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Randolph 'tees it up' at Viking Classic in Madison

BY MATT SIGLER The Daily Mississippian

Jonathan Randolph is arguably one of, if not the, best golfer to ever come through Ole Miss. The Brandon native burst onto the scene early on as a freshman, immediately making his name known.

Randolph participated in all 13 events the Rebel golf team played in that season. Randolph said one of his favorite memories of his career stems from his freshman year.

"We won three tournaments in a row," Randolph said, "That is pretty much unheard of in collegiate golf. The wins as a group are special to me."

Those three consecutive wins propelled the Rebel golf team to its second consecutive NCAA Regional appearance. Randolph also earned All SEC Freshman honors. After finishing third on the team in stroke average as a freshman and second on the team the next year, Randolph's career skyrocketed his junior year.

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"My best individual year would be my junior year," he said. "My junior year I was injury-free and won three tournaments."

Not only did Randolph win three tournaments, he also posted school records for rounds at par or better (28) and rounds in the 60s (14). Just as the accomplishments and accolades piled on for Randolph his junior season, so did the memories.

"I birdied the last hole of NCAA's to force a playoff," he said. "I ended up losing, but having my whole team there to support me and having my coaches (to support me) was a great feeling."

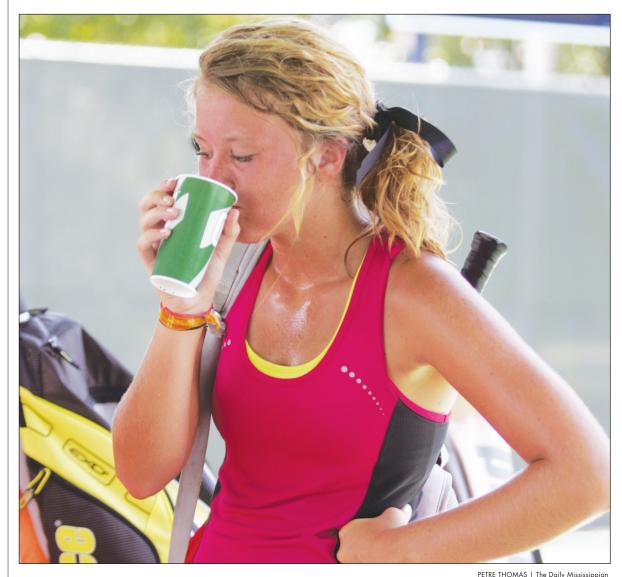
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Chancellor renews university focus on relationships, communication

BY AUSTIN SIGL The Daily Mississippian Oxford community. Tyner said Chancellor Jones realized the importance of

Heat wave sweeps through South

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Breanna Waller rehydrates after winning her tennis doubles match with Morgan Mansell at the Ole Miss Tennis Camp. The heat index in Oxford reached 105 degrees on Wednesday.

Amid the current period of growth at the University of Mississippi, Chancellor Dan Jones has announced an initiative to improve relationships between the university and the outside world.

To assist him in this effort, Jones is enlisting the help of Lee Tyner, special assistant to the chancellor and the university's attorney. Tyner said he is making it his initial goal to fill the void left by Jim Ebel, the former chief marketing officer for the university.

On June 30, Ebel left to take a similar position at the University of West Virginia.

Among the goals of this new effort are clearer communication between Ole Miss and alumni, prospective students, the local government and the communication and relationships to both conveying the university's message to a larger audience and informing others of events that are occurring around and within the school.

He believes the chancellor knows how crucial it is to communicate clearly with friends and alumni and to let them know what is going on with the university.

Tyner said, based upon his experience with the university's extraordinary growth, that Jones wanted more hands on deck in external affairs.

"No reporting relationships have changed," Tyner said. "All of our external affairs professionals still report directly to Chancellor Jones. I'm just go-

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BY JACOB BATTE

News Editor

All across the southeastern United States, a heat wave is causing residents to stay inside and enjoy the air conditioning, and Mississippi is no exception. Of the 82 counties in Mississippi, 51 are under heat advisory warnings issued by the National Weather Service. Weather.com has reported that on average this summer, the heat in northern Mississippi is two degrees higher than the yearly average. In Central Mississippi, the temperature is six degrees higher than the average. Southern Mississippi is seeing little to no change compared to the past averages.

So far this month, the average high temperature in July has been 92 degrees, though the last three days the recorded highs were all over 95 degrees. However, combined with the humidity the heat index has been above 105 the past week in Oxford and University.

A surprising statistic reveals that the deadliest weather in the U.S. is not a tornado, hurricane, flood or severe storm, but the heat. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, complications from high temperatures claim over 1,500 lives per year.

On July 7, the South recorded its first two heat-related deaths of the summer when an elderly man and a woman were found dead in Memphis. That day, the recorded heat in Memphis was 98 degrees, the hottest day in July ever for the southwestern Tennessee city. Rocky Kennedy, Oxford coroner, said there have not been any heat-related deaths in Oxford this summer, nor in any recent summers.

"We have been lucky in recent years in how we have handled the weather," Kennedy said.

Nicolas Phillips, 53, a resident of Oxford, walks to work every day.

"The heat just makes my walk miserable," he said.

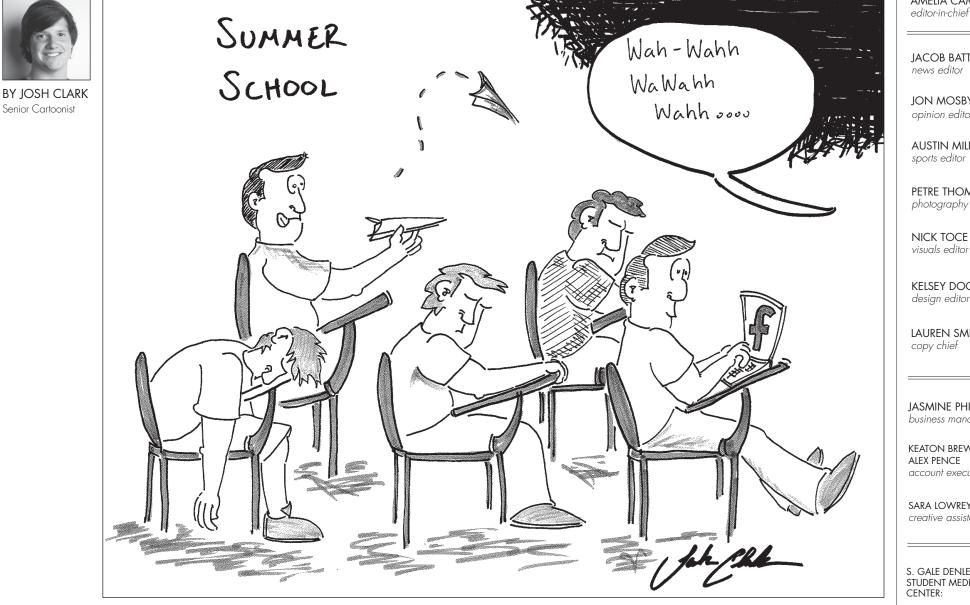
Phillips said he is not surprised that the heat claims as many lives as it does but that people in the South should be prepared.

"I have had to buy Gatorade and water just for the walk to work," he said.

The National Weather Service advises citizens to stay inside, cool and hydrated.



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The cancer battle: doctorate vs. doctrine

BY ALAN-MICHAEL WHITE Columnist

Recently, I took my uncle to the emergency room. For reference, my uncle has Down syndrome and stopped eating and drinking.

The only sustenance he receives is from his feeding tube. So when it came out, the only way I could continue feeding him was to have another one put in. The doctors and nurses worked quickly and three hours after it came out, we were back home.

It struck me how much medical professionals are taken for granted. As much work and studying that goes into earning a medical degree, it's almost laughable how unappreciated that is. I mean, for most people, they're the guys one sees when they're so ill, they have no choice but to consult a doctor. They sit in their offices and see me once a year, if that. How hard can it be?

is one thing. Being an effective doctor is another.

After all, new treatments arise every year, new drugs pass FDA testing and new operations become possible, thanks to the hard work of hundreds and thousands of scientists in a brilliant attempt to fix the world's medical problems.

So, when a cancer patient finds themselves in remission from their incurable disease, it bothers me to attribute the remission to a miracle of God. It cheapens the work that went into the treatment. All those involved receive neither the credit nor appreciation for this work. God didn't send the cancer into remission; it was a team effort. I'm told God works through the doctors to cure the cancer, but I must wonder then why treatment isn't always successful. Was my grandmother not pious enough to deserve the full treatment for her multiple myeloma?

I have noticed that cancer strikes and takes lives with no bias toward one's beliefs or religion. Unless one's religion requires smoking, in which case there probably is a bias. But atheists die of cancer no more often than Christians do.

Maybe God isn't the one true god? Probably, but I think the answer is somewhat more simple than that.

There aren't any supernatural forces that act upon a person's illnesses. Recovery is partly influenced by getting treatment early and partly influenced by the cosmic crap shoot. However, as our collective understanding of the causes of cancer and its progression improves, the chances that any individual will beat their cancer also improves. That isn't divinity, that's humanity. It's what we as a species are capable of. I often get the impression that humanity is belittled by most people, as though being human was something to be ashamed of.

Yet here we are!

We can treat diseases that caused high rates of mortality not a hundred years ago. Every day, we learn about the nature of the universe. This isn't a world filled with feeble, evil humans.

We're capable of so much, and we're not going to meet our potential by praying about it. Praying might help people feel better, but it doesn't accomplish anything.

What does work is a large group of people being studious in their studies, vigilant in their testing and clever in their thinking. As a society, we can accomplish much and those responsiAMELIA CAMURATI

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Well, pretty hard. I mean, anyone with a doctorate never stops studying. Getting the doctorate ble for our progress deserve the credit.

Not some deity who can't be bothered to prevent cancer in the first place.

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A taxing debate

BY JOE VAJGRT Rocky Mountain Collegian

President Obama and Speaker of the House John Boehner have been in negotiations in recent weeks to make a "grand bargain" that would raise the national debt ceiling and slash programs like Social Security and Medicare in order to reduce the budget and roll back the Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans in an effort to increase revenues.

However, that last compromise is what caused negotiations to come to a screeching halt over the weekend. Republican party leaders, like House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, have been quick to pressure Boehner to consider raising revenues through increased taxes.

"Cantor drew the line on revenues, saying that no changes in the nation's tax code could be used to eliminate deficits, but could only be utilized for tax relief in other areas," according to an article in the Los Angeles Times. As a result of the growing pressure from his party, Boehner has changed his stance and now favors a plan that would raise the ceiling, but only in concert with heavy cuts and no new sources of revenue.

"If you don't do the revenues, then to get the same amount of savings, you have to add more cuts, which means it's seniors, it's poor kids, it's medical researchers or our infrastructures that suffer," said Obama during a news conference on Monday.

Here we are at another impasse between the two major parties; Democrats demand that tax increases are a prerequisite for big spending cuts and Republicans reject the notion unless taxes are lowered elsewhere.

It's easy to understand why people don't like taxes. No one wants their hard-earned money to be taken away, especially by a wasteful government that has grown dramatically in size and scope over the last few decades.

However, a little perspective is in order.

According to the Urban Institute and Brookings Institution's Tax Policy Center (TPC), "U.S. taxes are low relative to those in other developed countries. In 2006, U.S. taxes at all levels of government claimed 28 percent of GDP, compared with an average of 36 percent of GDP for the 30 member countries of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)."

The TPC goes on to mention, "Among OECD countries, only Mexico, Turkey, Korea and Japan had lower taxes than the United States as a percentage of GDP."

Under President Eisenhower, the highest marginal income tax rate was a whopping 91 percent. Over the last 50 years, the rate fell to a low of 28 percent under President Reagan, then increased again under Clinton to nearly 40 percent. That's when Bush famously lowered the tax rate for the wealthiest Americans to its present 35 percent.

Granted, 35 percent is a significantly higher rate than the average American pays in income taxes. However, it's important to note that since 1980, the share of income earned by the richest 1 percent of Americans has more than doubled.

According to Stephen Moore of The Journal of the American Enterprise Institution, this has happened at the same time that "the share of the income going to the poorest income quintile has declined. Income disparities, in absolute dollars, have grown substantially."

It's tempting to try to link our record deficits with the tax cuts of the last three decades, but there is actually no correlation between the two. Rather, the dramatic spike in the federal deficit since the 1980s was caused by massive federal spending increases.

But cutting spending alone just isn't good enough. Paul Ryan's widely criticized and equally praised plan to cut funding for social programs to the bone is a perfect example. His plan, as Draconian as it is, wouldn't balance the budget until 2036.

That's precisely why any cuts must be combined with increasing

revenues somewhere, and it's perfectly reasonable to ask millionaires and billionaires to help shoulder a bit of the extra load.

John Steinbeck once said, "Socialism never took root in America because the poor see themselves not as an exploited proletariat, but as temporarily embarrassed millionaires."

Perhaps this quote shines some light on the reasons why the GOP can get away with holding the debate over raising the debt limit hostage. Middle- and lower-class supporters of the GOP make up the vast majority of those most adamantly opposed to tax increases, even for the wealthiest Americans.

What these people fail to realize is that they will never "suffer" the burden of being so obscenely wealthy that they'll be asked to pay a little heftier share of the income tax burden.

By blindly supporting the GOP and tax policies that heavily favor the super rich, conservative voters consistently vote against their own economic self-interests.

More economic woes for Greece

BY JAY NOGAMI Columnist

Since the beginning of the worldwide economic downturn of the late 2000s, few countries have been hurt as greatly as Greece.

Greece has toiled in huge amounts of debt. Its debt has swelled to nearly 150 percent of gross domestic product, and there are few estimates as to where it could peak.

While nearly everyone agrees that Greece has hit tough financial times, there are mixed feelings about what should be done about its huge debt problems. Greece should not be treated as other economic powerhouses when it comes to its debt, as Greece has never had Greece is still in the depths of a economic depression.

At times like these, the government needs to encourage growth within its country to make up for the loss of private spending. Yet, the austerity program implemented in Greece is causing the country to cut all "nonessential" programs.

This means there are near 100 percent cuts for unemployment benefits. While unemployment benefits may have swelled in recent years, Greece currently has a 15 percent, and growing, unemployment rate.

When such a large portion of the country is unemployed and seeking work, now is not the time to pull the rug out from under them. On top of unemployment, some of the cuts mandated by the IMF have been deemed as potential human rights violations by the United Nations. for private citizens the world over, as banks realize that getting some of their money back in a timely manner is better than a person in large debt never being able to pay back loans and debt.

Yet, this has been seen as an absolutely impossible option for Greece, who has been ordered over and over again to pay back each and every cent it owes, with interest.

For a country like the United States, with the largest economy in the world, it is important that we make right by all of our loans. But we are not struggling in nearly the same sense that Greece is.

Greece is being forced between a rock and a hard place. On one side, it has overwhelming debt, brought on by bad eurozone policies, and the other, huge austerity programs brought on by bad eurozone policies.



a strong economy.

The prevailing economic theory amongst the European Union and the International Monetary Fund in recent years has been one of austerity. Led by an aggressive push by Germany, there have been large mandates for Greece to implement countless austerity measures.

Austerity is a policy of deficit cutting by slashing benefits and public services, and an overall reduction of spending by a government.

It is implemented when countries accrue large amounts of foreign debt and have trouble repaying on time.

While in some situations, austerity can be effective at cutting debt, not every case is the same. For Greece, austerity is the opposite of what it needs to help encourage its economy. With its GDP contracting at over 5 percent last quarter, This all shows a deeper problem that is being seen throughout the eurozone, or the area of Europe where the Euro is the currency.

All of the eurozone countries are being treated alike. Yet, powerhouse economies like those of Germany and France are not at all similar to those of Greece and Portugal. Countries with past debt problems like Greece were offered loans with interest rates as low as those that are offered to Germany.

And, lo and behold, Greece ran into problems.

All eurozone countries cannot be treated the same. In Greece's case, a default on some of its loans might be the best option.

Bankruptcy exists as an option

Greece is floundering, and if current conditions continue, its economy could remain depressed for the next five to 10 years, while unemployment could continue to spiral out of control, and after the austerity measures, its people suffer great social, cultural and economic human rights violations.

And with no money flowing into Greece's government, it might still be unable to pay back loans. Then, the eurozone might see that a default by Greece is in its best interest.

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Randolph was also named an All-American that year, the ninth in program history. His All-American honors were first team as well, making him only the second Ole Miss golfer to accomplish the feat. Randolph also led the SEC in stroke average posting a score of 70.44 and won three tournaments that season.

This past season Randolph continued his success. Although he did not quite match the numbers from the previous year, Randolph was still able to lead the team in stroke average and earn second team All-SEC honors.

"I did good this year too," Randolph said. "It is a fickle game and I just didn't quite get it all together."

Getting things together now is extremely crucial for Randolph as he plans to turn professional in September.

"I plan on staying amateur until September," he said. "I am going to keep riding my momentum."

As for this summer, Randolph continues to participate in amateur tournaments, like the U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship earlier this month, where he reached the semifinals.

"I finished second in stroke play and reached the final four," he said. "I don't really feel bad because the winner usually gets an invite to the Masters. It was a big boost for my confidence and a good tournament to put on the resume."

Randolph will make a return this upcoming weekend to the Viking Classic at Annandale Golf Club in Madison. Randolph participated last year, but he did

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A first team All-American as a junior, former Ole Miss golfer Jonathan Randolph makes his second appearance at this weekend's Viking Classic in Madison.

not make the cut. However, Randolph is looking for this year's Viking Classic to be a different story.

"I want to compete and contend," he said. "I wouldn't go out if I didn't think I could win."

Winning the Viking Classic could be just the thing Randolph needs to push his playing career to the next level. After this weekend, Randolph plans to compete in upcoming amateur tournaments in New York and Chicago.

Randolph is also hoping to improve his chances for selection to the United State Walker Cup team, the amateur equivalent of the Ryder Cup, that will compete against the best amatuer golfers in the United Kingdom and Ireland in September.

Prithwiraj Bhattacharya on the tabla

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ing to help with coordination and focus, just help him with more boots on the ground," Tyner said.

In his conversations with the chancellor, Tyner said there is a mutual interest in improving coordination between the different facets of the staff that are responsible for implementing these changes.

To fill this need, one part of Tyner's new duties is to help these different departments cooperate with each other in a more efficient way.

"As a part of my role as special assistant to the chancellor, Chancellor Jones has asked me to help coordinate those areas," Tyner said. "We're talking about government affairs, communications and public relations, marketing, development, alumni relationships — those things where we're trying to build relationships and convey our message to our external audiences."

The university has stressed communication and has worked on building relationships with prospective students, which have been coming to the university in unprecedented numbers in recent years.

Even with the challenge of conveying information about the university to such a large audience, students feel that they were well-informed and were able to communicate easily with representatives of the university.

"Well, before I came here, they had representatives come to my school at lunch and talk to me about it, and help me figure out what I wanted to do without pressuring me to come here," said Nicole Quilling, a freshman Souther studies major. "Then all of the different departments sent me letters about everything they have to offer, and then one student from my major sent me a letter saying, 'If you have any questions, you can email me.""

As the university continues to grow and adapt, it is the hope of all the people involved that this initiative will help Ole Miss create and maintain strong relationships, as well as keep informed all the people who associate with the university.

Whether alumni, government or the community as a whole, Chancellor Jones and his staff hope to project the identity and story of Ole Miss in a new way to benefit the university.

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well as international experience she gained while playing for the 2009 Brazil Women's U-17 World Cup team. Among her teammates was Marta, whom many people consider the top women's player in the world.

Rafaelle credits Marta for helping her become a better player on the field, as well as helping her to appreciate the things she has worked for.

"The only word to describe my experience with that team and with Marta was incredible," Rafaelle said. "It wasn't just the fulfillment of a dream as a player, but looking up to Marta as a role model. Seeing where she came from and how hard she worked to get to where she is now, it has helped me to appreciate what my hard work has paid off for more." While Rafaelle is disappointed Marta and Brazil were knocked out of the World Cup last Sunday by the United States, she said that it is now anybody's championship to win. "Once you get to the quarterfinals, it is anyone's game and you saw that Sunday with the Brazil-USA game," she said. "It

is hard to predict an outcome because every team has showed they are very good, so it will be interesting to see who does end up coming out on top."

Rafaelle also believes America's deep run into the World Cup this summer will have a positive effect on women's soccer in the U.S.

"Since the World Cup has been in the media, more people are paying attention to women's soccer," Rafaelle said. "And I think that people will see the amount of talent we do have and the excitement that comes with our games, and I hope that people will want to continue to see that excitement and will come out to our games."

While Rafaelle was forced to watch Brazil get knocked out of this year's World Cup on television, she hopes to be playing for Brazil in 2015 at the World Cup in Canada. "My goal is to keep playing soccer after Ole Miss," she said. "The ultimate goal is the World Cup in 2015. I would like to play soccer professionally. Most likely not in Brazil as it is not as well established as it is in other countries. If that doesn't work out, then I will be more than happy with a career as a civil engineer."





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UM football position breakdown: running backs

Each Thursday, The Daily Mississippian's Bennett Hipp will break down Ole Miss position-by-position as part of an eight-week series. *Next week: quarterbacks*

BY BENNETT HIPP

The Daily Mississippian

As Ole Miss breaks in a new quarterback and a few freshman receivers, the Rebels will most likely rely on the running game early and often this season.

Aside from a veteran offensive line led by senior offensive tackle Bradley Sowell and junior offensive tackle Bobby Massie, it all starts with senior running back Brandon Bolden. Bolden, featured in the new Ole Miss tickets spot, had a huge junior season and became one of the best backs in the Southeastern Conference.

In 2010, Bolden fell just short of 1,000 yards rushing with 976 yards and tied the school singleseason records for rushing touchdowns (14) and total touchdowns (17).

Bolden has added speed since arriving at Ole Miss, and has become a threat catching the ball coming out of the backfield as well. He led the team with 32 receptions and had over 300 yards receiving and three touchdowns last season as his game became well-rounded.

Bolden will be leaned on early in the season as Ole Miss works out the kinks and breaks in new players throughout the new offense.

Behind Bolden is sophomore Jeff Scott and senior Enrique Davis, who both give Ole Miss solid depth at the position.

Scott burst onto the scene as a freshman in 2010 and flashed game-breaking ability on an Ole Miss offense that severely lacked impact players. Scott's issue is consistency and becoming a more complete back and, by all accounts, he improved on that during spring practice. He rushed for 429 yards and three touchdowns last season and should improve on those numbers this fall.

Davis, once a five-star recruit out of Hargrave Military Academy (Va.), has struggled to carve out a niche for himself at Ole Miss, but showed improvement in the spring and Ole Miss hopes he can become a solid back in its rotation in his senior season.

Despite missing four games due to injury, Davis racked up 337 yards on 82 carries a year ago and also added three scores on the ground. With the Rebels' strong offensive line returning this season, Davis should be able to contribute in his final campaign as a Rebel.

Behind those three sit redshirt junior Devin Thomas and redshirt freshman Nick Parker. Thomas had a big performance in the 2011 spring game, rushing for a game-high 92 yards and a touchdown in the 17-17 tie. The Rebels have depth ahead of Thomas, but he has the talent to contribute.



FILE PHOTO | The Daily Mississippia

Sophomore Jeff Scott breaks a 83-yard touchdown run on the second play from scrimmage in a 51-31 loss to top-ranked Auburn last season. He rushed for a career-high 134 yards in the game and finished with 429 yards and three touchdowns last season as a freshman.

Parker is still working on getting into playing shape and adjusting to the college game from South Panola High School, but has a bright future as a power back in the years to come.

At fullback, a pair of juniors are competing for the job in H.R. Greer and E.J. Epperson. Greer impressed during the spring with his strength and blocking ability. He's become a more consistent

player and Ole Miss has high hopes for him at the position.

Epperson is extremely athletic at the position, even with his great size, and just needs to improve his consistency.

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rock-star treatment during the '99 World Cup, and every team since then has lived in their shadow. Part of the problem is no team's been able to duplicate that group's success. But nobody's been able to captivate the U.S. public like that golden group, either.

"This generation is cool because we want to make a name for ourselves. We want the next generation to be ours."

Despite the loss, the World Cup was a resounding success for the French. In just their second World Cup appearance, they reached the semifinals and qualified for next summer's London Olympics.

"Do you know any coach

silky smooth Louisa Necib calling the shots, France dominated for most of the game, finishing with a whopping 25-11 advantage in shots. The French missed two great chances in the first half, with goalkeeper Hope Solo having to tip a Gaetane Thiney shot away in the 30th and Sonia Bompastor rattling the crossbar two minutes later.

Finally, in the 55th, France who will tell you it's fantastic got its equalizer. Bompastor

floated in a cross from about 30 yards and, with the dangerous Gaetane Thiney right in front of her, Solo had little opportunity to move. The ball flew right past her.

But part of the blame goes to Becky Sauerbrunn, who was starting in place of the suspended Rachel Buehler and fell behind Thiney.

"I think (Thiney) got a step ahead of her," Solo said. "But I that's all that matters."

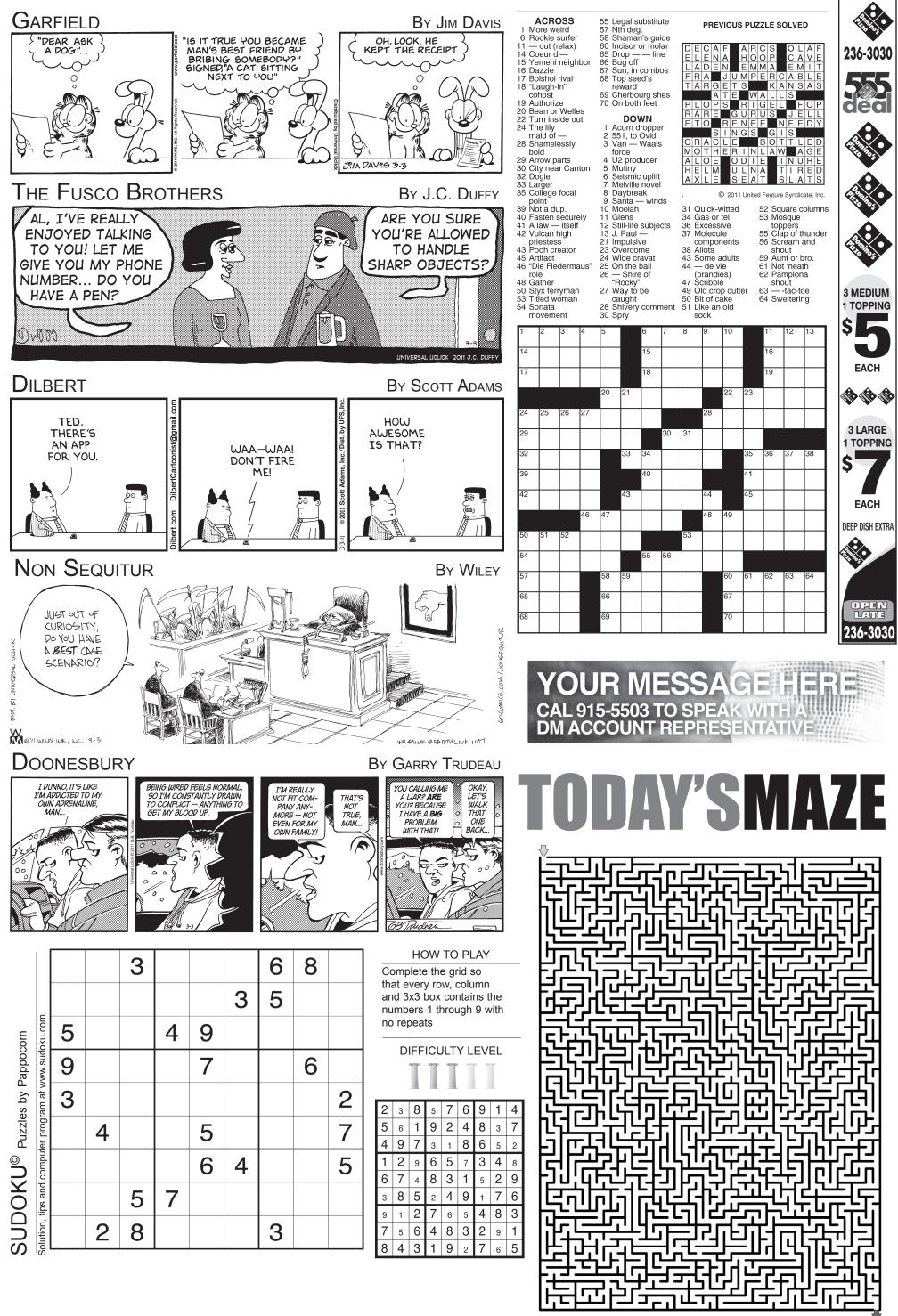
definitely expect our defenders, when the ball goes in the box, to get it out of there."

But just as they did Sunday against Brazil, the Americans got stronger and stronger as the game went on before Wambach - who scored a critical goal in the waning moments against the Brazilians - came through.

"In the end, we're in the finals," Wambach said, "and



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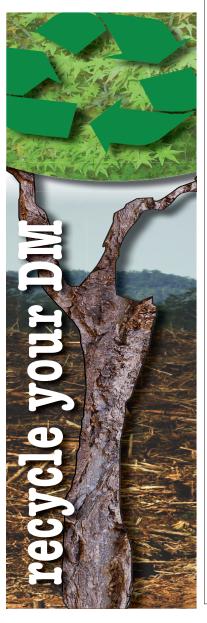
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Coming To America: Women's Soccer adds Brazilian player

BY DAVID HENSON The Daily Mississippian

While the women's World Cup will be over Sunday afternoon, Ole Miss students and Oxford locals will not have to go far or wait long to watch women's soccer again.

The Ole Miss women's soccer team led by second-year coach Matt Mott will open the season at home against Southern Miss on Aug. 19.

This year's team will also include a touch of international flavor with the addition of sophomore transfer Rafaelle Souza from Salvador, Brazil.

While new students always face an adjustment period after moving in and starting college, Rafaelle also must adjust to living in a new country with a completely different language and culture.

While Rafaelle understands English and is able to speak it, she also has a translator in case she needs helps as she grows more accustomed to English. Her translator, Thatianna, is a graduate student here at Ole Miss, who is also from Brazil. Rafaelle said she doesn't believe her limited English will affect her relationships with the other players on the team.

"I don't think that my lack of fully understanding English yet will affect my play because I believe soccer is a universal language," she said. "I feel that myself and the team will be able to communicate to each other through our play rather than our words."

Her teammates have been impressed so far by Rafaelle's adjustment to America this summer.

"She has been working hard all summer and working with the team as much as possible," senior Abbie Curran said. "We are doing our best to help make her feel comfortable with us and try and make the transition as easy as it can be for her."

The decision to attend Ole Miss from Brazil is not one you hear too often, but Rafaelle said she knew this was the place for her after her visit in the spring.

"The main reason I choose to come to Ole Miss was the town," she said. "I loved Oxford and the environment around the town and university. Also, Ole Miss offers a civil engineer-

ing major, which is what I was looking to get into. So once I found that out, I knew this was the place I wanted to be."

The coaching staff is excited for Rafaelle to be here and can't wait to see what she is going to be able to do on the field this season.

"We are very excited to have Rafaelle join our program," coach Mott said. "She is going to bring a very good international flavor to our team and our game. She is a very talented attacking player that will certainly help us going forward for 2011 and beyond."

As coach Mott mentioned, Rafaelle will bring an international style of play with her, as

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Vambach lifts US to final in 3-1 win over France

MOENCHENGLADBACH, Germany (AP) -- Abby Wambach sure knows how to deliver.

A goal, a promise and soon, she hopes, a World Cup title.

The U.S. women had fans on edge once again until Wambach broke a tense tie with her header off a corner kick in the 79th minute Wednesday. Alex Morgan scored three minutes later to seal a 3-1 semifinal victory over France, and the Americans let loose with a party that carried all the way across the Atlantic Ocean.

Next up, a trip to the World Cup final Sunday in Frankfurt that will be the first for Americans since 1999, when they last won it all. They'll play Japan, which upset Sweden 3-1 to move one step away from realizing its own dream.

"We've achieved part of our goal. We're in the final," Wambach said. "We want to complete it. We want to be world a little thing called a workday wasn't going to deter them. Some fans skipped work - bars opened early for the noon EDT kickoff - while others sneaked peeks at the game in the office. At the Phoenix airport, dozens of fans crowded around TVs to watch the game.

When the final whistle blew, Hollywood celebrities, pro athletes and ordinary folks who didn't know a free kick from a corner kick just a few days ago flooded Twitter with congratulations. "My heroes. Wambach. Boxx. Rapinoe. Solo. That TEAM! Our team!" actor Tom Hanks tweeted. Super Bowl MVP Aaron Rodgers said, "Awesome job US Women, finish it off Sunday now."

Wambach and company were glad to share the moment.

"These wins, we can't do it alone. We know a whole nation is cheering us on," Wambach said. "We believe in ourselves and we're in the final. I couldn't be happier."

win over Brazil on Sunday, and flair that was breathtaking to keeper Berangere Sapowicz. behold. And for much of the game, the U.S. couldn't contain Les Bleues.

> "We didn't play well today," U.S. coach Pia Sundhage said. "However, we find a way to win and that's a credit to the players' hearts. That's what makes it so wonderful to be coach of this team."

> With the U.S. struggling to create opportunities in the middle, Sundhage replaced Carli Lloyd with sparkplug Megan Rapinoe early in the second half, moved Lauren Cheney inside and pulled Wambach back to the midfield.

> The difference was noticeable immediately. The Americans were able to push forward and began threatening French goal

Finally, in the 79th, the

Americans won a corner kick. "I told (Cheney) at halftime, 'Put the ball to the back post, and we're going to get a goal," Wambach said.

Cheney delivered the ball perfectly to the far post and, just as Wambach had predicted, she soared over the scrum and pushed the ball past Sapowicz.

"I knew Abby was going to beat her," Cheney said, referring to the French defender who practically mugged Wambach to try and contain her.

Asked how, Cheney said, "Because she's Abby Wambach."

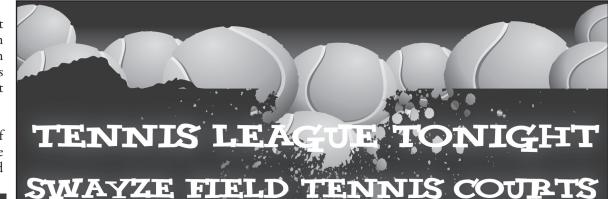
Wambach let out a scream and did a sliding sprint into the corner, where she was mobbed by her teammates. It was her See WORLD CUP, PAGE 5

third goal of the tournament and 12th of her career, tying fellow American Michelle Akers for third on the all-time World Cup scoring list.

Morgan then put the game out of reach, outracing four defenders and then stutterstepping in front of the goal, throwing Sapowicz off and leaving the American with a wide-open shot.

"The priority is not to accept another goal," France coach Bruno Bini said through a translator. "When that happens, you've had it. We conceded another goal and that was it for us."

Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain, Julie Foudy and Co. got the



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