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## Storm super-cell leaves devastation in its wake

BY MALLORY SIMERVILLE  
The Daily Mississippian

With storms stretching across six states and a death toll of at least 249, the South has experienced the deadliest tornado outbreak in almost four decades.

In Mississippi, there were an estimated 33 deaths, 14 of which were confirmed in Smithville.

The small town, only an hour and a half from Oxford, experienced an EF-4 tornado yesterday, with estimated 190 mph winds. According to the Weather Channel, dozens of brick homes are leveled, and trees were debarked.

Journalism senior Kerri-Taylor Leech has family in the small town who lost their home in the storm.

Her grandmother and aunt live on Highway 25 in Smithville, which suffered the most damage and is virtually destroyed.

"The tornado literally just ran down Highway 25, and wiped out everything on either side of the highway," she said.

Laura Leech and Patty Leech, her aunt and grandmother, had called Kerri-Taylor Leech to check on her during the storm. Shortly after hanging up, they noticed the change in the color of the sky.

"She hung up with me, and she looked outside and saw that the sky looked really bad. It was gray and hanging really low," Kerri-Taylor Leech said.



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Residents survey the damage after a tornado touched down on Wednesday in Smithville.

The news reported a tornado that touched down near Big View River, which is just near their home; they immediately took cover in the bathroom.

"Right then they felt the ground shake," Kerri-Taylor Leech said. "She said literally after being in the bathroom for 15 seconds, it hit."

The two remained buried in the rubble, until family came to dig them out. Leech's uncle and his family also live in Smithville, but were unharmed by the twister,

so her uncle and cousin dug them out of the bathtub of their home.

The house and street were flat, with trees uprooted and most roofs disassembled from the houses and buildings.

"When they came out, the roof was gone, just completely blown away except for the section above the bathroom they were in," she said. "That was the only part that was in tact."

The basic wall of the house was still up, but everything inside was gone. Most of the neighbors'

homes were gone as well, and their shed in the backyard was completely destroyed.

Patty Leech told her granddaughter that she believes the tornado was a mile in length and the same system that pummeled Tuscaloosa, Birmingham and Georgia.

"She just said that everything was destroyed, when they got out of the house. She said they could hear people screaming; it was just

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## Medicinal plant construction nears completion

BY JACOB BATTE  
The Daily Mississippian

The University of Mississippi was recently named one of Princeton Review's Greenest colleges, and they are now trying to improve even more by constructing new buildings for the University's National Center for Natural Product Research.

University officials are upgrading the medicinal plant research program, which includes a medicinal plant research building, a laboratory, a horticulture building, a greenhouse, a smoke house and a tractor shed. The upgrades will take about five acres of land and will also have new beds to grow the plants in.

Ian Banner, director of facilities planning, said construction is expected to end in June. Banner

also said the project will cost approximately \$16.6 million.

The horticulture building will hold office and research spaces, as well as other facilities to help with research.

Don Stanford, technical services manager, said the upgrades to the research park were needed especially compared to what they have been working with in the past.

"The old buildings that we have had were really just make-do," Stanford said. "We had trailers, and sheds, and this and that. The kind of work that we do out there, especially the inside work, we never really had good facilities for that."

Stanford said the horticulture building will allow the medicinal research program to accomplish things that they could not

before.

"This horticulture building will have a grinding operation, which will be climate controlled and dehumidified," Stanford said. "It's a place where the plants that we collect from all over will come to be tested."

The University planners are also building a new repository for the medicinal research program.

"After the plants are dried, ground, packaged and put in the database, they will be transferred over to our repository," Stanford said. "Right now we have 18,000 specimens, but the new repository will be able to hold 40,000 specimens. Those specimens are then extracted and tested for activity against different things like anti-malarial, anti-cancer, anti-inflammatory, anti-fungal and anti-bacterial diseases."



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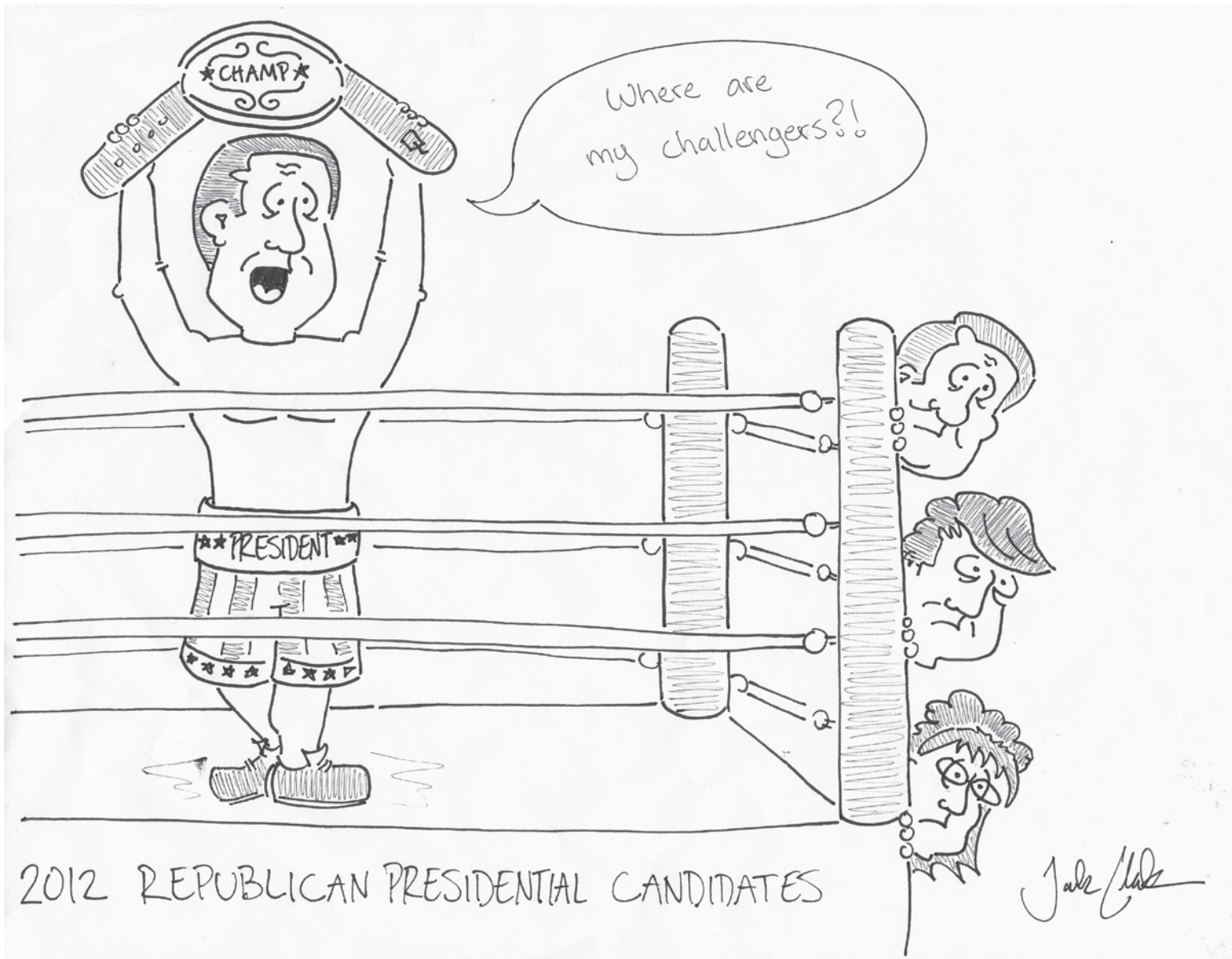
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## Are we completely screwed yet?



BY BRANDON  
IRVINE  
Columnist

Last week, the credit agency Standard & Poor's caused some trouble saying it was considering lowering its outlook on the United States' credit rating to "negative."

This would mean the company believes there is a one-in-three chance that the United States will be forced to default on some or all of its \$14 trillion and change national debt some time in the next two years.

Right now, America is pretty much the only industrialized country that has yet to implement any sort of serious austerity measures, which would allow us to deal with the massively ballooning deficits and debts our country racked up in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis.

The S&P's suggestion that there is a 33 percent chance that the United States will be forced to default on some of its debt is one that begs a series of serious questions, which in turn can be boiled down to one: When should you start learning Mandarin?

Over the next 18 months, at current spending levels (and current borrowing levels), our debt-to-GDP ratio will move closer to a 1:1 level, meaning for every dollar our country produces in our economy, we owe a dollar to some foreign country.

Considering our annual GDP is estimated to be over \$14.6 trillion, the notion that we owe every bit of it to some other country is worrying and ridiculous.

Our politicians absolutely cannot dither around on this issue anymore.

We need a sensible, bipartisan plan that accomplishes three things: 1) Implements across-the-board spending cuts, 2) increases tax revenue to reduce dependence on Chinese credit and 3) protects the vulnerable in society.

First, across-the-board spending cuts: Between the Republican, Tea Party and Democratic cut proposals, not one owns up to the reality that the federal government is spending 150 percent of the money it takes in from taxes.

There are maybe three departments in the federal government that cannot deal with a 30 to 33 percent spending cut: Veterans Affairs, Health and Human Services and Housing and Urban Development.

The Department of Defense can easily shed 30 percent. So can the Justice Department. The State Department could probably lose 40 or even 50 percent of the money it is allowed in appropriations under the federal 302(b) limits and not suffer much in its mission.

Of course, such drastic cuts are only truly necessary if money to pay expenditures cannot be found domestically. Simplifying the U.S. tax code and closing loopholes will net the treasury at least \$200 billion annually, mostly from multi-national corporations that presently pay nothing in taxes to the treasury, despite making billions of dollars every year.

The ultimate consideration that must be made in planning to reduce America's deficits, debts

and debt-to-GDP ratio is the protection of the vulnerable in society, despite cost overruns. That is why I highlighted the VA, HHS and HUD above when detailing what government departments could be cut. Those three departments provide critical services to Americans who depend on them, and it is not fair to those people who suffer because of political mismanagement.

These three goals are easily accomplished by passing legislation that prevents governments from borrowing abroad to finance ordinary spending, with a stipulation that all government finances come from tax revenue until our debt-to-GDP ratio is 1:5 — for every \$5 produced by our economy, only \$1 goes toward debt service.

My plan is probably not the one that will end up being enacted, but somebody's needs to be soon because if we keep dithering, the answer to the question "When should you start learning Mandarin?" is "xiàn zài" (right now).

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# Televsion's vision



BY ADAM GANCHEAU  
Columnist

In a society where prices on goods are soaring, murder rates are shooting up (pun intended) and overall attitudes are less than positive, we have become accustomed to the fact that life is not always grand.

As humans, we naturally have a tendency to find a cure for these blues that periodically get us down.

In what seems to be a very American thing to do, we have resorted to something materialistic that is probably not so good for us: television.

Everything in the 20th century revolves around television.

These days, when a baby is born, the mother holds the newborn child for about five

minutes before putting him or her down and flipping on the television.

Since television gained prominence in virtually every household in the country, producers and advertisers have learned to do something that most of us do not realize — tell us how to live our lives.

Think about your favorite television program. Whether it is a sitcom, a reality show or a news program, you are being exposed to what the show's producers want you to be exposed.

One of my favorite shows is "The Office."

Most people think that this show's sole purpose is for entertainment.

What the producers of this show are really doing is telling us that it is OK to goof off and live a little — even at work.

Michael Scott sets the standard for how people view their own jobs in the real world.

With the show "Survivor," we are not only being enter-

tained or being told that it is OK to run around an island naked, but we are also receiving the message that it is OK to do whatever it takes to be successful in any task that we set out to do. It is OK to sabotage a co-worker to get the promotion.

Advertisers are much worse than producers when it comes to consumer manipulation.

I am no business major, but when I see that every girl on campus is wearing Nike shorts, I know something is up.

Advertisers know exactly what to say or portray in television commercials to get people to buy their products.

If you drink Bud Light, then beautiful women will show up at you're house for a party. I wonder how many parties will serve Bud Light this weekend.

Advertisers are even putting their products into the television programs that we watch every day.

Charlie Sheen drives a Mercedes Benz in the show "Two

and a Half Men." If you have a Mercedes Benz, then you can sleep with 5,000 different women.

Anderson Cooper wears an Armani suit on his news program. Maybe success really is defined by how you dress.

Television producers and advertisers use these schemes to tell us how to live our lives.

These people are consciously shaping American society today, and they will continue to do so.

We need to be a little more wary of this fact so as not to create a true conformist society.

Don't be fooled or surprised when they try to promote bad behavior and unhealthy products; it is already happening, and it will continue to happen.

## Correction

An article about a Colonel Reb radio ad on the front page of Thursday's paper included a paragraph that misstated the involvement of Michael Thompson. Thompson called the radio station to inquire why the ad aired during an Ole Miss softball game.

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crazy," Kerri-Taylor Leech said.

Patty and Laura Leech live near Smithville High School, a Baptist church and a bank, which were also in complete disarray.

According to the Associated Press, the police station, post office, city hall and an industrial park with several furniture factories were severely damaged. Pieces of tin were wrapped around the legs of a blue water tower, and the Piggly Wiggly grocery store was ripped open.

The cemetery even experienced an intense amount of damage. Kerri-Taylor Leech said tombstones were broken into pieces and laying across the property.

Monroe County and Smithville will have no water or electricity for at least a few days. The electricity was promptly turned off to avoid injuries caused by damaged power lines.

According to the Clarion Ledger, Smithville residents who left Wednesday night will have until 6:30 p.m. to survey the damage.

The town will shut down again until 6 a.m. Friday.

"They've had homeland security there; they've had all the roads blocked; they're not allowing

people to come in or out," Kerri-Taylor Leech said.

Dogs were brought in yesterday afternoon to continue the search for survivors and bodies.

"They said the death toll keeps going up, and they are finding more and more," Kerri-Taylor Leech said.

According to her cousin, they were also forced to bring in an ice-truck to aid with the increasing death toll.

The Red Cross and the Salvation Army have response teams in the town. They provided meals yesterday afternoon and have tents established to provide first aid. Both have requested water donations, which can be delivered to Tremont Town Hall or Tremont School.

### Mississippi

Monroe County and Smithville were not the only areas affected by the storms; Gov. Haley Barbour declared 39 counties and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in a State of Emergency.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families who lost loved ones or property in these devastating spring storms," Barbour said in a statement. "A large section of our state has been impacted, and our emergency responders are doing an excellent job in helping communities. This State of Emergency declaration will allow the state to offer aid to begin recovery

efforts."

According to the Weather Channel, in addition to the 14 deaths in Monroe County, four fatalities were reported in Clarke County, three each in Kemper and Chickasaw counties, two were killed in Jasper County and one each in Choctaw, Lafayette, Marshall, Smith, Yazoo, Webster and Pike counties. The Pike County death occurred on Tuesday.

Charles Edward Jones, 57, of Oxford was killed when his truck collided with a tree on Hwy. 30, according to the Lafayette County Coroner's Office.

So far, there has been only one fatality reported as a result of the storm, although many have been injured, said Lafayette County Emergency Management Coordinator David Shaw.

As Mississippi handles the destruction of the storm, they are also being warned of flooding. Barbour said in a statement Thursday. Residents along the Mississippi River should prepare for major flooding over the next two weeks.

The river is expected to rise three feet higher than it did during the 2008 flood.

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency expects the river to reach its flood stage in the next couple of days, but that it will continue to rise over the next couple of weeks.

According to the Clarion Ledger, Barbour said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is predicting that the Mississippi River, which has already begun to rise, will reach its highest level May 18 at 53.5 feet on the gauge at Vicksburg.

"This is one disaster we can prepare for ahead of time," Barbour said in a statement. "Anyone living or owning property in the affected

area needs to take this situation seriously and move any property to higher ground."

### Alabama

As the chain of storms strung across the south, Alabama faced more than two-thirds of the deaths as well as a significant amount of damage.

Residents were given a warning of the storm 24 minutes ahead of time, but with storms up to a mile wide and hitting highly populated areas, damage and deaths were inevitable.

Gov. Robert Bentley declared a State of Emergency in all counties.

The state alone experienced an estimated total of 195 deaths, two of which were students at the University of Alabama. Injuries were impossible to keep track of, but there are estimated 600 in Tuscaloosa alone.



These were the most intense super-cell thunderstorms that I think anybody who was out there forecasting has ever seen.

**Greg Carbin,**  
National Weather Service  
Meteorologist

According to AP, the storms destroyed the city's emergency management center, turning the University of Alabama's Bryant-Denny stadium into a makeshift center.

"These were the most intense super-cell thunderstorms that I think anybody who was out there forecasting has ever seen," said meteorologist Greg Carbin at the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman,

Okla. in an AP article.

He said the only way to survive one of these tornadoes was to be in a reinforced room, storm shelter or underground.

"There's a pretty good chance some of these were a mile wide, on the ground for tens of miles and had wind speeds over 200 mph," research meteorologist Harold Brooks at the Storm Protection Center said in an AP article.

According to the article, the loss of life is the largest nationally since an outbreak of tornadoes in April 1974, where the weather service said 315 people were killed by a storm that swept across 13 Southern and Midwestern states.

Brooks said the tornado that hit Tuscaloosa is most likely an EF-5, which is the strongest rating for a tornado with winds over 200 mph.

Bentley said 2,000 National Guard troops were helping to search devastated areas for people still missing.

President Barack Obama is traveling to Alabama today to meet with Gov. Bentley and observe storm damage.

"We can't control when or where a terrible storm may strike, but we can control how we respond to it," Obama said in a statement. "And I want every American who has been affected by this disaster to know that the federal government will do everything we can to help you recover and we will stand with you as you rebuild."

### The South

The super-cell storm hit towns and neighborhoods from Tuscaloosa to Bristol, Va., according to an AP article.

It remains unsure how many tornadoes touched down in the South over the past three days, but according to the Weather Channel, it has totaled more than 250, with 150 of them occurring Wednesday.

It will take days to have a complete count of tornadoes and their ratings.

According to an article in AP, Tennessee has an estimated 33 deaths, 14 in Georgia, five in Virginia and one in Kentucky.

*The Daily Mississippian* reporter, Kevin Williams also contributed in reporting this story.



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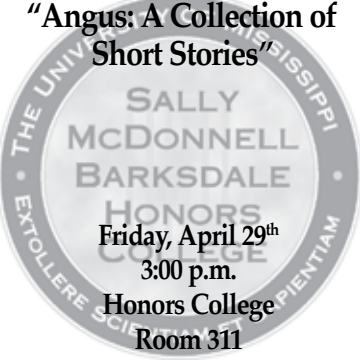
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KATE ANTHONY | The Daily Mississippian

A Mississippi Emergency Management Agency worker examines the damage at the Links Apartment Complex in Oxford. The building was damaged during the series of storms that began early yesterday morning and continued into the afternoon.

# Raising grades raises questions

BY PEYTON THIGPEN  
The Daily Mississippian

Rarely do institutions draw the line between earning extra credit and giving away points.

This question has recently been brought to light in the Sacramento area because of the actions of a Folsom Lake College professor.

The professor offered to raise students' grades if they helped in the college foundation's fundraiser. Students could raise their grades by an entire letter grade depending on how much money they raised, essentially setting up students to pay for extra credit.

This begs the question, "What if this happened at Ole Miss?"

According to associate provost Noel Wilkin, there has never been an instance at the University where a faculty member assigned grades or course credit based on the amount of money a student contributed or raised.

"If something like that did occur at our University, it would raise concern and would warrant a full investigation," Wilkin said.

There are several University guidelines that are set up to avoid anything like this from happening without undermining the academic freedom of instructors.

The University of Mississippi's official statement on academic freedom states: "We as an institution rely upon our faculty to assign appropriate grades based on the content of the course covered and the pedagogy used to communicate that content."

However, if an instructor at the University of Mississippi were caught enacting policies similar to that of the professor at Folsom Lake College, then they would receive punishment.

Wilkin referred to the University's faculty members' employment contracts, which state, "The Board shall have the authority to terminate this contract at any time for malfeasance, inefficiency or contumacious conduct."

Wilkin said that if a faculty member were to engage in inappropriate behavior, the chair of the department and the dean would be responsible for as-

sessing the magnitude of the infraction and determining the proper consequences.

There are also guidelines set in place by the American Association of University Professors. The Association's Statement of Principle on Academic Freedom and Tenure states, "Teachers are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subject, but they should be careful not to introduce into their teaching controversial matter which has no relation to their subject."

However, the association does not aim to discourage instructors from teaching any material that may be deemed controversial.

"Controversy is at the heart of the free academic inquiry which the entire statement is designed to foster," the AAUP's statement states. "The passage serves to underscore the need for teachers to avoid persistently intruding material which has no relation to their subject."

Other faculty members have similar ideals about the issue.

"A student should only get

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**SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION**  
**Emilie Dayan**

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BY MARY KELLEY ZELESKY  
The Daily Mississippian

Mikhail Margelov, a senator from Russia and a member of the Russian Federation Council, spoke yesterday afternoon in the Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics regarding situations in Russia and its relationships with other countries.

Margelov, chairman of the European Democrat group of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, has worked next to Russian President Vladimir Putin's electoral headquarters.

He was introduced by Mississippi Senator Trent Lott, who said that he has known Margelov for over 12 years.

"He is considered an expert on

political situations in Africa and Asia," Lott said during the introduction.

Lott also said that even though Ole Miss has some students from that region, many have never heard a Russian parliamentarian speak before.

"Most Mississippians and most Americans have never heard a Russian representative come and talk about their view of what is going on in Russia and what our relationship is like with Russia," Lott said. "As you can tell, he is extremely knowledgeable in that situation."

Margelov said he originally planned on visiting only Washington when he came to the United States.

"Senator Lott was trying to con-

vince me to come to Mississippi for several years, so I thought it would be an appropriate time to do it," Margelov said. "I really enjoy it."

After visiting a few of the classes at the University of Mississippi this week, Margelov felt that it was eye-opening to see the younger generation's opinions on these issues.

Blake Emidy, a junior public policy major, said that he agreed with most of what Margelov had to say.

"He did a very good job of showing that cooperation is possible," Emidy said. "He was very forthright and honest. It was a good presentation."

Margelov is tired of resetting our relations every few years, but he said he believes that globalization means more interdependence, which

brings less chance of becoming enemies.

"Russian operations were very much supported by American business," Margelov said. "Russia is actively working on modernization."

Margelov said he believes that Russia and the United States are fighting together, but he had a very different opinion on their relationship with the European Union.

He said he does not think that Russia is ready to join the EU or any other union because they are not ready to give up the status of a nation state.

However, he said he does feel as though Russia and America are natural partners.

"We are different, but equal," Margelov said.

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course credit for actual academic work," law school Dean Richard Gershon said.

Some students at the University of Mississippi share this belief, including International Studies sophomore Blake Pruett.

"I would just feel cheated if I knew that someone who put in half the work I did was able to write a check and receive the same grade as me," Pruett said. "That just isn't fair."

Another issue that gets brought up by this conflict is whether or not a few students' donations to a particular department would be worth compromising their learning experience.

According to the University of Mississippi Foundation's mission statement, "The Foundation is responsible for receiving, receipting, investing and distributing all gifts for the benefit of the University of Mississippi."

The University of Mississippi Foundation's total endowment as of June 30, 2010, was \$415 million.

"Is some student's \$25 worth him getting a grade he doesn't deserve?" Pruett asked. "The University has plenty of money; why would an instructor ask students to fundraise for bonus points?"

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# In Review: The Gondoliers

BY AMELIA CAMURATI  
Editor

Sitting in a theater minutes before the curtain goes up is one of the most exhilarating moments on earth. For a brief amount of time, while the overture swells from the orchestra pit and the only thing visible is a bright red curtain, anything can happen, and there are no limitations.

As the shadows of the hidden orchestra bounce across the walls of the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts, the excitement builds and suddenly you find yourself in Venice with many brightly-costumed women.

“The Gondoliers” is a comedic opera with music by Arthur Sullivan and libretto by W. S. Gilbert. One of the most famous dynamic duos of the theater elite, their shows have reached millions, providing a splash of political humor mixed among a plethora of beautiful music.

Gilbert and Sullivan have a very specific style with all of their productions, and this is no exception. “The Gondoliers,” directed by Julia Aubrey, is the story of

three wives, two weddings and a lot of misdirection, leaving the audience questioning the identity of the true king until the last possible second.

David Walton sweeps the production with his performance as Marco, one of the heavily sought-after gondoliers. His voice has the ability to soothe all nerves and leave the audience entranced, waiting for his next solo opportunity. The command Walton has over his voice brings a pure sound to match his cherub looks.

Matched with Walton is Carline Waugh, a newer voice than the majority of the cast, but still a future diva contender among the current ranks of Tiffany Gammell, graduate student, and Jessie Kennon, senior. While her short stature may hide her in the overall

picture with the monstrous chorus, Waugh has the potential to move past her competition and into the spotlight soon enough.

Gammell and Clay Terry are no strangers to displaying their real-life romance across the stages of Ole Miss, and once again they provide a performance that is nothing short of astounding. The combination of their voices and the true connection they portray gives the performance its most honest feeling of the night.

While opera singers are not known for their pristine acting ability, Charles Moore keeps the laughs coming with his hilarious interpretation of Don Alhambra Del Bolero. Moore shines with his comedic timing, while still carrying the musical portion of



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Pictured above: Louisa Waycott and Carline Waugh

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**Peyton Smith**

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his character with ease. His stage presence and exaggerated movements keep the eye drawn to him, easily making Moore one of the highlights of the show.

The live orchestra brings depth to the performance that a simple back-track can't provide. The sweet harmony of brass and strings surround you, wrapping you in a blanket of sound and transporting you deeper into the entrancing love story.

A joy for the whole family and a break from the Double Decker action, "The Gondoliers" is a show for all ages and personali-

ties. The mixture of local politics, classic theater choreography and slapstick humor gives Oxford a glimpse into the high-class world of opera for an economy-class budget. From curtain up to curtain call, the laughs fill the house, melding smoothly with the beautiful voices of the UM opera theater ensemble.

Performances are Friday, April 29 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m. in the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts. For tickets, visit the UM box office or order online at <http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/tickets>.



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Pictured above: the cast of 'The Gondoliers.'

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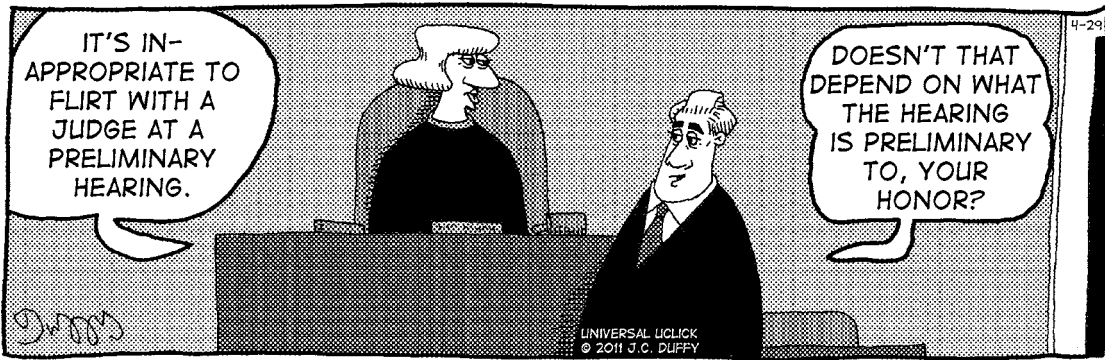
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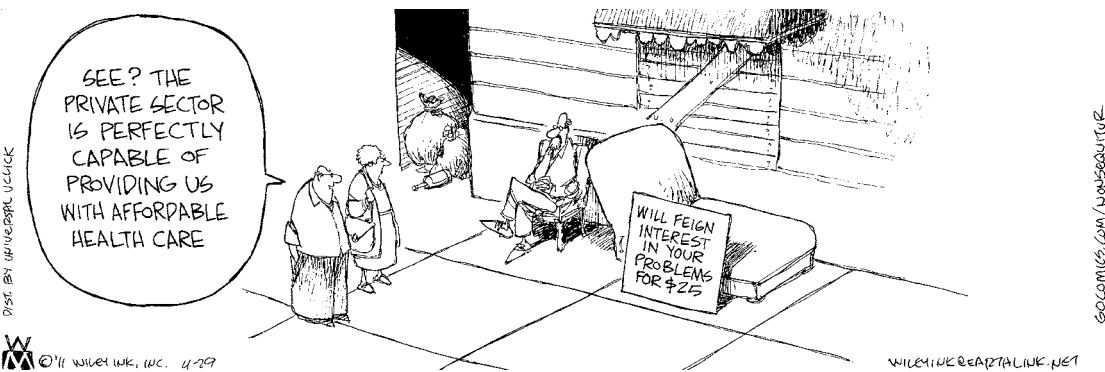
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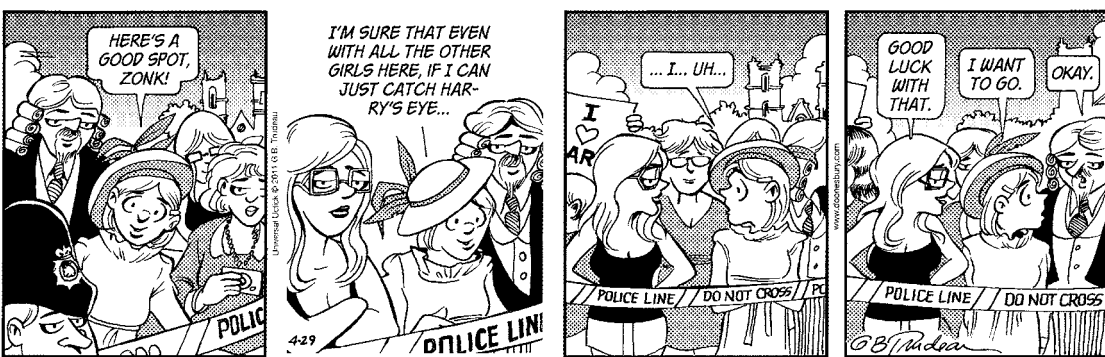
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- 27 Mock the umpire
- 28 Postponed
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- 36 Malt brew
- 37 Filled the hold
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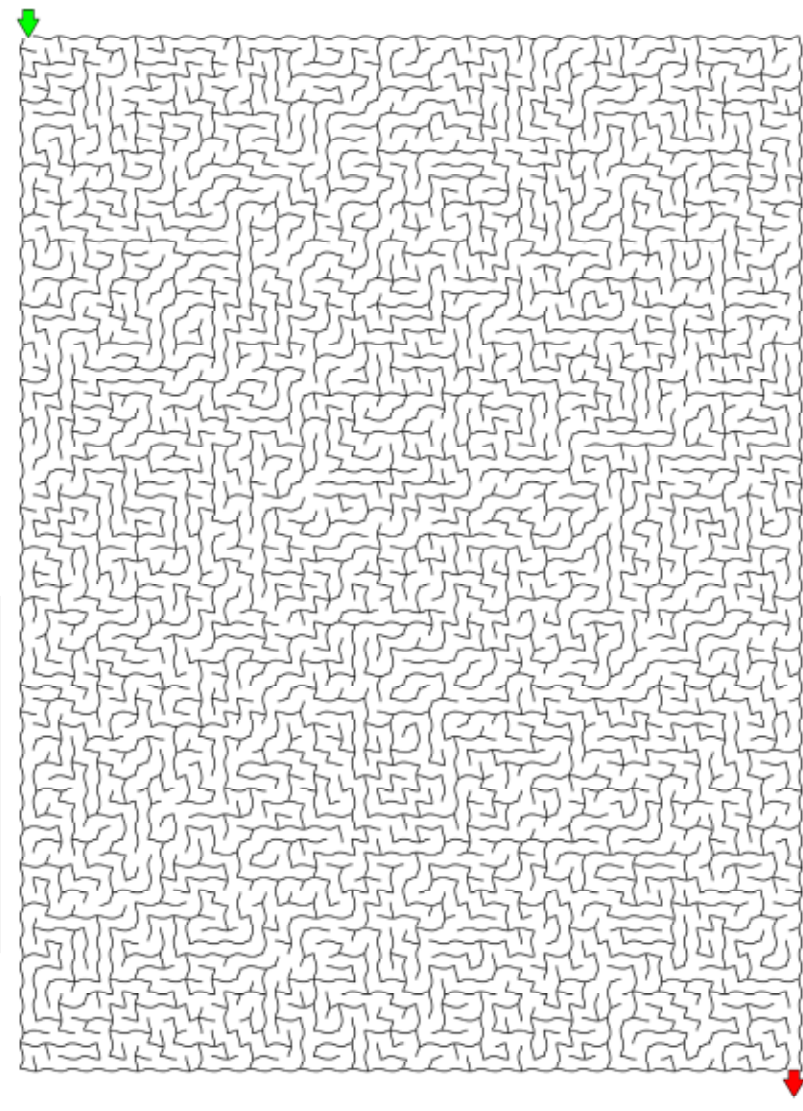


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# Ole Miss women's golf heads to Florida for NCAA tournament

BY KAITLYN DUBOSE  
The Daily Mississippian

The Ole Miss women's golf team is heading to Daytona Beach, Fla., to compete in its third consecutive NCAA Regional Tournament May 4-7.

The team will be playing on the LPGA International Golf Course, a tournament hosted by Stetson University, a course that is familiar to the team.

"It's a great golf course and one that we've on played before," Ole Miss coach Michele Drinkard said.

Three Lady Rebels competed in the Hooters Collegiate Match Play in 2009, which was held on the same course, and that experience will be beneficial for the team in this year's East Regional Tournament.

In addition to that competition, the Lady Rebels will have another person to draw information from about the course. Ole Miss signee Erika Schneider is a sophomore at Daytona State, and the LPGA International is her home course.

Drinkard said she hopes that this experience, combined with the knowledge of the course, will help



COURTESY OLE MISS SPORTS I

The Ole Miss women's golf team finished 11th at this year's SEC Championship and prepares for the NCAA East Regional Tournament next weekend in Daytona Beach, Fla.

the Lady Rebels.

This is Drinkard's fifth NCAA Regional bid as head coach and the seventh Regional bid for the Lady Rebel golf team.

The Ole Miss women's team competed in the 2009 NCAA East Regional Tournament in Gainesville, Fla., and the 2010 Central Regional Tournament in Columbus, Ind.

Eleven of 12 teams from the Southeastern Conference earned national bids this year.

"For our league to have 11 of 12 teams in the NCAA speaks volumes to the level of talent in the SEC,"

Drinkard said. "It's a tremendous accomplishment and one everyone should be proud of."

The Lady Rebels will compete against conference foes Auburn, Vanderbilt, Florida and Kentucky. They will also be up against top seed Alabama and last year's NCAA Champion Purdue.

Twenty-four teams and six individuals will advance to the final championship, which will be held at Traditions Club in College Station, Texas. The tournament, hosted by Texas A&M University, will be May 16-21.

# Matt Ball set to take over as compliance director

BY DAVID COLLIER  
The Daily Mississippian

The University of Mississippi announced the hiring of Matt Ball on April 15 as the new senior associate director for compliance, a position from which he will oversee all aspects of the athletics compliance office.

Ball will be taking over for David Wells, who is set to retire at the end of May after more than 30 years of service to Ole Miss.

Before coming to Ole Miss, Ball served as the director of compliance at Baylor University and the University of Oklahoma.

While Ball must become accustomed to the difference in rules between the Big 12 and the Southeastern Conference, he said he is excited to be in Oxford.

"Ole Miss is a well-known institution," Ball said. "It's the flagship institution of the state. One of the things I'm excited about is getting to work with a group of people that the state rallies behind."

Ball is a graduate of Central Missouri State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in

secondary education. He also received a master's degree in sports management from the University of Tennessee.

His career in compliance began in spring 2003 when he worked in the women's athletic department at Tennessee in exchange for class credit.

From there, Ball served as an intern at Lamar University, which is located in Beaumont, Texas, during the fall of 2003.

His internship was cut short, however, when Ball was named as a compliance coordinator at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

After less than two years in Waco, Ball was promoted to director of compliance at Baylor.

In 2007, Ball moved to Norman, Okla., where he held the same position at the University of Oklahoma. He worked in Norman for almost four years before moving to Ole Miss.

While serving at Baylor and Oklahoma, Ball worked with several star athletes including Baylor track star Jeremy Wariner, who has won three Olympic gold medals.

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# Diamond Rebels face No. 4 Florida on road

BY AUSTIN MILLER  
The Daily Mississippian

Heading into the last four weeks of Southeastern Conference play, the Ole Miss baseball team (24-17, 9-9 SEC) remains in a three-way tie-up with Auburn and Arkansas atop the SEC West.

The Diamond Rebels travel to Gainesville, Fla., for a three-game weekend series with No. 4 Florida (31-10, 14-4 SEC). Last year, Ole Miss took two of three from then No. 2 Florida in Oxford.

After a series loss at Auburn, Ole Miss is tied for fifth in the SEC's overall standings and a projected number three seed in the NCAA Tournament, according to ESPN and Rivals/Yahoo! Sports.

Florida, the SEC's regular-season

champion and a College World Series team last year, was picked No. 1 in Baseball America's preseason rankings and picked to win the SEC in the preseason coaches' poll.

Florida rides the momentum of a weekend sweep of previous SEC West leader Alabama, having already swept No. 19 Miami (Fla.), LSU and Tennessee, in addition to picking up series wins at Mississippi State and Georgia earlier this season.

Only No. 3 South Carolina has taken two of three from Florida in a weekend series, while No. 8 Florida State won the season series after wins in Jacksonville and Tallahassee.

Behind seven batters hitting over .300, Florida ranks among the SEC's leaders in most hitting

categories: first in batting average (.315), first in slugging percentage (.453), third in home runs (32), fourth in runs per game (6.39) and fourth in on-base percentage (.387).

Senior second baseman Josh Adams leads the team with a .369 batting average. Sophomore Mike Zunino, a Freshman All-American last season, is second on the team with a .364 batting average while leading the team in slugging percentage (.587) and on-base percentage (.446).

Junior first baseman/outfielder Preston Tucker is third on the team with a .331 batting average and leads the team with nine home runs and 39 runs batted in this season.

Florida ranks third in the SEC with a 2.64 earned run average, including a 2.08 weekend starters' ERA. The pitching staff has also held opponents to a .238 batting average, fourth-best in the conference. A pair of Freshman All-Americans from last season — sophomore right-hander Hudson Randall and sophomore left-hander Brian Johnson — leads Florida's weekend rotation.

Randall, a two-time SEC Pitcher of the Week and Friday's probable starter, ranks third in the SEC with a 1.53 ERA and leads the conference with only four walks allowed this season. Johnson, Saturday's starter, salvaged the Sunday game in last year's weekend series as he held Ole Miss to one run on four hits in five and one-third innings.

Rounding out the weekend's probable starters is freshman right-hander Karsten Whitson, the ninth-overall draft pick of the San Diego Padres in last year's Major League Baseball, who leads the team with 52 strikeouts.

Friday's and Saturday's games are set for 6 p.m. with Sunday's series finale set for a noon start.



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Sophomore outfielder Tanner Mathis at the plate in a 3-2 win over Kentucky. Mathis saw his 23-game hitting streak, the third-longest in UM history, end last Sunday at Auburn, but he remains second on the team in batting average and runs scored.

## Ole Miss vs. Florida Probable Starters

### Friday Starters

UM 20 Matt Crouse, Junior  
LHP 6-2 47 K  
67.1 IP 10 BB  
2.81 ERA .244 B/AVG

UF 11 Hudson Randall, Sophomore  
RHP 7-1 33 K  
64.2 IP 4 BB  
1.53 ERA .220 B/AVG

### Saturday Starters

UM 7 David Goforth, Junior  
RHP 3-5 45 K  
60.2 IP 24 BB  
4.60 ERA .270 B/AVG

UF 35 Brian Johnson, Sophomore  
LHP 6-1 48 K  
57.0 IP 10 BB  
2.53 ERA .225 B/AVG

### Sunday Starters

UM 22 Austin Wright, Junior  
LHP 4-3 50 K  
53.2 IP 20 BB  
4.36 ERA .290 B/AVG

UF 22 Karsten Whitson, Freshman  
RHP 5-0 52 K  
52.0 IP 18 BB  
2.25 ERA .230 B/AVG

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