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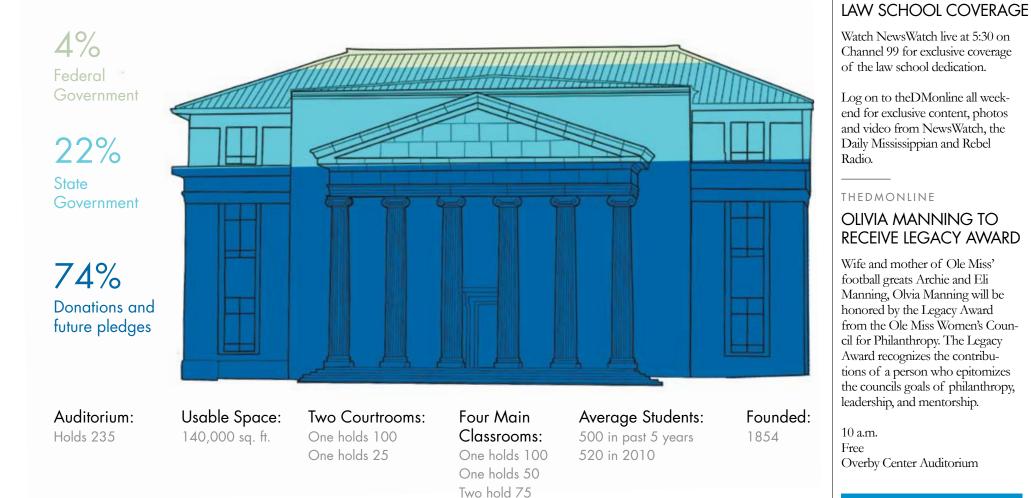
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Khayat, Grisham to speak at law dedication tune in NEWSWATCH



BY CAIN MADDEN Campus News Editor

After 6 years of planning, 2 years of construction and 3 months of classes, the Robert C. Khayat Law Center is set for dedication today.

Law Dean Richard Gershon said that this would be a special day for the University and is expected to attract over 500 people.

"It is a great tribute to the chancellor emeritus, who transformed this University," Gershon said. "He did a great job not only with buildings, but also transforming the reputation of the University. I'm honored to be in a building named for him."

The dedication, which is set for 2:30 p.m., is falling on law alumni weekend, so on top of the dedication, there will be alumni groups meeting on campus, including a luncheon for those who graduated 50 years ago. The school will also be honoring the second law hall of fame class.

Dan Jones and Provost Morris Stocks.

"It is going to be a great day for the University, just hearing Chancellor Emeritus Khayat and John Grisham speak will be worth being here," Gershon said. "They are both great speakers. This is a building that is important to the University, and it will bring big things to the University."

Law Dean Emeritus Parham Williams remembers the days when Grisham was here as a student.

"John Grisham was actually a very quiet student, he was not always shooting off his mouth as some law students do in order to make an impression," Williams said. "He was obviously always prepared because when I called on him he always answered in a thoughtful and analytical manner, so I would say he was a good student."

Law at the time. "We had a huge turnout in the moot court that day. We filled it up, and he gave a very interesting talk to the law students, the theme of which was 'Keep Writing."

Williams said he also had the privilege of both teaching and later on working with Khayat as a professor of the Ole Miss law school.

Williams said he first met Khayat, as a student, in the 1960s.

"It was sort of a hot, muggy, September morning, the building had no air conditioning so the windows were up," Williams said. "A group of entering students were sitting there for their first class in law school, which was to be criminal law."

Williams said Khayat stood out in the crowd of students.

the facts and analyze a case that was well known to have been mucked up in court.

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"It was something of a curveball," Williams said. "I stood there with a sly look on my face, and lo and behold, I was stunned by the response. Khayat answered the question as well as any lawyer could — and I thought to myself, 'Holy cow, this guy is smart!""

He was not surprised when Khayat was named to the editorial board of the law journal, nor was he surprised when Khayat graduated at the top of his class.

In the 1969, Khayat was hired to work as a professor.

In 1995, Khayat became chancellor of the University of Mississippi.

One of the classes present for alumni weekend will be John Grisham's class of 1981.

"He was kind enough to agree to say a few words about Chancellor Khayat and Chancellor Khayat's family," Gershon said.

Along with Grisham, the man of the day, Chancellor Emeritus Khayat will be speaking. Other speakers will include Chancellor

Williams said Grisham, who served in criminal law before becoming an author, is a great speaker, and Williams has had him speak on a number of occasions. The first following the release of Grisham's second book "The Firm," which brought him national notoriety.

"He was on the book signing tour and in Birmingham, so I invited him to talk to the law students," said Williams, who was dean of the Cumberland School of

"My eyes fastened on a young giant squeezed into a narrow seat on the second row," Williams said. "Beneath a blond buzz cut, two baby blues were fixed on me, and I said to myself, this must be the famous Khayat."

The law faculty was well aware of Khayat, an All-American, all-pro kicker for the Washington Redskins and Ole Miss hall of famer, but Williams said the jury was still out on his serious academic abilities. Williams said he decided to test Khayat then and there, on the first day of class.

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Williams said he would rank Khayat in the top 1 percent of American college presidents.

"His accomplishments include creating the various institutes and achieving a building program of over \$300 million, which has transformed the physical aspects of this campus, and his uncanny ability to convince people to give money for the University," Williams said. "He is, without a doubt, the premier fundraiser in American education.

"His success, as chancellor, is probably not going to be equaled

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BY JOSH CLARK Cartoonist



A message from the new ASB president



BY TAYLOR MCGRAW

I took over as your Associated Student Body president Monday, and I want this message to ring loud and clear: The ASB is back.

A rare combination of a Cabinet with 16 innovative students, an unprecedented time of growth and change and a chancellor who is eager to work with students will make for an exciting 12 months.

We've already begun discussions on a slew of goals for next year. I can't promise we'll accomplish all of them, but I can promise that we won't give up on any of them.

We'll create a more connect-

where pick-up games evolve into friendships.

We'll reach out more aggressively to international students who are experiencing Southern culture for the first time.

We'll communicate opportunities for campus involvement more effectively.

We'll get the ball rolling on a new student union where we can all congregate comfortably.

We'll push for better student services.

We want to put wireless printing stations in the Union and a public microwave in the food court.

that takes effect in the fall.

We'll (fingers crossed) get teachers to pass out Scantrons with the tests starting in the fall.

We'll push for improvements to Degree Audit and the advising process.

We'll do fun things.

Next week we're organizing a three-day, campus-wide Easter egg hunt with 500 eggs.

Every student who finds an egg will be able to claim a prize on the Union Plaza and be entered for a chance to win an iPad.

We'll have all sorts of activities and free food during ASB

ition waiver and the generosity of the State of Mississippi, I am already paid each semester to go to school here.

So, what I'd like to do, since I don't need it, is offer a \$300 prize every month to a student who offers the best proposal for how to use the money. Stay tuned for more details.

In the meantime, come by the ASB office on the top floor of the Union (you may have to fight through the Subway line to see it) or drop us an email at asb@olemiss.edu to share your ideas or concerns. If no one responds within 24 hours, we'll buy you lunch.

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ed campus.

We'll give more money to student organizations so they can host events that bring us together.

We'll push for a more reasonable athletic ticket structure so all students can afford to go to the games.

We'll continue working to get an outdoor basketball court

We want to revamp the bike-sharing program and give more students an opportunity to leave their cars at home.

We want to get some more dining options on campus, including a smoothie bar.

We'll push for student-centered academics.

We'll get student input on the plus/minus grading scale

Awareness Week, the week before finals.

We'll be giving out free Scantrons and nice water bottles. Most of you probably don't realize that I get paid each month, along with the other ASB executive officers.

My salary is \$300 a month for 12 months. But due to a child-of-faculty-member tu-

The only reason I'm here is because you elected me, and I will never lose sight of that. I told you everything we're working on because I want you

to hold us accountable. I'm looking forward to an exciting term.

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Does the Tea Party have a point?



BY BRANDON IRVINE Columnist

As most of us are aware, April 15 (today!) is usually the deadline in the United States to submit your tax return to the Internal Revenue Service. This year's deadline falls on the 18th because of Emancipation Day.

Wednesday's edition of the DM had an advertisement for a Tea Party rally in Oxford Saturday afternoon, and those two things combined got me thinking.

Regular readers of my columns might be aware that in the past I have been critical of the Tea Party, calling them a bunch of names, none of them complimentary.

Thinking about it now, a year later, I realize that there are indeed Tea Party beliefs that I don't agree with, but fundamentally, in their name, they have the inklings of the beginning of a point.

I minimize that realization because to me the idea that we're "Taxed Enough Already" is not quite right.

To me, we're taxed too much. We passed "Enough" a long time ago.

Wikipedia lists 23 broad kinds of taxes. By my calculations, in the United States we have at least 17 different kinds of taxes, of which nine or 10 apply to the average American.

We have income taxes, which we pay to both the federal government and the government of the state in which we reside.

We have property taxes on our land, homes and any vehicles we own.

We have payroll taxes to pay for Social Security, sales taxes, food taxes, vice taxes (on alcohol, tobacco and porn), excise taxes on fuel at both the federal and state levels, corporate taxes, capital gains taxes and estate taxes.

It's ridiculous, and it's made even worse by the inherent incomprehensibility of the tax code. The U.S. tax code is one of the most complex in the world, with six different tax rates set to trigger at some very strange levels for four different categories of people, and that's not even counting the ridiculous Alternative Minimum Tax.

The reason we have firms like H&R Block and Jackson Hewitt is because the average American, unless he's a CPA, is no longer capable of completing his tax forms without worrying that he may miss out on a deduction or overlook some loophole that affects the amount he owes.

We need a simpler tax code — something like the plan proposed by the president's Deficit Reduction Commission last fall, which would have abolished the AMT, consolidated the tax system into three brackets plus one flat corporate tax rate and given lawmakers the option to abolish all or some of the numerous deductions extant in the current tax code, with the final rates contingent on the particular deductions abolished.

The commission said its plan would both broaden the tax base and improve compliance in the payment of tax.

Personally, I favor even further simplification of the tax system in this country: complete consolidation and automation, so that every person and corporation are only taxed one flat amount, which is automatically taken out of everybody's earnings so it's completely unavoidable, and then allocated by a mathematical formula to the different levels of government.

No separate taxes on income, gas, stocks, food, property and death.

No continual taxing every time I go anywhere and buy anything. The government gets one lump sum of money from me and everyone else, and that has to last them until next year.

The best part is, it forces the government to be responsible and live within its means because it only gets money once.

Is it a completely infeasible pipe dream? Probably. I'm not an economics major, after all, and math is not my strong suit.

But I can dream, right?



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Religious discrimination at Ole Miss



BY DAN BLAZO Columnist

The ASB Senate invocation is currently the topic of a lively debate on campus.

Supporters of the invocation suggest that the weekly group prayer is not discriminatory, as any senator can volunteer to lead the prayer and no one is forced to stand and bow his or her head during the ritual.

As co-author of the amendment proposal to replace the invocation with a moment of silence, I find these arguments deeply flawed.

In contrast to invocation supporters, I believe this is a clear case of unlawful religious discrimination.

Group prayer has no place in the student government of a public school.

În a recent DM article, Senator Stewart suggested that removing the invocation would fail to respect diversity, while preserving the group prayer could promote social integration among religious groups.

Can a group prayer actually encourage integration across religious boundaries?

In general, religions are mutually exclusive — adherents of one religious faith cannot simultaneously accept another other religion. Prayers are given to a god or deity of a particular religion. Religious worship in a pluralist society inherently segregates those who believe in the invoked deity from those who do not.

Imagine if the ASB Senate opened each meeting with a

racially-oriented invocation. A typical meeting might begin with something like: "Everyone please stand. White people are awesome. God made white people in his image. Whites know how God wants us to live. White is right. Help us govern, White God. Amen."

How would the black senators feel? Outraged, I hope. Sure, they can volunteer to lead the invocation during a subsequent meeting. One could even preach about black awesomeness and God's preference for dark skin. But given the white majority in the Senate, black senators would have to hear about Divine Whiteness during most of the meetings.

So how could we accommodate the various racial identities of our student body with a racial invocation? One might propose speaking of the common awesomeness held by blacks, whites, and Asians. But how would this make Hispanic senators feel?

Okay, say we include Hispanics. What about Arabs? An appeal to any racial identity inherently excludes some individuals.

The same goes for religion. Non-Christian members are explicitly excluded in the opening Senate prayers. Instead of praying to Jesus, we could pray to God. But a prayer to God would leave out Hindus and Buddhists.

We could pray to an ambiguously-defined higher power, but this would neglect atheists

and agnostics.

The size of the religious minority is as irrelevant as the size of the Asian minority in the racial invocation scenario. A religious invocation is in-

trinsically discriminatory.

But religion is different from race, you might be thinking, since all are welcome to join Christianity, whereas race is involuntary.

Although technically true, this fact does not make religious discrimination any more justifiable.

Ole Miss is a community of religious pluralism. Those with less popular theological views cannot reasonably be expected to adopt the views of the majority. Many of us have been indoctrinated into religions other than Christianity.

Others, including myself, have left the religions of our ancestors and adopted new perspectives. As long as people enjoy the freedom of thought, they will reach a wide variety of answers to the "big" questions.

Religious pluralism is a condition of modern society that will certainly endure beyond our lifetimes. We can embrace it or we can refuse to acknowledge it.

Fortunately, we are protected against both religious and racial discrimination by the Constitutions of both the United States and the ASB.

The Supreme Court applies its most stringent standard

of judicial review in assessing both types of discrimination. Both are equally prohibited by the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

The ASB Constitution similarly outlaws racial and religious discrimination with a common standard, stating:

"The ASB shall not discriminate against any student based on race, gender, age, ethnicity, ability or disability, marital status, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, religious affiliation, or national origin... We will achieve an environment in which every student may think, learn, and grow without prejudice, intimidation, and discrimination" (Article I, Section 7).

Despite persistent obstacles of asinine prejudices in the student body, we're a million times better than the Ole Miss of 1962, when formal racial segregation finally came to an end.

We owe this accomplishment not just to James Meredith or John Kennedy, but to the generations of students before us who were willing to challenge the status quo and embrace their differences, rather than exploit those differences to separate "us" and "them."

Now it's our turn to fight a round in Ole Miss's fight against unfairness and intolerance. We can treat those with theological views different from ours as equals or as outcasts.

It's up to us.



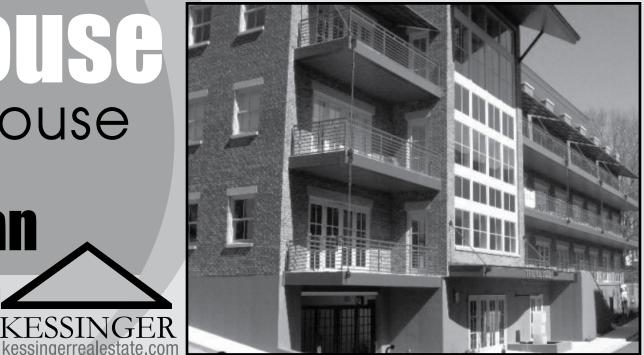


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for a long time."

Williams said it is appropriate that the building be named after Khayat.

"Without a doubt, the building would not be here if not for him," Williams said.

Vice chancellor for administration and finance Larry Sparks said the law school cost approximately \$45.5 million to build, though he added that the University tacked an additional \$4.5 million of its own money onto the project to make some improvements on the west side of campus.

"We wanted to make some infrastructure improvements that would be in place for future development," Sparks said. "It was cheaper to do it now, than later."

Sparks said the University received \$10 million from the State of Mississippi and \$2 million from the U.S. Federal Government.

Sparks said the remainder of the \$45.5 million came from donations and pledges made to the University.

Gershon said the investment in a new law school, which was made over a 6-year period, was a good one for the whole University, not only the law school. "The strategic planning division decided to move the law center here, and move the undergraduates into the old Lamar Center, which had outlived its useful life as a law school," Gershon said.

"But it is a good space, and it is right on The Grove, which is perfect."

Gershon said some of the improvements include classrooms, technology, which allows for video conferencing, the café, the library and the courtrooms.

A not so obvious improvement was the location of the stairs.

"The fact that the stairs are right in the middle and accessible not only encourages people to use the stairs, but also, we can see each other," Gershon said.

" Faculty and students regularly engage with each other on the stairs. It has improved the law school community."

Leadership Environment and Energy Design is another big thing, Gershon said, as the law center is the first LEED certified building on campus.

"What it really means is this building is designed to be energy efficient and environmentally sensitive," Gershon said. "The wood is primarily from sustainable forests, and the stone that has been mined for the building is sustainable."

Gershon said the new law center is built to last.

"It will be here for more than 100 years," Gershon said. "The technology will change, but the space is good, universal space, which can be converted as technology changes."

Gershon said a perfect example of the building's ability to evolve can be showcased in the original plans from six years ago.

"In these plans was a computer lab," Gershon said. "Six years ago computing use and iPad use was not as pervasive, but we are finding that a really high percentage of our students already have their own computers, so we decided to use that space as study space and classroom space.

"The building allows us to adapt."

Gershon said while the building is an improvement, ultimately, the people have to carry the school.

"The building is a tremendous staging point for this law school," Gershon said. "It is going to give us a platform to do great things. "But our faculty, our staff, our students and our alums will take the law school to the next level without them, the building is just an empty shell."

Williams said the dedication would be a wonderful and inspiring occasion.

"We are going to have fun and enjoy ourselves thoroughly," Williams said. "I hope we will have a huge turnout."

Should the weather be bad, the dedication will be held in the Gertrude Castellow Ford Center. Following the dedication, a reception will be held in the law center, where tours will also be conducted.

"It will be a great festive day," Gershon said. "There will be a celebration all over campus."

The law school also took into account people who could not make it. Gershon said the dedication will be simulcast over the web, and a link would be on the law school's home page.

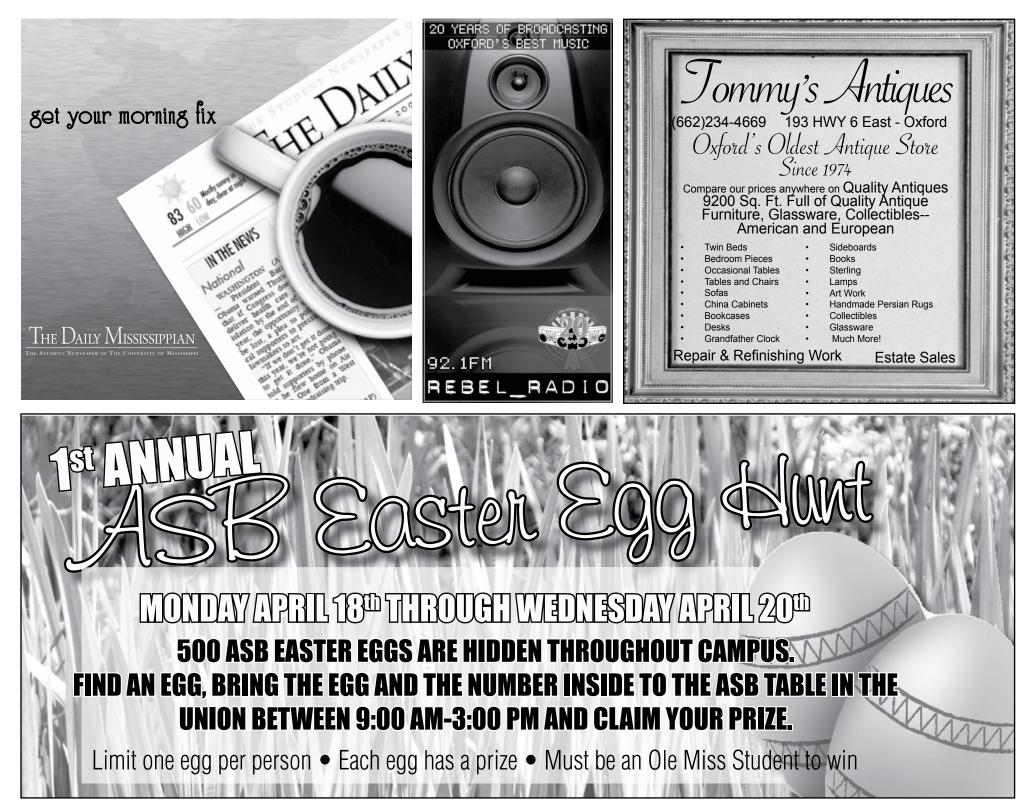
Gershon said he hopes to see a lot of students at the dedication.

"Students are really the most important invitees," Gershon said. "Not only are they able to attend, we encourage them to attend because this is their building." Our faculty, our staff, our students and our alums will take the law school to the next level — without them, the building is just an empty shell.

Richard Gershon,

Dean of the School of Law





BSU honors fallen grad in Double Decker 10K



Greg Gomez is pictured after the Country Music 1/2 Marathon in April 2008. Students involved in the Baptist Student Union are preparing for the Double Decker run to honor Greg Gomez, a former member of the organizing who was killed on a mission trip in July 2008.

BY BLAKE JOHNSON The Daily Mississippian

Students of the Ole Miss Baptist Student Union are preparing for the Double Decker run to honor a former student of the organization.

In 2008, Greg Gomez was preparing to graduate from Ole Miss, but instead of beginning his career, he was called to do a summer mission trip in Peru.

Gomez was killed in a car accident in early July 2008 on the way back from a retreat his mission team had made that week. The student was an avid runner, and Morris Baker, Baptist Student Union director, said this inspired him to raise money for BSU by participating in the Double Decker 10k run. BSU had T-shirts made and donated and asked students to pay the cost of the shirts to go toward the donation fund.

In the third year of honoring Gomez, Baker said that reception has been very good and she hopes to have at least 50 people running with the "Team Gomez" shirts this year.

Even though most students like juniors Lucas Jackson and Tracey Sisco never had a chance to meet Gomez, they are running because they believe in the cause.

Jackson, an exercise science major, has been helping people prepare for the Double Decker race this year.

"I'm trying to get people together to run in either the 5K or 10K for Gomez because this run is something to honor him and what he meant to the BSU," Jackson said.

Sisco, a civil engineering major, is one of the students being trained by Jackson for the race this year. She said she is running because she be-

lieves it is what Gomez would have wanted.

"There are tons of ways to raise money, but I think this is a good way because it raises money and keeps the spirit alive," Sisco said. "It honors him in a way that, from what I've heard, he would approve of."

Baker said his first meeting with Greg was at freshman orientation before he started school that fall. Baker said it was easy to see that Greg was a very likeable kid, always wore a big smile and had a contagious personality,

"He wasn't vivacious," Baker said. "A lot of times Greg seemed to be comfortable behind the scenes. He never tried to draw attention to himself just for the sake of seeing Greg."

In addition to the demands of his engineering major, involvement in organizations such as a fraternity and the BSU left Gomez with little time for anything else.

"By the time he had gotten to be a senior, he had held some informal leadership roles here," Baker said. "Then his senior year he served as a leader on our Leadership Team in the area of discipleship because he really wanted to see people who were believers grow in their faith."

Gomez developed a desire to do mission work after joining a student trip to help rebuild the post-Katrina Gulf Coast.

"He was an example for working hard and never complaining and always trying to encourage others," Baker said.

Gomez approached Baker during his senior year with an interest in opportunities for mission work in Peru. However, graduation was approaching and Gomez was seeking a job for afterward.

"Greg came to me one day around January or February of his senior year with a big smile on his face saying he'd been offered a job at an engineering company he had interned for," Baker said.

The company was going to wait until he had returned from his mission trip and then hire him for a fulltime position.

That summer, Gomez went to Peru and helped a team of permanent missionaries in the area. But while down there, he was killed in an automobile accident. After his funeral, Baker said he began planning a way to honor Gomez. "His family challenged us not to forget Greg, and we didn't want students to be fearful of going on missions encounters because the same experience might happen to them," Baker said. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the BSU to create a fund in Greg's name to support other students who want to participate in missions. Sisco said that although Gomez died while serving on a mission trip, she is not discouraged from going on a trip herself. "He was doing what he loved, so I think it would be inspirational to anyone," Sisco said.

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ATO reaches out to Boys and Girls Club

BY CHARLES HALE ROBINSON The Daily Mississippian

The mood at the Oxford Boys and Girls Club basketball court was tense Wednesday, as the youths faced off against a new archrival — the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

The basketball match tipped off right after a check ceremony in which several ATO members, including philanthropy co-chairs Bill Dickerson and Troy Jackson, presented a check for \$36,000 to the director of the Boys and Girls Club, Christy Grice.

Each year ATO picks a different organization to give back to, Dickerson said. This year, the Boys and Girls Club was the recipient. ATO raised the money throughout the semester by selling T-shirts, barbecue plates and hosting a tennis tournament.

"Because we are in such a financial bind, we have so many uses for it," Grice said. "I mean, programs, the upkeep of the building, supplies. Right now we just need everything. The cuts and the economy situation are really hurting our profits badly, so we're really just kind of depending on donations from individuals to make it."

Due to lack of funds, all the Boys and Girls Club faculty members had just taken a 10 percent pay cut, Grice said.

"It's a sigh of relief because if they hadn't done this, I don't know what we would've done," Grice said. "It would have been tough, and it still is — it's a big help but still we have a long way to go. That certainly pulled us out of the negative."

The funding will make sure that the Boys and Girls Club can have some of its programs, Grice said.

"We were possibly going to have to shut down our summer program this summer, and that was going to hurt a lot of parents, but now we won't," Grice said.

"When I tell them they were in the nick of time, they were in the nick of time."

Dickerson said the Boys and



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The ATO fraternity presents Christy Grice, director of the Oxford Boys and Girls Club, with a check for \$36,000. Grice said she plans on using the money for summer programs, supplies and other program fees.

Girls Club is a program he really appreciates.

"I've been a volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club before in Tupelo," Dickerson said, "And it's just such a great moment to be able to reach out to an organization like this." Jackson said he feels like the Boys and Girls Club will use the money well.

"I feel great about doing this," Jackson said.

"When we came and talked to Ms. Grice, she said they were all in the red and that they needed the help. It was actually kind of a godsend that we came at the time that we did."

When asked who was winning the basketball game taking place, Jackson shamefully lowered his head and said, "Not ATO. These guys are good."

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The Weekly Top Zen: better left unsaid



BY ANDY PAUL Columnist

A couple weeks ago, I was in my apartment bedroom, living out the meaning of the word "antisocial," when I heard the following argument made by one of my roommate's friends: "I don't have a problem with black people. Some of my friends are black. But there is a difference between black people and (insert, well, you know)."

After I spat out the water I was drinking in a classic comedic fashion, I leaned in and listened to the rest of his theory, although I had heard it made before.

"Black people are clean, nice and law-abiding. They live in white neighborhoods. A (that word again) is terrible, though. I can't stand those (you get the idea, but I'm not allowed to write it)."

I have heard this perspective before.

Freshman year, I remember hearing guys in the dorms next door to me make the same case, laying out the merits of an entire race of people.

I remember them claiming to know African-Americans who agreed with them — as if this legitimized their claims. They had no problem with black people who conformed to their culture and world view.

If they disagreed, however, they didn't only have different opinions, the African-Americans were simply being (see, the DM doesn't allow me to write the word). And they, according to my roommates and others, are troublesome people, those (not even if I'm quoting someone else).

Apparently President Obama isn't the straight-laced, nonthreatening citizen he appears to be.

See, going on their logic, he appeared — at least to me — to be a rather normal, intelligent, admirable American.

According to them, this wasn't the case.

I know this because following the voting results on election night I could hear various guys on my floor shouting "I can't believe a (I don't like censoring the word, personally) got elected," "This (censoring it when quoting someone else seems pointless) isn't my president," and, "They need to impeach this socialist (we all know what I'm saying, why make you think it for

me?)."

In some ways, I find this passive racism even more troubling than the outright variety.

African-Americans and other minorities are just fine when they have no trace of individuality.

A black man can rap on TV and you can dance to his songs in a bar, but God forbid that man asserts his culture in person around you.

Unless he is entertaining you, according to this argument, he is being a (I think that having to make a joke in every parenthesis in lieu of a pivotal word in American development and society is in some ways more offensive than actually writing the word).

We have a way of romanticizing our past.

It seems that, following the logic given by some, the Confederate flag should not be considered a reminder of the human rights atrocities committed by a nation only a few generations ago — it should be treated as a proud reminder of a culture's resilience and pride.

Colonel Reb is not exemplary of a type of citizen who would rather secede from a country than work to restructure an economy based upon the suffering of millions — he is an upstanding and respectable man.

He is most certainly not a (here we go again), shoving his beliefs and ideas down other peoples' throats.

However, I honestly don't know if the Colonel and the flag can be boiled down to simple reminders of racism.

I think they should be viewed for what they are: evidence of a culture's troubled, complex and yet vastly important past. That being said, elevating them to emblems of a modern society ignores a brutal history in order to

keep the pride of an increasing minority of people.

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And maybe that is the issue at hand.

Like it or not, the majority of Americans saw past race to elect the President.

They saw past race to move forward from Colonel Reb.

My roommate's friends, those in my dorm freshman year they adhere to a rapidly diminishing viewpoint of the world.

And sooner or later, they will be in the minority.







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In No Particular Order: Record Store Day 2011

BY JOSH BREEDEN The Daily Mississippian

Each year on the third Saturday in April, privately owned music sellers across the globe unite in retail resistance against music execs and digital audiophiles who question the validity of their "outdated" institution.

In honor of this tradition, here are some Record Store Day exclusives, all of which are available at several privately operated stores in the area.

Wild Flag, "Future Crimes" & "Glass Tambourine," 45 rpm vinyl

Fronted by ex-Sleater-Kinney songwriter and guitarist, Carrie Brownstein, this quartet of indie rock queens has been on the radar since early 2010.

Several weeks removed from a triumphant live showing at South By Southwest, the alt supergroup featuring drummer Janet Weiss, lead guitarist Mary Timony and keyboardist Rebecca Cole, are poised for a big summer.

Their first official release introduces two popular Wild Flag live tracks in studio form. "Future Crimes" is a fuzzy, minor chord head-banger and "Glass Tambourine" kicks off with a Zeppelinesque interlude that unfurls into a chant-laden rocker before ending in a shower of organ runs, screaming guitars and tumbling drum rolls.

Lady Gaga, "Born this Way," 33 rpm vinyl

To most people Gaga may not seem an apt representative of Record Store Day and what it ultimately represents.

On a purely artistic level, however, the East Village songstress stands as one of the few genuinely talented artists to crowd the pages of Billboard and "Rolling Stone."

She tours relentlessly, creates constantly and holds in the highest regard both her fans and the musical antecedents that provide the basis for her entire career.

With her sophomore studio effort, "Born This Way," set to drop in May, Gaga continues to provide fans with snippets of new material leading up to its release.

Saturday, she will join in the festivities by releasing a 12-inch dedicated to the forthcoming disc's title track. The record features the original studio cut of "Born This Way" along with three additional remixed versions.

The 33 rpm displays Gaga in usual striking form, her blonde locks and pale complexion stark against the vinyl's pitch background.

"Born This Way" is scratched in jagged scroll beneath.

Fleet Foxes, "Helpless Blues" & "Grown Ocean," 45 rpm vinyl

Since the success of their 2008 self-titled debut, singer/songwriter Robin Pecknold and his rustic guild have exchanged their sunlit folk meanderings for darker, more introspective pursuits.

"Helpless Blues," the Seattle ensemble's new album, is set to release May 3 and features a whole new batch of Pecknold-penned tunes.

To preface the album launch, an SPP pressed 7-inch will hit the shelves Saturday.

Side A spotlights the upcoming full-length title track, while "Grown Ocean," a harmonic ascension through dreamy convolution, is featured on side B.

James Blake, "James Blake," 33 rpm vinyl

James Blake is truly original. A master arranger, Blake synthesizes rhythm and blues, dubstep and psychedelic dissonance into a sonic concoction virtually unheard of by human ears.

Before the release of his proper debut in February, the 22-year-old studio wizard stirred up serious buzz via a continuous stream of demos and remixes.

Blake's most popular track, an electro-funk re-imagining of Feist's "Limit to Your Love," blends his beautifully controlled vocal strain with the sparse, soulful sound that has become his musical calling card.

The Londoner's Record Store Day release is essentially a reissue of his eponymous debut with the addition of two new tracks, "Tap and the Logic" and "You Know Your Youth.'

Mastodon & ZZ Top, "Just Got Paid," 45 rpm vinyl

Billy Gibbons' lick on "Just Got Paid" is legendary in itself, but when lent a bit of metal heft by Mastodon guitarists Bill Kelliher and Brent Hinds, it morphs into a whole new beast.

Obviously flattered by its Georgian, guitar-slinging brethren, ZZ Top has decided to release a 7-inch featuring both versions.

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Wells retires as Ole Miss compliance director

BY DAVID COLLIER The Daily Mississippian

After spending much of his life at Ole Miss, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Compliance David Wells is retiring.

Wells is a graduate of Ole Miss and has been in the administrative office for the past 30 years. He started off as the director of academic support and took his current office when the University opened its compliance office in 1994.

Wells oversees the actions of the compliance office, which makes sure the University is abiding by the rules and regulations of the NCAA and the SEC.

Recently, Wells and his colleagues worked tirelessly to get standout defensive end Kentrell Lockett cleared to play a sixth year for the gridiron Rebs.

Wells also worked with former Ole Miss quarterback Jeremiah Masoli, whose case was a hot topic just before football season in the fall.

He's also spent time trying to get freshman quarterback Barry Brunetti eligible to play this fall, as well as standout basketball player Murphy Holloway, who hopes to be eligible for the Rebels after spending a year with the South Carolina Gamecocks.

Wells officially retires on May 31, and there was little hesitation when he was asked about his decision to retire.

"Grandchildren," Wells said with a big smile on his face. "My family is dispersed from Alaska to San Diego, Colorado and Virginia, so in order to see my children and my grandkids, I need a little more time.

"That is certainly part of it. I've put in enough time, and I think it's good for me and for the institution to allow someone else to take the leadership. There is a high burnout rate in the profession. I do not know of anyone else in the conference that has been doing this as long as I have."

Although his time at Ole Miss is not yet over, Wells is us. sure that he'll be back in his

office every now and then.

"I enjoy the people I work with, the students, and that interrelationship you have with people," Wells said.

One thing David Wells will not miss is the high pressure that seems to be a constant while working with compliance at a Southeastern Conference school.

"When everything seems to be going well, you think, 'I must have overlooked something because it can't be going this well," Wells said. "I have to know what some rogue could be doing in another state to try to 'help' us, and instead, what they are doing is hurting

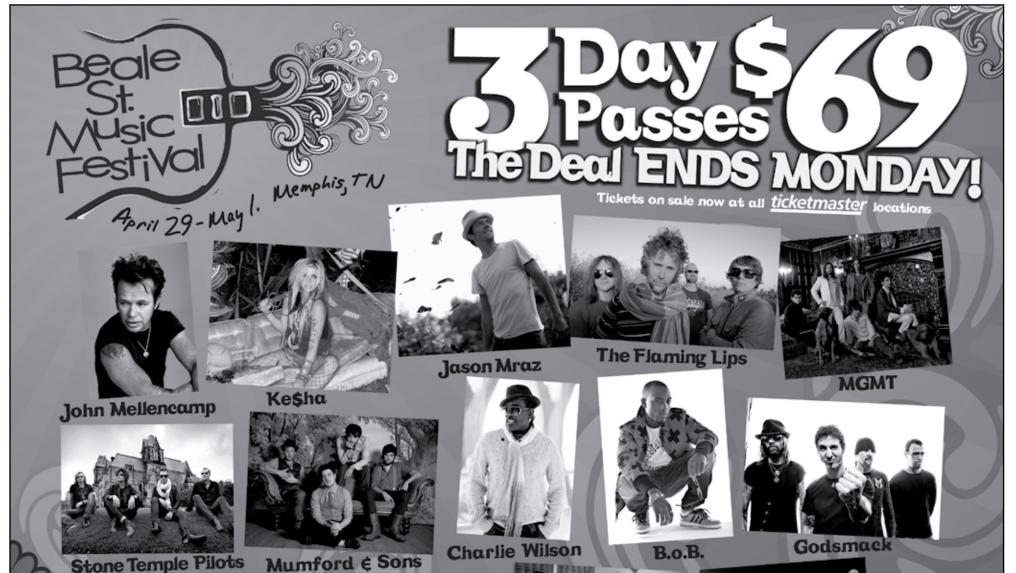
"Compliance is everyone's

responsibility. Obviously, we can't prevent everything from happening here, so our alumni have a responsibility. We have a responsibility to educate them on what they can and can't do. Coaches have to know what they can and can't do, and our student-athletes have to know what they can and can't accept."

Matt Baker will be taking over for Wells. Baker has been working in the compliance office at Oklahoma University.

Even though Wells will no longer be working at Ole Miss, he will definitely still be around.

"I am very much attached to Ole Miss, and I will always be a part of Ole Miss."



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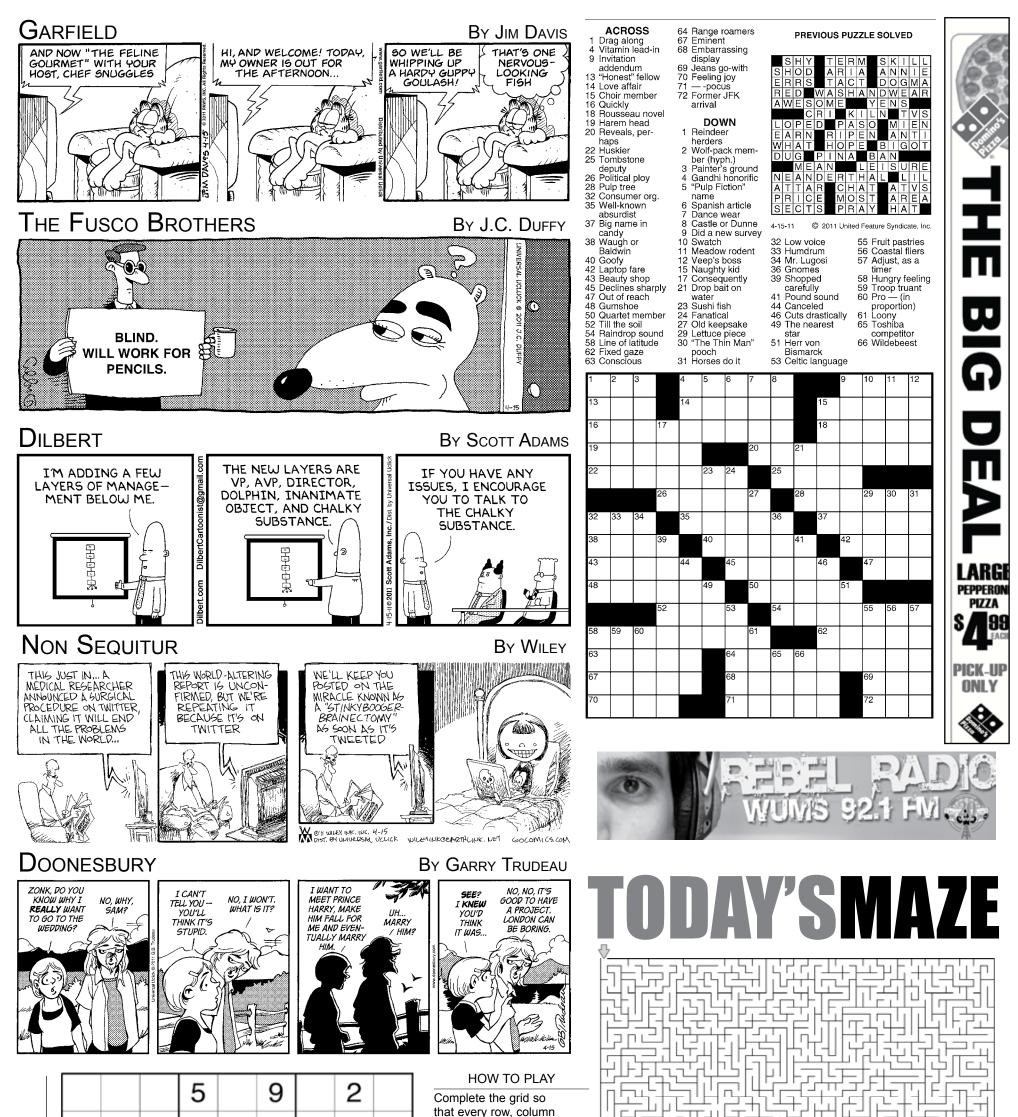
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Ole Miss hosts UK in weekend series

BY AUSTIN MILLER The Daily Mississippian

Since an 18-7 start, the Ole Miss baseball team (20-14, 5-7 Southeastern Conference) has lost seven of its last nine games, including series losses to LSU and Georgia and a season sweep at the hands of in-state rival Southern Miss.

The Diamond Rebels look to bounce back this weekend as they host Kentucky (17-17, 2-10 SEC) for a three-game series. In Lexington last year, Ole Miss took two out of three from Kentucky.

Since taking two out of three from Tennessee to start SEC play, Kentucky has lost nine straight conference games, having been swept by Alabama, South Carolina and Auburn in consecutive weekends.

Kentucky looks to carry the momentum from Tuesday night's 3-2 upset victory over in-state rival Louisville.

Kentucky ranks among the SEC's top five in many offensive categories this year: second in doubles (73), home runs (27) and on-base percentage (.395), third in slugging percentage (.440), fourth in stolen bases (57) and fifth in batting average (.294).

Junior outfielder Chad Wright, who scored the game-winning run against Louisville, leads the team in batting average (.336), on-base percentage (.455) and stolen bases (13) and is one of four Kentucky players with a team-leading four home runs this season.

Senior shortstop Taylor Black is second on the team with a .333 batting average, while junior first baseman Braden Kapteyn is third on the team with a .331 batting average and leads the team with 31 runs scored and 33 runs batted in.

Junior right-hander Alex Meyer, who battled mononucleosis during the middle of last season, leads the Kentucky weekend rotation and will likely be matched up with Ole Miss junior left-hander Matt Crouse in Friday's series opener.

A projected high-round draft pick at 6-foot-9, Meyer is second in the conference with 64 strikeouts and also picked up the win in last year's series finale, as he held Ole Miss to three runs on seven hits with three walks and 10 strikeouts in six and two-thirds innings.

Freshman left-hander Corey Littrell, Kentucky's probable Saturday starter, gave up only two runs on six hits in his first career SEC start at defending national champion South Carolina. Sophomore left-hander Taylor Rogers started every weekend last year as a freshman and rounds out the weekend rotation as the Sunday probable starter.

Game time for Friday's series opener is set for 6:30 p.m., with Saturday's game starting at 4 p.m. and Sunday's at 1:30 p.m.



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First baseman Matt Smith slides home in Rebels' 12-7 win over Georgia on April 10. Smith leads the team with six home runsaand is Ole Miss' second all-time HR hitter with 40.

Ole Miss vs. University of Kentucky Probable Starters

Friday Ste	arters	Saturda	y Starters	Saturday Starters		
OM 20 Matt (Crouse,	OM 7 David	l Goforth, Junior	OM 22 Austin Wright, Junior		
55.1 IP	41 K 7 BB .235 B/	RHP 1-5 49.0 IP 3.86 ERA	34 K 18 BB .272 B/AVG	LHP 4-3 44.2 IP 4.03 ERA	45 K 13 BB .288 B/AVG	
UK 17 Alex M	Aeyer, Junior	UK 12 Corey Freshman	Littrell,	UK 34 Taylor Rogers, Sophomore		
55.1 IP	64 K 29 BB .244 B/	LHP 4-2 43.2 IP 5.56 ERA	33 K 14 BB .287 B/AVG	RHP 2-4 47.2 IP 4.91 ERA	36 K 7 BB .310 B/AVG	





Increased expectations demand increased results



BY ALFX LAKE Columnist

I think I'm done making the argument that Ole Miss baseball fans shouldn't overreact to this year's season thus far. Sure, there's a great freshman class and another great class coming in next year, but that's beside the point.

Putting aside the loss of seven of their last nine games and losing three of four Southeastern Conference series out the gate, the Rebels (20-14, 5-7 SEC) lost both games they played versus Southern Miss. I don't care what sport it is, losing to the bunch from Hattiesburg is embarrassing.

I would say losing to Mississippi State is just as bad, but defeating the Bulldogs in anything isn't happening this year.

As I listened to the game between the Rebels and Golden Eagles on Tuesday night — played

Senior

at Trustmark Park in Pearl — Ole Miss actually decided to play a somewhat competitive game.

The game went 12 innings with the Rebels losing 8-6, but the story was the missed opportunity in the ninth.

After tying the game up and with runners on first and second with only one out, Ole Miss pinch hit Matt Snyder for Blake Newalu. Any other year I'd maybe — maybe — bat Snyder. Snyder is traditionally a good hitter, but isn't very fast on the base path. And when I say, "Isn't very fast," I mean sedated. But this year he hasn't even been a good hitter, batting all of .250 on the vear.

Newalu, on the other hand, rarely hits into double plays because of his speed. So assuming the worst that happens to Newalu is an out, the Rebels have one of their better hitters in the lineup this year, second baseman Alex Yarbrough, at the plate.

Even if you didn't listen to the game, you could have guessed what happened: Snyder hit into a double play.

I really do like the future of this program and I realize there are reasons for such a down year, but honestly it should never happen.

I think every sport on this campus has reasons to have a down year. Whether it be football with coaches like Ed Orgeron or basketball with the wonderful facility that is the Tad Pad and the lack of funding, there are some legitimate reasons for the shortfalls.

But with baseball? Ole Miss baseball has one of the nicest facilities in the nation — if not in the country. The team has money that's invested in the program and incredible fan support. I can't really find an excuse for this year's blunders.

My dad always tells me of when he went to baseball games tions.



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Junior shortstop Blake Newalu makes an acrobatic catch in the Rebels' 12-7 win over Georgia on April 10. Ole Miss coach Mike Bianco put designated hitter Matt Snyder in for Newalu against Southern Miss on Tuesday in a key situation, which may have cost the Rebels the win.

in the '70s between classes. There would often be seven people in attendance — literally. Coach Mike Bianco has grown this program into what it is today and therefore increased the expecta-

Like it or not, expectations call for results, and there's a serious deficit in that department this year. Luckily for Ole Miss baseball, there's still plenty of time to get the fans back on its side.



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Quarterback battle, depleted defense highlight Grove Bowl '11

Daily Mississippian sports editor Paul Katool takes a look at the main offensive and defensive story lines leading up to Saturday's matchup between Team Red and Team Blue.



Junior quarterback Zack Stoudt attempts a pass during Ole Miss' second scrimmage of the spring last Saturday. Stoudt and fellow junior Randall Mackey are the frontrunners for the Rebels' starting quarterback job.

BY PAUL KATOOL Sports Editor

The Ole Miss football team will participate in the Grove Bowl on Saturday, the final scrimmage of the spring that offers fans one more chance to see the Rebels in action before the fall.

Quarterback race rambles on

With the news of junior Nathan Stanley's departure from the Ole Miss football program on Wednesday night, the Rebels are left with three scholarship quarterbacks on the roster: juniors Randall Mackey and Zack Stoudt and freshman Barry Brunetti, who needs an NCAA waiver to be eligible in the fall.

Fortunately for Ole Miss coach Houston Nutt, Mackey and Stoudt have both shown promise. Mackey started spring drills strong as he exhibited ---at times — pinpoint accuracy and a knack for making things happen with his legs. Stoudt, a pure pocket passer, looked average early on but has since evened the gap with Mackey, thanks to his strong arm and improved marksmanship.

It wouldn't be surprising if offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach David Lee doesn't name a starter until sometime in the fall, and he's even hinted at a two-quarterback system if there isn't serious separation between his signal callers.

While the Grove Bowl is merely a glorified scrimmage, it to the Ole Miss defense.

will be interesting to see who of the three quarterbacks step up when a game day atmosphere is added to the equation.

Rebel defense continues to face adversity

It's no secret that the Ole Miss defense was disastrous in the fall. The 2010 unit ranked last in the Southeastern Conference in scoring defense (35.2 ppg) and allowed more points in a single season than any other team in Rebel football history.

The announcement of defensive end Kentrell Lockett receiving a sixth year of eligibility was a boost for the "D," but the loss of star linebacker DT Shackelford — a prime leader for the Rebels — is devastating

Because Shackelford is likely out for the 2011-12 season, and with Joel Kight out for the time being after undergoing knee surgery, the current starting linebackers are an extremely inexperienced bunch.

Unfortunately for defensive coordinator Tyrone Nix, the injury problems on defense don't end with the linebackers.

On the defensive line, redshirt freshmen tackles Carlton Martin and Bryon Bennett, both of whom have spent time with the first team this spring, have missed time, as well as defensive end Wayne Dorsey.

In the secondary, corner Marcus Temple has been out all spring, and safety Damien Jackson has also been banged up.

Despite the massive injury list on defense this spring, there is reason for optimism. Only Shackelford's injury appears to be season-ending, and linebacker CJ Johnson, Mississippi's top high school player last year, has been deemed ready-made for SEC action.

While the Rebel defense is once again young, Nix - always blunt in his assessment of players — has doled out praise this spring to several of his underclassmen.

The Rebels open up the 2011 season on Sept. 3 with a visit from Brigham Young, a team that traditionally excels on offense. Then, Nix and his defense will know what kind of improvement has been made since the fall.



