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## O'Haver receives Hood award, students also honored



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Sixty-four students received the Marcus Elvis Taylor Memorial Medal Thursday evening at the Ford Center.

BY KAYLA VISE  
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The University of Mississippi honored its top students and also gave away the 2012 Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher award Thursday night at the 69th

annual Honors Convocation at the Gertrude C. Ford Center.

Ole Miss recognized undergraduate and graduate students who were nominated by the faculty for their outstanding academic achievements. Sixty-four undergraduate students were

selected this year by the Taylor Medal Selection Committee and awarded the Marcus Elvis Taylor Memorial Medals, the highest academic award at the university.

The 2011 Elise M. Hood Outstanding Teacher award recipi-

ent was Ethel Young-Minor, an associate professor of English and African American studies, who was a guest speaker.

This year, John O'Haver received this distinguished award,

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## Dandridge happy with start to tenure

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Three weeks into Associated Student Body President Kimbrey Dandridge's administration, the first black woman to occupy the student president's office is happy with the start, but hopes to get more feedback from the student body.

Dandridge said it is important for students to communicate with their newly elected officials about how they wish to be represented with so many new faces on the council.

The best way to get involved with student government is to be informed. To have a strong voice in public action, students need to first learn what actions the public is currently taking.

Taking a look at the past three weeks, there are some key developments made by Dandridge's new administration that tell students a lot about the current course of the student body, including an emphasis on increased communication, re-

vamping old student programs and focusing on community service.

The big changes in communication come from the incorporation of Facebook, Twitter and Gmail into ASB.

"We want to hear your opinions on the resolutions that are passed so that we can represent you the best way we can," said Vice President Emmalee Rainey at the State of the Union last week. "Feel free to contact me or any of your senators via email or Facebook."

With the new leadership in the council, there has also been a focus on revamping and maintaining old student programs on campus, including a continuation of the 2+2 program and remodeling the Freshman Focus program into the new Freshman Council.

"The organization will represent a more prestigious focus on leadership training," Dandridge said.

Most recently, the new program raised \$300 for the Re-



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ASB President Kimbrey Dandridge speaks at her first cabinet meeting.

lay For Life in a raffle this past week.

As for future work by the student government, the ASB council has been holding a series of meetings and plans to attempt to make printing on campus free for students. With this and the promise of two community service projects per month, there are plenty of issues for students

to get involved with and make themselves better represented in the student government.

"One of the biggest things this year is to bridge some of the gaps between the ASB and make the legislative, judicial and executive branch more of a unified body," Dandridge said. "This isn't about us. It's about you."



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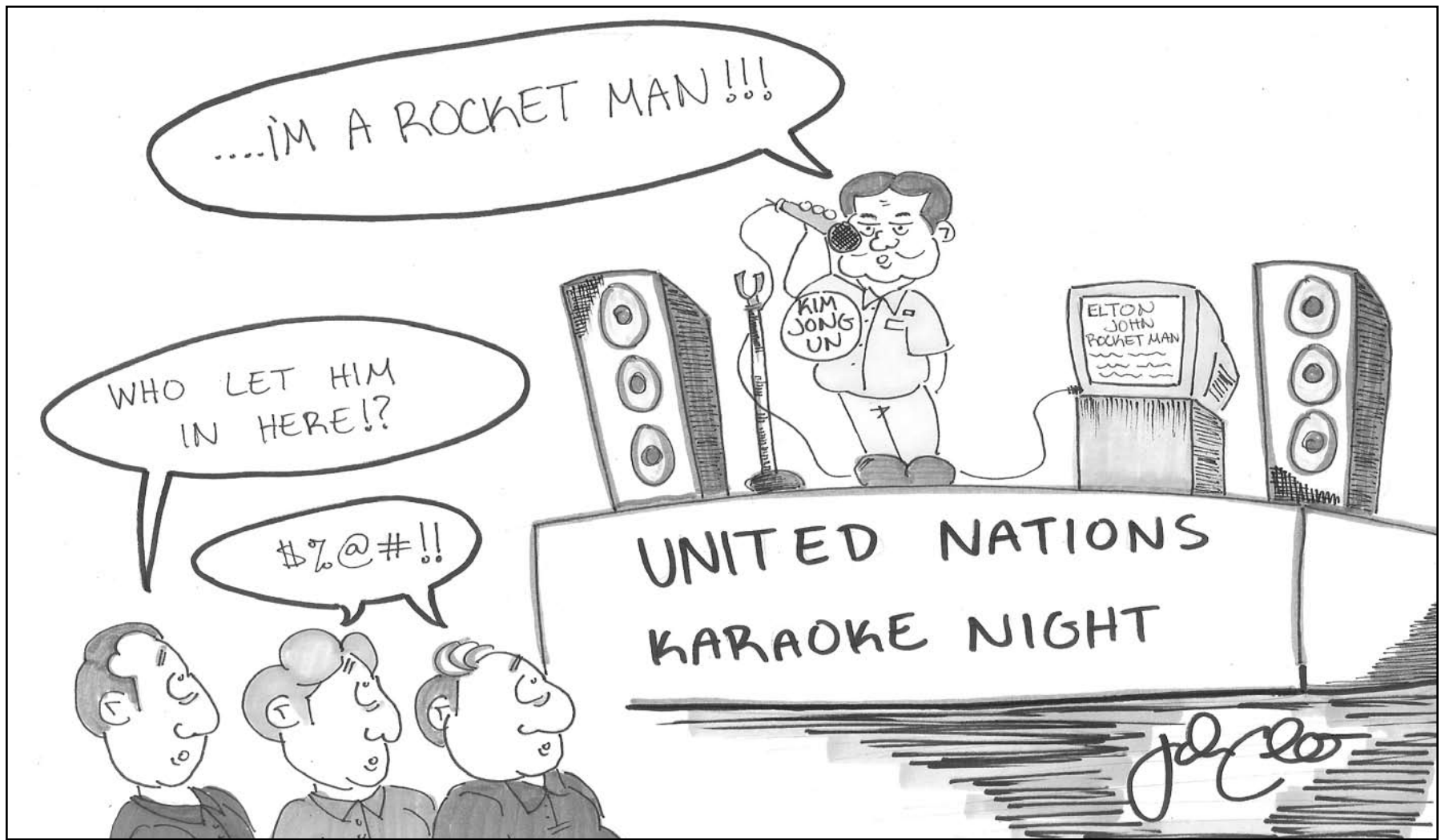


Eighth-inning rally spells trouble as No. 18 Rebels fall at Georgia

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BY JOSH CLARK  
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## Is Mississippi to be abortion-free?

BY EMILY STEDMAN  
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Gov. Phil Bryant will soon sign into law House Bill 1390, effectively removing the ability to perform abortions from all but one doctor in Mississippi.

Mississippi House Bill 1390 amends the Mississippi Code of 1972 § 41-75-1. Title 41 dictates the area of public health and chapter 75 governs ambulatory surgical facilities. Section 1 of this chapter delineates definitions important for the implementation of these statutes.

House Bill 1390 specifically amends § 41-75-1(f) "abortion facility." As amended, the statute will require the following:

All physicians associated with the abortion facility must have admitting privileges at a local hospital and staff privileges to replace local hospital on-staff physicians. All physicians associated with an abortion facility must be board-certified or eligible in

obstetrics and gynecology, and a staff member trained in CPR shall always be present at the abortion facility when it is open.

Jackson Women's Health Organization is the only state-licensed abortion facility. While all three of its current physicians are licensed OB-GYNs, only one has admitting privileges at the local hospital. It is unclear whether or not this amendment will force the clinic to close, but it is clear that it will severely limit women's access to abortion in Mississippi, which was already arguably the most limited in the country.

It may not be as simple as applying for admitting privileges, either.

Currently, the two physicians at this clinic who do not have admitting privileges, reside outside of Mississippi. Admitting privileges are not normally granted to out-of-state doctors. But if the doctors are unable to obtain privileges as mandated by the new law, they may have standing

to challenge its legality.

Gov. Bryant demonstrated his support of this bill and its protection of "the health and safety of women." His statements demonstrate the politicized nature of abortion in Mississippi and our country.

On its face, yes, requiring physicians at abortion facilities to be licensed OB-GYNs and have admitting privileges increases the legitimacy of these facilities and ensures the highest standards of health and safety. But the Mississippi Legislature also purposefully crafted this bill in order to make Mississippi "abortion-free," which arguably poses a threat to the health and safety of women and reflects a lack of respect toward a woman's right to choose.

Constitutionally, the bill may not stand. Under *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992), the United States Supreme Court held that a state may not place an undue burden on women seeking an abortion. Forcing women

to go out of the state is an undue burden. But a woman seeking an abortion in Mississippi must challenge the bill on those grounds, and in such a politically tense environment, that is unlikely to happen.

POLITICO quotes Rep. Mims saying, "Mississippi members of the legislature are pro-life." Arguably, most Mississippians are pro-life, but this bill is reactionary. These legislators are displeased with the failure of Proposition 26 last fall and are responding by lashing out at the lone state-licensed abortion facility. Is it really proper for a popularly elected body to react in a way that is clearly contrary to what the populace wants, as demonstrated by the rejection of Prop 26?

Ultimately, the focus on abortion in Mississippi seems misguided. While it was announced this week that teen pregnancy rates have dropped across every state and are the lowest since the 1940s, Mississippi continues

to lead the United States in this area. Instead of focusing on eliminating abortion for women who are already pregnant and who are already severely limited in their access to such services, perhaps we should focus on educating our children and teenagers on how to avoid this situation altogether.

If the concern truly is the health and safety of women, let's fund educational programs in schools, churches and other community facilities that educate all women, children, teenagers and even men on how to protect the health and safety of women outside the abortion context. Instead of being a leader in eliminating abortion and teen pregnancy, Mississippi could be a leader in women's health and safety initiatives — a lofty goal for a state embroiled in poverty and politics, but not one that is yet out of reach.

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# Back to the drawing board



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I want to discuss my breathing habit with you today.

It's OK to admit it if you are still too proud to meditate — I was not long ago. "Give me one good reason to sit cross-legged for half an hour of my busy day," I contested. "What can I gain by sitting still?"

Studies into meditative habits have revealed that participants show an increase in the "relaxing" alpha waves produced by the brain and report decreased feelings of depression and anxiety.

I was still struggling to find the time to meditate every day, but then I realized that great practitioners are practicing all day: while sitting, brushing their teeth, walking from place to place — if they are awake, they are conscious of their mind. There are moments between the scenes from our everyday lives that I once found myself stuck in, bored. Now I "catch my breath" in these moments.

Meditation is difficult to generally define because of how different practices vary, but perhaps the easiest way to begin meditation is to be mindful of your breath and then mindful of the thoughts and emotions that naturally come up. It's challenging but worth it. When feelings of boredom or anxiety arise, simply note their existence and return the focus to the breath; a feeling of inner peace will eventually manifest. I say this confidently — not because of science or religion — because I've done it.

(And it works.)

As a student of religion interested in the "religious experience," I was intrigued by religious claims regarding meditation and also impressed with science's findings on controlled breathing.

But I wanted to experience it myself, so I started practicing.

What follows is entirely subjective — take it or leave it.

Meditation leads me to a relaxed state that allows the mind to focus its bare attention on thoughts and emotions as they arise, giving insight into which thoughts are associated with which emotions and insight into the way our minds form concepts and thought processes altogether.

I try to find at least 30 minutes of every day to focus solely on sitting meditation. I close my eyes, focus my breath and try to return to that relaxed state of mind. I then try to focus my mind on the origin of thought — trying to observe the very root from where thoughts and emotions grow.

While focused breath leads to this pleasant state, the goal is ultimately to examine my own line of thinking. Mindful breathing is a useful tool that provides a base for meditative practice. Once the mind is relaxed, other techniques can be utilized to visualize and illuminate thought processes.

One technique is to create a metaphor.

I conceptualize my own "stream of consciousness" — where thoughts arise and conclusions are drawn — as an empty drawing

board. Visualizing the origin of thought as being "empty" helps remove the subjective biases typically associated with each arising thought. It allows things to be seen clearly.

Naturally, feelings ranging from boredom to bliss try to pull my attention from the present moment. I just note being distracted, focus on my breath and go back to the drawing board. Eventually I learned to focus on understanding my anxieties and on cultivating the feelings of love and bliss.

As my practice strengthened, answers to questions I asked long ago began to materialize on my drawing board. There is a mental process that combines material from external sources and from my own thought processes to illustrate answers to my questions; this process is worthy of the word "thought."

Use the drawing board of your dreams to your advantage the way I am at this moment.

Of course, metaphors are impermanent, and their usefulness depends on what they mean to you at the time. Soon this metaphor will bore me, and I will reinvent it. I encourage creativity — develop your own metaphors. The mind is

an abstract playground, available to you every time you close your eyes.

But the best part of meditation is that it allows you to create an inner peace that no external force could ever take away from you. I know, regardless of how painful life may seem at this moment, I can always close my eyes and draw a blank. Once the mind is empty,

fill in the blanks with love.

You may then begin to realize that pain itself has merely been an illusion all along.

If you're interested in meditation but unsure of where to begin, help is nearby. I suggest reading "Mindfulness in Plain English" or seeking out a more experienced practitioner — they are happy to help.

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## Southern Studies celebrates 35th Anniversary

BY CHARLES HALE ROBINSON  
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The Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi marked its 35th anniversary this year, and it continues working to capture today's Southern culture.

The center offers exhibits, conferences, symposiums and brown-bag events throughout the year to shed light on cultural art experiences throughout the South.

"A variety of people from the community attend the events, and there is an open exchange of ideas and perspectives which end up enriching everyone's understanding of the topic," said Barbara Combs, visiting assistant professor of history and Southern studies.

The center's current exhibit, *Making Space, Living in Place: Physical, Cultural and Social Landscapes of the Mid-South Fall 2011*, captures families, landmarks and

cultures in North Mississippi through pictures stationed throughout the gallery room. The exhibit, created by students in a Southern studies course, displays iconic Southern images like cotton fields, Delta blues players and country-living people, but does so from an artistic angle.

However, the idea of the center is not to create art, said the center's director, Ted Ownby.

"It's more our job to put various arts into the context in cultural setting," he said. "Whether (it's) music, visual arts or food, we study the atmosphere around it and the history of it."

Southern studies assistant professor Zandria Robinson elaborated on students' objectives on class projects.

"Students combine academic and documentary investigative techniques with the study of the South around us — culture, music and food — to contribute to scholarly and public discourses on the South

in historical and contemporary perspectives," Robinson said.

The center also hosts a weekly luncheon, the Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series, inviting students and community members to bring a lunch and enjoy a lecture on Wednesdays at noon.

"The Southern Studies Brown Bag Series and other events sponsored by the center are wonderful opportunities for those 'aha' moments to occur," Combs said.

One of the center's latest events was the Music of the South Symposium, which gathered alumni, community members and students to recognize the music research done in the program.

"Not only should people study the South from multiple disciplinary perspectives, but also understand how food and music reflect and influence the changing South and understand how they, too, can participate in creating new knowledge about the region,"

Robinson said.

The center is also introducing new courses for its students as Combs has created the newest course in the program: *Race, Place and Space*.

"This course examines the meaning and significance of place, especially its impact on locally embedded social interactions and community life," she said.

Some students outside of Southern studies have found taking the classes both enjoyable and useful in fulfilling academic requirements.

"The professors are so passionate about the South, and it shows in their lectures and events that they put on," said Jasmine Phillips, senior banking and finance major. "I gained a whole new perception about the South after taking Southern Studies 101 for a humanities credit."

For more information on the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, visit the main office in Barnard Observatory or call 662-915-5993.

### news briefs

#### UPD RECEIVES REPORTS OF STRONG-ARM ROBBERIES ON CAMPUS

The University Police Department recently received two reports of strong-arm robberies, one in the vicinity of Kincannon Hall and the other near the Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics.

In both instances, the perpetrator ran up behind the victims, forcibly took their iPhones and ran away.

"Strong-arm robbery" is used to describe a situation where the offender used any degree of force to complete the act. Strong-arm robbery is technically used to describe the crime of "robbery by sudden snatching."

To help avoid potential criminal incidents, UPD suggests the following: immediately report any suspicious persons or vehicles observed to UPD with as much identifying information as possible; carry a cell phone and program UPD's phone numbers in them: 662-915-4911 for emergency and 662-915-7234 for non-emergency; be alerted to surroundings at all times; if possible, avoid being out alone late at night — especially in isolated, less-populated areas of campus; call UPD at 662-915-7234 for a security escort; and use one of the Code Blue emergency telephone units to contact UPD to report suspicious activity or request assistance.



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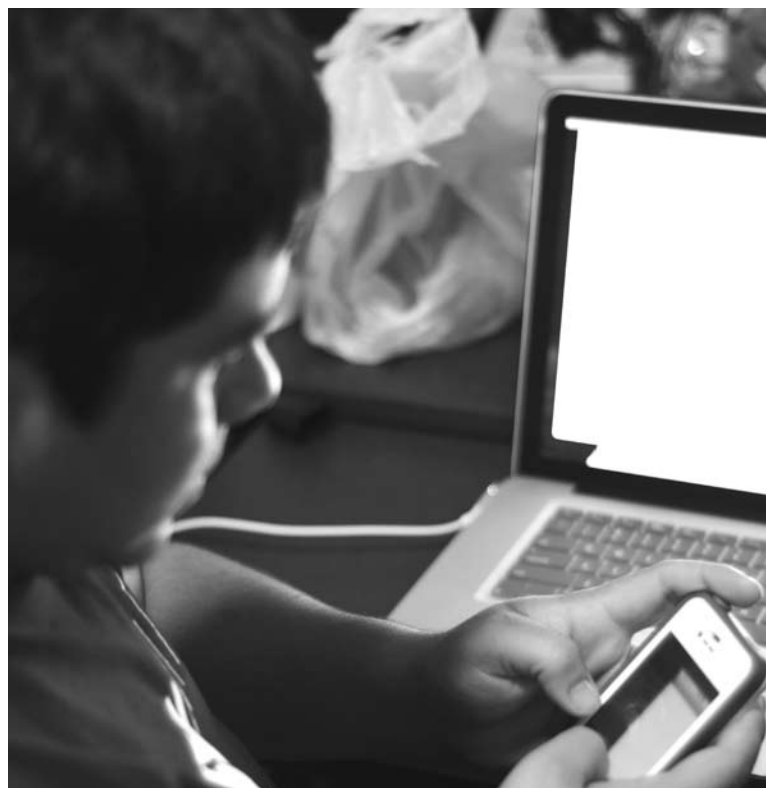


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Ruben Ruiz sends a text to his mom. The text message will turn 20 this year.

BY RYAN GROVER  
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It's time to say happy 20th birthday to someone special to all of us: text messaging. This year text messaging will celebrate its 20th birthday, and everyone is invited.

The first text message was sent at a Vodaphone Christmas party in 1992 from a computer to an Orbitel 901 handset, and it said "Merry Christmas," according to urban legend.

But with age comes responsibility.

Recently, there has been a lot of talk about enacting a nationwide texting-while-driving ban. Currently, 37 states have fully banned it while only seven have no restrictions. Mississippi doesn't allow bus drivers or anyone with a learner's or intermediate permit to text while driving.

Even though texting while driving can be dangerous, no one likes to be stopped at a red light unless they are texting," economics freshman Eldy Dawson said. "I love texting!"

What can't cell phones do these days anyway? Ten years ago, that would have been a lot easier to answer. It is a major method of communication. Text messaging has never looked better than on its 20th birthday. With all the advancements in messaging and cell phones in the past decade, one can't help but wonder, "What's next?"

If you look at text messaging's genealogy, the technology was fathered by Friedham Hilledbrand, a German engineer, and grew into the SMS (short message service) message with the help of Finnish engineer Matti Makkonen. Neither of the men patented the technology, so they never ended up profiting from their developments.

Though the technology has remained the same, texting has come a long way since these humble beginnings. In 2010, there were more than seven trillion text messages sent worldwide — a number that translates to 193,000 SMS messages per second. Of the under-21 crowd, 71 percent prefers texting over

talking on the phone, according to one poll.

Students can look at the evolution of their own cell phone and see how companies are catering more and more to text messaging.

Nokia was the foremost cellular company that promoted SMS messaging services, including the first handheld with SMS capabilities. It also pioneered predictive text with the Nokia 3210, a phone that many current college students had as a first phone. This phone was equipped with Snake and the predictive T9 messaging.

When asked about their first phone, freshmen students Courtney Jackson, Lucy Edwards, D.J. Joiner and Kandice Mayes all expressed similar sentiment.

Jackson said her Nokia was "ancient, unbreakable like a rock. You could throw it, and it would never break."

"Nowadays you have to take care of your phone and clean it," Joiner added. "If you drop it, it's dead. And instead of Angry Birds there was Snake. What a classic!"

The next most popular phone was the Motorola RAZR. No complaints about it as a phone. It took SMS messaging, taking pictures and listening to music to the next level.

The RAZR was a first step in making phones how they are today.

All smartphones now have a predictive text-autocorrect fusion built into the phone, and some even have voice-to-text options. Look at MMS messaging where pictures and files can be sent from one phone to another in a matter of seconds. The impact text messaging has had on everyday life is astounding.

"I definitely can't live without it," said iPhone owner and elementary education freshman Alli Rhodes. "It's how I use Facebook and Twitter. It's my alarm clock and my homework; my everything."

## Despite beliefs, no significant increase in student drinking

BY GABRIELLA WELCH  
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Whether it's tailgating in the Grove, going out to the Square or attending a baseball game, there always seems to be some sort of event that involves alcohol.

While it may seem that alcohol abuse is out of control these days, Erin Murphy-Cromeans, the assistant director of health promotion on campus, said there has not appeared to be an increase in high-risk drinking over the years.

"Per our data through AlcoholEdu, required by all freshmen and transfer students, and through ACHA's National College Health Assessment, or NCHA II, the numbers have been consistent over the past four to five years and have varied by 1 percent higher and/or lower than the national average, depending on the year," Murphy-Cromeans said.

Studies show that students who watch movies that promote high-risk drinking, like "Animal House," the "American Pie" series and the recently released "Project X," are 63 percent more likely to engage in dangerous drinking activities.

Though these movies are made for entertainment and are usually exaggerated, Devin Savage, an elementary education sophomore, said he believes they are similar to what really goes on.

"I recently saw the movie 'Project X' and it reminded me of the parties I used to throw back home in Ohio," Savage said.

While these movies may be accurate to real life, there is still the question of whether watching them actually encourages students to drink

more.

Ginny Shaw, a psychology sophomore, said she does not believe there is any link between drinking and watching party movies.

"I think most people drink to have fun with their friends and that is about all there is to it," Shaw said.

"People need to stop blaming movies and video games for peoples' behavior; everyone has a choice on what they decide to do."

On the other hand, Carter McClaugherty, a political science sophomore, said these movies have some effect on what students think.

"Any time you see an action repeatedly, it just becomes more normal to you," McClaugherty said.

Whether these movies are the cause or not, Murphy-Cromeans and the Office of Health Promotion strives to keep high-risk drinking at a minimum.

"The University of Mississippi uses a comprehensive approach when working with alcohol issues on campus," Murphy-Cromeans said.

"We have programs that cover all three levels of prevention: primary, secondary and tertiary."

Some of these programs include a strong two-strike alcohol policy, Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students (BASICS), Judicial Alcohol and Drug Education (JADE) and the UM Recovery Community.

The cause of high-risk drinking may still be unknown, but Murphy-Cromeans is working to keep students safe, nonetheless.

"We are not trying to change traditions; we are just trying to change the culture," she said.

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## Ole Miss raises sexual health awareness

BY BRACEY HARRIS  
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The University of Mississippi Campus of Student Housing and Office of Health Promotion brought awareness to sexual health with a Sex Ed boot camp this week.

Joni Frater and Esther Lastique led the discussion. The pair, whose work has been featured in outlets ranging from magazines including Maxim and Cosmopolitan, came to campus to discuss sexuality. Those in attendance were encouraged to learn to love themselves first before pursuing a relationship. Frater and Lastique tossed out hand grenades throughout the talk, saying unprotected sex was the same as dropping a grenade down one's pants and pulling the pin.

"The choice to become sexual with another person is a very personal choice, but it's also one that you have to negotiate with the partner and really understand it's your responsibility as an active member of this campus to practice all forms of safer sex responsibly because the STD rates on campus and off are startling,"

Lastique said.

Lastique pointed out that some people view talking about sex in Mississippi, and the South in general, as "taboo" and that this encourages misinformation. She encouraged students to use resources at health services on campus.

Student Health Center Director Barbara Collier said the health center does provide contraception, testing for sexually transmitted infections and offers the Gardasil vaccine.

Frater and Lastique are not the only ones raising sexual awareness on campus. This year the Violence Prevention Office sponsored Consent Turns Me On, which was run by Green Dot volunteers. The event was set up like a carnival with several games, including Jenga and Twister. Linda Abbott, director of the Office of Violence Prevention, said the games served as a metaphor for consent during sex.

"The focus is about getting students to think about consent and the communication during sex and around sex," she said.

Abbott also said many students come to college without



knowledge about consent.

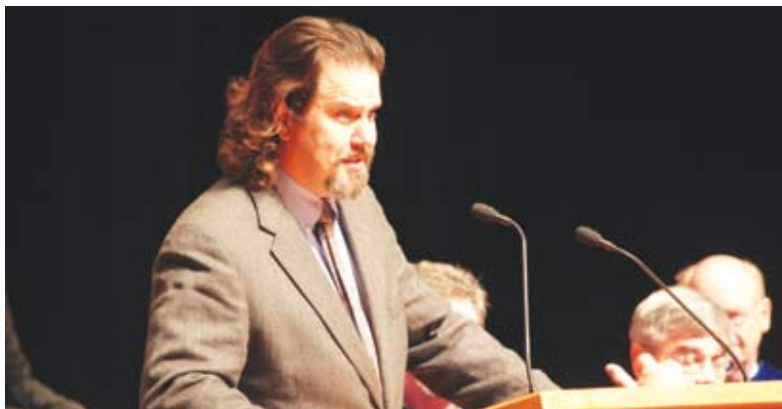
"We feel like this Consent Turns Me On event is really encouraging dialogue and helping students to understand that consent is not only a vital part of any sort of sexual interaction, but it also can be a turn on or a sexy part of the conversation," Abbott said.

Other campus organizations involved were the Office of Health Promotion, the Sarah Isom Center, Campus Programming and the University Counseling Center.



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TOP: Broadcast journalism freshman Cara Spencer builds a condom flower. BOTTOM: Graduate student E.J. Presley and graduate councilor Adam Mausolf play consensual Jenga.



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Chemical engineering professor John O'Haver received the 2012 Elsie M. Hood Award.

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which was founded in 1966. O'Haver is a professor of chemical engineering, director of the Center for Mathematics and Science Education, and associate dean for Academic and Student Affairs.

Upon receiving the award, O'Haver was beaming.

"My students can tell you that I'm hardly speechless," he said. "It is very humbling to be up here, to be honored for something I enjoy so much."

Sophomore student Michelle Davidson has known O'Haver in



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English and African American studies associate professor Ethel Young-Minor

church since she was a kid.

"He's a very passionate person, strong in his faith and values, and a very big chemistry enthusiast," she said. "He's very passionate about teaching and you can talk to him about anything."

To be eligible for the notable Taylor Medal, students must have at least a 3.90 GPA and must have completed 18 semester hours in the school or college in which the nomination originates. The Taylor Memorial, as well as the other awards presented to the students, are chosen by a committee of

faculty and staff members.

The Taylor Memorial was founded by William A. Taylor in June 1904. He founded the award out of affection and regard for the memory of his son, Marcus Elvis Taylor, an honored alumnus of the class of 1871, and out of benevolent regard and good will for the youth of the state and the interest and the work of the University of Mississippi, and for the encouragement of meritorious scholarship department, according to the convocation's program.

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# Practice report: Mackey, Pendleton shine and Rebels prepare for second scrimmage Saturday

BY BENNETT HIPPI  
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Ole Miss practiced for the 11th time on Thursday afternoon and afterward, Ole Miss head coach Hugh Freeze was pleased with the effort but still troubled some by the offense.

"Every drill was competitive and down to the wire," Freeze said. "The defense found a way to win I think all of them, and that's something we've got to start - believing more in ourselves offensively and being more certain. There are so many things that we got to get cleaned up.

"As far as the competition and the attitude and effort, I was much more pleased. There were some good things that happened."

Ole Miss has stopped installing new parts of the offense for the spring. With about 50 percent installed, Freeze was asked whether the installation of the offense was behind or ahead of pace compared to how it was at his previous stops at Arkansas State and Lambuth.

"Probably not as far along, but we had a couple of kids in key spots that were very mature and picked it up a little faster probably," Freeze said. "But that was a long time ago. I do remember thinking after my first spring there (at Arkansas State) that, 'Oh my gosh, we're going to be forever getting to this tempo that we want.'"

On Tuesday, senior Randall Mackey was moved from quarterback to wide receiver, and he seemed pleased with the move. On Thursday, Mackey turned in the play of the day, taking an end around and blowing up redshirt freshman safety Chief Brown with a great stiff-arm. While still a work in progress, it's easy to see Mackey's ability to run with the football.

"I think he's a talented kid," Freeze said. "That's one thing that I think we've always been able to do in our offense, is that the kids that can make plays, we find a way to get them the ball. He, obviously, can do that. We've still got a long way to go to get him ready for the fall, but he, certainly, had a good day to-

day."

The Rebels will participate in their second scrimmage of the spring Saturday at 10 a.m. in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, followed by practices Tuesday and Thursday before next Saturday's Grove Bowl at 1 p.m. in the stadium.

## Pendleton Having a Good Spring

Cornerback Wesley Pendleton seems to have flown under the radar to some during spring practice, but the senior has put together a very good spring and has locked up one of the cornerback spots. His experience last year is a big reason for that.

"I played one season, and I've got that season up under my belt," Pendleton said. "It seems like its just second nature to me now."

After signing with Ole Miss out of junior college in 2011, it took some time for him to catch up to the speed of the Southeastern Conference. For Pendleton, he said it really clicked for him after the Alabama game.

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Senior Randall Mackey catches a pass during practice after switching from quarterback to wide receiver on Tuesday.

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## Track and Field returns home for Mississippi Open

BY MATT SIGLER  
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The Ole Miss track and field team will host its second meet of the year, the Mississippi Open, this weekend. The team is coming off a stellar showing at the Florida Relays, in which some athletes were able to improve on records that they already held.

"We had a lot of good performances," head coach Joe Walker said. "I thought it was easy to figure out three really big highlights with (junior) Isiah Young in the 200 meters, where he ran another school record. (Freshman) Sam Kendricks had a really good vault day, which resulted in him being selected as the SEC Freshman Field Athlete of the Week, and everybody knows about (junior) Ricky (Robertson's) world-leading mark in the high jump, a new school record, and improved his position as the number one NCAA jumper in the country."

It was a big day for the Rebels with Young posting a 20.35 in the 200 meters, Robertson clearing 7-07.25 in the high jump and Kendricks clearing 17-08.50 in the pole vault.

"I thought our kids really responded well to the higher level of competition," Walker said. "We were very pleased of how we came out of the Florida Relays."

Now, the Rebels turn to their attention toward this weekend's home meet. In their last home performance, Ole Miss saw one of their better showings on the year.

"We have always performed exceedingly well here," Walker said. "The meet we had here two weeks ago was even better than any of us had anticipated. I feel like it will be a really good meet for us again this weekend. We don't have quite the competition we had at the Florida Relays, but again, we are at home and a lot of the former Ole Miss track athletes are coming back this weekend, so it'll be a lot of old guys rooting for the young guys. So it should be a real special weekend, and I expect us to do very well."

The Rebel men, currently ranked No. 12 in the country, have given solid performances in the past few meets, and the team has continued to post numbers that are only getting better.

"It is a coach's dream," Walker said. "What we've always tried to do is build into the season. We want each meet to be a little bit better. We have a saying, 'Let's make our best get better,' so that every time I give my best, it is better. You can't just always continue to improve every week; you're going to have some ups and downs, but generally, we have, so it has been a coach's dream that way."

Many eyes will be on Robertson this meet because he recently made the Bowerman Watch List for the nation's top track athlete. He is the first man in Ole Miss history to do so.

"It is an award similar to the Heisman," Walker said. "He is the first athlete to be on the list, so it is very significant."

OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

## Rebels host Bulldogs in softball 'Egg Bowl'

OXFORD, Miss. — The Ole Miss softball team will welcome in-state rival Mississippi State to Oxford for a three-game Southeastern Conference series beginning Friday at the Ole Miss Softball Complex.

The series kicks off on Friday at 6 p.m., while Saturday's game is set for 2 p.m. and Sunday's series finale will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday's game will be televised by Fox Sports Net South with Dave Baker handling the play-by-play duties and national pro fastpitch league commissioner Cheri Kempf serving as color analyst.

Admission to all Ole Miss softball games is free, and fans are encouraged to bring chairs and coolers for the outfield seating. Outside food or drink is not allowed inside the stadium area of the Ole Miss Softball Complex. Fans can also hear the game on Reb Sports Radio on 102.1 FM in Oxford, 101.3 FM in Grenada, 1240 AM in Jackson and online at [RebSportsRadio.com](http://RebSportsRadio.com). Live in-game stats will also be available on [OleMissSports.com](http://OleMissSports.com), and RebelVision will provide live video.

The Rebels will also host the third annual "Kids Take Over The Park Day" during Saturday's game to support the Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis.

Children aged 5-12 are encouraged to sign up for a variety of jobs at the ballpark and to bring donations for the children of Le Bonheur, aged infant to adolescent. Kids will fill several roles during the Rebels' 2 p.m. game versus the Bulldogs. Positions include public address announcer, cheerleader, field crew, water manager and many more. Volunteers will be honored before the game and will join the Rebels on the field for the national anthem. There will also be an autograph session and a skills clinic following the game, so volunteers should bring a glove. Sunday's game is also the Oxford Park Commission Season Kickoff, and a picnic will be held in the outfield for all OPC kids with a clinic following the game.

Ole Miss enters the weekend with a 16-21 overall mark and a 3-11 league record. Sophomore RT Cantillo leads the Rebels at the plate with a .374 batting average on the season and is hitting .533 over her last six games with eight hits in 15 at-bats. She has hit a double, two triples, a homer and four RBI in the six games for a 1.067 slugging percentage and a .563 on-base percentage. On the season, Cantillo ranks third in the SEC with a .533 on-base percentage and eighth with a .374 batting

average.

Shortstop Allison Brown is tied for second in the SEC among freshmen with 30 RBI and is just one RBI shy of the Ole Miss freshman record of 31 RBI set by former All-American Lauren Grill in 2007. The Los Alamitos, Calif., native leads the team with seven doubles and 30 RBI and ranks second on the squad with four home runs. Senior Kendall Bruning leads the team with a 12-11 record and a 4.07 ERA with 105 strikeouts in 137.2 innings pitched. She ranks fifth in the SEC in innings pitched, sixth in appearances and wins and ninth in Ks.

MSU comes to Oxford with a 22-19 overall record and a 5-14 mark in SEC play. The Bulldogs are led at the plate by Jessica Coolsey, who has a .353 batting average and a team-best 13 home runs and 34 RBI. Stephanie Becker leads Mississippi State in the circle with an 11-10 record, 2.91 ERA and 123 strikeouts in 137.0 innings.

The Bulldogs own a 31-20 advantage in the all-time series over Ole Miss, but the series is tied at five games apiece over the last 10 meetings. MSU leads the series 12-10 in games played in Oxford, but the Rebels won 2-of-3 over their in-state rival in the last home meeting in 2010.



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Offensive line coach Matt Luke (center) talks to his players during Thursday's practice.

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Someone else who has seen Pendleton click is co-defensive coordinator and cornerbacks coach Wesley McGriff, who thinks very highly of the senior corner.

"He's one of the guys that comes to work every day with the same attitude, and he's a joy to coach," McGriff said. "He's a kid that wants to get better and he demonstrates that with his actions. I've had the opportunity in my career

to coach some real good ones, and I think Wesley is going to be up in that category."

There is one thing that McGriff is hoping Pendleton will improve on going forward.

"Like I told Wesley, I said, 'Man, you're leading the country right now in pass break-ups. I'd like to see you get both hands on the ball and turn some of those pass break-ups into interception,'" McGriff said. "I'm looking forward to continuing to work on him and watch him develop and be one of the best guys in the SEC."

## Grant to have surgery

Hugh Freeze announced after practice Thursday that senior defensive tackle Uriah Grant would need to have surgery on his shoulder due to a labrum issue.

"We've got a bad deal there; he's going to have to have surgery," Freeze said. "He's been battling through it, but it's probably best to go on and get it fixed. Hopefully, he'll be back."

Grant played both defensive end and tackle last season, where he recorded 22 tackles, two tackles for loss and one sack. He has played exclusively at tackle this spring.

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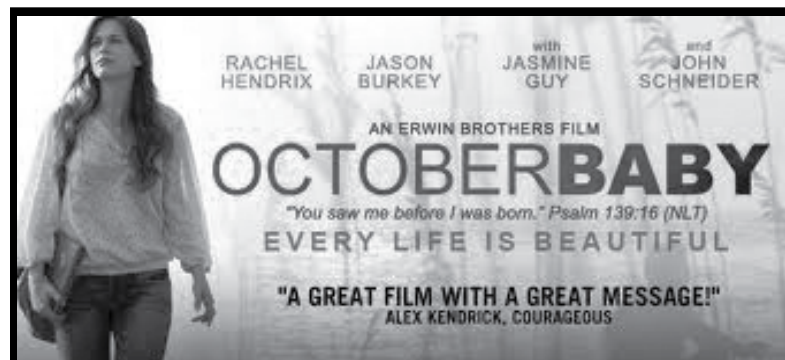
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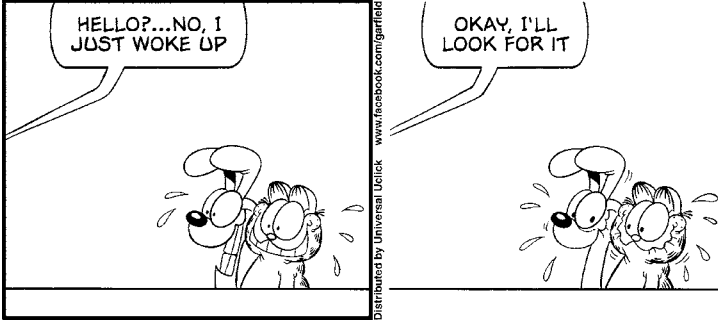
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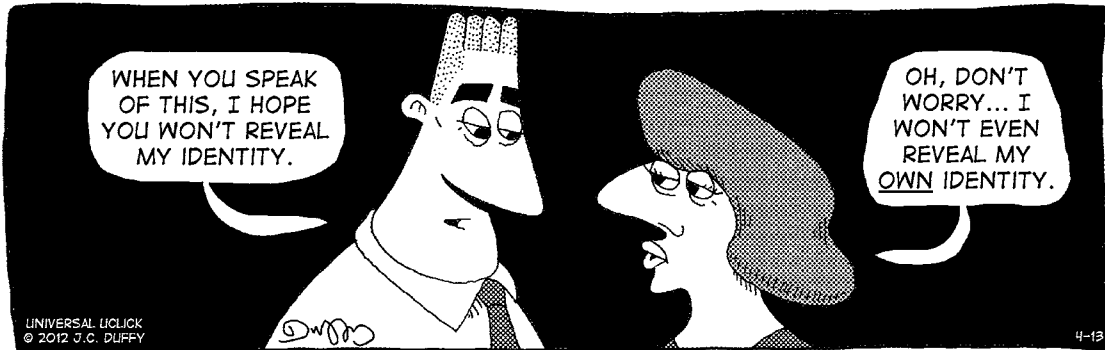


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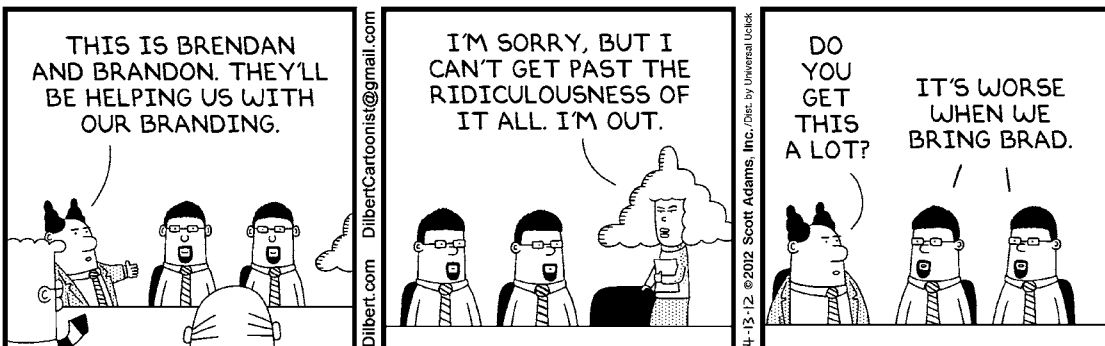
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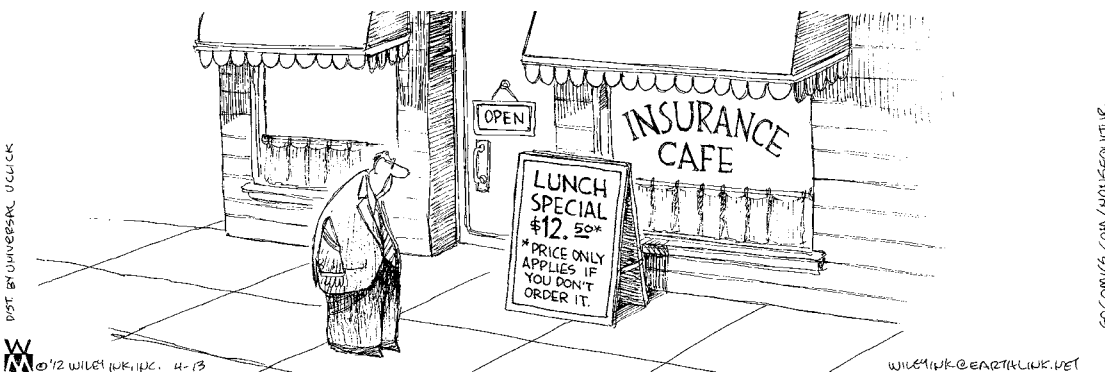
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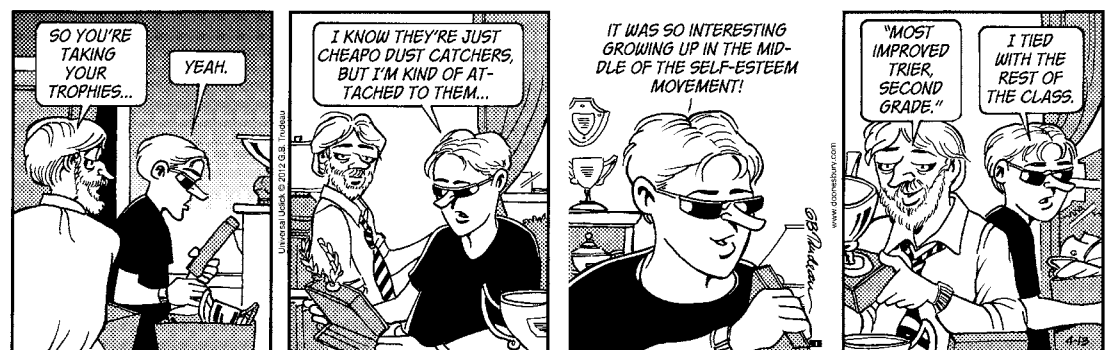
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40 Vanderbilt and a 5-2 loss at No. 6 Kentucky, but, needless to say, that won't be playing much of a factor in their minds for Saturday's match. The Bulldogs come into Oxford after a weekend split with Vanderbilt and Kentucky.

The Rebels will be led by senior Marcel Thiemann, who will be playing in his last home conference match, along with his twin brother Chris. Marcel is currently ranked No. 27 in the nation and 9-1 in SEC play this season.

"We're really excited," Marcel Thiemann said. "We are looking forward to it. We know State is a really tough team, but so are we. We are just ready and can't wait for Saturday."

Thiemann's matchup in singles play will be a familiar one as he faces off against junior James Chaudry.

"It will be a tough match," Chaudry said.

"He's a good player. He's been as high as (No.) 5, 6, 7 in the country. It'll be a good match. I'm looking forward to it."

The Rebels will also be looking to get a big contribution from their No. 1 Nik Scholtz, who is currently ranked No. 14 in the country in singles. Scholtz will most likely be playing No. 1 doubles with junior Jonas Lutjen. The combination clinched the doubles point for the Rebels against Kentucky this past Sunday.

In the end, the rivalry will determine whether the SEC West crown will have sole ownership or be shared between the two rivals.

The match will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Palmer/Salloum Tennis Center.

### Women look to extend 23-match win streak against rivals

The No. 16 Ole Miss women's tennis team (15-7, 7-3 SEC) will travel down the road to Starkville this weekend to take on in-state rival Mississippi State (7-12, 1-9 SEC) in its last regular season match of the season. The Rebels ride a four-match winning streak and an impressive 23-match win

streak against their rivals, including a 7-0 shutout in their meeting last season in Oxford.

"We want to finish on a high note for multiple reasons," head coach Mark Beyers said. "We want to continue the four-match win streak we have going for ourselves, the streak over State and rankings. One of the things with this rivalry between Ole Miss and Mississippi State is you can throw the records out. Right now, they can make their season by beating us. So I expect them to come out fired up, and we're going to see their best game."

Last time out, the Rebels shut out Kentucky 7-0 on Senior Day and look to continue their recent success.

The doubles duo of seniors Kristi Boxx and Abby Guthrie will continue to lead the Rebels from the No. 1 spot, where they are currently ranked No. 4 in the nation with a 9-1 record in the SEC. Boxx will also compete at the No. 1 spot in singles, where she is currently ranked No. 9 in the nation. Boxx is currently 8-1 in SEC play and recently became the second player in school history to record 200 combined wins in singles and doubles.

Ole Miss has already clinched the No. 4 seed and a first round bye in the SEC Tournament, which starts next Thursday in Oxford. The Rebels will begin play Friday, April 20 at 3 p.m. With their No. 16 national ranking, the Rebels have an opportunity to be one of 16 host teams for NCAA Regional, but Beyers and the team are not concerned so much with just rankings.

"We can only control what we do," he said.

"We can't control what all these other teams are doing. We are just going to try to keep winning against Mississippi State, and hopefully the week after at the SEC Tournament. We just try to take care of our business, and whatever the rankings say after the SEC tournament or after the regular season is done — it is what it is. We just have to take care of our business and not worry about what other people are doing."

The match will be Saturday at noon in Starkville.

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fly ball to left. The Georgia left fielder dropped the ball, allowing Snyder to reach and then threw the ball wide of the bag at second and into right field on the play trying to erase Yarbrough from the base path. It allowed Yarbrough to score and moved Snyder to third base on the play with Ole Miss on top 3-2.

The Rebels added a second run in the frame when Will Allen singled up the middle to score Snyder and give Ole Miss the two-run lead back.

Georgia got things going again in the eighth, using a single and a walk to put two men on before a wild pitch advanced both runners to scoring position. With the count sitting at 1-2 to Peter Verdin, the Rebels turned to the bullpen for closer Brett Huber.

Huber loaded the bases with a walk before a ground ball to short got the Rebels the first out of the inning but brought a run home. With men at the corners, Georgia got a single through the left side from pinch hitter Nelson Ward to tie the game at four.

Georgia then loaded the bases for a second time on an infield



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single before the Rebels would get the second out of the inning with a strikeout. Kyle Farmer then put the Bulldogs on top for the first time in the game with a three-RBI triple to right center to give Georgia the 7-4 lead.

A sixth run came across the plate a batter later when Farmer crossed the plate on a single to right before the Rebels could throw out Hunter Cole at second trying to leg out a double making it 8-4 for the home team.

Ole Miss couldn't put together a rally in the ninth as Palazzone closed things out to hand the Bulldogs the series-opening win.

The Rebels will face Georgia in game two of the series at 6 p.m. CT on Friday at Foley Field.



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TOP: Freshman outfielder Austin Bousfield  
BOTTOM: Junior infielder Andrew Mistone

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## Eighth-Inning rally spells trouble as No. 18 Rebels fall at Georgia



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Junior Brett Huber suffered the loss, giving up four runs on four hits in 1.0 inning of relief.

ATHENS, Ga. — The Rebels led for most of the game, but a six-run eighth inning from the Bulldogs put things out of reach as No. 18 Ole Miss (23-11, 6-7 SEC) fell to Georgia (21-13, 6-7 SEC) by a score of 8-4 in the series opener on Thursday.

Ole Miss held a 4-2 lead heading into the eighth inning, but the Bulldogs put together a big rally to move into the lead for the first time on the night with the six-run inning on the way to the win.

Brett Huber (1-2) suffered the loss in relief, entering the game with two men on and no outs in the eighth inning. Both runners belonged to Aaron Greenwood. Huber allowed four runs on four hits with a walk and a strikeout in 1.0 inning of relief work.

Michael Palazzone (1-4) picked up the win, working a complete game as he allowed four runs — only two of them earned — on nine hits with eight strikeouts in the outing.

“It’s frustrating,” said Ole Miss head coach Mike Bianco. “When you have a lead with six outs remaining, we have to figure out a way to close that out. We’ve tried different ways of handling that situation and we have to learn how to stop the bleeding and close it out.”

Ole Miss got on the board in the third inning, pushing two runs across the plate to break the stalemate. Singles from Andrew Mistone and Auston Bousfield put men at the corners with one out before Tanner Mathis singled through the right side to bring Mistone home. Bousfield then scored two batters later on a double from Alex Yarbrough and the Rebels held a 2-0 lead.

Georgia cut into the lead in the fifth inning, using three straight singles with one out to bring the first run home. The Bulldogs then got a fourth consecutive single to tie the game at two and Ole Miss turned to its bullpen for the sophomore right-hander Greenwood.

He then retired the next two batters to get Ole Miss out of the inning.

A wild sixth inning saw the Rebels regain the lead sparked by a pair of errors in left field on the same play. Yarbrough singled up the middle with one out before Snyder would hit a shallow

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## Division crown, win streak on the line for men’s and women’s tennis Saturday



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Senior Marcel Thiemann

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With the Southeastern Conference Western Division title on the line, the No. 14 Ole Miss men’s tennis team has potentially the biggest match of the year on its hands this Saturday against No. 9 Mississippi State.

The Rebels (11-6, 7-3 SEC) will have their hands full with a talented Bulldog team. Mississippi State (17-5, 8-2 SEC) won its first meeting earlier in the year at the Mississippi Cup in Jackson in an extremely close match and holds a two-match win streak in the series after Ole Miss won the previous 26.

“Well it’s a lot on the line, and you’ve got two really good teams going head to head, in-state rivalries, the whole bit,” head coach Billy Chadwick said. “You can’t ask for a better match. If we are going to beat these guys, they are talking about bringing lots of fans. So we have got to be prepared for them, and we’ve got to make sure of the home-court advantage and we take advantage of it. To do that we are going to have to have great crowd support.”

“(The Mississippi Cup) went down to the very last match. It was very typical of the matches and is what it is probably going to be like this match. It’s going to come down to one or two hits of the ball. We’re in hopes that playing here at home with the crowd will be enough to sway it our way.”

Bulldog head coach Per Nilsson agrees that the match will feature some great tennis.

“They present a lot of problems (of Ole Miss),” Nilsson said. “They have two of the best players in the country at one and two. They’re really good in doubles. They rarely lose at home. We’ve got some problems. But we know if we play well, we can play with anyone, and that’s what it’s going to come down to. It’s just going to come down to whether we play good or not.”

“I thought last year (when) we were here at home we played really well in that match. The (Mississippi Cup) was almost like an away match, so it felt good to beat them there. We had some good matchups, and we ended up winning some of those. We won some close ones, and that was the difference. It could be very similar up there.”

Mississippi State’s seniors have yet to defeat the Rebels in Oxford, and the rivalry means a lot to the group.

“We definitely don’t want to be sharing that title with Ole Miss,” MSU senior George Coupland said. “Don’t get me wrong, Ole Miss is a bunch of great guys. But it’s a big traditional rivalry, and it means a lot to us seniors. To beat them at their place is something I haven’t done yet. We will be really pumped up for that match.”

The Rebels are coming off a weekend split, a 6-1 win at No.

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