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ASB SENATE REJECTS RESOLUTION BANNING "DIXIE"

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The Associated Student Body Senate Student Affairs Committee shot down a resolution that would ban the playing of the song "Dixie" at all University of Mississippi events. The resolution was rejected by a 12-1 vote. The only "yea" vote was by the resolution's author, ASB Senator and sophomore public policy and sociology double major Sean Higgins.

"I drafted the resolution because I don't think it's appropriate as the flagship institution in the state of Mississippi to play Dixie at any university events," Higgins said. "I think it's offensive not only to minorities but to other people that are from the South. It was the anthem of the southern Confederacy, it was used in the Jim Crow era, it was used to justify segregation and it was used by segregationists. I just don't think it sends a good

message about our university."

One main contributing reason for the majority "no" vote was because committee members felt that not enough student, administrative or alumni input had been garnered.

On March 25, the ASB Judicial Council ruled that the title "Colonel Reb," the title traditionally given to the male counterpart of Miss Ole Miss, was unconstitutional, garnering major disapproval of many students, alumni and fans of Ole Miss. Two weeks before the Judicial Council's ruling, a resolution about the "Colonel Reb" title was rejected in the same Student Affairs Committee for the same reason. ASB Attorney General Rob Pillow launched an investigation into the process by which the Judicial Council's ruling was made.

One of the twelve committee members to vote the resolution down last night was ASB Senator Courtney Taylor, a junior



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Sean Higgins raises his hand to vote for a resolution to ban the playing of the song "Dixie." Higgins was the only "yea" vote.

international studies and liberal studies double major.

"Right now is a very tumultuous time within the ASB structure system dealing with the fallout from the 'Colonel Reb' situation as well as the very un-

popular smoking ban last year," Taylor said. "As a result, I think it's very important to compromise between an increasingly alienated student population and an ASB that wants certain things accomplished and an

administration that wants certain things accomplished. At this present time, we don't have enough input from either the constituents themselves or the

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US dismisses charges against Curtis in ricin case



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Paul Kevin Curtis, left, hugs his attorney Christi McCoy during a press conference on Tuesday. Charges of sending ricin-laced letters to President Barack Obama against Curtis were dropped without prejudice.

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Charges filed against Paul Kevin Curtis, the Mississippian accused of sending ricin-laced letters to President Barack Obama and other government officials, were dropped Tuesday.

Authorities are currently pursuing another suspect in regards to the case.

Curtis was released from custody without prejudice, meaning he could be placed back into custody if the prosecution chooses to do so.

Curtis' attorney Christi McCoy stated that the ongoing investigation "has revealed new information."

In a press conference held Tuesday in front of the federal courthouse on the Square in Oxford, McCoy stated that federal agencies are in Tupelo investigating the home of Everett Dutschke for the crimes for which Curtis had been ac-

cused.

"The government was able to basically find another suspect who we believe is the true perpetrator of this heinous crime," McCoy said.

Curtis addressed the charges that had been issued against him.

"I respect President Obama," Curtis said. "I love my country and would never do anything to pose a threat to him or any other U.S. official."

He went on to shower his defense attorney with praise and admiration.

"For the first time in 13 years I have had real representation from an attorney at law, and I'll be honest, I haven't had a lot of faith in attorneys," Curtis said.

He gave thanks to Jesus, who he said, "has been and will always be my best friend, my bodyguard, my teacher, and my almighty judge."

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Terrorism is hijacking our attention

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We refuse to be terrorized. People said it after 9/11; if you trade the government your liberty for the promise of safety, you're letting the terrorists win. And the same can be said now. After the attack on the World Trade Center, we gave up any semblance of privacy for the Patriot Act and the TSA. What are we going to give up this time around?

I hope we don't plan to give up anything. I hope that we, as a nation, do not write to our Congressmen and instruct them to try to retroactively legislate last week out of existence, but I'm willing to bet that as soon as we've got some concrete facts leak-

ing out, people will be begging for closed immigration "loopholes" and a ban on the production of pressure cookers or something. It's the American way, you know.

Unfortunately, what people don't want to acknowledge is that there is a lot of risk inherent in simply living. There's risk when you drive a car to campus and when you walk to class and when you go to sleep at night. And while you can do your best to minimize the risk in your life, you can never account for the actions of others, and can therefore never truly be rid of risk.

What happened in Boston was terrible, and I believe that's widely the nation's consensus. But when a single wounded teenager on the

run can cause an entire city to be shut down and turned into a near-police state, we must admit that terrorists have succeeded.

Four people were killed during the events in Boston last week, and only three were killed by the initial blast. It's obviously not a high casualty rate that captures the nation's attention, as might have been assumed to be the case after 9/11. No, it seems that all it takes to paralyze Americans in fear is any highly-publicized violent disruption of everyday life.

People wishing to bring and end to the American way of life, if such a thing really even exists, need not now even take lives or demolish buildings. They must

merely hijack our attention. If they can do that, then they can drive people to fear and they have accomplished their goal.

No, the only way to truly fight the terrorists is to, in the words of Albert Camus, "become so absolutely free that your very existence is an act of rebellion." Keep things in perspective. Remember that you're still more likely to die from accidental electrocution than a terrorist attack. Do not let fear coax you into giving up that which makes life worth living: freedom-of choice, of thought, of action.

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Jump in ratings for George W. post-presidency



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A recent poll shows a hike in former President George W. Bush's approval ratings, which were almost rock bottom at 33 percent when he left Washington, and 25 percent (which he hit three times) at their overall lowest while he was in office. The survey indicates a rise to 47 percent.

This upsurge in nostalgia for George W.'s decidedly tempestuous two terms in the oval office can be explained in a number of ways.

First, that hindsight and distance from certain administrations usually soften the American public's harsh criticisms. The same can be said for Presidents Truman and

Nixon, whose end of term ratings were similarly low, but were later recognized by historians and scholars for implementing programs to contain communism and promote environmentalism.

While Bush's decisions concerning excessive spending, the invasion of Iraq and Hurricane Katrina still cause deeply divisive responses, the passage of time has allowed emotions to settle, and thus, ratings to rise. Critics are hardly mollified in 2013, but the average citizen is now distracted by the consequences of the Bush Administration in the context of the Obama White House. Memories are short and the present is the most immediate for many forgetful Americans.

This hike in approval might also have something to do with Bush's pointed silence since leaving politics behind. While it is more than obvious that Bush and his suc-

cessor stand on totally different ground when it comes to most policies (he decries raising taxes on the rich and Obama's healthcare law, for example), Bush has avoided making any public statements about his opinions. That, in conjunction with his gregarious personality as America's grandpa, one who plays golf and paints dogs in his retirement, has made him much more appealing to a society enamored with superficial celebrity personalities – especially now that he is no longer responsible for the country.

His activities, now that he's no longer president, are unquestionably passive. He's learning to paint, specifically dogs, as well as self-portraits. He likes to golf, hunt, and fish. Making money is incredibly easy with the plethora of six-figure speeches he's able to give around the country. The rise in his approval rating since his retirement seems

unfair when we look at the events of his presidency, especially since his recreational lifestyle contrasts significantly to the political and philanthropic activism of other former presidents.

However, these moves on the part of Bush are not accidental, and seem clear now with the upcoming dedication of the George W. Bush Presidential Library at Southern Methodist University. The library and the deliberate separation from anything even remotely political post-presidency are serving as methods to rehabilitate his historical legacy, which looked in particularly rough shape by 2009.

The library's mission will be to serve "as a resource for the study of the life and career of George W. Bush, while also promoting a better understanding of the presidency, American history, and important issues of public policy."

It's the first presidential library of the digital age, and will include electronic records, including 200 million emails from the White House email system and 4 million digital photographs. The institute houses a Decision Points Theater in which visitors can walk and experience moments of difficult decision making Bush had to endure, and also portray to future generations the conservative vision of his presidency.

This library appears to be the vehicle in ameliorating his reputation with future historians and scholars, as well as succeeding generations. This library, which is supposed to be a public space where one can learn and self-improve, is actually just another tool for Bush to save his own ego.

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Taco Bell has announced the creation of an Exploratory Committee for student input to rename the Doritos Locos Cool Ranch Taco Supreme after it was deemed unconstitutional by the Ole Miss ASB.

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Paul Kevin Curtis wipes his eyes after speaking during a press conference Tuesday.

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Curtis concluded his statement by saying that he “would like to get back to normal,” through being the best father he can be, supporting his favorite charity: Save a Life Foundation, and entertaining through music.

McCoy said that the federal authorities and agents displayed “nothing but professionalism throughout (the investigation)” and that Curtis was treated with respect. “They went where the evidence led at the time, and then they realized that that was a dead end and then they went to where the true evidence was,” she said.

Ole Miss Student Inspires Change in the Delta

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A University of Mississippi Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College senior defended her honors thesis last week on the problem of food security in the Delta.

Mary Margaret Saulters grew up in the rural Delta town of Tchula, Miss., and spent the semester writing her honors thesis detailing the effects of food insecurity on the Mississippi Delta population.

In Saulters’ hometown the nearest grocery store is 20 miles away. Because of this, Tchula is classified as a food desert, which is a location where access to grocery stores and fresh food is limited.

“My stepdad was a physician in the area, so he would come home and talk about the health outcomes that resulted from that,” Saulters said.

Saulters cited inadequate knowledge, improper space, time and money as factors that lead many people, like the people from her hometown, to buy food at convenience stores.

“A lot of people were working on farms where they were growing cash crops – corn and soybeans and things like that – so they don’t have the time to go home and grow their own food,” Saulters said.

Saulters enrolled at Ole Miss as a biology major with the intention of following in her father’s and stepfather’s paths and becoming a doctor. Now, she plans to graduate with a biology and anthropology double major, and she described how her goals after have changed.

“When I was pre-med, my whole thing was I need to leave,” she said. “I need to get a job where I can get away and get out of the South and escape the problems of the South. But

I think that it is important to highlight what is a problem and bring it back to help raise awareness.”

This fall, Saulters will enroll in the University of Missouri’s urban sociology graduate program, where she intends to learn more about the contributing factors for food deserts. She explained that the bulk of research being conducted on this topic is in western, urban areas unlike Tchula.

“There’s not a lot (of research concerning the Delta),” Saulters said. “The 11 counties that I wrote about in my thesis are in the top, top category of severe food deserts.”

As she continues her education in Missouri, Saulters wants to expand the base of knowledge about social food issues in the Delta.

According to Saulters, a positive outcome of increased awareness about food deserts in the Delta has been an increase of agricultural initiatives and farmers’ markets.

Additionally, Saulters has spent time working with a variety of other organizations to help the homeless and started a campus-based food bank.

Stephen Monroe, assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts and director of College Corps, has seen Saulters develop as a student during her tenure at the university.

“We are so proud of Mary Margaret and her accomplishments,” Monroe said.

Monroe described Saulters’ work as that which exemplifies the ideals of the College Corps, a program run by the College of Liberal Arts that focuses on community involvement and the resolution of education-related issues in the Oxford-Lafayette area.

Saulters began working with the corps in 2011.

Charlotte Mona Roi contributed to this report.

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administration to really form a compromise.”

Higgins said he believed that the committee made the wrong decision.

“For the band to be playing Dixie at university events, the university is basically giving a rubber stamp of approval to the song,” he said. “I’m not thrilled with the outcome, but I also can’t say I’m surprised. As much as our Senate is supposed to represent the student body, I don’t think we see very many minorities at all on the Senate much less in ASB.”

Ole Miss Pride of the South Marching Band Director David Willson declined comment on the ASB’s resolution itself.

“That is a decision that does not involve the band,” Willson said. “Any questions about it should be forwarded to the chancellor. I have no other comment than that.”

The committee meeting became heated at times, with committee members arguing with Higgins. ASB Vice President Morgan Gregory ordered the conversation to remain relevant to the resolution multiple times.

“I think the senators are showing a really big concern about making too many changes without consulting their constituents,” Gregory said. “There’s been a lot going on recently and I think it’s smart of the senators to be careful about putting certain issues through Senate.”

Higgins says that he is not done pursuing the issue, but he is not considering taking the issue to the ASB Judicial Council.

“I hope that the university administration will take the lead on this issue since the students seemed to have really dropped the ball,” he said. “I’m definitely going to look to other avenues to try to get this moving.”

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Taking the 'high' out of medical marijuana

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Marcie Roahen was diagnosed with gallbladder cancer in November of 2011. After a grueling six months of chemotherapy, her prognosis was grim. The cancer had made its way to her liver. She was not expected to live much longer.

"She started experiencing pain from her cancer that she hadn't had before," Marci's daughter Sara Roahen said. "She started to have to take more meds, which gave her a lot of bad side effects, like dizziness and nausea."

The Roahen family was referred to Michael Broffman at the Pine Street Foundation, a non-profit organization that focuses on providing alternative treatment options to cancer patients. Broffman suggested that Marcie might benefit from medical marijuana.

"My mom was still afraid to use the marijuana," Sara said. "She really wanted it to help her side effects, but she didn't want to make them worse."

Marijuana is illegal in Wisconsin and no one in the family used the drug, so it was a difficult process for Sara to finally figure out. Because of her mother's intense discomfort, Sara Roahen decided to make brownies laced with marijuana.

"It ended up being way, way, way too strong," Sara said. "She ate half of a brownie before she went to bed and in the morning she could barely talk and could only shuffle-walk."

The inability to calculate the potency of medical marijuana is one of the many negative aspects that the research team at The University of Mississippi is trying to correct. They are working to produce a way to

administer a controlled amount of THC (tetrahydrocannabinol), the medicinally useful chemical found in marijuana, to a patient without creating a euphoric effect.

"That's not what my mom needed," Sara said. "My mom was already stoned. She was already not feeling like herself."

Since 2004, Dr. Michael Repka has been developing a way to administer THC to patients that will be controlled and effective. He along and a group of researchers have created a patch that allows the drug to be directly transmitted into the bloodstream at a constant rate. This eliminates the euphoric feeling and allows a more accurate and stabilized dosage of the chemical to be prescribed to a patient.

"The disadvantage of using THC orally or in a tablet is that the absorption between people is so erratic," Repka said. "Some people will get high blood levels and some people won't get any blood levels at all."

Medical marijuana has been effective in preventing the wasting syndrome that affects AIDS patients by stimulating their appetite as well as in treating glaucoma or alleviating pain and discomfort for cancer patients. According to the 2011 census, there are 1,029,315 medical marijuana patients in the United States.

"The problem with THC being bought in different places, mainly for smoking purposes, is that it has been able to be genetically engineered to become much more potent than what it was 10 years ago," Repka said. "There are no regulations other than you weigh out so much and that's what you buy."

Through research grants Repka and his team have

poured \$1.5-\$2 million into this project. The effectiveness of the THC patch has been shown in animal testing and will soon be used in human trials, the process of which could take four years.

"Everything we do, as we are moving on, will be through FDA standards," Repka said. "The drawback to that is that it is very expensive. The benefit is that we are going to prove that it is safe and effective."

There is currently no marijuana product on the market that is regulated by the FDA. Because Ole Miss is following these standards, marijuana laws should not be a consideration, according to Repka.

Repka stated there is no real difference between medical marijuana and the marijuana a person would buy on the street. Because the potency can't be measured, a person really does not know what he or she is buying. It could be ineffective completely, too strong, laced with other drugs, or infected by bacteria that can form on the plant itself.

"It can be a dangerous situation," Repka said.

Figuring out how to get the marijuana, how much to use and how to use it were all things that the Roahens had to deal with. Marcie passed away in October, and the marijuana-laced brownies are still in the freezer. After the sobering experience, no one in the family will touch the brownies. Repka wants to use stories like the Roahens' as motivation for his work.

"As researchers we listen to people like that and we hear stories like that," Repka said. "We want to help people safely and effectively benefit from THC."

UM GREEN WEEK PANEL



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Students participate in the Green Week opening ceremony Monday.

BY PETE PORTER
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Ole Miss Students for a Green Campus in conjunction with Ole Miss Green Week will host a three-part panel, "The Color of Environmental Racism," at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Bryant Hall. There is a reception preceding the event at 5:30 p.m. in the same location.

This presentation will examine environmental justice and define its involvement and history with people of color.

The panel, which will be moderated by Ross Haenfler

from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, will consist of Rita Harris and Melissa McGhee-Collier. Harris, organizer for the Sierra Club, has been fighting for environmental justice in Memphis since the early 1990s. McGhee-Collier has been a part of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) since she joined in 1995. She was promoted to the position of director for MDEQ's Office of Community Engagement in 2010 where she is responsible for overseeing the agency's community engagement strategy.

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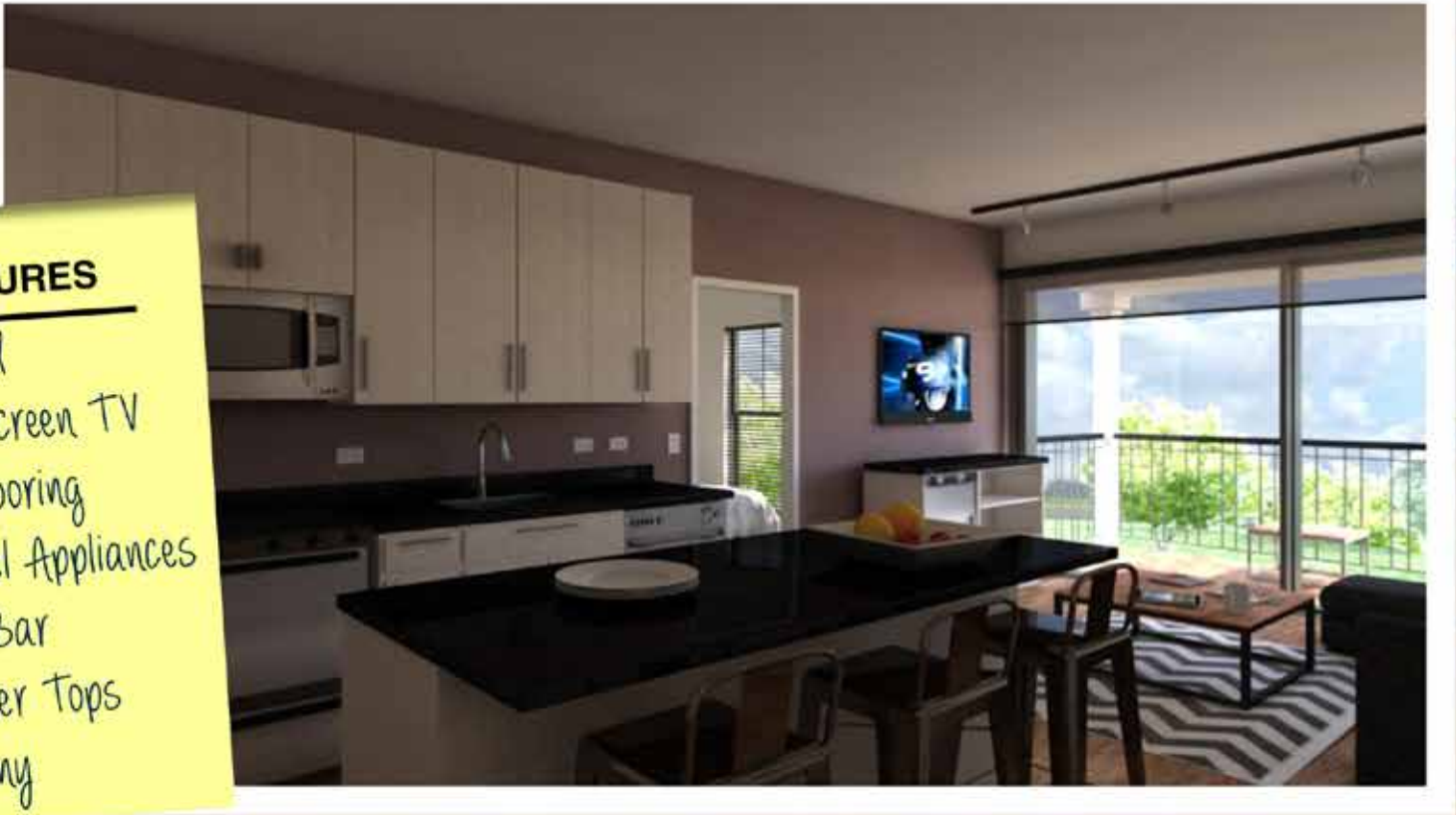
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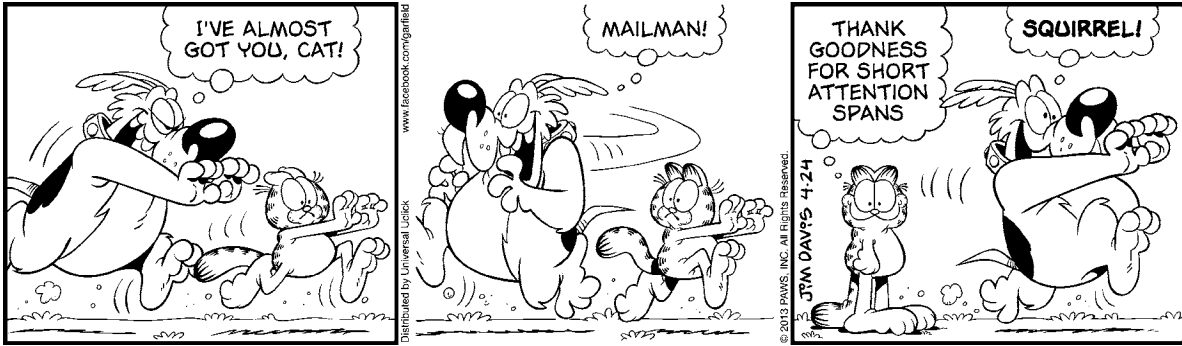
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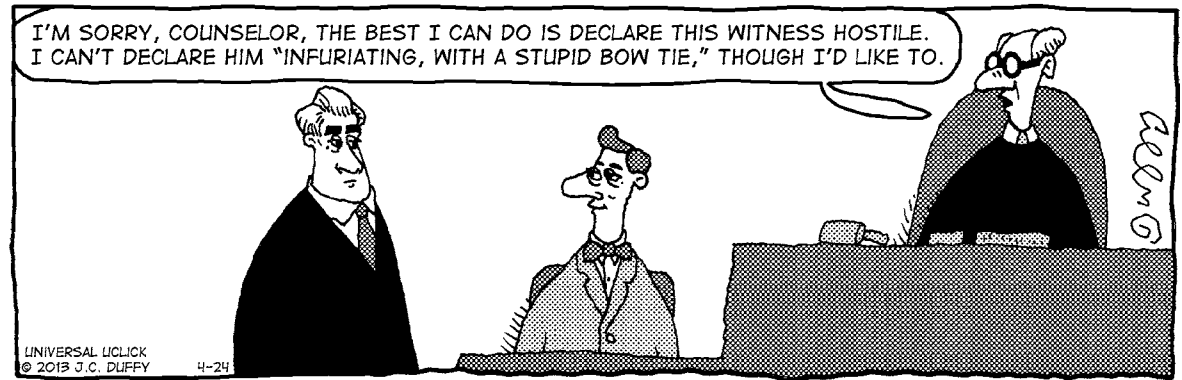
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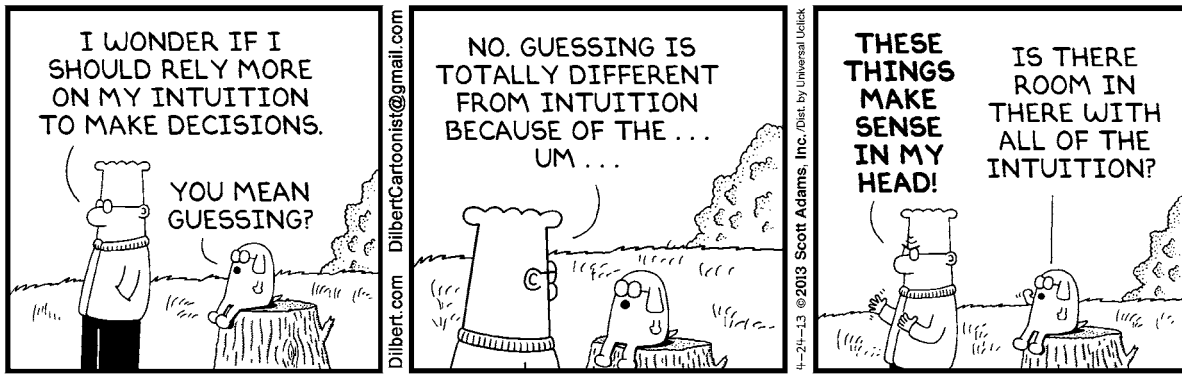
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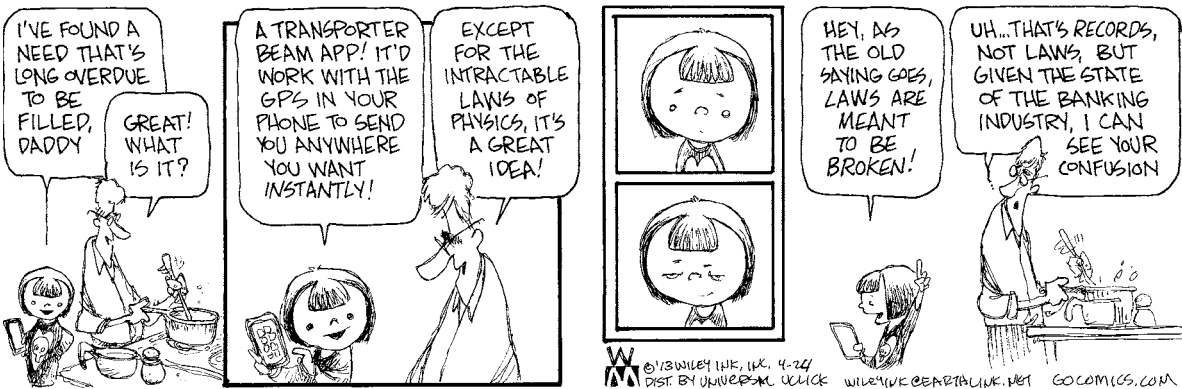
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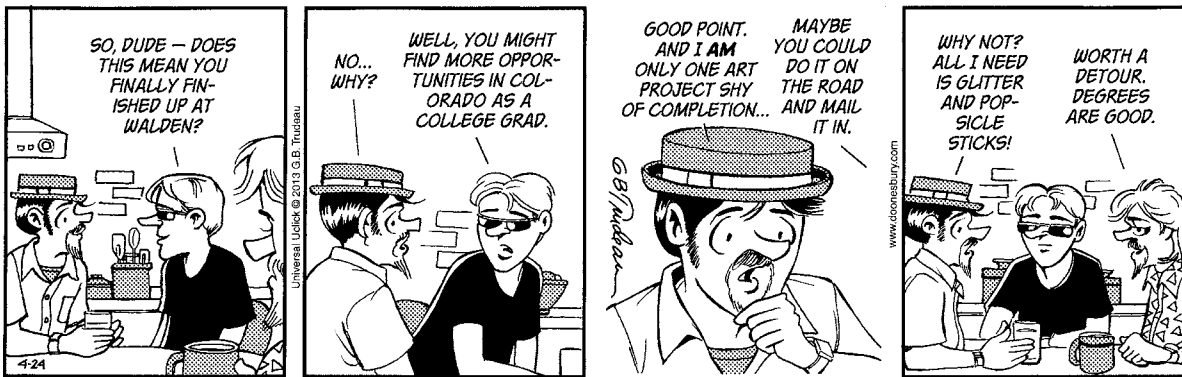
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SEC Baseball Power Poll

In this week's installment, The Daily Mississippian's sports editor David Collier ranks the 14 Southeastern Conference teams. Weekend opponents are also included for each team. Records are as of this past weekend.

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| <p>1 LSU (37-4, 15-3 SEC, 1st last week) This weekend: vs. South Carolina</p> | <p>8 ALABAMA (24-18, 9-9 SEC, 9th last week) This weekend: vs. Texas A&M</p> |
| <p>2 VANDERBILT (35-6, 16-2 SEC, 2nd last week) This weekend: vs. Mississippi State</p> | <p>9 KENTUCKY (24-15, 7-11 SEC, 7th last week) This weekend: at Ole Miss</p> |
| <p>3 ARKANSAS (27-15, 11-7 SEC, 3rd last week) This weekend: at Georgia</p> | <p>10 TEXAS A&M (22-19, 7-11 SEC, 10th last week) This weekend: at Alabama</p> |
| <p>4 MISSISSIPPI STATE (32-10, 10-8 SEC, 4th last week) This weekend: at Vanderbilt</p> | <p>11 AUBURN (24-16, 6-12 SEC, 12th last week) This weekend: at Missouri</p> |
| <p>5 FLORIDA (22-19, 10-8 SEC, 5th last week) This weekend: vs. Tennessee</p> | <p>12 TENNESSEE (17-21, 5-13 SEC, 11th last week) This weekend: at Florida</p> |
| <p>6 SOUTH CAROLINA (31-10, 11-7 SEC, 6th last week) This weekend: at LSU</p> | <p>13 MISSOURI (13-22, 5-13 SEC, 13th last week) This weekend: vs. Auburn</p> |
| <p>7 OLE MISS (29-12, 10-8 SEC, 8th last week) This weekend: vs. Kentucky</p> | <p>14 GEORGIA (15-26, 4-14 SEC, 14th last week) This weekend: vs. Arkansas</p> |



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Josh Laxer releases a pitch during a game earlier this season.

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"It was nice to come out tonight and really turn in a sharp game in all phases of the game," said Ole Miss head coach Mike Bianco. "We really got off some good swings tonight, the pitchers pitched well and the defense made some tremendous plays. Josh Laxer was good in the start and the guys out of the bullpen all pitched well. We had some great plays defensively to get us out of a couple of jams."

The Rebels got on the board in the first when Stuart Turner delivered a sac fly to center that scored Auston Bousfield from third. Bousfield reached on a fielder's choice and moved to third on a single through the right side from Austin Anderson to set up the score on the Turner fly ball. Anderson advanced to second on the play.

Andrew Mistone delivered a single to right to drive in Anderson and put the Rebels up 2-0 before a single from Sikes Orvis and walk of Will Allen would load the bases. Chris-

tian Helsel then drew a bases-loaded walk to bring home a third run and keep the bases juiced.

Will Jamison then delivered a double up the middle to bring home both Allen and Orvis to give the Rebels the 5-0 lead after the top of the first.

Ole Miss built on the lead in the fourth with two more runs off a groundout from Anderson and a double to right center from Turner. Mathis singled through the left side and Bousfield lay down a bunt single that led to a throwing error to put both men in scoring position with one out before Anderson and Turner brought them home to take the 7-0 lead.

Arkansas State got on the board in the bottom of the inning with back-to-back doubles from Ryan Emery and Claude Johnson. The Rebels then got out of the inning with a double play as Laxer struck out the batter and Will Allen threw out the base stealer at

third with Ole Miss on top 7-1.

The Rebels added an eighth run in the seventh inning when Auston Bousfield scored on a ground ball to short from Holt Perdsock to make it 8-1 in favor of Ole Miss.

Three more runs came home in the eighth inning on a two-RBI triple from Bousfield and a double from pinch-hitter Jake Overbey to take the lead out to 11-1.

The Rebels held the Red Wolves off the board down the stretch, escaping a jam in the ninth after the first two batters reached by turning a double play and a getting a ground ball to second to end the game with the 10-run win.

Ole Miss will return to action on Thursday night, hosting No. 24 Kentucky in the first game of a three-game series at 6:30 p.m. on ESPNU. Friday's contest is set for a 6:30 p.m. start and the series finale on Saturday is set for a 2:15 p.m. start.

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Madi Osias hits the ball during a game this season.

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they are preparing us well, and we just have to execute well."

Osias has played in just 36 of Ole Miss' games this season, drawing 21 starts. She's only totaled 67 at-bats this year, but she's tallied 26 hits, including four doubles and six home runs. She also has

22 RBI and 16 runs scored on the year.

Although this season is coming to a close, there is no doubt that Osias will be one to watch as she helps build the Ole Miss softball program and prepares to take advantage of the next three years in her college career.

But for now, Osias is just going to enjoy playing the sport she loves.

"It's definitely fun to play the best kids in the nation in

the SEC, and I think it's fun to come out here every day and know you are playing the best players in the nation," Osias said of her first season on the team. "I think the fun part, though, is just being out here with good friends and good company and the support from the Ole Miss fans."

For continuing coverage of Ole Miss softball, follow @allison_slusher and @thedm_sports on Twitter.

Softball faces Louisiana Tech in midweek doubleheader

BY ALLISON SLUSHER
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The Ole Miss softball team (22-29) will take a break from Southeastern Conference play, as they take on Louisiana Tech (22-22) in a midweek doubleheader today in Ruston, La.

The Lady Rebels are 5-4 all-time against Louisiana Tech and are 20-10 in nonconference contests this season. The last time the two programs met was back in 2011 when they split a doubleheader in Denton, Texas.

Ole Miss and Louisiana Tech will both be looking to bounce back in today's games, as the Lady Rebels were swept by No. 2 Tennessee this past weekend and the Lady Techsters fell in a series against Utah State.

Louisiana Tech is led in the circle by Michelle Jones, who is 10-8 on the year with a 3.72 ERA, and Anna Cross, who holds a 6-6 record and a 3.37 ERA. Jones has 31 appearanc-

es, including 19 starts, this season and has tallied 82 strikeouts in 114.2 innings of work. However, both pitchers have had command issues, as Jones has allowed 73 walks, while Cross has 49 walks in 72.2 innings.

The Lady Rebels will rely on the pitching of junior Carly Hummel. The Bakersfield, Calif., native is 6-9 this season with a 4.65 ERA. She has recorded 80 strikeouts in 81.1 innings pitched this season, and opponents are hitting just .233 against her.

Louisiana Tech will provide a difficult lineup for Hummel to deal with, as seven players are hitting over .300. The Lady Techsters hold a team batting average of .303 and average 4.9 runs per contest.

Kristen Miles leads Louisiana Tech at the plate with a .366 average. Melanie Goff leads the team in RBI with 28 on the year to go along with her .352

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OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

Young, Kendricks nab SEC weekly awards



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Sam Kendricks competes in the pole vault during the Mississippi Open last weekend.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Ole Miss senior sprinter Isiah Young and sophomore pole vaulter Sam Kendricks have received athlete of the week recognition from the Southeastern Conference after stellar performances at the Mississippi Open this past Saturday.

Young has been named SEC Co-Men's Runner of the Week, and Kendricks has been tabbed SEC Men's Field Athlete of the Week.

A native of Junction City, Kan., Young was dominant in his final home track meet as a Rebel, clocking two of the world's fastest wind-legal times this year. The London Olympian ran four races and claimed four victories in Oxford. He blew away the competition in the 100 (10.09) and 200 (20.39), while anchoring the 4x100 relay squad to victory (39.90) and running the first leg of the winning 4x400 relay (3:10.57).

Young's 20.39 in the 200 ranks him third in the world and second in the NCAA this year, while his 10.09 in the 100 is tied for fifth-best in the world this year and is third among collegians. He finished just .01 second from his school record of 10.08 from last year. The 4x100 relay team clocked a season-best 39.90, which is tied for fourth-best in school history and ranks Ole Miss 14th in the NCAA this year.

Young shared his weekly honor with Texas A&M's

Deon Lendore, who ran a 2013 NCAA-best 45.00 in the 400 meters.

Kendricks continued his impressive pole vaulting with

another record on his home turf. For the second week in a row, he set an Ole Miss facility record, this time clearing 18-1.25 to claim victory.

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average. Amanda Krueger is hitting .344 and has a team-high six home runs.

For Ole Miss, freshman first baseman Madi Osias continues to pace the offense with her .388 average, six home runs and 22 RBI. The Lady Rebels are averaging 4.1 runs per game and hit .265 as a team. Sophomore third baseman/shortstop Allison Brown is hitting .331 on the year with a team-leading 37 RBI.

The first pitch for game one of the doubleheader is set for 3 p.m. with the second game scheduled for a 5 p.m. start time.

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Oσίας serves as leader for Ole Miss softball

BY ALLISON SLUSHER
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There's no hiding the struggles the Ole Miss softball team has had this season, but with a core of young players up and down the Lady Rebels' lineup, there is hope for optimism for the future of the program.

Four of the top five hitters in the lineup for Ole Miss are freshmen or sophomores, but it's freshman first baseman Madi Oσίας who is making the biggest impact.

All season, head coach Windy Thees has asked the underclassmen to step up as leaders on the team. Oσίας answered the call by leading the team at the plate, holding a team-leading .413 batting average this season.

Oσίας says that leadership is a team effort as all the freshmen on the team challenge one another to be leaders.

"I think it's really been a team effort, not necessarily me personally but with the freshmen as a whole,"

Oσίας said. "The freshmen class, we've shown a lot of leadership on and off the field through how we work out situations between teammates, and we are just trying our best to put the program in the right direction."

The Tustin, Calif., native earned numerous accomplishments in high school, earning second-team all-state as a senior, including Trinity League MVP. It was unsure how Oσίας would translate to the collegiate level, but so far, she's proven she's up to the challenge.

"The toughest part is definitely the mental aspect of it," Oσίας said of what she sees as the biggest difference from high school ball. "It's hard to wrap your mind around the competition, and even though it's difficult, our coaches are helping us through it, and our teammates are helping us through it."

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OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

NO. 16 OLE MISS TAKES DOWN ARKANSAS STATE 11-1



FILE PHOTO (TYLER JACKSON) | The Daily Mississippian
Tanner Mathis reacts from second base during a game earlier this season.

JONESBORO, Ark. – The Rebels turned in an efficient offense on Tuesday night and picked up the 20th win in non-conference play as No. 16 Ole Miss (30-12) defeated Arkansas State (22-19) on the road by a score of 11-1.

The 11 runs came on 11 hits as the Rebels tallied three doubles and a triple and jumped out to a five-run lead in the first inning on the way to the win.

Brady Bramlett (5-1) picked up the win for the Rebels in a relief appearance, entering the game in the fifth inning and working 2.0 scoreless innings with a strikeout. Starter Josh Laxer was efficient in the start, allowing one run on four hits with three strikeouts, but left the game after 4.0 innings of work.

David Owen (1-1) took the loss for the Red Wolves, allowing five runs on four hits with two walks and two hits batters in 2.0 innings of work.

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