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## Bjork brings confidence to Ole Miss



AUSTIN MCAFEE | The Daily Mississippian

New Athletics Director Ross Bjork addresses the crowd at Double Decker this past weekend as part of the final stop of the Rebel Road Trip.

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Recently named athletics director Ross Bjork hasn't even been on the job for three weeks, but he is already working tirelessly to change the culture of the Ole Miss athletic department and implement his plan to achieve his goal to "compete for and win championships."

Bjork hit the ground running on his first day, meeting with different people, and he even paid a visit to those in charge of maintenance.

"The first thing I did is I went to the maintenance shed and took those guys donuts and milk," Bjork said. "Since then, it's been mainly dealing with people because I just haven't been in the office that much."

That is because Bjork and new head football coach Hugh Freeze toured the state last week for the first-ever Rebel Road Trip.

The plans for the trip were designed to showcase Freeze to the Ole Miss faithful all around the state, but when Bjork was named the new athletics director, he knew he had to be a part of it.

"I thought it was great," Bjork said of the Rebel Road Trip. "It fits my philosophy. I've done it at other programs. Everywhere I've gone, we had a similar-type format of a road trip or caravan or

whatever you want to call it. So it fits my philosophy of getting out. I tweeted out that I love geography, which I do, so it was a great way of getting out around the state and meeting people."

The Rebel Road Trip opened Bjork's eyes to what could be achieved in Oxford.

"People are hungry," he said. "They're hungry to support this program, they're hungry to get behind our student-athletes and coaches. They love this university. That's the biggest asset that we have — people care about athletics here, which means you have a chance. If people care about something, you have a chance to be successful."

Bjork said the key to reaching an elite level in each sport is to embrace Ole Miss' position in the Southeastern Conference.

"We've got to embrace excellence across the board," he said. "I believe it's just speaking and building confidence and building resources to match and compete within our conference."

"We want to compete for and win championships. We have to get people to believe that we can do that. Then, we've got to get people and ask them to help us get there."

One thing that will help Ole Miss take a step forward in the big scheme of things is facilities. The Forward Together campaign has

raised over \$63 million, and Bjork said some big donations could be on the horizon.

"I think we need to secure some key gifts this summer and early fall to be able to break ground on the new arena and be able to accelerate some football components," Bjork said. "I'm impressed with where we are at, but now, we've got to roll up our sleeves and really get after it on the fundraising side and be aggressive in the next four months going into football season."

"We're going to try to capture as much momentum as we can really by Sept. 1 to be able to break ground on some of these projects we want to start."

Another impression Bjork has made on Rebel nation is his engagement with fans. Yesterday, in fact, he made an appearance at an ASB town hall meeting in the Student Union.

"We have to engage our students daily," Bjork said. "I think it's the same thing. Everybody has to believe in what we are doing and speak to that. They have to have confidence in what we're doing. And confidence is building relationships. That's going out to right field, which I did during the Arkansas series. We've just got to get people to believe in what we are doing and build confidence."

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## What is world religion?



QUENTIN WINSTINE | The Daily Mississippian

Theater junior Lavada Johnston displays a Wiccan ritual.

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Theater junior Lavada Johnston volunteered to speak at World Religion Day on the Ole Miss campus when her religion professor, Caleb Simmons, asked for interested students. Her religion of choice: Wicca.

"I'm a witch," she said. "That's the best way I can describe it. I'm kind of a witchy tree-hugger. I don't worship Satan or ride on brooms. I like cats alive."

But when Johnston showed up for the event, she was told she couldn't speak to the middle school students about Wicca.

Johnston said she informed Simmons of her religion when she volunteered, and he approved it. Following up, he sent an email to the student panel, Mary Thurkill, the religion professor coordinating the event with Oxford Middle School, and Ellen Douglas, an OMS teacher. However, not everyone got the notification.

"I guess the information of who was coming never made it back to (OMS) until I introduced Lavada," Simmons said.

Thurkill said she was interested to see a Wicca representative on the student panel but later realized a problem when Douglas approached her with concerns about the topic.

"Mrs. Douglas came to me and said, 'I think that if she speaks, we could potentially have a lot of questions and concerns raised by both parents and some of the students because they know nothing about this religion tradition; we haven't studied it,'" Thurkill said.

When she was asked not to speak, Johnston said neither Thurkill nor Douglas were rude but the situation as a whole still felt rude to her.

"They said that even though it was announced that I would

be speaking, they still felt uncomfortable with me speaking about my religion," she said. "It's my religion. I'm just conversing about my religion, I'm not trying to convert anyone."

Thurkill took responsibility for the difficult situation.

"The problem was really my fault," she said.

Thurkill said her error was in thinking like a college professor and allowing a more diverse panel to be represented.

"In seventh grade, the students learn about world history from the pre-historic era to the Age of Enlightenment," Douglas said. "Unfortunately, I could not find a way to incorporate Wicca into the discussion, since it's a more modern religious movement."

World Religion Day, an event designed for middle school students, featured Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism. Simmons said the middle school has an approved curriculum from the State Board of Education regarding what can be taught within the context of world religion for seventh grade. Douglas said the Mississippi Department of Education details the framework to which the public school systems must adhere.

"Whenever I was eliciting people to talk, I was taking a different interpretation of what world religion means, more going with the religions of the world as opposed to whatever the State Board (of Education) was using as their definition," Simmons said.

Douglas explained to Johnston that Wicca was "not included in the state standards for the subject area and grade level."

"I also told her that, in my experience, religion is very personal, and sometimes, (a) sensitive topic," she said.

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## Begging the question

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When I leave the University of Mississippi this month I will be taking a few things with me: a diploma, an aggregation of friends I hold close, and the experiences through which I learned to better understand and appreciate life.

We all have stories. It doesn't matter that most are familiarly constructed — what matters is that you are telling the story and that no one has ever existed exactly as you exist at this moment. Every storytelling is its own event.

Once I took a course that philosophically examined the relationship between religion and science. The professor hid his beliefs, instead offering the antithesis to our sentiments, which led to interesting discussion and digressions.

Occasionally we held class outside. I couldn't help but see the intriguing looks that often lined the faces of those walking by that heard a class discussion out of proper context. "What was that professor talking to those students about?" a passing jogger asks another. "He was critiquing the fine-

tuning argument for the existence of God," the jogger replies. "Oh."

Moving on, I know of two pretty girls who work at the same restaurant in Oxford; one is a very hard worker, the other gets by. One night they are understaffed and the manager asks the two girls to roll silverware. The girl who gets by protests that she doesn't know how and that she is unable. The girl who typically works hard has never rolled silverware either, but after fifteen seconds of trying she has the hang of it. Both are such pretty girls - which sounds more attractive?

Another story involves a friend who is a hard determinist and compares our existence to that of machines — he believes we have no free will. This allows him better understand the motives of others and helps him to be a friend.

We had a class together. One day he was to give a presentation but arrived as soon as class had been let out. Only the professor and I remained in the classroom. He arrived in a hurry and quickly plopped down in a seat, exasperated.

As I was walking out I cheerfully explained to the professor that my friend had no choice but to have shown up at this exact moment — he has no free will! Later he told me that he had laid down that morning without setting an alarm and overslept. This was also the story he gave to the professor, who, I'm happy to report, elected to give him another chance.

Soon after we talked about free will. He reiterated his machine illustration, but said he "felt responsible" for missing the class. I found this interesting but not as interesting as the extent to which I agree with him about our free will.

It's amazing what we might end up saying to ourselves. I know a man who has been around so long that the first time we met he gave me a reason as to why he is still alive. "My children say I am not allowed to die," he said, grinning. He reminds me what our minds are capable of. He wants to write his memoirs; perhaps that is what we have most in common.

Speaking of memoirs, I recently read *Brother to a Dragonfly* by Will Campbell, former Ole Miss chaplain. Campbell reminded me

of something I had shamefully forgotten: "Words are symbols and nothing more - ever."

The lines of demarcation that separate one from another — race, religion — politics are constructs.

I also realized via Campbell's honesty that I had been supporting some of my favorite causes for most of the wrong reasons. I was in favor of ending marijuana prohibition and in favor of LGBT Civil Rights mainly because of a generic contrarian ideology: "Someone told us that we couldn't do something, so let's get out there and do that something big."

I ended that thought process. Now I argue that these things should be permissible because I truly believe that they promote happiness, joy and love. And if you believe in love, you tend to promote it. There is nothing wrong with love.

Lastly, I've thought about my childhood a lot recently. When I was young I was very close to my mother, always paying attention to what she was thinking. She is a woman of science and very good at explaining things, but there were some things she couldn't explain

and did not even want to try and explain, especially when it came to her religious beliefs.

At some point we get comfortable with what we believe and we stop asking questions, but I remember being raised to ask the right questions. I remember asking questions that my mother had long ago given up the desire to ask. I remember thinking of myself as a necessary evil, asking what she would be asking had she not given up asking this sort of question.

Now, my time as a student and DM writer is at an end, but I have a final question to pose — to beg, really. With a world of knowledge at the fingertips here at Ole Miss — in the books, the professors, and your peers — what is it that keeps one from fulfilling his or her potential — from becoming a great teacher, social worker, immunologist, or whatever they desire?

I am begging you to ask the questions. Demand to experience the phenomena for yourself - hearsay is heresy.

See you on the path.

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MEMBER NEWSPAPER



# Fare thee well, sort of



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At the beginning of the semester, Chancellor Dan Jones challenged me to enjoy the ride. What he meant was that in an overly busy life that is being lived out in the public where you will get your fair share of criticism, sometimes it is easy to get so stressed out that you don't enjoy the experience.

Did I enjoy the experience? Overall, yes, but that's not to say it was easy. I deliberately disobeyed studies that suggest you need to get a certain amount of sleep every night. I also spent way too many hours on campus — I often forgot where I parked because I would arrive at campus before 8 a.m. and not leave until after midnight. To add to that, I've lost track of how many times I've seen the morning custodian crew come in — they arrive at around 3 a.m.

And then there were the classes and all the stuff I put my professors through this year and even last spring when I was training for the job. I earned my first B here last spring, added some more to my transcript in the fall, and this semester I have a class in which I'd be happy to escape with a C. Thanks to all of the professors who put up with me and my endless excuses and also thanks to all of those who did not. You certainly pushed me to new extremes, and it has made me a better person.

Then there is the job itself. There is a lot of stress in putting words in print and send-

ing out 14,000 copies per day. If there is a slip of a finger and the word "Mississippi" gets misspelled and is sent out to the campus and community, well, those people will not be laughing with you. If you accidentally get a time wrong, you can ruin someone's event. If you get some facts wrong, you open yourself up to looking pretty stupid. And then there is making decisions on the fly. I can't remember any nights where something did not go according to plan, and the plan then has to change. Sometimes that something was minor, but often it was something major, where we'd have to scramble to make plan B or even plan C something that was worth a reader's time. And then there were the many nights when someone on my staff was sick or had a prior engagement, and I was stuck doing my job as well as the job of the absent section editor. Sometimes it even worked out where I got to do three or four jobs in one night. Thankfully, coffee with extra shots of espresso was a short walk away at the J.D. Williams Library.

That said, I made it through it all, and I am definitely a stronger person and journalist than I was before. There were many times where I would be rushing to class or to print off my homework last minute, and I would see someone enjoying a copy of The DM. Sometimes I would hear people talking about topics that our columnists or news stories brought up. During class, I even witnessed people stop to admire a photo on their way to

the Sudoku. Knowing that we helped inform people, helped set the tone for conversation on campus or even gave people a quick laugh through the cartoon genius known only as Josh Clark, well, it makes all the work worth it.

Putting together a newspaper around classes is a lot of work. It is probably akin to writing a research paper every night as an extracurricular activity before you do your real homework, but it is also a lot more fun and rewarding than writing a research paper every night. Because of it, I'm not going to graduate when I thought I would. I'm coming back for a victory lap, or more truthfully, to take all of those classes that I dropped this year. And I still could not force myself to break free, as I'll be serving as next year's photo editor.

I'd like to thank this year's managing editors, Emily Roland and Lauren Smith, for putting up with my craziness and helping to keep me sane. If I taught you two anything, it was new, creative uses for four-letter words when something went wrong after 11 p.m.

I'd like to thank our adviser, Pat Thompson: first, for believing in me to do this job, and also for always being available whenever I needed advice, even if that advice had nothing to do with the newspaper.

To the rest of my staff: Jon Haywood for the random jokes that made me laugh; Kelsey Dockery for putting up with all of us and being a refreshing, positive force in an

often cynical newsroom; Malory Simerville for being weird and funny in all of the best ways; Jacob Batte for always having cold beer and knowing when it is necessary; Austin Miller for making the sports section something I never had to worry about; Petre Thomas for giving it everything you had and then some; Heather Applewhite for stepping up big when it was needed; Austin McAfee for being willing to take photos of everything this year and stepping in to help out; and of course Norman Seawright for having the finest taste in everything.

And I'd be in trouble if I did not thank my girlfriend, Danielle Thornton. I'll never know how you put up with me this whole year, but thanks for everything you've done. I'd probably be somewhere dead

in a ditch if you had not been there.

Lastly, thank you to all of the readers who have made it this far with me, through the year and through this mininovella of mine. I really can't thank you enough. Without you, I wouldn't have had this job and this chance to enjoy the ride. Yes, chancellor, it was never easy, but looking back, I'm glad I had this opportunity, and even though I'm going to enjoy having free time to do homework and play video games, I'm really going to miss it. Good luck to the new staff (including myself) and the new chief, Emily Roland: May your year be just as awesome of an experience as mine has been.

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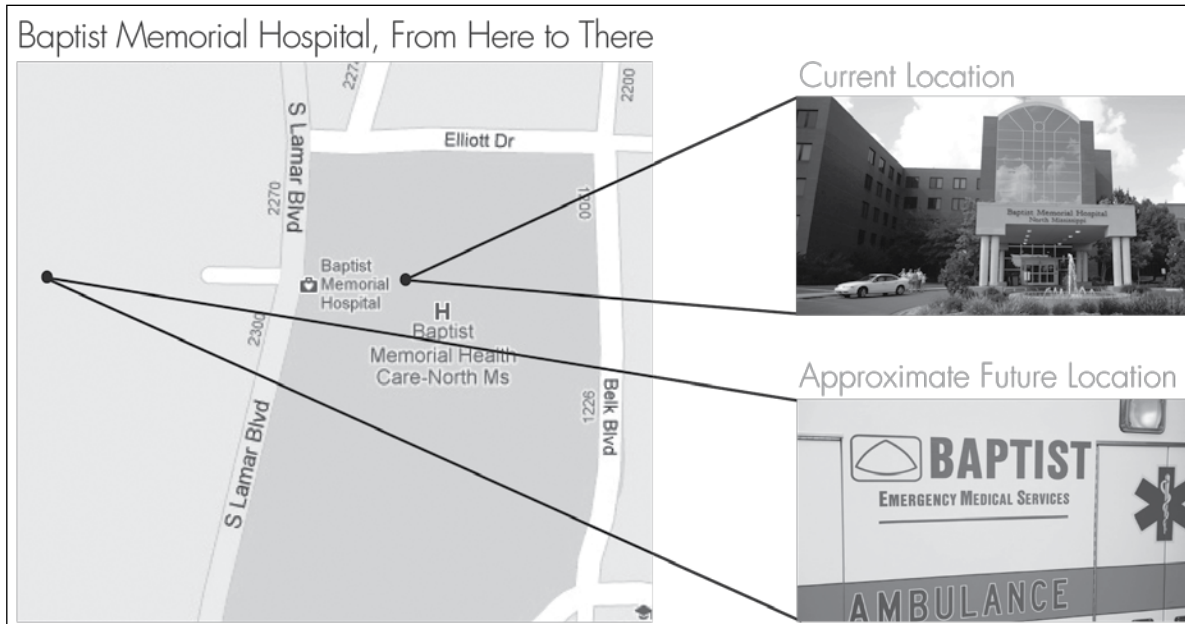
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## New location of the Baptist Memorial Hospital set



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Baptist Memorial Hospital will soon be relocated just west of its present location.

The new location was cho-

sen from 15 potential sites. The site that was ultimately chosen will be located South of Highway 6, west of South Lamar Boulevard and east of Old Taylor Road. Baptist officials said that the main reason for the relocation is for the

expansion of the hospital and its staff.

"Baptist has transformed the hospital into a regional referral center, offering open-heart surgery and a wealth of other high-level services," said Ashley Compton, senior public re-

lations coordinator with Baptist Memorial. "Baptist North Mississippi has outgrown its current facility due to the growth of Oxford, Lafayette County and the surrounding areas."

"The current location is 11 acres, and they are going for 100+ acres," Mayor George "Pat" Patterson said. "They needed to build up the hospital but did not have space."

The new hospital will have a number of advantages compared to the old building.

"The new facility will have larger, private patient rooms that will be more comfortable for patients and their families," Compton said.

"Way-finding signage inside and outside of the hospital will be more efficient. Parking will be more convenient. Several departments in the hospital will have close proximity to other departments. For example, the emergency department will be closer to surgery

or the intensive care unit."

Compton said the relocation of the hospital has been a long process, with Baptist having worked with the Oxford Board of Aldermen and the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors for the past two years on getting a new hospital built.

"Much effort has gone into the decision of where to build the new hospital," Compton said. "We believe we have found a location that will best meet the community's needs."

Patterson said he thinks the new location is a good choice.

"It is going to be near current medical center with all doctors' offices and smaller business," he said. "The location was an excellent pick."

The new facility will cost \$250 million. Patterson said he anticipates the construction to be completed within 2-3 years. It is still unknown what will happen to the current location after the hospital moves.



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# Campus to undergo many changes this summer



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TOP: Construction workers at the new residential halls BOTTOM: The entrance to the renovation currently happening at Lamar Hall.

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The University of Mississippi is known nationally for its beautiful campus. Currently, there are projects expanding the campus and more are set to begin this summer.

One noticeable addition to campus are the new residence halls that are being built between Kincannon Hall and Guess

Hall. At the moment, there have been no names given to the three new residence halls, so they are being called Ridge North, South and West.

The new buildings will bring 860 new bed spaces. Construction will be complete by the end of the summer and ready for students to move in for fall semester 2012.

The new buildings are designed to be living-learning communities and house freshman interest groups, according to Jennifer

McClure, assistant director of marketing for the Department of Student Housing and Residence Life.

The freshman interest groups take students who have the same extracurricular interests. There's The Well, which brings students together who are into physical fitness, healthy lifestyles and similar outdoor activities. Foundations is another group for students who are interested in developing leadership skills and doing community

service.

"This will be the beginning of a movement to convert all of our residence halls to living-learning communities," said Linda Krhut, director of Student Housing and Residence Life. "That's exciting for us to think that we will be having faculty and staff interaction with our students in our residence halls, much like the Residential College."

The living-learning communities will bring students with the same academic interests together. Groups such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and Global Perspectives, along with groups for Fast Track and honors college students will be available for students to join.

The residence halls will have separate male and female wings. There will also be a Papa John's available at the new residential halls.

The buildings will be similar in some ways to the Residential College that is already on campus.

"They will be similar to the Residential College in that they have a contemporary design. What we call contemporary is when the room has an in-room bathroom," McClure said. "They will also be similar to the Residential College in that students will have extra study room, and activities for them will go on in their residence halls."

A few differences, though, will be that there will not be a dining facility or a fitness center, and they will not have their own library like

the Residential Colleges do.

During this summer, however, there will be more renovations to the older residence halls. At Kincannon Hall, there will be renovations made to the lobby area, and there is a big construction project planned for Martin and Stockard that will begin later this year and will run through the 2012-2013 academic year.

The construction will consist of removing the bricks on the outside and replacing them.

Students living in Stockard and Martin may have to walk a different route to class, and the building could lose some parking spots during the renovations.

Along with the construction and renovation to residence halls, the Union and Johnson Commons will receive some renovations.

Additions to the Union include a "Pinkberry," which is a frozen yogurt outlet, and a new POD Express, which will also be in the new residence halls. The additions will be completed in August 2012 before the fall semester starts.

Johnson Commons West will receive a complete interior renovation. The Johnson Commons East Ballroom will be transformed into a temporary dining area that will have a Bistro feel to it.

The renovations to Johnson Commons West will begin in June and will last throughout the entire 2012-2013 academic year. Renovations are expected to be complete by August 2013. During this time, Johnson Commons East will be open for service, beginning in August 2012.

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"Therefore, regardless of my own personal feelings, I felt I could not justify the discussion of a religion that was not included in my course description without any consultation with parents and school officials from the community that I represent."

Johnston said even though she felt insulted, she walked away to "keep things quiet, to keep things neutral."

"(Johnston) was incredibly gracious about it," Thurlkill said.

Johnston said the panel and audience missed out on an opportunity to hear about her topic.

"Personally, I would like an

apology because I took time out of my busy schedule to raise awareness about it," she said. "I would've liked for them to get a chance to know of someone who practices (Wicca)."

World Religion Day was created this year with specific goals in mind.

"One was to cooperate with the Oxford Middle School and enhance their curriculum,

which is world history, and to supplement some of the things that they're doing in their classroom," Thurlkill said. "The second goal was to work with the (Ole Miss) education school. A lot of the student workers were social studies and secondary ed students who were actually in their student-teaching semester."

Thurlkill said that the pertinent

part of the issue is the learning environment.

"The religious traditions that can be discussed on a college campus where academic freedom is first and foremost is one thing, but talking about religious traditions in a public school system where material is approved in a curriculum guide, which is set by the state, is another thing."

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# More physicians needed in the state of Mississippi



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Junior finance major Trey Muncy visits the health center on campus. Mississippi lags behind other states in doctors per residents.

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As one of the most medically underserved states in the country, Mississippi has 8.3 doctors per 10,000 residents, compared to the national average of 12.8 physicians per 10,000 residents. It must add 1,330 primary care physicians to its health care system to meet the national average of doctor count per capita.

House Public Health Chair Sam C. Mims V recently authored House Bill 317, which will

create a program to retain more primary care physicians in Mississippi. The bill will allow rural Mississippians to have more local, primary care physicians, so they will not have to travel to larger cities for medical needs. Mims worked closely with Mississippi physicians and Dr. Luke Lampton, chairman of the Mississippi State Board of Health, on the legislation.

Last Tuesday, Phil Bryant signed House Bill 317 into law. The new law seeks to establish the Office of Mississippi Physician

Workforce within the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) for the purpose of increasing the family pediatrician workforce within Mississippi.

According to studies conducted by UMMC, 50 percent of its graduates who leave Mississippi for residency never return to the state to practice; however, 75 to 80 percent of those who stay at UMMC for their residency go on to practice in Mississippi. Mims stated that the new legislature will create more residency programs in rural Mississippi.

The state financial support will be used to fund hospitals that will host the new family medicine residency programs in Mississippi. The bill says there will be 42 state

financial rewards to 43 new primary residence programs.

Mims believe that the new legislation will not only make physicians more accessible, it will bring “dozens of jobs and millions in revenue” to the rural areas. Gov. Bryant echoes Mims’ enthusiasm on the House Bill 317.

“I signed legislation that furthers my health care initiatives,” Gov. Bryant says, “In my inaugural address, I explained the need for Mississippi to add 1,000 physicians to its workforce by the year 2025. Expanding our state’s medical residency programs will directly increase the number of physicians who remain in Mississippi to practice. We know that new doctors generate about

\$2 million in economic impact in their communities, and more doctors means better health care for our citizens.”

The new Office of Physician Workforce will be established at UMMC. It should be in operation within 2013 or 2014 at the latest. The office’s purposes will be overseeing the physician workforce development in the state and administrating state financial support to the hospitals hosting the residency training programs.

“Our state continues to trail the rest of the nation in the numbers of physicians per capita,” said Dr. LouAnn Woodward, associate vice chancellor for Health Affairs and vice dean of the School of Medicine. “At UMMC we are working hard to produce more highly trained physicians for Mississippi, and this office will be an asset in helping us to better understand our physician workforce needs and ultimately to get doctors where they are most needed in our state.”

Nicholas Boullard, sophomore pre-med student, plans on practicing primary health care within Mississippi. He is a recipient of the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship (MRPS), which is a program created in 2007 that helps aspiring college students practice medicine within their local towns in Mississippi. It was created to address the challenge of Mississippi’s health care crisis.

Boullard feels that Mississippi is in a need of local physicians.

“I think more residence practice in Mississippi is necessary because there are certain counties in this state that have no health professionals at all,” Boullard said. “In fact, some parents have to drive their kids nearly two hours just to get medicine for flu or a cold.”

Mims said the new health care law could add to the well-being of Mississippi; not only will rural citizens have access to local doctors, the doctors can bring revenue to their towns.

“This is an important step in improving Mississippi’s health,” Mims said. “And bottom line, it is truly a win-win.”

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# BASEBALL,

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with a 3.12 earned run average in 75.0 innings to go along with a league-leading 97 strikeouts.

Last season, the Rebels' only win against the Tigers came against Gausman. Ole Miss scored six runs against him in just 2.1 innings, but Bianco knows what the talented righty is capable of.

"He's a tremendous talent," Bianco said. "He's one of those great SEC Friday-night guys. He's got a tremendous fastball with really good stuff. He's got a great breaking ball, and he's a guy that had a great year last year that really primed him for this year."

Sophomore right-hander Mike Mayers will get the nod on Saturday for Ole Miss. Mayers is 4-2 with a 3.69 earned run average in 63.1 innings this season. His counterpart will be sophomore right-hander Ryan Eades, who is 5-2 with a 3.29 earned run average in 65.2 innings pitched.

LSU's Sunday starter will be freshman right-hander Aaron Nola, who is also 5-2 with a 3.90 earned run average in 55.1 innings pitched. Just like the past couple of weeks, the Ole Miss starter for Sunday has yet to be announced.

Tonight's contest will begin at 6:30 p.m., with Saturday's start time scheduled for 2 p.m. on SportSouth and Sunday's series finale set to begin at 1:30 p.m.

### Newalu day-to-day

Senior shortstop Blake Newalu is day to day, according to Bianco, with shin splints.

### Huber filling different role

Junior right-hander Brett Huber pitched last Sunday against Mississippi State for the first time since the Georgia Series.

Huber was out for a while with

## Ole Miss vs. LSU Probable Starters

FRIDAY, 6:30 P.M.



Ole Miss  
#19 Bobby Wahl  
Sophomore, RHP

5-1 67 SO  
60.1 IP 23 BB  
2.09 ERA .211 B/AVG.



LSU  
#12 Kevin Gausman  
Sophomore, RHP

7-1 97 SO  
75 IP 20 BB  
3.12 ERA .242 B/AVG.

SATURDAY, 2:00 P.M. (SportSouth)



Ole Miss  
#28 Mike Mayers  
Sophomore, RHP

4-2 43 SO  
63.1 IP 19 BB  
3.69 ERA .222 B/AVG.



LSU  
#37 Ryan Eades  
Sophomore, RHP

5-2 47 SO  
65.2 IP 17 BB  
3.29 ERA .264 B/AVG.

SUNDAY, 1:30 P.M.



TBA



LSU  
#10 Aaron Nola  
Freshman, RHP

5-2 54 SO  
55.1 IP 4 BB  
3.90 ERA .243 B/AVG.

GRAPHIC BY WILL STROUTH | The Daily Mississippian

a tender elbow, and during that time, senior right-hander R.J. Hively moved to the back end of the Ole Miss bullpen. With Hively's success in recent weeks, Huber said he (Huber) probably won't be the one closing out games.

"I'm pretty sure R.J. is going to be the closer from now on," Hu-

ber said.

"I'm sure that if he goes a few innings, it will be me. We've already had that discussion, so I'm OK with that. If I have to go out in the sixth or seventh inning or if I have to go out there in a tie game or whatever it is, I just want to win and get as far as we can this year."

# BJORK,

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Athletics Director Ross Bjork interacts with student at the ASB Town Hall.

Another challenge is the marketing rivalry with Mississippi State's "This is our State" campaign, but Bjork has a plan to deal with that.

"I think our message has to be 'We are The University of Mississippi,'" Bjork said. "We're the flagship university of the state. The university has a role in this state in a large way. Our spirit in athletics is Ole Miss. That's our brand. So we've got to build that confidence in our brand. And we know that takes winning. Winning cures most everything, if not everything."

"We've got to be who we are and promote the fact that we're a great institution that loves athletics. Our job is to capture the hearts

and minds of our fans through a lot of interaction and help them be confident in the process."

Bjork believes Ole Miss has a bright future, and in the next five to 10 years, he sees a lot of change in the athletic department.

"Where I see us is competing for and winning championships," he said. "I'm going to be consistent with that theme. I see us growing our budget hopefully each and every year because that's something that's going to be required as we move forward."

"I see our fans becoming engaged every day in what we do. I see us packing our stadiums and really just building the confidence in what is Ole Miss all about. It's about excellence."

**SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION**  
**Filley Howe**

Diurnal Time- Activity Budgets of Schoolmaster Snapper (*Lutjanus Apodus*) in South Water Caye Marine Reserve (Belize)

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Room 219

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**Taylor Ivy**

"Uneven-ing"

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To the students, administration, and the Associated Student Body,

On the night of April 4, a very unfortunate event occurred at the Roundtable bar on the square, for which I am deeply sorry. I was on the square with a group of my friends. While we were at the Roundtable, several members of the Associated Student Body were present. Among the group of the people at the bar present was the student body president, Kimbrey Dandridge. I have been told that while at the bar, I made several racial slurs relating to Kimbrey Dandridge, in regards to being the first female African American Student Body President. I called her names that are completely unacceptable.

The comments that were made to Kimbrey were completely unprovoked. I don't know what came over me that night. However, I would like to explain that whatever I did or said was due to my consumption of alcohol. In addition, I was totally unaware of my actions that night.

Since the incident, Kimbrey and I have started a friendship. I have enjoyed getting to know her over these last couple of weeks. Her family has also reached out to me and forgiven me. I sincerely apologize for the incidents on April 4. I apologize to the students who were present that night, and I sincerely apologize to Kimbrey.

I wanted to let the students of Ole Miss know about my experience and encourage other students, to make sure that we are living the Ole Miss Creed. The Ole Miss Creed states, "I believe in respect for the dignity of each person" The one common denominator that unites us all is that we are all members of the Ole Miss family. No matter our background, our gender, our race, our course of study, or our personal beliefs; we need to value the diversity of our student body and work together to make Ole Miss the best it can be.

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Matt Smidebush





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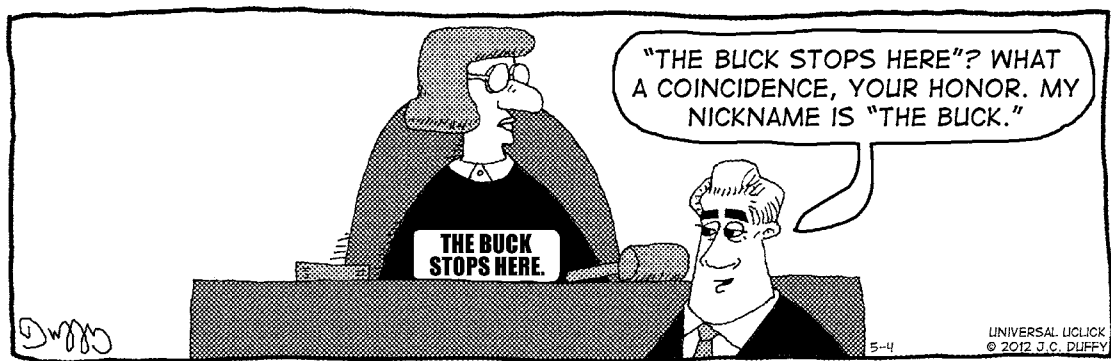




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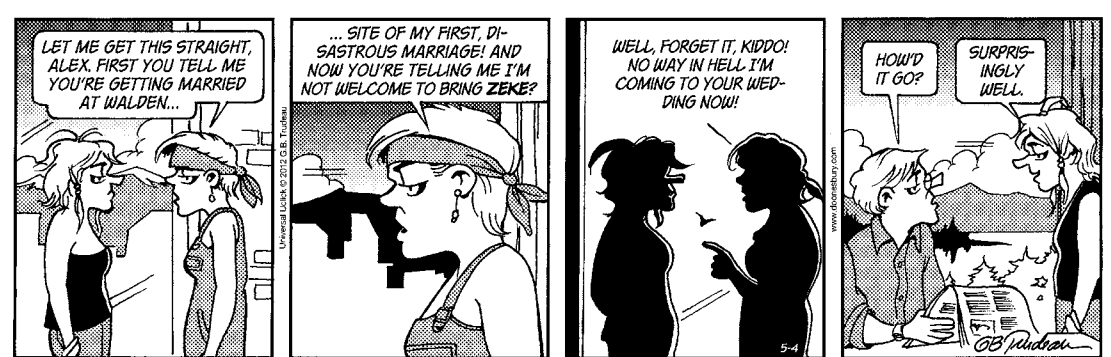
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**ACROSS**

- Alter a skirt
- Fundamental
- Corn on the —
- Finish second
- Type of coffee
- Military addr.
- Child
- River-mouth deposit
- Cod au —
- Hunch
- Lorelei's river
- Came to
- Wined and dined
- Tabloid staffer
- Sponge features
- Chomps down
- County subdivision
- Sci. of flora
- Provisions
- San Francisco hill
- Fellow feeling
- Claudius, to Hamlet
- Ohio Indians
- Creeps about
- Medieval entertainers
- Strings of rosaries
- Collect
- Volcano feature
- Director — Brooks

**DOWN**

- LP speed
- New Haven student
- Chinese dynasty
- Novelist Umberto —
- Fine-wooled sheep
- Waited awhile
- Fringe —
- RSVP word
- Hobby ender
- Pays with plastic
- Quibble
- Express a view
- Filleted
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- Rosenkavalier
- Diner special
- Friday portrayer
- Amigo's farewell
- Four-footed pal
- Riviera summer

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# A year in the life of a sports editor



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Control what you can control. That's the number-one thing I have learned and will take away from this past year as sports editor. And suffice it to say, there were a lot of things, both on the field and in the newsroom, that were beyond my control this past year. I learned more about life this past year than in all 16 years of school combined. Student journalism is an experience in duality. You bear the same responsibilities and are held to the same standards — or I at least hold myself and my staff to the same standards — as professionals, while also balancing the academic, fraternity and social life of most other college students. There have been a lot

of stress-filled days and sleepless nights, but I am better journalist and person now than I was at this time last year.

Any given day, when you pick up the paper, look at the @dm\_sports timeline or listen to my weekly radio show, "Daytime Fireworks," on Rebel Sports Radio, you could say I hate Ole Miss or I love Ole Miss, but that's the point. As a journalist, even a student journalist, you are charged with providing information and objectivity and letting the reader form his or her own conclusions, or that's at least what I have strived to do for the past year and will strive to do for the rest of my college and, hopefully, professional career as a journalist. I give credit where credit is due, but at the same time, I hold administrators, coaches, players and fans accountable for their actions. For every "Embarrassed" headline on the front page of the paper, there was "Top-ranked Gators hit the Wahl," and for every "Nutt: The

bottom line is you have to win," there was "Freeze's first step forward." The latter comparison, in my opinion, defined this past year in Ole Miss sports.

From back-to-back nine-win seasons and back-to-back Cotton Bowl appearances, the latter of which I experienced as a freshman working in Ole Miss Athletics Media Relations, which led to sports journalism and The Daily Mississippian in the first place, to back-to-back winless seasons in SEC play and arguably the worst football season in school history, I was in the center of it. Instead of running from the challenge, I embraced the opportunity. I was in Nashville for the Vanderbilt loss, after which former head coach Houston Nutt and former athletics director Pete Boone held a joint press conference. I was in Lexington for the Kentucky loss, after which I ominously penned the headline "Rebels collapse; Nutt's seat reaches boiling point," and later that day, Ole Miss pulled

the plug on Nutt and Boone.

What followed was a whirlwind month, filled with rumor and speculation, refreshing Twitter, chasing down and following up on leads from "sources" and even interviewing a prospective head-coaching candidate in Mike Leach. The head-coach search reached its conclusion during finals week. Yes, finals week. I even had a final immediately before Hugh Freeze's introduction as head coach. There was no print version, but with the help of a staff led by football beat writers Bennett Hipp and David Collier, photography editor Petre Thomas and my editor Cain Madden, among others, we put together an online-only coaching guide in one day's time that has received more than 14,000 views, thanks to word of mouth and social media.

With all that said, I have enjoyed my time as sports editor; some days obviously more than others. I have met a lot of people and built and maintained respect-

ful relationships with the administrators, coaches and players I have covered. And I would also like to give special thanks to Assistant Athletics Director for Media and Public Relations Kyle Campbell and his staff for their availability and accessibility this past year.

I'm soon off to ESPN in Bristol, Conn., for a summer internship and will be back in the fall as managing editor, both opportunities which would not have been possible without my experiences as sports editor.

But for now, you can find me the next two weekends in the right-field student section against LSU and Tennessee as Mike Bianco looks to get to Omaha for the first time in his tenure. If I have learned anything, expect the unexpected because there is never a dull moment in Ole Miss sports.

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# Exciting times ahead for Ole Miss athletics



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As I near the end of my time here at Ole Miss, I cannot help but be excited about the future for Ole Miss athletics. In my time on campus, I have seen some of the greatest moments in Ole Miss athletics history and some of the worst.

When I arrived in Oxford, Ed Orgeron and his "Wild Boys" were still piling up "moral" victories week after week. After a winless SEC season, he was let go, and Houston Nutt was brought in to revive the Ole Miss football program. I don't think people realized the talent he was stepping into as Ole Miss saw immediate

win seasons and back-to-back Cotton Bowl victories. After those first two seasons however, the magic was gone, and so was Nutt two years later.

The basketball team has been competitive year in and year out since I arrived on campus, coming up just a game or two short every year from making the NCAA tournament. Two NIT Final Fours, two home wins against Kentucky including a buzzer-beater from Chris Warren and a victory over Mississippi State in Oxford this season will highlight my memories of the basketball program.

I was in attendance for both Cotton Bowl wins, a Valentine's Day buzzer-beater against LSU, two victories over Kentucky in

dan Jefferson spiking the ball with no time remaining, giving Ole Miss a victory and the football victory in the Swamp, which nobody saw coming.

On the flip side, I have seen Ole Miss lose to Jacksonville State and Louisiana Tech in football. I have seen two winless conference seasons, and I have seen our baseball team have a 1-0 series lead at home in a Super Regional only to lose game two in a heartbreaker and fall again in game three. As you can tell, I have seen Ole Miss in some high points and low points. There is nothing like being an Ole Miss fan. And now is an exciting time to be an Ole Miss fan.

Ole Miss has a new leader in charge of athletics in Ross Bjork,

to talking to the crowd on stage at Double Decker to interacting with fans on Twitter; Bjork is a great fit for Ole Miss and is just what the program needed. Ole Miss is headed in the right direction under Bjork; he will not accept losing and is going to do everything he can do to make sure championships come to Oxford.

Bjork also seems to have a great relationship with new football head coach Hugh Freeze, something the previous football staff and athletic director reportedly did not have. Coach Freeze is getting the type of high school talent interested in Ole Miss that I have not seen in my time here. Coach Freeze has been successful everywhere he has ever been, and there is no reason to believe

With a new athletic director and a new football coach, along with a new basketball arena and the bowling-in of the football stadium in the near future, exciting times are certainly ahead for Ole Miss fans. My only wish is that I could remain a student and see the building up on a day-to-day basis.

My request for those of you who will return to Oxford in the fall is quite simple: Get to the game early, pack the stadium and be loud to make Oxford a place to which opponents dread coming.

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Sophomore right-hander Bobby Wahl will start for the Rebels tonight opposite LSU sophomore right-hander Kevin Gausman.

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No. 24 Ole Miss has dropped three of its last four Southeastern Conference series, all on the road, but that lone series win came at home where the Rebels are 21-6 this season. This weekend, Ole Miss (30-16, 10-11 SEC) will host No. 4 LSU (36-10, 14-7 SEC) from Oxford-University Field/Swayze Field to try improve its NCAA Regional hosting resume.

"Certainly, it's great to be at home," head coach Mike Bianco said. "When you've got LSU, a team that's leading the West and leading the (SEC) overall, it's a

huge opportunity for us to get back into it if we can play well. We need three great crowds. We're going to get great weather.

"This is your chance. You've got nine games left in conference play and one non-conference game. So, 10 games left, and we've got a great opportunity on Friday night to get it started."

This weekend will match two good pitching staffs and offenses going toe to toe. The Tigers are hitting .301 as a team and score an average of 6.7 runs per game. Ole Miss has a .307 team batting average and is averaging just over six runs per game. On the mound, LSU has a slight advantage with a 3.20 team earned run average compared to a 3.32 earned average for the Rebels.

The team matchups are good, but no matchup will be greater than LSU's senior left fielder

Raph Rhymes versus Ole Miss' junior second baseman Alex Yarbrough.

They are the top two hitters in the conference, and Rhymes leads the nation with a .503 batting average, along with three home runs and 46 RBI. Yarbrough, on the other hand, is hitting .417 with three home runs and 39 RBI.

"That's unbelievable," Bianco said of Rhymes' average. "We've all watched Yarbs, and he's hitting like 100 points higher. I can't even fathom."

In tonight's series opener, Ole Miss will send sophomore right-hander Bobby Wahl to the hill to face sophomore right-hander Kevin Gausman of LSU. Wahl is 5-1 on the year with a 2.09 earned run average in 60.1 innings this season, while Gausman is 7-1

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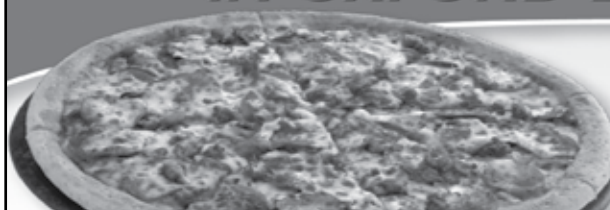
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