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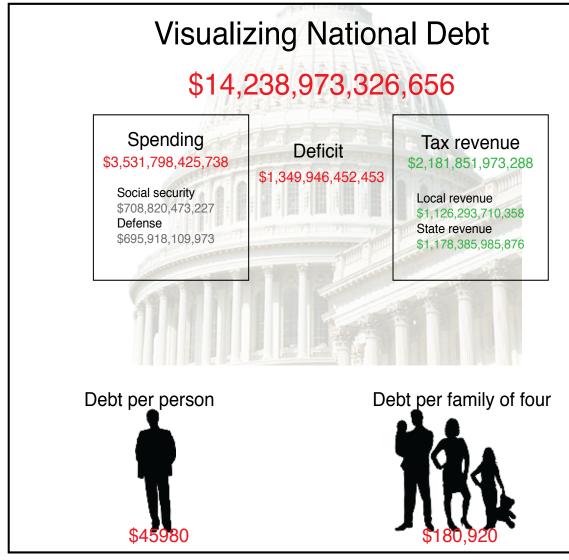
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Young Americans for Liberty raise national debt awareness

This is the first of a two-part series on national debt. The second part will focus on how the debt affects Mississippi and the University of Mississippi.



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Figures according to www.usdebtclock.org as of 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2011. All figures are to-date.

BY JACOB BATTE The Daily Mississippian

As of yesterday afternoon, the U.S. national debt has risen to more than \$14 trillion and is rising over \$20,000 every second. Two weeks ago, the Young Americans for Liberty posted a 40-foot long national debt clock outside of the Student Union for five days.

YAL President James Robertson said the group decided to do the debt clock to "petition Alan Nunnelee to stop spending." In a press release, Robertson said that Congressman Nunnelee is not taking our government's increasingly large national debt seriously, nor "the grave consequences it will have on my future."

The event was part of the "Visualize the Debt" movement, where more than 65 YAL chapters participated in making a national debt clock. Robertson said that after the YAL chapter at Auburn University decided to make their own national debt clock, the national organization decided to have each chapter do one every year.

"They gave us an activism grant to purchase the supplies, the plywood to make the clock," said Robertson, a junior political science major. "Everyone has seen a debt clock before where the numbers are constantly ticking off; this is just a live physical representation of that to let people see exactly how big our debt is. It's a 40-foot-long clock and a lot of people find it easy to just ignore the national debt because it is a big number, but when you see every digit spread out on a 2 by 4 piece of plywood it really hits home."

Robertson said that part of the point of making the national debt clock here at Ole Miss was to help people realize the burdens they will have to take on after cuts are made.

"(The proposed cuts) are so small, and they are being portrayed by everyone as a cut, but it's such a small percentage," Robertson said. "It's only 0.2 percent of the debt and that doesn't get us anywhere close to where we need to be. That was kind of our goal in having the debt clock: People need to realize that this is going to take serious change, and there are going to be cuts where every-

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This One's for You, Bud



BY ANDREW DICKSON Columnist

In order to commemorate today's international holiday and acknowledge Green Week's occurrence here at Ole Miss, I decided to kill two birds with one stone.

On April 20th, 1864, French chemist Louis Pasteur and his colleague Claude Bernard successfully executed the first modern incarnation of pasteurization in an attempt to prevent beer and wine from souring. Pasteur's process soon spread worldwide.

In 1971, roughly a dozen teenagers at San Rafael High School, located in California, began to congregate by a campus statue portraying Louis Pasteur after school at 4:20 p.m. - not to celebrate his achievements in disease prevention, but rather to partake in the recreational consumption of cannabis.

unsuspecting authority figures. Eventually, the teens that stood beside Louis Pasteur's likeness cooking the cabbage saw their idea spread worldwide.

The date "4/20" has since evolved into an international counterculture holiday of liberty and free expression. On this day each year, cannabis users pay homage to one of God's most controversial creations by burning it to ashes.

Observances on American soil include the annual celebration put on by the University of Colorado at Boulder, which has surpassed 10,000 attendees each year since 2008. Thousands of Californians flock to Porter College in Santa Cruz and "Hippie Hill" in San Francisco. Countless other rituals are performed behind closed blinds across the country. But as I said, "420" is an international holiday. Our neighbors to the north celebrate the holiday from Vancouver to Montreal to the Canadian capital

of Ottawa — where each year thousands of activists gather on Parliament Hill to look toward the Peace Tower and fire it up in unity once the clock strikes 4:20 p.m.

Some observances are of a political nature, as well; in Dunedin, New Zealand, members of the Otago branch of NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) are joined by some University of Otago students under a walnut tree on the university's Union Lawn each Wednesday and Friday at 4:20 pm to defy New Zealand's cannabis laws in an act of civil disobedience. Now, I do realize that my detractors might find this column slightly irresponsible (at best), but I've got an envelope to push here. "Quit trying to stir the pot," they tell me. "Just why do you think they call it 'dope' anyway, Andrew?"

ous little plant continue to taint its name with horror stories and negative connotations such as "the Devil's Lettuce" — an association I, as a religion major, take a reasonable amount of offense to. In fact, I argue that if the Old Testament had begun with "Adam, Eve, fire and weed," the rest of the Bible — with its "hippie" notions of everlasting peace and love - would have effectively written itself.

So put that in your little pipe and bite down; I'll pipe down the day prohibition is wiped out. I don't know which side of the fence you are on, reader, but I do know which side claims the CAROLINE LEE editor-in-chief

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Legend holds that "420" (pronounced "Four-Twenty") became a clever euphemism that allowed the students to discuss their "Chronic use" in front of

Though that question has an obvious answer (see: "propaganda"), critics of this mysterigreener grass.

Whether you're celebrating today's holiday with some kind buds or rolling in the dirt with Reggie, do so with pride. But remember to be responsible, avoid operating automobiles and refrain from parking on the grass. Happy Green Day, Ole Miss; I hope I didn't take up all your supervisor

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It's time to reconsider our drug laws



BY ALEC JONES Columnist

Substance abuse is one of the greatest costs to society. Drugs ruin lives, waste money, waste productivity and promote violence. Likewise, unless you're an artist, musician or Bradley Cooper in "Limitless," drugs will destroy your brains' potential and diminish your quality of life.

Excessively punishing this activity only adds to society's drug problem, however, and does very little to solve it. By no means whatsoever should we condone or promote drugs, but it's clear that drugs only hurt the user. They only remain a menace to society as long as society fights the war that cannot be won.

Ole Miss is a very conservative community, but the truth of the matter is that any real conservative opposes this nation's draconian drug laws. They are put in place by leaders running political witch hunts who find a common enemy to pull in votes. This enemy tends to be drug dealers and drug abusers, but more importantly the parts

The Daily Mississippian of society they represent.

The essence of America and the conservative principles on which it was founded advocate a belief in individual choice and personal liberty. The belief that one group has the right to assert its beliefs onto the someone else's individual liberty is why northeastern Democrats were mostly responsible for prohibition, and we all know how effective that was.

While drug dealers are bad, they only exist because our laws create a market of drug consumers that exploits our communities. If others wants to ruin their lives without hurting anyone else, it should be their choice to do so. Otherwise, as long as the government keeps drugs out of its control, it cannot regulate it and control the chaos caused by drug abuse.

Even believing that the ends justify the means, that it's OK to be anti-democratic and totalitarian if it means people obey the law, fails to account for the rest of the problems from the drug war.

Strict laws on drugs do not stop drug usage; they only make people use harder drugs. If you disagree, those are essentially the words of Milton Friedman, Nobel Prize-winning economist and adviser to President Ronald

Reagan. Drug cartels make more nies should still be able to drug money shipping in a ton of heroin than a ton of something less expensive, so that's what is made available to the public.

This is why crack cocaine plagues our cities and meth has sabotaged our rural areas. At the same time, drug violence accounts for about 10,000 murders a year. Needless to say, the 21st century drug war is what has turned once great places like downtown Jackson and Memphis into 21st-century war zones.

Furthermore, if individual liberty is not as important as the collective good, then consider the example of an innocent child hit by a stray bullet in a drug zone. This would not happen in a free society. The only people who should die from drugs are the idiots who choose to use them.

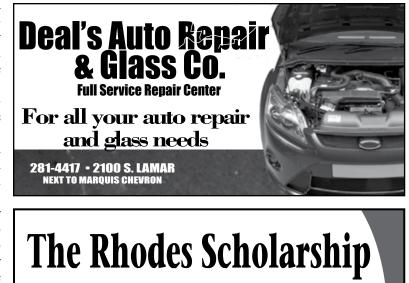
That is what individual liberty is about – no shared benefits and no shared consequences. Perhaps if politicians would wake up to this fact we could solve a lot of other problems in the world today as well.

By no means whatsoever should Americans be able to do as they please, but there has to be a middle ground from our current persecution of people we should be helping. Compa-

test as a condition of employment, our military should still not tolerate it and anyone who uses drugs should still be considered an idiot. Keeping these things would be a fair trade off if there were a way to facilitate having fewer crack babies because mothers aren't afraid to seek help, fewer felons on the streets with illegal guns, no drug wars spilling into our border towns and half the number of murders every year.

On a final note, why should someone with unlimited potential have their future scarred because of one mistake they made in college? They shouldn't, but you probably know of some people whose futures will be scarred.

I'm perfectly fine with being a productive member of society while other people ruin their lives, just as long as my tax dollars aren't expected to take care of them later on in life. In the meantime I would like it if we could stop wasting trillions of dollars fighting something inherent to human nature that does not harm anyone else in society. America doesn't outlaw skydiving, fast food consumption or any other potentially harmful activities. Why have we not reformed our drugs laws yet?

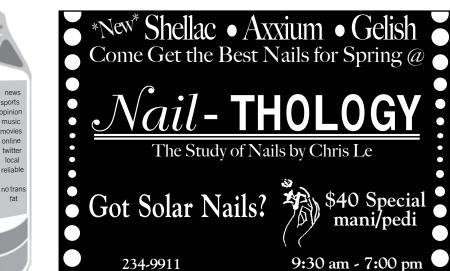


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Students experience registration woes

BY PEYTON THIGPEN The Daily Mississippian

Over the past few weeks, University of Mississippi students have been scrambling to meet with advisors and plan out next semester. For some, the next step went smoothly; others, however, had trouble getting advising holds lifted.

School of business sophomore Wyatt Mounger said he struggled with advising holds.

"You have to do this online advising form, and you might get vour hold lifted a week later because they have had so many forms to look at online," Mounger said.

Associate dean of undergraduate programs Tony Ammeter said that he is aware of the problems that students are having when it comes to registering.

"For about a year now, we have had several different iterations of the online advising system," Ammeter said. "It's really a system that allows students to propose a set of classes, send that to an adviser

and if those classes are in their plan of study, the student can have their hold lifted without ever having to meet with an adviser."

This does not always work out well for everyone, Mounger said.

"I wasn't ever able to talk to an adviser," Mounger said. "I needed help in figuring out what classes I needed to sign up for, but wasn't ever able to actually meet with anyone to talk about it."

Ammeter said the online system should work differently.

"The way the online advising system should work is that we get the students advised online who don't want or need to see an adviser," Ammeter said. "Then we actually have more time to spend with the students who do want to see an adviser."

Luke Waters, sophomore business major, said some registration steps do not make sense.

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ing until the end of the semester," Waters said. "I know I am not the only one who had to go in to get it cleared up."

Many students have had similar luck with the online advising system as Mounger and Waters have had, including marketing freshman Susie Tucker.

"I did the online advising two weeks before my registration date," Tucker said. "On my registration date, my ad-

vising hold still had not been take. lifted.²

By the time Tucker's hold was lifted, two of the business classes she needed to be in next semester had already filled.

The problem of classes filling is not limited to the business school. With the largest freshman class in Ole Miss history expected to enroll in the fall, many people on campus are wondering what classes the new students will be able to

Charlie Mitchell, assistant dean of the Meek School of Journalism and New Media said that the school is having to adjust to the large incoming class as well.

"The Meek School is working hard to keep up with demand as well as plan ahead," Mitchell said. "But the combination of more students without more faculty and more classrooms is challenging."



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Oxford Kiwanis Club hosts pancake breakfast



BY KATE NICOLE COOPER The Daily Mississippian

The Oxford Kiwanis Club will kick off the Double Decker festival with its annual pancake breakfast.

The meals will be served on April 30, at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church.

"The pancake breakfast is our biggest fundraiser for charities throughout the year," said Howie Morgan, Kiwanis member and Oxford resident.

While the Kiwanis Club participates and holds many small projects and events, the pancake breakfast is its most anticipated event.

Morgan said it usually draws a crowd, ranging from Oxford residents to people from out of town attending Double Decker.

All of the proceeds stay within the Oxford-Lafayette community.

Morgan also said that every year a different fraternity or sorority from the University of

Mississippi participates.

"Phi Delta Theta is here to help this year," Morgan said. "We always ask for a fraternity or sorority to be a part of this because it's a great way to give back to the community."

Some Greek organizations use part of their charitable outlets to help with this event by buying and selling tickets to the breakfast.

"For \$125, you can get a booklet of tickets to give to members so they can come and join the breakfast," he said. "We'll serve you pancakes, sausage and all the syrup you want!"

In addition to the big pancake breakfast, the Kiwanis Club sponsors several smaller events and projects in Oxford throughout the year.

Dakota Gilbert, Ole Miss pre-med freshman, said the club has given out dictionaries to local schools and even held a bike giveaway last semester to third and fourth grade students who most improved their reading

sorority from the University of "We strive to help local kids at the door.

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in the area by performing community works," Gilbert said of the Kiwanis Club. "It is made up of a lot of professors and other people from the community."

Other projects for the club include giving away food at a food pantry for residents of the Lafayette-Oxford area next month, as well as a short story writing contest for all eighth graders in Oxford.

The Kiwanis Club is similar to a high school Key Club. College students and other prospective members who were Key Club members in high school have the opportunity to join Kiwanis for free.

Other than an initial membership fee, joining the Kiwanis Club is free for everyone.

"It's not just a bunch of old adults," Morgan said. "It's former Key Club members. We actually sponsor Key Clubs at several surrounding high schools."

The pancake breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end around 11 a.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door

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Kimberly Russell, Ole Miss freshman, said she feels that a school program is beneficial to anyone who is considering giving up tobacco for good.

"I think a school program is a great idea, because education is the key to prevent smoking and other harmful habits," Russell said.

Ole Miss has had to cut down on its programs to help reduce smoking. The health center used to offer a program that was funded by the state that featured free products.

However, after federal government cuts, the state was forced to end the program.

Plunk said that there were still ways for the Health Center to help quitters, such as offering products for sale.

The Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition is a state-supported program that tries to help Mississippians quit smoking. The program creates events and other activities to help encourage quitting.

Mississippi is one of the only states that does not feature a statewide smoking ban. The Clean Indoor Air Act was created to stop smoking inside state and local government buildings, but the decision to ban smoking in restaurants and other public places is left up to the cities to decide.

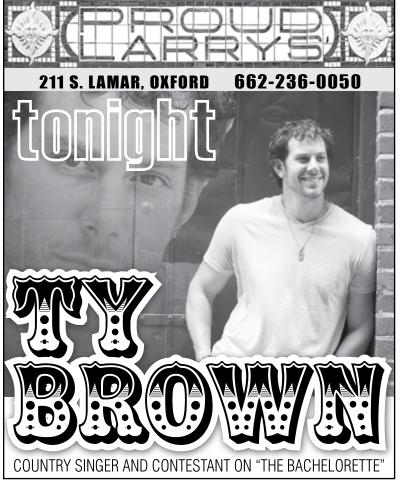
Tobacco smoking is prohibited in bars and restaurants in Oxford, but it is not banned in other enclosed spaces.

Amy Goodin, Ole Miss junior, said she is a fan of the statewide smoking bans. She said she has no problems with smokers, but does not want to be affected by their smoke.

"Other people's life choices should not affect everyone else's health," Goodin said. "If people feel they must smoke, then the common courtesy and moral obligation would be to do it away from others."

Any Ole Miss student looking to quit smoking can stop by the VB Harrison Health Center. The pharmacy features brochures about smoking and students can schedule a counseling session with a health center employee about ways to quit smoking.

For more information, visit the Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition on the Web at www. msdh.ms.gov.





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Lt. Gov. to speak to College of Republicans



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BY AMBER HELSEL The Daily Mississippian

DEBT,

Phil Bryant, Mississippi's lieutenant governor, will speak at the Ole Miss College Republicans meeting tonight. Bryant, who is running for governor of Mississippi, will speak to students about the importance of voting, the importance of youth in the current election and why he is running.

"I am so excited about Lt. Gov. Bryant coming to speak Wednesday night," Claire Sims, junior dietetics and nutrition major said. "He has done a great job so far dealing with Mississippi, and I can't wait to see what he will do in the future for this university."

Bryant is Mississippi's 37th lieutenant governor. He won 59 percent of the popular vote when he was elected in November 2007 and first served as state auditor from 1996 to 2003.

Bryant first announced his campaign plans in January 2011.

The Ole Miss College Republicans organization asked him to come speak to students on campus a few months earlier in the year, said Casey Stafford, a public policy leadership major who is the executive director of the college republicans club on campus.

"We think that each college student at all these campuses needs to have the opportunity to meet them (political candidates)," Stafford said.

Stafford said that this is an important event for the University's voters.

"We have a lot of voters on campus so hopefully we can raise some awareness for them and get these young students voting and involved in the process." Stafford said, "We need to let them know that they have a vote and that it does matter."

Bryant is set to speak in the Student Union in room 404 Wednesday at 7 p.m.





(ABOVE) Linda Abbott, project coordinator for the Violence Prevention Center, explains the importance of Take Back The Night and the new Green Dot Program.

(BELOW) Last night was the annual Take Back The Night march on campus. The event was put on by the Violence Prevention center and the march was lead by the men of Alpha Phi Alpha.

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one is going to have to share their load."

Robertson said that he and other members of the YAL have stood out in front of the Union handing flyers to other students on campus to inform them of their share of the national debt, which is just under \$46,000.

Richard Burke, a junior political science major, said that the YAL agrees with Ron Paul's proposal to cut \$500 billion from the government's most wasteful programs.

"When we're talking about the cuts that the democrats and the republicans are proposing over this last government shutdown ordeal, we don't feel like they were addressing the serious problems," Burke said.

Robert Albritton, a political science professor, said he is glad to see students trying to raise awareness of the national debt.

"I like to see students get energized about almost anything, and being energized about the deficit is a good thing to do," Albritton said. "I would like to debate anybody about what is the best way for solving the deficit problem. I'm almost for anything that stimulates awareness. I just want it to be an accurate awareness. The problem with that kind of campaign is that it's focused only on the deficit rather than where it came."

The YAL is an extension of the Students for Ron Paul organization, which began in late 2008 after the presidential election. There are 68 official chapters, 122 newly forming chapters, and 28 provisional chapters. The Chapter at Ole Miss started in 2008 as the UM Constitutionalists, and they became the YAL. The group, which is made up of 30 members, meets every Wednesday in Union room 403 at 7 p.m.

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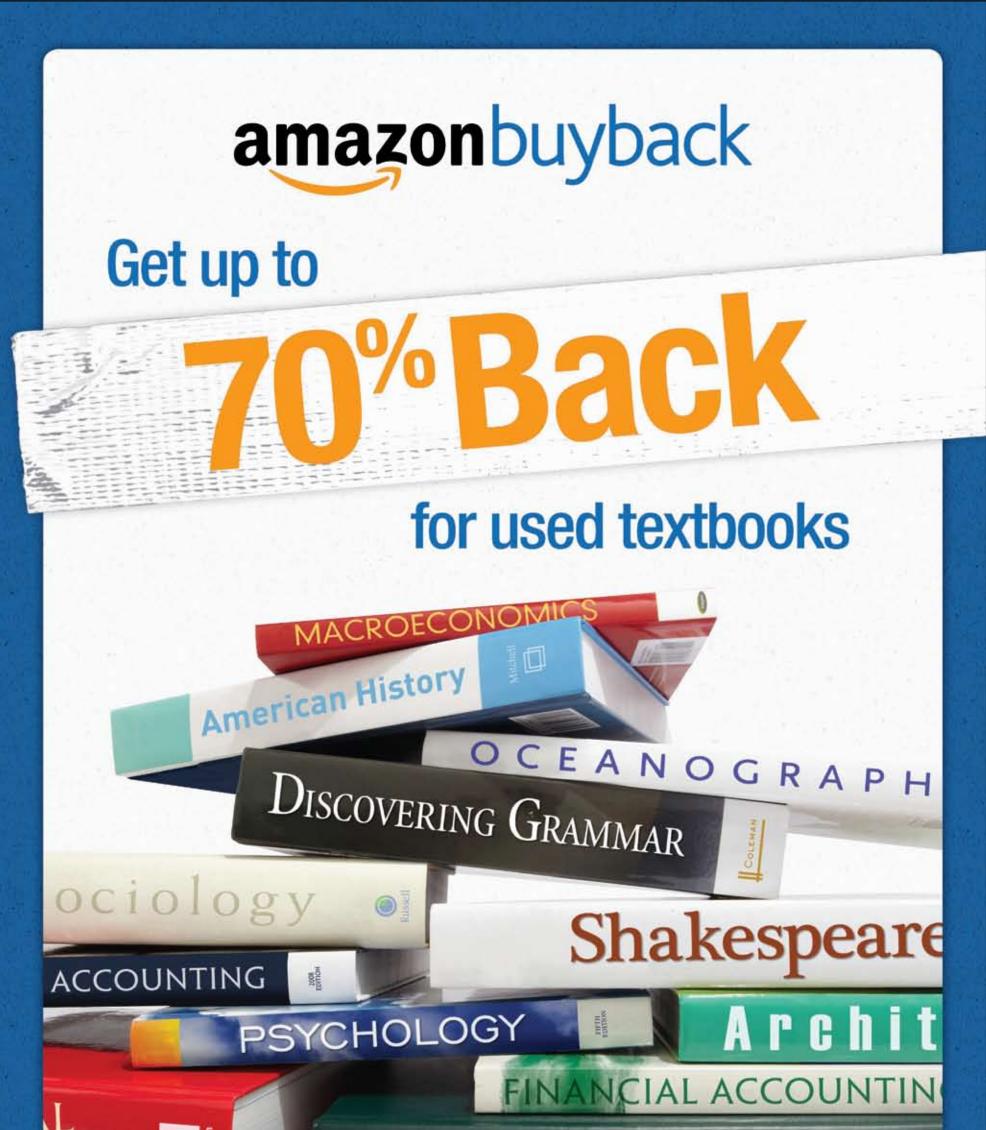
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LIFESTYLES

Ole Miss professor studies turkey mating habits

BY KRISTIE WARINO The Daily Mississippian

Richard Buchholz, associate professor and biologist at the University of Mississippi, has discovered that female wild turkeys choose their mates based on physical appearances.

"Turkeys are heavily ornamented, and I was interested in understanding how such strange structures could evolve," Buchholz said. "Most birds are drab in coloration, but turkeys have those bright bare heads, glossy feathers and weird beard and spurs. They seemed like a perfect model species to answer my scientific question."

Buchholz is studying sexual se-

lection in wild turkeys, or why the female turkeys chose certain males as mates.

"I create different treatment groups of female turkeys in this project," Buchholz said. "I want to know if females that were susceptible to parasites when they were young chicks choose different types of males than females that were kept disease-free with medication."

The research is conducted at the University of Mississippi Field Station, located 11 miles from campus.

At the field station, male turkeys are kept in separate cages in a row. When the female turkey is released into a pathway by the males' cages, she will chose her mate and lie in front of his cage.

"Males must display to be chosen, but females don't like males who display too forcefully or are aggressive to them," Buchholz said. "The head ornaments play a role in female choice, but females have individual preferences. The most repeatable finding is that females like males with longer snoods (the distensible frontal process that dangles from their forehead during display). We also know that snood length correlates with specific genes at the immune genes that tie into disease resistance. Thus females are usually finding mates that have good genes for parasite resistance."

The original turkeys were purchased as day-old chicks from game farms around the United States. Those turkeys were then bred to make the birds that are currently at the field station.

They also use chicks hatched from eggs collected from wild nests around the field station.

"We collect data by handling and measuring the birds, examining the DNA sequences from blood samples and the behavioral trials in which females are given choices of males," Buchholz said.

The results of the research can help uncover more about sexual selection in wildlife.

"The research results can be used by wildlife biologists for management of turkey populations," said Wendy Garrison, adjunct instructor in biology. "They can also be used as a scientific basis to test other hypotheses about game species, endangered species or domesticated species to name a few. Finally, the research is interesting just for its own sake, and it adds to the body of knowledge about our world."

The National Science Foundation awarded Buchholza \$290,000 grant to conduct research.

The grant ended in 2010, but Buchholz is still doing research on the wild turkeys.

"It is hard to test a hypothesis, have an adequate sized experiment and control for all the possible variables," Garrison said. "Dr. Buchholz, his students and the field station staff have put in the work to have a sound scientific experiment. The fact that the University Field Station has the space to set up research of this kind is a plus for scientists and students alike."



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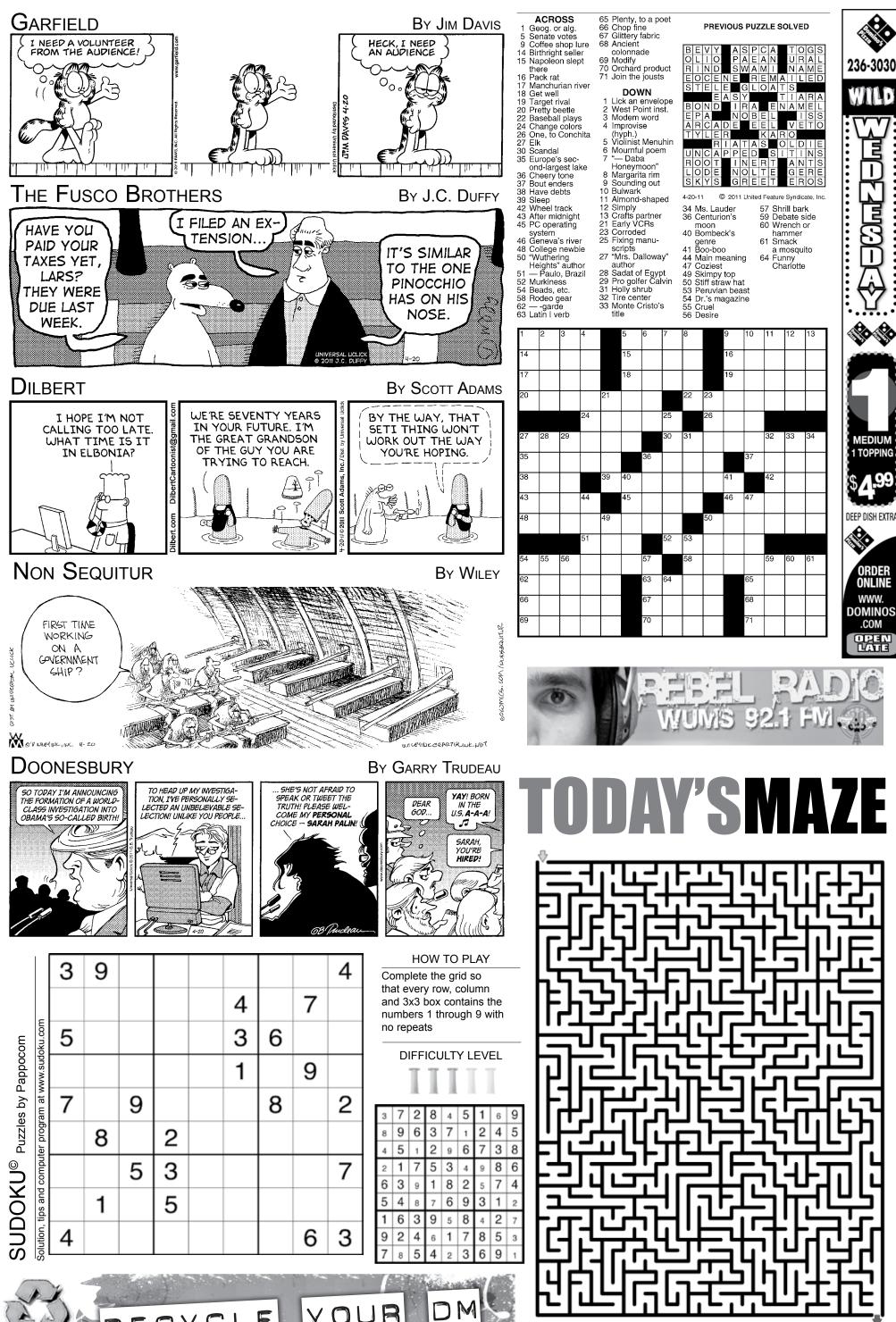
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Softball freshmen make their mark



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Ole Miss freshman outfielder RT Cantillo prepares to launch a ball home during the Rebels' 4-3 win over Arkansas on March 23. Cantillo is one of five freshman starters for Ole Miss.

BY MATT SIGLER The Daily Mississippian

The Ole Miss softball team has taken an unconventional route this year when it comes to players, but the team had no other choice. This year's 18-player roster includes seven freshmen, five of whom are regular starters.

Not only that, freshman outfielder RT Cantillo leads the team with a .340 batting average, while freshman infielder London Ladner leads the team with five home runs and is tied for the lead with 20 runs batted in. "Freshman have been the majority of our starters," Ole Miss head coach Missy Dickerson said. Up to six freshmen have been on the field at one time, which is unique because of the high level of play in the Southeastern Conference. This freshman class as a whole has gelled with each other and the chemistry of the team has been on the rise. "It's been good," Ladner said, "We spend a lot of time together and sometimes don't always agree on everything, but once you hit the field, you put all differences aside and work as a team." Ladner is a usual in the lineup and has been since the beginning of the season, providing muchneeded power for the Rebels at the plate.

Although this year has neared its close, the freshmen have a lot to look forward to.

"This is the most talented freshman class I've had," Dickerson said.

"They hopefully want to take the program to new heights."

The role of freshmen throughout this season has become a crucial part of this year's season for the Rebels (14-33, 3-17 SEC).

However, it could not have been possible without the leadership of the upperclassmen.

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in program history. Kendrick was a consensus top-15 player coming out of high school when he signed with Memphis, but his departure from the Tigers in November brought him to Ole Miss. Due to NCAA transfer rules he must sit out until the conclusion of the fall semester. Kendrick is expected to be the type of player who can come in and take over a game when necessary.

Nelson and Kendrick could end up being one of the best backcourt combinations to ever play at Ole Miss, but there are plenty of question marks because of lack of experience.

The Post

If there is one area of the team that can be singled out for being a difference in every game, it would be the post play of the Rebels, especially that of sophomore Reginald Buckner.

Buckner will be back next year along with junior Terrance Henry, junior Steadman Short and freshman Demarco Cox.

There is no denying the need for consistency in this area for Ole Miss. While Buckner and Henry led the way most of the season, both had their share of ups and downs.

It is pivotal that the frontcourt becomes the strength of the team as they hope to get back on top of the SEC West.

With the departure of assistant coaches Michael White, who was hired as the coach at Louisiana Tech, and Torrey Ward, who left to pursue other coaching opportunities, head coach Andy Kennedy hired Al Pinkins, who previously served as an assistant coach at Middle Tennessee. Pinkins is highly regarded for his recruiting throughout the South as well as his development of post players.

His ability to strengthen the fundamentals of Buckner, Henry, Short and Cox will go a long way in the Rebels being a successful basketball team.

The frontcourt got even deeper when Kennedy announced the re-signing of junior forward Murphy Holloway. Holloway played for the Rebels during his freshman and sophomore season as he led the team in rebounds in 2010, but he left the program to walk on to play at South Carolina so that he could be closer to home while he dealt with family issues.

Now that he has everything cleared up, Holloway expressed his desire to return to Oxford, and Kennedy took no hesitation into re-signing the standout forward. Holloway is awaiting word from the NCAA to see if he will be given a waiver, which will deem him eligible to play next season without sitting out

a year.

The Analysis

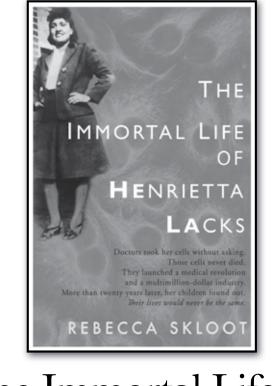
With the experience the Rebels have returning in the frontcourt and the return of Murphy Holloway, the strength of this team will definitely be down low. If they can stay out of foul trouble, they will be a force to be reckoned with.

The guards will be young but very talented. If Kendrick is as good as advertised, the Rebels could be a dangerous team.

We all know Andy Kennedy's teams will put points on the board, but will they be able to defend?

There are a lot of question marks heading into next season, but for me, I see a bright future for our basketball program.





"They have done a really good job," Ladner said.

"They help with tutors and practice times. It is a lot different than high school."

This freshman class is expected to step up next year and fill the empty slots left by this year's leaders.

"Everyone is expected to perform," Ladner said. "As a whole we should step up."

As their careers progress at Ole Miss, this freshman class has the potential to be one of the best to come through Oxford. With a year under their belts, the class looks to improve upon their game and overall record in hopes of leading the team to future success.

"We definitely want to make (NCAA) Regionals, but our first step is the SEC tournament and having a good season," Ladner said.

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Ole Miss left-hander Matt Tracy gave up five runs through 6.1 innings in a 6-1 Governor's Cup loss to MSU on Tuesday evening at Trustmark Park in Pearl.

Rebels drop Governor's Cup game 6-1

PEARL, Miss. – The Rebels fell behind early and couldn't muster a comeback as errors proved costly once again in Jackson with Ole Miss (23-15) falling to Mississippi State (23-14) in the fifth-annual Governor's Cup game by a score of 6-1.

Ole Miss had won the previous two contests in the game played at Trustmark Park that was previously known as the Mayor's Trophy before moving from Smith-Wills Stadium following the 2006 season. Despite the loss on Tuesday night, Ole Miss has won seven of the last 10 contests in the annual midweek tilt.

Matt Tracy (3-3) suffered the loss for Ole Miss, allowing five runs three earned - on seven hits with two walks and six strikeouts in 6.1 innings of work.

Kendall Graveman (4-0) picked up the win, working 4 innings as he allowed three hits and walked one batter. Graveman took the win as the predetermined pitcher of record by Mississippi State.

Will Allen scored the Rebels' lone

run of the night as he came home on a groundout to second from Austin Anderson.

"It was a disappointing night for us," Ole Miss head coach Mike Bianco said. "It was just more of the same that we've seen the last couple of weeks. We shot ourselves in the foot at some inopportune times. We swung the bat well early, but we didn't have a lot to show for it. They just played better than we did tonight."

Ole Miss hit into three double plays in the first four innings to end potential rallies by the Rebels.

Mississippi State got on the board first, pushing two runs across the plate in the first inning thanks to a fielding error on a sac bunt attempt that allowed one run to score and left two men in scoring position with one out on the board. A groundout pushed the second run home before the Rebels could get out of the inning down 2-0.

A lead-off triple and a groundout put a third run on the board for the Bulldogs in the second inning before Mississippi State would add a fourth run in the fifth inning on a fielding error in right field on a fly ball that would have been the third out of the inning.

With the bases loaded and one out in the seventh inning, Mississippi State came up with back-toback singles to drive in two more runs before a strikeout and a fly out ended the inning with the Bulldogs up 6-0.

Ole Miss got on the board in the eighth on the Allen score, but the Rebels couldn't continue the rally as a strikeout ended the inning with two men in scoring position for the final 6-1 score.

The Rebels return to action on Thursday night when Ole Miss will take on Auburn in a game televised by ESPNU as a part of the Southeastern Conference's new television package.

First pitch on Thursday night is set for 6:30 p.m. at Plainsman Park.

Basketball changes means high hopes for '11-'12

BY DAVID COLLIER The Daily Mississippian

The 2010-2011 season for the Ole Miss basketball team left a lot to be desired.

With expectations of winning the Southeastern Conference West and getting a bid to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2001, the Rebels had a disappointing year that ended in a loss to the University of California in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament.

Many thought this would be the year that Ole Miss finally earned that NCAA Tournament berth because of the leadership of seniors Chris Warren and Zach Graham. With the loss of these two, next year looked bleak, but a few off-season changes may have people thinking differently.

The Guards

This past season, guard play was the only element of the team that seemed consistent as Warren and Graham led the way throughout the season, but next year's backcourt will look drastically different.

The Rebels lost guards Trevor Gaskins and Will Bogan, who both plan on transferring to play

elsewhere. But while Gaskins and Bogan are gone, rising sophomore point guard Dundrecous Nelson, who showed glimpses of greatness last year, and rising junior Nick Williams, whose game was at times inconsistent in 2010-11, will be one year older.

There is no doubt those two will need to step up their game for Ole Miss to have the kind of success they are hoping for.

But the most exciting thing to look forward to next year is freshman guard Jelan Kendrick, the first McDonald's All-American

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Murphy Holloway dunks the ball during the 2009-10 season, his last year with Ole Miss. After spending a year with South Carolina, Holloway has re-signed with the Rebels, and pending an NCAA waiver, he could be an important player for Ole Miss next year.



