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Rebels Remastered projects are an inconvenient necessity

BY RYAN GROVER
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Students, faculty and staff have noticed the various construction projects around campus. From the construction of new dorms to road projects, Ole Miss is staying busy.

Larry Sparks, vice chancellor for administration and finance, said this is the beginning of many current and future projects.

A new central mechanical plant is being built, which will house things we use on a daily basis, like water, air conditioning and heating.

"It is necessary to accommodate growth," Sparks said. "The current central mechanical plant is at capacity or even above capacity some days, making us have to run the machinery all night to try to get the ambient temperature low enough that it remains comfortable throughout the day.

"The project that you see now taking place at the con-



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A construction worker operates a backhoe near the University Avenue intersection.

struction site is a new central mechanical plant. The recent projects we're working on — the tunneling, etc. — are necessary to facilitate the new

plant." This project specifically affects roads and commuter driving. Accounting major and commuter Weston Roher said

the projects are a pretty big inconvenience.

"They are sometimes problematic, and I can't wait for them to be over."

Hospitality major Leanna Tholl said the construction has its own pros and cons.

"It's been good because it blocks out all but one entrance at the parking lot I use, forcing everybody to go through it instead of having to fight off people coming from all different directions," she said. "It makes it easier to get a parking space. It has been a problem because it puts a lot more traffic on the streets around the stadium and coliseum."

Despite the inconveniences, Sparks said the projects are planned to take place during the least inconvenient times.

The current roadwork, tunneling, detours and digging associated with the new mechanical plant are expected to be completed before campus becomes too hectic. Sparks said their goal is to complete the work before football season and the first day of fall semester.

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Aldermen approve re-zoning on Old Taylor



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City Planner Tim Akers (left) and Jeff Williams (right) of Williams Engineering Consultants brief the board of aldermen regarding a re-zoning ordinance for a property on Old Taylor Road.

BY JACOB BATTE
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Residents who live off of Old Taylor Road are going to play host to even more construction, as the Board of

Aldermen voted Tuesday to pass a re-zoning ordinance for property located on Old Taylor Road from Country Estate to Planned Unit Development.

This was the third reading for the ordinance, concerning land across from the Marks.

City Planner Tim Akers

said because the property is a planned unit development (PUD), the property has to be resolved. There are 336 residential units, ranging from one to three bedrooms over thirty acres.

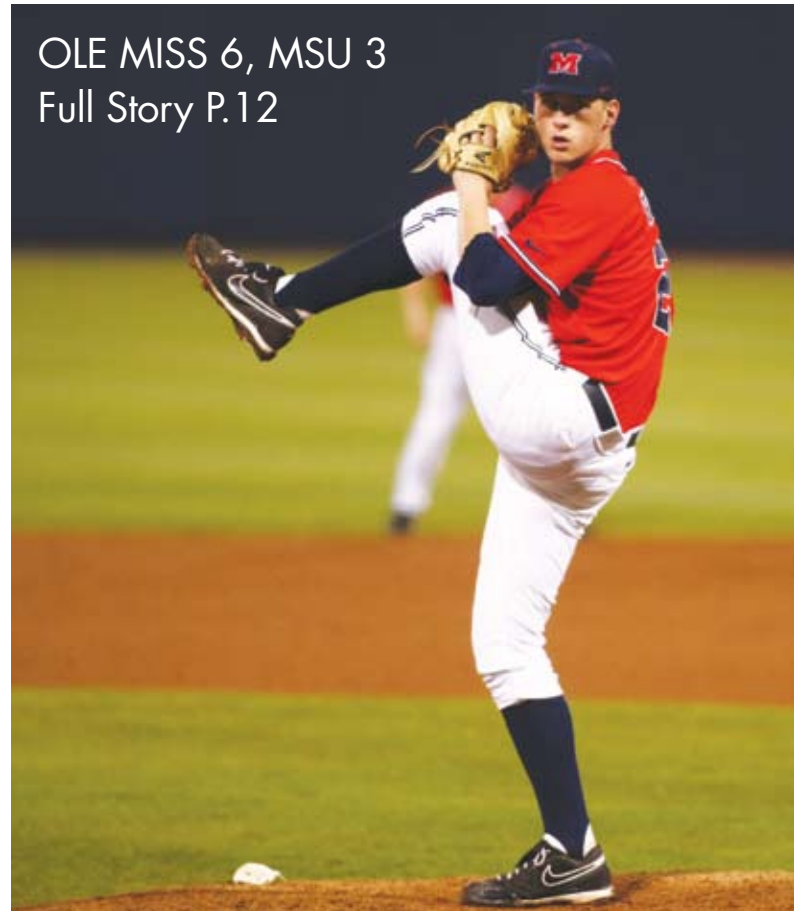
Jeff Williams of Williams Engineering Consultants said the group has gone over the letters from the owners and the board expressing their concerns, but he feels they have met all of the city regulations.

"I feel like we have a good product. We've made every effort to go above and beyond the regulations," Williams said.

In their previous meeting the main point of concern from the board had been the timing of the project, with an already heavy traffic load steadily increasing as apart-

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Freshman right-hander Hawtin Buchanan wins Governor's Cup MVP honors after pitching 2.2 perfect innings and striking out five in the Rebels' win Tuesday night.

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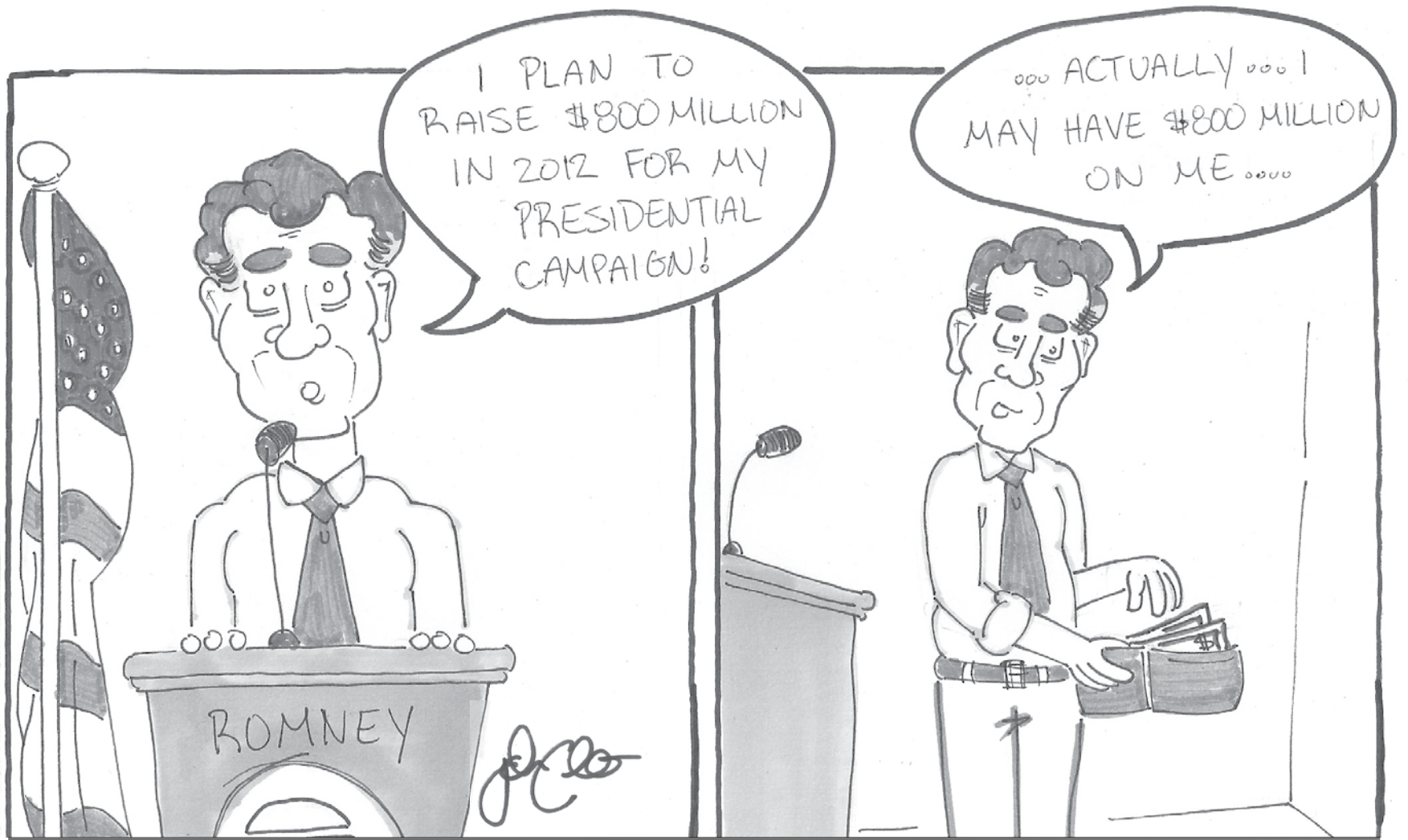
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Tribute to a legend



BY ADAM GANUCHEAU
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Sometimes in life, we are forced to part ways with things that we like. In my case, I am having to part ways with something I love. Last week, Mississippi virtually lost one of the greatest writers to ever put pencil to the pad in our state. It wasn't William Faulkner, Willie Morris or Eudora Welty. In fact, the writer to whom I am referring did not even die.

I grew up near Jackson. The state's largest paper, the Clarion-Ledger, was delivered to my house every morning, so it was always available to me. As an

athletic child, I was most interested in the sports section. I loved to read great feature stories on all kinds of sports figures in Mississippi, so Rick Cleveland quickly became one of my favorite writers. I have vivid memories of reading Cleveland's columns in the Sunday paper before my family loaded up for church. I did not know it then, but Rick Cleveland would help inspire me to eventually study journalism and desperately long to write for a living.

On Sunday, Rick Cleveland wrote his last column for the Clarion-Ledger because of company layoffs. The situation is not different from many others across the country these days. However, this one is devastating to not only me, but also anyone who loves sports or the state of Mississippi.

One section of his final column stood out to me the most. Cleveland spoke about how he started his writing career on a typewriter and is ending it on a laptop. He continued, "One aspect hasn't changed: It's still about the people."

Unlike most aspiring writers today, Cleveland first tapped away at the typewriter for a good reason: to help other people. This is the kind of selfless standard that all branches of media need today; hell, all branches of daily life need this standard.

It's no secret that Mississippi is severely lacking in most national categories. There are plenty of degrading things about our state and our people in the national media today. Cleveland, however, dug deeper into our problems. He personalized everything he wrote so that it was not about

the bad, but instead, it was about the good. Because of Cleveland, our state can be viewed for what it really is – a place chock full of interesting people – instead of what it is perceived to be.

Cleveland is a role model to me, not just as a writer, but as a person.

Cleveland was could easily appeal to all people, regardless of race, gender or age. We love Rick Cleveland. Our parents love Rick Cleveland. Not to exploit his age in any way, but even our grandparents love Rick Cleveland.

Cleveland accepted a position in the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. He will be in charge of making sure Mississippi's great athletes are properly remembered, a job that suits him almost perfectly.

In his final Clarion-Ledger

column, he said he would continue writing on the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame website and other syndicated work. It will be an odd sight to not see his byline in the Clarion-Ledger, though.

It's ironic; Rick Cleveland's office will be just down the hall from where his name should one day be permanently engraved – the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame. Beyond just sports writing, Cleveland is "hall of fame" in my book for other reasons: as a man, as a leader and as a Mississippian.

Mississippi and its people will always be indebted to you, Rick. We will dearly miss you. Thanks for the awesome ride.

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Romney's riches are nothing to mock

BY CORRINE HARRIS

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The U.S. Senate's top Republicans called for the GOP to unite behind leading presidential candidate Mitt Romney on April 1.

On CBS's "Face the Nation," Vice President Joe Biden appeared to think this was a joke. In the interview, Biden said, "I can't remember a presidential candidate in the recent past who seems not to understand ... what ordinary middle-class people are thinking about and are concerned about."

Reuters has identified this as only one of many attacks by the Obama administration focusing on Romney as an out-of-touch millionaire and former businessman. In all honesty, the Obama administration appears to be more out of touch with the voters than Romney.

Many Democrats, including President Barack Obama,

have targeted Romney as coming from the elite. According to the Hill, Democratic strategists intend to use this for all it is worth. But like Obama's rhetoric, only time will tell if it works.

One of Obama's best attacks on Romney has been his use of the word "marvelous" to describe the House Republican budget plan. Obama spent a disproportionate amount of time criticizing Romney's word usage, as stated by the Hill.

Obviously, Romney's use of lofty language is one of the most important discussion topics of the election. In fact, it might even surpass the importance of the unemployment rate or nuclear arms.

It is impossible to dispute that Romney did come from a well-off family. From one of his many biographies, you will immediately find that his father, George Romney, was a 1968 Republican presidential candidate and governor

of Michigan. Romney is no stranger to the world of politics, but he began his career in business. Democrats may see this as a weakness, but I see it as what makes Romney a better candidate than Obama. There is no one better to relate to the business owners of today than a man who founded his own investment firm. The investment firm, Bain Capital, was founded in 1984 and helped launch or rebuild hundreds of companies under Romney's leadership, according to Romney's campaign website.

Not only did Romney found his own business, but he did well, resulting in the opportunity to live the lavish lifestyle for which he is so often criticized. But he is entitled to do so. The American people have no right to begrudge him the benefits of his hard work.

The Obama administration may criticize Romney for being a millionaire and a businessman. However, it would

appear that the real issues that the ever-logical Obama campaign has with Romney are that he is familiar with how the economy works, and he can relate to the modern business owner. Business owners make up the majority of taxpayers these days, according to the Wall Street Journal. Thus, calling Romney out of touch with taxpayers is ridiculous, bordering on insane.

But it would be almost irresponsible for the Obama administration not to play into Romney's riches. The media constantly portrays rich people as evil for holding back the wealth they themselves earned. In reality, rich people are not evil. For example, Paul Allen donated \$26 million to WSU Global Animal Health program in 2010. Allen is only

one of many wealthy people who donate to worthwhile programs around the globe.

As unemployment remains high and out-of-control spending is the popular motion in the U.S. government, Obama has rather foolishly pointed out Romney's strengths. As a successful businessman, Romney can offer the change that the U.S. needs. Obama can continue to have a field day with his petty accusations of Romney's elite language. Romney has demonstrated real experience by bringing the unemployment rate in Massachusetts down to 6.9 percent, as reported by the Boston Globe. This should be far more impressive to voters than empty rhetoric.

Why, I would even go as far as to say that it is marvelous.



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OSD announces new superintendent

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Whether it's helping to improve the state test scores in public schools or implementing an after-school tutoring program, newly elected Oxford School District Superintendent Brian Harvey has a lot on his plate.



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Harvey, a native and current resident of Oxford, attended Mississippi College, where he was very active in athletics, and then transferred to the University of Mississippi, where he earned his bachelor of arts in history.

In 1995, he began to teach history at Oxford Middle School, and he later went on to teach the same subject at Oxford High School. Harvey ended up re-enrolling in the University of Mississippi to earn his master's in educational leadership.

Harvey is the father of three children, and his wife is an educator of mathematics at Northwest Community College.

While serving as superintendent in May 2011, Kim Stasny passed away, and Harvey was asked to serve as the interim superintendent in her position.

"I was concerned for Kim's family when I heard the news," Harvey said. "I knew that she was a great individual, and more than just a superintendent — she was a good friend."

As soon as he accepted the position, Harvey began assisting in advancing the school district.

"In Oxford, we have a problem with the achievement gap between minority students and socioeconomically affected students," he said. "My job as an administrator is to bridge that gap."

"I feel that with academic excellence, all students can achieve."

When he was first elected interim superintendent, Harvey helped students with their schoolwork by creating the school's new tutoring program.

Last year, Oxford had 11 National Merit Scholar students in the school system, but under Harvey's leadership, the school system expects to see more.

On March 12, Harvey was asked to become the official superintendent by the Oxford School Board.

He gladly accepted.

"We have a lot going on right now, and we need Harvey's help," Dr. Budd Chain, president of the Oxford School Board, said. "When it comes to high school renovations, Brian is extremely savvy because he knows about construction and planning. He is also knowledgeable of the state's core curriculum initiative."

Harvey said he views himself equally to other superintendents.

"I feel good about my position," he said. "When addressing education, any time you deal with students, you have to give them the basis of decision making, no matter what path they decide to take in life."

Harvey's two-year term as superintendent will go into effect on July 1 and his salary has yet to be announced.



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Oxford Mayor George "Pat" Patterson listens to an Old Taylor Road property re-zoning proposal, which was approved. Patterson has concerns with the re-zoning due to the traffic on Old Taylor Road and its increasing congestion.

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ment complexes expand.

"I think timing has been a great concern for this board. If we're approved at this meeting we still have to go through process of getting the site plan approved," Williams said. "We're a long way from turning earth."

The ordinance will add to the growing number of new apartments and condos, with new units estimated to exceed 500, and it is also speculated that Baptist Memorial Hospital may be interested in building a new \$200 million regional medical center just off of Old Taylor Rd.

An annexation request by the landowners of the property is still going through the court process. They hope to annex the land so that it may be sold to the new hospital. No contract has been offered because the hospital agreed to build its new location within city limits. The board

still expressed concerns, if the annexation does not go through they expect the land to be bought, and developed by other parties adding more congestion to the road.

"I've got some issues here. It's certainly not with the project or the design. It's with the timing," Mayor Pat Patterson said.

Patterson expressed concern over the issues with Baptist, the growing number of condos and trying to connect Old Taylor Rd. to Coliseum Dr., however have run into issues dealing with property belonging to the University of Mississippi.

"I think it's a great project, I think it's well thought out, I think it's neat, but I think the timing is horrible. In six months or a year, or 18 months, yes. The timing is just awful."

Williams said he disagreed with the issue of timing, that the project would come along in due time.

Patterson expressed concern with dealing with the

University.

"When we first broached the subject with (Ole Miss) the answer was just no. If we can't get in there to coliseum drive, we're easily adding another 3,000 to the 15,000 traffic count a day," Patterson said.

Traffic is already a concern for citizens and appear to only get worse once construction begins on the new roundabouts and other improvements of the Old Taylor Bridge over Highway 6. The bridge will remain closed for six to 12 months.

After a vote the Board voted to pass the ordinance 5-to-2.

After the vote, Patterson expressed disappointment in the decision.

"This is the first time in ten years I would consider vetoing something. Seeing as it carried five to two, I am not, but I will say I think it's a very poor decision," he said.

Akers said after approval a project must begin within 18 months.

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Need help moving out after finals? Hire a Campus Bellhop. The new company employs college students to go to dorms or any off-campus housing to help people move.

"It's a moving service that's run for the students by the students," said Chris Brickell, one of the Ole Miss Campus Bellhops campus managers.

The company started at Auburn University a year ago and has expanded to eight SEC schools, including LSU, Alabama, Florida State and the University of Tennessee.

To sign up to become a "bell-

hop" or register for assistance moving out, just head to the website, campusbellhops.com, and fill out the form. Students need to register at least two days in advance to make sure the spots do not fill up.

Payment is required at the time of registration. The rate is \$100 for someone without any furniture and \$150 with furniture.

"People whose parents can't help them move out should definitely use it," nursing freshman Emily Crake said.

The bellhops come in teams of two, and each makes \$40 for a move with furniture and \$20 for one without, plus whatever tips they receive.

"So far, we've gotten a re-

ally good response from guys on campus," Parker Mosley, the other Ole Miss Campus Bellhops campus manager, said.

Mosley and Brickell have been going to fraternity houses to let guys know of the opportunity to make some extra cash. Campus Bellhops does not provide moving trucks or storage containers; it simply provides a little extra muscle to move things from the house or dorm to the mover's car.

"We're just trying to make the moving process as easy as possible," Mosley said.

The service is also available for moving in. For more information, visit Campus Bellhops' website, Facebook page or Twitter.



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University officials plan to have the roadwork and major construction complete before fall classes get started.

'True Blood' manuscripts donated to UM

BY FRANCES ALLISON
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"True Blood" lovers can now see where it all began.

Charlaine Harris, the Mississippi-born author whose books inspired the HBO hit "True Blood," has donated several of her manuscripts to the Archives and Special Collections section of the J.D. Williams Library.

Jennifer Ford, director of Special Collections, said this collection carries a lot of importance.

"The Charlaine Harris Collection is significant because it features the edited manuscripts of one of the most popular genre authors of recent times," Ford said. "Ole Miss has been working with Ms. Harris for several years and is so glad to have the collection here."

Harris has written more than 30 urban fantasy novels. She began writing plays while attending Rhodes College in Memphis and is a New York Times bestselling author. In

2001, Harris released "Dead Until Dark," which was the first in the Sookie Stackhouse series. The book featured Sookie, a telepathic waitress in northern Louisiana, and later inspired the HBO vampire series.

"The manuscripts in the Charlaine Harris Collection add so much to the library and Special Collections because they reveal the work progress of such a popular author," Ford said.

"Students can be proud to have this collection at Ole Miss because it documents the thoughts and stories of such a bright talent who was born in Mississippi."

Ford said the manuscripts will soon be available for students.

"We are currently processing the collection to make it available to the public, so they have not really been seen by students yet."

Harris has published more than 30 fantasy novels since 1981.

"Though I've lived in many

wonderful places in the South, it only seemed right that my work found a home in Mississippi, my state of origin," Harris said in a press release. "No matter how many places I live, I was born and bred in the flat fields of the Mississippi Delta, and it's a part of me."

Harris is not the university's only connection to the "True Blood" series. Assistant professor of English Chris Offutt wrote two manuscripts for the HBO series.

"It's always great when a writer's original manuscripts are part of a special collection," Offutt said in a press release.

"They are then available to writers and scholars for careful scrutiny. The University of Mississippi is fortunate to have them. A big thanks to Charlaine for her generous gift."

For more information about the Archives and Special Collections, visit http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/general_library/archives/.

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"We try to plan for unexpected events and plan it with the least amount of obstruction," Sparks said. "We don't want these projects to be going on during football season."

The university administration understands that these projects are an inconvenience and is trying to help students plan for these obstructions through the Rebels Remastered program. It is a website that keeps students aware of projects that are going on around campus.

"We haven't communicated badly in the past, but over the last six months and in the coming months and years we are going to be doing a huge

amount of work on campus that is intrusive work," Director of facilities planning and campus architect Ian Banner said. "In the past we've just been redoing buildings behind a green fence, but the mechanical plant has all kinds of pipe work that goes into it."

"The reason Rebels Remastered comes in is because communication is the best way of mitigating the inconvenience," Banner said. "If you know the roads are going to be closed, it enables you to come up with your own plan and how you can avoid it. We communicate so you will know about it ahead of time."

Students are encouraged to visit the Rebels Remastered website, www.olemiss.edu/beautiful, in order to stay up to date with the projects going on around campus.

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TOP LEFT: Gardening author Felder Rushing taught gardening tips Tuesday afternoon to anyone who came by the Oxford Gardening Center as part of Green Week; TOP RIGHT/CENTER RIGHT: Every year, the Ole Miss India Student Association conducts India Night at the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts. The association is made up of students, faculty and residents of Oxford to promote Indian culture; CENTER LEFT: U.S. Sen. and former ASB president Roger Wicker talks to fellow ASB alums Dick Wilson and Cory Wilson at the Associated Student Body reception Saturday evening; BOTTOM: The Ole Miss Hand Band performed in a flash mob Tuesday afternoon, signing "We are Young" by FUN and "Firework" by Katy Perry.

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Images from Tuesday's practice



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TOP: Sophomore long snapper Will Denny snaps the ball to senior punter Tyler Campbell; MIDDLE LEFT: Junior wide receiver Korvic Neat celebrates after a big play on offense; MIDDLE RIGHT: Sophomore wide receiver Donte Mocrief breaks a tackle and runs for a touchdown; BOTTOM: Members of the Ole Miss offensive line

Forward Together moves forward under new AD



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TOP LEFT: Athletics Director Ross Bjork; TOP RIGHT: Senior Associate Athletics Director Danny White; BOTTOM: Rendering of the new basketball arena

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Eight months since the UMAA Foundation announced the Forward Together campaign, an initiative to raise money for a new basketball arena and renovations to Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, the halfway mark to the goal of \$150 million is in sight.

"We're just over \$62 million, approaching \$63 million," said Danny White, senior associate athletics director and executive director for the UMAA Foundation. "The campaign has just been overwhelmingly successful.

"I think it's a testament to the Ole Miss donors. Our faithful fans and supporters were ready for something like this, and they really stepped up in a big way."

With the dust settling from a head football coach search and an athletics director search both coming to a close this past month, optimism has taken over where doubt and uncertainty used to reside.

"I think everyone was ready for this transition to be over and for us to get started in a new direction," White said.

"It's hard to quantify what those positive feelings mean, but certainly it's a better fundraising environment."

Newly hired athletics director Ross Bjork will be taking over full time this week; however, his presence had already been felt prior to his arrival when it came to fundraising. Bjork mentioned at his press conference this past month that he had already been talking to donors over the phone since his hiring and was looking forward to a strong finish for the Forward Together campaign.

"I've known Ross several years just through the industry of college athletics," White said. "He is widely respected as a fundraiser, and we are excited to work with him."

Phase one of the campaign is a new basketball arena. With just over \$30 million left to reach the phase-one goal of \$100 million, White said he hopes they can begin work on the arena in the coming months.

"When we get the funds committed for the arena, we will probably go ahead and start," White said. "We are hoping to be at the point to do that by the middle of this summer — to hire the architects and start the design and development."

The plan is to have the new arena ready by the 2015-16 season.

White knows there is still work to be done but is optimistic that they can stay on schedule.

White said the new basketball arena will not be called the Tad Smith Coliseum.

"Typically in higher education, the naming of a facility lasts for the life of the facility," White said. "We are seeking a naming gift for the new arena. If we are successful with that, then there certainly would be a new name. In any event, we don't expect to carry that name over to the new facility."

The basketball arena is scheduled to take two years to build, while the football stadium renovations will take less than a year to complete.

With the coming Rebel Road Trip set to begin April 23 with head football coach Hugh Freeze, White is hoping it will generate more donations towards the projects.

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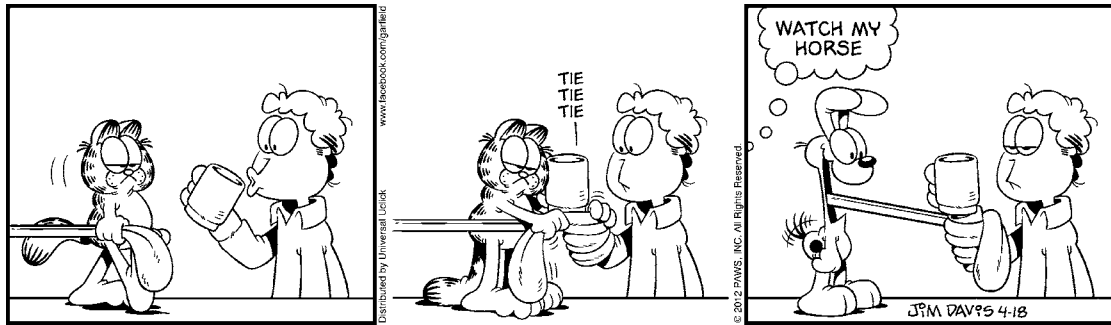
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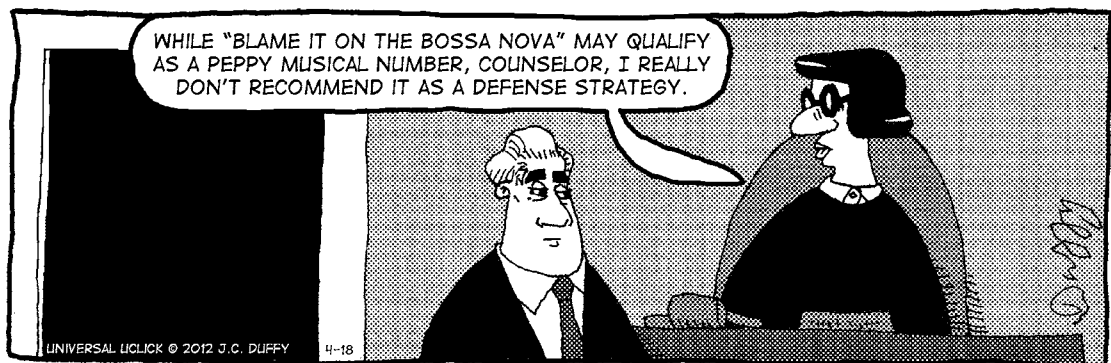
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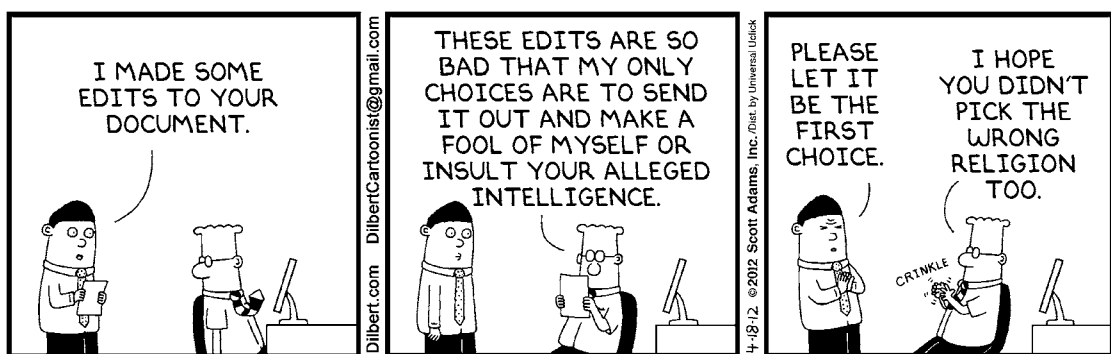
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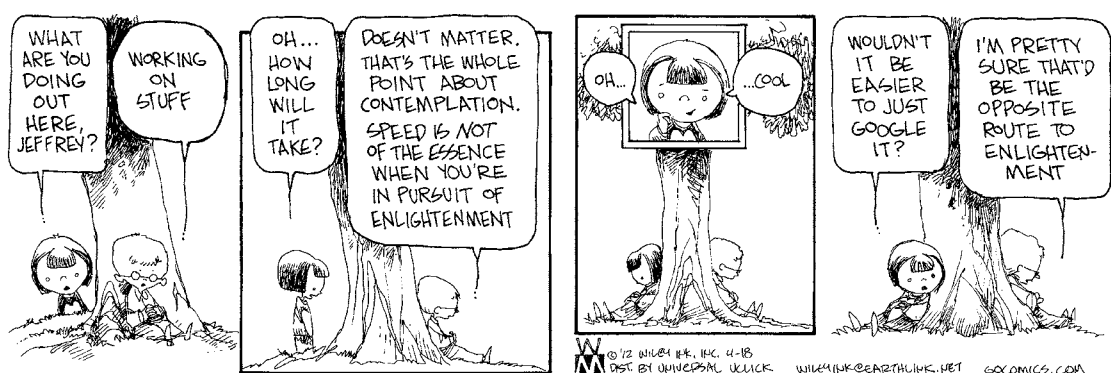
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LEFT: Sophomore quarterback Bo Wallace; RIGHT: Head strength and conditioning coach Paul Jackson

BY AUSTIN MILLER
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For the second time this spring, weather forced the Rebels indoors for practice, and head coach Hugh Freeze was pleased with the energy and passion in the team's last full-pad practice before Saturday's Grove Bowl, set for 1 p.m. in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

"I loved the energy," Freeze said. "I thought everybody was flying around and playing with great passion, and that's what we've got to have to get where we want to get in year one. I'm really pleased with this padded practice before we have to go one more non-padded before Saturday. I thought there was great competition. Offense won the first competition, defense won the team pass (competition) by a landslide then the offense came back and won a close one at the end in the first-down competition, so it was a great day."

Tuesday also marked the Rebels' first practice since Saturday's two-hour scrimmage. Freeze said he saw some good things from the offense but the unit lacks the awareness to stay in front of the chains and avoid second-and-long and third-and-long situations.

"Offensively, we do not have an awareness of staying on schedule," he said. "From quarterbacks to receivers to running backs, second and threes become third and sixes

because we don't understand its second and three and we got to stay on schedule. I thought there was some better play on the offensive line in the run game in the scrimmage. When we went to our tempo stuff, the defense got tired and got a little sloppy. Other than that, they really dominated the series. We have to get better awareness. Some of it is they may still not be playing free and fast and are having to think too much and that will come, but I wish it would come a little faster. I did see some things today that got a little bit corrected from Saturday."

After watching the film from Saturday, Freeze gives a slight edge to sophomore Bo Wallace in the quarterback competition with junior Barry Brunetti. During the scrimmage, Wallace completed 10 of 23 passes for 113 yards and three touchdowns, while Brunetti completed 12 of 17 passes for 119 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

"Brunetti threw for a few more yards, but I thought Wallace did a few more things to keep us on schedule," Freeze said. "It's not so much that you are getting huge gains but getting one yarders or an incompletion instead of a minus five. We just can't take a negative play in this offense and survive."

Freeze also commented on the improvements he's seen from the offensive line throughout spring practice,

particularly the first-team unit of junior left tackle Emmanuel McCray, sophomore left guard Aaron Morris, junior center Evan Swindall, senior right guard A.J. Hawkins and junior right tackle Pierce Burton.

"I really had very little preconceived notions because they lost Bradley Sowell and Bobby Massie and then the loss of (Matt) Hall this spring because of personal issues which hurt us a little bit. I think (Co-Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line coach) Matt Luke has done a wonderful job in preparing them."

"I think our first group right now has no doubt improved in the run game. We are still a long way away in pass protection, and we got to have some of that second team improve in the offseason. Paul (Jackson) has his work cut out for him to get them ready for his tempo stuff throughout offseason workouts."

On the injury front, senior safety Ivan Nicholas (bruised ribs) and sophomore wide receiver Collins Moore (strained hip and knee) missed Tuesday's practice, while junior safety Charles Sawyer was held out for much of the team drills, but is expected to play Saturday. Ole Miss practices for the last time this spring Thursday, but it will not be a full-pad practice.

The beginning of the strength and conditioning process under Jackson

Head strength and condi-

tioning coach Paul Jackson also praised the energy in Tuesday's practice.

"As far as the weight room, when I watch practice, I look for intensity and physicality, and today was the most physical and most intense, I think, we have practiced so far. So, I think they're starting to figure it out with the tempo that we want and being able to bring that intensity at that tempo. I think we're finally starting to get it. Today was very encouraging for me."

The biggest priority for Jackson when he arrived from Southern Miss in January was discipline and toughness, two things he said were lacking immediately. Although the beginning of a long process, he said the early results from the team have been encouraging.

"The guys are doing a good job. Everything is new to them, so they're trying to understand exactly what we're asking for. Every day the consistency of it. As far as physical stuff - everything - we got to get better in all areas. We got to get stronger, we got to get

more explosive, we got to get faster."

Jackson, who worked under and was mentored by strength and conditioning legend Tommy Moffitt while at LSU, said the main thing he and his staff are trying to do is to generate the most force in the least amount of time.

"It's not necessarily about who can squat the most, but it's who can move the fastest or move the weight the fastest. We got to be able to move to play this game. We got to be explosive. We're not going to be the biggest team on the field no matter what I do with the guys, so we've got to be the most aggressive. We got to be able to strike first. And that's everything we've doing in training - be fast and explosive."

Because his techniques are new, Jackson said the players' bodies will start to evolve pretty fast this first offseason, but expects to see the most gains in the weight room in the second offseason once the team knows what to expect and gone through his particular drills.

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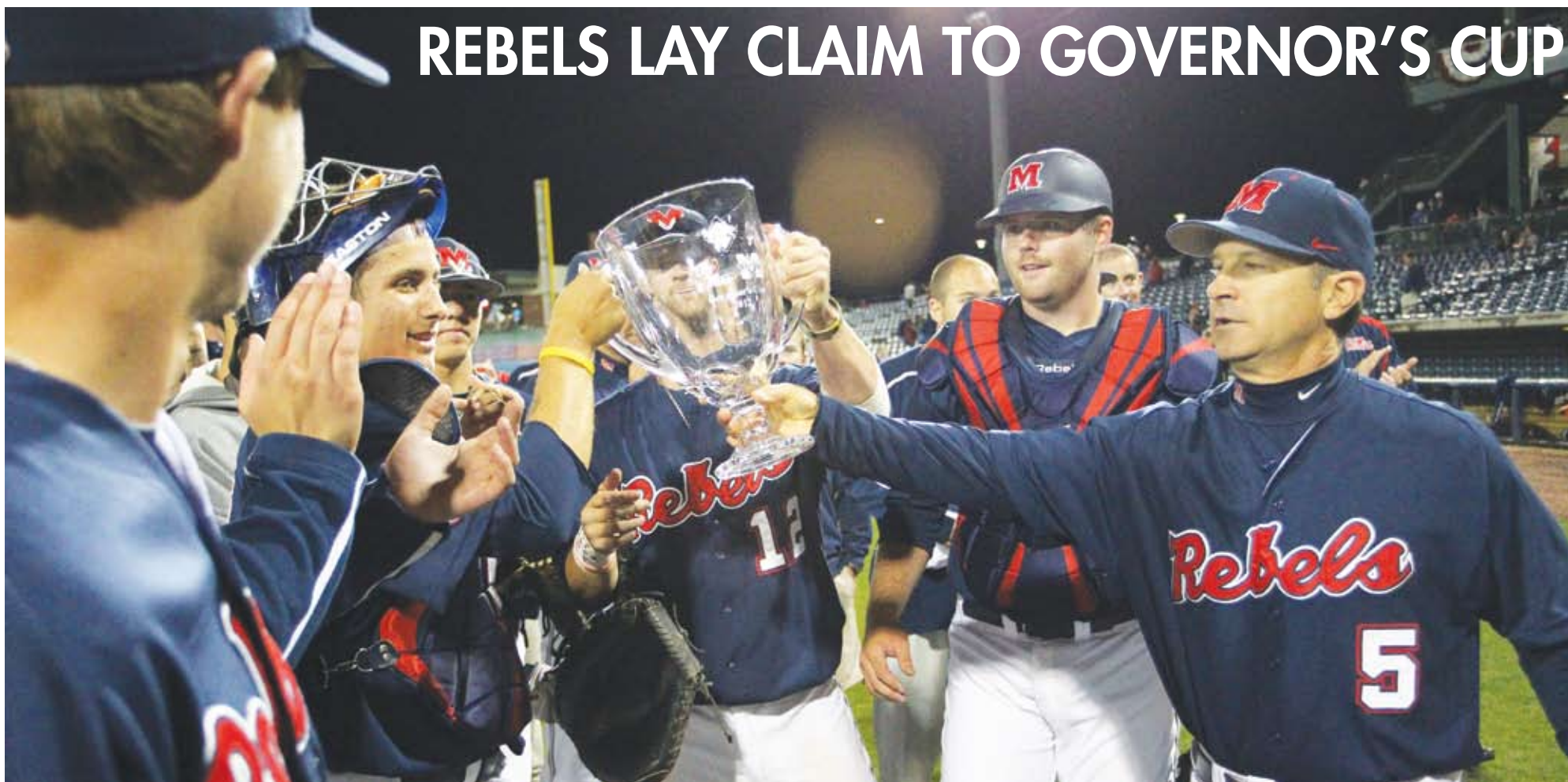
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Ole Miss coach Mike Bianco hands the Governor's Cup trophy to the Rebel players after Ole Miss defeated Mississippi State 6-3 in a college baseball game Tuesday, April 17, 2012, in Pearl.

BY DAVID COLLIER
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Despite an ad on the scoreboard that read "Hail Braves! This is our State," No. 22 Ole Miss took the Governor's Cup trophy home defeating rival Mississippi State 6-3 in front of an announced crowd of 5,533 at Trustmark Park in Pearl.

"We played well tonight," head coach Mike Bianco said. "Obviously, it was good to get off to a good start. I thought we pitched well. The young guys, all of the guys tonight, was there first time out there in this type

of game and environment. I thought they were terrific."

Not only did Ole Miss get a much-needed win, but they got production out of a bullpen that has had flaws as of late.

Freshman right-hander Austin Buchanan stole the show, coming in to relieve freshman right-hander Sam Smith, who lasted just 3.2 innings giving up three runs on four hits while walking two and striking out four.

"I just tried to go in there and do what Coach Bianco and Coach Lafferty always do and pound the strike zone," Buch-

anan said. "My fastball command was pretty good tonight. My breaking ball was better than it was in previous outings. I was able to control it and throw it for strikes when I need it to."

And he did just that. Buchanan was named the Governor's Cup Most Valuable Player after retiring all eight batters he faced. He pitched 2.2 perfect innings with five strikeouts. The Biloxi native now holds a 0.98 ERA with 18 strikeouts in 9.2 innings.

"He was just electric," Bianco said. "Great stuff. He threw some breaking ball tonight. Usually, he counts on that fastball a lot, which we did tonight, but he threw some breaking balls in there as well. It was his longest stint of the year.

"It's neat to watch a Mississippi kid run out and have his best game of the year in this game."

Ole Miss grabbed an early lead in the first inning when junior left fielder Tanner Mathis led off with a single and scored on an RBI single from senior first baseman Matt Snyder.

In the third, Smith worked himself into trouble, and Mississippi State tied the game on a wild pitch with the bases loaded.

The Rebels responded in the fourth with four two-out runs. Snyder and sophomore catcher Will Allen singled, and they advanced on a wild pitch before

freshman center fielder Austin Bousfield scored Snyder on an infield single. Senior designated hitter Zach Kirksey then delivered an RBI single to right field to score Allen. An error on the catcher scored Bousfield before junior third baseman Andrew Mistone drove in Kirksey to make it 5-1.

"We haven't done that in a while," Snyder said of getting two-out hits. "It's good to get that back in our game. We went through a good streak there where we did it every time. It's good to have that happen today and show we can still do that."

But the Bulldogs wouldn't go away, as they answered with two runs of their own in the bottom of the inning. After two Mississippi State batters reached on a walk and a single, respectively, and advanced into scoring position, right fielder Hunter Renfro brought in a run on a deep sacrifice fly to right field. The next batter, left fielder Tyler Fullerton, drove in another run on an infield single to cut the deficit to 5-3.

Alex Yarbrough led off the eighth with a double down the left-field line that extended his hitting streak to 16 games. Snyder stretched the lead to 6-3 with his second RBI of the game, but he was thrown out at second trying to advance on the throw home. Snyder finished the game

3-for-4 with two RBI.

Following Buchanan out of the bullpen was sophomore right-hander Aaron Greenwood, who went 1.0 inning giving up no runs on two hits to go along with three strikeouts. Greenwood was relieved by junior left-hander Dylan Chavez, who picked up his first save of the season. Chavez went 1.2 innings giving up no runs on no hits with one walk and four strikeouts. The Ole Miss pitching staff struck out 16 total Mississippi State hitters in the contest.

"It's super," Bianco said. "We didn't do a lot offensively. We kind of felt like what's happened to us several times this year where we don't extend the lead, and it's kind of up to the pitchers. And they really did. They threw the ball in the strike zone and made big pitches."

Now, the Rebels will turn their attention toward this weekend's big series at home against No. 15 Arkansas.

"We've played well two games in a row," Bianco said. "We've had some good and some bad this year. One of the things we're looking for is to have a handful of games to not necessarily have a win streak but to play well for two weeks, three weeks in a row. We haven't been able to do that, so hopefully, this is the start of something."

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