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New off-campus cottage housing to be available for students

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Construction has begun on a \$36 million off-campus, collegiate housing community a mile west of the University of Mississippi campus. With the steady influx of new students, this "cottage-style" community will provide more housing options to those looking for residence in Oxford.

The construction, expected to be finished by Fall 2013, will consist of 160 residential homes with 668 beds. Each cottage will feature a private bathroom for each bedroom, high-speed Internet/cable and appliances, along with other amenities like a multi-tiered swimming pool, fitness center, tanning beds and sand volley-ball.

EdR has made agreements with Landmark Properties to develop, own and manage the housing community. EdR will be the 70 percent majority owner and will manage the community. Landmark Properties is developing and constructing the housing, which will be owned jointly by the



AUSTIN MCAFEE | The Daily Mississippian

New housing at Taylor Bend is being built in Oxford. The new complex will offer more housing options to students living off campus.

two companies.

The need for more student housing correlates with the rise in student enrollment. The Fall 2011 enrollment of 16,586 was the largest in the

Oxford campus' history and represents a 7 percent increase over the Fall 2010 enrollment. Since 2000, overall enrollment at Ole Miss has increased by 45 percent, representing an

average annual increase of approximately 475 students.

Based on previous enrollment statistics and trends, EdR

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New Baptist Hospital plans put on hold



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Baptist Memorial Hospital

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Plans for Baptist Memorial Hospital's expansion may be on hold again after a petition of objection was filed before a hearing April 3 at the Lafayette County Chancery Court. The hearing concerned whether to allow the annexation of land south of Oxford.

Landowners Robert and Beth King filed a motion asking the court to annex 160 acres into city limits in February. Sev-

eral others who own part of the land have since joined the request. The property is located northwest of the Shiloh Place subdivision and west of the current hospital. The land is surrounded on three sides by Oxford city limits and sits in unincorporated Lafayette County. Although there is no official offer or contract, the landowners were hoping to sell their land to Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation for the new hospital facility. The property is one of a few properties still being considered.

During the summer, Baptist Memorial Hospital bought out its lease to start plans to construct a new facility because the hospital has outgrown its current 12.6-acre space. The new \$300 million regional hospital is supposed to be built within city limits and is expected to be finished by 2015.

Baptist Memorial filed an objection, citing that the annexation was unnecessary on the morning of the hearing. It also states that the description

of the land and map in the motion does not accurately reflect the proposed annexation area. Both sides have 30 days to submit any other motions for the case. At the end of the 30-day period, another court hearing will be scheduled. The ultimate decision will be made by the chancery court judge.

The Oxford Board of Aldermen voted last month to allow city attorney Pope Mallette to notify the court that it will not object to the annexation request

Law school to host panel on Trayvon Martin case

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The University of Mississippi School of Law will host a panel discussion on the controversy surrounding the killing of Florida teenager Trayvon Martin tonight at 5 p.m. in Room 1078 of the Robert C. Khayat Law Center.

The panel discussion, titled "The Trayvon Martin Case: A Discussion," will feature law school professors Michele Alexandre, Richard Barnes, Michael Hoffheimer and Valena Beety, as well as Charles Mitchell, an attorney and assistant dean of the Meek School of Journalism

The panel will focus on the role of the national media, the Florida "stand your ground" law, civil rights, race and issues of criminal procedure.

Martin, 17, was shot and killed by neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, 28, on Feb. 26 as he walked home from a convenience store. Police did not arrest Zimmerman, who said he shot Martin in self-defense.

Law student Ashley Hudson said the "stand your ground" law allows for a person to use deadly force against another with no threat of imminent danger pending. Hudson said she believes it is a dangerous law that allows for a person to murder without cause or recourse.

"As people, we need to learn to not speculate and assume based on stereotypes but find a way to show respect for another human being, simply because they are a human being," Hudson said.

"The quicker we do this, the quicker we can stop tragedies like this from happening."

Following the two-hour panel discussion and a question-and-answer session, participants will march from the law school to Paris-Yates Chapel to light a candle in memory of Martin.

Law students request that participants wear a hoodie for the march, despite weather conditions.

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Where are all the jobs?



BY ADAM BLACKWELL ablackwe@olemiss.edu

Two weeks ago, I began the long, arduous journey that every college student must take — the job hunt. Now, I'm certainly not to the point of looking for a permanent, career-type job. I just need something to do, so my parents see the reasoning in spending my summer in good 'ole Oxford town.

As any job-seeker would, I have some basic minimum requirements: a paying job, reasonable schedule and something that fits in well with my

resume. Oh, I'd also like to one time, think outside of the work inside since it's so darn hot here in the summer. I don't think those expectations are too high.

You would think that Oxford is a town bustling with summer jobs. However, you would be strongly mistaken. With high school students and college students vying for available positions (not to mention the puttering job market), jobs are in high demand with low availability. Jobs are hard to come by, even for an applicant such as

Like many job applicants out there, I offer a variety of talents and skills. I offer wonderful telephone skills and computer proficiency, and I am extremely organized. I can handle multiple tasks at to manufacture in America?

box and am willing to go the extra mile to get the job done. I have experience working in multiple offices and in different industries, too. Essentially, I am perfect intern material.

I now understand how many Americans in this country feel. It is disheartening when you realize you have great potential and you have all of the necessary qualifications, but you are unable to procure employment. I hope our political leaders will work to correct this issue, instead of bickering over partisan politics. Why haven't businesses been offered further tax incentives to keep jobs in America, instead of moving them overseas? Or why haven't we imposed higher tariffs as an incentive

I guess this is good practice for our future. At least now, college students are able to perfect their resumes, interviewing skills and job searches. In fact, I'm thinking I may need to begin my actual, career-type job search now. It doesn't hurt to get a head start, and I can at least get an idea of what's available and what is feasible to expect. Certainly, people in some fields will have no problem finding a job while others will have to wait multiple months. I know many friends who have searched more than a year after graduating college to find a job. Thankfully, the University of Mississippi offers an extensive alumni network, wonderful Career Center and many other services to help its graduates find employment. Honestly, I'm hoping that extensive alumni network will read this column and offer me a job this summer!

So in preparation for my summer, I'll continue my job hunt here in Oxford. As mentioned above, I'm a great employee; I have references. Instead of taking out an ad in The DM or even posting a "Help Wanted" sign at your office, just email me!

And for those of you still looking for a job this summer, go by the Career Center. They have some really awesome people there to help you, who can offer some great information.

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Censorship in journalism: is there a place for it?



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Many stories and graphics come across an editor's desk that have a huge question mark stamped across their subject matter. And it's at the discretion of that editor whether or not to run them.

Of course, by picking and choosing for reasons other than timeliness or importance, one stands a very good chance of demonstrating that dreaded word most journalists despise:

After all, freedom of speech

and freedom of the press are very near and dear to our hearts and are what our profession is all about.

But what about when something is in total and irrefutable bad taste? When running that story or cartoon doesn't benefit or inform or even make one laugh with satirical humor? When, in fact, the piece offends a large group of people with its uncalled-for stereotyping and possible, racist comments?

That was the dilemma at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette recently when a controversial cartoon ran in The Vermilion, the school paper.

The link for this story (katc. com) was sent to me by a classmate who went to visit her brother, a freshman at the school, over spring break.

The part of the comic strip causing the contention was a reference to grape soda and fried chicken directed to a black man shopping for a TV.

After watching the video and reading the accompanying story, I was stunned by the editor's response when asked why he ran the cartoon. After the obvious reason of not wanting to censor his artists and writers, or some gibberish about stifling their creative freedom, editor-in-chief Nick Fontenot added, "And being that he was black I thought hey, he's (artist) not going to do something that's offensive to his own race; this is going to be OK."

Really, Nick? You didn't think that black students at your own school, or any black person who read that cartoon,

might find such an analogy a bit hard to swallow, all because a black person was the one to pen it?

When the NFL postponed the game between the Minnesota Vikings and the Philadelphia Eagles due to a blizzard back in 2010 and white Gov. Ed Rendell of Pennsylvania made the comment, "If this was China, do you think the Chinese would have called off the game? ... People would have been marching down to the stadium; they would have walked and they would have been doing calculus on the way down," and he called America a nation of wusses, do you think that just because the imbecile who said it was white, the Caucasians who heard his comments weren't offended by the remarks?

There are racist people among their own race. And that's just what Allegra Lumpkin, a black student at UL, said, when commenting on the cartoon.

Many students were upset about it.

The paper has promised to print the artist's side, the side of another member of the paper's staff who opposes it and any other comments made about the cartoon in upcoming editions.

The moral of this story: having a modicum of intellect where stereotyping is involved isn't called censorship; it's called plain good taste.

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In the face of sickness, they persevere. They are often told they may not live to see the next day, much less their child's next birthday. Some are forced to quit school, and others, their jobs. They fear for their future and take each breath with pride and faith. Some surpass the challenges while others succumb.

But what do we do? Do we simply shed tears of sadness when one close to us dies, and do we look and say, "Thankfully, that's not me" and continue with our daily lives?

It is important for us to first recognize that all patients fighting cancer share something in common — a desire to become a cancer survivor.

But how can we leverage our privilege and help those in fight?

We can join Relay for Life on Friday, April 13 in the Circle. We can raise money to help find a cure for cancer. Last, but not least, we can recruit our friends and families to support the cause.

If you need convincing, let

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me tell you why I Relay.

I chose to Relay because of significant encounters with a few survivors and a few fighters, and most importantly, I despise cancer and hope for the day it ends.

There are a few people who come into our lives who help shape us, but of the people who have helped me, one is a cancer survivor and another is someone currently battling cancer. I've had some of my best moments with these individuals

I began my junior year of high school eager to write for the newspaper so I landed a job working for my hometown newspaper. Coincidentally, I met a lady who had battled with breast cancer for a number of years. I had no clue what Relay for Life was until I met her. But her influence did not stop there. I never really understood the fragility of life until I met this lady.

She was the most caring and compassionate individual I had ever met, and she still is. Always willing to lend a helping hand, I often found her helping those in need rather than drowning in a sad story. The unique thing about this lady was that she never gave up in the face of adversity.

Debra Kelly's spirit and concern for other people, despite her unfortunate circumstance, and how she continues today to fight for those battling with cancer is why I Relay.

Secondly, a dear friend of mine from high school, who was in band and Student Council with me, and whom I truly admired as a friend, was stricken with cancer.

But he never gave up. Today, he continues to have the same energy and passion he had for everything he did before his diagnosis.

I Relay because I have faith that my high school friend, Luke Parker, will become a cancer survivor.

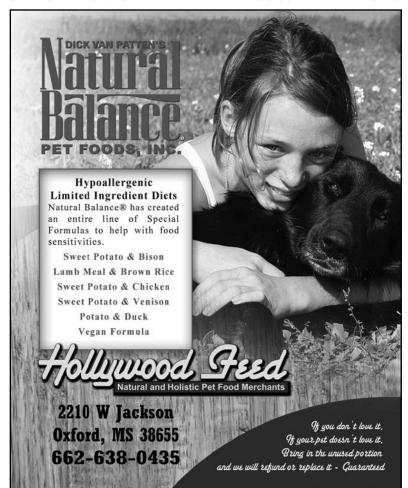
There are more reasons, but these are the two I chose to highlight.

While you may not have an encounter like mine, you too should Relay. The real issue at hand is cancer.

So many people that I care for have struggled; some have survived, and, unfortunately, others did not survive.

It is important for us to recognize that through our actions we can help those battling with cancer. Will you do your part this Friday? Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.

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expects enrollment growth of approximately 4 percent for the next few years. This growth rate would increase enrollment by more than 1,560 students when this community is completed in Fall 2013, which would create the need for more affordable housing for students.

Hospitality management senior Hayley Hylander agreed that affordable housing is important.

"As a student with student loans paying for school, I've had to budget how to spend my money," Hylander said. "The largest chunk is paying for housing. With more students coming in, we definitely need more options – affordable options."

However, some students feel Oxford has enough affordable housing and that students simply do not take advantage of them.

"The DM usually has affordable listings," said Julia Howard, insurance and risk management senior. "The Connection, Campus Creek, University Trails, etc., (are) all affordable in my opinion. Most college kids just need to realize it's more realistic for them to live in an apartment for cheap than a house."

Howard said when looking for affordable housing in Oxford, it's really "word of mouth" that helps students find housing. Also, many students are turning to websites like Craigslist or Facebook Marketplace to find housing or roommates.

"I wouldn't say there's more housing that needs to be built, but the university should have planned better about kicking everyone off campus but freshmen," Howard said. "That is what the main problem is."

Overby panel discusses the lost art of letter-writing

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Since the beginning of time, communication has been one of the most basic human needs. From pre-historic people leaving markings on the walls of caves, to the simple text messages people send each other every other minute, it is also one of the fastest-evolving entities in the modern era of technology.

"All letters, old and new, are the still-existing part of a life," Eudora Welty wrote in the introduction to the "Norton Book of Friendship."

A panel consisting of John Neff and Jay Watson joined

Millsaps English professor Suzanne Marrs Tuesday to discuss whether people are losing one of the longest-tenured and earliest forms of communication: letter writing. Neff, associate history professor and director of the Center for Civil War Research, said people tend to overestimate letters and their impact on history.

"I think we have this perception that without letters we'll be adrift," he said. "Several things had to come into play for letter-writing to become a part of our history."

Marrs compiled and edited "What There is to Say We

Have Said: The Correspondence of Eudora Welty and William Maxwell," a book detailing the life of the famous Mississippi writer and her written relationship with Maxwell.

"I learned a lot about Welty in my time preparing the book, but I learned a lot more from her letters," Marrs said.

The panel also discussed the negative aspects of modern communication.

"The words are on the screen, but there is something about holding on to the artifact," said Watson, the Howry Chair of Faulkner Studies and English professor.

Some audience members and the panel expressed worry that communication will lose the intellectual thought and intimate tones that come with writing letters.

"Working in an archive, I am struck daily with the importance of letters and general correspondence," said Jennifer Ford, head of Special Collections at the J.D. Williams Library at the University of Mississippi and moderator for the panel. "These letters convey the hopes and dreams of the individual. With the onset of technology, we are losing this form of communication and losing our history."

Business and medical college exams to change

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The exams required to enter business school and medi-

ter business school and medical school will soon be reorganized.

The GMAT, or Graduate Management Admission Test, will have a new format

ate Management Admission Test, will have a new format starting in June 2012. The Educational Testing Service will introduce a new chapter called "Integrated Reasoning," based on analyzing different pieces of data, in lieu of the usual second essay question.

"For business, interpreting skills are more needed than writing the essay," said Ken Cyree, dean of the School of Business Administration. "(The) second essay was mostly a review of what (the) student wrote in the first one"

Students good at math and

problem-solving may not find the new section difficult.

"Finance and accounting students tend to do better because they had practice," Cyree said.

It's important for students to monitor the changes. Even the latest preparatory books may contain no information about the new sections.

"I have a 2012 Princeton preparation guide, and I know nothing about the new section," said banking and finance junior Sam Marshall. "I don't see the need to change the test. To be prepared, I used to review the prep book every weekend."

Both the GRE and GMAT exams are accepted for the master of arts program, and they are both changing this

"To succeed on these exams, students should study at least one month every day, ideally two to three months," said Bethany Cooper, director of Corporate Relations and MBA Services.

A number of prep books, like Kaplan and Princeton

Review, are available for GMAT preparation.

"Study guide workbooks are fine, but no one is sitting behind you and telling you have to do it," Cooper said. "It's easy to procrastinate with a workbook."

Cooper recommends that students take the GMAT before it changes.

"At least they will know what to expect (if they take it before it changes)," she said.

The first changes to the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) will be introduced in early 2015. The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) approved two new sections and removed the writing question.

A new "Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior" section will examine the background knowledge about the behavioral and socio-cultural determinants of health.

Another new section, "Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills" will require students to analyze passages from various

social science disciplines. By evaluating information about ethics, philosophy and cultural studies, students will show their reasoning abilities.

"Being a good doctor is about more than scientific knowledge," AAMC president Darrell Kirch said. "It also requires an understanding of people,"

The writing section showed little information about students' preparation for medical school and is no longer needed, according to the Associated of American Medical Colleges.

"I don't think the new test will be harder, it will just have different concepts," said Jake Lancaster, a University of Mississippi Medical Center student body class representative and medical college junior. "I would advise to practice questions as much as possible. There are good review books, such as Kaplan and Examkrackers."

Sample questions and a detailed list of topics are available online in a preview guide for MCAT2015.





Nunnelee speaks to chancellor's leadership class

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Rep. Alan Nunnelee began his speech to the chancellor's leadership class, a collection of the university's best and brightest freshmen, very simply: "You all will be leaders."

During the nearly one-hour speech and discussion period Tuesday night, the first-term congressman talked about everything from his early days as a Tupelo-area businessman to his rise in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Nunnelee's first piece of advice to the class was that "in order be a leader, you have to have someone following you." He then charted his early political life for the class.

His chance to be a leader came in 1995 when then-state Sen. Roger Wicker resigned in order to take a seat in the House. Nunnelee's colleagues wanted him to run for Wicker's old seat, so he took the opportunity, ran for the state seat and won.

Nunnelee told the class about times he would go to a Cracker Barrel restaurant by himself to study. No one knew what he was doing.

"I was preparing myself," he said.

Those nights of reading and studying alone in Cracker Barrel came in handy when Senate leadership asked him to update members on the floor of the Mississippi State Senate.

"For 91 minutes, members (of the Senate) felt like I knew what I was talking about," he said. "Things like that don't come easy." He began his political life with a one-shot opportunity and has reached a pinnacle because, as he said, "You've got to be comfortable with that man or woman looking back in the mirror."

Nunnelee's moment of selfassurance came in 2011 when the House had to make a decision on nation's debt crisis.

When one of the House's most partisan issues came to a vote, Nunnelee decided to vote in favor of raising the nation's debt ceiling.

He said he fully knew that when he cast the vote he would be criticized politically.

"I didn't go to Washington to spend more money," he said.

But Nunnelee said he couldn't let the government shut down, knowing that military men, women and families needed those paychecks from the government.

"I think it was really smart of him to say that he decided to choose what his heart said," physics major Davis Rogers said.

Nunnelee told The DM, "There's no question in my mind that, with this leadership class that I met with tonight, they're future state legislators, governors, judges, congressmen and maybe even a president of the United States."

In March, Nunnelee won the GOP primary for Mississippi's First Congressional District.

In November he will face Democrat Brad Morris of Oxford, Libertarian Danny Bedwell of Columbus, Reform Party member Chris Potts and Constitution Party member Jim Bourland.

New Oxford officers seek NNDDA training in Vicksburg

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The Oxford Police Department plans to send two new officers to attend an annual narcotic-detector dog training course April 30 through May 4 in Vicksburg.

While the K-9 program, which started in the 1990s, is not new, Oxford Police Chief Mike Martin said the officers that will attend the training course are new K-9 handlers.

The five-day training course, held by the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association, will cost \$1,950. NNDDA President Robin Fields said the week will consist of narcotic classes, information sessions about trends and case laws, and training for the officers to learn how to get the dogs to search vehicles, houses and other areas of interest.

"When I am hiring a handler, I look for high-drive officers that like to deal with dope," Oxford officer and K-9 coordinator Tim Sockwell said. "This officer is going to look past the routine traffic stops. They've got to really have a good personality to match the dog. They have to be patient, hard workers and willing to do it my way."

The National Narcotic Dog Detector Association is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1978.

It is responsible for assisting in the training and proficiency of law enforcement and other government detector dogs.

Oxford is sending two or three of its narcotic-detector dogs to the NNDDA training conference, along with their handlers. All dogs from the OPD attending the conference have been previously trained by Sockwell.

"They provide a service that no officer can," Sockwell said

"They find what we need with their nose."

Sockwell said even though big-time narcotics aren't common in Oxford, OPD sends a few handlers to the conference because it does not happen every year.

"Our hope for the conference by the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association is to make them better educated and informed," Fields said. "We also want to enable them to do their job better as a police officer."





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Lafayette County Detention Center turning prisoners into students

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Over the past year and a half, the Lafayette County Detention Center has been developing a GED program for its inmates. Since its start, there have been five graduates, three most recently.

"It seems to have settled into a pretty solid program," Program Director Allen Strand said.

Before this program, which meets every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, there were no organized educational opportunities available to the inmates aside from a library.

The library was started eight years ago by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew from St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

The brotherhood also sponsors the GED program. One of its members is the physician at the detention center, who noticed that there was not much for the inmates to do besides watch television.

That was when members of the brotherhood and St. Peter's Church started collecting books for a library. A few years after the library was established, the GED program was started.

A major perk of the program is that it does not cost the inmates or the jail anything. The teachers are volunteers, the supplies are provided by Northwest Mississippi Community College and the \$40 testing fee is paid for by the brotherhood.

Northwest not only supplies the necessities such as workbooks and quizzes but also provides monitors to oversee the GED test as well.

Most people at the Lafayette County Detention Center are waiting on a federal court trial. The courthouse is in Oxford, so once an inmate gets his or her verdict, he or she is often transferred to another facility. If an inmate starts the program but then moves to a different facility, the credits will to transfer if the facility has a GED program.

all of the inmates, but only seven can be in the program at one time. Right now, there are three on the waitlist.

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another class.

reason is there are not a lot of women at the Lafayette County Detention Center, The program is available to resulting in only a few applicants, but also because having men and women in the same class has not worked out. Thus far there are only So far there have been no two women who are eligible,

Lafayette County Detention Center

"I'm not sure it can get a lot bigger than it already is," said Dick Boyd, who helped start the program.

The volunteers are dealing with a small amount of space, and there are only a few

teachers at the moment.

"The main interest at this

point is to make sure it's a solid program, that the inmates are interested in participating and earning the GED," Strand said. "They need to be willing to commit the time and energy to studying."

There are no plans to expand the program, Strand



Student wins Hearst Award and takes home scholarship



Marianna Breland

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The Hearst Awards are given annually to the best student journalists from around the country. This year, Marianna Breland, a public policy senior at the University of Mississippi, found her name among those of other top college journalists, placing fifth in the 2012 enterprise reporting competition.

The Forest native said she was inspired to be a writer by her mother.

"She thought it would be a great idea in the summers between school, (that) I would have to read a certain number of books and then write book reports on them," she said.

In addition to writing, Breland has served in the Associated Student Body and Columns Society.

"One thing I can say about Marianna is she's probably one of the most hardworking, passionate, but yet playful individuals that I've ever worked with," said Cortez Moss, who served with Breland in the ASB. "She has this unique ability to balance both work and play and motivate people around her to work really hard but at the same time have fun."

Breland began her tenure at Ole Miss as a broadcast journalism major, but journalism professors Bill Rose, Curtis Wilkie and English professor Tom Franklin influenced her to switch to print journalism.

Breland said they helped her realize how much she enjoyed writing and that she needed to pursue it.

"(Tom) Franklin spoke at one of my classes, and I thought he was the coolest guy ever," she said. "He kind of opened up my eyes to this whole new world out there."

After graduation in May, Breland said she has several career paths to consider.

"The practical side of me wants to go into public relations and continue writing, do well in a firm in a big city and move up in the world," she said.

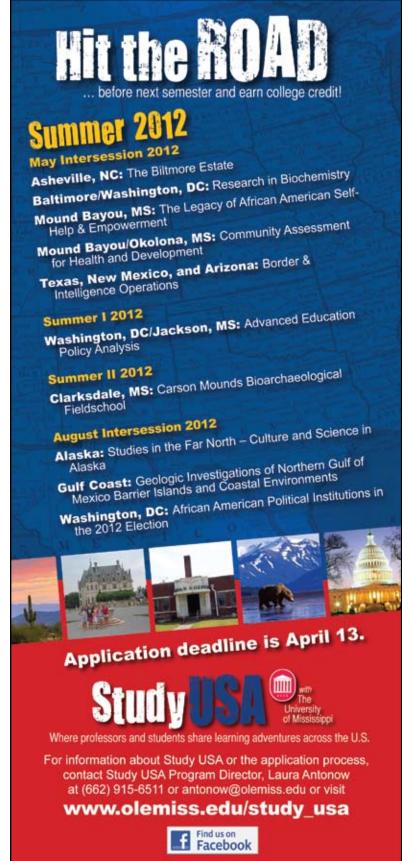
But Breland said she also wants to pursue a career in the entertainment industry and that she would like to be a sitcom screenwriter or an actress

As part of her award, Breland received a \$1,000 scholarship, which was matched by the Meek School of Journalism at Ole Miss. The award is one of five that include scholarships. Of the those winners, Breland is the only one from Mississippi and from the Southeastern Conference.

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OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

Ole Miss announces future football home dates

Dates have been set for seven home football games for the Ole Miss Rebels, including 2013 meetings with Troy and Idaho.

Other upcoming non-conference opponents include Louisiana-Lafayette and Presbyterian College in 2014, Tennessee-Martin and New Mexico State in 2015 and Wofford in 2016. Ole Miss and Louisiana have previously faced off three times, most recently in 2010, with the Rebels winning each encounter, while the other six foes are first-time oppo-

Since becoming an FBS program in 2001, Troy has made five bowl appearances, including three straight from 2008-2010. Idaho made the move to FBS in 1996 and is just three years removed from a Humanitarian Bowl crown.

The Rebels-Trojans bout is scheduled for Nov. 16, 2013, while the battle with the Vandals will open the season on Aug. 31. Ole Miss' other non-conference games in 2013 consist of Southeast Missouri in Oxford on Sept. 7 and Texas in Austin on Sept. 14.

The Rebels' 2014 slate begins with the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Classic against Boise State at Atlanta's Georgia Dome on Aug. 28. It will be followed by Louisiana on Sept. 13 and Presbyterian on Oct. 18.

UT-Martin will kick off Ole Miss' 2015 schedule on Sept. 5. Other games that year include Fresno State (Sept. 19 in Oxford), Clemson (Oct. 3 in Clemson) and New Mexico State (Oct. 10 on Oxford).

The Ole Miss-Wofford meeting will be the third game of 2016, set for Sept. 17. It will be preceded by Clemson (Sept. 10 in Oxford) and

Guthrie reflects on her Ole Miss career

BY MATT SIGLER mcsigler@olemiss.edu

Senior tennis player Abby Guthrie didn't know what to expect when she arrived in Oxford. She only heard from a few people about what Ole Miss had to offer. The Auckland, New Zealand native had never even had a recruiting visit, but in the end it didn't really matter.

Guthrie started playing tennis at a young age in her homeland and immediately found success in the sport.

"I started playing when I was around 8 years old," Guthrie said. "I was always really into sports and being outdoors. And when I was young, a coach was selecting people on their athletic abilities, and he got me involved playing junior tennis. I started playing a lot and was quite successful."

After winning three ITF tournaments in doubles in 2008 and the New Zealand U-16 Hardcourt National Championship, plus representing New Zealand on the Junior Fed Cup Team, Guthrie was ready for a new adventure and fresh competi-

"Playing in New Zealand, with it being such a small place, you play the same people over and over again," Guthrie said. "I got to the higher level in New Zealand and I was kind of tired of having to play younger people every time, and I was looking for something more of where I could play tennis at a higher level without going pro. So I came over to the States for college, and it was exactly what I was looking for."



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Senior Abby Guthrie

Now Guthrie had a serious choice on her hands: where to go to college. She ultimately found a home at Ole Miss.

"I never had a recruiting visit to the States," Guthrie said. "I kind of looked at websites and things, and there is a coach from New Zealand who knew Mark (Beyers), the head coach, and he had good things to say about it. There was also a guy named James Shortall, who played on the men's team here a few years back, and he would talk to me and he told me it was a great place and had a great tennis program and a great coach. That sort of made my decision for me."

Guthrie joined the Rebels as a freshman in 2008 and made an immediate impact. She posted a 15-6 overall record, 11-4 at No. 5 singles and also teamed with Gabby Rangel for a 17-6 overall record in doubles. In her three-plus years at Ole Miss, Guthrie has received honors, including ITA Scholar-Athlete, SEC Academic Honor Roll and Chancellor's Honor Roll.

Her final season in Oxford may turn out to be her most successful. Guthrie and fellow senior Kristi Boxx have paired up this season and are ranked No. 6 in the nation with a 9-1 record in Southeastern Conference play. The Rebels are also in sole possession of fourth place with a 7-3 record in league play heading into Saturday's regular season finale at Mississippi State.

"It's pretty cool," Guthrie said of playing doubles. "I've always really enjoyed doubles. For me it is more enjoyable than singles because it is more of a team environment, and I've always loved team things more than individual things. So being out there with Kristi on the court is really great."

As Guthrie enters the twilight of her collegiate career, she said she would like to continue her tennis career after graduation.

"I don't think I'm going to go pro," she said. "But I would like to return to New Zealand and maybe play Fed Cup for New Zealand. That has always been a goal for me in tennis."





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Students watch Senior Kristi Boxx play tennis Sunday afternoon on Senior Day. On Senior Day, the Ole Miss Women's Tennis team honored seniors Boxx, Abby Guthrie and Gabby Rangel.

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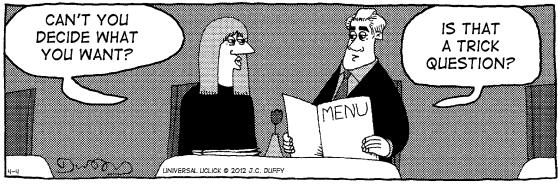






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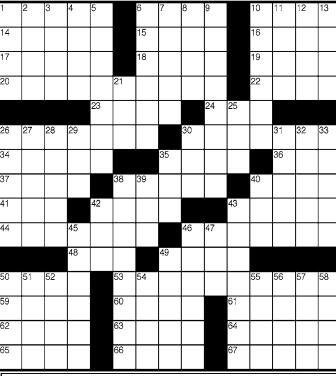


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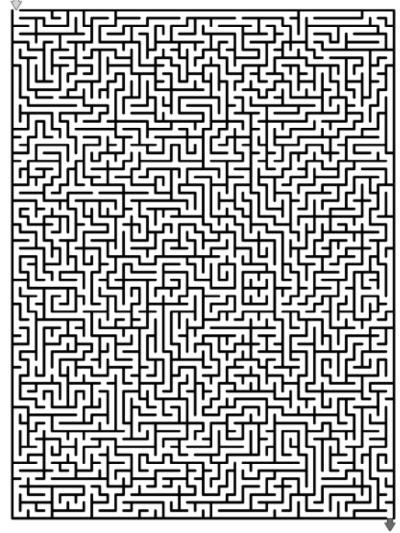
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Godwin the difference in this year's offensive output



Senior designated hitter Matt Snyder (left) and hitting coach Cliff Godwin (right).

BY DAVID COLLIER

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Ole Miss hitting coach Cliff Godwin was hired for two main reasons: he's a proven recruiter and he's a proven hitting coach. The early assessment is that he's done a remarkably good job.

He and fellow assistant Carl Lafferty are a dominant duo on the recruiting trail as next year's class has the potential to be better than last year's, which ranked third best in the country, but the most glaring thing is the improvement at the plate.

As a club, Ole Miss hit .282 last season. This year, they have a .312 team batting average.

What's even more telling is the strikeout numbers. In 2011, the Rebels struck out 6.7 times per game on average, compared to less than five times per game so far this season, which ranks best in the SEC.

Ole Miss averaged 9.5 hits per contest last year. This season that average has risen to 10.9 hits per game. Of course, these hits have translated to runs as well. In 2011, the Rebels averaged 5.5 runs per game, but so far this season, they are averaging 6.9 runs per game.

It's obvious the offense has improved, but player progression has been even more impressive. Take senior designated hitter Zach Kirksey, for instance. Last year, he hit a mere .192 and struck out 25 times in 52 at-bats, but this season Kirksey is batting .299 with 37 RBI and 10 home runs. Kirksey has

only struck out 19 times in 77

at-bats.
Senior first baseman Matt Snyder has also shown great improvement at the plate. In 2011, Snyder finished with a .301 batting average with 39 RBI and nine home runs while striking out 40 times in 176 at-bats. This year, he is hitting .362 to go along with 37 RBI and seven home runs at this point in the season. Snyder has only struck out 15 times in 116 at-bats.

"I think he's seeing it good," Godwin said of Snyder. "We faced lefties all weekend (against Kentucky), and for him to have some of the atbats that he had, he had like five RBI on the weekend and one big swing. The game we won, a lot of credit goes to Matt Snyder hitting a grand slam off a left-handed pitcher."

All season long, players have talked about winning pitches and having quality at-bats. There's a reason for that, according to Godwin.

"You look at the big innings that we've had in SEC play," Godwin said. "Whether it be Saturday's game (at Kentucky), Saturday against Alabama or Sunday's eighth inning against Alabama, we were just able to string a lot of quality at-bats together.

"That's the one thing we've really got to try to focus on — trying to get more together. Instead of getting two or three and scoring one run, if we can have five quality at-bats in one inning, we are pretty much guaranteed to score more than one run."

The Rebels did go through a little stretch where they struggled mightily at the plate, and last weekend against Kentucky, the two games they lost were a result of not capitalizing on scoring chances.

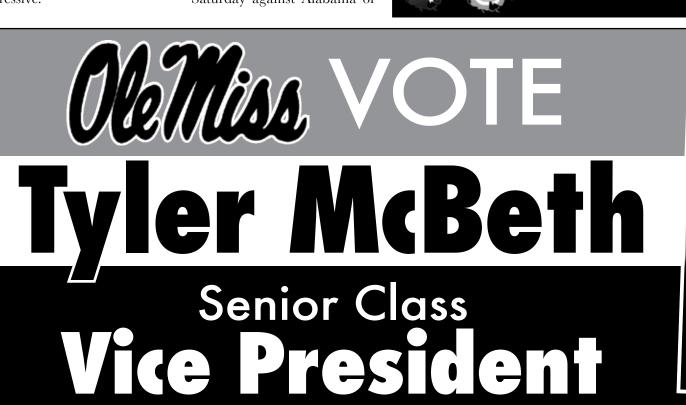
"In the SEC, your opportunities are limited to have the big inning," Godwin said. "The first inning (on Sunday) was our inning. Mathis gets on, Bousfield singles, Yarbrough hits the ball really well, we tag up, Snyder (gets) a first-pitch RBI and then, Will comes up. He just didn't make him elevate the baseball. He's swinging, being aggressive. He just swung at a bad pitch, hits the ball to the shortstop and they're out of the inning with one run instead of 'We've got the guy on the ropes and we've got to knock him out right there."

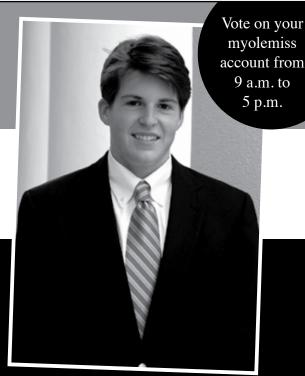
Friday night's game was another one in which Ole Miss missed chances to put runs on the board.

"We feel like we really should've won that game," Godwin said. "We had three guys thrown out at the plate. I don't think I've ever had two guys thrown out at the plate in one game, and we had three. But you've got to learn from it."

And so far, the Rebels have learned a lot from Godwin.







No. 18 Rebels host Central Arkansas in double-header today

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Following a series loss on the road at No. 1 Kentucky, No. 18 Ole Miss (21-10, 6-6 Southeastern Conference) will look to get back on track as it takes on the Central Arkansas Bears (13-15, 7-8 Southland Conference) in a double-header beginning at 3 p.m. today at Oxford-University Stadium/Swayze Field. Each game will be seven innings.

The Rebels will be featured on ESPNU as the Thursday night game of the week, as they open a three-game series at Georgia this weekend.

Central Arkansas heads into today with a team batting average of .279, second in the Southland and an average of 5.9 runs per game, third in the Southland, while Ole Miss is hitting .312 and averaging 6.9 runs per game, which rank second and third, respectively, among SEC teams.

The Bears are led at the plate by junior outfielder Forrest Allday, who is hitting .367 with 17 RBI and one home run, and senior infielder Bryan Willson with a .357 batting average, 21 RBI and one home run. Both rank in the league's top 10 in batting average.

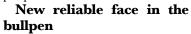
Junior second baseman Alex Yarbrough leads the team and ranks second in the SEC with a .433 batting average and 52 hits to go along with 33 RBI and three home runs. Senior first baseman Matt Snyder is second on the team with a .362 batting average and tied for the league lead with

13 doubles. Senior designated hitter Zach Kirksey continues to lead the SEC with 10 home runs and 37 RBI, followed by Snyder in second with 36 RBI.

The first of the two games will feature freshman right-hander Sam Smith from Ole Miss and sophomore right-hander Bryce Biggerstaff from Central Arkansas. Smith will make his sixth start of the season and holds a 1-2 record with a 4.32 earned run average in 25.0 innings pitched. The Lake Charles, La., native has also recorded 21 strikeouts to just four walks. Biggerstaff has made a team-high 11 appearances, including two starts, and holds a 1-2 record and 1.88 earned run average in 24.0 innings pitched.

In the day's second game, the Rebels' pitcher is to be announced while the Bears will send senior right-hander Ryan Angus, the team's regular Sunday starter who holds a 2-3 record and 6.00 earned run average in eight starts and 39.0 innings pitched.

"Sam will go as long as he can go," head coach Mike Bianco said in an interview with Rebel-Grove.com's Chase Parham. "After Smith, you'll see a lot of guys, but those guys won't throw a lot of innings. We'll get to use some people."



Sophomore right-hander Aaron Greenwood has emerged in the past couple of weeks as a new and much-needed arm in the Ole Miss bullpen.

Greenwood first made his mark in Sunday's series finale against then-No. 1 Florida, in which he threw 2.2 innings, giving up just one run on four hits while striking out four opposing hitters.

The Byhalia native followed with two solid outings this past weekend on the road at No. 1 Kentucky. On Friday night, Greenwood gave up one run on two hits in 2.1 innings before going 1.1 innings. In Sunday's rubber game, he allowed one run on two hits.

"I've gotten a couple of chances lately," Greenwood said. "Ever since then, it's not as nerve-racking. It's always nerve-racking when you're coming in. It's always exciting to get another chance to go out and pitch."

Mistone breaks out of slump

Junior third baseman Andrew Mistone started the season on fire, but in recent weeks, he's been on a steady decline. Until last weekend, that is. Mistone, who is currently hitting .269, went 7-for-13 over the weekend with four RBI.

"You try not to focus on (your average) as a hitter," Mistone said. "You can't get caught up on that. You've got to just focus on the process. Focus on the process, and success will take care of itself. That's what I was trying to do—just stick to my good approach."

SEC Roundup

Losing two of three at Kentucky did not sit well with the pollsters as the Rebels dropped in almost every poll. In Baseball America's weekly rankings, Ole Miss fell from No. 10 to No. 18. Collegiate Baseball kept the Rebels at No. 21 while the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) dropped Ole Miss four spots to No. 20. The Rebels also fell four spots in the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll

to No. 19. Kentucky remained at No. 1 in the latest Collegiate Baseball poll.

LSU moved up to as high as No. 3, according to Collegiate Baseball, after winning two of three at Florida over the weekend. The Gators dropped in every poll but are still ranked as high as No. 4 in NCBWA, the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll and Collegiate Possiball

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Arkansas took two of three from Georgia at home and moved up to No. 9 in both the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll and Collegiate Baseball while the Bulldogs are now No. 28 in NCBWA. Auburn dropped out of the rankings after getting swept by in-state foe Alabama. South Carolina is ranked as high as No. 7 in the NCBWA poll after taking the series against Tennessee. Mississippi State won its series at home against Vanderbilt over the weekend.



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Sophomore right-hander Aaron Greenwood pitches in the series finale against Florida. This past weekend at Kentucky, he gave up two runs on four hits in a combined 3.2 innings.