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## Homelessness in Oxford steadily decreasing

BY ANNA DAVIS  
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A proposed bill in the Mississippi state legislature hopes to create a 10-year plan that could have a lasting impact on the homeless around Mississippi, as well as the homeless community in Oxford.

The bill proposed by Sen. Frazier of Jackson would enact a Mississippi Interagency Council on Homelessness starting July 1. This council would focus on youth, families, veterans and other individuals who are homeless.

Homelessness is defined by the United States Code as those who do not have a regular nighttime residence or those who take residence in a shelter or somewhere that is supervised as temporary residence that is not "designed for, ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings."

In the outline of the bill, multiple references are made to the importance of specifically ending child homelessness and that it is "urgently and necessarily possible." The bill reports that in the 2010-11 school year, more than 12,000 homeless children were in

the state.

Jean Shaw, a founder and leader in the LOU Homeless Task Force, as well as a former mathematics professor at the University of Mississippi, said she has seen the negative effects of child homelessness in Oxford.

"This has to be traumatic to a child who knows what's going on," Shaw said. "Often children are cold and hungry."

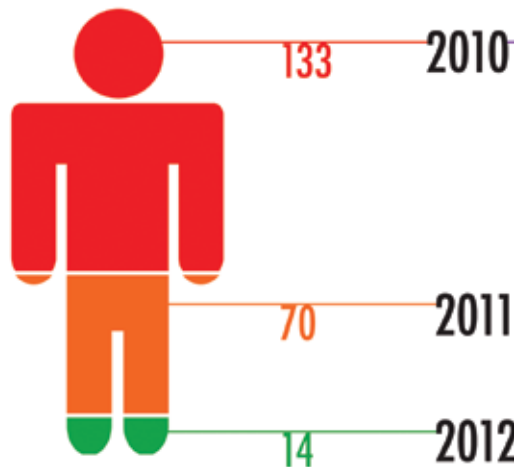
In 2010, 133 homeless children lived in Oxford. Last year, there were 70 homeless children, and that number has since dropped down to 14, according to Shaw.

The numbers for homeless adults has also decreased in Oxford. Since 2010, Oxford has gone from 294 homeless people to 35 homeless people as of February 9, 2012. These numbers do not include chronic homeless people or "street people" who do not seek help.

"To my knowledge, we have had only one or two cases of (street people) over this three-year period," Shaw said.

Mary Margaret Saulters, a senior double major in anthropology and biology, works with Interfaith Compassion Ministries, a United Way affiliate, and since

HOMELESS CHILDREN IN OXFORD



HOMELESS ADULTS IN OXFORD



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fall 2011, Saulters has also served as an intern with AmeriCorps through the UM College Corps division. She has helped raise local awareness about homelessness through fundraisers and by assisting the homeless at ICM.

"When I am at the office, I am usually meeting with clients, homeless or facing eviction, and evaluating how we can best help them," Saulters said. "Because there is not a permanent shelter in Oxford, that usually means making arrangements for them to go to shelters in nearby towns

such as Tupelo or Water Valley." Saulters said working with ICM has been an eye-opening experience.

"Before that interview, I never realized that homelessness was a problem in Oxford," Saulters said. "This is what made me want to be involved in homeless outreach, to raise awareness in the community and to give people outlets to help the homeless through education and fundraising."

Saulters has participated in different efforts to raise money and

awareness, including the 2012 UM Chili Bowl for the Soul in partnership with UM Homeless Outreach. Through this, Saulters said she has seen the community respond to the issue. However, she said she believes more could be done through the proposed bill's long-term program.

"Because there is not a permanent shelter in Oxford, a lot of the help that we provide for the homeless is not as sustainable as we would like for it to be," Saulters said.

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## Vice chancellor candidate gives presentation



JON HAYWOOD | The Daily Mississippian

Brent Paterson, a vice chancellor for student affairs candidate, presents an overview on his perspectives and philosophies on student affairs.

BY JON HAYWOOD  
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Brent Paterson, a candidate for the position of vice chancellor for student affairs, gave a presentation to students and faculty Thursday afternoon in the Triplett Alumni Center. Paterson overviewed his per-

sonal and professional background and his philosophy of student affairs.

In prospects of becoming the university's next vice chancellor for student affairs, he outlined how he envisions the role.

Paterson said part of the vice chancellor role is to keep

focus.

"Something I very much value is self assessment," he said. "I value intuition, because data can lie."

Paterson began his higher education career as an admissions counselor at Lambuth College (now the University of Memphis-Lambuth).

He spent over 17 years at Texas A&M University's student affairs program, eventually serving as dean of student life. Texa A&M's student affairs program was created while he was there. The program pulled together more than five campus departments under one umbrella.

At Texas A&M, he created a crisis and critical response team that handled incidents for the university in cases that involved student deaths and injuries on and off campus.

"I believe we should respect the dignity of each person regardless of who they are on campus, from a cafeteria work-

er, someone of the grounds or the chancellor," Paterson said after years of working in higher education and student affairs.

Since 2001, Paterson has served Illinois State University as its senior associate vice president for student affairs. At Illinois State, he reconfigured the university's health promotion and information technology programs.

Paterson remarked on his efforts to improve diversity at Illinois State, and potentially Ole Miss. He said that part of his role, as vice chancellor for student affairs, will be to learn the perspectives of other people.

Illinois State featured a unique mix of first-generation college students and students from rural Illinois at the time Paterson joined the university. It now features a mix of students from urban and suburban western Illinois.

Paterson created a diversity

plan for the university's student affairs program. Paterson said in his personal time he joined a local chapter of NAACP, just to better understand some of his students and broaden his perspectives.

Paterson has several reasons for wanting to join the Ole Miss faculty.

"This institution is really centered on its students," he said. "I like the size of the institution, its large enough to have all of the services you need, but it's small enough that you're in smaller classes, you get to know the faculty and staff were you get to interact with them."

"I like a tradition-rich campus, and this is obviously a tradition-rich campus."

The current vice chancellor for student affairs is Larry Ridgeway, who has held the position since 2007.

Ridgeway is set to retire. He has worked for the university since 1996.

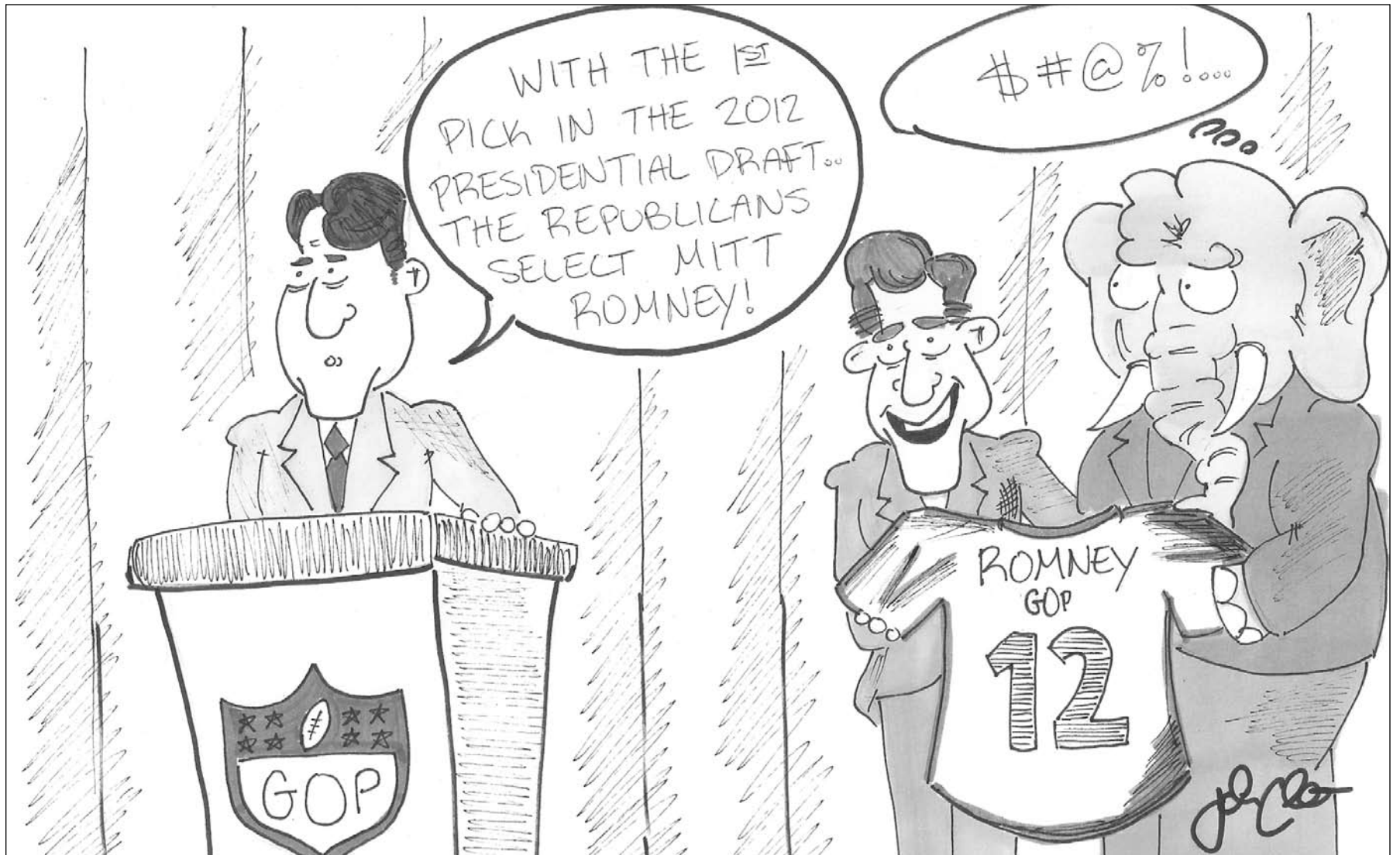


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## Student loans: A legitimate crisis

BY EMILY STEDMAN  
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Back in 2004, when I was applying to college (I know, I'm old), the big state school accepted me and so did the small, out-of-state, private school. Being the headstrong, independent kid I was, I longed to get out of the small town I grew up in (although, I later realized my town wasn't small and is in fact one of the largest cities in the Greater Atlanta Metro Area). So, my parents struck a deal with me, "If you go to the state school, we will pay for it and your graduate school. If you go out-of-state, we will pay for it, but you will pay for grad school." All I heard was permission to get out of there. So I did, never thinking about how much grad school would

cost or the loans it might take to get through it.

Today, I sit here, with almost two years of law school behind me, and those two years of loans in front of me. I will not complain too much because I was able to get in-state tuition fairly easily, and I have received some help from the law school. But, that does not really make the task of paying back these loans any less daunting. Many of my peers have loans that put mine to shame.

Every year, deferral options decrease and the start date for paying back loans moves forward. Some student loans will start for law students as soon as we graduate. This, seriously, makes no sense and is terrifying because, as soon as we graduate, most of us will not be working. We will

be taking this test called the bar exam that will take up every day of our lives for the two months following graduation. And, at this point, many of us are not even sure how we will pay for that or the bar-study-programs.

Meanwhile, the job market continues to be problematic for many students. Even those of us who make it through the bar exam may not have a job in August, making paying back these loans all the more difficult. The potential for higher interest rates and the fallback option of taking a bar-loan with its high interest rates in order to get through the summer only makes matters worse.

Needless to say, this is not just a law student problem. Student loans have been a hot topic this week. From headlines announc-

ing how they are "crippling a generation" to President Barack Obama slow-jamming student loans with Jimmy Fallon, the push-and-pull between Republicans, Democrats, the need for a college education and the poor economy has been dizzying.

Student loan debt has recently passed credit card debt. This is an astounding fact considering our consumer-driven economy. And frankly, this battle seems to more accurately reflect a battle between the 99 percent and the 1 percent.

A Republican was recently quoted saying, "Students just need to find a way to make it work." Easy for you to say. Are you providing us with adequate loan-counseling? Job-counseling? Job-opportunities? Or, more fundamentally, a well-rounded

education in high-school so we have a variety of college options? For most, the answer to all of these questions is a resounding, "No."

I have said this for the past two weeks, and I'll say it now. Yet again we seem to have an issue of misguided politicians. Out of touch with reality does not even seem to cover how I feel about these folks, but something needs to be done. As many college students and grad-students graduate and head back home to live with mom and dad, politicians need to put their parties aside and fix this, or this could easily be the tipping point that forces our generation to vote each and every one of you out of office.

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MEMBER NEWSPAPER

# Experience amazing



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What is there to do with a religion degree? Does one apply for graduate school with it, find employment suited for someone with a degree in anything, or become a writer who doubles as a walking answer key for Final Jeopardy grade questions regarding religion?

Here's a better question: What leads one to study religion in the first place? What compels one to study energies found in locations ranging from churches to concert venues?

Mandatory church attendance at a local Baptist church was a provision of my upbringing. I've been exposed to religion my entire life but struggled to understand it.

In church, I felt like a problem. In discussions, I asked about the fates of secluded tribes around the world that will never hear of Christianity. I wanted to know how Eve could be punished for disobedience before knowing whether disobedience was right or wrong. Though I was never told as much, I felt like my honest questions irritated some.

At the worship services, I listened to the preacher deliver God's word as he saw it. The services affected some people greatly; some were "overcome by the Holy Ghost." These believers would dance and shout. They were elated to be alive, and I was happy for them.

I've never come in contact with the Ghost, but it seemed to be associated with a real phenomena because multiple people were relaying similar experiences of it. It seemed to me that something unseen yet very powerful existed – but I still couldn't understand it.

I tried to find a new church when I moved to Oxford. I again watched Christians have this "experience" but still could not feel it myself. Eventually, I tried not thinking about it. But then I discovered in an introductory religion course that the Christians weren't the only ones who had found an experience that deeply affects their entire being – so have others. I decided to study religion, a topic fresh on the minds of billions of people daily. After a short time, I was most interested in Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism.

This worried some of my family members. You see, some sects of Christianity believe that ultimate salvation is unattainable via other religious paths. Naturally, I playfully ask them if they know

the fates of secluded tribes around the world that never hear of Christ.

Of course, I never lost my fascination with Christianity and the character of Jesus – his seemingly counter-intuitive ideas like turning the other cheek and anonymous charitable giving confound skeptics who argue that people are only religious because it benefits them. However, I did find the study of other traditions quite enlightening. Did you know that someone has already discovered why we suffer? It's because we desire things, things that are impermanent. Nirvana then became the next logical step for Siddhartha.

Studying religion helps one appreciate something in every tradition and realize that almost anything can be "religious."

Recently I saw Anthony Kiedis declare, "I'm your priest," to a crowd who had willfully surrendered their minds at a Red Hot Chili Peppers concert. I appreciate the Peppers, but they had much bigger believers there than me.

The two gentlemen in front of me were dancing and shouting, elated to be alive. These two spent the time between the set and the encore bowing down to what was now an empty stage. "I'm in Heaven," I heard another attendee say. And I was happy

for them.

Then it occurred: Could it be that fans who go to a concert and feel rapture are experiencing a feeling similar to what people who are "overcome by the Holy Ghost" are experiencing? Their reactions are eerily similar, but the circumstances are entirely different.

From my studies and observations, there appears to be a basic human experience – let's just call it "transcendence" – that we experience in our own subjective way. My Christian friends talk about the "Holy Ghost." My Buddhist friends talk about "being one with the universe." My friends who are Chili Pepper fans brag about a "simultaneous release."

I am asserting that almost everyone is religious, including those of you who cling to a recent post-modern cliché about being "spiritual" and

not religious. Even my friends who are decidedly against religious ideas and practices still have symbols and rituals of their own. And from my experience, not a single religion nails all of it down, as each and every tradition I have studied comes with its own set of alarming theological problems. Therefore, I personally believe in multiple paths that ultimately lead to the same place – to each his own.

Transcendence isn't limited to the Holy Ghost or even to a single tradition. We all have the potential – Christians, Buddhists and Atheists alike – and that potential is realized in the form of religious experiences, artistic expression and personal transformation.

Amazing is just waiting to be experienced.

*Andrew Dickson is a religious studies senior from Terry.*



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## Disability Awareness Month kicks off with campus events

BY CALLIE DANIELS  
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It's Disability Awareness Month at Ole Miss, dedicating April to the nearly 600 disabled students that make up about 5 percent of the campus population.

Disability Awareness Month kicked off on April 12, when the University's Faculty Training and Development Center sponsored "Accessibility: Reaching All Learners" in Union Room 404. Chris Dunbar, senior systems engineer with Apple, gave a tour on the Apple software available to enhance the classroom experience for disabled students. Innovative technology like Braille support in iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch and video chat for sign language was discussed for those interested in making communication easier with disabled students.

Last Tuesday, April 17, the Ole Miss Hand Band staged a flash mob in the Union dining area. Celebrating American Sign Language, the twenty-something members used their hands, faces and bodies to sing the words to "We Are Young"

by Fun and "Firework" by Katy Perry. The event was headed by Corey Blount, the Hand Band's president.

"I want people to see how expressive the ASL (American Sign Language) is," Blount said. "It's a creative language with history."

There are several events spread throughout April in association with Disability Awareness Month.

On Wednesday, April 25, there will be an Open House at the Student Disability Services at 234 Martindale. The staff will be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate various types of assistive technology used by students with disabilities, including screen readers for the blind, which are people who sit by the blind student and read notes off a PowerPoint slide for them, voice recognition and reading software. The visitors will also get to learn how Braille is created. The event is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A faculty member and a staff member will be awarded Annual Access Awards at 3 p.m., which recognizes their courtesy and helpfulness to disabled students.

On Friday, April 27, the Associated Student Body Freshman Focus Board will host a Sports-themed prom at the Johnson Commons Ballroom for the local special education students who want to experience a high school prom. It is free, and all are welcome to come dressed as a sports fan or athlete.

The Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Accessibility will hold a public meeting to get input from the campus community about accessibility issues on April 30 at 10 a.m. in the Johnson Common's Ballroom, as well.

All of these events are organized by the Director of Student Disability Services Stacey Reycraft, who has worked with the organization for 16 years and has spent the last four years as director. She came up with the idea for Disability Awareness Month three years ago.

"I think that to use the month to recognize the people with disabilities on campus is great," Reycraft said. "It's for a population of people that deserve recognition and support like other students. We want them to succeed like other students."



QUENTIN WINSTINE | The Daily Mississippian

A student involved in the Ole Miss Hand Band, a group that signs songs, participates in a recent flash mob in the Union. The students spread awareness about the language through such events.

Marketing senior Alaina Lamar said she knows the day-to-day struggles of being a disabled student at Ole Miss.

"I don't let my hearing loss stop me from enjoying my life," Lamar said. "I do not consider

my deafness as a disability or a handicap. I overcame it, and I even forget that I'm deaf. I love to dance, be with my friends, and I'm even teaching myself German in both spoken and sign language."

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# Students win Gillespie award for Xbox video game

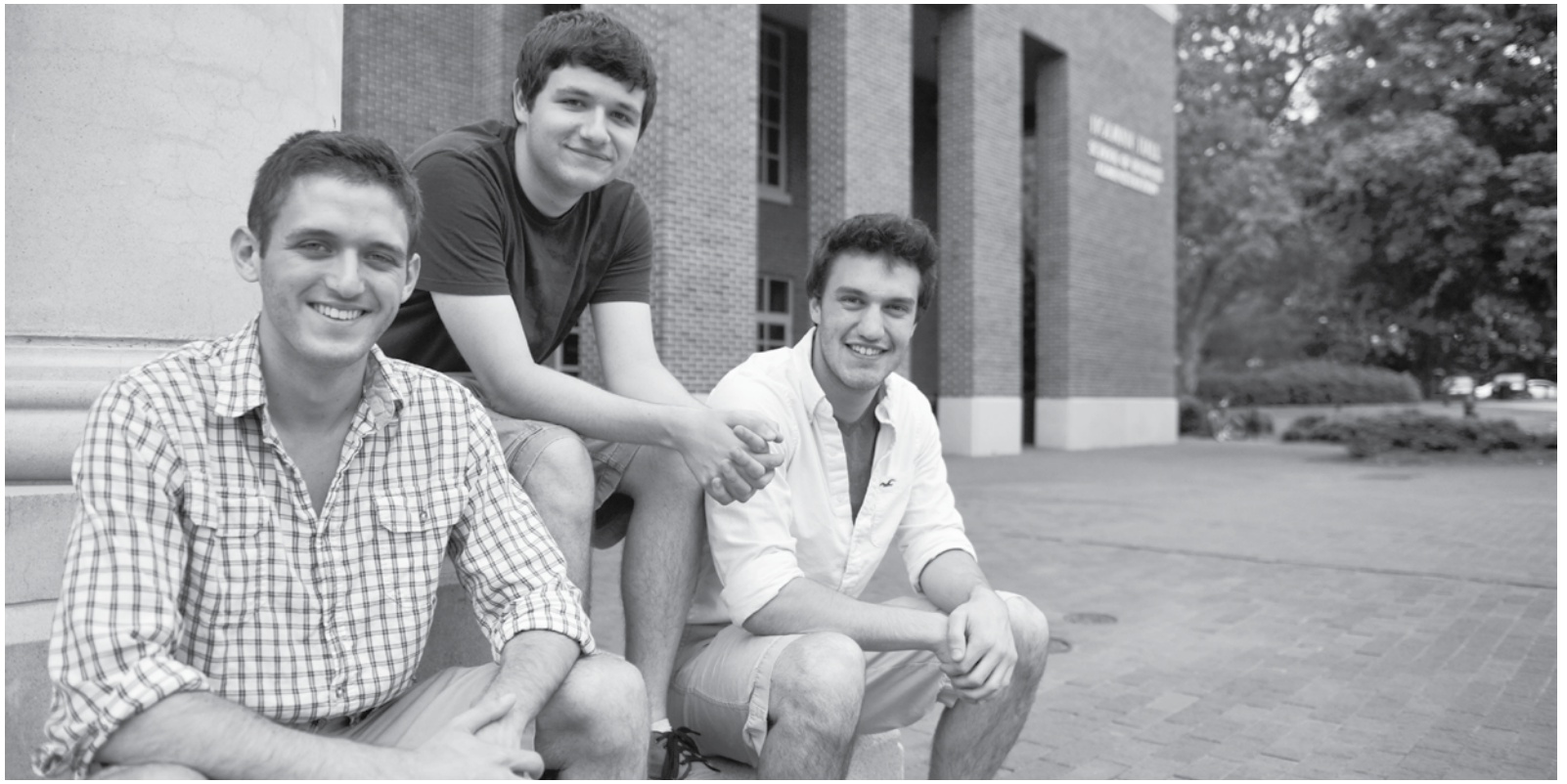
BY KAYLEIGH SKINNER  
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When three Ole Miss students sat down in their apartment this summer and decided to create a video game, none of them expected they would win thousands of dollars from it. Jonathan Boom, Lee Dubose and Ryan Rigney entered the 2012 Gillespie Business Plan Competition through the Ole Miss School of Business, and on Friday they were awarded first place.

"I walked into my friends' apartment and said, 'Hey guys, if I design a video game will you program it?' They said, 'Yeah, sure, whatever,'" Rigney said.

Together the trio is working on an Xbox game called "FAST FAST LASER LASER." Rigney is the lead designer, and Boom and Dubose are co-programmers of the game. It is a four-player game where players carry a laser and sword while attempting to take out their opponents. Players can shoot their laser at reflecting surfaces and deflect opposing laser beams with their swords. Each time a laser beam gets deflected, it gains speed, making avoiding it increasingly difficult.

Boom, Dubose and Rigney decided to enter the competition after learning about it through Boom's computer science teacher. He recommended they enter the competition since they had been working on the game since September 2011. The Gillespie



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LEFT TO RIGHT: Ryan Rigney, Jonathan Boom, Lee Dubose

Business Plan Competition was open to all majors, and although no one in the group had much experience with creating a business plan, they decided to enter the competition. Rigney is a journalism major, Boom a mathematics major and Dubose a computer science major.

To enter the competition, the group had to create a PowerPoint presentation and explain to judges why they had a product worth selling. On Friday, the group was awarded the title of Best Business Plan, along with a trophy and

\$4,000 to further their work.

Despite the creators' lack of business experience, the judges were so impressed with "FAST FAST LASER LASER," they also awarded the team an office space in the newly-built Insight Park on Insight Park Avenue (formerly Hathorn Road).

"We are really appreciative of the university," Rigney said. "They're just giving us this awesome opportunity with the money to make the video game better."

The team plans to use their winnings to finish "FAST FAST

LASER LASER," spending a portion of it on a promotion (a gift card giveaway on reddit.com) and music development. Producer Jason Cathey, who has also worked with hip-hop artist Trey Songz, is creating the music for the game.

"Ryan called me and pitched the idea for a game he was working on," Cathey said. "After the call, I began production for the game almost immediately."

As for the game's unusual name, Dubose said the title is a phrase he used to shout out while play-

ing video games in the past. The group agreed it mimicked the fast-moving lasers in the game.

"FAST FAST LASER LASER" pulls influences from cool, older multiplayer games, like Bomberman 93, and channels that sort of spirit while presenting an entirely new game mechanic," Rigney said.

He said the game's appearance is similar to a Super Nintendo game.

For more information on "FAST FAST LASER LASER," visit rkrigney.com.

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ers said. "While our goal is to encourage independence among our homeless clients, we cannot be as involved in rehabilitation as we might be if there was a permanent shelter."

Robin Walker, a liberal studies senior, is the AmeriCorps delegate for More Than a Meal, a service providing a hot meal and tutoring weekly to the commu-

nity at the Stone Center in Oxford.

"We have four (participants) that are homeless," Walker said. "Through the help of ICM, they are put in the hotels around town whenever funds allow. It's hard to think about what they do when they don't have those funds available."

Walker said the community is responding well to the increased awareness of homelessness, but this could be improved with a long-term plan.

"These are only the families that we see that are able to get a ride there, get the OUT bus there or have a car, but I think there are a lot more on the outskirts of the county," Walker said. "For Oxford not even being aware that there is a homeless problem, we are doing a really good job of raising awareness through the UM Homeless Outreach, and it really just comes down to funds."

Walker said she hopes to see More Than a Meal assist more

of the community through the tutoring services, as well as assisting those in need of a degree.

"One thing that is really pressing is not having a high school certificate," Walker said. "Other organizations help us out with that a lot, ICM especially. They come on More Than a Meal

nights and do the tutoring and follow through with them to try to help out as much as we can."

Walker said by helping those on the verge of homelessness through some type of long-term plan, Oxford could keep those struggling from becoming a part of the local homeless statistic.

### SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION

Kelsey Letzring



Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>  
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Honors College  
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Jenny Barnes

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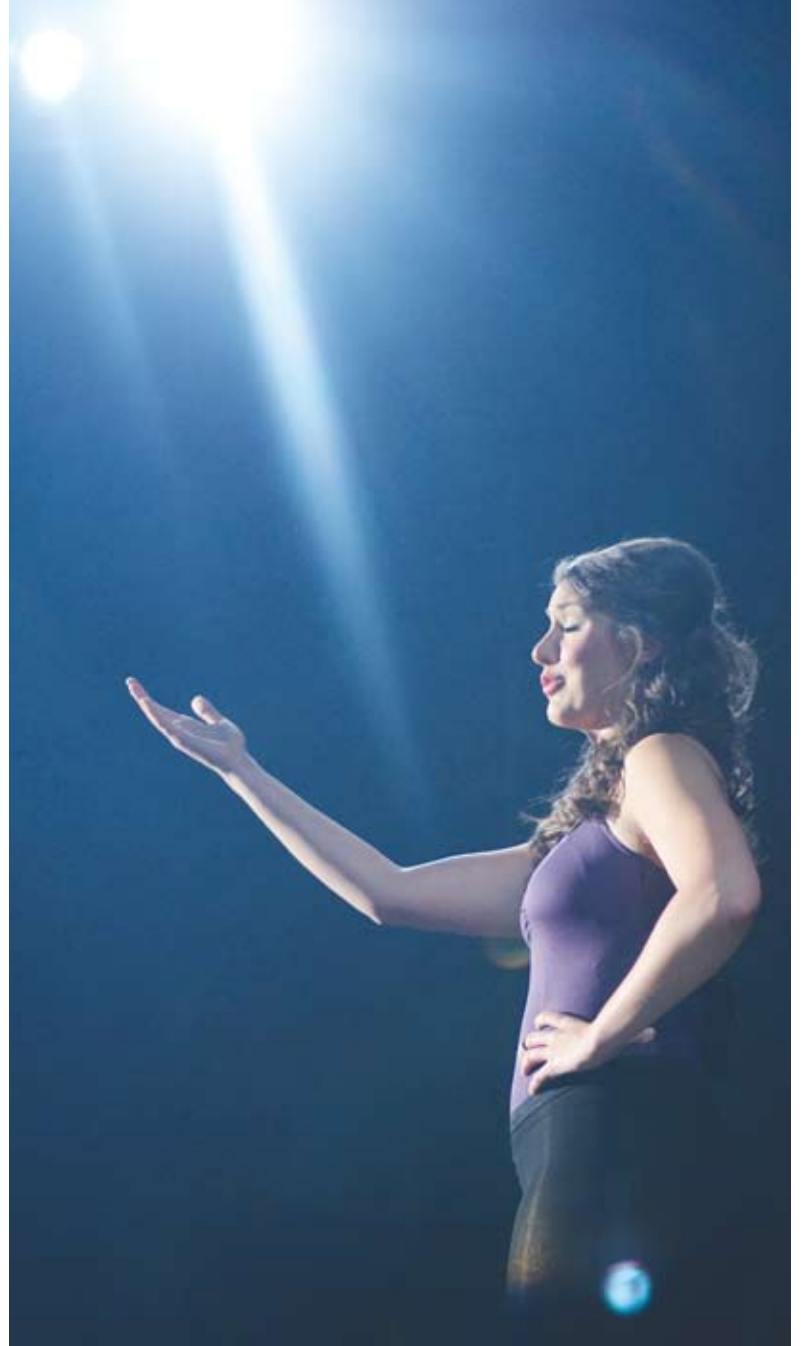
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By Phillip Waller



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*"Love's Labour's Lost 2.0": Exploring Identity Formation on Facebook and Beyond*  
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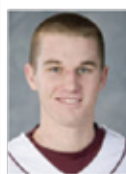
## Ole Miss vs. MSU Probable Starters

FRIDAY, 7:00 P.M. (SportSouth)



Ole Miss  
#19 Bobby Wahl  
Sophomore, RHP

5-0 60 SO  
54.1 IP 21 BB  
2.15 ERA .213 B/AVG.



Mississippi State  
#28 Chris Stratton  
Junior, RHP

7-0 88 SO  
66.1 IP 16 BB  
2.71 ERA .205 B/AVG.

SATURDAY, 2:00 P.M. (SportSouth)



Ole Miss  
#28 Mike Mayers  
Sophomore, RHP

4-2 39 SO  
58.1 IP 17 BB  
3.70 ERA .222 B/AVG.



Mississippi State  
#49 Kendall Graveman  
Junior, RHP

3-2 42 SO  
61.2 IP 17 BB  
2.92 ERA .245 B/AVG.

SUNDAY, 1:30 P.M. (CSS)



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Sophomore right handed pitcher Bobby Wahl is 5-0 so far this season in 9 appearances. Wahl has a 2.13 era in 50.2 innings with 56 strikeouts.

### BASEBALL,

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p.m., while Saturday's first pitch is set for 2 p.m., and both games will be televised by SportSouth. Sunday's series finale is set for 1:30 p.m. and will be televised by CSS.

#### Huber available to pitch

Last Sunday, Bianco said junior right-handed closer Brett Huber was injured with a tender elbow, but Huber threw a short bullpen at practice on Thursday and is expected to be ready to go for the weekend series.

"He's good," Bianco said of Huber. "This is the first time he's thrown off the mound (since maybe) before last weekend. He's

good, so he's ready to go this weekend. He'll be with us."

#### Wahl named to USA Baseball National Collegiate Team

Sophomore right-hander Bobby Wahl has been selected to play for the USA National Collegiate Baseball team this summer, which was announced by USA Baseball on Thursday.

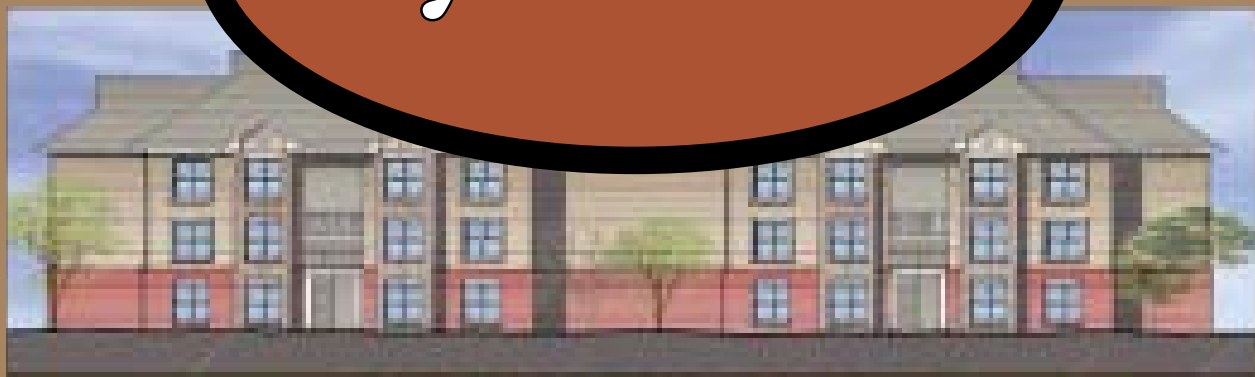
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OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

## Nik Scholtz named SEC Freshman of the Year



Freshman Nik Scholtz

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Ole Miss men's tennis player Nik Scholtz has been named the Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year, while Marcel Thiemann and Jonas Lutjen joined him on the All-SEC team as the league announced the 2012 postseason awards Thursday.

Scholtz becomes the first player in the history of the program to earn SEC Freshman of the Year honors. The Caledon, South Africa native, also named to the All-SEC first team and the All-

Freshman Team, posted a 7-4 record in the SEC at No. 1 singles and teamed with Lutjen for a 9-2 league record in doubles. Scholtz is presently ranked No. 13 in the nation in singles and doubles and is the second-highest ranked freshman in the country. He was recently named to the SEC All-Tournament Team after helping lead the Rebels to the semifinals for the fifteenth time.

Senior Marcel Thiemann earned All-SEC first team honors for the third year in a row.

The Lehrte, Germany native posted a 10-1 record in the SEC at No. 2 singles.

He is currently ranked No. 20 in the nation in singles and No. 17 in doubles. Thiemann becomes the third player in the history of the program to be named to the first team three years.

Lutjen made the All-SEC second team, earning all-conference honors for the first time in his career. He went 7-4 in the SEC at No. 3 singles and 9-2 in doubles. He is currently ranked No. 45 in

the nation in singles and No. 13 in doubles with Scholtz.

"We're extremely proud of the accomplishments of these outstanding student-athletes," head coach Billy Chadwick said. "Marcel has provided great senior leadership and year after year has shown he's one of the top SEC players.

Jonas is arguably the most improved player in the league. He has become physically stronger and more consistent and is having a great year. This has been an outstanding spring for Nik. The SEC is the strongest conference in the nation, and to be recognized as the top freshman is a tremendous honor."

All three have helped lead the Rebels to their current national ranking of No. 13 and are in strong consideration to host the NCAA first and second rounds.

The NCAA selections and host sites will be announced May 1 on NCAA.com. The Rebels will have an open house at the tennis center. Fans are invited to join the men's and women's teams for the selection show. The women's show will be at 4 p.m. followed by the men's at 4:30 p.m.

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"Yes, we've agreed to use the P word," Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott said Thursday.

They want to limit it to four teams; that's for sure. Now they have to figure out how to pick the teams, where and when to play the games and how the bowls do or do not fit in.

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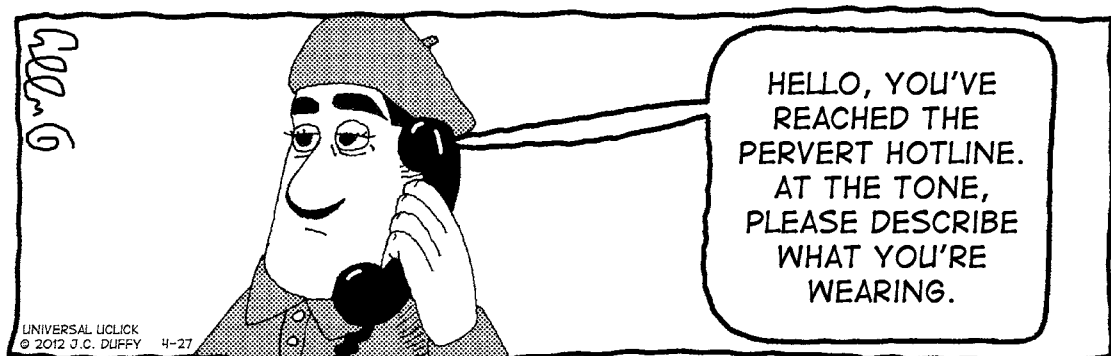


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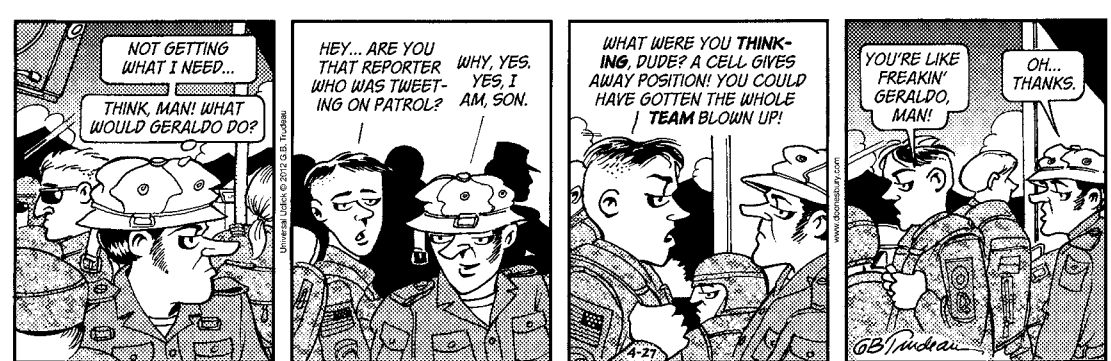
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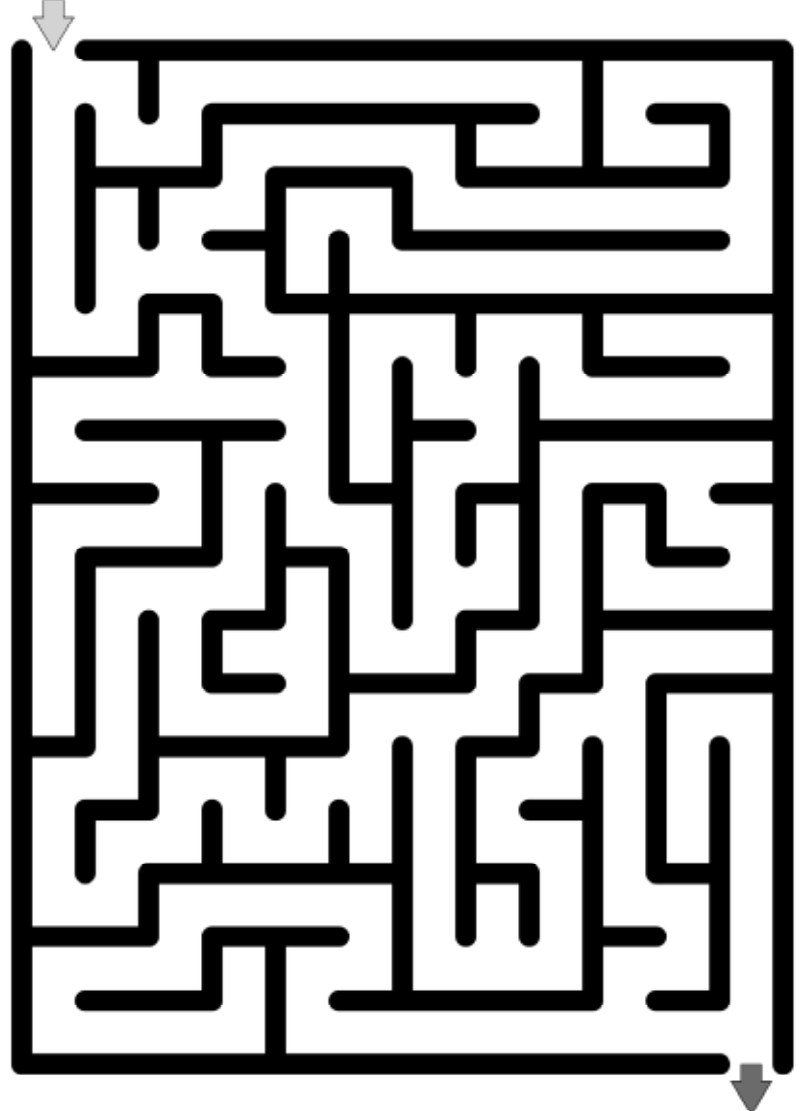
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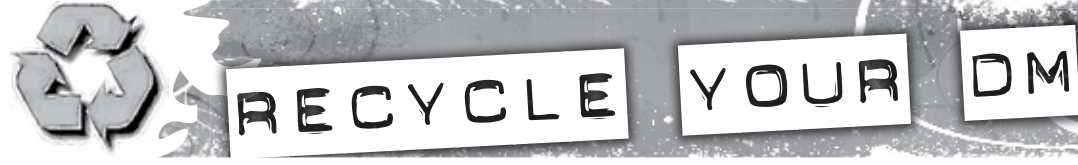
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# Q&A: Bruce Feldman on spring practice and recruitment

Sports Editor Austin Miller and football beat writer David Collier caught up with Bruce Feldman from CBS Sports and author of *Meat Market: Inside the Smash-Mouth World of College Football Recruiting* on their weekly show "Daytime Fireworks" on Rebel Sports Radio to discuss first-year head football coach Hugh Freeze and the Ole Miss football program.

**Austin Miller:** Jumping right in with your experience with Ole Miss, talk about your familiarity with Hugh Freeze and the Ole Miss football program during your two years of covering it.



**Bruce Feldman:** I have fond memories of being around Oxford. It's a fun place, and it's a great place to be on a football weekend. I love the restaurants

and everything about it. As far as this staff, it's interesting. I haven't had the chance to get back to Oxford since Freeze was hired, but almost all of his staff were guys that I was around for at least the first year of working on "Meat Market" and probably the second year once the book was out, promoting the book. It was a combination of guys from that staff, not just Freeze — everyone from Grant Heard, who played there, Dan Warner, who coached there, and the support staff like Barney Farror and Maurice Harris and even guys like Chris Kiffin, the defensive line coach, was there towards the end. It's a good group of guys. They're all hard workers. I think the big thing with Freeze when I tell other people who are unfamiliar with him, the first thing that I bring out is that this guy is probably the best speaker in front of people that I've ever been around. That's no hyperbole. If you get a chance to see Hugh Freeze give a speech to a team or a group, it will really make an impression on you. I would not be surprised that if the first time Ole Miss is on TV if he gives them access to the locker room before the game because it will resonate. It will get people's attention. I think he's a good recruiter because he's committed to it. The best thing

I think Orgeron had there was the passion for recruiting, and I think Freeze understood that, and he learned from that and benefitted from that. I think that is already serving him well, quite honestly. He knows the area. He went to Southern Miss, coached in Memphis, coached at Ole Miss for a decent amount of time and even being at Arkansas State is not that far away. He knows the people around there. He knows what Ole Miss has to offer. He just knows the pulse of that area. I think that's important. And because he works hard. That doesn't guarantee that he's going to turn Ole Miss into a powerhouse in the SEC West because that's the most loaded, brutal division in college football. He could do a nice job there and never get them in the Top 25, especially considering how bad of shape the program is in from the past two years. He inherited a mess. You don't go from the worst season in school history at 2-10 to 10-2. I think if he can win four or five games this year, I think that would be a huge first step.

**AM:** What's your assessment of his first four months in Oxford with signing a kid like Channing Ward and your thoughts on his first spring in Oxford?

**BF:** I think the first thing is the recruiting, and you mention Ward. He is a big time guy and a guy that everyone wanted. I know that just in the last week that he got one of the top ten junior college defensive linemen in the country that everyone wanted. I think those are the things you need to keep doing because it builds momentum and gets people's attention. I think it gets other recruits attention to say, 'Oh, they're legit now.' And one thing I know seeing from Orgeron, and I've seen from Freeze, is that he's not shy to be the first one to offer because he believes in the loyalty card of, 'Hey, we

believed in you before anyone else did,' (it) makes an impact with a lot of kids. But there are a lot of those kids that when a bigger program offers in the middle of the season that you may lose. I could see that being a challenge. I can see Freeze getting some big commitments over the summer, but if kids don't see big results and someone else who is on national TV every week offers, you've got to battle. And he will; those guys will. I know the makeup of a lot of those guys. He has a lot of good people around him, and I think that's important. And he does have head coaching experience. I'm curious to see how he does. That is not an easy place to sustain success, obviously. He's got a lot of challenges. I think that it's going to be interesting. All the things I've heard on the recruiting trail have been good. I haven't heard as much about spring football and the direction of things there. But on recruiting, there's a buzz out there, and it's positive.

**AM:** What should fans' expectations be for this first year? He turned around an Arkansas State program in one year. You talked about four or five wins — is that the expectation?

**BF:** I think the difference with Arkansas State and Ole Miss is that you were in the Sun Belt. I think the gap between some of those programs is not significant. I look at the beginning of the schedule and see Central Arkansas and UTEP has to come there. Those are games you should win. Then, you've got Tulane. Even though Tulane is on the road, those three games should surpass the win total you had the year before. But when you look at the rest of the schedule, you get Vanderbilt and Mississippi State at home, but Mississippi State, as much as it pains to hear this, Dan Mullen has done a good job there. The gap



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Ole Miss head football coach Hugh Freeze studies the team at the Grove Bowl.

has widened. That's what Freeze walked into. Vanderbilt is a beatable team, but they are a team that played hard last year. After you look at that, the rest of the schedule is the SEC. Nothing's easy. Texas, Texas A&M, those aren't going to be easy. There's not a Kentucky on there. It's going to be tough. Three wins they should get. I can see maybe four, but if they get more than four, if Freeze can get them to 5-7, I think he would be in the running for coach of the year in the conference. I think if he wins four, Ole Miss fans should be enthusiastic. I think the challenge is that if he only wins three, and the three I think he should get, then you'll start off 3-1, and people will get excited. Then all of a sudden, you can lose the last eight. If you get beaten up in those games, I think that's where it's going to test recruiting. You've got to be patient. I think they can get some momentum going early, and we'll see what happens after that.

**AM:** While the record may not show it, where do you see those improvements?

**BF:** I think where you need to see improvement, ultimately the win-loss record is the most

important, is don't get blown out of some of these games. Be competitive. Can you be competitive with Texas A&M, who has a new coaching staff and a new quarterback? They do have a really good offensive line, but their defense isn't great. Can you be competitive at home versus Texas A&M? Can you be competitive against Auburn at home? Those are back-to-back games. If you can be competitive at home, this home schedule is really interesting to me because, just look at it now, (it) is Texas A&M, I think they've still got the talent edge; Auburn, Vanderbilt and Mississippi State; those are games that they should be competitive in. It's the road games where you have the potential to get really hammered. Alabama is going to be a brutal trip. LSU is a brutal trip. I think Georgia could be a really tough game. I think Tulane is the only road game that you have a good chance with matching up well with. I think just being competitive at home is a realistic expectation. It may not be, but I think that would give something for people to build on to see the team battling and go from there.

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# No. 18 Diamond Rebs look to turn the tide on MSU

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The past couple of seasons it seems Mississippi State has had Ole Miss' number in just about every sport. However, this weekend presents an opportunity to reverse that trend as the No. 18 Rebels (27-14, 9-9 SEC) travel to Starkville to take on the Bulldogs (25-16, 8-10 SEC) in a pivotal Southeastern Conference match-up.

Ole Miss is coming off a series win against No. 17 Arkansas this past weekend before dropping a midweek contest against Memphis on Tuesday, while Mississippi State is on a four-game winning streak with a sweep of Tennessee and a midweek win over Southern Miss in Pearl on Tuesday.

"It's life in our league," head coach Mike Bianco said of the Bulldogs. "Sometimes you play well, and sometimes you don't. Right now, they're playing well. They're a team that's playing well

and scoring some runs, but the thing they've been able to do all year is pitch."

The Rebels defeated the Bulldogs in the Governor's Cup in Pearl earlier this season 6-3, but they know that doesn't mean anything heading into the weekend.

"This is a huge weekend for us," senior first baseman Matt Snyder said. "We're doing OK. We're really excited about this series. We know how much this rivalry means, not just to us, but (to) the fans. It's a deep-embedded rivalry. There's a lot of blood in there. We want to get out there and do the best we can against those guys."

"We took one in Pearl from them, but they're going to be ready. They've got a good pitching staff and good hitters. We're going to have to be on our A-game, and we're excited for that."

With a big series at home against LSU on the horizon, Snyder knows they can't overlook a talented Bulldog team.

"They've won four in a row," he said. "You have to look at that and know they're a team that's not just going to lay over. We lost Tuesday, so we have to make sure to forget about that and look at the first game. We've always been taught not to think about anything but the next game or the next practice. LSU has nothing to do with anything. No one is thinking about that. Everyone is thinking about State and getting ready for



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Ole Miss senior first baseman Matt Snyder is batting .363 in 135 at bats so far this season with 7 home runs and 39 RBI.

that."

Mississippi State's strength is their pitching staff that is headed by junior right-hander Chris Stratton, who will battle Ole Miss' sophomore right-hander Bobby Wahl in Friday night's contest.

Stratton, who is the SEC leader in wins, is 7-0 on the year with a 2.71 earned run average in 66.1 innings pitched. He has also walked only 16 batters to go along with 88 strikeouts, which makes him tied for third in the country. Wahl, on the other hand, is 5-0 with a 2.15 earned run average in 54.1 innings of work to go along

with 60 strikeouts.

"He's taking a big step, I think, this year," Bianco said. "He's always been a great arm and a guy that we recruited and that everyone respected in the league. Like a lot of those guys do, I think he's taken another step forward this year. His velocity has gone up a tick. His breaking ball is terrific. He's been a force for them on Saturdays."

The Rebels will throw sophomore right-hander Mike Mayers against junior right-hander Kendall Graveman for the Bulldogs Saturday. Mayers is 4-2 this sea-

son and boasts a 3.70 earned run average in 58.1 innings pitched. Graveman has accumulated a 3-2 record with a 2.92 earned run average in 61.2 innings pitched.

Both Ole Miss and Mississippi State have Sunday's starter listed as to be announced.

At the plate, the Rebels hold the advantage with a .313 team batting average and an average of 6.2 runs per game. Mississippi State is hitting at a clip of .273 with an average of 4.9 runs per game.

Junior second baseman Alex Yarbrough and Snyder lead Ole Miss in hitting. Yarbrough is hitting .429 with three home runs and 38 RBI, while Snyder has a .368 average with 10 home runs and 45 RBI, which is a tie for lead in the conference. Senior short-stop Blake Newalu has improved his average over the past few weeks and is now hitting .371 in 62 at-bats this season.

For the Bulldogs, Adam Frazier leads the team with a .350 batting average to go along with 18 RBI. Daryl Norris is their only other hitter hitting over .300 with a .326 average, which includes 18 RBI.

Today's game will start at 7

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**"The Effects of Cognitive Style and Degree of Familiarity on Belief in Supernatural Events in Religious Stories"**

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