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'Students need to know our gun history'

This is part one in a two-part series on gun safety at the University of Mississippi and Oxford. Part two will appear in next week's DM.

Just how safe are we?

No. 1 safest - Cardinal Stritch University

Milwaukee
Enrollment: 6,276
Incidents over past three years:
Murders: 0
Negl. homicides: 0

Forcible rapes: 2
Robberies: 0
Aggr. assaults: 0
Burglaries: 0
Car thefts: 0
Arsons: 0

No. 29 safest - Ole Miss

Oxford
Enrollment: 15,932
Incidents over past three years:
Murders: 0
Negl. homicides: 0

Forcible rapes: 2
Robberies: 0
Aggr. assaults: 2
Burglaries: 40
Car thefts: 9
Arsons: 0

No. 1 most dangerous - Tufts University

Medford, Mass
Enrollment: 10,252
Incidents over past three years:
Murders: 1
Negl. homicides: 0

Forcible rapes: 36
Robberies: 100
Aggr. assaults: 119
Burglaries: 174
Car thefts: 49
Arsons: 1

Source: U.S. Dept. of Education and FBI in conjunction with the Clery Act.

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The University of Mississippi has long been considered one of the safest campuses in the country, but with recent shootings at in-state neighbors Mississippi State and Jackson State, some concern has spread across the campus regarding just how safe we are.

In 2010, the Daily Beast researched nine major criminal incidents and came up with the 50 Safest/Most Dangerous college campuses in the country. The statistics account for the previous three calendar years.

Ole Miss comes in at No. 29 on the Safest list with two forcible rapes, two aggravated assaults, 40 burglaries and nine car thefts. The university did not have any registered murders, negligent homicides, non-forcible rapes, robberies or arsons.

Bobby Black, an investigator with UPD, said there have been six recorded shootings on the campus over the last four decades with the earliest incident happening in 1971 and the most recent in 1995.

The incidents ranged from a police officer being shot in a fraternity house in 1975 to a parking officer being shot by her husband in the

middle of a nasty divorce in 1988 to a well-known athlete, Alundis Brice, being shot in 1995 trying to break up a fight in the Union. Black said older officers remember a student being killed, but a timeline has been hard to nail down and no records could be found.

Black said he believes campus safety is a concept that changes from day to day.

"We hope (the campus is safe), but tomorrow is never guaranteed," Black said.

University Police Department Chief Calvin Sellars said he believes students should be aware of their university's history with gun violence, even if it's not extensive.

"One of the most secure places you can be is on this campus," he said.

This past August, Mississippi passed into effect a law allowing residents of Mississippi to take a class that, if passed, would allow a person to carry a concealed weapon on campus.

According to the website of Students for Concealed Carry, a national, grassroots organization comprised of students and professors, the incident at Virginia Tech showed that a gunman can cause a lot of harm before campus police can arrive and that it is up to the potential victims to be prepared to

defend themselves.

Sellars said he disagrees with students having guns on campus. Though he said anyone who goes through the entire process to get a gun is probably not a real threat. He is scared of the idea of someone with the license trying to play hero in the case of a real emergency.

"We're going (to respond) to the sound of gunfire, and our goal is to eliminate that threat," Sellars said. "If we see a gun in your hand, we're not going to stop to ask any questions."

Thirty-four states do not allow guns on college campuses, while 11 others leave it up to the school to decide. Georgia, Arizona, Colorado, Texas and Mississippi recently passed legislation that allow students and faculty to legally carry a concealed weapon on campus, joining Utah. Several states are debating to amend their laws to allow guns on campuses.

Sellars said there has been an increased awareness for gun safety after several high-profile school shootings, including Virginia Tech in 2007 where a student killed five faculty members and 27 students before committing suicide, and the University of Texas where a

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Washington lobbyists and Ole Miss grads speak at Overby

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The Overby Center Southern Journalism and Politics welcomed back three Ole Miss graduates who are now lobbyists on Capitol Hill.

The guests included John Hall, the senior vice president of public relations for the American Bankers Association; Lee Sanders, the senior vice president for government relations and public affairs for the American Bakers Association; and Joel Wood, the senior vice president of governmental affairs for the Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers.

The panel discussed the difficulties in their profession and how lobbyists are scrutinized. They also gave advice to job-seekers and journalism students.

Wood said he understood that scrutiny comes from having a special interest in big public policy issues, and it can sometimes show lobbyists in a non-flattering light.

"We are professional suck-ups," Wood said jokingly. "We are a step up from schoolyard crack cocaine dealers."

Wood said he believes in the right to free and open dialogue, although, as a lobbyist, laws prohibit him from buying legislators breakfast, lunch or dinner. Events that are held on the behalf of lobbyists don't allow forks or chairs, but toothpicks can be used so as not to give the impression of a proper meal.

Sanders said she appreciates that there is no typical day in her profession. There is always something new.

Her biggest challenges have been building a team and managing people.

Hall recalls when consumer

groups showed up at a convention with the intent of having a showdown with what they thought were powerful banking institutions. In dealing with the protests, Hall was able to put together a plan of attack to respond to them.

The panel also discussed that sometimes PR firms must take a proactive approach to a possibly explosive situation.

When asked about the ethical implications of lobbyist activities, Wood said that one must be very careful. He pointed out that his organization is privately financed and that "the money should follow the votes; the votes should not follow the money."

But the system is still not perfect.

"There will never be a regime that will stop bad people from doing bad things," Woods said.

The panel members touched on the importance of writing and networking in whatever career



JON HAYWOOD | The Daily Mississippian

Joel Wood talks about being a lobbyist to a group of students at the Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics Thursday afternoon. Pictured left to right: Bill Rose, Joel Wood, Lee Sanders and John Hall.

path one chooses. Hall said he believes that developing relationships is critical, and he continues to use what he learned at Ole Miss.

"Writing is very important," Hall said. "It's extremely valuable. There will always be a market for good journalists."

Sanders said she thinks keeping an open mind is important when seeking employment, as long as it does not disagree with one's morals.

"Take any opportunity that comes before you," Sanders said. "Follow your passion."

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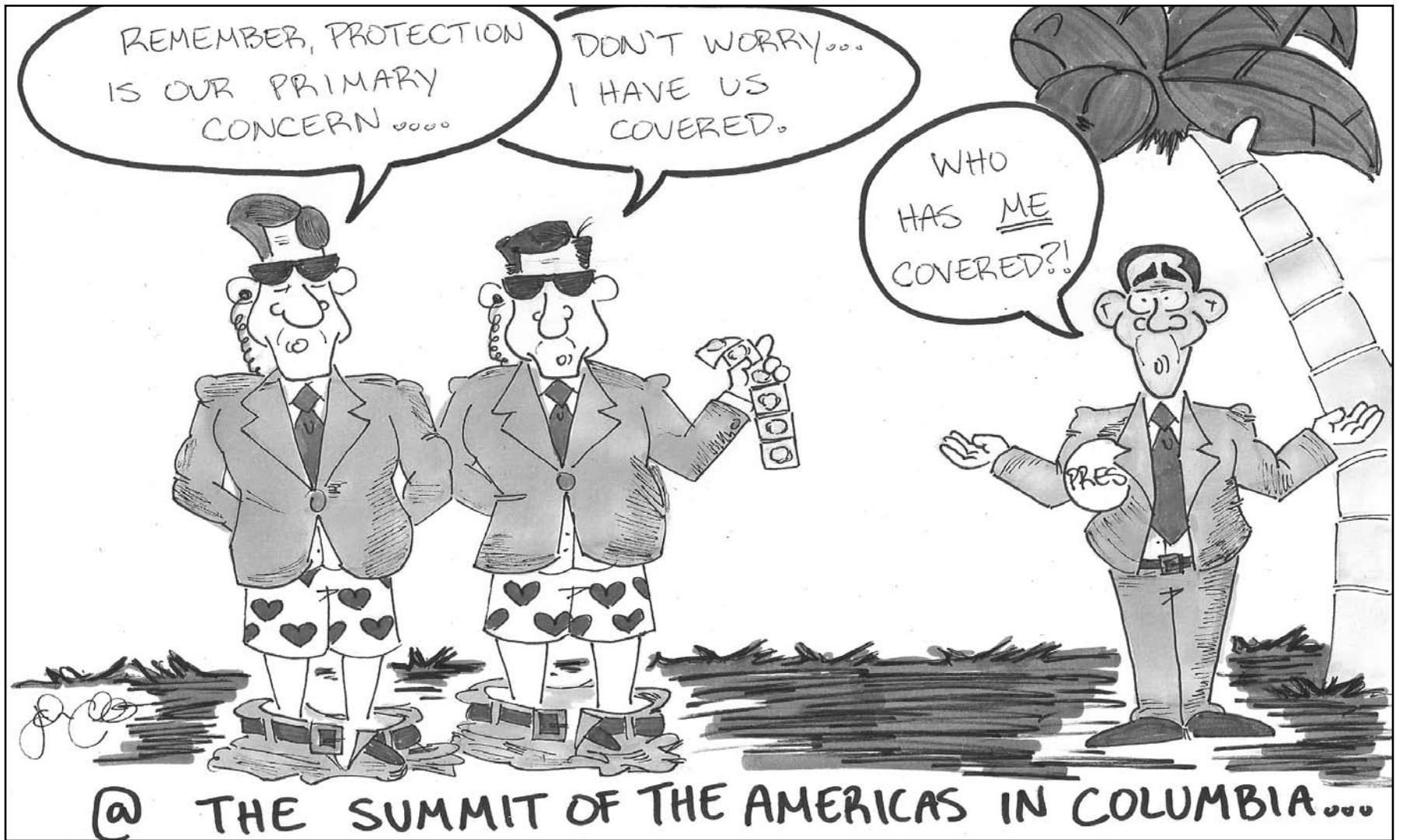
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Charter schools are not necessarily the answer

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Mississippi consistently ranks at the bottom of education lists and statistic reports. Are charter schools the answer? Not necessarily.

Charter schools take students out from under the state's eye. These "private-public" schools receive public funding but have flexibility in curriculum and hiring, and in some states they are free from standardized testing (which makes it difficult to determine the success of these ventures).

Providing an outlet for dissatisfied parents of all socioeconomic levels is desirable, but where does that leave students whose families choose to keep

them in public school or who are not accepted to these charter schools and fail to win the "charter school lottery" in order to get off the waiting list?

Arizona, where I taught 5th grade for two years as a corps member with Teach For America, boasts some 600-plus charter schools, and yet it maintains a spot right alongside Mississippi on the bottom of education lists every year. In the suburb where I taught, a charter school opened up, and some of my best and brightest students fled the public school for a brand-new facility that advertised a flexible and state-of-the-art curriculum.

What message does this send to the public school district where this charter school is situated? It says, "You're not good enough, and we no longer sup-

port you." Yet, if the families remain residents of the district, their tax dollars still go to those unsatisfactory schools, and such community hostility often leaves teachers feeling disheartened and frustrated.

From personal experience, this does not always have the desired outcome of motivating the public school districts to improve. The desire may be there, but where are the resources? Opening up charter schools does not magically increase the training for and ability of existing educators, nor does it fix dilapidated school facilities or update textbooks and classroom technology.

Charter schools often entice public schools' best teachers and administrators to come work for them, hindering a public

system's ability to improve even further.

And, even as the economy shows signs of improvement, charter schools often lose their funding and have trouble obtaining private donors. When these schools close and students are sent back to the public schools they once fled, there is no guarantee that they will be at grade level — they may be above or below — and public school teachers are then left to catch them up or re-familiarize the students with the more traditional environment.

The Mississippi Legislature is grasping at straws. The legislators have recognized a dire situation and are struggling to determine how this educational fad may or may not help and apply to our state. High-per-

forming districts have pooled their resources to squash the Mississippi Charter School bill once, but it is now up for reconsideration. Yet again, it appears that the politicians of Mississippi have placed their attention on misguided efforts.

The answer is not opening up more schools with an equal opportunity for failure or success depending on where they are located and the teachers they are able to hire. The answer is creating resources and training for current schools and educators, which will foster an environment that will make a solid education accessible and important to all children and their families.

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There is no excuse for drug abuse



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Some readers knew what would fill this space before I began writing this week.

They knew — but how? Perhaps they possess clairvoyance; maybe they have been remotely viewing my writing process this week; or, and what is most likely, they were familiar enough with their surroundings to predict what a person like me living in a town like Oxford would say on a day like today.

To confirm your suspicions, what follows is indeed a college student with lengthy hair making a case for legalization in a college newspaper on 4/20, helping cap off “Green Week” here at Ole Miss.

It is what you think it is.

Now let’s begin.

The regulation and perception of the cannabis plant in American culture have been sticky issues for more than a century, but what is cannabis and what can it do for us?

The plant itself can be used for a variety of industrial applications, while a chemical called Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), found in the buds and on the leaves of the plant, produces physical and psychoactive effects. Proponents of cannabis argue that THC has medicinal and recreational value.

But first let us examine the industrial consequences of the cannabis plant. Cannabis used for industrial purposes is known as “hemp,” and its con-

centration of THC is so minimal (less than one percent) that rolling and smoking an entire field of it will not produce psychoactive effects.

Though hemp cannot produce the physical and psychoactive effects made possible by strains of the cannabis plant with stronger concentrations of THC, it has served us in other ways for millennia.

Almost all of the hemp plant can be used to our advantage: The seeds are high in nutritional value and can be turned into oils that are used in shampoo, soap, paint, cosmetics and more; the durable fiber taken from the stalks can be used for clothing, building materials, rope and paper; and the biodiesel fuel that can be made from the plant also makes hemp an alternative energy candidate.

Here is where things get interesting: It is true that hemp has been used for thousands of industrial purposes throughout the course of human history. It is true that it is physically impossible to experience any intoxicating effects from hemp. Unfortunately, it is also true that hemp is illegal to grow in the United States due to its association with marijuana; and, believe it or not, it is also true that a U.S. citizen can legally import hemp products, meaning farmers can legally pay taxes to other countries to import their hemp products while not being allowed to farm the same cash-crop on their own land.

But I know what you’re thinking: It is 4/20 outside and you want to hear more about the psychoactive properties of cannabis — that’s fine. While use of hemp for industrial purposes dates back 10,000 years, we’ve only been using strains

of the cannabis plant containing high THC concentrations medicinally for 4,500 years or so. Cannabis used in this context is called “medicinal marijuana.”

The medical uses for cannabis are also plentiful. Cancer patients dealing with chemotherapy are prescribed medicinal marijuana to help ease the pains of treatment and increase their appetite. Persons suffering from sleeping disorders may use a “heavier” strain to fall asleep.

The beauty of medicinal marijuana is its versatility — different strains can be used to treat different ailments. What’s more, THC can be absorbed via edibles, patches, vapor and the traditional method of smoking. While the method of consumption should be considered on a patient-by-patient basis, smoking it allows some flexibility.

I say this because we have already taken a legal, synthetic form of THC and marketed it on the prescription drug scene in pill form as “Marinol.” However, when taken as a pill, it is harder to control the amount of THC one is receiving, and a prescription can cost up to \$1,000 monthly.

Whether smoked, ingested or administered in another way, evidence shows that marijuana has medicinal uses. However, its status as a Schedule I Drug makes the drug illegal on a federal level, even in the dozen-plus states where medicinal marijuana has been made legal via democratic efforts.

Lastly, I would like to examine recreational use of cannabis. Let’s not kid ourselves — we enjoy altering our consciousnesses and will continue to do so regardless of regula-

tions. I back this statement up with the observation that marijuana use went up during the days of Prohibition, which suggests that people are going to find a way to alter consciousness. People found other ways to drink then, too.

Don’t misinterpret what I’m saying: Marijuana is a drug, and it has the potential to be abused. But here are the facts: Hundreds of millions of people have tried cannabis. Only a small fraction develops problems with other drugs. Less than 10 percent of those who try marijuana become regular users. Even fewer develop dependency problems — and treatments are promising, though not perfect.

But what exactly is drug abuse? It’s a broad term — let me tell you what it means to me.

Drug abuse is more than not being able to find happiness without drugs. Drug abuse is also making money off pills when science has shown us a safer, perhaps more effective alternative. But most importantly, drug abuse is a culture ignorantly rendering a sacred gift as “harmful” because they refuse to take responsibility and discover its true potential. There is no excuse — I am a drug abuser, and so are you.

Happy Holidays.

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New managers take on student media

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In August 2012, journalism senior Elizabeth Beaver will start her job as editor-in-chief of The Ole Miss 2013. She finished the 2011-12 yearbook as design editor and was a photographer for The Ole Miss 2011.

Every year, the yearbook staff develops The Ole Miss over a span of eight months. The fall semester is spent developing story ideas and figuring out what activities need to be covered and what is urgent.

The spring semester is all about double-checking and making sure all deadlines are met by March.

One of Beaver’s big goals is to market the yearbook to the student body and bring out a personal perspective of the students.

“It’s not just about being proud of Ole Miss itself but being proud of the students who are a part of Ole Miss,” Beaver said.

Many students are unaware that there is a yearbook available to them for free at the end of April. Beaver hopes to combat this by trying to include as many students and students’ accomplishments as possible next year.

“I want to create a product that is visually appealing to people so that they want to come to the content,” she said.

“I know we will have great content. We always have great content. I just want to create a book that when people see it, they want to have it.”

Beaver said she is excited to get started.

“I really want to create another award-winning book like Alex McDaniel did with The Ole Miss 2011,” Beaver said.

Applications are still available to be part of the yearbook staff for the 2012-13 school year in the Student Media Center in Bishop 201.

Lindsey Malley,
Rebel Radio
Station Manager



Pre-pharmacy junior Lindsey Malley will be the new Rebel Radio Manager for the 2012-13 year. She considers the radio her break from schoolwork. She loves her Top 40 hits, as well as Eddie Vedder, John Mayer and Jack Johnson.

Malley was hired as a DJ her sophomore year and said she immediately fell in love with radio.

“(I) worked my way up to assistant music director this past semester and kind of added music to the station, researching and helping out as needed with the staff and then (I) auditioned to be the station manager for next year,” Malley said. “And I got it, and I’m really excited.”

Malley said as far as she knows, Rebel Radio is the only FCC commercially-licensed station that is run completely by students.

“(That) makes us unique,” Malley said. “There are a lot of commercially-run college stations, but they are run by older people like staff, professors or whoever. We put a lot of hard work into it.”

“We like to be really involved in the campus and in the community, and I think that sets us apart and that makes us a really unique radio station.”

Malley said she plans to change things up as station manager.

“I’m going to have a news director who’s going to be in charge of a news talk show and news going on at the top of every hour like we’ve been doing this year,” Malley said. “But we are also going to be doing updates from the DJs about campus news and community news randomly throughout the day.”

Malley said she is most looking forward to promoting the radio station.

“We are coming up with T-shirts and giveaway items, and we really want to get the students involved,” Malley said. “I’m also really excited to see who comes out for DJ tryouts in August, you know, just hiring new people and revamping the station and making it my own.”

Stewart Pirani,
NewsWatch
Station Manager



If you were to look at a group of average students, you probably couldn’t pick Stewart Pirani out of the crowd. His average height, baby-face and black bowl cut are not uncommon traits among students. But his hard work and infectious personality have led him to be named next year’s station manager of NewsWatch.

“Despite his talent, he is really very humble and makes a great teammate,” Maggie Day, former NewsWatch station manager, said. “He won’t step on toes, but he definitely holds the team to a higher standard.”

After spending his first semester at the university attempting to work at the Student Media Center, Pirani found himself still without a job. Pirani said he had been talking to NewsWatch faculty advisor Stephen Goforth, who told him that the only way to get noticed was to apply for station manager. So the then 18-year old freshman did.

“I can sum up Stewart in one word: Quirky,” Goforth said.

After it was announced that his opponent, Day, would be the new station manager, Pirani approached her to ask about a potential job. He was eventually hired as the technical producer for NewsWatch.

“When he first arrived at the Student Media Center, Stewart wanted to make changes and throw himself into the situation,” Goforth said.

Goforth said some students come through the media center who spend a lot of time talking about what they are going to do but never actually get it done.

“At first, I was skeptical about Stewart,” Goforth said. “It didn’t take long to discover he wasn’t afraid of hard work and was smart enough to come up with ideas that really would make a difference. And those were ideas not just about TV and radio, but online as well.”

Emily Roland,
The Daily Mississippian
Editor-In-Chief



Journalism junior Emily Roland started off this week a little differently than normal as she took over as The Daily Mississippian’s editor-in-chief. It’s not her first time experiencing the editing side of The Daily Mississippian. She has held the managing, copy chief, campus news and lifestyles editor positions since her sophomore year.

“This week has been eventful to say the least,” Roland said. “I always had a fallback person, so being the fallback person is not necessarily stressful, but you realize how much more responsibility you have when you are it.”

For the next year, her morning routine consists of checking her phone and computer and answering texts and emails about the paper. Her afternoons will consist of searching for news stories that could be included in the paper. Roland makes herself available to anyone who needs her in the Student Media Center at around 3p.m. And at about 5 p.m. content starts going up on the server, and things start getting laid out on the pages. Then, Roland’s real work begins as she edits page by page with a pen and marks up everything from content and display test, to photos and design. She goes through this process multiple times before The Daily Mississippian is exported and sent to the press.

“On a good night, I’ll be uploading the paper around 11 p.m. or 11:30 p.m. – and that is on a good day when we don’t have breaking news or a late story. There have been nights where I have been (at the media center) until 1 a.m. with an 8 a.m. class the next morning.”

Despite the hard work, Roland is excited for things to come.

“I’m that crazy person who came and never left,” she said. “As frustrating as it is working here sometimes, I love it. I can’t imagine not working here. I believe in this newspaper, and I believe in the impact that it has the potential to make on this campus and in this community. I just want to be part of that.”

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QUENTIN WINSTINE | The Daily Mississippian

Sociology graduate student Zachary Jarjoura explains to students several ways to cut down on waste Thursday afternoon.

BY STEVEN WILD
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The university Office of Sustainability hosted its fourth annual Sustainability Fair in the Student Union plaza Thursday afternoon as part of Oxford's Green Week celebration.

Dubbed an "eco-extravaganza," the fair was an informative, interactive display of ways students can make sustainable lifestyle choices and get involved in the fight for environmental protection.

There were informative activities ranging from music and student art displays to an engineering project showcase. Hands-on informational booth sessions, games and competitions promoted environmentally-conscious living.

"My favorite thing about the Sustainability Fair had to be the Campus for Clean Energy table where you could actually sign a banner to be sent to the Gulf Coast to commemorate

formed about contemporary environmental issues.

"The Sustainability Fair is one of the university's most informative environmental projects," Bedwell said. "I believe that the students who attended the fair were able to learn a substantial amount about how we can interact with our environment in better, more sustainable ways."

Each of the 21 fair stations was based on educating attendees about a particular environmental theme or issue. At one booth, for example, one could learn how to make lifestyle changes to reduce water consumption. At another, trash disposal, recycling and composting were discussed. Other stalls promoted sustainable living habits in food and gardening and transportation and energy use.

Anne McCauley, project coordinator for the Office of Sustainability and one of the leading organizers of the fair, said the event helped to share the message of environmental responsibility that is at the very core of Ole Miss Green Week's ideals.

"The goal of Green Week is to focus on sustainability issues for one week out of the year, and this fair is the perfect representation of meeting that goal," McCauley said. "One thing that we aim to do is to bring to light the tangible changes students can make here. We hope that students left the Sustainability Fair having made a connection with something that students are already involved with."

McCauley said the event was a success.

"This is our fourth Sustainability Fair," he said. "I think each year it gets better, and we've had more student involvement in developing displays and interactive games this year than ever before. I couldn't be happier with how this year's event turned out."

the oil spill," classics and linguistics freshman Sierra Manie said. "It's still not clean out there, so it's obvious that we still have a lot of work to do for our environment."

Although the fair's scene was fun and easy-going, campus organizers and volunteers made it clear that there were important lessons to be learned amid the afternoon revelry.

"I think the fun and games activities that we had to give the fair a festive atmosphere were a real success at getting students engaged and encouraging them to go to each of the stations," Campus for Clean Energy representative Zachary Jarjoura said. "That being said, I think that, most importantly, the students really benefited a lot from the information provided at the different stands."

Incoming ASB Director of Sustainability Will Bedwell agreed that the Sustainability Fair was an excellent opportunity for students to get in-

student opened fire in the school library before also committing suicide.

"When I first started back in '84, (I) never received any training on what to do in a school shooting," Sellars said.

The number of gun-related incidents on college campuses continues to rise, according to Security-Magazine.com. Since 2007, there have been 27 major incidents involving guns on college campuses in which someone was either seriously injured or killed. Those 28 incidents, which include the shootings at Mississippi State and Jackson State, have resulted in 67 deaths and 52 injuries. UPD holds an active shooter defense class on campus every so often to inform students and faculty what to do in an emergency situation.

"We've spoken at classes, but we really don't get many students to participate in it," Sellars said. "I encourage students to read the emergency information on the website."

Alfio Zorbino, computer science junior, said he feels safe on campus.

"It's shocking what happened at JSU and MSU, but in reality those two incidences were situations that had pre-existing issues," Zorbino said. "They weren't just random shootings."

English senior Tim Summers said he feels safe not just on campus, but in Oxford as well.

"Yes, I feel safe," he said. "I lock my doors; I lock my car; I don't get belligerent. The most common crimes in this town are caused by ourselves."

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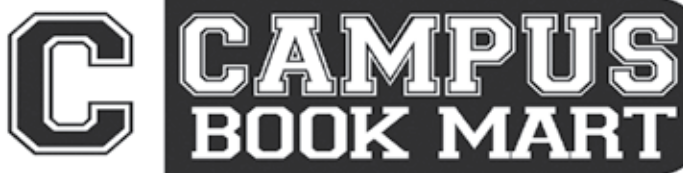
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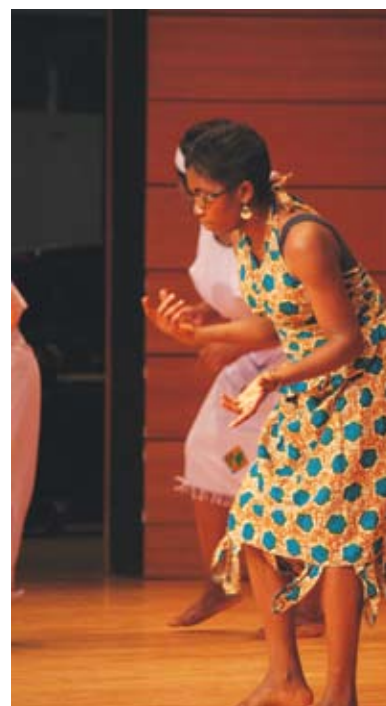
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TOP LEFT: Carline Waugh and Charles Moore; TOP CENTER ABOVE: Samantha Rodgers and Justin Wadkins; TOP RIGHT: Samantha Rodgers and Kevin Gwinn; RIGHT MIDDLE: Cody Roberts; CENTER MIDDLE, CENTER BELOW, CENTER BOTTOM, RIGHT BOTTOM: Pictures from the department of music's African Drum and Dance Ensemble, which took place Wednesday night.

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Practice Report: Final preparations for Grove Bowl Saturday



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Quarterbacks Bo Wallace (left) and Barry Brunetti (right) have one more chance to impress this spring in Saturday's Grove Bowl.

BY BENNETT HIPPI
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Ole Miss practiced in shorts and helmets Thursday afternoon in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in their final practice before Saturday's Grove Bowl.

After practice, head coach Hugh Freeze talked about how the teams would be divided for spring game and the format of Saturday's

Grove Bowl.

"We did a little draft with our coaching staff and tried to make it as even as possible," Freeze said. "We went position by position, and I think it's about as even as you can get it. I debated on the different scenarios of what to do, and I just think the kids will enjoy it more. I think the fans will, too."

Freeze said the format of the game will be four 15-minute quar-

ters with a running clock. He also said the Rebels would do the kicking game, but not live.

With the mixing of players and different groupings from what they are used to, Freeze cautioned that there could be some issues.

"There will be probably some offensive inconsistencies because of the mixing and matching, but we'd have that problem if we did ones and two," Freeze said. "So,

we might as well divide it up and try to make it entertaining and at least competitive hopefully."

In terms of expectations, Freeze knows that execution won't be perfect, but he wants to see effort and enthusiasm from his team.

"I want to see our kids have a lot of fun," Freeze said. "I don't expect perfect execution because we're still not there in a normal practice, so I want my expectations to match what reality can bring. I do expect them to have fun and compete very passionately."

Because the Rebels will be playing everyone on the roster who is available, including players who haven't seen much time this spring in terms of reps, the play-calling will be slightly watered down.

"We're going to play everybody, and some people have gotten very

few reps with some of the stuff we're doing," Freeze said. "You just want to be careful to make sure we're hopefully calling things that they have some recollection of and that they've actually practiced."

With spring practice coming to an end Saturday, Freeze was asked for his thoughts about how much progress the team made in getting ready for the fall.

"Defensively, I'd say a good bit. Offensively, I still think we've got a ways to go, but there was progress made," he said. "I think the real question offensively is, 'Did we get the most out of the days we had?' I think we're pretty close to that, but we're still a long way away from being where we need to be when we tee it up on that first Saturday in September."

Hipp's Tips: Grove Bowl edition

Ole Miss caps off its spring practice period with the Grove Bowl Saturday in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium at 1 p.m. Here are some things to look for in the spring finale:

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Offense staying on schedule

Throughout spring, head coach Hugh Freeze has stressed the importance of his offense staying on schedule. What that means is to avoid negative plays, penalties, etc. At times this spring, the Rebels have had trouble making the appropriate play at the corresponding down and distance. When that happens, it pushes Ole Miss into third-and-long plays, something Freeze wants to avoid. It will be interesting to see how Ole Miss

does Saturday in terms of limiting those negative plays and turnovers. If the offense is able to stay on schedule, it will allow the Rebels to use their high-tempo offense to its full extent. So far, doing that consistently has been an issue.

Stepping up at safety

Charles Sawyer has one starting safety locked up. That much is known. At the other spot, sophomore Chief Brown has been running with the ones but has battled some consistency issues. Brown is one of the more athletic players on the defense, but because of his relative inexperience, he is prone to making mistakes in coverage

and overrunning in pursuit. Saturday's Grove Bowl gives Brown another opportunity to lay claim to that safety spot, while also giving

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Sophomore linebacker Ralph Williams goes one-on-one with senior tight end Ferbia Allen during spring practice.

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ing Frank Crawford and Tanner Burns chances to impress, as well.

Quarterback battle

We'd be remiss not to mention the quarterback battle between Barry Brunetti and Bo Wallace as a major storyline. Early on in the spring, it seemed like Brunetti was surging ahead in the race to be the next Ole Miss starting quarterback, but Wallace has had a really good last week and a half of practice. The race is neck and neck, and while a starter won't be named until most likely the summer, this is the final chance for each quarterback to impress. Freeze has stressed consistency and avoiding turnovers as keys for the quarterbacks. Both have had success running and throw-

ing the ball this spring, so avoiding negative plays will play a big part in which one is successful Saturday.

Who will emerge on the defensive front seven?

Ole Miss has mixed and matched linebackers all spring, trying to find the best combination in the Rebels new 4-2-5 defense. Mike Marry has battled a groin injury all spring but has been the one consistent at linebacker. Saturday gives another shot for one or more of Serderius Bryant, Aaron Garbutt, Ralph Williams, Denzel Nkemdiche, Joel Kight and others to perform well and take a step forward. At defensive end, C.J. Johnson has consistently been the best at the position during the spring. Cameron Whigham has been working with the ones at the other end as of late, but Jason Jones, Carlos Thompson and others could also make a statement Saturday.

Jones wins Mullins Courage Award



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Senior defensive end Jason Jones gives his acceptance speech after receiving the Chucky Mullins Courage Award.

BY DAVID COLLIER
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Last night, senior defensive end Jason Jones was named the 23rd recipient of the Chucky Mullins Courage Award at the Indoor Practice Facility.

Following the tragic ending of Chucky Mullins' football career, the award was established in the spring of 1980 by the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity at Ole Miss to honor the legacy of Mullins.

Mullins was paralyzed during the 1989 Homecoming football game against Vanderbilt after making a tackle. He died on May 6, 1991.

Since the award's beginning, an upperclassman defensive player who shows the courage, heart and integrity that Mullins did has received that

honor.

"First and foremost, I just want to give thanks to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for giving me the opportunity to represent Chucky Mullins as this is a very prestigious reward," Jones said immediately after receiving the award. "I just thank the guys before me that have paved the way to this night."

Jones, who has been injured throughout his football career dating back to high school, took the saying "Never Quit!" from the Mullins' bust that sits at the Rebels' entrance into Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

In fact, Jones said last year's winner junior linebacker D.T. Shackelford walked to class with him everyday through the football field, and each day, Jones would walk up to the "Never Quit!" sign and touch it three times and point to the sky. He said that motivated him every day.

"To accomplish a goal in life and to achieve it, it's just a blessing," Jones said. And sometimes, it's overwhelming because you forget that every day you're working towards one goal. To receive it is like, "Wow, I accomplished one of my goals in life."

Jones said he had actually been striving for the goal ever since he visited Ole Miss back in high school.

"On my visit, I came and didn't know anything about Ole Miss," Jones said. "I didn't even know it was in Mississippi. Then when I came on the visit, it was like tradition: Chucky Mullins, No. 38. I said

to myself, 'If I come here, I'm going to wear that,'"

And he will. Actually, he'll be the first player to play in games wearing the number for a while. Up until 2006, the winner of the award received the honor of wearing Mullins' No. 38 the following season, but in 2006, it was retired. That is until last season.

Shackelford was supposed to be the one to bring the No. 38 back the playing field, but he was sidelined for the season with an ACL injury that he received the week of the award presentation.

But now, Jones will bring No. 38 back.

"Everything was done in good faith in trying to give Chucky Mullins and his legacy its just," assistant athletics director for internal operations Jamil Northcutt, who won the award in 2003 said of retiring the number for a few years. "But as it was retired, conversation had died down about its legacy. We valued what Chucky did; we value the players that have worn the uniform."

"That is something we felt we need to put back out there to bring the recognition and notoriety back to the legacy."

Jones will now get the opportunity to leave his mark on Ole Miss football.

"I'm going to do the best I can to represent Chucky Mullins," Jones said. "Each and every day - whether it's at practice, in the weight room, on the field, in the film room, whatever it may be. Thank you, and God bless."

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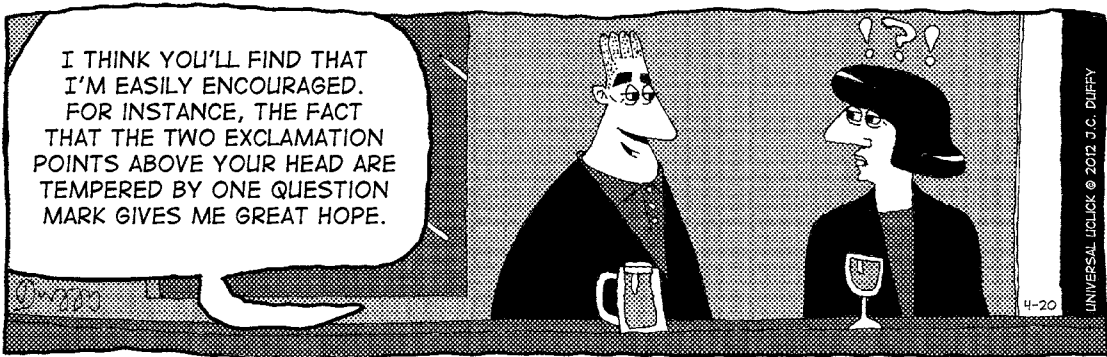
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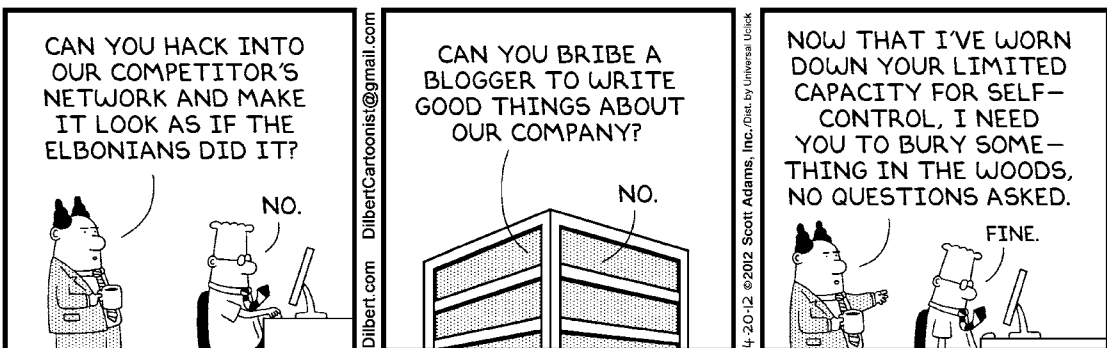
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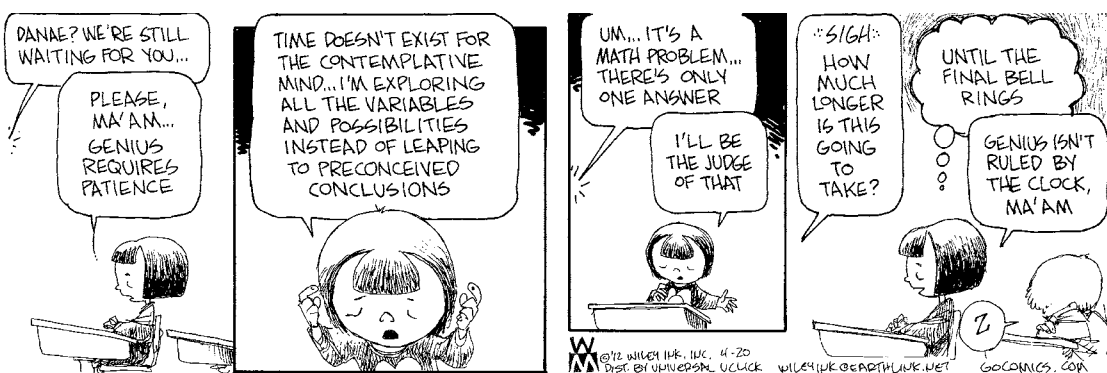
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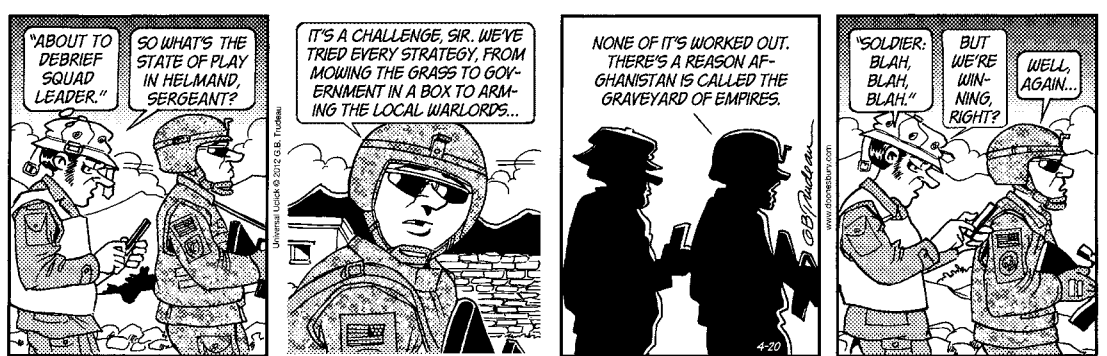
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FRIDAY, 6:30 P.M.



Ole Miss
#19 Bobby Wahl
Sophomore, RHP

5-0 56 SO
50.2 IP 20 BB
2.13 ERA .209 B/AVG.



Arkansas
#30 Brandon Moore
Sophomore, RHP

3-0 18 SO
38.0 IP 1 BB
0.95 ERA .190 B/AVG.

SATURDAY, 4:00 P.M.



Ole Miss
#28 Mike Mayers
Sophomore, RHP

3-2 35 SO
52.0 IP 15 BB
4.15 ERA .236 B/AVG.



Arkansas
#55 Ryne Stanek
Sophomore, RHP

6-1 55 SO
52.1 IP 18 BB
2.41 ERA .238 B/AVG.

SUNDAY, 1:30 p.m. (Cox Sports)



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Arkansas
#24 D.J. Baxendale
Junior, RHP

6-2 41 SO
48.2 IP 12 BB
3.88 ERA .268 B/AVG.

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innings pitched.

Arkansas will throw junior right-hander D.J. Baxendale on Sunday. Baxendale is 6-2 with a 3.88 earned run average in 48.2 innings pitched. Last season, Baxendale held Ole Miss to just two runs on six hits in 8.1 innings pitched in the first game of the series.

It is obvious that Arkansas has a deep pitching staff, and they have certainly drawn Bianco's attention.

"Outstanding," Bianco said of the Arkansas pitching staff. "Probably the best pitching staff that we've faced all year. We talked a lot about Florida's arms, and I think these guys are similar. But I think they're better 'in the front line' guys. When you talk about their starters and their closer, they're as good as anybody in the country."

At the plate, Ole Miss holds the advantage with a .315 team average that pushes across 6.5 runs per game. Junior second baseman Alex Yarbrough leads the Rebels with a .417 average to go along with three home runs and 34 RBI. Yarbrough knows this is a big series, especially looking back at the past few seasons. After dropping the first game last season, Arkansas swept a two-game double-header against Ole Miss and kept the Rebels out of the

SEC Tournament and likely the NCAA Tournament.

"It's been some crucial series, and it's always fun to play them," Yarbrough said. "We try to take every SEC game the same way. We know they have a great team, and we're going to have to come out and play our best baseball to come out with a win."

For the Razorbacks, sophomore first baseman Dominic Ficociello leads an offense that is hitting .280 on the year and averaging 5.9 runs per game. Ficociello is hitting .343 with four home runs and 25 RBI. Senior shortstop Tim Carver is second on the team with a .336 batting average to go along with 19 RBI.

Saturday's contest is set for a 4 p.m. start time with Sunday's at 1:30 p.m.

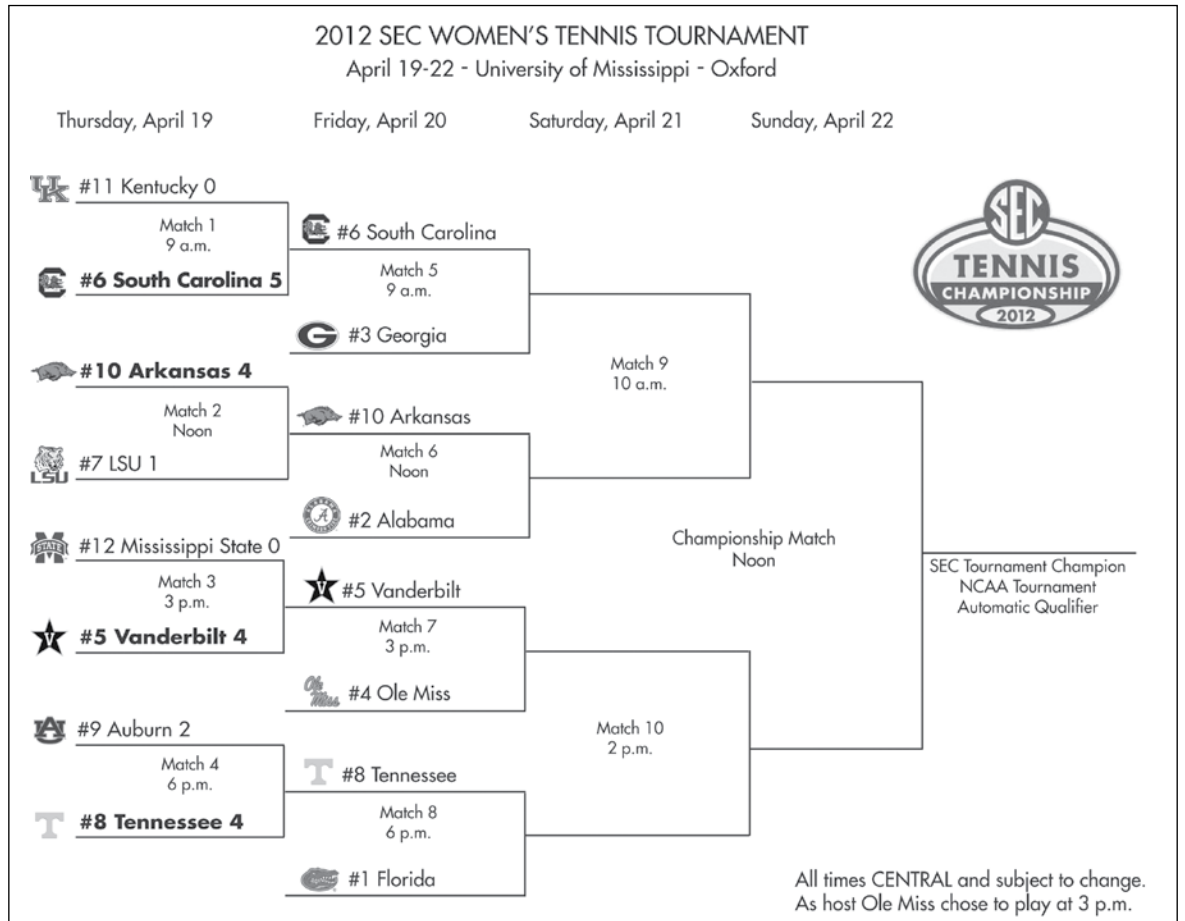
Huber named to midseason closer of the year watch list

Ole Miss junior right-hander Brett Huber has been named to the 2012 Stopper of the Year midseason watch list for the nation's top closer by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA), the organization announced on Thursday.

Huber is one of 45 players named to the list at the halfway point of the season and one of eight pitchers from the vaunted Southeastern Conference. The SEC leads the way with more players named to the watch list than any other conference.

Ole Miss Sports Information contributed to this report.

Women's tennis to face No. 5 seed Vanderbilt in SEC Tournament quarterfinals



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BY MATT SIGLER
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The No. 16 Ole Miss women's tennis team plays host to the SEC Tournament this weekend at the Palmer/Salloum Tennis Center/Galtney Court. The Rebels (16-7, 8-3 SEC) earned a first-round bye as the No. 4 seed and will begin play today against No. 5 seed Vanderbilt.

The Rebels enter the tournament on a five-match win streak. The Commodores (16-8, 8-4 SEC), ranked No. 23 in the nation, defeating Mississippi State 4-0 in first-round action Thursday.

"I think we've got a good team and a chance to do well," head coach Mark Beyers said. "With this facility just being finished, I think it is a great time to showcase this facility. The combination of those two things, plus the fact that our kids can sleep in their own beds — when you put those all together, I think it's a great time for us to host."

"We are playing well. I'm excited, and I think the girls are excited about having the opportunity to play in front of their home crowd."

The Rebels will be led by senior Kristi Boxx this weekend. Boxx finished the regular season with a 15-5 record at No. 1 singles, including a 9-1 record in league play. She also teamed with fellow senior Abby Guthrie for a 19-2 record at No. 1 doubles, including a 10-1 record in league play. Boxx is currently ranked No. 9 in the nation in singles, and the Boxx-Guthrie doubles combination is currently ranked No. 4 in the nation.

"I am very excited," Boxx said. "We're a lot more comfortable playing at home, and I think everyone plays better here, and with the fan support, it will hopefully be a big advantage for us."

Boxx will be accompanied by two freshmen who have seen their roles increase and respective games improve as the season progressed. Erin Stephens, who was named SEC Freshman of the Week twice this season, finished up league play with a 6-5 record in league play. All her matches came in the top half of the lineup. Another freshman, Julia Jones, posted an 8-3 league record from her usual spot at No. 4 singles.

"Erin Stephens and Julia Jones, playing three and four their freshman year early on, they took some losses," Beyers said. "But their tennis has gotten better as the season has gone along, and it shows in their results."

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No. 22 Diamond Rebels host No. 15 Arkansas to open second half of SEC play

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No. 22 Ole Miss (25-12, 7-8 SEC) will host the No. 15 Arkansas Razorbacks (27-10, 8-7 SEC) this weekend in a huge series to begin the second half of the Southeastern Conference schedule at Oxford-University Stadium/Swayze Field. First pitch tonight is set for 6:30 p.m.

The Rebels are looking to keep momentum going after defeating Mississippi State 6-3 in the Governor's Cup Tuesday night in Pearl. Arkansas swept a doubleheader against Stephen F. Austin

Tuesday. This past weekend, Arkansas dropped two of three at home to Kentucky.

This weekend's pitching rotation is different from usual. Senior right-hander R.J. Hively is not set to start any games this weekend. However, Sunday's pitcher has not been named, and he could start then.

"We're going to put R.J. in the bullpen the first two days," head coach Mike Bianco said. "If we need him, he'll be available. If not, he'll start on Sunday."

Bianco said he is unsure who will start on Sunday if not Hively.

But what is sure is who will start tonight and Saturday for the Rebels. Sophomore right-hander Bobby Wahl will get the nod tonight against sophomore right-hander Brandon Moore. Wahl is 5-0 on the year with a 2.13 earned run average and 56 strikeouts in 50.2 innings pitched.

"I'm feeling good now," Wahl said of his recent arm soreness. "I'm doing some extra work with our trainer Tony (Barnett). I'm working hard to get my arm in shape for the second half of the year. I'm feeling great right now."

Moore is 3-0 with an SEC-leading 0.95 earned run average in 38.0 innings pitched this season.

Saturday's matchup will also see two right-handed sophomores, with Mike Mayers for Ole Miss and Ryne Stanek for

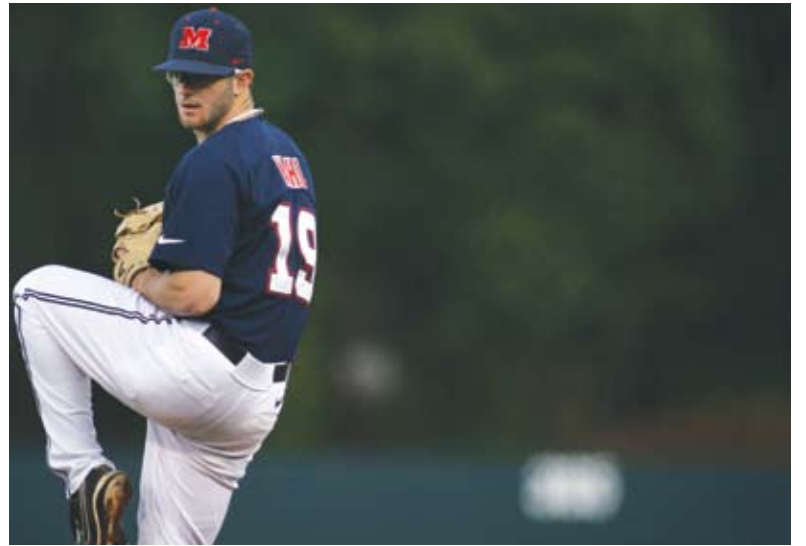


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Sophomore right-hander Bobby Wahl looks to get back on track this weekend against Arkansas after not claiming a win in each of the past two weeks.

Arkansas. Mayers is 3-2 on the year with a 4.15 earned run average in 52.0 innings pitched, while Stanek, the Razorbacks' regular

Friday night starter, is 6-1 with a 2.41 earned run average in 52.1

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