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Ole Miss professor conducts tenure research

This is the second installment of a two-part series examining tenure on college campuses today.

BY DAVID HOPPER
The Daily Mississippian

Does tenure need to be reformed?

Stephen Cutler, chair of medicinal chemistry, is conducting research to see whether or not professors and administrators think it does.

As part of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Academic Leadership Fellows Program, a one-year program designed to develop future leaders in pharmacy and education, Cutler and fellows from other institutions will survey faculty and administrators in pharmacy colleges across the country next semester.

Cutler said they chose to study tenure, which guarantees job security to professors who earn it, because it's a "highly discussed topic in higher education."

The goal is to produce an "objective, unbiased assessment of where we are with tenure," he said.

Cutler said he feels like the project, which will take 6-8 months to complete, will provide perspectives on whether or not tenure reform needs to occur and, if it does, how it needs to take place.

The survey will have a short statement explaining tenure, including what tenure was originally designed to do, which is to protect faculty from being fired for teaching that might go against public opinion or the opinion of administrators, Cutler said.

"Today there are a lot of opportunities for people to seek restitution through the legal system that wasn't available when tenure was first designed and implemented," he said. "The question now becomes: what is the purpose of tenure?"

Cutler said he expects more than 100 to respond to the survey. The study will likely be published in the Journal of American Pharmaceutical Education.

Jill Pfeifferberger, assistant dean of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, who is also working on the project, said she's interested to see whether there is a difference between the views of pharmacy faculty members and administrators.

"I think administrators might think reform is needed more than faculty because of the current economic constraints at many schools," she said. "I think tenure can cause financial challenges."

Non-tenure tracks have been available at pharmacy schools for many years, with some schools not having a tenure track, Cutler said.

"We looked at that as a great resource in terms of understanding what the significance of tenure was to the development of a faculty member," he said.

Like many schools and departments, in pharmacy education there has been a substantial increase in non-tenure-track faculty over the past several decades.

According to the AACP's 2009-10 Profile of Pharmacy Faculty, 45 percent of



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pharmacy faculty were on a non-tenure track, as opposed to 22 percent 20 years ago.

Stephen Trachtenberg, president emeritus of George Washington University, spoke about tenure reform last month at an AACP conference in Washington, D.C. Trachtenberg argues that the tenure system should return to how it was before 1994, when Congress applied the Age Discrimination in Employment Act to professors, removing an age limit.

Before then, professors typically retired at 65.

Professors are commonly granted tenure around the age of 35, so this restoration of an implied 30-year contract "would be a huge leap forward in dealing with the problems of tenure," he said. It would protect academic freedom while also allowing a predictable rate of retirement and replacement, he argues.

Trachtenberg added that his proposal would likely be met with opposition from professors.

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Faculty Senate backs Chancellor in mascot selection

BY BRITNI WARD
The Daily Mississippian

In response to the backlash of negative feelings about the new mascot, the Faculty Senate adopted a new resolution at their most recent meeting Nov. 9 in support of Chancellor Dan Jones' position on the student-led selection of a new mascot.

The changing of the mascot began during the previous chancellor's administration, and the selection of Rebel the Black Bear as the official mascot for Ole Miss has continued to spark controversy.

The members of the Faculty Senate believe that the Chancellor has received unwarranted criticism for his support of the students and their choice.

Robert Albritton, chair of the Faculty Senate and professor of political science, feels that it's necessary for the senate to make their support of Chancellor Jones public.

"The feedback on this has become a bit over the top," Albritton said, "And we felt that it was appropriate for the Faculty Senate to express our support particularly of the Chancellor but also of the process that's been undertaken."

Despite statements indicating that the process was led by students, some believe that Jones was the driving force behind the black bear. Disapproval of Dan Jones is a popular sentiment among those in opposition of the mascot.

Jarred Hancock, a student and Colonel Reb supporter, still believes that the selection process was not truly student-led and that the school would have been better off without an official mascot.

"The voting statistics that came out never added up," Hancock said. "If it was really a student-led election, what about the students who signed the petition to bring back Colonel Reb? The only voices that were heard were those of students who agreed with the new mascot. No one paid attention to those of us who didn't."

Nonetheless, administration officials and the Faculty Senate believe that Jones intentionally stayed out of the process after granting his permission to the students to proceed.

Andrew Mullins, chief of

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Oxford amends leash laws

BY ASHLEIGH DAVIS
The Daily Mississippian

The City of Oxford has made new amendments to the leash law during the Board of Aldermen meeting on Nov. 16. The new ordinance states that dogs have to be on a leash within the city of Oxford unless they are on private property. This includes parks, sidewalks and the like.

"The current law does not really address the issue of a dog not being on a leash, more so running (roaming) at-large without the owner around," Oxford Police Chief Mike Martin said.

Oxford Police Department receives a couple calls a week concerning animals that are

loose within city limits, mostly have due to loose dogs at Lamar Park according to Martin.

Mayor Pat Patterson said he supports the idea of animals being on a leash if it is out in a public area such as Lamar or Avenet Park.

Persons who currently allow their dog to run at large are subject to a fine and the dog being picked up by animal control, Martin said.

"If the board approves the law, then the owner will be fined if the dog is not on a leash in public use area. The amount of fine will be set upon the passage of the law," Martin said.

Patterson said they don't have plans for a dog park yet, but certainly a lot of discussion.

"We're looking at possibly making a part of Lamar Park a dog park, or a more likely spot would be by the new animal shelter," Patterson said.

Patterson said that there is a large area behind the shelter that would be possible to fence in where the dogs would have an ideal place to run around.

According to Patterson, in the most recent complaint, a dog ran over a person and knocked her down, breaking her wrist in the process.

Prior to the incident, the leash law within the city had only been loosely enforced.

However, after this complaint and several others, they decided it was time to start cracking down on leashless dogs in Oxford.

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I'll have the Unhappy Meal, please

BY ADAM
GANUCHEAU
Columnist

Think about things that we, as Americans, want in today's culture.

There are three things that come to my mind: We want to spend the least money possible, we want instant gratification, and we want to be treated with respect. Theoretically, what better gives us those three things than a fast food restaurant?

These places are the epitome of the American way of life. They have always had the cheapest meals available, the fastest possible fix to our ever-growing appetites, and the optimal friendly customer service. However, things are starting to drastically change.

If you don't feel like cooking and you are on a college budget, places like Wendy's, McDonald's, or Burger King are the ideal places to go. Though we might want something a little more healthy or enjoyable than these fattening foods, the low

prices of these fast food places allow us to look past our more expensive desires.

However, the prices at these establishments are steadily rising. I remember when I could get a burger, fries, and a Coke for about \$4. Now, I spend over seven dollars to get the same thing.

For what I am spending on fast food greasiness, I could sit down at Applebee's or Chili's and eat something that has actual taste and is a little more healthy.

Strike one. I also remember when I could walk into a fast food restaurant, order my food, and it would be in my hand in no more than two minutes. Sometimes it still happens, but these restaurants seem to have generally lost sight of their sole purpose: to be fast.

Nothing annoys me more than having to pull up and wait on my food in a drive-thru. I know

that there are a lot of customers, but it is your job to get my food to me as fast as possible. Anyone who has ever gone to a fast food place in Oxford knows exactly what I am talking about.

Strike two.

I am a very social person. I love to talk to people, even if I have no clue who they are.

As could be expected, I always try to make small conversation with people that work at fast food restaurants. Nothing big, just a, "Hi, how are you today?" I can recall several times in the past that the employees would respond with a warm response and a friendly manner.

I'd be damned if I was ever treated like that in fast food restaurants today. Most of the people that work at these places seem to have no social skills.

The least they could do is pretend that they actually enjoy life. Just a little personality would do.

And when you give me my food, at least tell me to enjoy my meal or have a nice day. Instead, I have to worry about you going in the bathroom and killing yourself because that's the vibe you just gave me.

Friendly customer service should still be a main goal of these establishments, and I just do not understand why I don't receive it.

Strike three.

Basically, the three things that Americans want and expect from fast food restaurants are not happening.

The prices are steadily rising, making it pointless to waste money on unhealthy, worst-tasting food. The speediness of getting the food is sinking to an all-time slow rate. The friendly customer service is almost always nonexistent.

There is almost no point in

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Breakin' up is hard to do

I have quit on almost all of my friends.

In fact, I'm working to alter my identity entirely to further distance myself from something that many of them still have in common – I've decided to become a non-smoker.

My decision wasn't heavily influenced by anti-tobacco propaganda or the newest study on smoking's consequences, but rather by a moment of clarity that I stumbled upon myself. I realized I was in a very one-sided relationship – always paying for everything and not getting anything but discomfort and false pleasure in return for all of the time I was investing in it.

I had become frustrated with my inability to give "no" as an answer; I knew I could save myself a ton of money by refusing to smoke – but I couldn't say "no." I knew that if I was averaging 20 cigarettes (a pack) a day and six minutes a smoke break, I was spending at least two hours of my life every day burning myself alive – but I couldn't say "no." I was weaker than I thought.

Then my conscience began to belittle me mercilessly every time I put a cigarette to my mouth: "If you're so full and bright like you like to think, how can you continue to rationalize to yourself a habit that ten out of ten idiots know is a terrible idea?"

The answer was easy to figure out but difficult to admit: I was addicted. At first I took solace in the fact that

a lot of my friends shared my desire to quit smoking, but no matter how often we kicked the idea around it seemed that no one ever actually went through with it. That was when I realized that my friends were themselves mirrors of my apprehension – also struggling to balance their addiction with the fact that they know better.

As I continued to contemplate quitting, my conscience began to get more and more aggravated with me as I rationalized my addiction. Eventually it grew tired of my excuses and let me have it: "It's not cool – it's not trendy," it warned. "It's literally cancer in a stick and the people selling it are making money off of your death. You know better – you just don't know how to take your own advice."

Perhaps, I thought, it was time for me to grow up and take some responsibility.

Addiction is nothing more than putting off quitting for another day, and it becomes harder and harder to reconcile every day it goes on. I used to stand on the pillar of hope that I had "time" to quit before I got older, but I realized that addiction feeds off of nothing but time and use.

And although the decision to quit ultimately falls on the user, it's not a battle that you have to fight all by yourself. Like I said earlier – there are a lot of smokers out there that

share the desire to find a new hobby, and perhaps they can help you out if you try to help them.

I got together with a couple of my friends and – in an ode to Seinfeld's "The Contest" – began a competition to see who could successfully quit cold turkey. To add incentive, we put down a friendly wager to see who could remain "master of their domain" for the longest.

Now, nearly a month in, we agree that the support we've received from each other has been just as beneficial as the money we stand to lose if we have a relapse. We've begun to change our identity – instead of saying, "I'm trying to quit," we simply reply, "Sorry, I'm not a smoker" whenever someone offers one to us. Simply saying "no" is much easier than having to

explain yourself.

It feels good to be a nonsmoker. Once you put down your last cigarette, the carbon monoxide and oxygen levels in your blood return to normal within a mere two days; just two weeks in, circulation improves and lung function increases; as the months and years pass, your risks for heart and lung disease decreases significantly. It's not too late; it's never too late.

I'm not knocking your want to carry that on – if you're a smoker and you're happy with it, by all means do what makes you happy until it no longer does. But if you've been trying to quit for a while, stop playing Turkish Roulette with those number nines and take your own advice.

You won't regret it.



BY ANDREW DICKSON
Columnist

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even spending my money on these places anymore. If this kind of nonsense continues, they will no longer be put up with by Americans.

It will truly be interesting to behold the future of fast food restaurants in America. If nothing else, we Americans will get what we want no matter what.

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"I think most enlightened university presidents believe that tenure needs to be improved by some changing," he said. "Whether or not they're willing to say that publicly is another thing. If there's no likelihood of them prevailing they may not be willing to take up the fight."

Earlier this year, the American Association of University Professors, which has about 47,000 members, published a report, "Tenure and Teaching-Intensive Appointments," which says the tenure system has "all but collapsed" and argues that more faculty members should be on the tenure track.

"Tenure has ceased to be the norm," the report said, as the majority of faculty at many universities is now made up of teaching-intensive contingent faculty, which includes adjuncts, non-tenured and part-time faculty. The AAUP argues this trend needs to change because these positions have little job security

and few protections for academic freedom. Tenure was created to provide academic freedom, the report said, not as a "merit badge for research intensive faculty or as a fence to exclude those with teaching intensive commitments."

"Conversion to tenure is the best way to stabilize the faculty," the report said. "The best practice for institutions of all types is to convert the status of contingent appointments to appointments eligible for tenure with only minor changes in job description."

According to Institutional Research and Assessment, at Ole Miss last year, 57 percent of faculty members were tenured on the tenure-track – much higher than the national average of around 30 percent.

Maurice Eftink, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, said there are currently no plans to reform the university's tenure policies.

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staff to the chancellor, said he feels that the students made the final decision.

"From the very beginning the students came to [Jones] and said they wanted to start exploring a new on-field mascot," Mullins said. "So he said we'll provide you support but you set up the system. It's going to be your choice. It was a student-led effort."

The new resolution urges all who have an interest in the well-being of Ole Miss to follow suit and respect the leadership decisions of Dan Jones. Albritton said that the Faculty Senate wants to clearly express support of not only the Chancellor but the mascot selection process as well.

"This is a student issue, a student project and we support the students," Albritton said.



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Oxford's annual Christmas Parade set for Monday

BY ALEXANDRA COMBS
The Daily Mississippian

As the city of Oxford prepares for another busy holiday season, the members of the Oxford Lions club are anticipating another successful Christmas parade.

Oxford's annual Christmas parade has been scheduled for the first Monday of December for over 40 years.

This year, the Christmas parade will take place on Decem-

ber 6, beginning at 7 p.m.

Participants of the parade will gather at the Midtown shopping center, and proceed down Lamar to the Oxford Square, ending at the Lyceum where the annual tree lighting ceremony will be held.

This year there are approximately 85 to 90, floaters, walkers and rider who will participate in this year's parade.

Trophies will be given for first, second, and third place to

the most original and creative floats. Everyone is encouraged to participate; those who wish to enter a float into the contest are required to pay a \$10 participation fee.

"There will be three judges on the balcony of the First National Bank who will select the float winner at the end of the parade during the Christmas tree lighting," Jim Windham, director of procurement services, and Chair of the Christmas parade, said.

Each year, the Christmas parade brings thousands of people to the streets of Oxford, attendance increases each year.

"In the last several years it's been a nice crowd, about eight or nine thousand people show up for this event, so it's been a large attendance," Windham said.

The City of Oxford contributes partially for the funding of the Christmas parade, however; it is generally a "break even"

event. Hundreds of dollars worth of candy is donated for distribution during the parade.

Windham said the parade is a community project.

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Is Facebook the mouth of the future?

BY LANCE INGRAM
City News Editor

Has Facebook replaced word of mouth as the fastest means of communication? Samir Husni, professor of journalism, Hederman lecturer and director of the Magazine Innovation Center, said he believes the social networking site now allows for information to spread faster than ever.

"I was telling my wife just yesterday how much it seems the world has more trouble, sickness and death," he said. "It really seems like we have more now or is it because of the social media and internet we know more about stuff because that stuff may have been happening all over but we didn't know about them."

According to iStrategyLabs.com, an online initiative that uses social media websites to engage communities through creative marketing, Facebook has a 144.9 percent growth in registered users since January 2009 in the United States alone. Every week more than 5 billion pieces of content such as web links, news stories and blog posts are shared, according to data compiled by website-monitoring.com.

Sarah Freeman, a junior market-

ing communications major, said she checks her Facebook about five or six times a day. She said she has followed many links people have posted on their personal Facebook page.

"I can understand why advertisers and businesses would want to use Facebook as a way to get their stuff out there," she said. "A lot of days I get caught up following links people have posted on their page and find out what's going on in the world."

Freeman said she typically finds out about new music or popular YouTube videos through links posted on Facebook.

With the exponential growth that the social media site has seen it's no surprise that businesses are using it to push new products and news.

"It has created a new pathway for news and media outlets to get news out there faster," Husni said. "We have to recognize each medium and how powerful that medium is."

Social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter allow users to make post as frequently as they please, which, for major news organizations like CNN, Fox News and MSNBC, is a way of getting

information out there quicker.

"To me, if it is breaking and happening, Facebook and Twitter is even faster than cable or television because it is in your pocket," Husni said. "You don't have to wait until you're home to get on a computer anymore."

Husni said he believes we need to start utilizing each medium.

"All of the print medium is a bridge between yesterday and tomorrow; something Facebook, the Internet or television can never do," Husni said. "So there is no news of what happened in newspapers anymore so in a daily it's a 48 hour bridge and in a weekly it's a two week bridge but with Facebook and Twitter, how fast you want to dispense is up to you."

In November 2007, Facebook launched Facebook Ads, which allowed businesses the ability to get their product on the pages of fastest growing websites to date. Since then over one million developers and entrepreneurs from more than 180 countries have advertised on Facebook, and two-thirds of comScore's U.S. Top 100 websites and half of comScore's Top 100 global websites have implemented Facebook Connect, according to Facebook's website.



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With the opportunity to create a page for free it would seem impractical for businesses not to utilize social networking sites to get new product information available almost instantly.

"Social media will continue to grow but at the end of the day we have to keep in mind that yes, Facebook may have 500 million (users) but what's in it for me as someone who's living in Oxford, Mississippi or someone who wants to buy an ad in Oxford," Husni said.

Erin Abbott, owner of Amelia Presents, said she believes modern businesses must utilize Facebook.

"It's a sign of the times because it's how you have to do it these days, to utilize the growing social media network," she said. "It's just taken over the internet in a lot of ways, when you've got every business under the sun has a Facebook page in this day in age."

Abbott said she uses her business' page to get the word out about new items she has coming into the store to all of the store's followers.

Despite the craze and the proven success of Facebook and other social networking sites, Husni said only God and a fool can tell as to what the future holds.

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Special congrats to Chelsea Caveny for winning the first Ole Miss Mitchell Scholarship!

Looking back with Barbara Lago

BY EMILY ROLAND
The Daily Mississippian

What has your job been like at the University?

I was a staff writer in media and public relations first, so I wrote a lot of press releases and wrote a lot of newsletter and magazine stories. Then, I edited our alumni magazine for a few years. In addition to that, I covered the development office, the foundation and wrote a lot of releases about what is going on there.

Ed Meek was my first boss, and I worked for him for about 18 years. He made me the University's Public Information Officer and then made me the Director of Media and PR.

Where did you meet your husband?

We met at Bemidji State. He was

a junior, and I was a freshman. I was on work study, so I had a part-time job in the biology department's office answering phones and typing tests. He was a biology major, so he was boppin' in and out all the time.

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A paleontologist. I just loved science – it was one of my favorite subjects, and I was good at it. I did a lot of reading and studying dinosaurs and old bones, and it was really cool.

Has anything happened at Ole Miss that you will always remember?

Yes, the presidential debate (2008). We spent probably a year preparing for the presidential debate. It was a lot of long hours and a lot of hard work, but it was just

amazing to watch it all happen. I'll never forget getting up the next morning and coming in to the office – we worked until midnight or one o'clock the night before the debate – but getting up and coming to the office the next morning, I had to write the stories. I stared at a blank computer screen probably for an hour before I got the lead.

I've worked in PR for 27 years, and I've worked for four chancellors. But during that entire time, we put a lot of effort into changing the University's image and bringing us from the image that we had in the 60s to the image we have now. We're an open university, open to everyone. We work to ensure that everybody, no matter where they come from, no matter the color of their skin, that they would be comfortable here. We wanted to make

sure that everyone felt like this was a nurturing place.

I think one of the most important things about the debate was the opportunity to show the country and the world what we're like now, as opposed to what the institution was like in the 60s. That was very rewarding. A lot of the national media did pieces contrasting Ole Miss today to the Ole Miss of years ago.

Why are you retiring?

Family reasons – for thirty-something years, we go home to Minnesota every summer on a two week trip. We would visit my family and have a family reunion, then go visit my husband's family in Iowa. It's not enough time. The University is always going to be here, but some of my family members won't.

For the full interview, visit thedmonline.com.



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IN REVIEW: A Christmas Carol: A Ghost Story of Christmas



EMMA WILLOUGHBY | The Daily Mississippian

Junior theater major Christopher Young and professor Rory Ledbetter perform in the holiday production, A Christmas Carol. It will be showing Thursday through Sunday at Fulton Chapel.

BY MIA CAMURATI
The Daily Mississippian

Tonight, there will be over 500 performances of A Christmas Carol in the United States alone, and one of the most original productions is right here at Fulton Chapel.

The production that Dex Edwards brought to Ole Miss is not an adaptation usually seen outside of a psychedelic nightmare, but as always, he brings perfection to his out-of-the-box visions.

Everyone knows the story of Dickens' A Christmas Carol and remembers the warm, fuzzy feeling at the end when Scrooge turns that frown upside down and becomes a decent human being after all. While this production has the same plot as the original, the eerie effects of the glowing ghosts wandering through the shadows take the warm and fuzzy right out of the equation.

With Rory Ledbetter, assistant professor of voice and acting, as Ebenezer Scrooge backed by eight theater majors and one adorable

small child playing the remainder of the roles, the small cast rarely falters with shifting from one character to the next.

Edwards' concept is what sets this production apart from most. He takes an old family tradition and spins it into a twisted world of theater ghosts haunting Scrooge both as Dickens' characters and as the real ghosts of Fulton Chapel.

Such a unique concept has to be backed by strong acting and a plethora of technical aspects. Luckily, Edwards is known around the world for his ability to take even the most bland script and bring it to a new dimension with his genius, and this show is no exception.

Furniture pieces and dress forms move on their own. Chains rattle as Jacob Marley, played by Sam Damare, makes his spooktacular entrance.

One aspect rarely (if ever) seen before this production is the flight between Christmas Past, played by Christopher Young, and Scrooge.

Instead of the average flight sys-

tem, Edwards uses his budget and imagination wisely and uses a see-saw operated by other cast members to make the two "fly" over the streets of Camdentown. It is not a great feat to use a see-saw, but it is the ingenious way that Edwards reworks the expected and brings a finished product never imagined.

The entire set, from apron to arch, is solid black. Stairs, platforms, doors, walls, all of it. This not only enhances the scare-factor of the performance, but it also makes the intricate period costumes pop.

The ghost of Christmas Present, played by freshman Logan Little, has one of the most regal coats ever to cross Fulton stage. From his grand entrance on a staircase full of food to his hardened stance above the action with coat on and cane in hand, everything about this character looks flawless.

Technical aspects, while the majority of this show, still could not accomplish anything without the actors bringing them to life.

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Ledbetter is a wise choice for Scrooge due to his obvious age difference between the rest of the cast, but his performance was a bit dull and left a lot to be desired. He is rarely alone on stage and the enthusiasm of the surrounding cast members give depth and bring a lost sense of entertainment to the lackluster Scrooge.

Kelly Barker, sophomore and newcomer to the Fulton stage, is a laugh-out-loud riot from stop to finish. With her over-the-top dialects and grand gestures, she brings a bit of necessary comedic relief to the grim atmosphere.

Gavin Fields once again shines through as an up-and-coming force in this department. As one of the only freshmen in the show, he brings dimension to every character he portrays. He is generous with his emotions and gives the audience someone to root for, even knowing

how Scrooge has turned out to be. No matter which character he is at a given moment, there is always enough in his character choices to differentiate

Another stand-out performance is from junior and Fulton veteran Sam Damare. His strong stage presence serves him well in an ensemble cast by drawing the eye ever-so-slightly in his direction, even when the focus is not directly on him. However, when the focus is on Damare, he puts every ounce into his performance and gives the audience an unforgettable character and a stellar show.

A dark concept mixed with a family show is always a risk, but Edwards, once again, wraps up the semester with a must-see performance. Whether it is a break from studying or a way to get into the Christmas spirit, A Christmas Carol is the perfect prescription.

Celebrate Hanukkah with UMJC

BY ASHLEY BALL
The Daily Mississippian

A new student organization called the UM Jewish Community (UMJC) celebrates the holidays this year by hosting a Hanukkah Party, Sunday, December 5.

This will be the organization's first event.

The organization was formed earlier this semester, in late September and is affiliated with Hillel.

Hillel, its parent affiliation, provides opportunities for Jewish students at more than 500 colleges and universities. It allows students to discover and celebrate their Jewish identity through its worldwide network of local centers, campus foundations and Hillel student organizations.

Hillel works to provoke a rebirth of Jewish life.

However, some students around campus were a little uncertain about what Hanukkah really represented.

"I'm not sure what Hanukkah really is," sophomore accounting major James Buchannan said. "I think in today's society, we focus so much on Christianity's culture, we forget to educate ourselves on other cultures."

Hanukkah means "dedication" in Hebrew.

It is a Jewish holiday celebrated for eight days and nights. It normally starts on the 25th of the Jewish month of Kislev, which overlaps between late November-late December on the secular calendar.

This Sunday will make up the fifth day of Hanukkah.

UMJC hopes to promote its new organization, but more significantly wants to share Jewish culture with the Oxford and Ole Miss community by hosting this party.

The party will provide lots of food, music and great fellowship for all.

"It's a way for the new student group to share their holiday tradition with the campus community," said Jason Solinger, co-faculty

adviser and assistant professor of English.

Additionally, with finals so near, Solinger said the group wanted to use this as a "study break" for students.

As the holidays are slowly approaching, many families and friends come together to celebrate in their own special ways.

Of course not everyone celebrates the same way, but Ole Miss prides itself as being a diverse campus.

The founding of UMJC simply adds to this.

"One of the things that makes our campus so great is its diversity and multicultural feeling," Solinger said. "This just another way to enhance our campus."

The event will be held in the Student Union Ballroom from 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome, but there is limited space due to RSVP tickets bought in advance.

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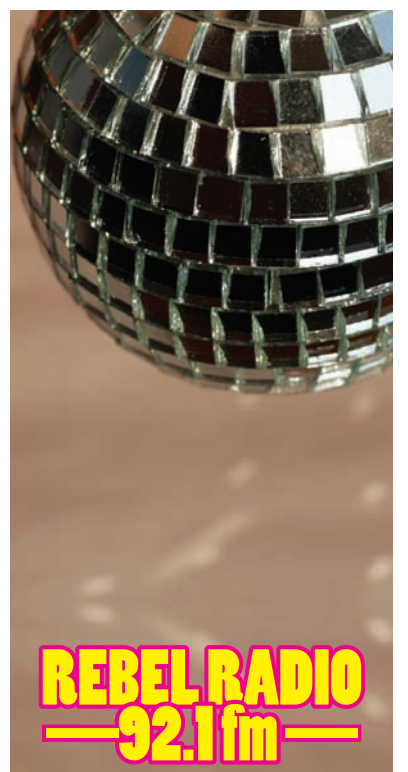
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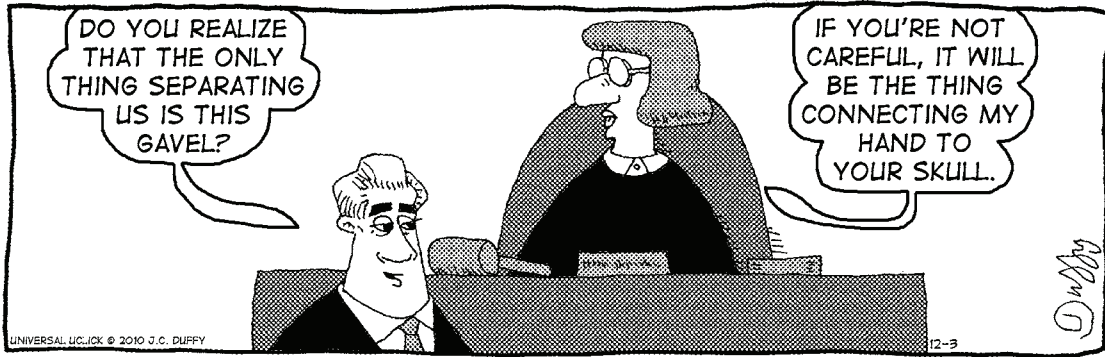
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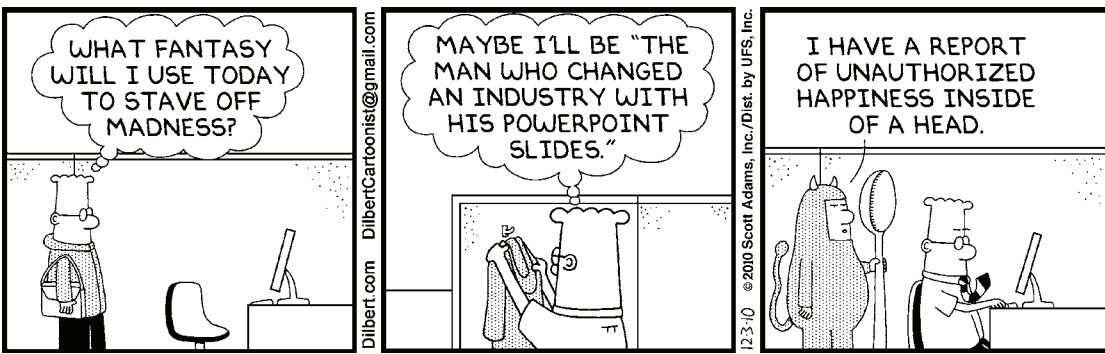
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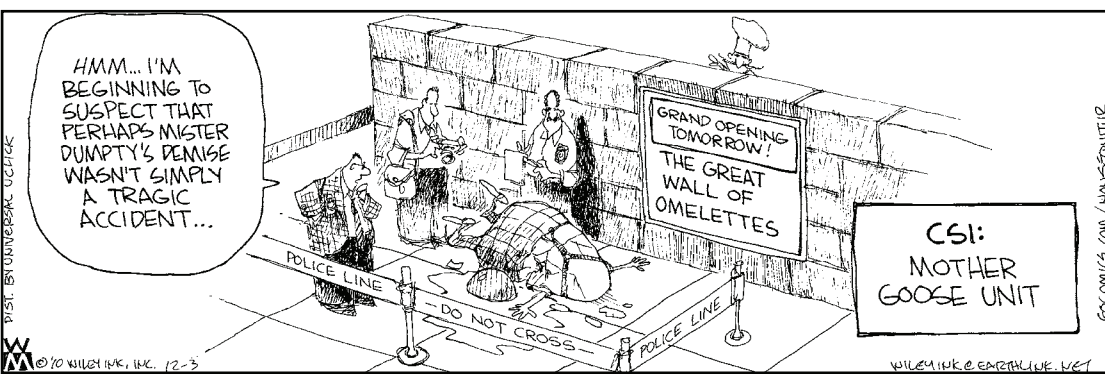
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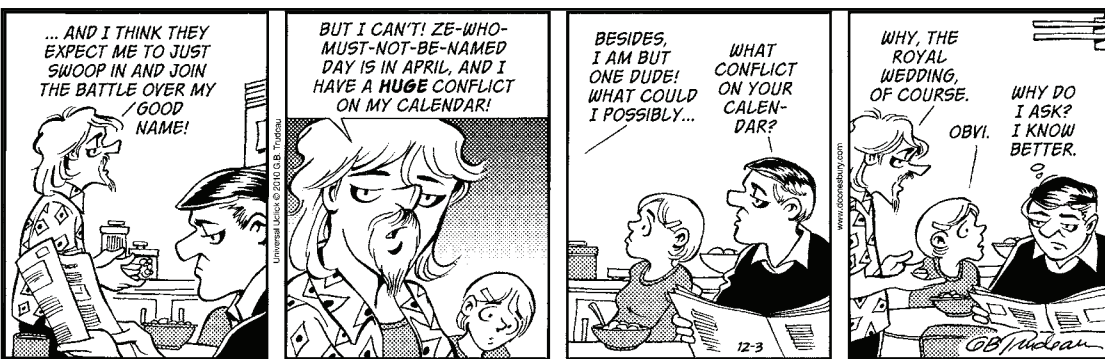
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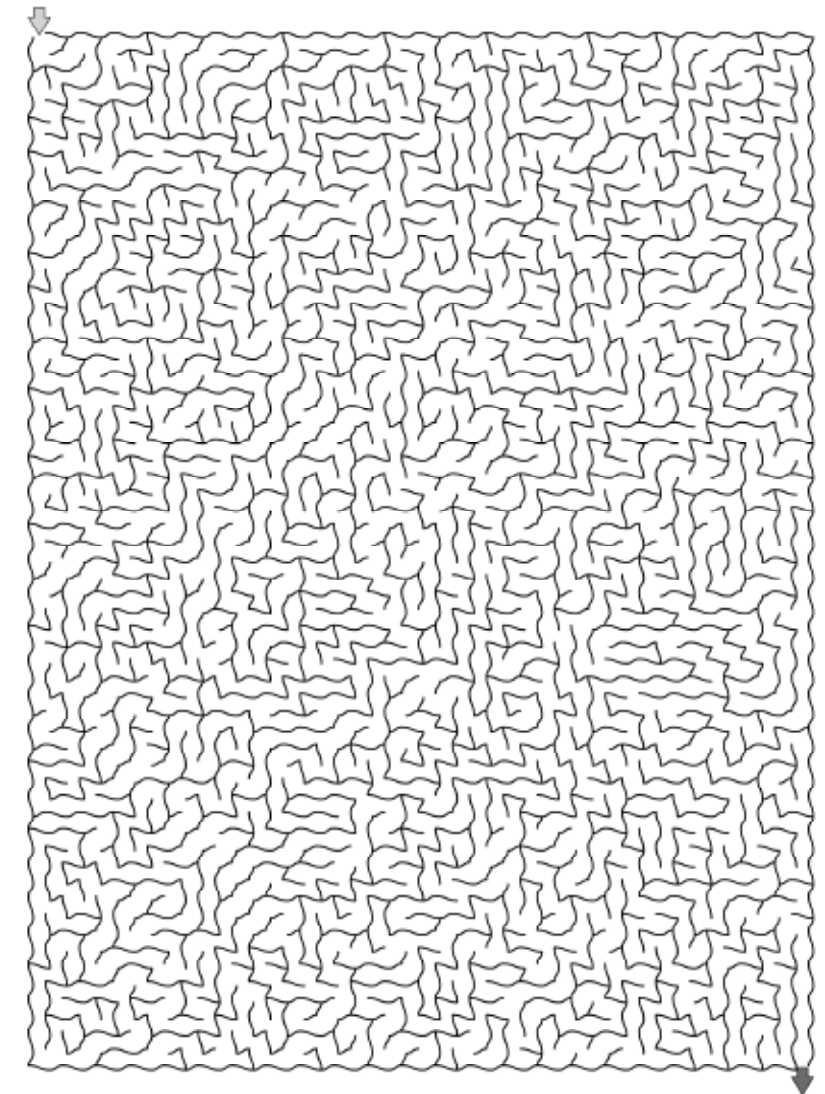
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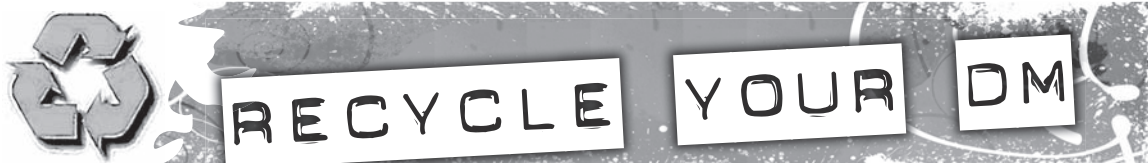
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NCAA sets dangerous precedent with Cam Newton decision

BY ANDREW DICKSON
Sports Columnist

The more aware the general public becomes about a certain set of circumstances, the more skeptical it becomes of the claims of innocence and ne-science expressed by a couple of characters central to the story. In the case of Heisman Trophy frontrunner Cameron Newton, his father Cecil – a bishop for a collection of Georgia-based churches – allegedly shopped him around during his recruitment last year without letting his son in on the secret.

On Tuesday, Auburn University quietly ruled Cam Newton ineligible and conceded that his amateur status had been violated. On Wednesday the NCAA reversed the ruling and declared Newton eligible without condition, claiming that it was Cecil Newton and “an owner of a scouting service” – which happens to be former Missis-

issippi State player Kenny Rogers – who violated the NCAA’s amateurism rules.

The NCAA got involved this summer and began investigating a possible pay-for-play scheme that was allegedly discussed during Cam Newton’s recruitment. Two boosters from MSU accused Cecil Newton and Rogers of trying to procure up to \$180,000 for Cam Newton’s signature.

Kevin Lennon, the NCAA vice president for academic and membership affairs, said in a release this week, “Based on the information available to the reinstatement staff at this time, we do not have sufficient evidence that Cam Newton or anyone from Auburn was aware of this activity, which led to his reinstatement.”

A couple of things puzzle me here: First, if Newton’s eligibility status was violated, how can the NCAA reinstate him without so much as a one-game suspension

simply because he was unaware of his father’s actions? Renardo Sidney has been sitting away on the Mississippi State basketball sidelines for over a year now because his parents allegedly took illegal benefits. What makes his marred “amateur status” worthy of such punishment when Newton is not?

If MSU had distanced itself from the rest of the Sidney family and had Renardo claim ignorance of the whole situation, would he have been ready to go for tipoff last year?

Secondly, how could Cameron Newton be unaware of something that involves him and his father so directly? Is Cecil really that good at covering up “the big lie?”

Regardless of whether Cam actually knew of the alleged wrongdoings or not, the NCAA has set a dangerous precedent with its most recent ruling: There will be no penalty if you’re caught, turned in or even if you

admit guilt so long as your son doesn’t know you’re shopping him around.

I suppose the other extreme would be to end the collegiate athletic career of a student-athlete for the wrongdoings of another – especially when the son is allegedly “free of sin.” This is quite a tough situation Cecil and the NCAA have found themselves in (and put Cameron in).

Unfortunately, Cam Newton may end up as a symbol for the end of College Football BCS – before Cam – and the start of a new age of Minor League Football, sanctioned by the NCAA.

The NCAA is an autonomous organization that usually moves at a glacier pace. The the swiftness of this decision this week was peculiar, but it comes as an update and not a resolution. Make no mistake– it’s quite feasible the NCAA will get its facts straight over the next few years and drop the hammer on

Auburn just as soon as everyone forgets about this mess (see: Reggie Bush and USC).

This recent ruling will initiate a full and probably long investigation by the NCAA’s enforcement group, but it did require the declaration of ineligibility by Auburn it got this week. But until that potential investigation is wrapped up and the NCAA gets its version of facts of the violation, the small chance that Cam will be completely cleared was enough to have his eligibility reinstated for now.

In the meantime, we get a good Southeastern Conference championship game and maybe a memorable Bowl Championship Series title game. I have to admit, the guy is fun to watch and probably only a little dirtier than most high profile recruits. I hope he goes on to make his millions and becomes autonomous himself.

Perhaps it’s time he started following his own plan for his life.

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Logan returning along with Vincent Sanders who redshirted this past season and is expected to be a good one.

The bright spot of the Ole Miss offense in 2011 looks to be the offensive line, which returns plenty of experience and a good amount of young talent. Tackles Bradley Sowell and Bobby Massie, guards Alex Washington, Jared Duke,

and Patrick Junen and center AJ Hawkins all return among others.

An offensive line that was ravaged by injuries early but became a solid unit by season’s end looks to be in prime position to shine in 2011.

On defense, improvements need to be made on a group that was disappointing all season long. The Rebels expect

defensive end Kentrell Lockett to return after tearing his ACL last year, which will provide a big boost to the pass rush. If Jerrell Powe also returns, the Rebels will have two prime-time players back on the defensive line.

Ole Miss could potentially have a solid linebacker core in DT Shackelford, Mike Marry and Joel Kight starting, an im-

posing group with youngsters like Clarence Jackson backing them up.

The secondary, one that was filled with youth, will be a year older and better. Charles Sawyer, Frank Crawford, Tony Grimes (pending reinstatement from suspension), Brishen Matthews and others all have bright futures at Ole Miss on the field.

The point is, there are multiple reasons to be optimistic about the Rebels in 2011. If Ole Miss can close out strong on the recruiting trail by filling holes at defensive tackle, wide receiver and defensive back and fix the issues that plagued Ole Miss in 2010, there is no reason Ole Miss shouldn’t be headed back in the right direction.

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BY BENNETT HIPPI
The Daily Mississippian

The 2010 Ole Miss football season did not go as planned. A team that UM coaches expected to win seven or eight games ended up going 4-8, including embarrassing losses at home to Football Championship

Subdivision team Jacksonville State and perennial Southeastern Conference bottom feeder Vanderbilt.

A combination of injuries, inexperience and off the field issues offset the great performances of Jeremiah Masoli, Brandon Bolden and others.

While this past season was a

huge disappointment for players, coaches and fans alike, the Rebels are hoping 2010 was just a blip on the radar and not a sign of a developing trend. Looking ahead to 2011, there is good reason to expect Ole Miss to be a competitive and team that finds its way back to a bowl game.

Ole Miss returns almost everyone offensively, losing only Masoli and wide receivers Markeith Summers and Lionel Breaux. At the quarterback

position, it looks to be a battle between Randall Mackey and Nathan Stanley for the starting job.

If Ole Miss continues to run a spread-option style offense they used this past year, it would seem Mackey would be the choice. A true dual-threat quarterback, Mackey was a Parade All-American coming out of high school. Mackey went to junior college, where he continued his dominant play and all signs point to him being a pro-

ductive college quarterback.

At running back and receiver, Ole Miss has plenty of options returning. Senior-to-be Brandon Bolden, who fell just short of 1,000 yards rushing in 2010, will be back. Freshman sensation Jeff Scott will be a year older and stronger and Enrique Davis will be in the mix as well.

At receiver, Ole Miss will have Melvin Harris and Ja-Mes

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MOVIE	RATING	SHOWTIMES
Burlesque	PG-13	4:20 7:20 9:55
Due Date	R	9:45
Faster	R	4:35 7:30
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Pt. 1	PG-13	3:55 7:00 10:05
Love and Other Drugs	R	4:25 7:25 10:00
Megamind 3-D	PG	4:10 7:00
Morning Glory	PG-13	9:15
Tangled 3-D	PG	4:05 7:05 9:25
The Next Three Days	PG-13	4:25 7:15 9:55
Unstoppable	PG-13	4:15 7:10 9:30

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