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Homecoming Queen, Maggie Day, and Miss Ole Miss, Natalie Wood, read 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' to children in the Union during 'A Grand Ole Christmas.' The event was sponsored by the Student Programming Board.

ASB president rejects Green Fund legislation

BY JON HAYWOOD

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On Wednesday, Associated Student Body President Taylor McGraw rejected legislation for the Green Fund, which would have initiated student-led environmental sustainability projects in addition to the university's sustainability initiatives.

The legislation, which was approved by the ASB Senate, stated the university's current model for sustainability projects were unattainable unless a consistent source of funding was made available.

McGraw said that he supports the concept of the Green Fund, but he is concerned about the legislation's funding mechanism.

"In principle, I am not a fan of mandatory student fees for narrow purposes," McGraw said. "I like green projects, I really do, but I also think student programming, student organizations, student recreation, and I could go down the list, could use more money. A voluntary fee is a different story. I'm all for those."

Taylor Cook, a member of Campus for Clean Energy said she believes McGraw's concerns are viable.

"Taylor (McGraw) has been a very supportive and receptive to us as a student group so far, and I hope that he will continue to show his leadership by empowering students to make change, being a voice for us to administration, not the voice of administration, and help us move this forward to the administration who can help to make those more complicated implementation decisions, as only they can," Cook said.

McGraw said he wants to see more specifics in the legislation instead of general topics, such as increasing clean energy usage and reducing carbon emissions.

"The Green Fund committee has done a ton of awesome work, but before the ASB pushes the university to commit to a Green Fund, I'd like to know exactly what the top priorities will be," McGraw said.

The legislation included four options. One of the options would have created a student fee, which McGraw does not support. Another option would have allowed students to opt in to the system, with the university matching student funds. McGraw said the university-matching option would probably not work because student participation would fluctuate over time, which is not practical in terms of the university's budget process.

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Principal Corps shaping future leaders in k-12 schools

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The University of Mississippi has taken another step toward leadership with Principal Corps, a one-of-a-kind training program with benefits stretching in several directions.

"Principal Corps is a program that is designed for educators who have a desire to be principals," Susan McClelland, director of Principal Corps, said.

"This program was designed to create a different kind of leader. It was designed to create an instructional leader because we know and we understand how important the role of a principal is in the school."

Only 10 to 12 applicants are accepted into the program each year. The current class, which includes Benjamin Barlow of Jackson,

Matt Buchanan of Pearl, Courtney Van Cleve of Lyon, Morgan Dean of Cleveland, Patrick Doyle of Marks, Kim Luckett of Madison, Felicia Brown Pollard of Pontotoc and Cody Shumaker of Cleveland, according to an article on Ole Miss Zing, is the third Principal Corps class at the University of Mississippi. With this class, the program will have seen 30 current or future Mississippi principals.

For the lucky few who are accepted into the program, the principals-in-training are able to learn firsthand while interning at different schools, and they are also mentored by the principals of those schools. The school districts, in exchange, get another set of eyes and an accountability partner for each facility that hosts an intern.

"In this day of accountability and higher academic standards, our principals need to be instructional leaders," McClelland said.
"They need to know and understand curriculum. They need to be experts in not only the design of the curriculum, but also the methodology of instruction."

The largest recipient of the Principal Corps benefits is the state of Mississippi. McClelland said thanks to a generous donation by the Barksdale Foundation, each Principal Corps graduate has a \$10,000 incentive to stay in the state – a feature that sets the Ole Miss Principal Corps apart from every other principal training program in the country.

Chris Chism, a 2010 Principal Corps graduate and current assistant principal at New Albany High School, said he was already planning to teach in Mississippi, but the \$10,000 signing bonus helped him get his family back on their feet financially after the pay

cut he had to take in order to participate in the program.

To be eligible, each student must have worked at least three years as a teacher in Mississippi, according to McClelland. Chism, who was the head baseball coach at Hernando High School for four years prior to applying for Principal Corps, said despite the pay cut, the internship was well worth it.

"Without the internship, I don't know that I would be ready to step in as assistant principal; there may have been a few years that I would need to get my feet on the ground wherever I ended up," said Chism, who interned in the South Panola school district. "Going the internship route, it's a totally different situation. We had some really good mentor principals that led us in the right direction."

McClelland said the program is set up so that applicants from all over the state can realistically participate, despite it being based in Oxford. Every three weeks, each student must travel to the main Ole Miss Campus for face-to-face class time. In between, they intern at two schools, each of different grade levels, so as to get experience and mentorship in a variety of atmospheres, according to Mc-Clelland.

While the expectations for each student in Principal Corps are outstanding and difficult, especially for the many who have families, Barlow, current member of the 2011 corps, said the achievements outweigh the sacrifices.

"This is the challenge that was laid before us at the onset of our program: to create momentum towards substantial and sustainable growth in achievement in Missis-

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THURSDAY FACE-OFF

Each Thursday, The DM pits one columnist against another. This week we focus on Representative Frank's retirement.

Rep. Frank's retirement a sad day for Congressional Democrats



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Democrats in Congress will lose a strong ally at the end of the term, with the retirement of Rep. Barney Frank. A longtime liberal Democrat from Massachusetts, Frank's retirement comes at a time when his district's boundaries are being redrawn, and when he is entering old age, currently 71 years

Critics have noted that Frank's main reason for retiring is because of the redistricting in Massachusetts. Critics believe that by retiring, Frank is avoiding the risk of losing re-election and dealing with new constituents. This belief is a ploy by the Republican Party to gain publicity in the area. Frank is simply retiring because he has reached that stage in his life.

Sure, redistricting plays a role in his decision, but redistricting was immense stress that comes from

not the main factor in his decision to retire.

It's ridiculous to say that Frank is retiring because he's afraid of losing to a Republican. He has more than 30 years of legislative experience under his belt. How could any potential Republican candidate take down Barney Frank? It's nearly impossible.

Being 71 years old and a U.S. representative is no easy task. The long hours, high stress and public scrutiny all weigh heavily on the body and soul.

Now, I'm certainly not saying that every 70-something-year-old person in America should retire or that once you reach this age you are no longer capable of working. However, someone who's reached 71 should not have to deal with the

being a U.S. representative.

Furthermore, it becomes harder for Frank to relate to his constituents as he gets older and possibly more out of touch. Frank has run a long and successful journey, but it's now time to give way to a younger, more in-touch leader. All good things must eventually come

While Frank's retirement will hopefully bring him relaxation and vacation, it will only bring more struggles to the Democrats, the minority party, in the House of Representatives.

Frank's retirement leaves a great void in Congressional Democratic

During his tenure in office, Frank has been a proponent of civil rights, affirmative action legislation and pro-choice matters, as well as environmental protection

Frank has also been, at times, a powerful and essential negotiator between Democrats and Republicans. He has helped make strides in gender equality as an openly gay congressman, as well, and he is known for his work as chairman of the House Financial Services Committee during the most recent economic downturn.

Frank is a powerful and very successful congressman. His tenure in office should be remembered for his work in policy and legislative matters, not his reasoning for re-

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Frank's retirement is a cop-out



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In politics, re-election runs the show. Decisions are made and votes are cast with an eye on reelection and how much impact the decision or vote will have on a constituent's views. For some politicians, it does not matter what decisions they make because they will always be re-elected if the district remains the same.

Barney Frank is one such politi-

He had the 4th district in Massachusetts locked down for 32 years. However, with the new district map, the 4th district will look very different. As a result, Frank has announced his plans to retire, citing the change in the district as his primary reason. He goes on to explain that he is too old to campaign to so many new faces, and he never liked raising money for campaigning anyway.

said for a moment because we all know politicians can be trusted for every word they say. Instead, let us focus on the circumstances surrounding his decision to step down from his position.

Frank has become the 17th Democrat in the House to decide not to run for re-election. Eight are aiming for higher positions while nine, including Frank, are announcing retirement. Only seven Republicans are not seeking re-election in the House and all are eveing higher positions.

Those numbers hint to the opposite of Nancy Pelosi's claims, which are statements that the Democrats are poised to retake the House majority. If the Democrats believed that truly possible, then why are so many willingly giving up their seats?

As America saw this past year. Let us disregard what Frank has in a special election in Massa- ments, Frank admits that redis- ford.

chusetts, a vacant Democrat seat, even one in such a liberal state, is up for grabs by Republicans. It is easier for the Republicans to win an open seat rather than win an election against an incumbent. However, it looks better for the Democrats if the Republicans win an open seat rather than ousting an incumbent. Maybe this was weighing on Frank's mind?

As influential as Frank has been in his years in Congress for the Democrats, one would not expect him to truly be at risk to lose his seat. However, with the redistricting, Frank loses his largest stronghold, replacing it with many counties that went red in the 2010 special election. If Frank were to lose, it would be because of the redistricting more than anything

In interviews and public state-

tricting did play a major role in his decision to retire, though he gives it credit for other reasons. He dodges his fear of losing by placing the reason for his retirement on small things, but why are the reasons coming up now?

All the conditions of Frank's previous campaign are the same now, with the exception of the redistricting.

If the outcome is different based off a single variable, then that variable is the cause of the difference. It appears Frank is not telling the truth about his reasons for retirement.

So the saying goes: "How can you tell if a politician is lying? His lips are moving."

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The twittering teen and the governor



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Well, at least this time a scandal involving a politician, a young girl and a Twitter account didn't involve risque or inappropriate pictures.

However, when 18-year-old high school senior Emma Sullivan was visiting the Kansas state capitol and tweeted her thoughts about Gov. Sam Brownback, namely that she thought "he sucked," the kerfuffle that ensued was unimaginable.

Sullivan was touring the Kansas state capitol as part of a Youth in Government program run through her high school. While lurking in the back of the group, Sullivan sent a tweet to her then-65 followers "just made mean comments at gov. brownback and told him he sucked, in person #heblowsalot."

While she probably could have gone with a more creative hashtag and her punctu-

ation leaves something to be desired, it sounds like she was expressing a valid opinion on a politician and public figure. However, in a move that would make Nixon proud, Brownback's staff monitors Twitter for all mentions of the governor's name and responds accordingly.

In this case, the staff used a tactic straight from the play-ground and told on Sullivan to her high school principal. Sullivan was then called into the principal's office and had to write an apology letter to Brownback.

She refused to write the letter. After the public outcry over the incident, both the principal and the governor have backtracked.

The intersection between freedom of speech and schools has always been a relationship fraught with tension, weighed on one end by the school's need to discipline students and on the other by the student's constitutional rights.

The landmark case on this issue, Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District, held that schools may only restrict student speech if they have a rea-

sonable expectation that the speech will cause a substantial disruption. However, the rise of social media has blurred the lines of what speech-related issues schools can or cannot discipline students for. With the Supreme Court recently declining to hear a case about a student who blogged criticisms of her teachers and the circuits currently split on the issue, this area is a legal wilderness.

However, this seems to be a clear-cut issue. Sullivan was tweeting about her political viewpoints, a perfectly legitimate, if not eloquent expression. When asked later to clarify why she felt the way she did, she was upset that he had cut all state funding for the arts.

Apparently funding a social media police is a pricey undertaking. Her opinions are completely in line with most Kansans. Brownback currently has a 52 percent disapproval rating. If Brownback is going to continue in politics, he's going to need to develop a thicker skin. Sullivan couldn't have been the only one in the Twitterverse that day tweeting disparaging

remarks about Brownback – what was his staff's response to those tweets?

If the tweet of an 18-yearold girl can reduce you to lashing out at her for her opinion, what does that say about your authority? If Sullivan is going to be in trouble, she should be in trouble for using her phone at an inappropriate time. She should not be punished for the content of the tweet.

Should Sullivan be reprimanded? Yes, but she should be reprimanded for being a brat, lurking at the back of a presentation and tweeting on her phone instead of listening respectfully. I

will defend Sullivan's right to express her political viewpoints, just as long as she waits until she's back on the school bus to do so.

We need to protect the speech rights of students, but we must also take the time to teach them that there is a time and a place for the expression.

Just because you can tweet something instantaneously from your iPhone doesn't mean you should.

And maybe, along the way, we could also teach them more articulate criticism than #blowsalot.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Debbie Sutherlin's letter to the editor published Nov. 29, which states that it is a "shame" that people would leave the football game before it is over.

I feel the need to remind Ms. Sutherlin that football is not a required event, it is merely entertainment.

I choose to watch football because I enjoy it, and once I stop enjoying what I'm watching, I have no reason to continue watching it.

It is just like buying a product that no longer continues to serve its purpose, so you stop using it or get rid of it.

Often football is treated with such reverence and respect that we forget that it is an extracurricular activity.

Many schools do not even



have a football program, or even athletics programs at all.

Our university chooses to field athletic teams to enhance the collegiate experience, but it is by no means required to do so

Ms. Sutherlin also says that fans should have stayed the whole game to support the players who had to continue to play for all 60 minutes, but if Ms. Sutherlin is truly concerned about respecting our student athletes, I am curious if she would show the same outrage at the extremely low attendance reported by every other sport that the university

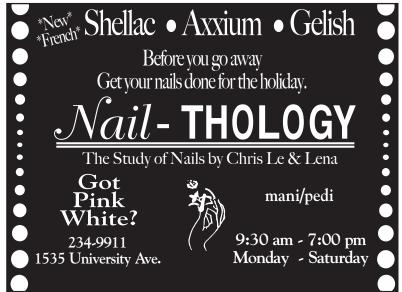
fields other than football, basketball and baseball, especially women's sports.

Football is not inherently a better sport than all others, it merely happens to be more popular in this area.

If I am going to pay hundreds of dollars to participate in the experience of a football game, then I have every right to leave early to protect the sanctity and utility of my investment.

Kaylen Addison Senior

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Rebels seek to exorcise Blue Demons in SEC/Big East Challenge



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Freshman guard Jarvis Summers dribbles up court in this past Friday's 64-61 overtime win against Miami

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The Ole Miss basketball team returns to action tonight for the first time since their 64-61 overtime victory this past Friday over Miami.

The Rebels are set to face the DePaul Blue Demons in the Big East/SEC Challenge from Allstate Arena in Chi-

cago. This is the second time Ole Miss has participated in this inter-conference competition. In 2008, the Rebels lost 77-68 to No. 9 Louisville on a neutral site in Cincinnati,

The overtime victory over the Hurricanes pushed the Rebels' record to 5-1, and the Blue Demons enter tonight's game at 4-1. This past week, DePaul competed in the Old Spice Classic, in which the Blue Demons finished in fifth place with wins over Texas Tech and Arizona and a onepoint loss to Minnesota, in which they held a double-digit lead in the second half.

DePaul is under the direction of second-year head coach Oliver Purnell, who Ole Miss faced during the 2007-08 season while he was the head coach at Clemson. The Tigers entered the game undefeated and ranked 15th in the nation, and the Rebels pulled the upset 85-82 to claim the San Juan Shootout title in Puerto Rico.

Purnell's team features a high-pressure defense, which is something Ole Miss head coach Andy Kennedy said he would like to handle better.

"It is the key to the game," Kennedy said Tuesday afternoon. "It is going to be 94 feet of pressing, a lot of open floor opportunities, which comes down to us making good decisions with the basketball, something we have not done as frequently as I would have hoped through six games. Our decision-making has to be good, we have to be strong with the ball and we have to take advantage of open-floor opportunities. Those are all areas that we have not played up to the ability that I feel we are capable of."

While the Rebels traveled to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands to play three games over the Thanksgiving holiday, tonight's matchup will be the first true road test in a hostile environment. How the freshmen, particularly point ! guard Jarvis Summers, who continued from page 1 has started the last two games, react will be something to watch tonight.

"It will be a new experience for them no question," Kennedy said.

"For us having been away from home, even though the crowd is not that big of a factor when you are in a neutralsite game, the fact that we played in an unfamiliar environment will help those guys, so that it is not as big of a transition. Most of the time, however, when you play your first true road game, especially against a team from the Big East, there will be challenges for these young guys."

The Rebels and Blue Demons are set to tip off from the Windy City tonight at 8 p.m., and the game will be televised nationally on ESPNU.

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sippi's educational system," Barlow said. "The hope is that as UM grooms leaders, and as these leaders gain jobs at the building level, that PC-trained principals will lead the way in this endeavor as they populate school buildings statewide."

Thus far, with only three classes, the Ole Miss Principal Corps has been making great advances toward that goal. Charles Garrett, the New Albany School District superintendent, said he has been impressed with the quality of interns who have been placed in his schools.

"They bring the technology edge oftentimes, and they bring enthusiasm," Garrett said. "They have a very positive impact on the district. We would welcome more interns, absolutely."

Garrett also said that, depending on position availability, he takes favor to Principal Corps graduates when hiring for his school district.

With the implementation of principal training, each applicant gives up their classroom time. McClelland said that instead of perfecting a particular subject, these students must learn leadership and deductive reasoning skills, as well as build enough confidence to make difficult, sound decisions. Barlow said that while he misses teaching, he has found new joys in leadership.

"There are days when I am overwhelmed with the steep learning curve required in order for me to fashion myself as a wellrounded, job-ready school leader, as the position requires an enormous amount of savvy, knowledge and a deep understanding of human behavior in order to be a success," Barlow said.

"However, most days are filled with incredibly rich experiences that I would never have known had I not taken a chance, left the safety of my classroom and entered PC."

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"I think the way to go is to make a case to administrators during the annual budget process for why we need X amount of dollars for X projects," he said. "Weigh the Green Fund idea against everything else and try to establish it as a priority."

McGraw said he could not sign the bill because each of the proposed options included a measure that he did not support. An ASB senate committee will need to re-daft legislation for McGraw's approval.

The ASB Senate can bypass McGraw's rejection with a twothirds vote to get the legislation to the chancellor.

McGraw does believe, however, that the issues with the legislation can be resolved, and everyone involved can move forward.



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SEC Football Power Poll: End of regular season

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1. LSU (12-0, 8-0 SEC, 1st last week):



LSU all but locked up a spot in the BCS National Championship with a 41-17 trouncing of Arkansas, the Tigers' third win over a top-three team this season. In all, LSU has beaten seven top-25 team by an average margin of victory of more than 20 points. Despite trailing 14-0 early in the second quarterback, the Tigers outgained the Razorbacks 494-254, including 286-47 on the ground. Sophomore defensive back Tyrann Mathieu was the player of the game, tying the game on an electrifying 92-yard punt return for a touchdown, forcing two fumbles and recovering one of the them. LSU looks to keep its perfect season intact when they play Georgia in Saturday's SEC Champinoship.

This week: vs. Georgia (10-2, 7-1 SEC), 3 p.m., CBS

2. Alabama (11-1, 7-1 SEC, 2nd last week):



The Crimson Tide punctuated the regular season with a 42-14 romp on the Plains of Auburn behind junior running back Trent Richardson, sophomore quarterback AJ McCarron and nation's top defense (at least statistically). Richardson rushed for a careerhigh 203 on 27 carries and position himself in the thick of the Heisman race. McCarron completed 18 of 23 passes for 184 yards and three touchdowns. The defense, meanwhile, held Auburn's offense scoreless, limited the Tigers to just 140 yards of total offense and forced two turnovers. The Crimson Tide sit in good shape at No. 2 in the latest BCS Standing, but one-loss Oklahoma State looms at No. 3 in the standings.

3. Arkansas (10-2, 6-2 SEC, 3rd last week):



For the first time, seemingly all season, the Razorbacks got off to a good start, taking a 14-0 lead at LSU, before the Tigers pulled away for a 41-17 win. Arkansas gained just 47 yards on thee ground, but junior quarterback Tyler Wilson completed 14 of 22 passes for 207 yards and a touchdown. However, the Tigers ran all over the Razorbacks for 286 yards. Arkansas is headed for a January bowl game, most likely the Cotton Bowl. The story from the game was head coach Bobby Petrino's exchange of words with LSU head coach Les Miles, as well as a less-than-graceful handshake after the game.

4. Georgia (10-2, 7-1 SEC, 4th last week):



The Bulldogs ride a 10-game winning streak, the third longest in the nation behind undefeated LSU and Houston, into this Saturday's SEC Championship against those same Tigers. Both offenses gained more than 350 yards of total offense, but sophomore quarterback Aaron Murray made all the difference in a 31-17 win at Georgia Tech. Murray completed 19 of 29 passes for 252 yards and four touchdowns. Freshman running back Isaiah Crowell missed the game, but is expected back for the SEC Championship. Saturday also marks Georgia's first meeting with of the "Big Three" of LSU, Alabama and Arkansas this season.

This week: vs. LSU (12-0, 8-0 SEC),

5. South Carolina (10-2, 6-2 SEC, 5th last week):



The Gamecocks won't be playing in the SEC Championship this Saturday, but ended the regular season with a bang, a 34-13 win over Clemson in the battle of the Palmetto State. A perfectly balanced offense (210 passing yards and 210 rushing yards) led South Carolina, while the defense held Clemson to just 153 yards of total offense. Sophomore quarterback Connor Shaw starred through the air and on the ground, completing 14 of 20 passes for 210 yards, rushing for 107 yards on 19 carries and accounting for four total touchdowns. With the win, the Gamecocks have won 10 games for just the second time in program history.

6. Auburn (7-5, 4-4 SEC, 6th last week):



A year removed from a National Championship, the Tigers are a shell of their former shelves, ending the regular season with a 42-14 blowout loss to Alabama. Auburn was outgained 397-140 and did not score an offensive touchdown. One score came on a fumble recovery for a touchdown and the other on a kickoff return for a touchdown. Sophomore quarterback Clint Moseley completed 11 of 18 passes for just 62 yards with an interception, while sophomore running back Michael Dyer managed just 48 yards on 13 carries. After some early rumors, it looks like offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn will remain on The Plains.

7. Florida (6-6, 3-5 SEC, 7th last week):



In a game of two Nick Saban proteges, Jimbo Fisher and Will Muschamp, Florida State won an ugly 21-7 game in the Swamp. The Seminoles and Gators combined for five turnovers and just 279 yards of total offense. Florida outgained Florida State 184-95, but turned the ball over four times - all interceptions and three by senior quarterback John Brantley. It was not the first season Muschamp had in mind and, while he's not yet on the hot seat, the Florida faithful has grown restless after the Gators' worst regular season since 1987.

8. Vanderbilt (6-6, 2-6 SEC, 8th last week):



near-misses against Georgia, Arkansas, Florida and, most recently Tennessee, the Commodores got a signature win and earned bowl eligibility with a 41-7 rout at Wake Forest. Vanderbilt is going bowling for the first time since 2008 and just the second time since 1982, quite an accomplishment under first-year head coach James Franklin. Success against the Demon Deacons started on the ground, where they racked up 297 rushing yards, led by junior Zac Stacy with 184 yards on 28 carries. Franklin is building something special in Nashville and is reportedly working on a new contract, but his name has been linked with open jobs, notably the one at North Carolina.

9. Mississippi State (6-6, 2-6 SEC, 9th last week):



It was the Bulldogs' most impressive performance since, perhaps, a 59-14 season-opening win at Memphis. Mississippi State dominated Ole Miss 31-3 in the Egg Bowl, making it three straight wins in the series and earning bowl eligibility in the process. A lot of hype surrounded this year's game, complete with gold numbers and #hailstate in one of the end zone, and the Bulldogs scored the first 28 points of the game. Mississippi State racked up 247 yards on the ground, led by senior running back Vick Ballard with 144 yards on 23 carries. What to watch for in Starkville, however, are the swirling Dan Mullen-to-Penn State rumors.

10. Kentucky (5-7, 2-6 SEC, 10th last week):



The Wildcats may not be going bowling this season, but may have saved head coach Joker Phillips' job with a 10-7 win over Tennessee. It was Kentucky's first win in the series since 1984, snapping 26-game losing streak and, not surprisingly, the Big Blue Nation stormed the field afterwards. With junior Morgan Newton and freshman Maxwell Smith sidelined, senior wide receiver Matt Roark got the start at quarterback and rushed for 124 yards on 24 carries. Junior running back CoShik Williams added 68 yards on 21 carries, including a six-yard touchdown run, and the defense forced three turnovers for the Wildcats.

11. Tennessee (5-7, 1-7 SEC, 11th last week):



The Big Orange Nation, on the other hand, is reeling after a 10-7 loss to rival Kentucky. With a bowl game on the line, the Volunteers turned the ball over three times and were outgained 202-61 on the ground. Sophomore quarterback Tyler Bray, who returned from injury against Vanderbilt, threw for 215 yards, but completed just 15 of 38 passes and also threw two interceptions. Trailing 10-0 in the fourth quarter, Bray found sophomore running back Raijon Neal for a 53yard touchdown, but it was not enough. It's just the second time in the past two decade Tennessee is not going to a bowl game and the first back-to-back losing seasons in a century.

12. Ole Miss (2-10, 0-8 | SEC, 12th last week):



The 2011 season is mercifully over for outgoing head coach Houston Nutt, the players and the Ole Miss fan base. It ended with a 31-3 loss at Mississippi State, the Rebels' worst loss to the Bulldogs since 1919. That's not to mention the program's first two-win season since 1946, a school-record 14-game SEC losing streak and the program's first-ever 10-loss season. With that said, it can go only go up from here for the new head coach and his staff. The right hire is a must to turn the program around, as well as re-unite and energize the fan base.

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LEACH AGREES TO COACH WASHINGTON STATE

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Mike Leach is bringing his high-powered passing offense - and swashbuckling style - to long-dormant Washington State

The school said Wednesday that the pirate-loving former Texas Tech coach agreed in principle to a five-year contract. He will be introduced Tuesday at a news conference in Pullman.

Leach will be paid a base annual salary of \$2 million, with supplemental income of \$250,000 a year, plus performance incentives, Athletic Director Bill Moos said.

The 50-year-old Leach was 84-43 at Texas Tech, leading the Red Raiders to 10 bowl appearances in 10 seasons. He was fired in 2009 amid allegations he mistreated a player with a concussion.

He replaces Paul Wulff, who was fired Tuesday after four losing seasons.

"I have always admired the tradition of Washington State," Leach said in a statement. "It's a university on the move that is experiencing growth. I'm excited about what they are doing with the facilities and it's a team that has battled through some hard times and shows great promise in the future.

"I'm proud to be a part of this team."

OLE MISS INVITED TO HAWAII TOURNAMENT IN 2012

OXFORD — The Ole Miss men's basketball team has been selected to participate in the 2012 Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic in late December 2012, it was recently announced.

Seven of the eight teams have been announced for the fourth annual holiday tournament to be held at the Stan Sheriff Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Competing alongside the Rebels will be 2011 NCAA Tournament teams Arizona and San Diego State, Classic host Hawaii, and Miami (Fla.), San Francisco and Texas Tech.

The 2012 Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic is an eight-team men's college basketball tournament, which will feature 12 games over three days. Each team will compete in one game per day, advancing through a bracket-tournament format. The two teams that remain undefeated throughout will face off in a championship match.



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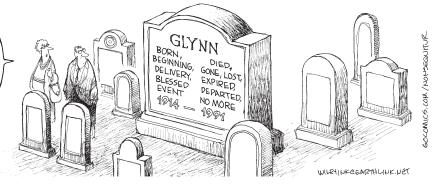
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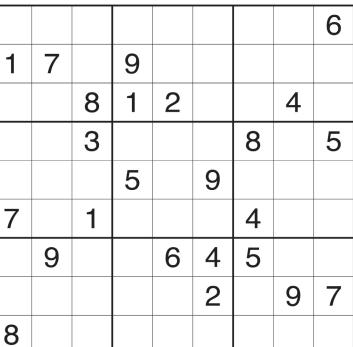
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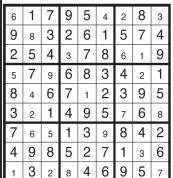


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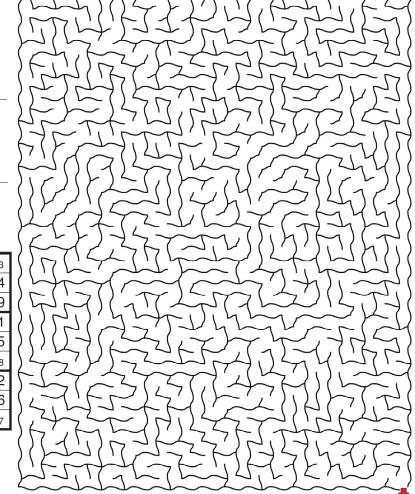


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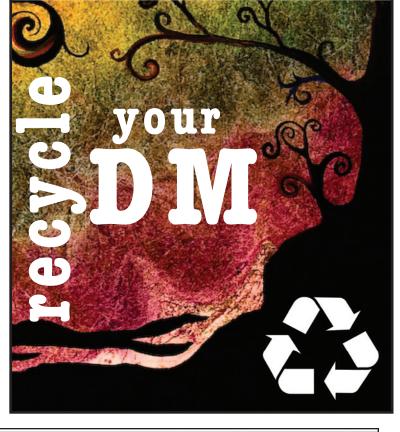
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