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Forward Together raises \$25 million plus

BY JOHN MCEACHIN
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The University of Mississippi Athletics Department has been hitting the streets since it unveiled its Forward Together campaign on Aug. 10.

In just under two months, the group has reached a miniature milestone, topping \$25 million in donations.

The Forward Together capital campaign is a \$150 million fundraising effort to build a new basketball arena and expand the football stadium.

The construction of the Forward Together project will be completed over a two-phase plan for both venues.

The first phase will replace the Tad Smith Coliseum and build a brand new basketball arena. It will also include major renovations to Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

The second phase will expand the football stadium



PETRE THOMAS | The Daily Mississippian

Danny White, executive director of the UMAA Foundation, talks at the "Forward Together" campaign announcement held over the summer, as Chancellor Dan Jones and Director of Athletics Pete Boone listen.

by bowling in the north end zone.

The first \$100 million will go toward Phase One of the project, and the other \$50 million

will go to Phase Two.

The need to replace Tad Smith Coliseum has been a hot topic for quite some time.

The university opened the

arena in 1966, and it has become obvious to the majority of the Rebel nation that

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LAFAYETTE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CUTS YAC BUDGET

The Lafayette County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 Monday morning to not approve the \$15,000 originally budgeted for the Yoknapatawpha Arts Council following a controversial art show, "Scratch 'n Sniff."

The art show by Katherine Rhodes Fields featured former Playboy models with "scratch and sniff" areas over certain explicit parts of the pictures.

Ray Sockwell, vice president of the board, confirmed that the board did vote not to approve the funding, and that he voted no because he did not believe they should receive funding this time around.

Wayne Andrews, the arts council director, said he respects the board, and hopes to show them the arts council's importance.

The arts council is scheduled for a hearing.

Honors college freshman class ACT scores best in UM history

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The freshman class of 2015 continues to make history, as it brings in the best ACT scores the University of Mississippi has ever seen, along with increased enrollment numbers.

Freshman ACT scores rose from 23.2 in 2010 to 23.5 this year.

As a collective class, the graduating class of 2011 high school seniors stand a better chance of graduating from college, based solely on ACT reports.

At the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, enrollment has increased from 900 students to 920 students.

This year's honors college freshman class had a collective ACT composite score of 30.8, compared to last year's honors college freshmen's collective

score of 30.2.

Douglass Sullivan-Gonzalez, dean of the honors college, said two factors contributed to the spike in academic enrollment and performance — one internal and one external.

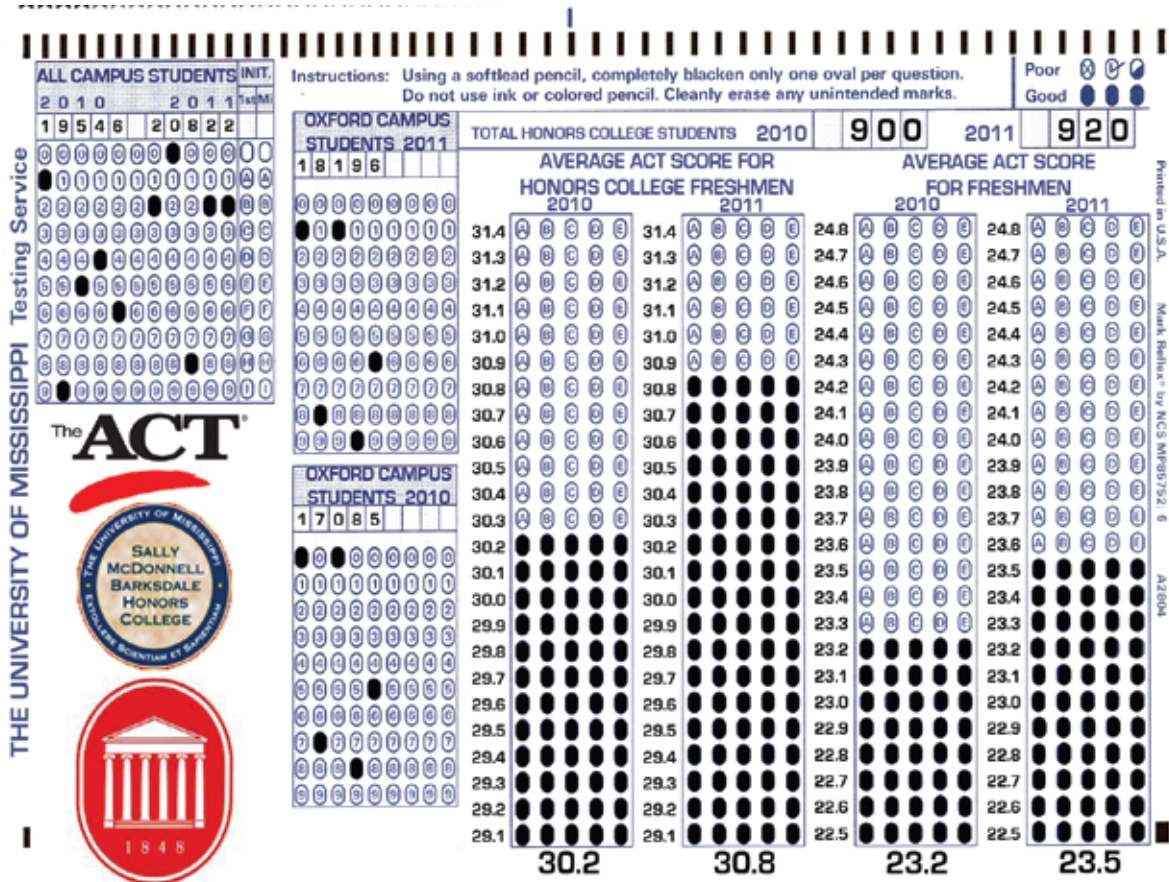
"We've been pulling in great students all along, and great students bring in other great students," he said.

Sullivan-Gonzalez called this method "the magnet effect."

He also said another factor that helped the honors college gain such success was the faculty and staff, along with the combined effort of the alumni and administration.

For the external part of the honors college success, Sullivan-Gonzalez said marketing conditions and the change of the economy helped.

Though ACT scores boost the honors freshman class, Sullivan-Gonzalez said it was



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ACT scores are on the rise, with increases coming from both the incoming freshman class and Honors College freshmen.

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The Rebel: Dead

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Special to The DM

As I have been reading the papers the past few weeks, I've noticed something worth lamenting: the death of the Rebel spirit.

Our country, our state and especially our university defined themselves by their rebels. We were taught to do what had to be done, regardless of whether it was popular, and to respect the same in others. That spirit, I fear, is giving up its last breath.

It was acts of rebellion, carried through by passionate patriots, that moved our country forward. It was the spirit and tenacity of a small band of women in the 19th century that secured women's suffrage.

It was courage of conviction and a rebel heart that led James Meredith to step foot on this campus.

In hindsight we see the virtue of their causes. With knowledge, we see its necessity. But there was always one act in the immediate that assured the timeliness of their cause: the hastiness and obstinacy of those whose power was questioned.

It is with this memory that I look at the Forward Rebels campaign.

While I cannot say exactly who is behind the campaign, it is clear they are Rebels in spirit and in name.

Their stated purpose is to elevate our team, our players and our coaches, and to ask questions where questions are warranted, but which no one has

dared to ask aloud. But each of you knows that you're whispering that name in the halls of the school and corridors of the Grove and across the bars. We have all heard it.

The real story here isn't their campaign. It's the disheartening response by the threatened minority of the university.

I have gotten no less than three emails from the university lambasting and shaming the Rebels. We may not know what has transpired before these ads, but think of what we are seeing now.

Why did the Forward Rebels feel compelled to take their action? More importantly, why does the university shame its alumni by saying you cannot criticize the Ole Miss "family?"

We are a family, surely, but we

are a public trust first. One that must be held accountable.

Should I now expect as an alum, a Rebel, that I cannot question those who control this university?

Chancellor Jones and Ole Miss faculty, as an interested bystander I tell you I am saddened by your response to criticism. That you have labeled them "malicious" and a "threat to accreditation" strikes me as preposterous and unnecessary fear mongering. Your claim is unbelievable.

I would do whatever is necessary to provide for the future of my alma mater and the Rebel spirit at Ole Miss. But it seems that you are only interested in whatever it is you want to accomplish.

I see you killing the Rebel

spirit, as surely as you removed "Rebel" from the side of the stadium, and no doubt will remove it from the field in due time.

But may I remind you: This is not your university. It is not Pete Boone's university, nor any one person's.

This is our university. It is our state's university, our students' university and our alumni's university.

Each Rebel, either part of the campaign or not, is interested only in our success and growth.

And while you may take the Rebel from our sight, you cannot take the Rebel from our hearts.

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Vote no on Initiative 31

BY TRENTON WINFORD
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Americans hold three rights more dearly than any other: life, liberty and property.

Any action by an individual or government to restrict or violate these rights raises harsh criticism from the general public.

On the other hand, we as Americans realize that individuals must give the government a little leeway on our rights to best serve the citizenry.

One such place that we give leeway is on the topic of eminent domain.

Most people understand what eminent domain does, but not many understand what it really is.

They do not understand that eminent domain involves a lawsuit that includes a judge

and/or jury decision. This means that in order for land to be condemned, the lawsuit must be determined valid by peers.

Thus, eminent domain cannot be misused by the government because the court would not allow it to be.

This lack of understanding has led to an initiative on the November ballot to amend the current eminent domain laws.

Initiative 31 would require all private land condemned by the government to be held for 10 years before being transferred to another private entity.

The aim of the initiative is to discourage government seizure of private land for private development.

However, the detriment, which far outweighs the aim, is that the initiative will dis-

courage private entities from investing in Mississippi.

Initiative 31 comes on the heels of a Supreme Court decision over the use of eminent domain in New London, Conn.

The city government used eminent domain to condemn land for a private development that would generate \$1.2 million in tax revenue per year and over 3,000 jobs for the city.

The city considered this project to be for public use even though the land would be developed by a private entity.

The Supreme Court agreed.

Those who are pushing Initiative 31 are ignoring the truth that eminent domain is rarely used in Mississippi for private development.

Also, in those rare occur-

rences, a court has decided that the suit is valid and not a misuse of government power.

If Initiative 31 passes, then companies like Toyota and GE Aviation will not locate to Mississippi due to a 10-year wait they would not have to deal with in other states.

Construction would add more years to that, so a development might be delayed by up to 15 years in Mississippi.

Thus, Mississippi will lose out on thousands of jobs that are desperately needed.

Another unintended consequence of Initiative 31 is that government might start condemning private land for future use.

Since the land would have to be held for 10 years, government might start determining what land can be used 10 years down the road for private en-

terprise.

This would be worse for the landowner because their land might never be used.

The initiative supporters say 31 will protect the Jones' from the government taking their home to give to Big Name Corporation.

It would put obstacles up in front of an already sparingly used government power in a state that could use large development for the tax revenue and job creation.

Initiative 31 does far more harm than good as it does not actually solve anything.

Please be informed of the issues before you vote, and vote no on Initiative 31 in November for the good of the state.

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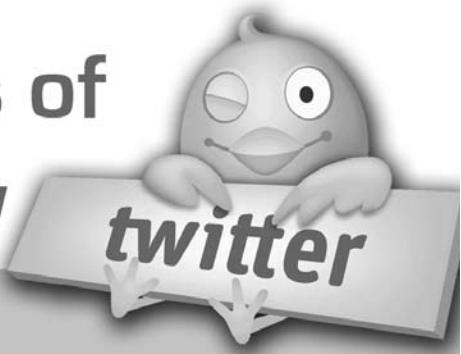
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Tweets of the day



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"Bad decision. Small-minded, shortsighted, indefensible. MT @ NEMS360: Lafayette County, MS pulls arts funding"

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"If you live in Lafayette County, thank your supervisors for not forcing taxpayers to subsidize art this year."



GUEST LECTURE IN LIFE 101:

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

What a relief to read Chancellor Jones' letter to the university and its alumni about the smear campaign going on within our Ole Miss community.

Though the girls writing this letter don't claim to know all about Pete Boone's past discretions, we have been extremely embarrassed at the way Ole Miss "fans" are reacting to this year's season. Isn't this chipping away at the reputation we have built as a loyal group?

It's done nothing but foster smugness from our rival schools and negativity from within. Negativity is contagious and this particular wave of sentiment has not only completely destroyed our school spirit but has also most likely tarnished outsiders' perception of us as a group.

To make things worse, we came off accolades that put our university in the national spotlight only to have an internal war that makes us look petty and ridiculous. This letter has nothing to do with our AD's competency or whether it would be right for him to go. We want to stress that we know we don't have the knowledge to make such opinions.

This letter is about a group that recently graduated and is disappointed about the way their peers are handling the situation. We shouldn't show a fracture in our Ole Miss family that has hurt its reputation and solidarity.

The point is, we love Ole Miss and the relationships we formed there, and its alumni have a reputation as a fiercely proud group. We think this may be a misguided form of loyalty that does not show our true colors.

Let's realize how blessed we are to be part of this community and continue to support our team and school in the dignified Southern way.

- Macey Baird '11
- Elizabeth Bunten '11
- Elizabeth White '11
- Hallie Mosby '11
- Emily Cady '11
- Bailey Mueller '11
- Nashville

To the Editor:

Because of my love for Ole Miss, I had a fellow Ole Miss alum refer the Ole Miss hockey team to me because he knew that the team was having trouble meeting its 2011 budget needs. I made a donation that more than filled the hockey team's budget gap, which would allow the team to make it through their 2011 season without any financial worries, but the university rejected my donation because the donation was made from a business that sells firearms.

While the same administration refuses my donations, the University of Mississippi actively solicits and sells advertisements to casinos, which are prominently displayed at many sporting events.

Although the university refuses to accept firearms as an important part of Mississippi's cultural and economic life, the fact remains that a firearms-related business will soon be the second largest employer in the state of Mississippi, once Winchester finishes construction of its operation in Oxford.

As a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law (2007) and School of Business

(2003), a lifetime member of the Ole Miss Alumni Association and a UMAA Foundation member, I do everything that I can to help support local and Ole Miss causes when I am approached with them; however, the university refuses to accept my generosity time after time.

My donation to the hockey team crossed the desks of both Dan Jones and Larry Ridgeway before being rejected. I am personally calling on both men to make a financial donation to the hockey team to fill the gap left by their refusal to accept my donation.

Sincerely,
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President
Mississippi Auto Arms, Inc.

To the Editor:

I experienced my first football game at Ole Miss not too long ago. Buying into the national advertising campaigns and recent attempts to modernize campus symbolism, I expected to see a modern multiracial environment. What I saw was quite the contrary.

I arrived in the Grove to see thousands of white people celebrating their money and football with exotic drinks, expensive clothing and the finest tailgating tents money can buy. I stopped at my first tailgate to hear discussion of the joys of not being from Utah. To which a young man, donning a pledge pin from a large campus fraternity, replied, "... at least they don't have all these n-----."

Honestly, looking around, I had no idea who he was talking about. The only persons in the Grove were members of Mississippi's white privileged elite. The Mississippians this young man

seemed to be speaking of are unable to afford the tickets or comforts he and his buddies enjoyed. Somewhat shaken, I continued to journey toward the stadium.

Upon gate arrival, I became more frustrated when I saw African Americans filling most of the menial/servant tasks of cleanup and security. I bought a program from a vendor and wasn't surprised to see most of the players were also African Americans.

When I got to my seat, I noticed the crowd around me was all white. The longer I sat the more I realized where I was ... the Roman Coliseum.

Mississippi's white elites scream for blood as mostly young African Americans place their lives on the line (see Bennie Abram) for collective white entertainment. I left knowing, despite trite cosmetic efforts to the contrary, the historical traditions of oppression are alive and well at Ole Miss.

The entire experience made me wonder when people will get as upset about inequality as they do about losing football games.

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the students' work ethic that really made the honors college stand out.

"We're proud of the bar set by the ACT, but what we're really proud of is that these students are high performers," he said. "Everybody has to work, everybody has to perform."

As far as retention goes, a goal set by the honors college to have 1,000 students by 2013, Sullivan-Gonzalez said. With the way things are looking, the honors college may exceed its goal, as it is already 10 percent above the national average in retention.

The students at the honors college love the challenge and the community the college offers. Freshmen international studies majors Grace Hanes and Emilie Street think of the honors college as a home away from home.

"I love the honors college," Street said. "Grace and I come in after classes and stay here until — it doesn't matter what time."

Hanes said the honors college takes a page from former president John F. Kennedy.

"We have this motto at the honors college," she said. "It's not what the honors college can do for you, but what you can do for the honors college."

Sullivan-Gonzalez said the honors college plans to expand the building to allow more space for the students.

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change is inevitable.

It became even more apparent less than a year ago when a women's basketball game against the Tennessee Lady Vols was "rained out" and the game ended with 5 minutes and 24 seconds left in the game.

"I think this plan is very important for the basketball program, being a program on the edge of really turning the corner of being successful," senior political science major Kennedy Flora said.

Chancellor Dan Jones also commented on the need for a new basketball arena.

"It will serve not only basketball, but our current coliseum serves as a gathering place for the university community in lots of events," he said. "The Tad Pad has served us well for many years, but it's tired and needs to be replaced."

The new arena will hold

Students volunteer for upcoming election

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Special to The DM

In just over a month, University of Mississippi students will make their way to the polls to cast their votes in the Mississippi gubernatorial election. But for some students, involvement with the election began months ago.

Megan McBeth, co-chairperson of the Ole Miss College Republicans, spent her summer working as a head intern for Republican Party candidate Phil Bryant.

"I worked at the main campaign office this summer in Jackson," she said. "I helped out with simple things like office work, contacted others and encouraged them to volunteer to help with the campaign, and I just did whatever else he needed us to do at his headquarters. It was a lot fun."

Camille Lesseig, president of the Ole Miss chapter of College Democrats, said her interest in Democratic Party candidate Johnny DuPree began after a Democratic debate was held during the summer on the Ole Miss campus.

"I really didn't know much about him until the end of the summer when he had a debate on the campus with Bill Lockett, and since then I've been a big supporter of Mayor DuPree," she said.

"Personally, I feel like he is the best candidate for governor for the state of Mississippi," Lesseig continued. "I think he has a really good plan for what he wants to do to help the state, and as

president of College Democrats, it's kind of my job to do what I can to support him."

Lesseig said the main objective of the College Democrats right now is to increase the number of registered voters on campus before the Oct. 8 registration deadline by having registration drives on campus.

"At least that way you are getting people able to participate in the political system, and you can also use this as an opportunity to talk about your candidate in general," she said.

Roman Kling, president of the College Republicans, said the organization has been working since the summer to increase support for Bryant around Ole Miss and the Oxford community.

"We've been trying to recruit as many people as we can to sign up to be in the College Republicans," Kling said. "We've been going door to door in neighborhoods speaking with people, phone banking for his campaign and we've been in the Grove talking with people and passing out stickers."

McBeth said Bryant has planned to make several visits to campus between now and election day to meet with voters.

"Phil will be making numerous visits to campus and I can definitely tell you people will see him in the Grove a lot this football season," she said. "If anyone gets a chance, we will have a tent set up and he would be glad to meet everyone."

According to a survey conducted in 2010 by the Institute of Politics at Harvard University, it has become more difficult to gain

voter interest among college-age Americans than in previous years.

The Survey of Young Americans' Attitudes Toward Politics and Public Service found that among eligible voters under the age of 30 who were surveyed for the Harvard poll, only 27 percent said they would "definitely be voting" in the 2010 midterm elections, a drop of 9 percentage points from a similar poll conducted in November 2009.

The report concluded that "a generation marked earlier this decade by their community spirit and optimism seems on the brink of despair similar to their parents, grandparents and millions of dissatisfied older voters."

While promoting their candidates, both College Democrats and Republicans have heard students express great concern about the instability of America's job market.

"The most pressing issue is (that) a lot of students are worried about the economy and the job situation they'll be in after they leave the shelter of academia, and I think some are worried about Mississippi in particular," Lesseig said.

Recent studies show students' concerns over the job market are justified.

The Economic Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., reported that young Americans who graduated from college or high school this spring are facing the worst job market in at least a quarter-century.

A study done by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in August showed a 10.7 percent unemployment

rate for college graduates with a bachelor's degree under age 25. Also, a study late last year by the Center for American Progress estimated that one in five recent male college graduates is underemployed and earning less than workers of the same age who have only a high school diploma.

Both campus organizations said social media has been a good way to get younger voters information about their candidates, but it can only do so much to increase voter interest.

"Absolutely, social media is one of our main sources that we use now for communication, especially with younger voters," McBeth said. "But it doesn't beat face-to-face campaigning, which is the best because you get to meet people and get to know them."

"I think it's important, but you can't vote on Facebook and Twitter," Lesseig said. "It's a good way to get information out there but it doesn't necessarily get people out to vote."

Though representatives of two different political parties, both McBeth's and Lesseig's reasons for becoming involved in politics are essentially the same.

"I just like the fact that you have a say-so in our government, and some people don't understand that the people control the government and the government doesn't control us," McBeth said.

"I've seen a lot of things that can be improved and (I) take an active role in order to do my part to improve things," Lesseig said. "The way to improve systematic problems is through politics."

around 10,000 fans with court-side and baseline seating for students.

It will also have 1,500 premium seats with two exclusive club areas.

Phase One of the football stadium will improve the concourse areas, which include restrooms, concessions and lighting that will change the look of the stadium, according to senior associate athletic director Danny White.

Phase Two will bowl in the north end zone, making it identical to the south end zone on the inside.

The outside will have a north end zone plaza, which will face the Grove.

It's quite clear Tad Smith Coliseum has seen its last days, but the question arises whether bowling in the north end zone of the football stadium is necessary.

It has typically been hard to sell out all of the games in the stadium even without the proposed increase in seating.

The only exception was the

2009 season, when the Rebels came into the season ranked in the top 10.

However, Danny White said he believes they can fill up the stadium.

White is the executive director of the UMAA Foundation, whose job for the campaign is to manage his division of fundraisers to help raise the money needed.

"We're coming off our second consecutive year of record enrollment with our freshman class," White said. "The student body is growing, which means our alumni base is growing."

He also said Oxford and the counties surrounding Memphis are currently growing, which should increase attendance over time.

Another major question about the campaign is how the university will pay the large amount of money required for the new projects.

White said student tuition will not go up to help fund the campaign. According to White, pri-

vate funds will support 100 percent of the campaign through the UMAA Foundation.

"We have a staff of talented fundraisers, and we're out beating the streets every day," he said.

The donation fund is divided into two areas: Philanthropic Giving and Capital Gift Agreements.

Philanthropic Giving is estimated to make up 34 percent of the giving, while Capital Gifts will make up 66 percent.

White talked about the importance of getting as many donors as possible, even though there are large donations that come from certain donors close to the university.

"We have some very significant donors that have given a lot to the athletic department and folks that are considering substantial gifts to this campaign," he said.

As nice as it is to have the big donors, White said the main part of the campaign is about getting as many people to donate as possible.

"We need thousands of our loyal fans and supporters and alumni to step up, and they're already starting to in a big way," White said.

"The facilities that we are talking about building and the revenue streams that this campaign generates really bring us on par with any athletic department across the country, and the feedback we've been getting is highly, highly positive."

A new basketball arena was not proposed sooner because there were a lot of other debts the athletic program had to pay off first for facilities that were built in the last 15 years, White said.

UM athletic director Pete Boone said this project will take a little bit from everybody.

"Our fans have said, 'We want a bowl vision, we want to be asked to help, we want to move Ole Miss forward and we don't want to be step-children,' and this accomplishes all of those things," he said.

"And it's going to get done. I mean, I'm so confident in it!"

COLUMN

In Review: '50/50' will make you laugh and cry

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In last week's review of "The Lion King 3D," I lamented the fact that some parents insist on bringing their screaming spawn to the theater in a merciless attempt to destroy all that is good and enjoyable about the theater-going experience.

"The Lion King" is a children's movie though, so it's at least understandable that there would be children there to see it.

"50/50," on the other hand, is an R-rated dramatic comedy (or comedic drama?) about a guy with cancer.

Despite this, some people still insisted on bringing their children with them to see it — and you better believe they were obnoxious.

But back to the movie, "50/50" has been marketed as the usual Seth Rogen comedy (Rogen co-produced and plays a supporting role in the movie), but honestly, it's closer to "(500) Days of Summer" than "Superbad."

Joseph Gordon-Levitt starred in both "(500) Days" and "50/50," and he plays a similar character in both, sort of an affable everyman that we geeks can relate to and then feel bad for when his life goes in the toilet.

Here he plays Adam, who has the pretty girlfriend, a wacky best friend (Rogen) and an overbearing and smothering moth-

er (a wonderful turn from the great Anjelica Huston). He has a good job in radio, and his life seems to be great.

Then he finds out he has cancer and high jinks ensue.

Actually they don't. This isn't a zany comedy.

The movie gets surprisingly dramatic when it comes to the bits of Adam dealing with having cancer.

It's on Gordon-Levitt to carry the film, and he proves himself quite capable and never becomes cliché as Adam.

You feel for him as his life is turned upside down, and though his friends and family do their best to help him through the situation, he really finds no comfort from encouragement. He perseveres in his own way, though, and never really becomes bitter.

Rogen is at his best in these kinds of movies, where he can play a funny supporting role without really having to carry the bulk of the movie himself. Smaller roles also make it slightly less obvious that he's playing basically the same character in every movie he's in, so we're not as likely to get sick of him so quickly the way we did with Will Ferrell.

Rogen provides the bulk of the comedy here, and he even sneaks in a few heartfelt moments.

Anna Kendrick, the only good thing to come from the "Twilight" movies, plays Adam's therapist and continues to

shine as one of the best young actresses in Hollywood.

She's already been nominated for an Oscar after her role in the phenomenal "Up in the Air," and I predict she'll wind up winning one eventually. She doesn't have a lot to do in "50/50," but she makes her screen time count and, luckily, never devolves into the unrealistically "perfect girl" who only exists to help her man find his own happiness.

As I said before, Anjelica Huston is marvelous in her role as Adam's mother and lights up every bit of her limited screen time.

I tend to think of "The Addams Family" or "The Witches" or various Wes Anderson movies when I hear her name, so this isn't the kind of role we're used to seeing her in, which I think adds to the charm of the character. She's a pro and makes the part of the mother so much more than it would have been with a lesser or overexposed actress.

Philip Baker Hall and Matt Frewer are two of those "that guy" actors that you instantly recognize from other movies but probably have no idea what their names are. They are also a lot of fun in their fairly minor roles as men Adam meets when he goes in for chemo.

Was there anything I didn't like? The movie starts off a bit slow, and for at least the first half hour I was expecting it was going to wind up being very bad or at least very mediocre.

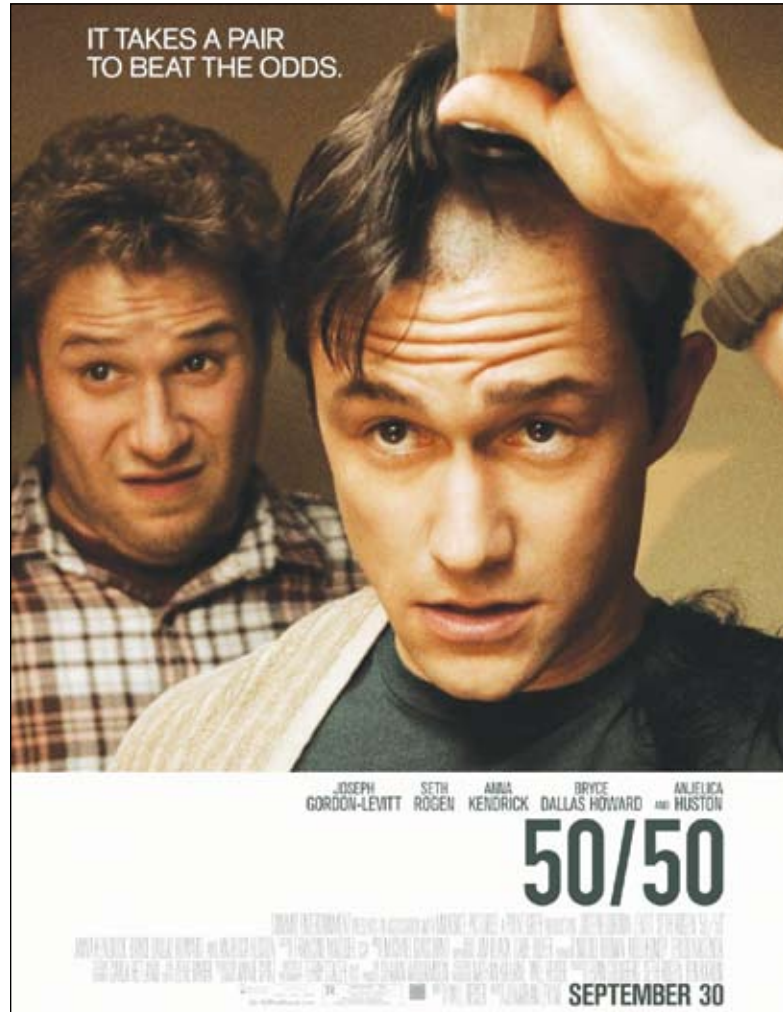


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Once reality sinks in for Adam, though, it gets much better and never lets up from there.

I also thought the ending was a just a little bit wonky and seems to go out of its way to tie everything up into a nice little bow. That's only a minor complaint though. This is a feel-good movie, so in that sense it succeeded.

So, in the end, "50/50" is one of the better movies I've seen this year. It deals with some heavy stuff but is still ultimately light and breezy, never becomes too depressing, brings a fair amount of laughs and sends you home happy.

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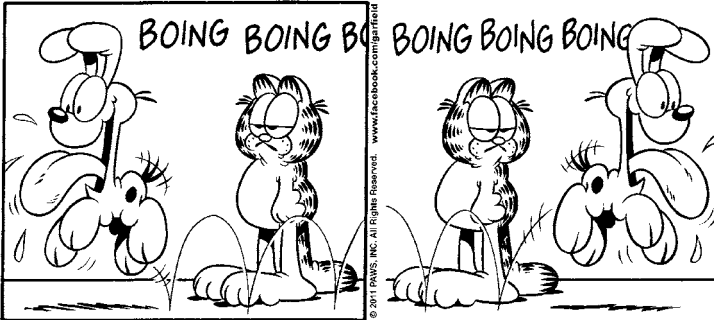
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LEFT: Sophomore heptathlon athlete Mary Ashton Nall reads "Today I feel Silly" to the three-year-old preschool class. TOP RIGHT: Freshmen Katherine Zoghby and Nathan King draw for their point perspective drawing assignment around the circle at dusk. BOTTOM RIGHT: Austin Wheeler plays the drums at a recent show in the Residential College with The Holy Ghost Electric Show.

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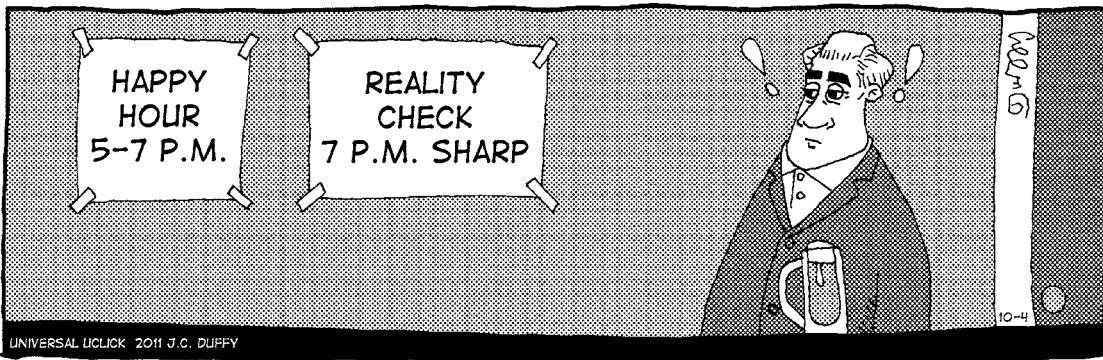


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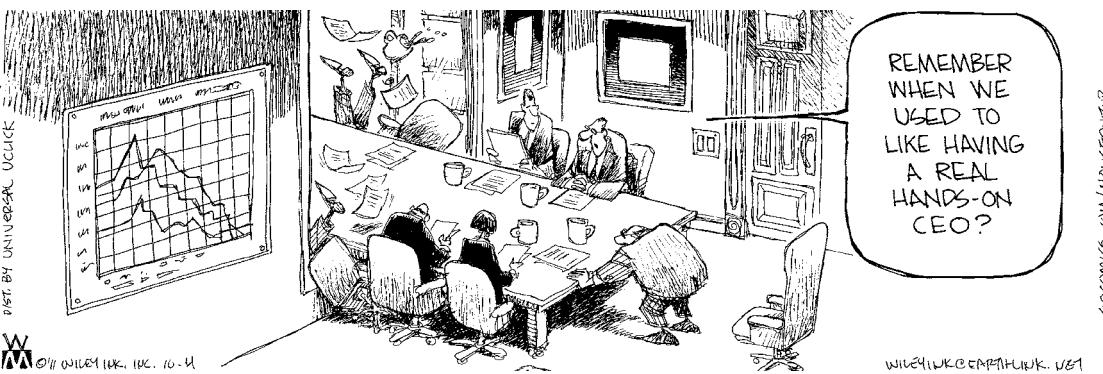
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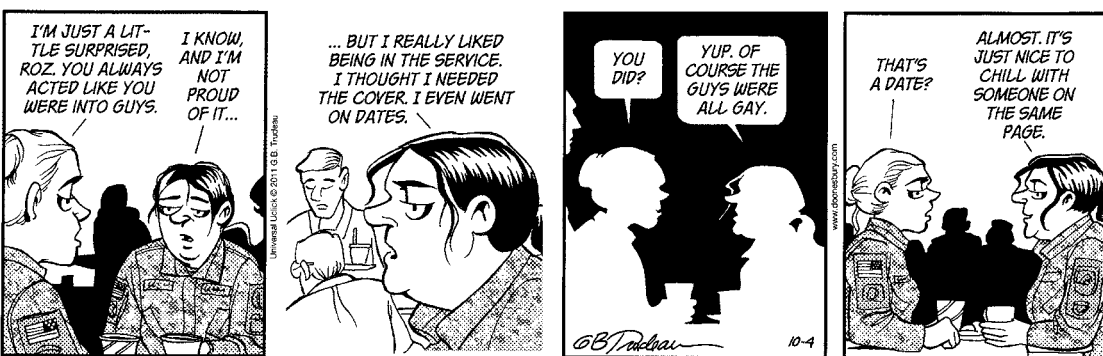
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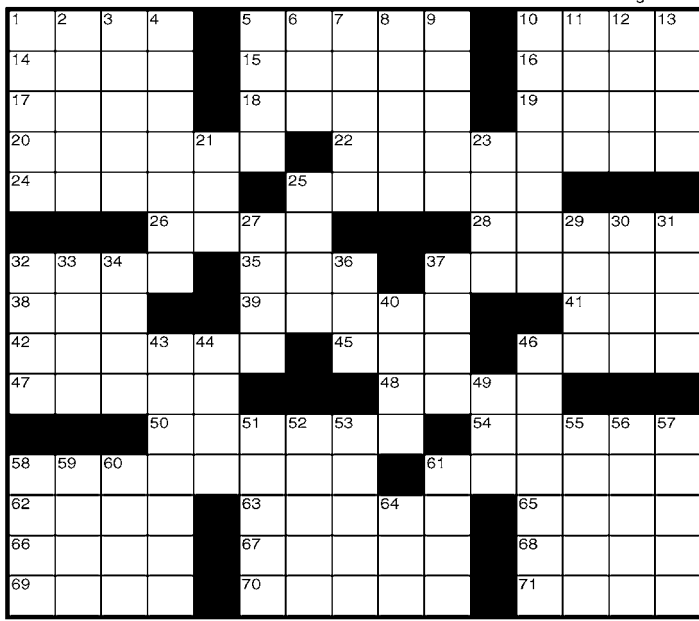


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 - 35 Large deer
 - 37 Glitterati
 - 38 Tasty tuber
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 - 42 Oxford's river
 - 45 Loud laugh
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 - 48 Good buy
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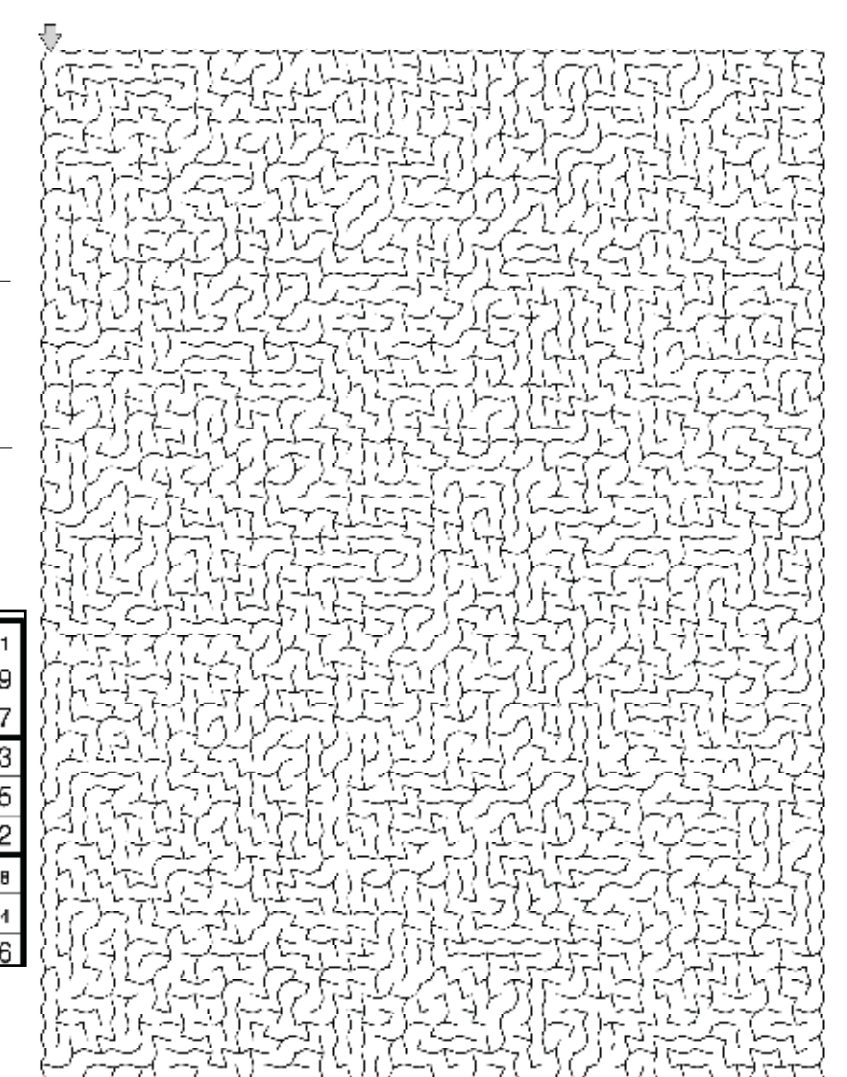
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Houston Nutt talks Mackey, Bolden and the bye week

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Nutt sees improvement leading into bye week

After watching film of Saturday's 38-28 win over Fresno State, Ole Miss head coach Houston Nutt said Saturday's performance was just what the team needed.

"It is always good to win," Nutt said during Monday afternoon's press conference. "That was the medicine we have been needing."

The offense, which has struggled all season long, was able to move the ball and put some points on the board Saturday, which Nutt was pleased to see.

"Offensively, we feel like we took a good step forward — now let's build off that. Let's keep executing; we need those points that we were scoring Saturday night and it felt good staying on the field," Nutt said.

"After the success from the game Saturday, we will be able

to show the players the picture of what we will be able to do when you do the things you're supposed to do. When you execute and put the ball in the hands of the play-makers, that gives you a chance to win."

Mackey makes first start

Junior quarterback Randall Mackey made his first start for Ole Miss Saturday completing 8 of 18 passes for 214 yards and a touchdown with no interceptions. Nutt said he was pleased with what he saw from his quarterback.

"We thought Randall did a great job in his first start," he said. "We thought he made really good decisions. He wasn't looking to run, but in times when things collapsed, he tucked it and ran and made some plays, which was really good."

With a struggling offense, Nutt said they needed someone to help control the game and keep the ball moving without any mistakes.

"The biggest thing was the way

he handled the game — we didn't have any delay of games, didn't have any turnovers and those were some of the things we were worried about, and he didn't do any of those things," Nutt said. "I thought he was very accurate. He throws a beautiful deep ball and was accurate with the medium route."

Bolden close to 100 percent

After playing sparingly in the last several games following his ankle injury against BYU, senior running back Brandon Bolden was able to find the end zone again in Saturday's game. Bolden had only six carries but made the most of his opportunities and finished with 43 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

"This is the best he has been since he has been back," Nutt said. "He is OK when he runs forward, but when you're at tail-back and you have to start, stop, cut, start and make decisions with that ankle and a lot of stress, it



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LEFT: Junior quarterback Randall Mackey; RIGHT: Senior running back Brandon Bolden

can be hard for him to get going. "He's not 100 percent right now, but (Saturday's) the best he's been and that really helps us. With these two weeks, I expect him to be 100 percent by Alabama."

No time to relax

Although Ole Miss is off this Saturday, the Rebels will still hit the practice fields. Nutt said that while the bye week allows them to

have extra time to heal and nurse some injuries, they will still practice hard Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

"We are going to get physical this week," he said.

"We want to play much tougher than we have been playing. We are going to go a lot of starters against starters this week and we will work on fundamentals."

Rebels in the Pros: Season-ending update

With the 2011 Major League Baseball playoffs in full swing, all the former Ole Miss baseball players playing in the majors have put an end to a successful year. The Daily Mississippian's David Collier wraps up how all the former players finished the regular season.

Chris Coghlan — Outfielder — Florida Marlins

Coghlan missed the entire second half of the season with a torn meniscus in his left knee. The knee gave him trouble all season as he only hit .230 with five home runs and 22 RBIs in 65 games this season. When healthy, he was a regular contributor to Baseball Tonight's "Web Gems" and Sportscenter's Top 10 plays.

Zack Cozart — Shortstop — Cincinnati Reds

Cozart was called up to the Reds and made his major league debut on July 7. He appeared in 11 games before an injury ended his season as well. During his limited play, the shortstop hit .324 with two home runs and three RBIs. The Reds have indicated that for next year the shortstop position is Cozart's to lose.

Lance Lynn — Pitcher — St. Louis Cardinals

Lynn is yet another former Rebel plagued with injury. The big power pitcher made his debut with the Cardinals on June 2. Before his season came to an end with a strained oblique, he

went 1-1 with a 3.12 ERA and 40 strikeouts in 34.2 innings.

Matt Maloney — Pitcher — Cincinnati Reds

Maloney nursed injuries, including a 60-day stint on the disabled list with a strained oblique. He returned to action in September, but it was apparent that Maloney wasn't in the groove of pitching. In just 18.2 innings this season, the lefty had an ERA of 9.16 with 13 strikeouts.

Drew Pomeranz — Pitcher — Colorado Rockies

Pomeranz, who made his major league debut earlier this month, got four starts in September. While the first two went according to plan, his third start saw him get roughed up a little bit. His fourth start, which came on the last day of the season, saw him finish the season strongly. He finished the season 2-1 with an ERA of 5.40 on 18.1 innings pitched and 13 strikeouts. It is apparent the young, big left-hander has a bright future with the Rockies.

Alex Presley — Outfielder — Pittsburgh Pirates

Presley was called back up to the Pirates late in the summer

and during that time, he was a vital player for his team. In 52 games played this year, Presley hit .298 with four home runs and 20 RBIs. His play this year appears to have him in a good position to play all next year with the major league club.

Seth Smith — Outfielder — Colorado Rockies

Smith, who has had the most consistent career thus far of all the former Ole Miss baseball players, had yet another good 2011 campaign. The right fielder finished the season with a .284 batting average, 15 home runs and 59 RBIs as he solidified his role with the Rockies.

Matt Tolbert — Shortstop — Minnesota Twins

Tolbert continued in his role as a utility player for the Twins in 2011. Over the course of the season, he played several different positions and in different situations. Tolbert finished the season with a .198 batting average and 11 RBIs. He was also a big part of history when he recorded all three outs in the ninth inning of Francisco Liriano's no-hitter on June 3 against the Chicago White Sox.

OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

Official practice open, women's hoops season underway

The 2011-12 women's basketball season is officially underway as official practice for the team has started.

Teams can start practice 40 days before their first game and are only allowed 30 practices in those 40 days.

"We are anxiously awaiting the opening of the new season," head coach Renee Ladner said. "We've got a bunch of young players who are talented to go with our upperclassmen who really like to play hard and play fast. I think we are going to be a really good transition team."

With having so many young players, they have had enough of the preseason workouts. They are ready to come together, much like we did on the Canadian trip, and pick up where we left off."

Ole Miss returns four starters and 10 letterwinners from last year's team. This season the Rebels will welcome five newcomers who were ranked as the 45th best class in the nation by ESPN HoopGurlz.

Returners for the Rebels include SEC All-Freshman Team honoree Valencia McFarland along with Pa'Sonna Hope, Nikki Byrd and Courtney Marbra.

The five Ole Miss newcomers are Monique Jackson, Tia Faleru, Danielle McCray, Amber Singletary and Gracie Frizzell.

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