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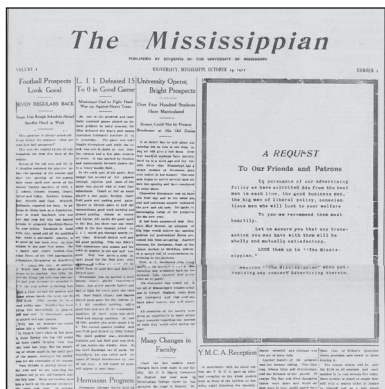
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**A LOOK BACK:** COVERS THAT HAVE SHAPED OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Featured below are six selected front pages that have influenced the history and integrity of *The Daily Mississippian*.

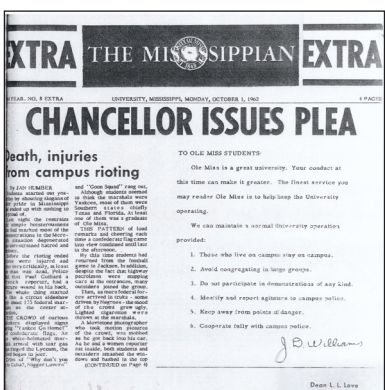
**10 / 14 / 1911**

The editors of the first edition of *The Daily Mississippian* were Forrest Cooper and Rad H. Reed.



**10 / 01 / 1962**

In 1962, James Meredith enrolled at the university. Sidna Brower's editorial was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.



**02 / 01 / 1968**

The word "daily" was added to the name of the paper in 1968. The paper had been published daily since 1961.



**02 / 15 / 1990**

In 1990, *The Daily Mississippian* staff campaigned to end the election of DM editors. Since then, editors have been selected by a committee.



**09 / 12 / 2001**

On Sept. 11, 2001, the United States came under attack by terrorists. The tragedy affected people everywhere, including the students of Ole Miss.



**09 / 27 / 2008**

In September of 2008, the university was brought into the national spotlight when it hosted the first presidential debate between Barack Obama and John McCain.



**EDITOR GIVES LETTERS TO THE LIBRARY**

BY JACOB BATTE  
News Editor

In the fall of 1962, the University of Mississippi was going through one of the most important transitional phases in its long history, and Sidna Brower Mitchell, the editor-in-chief of *The Mississippian*, got to witness it first hand.

Fifty years later, Mitchell is donating to the Ole Miss library many of her letters and souvenirs from her time at the paper.

"I'm bringing back a lot of letters to the editor from back during that time — some photographs, some old newspapers, whatever I've collected," Mitchell said. "Part of it will be from my Pulitzer Prize scrapbook."

On Sept. 30, 1962, riots broke out over the enrollment of James Meredith, the first African-American to attend the university.

Mitchell can still recall details of that night almost half a century later.

"All hell was breaking loose," she said. "I think the scary part was what the people were throwing at the U.S. Marshals that surrounded the Lyceum."

She remembers running back to the journalism building, which was also being used by the national media. Several people knocked on the door.

"They were obviously outsiders, obviously very angry and obviously segregationist," Mitchell said.

"I can remember one young



FILE PHOTO | *The Daily Mississippian*

Sidna Brower Mitchell speaks at a forum on campus in 2004. To read her 1962 editorial about the violence on campus during the riots, see page 3.

man, almost like a boy, asking 'Where is that -----? We're going to kill him.' At that point, I locked the doors."

The ongoing riots inspired Mitchell to write an editorial, that she said was trying to appeal to the rioters sense of law and order.

"My editorial basically said don't riot, don't cause disturbances — this is a public university," Mitchell said. "We were threatened to have our accreditation pulled, which for those of us that were seniors was very disturbing."

Even though Mitchell's piece did not mention the name "Meredith" or the words "Negro student," the following morning on Meredith's first day of school, Mitchell found herself under

scrutiny as well.

Her editorial, "Violence will not help," ran that day and did not receive a favorable reaction among the students and Southern residents.

Letters to the editor came from all over the country.

"It amazes me that a Southern girl, of all people, could in any way condone the unconstitutional use of brute Federal force in Mississippi," a man from Virginia wrote.

"Despite all of their red herring speeches, the real purposes of the NAACP is the ultimate destruction of the white race and our civilization that has required more than a thousand years to develop."

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**Former DM editors do great things, look forward to Centennial Celebration**

BY JACOB BATTE  
News Editor

Not many businesses have survived long enough to celebrate their centennial anniversary. *The Daily Mississippian* has lasted through 18 presidents and six wars, and is one of the oldest and largest student newspapers in the United States.

Those young journalists have gone on to do great things, with many working for newspapers, magazines and other media around the world.

William Winter, who was co-editor of the paper in 1942-43, was the 58th governor of Mississippi, and in

March 2008, he was given the Profile in Courage Award by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum for his work advancing education and racial reconciliation.

James Autry, who was editor-in-chief from 1954-55, became president of the Meredith Corporation, a Fortune 500 business, and is also a nationally recognized poet. Autry has been given the distinguished alumnus award from Ole Miss and in 1991 was awarded the Missouri State Medal of Honor.

Larry Speakes, who worked on *The Mississippian* staff in the late '50s, became the editor of *The Oxford Eagle* in 1961, and later was press

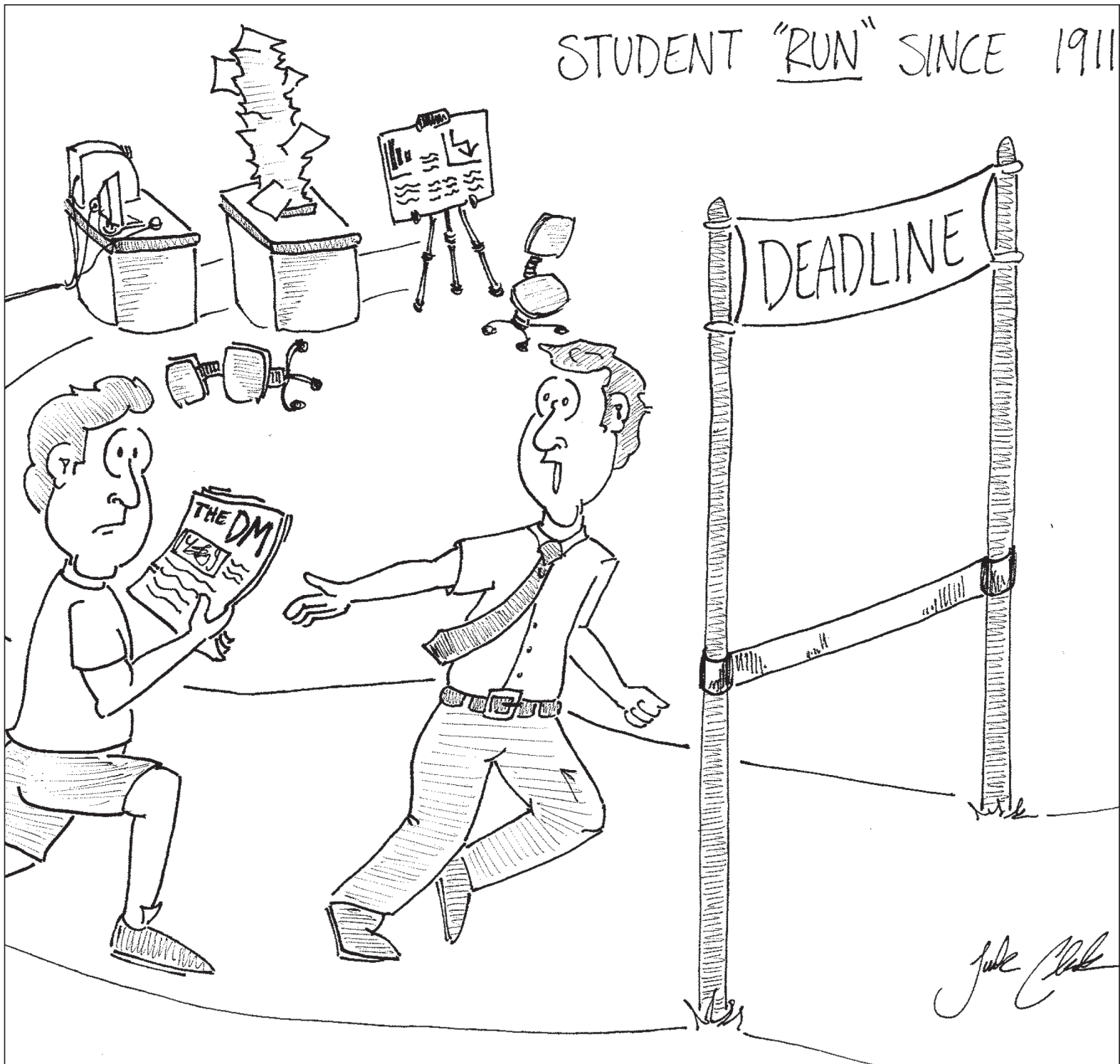
secretary for Sen. James Eastland of Mississippi, and press spokesman for President Ronald Reagan. Reagan presented Speakes with the Presidential Citizens Medal.

Charles Overby, who was the editor-in-chief of *The Mississippian* when it first added "Daily" to its name in the spring of 1968, has had an illustrious career that includes being the chairman and chief executive of the Newseum, an interactive museum of history, news and technology located in Washington, D.C., and the chairman and CEO of the Freedom Forum, a non-partisan private operat-

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BY JOSH CLARK  
Cartoonist



AMELIA CAMURATI  
editor-in-chief

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news editor

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## A welcome and thank you from the editor-in-chief



BY CAIN  
MADELN  
Editor-in-Chief

One hundred years. Ledes for columns in The Daily Mississippian these days tend to have a higher word count, but in this case, three words say a lot.

The student newspaper — the institution that has led the conversation on the Ole Miss campus — is turning 100 this year.

I am honored, excited and terrified at the same time to be at the helm as this happens.

I am honored because I have met former Mississippian editors and reporters — professors, professionals at newspapers or media companies throughout the state and country, and fel-

low students. All are brilliant. I am excited because of the history behind this institution, featuring 100 years of incredible reporting and eye-opening editorials.

Mississippi's flagship university boasts a legacy where editors and staffers have been unafraid to stand up to the university, the state and the world — with results.

I can't wait to hear even more war stories this weekend during the centennial celebration.

And well, I am terrified because of all of the above.

A few former editors have assured me that this is not an uncommon feeling when the

weight of the task ahead finally sinks in.

I feel it, but I'm not going to let it stop me as I prepare for a year where I will lose sleep, shed tears and want to put my fist through a wall. But mostly, I will laugh. My group of editors and staffers will have a great time this year as we make sacrifices to put out the best product we can, as 100 groups before us have.

Welcome back to Oxford, folks. As you get together and reminisce with old friends, may your laughter once again fill the Oxford night, well into the night.

Hotty Toddy.

## From the Editor

This week, The Daily Mississippian will focus on moments that defined both the publication and the university in celebration of its centennial.

Reprinted articles and columns come from the past 100 years of The Daily Mississippian.

Today's edition is our 100th anniversary commemorative edition leading up to the centennial celebration this weekend.

For a list of related events this weekend, see the calendar on page 6.

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# Blast from the Past

## Violence will not help 10/1/62

BY SIDNA BROWER  
Former Editor-in-Chief

This is an appeal to the entire student body and to anyone concerned with the present situation. Not only do the students chance forfeiting their education by participating in riots, but they are bringing dishonor and shame to the university and to the State of Mississippi.

When students hurled rocks, bottles and eggs the federal marshals were forced to resort to tear gas to back off the crowds.

When outsiders show their objections in the form of violence, they are seriously injuring the students in their attempt to continue their education. As a student, I beg you to return to your home.

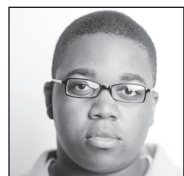
This is a battle between the State of Mississippi and the United States government; the university is caught in the middle. The Civil War was fought 100 years ago over almost the same issues and the United States of America prevailed. The federal government is once again showing its strength and power to uphold the laws of our country.

No matter what your convictions, you should follow the advice of Gov. Ross Barnett by not taking any action for violence. Blood has already been shed and will continue to flow unless people realize the seriousness of the situation.

Whatever your beliefs, you are a citizen of the United States of America and of the State of Mississippi and should preserve peace and harmony of both governments.

NOTE: James Meredith was admitted to the University on Oct. 1, 1962.

# Why every opinion matters



BY JON MOSBY  
Opinion Editor

It's not every day that you get to celebrate the centennial anniversary of anything. That's why this past week has been particularly interesting for the team of editors that put together The Daily Mississippian every day. This weekend, the Ole Miss Alumni Association will host a centennial celebration for former editors and staff members of The DM.

The Daily Mississippian — or The Mississippian as it was once called — has had a huge impact on the University of Mississippi and the city of Oxford. Student journalists have covered news, arts & entertainment, sports and so on — I'm sure you understand the layout.

What stands out most in the storied history of this student newspaper and the university are the countless editorials, opinion columns and letters to the editor that have given voice to opinions that weren't so popular at the time they were written.

Of particular interest is Sidna Brower Mitchell's editorial "The Violence Will Not Help," in which she called on students

to go back to their dorms and homes and stay away from the turmoil of Ole Miss and Oxford. Mitchell said, "Blood has already been shed and will continue to flow unless people realize the seriousness of the situation."

Her editorial is short by today's standards, but the editorial inflamed tons of the hate-filled students, residents and out-of-towners at the time. The Campus Senate tried to "impeach" her, and her parents got threat-laden phone calls years after she graduated from the university.

Writing that editorial took passion, courage and heroism. Her editorial meant that there were students and residents of Oxford that did not agree with the mentality of the mob, even if they were small in number.

That editorial showed that Ole Miss and Oxford were on the verge of change.

In Wednesday's DM, we ran the 1983 editorial from former editors Sallie Read and Lee Freeland about the controversy surrounding the Rebel flag. In short, the editors wanted people to question just how much the flag matters, if it hurts the modern-day university, if it makes some students feel bad about who they are as people and if it is ultimately a sign of oppression.

Deciding to do away with the Rebel flag was tough and I'm sure that was an unpopular

decision to make. That was an unpopular editorial to write. And as you've noticed, waving the Rebel flag is now a relic of the the past.

In my time here at the university, The DM has stood with what was right. If you read the editorial from past editors about the decision to end "From Dixie with Love," because of stubborn fans' decision to continue to yell a chant rooted in everything wrong about people's perceptions of the South, they said students were at fault for not listening to the chancellor. That was a tough thing to tell fellow students, but those editors made the right call.

The editors of The Daily Mississippian over the past 100 years have shaped the thought process on this campus and in Oxford. Sometimes we got things wrong - "Is three feet be enough?" Maybe. I'll check with the math and English departments and I'll back to you on that.

Most of the time we get them right. We got the controversy over the enrollment crisis right. We got the Rebel flag issue right. We got the mascot issue right.

The Daily Mississippian has been an agent of change for Ole Miss, Oxford and the state of Mississippi.

In Oxford and all across America, we live a heated media environment where you're

either right or horribly wrong. If you listen to what some people say, either the Republicans are destroying the country or the Democrats are destroying the country. In reality, most of you fall in the middle — you think this new policy is great and completely disagree with what's going on with something else.

If you're an Oxford resident, an Ole Miss student or any one of the millions of people in the world with Internet access (yes, that's a plug for theDMonline.com), you can contribute to the exchange of ideas on the opinion pages. Write a letter to the editor, email us or tweet us.

You won't always agree with me or the columnists that work for this paper. You may not agree with what you read in news, lifestyles or sports. Hey, you may not agree with what you read in the classifieds. Those are the benefits of living in a democracy, or a civilized society.

That's the beauty of discourse.

That's why the opinion pages matter, that's why my opinion matters and more importantly, that's why your opinion matters.

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## Defiant no longer, Weiner resigns following sex scandal

NEW YORK (AP) — Defiant and combative no longer, New York Rep. Anthony Weiner soberly announced his resignation from Congress on Thursday, bowing to the furor caused by his sexually charged online dalliances with a former porn actress and other women.

Democratic Party leaders, concerned that Weiner could weigh the party down in the 2012 elections, welcomed the announcement after days spent trying to coax, push and finally coerce the wayward 46 year old into quitting. Known as brash, liberal and ambitious, Weiner had run for mayor of New York in 2005 and had been expected to do so again. He was in his seventh term in Congress.

At an appearance in Brooklyn that drew hecklers as well as supporters, Weiner apologized “for the personal mistakes I have made and the embarrassment I have caused,” particularly to his wife, Huma Abedin.

Pregnant with the couple’s first child, she was absent as she had been 10 days ago when Weiner first admitted sending inappropriate messages and photos to women online — after earlier denying emphatically he had done so.

In his brief farewell appearance, Weiner said he initially hoped the controversy would fade but then realized “the distraction that I have created has made that impossible.”

That conclusion echoed party officials who had become worried that the intense public focus on Weiner — and the Republican political rhetoric sure to follow — would complicate their campaign efforts in 2012.

“Congressman Weiner exercised poor judgment in his actions and poor judgment in his reaction to the revelations,” House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said in a statement released moments after he spoke. “Today, he made the right judgment in resigning.”

Weiner made his announcement at the same senior citizen center in Brooklyn where he announced his candidacy for the New York city council in 1992.

He declined to answer questions, leaving unaddressed whether he envisioned his resignation as the end of a once-promising political career — or merely a painful pause of uncertain duration.

“Now I’ll be looking for other ways to contribute my talents so that we live up to that most New York and American of ideals,” he said.

Nor did he explain his presence in New York, several days after issuing a statement that said he was seeking treatment. Other Democrats said he had left the city to do so.

He had succeeded his mentor, Sen. Chuck Schumer, who vacated the seat to run for the Senate. Schumer was one of a small number of prominent Democratic leaders who did not call for Weiner’s resignation.

Weiner’s departure marks the end of a bizarre period born of the New Yorker’s use of social media such as Twitter and Facebook.

His problems began on May 28 when a website run by conservative commentator Andrew Breitbart posted a lewd photograph of an underwear-clad crotch and said it had been sent from Weiner’s Twitter account to a Seattle woman.

And as the scandalous chapter neared its conclusion, a former pornography actress who exchanged emails and messages over Twitter with him said Wednesday at a news conference he had asked her to lie about their interactions.

Ginger Lee said she and Weiner exchanged about 100 emails between March and June after Lee posted a supportive statement about the congressman on her blog. He then contacted her on Twitter, Lee said.

They mostly discussed politics, but he would often turn the conversation to sex, she said.

“I have wardrobe demands, too. I need to highlight my package,” Weiner wrote Lee, in an email read aloud at the news conference by Lee’s attorney.

Weiner’s initial reaction after the first photo became public more than two weeks ago was to lie, and he did so repeatedly, saying his Twitter account had been hacked.

But he pointedly did not report the incident to law enforcement — a step that could have opened him to charges of far more serious wrongdoing.

Nor were his public denials persuasive, especially when he told one interviewer he could not “say with certitude” that he wasn’t the faceless man in the underwear photo.

His eventual confession triggered a tabloid-style frenzy in print and online that only grew more pronounced a few days later when an X-rated photo surfaced on a website.

After initially calling for a House ethics investigation, Pelosi ramped up the pressure on Saturday when she joined with Rep. Steve Israel of New York and Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida, leader of the Democratic National Committee, in calling on Weiner to step

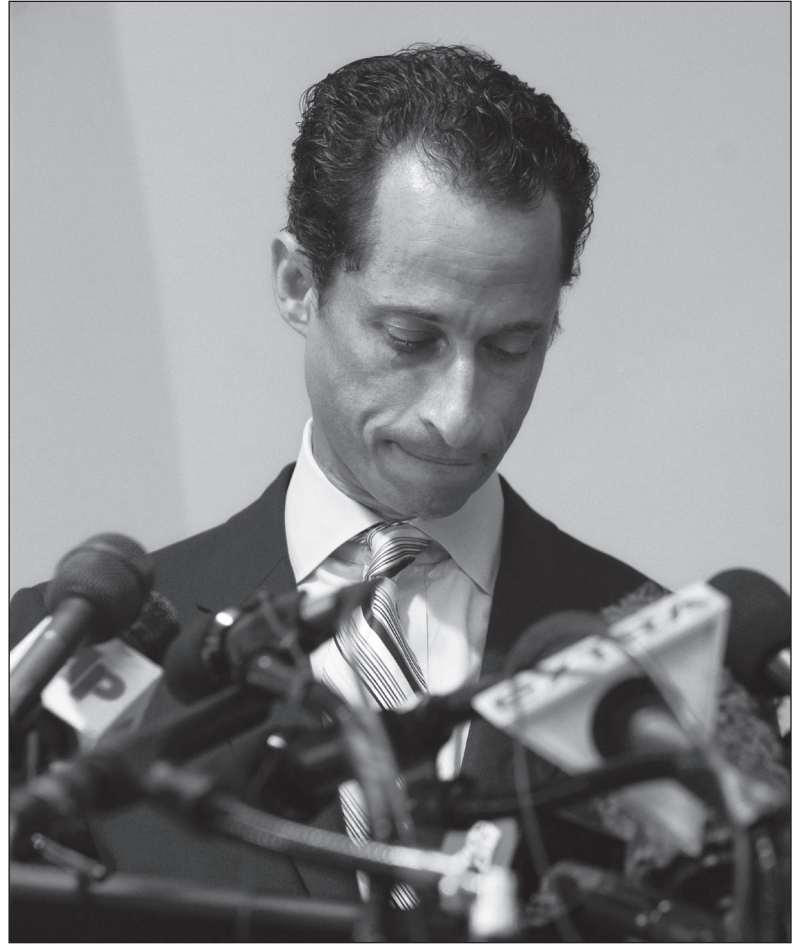


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down.

President Barack Obama added to the pressure two days later, saying if he were in Weiner’s situation, he would resign.

On Wednesday, Democrats let it be known the party’s leadership in the House would be meeting within 24 hours to consider sanctions against Weiner, including possibly stripping him of his committee assignment.

Weiner was said to have telephoned Pelosi and Israel, the head of the party campaign committee, as they attended a White House picnic on Wednesday evening to tell them of his plans to quit.

Several officials have said in recent days that Weiner was reluctant to make any decision about his

career without speaking with his wife, a top aide to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who had been overseas since shortly after the scandal broke. The trip ended Tuesday night.

Weiner’s outspoken, in-your-face style cheered liberal supporters and angered conservatives.

He even irritated some party leaders in 2009 when he led the charge for a government-run health care system long after the White House had made it clear that Obama was opposed.

Weiner’s district includes parts of Queens and Brooklyn.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has the authority to call a special election to fill the seat once the congressman submits his resignation.

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# State of the Program

*Ole Miss Athletics Director Pete Boone sat down and met with members of the Ole Miss media Thursday morning, including The Daily Mississippian sports editor Austin Miller. Boone looked back at the 2010-2011 athletic year and looks forward to the future of Ole Miss sports. He addressed a wide range of topics, from the disappointing seasons in the "big three" sports to new and improved athletic facilities.*

BY AUSTIN MILLER  
Sports Editor

## Last season and the overall trend of Ole Miss athletics

"Without question, last year was an interesting year. After a couple years of pretty good success in athletics, I think we had a bump in the road. Some might call it a speed bump and some might call it a hurdle. I'm not sure. Certainly, in our major sports, it was not what we intended. While we had 10 of our 18 sports go to the postseason, that's not the total measuring stick that we have for success. We fully expect our football team, our basketball team and our baseball team to be at the top every year and playing for something significant during their seasons.

"There's always up and down, but I feel strongly about the positive trend Ole Miss athletics has. We have some of the best facilities in the conference. We may not be as big, but, as far as quality, we have some of the best. You know about the construction we've had over the last couple of years and the construction that is underway now with tennis and golf."

## Budgets and money

"Our budgets have gone up. I remember in 1994 when I first came to Ole Miss, our budget was \$8 million. And now, this year will probably be \$47-48 million, but if you add in the UMAA foundation, we will be close to \$55-60 million. That's still in the bottom quarter of the SEC, so we have to be very mindful of how we invest our money. I choose to use the word invest instead of spend because we want a return out of everything that we invest in."

## Outlook for "big three"

"I'm optimistic about our program in the three major sports that we have. There have been changes

that the coaches have decided to do. They recognized that there was strengthening that could be done and they have done it. I'm pleased with that. The other two components of that is we're ahead of our season tickets from this time last year, so there's still a lot of interest in it. Our foundation is going to have a record donation for the second or third year in a row."

## Coach relationships and potential changes

"The relationship with athletic director and coaches is a unique one. They (coaches) are absolutely responsible for the success of their team. And if they are, then you have to let them do their job, which means you have to let them hire who they want to.

"The athletic director cannot be a fan. It has to be a business. You weigh the line of when is it that the program is trending in a certain way. This past year in baseball, football and basketball – basketball didn't do bad, they just kind of underachieved what the expectations were. I think football and baseball certainly underachieved what we thought was supposed to happen. But, at the same time, I can't get caught up as fan. I have got to think in terms of where's the trend going, what are the fundamental issues that make programs successful and where do we stand with that.

"The main thing that you have to keep coming back to is what is in the best interest of Ole Miss in the long term. And whatever it costs and whatever you need to do. If it's determined it is in the long-term best interest to keep (a coach) or not, then you make those decisions. That's what you have to do."

## Desire to win

"(Our fans) want to win. They believe that we're going to win. They see what the competition is doing and they see that we have

got to do similar things to have a chance to succeed. And they have really come forward. It's been a decade of putting their money out there for us to have these kinds of facilities and paying these coaches what we're paying. I'm excited about the fact that they're relentless. That they're going to be there and they're going to make sure Ole Miss succeeds."

## Letters and emails to and about the university and athletic department, specifically Dan Jones and Pete Boone

"I think it's frustration of this past year. I don't think there's any question about it. And I think a lot of it has to do with losing to a rival team. Those scabs don't heal very easily. But, at the same time, when we have record donations and more people are members of our foundation than ever before, the facts say that Ole Miss is ready to move forward and the facts say that the fans are supporting Ole Miss programs."

## Compliance

"I'm so focused on compliance. You have been reading about all the issues out there – that's not going to happen at Ole Miss. Ole Miss, I think, may be, other than Vanderbilt, the only (SEC) school since our 1994 (NCAA investigation) – which brought me into the (sports) world – without a major investigation from the NCAA. We're going to have institutional control. When you do that, you're telling a coach he can't do this and he can't do that, and you're putting monitors in place. To me, the integrity at Ole Miss is at stake, and so I'm going to do everything that I can do and my boss expects me to do that."

## The new Rebel the Black Bear mascot

"It's a big deal to those that are

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## EDITOR, continued from page 1

“The moment is rapidly approaching when you must decide whether to aid the cowardly federal tyrants who converted Mississippi into a bloody battleground for immoral political purposes, or defend our beloved Southland in its hour of trial and tribulation,” wrote a man from Alabama.

“Regardless of my personal love for life, I prefer death to capitulating to an unholy cause which my innermost convictions tell me is wrong.”

Though many were angry with Mitchell and her editorial, there were some that supported her decision.

“May God bless you and always give you the moral courage to stand up for what is right,” wrote a man from North Carolina.

Nine days after Meredith first laid foot on campus as a student of Ole Miss, The San Francisco Chronicle wrote an editorial entitled “Voice in Mississippi,” which praised Mitchell’s efforts.

“In its comments on the Meredith case, the student paper at the University of Mississippi has shown more good sense and principle than the Governor, the Legislature, the Bar and most of the rest of the Mississippi press,” the editorial said.

The editorial also mentioned Mitchell by name, admiring her courage to write about what she believes.

“It takes some courage for

a young editor to stand up to the yowls of a mob and the mummery of the authorities in a racially inflamed situation, more especially when the editor is a young woman. We pay our respects to Editor Brower of The Mississippian.”

The campus senate tried to censor her, but after finding out they did not have the power to do that, they then voted to censure Mitchell three months after Meredith began at the university.

“That did happen,” Mitchell said. “National media covered it and I got a lot of positive press all over the world. Unfortunately an action like that reflected poorly on the university.”

Mitchell remembers being in a history exam before being pulled out by a state trooper

and subpoenaed.

“I remember being taken to the alumni house,” she said. “And there were these old men who were sitting around and they all wanted to know why I didn’t uphold the principles of the South.”

Mitchell said that while it wasn’t altogether unexpected, in a way she was shocked to find out about the censure.

“I certainly found out who my friends were and who my enemies were,” she said.

Mitchell said some of those who came out against her were only doing it for political reasons.

“I had a congressman that came out against me, and when I got to New York, he called and apologized and said he only did it to help his election,” she said.

As a result of her editorials,

Mitchell received a number of job offers, including an internship with Scripps Howard news service.

“Even though I had my choice of about 17 newspapers, I thought, ‘Why not go to New York?’ That was almost every journalist’s dream.”

Mitchell thought she would stay in New York for a while and then come back and work for the Commercial Appeal in Memphis, but that didn’t happen.

“I have now been a damn Yankee for about three times as long as a Southerner,” Mitchell laughed.

“But my heart is still in the South.”

Almost 40 months later, the censure was rescinded.

“That was one of the most emotional things in my life,” Mitchell said.

## The Mississippian Centennial Celebration Schedule of Events

### FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2011

11:00 - 5:00

#### Registration

The Inn at Ole Miss - Lobby

2:00 - 4:00

#### Tours

Farley Hall, Overby Center & Student Media Center

5:00 - 7:00

#### Reception

Farley Hall

#### Open House

Overby Center

Guests will receive a 160-page souvenir publication featuring letters from former editors and front pages from each year.

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### SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2011

8:00 - 10:00

#### Registration

The Inn at Ole Miss - Lobby

9:30

#### Celebrating Journalism for 100 years: Insights & Reflections on the Past, Present and Future.

Co-chairs: DM editors Liz Shiver ('54) and Jim Autry ('55)

Moderator: Charles Overby, DM editor ('68)

Panelists: DM editors Jim Autry ('55), Jim Robertson ('62), Sidna Brower Mitchell ('63) and Ed Williams ('65).

#### Panel Discussion

Moderator: Charles Overby

Panelists: DM editors Jesse Holland ('94), Julie Finley Copper ('02) and Bryan Doyle ('07)

#### Special Discussion of The Delta Project

Moderator: Professor Bill Rose

Student Panelists: Miriam Taylor, Cain Madden, and Norman Seawright.

Approximately 45 minutes will be allotted to each panel discussion, including Q&A with audience members

12:00

#### Cookout Catered by Taylor Grocery

Front lawn of Farley Hall  
Casual attire

6:00 & 7:00

#### Reception & Dinner

The Inn at Ole Miss - Ballroom

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Former Daily Mississippian editors and staff gathered at Proud Larry's Wednesday to prepare for the centennial festivities.



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Top: Jenny Robertson and Rob Robertson sit in Proud Larry's and look at past copies of The Daily Mississippian from the years when they were the editors-in-chief. Rob was editor in 1996-97 and Jenny was editor in 1997-98.

Bottom: Dudley Prewit looks at past editions of The Daily Mississippian during a reunion of staff members from the late '90s.

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From left to right: Charles Overby, Sparky Reardon, Jesse Holland and Bryan Doyle. Holland and Doyle will be part of the panel discussion on Saturday.

ing foundation that focuses on promoting better understanding of the First Amendment.

Overby said that he accomplished one of his first journalistic goals while he was in college.

"I remember from the time I was a junior in high school, my goal was to be the editor of The Daily Mississippian," he said.

"That's the reason I went to Ole Miss, was to be editor-in-chief and move on and become a full-time journalist. It was a very satisfying experience."

Overby said his time at The Daily Mississippian helped prepare him for the challenges of being an editor of a daily newspaper.

"I think the challenges and the highs and lows of producing a daily newspaper helped prepare me to become a full time journalist," he said. "I loved being the editor. And so when I got out of Ole Miss my next professional goal was to become editor of a daily newspaper."

Overby will be a moderator for two of the panels during the Centennial Celebration Saturday afternoon.

"The panelists are former editors that range from the 1950s to the 2000s, so it spans 50 years," he said. "These are people who have had notable accomplishments in their careers. We'll be celebrating the past, present and future of journalism at The Daily Mississippian."

Overby said he expects that there will be some discussions of memories from former editors' time at Ole Miss, but that they will also talk about the current realities of journalism,

politics and life in general.

Overby said he is looking forward to seeing some of his old friends but that he is also interested in the current state of the newspaper that he led for a year.

"It will be kind of a reunion for sure, but it will also be a chance to celebrate the great things that are happening now at Ole Miss in journalism," he said. "I think a lot of us will enjoy seeing what has gone on recently and will be happy to see the future of journalism at Ole Miss."

Thomas "Sparky" Reardon was the summer editor of The Daily Mississippian in 1970, and is now the dean of students at Ole Miss.

Reardon said he remembers covering events such as the voting age being lowered to 18 and Archie Manning's Ole Miss career during his time at Ole Miss, but one memory stuck out more than the others.

"I remember we did a special on the Shelby County Fair," Reardon said. "Otis Tims and

I went to the fair and we had great time going out and covering that."

Reardon said that when he thinks of his time writing for the paper, he always thinks about Brady Hall, where the newspaper staff used to work.

"It was a very small place, and we were in pretty confined quarters there and that will always hold special memories there," he said.

Reardon said he is looking forward to seeing the people that he once worked with.

"When you write for The Daily Mississippian, or any

other newspaper, the story that you report on becomes a part of who you are, as well as the relationships on the staff," Reardon said. "I'm looking forward to getting back together and hearing about things that I don't remember, some things I do remember and some things that probably never happened."

Jesse Holland, who was editor-in-chief of The Daily Mississippian during the 1993-94 academic year, has also made a name for himself. Holland covers the Supreme Court for the Associated Press and is the first African American to be a Supreme Court correspondent for a major media organization.

Holland, who was only the second African American to be editor-in-chief of The Daily Mississippian, was named to the University of Mississippi's Top 50 Journalism Graduates and received the 1996 Associated Press Managing Editors Association John L. Dougherty Excellence Award.

Jenny Dodson Robertson, editor-in-chief during 1997-98, interned with National Geographic Traveller magazine before taking a job managing media relations for FedEx.

"I used a lot of what I learned as editor on different campaigns that I have worked on in my public relations career," Robertson said.

When asked about her favorite memory at The Daily Mississippian, Robertson recalled a time when two papers were printed in one day.

"The university announced it was going through an image review, which was designed to look at all of the symbols of Ole Miss," Dodson said. "It was an emotionally charged subject and it was getting a lot of attention."

The university planned to

announce its decision early in the day on a Friday and Robertson said she knew they were going to be late covering the issue if they had to wait until Monday's paper to print a story about it.

"We decided we were going to be the first to cover it so we did an afternoon edition," Robertson said. "We went to the press conference and then we all came back to the paper immediately. We had a picture, an editorial cartoon and we put together an 8-page paper that went out that afternoon."

Robertson said the staff hand-delivered them to the newsstands.

"We had people standing at the newsstands waiting on the paper to come out at 3 p.m., and we were pretty proud of that," she said.

Robertson said that was easily her favorite paper that she ever put out.

"This was definitely my favorite paper ever because of the team work and the spirit that everybody had in trying to be the first to cover that story," she said.

Robertson has since become part of the "First Family" of The Daily Mississippian. Her husband, Kenneth Rob Robertson, was the editor-in-chief the year before her, and his father, James Robertson, was the editor-in-chief in 1961-62, when the paper first started printing five days a week and Kenneth's mother was the

managing editor in 1962-63.

"The Daily Mississippian is a tradition for my family," Robertson said. "It means a lot to us because of that."

Robertson said she is looking forward to coming back and seeing all of her former colleagues.

"Being on a staff of the newspaper, it's almost like being in your own fraternity because you spend so much time together," she said.

"We've worked together till midnight every night. Those are my closest friends from college and I'm looking forward to catching up with all of them and talking about some of the crazier stories that we covered or some of the things that happened at the newspaper."

Other staff members who have gone on to make a name for themselves include: Bryan Doyle, web producer for Politico; Greg Brock, senior editor at the New York Times; Dan Goodgame, a Rhodes Scholar and managing editor at Fortune Small Business; Joe McCambly, co-founder of Wonderfactory; Glen Ballard, Grammy-winning writer and composer; Myres McDougal, Rhodes Scholar and professor at Yale Law School for 50 years; and James Robertson, former Mississippi Supreme Court justice.

Elizabeth Nichols Shiver, editor of The Mississippian in 1953-54, was chair of the 75th anniversary in 1986, and is co-chair of this year's centennial celebration along with Jim Austry.

"I remember from the time I was a junior in high school, my goal was to be the editor of The Daily Mississippian."

**Charles Overby,**  
Former Editor-in-Chief

**Thomas "Sparky" Reardon,**  
Dean of Students



## PROGRAM,

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emotional about it. I'm not saying they're wrong. My focus is what we can do to help win championships. And anything that doesn't involve winning a championship, that's going to affect our players or our coaches about winning a championship, I can't spend a lot of time on that.

"There are times when I think we are spending too much time on some things that are not going to help us win, and that's the only frustrating part to me about some of these things. But that comes with the territory."

### OTHER NOTES:

\$2.1 million tennis center construction and improvements, set for completion in November or December for next season and the 2012 SEC Women's Tennis Championship. Improvements

include new men's and women's locker room lounge areas, renovated coaches' offices and a covered concourse for another 200-300 people to watch.

Estimated \$50-\$70 million, 10,000-seat new basketball arena. Plans for the multi-use facility, complete with inside/outside renderings, will be ready within the next six weeks. Other details include the Ole Miss Sports Hall of Fame to be located inside and a concourse around the arena for fans to stand and watch. The new arena will provide an "intimate environment," closer to the court than the Tad Smith Coliseum.

\$8-\$10 million renovations and improvements to Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, including an expansion and "bowling in" the north endzone to resemble the south endzone. It will be a part of a capital fundraising campaign that also includes funding for the new basketball arena.

# SEC football rankings: Defensive Line

With college football only a couple months away, it's time to take an early look at the Southeastern Conference heading into the summer months. Each Friday, *The Daily Mississippian's* Bennett Hipp will rank the 12 SEC teams by position as part of an eight-week series. Next Week: Special teams

BY BENNETT HIPPI  
The Daily Mississippian

**1. South Carolina:** The Gamecocks led the league in sacks last season with 41, and 31 of those came from the defensive line. South Carolina should expect to be near the top in sacks again in 2011. They return senior defensive end Melvin Ingram who led the team with nine sacks in 2010. Junior Devin Taylor, who had 7.5 sacks last season, returns at the other defensive end position. Massive senior defensive

tackle Travian Robertson will combine with freshman defensive tackle Kelcy Quarles to plug up the middle. Of course, they also added the top recruit of the 2011 class in defensive end Jada-veon Clowney, who is expected to make an instant impact.

**2. Florida:** The Gators are young on the defensive line, but have a ton of talent among those young players. Sophomore Ronald Powell is poised for a breakout season at defensive end, and a duo of sophomores will man the defensive tackle positions in Do-

minique Easley and Shariff Floyd. Both were high-rated recruits and should be able to stuff the run and rush the passer this season. Senior William Green will man the other defensive end spot.

**3. Alabama:** Yes, the Crimson Tide must replace Marcell Dareus and Luther Davis, but Alabama should be able to move back toward the top of the SEC defensive lines in 2011. Junior college signee Quinton Dial will man one of the end spots and at 6'6," 294-pounds, he should be just fine. Junior Damion Square Jr. is the projected starter at the other end position. In the middle, massive senior defensive tackle Josh Chapman is the starter for now, but junior college signee Jesse Williams was one of the top JUCO lineman last season. He has the potential to provide an impact like Terrance Cody in 2011.


**4. Georgia:** The Bulldogs 3-4 defensive scheme requires a large, run-stopping defensive tackle. They didn't have that last season, but junior college signee John Jenkins looks to be the perfect fit for the spot this season. Senior DeAngelo Tyson moves back to his natural position at defensive end and will pair with junior Abry Jones on the outside. Sophomore Kwame Geathers, listed at 6'6," 350 pounds, will be able to move between nose tackle and end if Jenkins is able to contribute immediately.

**5. LSU:** The Tigers lost two starters off last year's line, including the uber-talented Drake Nevis, but continue to have an embarrassment of riches. Sophomore defensive end Sam Montgomery is healthy and is expected to breakout in 2011. Senior Kendrick Adams will start at the other defensive end spot but will be pushed by another talented sophomore in Barkevious Mingo. Freshman defensive tackle Anthony "Freak" Johnson is one of the best high school players in Louisiana high school football history and will provide an immediate impact.

**6. Arkansas:** The Razorbacks boast a great pair of defensive ends in second-team All-SEC senior Jake Bequette and junior Tenarius Wright. Sophomore Bryan Jones and junior DeQuinta Jones will start at the defensive tackle positions for what could be an improved defensive line.

**7. Mississippi State:** The Bulldogs lost Pernel McPhee, their top defensive end, to the NFL Draft but return one of the best defensive tackle combinations in the conference. Juniors Fletcher Cox and Josh Boyd are a great

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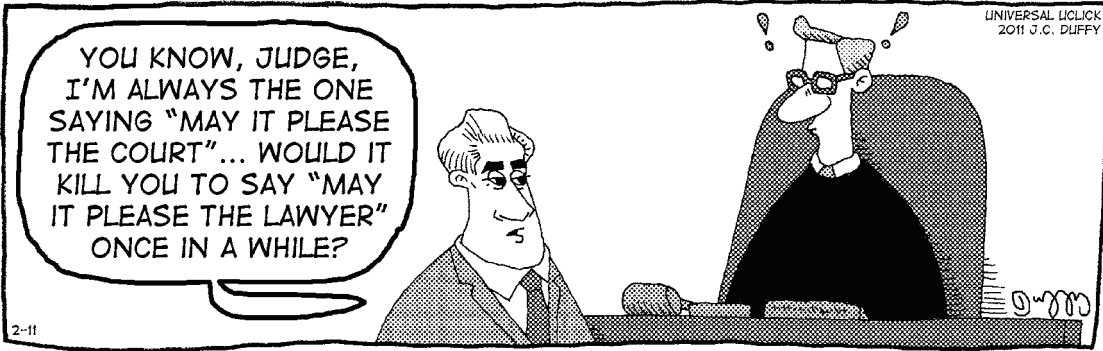
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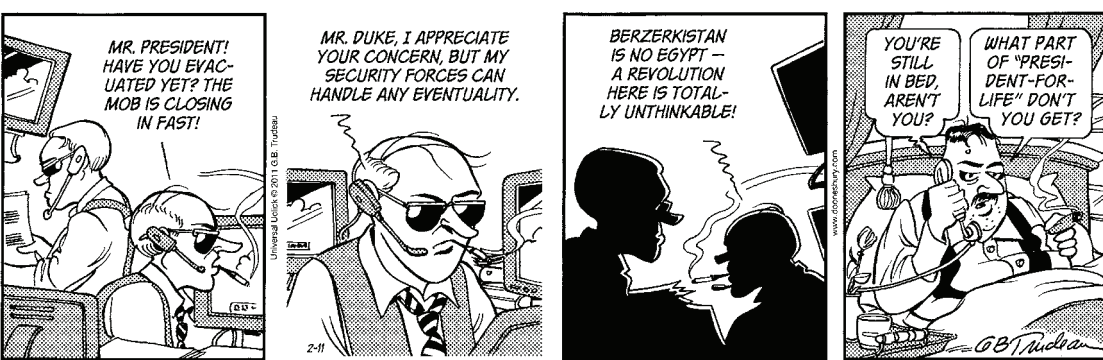
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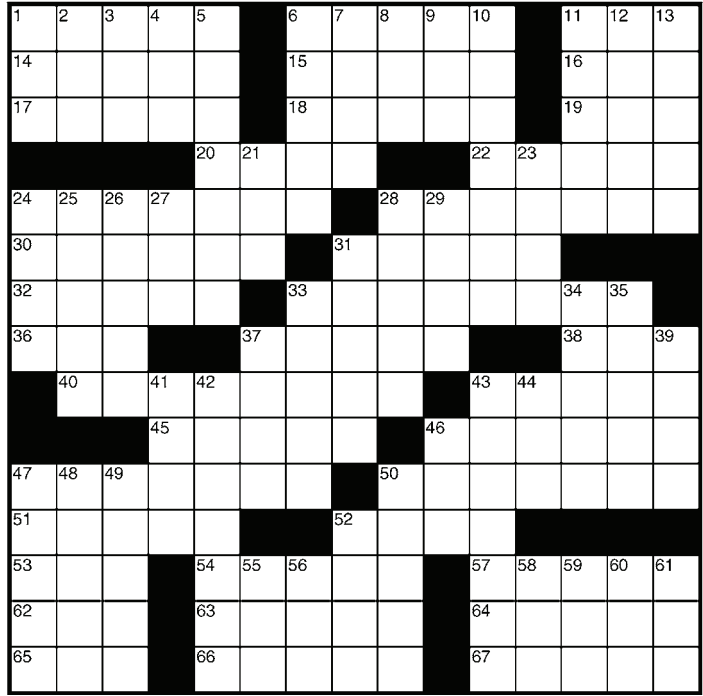
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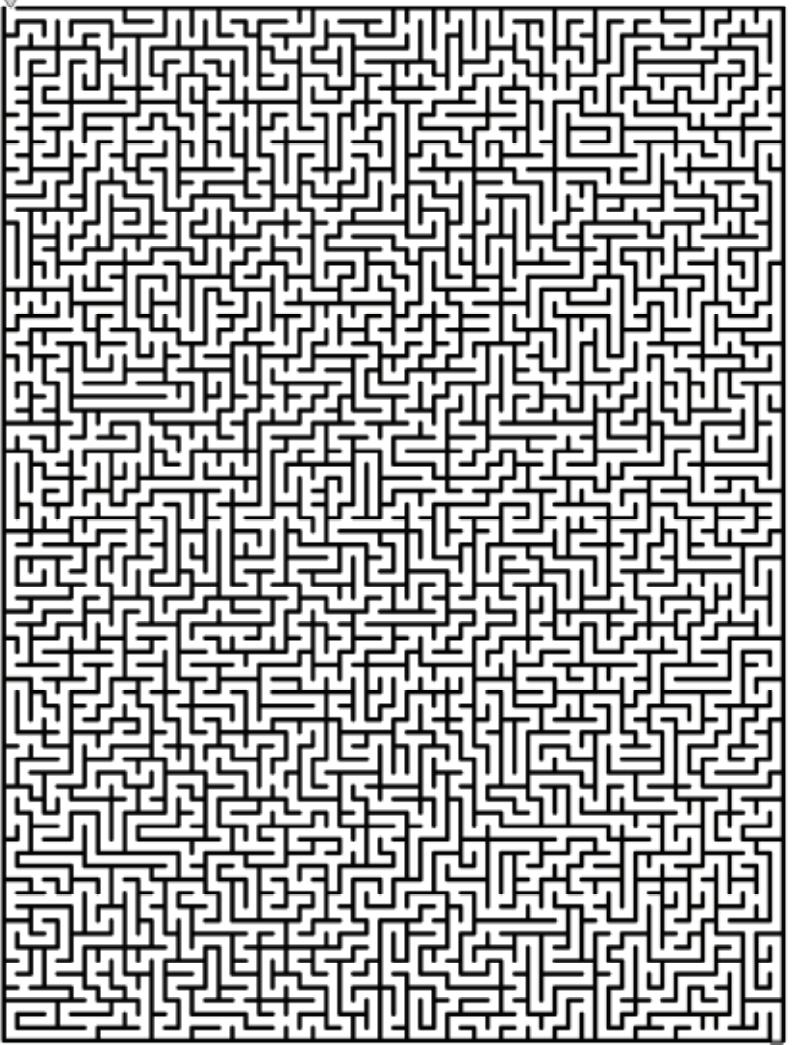
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pair of run stuffers in the middle and will anchor the defensive line. Senior Sean Ferguson holds the top spot at one defensive end position and is expected to do well. The other end spot is completely wide open and finding someone to man that spot effectively will be the toughest task heading into the 2011 season.

**8. Ole Miss:** Senior defensive end Kentrell Lockett's return from an ACL injury is huge for the Rebels, as they are young on the interior of the line. Lockett is expected to be ready to go by fall practice and should be one of the better defensive ends in the conference.

Another senior defensive end, Wayne Dorsey, struggled last year transitioning from junior college ball to the SEC, but showed flashes of improvement before getting injured in spring ball. Juniors Gerald Rivers, Jason Jones and sophomore Carlos Thompson, among others, will contribute at defensive end as well. A pair of redshirt freshmen, Carlton Martin and Byron Bennett, are both very athletic defensive tackles but are also undersized.

Junior college signees Gilbert Pena and Uriah Grant will be counted on to provide depth and play plenty of snaps as well this season.

**9. Tennessee:** The Volunteers lack size and depth at the defensive tackle positions, but are hopeful that junior college transfer Maurice Couch and sophomore Daniel Hood, a former offensive lineman, will be able to man the middle. Senior Malik Jackson, a transfer from Southern California, is undersized for a tackle at 270 pounds, but could be the Vols' best lineman. Junior Willie Bohannon and sophomore Jacques Smith are the projected starters at defensive end.

**10. Auburn:** The Tigers must replace star defensive tackle Nick Fairley, and a pair of sophomores in Jeffrey Whitaker and Kenneth Carter will get the first shots to do so. Sophomore Nosa Eguae is one of the best up-and-coming defensive ends in the conference

and will be paired with talented sophomore Corey Lemonier to start the season.

**11. Kentucky:** The Wildcats are implementing a versatile defensive style that combine the 4-3, 3-4 and 4-2-5 defensive formations in 2011. Sophomore defensive tackle Mister Cobble has one of the best names around, but hasn't played to his talent level yet. Junior defensive end Collins Ukuwu impressed in the spring and will be counted on to carry that over to the fall.

**12. Vanderbilt:** The Commodores return three starters from last season, but lack the amount of pure talent compared to the other 11 SEC schools. Senior defensive tackle T.J. Greenstone is the anchor of the line, and returning starters Colt Nichter and Tim Fugger hope to continue improving at defensive tackle and defensive end, respectively.

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players with 23.5 career tackles for loss and ranks sixth with nine career sacks.

However, Lockett, a 6'5," 248-pound defensive end from Hahnville, La., is still waiting for the green light from the doctors. He said his knee feels great and is now just waiting.

"I ask them every day. I am tired of waiting, I'm ready to go."

Lockett has not let the injury dampen his spirits. He feels the injury and his return has rejuvenated him and will give him an advantage this upcoming season.

"My legs are fresher than anyone out there," he said. "By the time I play it's going to be almost a year since I (last) played."

The torn ACL was Lockett's first major injury of his career. He said

the hardest part wasn't physically recovering from the injury, but the mental struggles that came with the injury. Being around football became hard for the sixth-year senior. Lockett struggled watching his teammates play, knowing that he could not be out there with them.

Now that he is back, he has to try and not think about the injury and prevent it from becoming a mental obstacle

"Broken bones and torn muscles heal, but once you get back on the field, you start thinking, 'Is it still injured?'" he said. "Is it 100 percent? I feel like I can run and do whatever I want to, but in the back of my mind it's there. I'm conscious of it now, but it won't affect how I play. I am just more aware of it now."

Lockett said there have been several events that helped him deal with his injury.

"When I got off crutches I felt like an athlete again. Going to the LSU game and getting to watch on the sideline again without crutches with all the guys, and then getting granted the sixth year, I knew then it was time to work and get back to the status I was at before my injury."

Anyone that follows or has been around the Ole Miss football program knows that Lockett is an emotional leader for the team. And Lockett cannot wait to get back on the field and show his leadership this season.

"I feel like I just ease the mood of any bad situations and tense situations," he said. "There is no sense to be worried or scared or frightened. It's football. It's what you love to do. Have fun, have fun before, have fun during and have fun after. That's what I tell them and that's what I preach because that's what I do."

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## Lockett eager for return



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BY DAVID HENSON  
The Daily Mississippian

Senior defensive end Kentrell Lockett is tired of waiting. After tearing his ACL in his right knee last season against Fresno State, he figured his football days were over.

The coaching staff sent a waiver to the NCAA, requesting for Lockett to be granted a sixth year of eligibility due to the limited action he saw in 2010. The wait took

its toll on Lockett.

"I was hoping and praying for it (the waiver)," he said.

Finally on April 1, the NCAA awarded Lockett a sixth year of eligibility.

"It was just a sigh of relief," he said. "It isn't even comparable. It felt like a huge burden had been lifted."

Lockett leads all returning SEC

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# Rocky Mountain High

BY DAVID COLLIER  
The Daily Mississippian

After playing baseball since he was a kid, former Ole Miss baseball standout and football backup quarterback, Seth Smith, is feeling settled in his new home with the Colorado Rockies.

Smith was drafted by the Rockies in the second round (No. 50 overall) of the 2004 Major League Baseball First Year Draft. From there, Smith's minor league career continued like clockwork. It seemed the beginning of a new season meant the beginning of a new team as he moved his way up through the Rockies organization.

On Sept. 16, 2007, Smith made his Major League debut for Colorado in a 13-0 rout of the Florida Marlins. Smith was a part of the 2007 magical run, in which the Rockies won 21 of 22 games to end the regular season and claim a spot in the playoffs.

When Colorado swept through the first two rounds of the playoffs, Smith got an opportunity to play in the 2007 World Series against the Boston Red Sox.

Although the Rockies were swept by Boston, it will be a moment Smith will never forget.

"It's everything you can imagine," he said. "There are people everywhere; fans and media. It's a lot of craziness and emotions. You're just trying to win some baseball games. You're so close to a championship. For us, we came up short and it was tough to swallow. But looking back, it was a great experience."

Smith bounced back and forth between the big leagues and the minors in the season that followed the World Series appearance. Coming out of spring training in 2009, he made the team and has been a pivotal role player for the Rockies ever since.

Now, Smith is making the most of his time in the limelight because he knows the countless hours of hard work and dedication he put in to get to where he is now could be gone in the blink of an eye.

"It feels great, obviously," he said of making it in the big leagues. "Anytime you dream of something and you work hard to achieve a goal and you achieve it, it's a very gratifying feeling. It is one thing to get here, but you still have to put in the time and the work to stay here and make a career of it. That is what I am trying to do and what I'm striving for right now."

Thus far in his campaign, Smith has played in 57 games and has a batting average of .307, including six home runs and 29 RBI. However, he hopes he can keep it going for the rest of the season because, at this level, that is a difficult task to achieve.

"It's tough to put together a good season. I've had a couple of seasons where I had a couple of months that were really good and a couple of months that were not so good. The biggest thing to being a good big-league baseball player is consistency, being able to go out there every day and bring your best. It's hard when you're playing basically every day for 162 days, so that is what I'm trying to do now. Just every day, do what I can to help the team win. And by doing that, hopefully, I'll be successful."

Although Smith doesn't have much time between the everyday activities of the typical professional baseball player, he does his best to keep up with former Ole Miss teammates that have also made it to the big leagues.

"I talk to some of the guys I played with," he said. "I run into a few of them playing pro ball. I talk to Chris Coghlan every now and then and play him a pretty good bit since



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Colorado Rockies outfielder Seth Smith, a two-sport standout at Ole Miss (2002-04), is batting .307 with six home runs and 29 RBI through 57 games this season. He led Ole Miss to NCAA Tournament appearances in 2003 and 2004, and batted .338 with 16 home runs and 127 RBI for his career.

he's in the National League. I run into (Matt) Tolbert every now and then in the offseason. We played them last season in Minnesota, so that was fun. I try to keep up with anyone I can that I run into."

Through everything Smith has been through, he is happy to call Ole Miss home and he feels as though something big is coming soon for the baseball program.

"They've been on the cusp of the (College) World Series the last few years. This year didn't turn out the way anyone wanted it to. But this year aside, the last few years they've been right there, and I think they are ready to push over the hump and get to the (College) World Series soon."

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