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## Panty Thief strikes again

BY LANCE INGRAM  
City News Editor

The Oxford Police Department reports that the panty thief struck again Sunday night.

The latest strike happened on the southwest side of town and showed no consistency with where the thief has been striking. Jimmy Williams, Oxford Police Department detective, said all of the strikes have been random.

Williams said they are unsure whether the attacker is male or female, but is sure that this is the work of one individual.

"There is no copycat," Williams said. "This is the work of one individual, and we know

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## Clarification of ASB election violations



ADDISON DENT | The Daily Mississippian

Homecoming Queen winner Diana Price hugs fellow contestant Christina Gates shortly after the announcement. The third candidate, Douglas Strahan, was disqualified due to going over her budget on campaign expenses.

BY RACHEL CLARK  
Campus News Editor

ASB Attorney General Troy Jackson said in an interview that he and other ASB officers hope there will be no more rumors or gossip surrounding last week's election.

He said concerning homecoming queen candidate Douglas Strahan: After the Student Judicial Council considered her appeal, the disqualification ruling by the elections commission was upheld, based solely upon the can-

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## Oxford SWAT Team to Travel to Conference in October

BY CAIN MADDEN  
The Daily Mississippian

They sit behind a desk, in a patrol car looking for traffic violations or walk downtown at night, but they are always ready for their part-time job.

Twelve members of the Oxford Police Department train twice a month as S.W.A.T. officers. From Oct. 11 to 15, 10 of them are heading to the Annual Mississippi Association of Tactical Officers Training in Meridian at a cost of \$4,513.

"Sure, it'll cost the city a bit of money, but in the long run having officers with additional training will be good for the community," assistant chief Joey East, in charge of the S.W.A.T. team, said.

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## OLE MISS ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS STRETCH RESOURCES TO THE LIMIT



EMMA WILLOUGHBY | The Daily Mississippian

Students work in the Math Lab in Kinard Hall on Monday evening. Record numbers of freshman have had a variety of consequences including long lines at the Math Lab nearly every day of the week.

BY NATALIE DICKSON  
The Daily Mississippian

On a typical weekday afternoon, a line of about 30 students stretches around the corner by the Kinard math lab. In previous years, lines on a Thursday or Friday afternoon weren't abnormal, Marlow Dorrrough, director of freshman mathematics, said. What's different about this year is that there are lines every day of the week.

"The lab is certainly being stretched to the breaking point," Dorrrough said.

Although the lab is open from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, most students in the 100-level math courses prefer coming in the afternoon to fulfill the required 50 minutes of lab time. But with just 60 computers available, students find themselves waiting as long as 45 minutes to get into the lab.

Dorrrough said the problem could be solved by students coming in the evening or by procuring a larger room.

If neither happens, though, the lab will not be able to sustain future years of increased enrollment and huge freshman classes, he said.

Academic departments at Ole Miss have faced a record-breaking enrollment of 12,851 undergraduate students on the Oxford campus and the largest freshman class to date, with 3,094. While there are enough professors, classrooms and resources to go around for this year, some fear Ole Miss has reached its limit.

Mathematics Chair Iwo Labuda said the math department had to stretch its resources but managed to absorb the increase with its own budget.

"We were scared a little bit, but somehow we managed well," Labuda said.

Labuda had six new sections of math courses opened for the Fall, making room for about 300 more students, and had professors and instructors volun-

tarily take seven overload classes.

The problem remains for future years. Eventually, the department will need to hire more faculty, he said. And although more students means the university brings in more money through tuition, appropriation cuts from the state still limit the university's budget.

No additional faculty positions have been added in the last year, and most positions emptied by faculty who retired or moved were left vacant, provost Morris Stocks said.

"Last year, we filled very few open positions, only in situations of absolute necessity," Stocks said.

In the last month before school, the University was able to provide funds for the colleges of liberal arts and applied sciences to fill ten open faculty positions each, he said.

Although the university has had to freeze the hiring process for most faculty positions, Ole Miss has managed to avoid cutting any faculty positions, unlike other universities around the nation.

The University of Southern Mississippi will cut 29 faculty positions, 14 of which are tenured professors, for fiscal year 2012, as reported in The Clarion-Ledger.

The Louisiana State University system possibly faces an even grimmer scenario for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. LSU system president John Lombardi asked LSU to detail a budget cut of \$62 million.

In response, the LSU Budget Crisis Committee, headed by LSU Provost John Hamilton, estimated that roughly 350 faculty positions would need to be cut and about 50 degrees lost if the LSU system were to sustain the proposed cuts in state appropriations. The results of the committee's findings are posted online at <http://www.lsu.edu/>

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BY EMILY GASSON  
Columnist

## When to keep your mouth shut

There is a time to speak and a time to just shut up.

Have you ever had a friend or someone you knew who would argue with anyone about anything anywhere? If not, you're lucky, but you will sooner or later encounter someone who would argue with a wall.

I can guarantee that one of your professors and at least one of your classmates is one of these dreaded people, stubborn as a mule.

They will try to make their point about anything and everything, even when they don't care about the topic.

I had a girl in one of my classes last year who started an argument with me over nothing. She just wanted to make sure that her voice was heard over mine, which was completely ridiculous.

I feel that if you are passionate about something, you should share your thoughts. If you don't really care either way and you just want to hear your own voice, just shut up.

This also goes for people who try to talk about things they don't know anything about. I laugh at those people in class who are trying to impress the professor by giving their thoughts on something that is absolutely off-topic.

One time, I had a teacher call a guy out in the middle of class because he was just rambling on about nonsense and disrupting our class discussion.

So for all of you who think that you

are a know-it-all, grow up and realize that not everyone really wants to hear your opinions about "Jersey Shore" being more of a reality show than "Keeping Up With the Kardashians."

Honestly, who really cares? If you feel like everything you say is the most important opinion out there, I am sorry to burst your bubble, but you will be the most unlikely person in your class.

Really though, the next time you are in class see how the people around you act towards you.

This is college and class discussions are just a part of life, but next time you feel like you need to give your thoughts, stop and think about if what you want to say is really important.

I know that for most of y'all, class discussions are the worst thing in the world (especially with mister know-it-all sitting two rows in front of you), but if you do have some valid opinions, speak up.

Unlike the obnoxious person who talks even when no one wants them to, you could actually bring something to the class discussion.

You could bring up a point that could help out someone else in class -- plus it makes you look really good when you can openly discuss a topic in class that starts other discussions.

So do your classes a favor, guys and girls, and think before you speak, just like our parents all taught us to do.

## Eliza Listens

Hello everyone!

My name is Eliza, and I'm a student just like you here at Ole Miss. I hang out in the Grove on Saturdays. I go party on the Square. I go to YaYa's with my friends. I wake up late for classes.

We all know we're different, but we all have something in common as well: We all want to be heard. We all have something to say, but we don't always have an unbiased someone to talk to.

Some say it's harder to be a good listener, and I know we all think we listen, but think back to the class you were just in or even the last conversation you had.

Unless it was life changing, you probably don't remember half of it.

Now think about when you're with your group of friends. There's always that one person that will not stop talking, not because they love to hear the sound of their voice, but because they just want someone to respond to them.

I, however, prefer to listen. I have always been that way with my friends and family and now I want to be there to listen to you. Sometimes you just need to let it all out, like that dispute you're having with your roommate or why you failed that exam even though you studied all night.

Each Wednesday, I will be answering letters from students all over this campus. Everything is strictly confidential, so no need to worry about your name getting out. I hope to make this column an integral part of this campus.

Email me at [elizalistsens@gmail.com](mailto:elizalistsens@gmail.com) any time.

xoxo, Eliza

Have a question for Eliza? Want to ask for advice? Send her an e-mail at [elizalistsens@gmail.com](mailto:elizalistsens@gmail.com)

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# Another Freaky Friday



BY ANGELA ROGALSKI  
Columnist

Fridays are certainly lucky for Lindsay Lohan.

From her comedy hit movie to her latest release from an L.A. jail this past week, Fridays really seem to be working for her.

After posting a \$300,000 bail late Friday night, USA Today reported that Lohan was released well under the month-long stay a judge had ordered her to enjoy at the city's expense. This was after she was held without bail after a brief hearing that same morning.

Go figure.

Now, I don't know about you, but if I had been the one to fail a drug test two weeks after I had been released early from rehab, while I was already on probation for a three-year-old DUI case that I had only spent 84 minutes in jail for in 2007

and 14 days of a three-month sentence earlier this summer, I'd either be the luckiest girl in the world, or spending the next several years taking my classes from behind tall, brick walls.

I mean, come on, how do celebrities get away with this crap? It's ridiculous. What does she have to do, get behind the wheel of her Porsche (or whatever luxury vehicle she drives) and kill somebody, herself or even both?

According to the same report by USA Today, Lohan admitted she had a substance abuse problem on Twitter last week when news of her positive drug test broke. Ya' think?

The girl has checked herself into rehab facilities more times than Tiger Woods has cheated on his wife! Not really, but that's another col-

umn.

The point is, Lohan has proven that she has a problem.

Every time she gets a DUI or is involved in an auto accident (single vehicle so far, but who knows next time), the court manages to let her slide to repeat her famous bad behavior.

What's up with that? Are they afraid they'll damage her reputation so bad that she won't get that all-important, Oscar-nominating role?

No need to worry, she's slated to appear as Linda Lovelace, the well-respected porn star we all love and admire so much! That is, if her very active legal life doesn't put a kink in the epic film.

I don't mean to pick on Lindsay. Really, I don't. Celebrity status has

afforded many law-breakers leniency over the years. Just look at Paris Hilton and Britney Spears.

Why do we put celebrities on such pedestals?

Sometimes I think it's our own fault that they feel like they deserve special treatment.

After all, we, their fans, feed their egos and cater to that demon I'm convinced they all discover once they reach that certain stardom level: narcissism.

In Lindsay's case, I really like her. I think she's talented and I enjoy her films. I just don't think she should be able to make any for awhile - at least not until she serves her sentence. It's time to pay up, Lindsay, and no body switching either. Remember, that only works in the movies.

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## OHS receives Star School Award

BY KAYLEIGH WEBB  
The Daily Mississippian

The Mississippi Department of Education has awarded Oxford High School with the title of Star School.

Schools and districts in the state of Mississippi were classified under seven labels: Star, High Performing, Successful, Academic Watch, Low Performing, At-Risk of Failing, and Failing. Star Schools like Oxford High School perform above the national average.

"We were proud because there aren't too many Star high schools in the state," Bill Hamilton, director of curriculum and instruction for secondary education for the Oxford School District, said. "To be in that group is a proud thing for the district and we want to be recognized for that. The community expects good schools."

Oxford High School is the only school in the area to earn the "star" status.

Classifications are based on three factors: state exam achievement, academic growth,

and graduation rates. Schools are judged on state exam achievement in the subject areas of biology, Algebra I, English II and U.S. history.

The Quality Distribution Index grades achievement on the exams, and a school must hold an index of 200 to be considered for the Star School title.

Oxford High School currently holds an index of 214. The state average is 154.

A Graduation Rate of 80 percent and High School Completion Index of 130 are also needed to capture the Star School label. Oxford High School holds an 87 percent graduate rate and an completion index of 153.

"The award puts pressure on us because next year our students will have to perform to keep the title," Hamilton said.

Oxford High School offers mandatory tutoring in the state testing areas for struggling students after school.

Students stay in the tutoring sessions until they are back to the proficient level.



Principal Michael Martin checks on an English class at Oxford High School on Tuesday afternoon. The school was named Star School for 2010.

"We have to make sure this group of students have good instruction and that we monitor their progress," Hamilton said. "It takes a really coordinated effort." Only six percent of the schools in Mississippi hold the Star School title.

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didate exceeding the allowable limit.

"To keep from going over budget, candidates should spend wisely, keep all receipts and allow themselves room for any potential violations that could result in a fine," Jackson said.

The ASB election process has several important facets that are unknown to most students.

There is a strict budget of \$600 for each candidate running for Miss Ole Miss, Colonel Reb or

Homecoming Queen.

By exceeding this budget, the candidate is subject to disqualification.

According to the Associated Student Body constitution, Title V, Section 116, item L, "Any candidate whose campaign expenses total more than the limits prescribed under law ... will be subject to a fine equal to three times that amount of overspend. If the overspent amount is found to be ... 10% over or more, the candidate will be disqualified."

## Board moves ahead with FEMA flood maps

BY CHRIS LAWYER  
The Daily Mississippian

The Board of Aldermen has added a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to the flood maps that will be updated in the state of Mississippi Nov. 27.

State officials announced they would update the Mississippi flood plans, which would affect citizens statewide in regards to insurance.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Flood Insurance Program have required the state to update the maps. These new maps will point out floodways and floodplains

where flood insurance would be required to be purchased.

The Board of Aldermen met on Sept. 21 to discuss the plans. Alderman Ney Williams said the board has adopted the FEMA plans, and will continue with the implementation of the flood plain maps for the state. They also hope the public will become involved and see if they need insurance.

The board held a public hearing about the changes during their Sept. 7 meeting.

Lafayette County has not updated its maps since 1978, and with the use of aerial photographs, researchers have found those at risk in flood plains. Those living in these plains will be required to purchase

flood insurance.

City Engineer Bart Robinson thinks the plans will better serve the city. He points out that National Flood Insurance rate maps have been adopted and will go into effect, better serving those who will need flood insurance.

Mississippi has long been known for its flat terrain, which can lead to easy flooding. The Mississippi River has flooded numerous times, and hurricanes, such as Katrina, have caused horrible floods for the state.

Oxford has also seen its fair share of flooding even as late as spring 2010, when multiple parts of Oxford flooded.



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"They do this because they are highly motivated guys. They do it for very little extra pay, if any."

Years ago, Oxford had to call and wait on the Jackson Police Department, the Mississippi Highway Patrol or the Memphis Police Department to handle entry situations, East said.

"It is always good for an agency to have a set of officers who are well trained, so if something bad happens these guys can handle it," East said. "If there is a school shooting, you don't want to wait for a team to arrive from Jackson."

Now, East said, he has guys who are trained to handle dangerous situations.

"For example, if someone is holding a hostage in a house, these guys are trained to take those extra risks in a situation," East said.

In Meridian, Oxford's part-time S.W.A.T. officers will have a

chance to run something similar to an actual event.

"They have different structures, including some buildings, so our snipers can work with our entry team," East said. "We will also get to use different weapons and operate in different situations."

Since it is a statewide conference, East stressed the importance of working together with other teams.

"Most agencies use different tactics and equipment for going into a house," East said. "We can compare their tactics versus ours."

To be on the S.W.A.T. team, an officer has to have at least two years of experience, pass a fitness test and have above average proficiency with a firearm.

"They have to be above standard in physical fitness, which is above what is required of other officers, and hold it after they pass the test," East said. "A stan-

dard officer has to shoot with 80 percent accuracy, while these guys have to shoot with 95 percent."

The tactical officers also must be proficient with hand-to-hand combat and be knowledgeable with different types of weapons and methods of entry into a building.

Typically, the officers help Metro Narcotics assist with search warrants.

"If they suspect a lot of people are going to be in a place, they will call us to go in with them," East said.

Other situations can happen quickly.

"The reason we have tactical officers is because most types of dangerous situations can happen at the drop of a hat," East said. "You want to have five to 10 guys who can go in and handle a situation. I think that is what is important about them."







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this because of his MO and the things at stake.”

There have been 14 reported robberies since June, with 12 in Oxford and the other two in Lafayette County.

“This is no prank and we call it a deviant behavior,” Williams said.

He encouraged residents and students to watch after each other and to make sure all doors and windows are locked.

“Be aware, if you see something suspicious in your neighborhood please call the police,” Williams said. “If you see someone taking a laundry bag or basket, or pillowcase out of a house, please contact the Oxford Police Department immediately. Let us determine whose stuff it is because a lot of these kids do take their laundry home to let their parents do it but let us determine whose laundry this is.”

The Lafayette County Crimestoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for any information that leads to the arrest of the panty thief.



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Mark Tidwell of Selective Masonry cleans the newly installed statue of Frank Rogers Day, whose Luckyday Foundation helped fund the new Residential College.

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Sophomore Price Walden plays xylophone with the Pride of the South during practice on the band practice field.



## 'THE FUDGE IS BACK!' ... it was gone?

BY TAYLOR KAMNETZ  
The Daily Mississippian

National Menswear has built a reputation based on suit sales...and fudge.

When you walk into the store on Jackson Avenue, not only are you entering a men's formal wear store, but a fudge shop as well.

"In Tupelo, my friend started selling fudge, and we just got on that program," Brenda Franklin, wife to store owner Jerry Franklin, said. "I get a lot of looks as to why there's a fudge shop in a men's clothing store. We just had the space and it seemed like a good idea."

It seems to have been a pretty successful move as a business thus far — people are eating this up— literally.

"A guy came in this morning and got some pants, and a fourth of a pound of fudge," Mrs. Franklin said.

Although most men fail

to admit they have just as much of a chocolate fetish as women do, the success of this fudge shop does all the admittance needed for them.

Despite the fudge shop's success, it's still quite surprising that it is located in a men's formal wear store. Perhaps it is a solution to the well-known fact that a lot of men hate shopping — fudge is a good motivator to do so.

Whatever compels these men to dig in doesn't seem to matter to Jerry and Brenda, they are just glad that people have taken an interest in it.

When you think fudge, plain and simple comes to mind.

However, at the National Menswear fudge shop, this delectable treat entails much more.

"We have started a Hot-Toddy Fudge, which is bourbon flavored," Mrs. Franklin said. "It's very different and interesting."

While they certainly have a band of loyal customers, they seem to be drawing in a different audience with this development.

More outsiders are coming in daily to see what's going on with the fudge, and it has only contributed to the store's revenue.

The fan base is not limited to men, either.

Many ladies join their guys in shopping festivities to try some of the fudge that has been the word around town lately.

Next time you need to get some formal wear, head on over to National Menswear on Jackson Avenue, and you'll be in for a delicious treat.



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Suits and fudge blend well together at National Menswear, located on Jackson Ave.

## Don't stress College Should be the best time of your life

BY CAIN MADDEN  
The Daily Mississippian

In order to master different courses, students have to learn different study techniques according to Columbia University professor and former psychiatrist David Leibow.

"The main thing colleges, and even individual instructors, can do is to teach students how to learn," Leibow said. "If they spend some time at the beginning of the term or at the beginning of a course discussing how the material in that course can be mastered, students will find studying less aversive and spend more time doing it."

As students reinvent the wheel, Leibow said they are less likely to feel discouraged or dread studying if they feel like their efforts will pay off.

"It's my belief that if students know how to study efficiently, they'll enjoy it more and do it more," Leibow said.

While Leibow said learning material will vary from course to course and student to student, studying techniques can be taught.

"If you're studying English literature, for example, how do you deal with a heavy reading load? How do you take notes? Should you find a study partner or work alone? Whom should you see if you have problems? How do you prepare for an exam?" Leibow said. "(The answers to these questions) don't have to be learned by trial and error as each individual student struggles to find them out."

Leibow, author of "What to Do When College is Not the Best Time of Your Life," said

study skills are not the only problem.

"Students imagine — wrongly — that they're the only ones having academic or psychological problems," Leibow said. "And they believe — also wrongly — that as proto-adults they're supposed to be able to solve these problems on their own."

Because college students typically do not talk to each other about their problems, due to shame, they do not know what is normal and what is not, he said.

"They tend to magnify their problems in their own minds and, as a result, avoid trying to solve them until they really are big," Leibow said. "(Students) are not alone in having a whole range of problems. Having problems is the rule, not the exception — and learning how to deal with those problems is what will make them into adults."

Some students are so ashamed of struggling and falling behind they will make themselves sick to avoid taking responsibility for their poor performance, Leibow said.

"They'll appropriate real depressions or start abusing substances in order to cover up their shame about doing

poorly," Leibow said. "Please understand that the vast majority of college students who are diagnosed with depressions are really depressed and need treatment — but there are a few unfortunate students whose shame is so intense that they get trapped in their own illnesses. Their depressions linger on and on, and they end up dropping out of college."

Leibow said there are two steps to staying mentally healthy throughout college.

One is to keep ahead academically, which can be helped with knowing how to study. The other goes back to playing in the sandbox on the first day of kindergarten — make a really good friend.

"If you're keeping your head above water academically and have at least one friend, you'll enjoy college," Leibow said. "If you don't, you won't."

If you are having trouble accomplishing those two things, or if you are unhappy for any other reason, Leibow suggests seeking help, such as the University Counseling Center.

"Don't delay," Leibow said. "Getting help early makes the problem easier to manage and makes college more enjoyable. College should be one of the best times of your life."

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## Introspective ability: a gift of nature

BY YOGINI BHAVSAR  
Health Columnist

The Journal of Science has reported new findings that suggest the ability to introspect depends on a part of the brain that is larger in people who seem to be particularly introspective.

Introspection is a purposeful act of contemplation over one's own thoughts, feelings, ideas and senses.

Conscious self-examination is a skill that not everyone can master. Accurate introspection, however, could become a very powerful tool to improve the quality of life.

This reflective insight is essential for younger generations, especially students who are constantly engaged in the process of choosing future careers and interests.

Students tend to choose their academic route based on what their friends are doing or based on what is considered as a remarkable, respectable and prestigious career by society.

What does this mean? Many students are getting in the habit of ignoring personal instincts, interests and capabilities.

Students can manage to successfully get through and drag themselves along for a limited period of time, but after a while, frustration builds up, which can later transform into depression and a lack of self-esteem.

Therefore, self-analysis becomes imperative while making decisions. Most important are those decisions that remain with you throughout

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Corey Smith is back in action, performing at the Lyric on Wednesday night.

## Musician Corey Smith returns to Oxford

BY JOSH BREEDEN  
The Daily Mississippian

Corey Smith was on the verge of discontinuing his musical pursuits in 2001, until the recently graduated Georgia alum and newly hired high school history teacher was forced to put things in perspective, soberly realizing that the local bar scene wasn't fulfilling his creative aspirations.

"I decided that making a living playing bars, playing Jimmy Buffett covers wasn't going to be gratifying for me," he said in an interview earlier this year. "I felt like teaching would give me an opportunity to make a difference."

Born in Jefferson, Ga., Smith's interest in music developed from a young age, stemming from his father's own dabbling.

"My dad was in a band when I was a kid, so we were always around music," he said.

After graduating high school, Smith became a fixture on the bar circuit in nearby Athens. "I started taking some cover gigs," he told an interviewer at James Madison University. "I never thought of it as performing really, more like being a jukebox that you pop quarters into."

While the musician now believes Athens may have stalled him as a performer, he does concede that the "cosmopolitan" musical atmosphere it provided opened him up to new sounds, something that would have been unattainable in small town Jefferson.

Content with his bar gigs and interested in establishing a "back-up plan," Smith enrolled in UGA's School of Education in 1998, pursuing a bachelors in social studies education.

The musician developed a love for the classroom and expanded his catalogue of originals, which he had begun penning as a teen. After finishing his degree and marrying his "college sweetheart" Shannon, Smith said he decided to put music on the back burner, tak-

ing a job at North Gwinnet High School, outside of Atlanta.

While teaching, Smith continued to stockpile new material in hopes of returning to music on his own terms and, most importantly, with his own identity. Smith began testing out originals on his history students during impromptu Friday focus groups.

In an interview with The Press House, Smith said, "I was always pleasantly surprised at how warmly they accepted my music and the encouraging remarks they made".

After some prodding by students and others familiar with his work, Smith entered a local songwriting contest and won. Using his prize, free studio time, the singer/songwriter cut his first record, 2003's "Undertones".

A rough acoustic EP, "Undertones" quickly swept through southeastern college campuses, winning him droves of fans and calls from bar owners requesting he play their spots.

Smith's debut established him as an all-encompassing act as he incorporated elements of country, folk, rock, blues and even hip-hop into his unique musical point of view.

"I'd describe it as progressive country," he told T&A in the Afternoon. "I like to think of myself as a folk writer, but my music has country flair to it no doubt. I sing with a southern drawl, but I'm from Georgia, I really can't help that."

His songs, centered around his bar-hopping years at Georgia as well as his trips to Athens as a teen, formed a powerful connection between he and his young audience. "Twenty-One," perhaps his most well-known track, established the basis for this connection, tapping into the commonality of the college experience.

"Thursdays came and pocket change would quickly disappear/ upstairs at Lowery's Tavern we'd pay a nickel for the beer/ shootin' pool, smokin' cigarettes with a dizzy head and a grin/ four a.m. on school

night, still hangin' out with my friends."

Momentum continued to build and the singer/songwriter continued to produce. His sophomore effort, "In the Mood" came quickly and was followed by 2005's "The Good Life, his 2007 full length "Hard-Headed Fool" and most recently, 2009's "Keeping Up With the Joneses".

Over the past seven years, Smith has not only enjoyed his career as a successful, full-time musician, but has seen the birth of his two sons Aden Ryan and Noah Guthrie. He also moved back to Jefferson, craving the quiet, small town life he once knew as a child.

Despite ending his teaching career in 2005, Smith has maintained a relationship with the classroom through his work with Be The Change International, who sponsored his 2007 trip to South Africa in support of African public school reform.

Musically, the 32-year-old's songwriting concepts have become increasingly abstract. His songs now emphasize the emotional bonds between him and his family rather than his partying college days and the more narrative constructions that characterize those earlier songs.

He also built quite an independent recording empire, forming his own record label, Undertone Records, which takes full advantage of modern social networking. Through Myspace, iTunes and his own website, Smith offers fans the opportunity to not only purchase his low-priced records, but download free material in an effort to grow his already considerable fan base.

Smith, far removed from his days as a human jukebox, now revels in his autocracy, creating and playing music just like he's always wanted to, as an artist, not a salesman.

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your life and impact the future.

Faculty, staff and teaching assistants in general have to adapt their behavior to deal with each student and each situation uniquely. Delving into the inner-self can help with consistency while dealing with a diverse population of students in varying circumstances.

Until recently, the ability to introspect was loosely linked to maturity level, socioeconomic background or degree of seriousness toward life.

However, the brain scans analyzed in recent research show that the ability to introspect was strongly related to the amount of gray matter in a spot of the prefrontal cortex, right behind the eyes.

Researchers found that the people who are more introspective have stronger functioning white matter in that part of the brain.

Stephen Fleming, the lead author of the University College London research publication posed the question, "Might we be able to come up with potential strategies to intervene in these cases and improve people's introspective ability?"

As it stands, research suggests that the introspective ability may not be self-controlled. Rather, it seems that nature plays a crucial role in conferring such capabilities.

Keeping this particular thought in mind, everyone must try to understand the fluctuation that is inevitable in college years.

Instead of criticism, support should be given to such individuals who find it more difficult to locate their interests and figure out a path that interests them.

For more details on this research, log on to [www.knowabouthealth.com](http://www.knowabouthealth.com).



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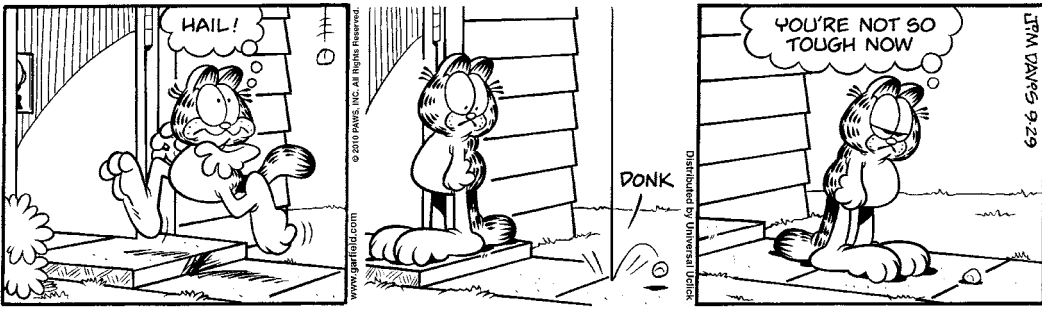


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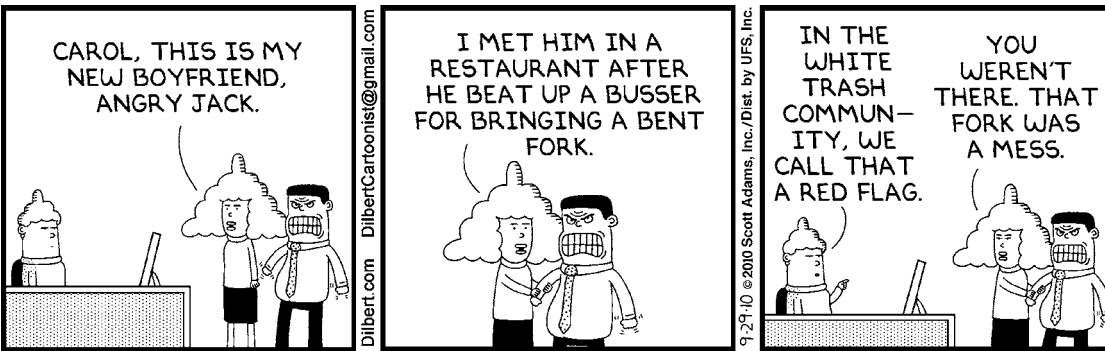
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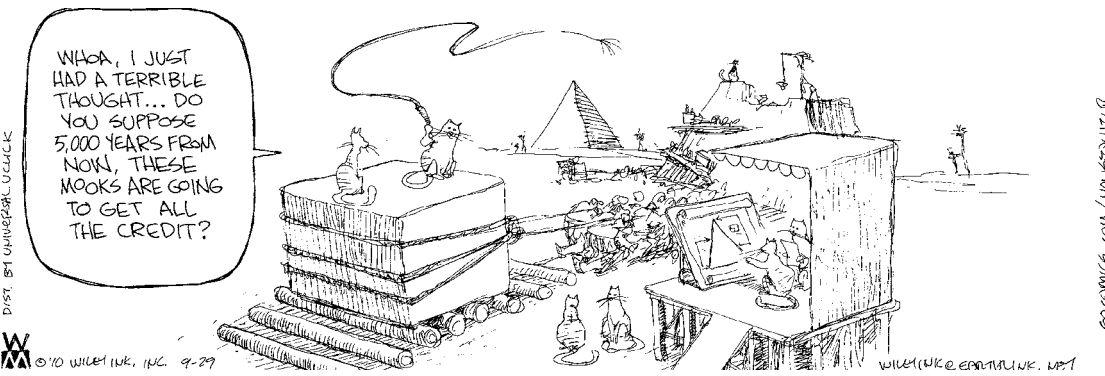
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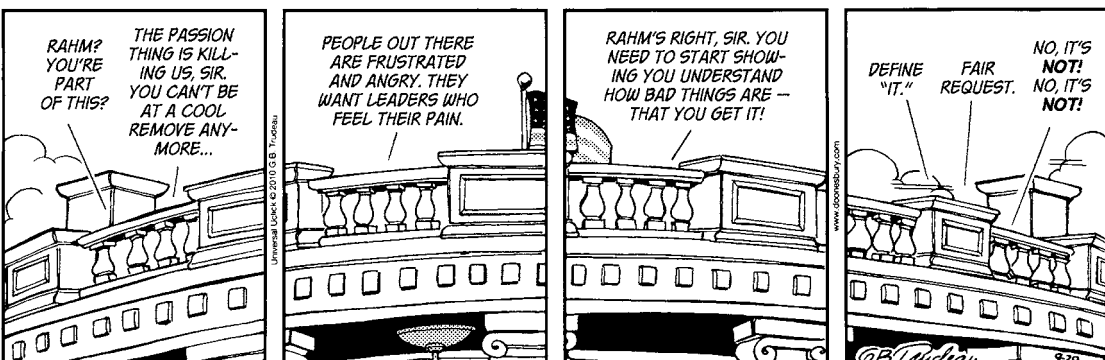
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# MARKUSON, NIX PLEASED SEEING IMPROVEMENT



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Ole Miss defensive end Kentrell Lockett is helped off the field after tearing his ACL in the first half of the Rebels' victory over Fresno State on Saturday. Without Lockett, defensive coordinator Tryone Nix has been forced to play several younger players including a pair of true freshmen in Carlos Thompson and Delvin Jones.

BY BENNETT HIPPI  
The Daily Mississippian

After the Rebels picked up a big win at home over a high quality Fresno State team, co-offensive coordinator Mike Markuson and defensive coordinator Tyrone Nix were very pleased with what they saw from their respective units on the field. Both coaches hope these improvements carry over as the Rebels prepare for the Kentucky Wildcats.

"I'm very pleased with the way our run game clicked tonight, especially starting one true freshman (Patrick Junen) at left guard," Markuson said. "Patrick had a bright-eyed look

to him. There was no indication in the game his head was swimming much or he was not getting the job done. I'm sure he made some mistakes but we'll get those corrected."

The addition of Junen and junior Logan Clair to the starting offensive line has finally

brought some continuity to the Rebels offensive line. Through the first four games of the season, Ole Miss started four different offensive line combinations, but it appears Ole Miss will start the same offensive line Saturday morning against Kentucky.

"As the game wore on, we also started building some confidence on the offensive line, and that was good to see," said Markuson. "It's good to get some rhythm and confidence going before we hit some of our tougher opponents."

On the defensive side of the football, Nix saw improvement from his young defense, but there is still concern about a defensive secondary that gave up 390 yards and four touchdowns through the air.

"I am still seeing some improvement and seeing some better execution, but we are still making too many mistakes," Nix said. "We are playing a lot more guys and a lot of youth. They are going to make mistakes; we just hope they learn from them along the way."

One thing hurting the Rebels defense is a rash of injuries that has the defense short-handed going into Saturday's game. A concussion to cornerback Jeremy Mcgee and an injury to Johnny Brown hurts the secondary. A torn ACL has ended the season of senior defensive end Kentrell Lockett, forcing a group of young ends to step up.

"Several guys are definitely going to get an opportunity to play now," Nix said. "Delvin Jones will get more reps, Gerald Rivers needs to step up and I think Carlos Thompson (who has a groin injury right

now) will get more reps. It's going to require some youth in our defense to step up and become more of a factor."

Nix knows that his young secondary will need to keep improving quickly if Ole Miss wants to have a successful season as they enter Southeastern Conference play.

"I saw signs of us being more aggressive, on both sides of the ball," Nix said. "I saw reckless abandon. We were relentless more often than not and were flying around the ball more. We made them one-dimensional by stopping their run game, but we didn't play the pass as well as I would like."

With youth playing meaningful minutes on the offensive line, at defensive end, and in the secondary, it seems time for freshman like Delvin Jones, Carlos Thompson,

Tony Grimes and others to step up and make an impact.

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ask any player or even ex-player.

This football team along with those before and after will bust their humps for Ole Miss in the months of January, February and March when not a soul is looking. Then for the fans to come to the games and not cheer, or to leave, is a bit disheartening. Really it is utterly ridiculous.

Kentrell Lockett tore his ACL fighting for the fans, the love of the game and the WIN. In addition, about 100 more guys do this every Saturday for us, for the love of Ole Miss and ultimately for the WIN and so we can go to work on Monday to brag.

I know that I am more than likely to get roasted for telling the truth but that is the chance I am willing to take for the love of my team and my university. It is worth the sacrifice if that is what it takes.

Fans, we need you all of the time, not just half of the time.

Our coaches work hard to get prospects to campus. If we bring them to a game and they see the 2nd half crowd with most of them gone, my feeling is they will want no part of Oxford, particularly if they go to the State game against Alcorn State where there are 55,000 fans ringing the hell out of those damn bells.

I just hope like hell our recruits were not there to see MSU tear down their goal posts after they beat Georgia — something our fans made fun of them for.

Let's say AK has a great basketball recruit in town and he goes to the football games and sees the crowd leaving, how do you all think that this helps Ole Miss? With us fans, me included, these are the issues our coaches have to overcome.

Students, I left after the game Saturday and went to the Square. I felt the same way you did in less time with

my Vodka and Cranberry. I missed nothing.

If Coach Nutt asks everyone to wear blue, then Cobra, don't let high powered school officials on the field in RED.

Beyond a shadow of a doubt I love our military, but somehow we have got to make sure that when the center is about to snap for the extra point, we don't shoot the cannon!

Whoever is in charge of the game day experiences at Ole Miss, we need a lot more. Give fans more reason to stay by making the atmosphere more exciting.

I drive around all day in my job and I can't wait to see the 1st OM billboard. Lord knows I'm tired of the Leghumper billboards everywhere.

Coach Nutt, AK, From Dixie With Love, or Colonel Reb may not be here forever but the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) which we love will be.

This whole thing is about teamwork and the fans' job in this puzzle is to cheer. I am doing this because I feel we are in this together. I hope that each of you will take this to heart. It's time we demand the best from ourselves and everyone connected to our University.

I learned a long time ago to control what you can control and we can control our HOME field. I will be at the next game early in RED and loud, and I will stay until the end, but the question is will my 60,000 plus friends and fellow fans do the same? My greatest hope is that you say YES, that you will. I hope that you will stay the whole game. I hope that you will be in your seats after halftime. I hope that you will cheer loudly. I hope that you will send cheers of encouragement even on the most screwed up plays.

Obviously, I am not really preaching to many Spirit subscribers on this issue. We are the diehards, but we can do our part in this too. Every one of us needs to spread this message to other Rebel fans. It's time we, as fans, accept this responsibility and ask others to do the same.

Hotty Freakin' Toddy!! Romaro Miller

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OLE MISS SPIRIT

# CARRY THE FIGHT TO THE OPPONENT AND KEEP IT THERE FOR 60 MINUTES

*Editor's Note: In recent weeks, much has been said about fan apathy in regard to the Ole Miss football team. On Tuesday morning, former Ole Miss quarterback Romaro Miller posted his feelings on the subject via the Ole Miss Spirit message boards with a post entitled "From The Heart Romaro Miller." Here's an unedited transcript of what he had to say.*



Former Ole Miss quarterback Romaro Miller prepares to unwind a pass. Miller, who preceded Eli Manning, sounded off on fan apathy at football games in a post on an Ole Miss sports message board on Tuesday.

Any time you jump out and do what I am about to do, you must weigh your pros and cons.

I have always been a big reader of The Spirit, but as an ex-player I kept my posting at bay. I have talked to countless ex-players and they all support what I am about to write. I feel that I should share some

thoughts and concerns with my fellow Reb fans with whom I share my love for Ole Miss and the Ole Miss football team. All of us that have this same passion know that we all bleed red and blue.

As an ex-player there were certain things that got me focused and motivated me to play the game hard for

those 60 minutes. David Cutcliffe was the coach at the time. The team would always start pregame chants and we would repeat them before every game as we came out of the tunnel down to the field. My favorite was Carry The Fight To The Opponent And Keep It There For 60 Minutes. Now whether we did

that or not I guess is debatable in your eyes perhaps, but that was our goal.

This has been on my mind and in my heart all year. I am seeing something that is very hard for me to take sitting down as a former OM football player. I feel that it is time some things stop right here and some of our fans get called on the carpet.

Everyone loves being a winner. It is during the difficult times when we may not win that is my concern. First and foremost, the team is not my concern. We have some incredible talent and I know that our team will get there. I do have a real concern in our fans though. It seems when we win and we are ahead in a game our fans leave the game and go to the grove. When we are losing, our fans, instead of staying when our team needs us the most, leave out of frustration. At halftime, some of our fans and students leave and go to the grove to get something to eat and drink. This is a problem because when the game starts back they aren't in their seats to kick the second half off.

I have pondered this over and over again. Is it cool as a fan to sit in the stands and watch my Rebels bleed, sweat, and work hard or is it cooler to be in the grove with food and drink in hand while not supporting my Rebels who are working hard on the field to win that game?

The first three home games were all prime examples. The 1st half of these games the atmosphere was great.

Listen, I have been in the pit many times at Ole Miss and all over the SEC. Trust me, when I say this, the TEAM FEEDS OFF YOU! We had a great first half crowd and then I begin to see fans not come back after halftime. For some reason we have made "The Grove" the pinnacle of a game weekend at Ole Miss. It's a wonderful place, but the game has to be the main attraction.

I am asking every fan to under-

stand that any football team feeds off of the energy of the fans inside the stadium. This is nothing new to any of you. You have seen momentum become a game changer with fans time and time again.

Saturday night in the first half against Fresno the stadium was loud and the players were jumping around getting what they call crunk.

In the 3rd quarter the crowd left and the team's energy went flat. The D gave up 10 in the 1st half and a lot more in the 2nd just like the JSU game. Ask yourself, how was the atmosphere for Vandy? Ask yourself this question: If I was on the field playing in front of less than 40,000 fans when there were 55,000 in there the first half, could I get up to play? Most will lie and say as long you're on the field that you could. I will say those guys are rare, off the top of my head Ray Lewis and he is a special player. Trust me when I say this but it is hard to motivate yourself to maximum output without maximum support.

11 o'clock kickoffs? Don't even get me started on that. Be honest with yourself and think about Arkansas, Auburn or even MSU fans on TV, it looks a lot different. We have the only fan base in the SEC that the team has to get the crowd up. We need to stop making excuses.

At other schools fans get the team up with their energy. We have true SEC crowds when we play an LSU or a Bama, but when we play JSU or Fresno State we may as well have a South Panola crowd in the second half.

Heck, I can't help but wonder what would happen if we closed the beloved Grove at halftime.

I would bet my next month's check that if we had Saturday night's 1st half crowd for the whole game against Vandy and the JSU game WE WIN. If you don't believe that

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## Ole Miss Homecoming Parade

Applications are now available for the 2010 Homecoming Parade in the Student Programming Board office in 419 Student Union.

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