program will include a welcome from Dr. Lee Royce, President of Mississippi College and Dr. Debbie C. Norris, Dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Marcelo Eduardo, Dean of the School of Business; Dr. Ron Howard, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and the representative of Arts & Sciences; and Dr. Don Locke, Dean of the School of Education, will speak and be available for the Question & Answer session. Testimonials will be heard from current Graduate faculty and current Graduate students. There will also be an opportunity to meet with your specific Degree Program Advisor. Please call 925.3225 or 925.3891 for more information.

*MC Calendar from Groupwise*

#### **Thursday, November 06, 2003**

APPOINTMENT DETAILS:

(9:00 AM - 10:00 AM) NATS (Swor Auditorium)  
National Association of Teachers of Singing Convention

Nenamoosha Weekly Meeting

Laguna Weekly Meeting 9:15 pm in Hederman Science Building Room 100

Kissimee Weekly Meeting 9:00 p.m. 4th Floor Alumni Hall

*Welcome Babies!*

*Chris Brooks [ Sport Information Office] and his wife Jennifer had a little boy on Monday, October 27, 2003. They named him Connor Lee Brooks. His weight was 8 pounds 8 ounces and he was 20 inches long.*

*Prentiss [WHJT] and Laura Morris welcomed Laura Kathryn to their family. Laura Kathryn was **born on Tuesday night, September 30, 2003.** You may go to the website below to see a picture of Laura Kathryn [www.mcmc.org](http://www.mcmc.org) Go under babies on line, then go to Laura Kathryn M. September 30, 2003.*

*Trey [Webmaster] and Sarah Tracy welcomed Anna Laura to their family on October 17, 2003. Visit her first website created by webmaster dad: [www.mc.edu/~tracy/baby.html](http://www.mc.edu/~tracy/baby.html)*

Swannanoa Weekly Meeting 9:00 p.m. Board Meeting Room

NT Restaurant Fundraiser Night (5:00-9:00 pm)

#### **Friday, November 07, 2003**

(7:00 AM - 8:00 AM) SGA Breakfast (President's Dining Room B)

(9:00 AM - 10:00 AM) NATS (Swor Auditorium)  
National Association of Teachers of Singing Convention

Blue and Gold Informal

#### **Saturday, November 08, 2003**

(8:30 AM - 3:00 PM) NATS (Swor Auditorium)  
National Association of Teachers of Singing Convention

Nenamoosha Formal

MC vs. Louisiana College

#### **Sunday, November 09, 2003**

(8:30 PM - 10:30 PM) London Semester Program Meeting (Dr. Parks Home)

#### **Monday, November 10, 2003**

Preregistration for spring semester

Bankplus rehearsal in Swor

#### **Tuesday, November 11, 2003**

(8:00 AM - 3:30 PM) BankPlus Meeting (Swor Auditorium)

(8:30 AM - 4:30 PM) Project Design and Management (A Professional Seminar) (Alumni Hall Fourth Floor)

(6:45 PM - 8:45 PM) BSU Gathering (FBC Clinton)

Preregistration for spring semester

#### **Wednesday, November 12, 2003**

(8:30 AM - 4:30 PM) Project Design and Management (A Professional Seminar) (Alumni Hall Fourth Floor)

(12:00 PM - 1:00 PM) T & G (Alumni Hall)

(2:00 PM - 3:00 PM) Mississippi College Fall Shakespeare Festival (Jennings Courtyard (if fair)

Aven Little Theatre (if foul) Ticket information x 925-3935

Collegiate Writers Conference  
Preregistration for spring semester

**Thursday, November 13, 2003**

(7:00 PM - 8:00 PM) Mississippi College Fall  
Shakespeare Festival (Jennings Courtyard (fair) Aven  
Theater (if foul) Ticket information x 925-3935

Nenamoosha Weekly Meeting  
Laguna Weekly Meeting 9:15 pm in Hederman  
Science Building Room 100

Kissimee Weekly Meeting 9:00 p.m. 4th Floor Alumni  
Hall

Swannanoa Weekly Meeting 9:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
Room

Preregistration for spring semester

NT Beaux Appreciation Day

BSU Spades Tournament--Summer Missions  
Fundraiser

**Friday, November 14, 2003**

(11:00 AM - 5:00 PM) Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship  
(Swor)

(6:30 PM - 7:30 PM) Mississippi College Naturals  
"Fifth annual Holiday Spectacular (Anderson Hall, B.  
C. Rogers Student Center)

(7:00 PM - 8:00 PM) Mississippi College Fall  
Shakespeare Festival (Jennings Courtyard (fair) Aven  
Theater (if foul) Ticket information x 925-3935

Circle K Formal

**Saturday, November 15, 2003**

(2:00 PM - 3:00 PM) Mississippi College Fall  
Shakespeare Festival (Jennings Courtyard (if fair)  
Aven Little Theatre (if foul) Ticket information x 925-  
3935

(6:30 PM - 7:30 PM) Mississippi College Naturals'  
"Fifth Annual Holiday Spectacular" (Anderson Hall,  
B. C. Rogers Student Center)

Rotoract Informal

MC vs. East Texas Baptist

PRAXIS Exam Self Hall and MCC 6am-6pm

**Sunday, November 16, 2003**

(2:00 PM - 3:00 PM) Mississippi College Fall  
Shakespeare Festival (Jennings Courtyard (if fair)  
Aven Little Theatre (if foul) Ticket information x 925-  
3935

**Monday, November 17, 2003**

(2:00 PM - 3:00 PM) Academic Council Meeting (Self  
208)

(6:30 PM - 7:30 PM) Mississippi College Naturals  
"Fifth annual Holiday Spectacular (Anderson Hall, B.  
C. Rogers Student Center)

(7:00 PM - 8:00 PM) Mississippi College Fall  
Shakespeare Festival (Jennings Courtyard (fair) Aven  
Theater (if foul) Ticket information x 925-3935

**Tuesday, November 18, 2003**

(6:45 PM - 8:45 PM) BSU Gathering (FBC Clinton)

(7:00 PM - 8:00 PM) Mississippi College Fall  
Shakespeare Festival (Jennings Courtyard (fair) Aven  
Theater (if foul) Ticket information x 925-3935

**Wednesday, November 19, 2003**

(9:00 AM - 11:30 AM) Student Council Workshop (A.  
E. Wood Coliseum)

(12:00 PM - 1:00 PM) T & G (Alumni Hall)

**Thursday, November 20, 2003**

(9:00 AM - 11:30 AM) Student Council Workshop (A.  
E. Wood Coliseum)

Graduate School Info Session for Juniors and Seniors  
Board Room Anderson Hall 10:50-11:40am

Nenamoosha Weekly Meeting

Laguna Weekly Meeting 9:15 pm in Hederman  
Science Building Room 100

Kissimee Weekly Meeting 9:00 p.m. 4th Floor Alumni  
Hall

Swannanoa Weekly Meeting 9:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
Room

NT/ Civitan Swap

**Friday, November 21, 2003**

(7:00 PM - 8:00 PM) One-Act Festival (Aven Little  
Theater)

Civitan Informal

**Saturday, November 22, 2003**

(2:00 PM - 3:00 PM) One Act Play Festival Matinee  
(Aven Little Theater)

(7:00 PM - 8:00 PM) One-Act Festival (Aven Little  
Theater)

Kissimee Formal

**Sunday, November 23, 2003**

(2:00 PM - 3:00 PM) One Act Play Festival Matinee  
(Aven Little Theater)

(8:30 PM - 10:30 PM) London Semester Program  
Meeting (Dr. Floyd's Home)

**Monday, November 24, 2003**

(2:00 PM - 3:00 PM) Graduate Council Meeting  
(Self 208)

Graduate School Reception for Prospective Students  
Anderson Hall East, 6-7:30 pm

**Tuesday, November 25, 2003**

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**Wednesday, November 26, 2003**

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**Thursday, November 27, 2003**

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**Friday, November 28, 2003**

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**Saturday, November 29, 2003**

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**Sunday, November 30, 2003**

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**Monday, December 01, 2003**

(3:00 PM - 4:00 PM) General Faculty Meeting (Self  
210) Classes Resume

**Tuesday, December 02, 2003**

(11:00 AM - 1:30 PM) Who's Who luncheon

(Anderson Hall)

(8:15 PM - 9:15 PM) Staff Meeting (Swor)

**Wednesday, December 03, 2003**

**Thursday, December 04, 2003**

(7:30 PM - 8:30 PM) Festival of Lights (Provine

Chapel)

Nenamoosha Weekly Meeting

Laguna Weekly Meeting 9:15 pm in Hederman

Science Building Room 100

Kissimee Weekly Meeting 9:00 p.m. 4th Floor Alumni

Hall

Swannanoa Weekly Meeting 9:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Room

NT Christmas Party

BSU Karaoke Christmas Party (time and place TBA)

**Many apologies to persons with November  
birthdays this week. . . the courier is late—  
again.**

## November

2	Charles Fisher	Housekeeping	3245	
3	Dr. Louise Griffith	Retired	924.6201	
5	Richard Brown	Grounds	3245	
5	Kerri Jordan	English	3334	
7	Joann Neil	Law Library	7127	
7	Kenneth Quinn	Art Department	3451	
8	Dr. Harry Porter	Criminal Justice	3266	
9	Dr. Anita Gowin	Retired	Unlisted	
9	Mary Ann Henriques	School of Nursing	3394	
9	Shirley Kennedy	School of Law	7156	
10	Dr. Stan Baldwin	Biology	3321	
10	Nema Donovan	Bookstore	3369	
10	Helen Jackson	Retired	925.4273	
10	Janet Taylor	Music Department	3914	
11	Tommy Alexander	Housekeeping	3245	
11	Harry Singleton	Maintenance, School of Law	7177	
12	Johnnie Ruth Hudson	Retired	924.5343	
12	Linda Lytal	Retired	924.5589	
12	J. Michael Maloney	School of Law	7107	
14	Dr. Tim Nicholas	Communications	3462	
18	Dr. Dana Rice	Music	3448	
19	Dr. Reid Bishop	Chemistry	7665	
19	Dr. Steve Glaze	Art	3450	
20	Dr. Glen Eaves	History/Retired	3268/924.8229	
20	Sandra Parks	School of Business	3417	
21	Dr. Alan O'Dell	Education	3403	
21	Mary Berner	Retired	Unlisted	
22	Dr. Lewis Oswald	Music	3446	
23	Dr. David Magers	Chemistry	3851	
24	Dr. Sam Gore	Art/Retired	3884/922.2868	
25	Morris Coffey	Grounds	3245	
25	Ricky Russell	Physical Plant	3245	
26	Tommie Carey	Retired	362.3527	
26	Eric Jacobsen	Computer Services	3475	
26	Hubert Earl Palmer	Housekeeping	3245	
26	Dr. Charles Smith	History	3329	
26	Dr. Glenn Wiggins	Computing Science	3467	
26	Mike Walker	Public Safety	3204	
27	Gloria Preston	P/T Speed Library	3232	
30	Michael Pritchard	Enrollment Services	3254	