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South Lot system causes tardies



ADDISON DENT | The Daily Mississippian

Students utilizing the new "Park and Ride" service have been consistently late to classes this week due to traffic and excess number of riders.

BY MADISON HILL The Daily Mississippian

When a student arrives on campus at 7:30 a.m., he or she does not expect to be five minutes late for an 8 a.m. class.

Such was the case for junior English major Danielle Thornton Tuesday morning, who has been faithfully using the South Lot "Park and Ride" System since its inception at the beginning of the fall semester.

"The first bus that came was full from the apartments (on Old Taylor Road), so it just passed us," Thornton said. "The second bus was mostly full, but I was able to get on. When we left, there were still people there in the parking

"Park and Ride" is a parking on Old Taylor Road. option designed to accommodate the needs of commuter students. Commuters purchase a South Lot decal from the university parking services for \$10, as opposed to \$60 for the regular commuter parking decals. They park their cars on the edge of campus in the South Lot, which is located at the intersection of Old Taylor Road and Highway 6.

Students then take an Oxford University Transit bus up to University Avenue where it connects to the Grove Loop, and the bus circles the campus and eventually ends up back at the South Lot. This system, which is known as the Green Route, also picks up students

Linda Christian, manager of parking services, said the OUT system is usually known for its timeliness and efficiency. Christian said three buses run on a 10-minute schedule from 7:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. and two buses run on a 15-minute schedule from 12:20 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There are 30 seats on each bus, and the maximum capacity is 50 people per bus. Christian said that the service was offered primarily because of the anticipated increase in student enrollment.

"We are pleased with the start of this new parking option," Christian said.

However, students using this "Park and Ride" service from living in apartment complexes the South Lot have been steadi- See SOUTH LOT, PAGE 5

ly arriving late for classes due to issues such as, in Thornton's case, an overload of people on the bus. The University Police Department, which encourages students to take advantage of the new service, was equally surprised at the inconsistency this week, Christian said.

"In my experiences with OUT, they are very diligent about running on time — to the minute — on their scheduled routes and stops," Christian said.

Graduate student Travis Smith experienced otherwise.

"Every now and then, it is difficult to get back (from campus)," Smith said. "Buses get sparse."

this week

TAD SMITH COLISEUM

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Ole Miss Men's Basketball team will play against Tennessee (13-7, 3-1 SEC) at Tad Smith Coliseum on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Admission is \$5 with a student ID, and \$15 for non-students.

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Baptist Memorial to relocate from South Lamar

BY MASON MCDILLION

The Daily Mississippian

North Mississippi, located off South Lamar, announced it will be seeking a new location at a public meeting held in the Oxford Conference Center on Monday.

The meeting was held between officials of Baptist Me-Hospital, Oxford's Board of Alderman and Lafayette County Board of Supervi-

Although there is no set location or final construction date for the hospital, Don Hutson, Administrator and CEO of Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi projects the

new Baptist Memorial Hospi- be done. tal-North Mississippi to begin summer of 2015.

Officials announced the hospital will be building a \$300million state-of-the-art regional referral facility.

"We believe that having a state-of-the-art facility will help us as we expand, grow and recruit to this area," Don Hutson, Administrator and CEO of Baptist Memorial Hospital-North Mississippi said.

The location site of the new hospital is still undetermined. There are still stages of the negotiating process that need to be worked out before any movement on the project can

"First Baptist has to purconstruction in 2012 and hope chase the lease from the city Baptist Memorial Hospital- to occupy the new facility by and county before anything is done, then there is a design stage which leads to construction," Hutson said.

Baptist Memorial is expanding to a different location because of seismic codes, which put restrictions on further building to the current hospi-

"This hospital is landlocked on 13 acres, we can't build up," Hutson said.

Due to the seismic codes, Baptist Memorial is looking to relocate to a facility that will give them enough space to per-

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BY JOSH CLARK
Cartoonist



Can Obama 'Win The Future'?



BY BRANDON IRVINE Columnist

President Obama centered his 2011 State of the Union address Tuesday night around the theme of "winning the future."

I'm going to go out on a limb and project now that he's not going to get all of what he wants. In fact, he's probably going to get very little of what he wants. Honestly, there is a very real chance he might not get any of it.

With a considerable portion of the speech focusing on the President's desire for "investment" in areas such as math and science education, infrastructure, high-speed rail, and clean energy technology research - really a not-so-subtle statement that he wants Congress to spend a lot of money on these things - he was undoubtedly unhappy, but unsurprised at Congressman Paul Ryan's (R-Wisconsin) statement in the Republican response last night laying out his party's contradictory priorities.

"We hold to a couple of simple convictions: endless borrowing is not a strategy; spending cuts have to come first," Ryan said.

A BBC News report cited a figure that said for every dollar spent by the federal government, 40 cents is borrowed money. So when you look at it that way, Congressman Ryan isn't being unreasonable.

Cuts must happen.

The President outlined a program of cuts in the speech: ending government subsidies to oil companies, freezing discretionary spending levels, making cuts to long-delayed, over-budget defense programs, raising taxes on the wealthiest two percent of Americans, ending earmarks, and reorganizing and slimming down the government bureaucracy.

These will not be enough.

The President admitted as much when he said "most of the cuts and savings I've proposed only address annual domestic spending, which represents a little more than 12 percent of our budget."

Wednesday, Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-Minnesota) and Senator Rand Paul (R-Kentucky) came forward with cuts proposals of their own that, while providing red meat for their highly conservative base voters, are wholly unpalatable: 40 percent or greater cuts to the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Commerce, and the Department of the Interior, which Sen. Paul proposes to cut by 73 (73!) percent.

While these particular cuts will likely not happen, some cuts

When 40 percent of a \$3.5 trillion budget – \$1.4 trillion – comes from somewhere else, that number needs to come down fast.

Finding that much in savings would be a difficult proposition for politicians on either side of the aisle, but that's how much needs to go.

Maybe reorganizing the "12 different agencies that deal with exports," the "at least five different agencies that deal with housing policy," and clearing up who

is in charge of salmon will save a few billion dollars.

Tie that in with the other cuts outlined by the President, and maybe the old Washington adage of "A billion here, a billion there, and soon you're talking about real money" might come into play by accident.

But one additional cut that would certainly have a big impact on that amount that needs to be found would be freezing the discretionary spending levels at pre-2008 levels.

Pre-2001 levels would be better, since war spending is technically discretionary and that would artificially inflate the numbers.

Until the deficit is under control, and the United States is not borrowing money like a meth addict trying to support a habit, there will be no money – Chinese or otherwise – for those R&D programs the President is advocating.

Cutting is the only way to "win the future", Mr. President.

Get your scissors.

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Ending the Cuban Trade Embargo



BY MATTHEW HENRY
Columnist

There has been a trade embargo by the United States on the nation of Cuba for more than 50 years. That's 50 years of trading very little (exemptions exist for humanitarian food items) in hopes of affecting some sort of change in the Cuban government.

I do believe that in 2011, we can finally say that the Cuban Embargo has failed at its original intent.

The original embargo was

passed under the JFK administration in 1960 due to nationalization of American companies and property in Cuba. It was later amended to include nearly every aspect of trade with Cuba in 1962.

Granted, that time was during the heat of the Cold War.

I can understand both the political and military necessity of such an embargo at the time, but it has been more than two decades since the end of the Cold War. We no longer live in constant fear of a perceived Communist threat.

Truthfully it is not beneficial for either the United States or Cuba. Why is the embargo bad for Americans and Cubans?

First, it is limiting a relatively large potential trade partner very close to the United States. The embargo did not remove Fidel Castro from power and another 50 years of this embargo will not remove his successors

All the United States is doing now is economically shooting itself in the foot to maintain this outdated tradition of ignoring a neighbor to the south. Second, the embargo actually helped to keep Castro in power. Nearly every economic issue in Cuba can now be blamed on the United States' embargo.

What would effect real change in this socialist dictatorship would be to open the doors to trade with the United States. The sheer amount of new capital that would flow into Cuba would surely have

transformational effects.

Now, one could also argue that there would also be negative consequences on the Cuban economy by having normalized relations with the United States. I strongly believe the positive effects would outweigh the negatives at the end of the day.

Trade embargoes and other economic sanctions are notoriously ineffective, especially when it is utilized by one country. Sure, if every country in the world decided not to trade with Cuba, change would happen very quickly. Since the United States is one of the only countries that does so, nothing is going to change within Cuba

Finally, if the United States

can vote to normalize economic relations with China, it can do the same with Cuba. China has its share of human rights and political issues, yet we still do an enormous amount of trade.

Every President since JFK has supported the embargo, even Barack Obama. Think of the amount of tourism that Cuba would receive the minute the embargo is removed (for those of you who enjoy cigars, think of the Cuban cigars). Cuba would have the benefit of an economic boom and the United States would gain a valuable trading partner.

It is time we stopped living in the past, step into the 21st century and end the trade embargo on Cuba.

THE DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN EDITORIAL BOARD

If professors don't care, neither will we

The Daily Mississippian Editorial Board consists of Caroline Lee, editor in chief; Emily Roland, managing editor; Cain Madden, campus news editor; Lance Ingram, city news editor; Mia Camurati, opinion editor; Emily Cegielski, features editor; Ryanne Flanders, arts & leisure editor; Paul Katool, sports editor; Austin Miller, assistant sports editor; Katie Ridgeway, design editor; and Addison Dent, photo editor. The board meets weekly to discuss city and campus issues.

During the first week of school, everyone darts around from building to building trying to figure out which class is in which room and who that professor is babbling about the intensity of the next 13

Soon, we will begin to figure out which professors teach because it's their passion and which teachers are simply pulling a paycheck.

Since anyone can teach, regardless of a degree in education, it's no surprise that some of these teachers either don't know how to teach or don't care enough to try. Either way, it doesn't make coming to your 8 a.m. any easier.

As college students, we are here because we want to learn, but it's likely we won't even try if it's obvious you don't care about us or the

When you let us out 10 minutes into class because you have nothing prepared, not only have you destroyed the "strict schedule" you harped on the first week, but you've wasted both our time and our money.

We (or our parents, or the government) pay more than necessary to get this fine education, and we deserve our money's worth. If you're not going to care about teaching us, let one of the many people struggling to find a job in this crazy economy with a passion for educating young minds have a chance.

However, for every teacher who gets out of bed and groans at the idea of lecturing, another is dreaming about lesson plans, final projects and five-paragraph essays.

Any teacher who comes into class bright and early beaming about the thought of educating the masses in something he or she is passionate about automatically makes class more pleasurable and more exciting. Even when it's one of those core classes that we have to take, a professor with a true passion for biology can make anyone care about amino acids and evolution.

The difference between one who tries and one who doesn't can be subtle, but the end result is always apparent. Professors with vigor have higher attendance records and higher overall averages in the end.

If you can trick us into learning something we couldn't care less

about, not only have you done your job well, but you've changed the minds of dozens of young adults,

and that is quite a feat in itself.









NEWS

Miss. ranks first in obesity...again

BY MALLORY SIMERVILLE The Daily Mississippian

Once again, the state of Mississippi ranks as the fattest state in America— for the seventh year running.

The Mississippi State Medical Association (MSMA) released its third annual Public Heath Report Card. The report ranks Mississippi comparatively to the rest of the nation in various health issues.

The state ranked No. 1 in five categories, including adult obesity, adults reporting no physical activity in the past month and heart disease.

According to William Norris, the director of food and nutrition at the Baptist Memorial Hospital of North Mississippi, Oxford and Lafayette County measure up to the numbers released.

"There's so many people in the county, and also in Oxford, that we see every day—they don't have the education," Mandy Sullivan, chief clinical manager at the hospital, said.

Norris and Sullivan said that they deal with patients on a daily basis who have little to no understanding of healthy eating habits or physical activity. The few that do have knowledge are usually connected to the University, according to Sullivan.

"There seems to be a big difference between the University versus the county and the city people. They just seem more educated," Sullivan said, "You've got to get the young people who are still willing and able to change."

She said the adults she treats are either uneducated or unmotivated. According to MSMA president, Dr. Tim Alford, adults are much harder to crack on changing their lifestyles than children and college students.

Alford said even though college students spend long hours in the library, that even a minimal amount of effort can be taken towards a healthier lifestyle.

By simply taking a brisk walk to the library, the blood flow increases toward the brain, thus enhancing learning capacity. In addition to exercise, healthy eating habits are still vital. Five helpings of fruits and vegetables should be consumed each day.

Alford said he acknowledged that no one is would take a plate of broccoli into the library, but bringing an apple instead of visiting a vending machine while studying would be a healthy alternative.

Sullivan and Alford said they agree the aim in changing lifestyles, should begin at an even earlier age.

"The best thing that Mississippi needs to do is to redirect its efforts toward school-aged children, because we know that so many of our children, almost a third of them will wind up obese by the time they reach adulthood," Alford said.

The Department of Healthy Schools passed a Healthy Schools Initiative in 2007. According to Alford, the initiative is a comprehensive approach that reaches into the schools' curriculum and is accompanied by 150 minutes of exercise, as well as changing the food services towards healthier choices.

"Remarkably, most school districts that are actually doing this are seeing child performance in school improve in better test scores and reading comprehension," Alford said.

By teaching a lifestyle that avoids fad diets and the quick-fix approach they address the root of the problem, which encourages children to learn healthy habits they can then take home to their parents.

"The change in lifestyle is what has lasting results, and the quick-fix approach just does not work," Alford said.

In 2009, Baptist Memorial Hospital began several programs to help promote wellness and change.

"We run different promotions," Norris said. "We encourage balance, checking your diet and understanding what you intakes are, but also balancing your life, getting out and getting active."

Both Norris and Sullivan help run hospital programs such as Snack Smart, which encourages people to stay away from sugary foods, National Nutrition Month, a 15 minute radio show twice a month, and their biggest project Healthy You, Healthy L.O.U.

The hospital, United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County and the Oxford Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce joined together to form Healthy You, Healthy L.O.U. The program lasts five months that begin with a registration of a starting weight, body mass index and blood pressure. There are currently 600 people involved.

"It's probably the biggest Lafayette County, City of Oxford and University of Mississippi has really done based on this report to try to get out there and make this area more active and healthy awareness of fitness," said Norris.

Norris, Sullivan and Alford said they believe the biggest obstacle in overcoming the health issues is culture.

The lifestyles and behaviors that many people have grown accustom to has become part of the customs of Mississippi.

"We are having to slowly rake all this in because people are having to train themselves to eat properly, to pick good, natural

2011 Health Report Card

First in: Teen Pregnancy Traffic Fatalities Obesity (adult)

Second in:
Diabetes
Hypertension
Infant Mortality

Third in: Cancer Mortality

Fourth in: Trauma Unintentional Injuries

and nutritional foods," Norris said, "It's changing the whole culture."

According to Alford, pot lucks, church and fried foods are all part of the south and adults in Mississippi are not enthusiastic about changing.

"It's not so much about losing weight anymore, it's about how active and how fit you actually are," Norris said. "With the Report and what's been publicized people are becoming more aware but it's going to be a long time to get really big results."

Along with the health problems, Mississippi is ranked first in traffic fatalities and teen birth rate. The state is also ranked 49 in physicians per capita.

National Pan-Hellenic Council 2010 Intake

BY JAMIE WINDHAM
The Daily Mississippian

The National Pan-Hellenic Council of Ole Miss faces a significant increase of potential new members for its recruitment this year, leaving many wondering if the nine organizations will be able to handle the wave of new interest.

The council welcomed more than 400 undergraduate students to its annual Greek Forum, the largest attendance to date at Ole Miss.



Typically, there is a great turnout for Greek Forum, but many may not actually participate in intake, said NPHC President Chigo Udemgba. The Greek Forum is solely for students to show interest in the Greek system and to familiarize themselves with NPHC organizations and the opportunities that are offered.

"We were overwhelmed by the crowd," Udemgba said. "I really wasn't expecting that many people to show up."

NPHC serves as the governing body of the nine historically black Greek organizations on campus. The Greek presence on campus is composed of three councils: National Pan-Hellenic Council, National Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council. The National Pan-Hellenic Council's intake process is much different than the two other councils recruiting events.

Udemgba said the recruiting process is unique to each organization, and there are no organized rounds of recruitment hosted by the NPHC. Chapters host intake at different times throughout the year because there is no arranged structure for recruiting.

Participants choose a specific interest meeting of only one organi-

zation to attend and then continue the intake process. The process begins with interviews between members and applicants.

Next, the prospects go through a learning process that focuses on the respective chapter's history. It ends with a national test conducted by the organization's headquarters, which is followed by the new member's initiation.

This year, the chapters have a large crowd to choose from. Udemgba expects many chapters to increase their member numbers, but does not see the number of students to be challenging.

"I do not see any major changes coming to deal with the number of people," Udemgba said. "The chapters are very good with being flexible when dealing different numbers of intake classes."

The major turnout directly correlates with the size of the freshman class of Ole Miss, which is the largest freshman class ever, explained Greek Life graduate assistant, Rachel Burchfield.

"The numbers will not even phase the organizations," Burchfield said. "If anything, we all hope that their presence on campus is magnified and noticed. Ole Miss' NPHC is nationally recognized and is one of the few universities across the country to be home to all nine 'Divine Nine' NPHC organizations."

Despite the reaction to the number of prospected Greek members, the crowd was more focused on the keynote speaker of Greek Forum, Dr. Donald R. Cole, assistant provost and assistant to the chancellor for multicultural affairs.

Cole encouraged the Greek Forum audience to not only take part in one of the nine chapters of Ole Miss, but to ultimately exit this university with a degree.

"Your Greek organization will not be giving you a degree," said Cole. "If any one of the organizations will hinder your ability to get that degree, then it's not for you."

Cole also challenged the crowd to create an experience.

"Greek systems at Ole Miss can change lives through leadership, membership, and studentship through experiences," said Cole. "Create your own experience."

Cole also admitted his failures and successes as a NPHC member and offered his advice to the new wave of Greek members.

According to the NPHC, the Greek system can only grow bigger and stronger in years to come. For more information of NPHC's intake process, contact the Greek Life Office of Ole Miss at 915-7609.

Olin moves forward in Oxford expansion

BY KAYLEIGH WEBB

The Daily Mississippian

Olin Corp. Winchester Centerfire has made progress in its plant moving to Oxford, both on paper and on site.

The Lafayette County Board of Supervisors met and signed a resolution of intention authorizing Olin Corp. to move forward with the project.

Projects like the Olin move follow protocol in a set sequence, but the resolution of intention provides the company with a way to advance on the project without waiting.

"It's a legal maneuver," said Board President Lloyd Olliphant. "It allows them to step in front of paper work. It helps them move ahead with their scheduling."

Olin Corp. was given access to the land before the finalization of paperwork and the loan from the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA). This state loan is to be used to help develop the land and the infrastructure of the future plant. It is expected to take twenty years to repay the loan to the MDA.

"This document is simply a reaffirmation of previous negations of the site," Olliphant said. "It gives discretion to Olin for site work prior to the final negotiations." Site work at the Lafayette County Industrial Park began early this week,

said Hunter Garrett of H&M Architect/Engineers INC., the firm in charge of the Olin Project.

However, the project is still in its early design stages and will move forwards once contractor bids for the job are complete. Currently H&M Architect/ Engineers INC is bidding on packages for the project.

Contractors are sent lists of qualifications they must meet for a chance at the bid.

Subcontractors are chosen for the project based on these specific qualifications. Qualified contractors will then receive the plans based on their trade.

Trade jobs range from masonry to electrical wiring to plumbing. H&M Architect/ Engineers INC even placed advertisements for contractors in local Oxford papers in search of potential bid candidates.

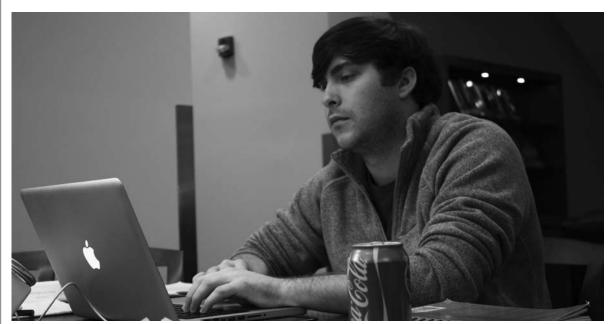
Bidding on the Olin Corp. Winchester Centerfire job will continue through the end of January and is expected to end by the middle of March. The project will then enter its next step towards completion.

The original plant was located in East Alton, Ill.

This move is estimated to take up to five years to complete.

The Olin Winchester Centerfire plant is expected to bring 1,600 jobs to Oxford at the new site located in Lafayette County Industrial Park.

New law library helps law program



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Second year law student Michael Barbee, 25, studies in the new Ole Miss law library on Thursday afternoon.

BY RACHAEL WALKER

The Daily Mississippian

When walking into the foyer of the Robert C. Khayat Law Center, one of the first things a student may notice is the law library.

Macey Edmondson, the public services law librarian, said this new library of 350,000 volumes will be beneficial to the students and staff at the law school and the University as a whole. The new library is also an improvement over the library in the old law school building.

"The space is a nicer space," Edmonson said. "There is more natural light and more areas that are conducive to studying. The library staff is now on one floor which is more convenient and the Legal Writing Suite is housed in the library."

The Law School Library Mission Statement states that "as the field of law grows and globalizes, so do the curricular and research needs of the law faculty and students. Thus, our mission is continually growing and expanding."

The challenge of keeping up with the growth and expansion

as one decade ends and another begins, is one reason for building the new school, Edmonson said. Keeping enrollment figures up, a challenge that faces every graduate school in the country, however, is something the new facility and the library can help the Ole Miss Law School achieve, Edmonson said.

"Absolutely, the library will be an attractive feature for new students, the space was designed for more collaborative work which is common in law school and the technology infrastructure is outstanding for students and faculty needing to use the space," Edmonson said.

Phillips Strickland, a law library circulation desk worker and second year law student said that the law school is a better overall facility.

"It is a more effective use of space," Strickland said. "Even with two floors as opposed to three in the old building, there are more reading and study rooms in the new library."

Strickland said the environment in which you study plays an important role in your ability to retain information, and he said the new library and school overall will help in that.

"There is more natural light in the building as there are far more windows," said Strickland.

Strickland was even happy with the building's location.

"It is more secluded in its new location which being a postgraduate student is a definitive positive," he said.

If Strickland could change one thing, it would be the parking lot's rules.

"The commuter lot is currently for all students as opposed to just law students," Strickland said, adding that most law students are commuters and that could become a problem.

The University of Mississippi School of Law was established in 1854 and is the fourth-oldest state law school in the country. According to the Law School Viewbook, the library is one of the largest and most important legal research institutions in the South.

The Law School Library is open to the general public and a great study facility for all students at the University of Mississippi.

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In the afternoon, Smith has waited for over 30 minutes before a bus showed up, despite the system's ideal 10 to 15 minute schedule.

The Office of Sustainability, which promoted the "Park and Ride" system in conjunction with the city of Oxford, is not worried, said Anne McCauley, project coordinator of the Office of Sustainibility. McCauley said the problem is merely due to the chaos of students arriving back in Oxford.

"Lots of traffic the first week back at school is almost unavoidable," said McCauley. However, McCauley added that "traffic should always be anticipated, because ridership depends on (the transit) being on time."

The Office of Sustainability is confident that in a week, the "Park and Ride" service will be back to delivering students to class on time.

However, many students who have opted to utilize the "Park and Ride" service have

not been happy with it, including senior forensic chemistry and psychology major Erika Clark.

minute schedule. "The buses don't come when The Office of Sustainability, which promoted the "Park and Ride" system in conjunction with the city of Oxford, is not "The buses don't come when they're supposed to," Clark said. "They are supposed to come every 10 minutes, but they never do."

Clark has been utilizing the "Park and Ride" system since it commenced this fall, and said she has consistently been dissatisfied with transit timeliness.

Other students, such as junior English major Audriana Tuneburg, have been mostly happy with the "Park and Ride" service's performance, but admits she gets to the bus stop early.

"I usually get there about 45 minutes early," said Tuneburg, who admits to occasionally running late for class, but not due to transit inconsistencies.

Christian said 349 South Lot decals have been issued out of approximately 940 parking spaces.



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Shane Baswell and Ken Hileman lay brick on the new University of Mississippi entrance sign on Coliseum Drive near Highway 6. The sign is due to be completed by the end of next week.



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"We have four major departments that are experiencing growth and we need to move to 60 to 100 acres of space that will best meet our needs," Hutson said.

As far as hospital visitors are concerned, costly changes will not be an issue due to the brand new state-of-the-art facility.

"The bulk of our payers are fixed payers that are on Medicare that are on a predetermined negotiated rate," Hutson said.

According to Hutson, the current site of the Baptist Memorial Hospital located off South Lamar will remain put. However, Baptist Memorial will seek an organization to occupy the building and put it to good use.

"The county is very excited of having a new hospital. This has been our concern for a long time. We need the best health care for the citizens of this county," Joseph Johnson, Lafayette County Administrator, said.

Residents of the Oxford community show positive response and are excited to hear that there is a new hospital entering the city in the near future.

"I think it's great they're building a new hospital. It will give pre-med and nursing students a good opportunity to practice here around Oxford," Stephen Bailey, Ole Miss graduate and current resident of Oxford, said.



The Man behind the Computer: Ole Miss staff member publishes new novel



Frank Tuttle shows off the supercomputer he works with at the Ole Miss IT center.

BY ASHLEY D. BALL The Daily Mississippian

Most people steer clear of

ghosts tales and magic talk, but Frank Tuttle has no problem dreaming up fantasy in his novSo, why is he so special?

Frank Tuttle has worked at Ole Miss as an Operations Supervisor in the IT Center for nearly 30 years and a published fantasy author for almost 20. His latest novel, "The Markhat Files," follows the cases of Markhat, a finder tasked with finding lost ghosts. His adventures bring him face to face with troll warriors, the undead and murderous shadows.

"Growing up, I always enjoyed reading," Tuttle said.

As a boy, he read The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings. He has remained loyal to fantasy ever

"After reading so much I wondered, 'Could I do this?'" Tuttle

In the 1990s, Tuttle began writing short stories, making up fictional dark fantasies and worlds where magic is used.

He was paid \$350 for one of his very first stories. Laughing, Tuttle explained how he loved the idea of being paid for his imagination.

Growing up in Yocona, Tuttle's fascination with magic makes him different from many other Southern authors.

"I know, I know, as an Oxonian I'm supposed to be writing about catfish and coon-dogs and lovin' old pickups, but frankly I was never any good at writing stock Southern Gothic," Tuttle said.

"Ghosts and magic creep into everything I write, including recipes and shopping lists, which makes my trips to Kroger long and very confusing for the checkers."

In addition to his magical fantasy world, Tuttle is quite the family man and owes some of his writing skills to his grandpar-

"My grandparents were great storytellers," Tuttle said. "My grandfather would make up this monster called the Wompus-cat to keep me out of the woods."

But what he loves more than writing is his wife of 15 years, who he admits to be his inspiration for some of his stories. Additionally, he values the relationship he has with his mother, who suffers from ALS.

Despite some misfortune in his life, Tuttle remains grateful, happy and can still laugh at the world around him. His coworkers and friends can attest to Tuttle's jolly morale.

"He is a very good author and word-technician," John Worley, operations manager of the IT Center, said.

"Frank is a real Renaissance man," Matthew Graves, another friend, said. "He has such peculiar skills that are pretty amazing. You wouldn't even believe all he is able to accomplish."

All of these skills complement Tuttle's greatest asset--this imagination, which can easily be seen in his novels.

Tuttle has written lots of short stories and novels, many of which can be found in e-book form. He has gained a number of fans nationally. His perseverance in all that he loves serve as a message to students, staff and faculty.

A list of Frank Tuttle's works, including his latest novel, "The Markhat Files," can be found on his website, www.franktuttle.

Best Automotive Buys for 2011

BY MATTHEW BISHOP Automotive Columnist

For those who are graduating in the spring and were lucky enough to get some decent paying job offers, now is the time to get out of that 1980 Datsun and into something new. With so many different kinds of cars out there, it can get confusing knowing which ones are good buys.

Well, I have put together this nifty little buyer's guide to help lessen the confusion.

All of the cars are 2011 modls and are organized by class and

were rated on both objective (fuel economy, performance, price) and subjective (comfort, fun to drive factor, appearance) scores. So without further ado, the winners are:

Muscle Car: Ford Mustang

The new 412 hp 5.0L V8 and 305 hp 3.7L V6 are really just icing on the cake for the Mustang. It outperforms its competition in nearly every category including fuel economy, performance and handling. It also provides the best muscle car experience that is missing in the Camaro and Chal-

Honorable Mention: Chevrolet tional old fender hashes. Camaro

Sports Car: Chevrolet Cor-

With a 0-60 time of 4.0 seconds, a top speed of 190 mph and a starting price of under \$50,000, the Corvette is an amazing performance bargain. Opt for the \$5840 Gran Sport option and the "Vette" will really come alive both performance and appearance wise. This package includes performance goodies like the Z06's brakes, magnetically operated suspension, the Z06's wide body and even the op-

Honorable Mention: Nissan

Family Sedan: Hyundai So-

Some might be thinking, "Really? Hyundai as a best buy? And you call yourself an automotive journalist." But Hyundai has come a long way from its econoboxes and imitation cars of yesteryear. The all new Sonata's 2.0L direct injection turbocharged four cylinder makes more horsepower (274 hp) than the competition's six cylinders while providing excellent fuel See BEST BUY, PAGE 8

economy at 35 MPG. The design of the Sonata is also very original with its flowing lines throughout the car. The interior is one of the best in its segment with classy materials and textures.

Honorable Mention: Ford Fu-

Roadster: Mazda Mx-5 Miata

With the demise of the Pontiac Solstice and Saturn Sky last year, the Miata has a virtual monopoly in the small, cheap roadster market. That means that most of the Miata's competition cost thousands

The Department of Student Housing is Moving...

As of Friday, January 28th the Department of Student Housing and Residence Life will be located in Lester Hall.

Anyone needing to get keys, packages, or to do business with the Housing Department will need to go to Lester Hall.

All phone numbers will remain the same.

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THE WEEKLY TOP TEN BY ANDY PAUL The Daily Mississippian

I'm retiring from top ten articles

I'm Tired of Feeling Like Dick Clark:

I have counted the first 10 digits of our numeric system so often now, I think I'm starting to resemble that crypt keeper more and more every day. I know New Year's Eve was a few weeks ago, but even now that the semester has started, he won't stay out of my nightmares. It doesn't help that he secretly cloned himself so that he'll never truly miss "rocking" a New Year's. Don't believe me? Compare pictures of Carson Daly and Dick Clark. It cannot be unseen.

My Computer Will Break if I Type "Reasons" Again:

As a writer, you are expected to at least possess a cursory way with words. When I heard about this, my instant response was, "Ha! I'll prove that you can be published with only an élementary grasp of the English language." Have I ever reached for a thesaurus to find a synonymous word for "reason?" Of course not. And so you know, I just now checked Microsoft Word for another word to replace it, and the program gave me "raison d'etre." I'd like my articles to stay American, thank you very much.

I'd Preter Not to Die Poor and Alone:

I've seen "Citizen Kane." I know how that story ends. If I keep up this Scrooge-like behavior much longer, I will most likely wind up muttering mysterious childhood recollections to those around me as I expire. Unfortunately, my best friend as a kid wasn't anything as poetic as a sled. Oops. Spoiler Alert. Look, you've had like 70 years to see that movie. It's not as though I'm giving away the end to The Matrix trilogy, where you find out Keanu Reeves was really just a plank of rotten wood for eight hours. Again, my apologies.

Natalie Portman is Getting Married:

Look, I know the nation adores her for her talent and beauty. This is precisely the reason I cannot let this marriage stand. One of the chief reasons I am stopping these articles is so that I can focus on travelling cross-country to her wedding in order to dramatically burst in to the ceremony at the last minute with a heartfelt and dramatic monologue. And when Ms. Portman asks, "Who are you?" I'll just whisk her away on my trusty steed as we ride off to a land full of sunshine and lollipops and no Dick Clarks.

I Like My Tuesday Nights Free:

Because everyone knows Wednesday is the new Thursday, and Tuesday is the new night for loneliness and alcoholism! Am I right, or am I right? Hang up on that intervention hot line and quit sighing heavily. You know it's true. This is Oxford, not Salt Lake City, or as I like to call it, "Repression Capital of the World."

I Am Far too Busy on Twitter:

Speaking of societal repression, my newest obsession has been to "follow" Westboro Baptist Church on Twitter. Think it's adding unwanted and misguided attention to abhorrent members of a fanatical, cult-like hate group bent on coverage in an increasingly media-saturated and polarized culture? Well, you're probably right. But it's also hilarious to tweet fart jokes to them!

Our Culture has Too Short of an Attention Span Already:
I've received a number of letters during my Top Ten tenure arguing that I am most likely contributing to what's wrong with my generation. I generally didn't respond to these accusations, mainly because I couldn't hear them over the violent rap music I was blaring from my car that runs on Baby Boomer tears. Think of the end of the Top Ten articles as a step in focusing our generation's chronic attention disorders in the right direc... —man, you really need to check what this Westboro member just tweeted!

Ricky Gervais Has Probably Already Said It:

I'm not sure what all the fuss is about regarding his hosting of this year's "Golden Globes." What's not to love about a British man with badger-like teeth making fun of the richest people in the world at one of their annual "Pat Ourselves on the Back" meetings? And the strange thing was, it's not like his antics were surprising. Didn't he do the exact same thing last year, at the exact same ceremony? Maybe Hollywood is so disillusioned with remakes that they thought it would work for award

Allow Me to Sink Farther into Nerdiness:

I collect comic books. There, I said it. It feels great to get that secret off my chest. I sense that you somehow aren't surprised. Still, I need time to reorganize my collection now that they are killing off a member of the Fantastic Four. I know, right? How attention-seeking is that? You know that character will only be dead for a little bit.

I'll Be Back Before You Know It:

Surprise! Did you miss me? Yeah, I'm stopping the Top Ten articles, but I never said I was going to stop writing for the newspaper. I'll be switching over to non-numerical based articles next week. Wait until Natalie Portman hears this!

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more and in some cases almost double. The Miata is not going to have the big acceleration and other performance numbers, but what it does provide is a pure roadster exbrethren lack. So while the Miata may not be the fastest roadster on this planet, it might just be the most enjoyable.

Honorable Mention: Nissan 370Z

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erience that many of its expensive Luxury Coupe: BMW 3 Series/M3

What makes the BMW 3 series so great is that it excels in almost every category. The handling is phenomenal thanks to its excellent weight distribution. Its silky engines, which range from a 3.0L straight six making 230 hp to the new single turbocharged straight six making 300 hp and go all the way to the powerful M3's 4.0L V8 making 414 hp, are all engineering masterpieces. All of the interiors are perfect in both look and feel. These are the reasons why the BMW 3 series has a level of perfection that its competitors just cannot reach.

Honorable Mention: Cadillac CTS/CTS-V

Luxury Sedan: Cadillac CTS/

While the CTS may not have the level of perfection that the BMW

does, it does a pretty good job at need more than a great interior to keeping up. And it does so without having to pay those ridiculous maintenance charges that BMWs are known for carrying. But the true gem of the CTS line is the CTS-V. With a supercharged 6.2L V8 making 556 hp and a 0-60 of only 3.9 seconds, it is one of the fastest sedans in the world.

Honorable Mention: BMW 3 series/M3

Economy: Chevrolet Cruze

Most of the cars in this segment are just bland and boring, and the Cruze is not an exception. It does not look or feel any more exciting than its competition.

So why is the Cruze on the Best Buy list? Well, its interior is just phenomenal. The interior of the Cruze does not betray its cost under \$20,000. But the Cruze better watch out as there is a new Focus coming out in 2012, so it might finish on top next year.

Honorable Mention: Ford Fo-

Hot Hatch: Mazdaspeed 3

The hot hatch is usually a small economical hatchback with a more powerful engine stuffed in it, and the Mazdaspeed 3 fits this description to a T. With a turbocharged 2.3L four banger making 268 hp, it is no slouch. But like the other Mazda on this list, what separates it from the competition is its fun to drive factor.

Honorable Mention: VW Golf

Truck: Ford F-150 SVT Rap-

A truck may seem out of place on this list, but I had to pick the Raptor because it is the only stock truck that can complete the Baja 1000. Oh, and it looks cool too.

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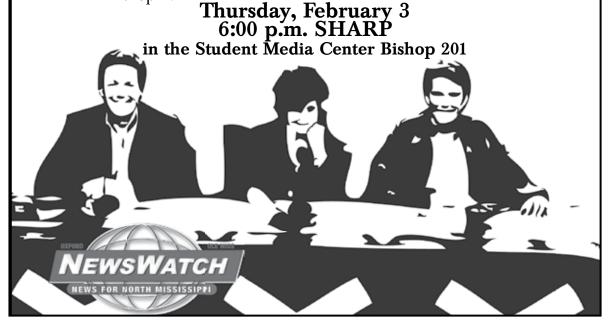
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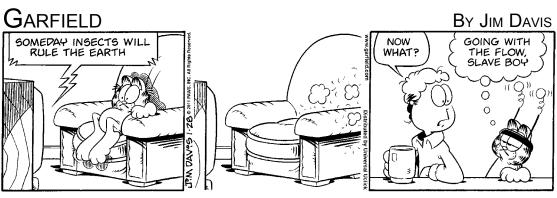
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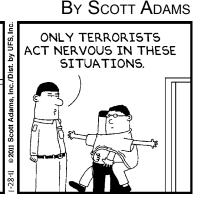
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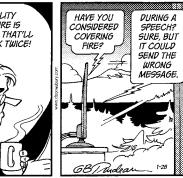




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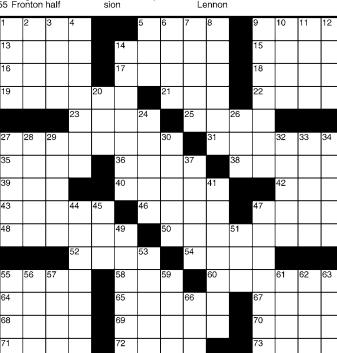
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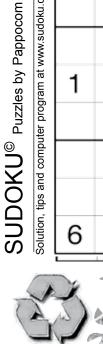






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Tennessee a must-win for Kennedy's Rebels

BY REID BARRINEAU

The Daily Mississippian

Saturday's basketball game versus the University of Tennessee Volunteers is a mustwin for the Rebels.

While I'm not a huge fan of labeling games as must-wins in January, Ole Miss needs to take this one, and likely Tuesday's game against Kentucky at the Tad Pad to have any shot of earning an at-large berth in the NCAA Tournament in March.

Absent a dark horse winning the Southeastern Conference Tournament, the SEC shouldn't expect to have more than five teams in the Big Dance this year, all of which will certainly come from the East.

Saturday's game against the Volunteers will be the Rebels' fourth game against an East opponent. They dropped their first three – at Florida, vs. Georgia and at Vanderbilt – and desperately need to notch wins in order to improve their tournament resume.

What's troubling for Ole Miss is that thowse opportuni-

ties will be rare after Saturday.

Only Tuesday's date with Kentucky on Feb. 2 would provide a guaranteed opportunity for Ole Miss to earn a quality win. Outside of that, the Rebels' tourney chances depend on beating some quality East opponents in Atlanta come March.

It's unfortunate that a 13-7 major conference team is facing must win games with several weeks left in the regular season, but that's the way the SEC schedule shakes out this season.

All but one of the Rebels' East games – at South Carolina on Feb. 22 – came in the first half of SEC play.

While that might not ordinarily be such a huge problem, the SEC West is absolutely abysmal this season. Jerry Palm, a guy who knows his college basketball (especially RPI), recently told Paul Finebaum – according to a Sports By Brooks transcription – that the SEC West is "an unmitigated disaster.

There isn't one good team

in the West...Mississippi is remotely competent, but if that division was a league unto itself it would rank below the Ivy League in the College RPI rankings." Ouch.

Competent is quite a compliment in comparison to what Palm said about Auburn (also on the Finebaum show): "Auburn might be the worst team ever in a major conference. Or at least in the last generation in a major conference, not just the SEC."

That may be a bit of an exaggeration considering the Tigers did beat a good Florida State team at home, but Palm's point is well taken.

That said, the Rebels' next two games are extremely important. With a lack of quality wins available against SEC West opponents, Ole Miss will have to make a statement during their next two outings if they're to have any chance at an at-large berth on Selection Sunday.

Otherwise, the Rebels will be staring at yet another NIT appearance this postseason.



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Valencia McFarland, left, had 21 points in the Rebels' 74-68 loss to Kentucky last night.

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night," Ladner said.

Freshman guard Shae Nelson scored a career-high 22 points, leading the Rebels scoring. Freshman guard Valencia McFarland had 21 points, while senior guard Kayla Melson finished with 17.

The Lady Rebels fall to 9-10 overall and 2-5 in the SEC.

-Player of the game:

Shae Nelson

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-Stat of the Game

The 23 turnovers committed by the Lady Rebels with the majority coming in the second

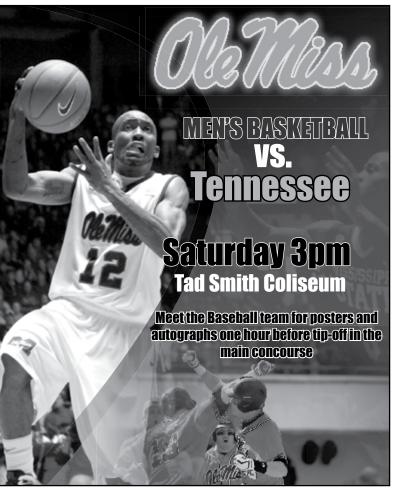
-It was over when...

Kentucky came back from halftime, full force, on defense.

-Quotable

"They stepped up our intensity and we fell apart," Ladner said





Q&A: Ole Miss baseball coach Mike Bianco

With practice beginning today for the Ole Miss baseball team, The Daily Mississippian's Austin Miller sat down with UM coach Mike Bianco to preview the Rebels' season.



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What do you expect from your offense this season?

Looking at this offensive club, I really like it. I can't remember a time that we return our three-and four-hole hitters that hit double-digit home runs the year before. So to return (Matt) Smith and (Matt) Snyder in the middle of the lineup, it's a good nucleus to build around. We do return several position players – Smith, Sny-

der, (Tanner) Mathis, both (Miles) Hamblin, (Taylor) Hightower behind the plate and Alex Yarbrough and some other guys that played sparingly last year – (Jordan) King and (Matt) Tracy. So when I look at the offense I think we return a good group, but we also have some new recruits that I really think will step in immediately and impact this team.

What does it mean to have two experienced catchers like Miles Hamblin and Taylor Hightower with a younger pitching staff after the loss of Drew Pomeranz and Aaron Barrett?

Catching in our system is so important. To return (Hamblin and Hightower) reminds me a lot of the 2009 season when we returned (Brett) Basham and (Kyle) Henson. I'm excited because it's such an important position yet we have a lot of depth there. And that's not even to mention an outstanding freshman, Will

Allen, who had a tremendous fall and I think will push for playing time. With (Hamblin and Hightower) being through the rigors of the Southeastern Conference and having a season or two under their belts, I think can help smooth the transition for a lot of the young pitchers.

How does the flexibility of your pitching staff affect the weekend rotation and bull-pen?

Obviously it's great to have guys that can do different roles, but I think that's one of the big keys to this team – how quickly we can establish some roles on the mound. We have some ideas, obviously, after the fall season. But after the first three weeks of practice and going into the first weekend, guys will be filling roles. I think over the first few weeks of the season we will move some guys around and try to shore up the rotation and bullpen order before we get to conference play.

Talk about the overall strength of the SEC this year.

A lot of people are pointing to the Eastern Division because Florida and Vanderbilt return a lot of players off their clubs from last year that had outstanding seasons. And you have the defending National Champion, South Carolina, in the East. You haven't heard a lot of noise from the Western Division. I don't know if that's all true. To me, everyone plays everyone the same amount. It doesn't really matter if you're in the East or the West. You're playing everyone except for one team. I look for another good year in the Southeastern Conference. The last two National Champions have been from the SEC and the year before Georgia played in the National Championship. This is why people come to Ole Miss and go to school around the SEC – to compete in the best conference in the country, in

the nicest stadiums, in front of the largest crowds and against the best competition.

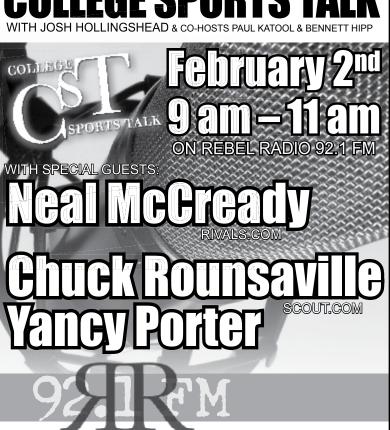
What are the expectations of this year's team?

For the first time in a long time we're not ranked in the top 25 in the current polls that are out to this point. We have an expectation within the program and our fans, I think, have an expectation that every time we go out there we're going to put out a team that's competitive nationally. I like this team. One of the reasons, I'm sure, that we're not thought of as much as we have been in the past is because of what we lost and the big names as far as returners. I think it's a good mixture of young guys and veterans. And guys that have been through it and guys that are very talented and ready to step on the big state.

We had a tremendous fall with a lot of energy and I think this team has a chance to be real good.

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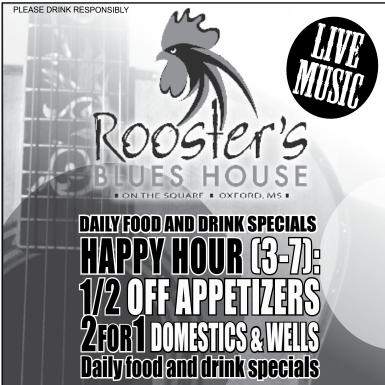
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No. 17/18 Kentucky's defense proved too much for the Lady Rebels last night with Ole Miss losing 74-68.

"We allowed their pressure to make us throw the ball away," coach Renee Ladner said.

Ole Miss held the first half lead with only five turnovers, but the Wildcats' defense stepped up in the second half and caused 18 turnovers.

The Lady Rebels stood their ground, leading by 11 going into halftime, and held the advantage into the second half.

When Kentucky increased the full court pressure, the Rebels were clearly shaken.

"On our end of the floor we took good shots. But you can't become rattled. We quit attacking and it cost us the game to-

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