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Eight of the nation's most talented young tap dancers take to the stage in this rousing, joyous celebration of American youth culture. In a series of musical vignettes, this theatrical production by New York Stage Originals, tells the story of a group of high school kids facing challenges both mundane and momentous as they prepare for the big school dance.

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PET-A-PUPPY WEEK CONTINUES

Come to the Union Plaza for Pet-A-Puppy anti-stress campaign. There will be puppies to pet and play with as well as other items of interest and a prize drawing every day at 12:45 p.m. Sponsored by Employee Assistance Program.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Student Union Plaza
Free

JOHNSON COMMONS

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Walk from the library to the JC to eat a late-night breakfast as a study break in the middle of exam week.

8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Wednesday
\$3 per person
Johnson Commons

SPORTS TICKETS GO ONLINE, ON IDS

BY RACHEL BATTEN
The Daily Mississippian

The Ole Miss Athletics Department will now allow students to purchase sporting event tickets online.

Through meetings with Ole Miss student leadership, they created the idea of selling an all-sports season pass online.

With a pass, students can attend all regular season Ole Miss athletic events. Tickets will be downloaded to student's school IDs, and entry to events will be done by showing that ID.

All-sports season passes will cost \$125. Compared to individual season ticket prices, the sports passes are cheaper than buying separate ticket packages.

"Our primary goal was to create a more efficient and user-friendly structure for student tickets," said Sans Russell, Ole Miss director for ticketing and priority seating, in a recent press release. "The new ticketing options, pricing and online purchasing address the needs of both the students and the athletics department."

The university has set aside 2,000 all-sports passes for student purchasing. Sports passes must be purchased from July 1



FILE PHOTO | The Daily Mississippian

Students wait in a long line for football tickets last August. This year, athletic tickets will be available for purchase online.

to July 31.

With the renovations to the baseball stadium, students will be required to pay for baseball student tickets. The all-sports pass will allow students to continue to attend baseball games free.

For students who do not wish to buy a sports pass, baseball ticket prices will be affordable.

"When the ASB approached Athletics to discuss changes in

the ticketing process, it was clear that charging admission to baseball games was inevitable," Burke said in a recent press release. "I wish there did not have to be a charge for admission, but in order for students to continue to benefit from renovations of the baseball stadium, some type of fee must be assessed."

Athletic season tickets will also be sold separately online, according to just one sport

verses an all-sports pass.

A total of 5,500 football season tickets will be sold at a recommended price of \$84 each and will be available online. There is a maximum of one season ticket per student.

After August 27, any unsold football season tickets will be made available to any qualifying student who has not already purchased a season ticket.

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ON-CAMPUS USE OF ADDERALL SOMEWHAT COMMON, UNSAFE

BY DAVID HOPPER
The Daily Mississippian

At the University of Mississippi, a sophomore business major takes Adderall without a prescription every week to help him focus on his school work.

Matthew, who asked his last name be omitted for fear of legal reprisals, said he never has trouble finding the drug on campus.

"From what I've seen and heard, Adderall use is very common," Matthew said. "Pretty much anybody on this campus can get an Adderall (tablet) at any time. Everyone at this campus should or probably does know somebody who is prescribed to it."

Matthew said it gives him the motivation to study for hours on end.

"I take it whenever I need just to buckle down and really study," Matthew said. "It just picks you up and makes you focus."

Doctors prescribe the stimulant to treat attention deficit disorder,

but it's in high demand during finals week on college campuses across the country, where students pop it before all-night study sessions.

No hard data exists on the number of Ole Miss students who use Adderall without a prescription.

Substance Abuse Services Coordinator Amy Fisher said based on information gathered from various means she estimates around 10 percent of Ole Miss students take it illegally.

Student Health Center Director Barbara Collier said she believes it's the most frequently abused controlled substance on campus.

According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.4 percent of college students aged 18 to 22 reported nonmedical use of Adderall in 2006 and 2007. The study found that full-time college students aged 18 to 22 were twice as likely as their counterparts who

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Working out stress during finals week

BY ELIZABETH PEARSON
Campus News Editor

Gnawed pencils, bitten fingernails, an overload of caffeine and makeshift textbook-pillows may sum up finals week for many students.

To some students, the gym may be something that can easily be cut out of their already busy schedules, leaving more time to crack open the books and cram.

However, many don't consider the positive aspects of working out during "crunch time."

"Studies show exercise helps reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety. We also know regular exercise helps increase the brain chemicals norepinephrine and dopamine and have a major effect on our mood," UM Counselor Vicki Mahan said. "That's why people who exercise heavily and regularly say they get a natural high from their routines or feel it when they can't get good exercise."

Exercising increasing blood flow to the brain can have many positive



ADDISON DENT | The Daily Mississippian

Senior homeland security major Ronald Bias lifts weights in the Turner Center Thursday afternoon. Many students go to the gym during finals week to relieve stress felt during the week.

effects.

"The brain needs more oxygen than any other organ of the body because it regulates everything in one way or another," Mahan said. "It also helps us sleep better, which has major effects on the body, mood, and memory."

Junior Jacob Sprouse said that

working out helps him relieve stress.

"I think it is very important to maintain some kind of physical activity during stressful weeks," Sprouse said. "It gives me an outlet for all that pent-up tension and

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Tonight: Noise Org
Tickets: \$5 at the Door
doors open @ 9
the lyric oxford

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

LESSONS LEARNED AND A FINAL FAREWELL



BY ALEX MCDANIEL, editor-in-chief

Being editor of The Daily Mississippian is a life-altering experience. For an entire year, your life's focus shifts for the sake of a newspaper, its staff and its readers, and you learn to live without everything that used to matter, substituting passion in its place.

Lacking passion is probably the only thing that could effectively kill a DM editor; it is passion that pulls you out of bed for a 9 a.m. class when you sent the newspaper to the press four hours earlier, passion that gives you the courage to read letters laced with scathing insults, passion that shields your heart from pain, fear and cynicism.

Without it, the job would be impossible, and this year was no exception.

Our primary goal when we took over last June was simply to make the newspaper better. The priority was our readership and our obligation was to get it right. The challenge was figuring out a way to do it consistently while balancing our priorities as students, which didn't always work.

Reporters were scarce, circumstances were unpredictable, but there was a never a night that I left the Student Media Center thinking we didn't do the absolute best we could for the sake of our readers.

Of course, we made mistakes in the process - some small, some monumental. Our motives were questioned, as was our dedication to the job.

Although the common joke within the newsroom was that we were too busy and far too exhausted to push the agenda we were accused of having, there was no way to explain errors to our readers other than committing ourselves to a better system of verification.

The assumption was that we acted out of selfishness or personal gain; what many didn't realize is that there was nothing to be gained when things went wrong. Print journalism isn't about writers and editors, it's about

people. It's about service. It's about truth.

Fortunately and unfortunately, the best lessons learned are often through error. We learned our best work was often done through asking questions people didn't want to answer. We learned to accept and examine our biases, rather than running from them, in order to better understand and fulfill the purpose of objectivity. We learned about the beauty and horror of human nature.

I am beyond proud of this staff and its efforts. I am humbled to have had the opportunity to work with them in the first place. Mostly, I am thankful - not only to The DM staff, but to everyone who contributed to the production of this newspaper. I would like to thank those within the Meek School of Journalism and New Media, including Dean Will Norton and the outstanding journalism faculty for their unconditional support.

Thank you to Nancy Dupont for serving as our summer adviser (and unofficial cheerleader). I would also like to thank the Student Media Center professional staff for their constant guidance, especially SMC Director Patricia Thompson for her role as our faculty adviser. Many thanks to NewsWatch Station Manager Ashley Phillips, Rebel Radio Station Manager Jason Caviness, advertising manager Michael Buise and creative services manager Dylan Parker for your help, service and friendship. For all of those within the university, including administrators, faculty/staff members and students, thank you for your assistance and support.

There are also those I would like to recognize for helping me make it through this year. I am forever indebted to journalism professors Garreth Blackwell and Samir Husni for their instruction and unwavering encouragement. Thank you to the professors outside of the journalism department who helped me succeed in my classes despite the demands of

this job, namely Charles Palmer and Lorena Karahan.

I must also thank former DM editor Tyler Clemons for being one of the only people on campus who understood the difficulties and triumphs of this job and stood by me through all of them.

I am thankful and proud to recognize incoming DM editor Caroline Lee for her work this year as managing editor. Her talent and leadership will no doubt lift this newspaper to brand-new heights.

It is not an exaggeration to say I'm unsure how I would have made it through this year without my boyfriend and best friend, Zachary Cruthirds. Night after night he stayed at the newsroom as I finished each issue, often sleeping on the floor, just to make sure I wasn't alone. I will never be deserving of that kind of love; here's hoping he never figures that out.

And of course, I would be nothing without my parents' love and unimaginable sacrifices. They suffered so I could have the chance to succeed. Nothing I could ever say or do will effectively express my gratitude.

Mostly, I want to thank you - the reader - for believing enough in us to read our product and to care enough about the process to hold us accountable for what we published. I loved this newspaper. I loved it enough to fight for it. I loved it enough to protect it. I loved it enough to make it my life. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do that.

Though my final words are shrouded in exhaustion, I must admit my heart is conflicted. Like a child begging her calling mother for the chance to play just a little longer before having to go inside, part of me wishes there were one more day, one more newspaper, one more chance to do what I love.

However, the sun's going down. This adventure is over.

And it's time to go.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PRAYER IS A FREE EXERCISE FOR ALL

Michael Zubick stated that President Obama could have done no greater service to our country than canceling the National Day of Prayer. Is he truly so consumed by his desire to flush religion down the drain? With such problems as America's economy, the war against terrorism and natural catastrophes so prominent in our modern world, he believes that the President of the United States of America can do no greater favor than to cancel the National Day of Prayer?

Either he considers America's president to be an unintelligent derelict, incapable of performing his job, or he has an extreme prejudice against religion which olds precedence over all other problems in the world. It does not take an intelligent individual to discern that there are more important

problems in the world to be dealt with than their own prejudice.

One of his beliefs is that prayer, being a symbol of religion, "should be kept private." Either he voices his opinion because he believe something should be done about it, or he simply like letting people know how he feels, though these feelings have absolutely no conviction behind them and are simply fleeting ideas. I assure the latter is not true, yet the enforcement of such an idea, that prayer and other symbols of religion should be kept private, would be a violation of the Constitution. For it says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The "free exercise thereof" consists in part of the freedoms of religion and

speech.

In his column, Zubick brought up the above excerpt about congress making no law respecting the establishment of any religions. I assume Zubick understands what that means? If not, all it's saying is that congress is prohibited from establishing a national church. They set up this safeguard to avoid the same persecution that their forefathers underwent over 100 years before them.

I have addressed some of the misconceptions in Zubick's column "Where Do We Draw The Line?". Though there is more to discuss, this is supposed to be kept brief.

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COLUMN

NOT A GOOD DEAL

By now, almost everybody in America has at least heard about the Goldman Sachs hearings in front of a Senate committee that featured Senator Levin referring nearly a dozen times to a so called '****ty deal' (profanity omitted) propagated by Goldman as a cash cow, a method to make money that is made of toxic assets and which Goldman did not intend to reap a positive return on investment for anybody but Goldman as the seller.

The biggest problem with this 'arrangement' (as we shall call it from now on, in the interest of more civil discourse) is that it was completely and totally legal at the time that it was done.

I think we all know who's politically responsible for the level of de-regulation of the financial sector that enabled this ridiculousness, so let's save the tired rant about Republican malfeasance and the counter-rant about how deregulation removes the shackles of government from capitalism and allows it to run free.

Of course, this is not to say that government reform of the financial sector is going to have much positive, corrective effect on this kind of behavior.

This last week has been a perfect storm for proponents as well as opponents of financial sector regulatory reform: the SEC legal case against Goldman and the lunatic trader who

came up with the 'arrangement' allowed proponents to crow about the necessity of passing the Dodd bill in the Senate to re-regulate Wall Street; then the revelations last Friday about just what the lovable bureaucrats and accountants at the SEC were doing while Goldman and its people were hatching plots to make insane amounts of money and implode the economy: watching porn.

And these are the people we trust with the economy? As the Rolling Stones song goes, we the people "can't get no satisfaction."

On one hand, we've got a bunch of stuffed suits in skyscrapers whose only goal is to make money. Money, money, money, MONEY! They don't particularly care how they get the money, so long as it looks legal on their quarterly paperwork; while pictures of naked people are downloading and buffering, they then come begging with their handout for MORE of our money when their schemes fail.

On the other, we've got a bunch of stuffed suits in marble buildings who care more about self-satisfaction than protecting the people of America from the more-hare-brained-than-usual schemes of the big banks, and don't recognize until two years after a disaster (and three years after reports came in that listed symptoms of the disaster) that MAYBE, just

MAYBE, they should have paid a teensy tiny bit more attention to financial things instead of G-strings.

In between, we have all the good, hard-working, normal people who - while liking money - aren't obsessed with obtaining it to the point of trying to fleece their friends, neighbors, and complete strangers out of their retirement savings; and who certainly aren't (in most cases) so obsessed with sex so as to spend eight hours a day watching porn.

Instead, we're the ones who - as a result of neglect and ineptitude on the part of the SEC and intentional evil on the part of the banks - suffered the most from the financial crisis brought about by failings on the part of both groups.

What we've gotten from these idiots is the ****ty deal.

Now we need to figure out a way to give it back to them. Let's just hope they have a good return policy.



BY BRANDON IRVINE
Columnist

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We wanted to respond to an article that ran in the Eagle on the Tuesday after Double Decker.

This article has inadvertently drawn Funky's into a very vocal dispute between some city officials and local business owners. We would encourage everyone on both sides of the Sunday sales issue to work together for the benefit of Oxford and all of its citizens.

Last week Funky's ran an advertisement which was intended to invite customers to our restaurant while making light of the issues regarding the weather forecast for Double

Decker. As we cannot control the weather, we hoped everyone would make the best of a bad situation. Unfortunately some have misconstrued our advertisement as a promotion of irresponsible behavior. This was not our goal and we apologize to anyone who mistook our advertisement.

As always, we invite everyone to come eat and drink with us responsibly - rain or shine.

Sincerely,
Lee Harris, Owner
Funky's Pizza and Daiquiri Bar

POEM

Twass the Night Before Exam Week

Twass the night before finals, as I lay in my room Ignoring the kitchen, dirty dishes and spoons. My pans they sat soaking in the sink with great care, Wishing fairies to clean them would soon be there.

I swung open the door, unsure what I'd find, As my heartbeat grew quick, thoughts ran through my mind Of what this could be. But nothing was there, Not inside, not outside, not sitting in a chair.

My books sat unopened on the desk they call home, Wishing to be read, for they've been all alone Collecting the dust, or pollen, as it seems, That floats through an open window as I dream.

I looked even closer, and much to my surprise, There sat a small yellow note, covered with lies. "I will study this year," on the notepad it said, At the top of the list I had written in bed.

When suddenly there came, without any warning, A loud, crashing sound from my old, dinky oven. I sprang up from bed, didn't bother with clothes, But grabbed quick my glasses to sit on my nose.

I felt not dismayed: "There's always next year," Then I opened the fridge and popped open a beer. What's meant to happen, it seems always will, So I walk to the porch; the night air stands still.

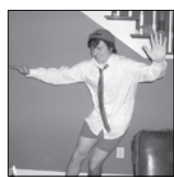
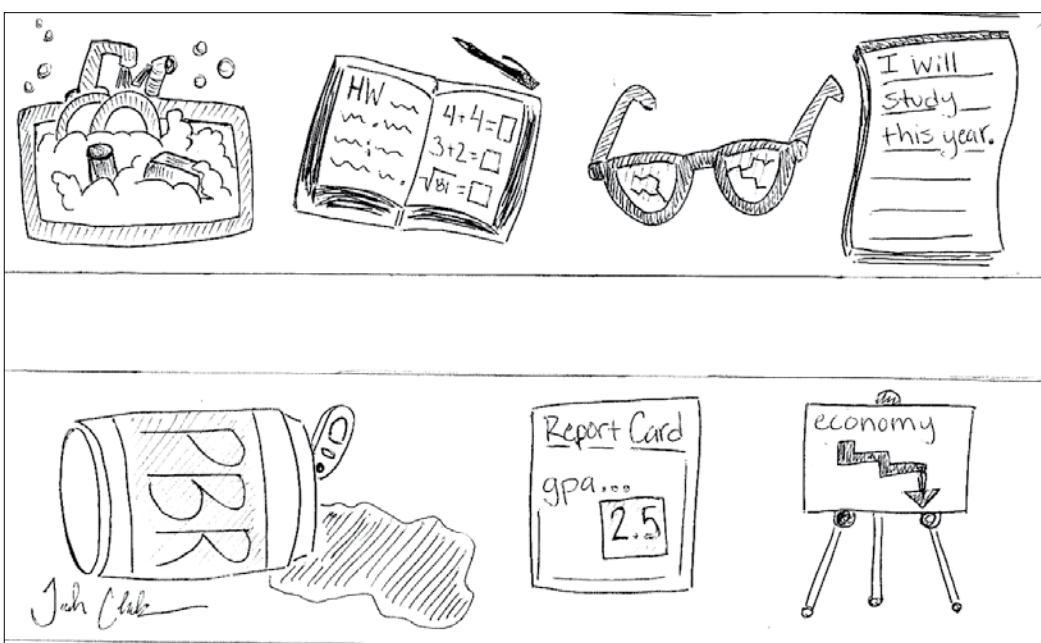
As I lounge in my boxers, PBR in my hand, In a chair that is damp from the dew on the land, I think back to then, and how not much has changed. I still listen to music and cook just the same.

But more is expected than ever before, And my GPA's dwindling right down to the floor. With the economy and jobs and business a fluster, I wish I had mad running skills like McCluster.

As for what's to come, I shall not worry, Nor speed through my life as in some kind of hurry. For the sun also rises after the darkest night, "Next year I will study," Ha... That's a lie.



BY REID KELLY Lifestyles Editor



BY JOSH CLARK Senior Cartoonist

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were not students to have used Adderall non-medically in the past year.

A 2006 study published in the Journal of American College Health found that of the nearly 2,000 University of Kentucky undergraduates surveyed, 34 percent said they had taken ADHD stimulants without a prescription.

Collier said students who have a prescription are generally not the ones abusing the drug.

"Frequently what we see is students who don't take it every single day and so therefore they have extra," Collier said. "People either borrow it, steal it, and, in some cases, sell it."

Students interviewed said the going rate is \$2 or \$3 a pill.

Collier said students frequently come in the Student Health Center and say they're having trouble concentrating and want an Adderall prescription.

The Student Health Center does not prescribe controlled drugs, including Adderall, and won't replace lost prescriptions, Collier said.

"We've always had that policy and it's because of the abuse potential," Collier added.

However, the Student Health pharmacy fills Adderall prescriptions.

According to WebMd, side effects may include weight loss, dry mouth, dizziness and headache. More serious side effects include shortness of breath, chest pain and fast heartbeat.

Sandy Bentley, director of the Student Health Center Pharmacy, said there may be serious consequences for students who take one of their friend's Adderall tablets.

"The dose is so specific to the one person and Adderall has a lot of effect on the cardiovascular system," Bentley said. "You're putting yourself at the risk of having a heart attack or stroke just by taking the wrong dose."

Adderall tablets range from 5mg to 30mg.

Bentley said there have been studies showing students who take Adderall short-term to cram for a test tend to have lower grades than

students who don't take it all.

"People who are taking it legally because they need it, their grades do go up," Bentley said. "People who are taking it sporadically here and there tend not to be the best students."

Adderall is a Schedule II controlled substance and possession without a prescription is a felony.

University Police Chief Calvin Sellers said campus police will occasionally run across Adderall, but he doesn't think it's illegal use is too common.

"If it's one person using it for the wrong reasons then we've got a problem," Sellers said. "I don't think we have a real high number of people using it illegally."

Sellers added that he may not know the extent of its use because it's hard to catch people.

"It's not something we would see," Sellers said. "You don't get to the point where you're fighting or going out of your mind. You just stay awake several days at a time and you finally just crash, and we don't get calls for folks that are going to sleep."

Cpt. Randall K. Davis, commander of the Lafayette County Metro Narcotics Unit, said there have been several arrests for Adderall possession in Oxford in the past year.

Davis said people who get caught with Adderall typically have committed another crime.

"Let's say if they get arrested for DUI and they happen to have four or five in their pocket or purse, then at that point it's discovered later on throughout the DUI investigation," Davis said. "That's where we are contacted to come in and we take over the investigation on Adderall or any other controlled substance."

There has not been an effort to focus on Adderall, Davis said.

"We're going to give Adderall just as much attention as we give methamphetamine or marijuana or cocaine, anything that's covered under the Mississippi Controlled Substance Act," he said.

Davis said while illegal Adderall use was probably unheard of 10 years ago, now it seems to be growing trend.

"It's definitely something that's here and probably unfortunately

going to remain constant as far as a trend," Davis added.

Adderall isn't only used for studying as some turn to it for recreational purposes. The survey of University of Kentucky students found that 7 percent of the students who used it illegally also took it for fun.

Matthew said he does not see the university addressing illegal Adderall use.

"I've heard snorting Adderall being compared to cocaine before," he said. "I remember freshman year I snorted an Adderall extended release. I crushed up a little tablet and snorted it before I took a test. I don't know if that really helps. It's just kind of like an instant boost."

Sara, a junior dietetics and nutrition major who has been taking Adderall without a prescription since her freshman year, said she once took a tablet before a night of drinking.

"Honestly I enjoyed that because you did get a good feeling and you stay up," she said. "A lot of my friends are prescribed to it and they'll pop one before they go out like a normal thing. But I don't really find that too common."

According to IMS Health, a health care information and consulting company, Adderall was the most commonly prescribed ADD drug with more than 16 million prescriptions filled nationwide last year. Other common ADD drugs abused and used legally among students include Concerta and Ritalin.

People prescribed to these drugs may legally only receive a month's supply at a time.

Ali Phares, a junior education major, has been prescribed to Adderall for ADD since her senior year of high school.

"Usually whenever I'm doing homework and I'm not on it I'll read a page but then by the end of the page I won't be able to pay attention to the words," Phares said. "But when I take my medicine it's more like I'm reading and wanting to understand it more."

Phares said she has experienced loss of appetite and irritability when the effects are wearing off.

Ryan Bolton, a sophomore business major who has taken medication for ADD since he was diag-

nosed at age 5, said he doesn't see illegal Adderall use at Ole Miss as being a problem because the benefits far outweigh the risks.

"When you take Adderall it just makes it so you can focus more," Bolton said. "It seems like it's not bad for you. I've never heard of anyone overdosing on Adderall."

Bolton said he does not see the university addressing illegal Adderall use.

"I don't see it being a huge problem that people are going to start dying because of," Bolton said. "There are other drugs on campus that they need to be more worried about than something that makes their kids get better GPAs and makes their school look better."

Cliff, a sophomore who has used Adderall illegally, also said he feels like the university has bigger problems to deal with.

"There's a lot worse things going on than some kids trying to do well in school and taking some (Adderall) to help them study," Cliff said. "They're doing it for a good cause. I don't really know too many kids that do it to get high."

Abir El-Afy, assistant professor of pharmacology, said a major problem with the Adderall phenomenon is that students don't realize the dangers involved.

"If we make them see the danger I'm sure most of them will decide not to go for it," she said. "I don't blame them. It's a prescription drug

so the only people who are educated about it will be the ones taking it."

Substance Abuse Services Coordinator Amy Fisher said prevention and education efforts are being developed as more is learned about Adderall abuse.

"Based on my experience, most students who use Adderall do not believe that it is an issue for concern, even if it is not prescribed for them," El-Alfy said.

Fisher declined to comment due to confidentiality issues on the number of students treated for Adderall abuse at the University Counseling Center.

"Most students who abuse drugs use multiple drugs and Adderall may or may not be one of them," Fisher said.

Fisher said treatment for Adderall abuse is the same as for other drugs and consists of motivational assessment, behavioral and cognitive interventions, and, if necessary, referral to more intensive treatment.

Chancellor Dan Jones said the risks and potential benefits associated with the use of Adderall are not completely understood.

"Research on this and similar drugs impacting brain function will continue," Jones said. "In the future, through this research, we will understand more. In the meantime, students should be reminded there are medical and legal risks of possessing, distributing, or using this and any other prescription drug."

Delta Gamma would like to congratulate... Greek Woman of the Year: Katie Jackson. Outstanding New Member, NPC and Freshman, Achievement Award Recipient: Margaret Ann Morgan. Taylor Medalists: Lauren Delap, Holly Hosford, Hannah Flint, Christy Sims, Sally Nicely, Katie Jackson, Ali Ragsdale.

Senior Honors Thesis Presentation: Caitlin Clarke. The Mapuche Conflict: Indigenous-State Relations in Contemporary Chile. Friday, April 30 1:00 p.m. Croft Building Board Room.

Senior Honors Thesis Presentation: Josh Randle. Leverage and Access: Understanding Why Foreign States Lobby the United States Government. Friday, April 30 9:00 a.m. Deupree Hall Room 131.

Senior Honors Thesis Presentation: Madison Halbrook. Euskal Herritarrak Gara: A Study of a People and Their History, Culture, and Identity. Friday, April 30 12:45 p.m. Honors College Room 311.

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helps wake me up for when I go study."

Working out can be seen as taking a break to do something enjoyable.

"This varies from individual to individual," fitness coordinator Charles Allen said. "For some, it's yoga. For others, it's a long run or bike ride. For others, it's a heavy weightlifting session. It goes back to doing something that you enjoy."

Senior Ryan Malone agrees that stress can be lifted and confidence built by working out during finals week. "I think working out is a productive study break and it stimulates the release of endorphins, which are the body's natural pain killers, that create a sense of euphoria," Malone said. "This can give students the confidence lift they need when it is time to hit the books."

While working out is a great way to take a break and relieve stress during finals, it can also be counterproductive if carbohydrates are not replenished prior to the session.

"It does deplete the body's carbohydrate energy sources, and this can be a bad thing because the brain only runs off glucose as an energy source," Malone added. "It is very important to replenish carbohydrate sources with something like

fruit after a workout. Doing so will give the brain energy to function at its highest capacity."

Although the Counseling Center welcomes those dealing with stress during finals week, Mahan believes that it is important for students to plan ahead so they won't have to give up activities they enjoy during finals week.

"If you must give up some things because it's crunch time, try to think about which activity benefits you the most. Keep what you can in your routine," Mahan said. "Whatever it is you do that is healthy for you and helps you feel good regularly, it probably helps in some way with your oxygen and your mood."

Sprouse has plans to manage his time during finals week.

"I usually go to Turner early in the morning before I need to study, so it's usually not in the way," Sprouse said. "My tests are all at 7:30 a.m., so I can't really get a good workout before the test. If I have free time during the day, I might just take a short nap, then go work out after classes are over."

Although working out can relieve stress, it is important to consider a break with rest or sleep if the body is already overloaded.

"Sleep makes it easier for me to function," Sprouse said. "It helps in lessening stress. I know my mind and body would be better off just getting the extra sleep."

Allen said that the general exercise

recommendations of 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity most days of the week also apply during to high-stress periods, such as finals, but sometimes it isn't possible with a busy schedule.

"Sometimes we have to shorten this or even cut it out if we're extremely busy. Time management and balance are key factors."

Allen recommends ways to cut-back on time at the gym. "Shorten rest periods (between sets), increase exercise intensity and shorten duration, or superset exercises," Allen said. "Less social time and more

time on task."

Sprouse said that he may not be able to work out as much as he likes during finals week, but that it is still important for him to get a workout in.

"It's like eating. I will MAKE time for it somehow or another," Sprouse said. "I have seven exams from Saturday until Friday, and I'll probably work out at least twice within that time. Hopefully more."

Sprouse added that he has even skipped a class to relieve stress at the gym.

"I've been late to many classes

and skipped one or two review classes on purpose to work out," Sprouse said. "I did that today actually, and I'm glad I did because I've felt fantastic all day."

While sometimes it is necessary to cut out workouts for time management, if exercise and physical activity are made a part an everyday lifestyle, incorporating a workout on top of stress should not hurt.

"It's all about perception," Allen said. "One person may perceive a situation as stressful, and another person may not perceive the same situation as stressful at all."



A collection of engineering, intensive English, religious ethics and other classes that participated in service learning projects this semester gathered in Bryant hall to display and talk about their service projects. "Some of us thought it would be really nice this semester to have a moment at the end where we gather all the different people who have done service learning projects over the year to share one another's projects as well as to celebrate the work we've done this semester," said Sarah Moses, professor of the participating religious ethics class.

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Oxford Police tighten up on DUI charges

BY ASHLEIGH DAVIS
Special to The DM

As graduation for the University of Mississippi is swiftly approaching, students are eager to celebrate. DUIs are statistically higher in the latter months of the school year, and Oxford police have made it clear they have zero tolerance for drunk driving.

The Double Decker weekend called for multiple road blocks throughout the city of Oxford, which allowed residents to get a sneak peek of the Alcohol Task Force's sincerity.

The Oxford Police Department is taking extensive measures to ensure safety in Oxford in the upcoming weeks by patrolling the square as well as campus to see to it that students are using Rebel Ride and taxis to

ensure public safety.

In 2008 alone Mississippi had 298 deaths in which the driver had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of at least 0.01%

The University Police Department plans to patrol campus to prevent accidents and keep drivers from driving negligently. Additionally, the University Counseling Center offers alcohol abuse programs as well as one-on-one counseling for students who feel they need assistance.

Freshman Cody Mitchell said he has lost numerous friends to drunk driving accidents.

"I am definitely thankful for organizations like Rebel Ride because I know the consequences of drinking and driving," said Mitchell. "I have personally lost six friends in drunk driving accidents and had several friends have been charged with a DUI."

To help students who think they may have a problem or need help, the counseling center offers several programs including Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and Al-Anon, meetings for students who have parents who abuse alcohol and one-on-one sessions.

Amy Richardson, who works at the Counseling Center, is reaching out to students all over campus.

"We send out e-mails two to three times a semester with information about when our services are offered, and we have very good feedback," Richardson said. "We have gotten anywhere from 200 to 300 e-mails a day from students who want to come in."

The Counseling Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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A string band plays at the University Memorial Ceremony in Paris Yates Chapel Thursday afternoon. The ceremony honored students and faculty that have passed away in the past year.

MASCOT SELECTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

BY LANCE INGRAM
The Daily Mississippian

The Ole Miss Mascot Selection Committee is continuing to work toward bringing the university a new on-field mascot.

The committee has constructed a graph indicating the progression of the decision-making process.

The group is currently in the first phase and is hoping in the near future to move into the second phase, which includes choosing the best of ideas and putting them on the mascot website for students, faculty, alumni association members and season ticket holders to consider.

"We're pretty much still in

the information-gathering phase at the moment, and after these alumni groups, which will go through May, we will get all that information to synthesize the ideas and see where we're at," said Ty New, co-chairman of the committee.

The committee has plans to hold 12 more focus groups in May with alumni and will be visiting cities including Jackson and Memphis, which will give alumni an opportunity to have a voice in the selection process.

Focus groups were held collect information on possible mascot ideas and allowing people an opportunity to voice their opinion.

"We've done a lot more work than probably what anybody knows about," New said. "We've held a bunch of focus groups, over 20 with students and some with alumni this summer."

The committee is currently

gathering information on what the word "rebel" means to individuals and what would people like to see the mascot be.

New said the website, mascot.olemiss.edu, has close to 51,000 hits and over 750 mascot idea submissions, New said.

"We've had a ton of responses, and a lot of it has been really good stuff," New said.

The committee has received support from the Alumni Association Board of Directors and Coach Houston Nutt.

They stressed that this decision process is just for a mascot who will be on the sidelines during sporting events and that the university will still be the Ole Miss Rebels.

They have not set a date to announce the new mascot but hope to have it by the 2010 football season.

TICKETS,

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"The new ticket plan attempts to create a better overall gameday experience for students through providing easier access and more convenience," Burke said. "The plan also aims to increase school spirit through greater support of our athletics teams and participation in sporting events."

A percentage of student tickets will be put on reserve for the freshman orientation

session, ending August 2010. Students must be enrolled for at least half-time hours for the fall 2010 term to qualify to purchase season tickets.

"I am very excited about the new online purchasing choices," student Jessi Nowell said. "Last year I was not able to purchase football tickets because the lines were always outrageous. This should take care of that problem."

Season tickets and all-sports season passes will be available for purchasing in July at OleMissSports.com

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Way Down South in Mississippi

Story by: Katherine Johnson
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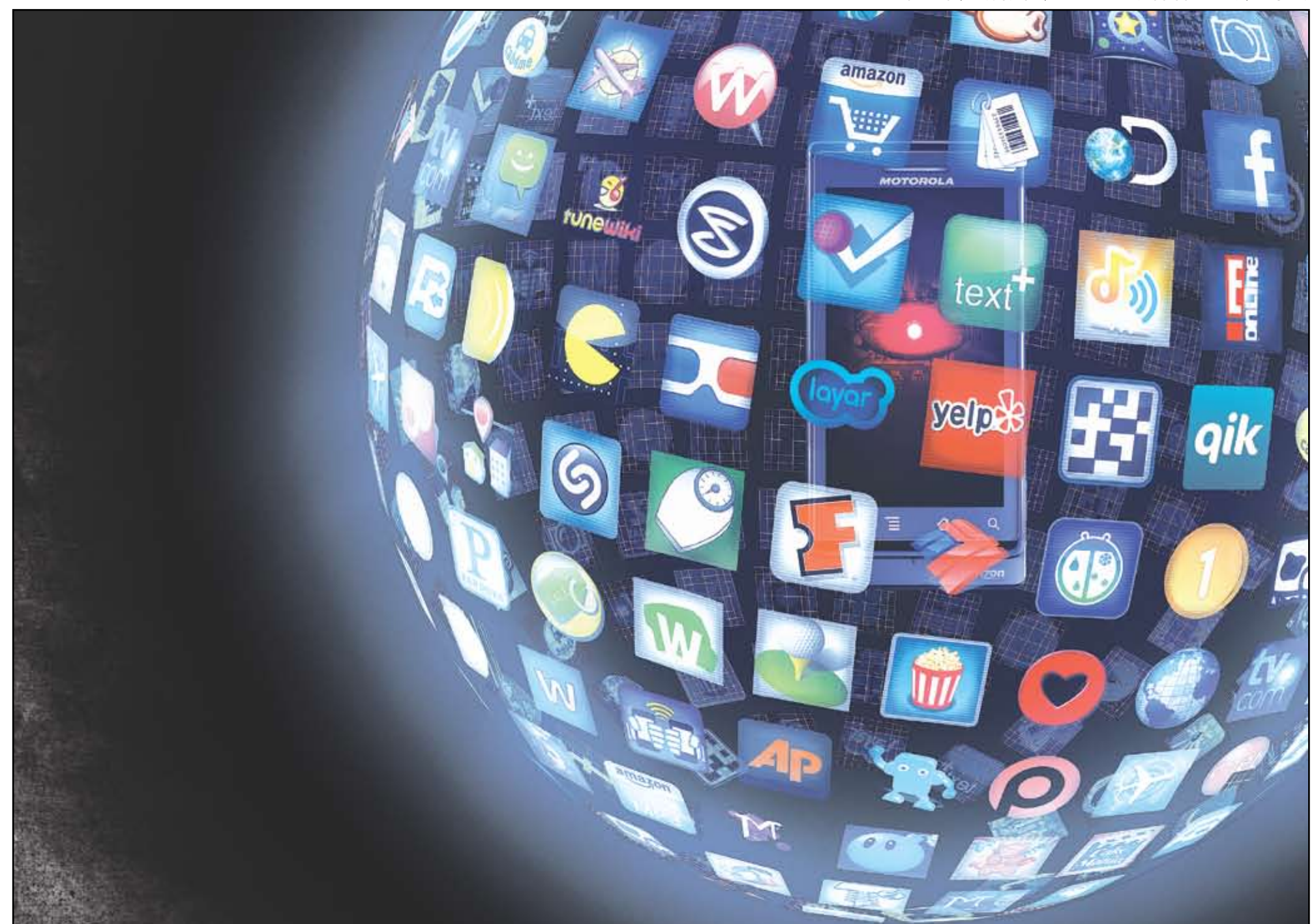
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TOP FIVE WORST GRADUATION SONGS

BY JOSH BREEDEN
The Daily Mississippian

It's graduation season which means PA systems across the country will soon be blasting a variety of pop ditties reminding graduates to cherish the fleeting days of their youth, for the "real world" is on their heels, chasing them down like a stampeding, bloodthirsty band of belligerent samurai cavalry (Tom Cruise included). Unfortunately, most of the time this seemingly profound message is delivered using music so horrendous, it will leave you begging for decapitation. For your reading pleasure, the worst graduation songs ever (insert theatrical echo here).

in the morning and ask myself / is life worth living or should I blast myself?" Now go out and be somebody. I know, I know, I'm committing musical blasphemy by calling out the late great 2Pac, but really, is this what you would consider appropriate graduation fare? The melody does sound nice and uplifting, and yes, the song does inspire one to make changes. But unless there is gunfight taking place amid the ceremonies, it really serves no purpose. Thank God all these tassels are the same color.

"I'll Be There For You,"
The Rembrandts

Congratulations, Chandler. Thanks, Ross, and great job catching Rachel at the airport. Man, it was weird when she was with Joe. First rule, never use a well-known sitcom

"Changes,"
2Pac

"I see no changes wake up

theme as your commencement tune. Second rule, never name your child Chandler. Unless you plan on sticking around for a while after graduation or maintaining a Facebook account well into the after-life, chances are you won't "be there" for any previous classmates after the ceremony whether it's raining or not. OK, only if one of those classmates is Jennifer Aniston.

"I Will Remember You,"
Sarah McLachlan

Aside from a magic voodoo potion, George Romero, or one of the "infected" skirting past a military checkpoint into the "safe zone," nothing will turn a crowd of people into zombies faster than this song. But Sarah's such a nice woman. She plays frilly 90's piano pop on an eternal musical quest in search of love and blonde guys with denim jackets. She supports PETA. How could you? Well, I can. Take your melancholic swoon elsewhere, Sarah, these things are constructed entirely out of boring—no complementary support needed.

"Photograph,"
Nickelback

Who said Canadians were harmless? Chad Kroeger and crew have been conducting a covert cultural war against the American music listening public for years, destroying Southern Rock and American pop with a blitzkrieg of power-chord-laden over-sexed rock ballads that would make Hell's Angels vomit. And now they've infiltrated the academic realm like Telly Savalas at a Nazi banquet (Wikipedia time). "I wonder if it's too late / should I go back and try to graduate? / Life's better now



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than it was back then / if I was them I wouldn't let me in." I sure wish he would've graduated. Man, those tech school welding classes are difficult.

"Here's to the Night,"
Eve 6

The ultimate ode to nostalgia: "In a day and a day love I'm gonna be gone for good again. / Are you willing to be had, are you cool with

just tonight?" Oh Max, your so sentimental, and yea that's cool, but can we wait until after the ceremony? This tunic is a rental. As you can see, this song is most definitely not about commencement, that is unless your stage name is Candy, and you received your graduation gift in singles from an unknown middle-aged gentleman at the Zanzibar. God, Dad, get that camcorder out of my face!

THE WEEKLY TOP TEN BY ANDY PAUL The Daily Mississippian

lessons learned from this semester

1 WITH THE PROPER FACEBOOK CAMPAIGN, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE
This semester was a big one for the social networking website. Good ole' Ackbar has close to 8,000 fans. And we all know whatever posted on Facebook is 100% truth. Colonel Reb can't repel forces of that magnitude, leading me to my next point:

2 KKK RALLIES ARE NOT BENEFICIAL TO ONE'S CAUSE
Let's be honest here, folks, regardless of whether or not you support Colonel Reb, you have to admit that having the KKK show up in support of the former mascot does little to help the cause. That's like saying how much you love German beer steins for their decorative ceramic patterns, then having a neo-Nazi walk up and shout, "They are good for hitting Jews in the head with, too!"

3 TEA PARTIES ARE NO LONGER FOR SISSY LITTLE GIRLS
Sissy adult women can participate too, now! The Tea Party Campaign continues to shout its way across the nation, proving that louder equals more accurate. And a special thanks to Sarah Palin for setting the women's rights movement back about one hundred and fifty years. She probably would have protested the Seneca Falls Convention if she had the chance.

4 BOWING IS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS
Apparently Americans simply hate bowing out of respect. Any time President Obama tilted his head towards a foreign politician, the press would go nuts about it. My solution is this: Obama is allowed to bow in foreign countries, but only if those politicians greet him the American way when they come to the U.S. - Fist pump like a champ. Speaking of which...

5 STEREOTYPES DIE HARD
Man, Jersey Shore, you really know how to advance the Italian American image, don't you? Until this year, I thought that all Italian immigrant men had the last name of Soprano and hung around with the guitarist from the E Street Band. Now, I know that they also have the Cadillac logo tattooed down their side and can't help but "beat that beat back." Snooki, JWowww, The Situation, you all make The Jerry Springer Show look like The Nightly News with Brian Williams.

6 LIFE IS WORTH PAYING ATTENTION TO AGAIN
Thanks to the Discovery Channel, I no longer have to watch TV to escape from life. I can simply watch Life without actually experiencing it, instead!

7 THE OSCARS STILL DON'T QUITE MATTER
I like watching Alec Baldwin and Steve Martin be awkward and bumbling just as much the next person, but ten Best Picture nominees? You're getting soft on us, Academy. And when a group of elitist, self-important Hollywood actors gets soft on us, you know we are in trouble.

8 2-D MOVIES ARE FOR CHUMPS
Hollywood has realized (thankfully for us lesser individuals) that we simply do not get enough of the three dimensions in real life. Next October, and please keep in mind that I am not kidding, Saw 3D is being released. And thank God for that. Everyone knows that the cinematic limitations to that franchise lay solely in the fact that I couldn't see severed limbs flying at me from the screen.

9 MOTHER NATURE IS FURIOUS AT YOU
It's been like a Michael Bay movie up in here this past semester. So many terrible natural events have wrecked havoc upon the population that I wouldn't be surprised if a Cloverfield-like monster will soon rise from the depths and have us for a snack. That colossal screw-up of an oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is certainly not a great apology to the Earth, either. Assume fetal position.

10 ATTACHING A LOWERCASE "i" TO A PRODUCT INCREASES IT VALUE
I mentioned this earlier in the semester, but I still can't get over it. iPad? Really, Apple, that's the best you can give us? It's like the main complaint Apple received about the iPhone was that having every gadget in one package still somehow wasn't ostentatious and American enough. So what do they give us? A Biggie-sized iPhone.



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FOUR REBELS NAMED ALL SEC

BY JOHN HOLT
The Daily Mississippian

On Wednesday afternoon, four members of the 2010 SEC West Champion Ole Miss women's tennis team (15-5, 8-3 SEC) were honored as members of the All-SEC team for their performances during the conference season.

Junior Connor Vogel and sophomore Kristi Boxx were selected as first team members, while their teammates juniors Karen Nijssen and Laura van der Stroet made the second team.

"To have four players on the All-SEC team is outstanding," Rebels head coach Mark Beyers said. "We obviously had a great year. All these girls are very deserving of this honor. They all stepped up at different times this year to give us some big wins and help us go 8-3 in the SEC and earn the No. 2 seed (in the SEC tournament). They have worked very hard, and we are proud of them."

Vogel, a 2008 transfer from Tennessee, made an immediate impact on Ole Miss' success in 2010 by posting a team best

9-1 SEC singles record.

"It was one of my personal goals at the beginning of the season," Vogel said of being selected. "I never thought I would make the first team. I was definitely just going to try my best because it was a goal of mine, but as the season started to progress it became more realistic. I want to thank the coaches because they knew what our team goals and individual goals were and were very willing to help us achieve those. It's a huge honor and I'm really flattered."

Boxx's selection marked the second straight year to be named a member of the first team.

Last weekend, in the Rebels' SEC tournament semifinal match against No. 13 Tennessee, Boxx who was ranked No. 62 in singles at the time, earned her most impressive win of the season when she upset Tennessee's 9th ranked Caitlin Whoriskey 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Nijssen made the second team for the third consecutive year after posting an 11-7 dual match record.

On April 4, Nijssen played a key part in the Rebels' upset of then No. 13 Georgia when she came back to defeat Georgia's All-SEC first team member, No. 29 Nadja Gilchrest 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. Van de Stroet had an impressive 9-2 record during SEC singles play, and along with partner sophomore Abby Guthrie, the duo, went 10-1 in doubles play during the conference season.

All three juniors on the team's roster made the All-SEC team. "None of us expected that we would all make it," Vogel said. "It's cool that none of us are seniors and we'll be back next year to try and do it again."

The team's focus now shifts to the NCAA tournament, where the No. 16 Rebels hope to be one of the 16 schools to host an NCAA regional.

"I think we did great this year," Vogel said. "We lost some close matches to some good teams but everybody did there best so we can't really look back but only look forward toward the (NCAA) tournament now."

OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

REBELS CLIMB IN TO TOP 10 IN THE NATIONAL RANKINGS, HIGHEST IN SCHOOL HISTORY

The Ole Miss men's track and field team has risen to No. 10 in the latest U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association poll to mark the highest in-season ranking in school history.

The Rebels are coming off a weekend that saw Ole Miss record six individual titles at the Drake Relays to collect the most wins in school history at the prestigious meet.

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.

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.

HEADLINE TOPIC

Rebs take win streak to Starkville



Ole Miss celebrates after claiming a walk-off win against LSU on Saturday night. The Rebels are on a seven-game win streak and will travel to Starkville this weekend to play the Mississippi State Bulldogs. During the Rebels win streak, the team has used three walk-offs to extend the streak. An Alex Yarbrough home run gave the Rebels a midweek victory over Murray State, Kevin Mort's single secured the series sweep against LSU and Alex Yarbrough's single up the middle gave the Rebels the extra inning win on Saturday night against LSU.

BY JASON SMITH
Sports Editor

In-state rival Mississippi State will look to end the Rebels seven-game streak this weekend.

Ole Miss (30-13, 11-7 SEC) goes to Starkville as one of the hottest teams in the Southeastern Conference.

During their win streak, the Rebels have earned three walk-off wins. Two against Louisiana State University by Alex Yarbrough and Kevin Mort, and in Tuesday's game when Yarbrough hit his second home run of the season to knock off Murray State.

Ole Miss, ranked No. 14 by Baseball America, will send Drew Pomeranz and Aaron Barrett to the mound on Friday and Saturday. Ole Miss head coach Mike Bianco has not named a starter for Sun-

day.

Pomeranz is coming off his worst outing of the season against LSU. The left-hander allowed nine walks in only three innings of work.

The junior still leads the SEC in strikeouts (93) and opposing batting average (.161).

The senior Barrett (6-2) earned a no decision on Saturday against LSU. Barrett also struggled with the fierce winds that haunted starting pitchers during Saturday's double-header against LSU.

Bianco needs Barrett and Pomeranz to return to form and provide a beleaguered Ole Miss bullpen with some rest.

The double-header on Saturday, and consecutive extra inning games on Sunday and Tuesday have depleted the Rebels bullpen.

Mississippi State enters the

series off a sweep at the hands of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Ole Miss and Mississippi State played earlier this year during the annual Governor's Cup match in Pearl and the Rebels won 7-3.

"This weekend series is big not only for the SEC race but for the rivalry and the fans," Bianco said. "We've seen Mississippi State already this year in the mid-week, but need to get these wins this weekend."

"A lot of our players and their players grew up playing against each other, and a good series this weekend would be huge."

Friday's game will begin at 7 p.m. and will be televised by Fox Sports Net. Saturday's game is at 6:30 p.m. and will be televised by SportSouth, while Sunday's game will begin at 1:30 p.m. on CSS.

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NCAA ANNOUNCES KEY CHANGES TO ATHLETICS

Key decisions Thursday by the NCAA's board of directors in Indianapolis:

Tourney Expansion:

Approved expansion of the men's basketball tournament from 65 to 68 teams, effective March 2011.

The board also endorsed a proposal to expand the opening-round games from one to four.

The format must still be approved by the men's basketball committee this summer.

Football credit hours increased

Endorsed a recommendation that will require football players to complete a minimum of nine credit hours during the fall semester to remain academically eligible for the following season.

The board said studies show players who complete at least nine hours in the fall are more likely to be academically eligible in the spring.

Players who fail to meet the requirement would have to sit out four games, but could reduce the penalty to two games if they complete 27 credit hours by the end of the next summer session.

APR toughened:

Endorsed a recommendation from the Committee

on Academic Performance to eliminate waivers for penalties assessed to Football Bowl Subdivision schools that have players leave school after completing their eligibility and are not academically eligible.

That's a problem for players who leave school to attend pre-NFL combine workouts.

The board agreed that eliminating the waivers would be an incentive to improve retention and eligibility issues.

Study on JUCOs:

Adopted a recommendation to continue studying the time demands on football student-athletes and the requirements for two-year college transfers.

New membership standards:

Endorsed recommendations for new Division I membership standards.

If approved, new Division I schools would undergo a four-year reclassification process, becoming fully eligible in the fifth year; need to be an active member in Division II for at least five years before starting reclassification; need to meet Division I requirements upon the start of reclassification; and have a bona fide offer to join a conference before starting the reclassification process.

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TENNIS AWARDS

THIEMANN, VORSTER EARN HONORS

BY JOHN HOLT

The Daily Mississippian

Marcel Thiemann and Tucker Vorster of the No. 18 nationally ranked Ole Miss men's tennis team (18-7, 7-4 SEC), were selected for the 2010 All-Southeastern Conference team Thursday afternoon.

Thiemann was put on the first team and Vorster was placed on

the second team.

"They're two of the most-improved players in the nation," Rebels head coach Billy Chadwick said. "It's a great honor to be recognized as All-SEC simply because the SEC is the strongest tennis conference in the nation and tennis is the strongest sport in the SEC."

After losing five starters from

last year's NCAA Elite Eight team, Thiemann and Vorster both increased their level of play this season to help the Rebels capture their ninth straight SEC West championship along with a current top-20 national ranking.

Chadwick said he never envisioned both players making the All-SEC team prior to the season.

"Marcel played No. 6 singles for us last year," Chadwick said. "Tucker hadn't played any singles at all in his career (before this season)."

Thiemann, who played No. 1 for the Rebels for the majority of the year, posted a 13-8 dual-match record and is currently ranked No. 33 in the nation in singles.

He was also recognized last weekend as a member of the SEC All-Tournament team, in which he helped the Rebels advance to the SEC semifinals before falling to No. 2 nationally ranked and eventual tournament champion Tennessee.

Along with his brother Chris, the tandem went 10-1 in the SEC in doubles play.

Vorster had a stellar junior season campaign, playing No. 1



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Marcel Thiemann returns a shot against Ohio State. Thiemann emerged as the Rebels No. 1 singles player over the course of the season, and the underclassmen was rewarded a spot on the All-Conference first team.

singles early in the season and shifting to No. 2 later. He went 8-5 while playing No. 2 and 5-2

in the SEC.

Vorster's most impressive win of the season came against Dino Marcan of then No. 2 Ohio State on April 14.

After his doubles partner from last year, 2009 NCAA singles champion Devin Britton, turned pro, Vorster teamed up with freshman Jonas Lutjen and the duo put together a 16-8 dual match record and 6-0 record while playing No. 2 doubles.

Both Vorster and Thiemann will be back to guide the Rebels in 2011, but now the team awaits their NCAA site and opponent, which will be released May 4 on ESPNNews at 4 p.m. C.T.

Ole Miss is still hoping to host an NCAA regional.

"We've got a shot," Chadwick said of hosting. "The stars have to line up right and we're going to need some help from some teams playing in the Big 12 tournament this weekend. We need the right teams to lose."



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