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## State rejects 'Personhood'

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Mississippians on Tuesday rejected the initiative aimed at defining a human life as beginning at conception.

Strong opinions were expressed concerning Initiative 26 after the results were announced, with many people upset and others relieved.

"I wasn't surprised at all with the outcome just because of the

amount of coverage and how controversial it seemed," said Erin Wasilewski, a representative for the Ole Miss College Republicans. "It bothered me that the initiative didn't have preventative measures because I feel that's very important."

Although the College Republicans and the College Democrats supported different candidates for the governor seat, their views only slightly differed on the issue of Initiative 26.

"I'm very excited about the 'no's' winning out on Initiative 26," said Camille Lessig, president of the Ole Miss College Democrats. "(It) was worded vaguely and was so ambiguous as to what the intention of this amendment to our constitution was supposed to even mean."

Colorado-based Personhood USA, which helped bring the initiative to Mississippi, first

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Supporters of "No on Initiative 26" stand outside a polling place in Lafayette County.



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Newly-elected Lafayette County Circuit Court Clerk Baretta Mosley hugs her husband in the Court House last night.

## Voter ID initiative approved

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Voters may soon be required to present a photo ID before casting their ballot.

Initiative 27 was approved Tuesday with 63 percent to 37 percent statewide vote.

"It just makes me feel more confident that all the people voting are registered and have a right to be there voting," said David Allen, an Oxford resident and nurse. "It feels safe, like along the same lines of when you charge for something on credit card and they ask for your ID."

The initiative will require voters to submit government-

issued photo identification before being allowed to vote. It exempts certain residents of state-licensed care facilities and religious objectors from being required to show photo identification.

To vote, any government-issued photo identification is accepted, including a drivers license, military ID or an ID from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, and it will be required every time one goes to the ballot box.

This idea has met a lot of controversy due to cases in Tennessee, Kansas and Wisconsin, making it difficult for students, lower-income citizens and minorities to get voter IDs. Civil

rights advocates have said the requirement of specific forms of ID will disenfranchise the under privileged who lack drivers licenses, military IDs or any other form of government identification.

"I think it's neglecting the voices of a lot of people in this country," said Doug Whitely, a philosophy and psychology sophomore. "It's neglecting their voices on any governmental affairs."

The inclusion of voter ID in the election process is receiving a lot of support from those concerned about the legitimacy of the political process.

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## Bryant wins by landslide

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Voters turned out in strong numbers, pushing Republican Phil Bryant to the top of the gubernatorial race.

Bryant, who last served as Lt. Governor, will replace Gov. Haley Barbour, who is coming to the end of his term.

"I am humbled and eternally grateful for the opportunity to lead our great state into a new era," Bryant said in a statement released by his campaign. "I have said throughout this campaign that I am ready to lead from day one, and I look forward to that opportunity."

Bryant was heavily favored over Democratic opponent Johnny DuPree going into Tuesday's elections, according to a Public Policy Polling poll released Sunday.

As the polling numbers came in, it became clear that Bryant had outdone the projections. With 92 percent of the precincts reported, Bryant garnered approximately 61 percent of the vote and Dupree 39 percent. Bryant outspent DuPree 7-to-1.

Coby Parker, an accounting senior who has worked on several political campaigns in the past, said he was excited when the results came in.

"The voters spoke," he said. "And they chose a proven leader who has the experience, ideas and positive solutions to move

our state forward during these challenging times. Mississippi's future is bright with the steady hand of Phil Bryant at the wheel."

In an interview conducted before the polls closed Tuesday, political science graduate student, Sam Gedman said the key to DuPree's ability to compete would be his ability to appeal to white voters outside the traditionally Democratic delta region.

Preliminary polling numbers showed that voters intended to vote down party and racial lines.

"The election hasn't been very contentious," Gedman said. "Both candidates have favorability, which is rare. So the interest will be to see how big that (racial) margin is, how well Johnny Dupree does with white voters."

Amongst Lafayette County voters, this election seemed to be overshadowed by Personhood, voter ID and eminent domain initiatives.

Lafayette County also had some high profile local elections that detracted attention from the gubernatorial race. As voters and supporters filled the county courthouse to await results, many admitted they hadn't paid attention to the statewide races.

Despite the lack of attention

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## Romney can be our Reagan

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It's not too early to conclude that Mitt Romney will be the eventual Republican nominee for United States president.

Although voting doesn't begin for a few more months, every indication tells us Gov. Romney has the nomination wrapped up. Some conservatives are hesitant to support a candidate elected in arguably the most liberal state in America, but if the base could get past Rick Perry's simple-minded, misleading attacks on Romney's record, they would embrace him as the modern-day, more substantive Ronald Reagan.

The 2012 GOP primary is Romney's to lose. Every candidate — from Bachmann to Perry and lately Herman Cain — has led in the polls. But af-

ter a few weeks of a small lead, Romney returns to the top, holding steadily between 20 and 30 percent. With the recent sexual harassment allegations that have been mounted against Cain, people are starting to realize he is not a serious presidential candidate.

In effect, Cain lacks every qualification to be president aside from age and citizenship. Thankfully, he is Romney's biggest competitor and is beginning to fade in the polls. It's time for someone to tell Cain that the joke is over, and his candidacy is finished.

Although Cain is only one point behind Romney in the latest ABC News/Washington Post national poll, Romney is leading in most early primary states. Cain is ahead of Romney by only a single point in Iowa, leading 23 to 22 percent.

With the evangelical voters of the Iowa Caucus, Cain's lead is entirely unimpressive considering Romney's Mormon faith (which should be a non-issue). Once Cain starts sinking in Iowa, the only other candidate in double digits is Ron Paul, at 12 percent. Iowa is Romney's to win. Romney is leading his opponents by 27 points in New Hampshire, 12 points in Florida and two points in South Carolina, according to a CNN/Time poll. The Romney campaign is also expected to win Nevada.

At this point, national polls are irrelevant. What matters is the numbers in the early states, such as Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Florida and Nevada. These are the states that will decide which campaigns will survive and which will fail.

These are the states that

give candidates a fundraising boost. These are the states that pick presidents and nominees. Romney has a huge advantage going into primary season with these poll numbers.

Most of all, Republican voters need to be mindful about electability. Cain, a candidate with no concern for facts or substance, would be obliterated if he were to face Obama head to head. We also haven't heard the last of the sexual harassment allegations filed against him while he was CEO with the National Restaurant Association. With regard to Perry, Americans haven't forgotten the damage our last Texan president did while in the Oval Office.

It will be a while before we have another president who talks with a Texas twang. That's not to mention the nightmare a debate between Perry and

President Obama would be.

Romney is the perfect candidate to take down the Obama machine. Voters are looking for a president who has balanced a budget, who has created jobs and who has worked in the private sector.

Republicans would be wise to embrace the only serious candidate in this race. If the GOP base would take time to look at Romney's record, both in the private and public sectors, they would see that his resume is nearly perfect.

This election can be 1980 all over again; Romney as a sharper Ronald Reagan, Barack Obama as a less successful, less qualified Jimmy Carter.

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## The erosion of modern English

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When did Vinny and Pauly D replace Webster and Roget? Popular words and phrases have always changed from decade to decade and generation to generation. In recent years, however, our generation has contributed a good bit to the degradation of the English language. There is a growing push to have more Americans become bilingual, but how can we be expected to do that when we can barely master spoken English?

Instead of expanding our vocabularies and aiming for eloquence, our verbal skills are focused on being hip and slovenly. We may no longer use "sit on it," "necking" or "daddy-o," but the slew of recent hip terms that have arisen in the past few years would make the script of "Clueless" sound like a

Thoreau poem. "Bro," "broski" or "brah" — If we cross paths out on the town and I do not know you, this is not an acceptable form of introduction; this rule also applies to "dude" and "chief." When I go to Hy-Vee and ask for help, I expect to find a helpful smile in every aisle, not somebody directing me where to go followed by the term "dawg."

"Awesome" or "sick" — At some point in time, these became the only two adjectives used to describe anything. Everything you saw, did or accomplished was not sick or awesome. At least "awesome" was meant to be used in a positive light, but when did something being "sick" signify glory?

"Face palm," "fail," "epic fail" — Perhaps the slang for which I have the most personal contempt, this collection of terms has become so ubiquitous among young

adults that outsiders would think all we do is fail. Obama's stimulus plan may have been an epic fail, but an attempt to ride a laundry basket down a set of stairs hardly qualifies as epic in any sense.

TXT speak — It is acceptable on Facebook, Twitter and in a text message — not during a conversation. A prime example of our current level of laziness, speaking with text abbreviations is an insult to the expanse that is the English language. Is it that much harder to use the full words instead of LOL, IDK or TTYL?

Movie quotes — Who doesn't love "Napoleon Dynamite," "Anchorman" or the Hangover movies? They are comedy staples and some of the funniest films of our era. Nonetheless, no matter how funny Will Ferrell or Zach Galifianakis may be, every one-liner they delivered has a shelf life.

"Like, um, like" — The epitome of squalid verbal talent. Not "like" in the sense of a Facebook status, but "like" in the sense of every other word of an unprepared class presentation where like, every, like, other word, like, comes out minced between "likes." Everybody hears it, everybody hates it, yet no one makes an effort to stop it.

Words are beautiful things. They can make us stop and think or motivate us to action. They evoke emotion or anger. Words and language evolve and grow so that we may better ourselves, not so we can relegate them.

Unfortunately, our vernacular gives a representation of the time. In 2011, Merriam-Webster added "bromance" and "tweet" to its official collection, along with the pop culture definition of a "cougar."

While many remember dictionaries as a reference for expanding vocabularies, their basis for inclusion is usage. Thus, the eroding quality and simplicity of commonly used words has forced the utmost authorities in language to select these putrid terms.

The president of Webster's even called "fist bump" as the "champion of the group." This coming from the company that previously honored respectable terms such as admonish and insipid among its words of the year. How many times has quixotic or quagmire been used in daily speech by a college student?

Slang terms come and go. Some terms are inescapable, and it is difficult to not let a few slip. They may be popular, but it does not mean they are fashionable. Take pride in eloquence and use originality in speech.

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# Letters to the Editor

**To the Editor:**

I greatly appreciated Alec Jones's exposé on the Green Fund's communist ties. His reasoning — that Ole Miss's Green Fund is a Marxist conspiracy because Campus for Clean Energy supports it and Vanderbilt University has a Campus for Clean Energy group that invited Van Jones, a former Obama administration official and a communist some twenty years ago, to speak to them — is straightforward and flawless.

However, I noticed a few errors in Mr. Jones' column, and for the sake of journalistic integrity I must point them out:

Two weeks ago, 85 percent of voters endorsed a Green Fund supported by a student fee. It was inappropriate (and, I am sure, unintentional) to claim that these voters constitute an "elite minority" that have hijacked our American way of life.

Environmentalism and Marxism are not synonyms. This was a careless, if relentlessly repeated, mistake.

Ole Miss' Campus for Clean Energy is not affiliated with Vanderbilt's Campus for Clean Energy. CCE is not a national organization, and the similarity between the two groups' names is coincidental.

Even if the Vanderbilt Campus for Clean Energy is a communist sleeper cell because it hosted Van Jones, sharing its name makes the Ole Miss Campus for Clean Energy communist as much as sharing his name with Van Jones makes Alec Jones communist.

The Vanderbilt Campus for Clean Energy never hosted Van Jones. On October 19, Van Jones did deliver a lecture at Vanderbilt, but it was presented by the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities. I do not know how Mr. Jones made this mistake, since neither Campus for Clean Energy at Vanderbilt nor their school newspaper even suggested that, but it is a minor and understandable one. Van Jones is not a Marxist.

These errors, although numerous, do not detract from the veracity of Mr. Jones's arguments.

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**To the Editor:**

I am writing in response to Alec Jones' "Green: The Color of Campus Collectivism"

Mr. Jones implies that the Green Fund has been passed. This is false; last week's vote was only to gauge student support and didn't (as the disclaimer on the ballot stated) pass the Green Fund.

Next, it is indisputable that a Green Fund will make Ole Miss more "environmentally friendly and save money"; this is a fact backed by the experience of over 100 universities.

Mr. Jones states that "you're irrelevant under the doctrine of sustainability" and that "If (sustainability projects) would improve the university's financial position, we'd already do it..." The reality is that we currently have some sustainability measures in place and we actually have an Office of Sustainability. A Green Fund increases the positive effects of these efforts.

Mr. Jones also gave incorrect vote statistics; 2,433 students voted (a little less than 15 percent of the entire UM student body), and 85 percent of those voted in favor of a Green Fund supported by an addition to tuition. It is unfortunate that more students didn't vote, but that is how the democratic system works; if CCE wanted to impose the Green Fund we wouldn't have held a student vote for an entire week.

Campus for Clean Energy has no "communist ties." This claim is completely unfounded. Representatives of Vanderbilt's American Studies program invited Van Jones to speak. Additionally, since CCE is not a national organization, there are no CCE "chapters."

Finally, Mr. Jones' piece was published as an opinion column, but it was not written as such. It was written as if it were fact, when actually there was very little truth to it. I expect this kind of inflammatory fear-mongering to come from a source like, say FOX News, but not The DM.

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**To the Editor:**

I write today in response to Alec Jones' opinion column featured in The Daily Mississippian on Wednesday, Nov. 2. I write as a student in support of the Green Fund, as well as a member of Campus for Clean Energy.

Firstly, Mr. Jones refers to Campus for Clean Energy, as well as supporters of sustainability, as the "elite minority." I do not believe this is a fair term as there is no valid evidence to suggest that supporters of sustainability on this campus are a minority.

Furthermore, I find it ridiculous that supporters of sustainability would be referred to as "elite." Our only hope is that everyone can live a healthier, environmentally friendly lifestyle. Also, we accept any and every person no matter their race, age, gender, socioeconomic status, beliefs, etc. We do not think of ourselves as better than others, and we would never wish to give off that persona.

Next, I believe that citing the number of students who actually voted is irrelevant. Students were given every opportunity to vote. Voting was open on myOleMiss for a full week, and out of those students who did vote, the majority voted in favor of the Green Fund. If students were so adamantly against the Green Fund as Mr. Jones suggests, they would have voted against it.

Lastly, the fact that Mr. Jones tries to tie sustainability with socialism or communism is absurd and somewhat insulting. The

United States continues to look for methods to incorporate sustainability into our capitalist system. Sustainability will have to be a private, sector-led, as well as people-led, movement, if it is to succeed.

I would be happy to welcome Van Jones to this campus. I would also be just as happy to welcome Rush Limbaugh. It is highly important that we hear and understand all views on sustainability and specifically the green fund, in order for it to succeed.

I thank you, Mr. Jones, for your time and for your opinions. That's the greatest thing about America — we can share our opinions in an enlightened and educated manner in order to make this country the best it can be.

Best,

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**To the Editor:**

In the No 2 issue of The DM, Alec Jones claims that, "The Green Fund is a tragedy, but the worst is yet to come."

According to Mr. Jones, as a member of Campus for Clean Energy, I am a communist who wants to control the student body for my own "elitist agenda." I personally don't think that resorting to name-calling is the mature way to have a civilized debate about the issue of sustainability on campus.

We already pay fees on our tuition that include contributions to financial aid, which contributes to the common good. I've never heard anyone complain about that, so what's wrong with paying a few extra dollars for more efficiency and sustainability on campus?

Green Funds that have been implemented on campuses nationwide have already been very

successful, both fiscally and environmentally. Mr. Jones claims that "If energy-efficient light bulbs ... would improve the university's financial position, we'd already do it and without compulsory fees." Obviously this is not the case; often, things like solar panels and motion-sensor lights cost more up front but wind up saving money in the long run. Oftentimes you have to spend money to save money, and if you help save the environment in the process, that's even better.

There is a Cree Indian proverb that says, "Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught will we realize that we can't eat money." The Earth is a gift, and we as a people have been taking it for granted for far too long.

In addition, the vote for the Green Fund did not automatically implement a fund on campus; instead, it was a fact-finding mission for Campus for Clean Energy to see if students would support the idea of a Green Fund on campus.

Our goal was to obtain 3,000 votes, and at 2,433, we fell just short, but I am beyond proud of our efforts and all the hard work and research that went into the project. I am even happier to know that 85 percent of the people who voted for the Green Fund not only supported it, but would also not mind paying a few extra dollars to contribute to the effort.

I thank everyone who voted for the Green Fund, either for or against, and also all the people that put their time and energy into the vote.

I hope that I speak accurately when I say that any member of Campus for Clean Energy would be more than happy to speak to anyone who had any questions about the fund at all, provided that the discussion is civilized.

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## Landowners' property safe from government seizures for corporations

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With Initiative 31 approved, private landowners can breathe easier knowing their land will not be in danger of being seized and sold to private developers.

The initiative, which challenges eminent domain, was approved Tuesday night with approximately 74 percent of the state's votes. The initiative prohibits the government from acquiring private land through eminent domain, to sell to private businesses and corporations.

Voting "yes" on the initiative was casting a vote for the prohibition of government buy-

ing and selling private land. There are exceptions listed in the measure: the government can seize private land to build roads, bridges or airports. The government can also seize land if the property is abandoned or is a public nuisance.

In order for an initiative to pass, it requires at least 40 percent of the total votes cast in the election, as well as a simple majority of more than 50 percent.

Fonda Kannada, an Oxford resident of 51 years, said she is glad the initiative passed.

"I voted yes for the measure because I don't think the government can come in and tell us what we can do on our own property," she said.

Many Oxford resident voters agreed with Kannada, which is evident in the results. Approximately 8,992 people voted yes on the initiative, with 3,020 voting no.

"Why should a man work all his life to have land to pass down to his family to have the government to try and take it way from him?" said Dale Barrios, Oxford resident of 38 years. "To buy his land to build a shopping mall or Walmart, that isn't right."

With Initiative 31 passed, it could play a role in developing and stimulating the state's economy in the future. This measure could drive away investors and businesses owners looking to set up shop in the

state. However, many voters believed that taking private land for development is taking things too far.

Public policy senior Casey Stafford said she was pleased with the results.

"I was in favor of Initiative 31 to begin with," she said. "I don't think you should have to use eminent domain to stimulate the economy. I don't think economic development begins with taking private property."

Spanish and history senior Camille Lesseig said she agreed with Stafford.

"I voted 'Yes' because the government should not be allowed to buy and sell private property not benefiting the public," she said.

One of the biggest issues with the initiative was the confusing wording of the ballot. Voting "yes" on the initiative prohibits the government, while voting "no" means the voter approves of the government buying private land to sell to businesses.

Dave Cullison, a long-time Oxford resident, said he believes there should be restrictions on government buying private land, but he said he also believes in economic development for the state. Cullison said he felt the initiative was too confusing to vote on.

"This is such a confusing issue," he said. "I am in favor of both sides, but since it was so confusing on the ballot, I left it blank."

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tried in Colorado. It also put similar initiatives on 2012 ballots in Florida, Montana, Ohio and Oregon.

Supporters of Initiative 26 said this amendment would prompt a court challenge to overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that established a woman's legal right to abortion. However, opponents believed the initiative was not in the best interest of women.

"(Initiative 26) does not respect the autonomy of women and jeopardizes women's health," the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists said.

Oxford native Dale Barrios said he is happy with the outcome. Barrios said he believes the Personhood Amendment would have to go to the Supreme Court if it passed.

"This was a useless proposition; it was written by the wrong people," he said. "It was stated wrong, and it should never have been in this general election."

Throughout the weeks leading up to Election Day, rumors

of the possible ramifications spread throughout Mississippi. Opponents said the initiative could make birth control illegal, which could include the morning-after pill and IUDs. It was also rumored to possibly deter physicians from performing in-vitro fertilization and would make abortion illegal in life-threatening cases, like ectopic pregnancies and cancer. The Personhood Amendment became less about Republican and Democratic party lines, and more an issue based on morality and opposition against an ambiguous initiative for some voters.

"I'm pro-life, and I think that life is precious no matter the circumstances," said Katie Jenkins, a biology sophomore and Oxford native. "I voted based on what I believe, and that's how I think people should vote, which is a great thing about living in a free country."

Jameson Taylor, vice president of the Mississippi Center for Public Policy, published a memo that attempted to clear up the ramifications of the initiative. The memo addressed to the public that abortions performed to save the life of a mother in

cases such as ectopic pregnancy and cancer treatment would not be criminal. It also wouldn't ban in-vitro fertilization, but the amendment could be used to justify outright destruction of embryos. However, this memo didn't address the uncertainty that birth control pill would possibly be banned.

Taylor said one reason he thinks this amendment is effective policy is because he believes it's a scientific fact that life begins at the moment of fertilization.

"If the amendment were to pass, one could envision that it would be brought up for review in the courts, and eventually in the Supreme Court," Taylor said. "It would force the U.S. Supreme Court to finally answer that question, what is a person for the purposes of the law?"

Most state political issues are based on ideological beliefs. Oxonian Ace Atkins said this amendment was so controversial that those distinct party lines disappeared.

"The (initiative) has stirred up a lot of emotions and it looks like a lot of people who are against it have come out to make sure that it does not pass and to make sure their voices are heard," he said.



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Voters wait in line at the Old National Guard Armory for their turn to vote in elections.

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"I fully support Initiative 27," said Evan Kirkham, a public policy junior and University of Mississippi Associated Student Body attorney general. "It's a surefire way to prove the continuity between voter registration documents and the physical voter. The integrity of this state's elections are sure to be upheld."

This issue has been debated among the Mississippi State Legislature for over 15 years.

Though the initiative is official policy, the debate over voting rights and the integrity of the voting system still goes on as it is expected to be challenged in state court, and there is no guarantee it will ever be implemented.

"Now that it's passed, if there is still strong dissent I am all for seeing how this initiative holds up in the state courts," Kirkham said.

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# Reeves, Fitch and Hood win big

Republican Tate Reeves, Republican Lynn Fitch and Democrat Jim Hood were elected as lieutenant governor, state treasurer and attorney general, respectively.

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## State treasurer

Republican Lynn Fitch defeated Democrat Connie Moran for Mississippi state treasurer Tuesday night. Fitch will succeed Republican Tate Reeves.

Fitch, an alumna of the University of Mississippi, graduated with a degree in business, and she went on to earn a juris doctorate.

Megan Turcotte, a public policy sophomore, worked for Fitch's campaign, as well as lieutenant governor candidate Billy Hewes's campaign.

"Lynn (Fitch) has gained a lot of support," Turcotte said. "She's a really strong candidate."

"She knows what she's doing. Her strong point is balanced budget, and we need a balanced budget."

Turcotte said she drove two hours to her hometown in Jackson to vote after accidentally forgetting to mail in her absentee ballot.

David McDowell, a history senior from Slidell, La., voted absentee in Oxford for Moran.

"For the Fitch situation, I really think Connie Moran is probably one of the most qualified candidates to ever come out of Mississippi, so I'm a little upset about the showing right now," he said. "I think it was an issue of money — who had the most money — and it shows right now in the turn out."

## Lieutenant governor elect

Tate Reeves defeated Tracella Lou O'Hara Hill, of the Reform party, for lieutenant governor, and there was no democratic candidate.

The Flowood native served as state treasurer for two terms before this election.

He told the Associated Press that he spent a lot of time traveling throughout Mississippi listening to what the people care about.

"It's abundantly clear that jobs and the economy are what is on the minds of voters all across Mississippi," he said. "We are going to work for job creation, better and higher paying jobs for our people."

Dave Cullerson, of Oxford, was at the courthouse Tuesday night as the results were recorded.

"Tate Reeves' victory was large because it is a Republican year," he said. "The Republicans in Mississippi are party building. There's a lot of anger with the Obama administration, and people are wanting to vote Republican to express their anger with Washington."

Turcotte said she will support Reeves as lieutenant governor even though she voted for Hewes.

"I trust the state of Mississippi to elect someone who will do a good job in office," she said.

As far as election day, Turcotte feels like it's a birthday party.

"I think today is a big day to vote in Mississippi," she said. "Election day is always really exciting, whether on a state level or national level voting is so important. Fitch is definitely ready for this job, as she spent long hours on the campaign trail."

## Democrats maintain one state office: attorney general

Jim Hood won in dramatic

fashion Tuesday night over Republican candidate Steve Simpson, to defend his position as attorney general and claim a third consecutive term in office.

"I want to thank the people who got us re-elected and appreciate the voters' confidence in what we are doing as attorney general," Hood said in a statement released by his campaign.

The race, which was not expected to be particularly close, showed that Hood's appeal with voters goes well beyond party lines.

"It looks like the Republicans are probably going to take the House and Senate," said Sam Gedman, a political science graduate student.

"With the socially conservative amendments, and libertarian style amendment with the imminent domain on the ballot, for Jim Hood to survive as the one state-wide Democrat winning in this environment speaks to his viability potentially in the future as a state-wide candidate."

Early polling numbers released Sunday by Public Policy Polling projected Hood to win convincingly. As the poll results began to come in Tuesday evening, it became clear that he would indeed be returning for a third term.

Cortez Moss, a public policy senior from Calhoun City, said he thought Hood had been a successful attorney general and was glad to see him re-elected.

"My initial reaction was that it speaks to the merits of Jim Hood," Moss said. "I think Jim Hood has done an exceptional job as attorney general, and people on both sides of the aisle recognize that. Tonight's vote was proof of that."

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to the race, some feel that Phil Bryant's election to the governor's office is a set back for Mississippi.

Recent Ole Miss alumna, Brent Caldwell, who worked on Democrat Bill Luckett's primary campaign, said Bryant's lack of interest in early childhood education will hurt Mississippi in the long run.

"(Bryant's) publicly announced stance against early-childhood education is the wrong direction for Mississippi and is a stark contrast of the pro-education platform of Mayor DuPree," Caldwell said. "I suspect, although I hope it isn't true, that there won't be much progress in the next four years."

While the feelings from supporters of both sides are strong, Gedman said the differences between these candidates is actually very small and that played into the hands of the Republicans.

"They're both relatively socially conservative," he said. "They both support the Proposition 26. So really it's kind of a base election, and the Republican base is much bigger here."

Ashley Johnson, a history junior from Crosby, said she voted for Bryant not only because she liked his policies, but also because she met and liked him personally.

"I voted for who I like the best from how they talk about their policies and what they believe in," she said. "I'm glad he got elected because I like his policy on voter registration."

Freshman A.J. Word said he

voted for DuPree because he saw his experience as Hattiesburg's mayor as valuable experience that qualified him to be governor.

However, Word also said he felt that electing an African American governor in Mississippi could serve as a strong message to the rest of the country.

"I think it would be good for Mississippi," Word said.

"Since the country still views Mississippi as being the most racist state, to have a black governor, just to say 'Hey, we have a black governor. We can accept anybody.' (The country) would have a better view on Mississippi."

Despite DuPree's defeat, he still made history in Mississippi as the first African American to be the nominee for a major party in the gubernatorial race.

Word said he thought this could be a great start for African Americans in Mississippi politics.

"Because the chances are slim in a place like Mississippi, it's very discouraging to those who want to run because they think 'Oh, well they're not going to vote for me because of the racial barrier,'" Word said. "But for him to put that fear aside, he might have just created a chain reaction. Many more minorities will attempt to run and make a change."

Parker said despite the other issues that were surrounding this campaign, it ultimately came down to the economy and jobs for Mississippi voters.

"Mississippi has a lot of problems right now with jobs and our economy," Parker said.

"We need a leader like Phil who has positive ideas to move our state forward."

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Ashley Norwood (Re) 23%

### State of Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture & Commerce

Joel Gill (D) 42%  
**Cindy Hyde-Smith (R) 55%**  
Cathy L. Toole (Re) 3%

### State of Mississippi Commissioner of Insurance

Louis Fondren (D) 36%  
**Mike Chaney (R) 60%**  
Barbara Dale Washer (Re) 4%

### Public Service Commissioner Northern District

**Brandon Presley (D) 51%**  
Boyce Adams (R) 49%

### Transportation Commissioner Northern District

Ray Minor (D) 43%  
**Mike Tagert (R) 57%**

### State House of Representatives District 10

Greg Hodges (D) 40%  
**Nolan Mettetal (R) 60%**

### State House of Representatives District 12

Hollaman 'Holly' Raney (D) 41%  
**Brad Mayo (R) 59%**

### State House of Representatives District 13

Billy B. Gray (D) 35%  
**Steve Massengill (R) 65%**

### State House of Representatives District 33

**Thomas 'Tommy' Reynolds (D) 64%**  
Jerrericco Chambers (R) 32%  
Sean T. Holmes (L) 4%

### Lafayette County Circuit Clerk

**Baretta Mosley (D) 54%**  
Gary 'Chick' Drewrey (R) 46%

### Lafayette County Sheriff

**F.D. 'Buddy' East (D) 71%**  
Gary L. Morris (R) 29%

### Supervisor District 1

**Mike Pickens (D) 50%**  
Bill Plank (R) 37%  
John 'J.D.' Davis (Re) 13%

### Supervisor District 3

**Robert Blackmon (D) 75%**  
Joanne Wilkinson (I) 25%

### Supervisor District 4

**Chad D. McLarty (D) 63%**  
Trammell P. Wells (R) 37%

### Supervisor District 5

**Mike Roberts (D) 58%**  
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## Hinge dance company brings new art to Oxford



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LEFT TO RIGHT: Mary Williams, Katherine Waits, Lydia Siniard (alum) and Jesse Kelley (2L) pose for the Hinge Dance Company at Rowan Oak. The event will be held on Nov. 10, 11, and 12 at 7:30 at The Powerhouse.

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Oxford has always been well-known for its literary greats and musical geniuses, but dance is an art form rarely seen or publicized around town. Now, things are about to change.

This weekend, Hinge Dance Company, LLC, presents "Calm/Hysteria," its fifth show as a company and second as a business, bringing a few insane extensions and perfect pirouettes to the Powerhouse.

Co-owners and artistic directors Lydia Siniard and Lindsay Fine are University of Mississippi alums with lengthy dance training in multiple forms, including ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical and modern.

Siniard came to college from Cartersville, Ga., prepared to retire her black leotard and pink tights after years of living and breathing dance, until she saw a flyer for an adult ballet class. Soon she was dancing and teaching across Oxford and northwest Mississippi, immersing herself in the local opportunities while hoping to expand the dance community.

"Anywhere I could find dance, I jumped on it," Siniard said. "Whether it was dancing with 60-year-olds or 16-year-olds, I wanted it — and I knew if I wanted it, someone else had to want it, too."

Fine, Ole Miss alum and adjunct faculty from Huntsville, Ala., recently returned to Oxford and jumped on the chance to join forces with Siniard after previously dancing together.

"It was something new and innovative happening that hasn't happened in Oxford before," Fine said. "Young people joining together and having creative freedom."

After spending about a year as a student-led company, Siniard graduated with a bachelor's degree in English, but her love for the company only grew stronger. When she was presented with the opportunity to take the company off campus and create a small business, she saw the break as the best way to expand the company and

provide the community with a form of art.

With three strong and well-attended productions under its belt, Hinge took to the town and found a space at the Powerhouse on University Avenue that was suited for its future plans.

Along with the dance show itself, Hinge also works to gather local artists to highlight all forms of art by hosting a silent auction in conjunction with the show, including mediums from poetry to painting. Artists are invited by current company members and include such locals as Ole Miss professor Anne Fisher-Wirth, among others.

Fine is not only a talented dancer, but also a musician and singer. To incorporate more forms of art into the show, she is singing one piece, choreographed by law student Jesse Kelley, while playing acoustic guitar. The decision can be risky because dancers depend on counts and live music can change without warning, but the directors agree the decision will only heighten the quality of the show.

"We like to do it because it's something different that's rarely done," Fine said. "Being a dancer and doing the music part as well is a chance to use both of those creative parts in the show."

Hinge aims to produce two to three shows a year, one each semester and occasionally in the summer, and the group has recently instituted company dance classes for both members and non-members. They plan to offer members-only classes in the spring, along with classes for the general public taught by multiple members of the company.

"As a dancer, you need to constantly focus on technique and work on the basics," Siniard said. "Sometimes people get intimidated by the title 'company class' and think if you're not in the company, you couldn't hang with it, but that's not true."

Taylor Thomas, a recent alum from Vicksburg, was with the company from the start as both a choreographer and a dancer and has been part of every show except one. This

past month, she came back to Oxford for a weekend to set a piece for the upcoming show, still longing to be a part of a company she helped build.

"Hinge gave me my first opportunity to choreograph without restrictions, and that's what I'm most grateful for," Thomas said. "Over the past couple of years, it has been the home of many dance experiments — mine, the choreographers and all of the dancers. I think that is the essence of Hinge and why all of us remain so passionate about it."

Sam Damare, a musical theater senior from Southaven, shares that passion and has been with the company for most of the shows in some capacity. Even when he was unable to dance because of scheduling conflicts, he often choreographed pieces for the show that he rarely got to see.

"Hinge creates an almost family-like environment while working on each show," Damare said. "This company has given me so many great opportunities to express myself as a choreographer and a dancer,

all while building wonderful friendships I hope will last a lifetime. I couldn't wish for a better group for what may be my last opportunity to work with this beautiful group of people."

Beyond dancing and entertaining, the members of Hinge meld together in a familial way, bonding and being silly in rehearsals while working endlessly to perfect the pieces.

"There are so many dancers at Ole Miss that have the desire, the talent, and just assumed it was time to hang up their shoes in college," Siniard said. "Hinge offers a different style of dance, a different intention, a different purpose. The way we rehearse, the way we produce shows is completely different from anything else offered in Oxford."

Tickets for "Calm/Hysteria" can be purchased through the Powerhouse in advance or at the door. Table seating is available with a reservation. For more information, call the Powerhouse at 236-6429 or visit the company's website at [hingedancecompany.com](http://hingedancecompany.com).

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# Remember Thanksgiving comes before Christmas trees

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Is it me, or has everyone forgotten about the glutton's favorite holiday?

Thanksgiving is an integral part of our country's society, and people seem to think Christmas is the next holiday after Halloween.

From Christmas commercials on TV to decorations in stores and buildings, Thanksgiving seems to almost be forgotten. If it wasn't for the time off it gives people every year, I fear it very well may be forgotten.

How can anyone forget those cool days, sitting around the

TV with a stomach full of food and the joy of coming together for a day to give thanks for all the things that we have? I know I'll never forget Thanksgivings because my family always has special ways of getting under my skin in a totally unforgettable way (kind of like those beetles from "The Mummy").

I never quite understood the fanaticism for sports, so even when I was old enough to hang out with the adults while the game was on, I couldn't really get into it. However, I did enjoy feeling like part of a family with everyone talking to each other and getting along (usually) throughout all the activities of the day. Nothing says fam-

ily like your two uncles making faces and putting dog ears on each other during family pictures.

Even if you hate your family, how could you forget the food?

Smoked turkey, drizzled with gravy over rice, with mashed potatoes, buttery corn on the cob, green beans and Grandma's special stuffing. That is the meal I always think of when I think of Thanksgiving, and what I wish I was having every time I grimace at the food I am so often forced to eat on campus.

I just hate to see such a wonderful holiday be forgotten because people get so excited for Christmas. I mean, sure, snow, presents, family cheer, fig pudding and candy canes are awesome and I love them too, but we can't forgo one of America's most important national holidays of discovery

and survival.

If the Native Americans hadn't shown the pilgrims and adventure seekers of the New World how to plant crops and hunt, then their genocide and birth of our nation would not have occurred (you don't want all those Native Americans to have died for nothing do you?).

I know this silly little rant won't do much in the way of a solution to this problem, but maybe it will remind a few people that Thanksgiving deserves just as much respect and love as any other holiday we have (or at least more than Single Sucks Day, aka Valentine's Day).

I just hate that people are in such a hurry to get on to Christmas when there is a whole month and a half left to go before we get there. People need to learn to be happy in the present and take everything in

moderation for a change.

The tradition is supposed to be that you put up your Christmas tree the day after Thanksgiving, but people are in such a hurry to get to it that they get it done as quickly as possible in the hope that doing so will make it get here faster.

The moral of this story is just to chill out and take everything one step at a time. Time is going to move ahead at 60 seconds a minute as it always does, and there is nothing we can do to change that.

Stop trying to change what is and enjoy what you're given when you're given it. When Thanksgiving rolls around, remember how much I bugged you about it and tell your family you love them while you grab another piece of turkey. You'll be thankful you did when you go back to living off vending machine snacks and fast food.



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# Don't waste the winter break

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Students at the University of Mississippi count down the days until the end of the fall semester and, ultimately, winter break, the question "What are you going to do during the holidays?" pops up.

So here are a few ideas to "manage" your time and explore the possibilities during your time off.

### Revive your creativity

A month and a half is the perfect amount of time to start that novel you always wanted to write, repaint your room or pick up a new hobby. The key is simply to do something new.

During the semester, we are often too mired with classroom assignments and extra-curricular activities to activate our creative energies.

We become perpetual creatures of academia, doing the same things over and over; we lose our inspiration. Rediscover it!

### Surprise and challenge yourself

Here are some suggestions: learn to bake or sew, challenge yourself to learn a new sport, delve into the arts or become a documentarian of your life by capturing daily pictures with your camera.

There are a variety of activities ready to be explored if you are willing to find them — be resourceful and allow your imagination to lead you.

### Get your "think on"

The winter break is the perfect time to get an extra three credits under your belt by enrolling in winter intersession at Ole Miss.

Classes meet daily, usually for three hours, and it can be an ideal situation to focus on only one class.

For example, if you are a math major who struggles with the abstract concepts of sociology, this academic environment could be idyllic.

Whatever your major, winter intersession is an opportunity that could be harmonious with easing your course load for the spring semester. Check it out online under the Office of the Registrar.

### Reconnect with family and friends

While the winter break for some at Ole Miss may mean traveling only a few hours, for others, the trip could be a six-hour or longer flight. Therefore, some have not seen family and high school friends since the summer.

Winter is about connection and community.

Throw a party. Not only will this utilize your creative energies, which is an aforementioned topic that I recommend exploring over the break, but it also will allow you to invite all of your friends together in one setting and at one time.

Just make sure all of the friends/family you invite are friendly: this should be about celebration, not drama.

Another idea: go Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa shopping with your best friends. Presents are fun and shopping can be a much-needed way to reconnect with friends. Just be sure to not break the bank (we are college students and need to save).

Also, even though it may sound lame, making your presents can be fun — just be sure to give yourself plenty of time and do not rush, especially if you are using hot glue!

### Spread the cheer

Ultimately, the winter break should be a time for having fun and sharing memories with family and friends.

And taking a much-needed break.

Therefore, be sure to find time for yourself, but do not forget others.

Many organizations during the winter season promote volunteer opportunities, which range from helping with the homeless to collecting presents for needy children and everything in between.

Find an organization that interests you and give a little of your time.

### Be you

Whether you are a fan of Christmas music or love to string lights throughout your room, be sure to celebrate in a way that makes you happy. The holiday season is time of exhalation, so relax.

Then, do something different and give a little of yourself.



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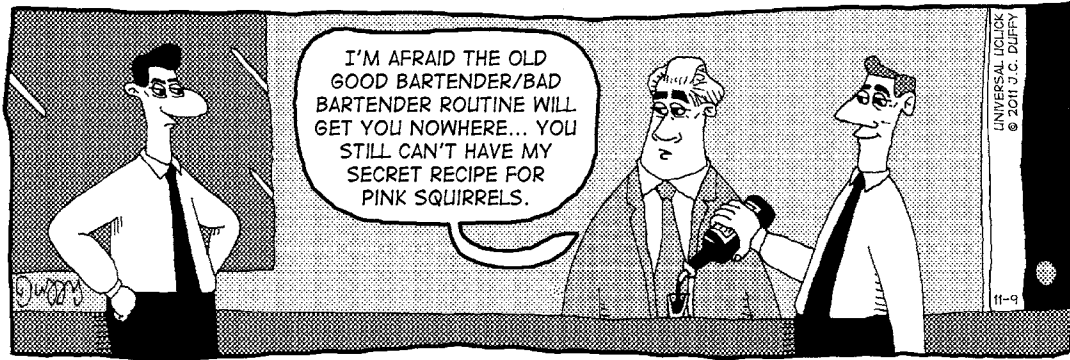
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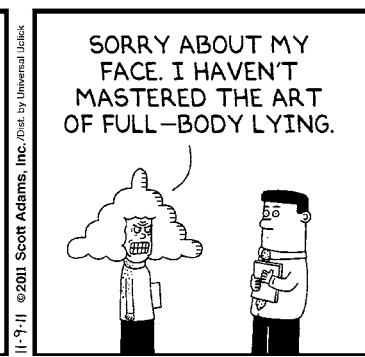
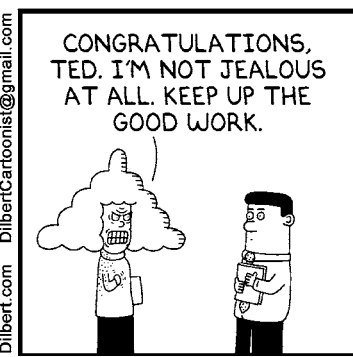
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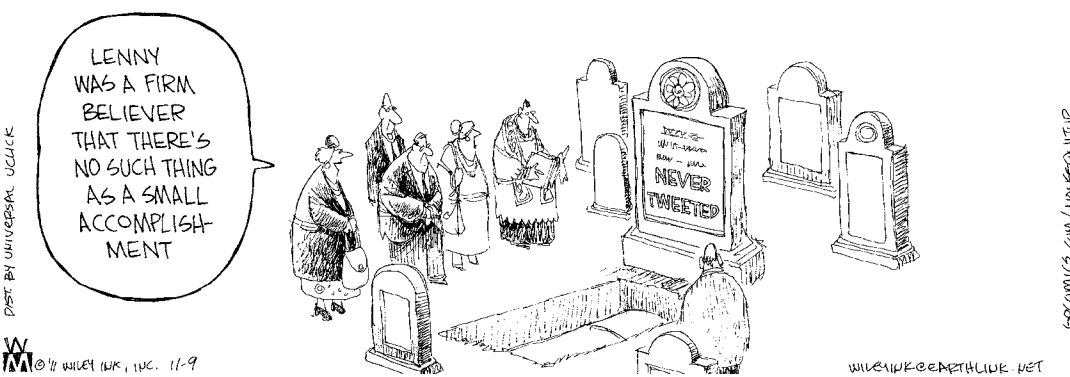
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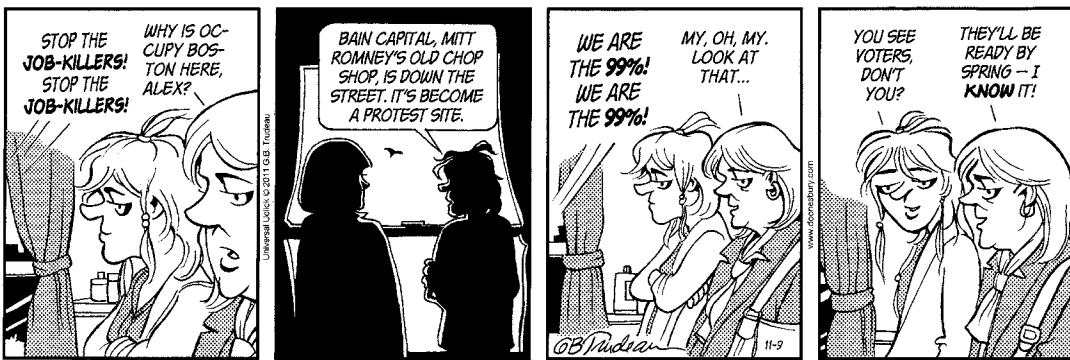
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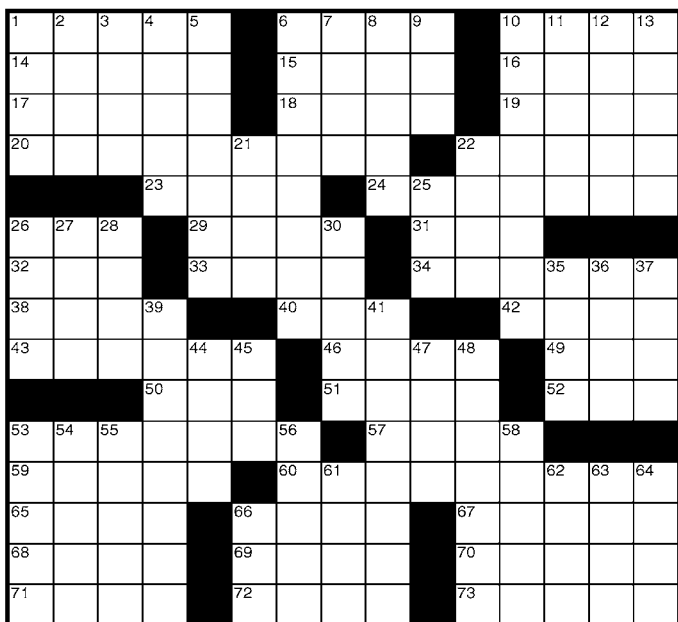


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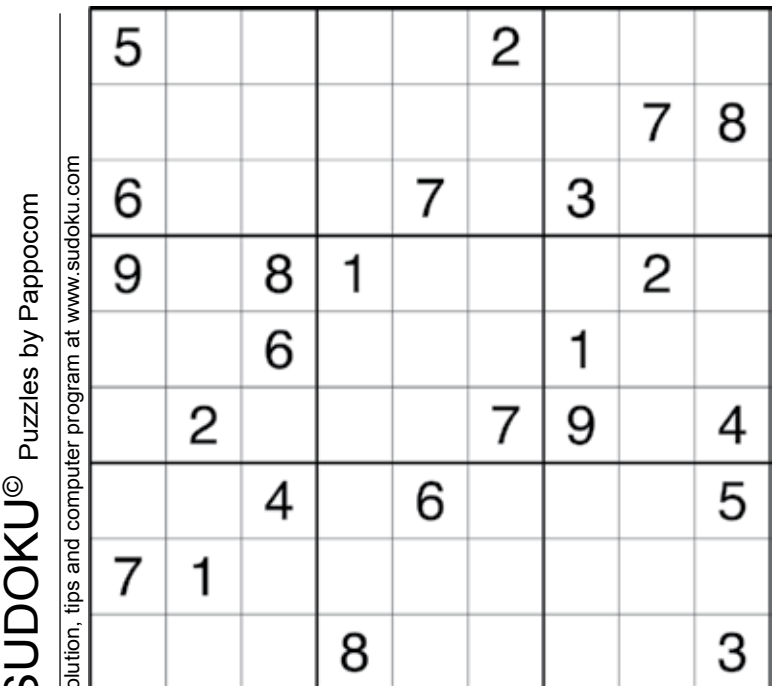
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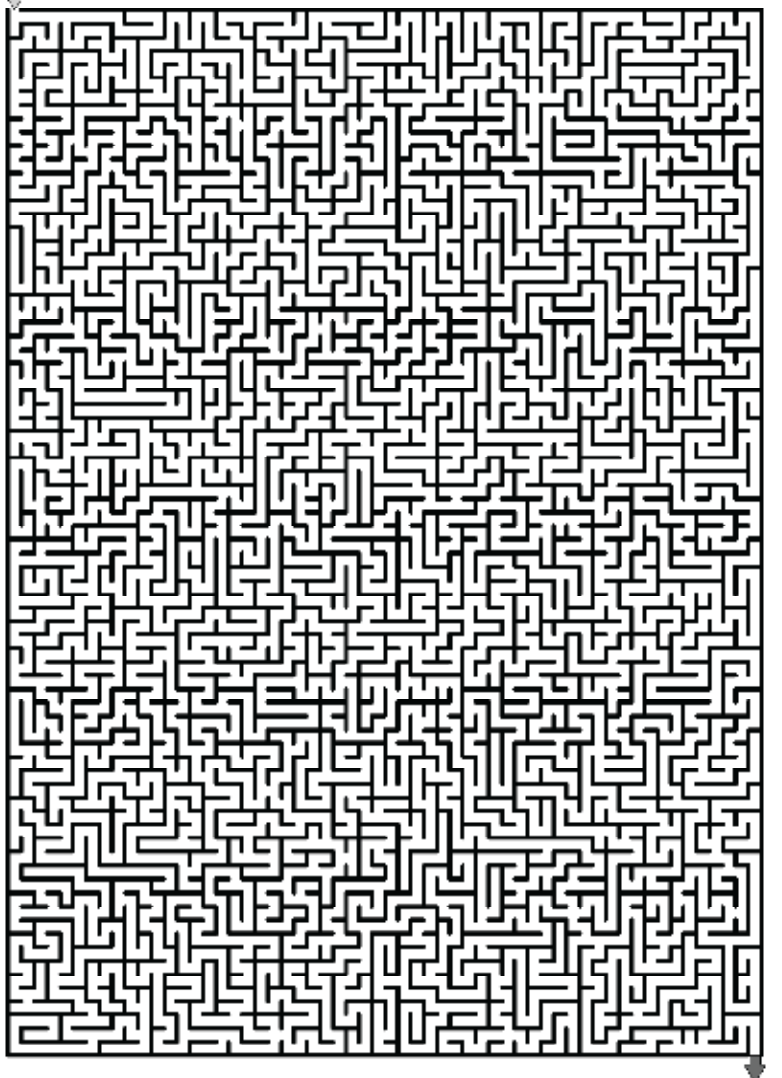
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## sports briefs

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## Getting back to the top

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## Sawyer Named Ole Miss Nominee For Conerly Trophy

Ole Miss sophomore defensive back Charles Sawyer has been nominated for the 2011 Conerly Trophy presented by C Spire Wireless, which has been awarded annually to Mississippi's top college football player since 1996.

A native of Miami, Sawyer has started every game for Ole Miss this season and is tied for fifth in the SEC and 12th in the nation with four interceptions. He boasts six career interceptions in just two years and returned an interception 96 yards for a touchdown versus BYU earlier this season.

Past Rebel winners of the Conerly Trophy, which is named for former Ole Miss and New York Giant quarterback Charlie Conerly, include Stewart Patridge (1997), Deuce McAllister (1999), Eli Manning (2001,03) and Patrick Willis (2006).

The athletics departments of each of the four-year college football programs in the state have selected the nominees for the 2011 Conerly Trophy, which include Terrence Lewis (Alcorn State), Justin Gaines (Belhaven), Micah Davis (Delta State), Casey Therriault (Jackson State), Jason O'Rear Jr. (Millsaps), Jarrad Craine (Mississippi College), Johnthan Banks Jr. (Mississippi State), Paul Cox Sr. (Mississippi Valley State) and Austin Davis (Southern Miss).

## McFarland Tabbed Pre-season All-SEC

Birmingham, Ala. — Sophomore point guard Valencia McFarland has been named to the Second Team All-SEC in the Southeastern Conference's annual preseason team selections released Tuesday.

Both First and Second Teams were selected by the league's coaches, and coaches could not vote for their own players.

McFarland, who was named to the Second Team All-SEC by the league's media late last month, is one of four starters returning for Ole Miss this year. As a freshman, she was second on the team in scoring, averaging 13.3 point per game.

## Rebel Baseball Tabbed Twice For ESPNU Thursday Night Game Of The Week

The Ole Miss baseball team will be featured twice on ESPNU as the Thursday night game of the week as part of the Southeastern Conference's television package, the league office and ESPN announced on Monday.

On Monday, Ole Miss announced that head football coach Houston Nutt would not be retained next season, as well as the retirement of Pete Boone by December 2012.

The Rebel nation was also informed that former football great Archie Manning and FedEx Executive Vice President Mike Glenn would co-chair a committee that would be responsible in finding a new Ole Miss football coach and new athletics director.

After a day to take all of this information from Monday, this could be a monumental moment in not just Ole Miss athletics, but for the university as a whole. The two men who are hired to take over such prestigious positions could alter the face of Ole Miss forever.

Ole Miss has won three national championships in football, but those came in 1959, '60 and

'62. It is 2011. The Rebels have won six Southeastern Conference championships, but the last one was in 1963. It is 2011. There is no excuse that Ole Miss has not won an SEC championship in 48 years and a national championship in 49.

Yes, Eli Manning and company came within three points of beating LSU under the direction of David Cutcliffe, which would have secured the SEC Western Division title in 2003, but in this conference, close doesn't cut it.

Cutcliffe was fired after the very next season of going 4-7. Ed Orgeron was then brought in, but after three years, he too was let go for not being able to win. Then came in Houston Nutt, who led the Rebels to back-to-back Cotton Bowls as he himself would say, "for the first time in 50 years. 50 years."

But then Nutt didn't capitalize on those two Cotton Bowl victories. He misvaluated talent and character of potential players and got put in a position where

he had a serious lack of talent in his third and fourth seasons as the head coach.

We all know the rest of the story. Back-to-back losses to Mississippi State, an embarrassing loss to Jacksonville State and 12 consecutive SEC losses, which could very well be 14 by season's end, showed the "Right Reverend Nutt" the door.

All of a sudden, things weren't so right anymore.

Now, Ole Miss can undo those miserable 50 years. Ole Miss has an opportunity to put the people in place to return the Rebels to the place they once were when legendary coach Johnny Vaught was at the helm.

There are a lot of potential candidates out there for both positions, and no one should be overlooked. If Manning and Glenn make the right hire, Ole Miss football could be something to be feared by opposing teams.

But that is not all that needs to happen.

It is also essential that the Reb-

el nation get behind its new leaders and unify for the first time in a long, long time. Because whoever the committee will hire needs your support.

The Ole Miss faithful may not agree on everything such as who the new head coach will be, a mascot or what to wear to the game and the Grove, but for everyone who knows and loves Ole Miss, there is one thing everyone agrees on — everyone wants Ole Miss to be successful on the gridiron.

Everyone wants to beat Mississippi State and LSU every single year. Everyone wants Ole Miss to compete year in, year out for SEC championships. Everyone wants Ole Miss to compete for national championships.

This is that chance.

This is that chance to make a hire that will show the country that Ole Miss means business. This is the chance to finally put everything else aside and focus one thing and one thing only: Winning.

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to more than four wins and the record speaks for itself. This year, he shuffles through three guys for five weeks. And Randall Mackey seems like he's a leader and he's talented, but it just didn't seem like he's ready right now. And it's hurt the program. The offense can't really move the ball and is one of the worst in the league. Not having consistent, good quarterback play has been a huge issue since he's been at Ole Miss.

## AM: What are realistic possibilities for Ole Miss in the SEC?

EA: I think, right away, patience is going to have to be the key for whoever is fired. This is not just for the head coach, but it's also for the athletics director and the chancellor. Ole Miss is not on the level of Alabama, LSU, Florida or Georgia. Ole Miss hasn't been really relevant since the 1950s and 1960s and that's not good at all.

Realistically, there is a lot of talent in the state of Mississippi and there is a lot of talent around the state of Mississippi. You can win at Ole Miss. It's not like this is a program that will never win again. You just have to be able to recruit in your state, somebody that will be charismatic and bring attention to the school. I thought Houston Nutt would be that guy, but it didn't seem like it. You think Ed Orgeron would be that guy, and he brought in a lot of talent, but he just wasn't a good coach.

Right now, to put Ole Miss up with the top of the SEC is ridiculous at this point. It's all about

building this program up and it's going to take time. The next person that comes in is going to have to have more than two or three good years to get this program really competitive with the LSUs and Alabamas of the world.

## AM: What is Ole Miss looking for in their next head coach? Some early names to look for?

EA: Up-and-coming guys like Kevin Sumlin and Charlie Strong, I think, could bring a lot of excitement to the program and recruit very well.

I think Charlie Strong is a guy that can definitely recruit the state of Mississippi. He coached under Billy Brewer for a year. He loves Oxford. He told me, before, that he would love to retire in Oxford. You bring him and the problem with that is he's doing well at Louisville right now and maybe there are bigger opportunities down the road for him.

Kevin Sumlin is a guy whose name's been coming out a lot with coaching moves here and there.

Or you could with a hot coordinator. Gus Malzahn is someone that everybody wants. He's an offensive genius and I think he could energize the program. Maybe Kirby Smart at Alabama. (Ole Miss) has a lot of options. With the talent around the state, someone can win. It's all about bringing in someone that's going to be able to recruit and be able to coach, and that's something Ole Miss has struggled with for a long, long time.

## AM: If you were a part of the search committee, who would be your top choice for head coach?

EA: You want somebody who's got experience and going to come

in. The thing is you don't want a quick fix. I don't think that (Ole Miss) is going to try and go after the biggest fish possible and just come in immediately and kind of do what Houston Nutt did - win his first couple of years and then figure it out. I think Charlie Strong would be a great hire for (Ole Miss).

The question is do they have enough to lure him away from Louisville, considering what he's been able to do in a year and a

half. His record hasn't been terribly great, but he's building something there, if you can pull him from that. I think he can recruit the state. He's familiar with Oxford. He's familiar with campus. I think he would be a draw. He was a great recruiter at Florida. He knows the SEC. I think that he would someone to look at. At this point, I think it's going to come down to: will he want to work elsewhere, now that he has a head coaching job?



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## Coaches react to Monday's news

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One day after Athletics Director Pete Boone and Chancellor Dan Jones announced Houston Nutt's tenure as Ole Miss head coach would end after this season's Egg Bowl, some of the assistant coaches shared their thoughts on the turn of events.

"I was surprised and disappointed because I know the amount of time and effort that has been put into it, but, if you've been in the game long enough, you know these things happen," Ole Miss defensive coordinator Tyrone Nix said after practice Tuesday.

Wide receivers coach Gunter Brewer, who came to Ole Miss this past offseason after six years of coaching at Oklahoma State, echoed a similar statement.

"It's a performance business, and we didn't perform as a staff and as a team," Brewer said after practice Tuesday. "It's not individuals; it's about a team, it's

about the university and it's about Ole Miss. It's about these players that are here, that give their life blood for this program and for an education and for what you bring them here for."

There haven't been many bright spots for Ole Miss this season, but one of those has been the play of the Rebels' wide receivers. Freshman Donte Moncrief leads the team in both receiving yards and receiving touchdowns, while fellow freshman Nick Brassell is second on the team in both those categories. Brewer talked about his group of young receivers, including Moncrief and Brassell, have handled the news.

"I've got a lot of young players, and they need guidance," he said. "I think they are disappointed because they see the progress that they've been able to make as a unit and they see that the future is bright.

"So therefore, they would like things to keep moving forward, and they think their future is

bright."

Many have wondered whether Brewer would like to stay at Ole Miss since he is the son of former Rebel head coach Billy Brewer and previously coached at Ole Miss as a graduate assistant.

"Well, I think everybody likes to be employed," Brewer said. "(Ole Miss) is a school that is close to me. It's family. Everything is about timing and everything's about the personality of the fit.

"Like coach Nutt says, he appreciates how Ole Miss has treated his family and he has daughters that graduated from here. It's a place that gave him an opportunity when he needed one and things didn't work out."

Brewer said that you do the best you can do, and if that is not good enough, at the end of the day, just know you have peace with yourself because you did what was right.

It's that kind of loyalty that was on display at Monday's press conference. Secondary coach Keith Burns, who also came to Ole Miss this past offseason, stood up for Nutt, whom he also served under as defensive coordinator at Arkansas from 1998 and 1999.

"This may not be protocol in this situation, but I love you like a brother," Burns said. "I'll say this: I worked under Lou Holtz and played for him, hall of famer. I worked for Dick Tomey, hall of famer. I worked for John Robinson, hall of famer. I worked for Bill Snyder, hall of famer. You are the best of all of them."

As Ole Miss heads into Saturday's game against Louisiana



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Defensive coordinator Tyrone Nix and secondary coach Keith Burns roam the sidelines in a game against Georgia earlier this season.

Tech, Nix said that even with the announcement that happened on Monday, Tuesday's practice was "business as usual."

"We tried to come out and get better," he said. "We tried to teach,

we tried to communicate and tell the guys the game plan and they seemed to have a positive attitude. The attitude of the kids today was great. I think they'll keep competing."

## ESPN's Aschoff talks Houston Nutt and the future of Ole Miss football

*The Daily Mississippian Sports Editor Austin Miller recently caught up with ESPN.com's SEC blogger Edward Aschoff. The Oxford native discusses Houston Nutt's four seasons in Oxford and what the future holds for Ole Miss football, including his top choice for new head coach.*

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**AUSTIN MILLER: What are your overall thoughts on the Houston Nutt's four seasons at Ole Miss?**

**EDWARD ASCHOFF:** I think things started off better than anybody could have ever imagined with back-to-back Cotton Bowl victories. He was the king of town. People loved Houston Nutt, and he was really engaging. He fit in well with the community and was exactly what a team like that needed at the time after the disaster with Ed Orgeron.

The problem that he had was he

didn't recruit as well as Orgeron did. He won with a lot of Orgeron's players. When it came time for him to recruit, he struggled. He lost the battle in the state of Mississippi to Dan Mullen his first year he was there. I don't think Ole Miss really recovered from that. He (recruited) well this year. He brought in his best class. A lot of recruiting mistakes really hurt him the last couple of seasons and it finally caught up to him.

As well as he did this year in recruiting, it was way too much for him to get out of it. You can't get blown out by Vanderbilt and Kentucky in the same year and expect to keep your job. It's just unheard of in the SEC these. I think it was time to make a change and a change throughout. Not just Houston Nutt, but the athletics director as well.

**AM: Where did it go wrong**

**for Houston Nutt?**

**EA:** I think one of the main things is that he could never find a consistent quarterback. Jevan Snead started off his career with Houston Nutt pretty rocky, then he had the game against Florida and everything changes. People are talking about him being a possible Heisman candidate in his second year under Nutt and things just fell apart for him. He was a guy that people thought would be a top-10 pick and he was never drafted. I think that was a huge hit for him.

The Jeremiah Masoli experiment didn't work out. I don't think what happened with the entire offense last year can really be blamed totally on Jeremiah Masoli. He wasn't a good enough quarterback to really lead this team

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