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Calendar

23 Thursday

- **Roosters:** JP Soars and the Red Hots
- **On Campus:** Student Organization Fair Registration 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

27 Monday

No Events

24 Friday

• **Roosters:** Kirk Smithart Band, "#1 Party Band" Almost Famous

28 Tuesday

No Events

25 Saturday

• Proud Larry's: Water Liars, 9:30 PM
• Roosters: The Chris Hill Band

29 Wednesday

• **Proud Larry's:** MyNameIsJohnMichael, 9:30 PM

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Leadership at Ole Miss: Getting to k

BY CALLIE DANIELS cadanie2@go.olemiss.edu

Ever wonder who's making decisions, planning events and serving the student body? It's a group of extremely busy students that set up show all around campus.

College is an institution of higher education where one prepares for the real world with jobs that require more than just a high school diploma. It is where students have opportunities to exercise their abilities in independence and community. The organizations on campus are an excellent way to provide experience. Such organizations include the Associated Student Body, Black Student Union, Student Programming Board, Residence Housing Association and Student Media Center.

The Associated Student Body (ASB) is a studentcomposed and led organization whose purpose is to improve upon the quality of campus life per student demand. ASB has successfully overseen projects like free baseball and basketball tickets for students, free scantrons, bike repair stations, recycling cans in the Grove, Ole Miss Food Pantry and the Two + 2 program.

Current President Kimbrely Dandridge has several plans for the ASB which include better communication between the students and the organization as well as free printing all over campus.

"We want all students to come to us," Dandridge said. "The ASB will be open and more available to contact whether by the office or online."

The ASB is currently accepting applications for the Freshman Council, which



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can be completed online or turned in at the Union 408. To get to know the ASB, attend ASB Power Hour at the Union next Wednesday at noon.

The Residential Housing Association (RHA) serves as a bridge between the students and the residence halls. Josh Moore, its president, is looking to make the organization more accessible to the students so the quality of residence life can be improved upon.

"We want any student to

come to us and say, 'I don't like this curfew,' and we'll work closely with the student and those in charge of the Residence Halls," Moore said. "We want to make the halls feel more homey to the students."

As of now, the RHA is working closely with the ASB to have more recycling bins placed in the halls. The RHA also has the blood drive in relation to the No H8te movement for the HIV Awareness taking place on campus. RHA meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Stewart Conference Rooms, and after Aug. 29, RHA will be taking applications for positions on the executive council.

The Black Student Union (BSU) reaches out to black students to help them assimilate into the university life.

"Members have the opportunity to network with other students and faculty, to enrich their leadership skills, serve the Ole Miss and Oxford community and shape their Ole Miss experience through our organization," BSU President Lauren Wright said.

As of this fall semester, the BSU, in hand with the Dean of Students, will welcome the freshmen and curious others with two events: Multicultural Perspective and Get Involved Now panels. The Multicultural Perspective is an event where the students interact with the faculty for academic advice on how to achieve in spite of being in the minority. It is on August 22 at 5:30 pm in the Union Ballroom. The Get Involved Now panel will have student leaders who share their college experience and encour-



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age all students to get involved on campus.

The Student Programming Board (SPB) makes the campus life more enjoyable for the students. In fact, it works hand in hand with several organizations on-campus to plan several events such as Welcome Week where there will be the Freshman Picnic with Chancellor Dan Jones and the Organization Fair where students sign up in several clubs. The SPB is responsible for Movie Nights and concerts in the Grove. Wil Yerger, its Executive Director, works with Swank Motion to obtain movies that are out of theaters but not yet on DVDs and the

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Southeast Attractions where they track the touring artists and invite those headed close to Mississippi to perform in the Grove.

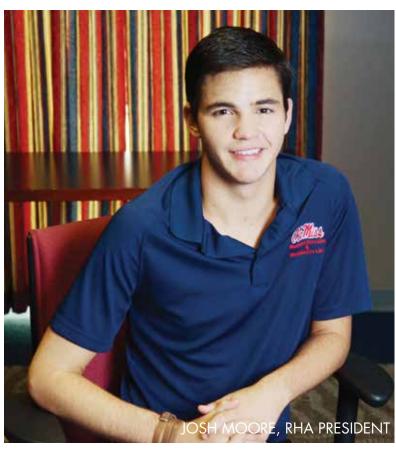
"The Student Programming Board has done so much in the past few years since I joined as a freshman, and I've always liked working in it," Yerger said. "It's a great way to get involved and be welcoming to the incoming classes."

Covering all of the activities related to Ole Miss and the Oxford community is the Student Media Center. For over a century, its newspaper, The Daily Mississippian has covered every event small or large. It has a new feature for this year: The Grove Edition, which covers all the art, music, cultural events in Oxford. Emily Roland, editorin-chief, has worked within the SMC headquarters since she was a freshman.

"I really love what I do," Roland said. "We all love what we do. We are still students, and we are still learning so while there may be mistakes, the newspaper will always strive to serve the students first and the Oxford community second."

The newspaper is excited to welcome any and all applications to work as a reporter, writer, graphic designer, photographer and so on. All students are free to join, regardless of his or her major.

These organizations are directly influential to the quality of life on campus. In short, the organizations are by the students, for the students. All are welcome to join in on the organizations and learn from them to grow into professionalism.









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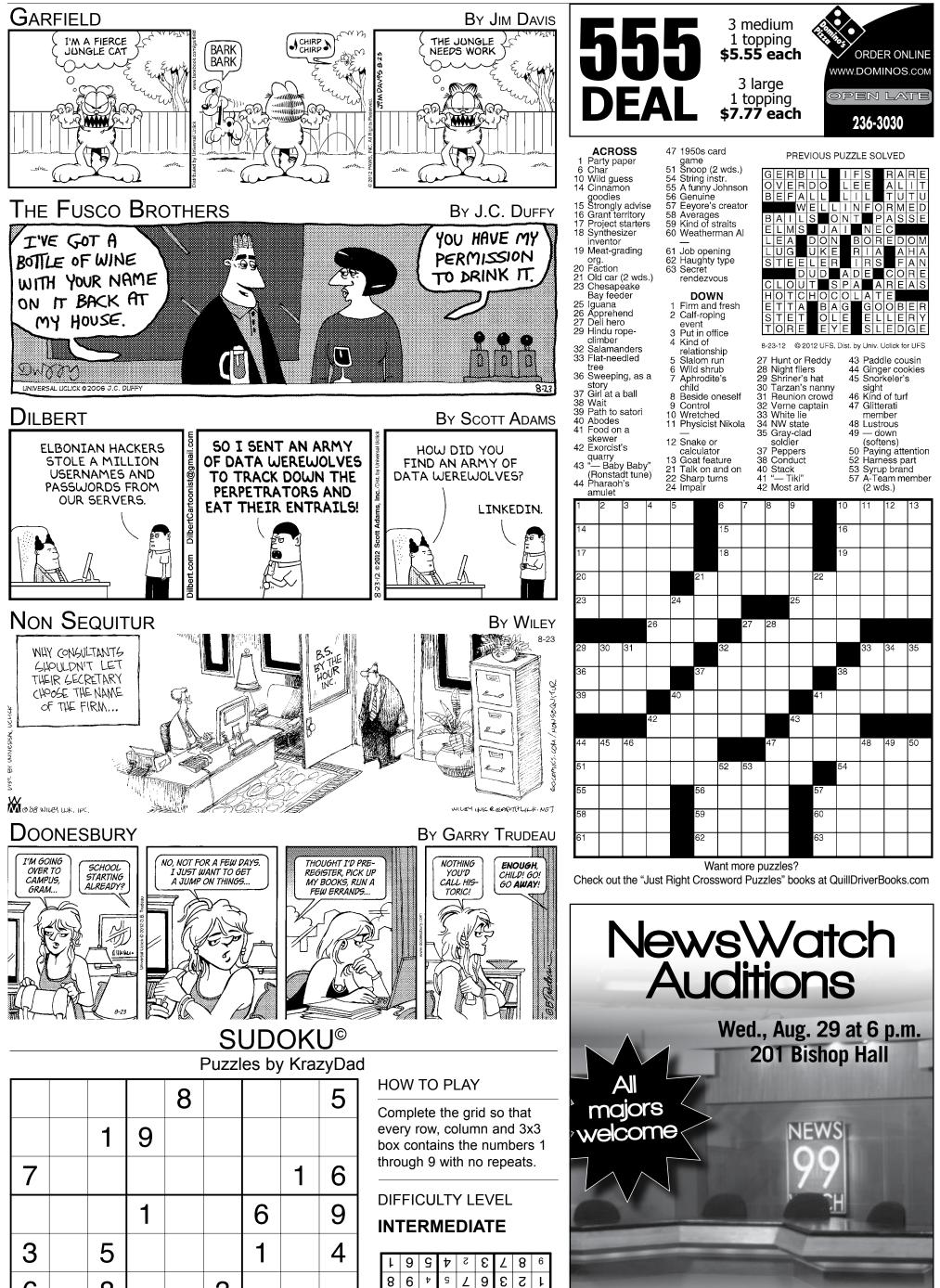
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Callbacks, if needed, will be Thurs., Aug. 30. Mandatory meeting for new anchors Tues., Sept. 4

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WEEKEND WANDERER COLUMN Kayaking the Tallahatchie: A Tale for the Brave

BY MADISON RUTHVEN mdruthven@live.com

Mosquitoes. Hordes of them. Thousands, no-millions. As thick as the night sky, they descended like the blood-thirsty vengeance of mother nature herself. For six long hours we suffered through the plague of insects. I tried everything I could think of. We emptied a can of 40 percent Deet repellant. We wrapped ourselves in our hammocks. At one point I even tried burying myself and smearing my body with mud.

Never before have I ever wished it would rain while I was camping, but that night, that God-forsaken night, I begged for it. And it did. Not, of course, enough to drive the horde away. Let it never be said that Madison Ruthven is no kind of philanthropist. That night, my friends and I generously donated blood by the gallon to the esteemed mosquito population of the Tallahatchie River Area.

We put in at Graham Lake, off of C.R. 297. The plan was to paddle seven miles down the Tallahatchie River, hit Sardis Lake and paddle another two or three miles to Hurricane Landing, the pick-up point.

I set off with my colleagues and close friends Joe Box and Brad Davis, expecting a leisurely trip down a lazy river. The first half of the trip was, indeed, as leisurely as the river was lazy. We stopped twice; once to take a dip to alleviate the heat, and once to hydrate under the Tallahatchie River Bridge.

The old railroad bridge spans overhead with decrepit foundations rising from the riverbanks like moss-covered monoliths, conjuring feelings of a long lost glory. It's one of the more picturesque parts of the river.

After paddling a few more hours, we stopped to make our camp on a sandy river bank.



started and set some trout lines in the river.

We settled in for the long haul and began to amuse ourselves in various ways. You'd be surprised at how entertained three grown men can be by lighting sticks on fire.

Then, at dusk, it started.

Having grown up in Mississippi, I'm no stranger to mosquitoes, but these were not ordinary. Throngs of the voracious demon spawn overwhelmed us, their ravenous hunger only matched by our fervent bloodlust as we slapped, punched, bit and kicked the hell-bugs into submission. I'm pretty sure I spinkicked, like, 92 mosquitoes to death that night. Alas, our efforts were in vain. Their numbers outmatched our ninja-like prowess, and at 2:30 a.m., we broke camp, loaded back into our kayaks, and set off once more.

We paddled on an eerie, barely visible river until sunrise, only to find that we had missed our mark by miles. We dragged our kayaks to the shore to lick our wounds and design a plan of action.

We eventually settled on We made a make-shift tent out ditching our kayaks and setting of tarps and paddles, got a fire off on foot to find civilization.

We struck out through fields of vegetation seven feet high, thick with dew-covered spider webs and so dense we couldn't see our feet in front of us.

After trudging through threefourths a mile of the evergladelike mass of weeds, we finally found some abandoned dirt roads. Which promptly ended. Defeated, we slogged back through the devil-flora to our kayaks.

Long story short, we paddled through the rain, and eventually found a boat landing.

So why the hell did we do a miserable thing like that? If we had stayed in Oxford last weekend and gone to The Square, or whatever, I would have forgotten every mundane thing that happened within a month. The cluster-cuss that was last weekend will be seared in my brain until the day I die. It was a learning experience, and we came out the better for it.

We had, for lack of a better word, a real adventure. I'll take an unforgettable weekend like that over the monotonous buzz of an unremarkable bar any day.

That being said, I think I'll go hit up a bar. Mosquitoes won't touch you if your blood is mostly alcohol, right?



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Madison Ruthven writes for the DM and cage fights nature on a whim. Ask him out for a drink at mdruthven@live.com. For the full article, visit the DM online.



BY PHIL MCCAUSLAND thedmopinion@gmail.com

Countv Yoknapatawpha will soon become a reality on a television set near you. HBO gained exclusive rights to finance, produce and distribute 19 of William Faulkner's novels and 125 of his short stories as films and television series.

HBO is working with David Milch and his daughter, Olivia. Milch is the creator of awardwinning shows, including "NYPD Blue," "Deadwood," "John from Cincinnati" and "Luck." He will be the writer in charge of adapting Faulkner's work and serving as one of the executive producers.

Olivia recently graduated from Yale where she studied Faulkner. Milch told The New York Times that Olivia's study of "Light in August" at Yale "renewed my engagement with the material." He added in the interview that his "hope is to steer the project, as much as to be its source."

Milch's enthusiasm for Faulkner has earned her the position as coordinating producer for the project. She splits her time between here and Los Angeles to give it her full focus. She told Invitation Oxford, "I was drawn here and felt connected immediately."

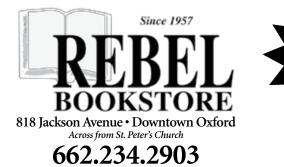
Details such as how much of Faulkner's work will be made into films and television series is being played relatively close to the chest. It is highly likely some of these projects will be filmed locally.

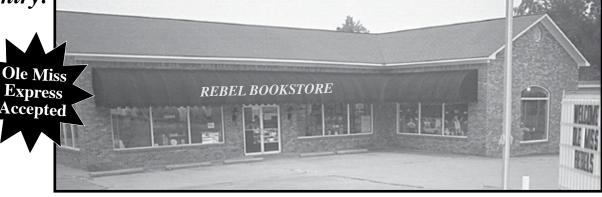


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Getting out on your own can be great, but lonely at times. Some of us were used to being bombarded with mews and barks as we got ready for school while living with our parents. You might find yourself longing for that sweet ball of fur cuddled up and purring at the edge of your bed, or perhaps you miss the constant happy greeting your dog showed you when you came home, as if you were its favorite person in the world. If you find yourself missing these critters, remember there are plenty of animals at local shelters waiting to warm up your home.



Margie is a rambunctious 10-12 week old kitten. She is sweet, eager for attention and happy to love on whoever holds her.



Buster is a shepherd-retriever mix and sees the world through different colored eyes, one blue and one brown





Cameron Dogan picks out a puppy for her apartment. She chose to pick from the shelter because "there are plenty of dogs in shelters that need homes."



Remington and Jenny are 3-month-old Australian Shepherd mixes that love to play chase with each other.

Eighth-grader Walker Westbrook has volunteered at the Oxford-Lafayette Humane Society for three years



This unnamed pup was one of three lab mixes brought in by Animal Control.



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