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Some students affected by Visa, MasterCard security breach

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Global Payments Inc., a group that handles transactions for Visa and Master-Card, alerted banks last week about a security breach in its system affecting up to 1.5 million North American accounts.

Paul Garcia, chief executive for Global Payments, said the incident is contained and under investigation, as reported by the Wall Street Journal.

The breach involved an exposure of cardholder information. Garcia said hackers obtained account numbers but did not get cardholder names, addresses or Social Security numbers.

Global Payments Inc., is a payment processor that acts as an intermediary between banks and retailers. The middle position of payment processors like Global Payments is recognized by criminals to be a more vulnerable area of attack, as they process high



A student swipes his credit card at a gas station. Some students were worried about the recent security breech of Global Payments Inc.

information. The data infiltrated is thought to be used by hackers to create fake credit cards.

Originally thought to be concentrations of personal much larger, affecting some 10 protected if any exposure were

of the Atlanta-based company was detected by the corporation's security processes.

"Consumers are completely

million customers, the breach to arise," Garcia said. "Cardissuing institutions have wellestablished and highly protected procedures to protect their customers."

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Visa has now removed Global Payments from its list of compliant vendors, which comes as a hard blow.

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Ole Miss School of Education offers new minors

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This fall, the University of Mississippi will offer two new minors in the School of Education — education and math education. These minors include courses that were created as part of the university's general education major.

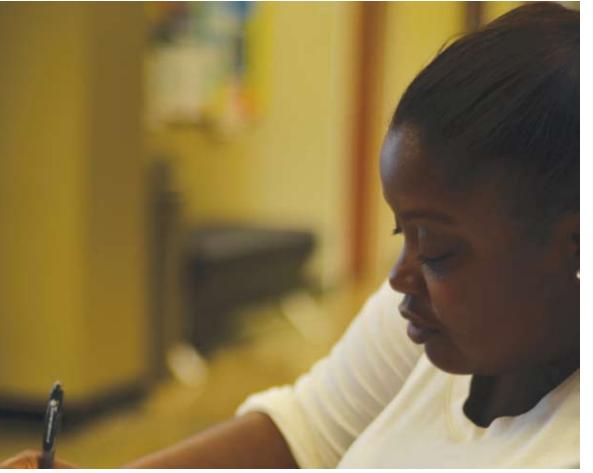
"For students who are interested in learning education courses are necessary: Founpedagogy or have an interest in the field of education, the minor is an excellent introduction," said Susan McClelland, interim chair of curriculum and instruction. The courses required for these minors were once offered only to education majors but are now available to all students. Though the curriculum is not designed to lead to a teaching license, students who chose the minor in math education will likely

serve as math tutors at local high schools.

For a minor in education, the required courses include: Foundations in Education, Introduction to Special Education, Educational Technology and nine hours of junior- or senior-level education electives.

To receive the math education minor, the following dations in Education. Introduction to Special Education, Seminar in Secondary Education, Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I and Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II, as well as Techniques in Teaching Secondary Mathematics. The School of Education has already begun to see a good response to the recent changes. "I think the new minors will really help the School of Education grow because it

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Education student Courtney Pearson studies in Guyton Hall, which houses the UM School of Education.

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BY JOSH CLARK @dm_toons



Think before chomping down on 'pink slime'



BY MEGAN MASSEY memassey1848@gmail.com

For years now, the whistle has been blown on the food industry in America. Thanks to people like Eric Schlosser, Michael Pollan, Jamie Oliver and a number of other people, the importance of knowing what's in our food has been brought to the nation's attention, though we sometimes ignore their advice. Most recently, there has been new debate on the food we eat, specifically or as the beef industry calls it, "lean, finely textured beef," or "LFTB."

So what is LFTB and why is it used? LFTB is a food additive that is beef-based. It is used in the U.S. as a filler in packaged ground beef. I specify that it is being used in the United States because it is not legal as a food additive in Canada or the U.K. Even in the United States, it was only legal for use in dog food and some cooking oils before the implementation of a disinfection process.

Naturally, the beef industry (and politicians in "beef" states) aren't fans of the term "pink slime" because the word "slime" doesn't exactly sound appetizing. They argue that because LFTB is disinfected, it is not dangerous at all and actually has nearly the same nutritional value as beef. In fact, a package of ground beef can claim to be "100 percent beef" even if it contains up to 15 percent of LFTB.

So how do we as consumers respond to this debate? Well, it's up to you, your values concerning food and your own health. First of all, it's important to realize that pink slime is not the only processed food in the world. There are plenty of foods that go through similar processes and processes equally as disconcerting. LFTB is catching a lot of bad press, some of which is deserved. People should know what they are eating but, at the same time, it isn't the only queson a daily basis. There are also debates over our consumption of high fructose corn syrup, the implications of the fact that chicken breasts are out of proportion with a chicken's actual body and the inhumane (and unhygienic) treatment of cattle.

Second, as David Katz, a columnist for the Huffington Post points out in his column "Pink Slime and Beyond: 5 Implications," we have to realize that we've known for a long time that processed foods are not good for us, no matter what they are. Studies have shown for a while now that eating mostly processed foods leads to years being taken off your life. As Michael Pollan puts it in his book "The Omnivore's Dilemma," the answer to too much. Mostly plants." By doing this, we avoid processed foods and, as a result, live longer and healthier.

It's important to know what's in your food. Read labels, buy fresh when you can and take the time to educate yourself. If you don't know where to start, here are few suggestions: "Fast Food Nation" by Eric Schlosser, "The Omnivore's Dilemma" by Michael Pollan and "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" by Barbara Kingsolver. A number of documentaries have been made as well, the most popular of which is probably "Food, Inc." And, of course, there's always Google.

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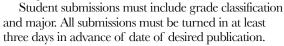
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MEMBER NEWSPAPER

Choosing more 'practical' majors could lead to less college debt



BY ALEC JONES need email

American graduates owe nearly \$1 trillion for higher education. It's no secret we're a nation of debt — housing debt, credit card debt, automobile debt, corporate debt, government debt and so on. However, Student loan debt is a monster in and of itself. To top things off, nearly 50 percent of that debt is already in default.

Our situation stems from three things. First, people believe a college education is more or less a requirement to get ahead in the world. Unless you're Justin Timberlake, Michael Jordan or the Mega Millions winner, your dreams probably won't come true without a degree. College is generally considered an investment; something you sacrifice now for future gains.

Secondly, there's the attitude of entitlement. The majority of

Americans feel as if college is a right. We're pushed in that direction from an early age and can't imagine an alternative. The problem with entitlements, however, is that they're the exact opposite of investments. You don't handle what you're given as responsibly as you handle what you earn.

This is where the third cause of our massive student loan debt comes into play: governmentsubsidized loans. It doesn't matter what role you believe the government should play in education. The fact is that federal loans based on need, rather than ability, have created mountains of debt. Without enough jobs to pay it off, these loans end up in default. It's also why the cost of attending college has skyrocketed.

It's a lot like the housing bubble, actually. People viewed their homes as investments and believed they were entitled to home ownership as part of the American Dream, and politicians propped up the fantasy in exchange for votes. Pretty quickly homes became overvalued due to the cheap cost of borrowing and when people couldn't afford to pay their loans, the entire system collapsed.

That's the trend we're seeing with student debt. Fortunately there's a fix — pricing student loans according to major. We need a strong higher education system to have a robust economy. However, right now someone can spend seven years getting a degree with bleak job prospects, like Caribbean studies, and pay the same rate as someone getting a degree that actually adds value to our economy, like chemical engineering.

It's not rocket science; it just takes a basic understanding of incentives. A free market should determine what majors are valuable to society based on the risks borrowers and lenders are willing to take; government price fixing only distorts the economy. Loans are priced in every other market according to the value of the underlying asset and the likelihood of default — in this case those are the degrees. If people chose a major based on the interest rate for that degree, which would be lower based on the expected salary and likelihood of employment, it would eventually solve our debt problems as well as our unemployment problems.

I'm no actuary, but if the education system were actually free it would look something like this. If you want to major in nuclear physics, you pay 3 percent interest. Political science or pre-med? You'll pay 7 percent.

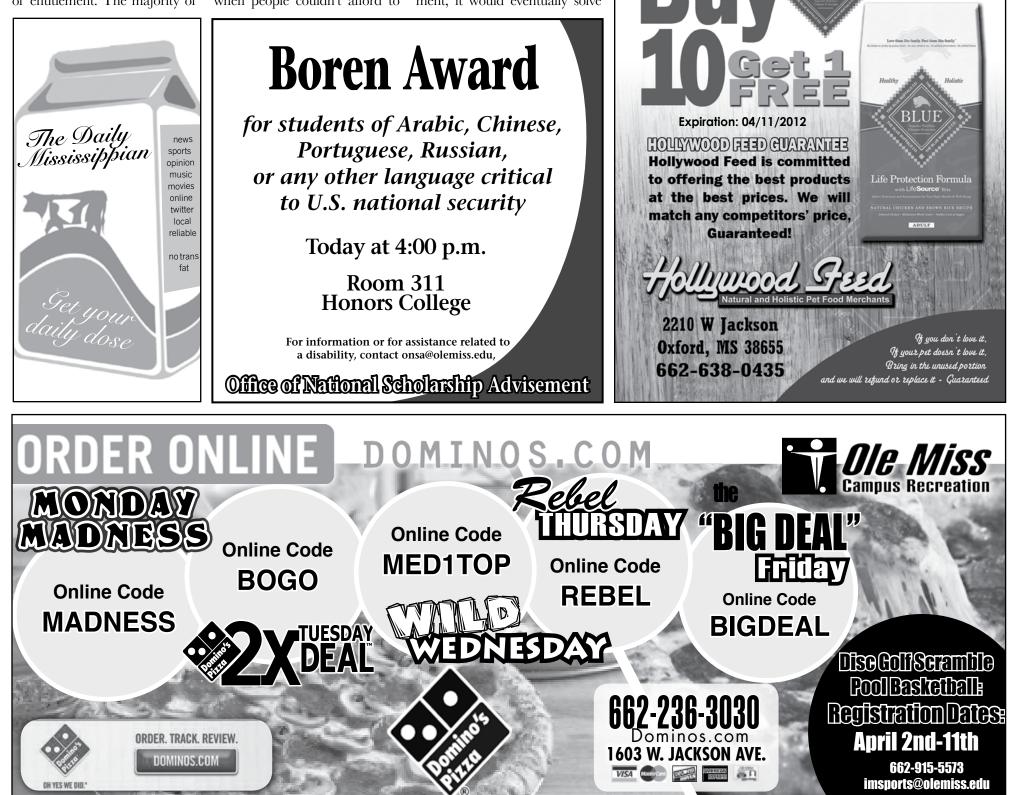
If you actually make it to law school or med school, your rate would drop to 4 percent. Business majors would pay 5 percent; people majoring in theatre at a large state school — 10 percent; people majoring in theatre at Julliard — 2 percent. Sociology and religion degrees would cost roughly 8 percent. A music therapy major would have to receive an adjustable rate loan with interest compounding daily. People simply should not have the same incentive to major in communications as they do to major in Chinese.

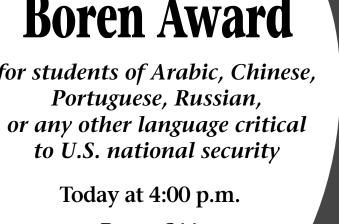
We wouldn't have to scrap Pell Grants or Perkins Loans or even get rid of the Department of Education.

All we'd have to do is make college a little bit more like the real world — where the price you pay is a natural product of supply and demand. Our current system implicitly rewards people for making risky decisions that essentially turn many into long-term wards of the state.

It pains me to see people in situations where they move back home to wait tables in order to pay off college degrees while their friends who went to community college are the managers. We need a system that makes 17 year olds think a lot more carefully about the decisions they're making years before they'll ever feel the repercussions. Do we fix our debt and unemployment problems now, or should we wait until the bubble has popped?

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MasterCard has made no action to remove Global Payments as a processor and said in a statement that it will wait until the end of the investigation until it does anything.

When asked about the security breach, some students were worried about what this would mean for their own security.

"(If mine was affected), I would like to be notified," said Grace Wickwire, a freshman from Baltimore, Md. "I'd also like to know what they're going to do about it and if it's going to happen again."

Cavett Ratliff, who works for the University Bursar Office, said the security breach will not directly affect Ole Miss as it uses First Data, not Global Payments, for transactions.

"We did have one person who needed to make a payment to us this week," Ratliff said.

"His was one of the cards that was breached and had been shut down by the bank."

The particular student was given more time to pay as he is waiting on a new card from his bank.

Global Payments has announced that it will take responsibility for any losses the breach may have caused.

It is the second breach in 12 months for the corporation, which handled about \$120.6 billion for Visa and Master-Card last year.

BY BRACEY HARRIS braceyh@gmail.com

Due to increased enrollment, the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College is expanding to accommodate students. The Institutions of Higher Learning has approved the plans for the college to double its square footage.

"The expansion is a response to the growth of the honors college," said honors college associate dean John Samonds. "The growth has been phenomenal, and space is getting more dear to students as far as study and public space and space for socializing."

The honors college is housed in the former Alpha Delta Pi house on Sorority Row. The honors college, which opened in 1997, had an enrollment of 922 students as of September 2011, which is a significant increase from 2002 when the enrollment totaled 378 students.

"The number of applications went up, so I think there's a definite need for expansion," said honors college student director Colby Woods.

The first six freshmen classes averaged around 120 students; in comparison, the freshmen class that entered in Fall 2011 had 312 students. Honors college dean Douglass Sullivan-González said the college's goal is to get 1,000 students.

"Right now we are shoot-



Biochemistry major Carter Barnett studies in the lounge of the honors college. The honors college recently announced that it was expanding.

ing for 10 percent of the freshmen class," Sullivan-González said. "The reality is we really can't go over 1,200 kids until the infrastructure of the university expands."

Sullivan-González said if the freshmen class stays around 3,500, the college will "shoot for 350 students in the entering freshmen class."

"We're here to help the university meet its objectives," he said. "If we can handle it, we'll do it."

Sullivan-González also said construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2013.

Another important goal for the project is to make the building entirely ADA accessible. Currently, a ramp at the front entrance of the college allows those in wheelchairs access to the elevator. A new entrance and a reconfigured elevator would allow access to the new lounge and to classrooms.

The honors college has asked for student feedback throughout the proposed expansion process.

"It's another opportunity for our students to share ideas and encourage each other to be sharp citizen scholars," Sullivan-González said.

Zachery Newton, international studies and public policy leadership freshman, said

finding a space to study in the honors college can be challenge. Newton often heads to Weir Hall or the Croft building when the honors college

becomes full.

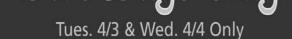
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"I think it's a great idea (that) a lot of honors college students spend a lot of time here, but it fills up quickly," Newton said. "I think it's been a really successful program on campus, but I think it's great that they plan on expanding. I've had trouble finding a quiet study place sometimes when it's near finals week."

Spaces like the "dungeon," a room located in the basement of the honors college with a 24-hour quiet policy, are especially coveted. Newton estimates that the dungeon is full on Sunday around the afternoon and by 7 p.m. during the school week.



Barksdale Honors College to expand



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There are plans for a new front and pedestrian walk from the side of the honors college that faces the old Lamar Law Center from the residential colleges to the Grove, as well.

The first floor, where some of the offices are located, originally served as the former sorority's dining hall. Walls were added to separate the spaces. The new plan would remove them in order to create a large public space for student use. Samonds said it would be a nice area for students as well as provide natural light through the windows. The plan also aims to make classrooms more versatile and possibly do away with classrooms that do not comfortably hold 15 students.

Ole Miss ROTC receives MacArthur Award

BY LAUREN MCMILLIN Special to The DM

As one of the top military programs in the nation, the Ole Miss Army ROTC owes much of its success to its encouraging environment and unique camaraderie.

The program recently received the MacArthur Award, labeling it as one of eight valued programs across the nation. The award, which is given based on evaluations in several areas, like academics and cadet performances, focuses on three key terms: duty, honor and country.

Master Sgt. Michael Howland, senior military instructor, teaches cadets the importance of core values from day one, particularly leadership.

"The army is managed to refine the process of leadership, and we can narrow it down to specific things," Howland said. "We have values and those values help us to achieve our mission."

While leadership is a vital principle for cadets to follow, academic excellence is not far behind. Major Walt Vinzant, ROTC recruiting officer, stressed the importance of having a first-rate performance in the classroom.

"It's a different environment," he said. "What we tell people coming into the program is, 'You're a student first.' We really emphasize the student being successful in his academic studies."

This concept is not one to be taken lightly, especially because officers are required to have academic degrees. Academic standards have increased greatly since the program's beginning in 1936.

"Over time, the standards have risen," Howland said. "GPA is a very large part for the standards (cadets) need to become an officer and to have some control over (their) destiny. When competing for slots, (the Army) looks at how high the GPA is. That affects the entire student and the cadet

body."

One of the unique aspects of the Ole Miss Army ROTC program is that students do not have to worry about achieving success all on their own. Through counseling and the help of caring leaders, cadets have the opportunity to learn and grow in a close-knit, encouraging environment.

"We counsel them (academically) probably three or four times a semester," Howland said. "We also ask them how things are going (in their lives). Every instance involves a different way to counsel. We don't degrade people. It's about learning how to lead."

Army ROTC sophomore John Bolding said that without the leadership and support from higher officers, his experience in the program would not nearly be as enjoyable.

"I have a good relationship with all the cadres," Bolding said. "All of them are very concerned about each cadet and are very good at



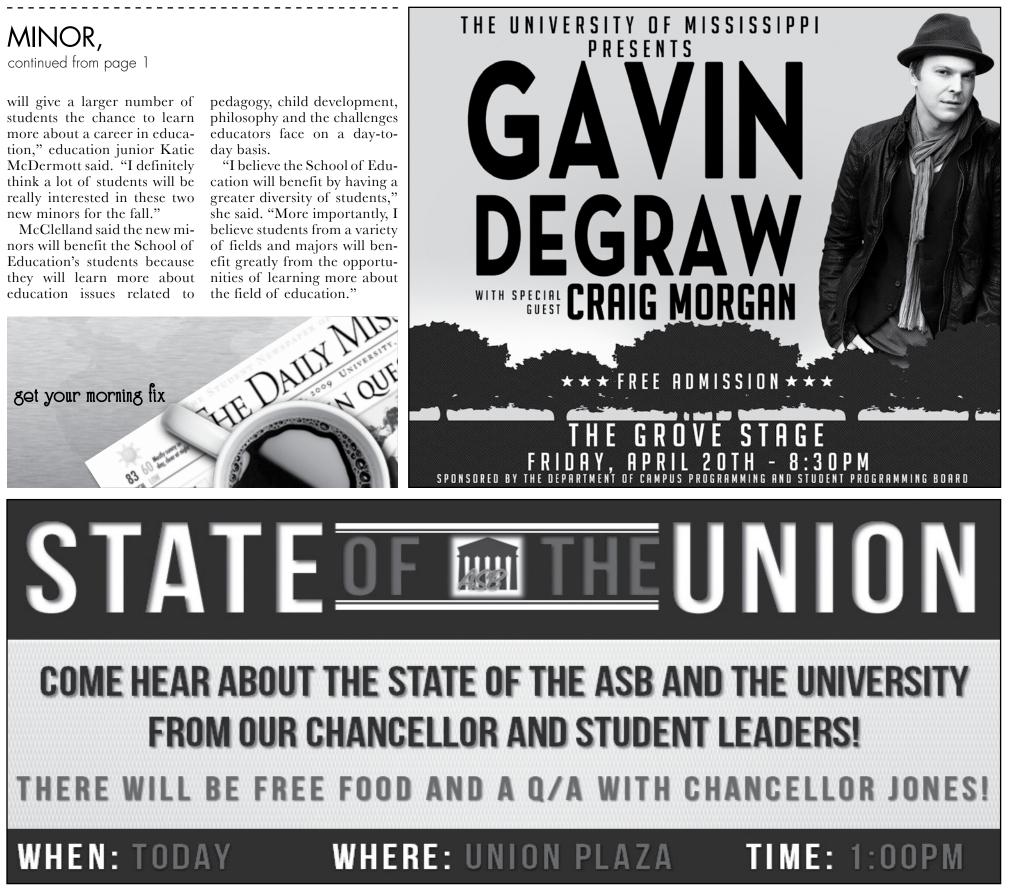
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The Ole Miss Army ROTC marches near the Tad C. Smith Coliseum.

meeting every single cadet and getting to know every single cadet personally,"

Words of encouragement and a supportive environment may help motivate cadets to do their best, but at the end of the day, Vinzant believes it all comes down to leadership.

"The primary thing we teach is leadership," he said. "You've got to be excellent at the basics. (The world) may change. Leadership never changes."





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Photos from the Ole Miss Invitational track meet



TOP LEFT: Senior Christiana Coleman TOP RIGHT: Senior Jason Anderson BOTTOM RIGHT: Sophomore Kipchirchir Kiptoo BOTTOM MIDDLE: Junior Kelsey Breathitt BOTTOM LEFT: Freshman Haley Cutright.

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University offers online health care degree

BY KELLS JOHNSON krjohns2@olemiss.edu

Health care professionals are generally thought of as people working hands on, but that is not always the case.

The University of Mississippi

now offers an online Master of Health Care Administration program to its graduate students.

The program, introduced by the University of Mississippi Medical Center and the School of Business Administration, is designed for graduate students seeking top managerial positions within the health care workplace.

Courses for the MHAP can be taken during the fall, spring and summer terms. Students who enroll in the program full time will receive their degree in two years, and students enrolled part time will receive their degree in three years.

After the degree is earned, it is mandatory that each graduate student participate in a summer internship program affiliated with health care administration. During the course of their internship, students are able to receive the hands-on experience needed to function within the health care administration workplace.

But is an online degree in health care administration credible enough for working in a health care environment? And even more importantly, do health care administrators play a part in providing health care to patients?

Actually, obtaining a master's

in health administration really has nothing to do with overseeing the health of an individual.

Health care administrators play the role of supervising those who are actually providing health care to patients. They also introduce new programs and medical services to the workplace and manage budgets and fund allocations within the workplace.

"The MHAP program is strictly a business leadership program," said Bethany Cooper, di-

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"Health care administrators do not provide health care to individuals and usually only come into contact with them on a business level,"

Within the program, students will attend online group discussions and weekly webinars. Though the courses seem relaxed, students also have weekly assignments, homework and exams, just like in a regular course.

Students who wish to enroll in the graduate program do not need an undergraduate degree that is business-affiliated, but they are required to have taken Introduction to Accounting and a business finance course. In order to be a part of the program, students must enroll during the fall semester.

SPORTS

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Bobby Wahl talks about his pitching grips



"The four-seam fastball is my favorite pitch. It is what I throw mostly during the game. The thing is the location of it, trying to throw it to both sides of the plate."



"The two-seam fastball is a similar fastball to the four seam. You try to get some run on it, especially throwing it away to lefthanded batters and sometimes into righties."





as much during the game, but it is cause of the little bit of run it has and I just throw it to offset my fastball and keep hitters off balance."

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an incredible game Friday night against the top-ranked Florida Gators. The 6'3," 200-pounder threw up 8.0 innings of shutout baseball against the Gators, where he gave up just two hits and two walks, while also striking out six batters.

His performance was good enough to not only land him SEC Pitcher of the Week, but the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) named Wahl the National Pitcher of the Week, the organization announced yesterday.

So what does Wahl say when asked about his confidence on the mound? He figures out a way to give his teammates the credit, of course.

"Confidence is good right now, especially when I've got such a great team behind me," Wahl said. "The defense has been awesome. It was awesome last weekend and awesome when I pitched Friday. I've got to tip my hat because that's who got it done for me on Friday."

Following that performance against Florida, Wahl has been compared to past great Rebel aces to play under Bianco, namely Colorado Rockies pitcher Drew Pomeranz, by his junior teammate Brett Huber.

end after having a dismal start to the season in the field. Ole Miss was ranked near the bottom of the SEC in errors heading into last weekend, and of course, Wahl took some of the blame for that too.

"Everyone was really locked in (last weekend)," he said. "A lot of those errors (earlier in the season) are on me, actually. I've thrown some bad pickoffs. A lot of that is my fault. But the defense doesn't really surprise me. Everyone was really locked in."

The progression Wahl has made since stepping foot on the Ole Miss campus is well-documented, but learning how to pitch at the collegiate level has really helped him take that next step.

"The biggest thing is that I'm throwing more strikes and throwing it in the zone; just locating a little bit better," Wahl said. "You can't just go out there like in high school and blow everybody away with a fastball. You have to really focus on throwing your breaking ball and your changeup for strikes and in the right area, the right spot. Just being able to do that in bullpens here and really refining that, Ole Miss has helped me tremendously."

For a guy that has already done so much for Bianco and his program, he gives the credit to Ole Miss.

That is Bobby Wahl.





SPORTS

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Practice Report: rain forces Rebels indoors

BY DAVID COLLIER dlcollie@olemiss.edu

The Rebels were pushed inside to the Indoor Practice Facility yesterday for the eighth practice of the spring due to rain in the area, but they still managed to get plenty of work done.

"The energy was really, really good in here," Freeze said. "Unfortunately, the offense didn't match the defense. It's great to see them run around and play the way they did. I know if they're doing that, we'll get more opportunities. I, certainly, was pleased with their effort today."

Tuesday saw several guys change positions, at least for the time being, but a few caught the eye of Freeze.

Freshman Denzel Nkemdiche had been splitting time between safety and the husky position, but on Tuesday, he was at the strongside (Sam) linebacker spot.

"It freed him up a little bit to

not have to worry about covering in some space," Freeze said. "On some zone blitzes, he looked really good getting there in a hurry."

Along the offensive line, there have been several guys rotating spots, and Tuesday was no different.

Sophomore Aaron Morris, who started the spring at left tackle, but was moved to left guard this past week, was back at left tackle on Tuesday. Junior Pierce Burton, who has been a constant on the first team offensive line at right tackle was demoted to the second team, while junior Emmanuel McCray switched sides from left tackle to right tackle on the first team offensive line and redshirt freshman Justin Bell moved up to first team left guard.

"The depth chart is etched in sand," Freeze said. "We grade them every day. Tuesday morning, I thought he didn't like getting up early and it showed in the way he played. We challenged him. He'll fight to get it back." One guy that has really stood out to Freeze is sophomore defensive end C.J. Johnson, who has played all spring with a club on his hand.

"I think C.J. is special," Freeze said. "I think (defensive line coach Chris) Kiffin is going to take him, and he's going to be an NFL guy. I know when I watch one-on- ones I think he's got a special burst off the edge."

Freeze also said he'd like to see Johnson get his weight up to around 240 to 250 pounds.

In the secondary, Freeze has been especially impressed with senior defensive back Wesley Pendleton.

"He's had the most consistent camp and it showed again today," Freeze said. "I love the energy that 'Crime Dog' (cornerback coach Wesley McGriff) and those guys are bringing over there on the back end. They're challenging us every day."

Ole Miss will hold its next practice of the spring Thursday at 5:30



Sophomore defensive end C.J. Johnson.

a.m., which will be open to the public.

Singleton shifts to running back

ack Sophomore Tobias Singlewho switched positions on Tuesday. Singleton, who played in 10 games and started the spring at wide receiver, moved over to run-

ton was also among the players See FOOTBALL, PAGE 11



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Granger's choice pays off on the track

BY MATT SIGLER

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For junior All-American Mike Granger, track was never really an option, or at least an option for the reason most people would think.

"I didn't really want to run track when I was in high school," Granger said. "They had been trying to get me to run since I was in junior high. One of my friends ran for a year and told me there were a lot of girls who ran track at the meets, so that was my motivation to go out and run."

The Hickory native was more focused on football at the time. He even had plans to attend college and play football.

"I picked up track just to meet girls and do something extra to keep me from going home," he said. "When I was in high school, I always thought I would go to college and play football and maybe run track, and when I came to college I wasn't given the opportunity to do so; I took my opportunity with track."

Suffice it to say, the decision has paid off for Granger, who has earned three different All-American honors, a gold medal for Team USA at the World Junior Championships and owns the school record in the 60 meters.

"It was a long decision," Granger said. "I talked with my family that played football in college, and we all decided that track would be more beneficial for me."

Granger said that he was steadily banged up in high school from football, and track is really no different with the wear and tear on the body.

"The main key for me is to just stay healthy," he said. "If you don't stay healthy, then it will be hard. You're only as good as you are healthy, so if I'm healthy, I'll have a high confidence level."

Granger set some high goals for himself this outdoor season and said he believes that if he can stay injury-free, he won't have any problem accomplishing them.

"I really want to just get into the 10.0 ranges and maybe drop some nines sooner or later," he said. "It's just going to take hard work, and we'll see what happens."

Although only a junior, Granger is aware of the possibility of taking track to the next level and he does not shy away from the idea that it may one day become a career for him.

"If I get the opportunity to go professional, it would be a good one and I would take it," he said. "Right now, I just am taking it one day at a time, trying to stay healthy and, first, graduate here. Whatever opportunity is presented to me at the time, we'll go from there."

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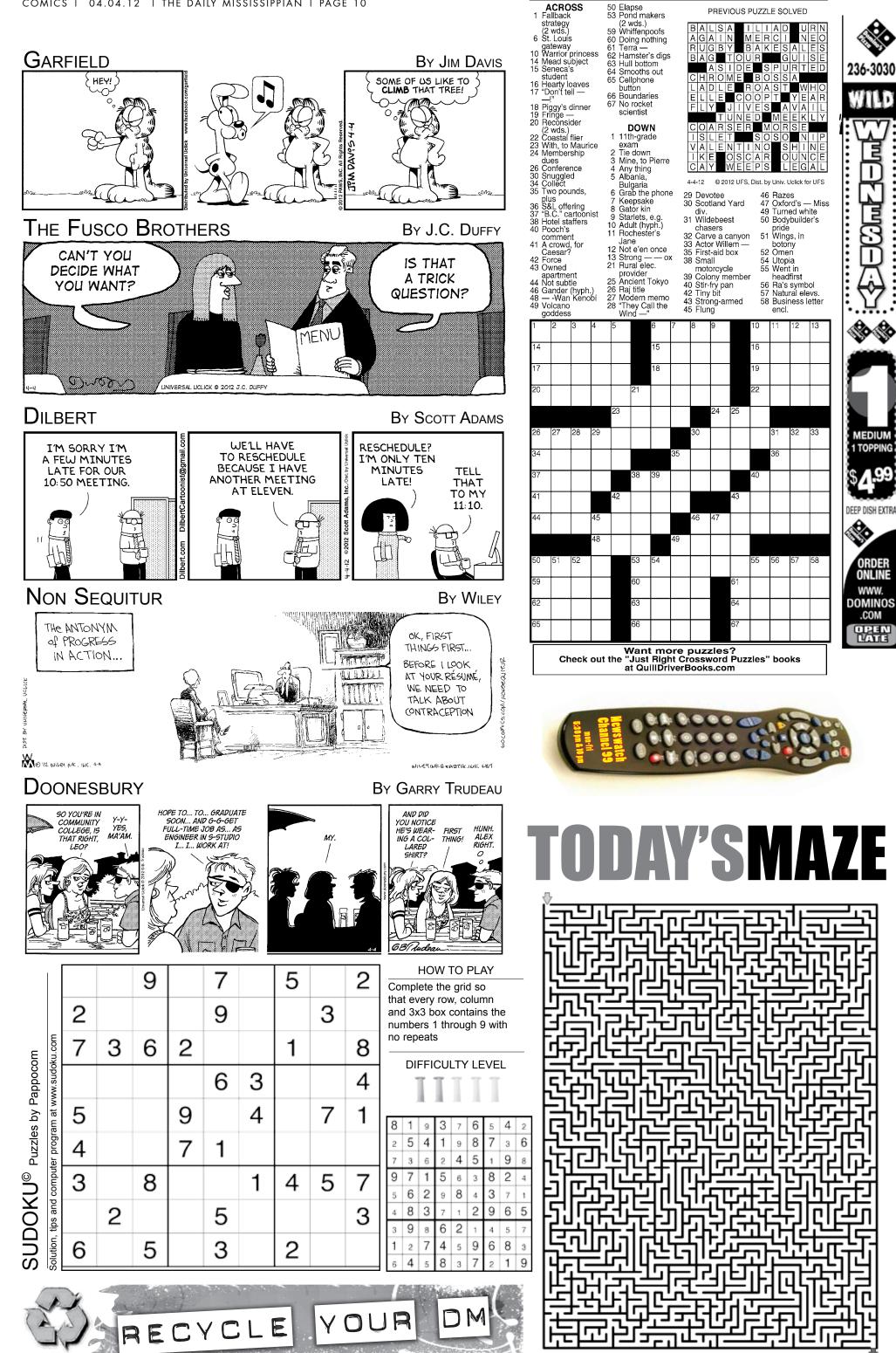
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Senior offensive lineman A.J. Hawkins

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ning back.

"We all know how thin we are there," Freeze said of the running back position. "I asked him today if he thought he could do that and he said absolutely. I thought he looked pretty decent for his first time. He'll get some more reps at it."

Singleton joins senior Devin Thomas, junior Jeff Scott and sophomore Nick Parker in the

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Ole Miss backfield, which will be bolstered by incoming freshmen I'Tavius Mathers and Jaylen Walton this fall. The Madison native is excited about the opportunity at running back to say the least.

"I love receiver, but running back is where my heart is at," Singleton said. "I saw a big opportunity. I just wanted to go back there and help my team."

Although he loves the chance he's been given, Singleton knows the transition from wide receiver to running back won't be an easy one.

"It's hard work at running back,"

he said. "You've got so many guys running at you. You've just got to get up field."

Singleton credits having a huge role in the kick return game last season with making the adjustment to running back an easier one. As a freshman, he averaged 24.6 yards per kick on 21 returns.

"It helped a lot because you've got to keep the ball up high, keep the ball tucked and stay down low," Singleton said. "That's like all the techniques of a running back."

Collins makes adjustment from junior college

Junior defensive back Dehendrent Collins is in his first spring with the Ole Miss football program after transferring from Copiah-Lincoln Community College, and he's making an immediate impact in the secondary for the Rebels.

Collins admits it has been a big adjustment, but he's up for the challenge.

"It's very fast," Collins said. "At first, it got kind of hard learning all the new defensive schemes and everything, but I'm getting adjusted to it."

The Meadville native thinks he's done pretty well so far this spring. "I was No. 2 at first," he said. "I just kept working, and they finally moved me up. I got to take my chance. That chance I got, I've got to keep."

Hawkins getting settled in at guard

Senior offensive lineman A.J. Hawkins played center all of last season, starting in five games, but with the emergence of junior Evan Swindall at center, Hawkins was looking for another place to contribute.

This spring, he has found that place at right guard and Hawkins said it's been an easy transition.

"I played guard when I first came in," he said. "It's the same difference just a little further to the right."

Hawkins knows he has lots of things to work on, but he has set some goals for himself this spring.

"Just to learn how to take steps, be more aggressive and make myself into a better player," Hawkins said. "I watch film all the time. I try to encourage everyone around me. Just work hard. It's a new system, a new everything. We've just got to learn. Once we get it grasped down, we'll be alright."

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HENDERSON NAMED JUCO PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ole Miss basketball commitment Marshall Henderson has been named the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJ-CAA) Player of the Year, Ben Garrett from OleMissSpirit.com and Neal McCready from Rebel-Grove.com reported yesterday.

Henderson, who verbally committed to the Rebels on March 13, averaged 19.6 points per game for the season and led South Plains (Texas) College to a perfect 36-0 record and the NJ-CAA National Championship. He scored a game-high 32 points against Northwest Florida State in the national title game.

The Hurst, Texas native transferred to South Plains after playing his freshman season at Utah, where he started 30 of 31 games and was second on the team in scoring (11.8 ppg). The basketball spring signing period starts April 11 and continues through May 16.

OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION William Kallberg Named SEC Freshman Of The Week

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Ole Miss men's tennis player William Kallberg has been named the SEC Freshman of the Week as announced by the league office Tuesday.

The Stockholm, Sweden native went 3-0 in singles and doubles to help lead the Rebels to wins over Arkansas and LSU. The wins kept the Rebels in the race for the SEC Western Division.

Kallberg teamed with Johan Backstrom to clinch the doubles point in both matches. He and Backstrom broke the Arkansas duo at 6-6 and served it out. They won 8-5 to clinch the point vs. LSU. Kallberg won in straight sets at No. 4 singles to set up Backstrom's match-clinching win at No. 5 against LSU.

With his singles win last



Freshman William Kallberg

weekend, Kallberg improved to 8-5 at No. 4 singles, 5-2 in the SEC. He has won six of his last seven.

Kallberg becomes the sec- this weekend and Rebel to earn SEC Fresh- and Kentucky.

man of the Week honors, joining Nik Scholtz, who earned the distinction on March 14.

The Rebels are on the road this weekend at Vanderbilt and Kentucky.





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The man behind the 'Wahl'

BY DAVID COLLIER dlcollie@olemiss.edu

Coming out of high school, right-handed pitcher Bobby Wahl was a stud. He was heavily recruited by many and when he elected to come to Ole Miss over the home school Virginia, head coach Mike Bianco and his staff were thrilled. Wahl came in his freshman season, and people were already saying he was going to be the next dominant starter to pass through the highly regarded Ole Miss baseball program.

In his freshman season, Wahl worked out of the bullpen, mainly closing out games alongside junior Brett Huber. He made 18 appearances and pitched 30.0 innings where he recorded 26 strikeouts.

Heading into his sophomore campaign, it was obvious Wahl was going to play a huge role this season, and now look at him. He has started every Friday night game for the Rebels this season and holds a 5-0 record with a 1.91 earned run average in 42.1 innings pitched. The Springfield, Va., native has also racked up a team-high 48 strikeouts on the year.

Those numbers allow some

In fact, Wahl is the exact oppo-

site with the way he always passes

credit to his teammates and places

For instance, Wahl pitched

the blame upon himself.

room for a little arrogance, right?

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ADDISON DENT | The Daily Mississi Sophomore right-hander Bobby Wahl

OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION Weather forces cancellation of Rebels, Golden Eagles at Trustmark Park

PEARL, Miss. – Tuesday night's baseball game between No. 10 Ole Miss (20-8) and Southern Miss (16-12) at Trustmark Park was cancelled due to lightning and inclement weather in the area.

Rain began approximately 30 minutes prior to first pitch and continued until the game was called shortly after 8 p.m.

A makeup date has not been announced, but plans for a game at a future date will be made available as soon as possible.

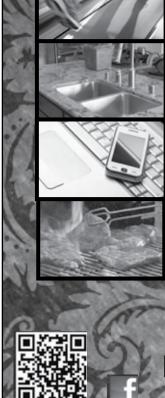
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