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UM enrollment up despite national, state trends

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The Institutes for Higher Learning and The University of Mississippi released preliminary student enrollment numbers for the 2013 fall semester, which showed Ole Miss enrollment to be the highest in the state of Mississippi and in the school's history.

While the statistics indicated that higher education enrollment throughout the state's public institutions is declining, The University of Mississippi continues to grow and thrive.

"Many other universities across the country have declining enrollment," Ole Miss Chancellor Dan Jones said. "We continue to evaluate every year the opportunities we have and make rational decisions. We are pacing our growth to try to keep a reasonable balance between the infrastructure that we have in place and the number of students here."

Accelerated growth of the School of Engineering and the Meek School of Journalism and New Media contributed to the seven percent growth of the Oxford campus and overall 3.5 percent increase in enrollment in the university's six-campus system.

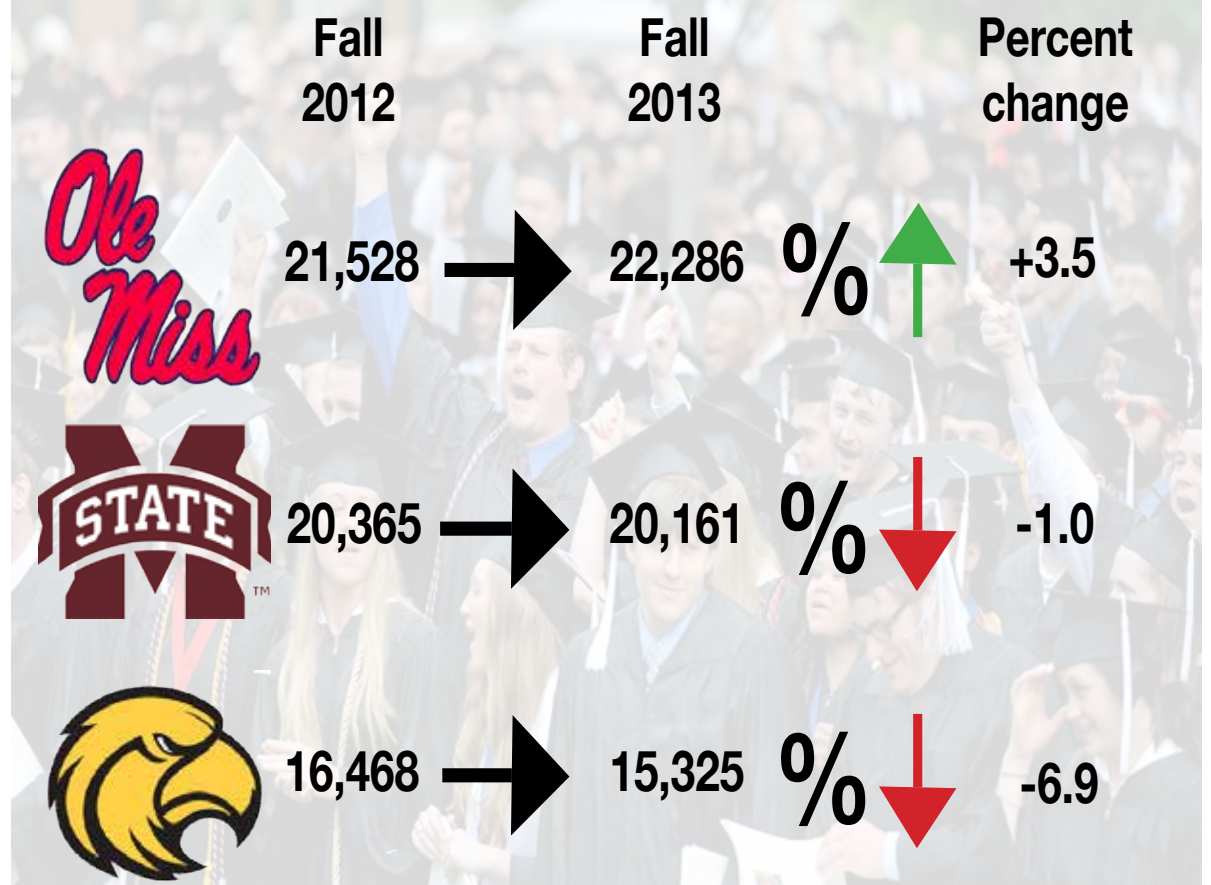
On the university's six campuses, 22,286 students are enrolled, which is up 758 students from last fall, or 3.5 percent. On the Oxford campus alone, 18,423 students are enrolled, which is up 632 students from last fall, or 7.4 percent.

Additionally, the student body includes 3,579 new freshmen, up 6.1 percent from last fall's class of 3,373, making this the largest freshman class for any university in Mississippi history.

Ole Miss Dean of Students Sparky Reardon praised the performance of the university in the face of declining national statistics, indicating that na-

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City of Oxford creates Historic Properties Commission

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A new Historic Properties Commission board will be established Oct. 1 to preserve notable structures as well as acquire new historic properties.

"This is a very positive step for Oxford," said Dianne Fergusson, vice chair of the Historic Properties Commission. "Creating this board means that the city recognizes the historic properties and that the mayor also sees the value. This board shows locals that the leaders of this city are serious about preserving Oxford's historic qualities."

Properties with great historical value such as the L.Q.C. Lamar House and the Cedar Oaks Mansion will now be overseen by the seven new commission members appointed by the Oxford Board of Aldermen and Mayor Pat Patterson.



Jack Mayfield (left) and Jim Pryor (right) discuss the Historical Properties Commission board and Oxford's history.

"This group has been made with care to efficiently manage these properties," Patterson said. "L.Q.C. Lamar is not only significant in Oxford history but in national history with the reference made by John F. Ken-

nedly in Profiles in Courage. The L.Q.C. Lamar House and all of these sites mean so much to Oxford."

A budget set by the commission of \$75,000 a year is now at See CITY, PAGE 3

ROTC to host third annual 9/11 Run

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The ROTC is inviting the public to participate in a 2-kilometer run in remembrance of the 2001 attacks in Washington, D.C. and New York.

The third annual 9/11 Run, which doesn't require cost or registration, is set to begin at 6 a.m. Wednesday morning in front of the Lyceum. Participants will run east on University Avenue, north on Lamar Avenue and circle the Oxford Square. The run will travel south on Lamar, west on University and end the route at the Grove stage.

Second-year cadet Victor Andrews said the run is a great way to get a workout while at the same time remembering those who died twelve years ago.

"I would strongly encourage those who are thinking about

participating to come out," said Andrews, a sophomore criminal justice major. "It's a nice early morning workout plus a very motivating event to be a part of to come out and remember our fellow Americans who lost their lives that day and in the struggle since then."

Andrews stated the run is not just a remembrance of the 9/11 victims, but also a way for those in the different military branches to unite.

"The run is a reflection back on 9/11 as a remembrance as well as a way for all the branches of the military to come together as one force," Andrews said. "We celebrate the brotherhood and camaraderie the three forces have to show patriotism for our country."

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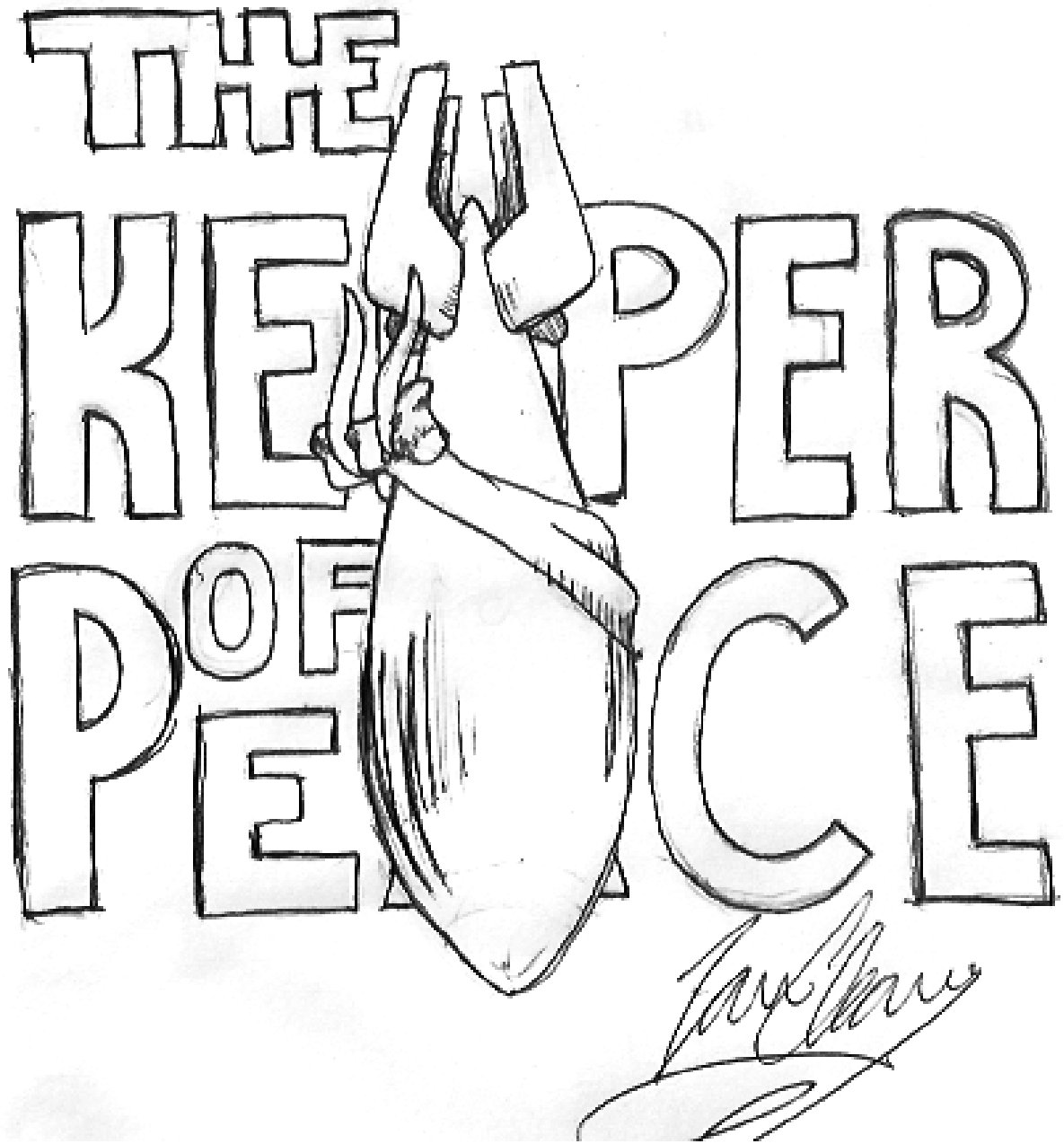
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Assad's motive



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On Saturday, August 31, President Obama requested congressional approval for a limited strike on Syria in response to an alleged chemical attack carried out by the Assad regime ten days earlier. The alleged attack, which resulted in the deaths of over fourteen hundred people including over four hundred children according to some estimates, represented a potential transgression of Obama's "red line" with re-

gard to US intervention in the civil-war torn nation. Since Obama's tough worded statement twenty-four hour news stations have been running "Syria Crisis" specials and independent organizations have been investigating both the legitimacy of the attack as well as whether or not the Assad regime is responsible. One aspect of the issue that has been largely left unanswered is the motive behind any regime implemented chemical weapons attack. At first glance the use of chemical weapons on his own people and the crossing of Obama's "red line" seems like an unnecessary gamble for Assad. Although the opposition has achieved some gains in past months the regime remains the superior military

force in the war behind its air power advantage. Why would Assad risk dragging an unwilling United States into the conflict with a blatant transgression of international law? To answer this question we must first take a look at the demographic make-up of Syria today and understand which Syrian's support which side in the conflict.

Much has been made recently of the Syrian opposition's extremist elements and lack of central organization. It is no secret that out of the more than twelve hundred militia groups currently fighting Assad the most cohesive and efficient are Salafists who gained their experience fighting Americans in Iraq. The composition of the opposition

is certainly an important factor in Washington's calculus as to which action to take in Syria, however, it is equally important to understand which Syrians still remain "loyal" to Assad and why. Opposition claims that they represent the true voice of the Syrian people notwithstanding; the fact is that around fifty percent of Syrians still live under the Assad government. Not all of these people are necessarily willing to take up arms to defend the government but they are sitting on their hands because, while they may not like Assad, they don't like what they see from the opposition in the north any better. Assad's constituency includes

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Is this really the best way?



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While filling out my degree application recently, a few things jumped out at me as I looked at it more closely. The first thing I noticed was the number of hours that I was filling in for the core classes. Almost half the hours I was applying for were considered core, while the remaining half were split among my major, minor and electives.

Essentially, I had no choice in half of my college curriculum.

Secondly, I noticed that I just barely met the advanced hours requirement, which states that one-third of credit hours must be at the 300 level or above. The reason I was barely meeting this requirement was not because I hadn't chosen to take advanced level courses when I could. Rather, the required courses mentioned above are all at the 100 or 200 level, which took up available hours that I could have used for more advanced coursework.

As I noticed these things, I began to question why I was required to take so many lower-level courses, especially considering it takes away

time that I could devote to classes within my field(s) of study.

Before that question can be answered, however, we must first understand the primary purpose of higher education. Above all else, colleges and universities exist to prepare students to gain specific and purposeful knowledge pertaining to the field in which they intend to work.

Let that be understood.

College's primary purpose is not to be a social transition from high school to the workforce. Nor is it to provide students with a diverse academic background. Nor is it to be four years (or more) of partying and having fun before the real world comes knocking. While those are supplementary purposes of higher education institutions, they should not take on higher importance than the primary purpose.

The core curriculum flies in the face of the primary purpose of higher education, yet it is so ingrained in the university culture that one does not dare to question it, much less attempt reform.

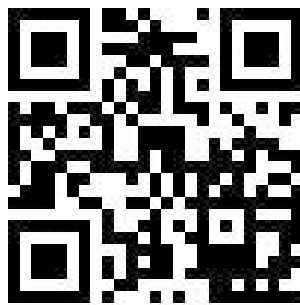
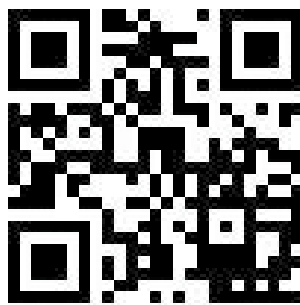
Imagine if universities and colleges made it possible to obtain a degree in two or three years, instead of four or five. Imagine if universities and colleges allowed you to take the courses that you truly wanted to take, instead of dictating a rigorous curriculum that takes up half of your undergraduate career.

Better yet, imagine if colleges and universities let the student be the master of his or her own curriculum.

With the issues regarding rising tuition, crippling student loans and unprepared graduates swirling around higher education, why has no one stood up and said, "Enough is enough?"

While I will always look back on my time at Ole Miss with a smile, I cannot help but feel as I wind down to the end that I have wasted a lot of my time. As a matter of fact, it comes out to about half.

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members of his own sect, Alawites who make up twelve percent of the population as well as Christians, Druze and other minorities who make up around twenty five percent of the population. Add to this the Kurds in the north, many of which are actively fighting the opposition seeking their own state, and rich Sunnis who believe they will be robbed of everything they own if the rebels overrun Damascus (this is what happened in Aleppo). Assad's is a fragile constituency and in recent months many of his followers have begun to turn to the rebels. Here we see the rationale behind using chemical weapons. When the opposition moved into Damascus' Eastern suburbs Assad saw it like an infestation on his front porch. He gassed it before it could spread to the rest of his house. Since the chemical attacks, even Sunni villagers have begun shooting

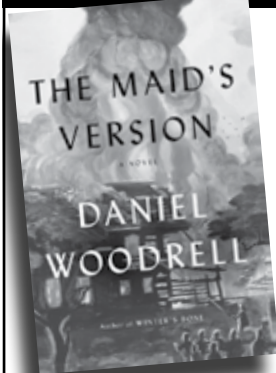
rebels out of town; they do not support Assad, but they are terrified of his potential wrath.

Tonight Obama will address the nation in an attempt to sell his rationale for a punitive strike on Syria. The resolution has nothing to do with defending Syrians, it has everything to do with defending the credibility of the US in the eyes of its adversaries in the Middle East and beyond. The decision taken

by congress will, however, have huge implications for the Syrian people. If the US chooses not to punish Assad, the use of the largest stockpile of chemical weapons in the world will remain on the table, and more Syrians will die from their use.


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the board's disposal to maintain the grounds, maintenance and attracting tourism to the sites.

"We will cover A to Z when it comes to these historical properties," board chairman Jim Pryor said. "We really want to attract more tourism to these sites and especially get local and outlying schools involved in field trips to visit them."

Pryor has referenced a possibility to draw up lesson plans about the sites to offer to surrounding schools in hopes that field trips would result from a deeper education of Oxford. There has also been talk of a possible "trunk show" based around the homes for local schools to use with lesson plans.

"These trunk shows would be another way to get the younger generation interested in our town," Pryor said. "The trunks would be filled with history from the houses to use along with lesson plans."

Oxford resident and renowned history buff Jack Mayfield manages a few Double Decker tours of the town that try to incorporate the historic buildings of Oxford. He also writes town history columns for The Oxford Eagle and contributed a historical overview of a portion of L.Q.C. Lamar's life, which is located in one room of the Lamar House.

"With this board's creation we will have someone that has direct control of our town history preservation rather than the responsibility be portioned out in several different places," Mayfield said. "This board will help marketing for the sites a little bit better to bring more visitors out and let them gain a sense of these homes and the famous family that lived in them."

The board anticipates an-

other property being added to the commission with that of the conclusion of renovations of the Burns-Belfry Church located on W. Jackson Avenue. Upon completion, the building will be a multi-cultural museum with an African-American core. If the church is voted into the collection of historic properties by the commission and board, it will be one of only 15 dedicated African-American museums in the state of Mississippi.

"The people of Oxford can feel more comfortable that there will be a dedicated effort to maintain and run these historical properties," Pryor said. "Those that managed these properties in the past also had many other responsibilities besides the up keep of these properties and that was not fair to them. A more concentrated effort is what is needed and that is what this board is doing."

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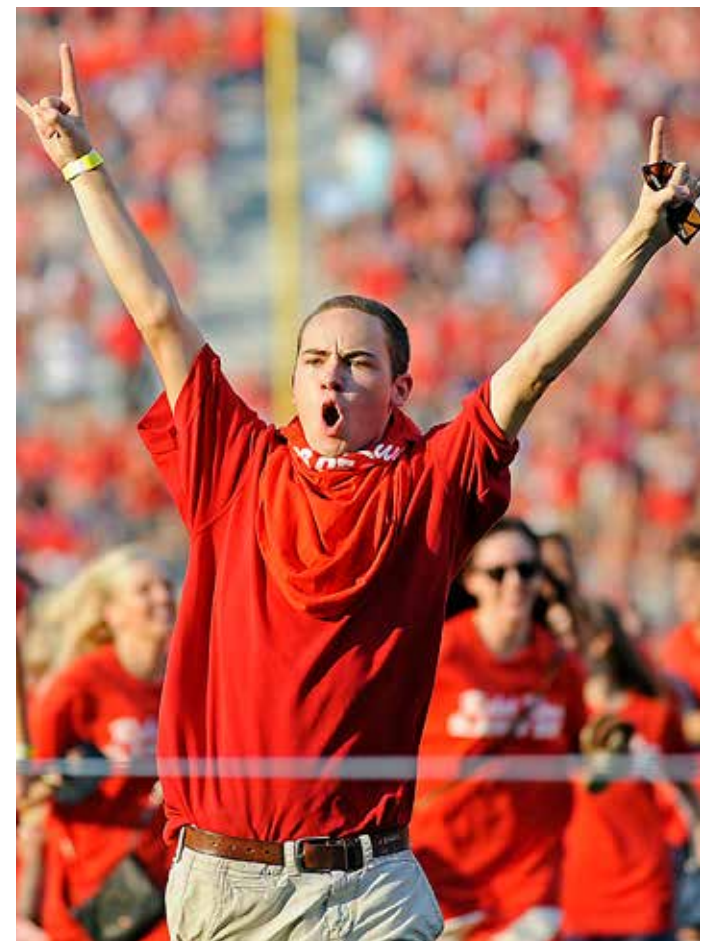
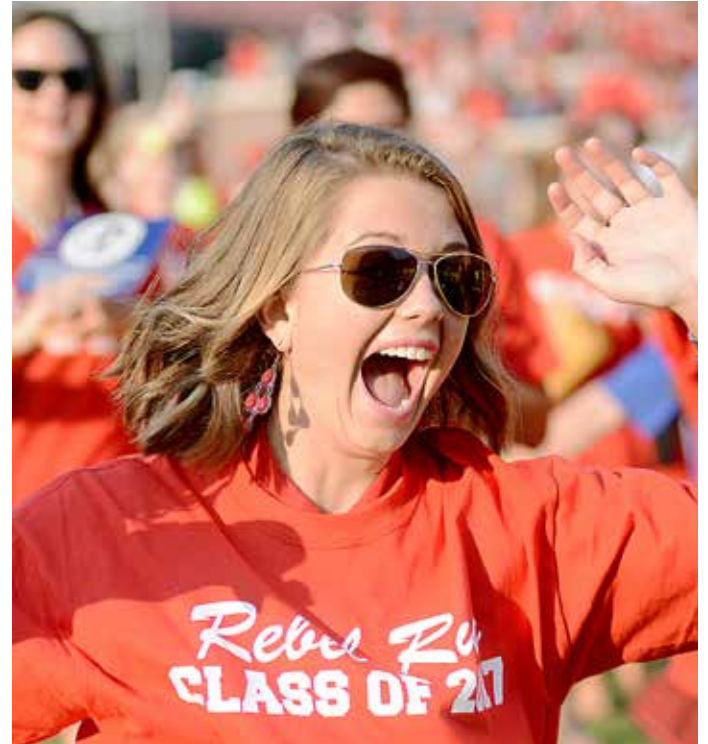
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Members of the freshman Class of 2017 took to the field before the football game against Southeast Missouri Saturday as part of the annual Rebel Run.



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Freshmen take the field as part of Rebel Run before the Southeast Missouri football game Saturday.

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scheduled to address the group at the end of the run. Shackelford served as a command sergeant major in Junior ROTC at his high school in Decatur, Ala. Cadet Battalion Commander John Bolding, who graduated high school with Shackelford, said the entire ROTC is thrilled to have Shackelford as the speaker.

"I graduated high school with D.T. so this is extra special especially for me," said Bolding, a senior business management major. "I'm honored to have him because he truly is a great guy."

The Army ROTC has 130 members, but there are Navy and Marine Corps programs, as well. Bolding says the experience gained in the military programs are unrivaled and teaches important values, particularly responsibility.

The Oxford community will commemorate 9/11 with various events throughout the day, beginning with the run at 6 a.m., followed by the L-O-U Opening Ceremony at Oxford Courthouse Grounds at 9 a.m. and closing with a remembrance in front of the Student Union at 5:30 p.m.

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tional enrollment has declined by 500,000 students this year.

However, he was quick to praise the work of university employees in every sector who worked to continue a 19-year trend of increasing enroll-

ment, saying that this year's enrollment is a testament to the hard work of many people. For Reardon, student retention was another bright spot for Ole Miss' statistics, boasting 85.5 percent of the Class of 2016 that returned to campus this fall.

"Although recruiting and admissions are on the front

lines, there are many people behind our success," Reardon said of the importance of continuing to value community in the face of growth. "We have to work together everyday to make Ole Miss better than it was before, and that is why our students come back."

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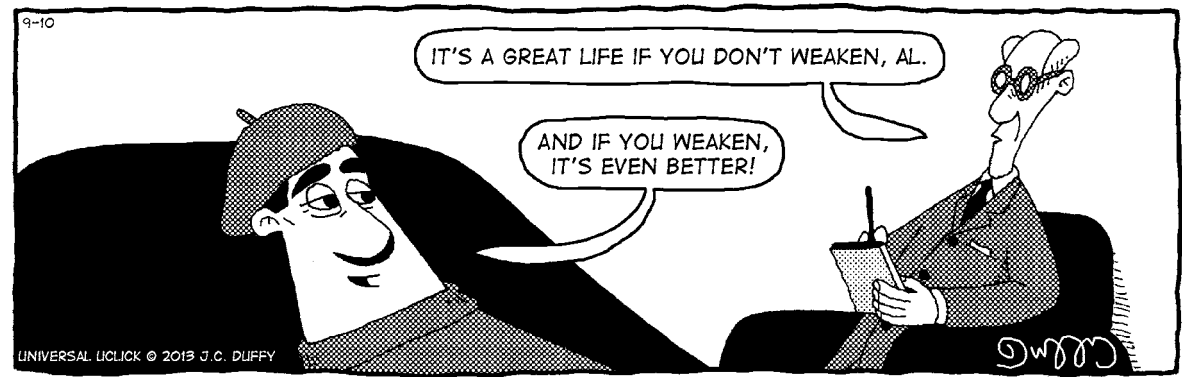
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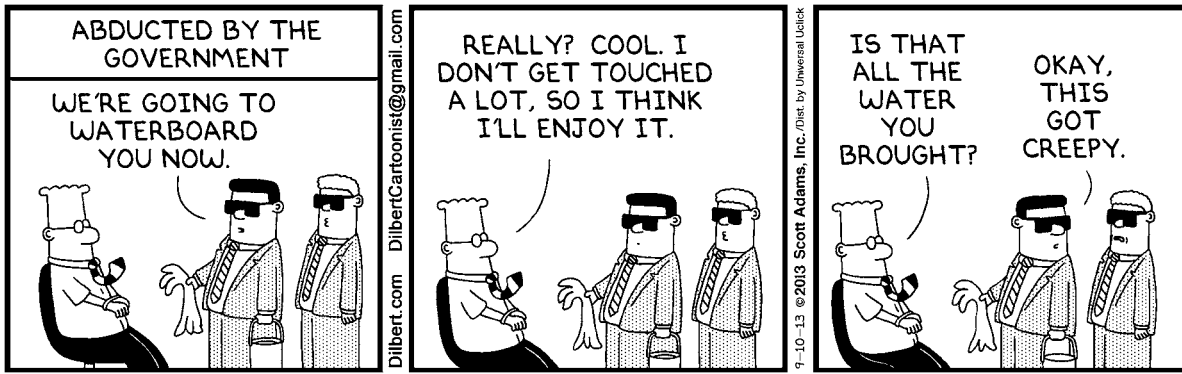
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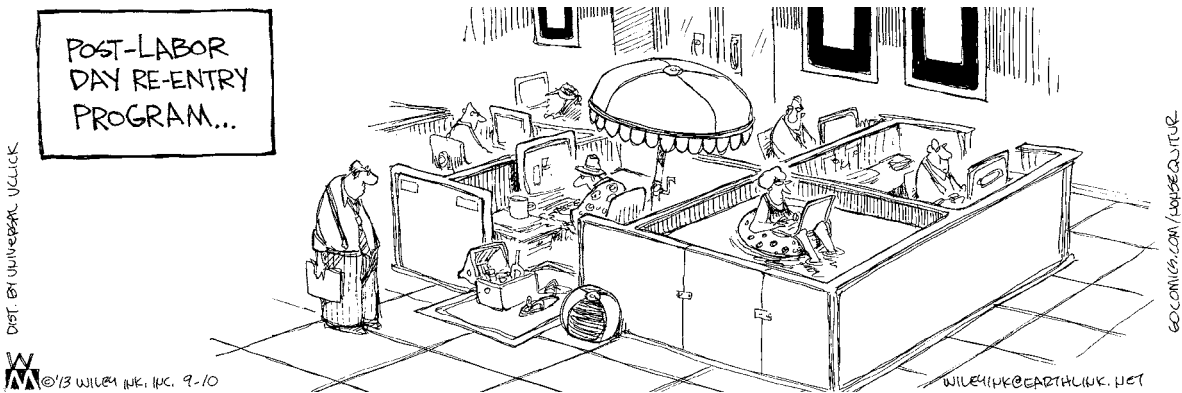
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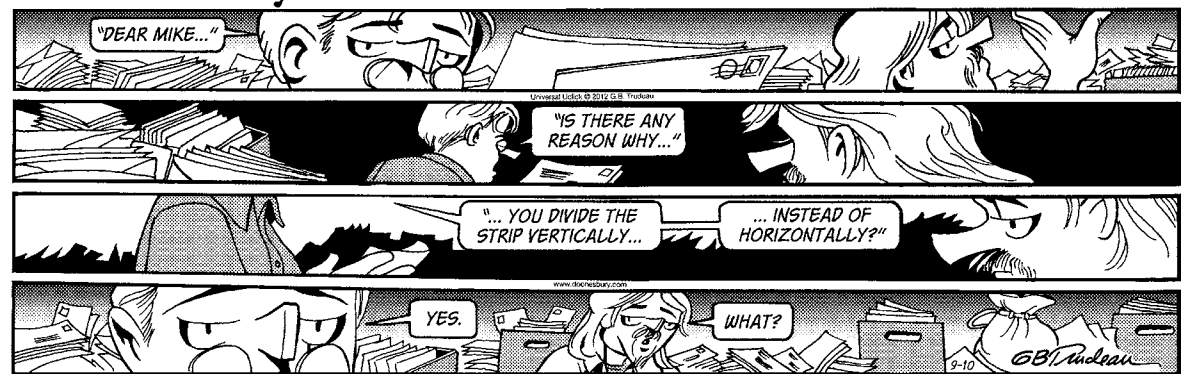
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Charles Sawyer helps on a play during the game against Vandy. Sawyer was arrested over the weekend for DUI.

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understand what we'll get from them. We'll have to challenge our kids to see if we can raise our game and match Texas' level of intensity.

"It'll be a hostile environment, and we have to prepare for several in a row. But it'll be a good experience for us, and I know our kids and coaches are looking forward to it and we're ready to go."

The biggest issue for Ole Miss will be the secondary that gave up 326 yards and four touchdowns through the air to Texas quarterback David Ash in last year's matchup.

The problems got worse for the Rebels this weekend, as multiple media outlets reported over the weekend that senior corner Charles Sawyer was arrested for DUI.

"I haven't talked with him yet, but I'm going to meet with him," Freeze said. "He's left me a message. He is very emotional and disappointed in himself, and we're disappointed in his decision. Young kids make mistakes. He's one of the finest kids on our team, but he made a mistake and there will be consequences."

Freeze said he will handle Sawyer's discipline in-house.

Offensively, the Rebel offense won't know exactly what the Longhorn defense will look like.

After Texas' loss to BYU, head coach Mack Brown fired defensive coordinator Manny Diaz and replaced him with Greg Robinson, who has coached at Texas and Michigan under the same title.

It's unlikely the Longhorns can change a lot schematically in one week, but Freeze said his gut tells him the biggest change will be in situational, particularly on third downs and in the red zone.

"It certainly is an uncomfortable feeling," Freeze said. "We already had a shell of a game plan together based on what they had done last year and early this year. Is it still a good plan? I don't know."

"Greg Robinson has been in this a lot of years. He's been there so he probably knows their terminology. We've watched his stuff from other schools where he's been. It is quite a bit different than what they have been doing. We've got to be who we are and try and figure it out."

Defensively, Freeze knows there are several things they have to fix. He specifically mentioned they

have to limit missed assignment that lead to easy touchdowns.

Although this game with Texas doesn't matter in regard to the Southeastern Conference standings, Freeze said it's "big" since the Rebels have started recruiting the state of Texas more extensively.

A big key for success against the Longhorns will be the physicality with which Ole Miss plays. Last year, Texas hit the Rebels in the mouth, but Freeze thinks his squad is more prepared for a big nonconference game this year.

"We're certainly deeper at some spots, and mentally I do think we are further along," Freeze said. "I think having year a half with (junior quarterback) Bo (Wallace) playing is good. After Texas last year, he played some very big games at good places in this league. So I believe that has got to better prepare him for Saturday's game."

"We think that the same goes for the rest of our team. I feel confident that we're better prepared. I'm confident that we're better prepared both mentally and physically."

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Bo Wallace hands the ball off to Jeff Scott during Saturday's game.

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With the firing of a coordinator on game week, there could be some confusion for the Rebels. They have to watch more film to get a feel for what the new coordinator will try to do, as well as what Texas has been doing on offense this season.

However, that doesn't appear to have rattled Scott, as he has full confidence in his coaches.

"That's very important," Scott said of the importance to the players of losing a co-

ordinator so close to a game. "We really don't know what to expect right now, but I have 100 percent faith in our coaches and their game plan."

Scott is excited about having a chance to face a Longhorn defense that allowed so many yards on the ground last week.

"I was pretty amazed," Scott said of Texas' inability to stop the BYU rushing attack. "And we actually didn't do too bad running the ball. So I think we will be successful in the run game."

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Ole Miss prepares for Texas rematch



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Jeff Scott dives for extra yards while being tackled during Saturday's game against Southeast Missouri.

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After a 31-13 win over Southeastern Missouri Saturday, Ole Miss jumped into the rankings at No. 25. However, the next few weeks will show what this Rebel team is made of with a gauntlet

of a schedule staring them in the face.

The first test Ole Miss will face is Texas, which rolled the Rebels 66-31 in Oxford last season. The Longhorns are coming off a disappointing 40-21 loss to BYU Saturday.

"We're excited to be 2-0 and

to be going to Austin," Ole Miss head coach Hugh Freeze said. "It will be a great atmosphere, and (Texas) will have a chip on their shoulder. Texas will be ready to prove that they are better than they performed last week. We

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Scott, Wallace could cause problems for struggling Longhorn defense

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When Hugh Freeze arrived at Ole Miss in December of 2011, he knew he needed to bring in a quarterback who could run his offense. One similar to his star quarterback at Arkansas State, Ryan Applin. One who could throw, but also be effective running the ball, especially in the read option.

On the other hand, the second part of the backfield Freeze inherited, running back Jeff Scott, was built for a spread offense.

Once both pieces were in place, the Rebel offense took off, with one of the staple plays of the being the read option. Wallace has improved his ability to read the defensive end and to know when to give it to Scott and when to

keep it.

That was proven last season, as the two totaled for 1,236 yards on the ground and 14 touchdowns.

On Saturday night, Texas surrendered over 600 yards of total offense, with 550 coming on the ground to BYU. The Cougars almost exclusively used the read option to run the ball with their quarterback and running back.

"That's what we do," Wallace said of rushing the ball, especially using the read option. "I know all week they're going to be trying to fix that obviously. We have to execute. I feel like if we execute then no matter who we play, we're going to get some yards."

In the aftermath of the embarrassing loss for the Longhorns, head coach Mack Brown decided to fire defensive coordinator Manny Diaz and replace him with former Texas and Michigan defensive coordinator Greg Robinson.

Robinson had been fired from his two previous jobs as the head coach at Syracuse and defensive coordinator at Michigan, but that was after a successful one-year stint as defensive coordinator in Austin.

Robinson had been serving as a defensive analyst under Diaz this season.

Wallace is aware of the troubles going on around the Texas program currently, but that hasn't lightened his focus.

"They beat us by 30 points last year," he said. "They have better talent, or better depth at least. It's time to go down there and play."

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