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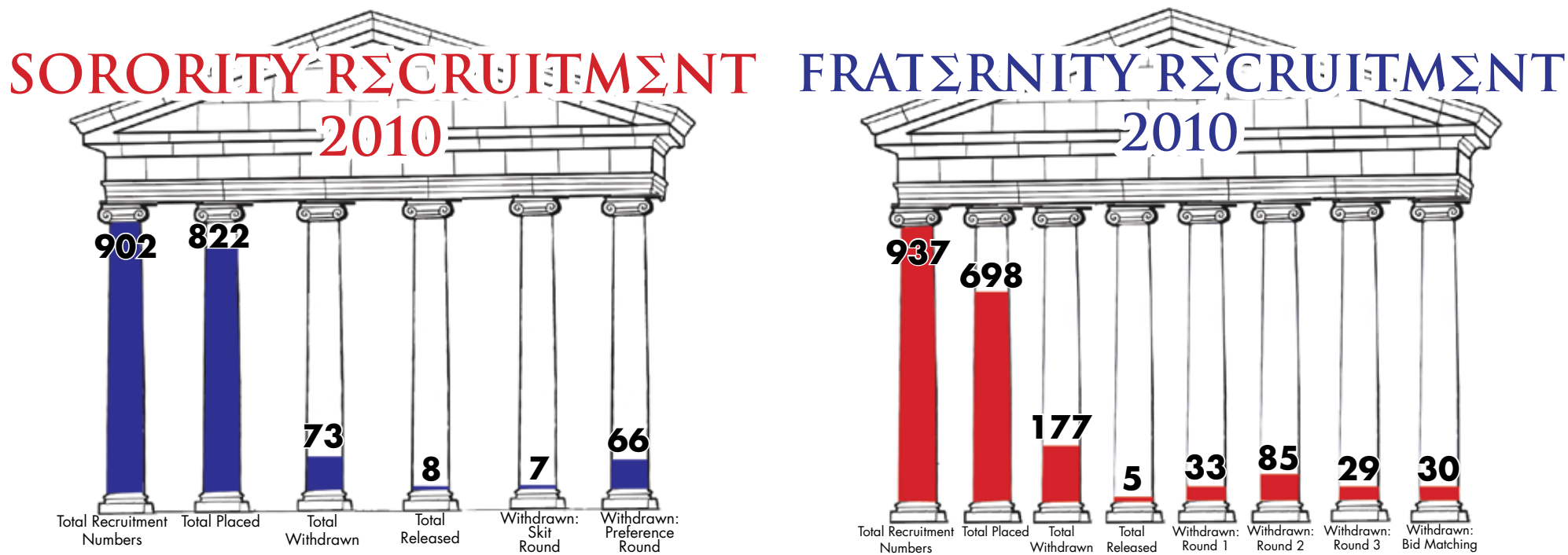
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## Sorority recruitment numbers up 38 percent from last year



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The above numbers on 2010's recruitment are provided by the Greek Life Office and are the most recent complete numbers available. Total placed refers to the number of men and women placed in a sorority or fraternity. Total withdrawn refers to the number of men and women who withdrew themselves from the recruitment process, and after which round they withdrew themselves. Total released refers to the number of men and women who were not asked back to any sorority or fraternity.

BY MEGAN SMITH  
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This year, the amount of women going through recruitment increased 37.8 percent, a statistic that is not explained by the freshman class growth of 19.9 percent.

Mollie Mellon, vice president of public relations for the Panhellenic Council at the University of Mississippi, said 1,240

women are going through recruitment this year compared to last year's 902.

"We are up a substantial amount this year, so it's exciting," Mellon said.

This sharp increase in potential new members has led to rumors that there will not be room for all hopefuls to be placed in sororities. Mellon said these rumors are false.

The quota, according to Mel-

lon, depends on the number of women going through recruitment and is not set until the night before preference round.

"That number is not a strict number," she said. "It is not set before, so it depends on the amount of women."

The Panhellenic Council has added extra rounds and changed the schedule to accommodate the increased number of students going through re-

ruitment, Mellon said.

"We've been working all summer and last semester to be sure we're prepared for this," she said.

Mellon said foresight and preparation have minimized potential problems that could arise from this sharp increase.

While Mellon, along with others, attributes the increased numbers of students going through recruitment to the spike

in the number of students in the freshman class, these numbers do not add up.

The percent increase of students going recruitment is nearly 18 percent more than the percent increase in the freshman class.

Freshman business major Cele Hammet offered her theory to the large number of potential

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## Instant impact: Brassell excels on both sides of the field

BY DAVID COLLIER  
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The performance of two-way freshman Nickolas Brassell has been one of the few bright spots on the Ole Miss football team so far this season.

Coming out of South Panola High School, Brassell was rated a four-star recruit by Scout.com and Rivals.com. In Saturday's 27-13 loss to Georgia, he scored his first career touchdown on a punt return. Sophomore running back Jeff Scott fielded the punt. Brassell then took the reverse handoff and went 81 yards for the score.

"It was a great handoff by me and Jeff Scott," Brassell said. "When I got it and turned the

corner, I saw a lot of cover guys in front of me, but I had blockers. I knew I could depend on my team to make those blocks. I just came off them and got north and south."

Brassell played at wide receiver Saturday as well, where he caught two passes for 52 yards and had one rush for 14 yards. He also recorded a tackle from his cornerback position on defense.

"Nick was an exciting and fun player to watch on Saturday," Ole Miss head coach Houston Nutt said. "He is really coming into his own. He is getting comfortable at defensive back, where he is getting 12-15 plays, and on offense where he is getting about the same amount.

"I see things going up for him.



PETRE THOMAS | The Daily Mississippian

Freshman wide receiver/defensive back Nickolas Brassell runs into the end zone on his 81-yard punt return for a touchdown. Since playing exclusively on offense in the first two games, he is averaging 12-15 plays on both sides of the ball in the past two games.

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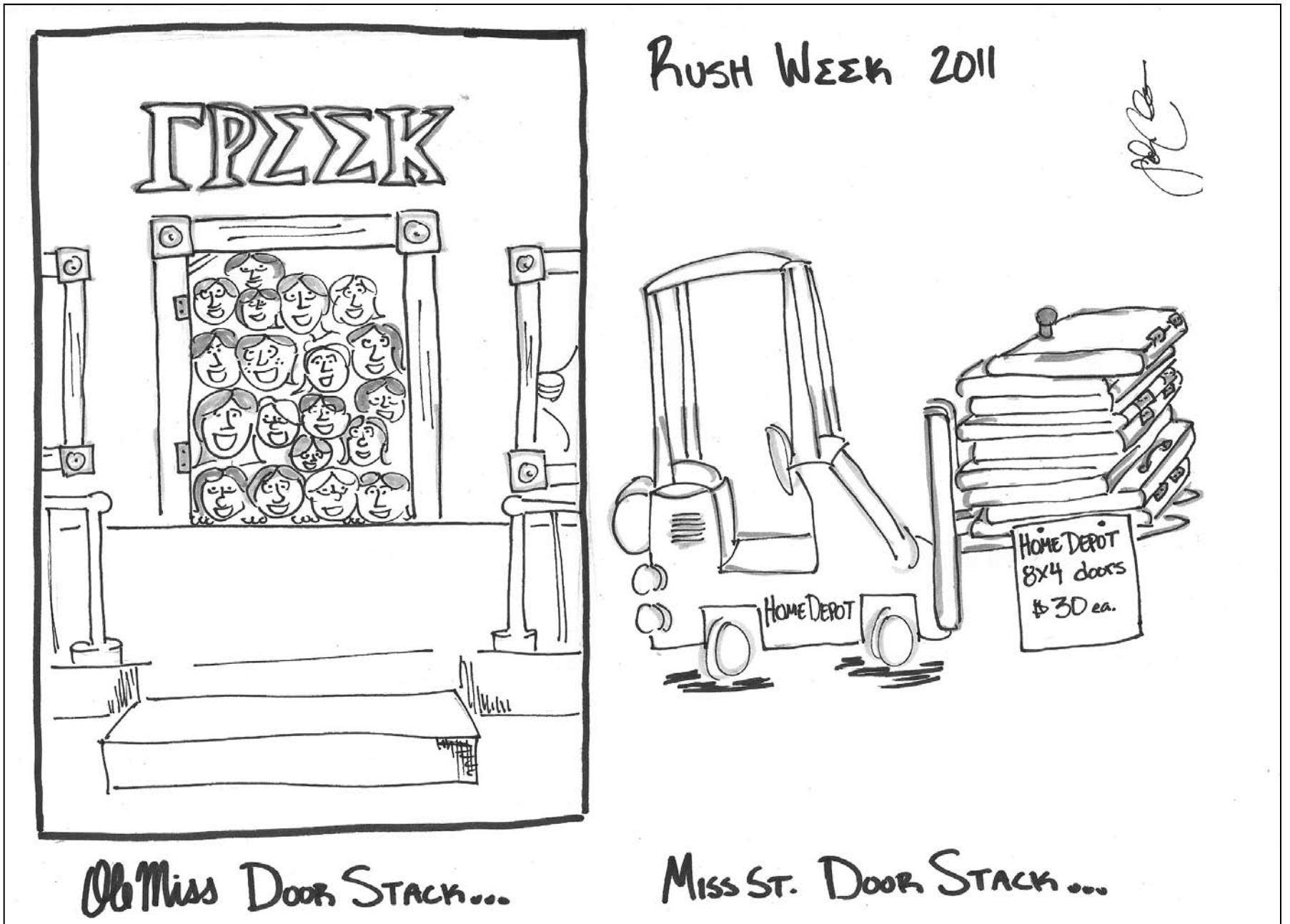


Former Rebel, current Detroit Piston Terrico White visits Oxford

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## It's not really Greek to me: deciding not to pledge

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I started my freshman year not knowing what to expect when people talked about the "Ole Miss experience."

The majority of my family attended college elsewhere, and many of these family members had very strong, albeit extremely biased, opinions about the university.

Despite growing up in Mississippi, I simply wasn't all that familiar with Ole Miss, having had no personal experience here.

The Greek system was one of many aspects of Ole Miss that I didn't know a lot about. I hadn't even thought about going through recruitment until I noticed that the first question everyone asked when I told them where I was going to college was whether or not I would join a sorority.

When I decided I would not be going through recruitment, I had people tell me I wouldn't have any friends, that I would be an "outcast."

I'm sure many of you, who,

like me, chose to not join the Greek system, received similar remarks. And I hope you came to the same realization about that opinion as I did — it's a load of crap.

People shouldn't need a social organization to define them.

There's nothing wrong with joining a sorority or fraternity; it's a great way to meet people and get involved on campus and in the community. However, it's not for everyone, and to assume that without these organizations a person would

be incapable of socializing is insulting.

Though it is a very prevalent force at this university, the Greek system is only one of many ways to get connected on a college campus. There are numerous other student organizations.

Orgsync, the website that serves as a type of social networking for these groups, has made it even easier to join one, and doing so is a great way to meet people and get involved on campus. Many majors even have their own

student organizations.

An even easier way is to not be afraid to talk to the person you sit next to in class. It's always nice to be able to talk to the people you see every day.

I've enjoyed my time at Ole Miss more than I could have ever imagined. I met the best friends I've ever had here and found support from those friends when I needed it most.

I've connected with organizations in town through vol-

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# Learning from the Golden Bears at UC-Berkley



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As humans, we naturally take sides on certain things.

We learn this profound characteristic as children. We talk back to our parents when we do not agree with something they tell us to do. We get in fights with our siblings when we want something that they have.

Here at Ole Miss, especially right now, we know a little bit about conflicting parties involved in a pretty significant occurrence.

Since the athletics situation has been blown completely out of proportion lately and because our football team is playing in California this weekend, it only seems fitting that we take our minds to the West Coast for a few minutes.

Instead of going to Fresno,

we are going to the home of the California Golden Bears — Berkeley.

At the University of California-Berkeley, there is a huge standoff going on between supporters of a California Senate bill that would allow California universities to consider race, gender, ethnicity and national origin during the admissions process and the College Republicans who do not support the bill.

When the Berkeley College Republicans received word that the school's student government, the Associated Students of Cal-Berkeley, was going to hold a phone bank in support of the bill, they decided to take very drastic measures to combat the student government's view.

The College Republicans held a bake sale — just yards from the phone bank.

The "Increase Diversity Bake Sale" sold baked goods to people for specific prices based on gender and ethnicity.

The sale's prices were \$2

for whites, \$1.50 for Asians, \$1 for Latinos, 45 cents for blacks and 25 cents for Native Americans. All females got an additional 25 cents marked off their respective prices.

Both sides held strong until the very end of the event, and both definitely proved a point.

I tend to side with the College Republicans, if for no other reason than because of the general idea behind their actions and beliefs.

Granted, California is a completely different place than Mississippi.

However, I cannot understand how race, gender, ethnicity and national origin matter when an admissions board is evaluating whether or not to accept a student.

At Ole Miss, things would have to be different if a bill like this was passed in Mississippi. Certainly, we would need to know who is on the admissions board and each of their races, genders, ethnicities and nationalities.

If nothing else, the proposed bill in California would com-

plicate things.

There would be much more room for error on the admission board's part. Taking into consideration the characteristics of the proposed bill would put more pressure on members of admission boards.

The bake sale at Cal-Berkeley was a very blunt way to prove a point. It was done in a peaceful manner and got positive national attention.

The College Republicans were successful in doing what they wanted to do, and they stood up for what they believed in.

Making my way back to Ole Miss now, it is very refreshing to know that we are not the

only university going through a major conflict. We should take notes from the College Republicans at Berkeley.

Maybe thinking things through before complaining could get us somewhere. Maybe taking action and standing up for what we believe in is the way to go instead of cowering behind negative newspaper advertisements and Facebook groups.

Above all, we should stand up for what we believe is right and do something about it.

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unteering and met people who have greatly affected my life in the short time that I've known them.

I know that when I graduate I will be leaving as a better person because the route I chose was the right one for me.

If you're planning to go

through recruitment this week, that's great. I hope you thoroughly enjoy your time at Ole Miss, make friends that will last a lifetime and make memories that last as long as those friendships.

However, if you're like me, and aren't, I assure you that you won't be a friendless pariah as a result.

Don't let anyone feed you that garbage. This university is a wonderful place, and most people are warm and welcom-

ing. If anyone says otherwise, I would argue that they don't know what they're talking about.

My best advice is to not let such negative attitudes bring you down.

Make friends, get connected with the Oxford community and "experience amazing."

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## Oxford-Lafayette United Way raises fundraising goal

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The Oxford and Lafayette County chapter of United Way has increased its fundraising goal to \$500,000 and has raised \$427,000 so far.

Mary Harrington, director of institutional research and assessment at the University of Mississippi and board member of the United Way of Oxford-Lafayette, said the majority of funds raised for United Way in the Oxford-Lafayette community come from donations given by small businesses, organizations and members of the community in an annual fundraiser.

Harrington said the connection between United Way and the university is a close one because both the university and United Way seek to improve community life by providing support for programs like Excel by Five, which gives children under the age of 5 the resources needed to succeed once they reach kindergarten.

“One of the things United Way has done is shift gradually away from just giving

money to the problems and instead seeking ways to find solutions to the causes of the problems, so even though we will continue to support things like the Food Pantry, Family Crisis Services or the Salvation Army, I think the focus now of United Way is turning toward what causes people to be in those situations,” Harrington said.

While \$500,000 may be a very ambitious fundraising goal, Harrington said she believes the community and the university can help achieve it.

The annual report released on the United Way of Oxford-Lafayette website said that in 2010, 33 percent of funds were raised by Ole Miss, 18 percent of funds by local industry, 15 percent from large corporations, 10 percent from schools and government, 9 percent from individuals, 8 percent from finance and media, 4 percent from restaurants and small businesses and 3 percent from professionals.

Ryan Upshaw, coordinator for recruitment and admissions at the Honors College and member of the university’s United Way campaign

committee, said the majority of funding from the university was raised through projects coordinated by the university’s United Way campaign committee and that the committee is intended to help United Way projects by raising awareness throughout campus and by organizing fundraising activities that allow faculty and staff to donate.

“We have a breakfast for faculty and staff that allows them to give through their paycheck, so if they want to donate a certain amount of money to United Way they can have that deducted out of their check over so many pay periods,” Upshaw said.

“It makes it easier for people to donate, so if a person wanted to give but they were not able to write a check right this moment, they can still give.”

Upshaw said students have also been involved with United Way fundraising through organizations like Rebels for United Way, which was started by a group of Ole Miss students and participated in roadblock campaigns, a type of campaign that allows drivers to donate spare change to United Way through different spots on campus.

Upshaw said the committee hopes to expand its activities by getting more faculty and staff involved with fundraising on campus and that he hopes more students will become involved.

Kate Kellum, assistant psychology professor and member of the United Way of Oxford-Lafayette’s board of directors, said faculty, staff, students and the university itself benefit from helping United Way.

“The university is a major cornerstone in the Oxford-Lafayette community, and by partnering with United Way, the university and United Way can help all of the community members,” she said.

Kellum said that by volunteering, students can really help the community and that she hopes students will become more involved through donating, volunteering with agencies and advocating for United Way projects.

United Way is a nonprofit organization that raises funding for organizations whose aims are to help families and individuals achieve financial stability, receive improved education and live healthier lives. United Way also pairs volunteers with these organizations.

Last year, the United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County provided support for 16 nonprofit organizations that provide food, clothing and educational resources for members of the community.

The organization serves as a fund distribution center that focuses money raised on three specific areas: income, education and health, she said.

In the 2010 Oxford-Lafayette United Way fundraising campaign, 38 percent of the funds, or \$126,966, helped families in need and aided disaster relief, 31 percent of the funds, or \$103,487, helped improve education and 31 percent of the funds, or \$102,447, helped raise health awareness and support for healthy lifestyles.

Anyone interested in donating to United Way or becoming involved with fundraising on campus should contact Ryan Upshaw at rlu@olemiss.edu

### news briefs

#### HEART TRANSPLANT AT UMMC

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The University of Mississippi Medical Center has performed its first pediatric heart transplant in eight years.

Doctors say 13-year-old Malcolm Jones received the heart from an unidentified donor. Surgery was performed Sunday.

Malcolm’s mother says her son was born with four congenital defects of the heart and major blood vessels.

Malcolm’s seven-hour procedure, which physicians said went smoothly, revives the hospital’s pediatric heart transplant program, which had become inoperative after the loss of surgeons and other specialists. He may go home in a few days.

Now UMMC has the state’s only surgical team dedicated to pediatric heart transplants.

Dr. Avi Aggarwal, medical director of the pediatric heart transplant program, says the program is a huge need for Mississippi.

He says six pediatric patients are waiting for a heart.

#### SETTLEMENT TALKS DELAYED IN DEUCE MCALLISTER SUIT

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A settlement conference has been postponed in a lawsuit related to a Nissan dealership that was owned by former New Orleans Saints running back Deuce McAllister.

McAllister’s Nissan dealership in Jackson closed after filing for bankruptcy in 2009.

A settlement conference for the case had been scheduled for Tuesday, but has been pushed back until Oct. 19.

Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp. sued McAllister for more than \$1.5 million, claiming the dealership defaulted on payments and exceeded credit limits.

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## Updated 'The Fall of the House of Zeus' is released

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After going through seven printings and gaining national attention, Curtis Wilkie's book has just hit book stores again in an updated version, this time in paperback format.

The Faculty Fellow for the Overby Center of Southern Journalism and Politics and Kelly G. Cook chair of journalism is among many local authors at the University of Mississippi.

His book's new paperback version was released Sept. 13 and covers additional information since its October 2010 printing.

"It's just an attempt to make it as current as possible," Wilkie said. "It covers a hearing in Federal Court this summer involving a motion by Zach Scruggs, (Richard) Scruggs' son."

The book follows the story of Richard "Dickie" Scruggs, a wealthy Mississippi lawyer who was put in prison after attempting to bribe two judges in a lawsuit. Wilkie was friends with Scruggs when they were in college together at Ole Miss. He

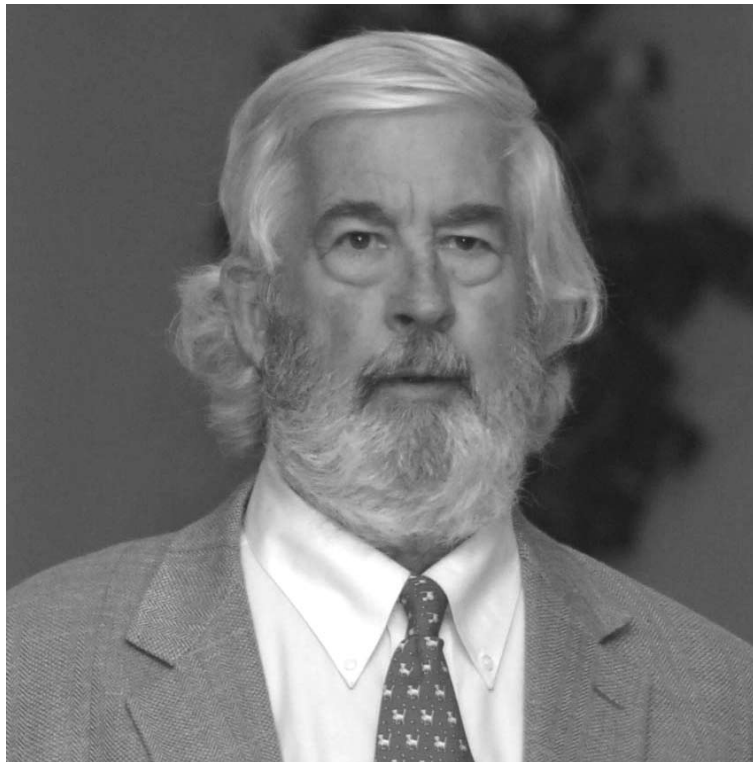
also knew many people in connection with the case, including the judges and former Chancellor Robert Khayat.

Wilkie created the book from over 200 interviews, secret wire taps from the FBI and many sealed court documents. There was a great deal of new information in the book originally.

Also contained in the updated chapter is that six of the seven men sent to prison in connection with the case have now been released. Scruggs, who has already served more than three years, may face as many as three more in prison.

"I think the whole story is sad," Wilkie said. "It's not just Dick, it's everybody involved. It's an ugly story. I didn't let my friendship with Dick affect the way I wrote the book because I was friends with one of the people who prosecuted him."

The book has gained a lot of attention, keeping Wilkie busy. Recently Wilkie appeared on the MSNBC program, "Morning Joe," and is continuing to participate in events connected to the book. This week, he will be at the Columbus Library, and



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he is speaking with a large group of Jackson lawyers in October.

Wilkie graduated from Ole Miss in 1963 with a degree in journalism and spent the majority of his career working for the Boston Globe. Upon retiring, he came back to teach at Ole Miss

and has been here for 10 years.

Wilkie said he currently has no plans to write other books but has not ruled out the possibility.

"I never planned on writing this book until the story happened," he said.

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new members.

"Our class size is bigger," she said. "Maybe they want to be able to meet people, so that is why they are going through rush."

In this way, the increased class size would be the determinant factor, although the increase in the amount of people going through recruitment is greater than the increase in the class size.

Hammet listed meeting people as one of the factors that led her to decide to go through recruitment, among others.

"It also gives you something to associate yourself with," she said.

Sophomore psychology major Lele Riggins listed community service among the various factors that caused her to go through recruitment.

"I want to rush because I think it's a great way to get involved," she said.

Regardless of the reason for the increase in students going through recruitment, there is no doubt that it is significant.

"This has definitely been, I feel like, one of the largest jumps that we've had," Mellon said.

## Special Olympics holds first event of semester

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One hundred special education athletes, ages 5 to 70, will participate in the first Special Olympics event of the semester.

On Friday, Sept. 30, the competitions kick off at the Skateplace from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. and are separated into five events, including rollerskating competitions, two scooterboard races and speed skating of 100 meters, 50 meters and 30 meters.

The Special Olympics en-

courages participation rather than competition, but according to exercise science assistant professor Michael Dupper most of the athletes know who comes in first, second and third place. However, no matter the place, each participant will receive an award.

All athletes participating have mental disabilities, but some athletes are physically challenged as well, Dupper said.

Sarah Ball, from the North Mississippi Regional Center, works with the athletes and knows them personally.

"The kids are so excited; this

is definitely one of their favorite things to do," Ball said.

The North Mississippi Regional Center is located in Oxford and serves people with intellectual or developmental disabilities. It not only serves Oxford, but also the 22 surrounding counties in North Mississippi. The center has been involved with the Olympics for 15 years.

The Special Olympics have been going on for about 20 years. Ball is the Area 4 director for Special Olympics in Mississippi, and this event will be one of three yearly events put on for

the athletes in the Area 4 division.

"This is the only event we're doing this semester, but in the spring we will do basketball, track and field, horseshoes, croquet, bocce and tennis," Dupper said. "The weather is a lot nicer, and it's a lot of fun for the athletes."

Special Olympics is run mainly by volunteers. According to the Special Olympics website, more than 6,000 volunteers help keep Special Olympics in Mississippi going. The organization was founded in 1968 and serves more than 3.4 mil-

lion athletes at the national level who train with coaches and volunteers each year. In 2009, there were 44,000 competitions around the world.

Volunteers who are interested can come to the Skateplace the day of the competitions at 8:30 a.m. Willing participants can contact Cody Morris in the Turner Center or call Sarah Ball at 662-513-7900.

To volunteer for the NMRC or if interested in helping out with future Special Olympics events, visit its website at <http://www.nmrc.state.ms.us/index.html>.

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# Fire safety month in full swing on Ole Miss campus

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The topic of fire safety is heating up in Mississippi.

In an effort to promote fire awareness at state universities, Gov. Haley Barbour has declared September Campus Fire Safety Month. State Fire Marshall Mike Chaney believes learning fire safety is one of the most important lessons students can learn.

“What they learn and practice now will teach them how to protect themselves from fire while at school, and later they will carry these messages with them when they grow older and move away from home,” Chaney said.

Since 2000, there have been close to 150 campus-related fire deaths in Mississippi. The most common causes of these incidents

were either missing or disabled smoke alarms, careless disposal of smoking materials, impaired judgement due to alcohol or lack of automatic fire sprinklers.

The last major fire on the University of Mississippi’s campus was the Alpha Tau Omega fire on Aug. 27, 2004, which caused three fatalities. This caused the Mississippi Legislature to pass bill 11-32, which mandates that any Greek house on any Mississippi campus fall under campus jurisdiction and to make sure they meet all fire codes. Campus fire inspectors must be allowed to inspect the premises, and any new Greek house built must have fire sprinklers installed.

Ethan Peterson has been a part-time campus fire inspector at Ole Miss for almost five years and has worked full time at the Oxford



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Students wait outside of Brevard Hall as firemen check the building after a fire alarm was pulled during class.

Fire Department for 11 years. Peterson is very satisfied with the current state of fire safety on campus.

“In the five years since I’ve been here, we’ve made leaps and bounds in terms of fire safety,” he

said.

There are now fire alarm systems and sprinklers in almost every building on campus. All residential housing and Greek housing is inspected for safety compliance. Other buildings on campus are inspected once a year.

The inspection reports are sent to the vice chancellors associated with buildings and housing. Academic deans and department chairs are then responsible for fixing any problems falling within their jurisdiction.

The campus keeps a contract with the city of Oxford so that when an alarm sounds, the Ox-

ford Fire Department is contacted immediately. As of late, however, the only fire problems occurring on campus have been small brush fires from people throwing cigarettes into mulch around campus, Peterson said.

Fire safety educators have given three special programs state-wide at Hinds Community College, Itawamba Community College and Mississippi State University. Other programs for fire safety education are being discussed for Ole Miss, Meridian Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

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## Ole Miss alumna appears in 'CSI: New York' premiere



COURTESY HALEY STRODE

BY CALLIE DANIELS  
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A blonde with a tear-stained face stumbled through the choking dust of the ruined Twin Towers. She didn't notice the large gash on her forehead or that half of her beige button-down shirt was stained with blood. Her world as she knew it would never be the same.

Then a Geico commercial came on, interrupting the premiere episode of "CSI: New York."

Haley Strode was the dazed blonde recounting her memory of 9-11 on "CSI: New York," viewed by 10.7 million viewers this past Friday.

The Kentucky native has been living in Los Angeles, after graduating as a theater major at the University of Mississippi in the early 2000s.

"I was an actress from the time I can remember," Strode said. "It was only natural that I ended up on stage in high

school then decided to major in theater."

Strode recalled with fondness her memories of Ole Miss.

She attended a football game with her then-junior cousin, Ginger Strode, when she was a senior in high school and was infatuated with the campus immediately.

"The Grove felt so quintessentially Southern that I couldn't resist it," Strode said. "After spending some more time in Oxford, I decided it was the only school for me. I even refused to apply anywhere else."

Since Strode left her hometown of Stanley, Ky., to enroll at Ole Miss, she was a student who was dedicated to her major.

Her two theater professors — Renee Pulliam, head of the musical theater program, and Jennifer Mizenko, head of the theater department's dance program and movement program — recount Strode's days

before she obtained her bachelor's degree in theater arts in 2007.

"She was beautiful inside and outside," Pulliam said. "She did a lot of film work and stage work and excelled in all of it."

Mizenko noted, "Haley investigated all of her assignments thoroughly and with sincerity. She took training seriously and invested herself in the process. It doesn't hurt that Haley has a 'great look.'"

Strode's hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed, and they paid off when she moved immediately out to Los Angeles.

Strode has had a great career since graduation, starring in independent films and booking large roles, as well as guest-starring on numerous television shows. Her credit list keeps expanding.

Strode has had three leading roles in independent films: "The Hardest Thing," "Five Stages of Decomposition" and "Only in LA." She also was the narrator of the film "Jess + Moss," which was critically acclaimed at the Sundance Film Festival and had an international debut at the Berlin Film Festival last summer.

Aside from the season premiere of "CSI: New York," Strode has appeared on the pilot episode of "Pack of Wolves" on the Disney Channel and was a recurring guest star of Comedy Central's "Important Things with Demetri Martin." She co-starred with Jamie Foxx on his sketch show on Fox and appeared on "Mind of Men-

cia," as well as guest-starred on "Lost Tapes" of the Animal Planet channel. She is currently filming with several A-listers: Sean Penn, Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, Giovanni Ribisi and Josh Brolin for a film called "Mobster Squad," which is slated to drop in 2013.

"When I got the formal offer for the role (of Maria Keeler, wife of a mobster)," Strode said. "I was ecstatic and honestly filled with disbelief, being that it's so difficult to book anything in such a huge film."

She is a supporting character, playing Ribisi's wife in 1940s Los Angeles. Strode has scenes in which she acts alongside Ribisi, Josh Brolin and Ryan Gosling.

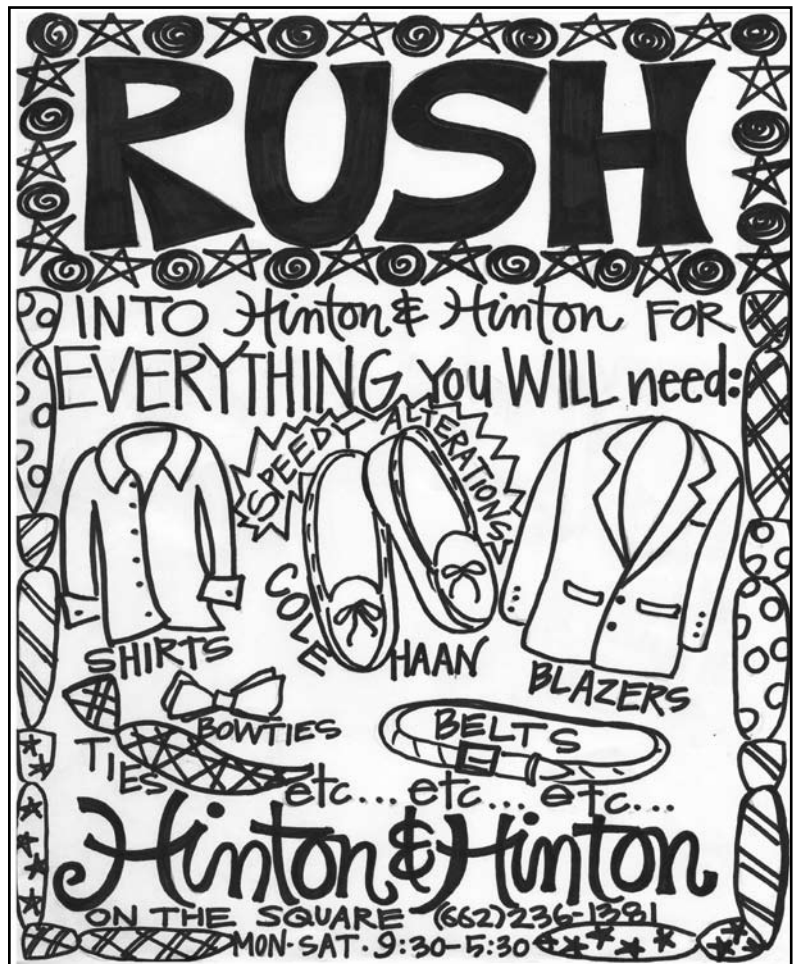
"I feel so very grateful and honored to be a part of this

talented cast," she gushed. "I have been a huge fan of Giovanni Ribisi since I was in high school, so to be playing his wife in a film feels like a dream."

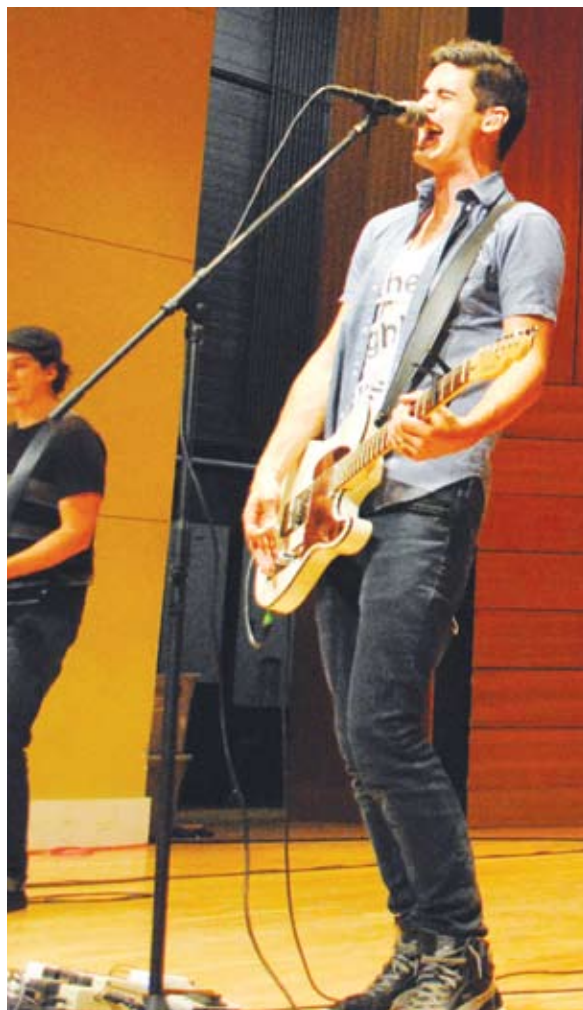
Strode has sound advice for those who are currently in the theater program at Ole Miss.

"The best thing to do while you're still in school is to focus on absorbing all the knowledge the theater arts program has to offer," Strode said.

"I wouldn't have survived in Los Angeles had I not had such a strong foundation from this school. My best advice is to take full advantage of what Ole Miss has to offer, and after graduating I would suggest they contact an alum who can help them learn the ropes whether it be (in) New York City, Chicago or Los Angeles."



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# Rendezvous at the Ravine: benefitting Oxford's growing homeless issue

BY KRISTEN PETERS  
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Oxford is known, especially during football season, as a community full of amazing parties and happy students.

Recently, however, Oxford has been battling an issue that seems to be the norm in this quiet Mississippi town, a homeless problem that is not often talked about, according to the Interfaith Compassion Ministry.

To address this growing problem, the ICM teamed up with the Ravine Restaurant in creating "The Rendezvous at the Ravine," a fundraiser to help the homeless of the Oxford-Lafayette community.

The ICM, a homeless prevention program, is an associa-

tion of 26 churches throughout the Oxford-Lafayette area.

The ministry provides necessities, including rent, utilities, seasonal items and medication to those who are homeless and in need.

"Our focus is to raise funds to help the ICM," Suzanne Wilkin, ICM board member, said. "The economy is really crushing people right now, so our funds are overwhelmed. The ministry is usually extremely busy during holidays, when families are most in need."

Wilkin said families in need during the winter months do not have heat for their homes.

"With winter coming, people need heat," she said. "One hundred gallons of propane usually costs around \$300-

\$400. That usually doesn't last them throughout the winter."

"The Rendezvous at the Ravine" is the first event of its kind. It will be held in the large field next to the restaurant and will feature many musicians and artists, including folk singer Donovan McCain, Matt and Laurie Jones and Ole Miss Idol winner LaTonya Herron.

"If nothing else, it will be a great event to see great art and to hear wonderful music," Wilkin said. "We will have a wood turner and a potter, among many other artists."

The Rendezvous will also feature an artists' market, where patrons can browse through art items made of wood, glass, clay and much more.

A silent auction will also take place in which bidders can bid on various items ranging from art to football tickets. Food and wine pairings and beer pairings (with advance tickets) will also be made available at the event through Shanna Flaschka, an expert in all things culinary.

Among the many exciting things to do at the Rendezvous is what is said to be one of the largest bake sales in the history of Oxford, sponsored by the 26 churches that make up the ICM.

The Ravine, one of Oxford's several restaurants, is providing the food for the event. A far cry from a "normal" restaurant, the founders of the Ravine wanted to stick to their Southern roots.

The restaurant sports a large porch to accommodate customers who want to enjoy the outdoors while they eat. The restaurant is also well known for serving food made with ingredients grown from their

own gardens, an aspect that truly makes the Ravine stand out in the restaurant business.

With a growing homeless population in the Oxford area, it is very important for an event like "The Rendezvous at the Ravine" to be held.

"When the university closes, a lot of people cannot work," Wilkin said, "Take, for example, the people who work in fraternity and sorority houses. They do not get paid or have a job when the university closes."

The Rendezvous is open to the public and comes at no charge for those who wish to attend. However, there is no parking at the event itself, so attendees must park in the Mississippi Department of Highway Transportation parking lot at Highway 6 and Old Taylor Road. A free shuttle bus will leave for the Ravine restaurant every 10 minutes.

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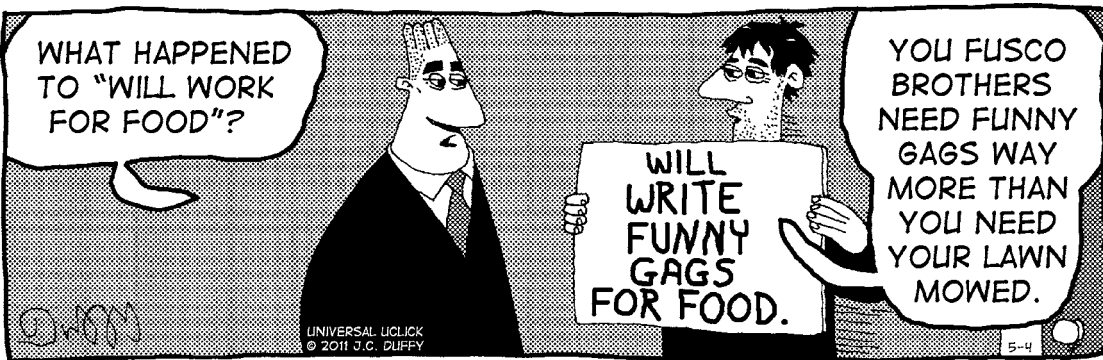
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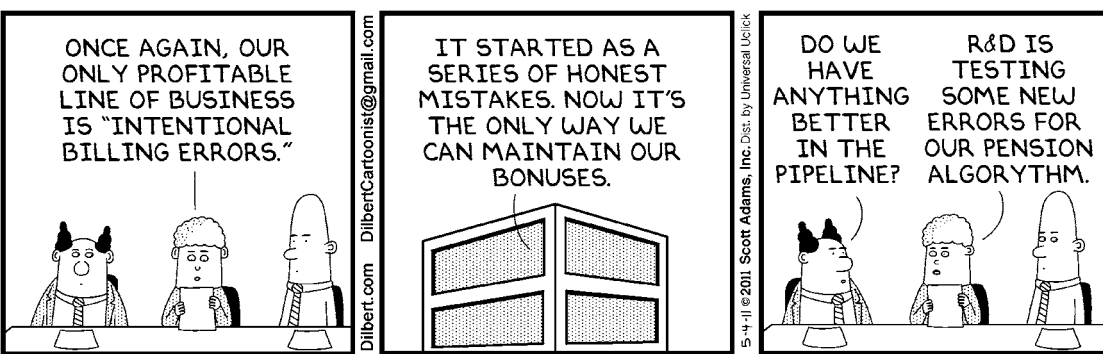
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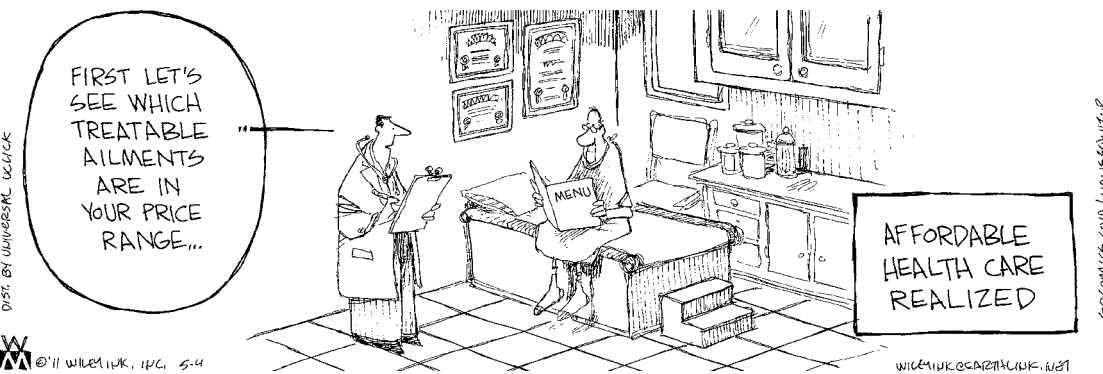
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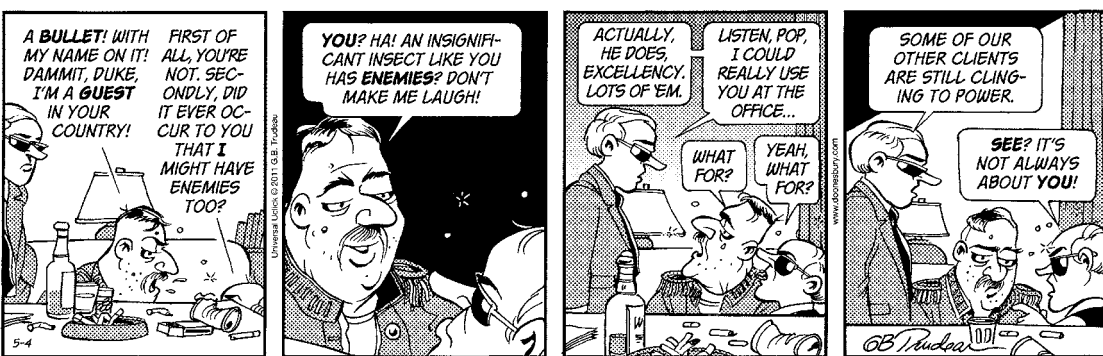
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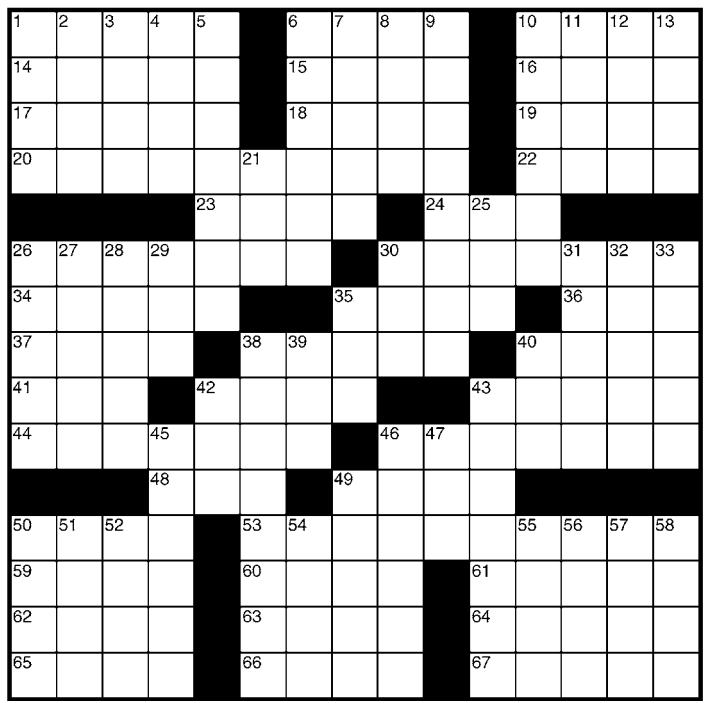
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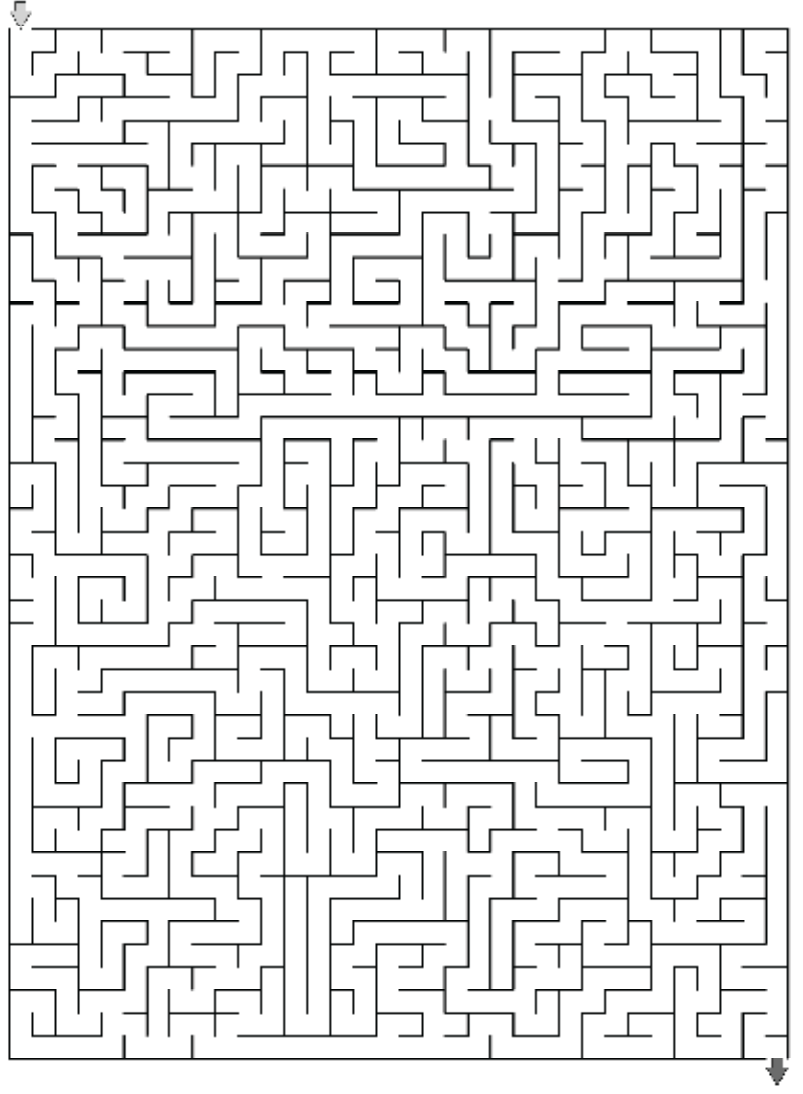
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COLUMN

# NBA lockout looms over 2011-12 season



BY ANDREW DICKSON  
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While there are plenty of variables to be argued and talked out, the 2011 NBA Lockout and rift between the players and owners can be explained by comparison.

The players want the NBA to be more like Major League Baseball, where contracts are guaranteed to pay out big dollars even if the player underperforms. The owners would like for the NBA to more closely resemble the NFL, which allows teams to cut underperforming players and puts a much larger emphasis on revenue sharing.

According to NBA Commissioner David Stern, the league expects to lose approximately

\$300 million this year after losing a similar amount last year. According to Stern, two-thirds of the NBA's 30 teams reported losses this year.

The owners currently pay players 57 percent of the gross revenues generated by their teams.

If player salaries were cut or if a system of revenue sharing (such as the one seen in SEC football) were introduced, the NBA might be able to get back in the black.

Of course, telling one group of people to take a pay cut and another group of people to spread their wealth to those in greater need doesn't always go over so well, now does it?

NBA owners, particularly the ones from smaller markets, want more aggressive revenue sharing so they can spend like the Knicks and Lakers of the world.

They would also like a "hard" cap, such as the one found in the NFL, that would

limit teams from spending exorbitant amounts on players (see: the Miami Heat), as opposed to the current "soft" cap, which, like Major League Baseball, allows teams to spend whatever they want so long as they pay a "luxury tax" for exceeding the cap.

The problem is that the players want more money, too. The players are for keeping guaranteed contracts for obvious reasons and most are for keeping the current "soft" cap format, as a hard cap would work to limit the total amount players could be paid and the amount of leverage a player has when picking a new team via free agency.

Perhaps the only common ground at the moment concerns revenue sharing, as many owners are for it for many reasons, and many players support it because they say it would give teams who spend very little on their players no excuse not to pay their play-

ers more and assemble more competitive teams, which is good for everyone.

The difference between the NFL lockout and the NBA lockout boils down to the fundamental changes some are advocating in the NBA. While money was obviously the driving force behind both lockouts, the NBA is going to have much more trouble developing a system on which both players and owners can agree and flourish.

A system of revenue sharing would be highly beneficial for teams in smaller markets, allowing them to compete. I also think a hard cap would force NBA teams to draft and develop players instead of trying to assemble rosters of All-Stars in the offseason, which is beginning to resemble the "Hot Stove" of the MLB offseason.

As for us actually having a season in 2011, it'll only work if you count a 40-game sea-

son that starts in 2012 as us actually "having a season in 2011." Forty-three preseason games have already been cancelled as of this writing, and camps are supposed to open on Oct. 3.

Don't count on anyone being happy about our current situation, especially the lower ranks of the NBA "caste," such as the arena attendees whose jobs and perhaps livelihoods count on having a season and butts in the stands.

That's right — some people are out there praying for a miracle so they'll be in for a job when the season starts. Others are out there just praying for money.

If you haven't figured it out yet, I'm not thrilled to be discussing millionaires fighting over their millions, and I won't put up with it for longer than this column (neither should you).

Cut it down the middle, right in two.

## WHITE,

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could help, so I want to do that."

White said he misses Ole Miss, especially the fans and all the wild games at Tad Smith Coliseum.

Now a Detroit Piston, White still thinks of himself as a "lifetime Ole Miss Rebel."

During his collegiate career, White scored 955 points in his two-year career at Ole Miss, just 45 points shy of the 1,000 point mark.

He also won a gold medal in the summer of 2009 as a member of the USA Basketball Men's U19 World Championship Team.

As a freshman at Ole Miss, he put up 425 points, which is the second-most by a freshman only to Chris Warren in the 2007-08 season, and White averaged 13.7 points a game.

He was also voted SEC Freshman of the Year by the league's coaches, Newcomer of the Year by the Associated Press and earned Freshman All-American honors.

During his sophomore year, he was second on the team with 530 points and 15.1 points per game and led Ole Miss to the NIT Final Four in New York.

When the lockout ends, White will get another shot to play in the NBA, but if it does not end soon, White said one might soon find him playing elsewhere in the world.

OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

## McFarland selected to USA Basketball Pan American roster



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Ole Miss sophomore point guard Valencia McFarland drives the lane in a game against LSU last season. McFarland, who was second on the team in scoring (13.3 ppg) last season, was selected to the USA Basketball Pan American Roster Tuesday.

Ole Miss women's basketball sophomore point guard Valencia McFarland has been selected as one of 12 players to the USA Basketball Pan American roster, USA Basketball announced today.

McFarland is the first player in Ole Miss history to be se-

lected to the Pan American games roster. The player selections were made by the USA Basketball Women's National Team Committee, and the official 12-member USA roster includes one high school player and 11 collegiate athletes.

"I know it's going to be an ex-

perience of a lifetime, and I'm very excited about it," McFarland said. "I'm going to work hard and go out and play my best."

As a freshman for Ole Miss last season, McFarland was named to the SEC All-Freshman team. She played in 28

games with 27 starts and was second on the team in scoring, averaging 13.3 points per game. McFarland also ended the year second in free throw percentage in SEC games (79.6).

"We are extremely proud of Valencia's selection to the USA Basketball Pan American Games roster," Ole Miss head coach Renee Ladner said. "Valencia is a winner and will represent us all very well."

The USA, which will look to defend its 2007 Pan American Games gold medal, will be led by an experienced trio of accomplished coaches, including USA head coach Ceal Barry alongside assistant coaches Jennifer Gillom and Debbie Ryan.

The U.S. squad will open training camp on Oct. 15 with an evening practice in Houston, Texas (time and location TBD), followed by two practices on Oct. 16 and 17 and a morning session on Oct. 18. The team will depart for Guadalajara and the 2011 Pan American Games on Oct. 18 and will have a practice on Oct. 19 and 20 before the competition starts Oct. 21.

The Pan American Games are a multi-sport competition held every four years (2011, 2015, etc.) in the year preceding the Olympics. Organized by the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO), the Games are open to men and women representing countries from North, South and Central America and the Caribbean.

# Former Rebel, current Detroit Piston Terrico White visits Oxford



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Former Ole Miss basketball player Terrico White rises to shoot a jump shot in the NIT Final Four against Dayton. White scored 955 points in his two-year collegiate career before being drafted No. 36 overall in the 2010 NBA Draft by the Detroit Pistons.

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One of the recent Rebel basketball greats, Memphis native Terrico White, returned to Oxford this past week to visit his old friends and former teammates.

White played two years for Ole Miss during the 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons.

After his sophomore year, White decided to pursue his dream of playing in the National Basketball Association. On Oct. 24, 2010, that dream became a reality when the Detroit Pistons drafted him with 36th overall pick, making White the 14th player from Ole Miss to be drafted into the NBA.

"It's great, man," White said of playing in the NBA. "I mean just being there; it's living your childhood dream. It's a blessing."

Many experts predicted White would be a first-round pick. However, he ended up as the sixth pick in the second round.

Though he said he was slightly disappointed, White put the situation into perspec-

tive and said he is "just happy to be in the NBA."

For White, life has changed little since he left Oxford for the NBA.

"I'm the same person I've been since I was in high school," he said. "Family is still the same; friends still the same."

That is not to say life in the NBA has been easy.

In the Pistons' first preseason game last season against the Miami Heat, White broke a bone in his foot. Although he returned to practice late in the season, White did not play in the 2010-11 season for the Pistons.

"I got to start over and got to show them I belong on the team; show them I'm committed to working hard, to winning and all that," he said.

Soon after the season ended, the NBA went into a lockout, and the league continues to go through negotiations.

During this lockout, the biggest goal for White is to simply stay healthy so he can get back on the court.

At this point in time, White is just relaxing and working out in the mornings and eve-

nings. He said he is considering playing overseas if the lockout continues.

"It depends on the type of offer I get and how long it is," he said.

"Right now I'm not really thinking about it because I'm trying to see if the lockout is going to end. I'm just working out trying to get ready for the season."

The basketball star's NBA career has not stopped him from doing public service. White is about to begin work with the Boys and Girls Club in Detroit.

Much of White's inspiration comes from his background in Memphis.

"Growing up in Memphis, the hood in north Memphis, I saw a lot of stuff with a lot of kids struggling and all that," he said.

"I'm just thankful that my mom and dad kept me into sports my whole life. They kept me from living that life of being on the streets.

"We all (grew) up just seeing it. I just really wanted to help them out and thought that I

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He will continue to get more plays," Nutt said.

Nutt said Brassell has been an explosive player this season on both offense and special teams.

"He is also good at defending our opponent's best receivers," Nutt said.

"I think his role is going to continue to improve, and we will put more on him."

Brassell was excited to get into the end zone for the first time in his young career, and he said it also makes him feel more comfortable.

"It made me see myself in the end zone more," Brassell said.

During the first two games of the season, Brassell played exclusively on offense, but during the past couple of weeks he has seen his role expand even more.

"I'm just out there on either side," he said. "If the coaches need me on defense, I'll go out

wide and shut down a receiver, or if they need me on offense, I'll go make a play. I'm going to go do it. I work on both every day in practice."

When asked where he prefers to play, Brassell simply smiled and said, "Wherever they call my number."

Brassell is one of many recruits who made up the Rebels' highly-ranked recruiting class, and he knows the recruits are the key to the future for Ole Miss.

"We knew the coaches came and recruited all of us for a reason," he said. "They knew we could make big plays."

"So it's just up to us to go out and do it. We came in working. We just try to boost it up and get our team going in the right direction."

Brassell admitted it has been tough to go from a winning program at South Panola to a 1-3 start this season. But he knows if the Rebels remain confident and continue to fight, they can start to turn the season around.

"I came from a winning program, so I just try to keep everybody up and try to keep them motivated," Brassell said. "A lot of guys get down and think the game's over. We fight until the clock hits zero. I just try to be a good leader of the freshmen."

The two-way player has been a tremendous help on both sides



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of the ball in just his first four collegiate games. Brassell, who grew up watching Denver Broncos' star Champ Bailey, hopes he can live up to the hype, but even with that, the only thing Brassell cares about is winning.

"I'm just out here trying to get the win," he said. "I'm go-

ing to give it my all every play whether it's offense, defense or special teams.

"If I'm on punt block, I'm going to go try to block a punt. If I'm on kick return block, I'm going try to go get a block. I'm just out here to do whatever I can to help my team."

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