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Study Abroad can bring mutual frustrations

BY JACOB BATTE
The Daily Mississippian

Hundreds of students study abroad every year, traveling to familiar destinations like Australia, Argentina, Scotland and South Korea, as well as more exotic places like Fiji, Barbados and Samoa. Overall, there are more than 60 countries in which students can study.

The University reports that there are 93 students studying abroad in 17 countries for the spring semester.

This past semester, Matt Johnson studied abroad in Colchester, England, a town northeast of London. He said he enjoyed his time studying at the University of Essex and was intrigued by the way subjects are taught overseas.

"It was amazing," Johnson said. "The school was inside out. (At the University of Mississippi), we have textbooks and learn definitions, and learn what it is, and then (we) relate it to the founder and follow it up with the theories."

"In England you do the opposite. You read three or four books about these important people, and then in class you tell what you learned. You basically create your own concept, and that was really weird. I was learning about theories and going back to studies."

Derick Flinn, a risk management senior, also studied abroad this past semester in Osaka, Japan. He said he, too, had an enjoyable experience studying abroad.

"It was a fun experience being in Japan," Flinn said. "There were a lot of cool things to see (and) interesting foods to taste, and I got to learn a lot about the culture. There is a prejudice against foreigners in the country, so we are seen as outsiders."

The Japanese people won't get too close to you."

Flinn said classes were also taught differently in Japan.

"The classes were very lecture oriented; there were very few tests and almost no quizzes," he said. "A lot of it was a culture class — you would leave class, go out for an hour and go around the campus and ask the Japanese people questions. All in all, it was easier to study. They gave you point blank what you have to know and what you have to study. You could study in one night everything (you need) for the final."

However, after Johnson and Flinn returned from their time abroad, they came home to some frustration over administrative policies.

Johnson, a senior with a double major in education and psychology, struggled in some of his classes and was hoping to use the forgiveness policy to get on track.

"I ended up failing two of my classes," Johnson said. "And while I knew I was doing badly in two of my classes, I always had the forgiveness policy in the back of my mind."

However, once he got back he discovered that he could not use the forgiveness policy to retake those courses.

"I had kind of accepted defeat after that," Johnson said. "Then one day I was talking to one of my teachers and told her what had happened. She said that seemed like a weird circumstance, and she told me that apparently someone else had challenged it as well."

Since then, Johnson, who took a grade point average of just over 3.0 with him to England, has been on a mission to get that policy overturned. He has spoken with an assistant dean in the College of Liberal



ADDISON DENT | The Daily Mississippian

Sophomore public policy leadership major Hunter Nicholson bungee jumps from a bridge in Quito, Ecuador last June. Nicholson studied Spanish and public policy during his two months in Ecuador.

Arts and the department heads of the two classes that he failed, Ivo Kamps in English, and Michael Allen in psychology.

He also spoke with several people in the study abroad department and in the Provost's office. He even spoke with officials at the University of Essex and found out that he could retake the classes, except he would have to come back to England to do so.

Johnson said that everyone he has spoken with has fully supported his effort to change the

forgiveness rule, but whenever he has talked to someone in the registrar's office, he has always been rejected.

"It seems like everyone is game to help me except the registrar's office," Johnson said. "But it's like policy for the sake of policy. Even some of the people in the registrar's office are like 'this rule is not good,' but policy is policy."

Johnson said the study abroad courses he passed will go toward

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Mayor calls for security cameras on Oxford Square

BY KEVIN WILLIAMS
The Daily Mississippian

Mayor Pat Patterson called for security cameras to be installed on the Square during the Board of Aldermen meeting last week.

Patterson said that the move to increase security is the result of more late-night activity in the area.

"We're just at a point in our growth where we need more security up there," Patterson said.

"It's not directed toward anybody or anything — it's simply what's needed right now."

Local law enforcement officials fully support the measure.

Oxford Police Chief Mike Martin said the presence of security cameras on the Square will improve law enforcement efforts.

Ole Miss sophomore Ashley Ferguson said she supports this as well.

"I think it would be a good idea because I feel like it would

lessen the chance of crime, and if people do something wrong, you could catch them a lot easier," Ferguson said. "I think it's smart."

However, fellow Ole Miss sophomore Terry Ford disagrees.

"I'm not necessarily comfortable going to the Square knowing I'm being watched on camera," Ford said. "I feel like it's an invasion of privacy and a little Orwellian, you could say."

Patterson said funding for the approximately \$50,000 venture is to be taken from the city's general funds after it has been approved by the Board of Aldermen.

The Board of Aldermen was scheduled to vote on the issue on Thursday, April 7, but the action was delayed until the next meeting due to pre-existing items on the agenda.

If approved, Patterson said he hopes to see the cameras up and running by fall 2011.

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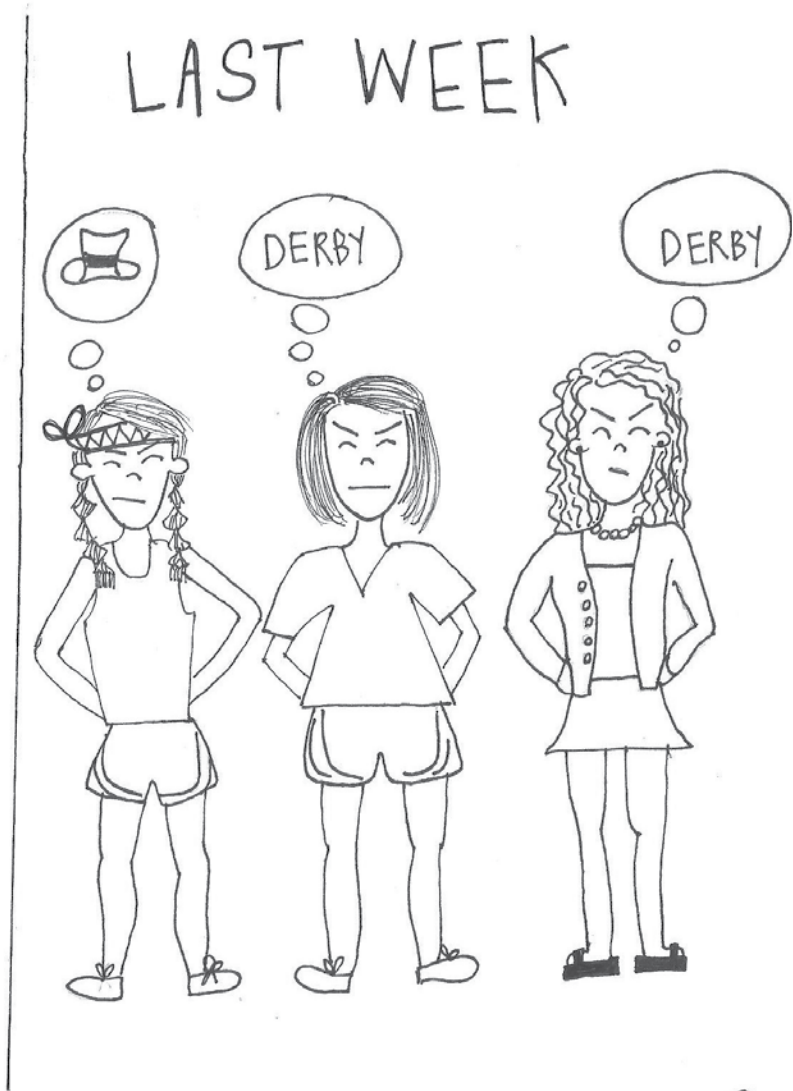


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BY CORTEZ
MOSS
Columnist

Thirty-one years ago, Mississippi elected a Rebel, a Mississippian, a Southerner and a great leader to the office of governor.

The man fought tirelessly for equality in everyday life. That man was William F. Winter.

Last week, I had the privilege of attending the Lenten Luncheon speaker series at Oxford University United Methodist Church, where Governor Winter spoke about leadership from a civic and religious perspective.

After Winter's former education policy adviser Andy Mullen gave the introduction, I was convinced that Mississippi needs another governor like Winter.

He is a champion for public education and racial rec-

onciliation in Mississippi.

His effective leadership spans back to one of his most prideful accomplishments, the 1982 Education Reform Act, which was the first major step in the improvement of public education and the creation of public kindergartens in over 20 years preceding its passage.

Winter was recently quoted saying, "History is the process whereby we understand who we are and where we've come from and what our responsibilities as citizens are."

His willingness to openly discuss our racial history and how we can move forward as a state is key to our moving forward today.

We cannot forget our past, but seeking to understand where we come from is key

to developing progressive policies that move our state in the right direction.

Winter provided leadership in one of the most difficult periods in Mississippi history, speaking out against the White Citizens' Council, as well as demonstrating other acts of leadership, which have prompted his continuous commitment to ensuring that all Mississippians have the same quality of life.

Today, our state is in a unique position with unemployment at an all-time high, a failing education system that ranks 50th in public education and a continual decline of the median family income.

We need effective leadership, much like Winter provided.

It is important to highlight the progress we have made in Mississippi through leaders of both political parties — Winter for the Education Reform Act of 1982 and Governor Haley Barbour for his tireless work on bringing a civil rights museum to Mississippi.

We can't stop there as we select our next governor of Mississippi; we need to consider the effective leadership of Winter and his tireless work.

Former Governor Kirk Fordice was often quoted saying, "You are the sovereign, and I am the servant."

We need servant leadership from our next governor, much like the servant and leader Winter was and still is today.



ALEX EDWARDS | The Daily Mississippian

Runners circle by the Lyceum during the beginning of the 13th Annual Jean Jones Walk/Run for Cancer. The event is named after Dr. Jean Jones, a former director of the University Counseling Center. Jones passed away in 1997 after losing her battle with cancer.

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his degree, and had he passed the other classes, they would have as well.

"If it is an actual equivalent of a UM course, why is the forgiveness policy not taken into consideration?" Johnson said. "And each time they tell me, because it isn't UM staff. Regardless of who it was, if I had passed all of them they would have gone to my degree."

Kelly Jenkins, an assistant registrar, said the school must stick to the policy put forth by the regional accrediting board.

"We are accredited by SACS, which is a regional accrediting board for colleges and universities," Jenkins said. "And we have to live up to certain standards and certain curriculum maintenance to be able to be a part of that SACS accrediting, and with the classes being taught at a different institution, even though we are going to accept that as a credit, we have to maintain that accrediting and make sure that it is taken on our campus for the forgiveness policy because of the SACS ac-

creditation."

Jenkins said schools outside of the United States are accredited differently; while the University will transfer study abroad courses, a class taken for forgiveness credit must be taken at Ole Miss.

SACS, or The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and Schools Commissions on Colleges, is the "regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states." Every major university and community college in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississip-

pi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia is a SACS accredited college.

However, Johnson is not the only student to have run into trouble with the registrar's office after studying abroad. Flinn came back to find that some of the classes he took in Japan were not going to be accepted by the University.

"OGU (Osaka Gakuin University) sent my transcript over to Ole Miss immediately after my exams were posted," Flinn said. "It took the University quite a while, and it wasn't necessarily study abroad, but the registrar's office. They had

problems accepting my classes and had questions about how it would count towards my grade point average. They had problems getting everything transferred back and getting everything categorized the right way and honoring my credits. I had to go to my Japanese teacher and ask for help."

Flinn, who took the equivalent of 21 hours in Japan, said he originally received only 15

hours of credit. He said he had to go through an appeal process of almost two months before he could finally get the credits counted on his transcript.

Both Flinn and Johnson admitted that they had a great time while studying abroad, but they recommend reading over the rules before heading overseas.

Officials at the Study Abroad Office declined to comment.

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Making video games girl-friendly

BY CASEY HOLLIDAY
The Daily Mississippian

Historically, video games, much like football, construction and binge drinking, have been a boys-only club.

No one is really sure how this phenomenon occurred. Although the University of Mississippi Gamers Association has several female members, girl gamers are normally looked down upon for playing video games, especially if they are particularly good.

But why don't more girls play video games?

Much of it comes down to social perception. Outside of party games like "Rock Band" and "Mario Kart" ("Mario Kart" being the generic name that girls use for any racing game), girls who play games suffer from the stereotype that sees them as weird or antisocial.

"A major contributor is social pressure," said girl-gamer Madison Stewart, a forensic chemistry major. "People tend to do what their friends do, and throughout recent history, gaming just hasn't been a 'girl thing.'"

Although stereotypes are often

true for a reason, and I wish I could disprove this one, I do not personally know many girl gamers (outside of one, but she is pretty snazzy).

This is part of the problem.

Girls are afraid to come out and say, "I like video games," for fear of being judged by their peers. The moment a girl knows the difference between an elixir and a potion or between an Orliasan and a Daelish, she is as looked down upon as downloadable map packs.

Another reason for this stigma could be the lack of female protagonists.

The main characters of most games are male, and when there is a female lead, like Lara Croft, Chun-Li or Jill Valentine, they are over-sexualized and are more about calling attention to certain "assets" than furthering any female movement.

Some people out there are trying to turn this around. Girlgamer.com is a type of hub for girl gamers to meet and associate with one another, since I guess playing games with other girls is more fun for them than with guys.

Ubisoft has a group of competi-

tive, all-female players called the "Frag Dolls," and the National Organization for Women is always complaining about something.

What really needs to change, though, is the online community.

Xbox Live is pretty much the go-to place for online gaming, and if a girl is playing and using a mic, things will go very badly for her.

She will get yelled at by every guy in the match, typically through sexist attacks or sexual advances, and will normally get so harassed that she quits the match.

Or she will be extremely good and show the guys how good she is, then follow the same path stated above.

Here is my proposal: Stage a huge "Black Ops" match between all the sororities (yeah, ignore what my last column said about this game), and the winner can be declared the girl gaming champ.

Eventually, the honor will be so prestigious that sororities will train their girls and hone their skills in the art of first-person shooters in the way they practice for Derby Day and Theta Encore.

Maybe this is pushing my dreams a bit too far, but I can



COURTESY OF SQUARE ENIX

hope.

The main point is that girls are embarrassed to play video games, often because of men.

And really, men, it is very counterproductive for your girlfriend to hate video games; if she liked them, she would play them with you instead of complaining that you are on "Dragon Age II" all the time (although then you would be

making your own sandwiches).

The moral of the story is that girls, like guys, just want to have fun, and if they think video games are fun, so be it.

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Lady Netters down Auburn to end losing streak

BY JOHN HOLT
The Daily Mississippian

The Ole Miss women's tennis team entered Sunday's match against Auburn riding a three-match losing streak and desperately needing a win.

On Sunday, the Lady Rebels (10-9, 3-7 Southeastern Conference) got that win with a dominating 4-0 victory over the Auburn Tigers (5-16, 1-9 SEC) at the Palmer/Salloum Tennis Center.

"It feels great to win," Ole Miss coach Mark Beyers said. "People say 'Oh, you lost three in a row.' Well we played the No. 7, 16 and 27 (teams) in the country, so I think a lot of teams would go 0-3 there. It was a tough stretch, but it's not like all of a sudden this team forgot how to play tennis or all of a sudden we're terrible."

For the first time in four matches, the Rebels claimed the doubles point.

Then in singles, freshman Vivian Vlaar gave the Rebels a 2-0 lead when she defeated Auburn freshman Taylor Cohen 6-2, 6-1 at No. 6.

Meanwhile junior Abby Guthrie's 6-1, 6-3 win over Auburn's Maria Arechavaleta at No. 5 increased the Rebels' lead to 3-0.

Moments later, junior All-American Kristi Boxx clinched the match for the Rebels at No. 1 defeating Auburn's Caroline Thornton 6-2, 6-2.

Friday against Alabama, Boxx led 5-2 in the first set of her match before collapsing to lose in straight sets 7-5, 6-3. Sunday, Boxx got off to a great start once again and this time continued playing her aggressive style of tennis to secure the win.

"Friday, I had the momentum and then it was a couple points and the momentum changed," Boxx said. "I never could really get that back. Today, I was really focused on keeping the momentum."

The Rebels close out their 2011 regular season on Saturday when they host Mississippi State on senior day at 11 a.m.

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He's seen Dexter McCluster and Brandon Bolden steal the show on the ground, and just when he was getting going last year he suffered a knee injury. Last year he carried the ball 82 times for 337 yards and three scores.

In 2011, the Rebels once again have more than a handful of capable backs. Davis said the abundance of running backs on the Ole Miss roster has its positives.

"I feel like all of us make each other better," Davis said. "Most of these guys have been here my freshman year, or I've at least had a year with. I feel like everybody has something to bring to the table and we feed off each other and try to get better."

Thomas has had similar problems climbing the depth chart.

The San Antonio, Texas native arrived at Ole Miss after having broken his ankle as a high school senior, which gave him a disadvantage from the start.

During his time in Oxford Thomas has often impressed in scrimmages, but hasn't made his way onto the field all that often. Last year, he had only six carries.

Nutt, however, believes there's a place in the running back rotation for Thomas

"Devin is going to have a role," Nutt said. "I just told him out here today. He is perfect. Yes sir. No sir. A 4.0 student. He never says one word, but 'How can I help the team.' What an attitude – what an example. He's going to have a role."



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Ole Miss running back Enrique Davis is seen scoring one of two touchdowns he had at an intra-squad scrimmage on Saturday afternoon.



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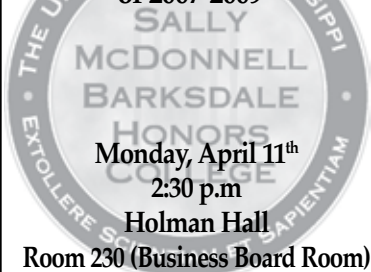
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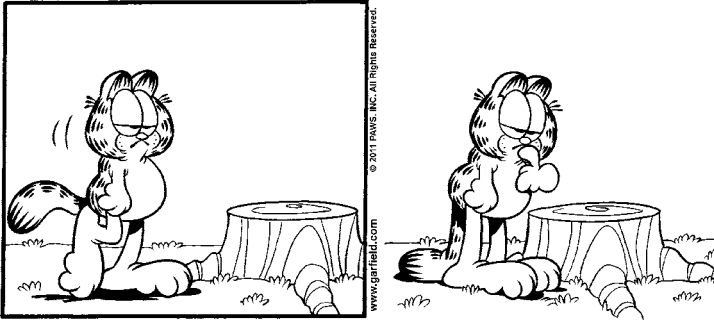


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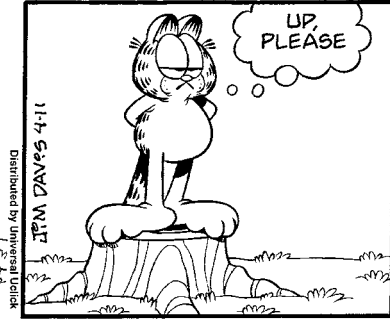
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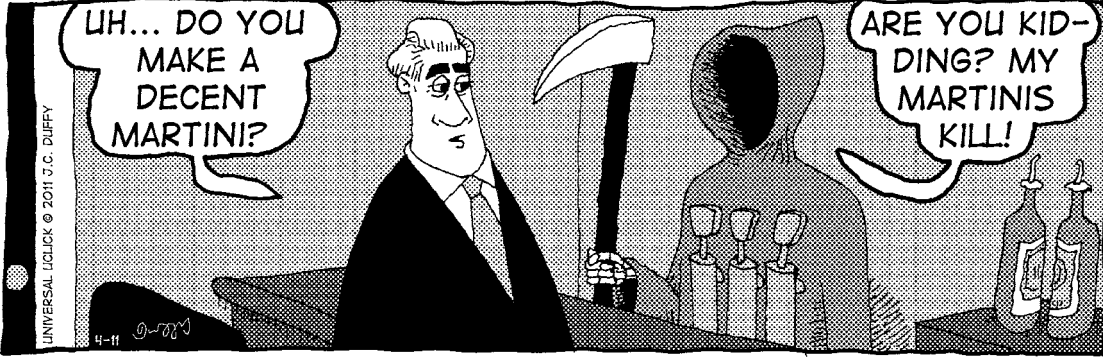


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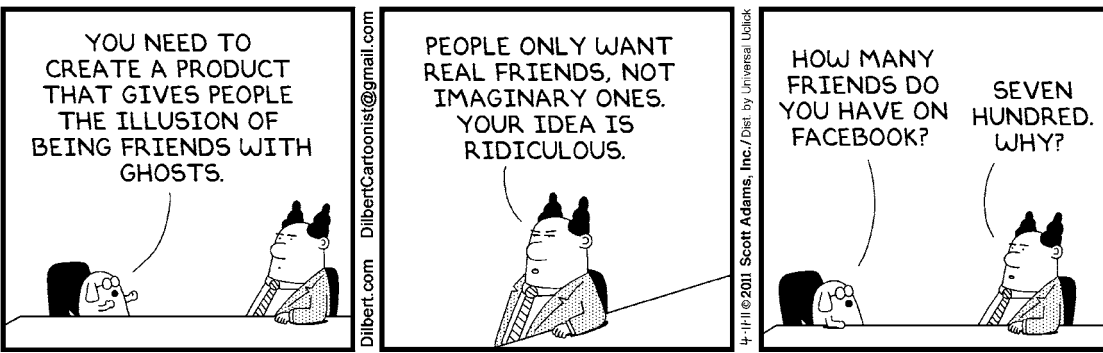
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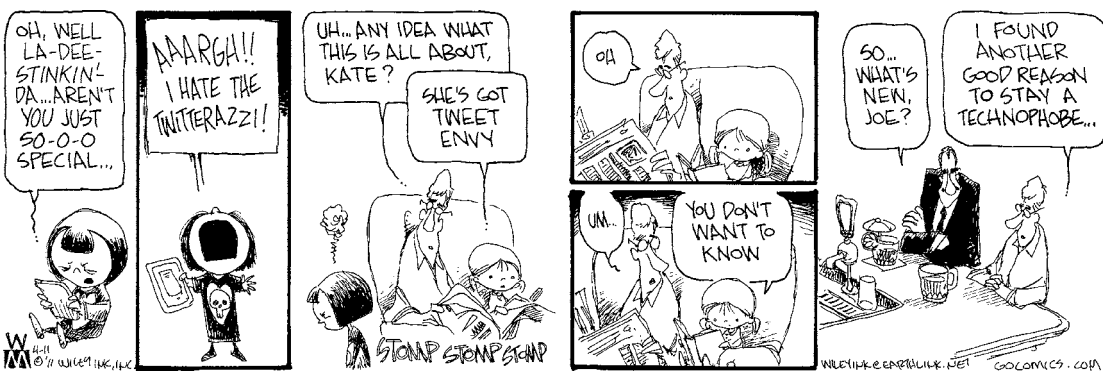
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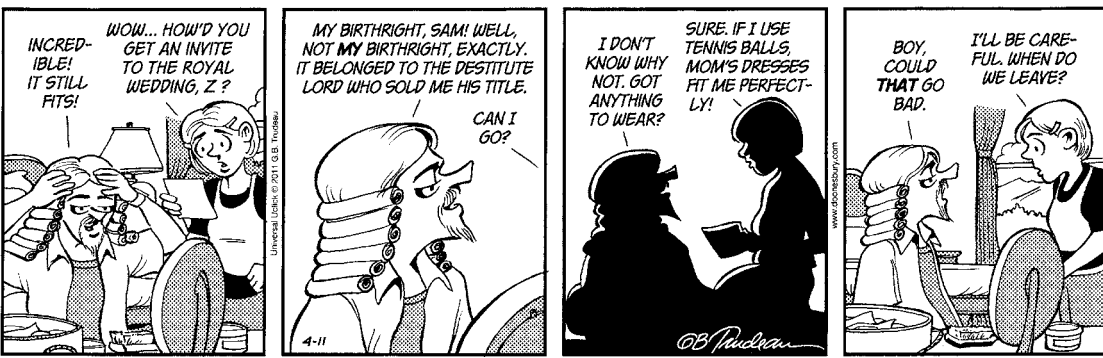
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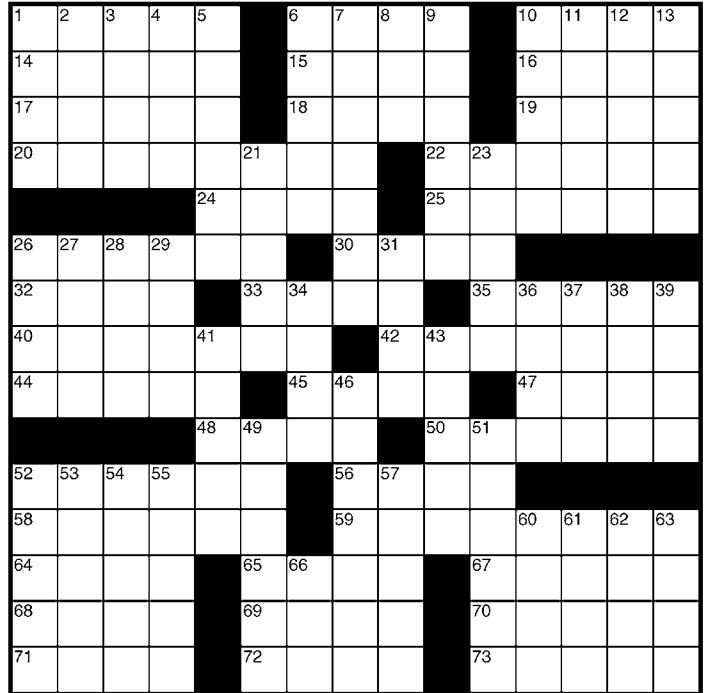
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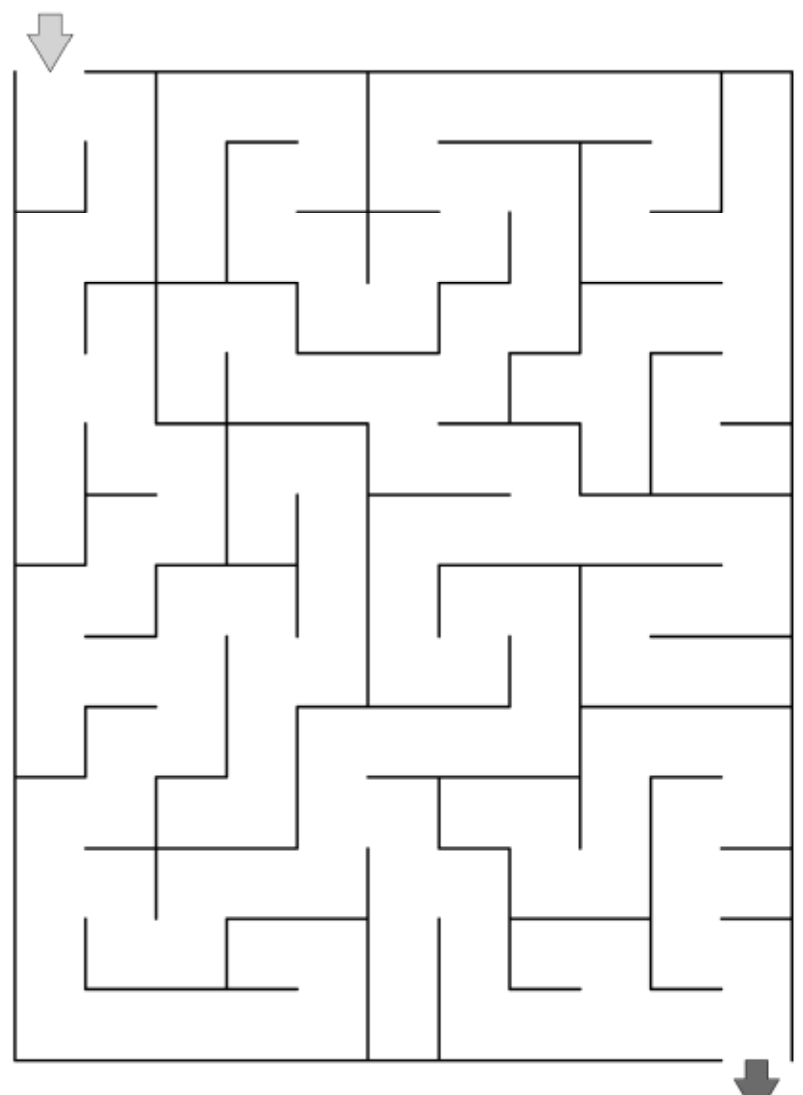
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Diamond Rebels drop Georgia series 2-1

BY AUSTIN MILLER
The Daily Mississippian

FRIDAY: GEORGIA 9, OLE MISS 8

Georgia (17-14, 7-3 SEC) fell behind early but pounded out 12 hits and took advantage of four Ole Miss (19-12, 4-6) errors in a 9-8 win on Friday night.

Junior left-hander Matt Crouse (6-2) suffered his second-straight loss of the season, giving up eight runs — six earned — on 10 hits in seven innings.

The Diamond Rebels jumped out to a 3-0 first-inning lead on a Georgia throwing error and a sacrifice fly to center from freshman third baseman Preston Overbey, but Georgia came back with two runs in each of the third, fourth and fifth innings.

Overbey homered to left-center in the sixth to cut the lead to 7-5, and the Diamond Rebels threatened again in the seventh with runners on second and third and no outs. They scratched across only one run to make it 7-6.

After Georgia added runs in the eighth and ninth to extend the lead to 9-6, freshman outfielder Jordan

Poole, making his first career start, hit a two-run homer into the left field terrace in the ninth to get within one at 9-8.

SATURDAY: GEORGIA 8, OLE MISS 3

Behind 14 hits and a complete game from junior right-hander Michael Palazzone (5-1), Georgia (18-14, 8-3 SEC) clinched the weekend series with an 8-3 victory over the Diamond Rebels (19-13, 4-7 SEC) on Saturday afternoon.

Georgia took an early 3-0 lead in the second when junior second baseman Levi Hyams delivered a two-out, bases-clearing double to right.

Ole Miss got on the board in the fourth with senior first baseman Smith's two-run homer to right. It was Smith's team-leading sixth home run of the season and 40th of his career, tying Brad Henderson for second all-time in Ole Miss history.

Georgia extended the lead to 5-2 and chased losing pitcher David Goforth (1-5) from the game with two runs on three hits in the sixth. Ole Miss got a run back in the bottom of the inning when junior shortstop Blake Newalu hit his first career home run, a solo shot into

the Ole Miss bullpen in left.

SUNDAY: OLE MISS 12, GEORGIA 7

The Ole Miss baseball team (20-13, 5-7 SEC) avoided the weekend sweep and snapped a four-game losing streak with a 12-7 win over Georgia (18-15, 8-4 SEC) yesterday afternoon.

The Rebel offense exploded for 18 hits, and six players had multi-hit games, led by junior catcher Taylor Hightower (4-for-5, 2 RBI), sophomore second baseman Alex Yarbrough (3-for-5, 2B, 3 R, 3 RBI) and junior outfielder Matt Tracy (2-for-5, 2B, 3 RBI).

Ole Miss built an insurmountable 10-2 lead in the fourth with seven runs on seven hits as each of the first seven batters reached base and scored.

After singles by Hightower and freshman pinch-hitter Will Allen and a walk to freshman outfielder Jordan Poole, sophomore outfielder Tanner Mathis and junior shortstop Blake Newalu followed with back-to-back RBI singles, extending the lead to 5-2.

Newalu and Yarbrough moved up to second and third on a double steal and Newalu then scored on a wild



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Ole Miss sophomore and second baseman Alex Yarbrough sits at bat during the Rebels 12-7 win over Georgia yesterday. Yarbrough drove in three runs on the afternoon.

pitch. Yarbrough and senior first baseman Matt Smith, who reached on a walk, scored on Hightower's 2-RBI single back up the middle to give Ole Miss a 10-2 lead.

Junior left-hander Austin Wright (4-3) picked up the win as he gave up three runs on nine hits and tied a career-high with nine strikeouts in six innings.

Running backs Davis, Thomas impress in scrimmage

BY PAUL KATOOL
Sports Editor

Running backs Brandon Bolden and Jeff Scott led the way on the ground for the Ole Miss offense last year, and did so in im-

pressive fashion.

But during the Rebels' second scrimmage of the spring, it was a different pair of backs who shined. With Bolden out and with an ankle sprain and Scott out with a sprained shoulder, se-

niors Enrique Davis and Devin Thomas carried the load and with stellar results.

Davis ran five times for 81 yards and scored touchdowns from 53 and 20 yards out. Meanwhile, Thomas had 84 yards on nine carries.

"(Davis) and Devin Thomas looked outstanding," Ole Miss coach Houston Nutt said. "I thought they ran hard, ran with their eyes and were very, very physical."

Davis, a recruiting coup for the Rebels in 2008, hasn't quite lived up to his lofty expectations.

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