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## Forecast for ASB vice president: Rainey

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After two extra days of campaigning, Emmalee Rainey was named Associated Student Body vice president in Thursday's runoff.

Rainey pulled in 1,201 votes, or 56.8 percent, of the vote. Mary Margaret Johnson received 913 votes, or 43.2 percent.

Rainey said she was really happy when she heard the results.

"We put in a lot of hard work, and it paid off," she said. "I'm really glad the student body supported me for this position."

Rainey will focus on her school work before she goes out and celebrates with her campaign crew. Then the focus turns to the Senate.

"First thing I want to do is move the (Senate) elections to the spring," she said. "That's something that we can do in the constitution right now. There is already a constitution revision

committee, so hopefully that will work out. Also, I want to keep talking to the administration about moving the C-minus (grade) to either the forgiveness policy or getting rid of it altogether because they have been talking to me about that recently."

Rainey served as a senator for the College of Liberal Arts this past year while Johnson served as parliamentarian to current ASB vice president Abby Olivier.

As expected, voting numbers were down from Tuesday's elections as only 2,114 students voted in the runoff.

Rainey took home the most votes in Tuesday's elections with 1,403, or 44.1 percent, while Mary Margaret Johnson received 1,085 votes, or 33.8 percent. Samuel McKay was a third candidate; however, he only received 21.3 percent of the vote, with 684 votes.

Rainey will join four newly elected officials in the ASB office.



Emmalee Rainey won the runoff election for ASB vice president with almost 56 percent of the vote.

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Kimbrely Dandridge was elected president, Rebecca Ruleman will be the new treasurer and Emily Rast was elected to

be the new secretary. Matthew Kiefer ran unopposed for attorney general, and Courtney Pearson, who also ran unop-

posed, will serve a second term as judicial chair.

The newly elected officials will take office April 1.

## 'Dead week' could cause changes to academic calendar

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Filled with last-minute tests and assignments, finals week leaves many students feeling overwhelmed, as if they have no time to fit everything in, much less actually study for finals.

This is why Emmalee Rainey, vice-president elect of the Associated Student Body, is working to implement what is commonly referred to as a "dead week" at the University of Mississippi.

"It's now called the 'Last Week Policy,'" Rainey said. "We are hoping to make sure that teachers are not requiring work worth more than 10 percent of the student's grade due the week before finals."

Though it has not been passed yet, Rainey is working very diligently to make the idea a reality.

"We have passed a resolution already through the Senate that is in support of the dead week policy," she said. "After we meet with enough of the faculty, we are go-

ing to write a proposal and present it to the different senates and councils in order to get it passed."

Rainey and everyone else on board are hopeful that the proposal will be passed.

ASB president Taylor McGraw has spoken with different administrative members and received mostly positive feedback.

"I get the sense that most professors are already very conscious of the workload they are placing on students and plan their syllabi very carefully," he said. "Obviously they cannot coordinate with every other professor on campus, so some students may feel like they have a disproportionate amount of work the week before finals, and I can sympathize with those students."

While it is true professors are not trying to make students' lives miserable by cramming in last-minute papers and projects the week before finals, there is nothing stopping them at this point. The intense workload often causes an immense amount of stress for students, leaving them feeling burnt out by the end of the week and not confident about studying for

their finals. Ellie Crain, a sophomore sociology major, can relate to feeling stressed and said she is completely in favor of a dead week.

"The week before finals is definitely a period of high stress," Crain said. "Having a dead week before finals would really help students get organized and feel more in control of our workload."

While a dead week would certainly help relieve stress for students, there is still one important question that continues to come up: how would this affect the academic calendar?

"We only have two weeks after Thanksgiving break, so it doesn't really fit our academic schedule to have much of a dead week before exams," McGraw said.

If this proposal passes, the Office of the Provost may have to make changes to the calendar to accommodate the new policy. At this point, however, no steps have been taken on their part.

"Most of us are not entirely familiar with the details of the so-called dead week proposal," Michael Metcalf, interim chair of public policy leadership, said.



Students study in the library. The Associated Student Body is working to create a dead week to give students a period to study for finals without having to worry about tests or assignments during the last week of class.

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"I've heard that only Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the last week of classes would be affected."

In spite of this, Rainey remains positive that the proposal will be

passed, once it has been completed, with the support from both faculty and students.

"I'm hoping this is something we can have done in time for finals this semester," she said.

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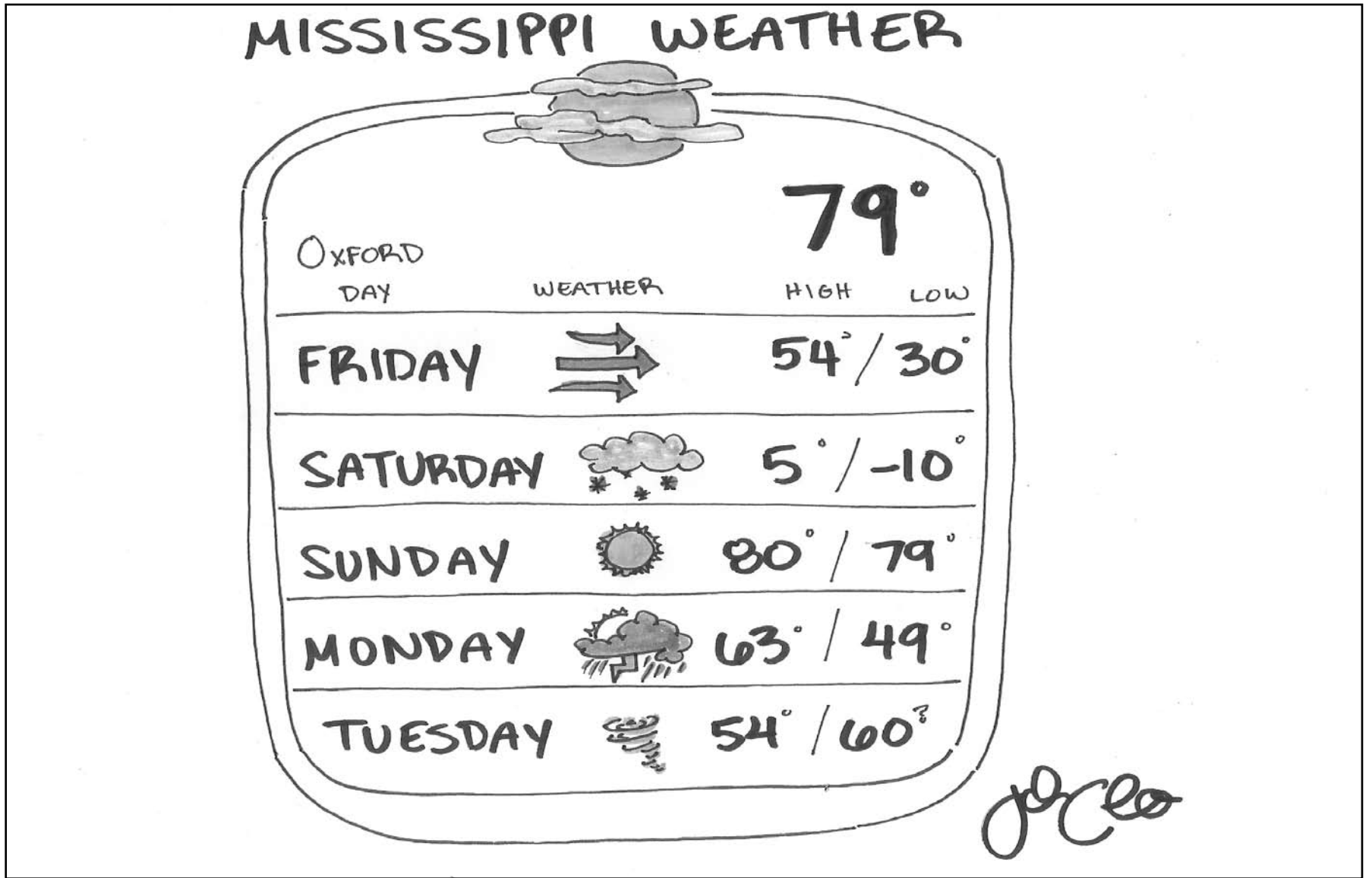


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## Love is patient, love is blind



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I am basing this entire piece on something stronger than the facts — an anecdote. That’s not a line you read in the newspaper very often, but delivering such an “opinion” requires a tactful device.

Imagine a couple who are unable to conceive, living in Texas’ largest city. Their names are John and Peyton, and after deciding against using a donor or a process such as IVF, they elect to adopt. Their friends share this excitement; one gives John a gift and tells him it is only to be opened by his first child.

Adoption is a very difficult and time-consuming process. For example, one must attend several local classes regarding adoption, pass a background check and contact Child Protective Services to have a “home study” conducted before the household can be

deemed suitable for children.

After several months of this process, the couple is allowed to foster two children who have recently been rescued from a home that is broken in both the literal and figurative sense. The biological parents of these two children have been cooking illicit substances in their home, and the consequences are very real: their physicals show traces of dangerous drugs in the children’s skin.

The biological parents are told by their social worker that they can apply to regain custody of their children if they can successfully pass consecutive drug tests and complete their own home study.

In the meantime, John and Peyton begin to do their best to be good parents. They begin to notice that the children — a 2-year-old girl and a

5-year-old boy — share a barely spoken yet uncanny means of communication that has protected them from external circumstances in the past.

The 5 year old is hesitant to trust his new parents at first, but he begins to open up when he hears his little sister speak her first word to someone other than himself — the word “Daddy,” spoken to John.

Several months go by with the status of the children’s custody in limbo, but one day the biological parents phone their social worker to discuss their case. After several failed drug tests, they inform her that they no longer wish to be screened, effectively relinquishing custody of their children.

Soon after that conversation, the social worker calls John and Peyton to inform them of the news and offer them permanent custody of the

two children. After a brief discussion between the children and the parents, John and Peyton call the social worker back and accept full custody.

At this time John remembers the gift given to him more than a year ago by his friend, who, sadly, passed away during the adoption process. He opens the present and is brought to tears by what’s inside: a small, white cloak with angel wings attached that happens to fit the 2 year old perfectly.

Upon seeing this display, the elder child feels a renewed sense of acceptance and an incredible emotion building inside of him. He hugs John and Peyton and proclaims: “I love my two dads.”

Oh, love, you’re not alone.

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# Affirmative action: is race the only issue?

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The term “affirmative action” was first used in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy. It refers to efforts, both state and national, to achieve diversity through desegregation in education, hiring practices and other admissions practices.

While the purpose of affirmative action is to promote equal opportunity, it also aims to compensate for the history of racial issues our country has faced.

In 1978, the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed the quota system. In *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke*, UC Davis Medical School held 16 of its 100 incoming seats for black students. The Court affirmed the lower court’s ruling that diversity is a compelling state interest but found quota systems unconstitutional.

In 2003, the Supreme Court,

in *Grutter v. Bollinger*, held that the University of Michigan Law School’s goal of achieving a critical mass of diverse students did not establish a quota system but instead was narrowly tailored to meet the goal of enriching education through diversity. Thus, the Court maintained the use of race as a consideration for admission.

On the same day in 2003, in *Gratz v. Bollinger*, the Court dissected the University of Michigan undergraduate admissions policy. The policy, based on a point system of 150, allocated 20 points to diverse students (to compare, a perfect SAT score was worth only 12 points). Although this was not a quota system per se, it prohibited diverse students from being evaluated on an individual basis and was therefore unconstitutional.

In *Gratz*, the court also addressed the issue of “standing.” The plaintiff, Jennifer Gratz, al-

though rejected from admission at Michigan, was rejected three years before the adoption of the point system and also voluntarily removed herself from the waiting list.

The university argued that Gratz could not bring a suit under traditional standing rules because she was not a victim of the injury charged, but the Court held otherwise.

Now, in 2012, the issue is before the court once more. On Tuesday, the Supreme Court agreed to hear *Fisher v. University of Texas*. The arguments are age-old at this point. Fisher claims to be a victim of an admissions process that is “race-conscious” while the university claims that by securing diversity, the education of all its students is enriched.

The university will also challenge Fisher’s standing. While she was rejected from Texas, she went on to pursue a degree at LSU, from which she will graduate in

May. Therefore, she, like Gratz, it can be argued, is no longer a victim of the alleged injury. But based on Gratz, standing likely will not be the deciding factor.

Affirmative action is an interesting concept. And while race has been the focus of the controversy, if affirmative action is appropriate, why not expand the criteria?

Race is not the only quality or social issue that holds students back from admission to college. What about low socioeconomic status? What about students who have achieved great success at inner-city or rural schools? What about sexual orientation? Students of single parents?

It is probably the Teach For America alum in me, but I think we are focusing on the wrong end of the problem. If our public schools provided an equal education for all, students of all races and socioeconomic statuses would have equal access to the

higher education system, and we would not need to compensate for those shortcomings any longer.

Teaching in a low-income, rural environment for two years opened my eyes to the shortcomings of our public education system. Where I taught, in a rural town 40 miles west of Phoenix, Caucasian students were the minority in my classroom. And all my students, regardless of their race, had less access to the amenities many of us consume daily, including access to higher education.

We cling to the idea that we need to compensate for the vile racial issues of the past, but at some point, we have to move into the present and future and acknowledge that race may no longer be the only factor for which we should compensate.

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## Dr. Google

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In this age of rising medical costs and more focus on medical malpractice, many people are unable to afford medical treatment or not interested in seeking it. College students are especially vulnerable and unable to find adequate treatment, perhaps because they have a lower income than the average population.

In the face of this, students usually suggest to each other that it is better to simply Google your symptoms and self-medicate until you feel better than it is to go to see a doctor.

This is actually a pretty bad idea and would probably end up doing more harm than good.

Although hitting up the doctor’s office might not seem much better if you base your decision on co-pay, if you even have it, or fears of malpractice, it is still safer than attempting to self-medicate. You shouldn’t replace a doctor with a checklist you found on Reddit.

Some people might, however, and one of the most popular means of self-medicating is to use WebMD.

Although it is pretty useful

if you are just trying to determine whether your symptoms require medical attention, it is not a replacement for a physical visit to the doctor.

Doctors are trained to look at the broader picture.

Although some doctors might simply run through a symptoms checklist, a good doctor will notice subtleties that can lead to the discovery of the root cause of a problem.

By studying your entire medical record, it is possible for a doctor to determine correlation between past and present symptoms.

Other sites offering alternative treatments or self-medication are, for the most part, unbelievably terrible and unreliable.

One of the worst sites for this is the Yahoo! Answers Health section. For some reason, a frightening number of people seem to turn to this site with serious medical questions, despite the fact it is crawling with Internet trolls and gives really terrible advice.

Sites like Yahoo! Answers, that provide a forum for non-professionals to solicit and provide information to one another, really display the worst of the Internet (outside of Facebook).

Forums that allow for some type of anonymity usually have users that intentionally ask facetious questions, and the same people asking these types of questions are usually answering them with unhelpful information for laughs.

Outside of forums, there is still concern about the validity of diagnostic material when presented by serious and somewhat non-anonymous sources.

A study published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* stated that YouTube also served as a particularly bad resource for providing information concerning illness and treatment.

The study found that the top-viewed videos involving psychogenic disorders listed symptoms that were poor or outright misleading, like videos about Parkinson’s disease.

According to another study done by the Cleveland Clinical Foundation, in many cases pharmaceutical companies posted videos that were dis-

guised as original user content but were actually ads for their medical products.

For the most part, medical information you find online is unreliable.

WebMD is useful only to the extent that it can give you a better idea of whether your symptoms are causes for concern, but it isn’t always accurate for diagnosing a particular illness or disease.

If you really are paranoid about the quality of medical care you are receiving, or have heard bad things about a practitioner, go to another one. Whatever doctor you choose, he or she will still probably provide you more educated advice than “remoserjr107” or “BIG DADDY COOL” will on Yahoo! Answers.

## Ole Miss and the South, defying stereotypes

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Mississippi stereotypes have been embedded in the brains of children and adults alike all over the United States.

One very prevalent stereotype is that Mississippians are illiterate.

In 2011, the Mississippi Department of Education released statistics claiming that Mississippi has more than 50 percent of its students in each grade scoring in the proficient or advanced categories.

For years Mississippi has ranked lower nationally on test scores and education, and because of this issue, the Mississippi Department of Education has taken steps to increase language arts efforts and emphasize more rigorous standards of literacy.

"I believe the students here (at the University of Mississippi) want to learn," said Val-

erio Cappozzo, an Italian professor. "The only problem is the education at the primary school and secondary school level are not good.

"As far as I could see, the students do not have any background when they come to university, on pretty much anything. They do not know dates or flags. They do not know the fundamentals of human society. If you do not know your roots, how can you understand and handle the present?"

Ole Miss was ranked No. 24 in the annual America's Best Colleges section of Forbes in 2010, just above the University of California - Berkeley.

However, even accomplished Ole Miss professors feel animosity from their colleagues when they are employed at a deeply Southern university.

"I probably had similar expectations (to) other people in the Northeast of downtrod-

den poverty but certainly did not expect people not to have shoes," said Michael Ewing, a theatre professor.

Ewing has been teaching at the university since Fall 2011, after having taught in Manhattan.

"But it is interesting because when I went back to New York after teaching down here in the Mississippi, I got a lot of, 'Oh, what was that like?' from colleagues," he said.

Even with the stereotypes, all these successful professors came to live and teach in Oxford, and they only have positive things to say about the culture and community.

"The students here are fantastic; they are very different from British students in many ways," said Vivian Ibrahim, an assistant history professor at the Croft Institute for International Studies. "One (difference) is that Ole Miss students are awfully polite, really polite. It's all 'yes ma'am' and 'no ma'am,' and there is a genteelness about it."

Ibrahim said students in

Mississippi are more willing to ask if they do not know something than British students, Ibrahim said.

"I think it partly has to do with the schooling system, but the schooling system at a younger level, not necessarily at a university level," she said.

The professors have been able to purge any preconceived notions they might have had by doing their jobs and helping to create professional individuals.

"I do not think it is a question of intelligence," Ibrahim said. "I think it is a question of exposure. What are you guys watching on TV? What news channels are you exposed to? What do your politicians say? What are your parents saying? What wars are you involved in? All of those things impact the way that we grow up. Growing up in London is very different because it is far more multicultural."

But Ibrahim did not escape ridicule from her peers when she moved to the United

States.

"I had a lot of friends make fun of me, and some of them sent me the banjo scene from the film 'Deliverance,' but I really did not have any negative stereotypes," she said. "I was looking forward to the music and the culture and being exposed to things that I had not seen."

Even though the South may have negative stereotypes, the positive characteristics are able to impact outsiders and help them feel welcome.

"Students are much more friendly if they see you on the street," Ibrahim said. "They say, 'Hey.' But in England the students would generally duck under something or try to hide because they did not want to talk to you."

"The students are different here," Ewing said. "On average, the students I have come across are much better than the students I taught in Manhattan. Every school has students that are smart and students that do nothing; Ole Miss is no different."

## Ole Miss prepares for annual Pack-A-Thon

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Both the city of Oxford and the University of Mississippi are gearing up for the second-annual Pack-A-Thon this weekend. This is a two-day event beginning tonight at 6 p.m. and ending at 5 p.m. Saturday.

The Pack-A-Thon will be located at the Oxford Park Commission Activity Center at the corner of Molly Barr Road and Pierce Street.

Here, volunteers will gather in teams to help pack food kits that will be sent to malnourished children in Kenya. Each team will consist of 17 members who work in two-hour shifts.

In addition to giving time this weekend, each volunteer will be asked to make a \$65 monetary donation.

Feed the Hunger asks for the donation because it will cost at least \$35,000 to have

the meals shipped to Africa.

"Currently, we have over 500 people signed up to participate," said Melinda Staples, director of projects. "Right now, we still have some openings on Friday at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 3 p.m. If people are interested in volunteering, they can contact Katherine Russell."

The Pack-A-Thon in Oxford sent more than 140,000 meals to Africa last year. This year, the group hopes to exceed that number and set a new record.

"Last year we (Pack-A-Thon) packed over 1.4 million meals," Staples said.

"This year, we hope to send more than 2.5 million meals."

"We have packing events in several states. Ole Miss was our first college campus Pack-A-Thon," Staples said about the efforts made by the university.

The national packing events are put on by Feed the Hun-

ger, a ministry of New Directions International.

"I am excited about the hard work and the success of the students," said Valeria Ross, who assists the group by managing the planning process of the event. "They have worked tirelessly on this project, which supports a great cause."

This weekend's volunteers will include Ole Miss students, faculty and staff, businesses and churches in the community and local families.

"This is going to be a lot of fun," Staples said. "You are doing something greater than yourself ... in many of the places where these children receive this food it is their only meal for the day. Think about it — you are saving a child's life."

Russell can be contacted at 501-837-0717.

For more information, or to make an online donation, please visit <http://feedthehunger.org>.

# University Museum welcomes Chinese art collection



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Visitors gathered to view the University of Mississippi Museum's collection "On the Silk Road and the High Seas: Chinese Ceramics, Culture, and Commerce." The collection is available at the museum until Aug. 4.

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Through the doors of the University of Mississippi Museum stands a vase painted with a scene from the classic Chinese play "Romance of the West Chamber."

The green and red glaze set the stage for the tale of a secret love between a young scholar and a minister's daughter.

The vase is the first part of "On the Silk Road and the High Seas: Chinese Ceramics, Culture and Commerce," an exhibit from Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach, Fla. The exhibit features many different examples of porcelain vases, ceramic bowls and jade carvings.

The museum worked with the Croft Institute for International Studies and the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College to get this collection to Ole Miss. The exhibit will stay at the University Museum until Aug. 4, and then it will be moved to the Crow Collection of Asian Art in Dallas.

Collections manager at the museum Marti Funke said via email that her favorite thing about this collection is the diversity of the objects.

"There are over 70 pieces in this exhibition, including ceramics and jade, and it spans over 2,000 years of history," she said. "This exhibition illustrates the influence of trade, by land and sea, on art and culture all over the world with the objects on display."

The Silk Road exhibit occupies two rooms in the back of the museum. Huge glass cases display jars, bowls, teacups, vases and a few sculptures made

from a variety of different materials like ceramic, porcelain and jade, all with various colors and glazes depending on the era it was made.

The museum's program coordinator Emily Dean anticipates many students and citizens of Oxford to visit this exhibit before it's gone.

"When there is such a compelling exhibit like this with so many academic and cultural possibilities, we are able to provide programming that brings a wide range of audiences to the museum for a variety of different reasons," she said.

Dean said this collection is special because it is unlike anything else at the University Museum.

"This exhibit features artwork that is very different from what is in the permanent collection of the museum and allows our academic counterparts to explore a range of topics related to the exhibit, linking it to art, religion, history, Chinese culture and even economics," she said.

Dean has a hard time choosing a favorite piece of art from the Silk Road exhibit but admits she prefers the ones with simple designs and structure.

"There are some very ornate pieces with clear European influences," she said. "But the ones that are more striking to me are very simple in design with only one or two glazes; this style allows the form of the pieces to stand out in a really beautiful way."

Unlike Dean, Candice Dollar, a senior public policy leadership major, has no problem picking her favorite piece of the collection.

"They are all pretty cool, but I like the blue and white Dragon Jars," she said. "They are really intricate."

The University Museum offers free attendance Tuesday through Saturday for Ole Miss students and faculty and \$5 admission for everyone else.

Check out the museum's website at [museum.olemiss.edu](http://museum.olemiss.edu) for more information.

# Rise of Christian Greek organizations at Ole Miss

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Greek life at the University of Mississippi has always been one of the many things for which the university is known, but there is a new form of Greek life that is on the rise at Ole Miss: Christian Greek organizations.

In 1985 Beta Upsilon Chi (BYX, pronounced 'buxs') was founded at the University of Texas at Austin as a Christian fraternity. Three years after, Sigma Phi Lambda (Phi Lamb) was founded as a Christian sorority.

They now serve as the largest Christian fraternity and sorority in the country, spreading across the country and mingling with other non-Christian Greeks.

The only problem is that it has been a challenge for the Christian Greek organizations at Ole Miss to establish their names and increase their size, unlike at other universities.

"From what I've seen, Greek life is much bigger at Ole Miss," said Elizabeth Page, chaplain of Phi Lamb at Ole Miss. "I've talked to students from all schools from everywhere, and for some reason, their culture is just different."

Though Christian and non-Christian based orga-

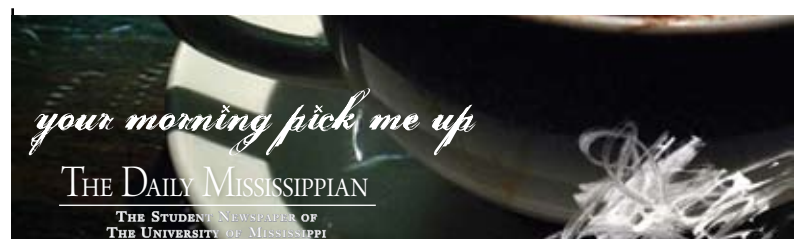
nizations are different, they both establish a great foundation in being associated with an organization on college campuses.

"I believe in the Greek system and the good it is capable of in the community and on campus," said Logan Rush, current Colonel Reb and active member of Sigma Chi (part of the IFC fraternity). "It gives you a backbone of support for leadership positions ... and can actually be a place to grow spiritually with people going through similar challenges of college life."

"It's amazing being in a Christian sorority," Page said. "I have friends that I feel like are my actual sisters — girls that I can go to about anything. Because we're smaller, everyone knows each other and so we feel comfortable opening up to each other. It's incredible to know that God has called us to represent His name on this campus; He really has given us the opportunity to represent more than our letters."

Phi Lamb has more than 30 chapters and BYX nearly 25 spread all across the South.

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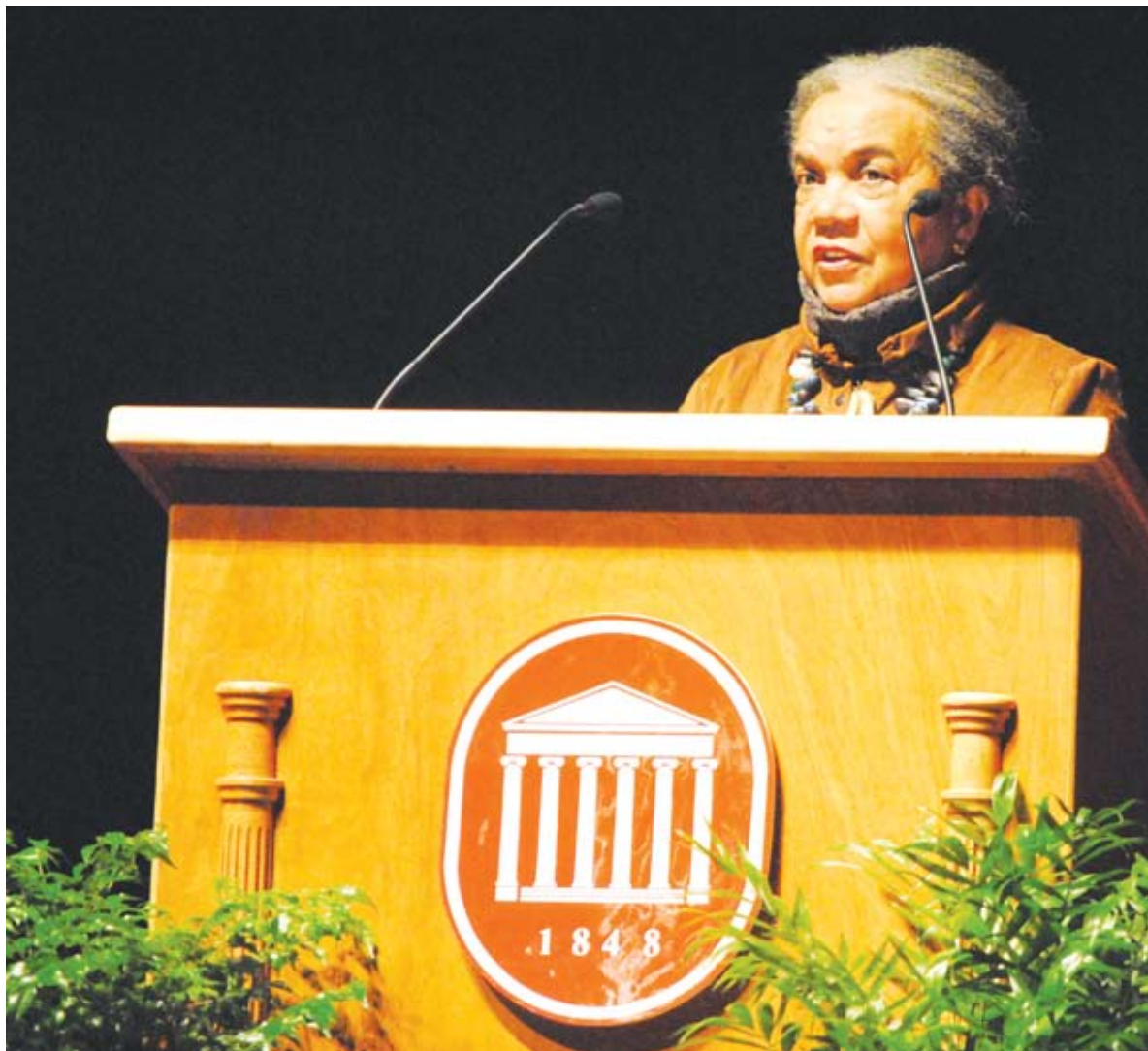
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ABOVE: Emmalee Rainey celebrates after being elected ASB vice president. TOP LEFT: Marian Wright Edelman gives a keynote address about the Children's Defense Fund in the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts. The address was part of the university's celebration of 50 years of integration. BOTTOM LEFT: Ole Miss held a screening of "Viktor & I," a film about Viktor Frankl. Film director Alexander Vesely is Frankl's grandson.



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## Track and Field travels to Kentucky for SEC Indoor Championships



LEFT: Junior Morris Kersh CENTER: Senior Isiah Young RIGHT: Ricky Robertson

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BY MATT SIGLER  
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The Ole Miss track and field team will be heading to Lexington, Ky., for the SEC Championships Friday through Sunday. The Rebels are coming off a great showing at the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., in which senior Logan Waites broke her own school record in the 5,000 meters, and the women's distance medley relay team of Anne Threlkeld, Sofia Hellberg-Jonsen, Tia Leake and Kayleigh Skinner also set a school record. The men's team enters this weekend ranked No. 22 in the nation, while the women's team sits at No. 95 in this week's USTFCCA poll.

"We've had a really good indoor season so far," head coach Joe Walker said. "We've had a lot of people record personal records, so that's been good. This is a big, 12-team, shootout-type thing, so you don't know what to expect until you get there."

On the men's side, six SEC foes are ranked in the top 25, including three of the top four teams in the country. The Rebels placed 10th at last year's SEC Indoor Championships and look to improve on that showing.

"We've got a lot of great athletes who are working hard," Walker said. "So I'm really excited and optimistic about how we'll do. It's a tough meet, but I think we're ready, and I think we're fit. It'll be a battle — that's for sure."

The Rebels will be competing in many different events on both the men's and women's sides, but look for junior All-American jumper Ricky Robertson, the No. 4 high jumper in the nation, and fellow juniors Morris Kersh and Isiah Young to lead the way for the Rebels

this weekend. The team knows what it's up against but is also confident that they have what it takes to stand toe to toe with the rest of the conference.

"We're more than capable of coming out on top," Kersh said. "It's just a matter of bringing your A-game on that day. We're feeling good about it this year. Usually going into conference championships, we have injuries or something going on, but this year everyone is coming on strong."

**All in the family for Kersh**

Trying to live up to a name is hard enough, but for junior jumper Morris Kersh, he has been up to the task. His father George Kersh is currently the record holder for Ole Miss in the 800 meters. However, Kersh didn't see himself following in

his father's footsteps.

"In a way I see myself following, but not exactly," Kersh said. "My main focus wasn't always track; it just happened to turn out this way."

Kersh joined the Ole Miss track and field team after a standout career at Pearl High School. He was named the 2007-08 Gatorade Athlete of the Year for Mississippi high school boys' track and field and also won a state championship in 2008.

After being around track his whole life, and also being the son of two track runners, the sport came naturally to Kersh. However, he has been able to keep a level head throughout his career and realizes his success has come through hard work.

"I work hard at what I do,"

Kersh said. "I put in the time, so pretty much that has given me my success."

**Young sprinting his way to the top**

Senior Isiah Young stumbled across the sport of track in high school, not knowing that he had the potential to one day be a Division I sprinter.

"I found (track) over the summer my last year of running in high school," Young said. "Then one of my coaches picked me up, and I was OK at it at first, but now I'm starting to get the hang of it."

Prior to Ole Miss, Young spent two years at Allen Community College in his hometown of Junction City, Kan. Last season, he was only able to compete in one meet for the Rebels. A year later, he has jumped onto the track scene and gives all the

credit to his coach.

"I think Coach Walker has been great in believing in me, and every day I come, practice hard, and hard work pays off."

His hard work paid off at the Tyson Invitational earlier this month. He won the 60-meter finals with a time of 6.66 after he tied his personal best of 6.62 during the preliminaries. He also placed seventh in the 200 meters with a personal-best time of 21.25, which also ranks fifth in school history in the event.

Even though his career hasn't been the longest as a Rebel, Young has his sight set on this weekend's SEC Championships and beyond.

"I want to win SECs," he said. "Then, try to win national indoors if I can. I would like to win and at least leave a mark before my indoor season is up."



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Sophomore, RHP

1-0 2 K  
5.0 IP 2 BB  
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UNC-W  
28 Mat Batts  
Sophomore, LHP

0-0 8 K  
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SATURDAY, 3 p.m.



Ole Miss  
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Senior, RHP

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4.0 IP 2 BB  
4.50 ERA .368 B/AVG



UNC-W  
29 Tyler DeLoach  
Junior, LHP

0-0 3 K  
5.0 IP 2 BB  
5.40 ERA .278 B/AVG

SUNDAY, Noon



Ole Miss  
28 Mike Mayers  
Sophomore, RHP

0-1 8 K  
4.0 IP 2 BB  
4.50 ERA .077 B/AVG



UNC-W  
11 Jordan Ramsey  
Freshman, RHP

0-0 4 K  
4.0 IP 2 BB  
0.00 ERA .154 B/AVG

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## BASEBALL,

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been great to see all the news guys step in, really playing well like they did all fall. It's been great to see them carry that against other competition. As long as we keep executing and doing what we know how to do, we'll be OK."

Although it's early, Yarbrough

said this year's team is different from years past.

"I really like the energy this year," he said. "We're really into the games and paying attention to what's going on. Everyone is pushing each other and motivating each other. Everyone really wants to see everyone succeed. That's been great to see."

First pitch on Friday and Saturday is set for 3 p.m. while Sunday's game is set for a noon first pitch.

# Rifle readies for GARC Championships this weekend

BY JAKE THOMPSON  
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With the NCAA qualifiers behind it, the No. 8 Ole Miss rifle team is set to host and compete in the Great American Rifle Conference (GARC) Championships this weekend at the Patricia C. Lamar Guard Readiness Center.

"It's always an exciting match," head coach Valerie Boothe said. "We really like to show off what we've got here. We do feel like we've got the best facility, so it's kind of nice to get to showcase that. It's going to be exciting to close it out and be done. We've worked really hard this year, and it will be nice just to get one more outing."

The GARC is made up of Ole Miss, No. 2 and defending National Champion Kentucky and five other teams: No. 3

West Virginia, No. 4 Army, No. 11 Memphis, No. 12 Nebraska and No. 17 NC State.

In last year's competition, West Virginia won the team aggregate championship with a score of 4704. Ole Miss finished in fourth with a score of 4625.

While Ole Miss missed out on the NCAA Championships after a score of 4622 this past Saturday at its NCAA Qualifier, senior Keely Stankey and sophomore Abbey Stanec qualified as individuals. Both will be competing in air rifle March 10 at the NCAA Championships in Columbus, Ohio. This weekend will also be the last home match for Stankey, the only senior on this year's team.

"I am pretty relaxed about this match," Stankey said. "From here on out, there is no stress or worry. It's just trying to

have fun and enjoy it."

While failing to make it to postseason play, the team is using the GARC Championships this weekend as motivation to finish the season strong.

"I think that we are kind of unhappy with how qualifiers went," sophomore Melissa Quartarone said. "I think it is going to drive us more to succeed this weekend."

This marks the eighth consecutive year Ole Miss has hosted the GARC Championships.

"I really do think we have the best venue to house spectators," Boothe said. "I think it is great that they want to come back to Oxford each year and enjoy the town and the atmosphere while they are here."

The event begins Friday afternoon and will continue through the weekend, with the awards ceremony Sunday afternoon.

# Softball back on the road for Texas A&M Corpus Christi tournament

BY JOSH HOLLINGSHEAD  
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The Ole Miss softball team (4-3) will travel to Corpus Christi, Texas, this weekend for its second tournament of the season. The Rebels reached the title game of the Seminole Classic before falling to host Florida State 8-0 in five innings. After the team's scheduled tournament at Southern Miss was cancelled this past weekend, the Rebels split a pair of home

games against Belmont and Murray State. This weekend's tournament, the Best Western Marina Grand Islanders Classic, will be hosted by the Texas A&M Corpus Christi Islanders and will also feature the North Dakota Fighting Sioux, the Texas-San Antonio Roadrunners and the Texas Southern Tigers.

"We want to keep putting the ball in play; we want to keep scoring a lot of runs, and we are looking for our pitchers to

keep getting better and better and our locations just have to get better," head coach Windy Thees said. "If we pitch to our locations better then our defense will stop more balls, and we won't have so many balls through the infield."

Senior Kendall Bruning (3-2) has started four of the Rebels' seven games and leads the pitching staff with a 3-2 record, a 3.45 ERA and 17 strikeouts. Bruning is also second on the team with a .444 batting average, tied for the team lead with one home run and leading the team with 13 RBI.

Freshman outfielder Dallas Hardin has made a huge impact in her first season and leads the offense with a team-high .471 batting average. Ole Miss is scoring an average of 6.7 runs per game and outscoring its opponent by 1.5 runs per game. In three of their wins this season, the Rebels have run-ruled their opponents in five innings.

"They are hungry to hit, they are hungry to be excellent on defense and they are hungry to pitch well," coach Thees said. "And as long as they stay hungry, we are going to keep getting better throughout the year."

The Rebels will open tournament play Friday at 1 p.m. against Texas-San Antonio, followed by host Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at 3 p.m. On Saturday, Ole Miss will take on Texas Southern at 11 a.m. and UTSA again at 3 p.m.

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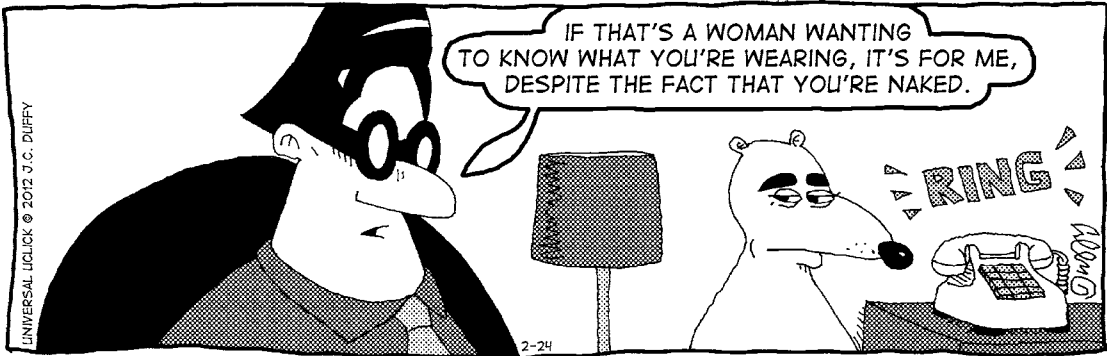
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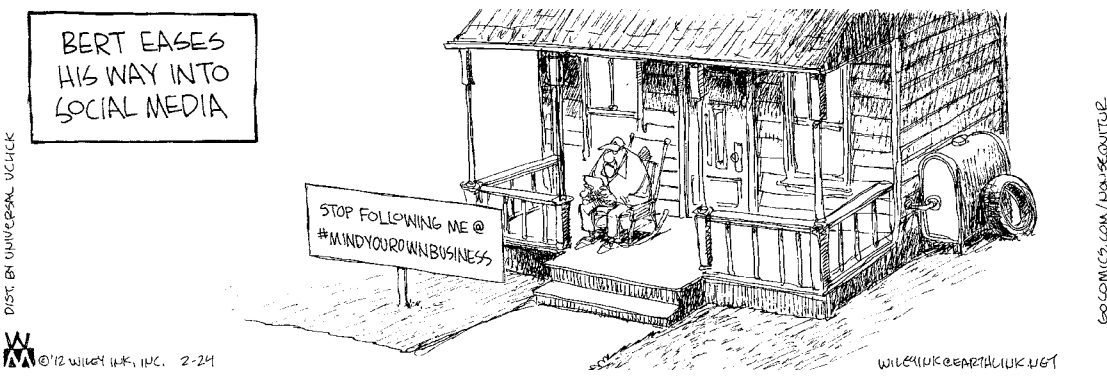
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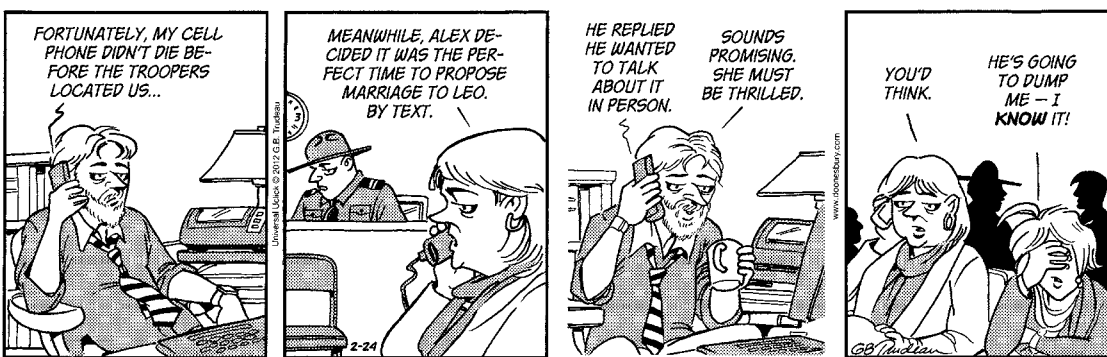
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- Astronomer's prime time
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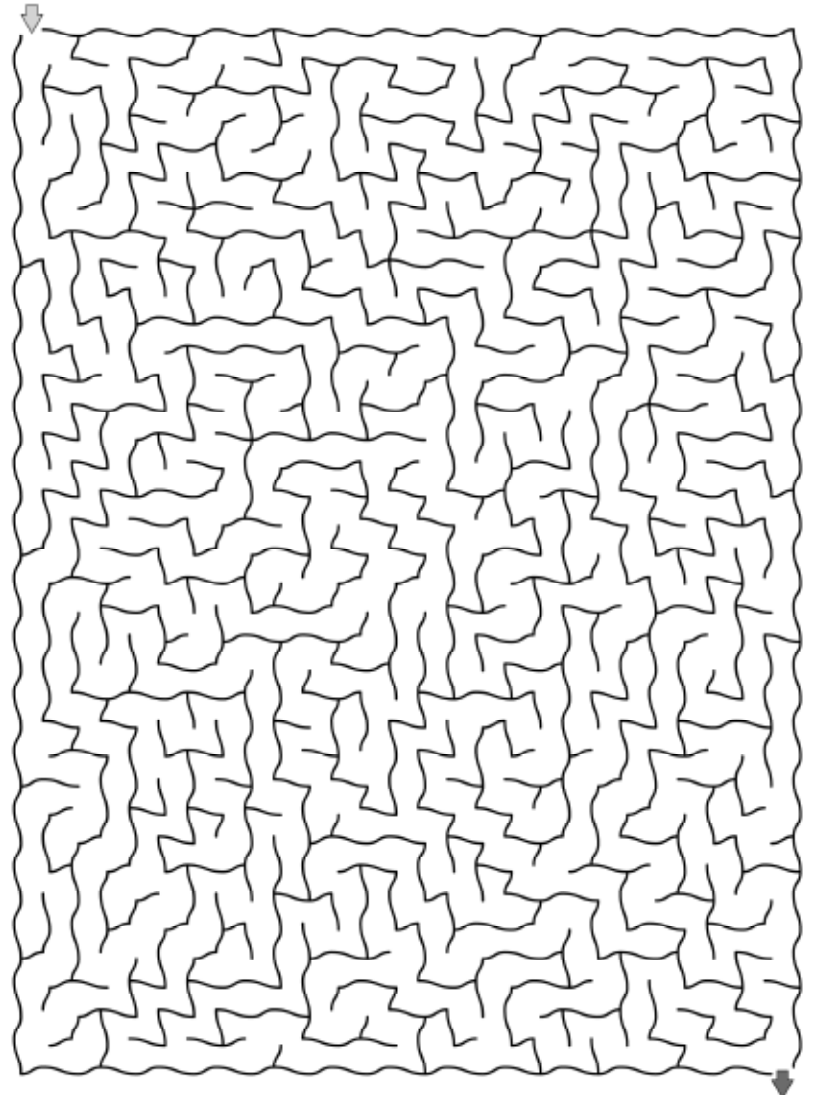
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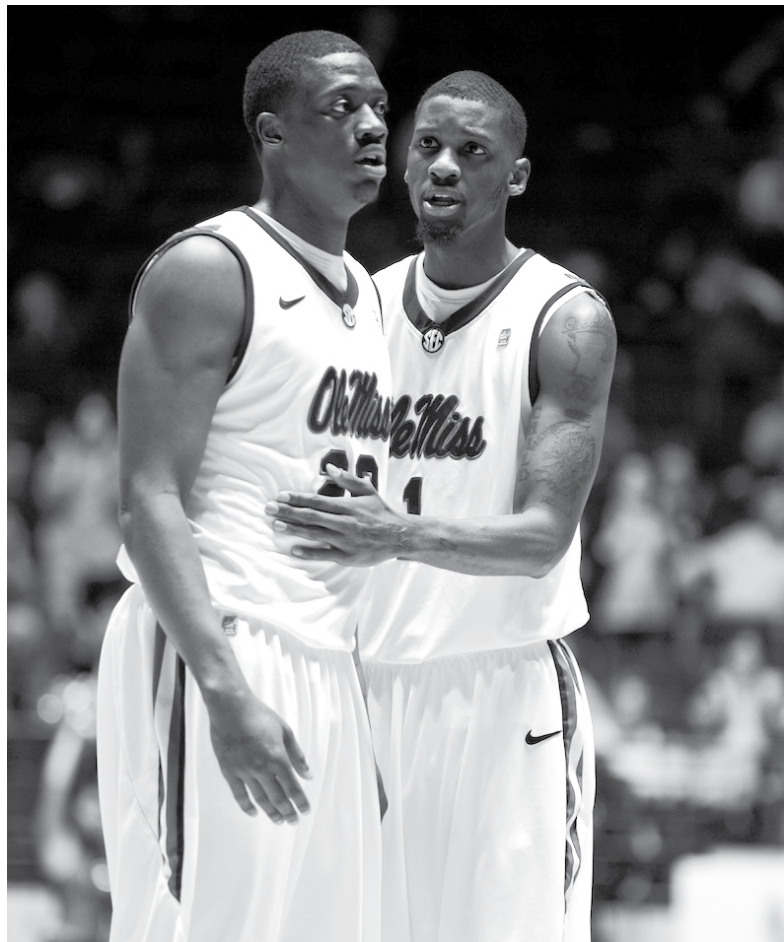
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BY DAVID HENSON  
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Coming off a brutal road trip at Kentucky and Tennessee, the Ole Miss men's basketball team (15-12, 5-8 SEC) returns to the friendly confines of the Tad Smith Coliseum Saturday when they host the streaking LSU Tigers (17-10, 7-6 SEC). The Rebels have struggled in recent weeks, losing three in a row and five of their last six games after a 73-60 loss at Tennessee Wednesday.

"I think we're all frustrated," Ole Miss head coach Andy Kennedy said after Wednesday's loss. "We've got to dig down and find whatever is left in us and battle and compete."

Ole Miss will try to bounce back and build some momentum heading into the final week of Southeastern Conference play. LSU, on the other hand, has been one of the biggest surprises of the conference this season. After a 2-5 start in conference play, the Tigers have won four in a row and five of their last six, including an overtime win against Mississippi State and, most recently, a 61-53 win against Georgia.

The Rebels will also look to avenge an 81-55 blowout loss in the SEC opener back in early January. That contest was the first game Ole Miss played after the dismissal of sophomore guard Dundrecous Nelson, and the Rebels were also without junior forward Murphy Holloway, who missed the game with a sprained ankle.

In that first meeting, junior

center Justin Hamilton and senior forward Storm Warren each recorded double-doubles for the Tigers. Hamilton, who leads the team in scoring (13.6 ppg) and rebounding (7.3 rpg), finished with game highs of 23 points and 16 rebounds. Warren added 15 points and 11 rebounds while freshman guard Anthony Hickey and sophomore guard Andre Stringer also scored in double figures with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Stringer, a Jackson native, is second on the team in scoring, averaging 10.1 points per game. Freshman Johnny O'Bryant, a Cleveland native, is second on the team in rebounding, averaging 6.6 rebounds per game. Malcolm White, who began his career at Ole Miss before transferring to LSU, returns to Oxford. He is averaging 3.2 points and 2.1 rebounds per game.

### REBELS TO RECOGNIZE NEUMANN

Ole Miss basketball legend Johnny Neumann will be back at the Tad Smith Coliseum for Saturday's game, and Ole Miss plans to recognize Neumann during a timeout. The Memphis native played two seasons for the Rebels. During his sophomore season, he led the nation in scoring, averaging 40.1 points per game. He set a school record with 63 points against LSU, one of two 60-plus point performances for Neumann that season. He was named SEC Player of the Year and an All-American. He went on to play eight years of professional basketball in the ABA, NBA and overseas in Europe.

OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

## No. 16 Georgia too much for Ole Miss



AUSTIN MCAFEE | The Daily Mississippian

Sophomore guard Valencia McFarland recorded her sixth 20-point game of the season, the 10th of her career with a game-high 22 points against Georgia last night.

ATHENS, Ga. - Georgia used a 16-2 run in the second half to pull away from the Ole Miss women's basketball team as the Lady Bulldogs beat the Rebels 87-52 Thursday night in Athens.

With the loss Ole Miss fell to 12-16 (2-13 SEC) while No. 16 Georgia improved to 21-7 (10-5 SEC). The Rebels didn't trail by more than five until the Lady Bulldogs used its 16-2 run to put the game out of reach.

Valencia McFarland recorded her 10th career 20-point game and sixth of the year as she ended the game with 22 points. Kenyotta Jenkins added nine points. Georgia became just the second team this year to shoot at least 50 percent from the floor against Ole Miss shooting 52.6 percent (30-57).

Ole Miss trailed by five early, 10-5, before McFarland's three tied the game at 12-12 with 12:30 to play. McFarland tracked down a loose ball in the backcourt and hit the three from half-court as the shot clock expired.

The Rebels pushed its lead to four, 21-17, on another three from McFarland with 8:35 left in the half. Kenyotta Jenkins hit a shot for Ole Miss with two seconds left in the half as Georgia held a two-point lead at the break, 36-34.

McFarland led the Rebels at the half with 15 points including five threes while Nikki Byrd added five points.

### sports briefs

#### RYAN BRAUN'S 50-GAME SUSPENSION OVERTURNED

NEW YORK (AP) -- National League MVP Ryan Braun's 50-game suspension was overturned Thursday by baseball arbitrator Shyam Das, the first time a baseball player successfully challenged a drug-related penalty in a grievance.

The decision was announced Thursday by the Major League Baseball Players Association, one day before the 28-year-old outfielder was due to report to spring training with the Milwaukee Brewers. The commissioner's office and the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency each were disappointed and angry about the ruling.

Braun's urine tested positive in October for elevated testosterone, and ESPN revealed the positive test in December.

Braun has insisted that he did not violate baseball's drug agreement.

#### HERRINGTON GOLF CENTER OPENS

After four months of construction, the doors have opened on the Herrington Golf Center. And the Ole Miss men's and women's golf teams could not be happier.

Funding for the 3,600-square-foot indoor-outdoor practice facility was provided by a gift from the Clay and Elinor Herrington Charitable Remainder Trust. It will allow both teams to practice regardless of weather conditions.

"It is a dream come true to have this new facility," said men's golf head coach Ernest Ross. "The Herrington Golf Center will certainly help our current players with their swing technique, and provides a place for excellent practice in any type of weather."

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# Rebels welcome UNC-Wilmington for weekend home opener



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Sophomore Mike Mayers will make his first career weekend start, only his second career start, Sunday against UNC-Wilmington. In relief this past weekend against TCU, Mayers pitched four innings and gave up two runs on one hit with two walks and eight strikeouts.

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After an 8-1 midweek win against Arkansas State Tuesday,

the Ole Miss baseball team (2-1) continues its 12-game home stand with a three-game weekend series against UNC-Wilmington (2-2). The Seahawks, a

team that finished third in the Colonial Athletic Association this past season with a 31-28 mark overall and 18-12 in conference play, took two of three from Ohio University this past weekend to start the 2012 season. In their midweek game Tuesday against North Carolina State, the Wolfpack exploded

for 10 runs in the eighth in a 10-0 win.

"I know that they had a good opening weekend and a rough game the other night," head coach Mike Bianco said. "But a game against a real good opponent in NC State, where it was 0-0 heading into the eighth, then they had one of those in-

nings where it got away from them. (UNC-Wilmington head coach) Mark (Scalf's) staff has always done a great job there. They've had a lot of success there. We'll face two left-handed pitchers on Friday and Saturday, which we haven't seen yet. We're excited for the opportunity."

Mat Batts, UNC-Wilmington's probable Friday starter, was named Colonial Athletic Association Co-Pitcher of the Week after giving up just one run on no hits with one walk and eight strikeouts in a 6-5 win over Ohio, while Tyler DeLoach, the probable Saturday start, went five innings and gave up just three runs on five hits with two walks and three strikeouts in a 6-4 loss.

For the Rebels, sophomore Bobby Wahl and junior RJ Hively will make their second starts of the season, while sophomore Mike Mayers will take the mound on Sunday for his first weekend start and just the second start of his career.

"We just want to continue to improve and try to define some roles both in the field and on the mound," Bianco said. "Just try to get more guys in the game and get more of a semblance of a rotation and different roles on the mound as we get closer to conference play."

Bianco also looks at the games early in the season as a chance to get better.

"You look to improve every day," he said. "Guys start to feel more comfortable and define their roles. I think with the pitchers we've become a better club. The hope is that, yeah, it's not just about the wins. Of course, we want to win, but it's about improving. Like Tuesday against Arkansas State - we got the win, but we have to play better than that. We have to be more dominant than that. Each day we're looking to improve."

The Seahawks are hitting .271 as a team through four games this season, and senior outfielder Andrew Cain leads the team with a .455 average. But according to junior second baseman Alex Yarbrough, success against UNC-Wilmington all comes down to one thing.

"I think we've just got to execute everything we've been working on for the last six months," Yarbrough said. "It's

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