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## Stanley leaves Ole Miss football program

BY PAUL KATOOL  
Sports Editor

Quarterback Nathan Stanley has left the Ole Miss football program, according to a university spokesman.

"After meeting tonight, Nathan has decided to leave the program," Ole Miss coach Houston Nutt said through the spokesman. "We wish him the best and are going to help him find a new school. I appreciate all he has done for Ole Miss and the type of student-athlete he has been."

Stanley, a junior, was competing with three other quarterbacks including redshirt junior Randall Mackey, junior college transfer Zack Stoudt and West Virginia transfer Barry Brunetti for the Rebels' starting quarterback job. Stanley started the spring as the Ole Miss' top quarterback, but saw his reps diminish as of late in favor of the other competing signal callers.

The Tahlequah, Okla., native won the starting quarterback job last spring, and threw for three touchdowns in the Rebels' season-opening upset loss to Football Champion-

ship Subdivision opponent Jacksonville State. Stanley was pulled from the game in favor of Oregon transfer Jeremiah Masoli and never regained control of the starting job.

In three years with the Rebels,

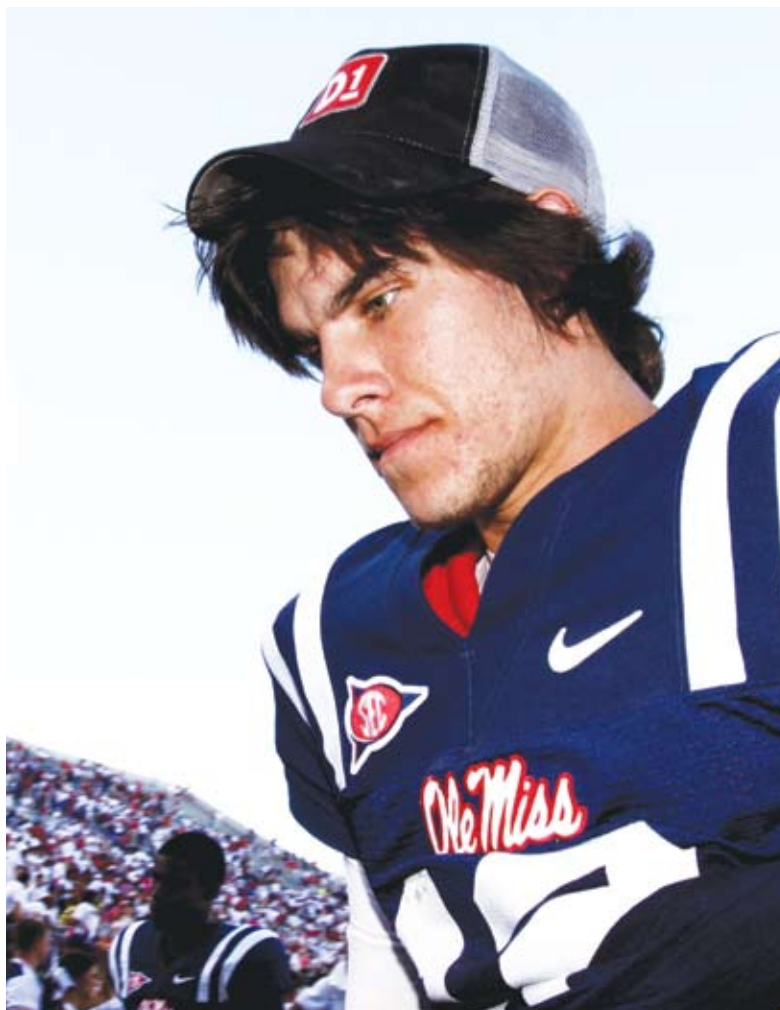


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**Houston Nutt,**  
football coach

including a redshirt season, Stanley threw for 424 yards and four touchdowns. Last year, in spot duty behind Masoli, Stanley completed 17 of 32 passes for 296 yards and three touchdowns with an interception.

The Rebels conclude spring drills on Saturday with the Grove Bowl. A starting quarterback has not yet been named.



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## State pushes to lower obesity rate

BY LEE HARRIS  
The Daily Mississippian

It's no secret that Mississippi leads the nation in adult obesity.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the adult obesity rate in the state is 34 percent.

It should come as no surprise, then, that it also has one of the highest childhood obesity rates in the United States, at 21 percent.

Across the nation, the childhood obesity rate has more than tripled in the last 40 years, according to the CDC. This trend is especially prevalent in the Southeast, which has a significantly higher incidence of diabetes and other obesity-related diseases.

To combat these trends, local and state officials are implementing programs to help schools establish strategies that will get stu-

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## Freedom Riders retell experiences at Overby

BY HEATHER APPLEWHITE  
The Daily Mississippian

Three men with extensive criminal records spoke at the Overby Center on Wednesday.

Some of these men fought in the Vietnam War. When they returned home, they continued fighting—this time a battle for equal rights. Their work led them to be known as the Freedom Riders, and led them to be invited to speak about their experiences during the Civil Rights movement.

Eric Etheridge, author of *Breach of Peace*, asked the questions, while the others spoke about their experiences as rebellious teenagers during the era of Civil Rights.

Blacks were not allowed to check out books in the library during this time, so Hank Thomas decided to bring his own book and sit and read it in the library. Thomas, a 1961 Freedom Rider, said it was a different kind of rebellion.

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ALEX EDWARDS | The Daily Mississippian

Lew Zuchman, Hank Thomas and Hezekiah Watkins, spoke at the Overby Center yesterday about their experiences as Freedom Riders during the 1960s. All three individuals had been arrested multiple times during their battles for equal rights.

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## Dear bookstores, don't be evil



BY ALEC JONES  
Columnist

Thinking of a word to describe Oxford textbook stores is difficult.

Abusive seems appropriate, but that doesn't really convey how much they take advantage of students. Exploitative could work, but that still doesn't cover how shady the "Big Three" bookstores are towards their customers.

Too many things come to mind, but I'm sure we can all come up with our own adjectives to define the amazing experiences we have had getting ripped off, cheated and treated like second-class citizens.

Whenever I buy or sell a book, I feel dirty and used. Bookstore employees try to act like your friend, but it's pretty obvious they are not your buddies and are only willing to be friendly if you agree to let them take advantage of you.

A perfect example is when I tried to sell back my business communication textbook that I bought for \$60. They couldn't sell me a used book because of some "access code" I needed which may have expired in the old books.

I was naive enough to believe

that one.

The professor never mentioned the access code once, nor do I even know what it was for. When I tried to sell back my textbook, it was in perfect condition but considered damaged goods because of the access code lie. The craziest part about it was the attitude I received — as if I have some sort of problem because I get upset about getting ripped off.

Looking back on it, it's obvious they make more money from new textbooks than from used ones.

The bookstores are taking advantage of the perfect opportunity to gouge the price and discriminate against helpless college students.

People should start calling it "textbook inequality."

In all honesty, I would probably feel better about myself if I worked for the tobacco industry than if I worked for a college bookstore. At least tobacco customers choose to be exploited. Where is Dickie Scruggs when you need him?

What bothers me is that 12 sections of 32 people, a total of 384 students, take this class every semester. If they can't sell back used

books and are forced to buy new ones, you could assume that half the price of the book goes down the drain. For a \$60 book, that's nearly \$12,000 the local bookstores basically steals — for one class, for one semester.

You could even argue that the bookstores are bad for Oxford's economy.

After all, there's nothing worse for an economy than wasted money.

I love how the Big Three bookstores actually believe they are in a position to act so arrogantly. The bottom line is that campus bookstores will be out of business in the future. Following the footsteps of Borders bookstores' bankruptcy, there will be a coffee shop, restaurant or law firm occupying their spaces sooner than they'd like to admit.

I can guarantee you that by the time my children are in school, college textbooks will be e-books that people download to their iPads or other tablet devices. (That might not be for a while, mainly due to the fact that my future trophy wife may not even be born

yet, but college textbook stores are already becoming obsolete.)

Until that happens, we still have the great equalizer that is the Internet. Unlike the stores in town, which won't even tell you their prices over the phone because shadiness just runs in their blood, I can look up the lowest prices of all the books I need to buy with the click of a button at bigwords.com.

If I want to rent, I can go to Chegg.com. You can bet that the hour it takes to sell my books online is worth the extra \$100 or so more I can get from Amazon.

Instead of being fair, transparent and polite, the Big Three act like bullies thinking that they can still call the shots because student loans or parents cover the costs. False.

Times are changing. I know better than to think that people like those who run our college bookstores will ever change. I've had enough of their childish behavior and only go to them if I urgently need to.

There's the saying that if you fool me once, shame on you, but if you fool me twice, shame on me.

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# What a bad apple



BY ADAM GANUCHEAU  
Columnist

The 21st century is clearly the technology era.

We are constantly inventing new products that change the way we live. If we are not actually inventing new products, we are engineering older products to make them bigger and better.

Naturally, living in a very progressive time, we have a desire to look directly at what could be, not what has been. Arguably since the New Deal of Franklin Roosevelt,

we Americans have become accustomed to thinking in this manner. While it might not seem logical, this is steadily becoming a problem.

There is a fine line between technological advancement and sheer laziness.

I am going to pick on the iPhone. Apple boasts that it is possibly the most innovative piece of technology that has ever been produced. It has the widest variety of productivity-enhancing features of any product of its kind, ranging from business relations to personal banking. It also has the widest variety of entertainment media of any product of its kind, ranging from games to music.

New versions of the iPhone have not ceased to amaze consumers.

However, with the innovative characteristics of the iPhone come the negative aspects.

Let me give you a situation that I know you have experienced. You are out to dinner with friends, and the waitress brings the checks. You pull out your plastic and the waitress returns the check. Then everyone at the table pulls out their iPhones. You wonder what is going on so you ask your neighbor.

It turns out, the iPhone has a “tip calculator” app that allows you to plug in the check’s total and see how much to tip the waitress. In sheer awe, you pull your iPhone out and immediately download the app, even though you could just as easily have calculated the tip in your head in about 10 seconds. Your fifth

grade arithmetic teacher is shaking her head right now.

Innovative or lazy?

Here’s another situation: You are talking to your boss about having to take a day off next week. Instead of writing it down on a sheet of paper for future reference, he whips out his iPhone to the “notepad” app.

As productive as that app may sound, it really is a bit lazy. How hard would it be to take out a sticky pad and write your notes on there like we used to do? His grandfather is shaking his head right now.

Innovative or lazy?

Now, to give full disclosure, I consider myself somewhat old-fashioned. And as old-fashioned as I would like to be, I have bought and used these products. I actually

used these apps in this column because I have them installed on my own iPhone.

Call me a hypocrite — it is OK.

Although these technological advances seem productive and progressive, they can really be damaging to our society. At what point do we draw the line? Maybe when robots start making our sandwiches or teaching our kids how to ride a bike. In my eyes, these advances are not progressive at all — if anything, they are regressive.

Let technology run its course, but bear in mind that we are blessed with the ability to do things on our own. And for you inventors and technicians out there, come up with something that is truly innovative, not something that makes us lazier.

## Letter to the Editor

Editor,

Kathleen Harding is right about one thing — voting will not become tougher in some states. However, she is wrong about nearly everything else.

She contends that since my family resides in Atlanta, I shouldn’t be allowed to vote in Mississippi. However, I have a Mississippi address at which I reside for nine months of the year. Which one seems more official?

I will be living off campus next

year, and after doing so, I will be eligible to apply for in-state tuition. If anyone has an address and proof of residence, they can vote where they have proof of residence. Period.

If a person is claimed as a dependent or on the census, it has no bearing on where they officially reside. And having worked for the census, using that as a measure of who can and cannot vote is utterly preposterous. Unless Ms. Henry did not fill out the form herself, the form clearly states that college stu-

dents should fill out forms where they attend school, not where their parents live. If a student is a commuter, then he or she would fill out a form where they reside. But otherwise, all students are instructed to fill out forms where they attend school. I personally had to distribute and collect over 13,000 census forms at Georgia Tech to make sure that Atlanta would receive the proper count, and in turn, the proper amount of funding and representation as per the rising popula-

tion.

My parents claim me as a dependent because I use their health insurance. Even though I’ve been filing my own taxes for years now, I am still listed as a dependent because my parents financially support me.

But that has no bearing on where I or anyone officially resides. If a student lives on a college campus, they reside there. Pretty simple, actually.

And as someone who has paid at-

tention in the last few elections, absentee ballots are often not counted on time and can also get lost in the mail.

In order for students to make their voices heard, they should register in the city or town in which they reside. I suggest that Ms. Henry do more research on the meaning of the word “official” before she advises other college students about where to vote or where they reside.

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“When he would go into the library where blacks were not allowed, he would take his own books, sit at a table and read,” Etheridge said. “At the time of the Montgomery Bus Boycott in ’55 and ’56, he tried to persuade local community leaders that they needed to try something like that in St. Augustine. They said no.”

Thomas said this type of action runs in his blood.

“As Eric recounted my going into the library, and they wouldn’t check me out a book so I brought my own book,” Thomas said. “I was born to rebel, and that’s not to play football here in Mississippi, but I was born to rebel. I was a born rebel, if you will.”

Thomas was 19 when he became a Freedom Rider, but started his fight for equality as a child in St. Augustine, Florida. He was one of the original 13 riders on May 4, 1961, who left on the bus that was firebombed. Thomas has been arrested many times. He is a veteran of the Vietnam War and fought for the U.S. alongside many other men. Thomas did not realize why the country he fought for was being so cruel to him.

“I loved a country that did not love me,” Thomas said. “My father

was a Marine in the South Pacific, and when he returned home he could not vote.”

Thomas felt that this desire for change has always been in him.

“I guess always in me was that burning desire,” Thomas said. “I saw contradiction of how I lived as a black man, as a black child, and the world around me and I wanted to do something about it. I had this sense that something was wrong, and I wanted to do something about it.”

After Etheridge read a piece from his book about the many people sent to Parchman State Prison, he gave a word of advice.

“Just for future reference, in case any of you in your adult hoods are trying to suppress a rebellion, do not lock up any of the leaders with the recruits,” Etheridge said.

Lew Zuchman was introduced as second to be arrested in the line of the three men after Thomas. Zuchman was inspired to join the effort of Freedom Riders after seeing Thomas on TV. He has been arrested many times as well.

Zuchman was there to fight for Jews, but was sure not to forget the blacks that were suffering as well. His grandmother played a role in his desire to fight for equality.

“(My grandmother) would always regale me with stories of how difficult it was for Jewish people coming to America,” Zuchman said. “But she always finished every



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Eric Etheridge (left), author of *Breach of Peace*, was the moderator for the Freedom Riders.

story with how much worse it was for black people and how horrible she felt.”

Hezekiah Watkins was the youngest of the three arrested. He has been arrested over 100 times and contains a steel plate in his head from one of the attacks.

Watkins started joining in on the movement on accident at age 13 while him and a friend were just trying to see the movement in progress.

Watkins and his friend were students in Jackson and attended a meeting where they discovered a group of Freedom Riders were going to go into an all white waiting

area of a bus station, so they followed. This is where his journey as a Freedom Rider began.

“We had gone to the meeting to see what a Freedom Rider looked like and even what a Freedom Rider dressed like,” Watkins said. “We chose to go to the bus station on our own.”

Watkins ended up in the all white waiting room of the bus station and was arrested as one of the Freedom Riders. He decided after that experience to get involved and for that his family suffered.

“My mother was told, she worked at Primos in Jackson at that time, that she would be fired if I contin-

ued to be a part of this Freedom Riders. She was eventually fired,” Watkins said.

Rodney Parker, 26, is a graduate student at Ole Miss who felt strongly about the message the three men told Wednesday.

“I think things like this bring in a personal aspect to these situations,” Parker said. “We have all sorts of textbooks and historical records that might talk about Freedom Riders and things like that, but when do you get to meet one?”

Etheridge’s book can be found on the Internet and at some bookstores. His website can also be found at [breachthepeace.com](http://breachthepeace.com).

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# Former NewsWatch manager wins Emmy



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BY MOLLY DYAL  
The Daily Mississippian

Ole Miss alum and Ripley native Amanda Pannell recently received an Emmy for a public service campaign advocating the adoption of homeless animals, a campaign she led for a news station in Memphis.

Pannell said that her time at Ole Miss helped pave the way for her success.

"It was the journalism program at Ole Miss that made me decide to go to school there," Pannell said. "The fact that they had a nightly live newscast is what sold me, and there is no doubt in my mind that it is what got me the job that I have now."

Pannell graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in journalism in 2007 and immediately found work as a promotions producer at Fox 13.

Her campaign, "Pets Deserve Homes Too," won an Emmy in January and was an effort to find homes for animals. Many pets lose homes when their owners hit economic downturns, and at the same

time, local animal rescue groups struggle to keep operations running due to limited donations.

Pannell produced public service announcements for Fox 13 and created a web page, myfoxmemphispets.com, which has become a forum for animal lovers. Pannell said that the site is a useful tool because people have started using it as a lost-and-found board, and local rescue groups frequently check on it to offer help.

"The reason I'm proud of the Emmy is because it was something that we had to work extremely hard on," Pannell said.

"We sort of kept hitting walls when working on it because not everybody was backing us up on the campaign, and we had to do it on our own time. But just being acknowledged for it, and then winning an Emmy, made it all worthwhile."

Professors who worked with Pannell at Ole Miss said that they were not surprised that she managed to assemble an Emmy award-winning team. Associate professor of journalism Nancy Dupont advised Pannell at the Student Media Center and recognized her natural leadership qualities from the get-go.

"She was the first student that I met when I came to Ole Miss and was really one of the reasons why I immediately felt comfortable here," Dupont said.

"(Pannell) was an amazing student leader. She could take a group of students and guide them toward producing a newscast every night. It's very rare to encounter a student who has so much passion and so much professionalism at such a young age."

While at Ole Miss, Pannell started as a producer for NewsWatch and quickly worked her way toward station manager. She also got involved with Rebel Ra-

dio and the Daily Mississippian to gain the most experience possible, but her passion for broadcast is what attracted the attention of most people at the Student Media Center.

Former director of the Student Media Center and journalism professor Ralph Braseth worked closely with Pannell every day at NewsWatch and said that when it came to technical production, there was no one better than she was.

"She was like the Wizard of Oz behind the curtain," said Braseth, who now works as the manager of student media at Loyola University in Chicago. "She didn't need a lot of attention and wasn't interested in being the queen of TV; she was interested in making the whole thing hum."

Pannell said that the resources at Ole Miss were a significant factor in getting her where she is today.

"The professors are wonderful and the Student Media Center is a jewel," she said. "The whole department totally benefited me in my career."

Her advisers agreed that Pannell took advantage of everything at Ole Miss and went to extra lengths to identify ways to improve. Du-

pont and Braseth both said they recall several incidents when Pannell would seek them out for critiques on her work.

"Most students appreciate getting feedback from their professors, but it is kind of unusual for someone to seek it out," Dupont said.

"I remember (Pannell) coming to me and saying 'I so desperately want your honest opinion of my work.' That was really a surprise to me."

Dupont said that Pannell was committed to being successful in television production and that she set a goal and never strayed from working toward it.

"Any student who does that will have a huge chance of success," Dupont said.

Braseth said that other students should look at former students like Pannell as an encouragement for themselves. He said he recognizes that those graduating in May are entering the job search at a difficult time.

"For those who don't think it's the greatest time, well, maybe it's not," Braseth said. "But then again, maybe it's the best time for the students that are the bravest."

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dents healthier and more active.

"As a result of all the negative numbers, the state of Mississippi put into place the school wellness program," said Ruth Robbins, Oxford School District's director of Elementary Curriculum and Federal Programs.

The program, which was adopted in 2006, is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to lead a healthy lifestyle.

"Each school district approved the policy, which says what our commitment to nutrition is, what our goals will be (and) how we'll go about reaching those goals," Robbins said.

Robbins, who serves on the district's health council, said schools have also changed the way their physical education classes are structured.

"We now have same-sex physical education classes," she said. "Girls take classes that do total body sculpting and dance, and the boys do weight-lifting exercises. It's gender-specific so that these classes

better serve the students."

Teachers are also included in this push for a healthier society. Robbins said she believes that encouraging teachers to live healthier will have an effect on the students in their classrooms.

"It has filtered down into the classroom," said Robbins. "Our teachers feel better, are more healthy and are more in tune to what the children need."

In addition to physical fitness programs, the Oxford School District is evaluating the food it serves to students.

The entire district has already replaced deep fat fryers with a healthier system that combines the features of a conventional oven with a steamer.

The district is also pushing to replace conventional snack foods with healthier options.

"If you give kids a choice, they're going to choose the slushie instead of the yogurt," Robbins said. "So if we have only yogurt, then that's your only choice."

There are also efforts going on

at the state level to turn around the trends in childhood obesity.

Recently, 30 health care professionals from southern Mississippi met in Gulfport to train and share ideas on how to combat this growing problem. The Be Our Voice (BOV) project, which operates in eight states, focuses on the Jackson area.

"The BOV training provides the framework to build strategies not only for clinical practices, but also the community, schools and for the advancement of policy changes," project leader Gerri Cannon-Smith said.

Despite obesity levels hovering at all-time highs, the increasing rate has slowed and stayed relatively constant since 2001.

Robbins, who is in a position to watch this issue develop on a day-to-day basis, said she believes the efforts are starting to pay dividends.

"Since I came to this district seven years ago, I've seen a drastic improvement," she said. "There's been a huge push with much more emphasis on health and welfare."

# Mock trial finishes season, looks to future

BY JOSH PRESLEY  
The Daily Mississippian

After making a run at nationals, the University of Mississippi Mock Trial team looks to use its experience from this season to go even further in the future.

John Woods, Ole Miss Mock Trial Association president and senior political science and philosophy double major, said that this was largely a rebuilding year. The team did well, despite the loss of some experienced seniors the previous year.

"My team had, I think, six people who had never done mock trial before," Woods said. "Our B-team had just as many, if not more, who had never done mock trial before. That being the case, we still did a very good job."

Woods said the team got off to a rocky start but improved as the season went along, making it as far as the semi-national tournament in Memphis.

"Our first tournament was rough, but it's always rough when you're learning the case," Woods said. "We did very well at the regional tournament down in Jackson, though."

In Memphis, however, the team ran into some troubles.

"We didn't do so hot at our semi-national tournament," Woods said. "There were just a lot of teams there that were a lot more prepared than us, but we still had fun."

Keeping things fun is an important part of mock trial, according to Woods. He said that the experience is always enjoyable whether the team wins or loses.

Woods will step down as president of the association for next year but will remain as a coach for the fall semester. Taking over for him will be Tascha Smith, a junior physics major.

"I'm really excited about next year, and there's a lot of opportunity for us to really do well," Smith said. "This year, we had a lot of people coming in who had to go about learning everything that goes along with mock trial. For next year, we have more of a basis to stand on and move ourselves a little further."

Smith said the team welcomes students of all majors, and diversity within the team can really help in the competitions.

"It's really for everybody, and the more majors you have participating the more you can talk about lots of different subjects," Smith said.

"Especially people who are interested in acting," she continued. "They don't usually think about mock trial as a good way to get some acting experience, but really because we have both attorneys and witnesses we need people who can play characters."

Smith said the average student can get a lot out of participating in mock trial.

"Foremost, you gain the ability to get up in front of people and present a case," Smith said. "There's a lot of strategy involved so it really helps with analytical thinking."

Woods also said that taking part in mock trial can be beneficial.

"Any undergrad can do it and you can compete for up to five years," he said. "A lot of people are participating because they want to just get out and do something."

Smith said that they will hold auditions for new members at the beginning of the fall semester and that anyone who is interested in joining can email her at [nbsmith@olemiss.edu](mailto:nbsmith@olemiss.edu).

"I'm looking forward to the new team because we always have such a great team dynamic," Smith said. "The people who come out and join mock trial tend to be really interested and really put forth a lot of effort, and the better your team is, the better you do."

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# Benjy Davis hits Proud Larrys' solo

BY MIRIAM TAYLOR  
The Daily Mississippian

Benjy Davis answers the phone with a cheerful "Hullo," and then launches right into normal Southern pleasantries.

The folk rocker from Baton Rouge may have been living on the road for the past eight years, but he has kept up his drawl and the manners he learned in his Louisiana home.

Davis formed his now-well-known band, The Benjy Davis Project, in 2001 as a folk-rock duo. In response to growing popularity, the band expanded, eventually becoming a six-person group.

Its music has been heard on the back porches of fraternity houses and in the corners of pubs and bars, has drifted down from the stages of clubs, and has been amplified in arenas and festivals all over the country.

"Playing anywhere outside is my favorite," Davis said. "It's always a neat crowd and it sounds great."

Davis and the band have performed multiple times at New Orleans' annual Jazz & Heritage

Festival and have also played South Carolina's outdoor music festival, Hotel Carolina. But no matter where the band goes, Davis is always ready for what comes next — the next town, the next venue, the next experience.

"I love being on tour, seeing the towns, and getting to experience new places and the different cultures," Davis said.

"You know, like getting to go eat crab in Virginia, just getting to live in other people's shoes. That's cool." His excitement about being on the road is evident.

"It's great being in the studio and recording the albums, but it gets a little cramped," Davis said. "Being on the road is always fun."

Davis and the band have been on hiatus since February, and while he's getting a short, much-needed and much-deserved break, the energy and passion that Davis emits on stage have trickled into his personal life.

"We were just taking a breather after the tour, and I was thinking 'OK, what should I do,' and I thought, why not take this opportunity and check out what touring solo's like," Davis said.

For a guy who first started writing songs when he was a kid and began professionally performing at 21, Davis has a hard time imagining not touring.

"I was a bit skeptical at first because I've been touring extensively with a band for the past eight years, but it's definitely a neat thing," Davis said. "I'm growing into it."

The easygoing manner of speaking that Davis displays betrays a soft-smiling guy who can easily woo crowds with his romantic classics and raise hell with his guitar-filled rock numbers.

"I love Oxford; I love the people." Davis said. "It's always a good time, good crowd. Get a little bit drunk and have fun."

When he heard that the opening track, "Mississippi," off of his latest album, "Lost Souls Like Us," has become a favorite among locals, he was genuinely surprised but pleased. It's as if it is still his first tour, and he cannot believe that people are actually listening to what he has written.

"I like playing that one and 'Get High,'" Davis said. "That's always fun with a crowd, and now that it's just me and my gui-



COURTESY BENJY DAVIS

tar up there, the slower ones are really great to play too."

Davis may have penned a great number of songs that betray a bit of a hard-ass attitude, but in his conversations, he is still a "good

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Davis will play solo at Proud Larry's this Thursday. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the show begins at 10 p.m.

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# Women's tennis hosts Mississippi State on Senior Day

BY JOHN HOLT  
The Daily Mississippian

This Saturday marks a memorable farewell for two members of the Ole Miss women's tennis team.

Laura van de Stroet, a native of Waalre, Netherlands, and Connor Vogel, a Germantown, Tenn., native, will step onto the Palmer/Salloum Tennis Center courts Saturday morning for the last time of their storied collegiate careers.

At 11 a.m., the Rebels (10-9, 3-7 Southeastern Conference) face off against their biggest rival, Mississippi State (2-14, 0-10 SEC).

"They've meant so much to our program," Ole Miss coach Mark Beyers said of the senior duo.

"You can look at their (individual) records, and obviously with wins, they've meant a lot, but in terms of leadership and work ethic they've meant so much more. That may be hard for people to see on the outside."

Van de Stroet and Vogel, both 2010 All-SEC and SEC Academic Honor Roll selections, were instrumental in helping the 2010 Rebels produce their best season since 1999.

Last year's team won the program's first-ever SEC West Championship, advanced to the SEC Tournament, NCAA Sweet

16 and finished the season with a No. 17 national ranking.

"You never really think during your first couple years that your four years are going to be over all of a sudden," Beyers said.

"When that does happen, I think it definitely will be emotional for all of us. But I don't think it will keep them from being able to play well (Saturday). They're too experienced for that."

The Rebels are coming off a 4-0 shutout win over Auburn last Sunday that ended their previous three-match losing streak.

The Bulldogs, meanwhile, have struggled all season and head to Oxford as the only team in the league without a win in conference play.

"We want to have the bragging rights of 'We're the best team in the state,'" Beyers said.

"We've been fortunate enough to hold that title for a while, and then we definitely don't want to relinquish that."

"We don't want Mississippi State to be able to say that they've beaten us. For the Ole Miss fans, we want to give them a great performance and something to cheer about."

## Women's Tennis rewarded at Rebels' Choice Awards

At the inaugural Rebels' Choice Awards on Monday night, the 2010 women's tennis team was



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Connor Vogel (above) and Laura van de Stroet take on Mississippi State this weekend. Vogel and the rest of the women's tennis team won Women's Team of the Year at the Rebels' Choice Awards Monday night.

selected as the Women's Team of the Year for its remarkable accomplishments that year.

"Even though I got to accept the award, it's obviously their —

the kids' — award," Beyers said. "I'm so excited for these kids because it's very well deserved and they did a great job last year."

"I'm honored that we were se-

lected as the Women's Team of the Year, but I'm really excited for the girls to get some recognition for all the hard work that they've put in."

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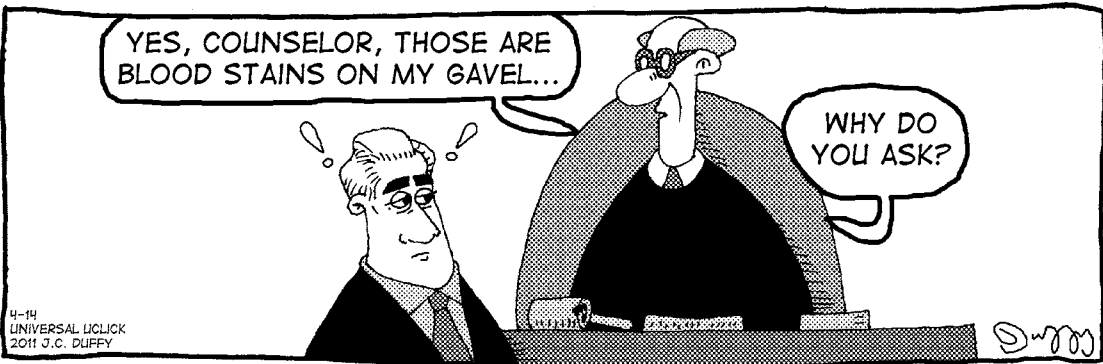
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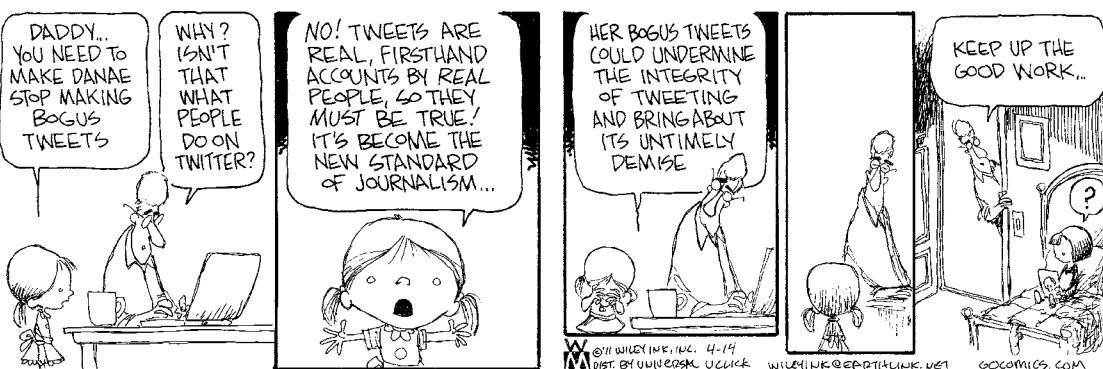
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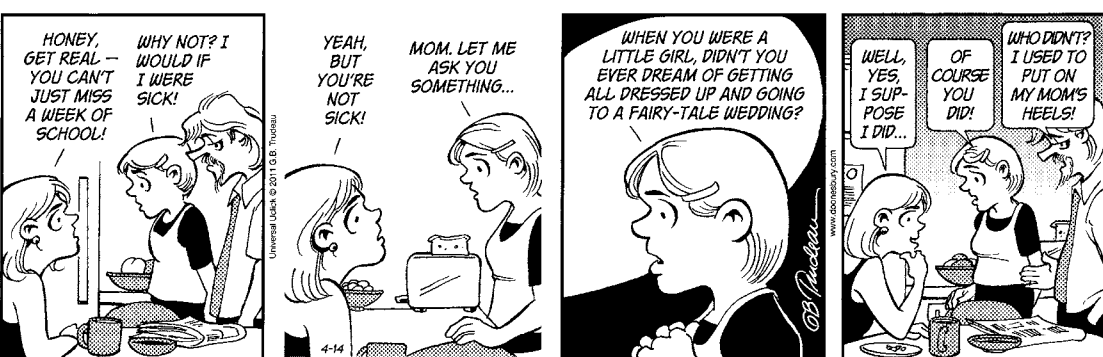
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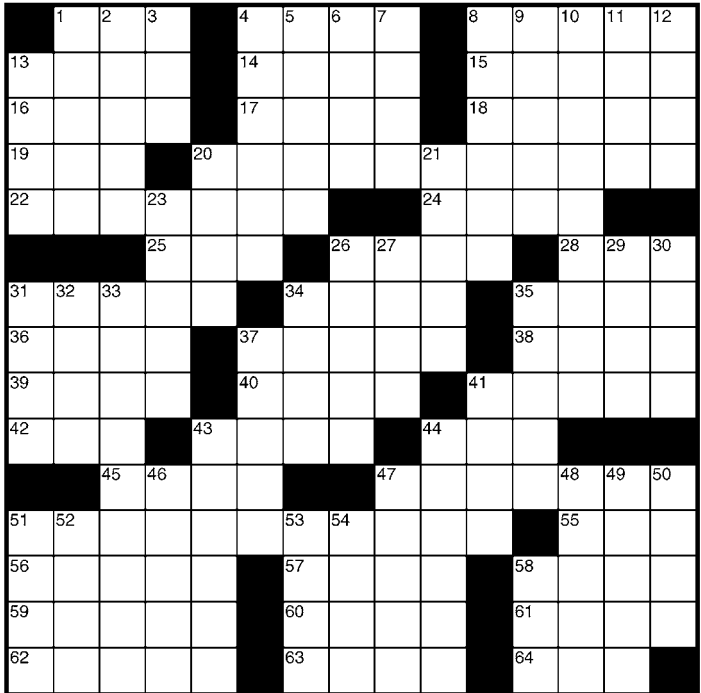
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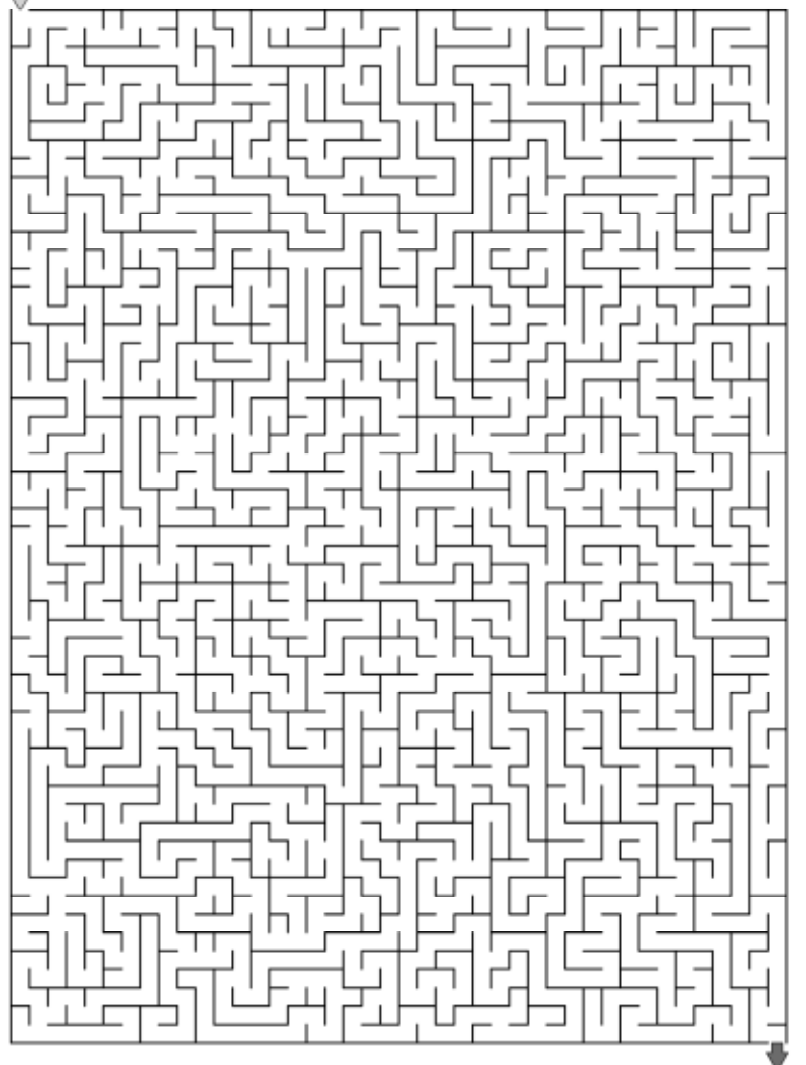
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# Newalu, Yarbrough make Ole Miss strong up the middle

BY AUSTIN MILLER  
The Daily Mississippian

As the cliché goes, a baseball team has to be strong up the middle to be successful. This success starts with the Ole Miss baseball team's double-play combination of junior shortstop Blake Newalu and sophomore second baseman Alex Yarbrough.

After offensive struggles early in conference play, Ole Miss coach Mike Bianco moved Newalu into the two-hole for a midweek game against Samford, and Yarbrough into the 3-hole for last week's game against Southern Miss. Despite series losses to LSU and Georgia, the Diamond Rebels' runs per game have increased from 5.28 to 6.44 since this lineup change.

"Blake knows what he can do," Ole Miss hitting coach Matt Mossberg said. "One of the reasons why he's been so consistent is he doesn't try to go outside of

what he knows he does well.

"Alex, certainly, being in the three-hole, is now a guy (who) you count on more for double, triples, home run and driving in runs. But he's been a guy that's done that from the get-go."

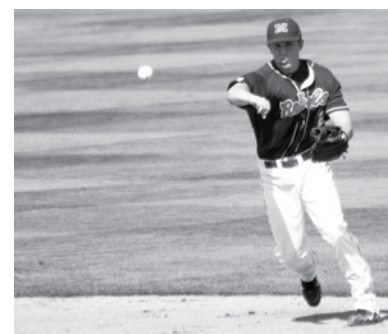
Newalu, a transfer from Chipola Junior College in Florida, has started all but two games at shortstop and is fourth on the team with a .309 batting average. He leads the team with 11 stolen bases this season, including a season-high three stolen bases in a 12-7 win over Georgia last Sunday. As a two-hole hitter, he understands his role is to get on base, move runners into scoring position and put pressure on the defense.

"Everyone knows that when you get guys like that on base, the guys behind them tend to see more fastballs because you have to control the running game," Mossberg said. "It's kind of that vicious cycle."

Yarbrough, a second-year starter at second base for Ole Miss,



Ole Miss shortstop Blake Newalu (left) and second baseman Alex Yarbrough (right) potent 1-2 punch for the Rebels both offensively and defensively.



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started the season in the two-hole before moving down in the lineup and finally settling into the three-hole. He is second on the team in batting average (.341), home runs (3) and runs batted in (23), while he leads the team in doubles (10), triples (3) and runs scored (28). He enters this weekend's Kentucky series coming off back-to-back three-hit games against Georgia and Southern Miss.

"I love (hitting in the three-hole) because I've got guys set-

ting the table in front of me, and I've got Matt Smith, probably the best hitter on our team, (hitting behind me)," Yarbrough said. "Nobody has ever wanted to pitch to Matt Smith since he's been here. I'm going to get a lot of good pitches to hit, and so far I have."

Continuing the "strong up the middle" theme is sophomore outfielder Tanner Mathis. From his leadoff spot, he sets the table for Newalu and Yarbrough at the top of the lineup and senior

first baseman Matt Smith and junior outfielder Matt Tracy in the middle of the lineup. Mathis, the Diamond Rebels' everyday center fielder, also leads the team with a .348 batting average and extended a season-long hitting streak to 17 straight games on Tuesday night against Southern Miss.

"Those three guys at the top of the lineup have had great years offensively," Bianco said. "We need to get the guys behind them to swing (the bats) a little bit better besides Smith."



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Ole Miss football coach Houston Nutt stands next to the bust of Chucky Mullins, right below the student section, before the Rebels take the field. The 22nd annual Chucky Mullins takes place at 7 p.m. tonight at the Indoor Practice Facility.

BY KAITLYN DUBOSE  
The Daily Mississippian

Rebel football fans will see the return of No. 38 to the field this year after a five-year absence.

Tonight at 7 p.m., the 22nd-annual Chucky Mullins Courage Award will be given to a rising defensive star. The award banquet will take place at the Indoor Practice Facility with tickets available at the UM Box Office. The recipient will have the honor of wearing the No. 38 jersey.

The number is a historic part of Ole Miss football and is one of two retired at the school. No. 38 represents courage, determination and perseverance to those who know the story of the person behind the number: Chucky Mullins.

In 1989 Mullins was a rising star on the Rebel football team, but in a homecoming game against Vanderbilt, his football

career was cut short. While making a tackle, Mullins broke his neck and was left paralyzed from the neck down.

Mullins was known for his determination on the football field, and after the injury he continued to demonstrate that grit. For months he was in rehabilitation, a difficult and, at many times, grueling experience, but he never gave up.

Two years after the injury, Mullins was back in Oxford attending classes. He vowed to earn his degree from the University of Mississippi. His never-quit attitude did not dissipate even after he endured so much.

Unfortunately, in May of 1991 Mullins stopped breathing while getting ready for class. Five days later Chucky Mullins passed away.

Mullins' short life has been an inspiration to many. His defiance and determination motivated the creation of the Chucky

Mullins Courage Award.

Jamil Northcutt, now assistant athletics director of Internal Operations, received the Courage Award in 2003. Northcutt said that the return of the No. 38 jersey to the Rebel field will be a fantastic reminder of Chucky and his legacy.

"The reason it was retired was because we wanted to bring more prestige, and what we found was when we did retire it, the conversation about it died down," Northcutt said. "But now with it coming back, seeing No. 38 run down the field will be a reminder to people about who Chucky was and what he stood for and then also the character of the individual who wears it."

The award recipient will be a player who exhibits those characteristics of determination and courage both on and off the field.

Northcutt said the recipient will be a player who is a leader and who understands how important it is to help improve those around you.

"What Chucky brought to the team was a mentality that he was going to make everybody better," Northcutt said. "Leadership is about servanthood and helping everybody else around you reach their potential."

The recipient of the Chucky Mullins Courage Award is someone who demonstrates the passion and drive of its namesake. The award is about the courage and willpower Chucky himself stood for, before and after his tragic injury.

"It wasn't about the traumatic event that made him who he was. It was the stuff before that, fighting through life," Northcutt said. "The recipient is someone who has a burning deep drive and is determined."

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