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DRAMA DOMINATES SERIES AS REBELS SWEEP LSU

BY ALEX LAKE
The Daily Mississippian

With the bases loaded in the bottom of ninth, senior shortstop Kevin Mort hit a walk-off single to deep left field to give the Rebels a 7-6 win and the sweep of the Louisiana State University Tigers on Sunday.

The No. 19 Ole Miss Rebels (28-13, 11-7 SEC) defeated the No. 8 Tigers (32-9, 11-7 SEC) twice on Saturday, 11-9 in the first game and 9-8 in the second game in an extra-inning battle.

The team was able to get the timely hits they had been lacking for the past couple of weeks.

"Today was another great game," head coach Mike Bianco said. "We had three great crowds. I felt they were treated to three great baseball games. We played well and we got the timely hit we had been missing."

Right-hander David Goforth (1-2) started for the Rebels going 3.1 innings, giving up eight hits and five earned runs.

After struggling lately, the Ole Miss bullpen kept the Tigers in check until the offense kicked into



AUSTIN MCAFEE | The Daily Mississippian

Ole Miss celebrates after beating the Tigers in walk-off fashion. Alex Yarbrough's single up the middle clinched game two of Saturday's double-header for Ole Miss and the series win, and the Rebels needed a walk-off single from Kevin Mort in the bottom of the ninth to sweep the Tigers on Sunday.

gear late in the ball game.

Right-hander Trent Rothlin (3-4) relieved Goforth, pitching 3.2 innings, giving up four hits and one run.

"You have to have guys that can

come out of the pen and put zeros on the board and this weekend, with the exception of one inning on Saturday, the relievers did a good job," Bianco said.

Freshman closer Brett Huber

was credited with his first win after pitching the final two innings and keeping the Tigers scoreless.

"We've got to keep us in the

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Students react to Yazoo tornado destruction

BY ELIZABETH PEARSON
With wire reports

In the wake of the severe, tornado-producing storms that threatened parts of Mississippi Saturday, many state residents, including some University of Mississippi students, are recovering from the destruction of their home communities.

At least ten people died with many others injured as a result of Saturday's tornado, which decimated parts of Yazoo County.

Gov. Haley Barbour said there was "utter obliteration" in sections of the county.

"The effects of these storms have left many Mississippians with destroyed businesses and without homes," he said.

"My house did not have any damage and we were very blessed that it didn't," junior Stuart Johnson said.

Residents said most of the commercial area was destroyed in Yazoo City, including some residential ar-

eas.

Johnson was not at home at the time of the storm; however, he said he was shocked to see photos of the damage following the storm.

"The landscape of the city is just not the same," Johnson said. "Yazoo is the type of town when something happens, the community really comes together."

Other students' families were unscathed by the storm, but well aware of the destruction left behind.

"We live in North Yazoo in Eden so we were in the clear," junior Savannah Goodman said. "South Yazoo was pretty much demolished where Hwy 16 intersects with Hwy 49."

Yazoo County is located in the Mississippi Delta.

More than 15 other counties were also damaged.

Tornadoes were also reported in Louisiana, Arkansas and Alabama, and the severe weather continued to track eastward.



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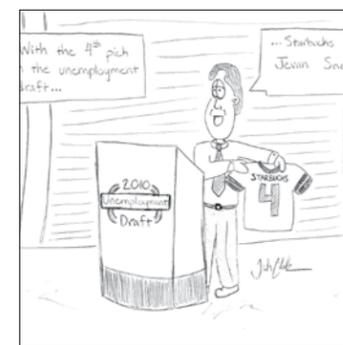
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AN HONORARY REBEL





BY JD GRIFFIN
Columnist

COLUMN

Don't always believe what you read

As the "Summer of Discontent" has grown into the "Summer of Discontent II," the Obama administration finds itself in a precarious position. President Obama faces plummeting poll numbers, high unemployment, unserviceable debt and ever increasing tax burdens.

Besides facing intense criticism from his right, Obama is now being pressured by those to his left. One such push is for Obama to uphold his campaign pledge "to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and enact legislation that would ensure that the 1,100-plus federal legal rights and benefits currently provided on the basis of marital status are extended to same-sex couples."

Has the president already started to enact such a policy?

If viewing popular media outlets like The New York Times, one would be hard pressed to find the truth.

However, as with most things, we must dig below the surface in order to find the truth buried beneath.

Recently, The New York Times published a piece entitled "For Same-Sex Couples, Equality in the Hospital."

The author, Tara Parker-Pope, weaves an elaborate tale of same-sex individuals who have been denied access to their partner or adoptive children while in the hospital.

Why was this story written? One could argue that the article simply seeks to point out perceived injustice. While this view has some validity, it misses the major point.

Almost immediately after taking office, President Obama announced his intention to support the United Nation's "Declaration on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity." The Bush Administration refused to support the declaration because doing so would violate the laws of the United States.

On April 15, President Obama sent a memo to the Health and Human Services secretary Kathleen Sebelius, informing the agency that hospitals that receive Medicare and Medicaid funding will be forced to grant same-sex couples the same visitation rights enjoyed by married heterosexual couples.

What is the purpose of this memorandum? Individuals who have "power of attorney" over someone else already have access. Any problems arising among parties in this situation are not widespread and have traditionally been left to be resolved by those directly involved. Certainly, such cases have not typically garnered presidential attention.

Now, the president seeks to micro manage the social policies of the states. This is despite the fact that the Defense of Marriage Act solidifies the idea that it is the prerogative of the states to regulate such institutions as

marriage.

The president notes in his memo that states like North Carolina have developed laws that allow patients to provide to hospital staff a list of individuals who should be granted access as though they were family members—regardless of their actual relationship.

Obviously, North Carolina is well within its authority under the Defense of Marriage Act to enact such a policy. Even so, other states are not required to follow suit under the provisions of this Act. Furthermore, the federal government has no authority under the law to force any state into such an arrangement.

As can clearly be seen, the Obama administration is bent upon slowly undermining both the traditional view of marriage and the powers of states to regulate this institution.

One would think that an independent press would be interested in reporting all information necessary for citizens to adequately ascertain the intentions of the president. Instead, the media is interested in reporting heart rending accounts which serve to demonize those who wish to discuss issues in their larger context.

As American citizens, we must be wary of the ever present liberal bias of the mainstream media.

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THE HYPOCRISY OF TEA PARTIES

Politics, they say, can be tough-- but that's what makes it interesting.

The election of President Obama no doubt electrified many in this country and even around the world, not only because of his color but the hope, dreams and aspirations of a nation yearning for new leadership and direction after eight years of misdirection.

When he declared his candidacy for president, a lot of folks in this country did not like that.

Some wondered, "How dare he aspire for the highest office in the land?" For those people the position of presidency is not for people that looks like him.

Despite all the death threats and assassination plots, he was not deterred.

He went on to win the Democratic Party's nomination and the whole brouhaha started.

Then, his antagonists knew that this guy was poised to win the White House. What did they do? They started questioning his eligibility to run for president, saying he was not born in the United States and that he should show his birth certificate even though he had already. And even the newspaper in Hawaii in 1961 announced his (Obama's) birth back then. That was not enough for the delusional folks dubbed the "birthers."

They never challenged Sen. John McCain's eligibility, notwithstanding the fact that he was born in Panama.

I am not trying to suggest that McCain was not eligible to run for president because I know about the constitutional provisions. Rather, I am trying to show the irony and the fallacy in their argument.

They do not like anything about this guy called Barack Obama because of his African

heritage.

When the election came and Sen. McCain was defeated squarely in an Electoral College tsunami, these "birthers" devised another alternative; they quickly morphed into the Tea Party to disguise their idiosyncrasies.

Having observed this, their pseudo-astro-turf movement for over a year and a half now, I have come to some conclusions. These Tea Party folks are a bunch of bigots, even racists, seeking to de-legitimize a democratically-elected president of the United States.

Worse about this movement is that Sarah Palin is part of this pathetic group of people.

Not that I expect much from the quitter, former governor of Alaska, considering her foolish utterances about Obama being associated with a terrorist during the elections, but I felt that as a former GOP vice presidential candidate, she ought to have shown some restraint.

What exactly are the Tea Party folks protesting about?

They will murmur higher taxes, defense of freedom and big government. Let me try to dissect these issues one by one to expose the emptiness of their argument.

When it comes to taxes, President Obama has not even implemented the tax plans he campaigned on in 2008.

The Bush tax cuts for the wealthy are still there. He intends to raise taxes on individuals and couples making over \$200,000 and \$250,000 a year respectively, when the Bush tax cuts expires.

Instead of them commending the president for cutting taxes for the middle class, they are busy vilifying and falsely accusing him of raising taxes even though he has not implemented

any of his tax hike plans for the income bracket mentioned above.

Talking about freedom, the last time I checked it was President Bush's administration that invaded the privacy of Americans through illegal wiretapping under the pretense of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA).

What is a greater breach of freedom than that? But you did not hear any of these noise-makers, sore losers and attention-seekers protest for invasion of freedom then.

They were fine with it as long as it was perpetrated by a Republican president.

The delusion of the Tea Party and small government baffles me.

Some of them even benefit from government-run programs like Medicare and Social Security. These government programs serve them well. Though they are not perfect, it works. Some of them even want those programs eliminated, a very barbaric thinking!

It even sounds very ironic to me that these same people protesting against big government did not say anything when President Bush created the Department of Homeland Security in the wake of the 9/11 attacks.

They never spoke out when he doubled the national debt from about \$5 trillion to about \$10 trillion.

Rather, they feel Obama is the person who has grown government and doubled the national debt. What a misnomer.

The ongoing hypocrisy tour of this group is just mind-boggling.

They are a bunch of sore losers protesting null tax policy change at the moment. They are out of power and becoming desperate by the day. I will continue to enjoy the follies of the tea parties while it lasts!



BY PETER OKORO NWANKWO
Columnist

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A TEAM WITHOUT A CHAMPIONSHIP: THE 1960 REBEL BASEBALL TEAM

BY ELIZABETH PEARSON
Campus News Editor

Fifty years ago, the 1960 University of Mississippi baseball team won the SEC championship.

While the win was a shining moment for the team, it would also be their last. The team's chance to advance to the NCAA playoffs and the College World Series was taken away by the state of Mississippi.

The championship season wasn't cut short because of academic regulations or athletic violations; in fact, the decision had nothing to do with the team itself.

Had the Rebels advanced to the NCAA tournament, there was a possibility they would play against teams with black players - and at that time, in *that* Mississippi, something like that was not only unheard of - it was forbidden.

Members of the 1960 team reunited Friday at the Overby Center prior to the Rebels' matchup against LSU, laughing about their days on the diamond, and reflecting on the changes that have occurred at the University of Mississippi since its time as a segregated campus.

With the 1960 Rebels holding a record of 22-3, the team beat Florida for the SEC title and advanced to the next round. However, the chance to advance to the playoffs with a good chance of receiving the national title was never realized as Mississippi used an unwritten law to refuse their advancement.

"Games were very precious to us. Everyone was sadly disappointed," then-pitcher Don Porter said. "Being from Florida, where the mentality was a bit different and the timing was a bit different. It was very difficult for me to comprehend."

Fox News anchor Shepard Smith said moderated the panel and said although the situation was right before African-American student James Meredith was admitted to the university, it was still very much a different time, when the university and the entire state was still shrouded in the laws of Jim Crow.

"We hadn't gotten there yet," Smith said. "There was an unwritten set of laws and your team could not play in a tournament if there was a possibility that somebody with more pigment than you might play against you."



FOX News anchor Shepard Smith moderates a panel on the historic 1960s baseball team that was not allowed to compete in the NCAA playoffs due to racial issues.

Porter said all he cared about was whether or not he could hit a curve ball.

Despite the season's controversy, members discussed their fond memories of the season.

"We had a good group of guys that were good teammates. We got along and we loved one another," Jake Gibbs, an outfielder who later played for the New York Yankees, said. "(Tom Swayze) was good to play for. You had to polish your own shoes, your uniform had to be tucked in right and when you hit that field you were like a first-class ballplayer

and you better play like that 'cause he would let you know about it."

All-SEC pitcher Larry Williams recalled the game against Mississippi State when a student from Mississippi State University set their dugout on fire.

"We said, 'Coach, what do we do?' and Coach replied, 'Get out and fan that thing, Larry!'" Williams continued, "So, we got out!"

Robert Khayat, chancellor emeritus and former catcher for the Rebels, recalled another incident at the same game.

"Coach Swayze walked out the

change pitchers and some kid from State yelled, 'Go to hell, Swayze!' and he yelled back 'I am hell,' Khayat recalled with a burst of laughter.

Porter said baseball was not the center of his life, but a passion that was unlike no other.

"The years I played at Ole Miss were like Camelot. It was magical and there was nothing like it," he said. "I was fearless. I had a great catcher (Khayat) who could receive very well and who thought very well and always played ahead of the hitter, assuming the pitcher was doing the same."

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BASEBALL,

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game and we had been swinging the ball real well all weekend," he said. "We knew if we could keep us in the game the offense would come around. Going into the bottom of the ninth, we knew we were going to get that win."

Like they had the entire series, the Ole Miss offense came up big in the later innings scoring three runs in the eight and ninth innings to sweep the series.

Left-handed designated hitter Matt Snyder notched the first run in the eighth when he sent a curveball over the center-field wall to make it a one-run game.

Freshman Alex Yarbrough, who hit the walk-off base hit in Saturday night's win, came up big one last time.

The Allen, Texas native drove a fastball with two strikes in to the LSU bullpen for his first career dinger, tying the game at six.

"I finally got one up in the jet stream and it carried," Yarbrough said after Sunday's victory. "When it

went over the fence (I knew), I was running hard the entire way, I've had plenty of balls go to the warning track that didn't go out so I had flashbacks of that. I was elated when it went out."

Back-to-back singles from catcher Taylor Hightower and Miles Hamblin started the ninth for the Rebels before center-fielder Tim Ferguson was intentionally walked to bring Mort to the plate.

"He threw me a pitch down the middle so I was able to get a pretty good swing on it," Mort said of his game-winning single.



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(Top Left) Cornmeal performs at the Double Decker Arts Festival on Friday afternoon. (Top Right) Sharon Jones and the Dap Kings perform on the South Stage Saturday night. (Far Left) The double decker bus makes its way through the crowd at Sunday's Double Decker Arts Festival. (Left) A vendor makes a sandwich on Sunday during the Double Decker Arts Festival.

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Student prepares for African mission trip



BY RACHEL BATTEN
The Daily Mississippian



PHARES

While some students at Ole Miss will remain on campus for summer school or a local job, student Ali Phares will be in Kenya.

Through a missions organization called New Directions International, Phares will travel to Africa with other Ole Miss students and a few from the University of South Carolina for a two-week mission trip.

The students will work on projects with the children of Kenya, in addition to visiting villages and schools.

"We are doing a vacation Bible camp with children who do not have permanent homes," Phares said. "This camp has a lot of fun activities for the kids such as sports and Bible lessons, but we also include a feeding program."

The language barrier between Americans and Kenyans will present a challenge; however, Phares said there will be translators to help every step of the way.

"My friends that went last year said that there are a few children who can speak English," she said. "But the majority of the children, especially ones who live in villages, all have their

own languages."

The group will also have the opportunity to go on a safari.

"I am very anxious and excited about the safari," Phares said. "I've heard that elephants and zebras are right next to the car we will be in. I can't imagine that."

Phares, along with the other students attending, have to take care of many preparations before the trip.

"I get a whole set of new shots in order to go," she said. "We also have been told to avoid eating or drinking certain things because our bodies have not built immunities the way that the people that live there have."

Phares' last mission trip was to Mexico while she was in high school; her experience encouraged her to take another.

"That trip was a great experience and after that I decided I really wanted to go to Africa, as well," she said. "I first heard about this trip through friends who went last year. They really loved everything that they got to do while there, and I became really interested in going."

The students will leave for Kenya in July.

"I know that where I am going will be a huge culture shock for me," Phares said. "These villages are in very remote areas and extreme poverty is very common. I know this trip will teach me a lot and give me a look at what life is like outside of America."



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Managing finals stress one puppy at a time

BY BRITTANY STACK
The Daily Mississippian

University of Mississippi students worried about finals will once again have a friendly (and furry) way to relieve stress.

The Pet-a-Puppy campaign will be held on campus to relieve students' stress before finals.

Puppies from the Oxford-Lafayette Humane Society will be in front of the Student Union.

Students can play with, walk and pet the puppies.

"It's one of the things that really can de-stress someone," Vicki Mahan, employee assistance program coordinator/counselor, said. "It only takes a few minutes and that's kind of what the week's about, de-stressing. We've known for a long time that having a pet reduces stress."

Mahan said the University Counseling Center usually sees an increase in visitors in the weeks before finals; though the number of those with regular appointments declines, the number of students

coming in specifically for stress increases.

Mahan encourages students to attend healthy activities as they normally would. By cutting the activities out of a schedule, time to relieve stress is cut out.

"That's one of the points of the campaign - to tell students not to stop doing the things they normally do. Don't stop doing your healthy activities, like playing volleyball and other sports."

Various prizes will also be given out to help relieve stress. Students can fill out a paper to win prizes such as massages.

The program began on campus last year through the efforts of Josie Cook, a graduate student working at the counseling center, who arranged to have the puppies brought to campus.

After the success of last year's event, the counseling center decided to continue the program each year.

The puppies will be at the Union from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.



ELIZABETH RAINEY | The Daily Mississippian

Puppies from the Oxford Lafayette Humane Society will be in front of the Student Union all week. Students will be able to play, pet and walk the puppies around the Grove to help relieve stress caused by finals week.

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CREWS TRY TO STOP OIL LEAK IN THE GULF

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Crews were using a robot submarine Sunday to try to stop an oil leak nearly a mile below the surface of the Gulf of Mexico, but officials said it would take at least another day before they knew whether the job was completed.

The Coast Guard said the oil spill was expected to stay 30 miles off the coast for the next three days, but officials are still keeping a watchful eye because the slick has the potential to threaten shores from Louisiana to Florida.

Officials said they were trying to stop the flow by using robot submarines to activate valves at the well head, but that would take 24 to 36 hours to complete. If that doesn't work, crews are also planning to drill a relief well to cut off the flow — which could take several months.

What appeared to a manageable spill a couple of days ago after an oil rig exploded and sank off the Louisiana coast Tuesday, has now turned into a more serious environmental problem. The

new leak was discovered Saturday, and as much as 1,000 barrels — or 42,000 gallons — of oil is leaking each day, Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary Landry said.

The new leak is troubling for the fragile ecosystem of shrimp, fish, birds and coral. Officials said it's still too soon to say whether the sensitive habitat will be affected.

"What crude oil tends to do is float to surface and then under wave action it turns into what looks like chocolate mousse and sinks. It's way too early to tell" the impact, said James Cowan, an oceanography and coastal sciences professor at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

The initial spill occurred during the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon about 50 miles off the Louisiana coast. More than 100 workers safely escaped the platform, which is about the size of two football fields, but 11 workers have not been found and are presumed dead.

The explosion created a rainbow sheen of oil on the surface of

the water for a couple of days. On Thursday, the rig sank, adding another twist to the accident.

Still, officials maintained that no more oil appeared to be leaking.

Severe weather rolled into the region Saturday, and crews had to suspend cleanup efforts. Then, officials offered up the grim news: the new leak had been found.

The sheen on the surface has grown, extending 20 miles by 20 miles Saturday — about 25 times larger than it appeared to be a day earlier, Landry said.

"This is a very serious spill, absolutely," Landry said.

The leak is releasing about 42,000 gallons a day. By comparison, Exxon Valdez spilled 11 million gallons in Alaska's Prince William Sound in 1989 — the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

"It has the potential to be pretty serious, but at 1,000 barrels a day, if it comes to the surface they'll probably be able to contain it and vacuum it up," Cowan said.

BP PLC, which leased the rig, has taken the lead in the cleanup,

and crews have used robot submarines to try to stop the leak by closing valves on the well deep underwater. If that doesn't work, the company could drill what's called an intervention well to control the oil flow. But intervention drilling could take months.

"Over the next several days, we should determine which method is the best one to follow," said Doug Suttles, chief operating officer for BP Exploration and Production.

BP said it has activated an extensive oil spill response, including the robot submarines, 700 workers, four planes and 32 vessels to mop up the spill and spray chemicals that will disperse the oil.

The Marine Spill Response Corp., an energy industry cleanup consortium, also brought in equipment. So far, crews have retrieved about 1,052 barrels of oily water.

Complicating efforts to stop the leak is the well head's depth at 5,000 feet underwater, said Lars Herbst, the regional director for the Minerals Management Service. Leaks have been fixed at similar depths before, but the process is difficult, he said.

The sunken rig may have as much as 700,000 gallons of diesel on board, and an undetermined amount of oil has spilled from the rig itself. Suttles said the rig was "intact and secure" on the seabed about 1,300 feet from the well site.

The explosion appeared to be a blowout, in which natural gas or oil forces its way up a well pipe and smashes the equipment. But precisely what went wrong was under investigation.

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A LOVE FOR OLE MISS, UNCLUTTERED BY A DEGREE

BY EMILY CEGIELSKI
The Daily Mississippian

Even though it was 1 a.m., the Dallas cafe was packed and filled with incessant chatter.

As the noise heightened, one man's voice suddenly peaked above the crowd as he shouted, "Hotty Toddy," the Ole Miss battle cry amid a crowd of Texans.

This man was not a former Rebel or an Ole Miss fan.

He also wasn't crazy.

Meet Benjamin Wilbanks: writer, director, editor and all-around filmmaker. The man who showcased his movie "Night Crawlers" at Oxford Film Festival last year had little history with Oxford and Ole Miss before last year's event.

"My sister went to Ole Miss, and I attended class for about 45 minutes before I left," Wilbanks said.

Wilbanks knew he liked the university from visiting his sister, but it was a trip to Oxford with a friend that ultimately decided his fate.

"We went to the registrar's office and filled out some paperwork," Wilbanks said. "They told us to go to a class and then we could finish filling out everything else when we got back. We went to a literature class, and they were playing audio tapes of Faulkner reading his own writing. I thought it was really cool, but ultimately I realized his written words were available everywhere. We took 10 minutes to come to the conclusion that we could learn on our own."

Failing to finish that paperwork was one of the best decisions Wilbanks said he has ever

made.

Although he said he is sure he could have learned a lot at Ole Miss, he knows not attending was the turning point in his career because it gave him the time to write and direct his first feature film.

"Night Crawlers' really brought out my desire to make another movie," he explained. "With the challenge of a budget, stars, et cetera, I was told that I should make a horrible low-budget horror film. But I said 'I don't want to do that; I love good movies.'"

After a conversation with a friend, Wilbanks became inspired by some less-than-inspiring people.

"As I started looking around, I realized I was working with people who suck all the drive and energy out of me," he said.

His friend simply asked, "Like vampires?" And so the seed had been planted.

"I had this kernel of an idea," Wilbanks said. "What if people around us were vampires and we didn't know? They sucked motivation, not blood. The movie's not really about vampires; no one actually says the word vampire in the movie."

Using this idea, Wilbanks produced the first draft of the script in only two days. Unfortunately, it was pushed aside and sat untouched for two-and-a-half years while he worked on other projects.

"All of a sudden I was having lunch with Ron (Gonzales, director of photography) and Gabe

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“My sister went to Ole Miss, and I attended class for 45 minutes before I left.”

Benjamin Wilbanks

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Ledisi, My Morning Jacket, Drake at New Orleans Jazz Fest

NEW ORLEANS — Ledisi turned it loose at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival on Saturday.

Singing the title song from her twice-Grammy nominated album, "Turn Me Loose," Ledisi strutted across the stage at Congo Square to the delight of fans packed in and around a field left muddy from Friday's storm that caught many opening day festival-goers by surprise.

As the sound of her husky, jazzy voice rang through the air, fans danced and swayed to the lyrics of "Higher Than This" and "Alright," which she said was written at one of her lowest points in her life.

"I was ready to give up on my dream, y'all," she said. "They told me I would never be a star and I told my mama I was going to quit. She told me, 'You're just going through something, but you're gonna be alright.' I told her, 'Mama, that sounds like a song.' Now she wants 15 percent every time I sing it!"

Ledisi encouraged the crowd to love themselves.

She also urged people to give their parents a break.

"Love your parents and then forgive them. Say what you have to say and then move on. Leave those old folks alone," she said.

Michele Brown, from Atlanta, has been a fan of Ledisi for years.

"I first saw her in 2000 in Chicago at the Hothouse. She was so passionate on stage before she was a star. I'm so proud of her that she's maintained that passion and energy and that she's gotten the notoriety that she so richly deserves," he said.

In the middle of one of her songs, she began to scat, reminiscent of Ella Fitzgerald.

Brown said: "Listen to that. You don't get that from most singers today. You don't get real music like this. There's no changing of her levels here. Wow."

On the other side of the field, in the Blues Tent, Davell Crawford held the attention of hundreds packed inside and hundreds more standing and sitting outside. The blues-jazz pianist was joined at the end of his set by Dr. John and Jon Cleary.

"There's no place in the world that you can hear the

diversity of music and the embodiment of our culture like you can here," said actor Wendell Pierce, a New Orleans native who's starring in the HBO-produced series, "Treme."

"Davell reminds me of the legends — James Brown, Ray Charles. You wonder sometimes if that soulfulness is gone forever with them, but then someone like him comes along and he's a continuum of that spirit."

Marian Anderson, of Deerfield Beach, Fla., was one of the hundreds who couldn't get in the tent so she and friends sat outside in their camp chairs they had with them.

She said Dr. John and Cleary are what drew her to the festival. "It's so geared toward music and if you love music, this is the place to get it," Anderson said.

Dr. John said collaborations with younger artists is something he's called to do.

"I've been blessed. Guys that passed the music down to us, Dave Bartholomew, Sugar Boy (Crawford's grandfather, James Crawford) and taught us about stuff, we have to pass it

down to the next group, the next generation," he said.

He said he doesn't often get the chance to do just that, but when he does, "It's always a blessing."

Krystal Chambers and her husband, Kenneth, walked toward the Jazz Tent to hear another hometown favorite, jazz trumpeter Terence Blanchard. "Of all the festivals we attend, this remains our favorite," he said.

"The weather didn't keep us away," she said. "Jazz Fest is one of the few places where we can get a taste of everything, the food, the music, friends, everything in one place."

Earlier Saturday, the festival gates opened as the sun peeped through another gray sky — a welcome sight to festival-goers. As the festival neared its close, the sun was shining and a brisk wind kept the ensuing heat at bay.

Some of Saturday's crowd wore rain boots to trudge through deep mud to get to the 12 stages where more than 60 musicians were scheduled to perform.

Sam Panice of Las Vegas, Nev., watched Grandpa Elliott's debut performance in

the Blues Tent.

Panice said he's seen Elliott perform on the streets of New Orleans many times and was glad that he's finally getting his big break. "He's just amazing," Panice said. "I'd go see him anywhere."

Panice, at his 16th Jazz Fest, said he's definitely coming back for more.

"It's kind of where my soul's at," he said.

Beth Comer of Raleigh, N.C., a first-timer to the festival, said the atmosphere is electric.

"We have festivals at home, but nothing to this degree," she said.

Comer and her family caught the tail end of Elliott's performance of "Stand By Me," which has moved his career into the stratosphere. The 65-year-old blind singer then stood and sang a verse of "Amazing Grace," and got a second standing ovation as he left the stage he shared with acoustic guitarist Dorise Blackmon and violinist Tanya Huang.

"I thought it was great," Comer said. "He was on the top of my list of people to see."



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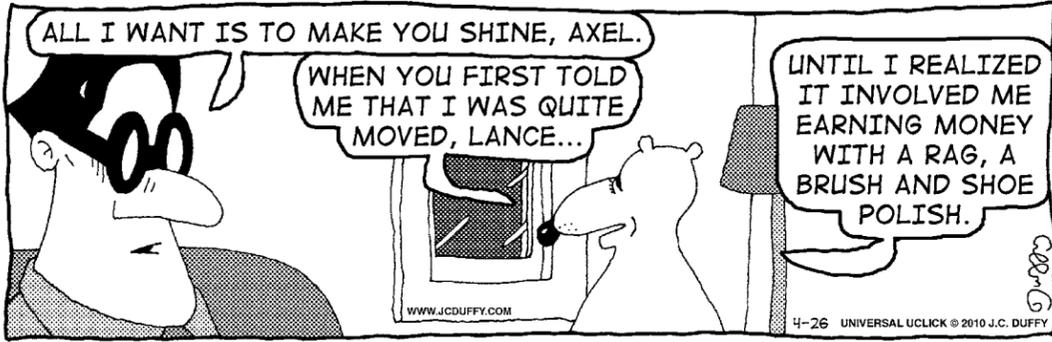
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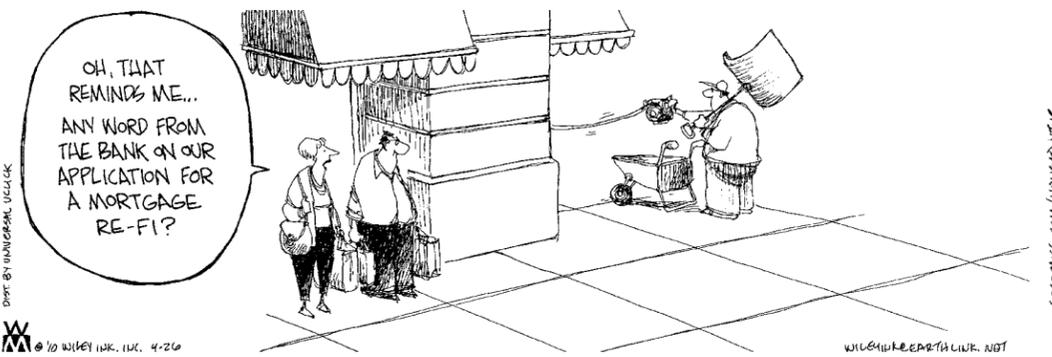
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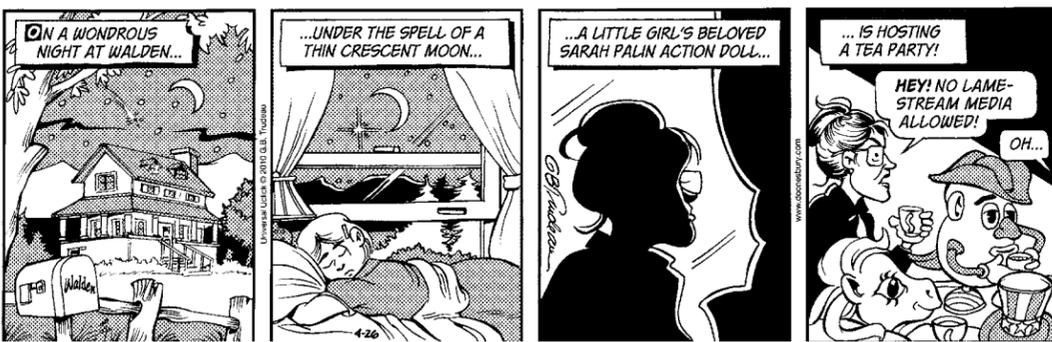
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OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

REBELS SHINE AT DRAKE RELAYS

The Ole Miss track and field team won the most individual titles in school history at the prestigious Drake Relays when the Rebels racked up six over the weekend from Drake Stadium.

Ole Miss captured two individual titles in the jumps as sophomore Caleb Lee and freshman Ricky Robertson won their respective events. Lee won the long jump with a distance of 24-11.00 and defeated his closest competition by over six inches. Robertson claimed the crown in the high jump after posting a height of 7-03.25.

Freshman sprinter Mike Granger won the 100 meters with a time of 10.48 to become the first Rebel in school history to win the event at the Drake Relays. Granger also won the preliminaries with a time of 10.45.

Junior Lee Ellis Moore finished in first place in the 400 meter hurdles after turning in a time of 50.23 and is the first Rebel to win the event at the Drake Relays.

Martin Kirui won the 3000 meter steeplechase after posting the second-fastest time in school history with a mark of 8:46.68. His victory marks the third time

in the last four years that an Ole Miss runner has captured the individual title in the event, as Barnabas Kirui won the race in both 2007 and 2008.

Barnabas Kirui matched the success of his brother by winning the individual title in the 5000 meters with a time of 14:14.49. He joins former Ole Miss All-American Brittney Reese as the only two Rebels in school history to win three individual titles at the Drake Relays. Reese won the high jump and the long jump twice during her two years in Oxford.

The 4x400 meter relay team of Carson Blanks, Jonathan Juin, Matt Daniels and Moore finished in sixth place with a time of 3:08.33, while the distance medley team of Chad Berry, Brian Knight, Riley Young and Martin Kirui placed 10th with a time of 9:55.82.

Senior Karl Kosman placed eighth in the pole vault with a height of 16-04.75 to record the fifth-highest mark in school history. Fellow senior Colin Moleton finished in sixth place in the javelin throw with a distance of 198-05.00, while Bryce Willen took 10th with a mark of 189-03.00.

On the women's side, junior sprinter LaJada Baldwin finished runner-up in the 100 meters with a time of 11.62 after winning the preliminaries with a mark of 11.67. Junior Sofie Persson placed fifth in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 58.68.

The 4x100 meter relay team of Lor'Rena De'Jurnett, Kristin Bridges, Jasmine Williams and Baldwin took fifth with a time of 45.58. The 4x200 meter relay team of Lauren Hollingsworth, Sofia Hellberg-Jonsen, Jasmine Dacus and Williams turned in a sixth place finish with a time of 1:37.35.

The 4x400 meter relay team of Hellberg-Jonsen, Bridges, Baldwin and Persson finished in third place and turned in the second-fastest time in school history with a mark of 3:34.60.

In field events, junior Rachel Jenkins finished in ninth place in the long jump with a distance of 19-04.75, while freshman Marci Morman followed in 10th place with a mark of 19-03.50. Sophomore Aria Gaines took 10th place in the triple jump with a distance of 40-07.00.

Junior Juliana Smith turned in a sixth place finish in the hammer throw with a distance of 186-01.00, while freshman



ADDISON DENT | The Daily Mississippian

Barnabas Kirui competes in the 5000 meters at the Ole Miss Track and Field Complex. Kirui and his brother Martin won individuals titles at the Drake Relays this weekend.

Neal Tisher placed seventh in the pole vault with a height of 12-07.50.

Ole Miss returns to action

Saturday when the Rebels host the Mississippi Open from the Ole Miss Track and Field Complex.

OLE MISS SOFTBALL

Grill sets records as Rebels avoid sweep

BY ERIC BESSON
The Daily Mississippian

Lauren Grill knocked in the game winning run and set the Ole Miss career RBI record with one swing of the bat, helping the Rebel softball team avoid a sweep and beat Auburn 6-5 Sunday afternoon.

Grill's 134th career RBI scored Courtney Ghinaudo and capped off a two-run sixth inning. The Rebels held onto the lead, ending a five-game losing streak in the process.

"It was great," Grill said. "This was a great team win. We put everything together.

We came out here today, we knew we were going to get this game and we fought hard."

"Up to bat, I just thought score (Ghinaudo) anyway I could. I knew I was going to get it done. It doesn't matter how it looks, we got it," she said. "So it's a good feeling and I'm just glad we broke the losing streak. I've got a lot more RBIs to hit. We're not even close to being done yet."

The Tigers (25-23, 8-17 SEC) bookended five consecutive one-run innings with zeros in the first and the seventh and lead for much of the day, but the Rebels (24-23, 6-15 SEC) were able to keep pace with an Amber Tramp home run in the fifth.

Tramp, who was hit by two pitches (HBP) and run over twice at home plate, said "classy" revenge was a motivating factor behind the three-run home run that plated Grill and Alise Doubt to tie the game at 4 in the fifth inning.

"My only hit all weekend, it just felt good," Tramp said. "Going up there, I was like we have to get these two runs in to keep the inning going, and I had to get them back somehow. They were beating me up the whole game, so that's my



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MEN'S, WOMEN'S TOURNEY RUN END IN SEMIS

The No. 2 seeded Ole Miss women's tennis team lost a heart-breaker, 4-3, to third-seeded Tennessee in the semifinals of the SEC Tournament here Saturday.

The match had to be moved indoors to the Lindsey Hopkins Center, and they elected to play singles first with four courts.

Tennessee, ranked No. 13, won the first four sets to gain the early momentum.

The 17th-ranked Rebels answered in two of the first four matches where they lost the first set.

Abby Guthrie came back to defeat Zsofia Zubor 1-6, 6-2, 6-2 at No. 4 and then Kristi Boxx, ranked No. 62, posted

her biggest win this year in SEC competition, upsetting 9th-ranked Caitlin Whoriskey 4-6, 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 singles to even the match.

The Lady Vols took a 3-2 lead when Jennifer Meredith won a third-set tiebreaker against Laura van de Stroet.

Sophomore Gabby Rangel finished off UT's Katie Lee 6-0, 6-1 at No. 6 singles to square the match and force doubles.

Tennessee won 8-2 at No. 2, with 24th-ranked Zubor and Alda beating Vogel and Rangel 8-2.

Boxx and Nijssen, ranked No. 12 in the nation, downed 11th-ranked Whoriskey and Sorbello 8-3 at No. 1.

Tennessee clinched the win as Natalie Pluskota and Meredith defeated Guthrie and van de Stroet 8-3 at No. 3.

"Pluskota made a huge difference in doubles for them. They played better in doubles than we did, except we played unbelievable at No. 1," head coach Mark Beyers said. "We got off to a slow start again, but we were able to turn some matches around. Connor was up in the second and then lost in the breaker. Abby did a great job coming back to win her match. We are proud of the girls, they gave a great effort. We just came up short."

The Rebels will now wait to find out if they will be one of 16 hosts of an NCAA Regional. The

64-team bracket and host sites will be revealed Tuesday, May 4 on ESPNNews.

Men's Tennis

The Ole Miss men's tennis team's SEC Tournament run ended in the semifinals Saturday with a 4-0 loss to top-seeded and No. 2 ranked Tennessee at the Boone Tennis Complex.

The fifth-seeded Rebels fall to 18-7 on the year, while Tennessee advances to the final to face Florida.

Singles play was moved inside, and with only four courts, Tennessee won the first set on all of them.

"We had chances to win the doubles point," head coach Billy Chadwick said. "For us to make

a run at them, we needed to win the doubles. Chris and Jonas both had chances to win their first sets and Marcel was up 3-0 in the second against a very good player. It was to their advantage when we moved inside."

The Rebels went 2-1 in the tournament, downing South Carolina and No. 12 ranked Kentucky to reach the semifinals for the 14th time.

"We are proud of the guys. We made a good run in the tournament, and we have made a lot of improvement. We look forward to the NCAAs," Chadwick said.

Ole Miss now awaits the NCAA selections to see if their win over Kentucky was enough to earn them a chance to host.

SOFTBALL,

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only classy way I could get them back, I guess."

Tramp extended her school record to 20 HBPs on the season, and was on the receiving end of physical base running when Lauren Guzman scored in the second and again when Doubt made a great throw from centerfield to retire Guzman in the fifth.

"I feel like I play football now," she said. "There's really nothing I can do about it besides be strong and just hold onto the ball."

Becky Nye picked up the

win after entering the game in the sixth with the game tied at 4. She gave up a home run to the first batter she faced, Kyndall White, but retired the next six batters in order.

Ashley Dowdy started the sixth inning with a single, causing the Tigers to make a pitching change. Dowdy went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Aly Presswood and beat a throw to third when pitcher Jenee Loree fielded a ground ball hit by Ghinaudo.

Corinne Doornberg tied the game with a sacrifice fly to right field and following a Doubt walk, Grill singled to left to complete the comeback and put the Rebels up by one.



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Lauren Grills knocks a base hit against the Georgia Bulldogs. Grill set the Ole Miss RBI record against Auburn on Sunday in the Rebels 6-5 win over the Tigers.

Brittany Barnhill started for the Rebels and pitched the first three innings, allow-

ing two runs on one hit, four walks and two hit batsmen.

The Rebels were swept on

Saturday in a double-header, losing 3-2 and 3-0 at the Ole Miss Softball Complex.



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McCluster headlines draft

BY JASON SMITH
Sports Editor

Former Rebels Dexter McCluster, John Jerry, Kendrick Lewis and Greg Hardy heard their name called this weekend during the NFL Draft.

The four Rebels selected matched the highest total taken in the NFL Draft since the 1985 Draft.

Dexter McCluster

When and where?

The Kansas City Chiefs drafted McCluster with fourth pick of the second round.

Why?

NFL scouts expressed concerns regarding the diminutive McCluster, but the Largo, Fla. native's electric highlights were too difficult to ignore for the Chiefs.

McCluster became the first player in SEC history to compile 1,000 yards rushing and 500 yards

receiving during his senior seas at Ole Miss.

The Chiefs have lacked a player with McCluster's big play ability since Dante Hall departed in 2006, who was the league's premier punt returner with Kansas City.

Whether split out wide or lined up behind Matt Kassell, McCluster knows he can make an impact with Chiefs. When asked about what position he will play at the next level, McCluster simply said OW, an offensive weapon.

Chief fans have to be happy with that answer.

SEC pipeline:

The Chiefs selected four players from the SEC with their seven draft picks.

John Jerry

When and where?

The Miami Dolphins selected John Jerry with the ninth pick in the third round.



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Dexter McCluster dances past Tennessee safety Eric Berry in a game on November 14. Berry will not have to worry about being humiliated by McCluster in the NFL after the Chiefs took Berry and McCluster in the 2010 NFL Draft.

Why?

Jerry showed his versatility at Ole Miss grading out highly at offensive tackle and guard.

Jerry blocked for three 1,000-yard rushers during his Ole Miss career — BenJarvus Green-Ellis in 2006 and 2007, and Dexter McCluster in 2009.

Jerry also has NFL ties with his older brother Peria Jerry, a first round selection last year and defensive tackle for the Atlanta Falcons.

Landsharks to Dolphins:

Since 1994, the Miami Dolphins have selected four Ole Miss Rebels - Tim Bownes, Norman Hand, John

Avery and Todd Wade.

Jerry will join former Rebel defensive lineman Charlie Anderson in Miami.

Kendrick Lewis

When and Where?

The Kansas City Chiefs pegged their second Rebel of the draft taking Lewis with the fifth pick in the fifth round.

Why?

Lewis posted two disappointing 40 times at the NFL combine, but the free safety's intangibles, work ethic and leadership propelled him into the fifth round.

Lewis started his career as a wide

receiver, but depth issues forced the New Orleans native to the secondary.

The move rejuvenated Lewis's career.

Lewis showed drastic improvement in tackling and pass coverage and emerged as the leader in the Rebel secondary last season.

SEC Dominates:

The SEC had a total of 49 players drafted this weekend, which is a new conference record.

The Big 10 finished second with 33.

Greg Hardy

When and Where?

Hardy went to the Carolina Panthers with the sixth pick of the sixth round.

Why?

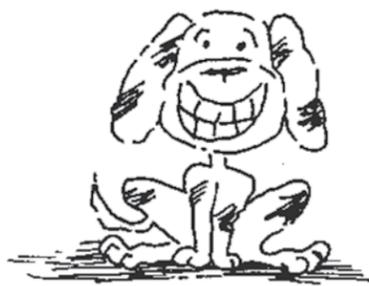
Hardy is a freakish talent. In 40 games at Ole Miss, Hardy collected 39 tackles for loss and 26.5 sacks, which are staggering numbers.

But Hardy's myriad of injuries endured through his four years at Ole Miss, concerns about his worth ethic and supposed commitment issues caused the former first round projection to plummet in the draft.

Replacing Peppers:

Hardy has the opportunity to garner early playing time in Carolina.

The Panthers are looking for a replacement for former first round selection Julius Peppers, who, like Hardy, had problems with motivation and work ethic.



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