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CHARGING FOR GROVE SPOT 'NEVER AN ISSUE'

Thousands of tailgaters engulf the Grove during every football game day. Earlier in the year, rumors circulated concerning whether tailgaters would have to start paying for their plots in order to set up their tents. According to the chief of staff to the chancellor, though, this was just that-- a rumor.

BY JUSTIN MIXON

The Daily Mississippian

In past weeks, the campus of Ole Miss was abuzz with talk about the potential for the university to charge for tent spots in the Grove on game day.

However, Andrew Mullins, chief of staff to the chancellor, revealed that the outrage and resentment was all due to a rumor.

'There was never an official proposal to charge or not to charge (for Grove space)," Mul-

lins said.

The university's game day committee recently voted on a proposal to push the start time to set up tents from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Mullins said that the start time was the issue that under consideration, not a proposal to charge for tent spots.

Mullins, also a member of the game day committee, said the reason the committee was held was due to occurring probtent setup time.

The traffic flow by the Grove and throughout the campus was a major problem and many university vehicles and personnel were being blocked in by anxious Grovers racing to get a spot for their tent.

Mullins said the game day committee came together to determine a plan for this problem because the faculty senate had requested it.

The meeting was held to lems dealing with the current move the start time for tent set up in the Grove, to discuss the time that official university tents can be sat up as well as what constitutes an official university tent.

Mullins said the game day committee also appointed a sub committee to oversee all areas of enhancing the game day experience in the Grove as well as in the Circle.

The subcommittee is now dealing with is the rising cost

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performed by Kaiulani Lee, is based on the life and writings of pioneering environmentalist Rachel Carson, author of 'The Silent Spring' (1962). Carson's bestseller led to the banning of the chemical DDT, the creation of the Clean Water Act, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the birth of the organic food movement. Shot on location at Carson's cabin in Maine by Oscar-winning cinematographer Haskell Wexler, the film depicts Carson in the last year of her life. When: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Where: Falkner Room, J.D. Williams Library

DOWNTOWN SAFETY TASK FORCE ADDRESSES PARKING ON SQUARE



Parking safety on the Square has been brought to the attention of the Downtown Safety Task Force. Their ideas to improve safety, discussed in their last meeting, included the possibility of additional lighting, parking outside of bars and restaurants, and the potential for a designated taxi alley.

BY HUGH VARGA

The Daily Mississippian

The Oxford Downtown Safety Task Force will continue its endeavors to improve safety on the Square and accordingly

is considering additional measures.

The task force met April 8 in Oxford City Hall to discuss issues related to the Square after 7 p.m. The agenda included

the possibility of additional lighting, parking outside of bars and restaurants and the possibility of a designated taxi alley.

Task force chairman Nicole

Boyd said additional lighting will make dark alleys safer. The prospect of limited parking outside certain bars and restau-

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BY MATTHEW HENRY Columnist

ACCESSING THE FUTURE

I've written several times on the importance of the Internet and its related technologies. It is one of those issues that change rapidly, even before you can fully wrap your head around the current state of affairs. I believe when discussing the Internet, the two main areas of discussion are content and access. Today I want to talk about how we access this thing called the Internet.

I recently watched a news report from the 1980's discussing the mystical new communications medium, Internet (the definite article "the" had not yet been added as a prefix). Although the Internet and computers from the 1980's would seem downright prehistoric in the age of the iPad, it was still a revolutionary force even 30 years ago. The story of the Internet is one of evolution over time. What started out as a military communications network in the 1970's would in 40 years deliver videos of funny cats into our houses.

Growing up I accessed the Internet via AOL (remember the dial-up sound). It seemed fast to be at the time, but then again I was nine. Then I got high speed Internet through Comcast and it was like night and day. The Internet really transformed from novelty to integral part of our lives over the past 15 years with the adoption of broadband Internet. Now we can stream HD video and audio with ease and it's all thanks to an upgrade in infrastructure that we use to access the Internet.

There are countless cables, cords, modems, and servers that we use to access the Internet. Naturally these cost money to maintain and upgrade, which is why Internet Service Providers charge a monthly fee. While there was a large jump in the speed of access in the switch from dial-up to broadband, we really haven't seen any sort of improvement in speed with cable and DSL Internet Service Providers. I believe that the next leap forward will come from companies like Google, who are offering fiber optic cables for even great access speeds to the Internet. Imagine your Internet connection speed currently; now multiply that by a factor of 10. That's a pretty staggering jump. As many of you read in the DM recently, Oxford is vying to be one of the towns that Google implements their fiber optic plan in and hopefully they will get it.

So what can we do now to increase access, in terms of a greater geographic spread of broadband and greater connection speeds? Current Internet Service Providers need to invest in upgrading their own networks. The

After Spring Break easiest way to do this is to make it in the ISP's best interest to do so. That will not happen as long as telecommunications companies exist in protected monopolies in certain regions. For instance, in Oxford the only real options for broadband Internet is DSL (through the phone company) or MetroCast. That really isn't competition. If there were several competing Internet Service Providers in Oxford, it would keep prices low as well as providing an economic incentive to upgrade their current network infrastructure.

Another thing that needs to happen is the University needs to upgrade their own network. While the connection speeds while access University sites (i.e. the Library, Blackboard, myOleMiss) are very quick, the speeds on anything in the outside world is abysmal. Let's face it, every year a greater percentage of students have their own laptop meaning a greater strain on the network. More students play on Xbox Live in the dorms or watch Netflix on their computers. Every year the load on the network grows, and so the University's infrastructure must also. The Internet was one of the most influential forces of the past decade, and my money is on it remaining in that role in the next one, but only if it can keep up to our growing needs.



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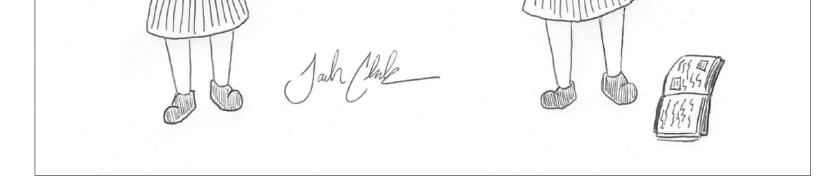
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COLUMN

You just can't please them all

A lot has been made of the mascot debate since I have been here for nearly the last year, let alone since Colonel Rebel was removed from the sidelines back in 2003.

As an Australian exchange student passing through this famous school, I have not really cared one way or another about the issue. But after continuous publicity in this newspaper and with the ongoing debate still lingering among students, I feel it is time to drop my opinion on the matter (if anyone wants to listen).

I have consumed a lot of the debate from both sides. People are very passionate about the issue. Many want the Colonel back on the sidelines while others find him offensive, and others are ready for all of this to finally pass by.

Personally, I think it is highly important to uphold traditions. On the other hand, you can't have a Confederate colonel as the mascot and expect the whole student body to be thrilled with it. While I think tradition should be maintained, I haven't had ancestors who were enslaved either. So it is understandable why some people would find the Colonel upsetting.

But as nominations are put forth, with administrators stressing its importance and the process starts to go through its cycle, I am starting to get a sneaking suspicion.

Not everyone is going to be hap-

py with the new mascot, and it will take on a new set of dramas, which could then drag this ordeal on for longer.

Now that the hot topic is sensibly in the hands of the students, we must be aware that the do-gooders of the community are lurking and waiting for someone to step on someone else's toes, and the Colonel diehards want someone's head on a stick over the saga.

It will not be easy to find a suitable replacement to live up to the caliber of the removed icon by any stretch of the imagination.

The new mascot needs to represent the whole student body, AND it needs to be politically correct. I think we need it to introduce the plural mascots if we want a true representation of the whole student community. If we are going to represent the whole student body, we need a contingent out there to cheer the boys to victory.

A stereotypical approach could fit the mold and the posse should be lead out by a funny, charismatic black man, who is hand in hand with a petite blonde, Southern belle in Nike shorts. A teacher in a shirt and a tie should follow, then an Asian kid pushing an elderly fan in a wheelchair would cover a couple of corners. A Spanish speaking representative can be thrown in; she is ready to samba. Then, we can have a shy, quiet white kid charge out with a drunk, arrogant fraternity fellow. Then to finish the scene his fraternity brother rolls in, in his truck and the new mascots load into the bed for a lap around the field to get the crowd on its feet.

But wait! What about the exchange kids who pass through?

We need some international flavor. So, add a chic French woman to strut out with an Italian man holding a pizza to feed the team. Hopefully everyone can find someone to relate to and feel represented.

While I've tried to poke fun at this, I know there are a lot of people who are passionate about this issue, and to them I apologize.

But I think the moment the new mascot arrives can't come quick enough.

People can have their closure and move on with their lives, or start a new chorus of whining.

Whatever happens, there will always be someone complaining about something. You can cover every base and there will still be something- that's society. Especially these days when it seems the ever building army of politically correct do-gooders never relent in their crusade to take over the world.

Whomever or whatever the new mascot is, let's hope it can inspire a fired up Rebels side to victory, as it was the players themselves

that sparked this drama in the first place (in hope of recruiting better athletes, wasn't it?). Now that the Colonel is removed, the hottest talent in the nation is flocking here in droves.

Or is it?



BY HUGH VARGA Columnist

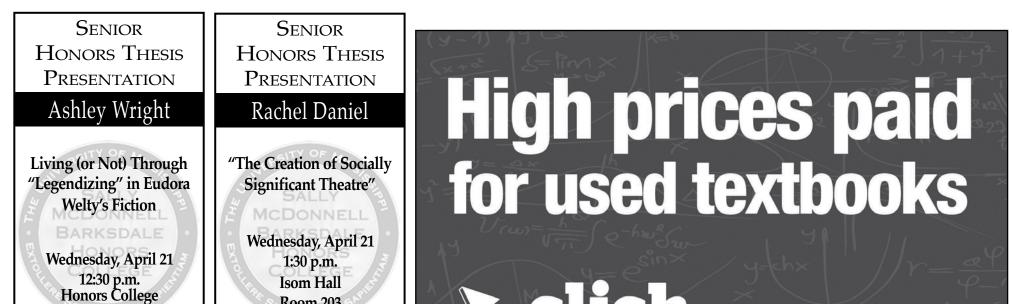
From what I saw, or made of this foreign game, last semester Jevan Snead couldn't hit a barn door let alone someone's chest, and if we didn't have the ever-elusive ferretlike Dexter McCluster running rings around the opposition, the season would have been misery.

But now both are gone and ready to accept big paychecks in the big time, new recruits are set to prove themselves, and they will hopefully ignite the faithful at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

But in a world where there are bombs exploding in Baghdad, kids starving to death in Africa, terrorists plotting to inflict trauma and the Roman Catholic world being rocked by child molestation allegations - we can count ourselves lucky that this is one of the primary concerns here in Oxford, and we should enjoy this wonderful sunsaturated campus.

No matter what happens, I will watch with interest and a beer in hand at the local pub back home in South Australia and be hoping the red and blue have a successful season.

Go, you Rebels!



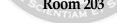
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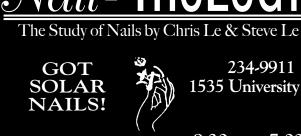
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for the upkeep of the Grove. "It is very expensive for the university to provide all things necessary to keep order and maintain rules, repair damages, clean up, and waste disposal." Mullins said. "On game day the Grove requires a large number of security personnel," Mullins said, "There is a ton of trash that is collected, and then the university has to pay for it to be placed into a landfill." He added that the cost increase each year.

Mullins said one "Hotty Toddy Potty" alone costs \$62,000 to keep it in function, and the university has five of them.

By gaining revenue from reserved alumni parking spots, the university is able to offset some of the cost for the maintenance.

Mullins said the game day committee does not have alumni on it, which is something that was said when the rumor of charging for tent spaces was circulating. It is made up of current university personnel. The only committee that will have alumni serve is a subcommittee that was just formed.

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rants was discussed because of concerns that someone could be hit by a passing vehicle.

"There is a worry that someone could pop out from behind a parked car and could walk out and be struck by oncoming traffic," Boyd said.

Levee Bouncer Andrew Cosgray said he has never witnessed a wreck or a car hit a pedestrian during his time working on the Square, and he doesn't think it is worth taking away parking.

"I think the idea of not allowing parking might hurt business. Unless the city were to make the square like Beale Street in Memphis and let people drink and walk around with the streets closed off. But then you'd have to worry about drunk drivers that park off the square," Cosgray said.

Freshman Jacob Elrod has enjoyed the nightlife in much larger locales such as Paris and Copenhagen and said he believes the Square is already the safest place he has visited, with the heavy police presence being a significant factor.

"While I don't get down there that often, I think that if you can't control yourself and look both ways to cross the road, then maybe you shouldn't be down there in the first place," he said.

A proposal for a designated taxi alley was also discussed at the meeting.

"It has to go to a vote, but there is a proposal to create a designated taxi alley on Jackson Avenue with the hope that this will increase safety and create a corridor for pedestrians. People will know where they can get a taxi," Boyd said.

Freshman Reed Gilmore welcomed the idea and said it will make it easier to catch a taxi to and from the area.

"I think it would be great; you would know exactly where to go," he said. "I have had to wait for a long time before just to get a taxi back to the campus. If you miss Rebel Ride, then you don't really know the best place to stand and hail one down. Hopefully it could avoid public drunk tickets for people walking back (to campus) as well."

Blocking off streets on the Square to allow easier access for emergency vehicles was another issue discussed at the most recent meeting.

"We are looking at possibly closing off 10th and/or 11th Street to give emergency vehicles the ability to have an easier path through," Boyd said.

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MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE PASSES FIRST GROUP OF BUDGET BILLS

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi lawmakers returned to the Capitol on Tuesday and began to pass dozens of noncontroversial budget bills to fund state government, even as their most contentious debate on the general fund looms later this week.

Discussions were mostly subdued because the House and Senate dealt first with special-fund agencies that generate their own money through fees or specific taxes. Those include the state Gaming Commission, the secretary of state's office and smaller agencies such as the Board of Massage Therapy and the Funeral Services Board.

"I'm glad to see there are no questions on that," Lt. Gov. Phil Bryant joked as senators quickly passed the \$74,805 budget for the Egg Marketing Board.

"I am, too," said Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Alan Nunnelee, R-Tupelo.

Wednesday's work could be more divisive because lawmakers will begin debating the \$5.5 billion general fund budget, and some Democrats say they want to put more money into public education. Legislators were in session

from early January until late March and took a three-and-a half week break in hopes that Congress would approve more stimulus money, including \$187 million for Mississippi. The stimulus money is still in limbo as they prepare a budget for the fiscal year opening July 1.

Mississippi lawmakers didn't include the \$187 million in the state budget, but they prepared a contingency plan to spend \$110 million if the money arrives. The remaining \$77 million would be put into reserve with hopes of carrying it over to the following fiscal year.

While legislators are putting most of their energy into finishing the budget for the coming year, some still want to put \$14.6 million into Medicaid to offset cuts made for the year that ends June 30. The House voted weeks ago to put the money into the health program for the poor, but Senate leaders have said they don't intend to do so.

Rep. Omeria Scott, D-Laurel, said Tuesday the Medicaid cuts are hurting health care providers and patients, including many of her constituents.

"I guess I'll have to go back and tell them that the Senate doesn't give a flying flip if you're poor in Mississippi," Scott said.

"Sounds pretty good to me," replied House Appropriations Chairman Johnny Stringer, D-Montrose.

The session has been extended until May 3, but legislators hope to finish their business in the next few days.

The House and Senate are trying to authorize the State Department of Employment Security to stay in existence beyond June 30, and are handling several bills written for specific local projects. Senators are also considering nominations to several boards and commissions and for some jobs. On Tuesday, the Senate Education Committee took only about five minutes before endorsing Tom Burnham's return as state superintendent of education. The full Senate is expected to confirm Burnham, who led Mississippi's public schools for five years in the 1990s and returned in January.





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Uncommon foreign language courses gain interest

BY REAGHAN FOLEY Special to The DM

With more than 10 languages taught in the Department of Modern Languages at Ole Miss, there are some languages that go unheard of on college campuses throughout Mississippi.

Though some language programs on other college campuses are shutting down, Portuguese and Russian are growing into strong programs.

Many students don't hear these languages spoken every day on campus, but both languages have impressive programs at Ole Miss.

With 60 students currently enrolled in Russian, Ole Miss is the only school in Mississippi with a Russian program.

"They used to have a Russian program at Mississippi State University, but it has been closed. They also offered Russian at Southern Mississippi, but it is also being closed," Russian professor Valentina Iepuri said.

She added that despite the gloomy outlook, the UM Russian program continues to build.

The program participates in the annual American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR), a nationwide essay competition.

"Within the past several years we've seen very good results," Iepuri said. "At the competition in 2009 one of our students tied for first place in the Non-Heritage Learners Level 3 division with a student from Yale University. Many of our students win third place, honorable mention, (and) second place.'

Students may minor in Russian and join the Gamma Omicron chapter of the National Russian Honor Society.

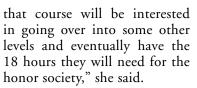
Portuguese is the sixth most widely spoken language in the world, ahead of German, French and Italian. However, this language is not widely used on campus.

"There is a lack of immigrants from Portugal and Brazil. In Mississippi, we don't have a lot of immigrants from those two countries," Portuguese instructor Julia Bussade said.

Florida, places where there's a larger concentration of immigrants from those two countries. I think that's one of the reasons Portuguese is not a very popular language here at the univer-

sity." Though students do not hear the Portuguese language spoken as often as Spanish or French, the UM program continues to pursue students and develop its curriculum.

Ole Miss was the first in the state to join an elite group of universities when it established a local chapter of Phi Lambda Beta, the National Portuguese Honor Society. "Unfortunately, we have not been very active since 2000, but I'm hoping to change that," Bussade said. "I'm going to start teaching a course in the fall. For the second time we're going to offer Portuguese for Spanish speakers."



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Freshman international studies major Becky Pocase practices speaking Russian with senior international studies major Darius Roby on Tuesday afternoon in the Croft Institute. Russian is one of the languages with growing interest that is taught by the Department of Modern Languages on campus.

"It's more popular if you go to California for example or to

Bussade hopes the honors society will broaden student's knowledge and opportunities.

"I'm hoping that students in

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MONEY FOR TOURISM

NATCHEZ, Miss. (AP) — For nearly two years, tourists have primarily bankrolled the Natchez Convention and Visitors Bureau's annual marketing budget, and all transactions begin and end at the hotel check-in counter.

Local voters in June 2008 backed a \$2 hotel occupancy tax, at first believed to increase the marketing budget from approximately \$120,000 per year to \$600,000. Original estimates were later tweaked to reflect a \$474,000 annual budget.

However, since the tax was created in July 2008, \$419,097 has been collected.

So far this fiscal year, which began in October, the tax has brought in \$120,518, Tourism Director Connie Taunton said. The projected 2009-2010 budget is \$375,500 — a hopeful amount considering the recession, Taunton believes.

"We're closely watching the tax returns," Taunton said. "We're

not counting on the collection to reach \$375,000. We're hoping for \$300,000."

The majority of the budget — \$192,000 — is devoted to leisure tourism, which includes advertisements in publications such as Southern Living, the production of Natchez Visitors Guide and Web site research and updates.

Taunton said \$121,000 is devoted to conventions and meetings, and \$62,500 is devoted to heritage tourism emphasizing multicultural attractions.

Taunton estimates 80 percent of the budget is spent within a 150-250 mile radius. Target areas include Jackson and the Louisiana cities of Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Monroe, Lafayette, Alexandria and Shreveport. The remaining 20 percent is spent in markets outside the 250-mile radius, specifically Houston, Dallas and smaller Texas cities such as Temple, Longview and Tyler.

Though Natchez is a draw for

international tourists, the CVB does not emphasize international marketing.

"When you market a city like Natchez, you have to ask what demographic is coming here and where the demographic is coming from. That's how you make decisions on where to spend advertising dollars," said former tourism director and current convention center general manager Walter Tipton.

'Our demographic is from Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, so we saturate our base markets. "You don't want to spend all your money in Alaska or Germany."

The success of advertising campaigns rely on hotel and bed and breakfast establishments reporting its tax collections to the Mississippi Tax Commission, which cuts a check to the CVB monthly. Tax collections are reported two months after the fact, meaning this month's check will reflect February collections.

Taunton said hotels should report its collections to the tax commission monthly, while bed and breakfasts should report quarterly. But not all hotels and bed and breakfasts are adhering the schedule.

"There are some properties that are delinquent," Taunton said.

A Mississippi Tax Commission official declined to identify which hotels and bed and breakfasts are delinquent, citing taxpayer confidentiality.

projecting Taunton said monthly tax collections is nearly impossible. The CVB sometimes receives a sizable check if hotels catch up on its tax reports. Groups that are exempt from the tax also alter projections

The CVB receives its most sizable checks in May and June, reflecting March and April collections. The increase is attributed to Spring Pilgrimage, which concluded Saturday.

Last year, the CVB collected \$36,688.31 in March and \$23,548.69 in April. The Mississippi Tax Commission usually remits checks to the CVB midmonth.

Though official figures are not yet available, Tipton said occupancy rates at Natchez Grand Hotel, owned by New Orleans Hotel Consultants, have exceeded expectations.

"This past March was the highest revenue we've had since opening up the hotel," Tipton said.

Taunton is optimistic Spring Pilgrimage will post good numbers this year, and despite projections falling short of expectations, she ensures voters they made the right decision.

"I think we're going to see some encouraging Pilgrimage numbers," Taunton said. "Because of the recession, we'd be in worse shape if we didn't have the tax. I think Natchez has great things ahead for it."

2011 ballot, coinciding with

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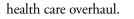
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JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Two Republican state lawmakers want Mississippi voters to have a say in whether health insurance should be required, and they're proposing a ballot initiative that's a direct response to recent federal



The secretary of state's office said Tuesday that Reps. Alex Monsour of Vicksburg and Steven Palazzo of Biloxi have filed a proposed initiative that would amend the Mississippi Consti-



tution to prohibit laws forcing a person or employer to participate in a health care system or plan.

"We're just trying to keep Mississippians from being mandated into a health care plan or being forced to buy health care. It's something we can't afford and it's immoral," said Palazzo, who's running for Congress this year.

Palazzo acknowledged the ballot initiative may duplicate efforts by Republican Gov. Haley Barbour to repeal a provision of the federal health care overhaul. But he said the law needs to be attacked from every angle.

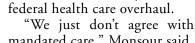
and use it," Palazzo said Tuesday. Barbour has said he plans to

join a multistate lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of requiring Americans to buy health insurance by 2014.

Putting an initiative on the statewide ballot takes at least 17,857 signatures from each of the five congressional districts that Mississippi had in 2000. Petitioners should be able to start gathering signatures in the next few weeks, after some paperwork has been completed. They'll have one year to get enough registered voters to sign.

Monsour said he'd like to get the issue on the November

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mandated care," Monsour said. At least four other states have

passed similar legislation and a state constitutional amendment is also working its way through



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THRASHES MADE GREAT DECISION ON LINE OF DAVID

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) – Dawn and Ike Thrash of Hattiesburg went to a horse sale in Ocala, Fla., in March, 2009, and purchased three 2-year-olds.

Their trainer, John Sadler, also was at the sale, and bought a thoroughbred for someone in California.

When Sadler's transaction didn't go through, he began looking for a buyer.

"He called us and asked if we wanted him," Ike Thrash said.

"We watched video of him, to see if we liked the way he moved," Dawn Thrash said. "We were looking for fillies. But we talked about him, and he looked good to me."

The Thrashes bought the horse for \$150,000, named him Line of David (after David Oliver, the Thrash' son-in-law David Oliver, who married their daughter Kelly), and on May 1 will watch him run in the prestigious Kentucky Derby.

One of the first three horses they bought last year was Dave in Dixie.

"The trainer said we were going to the Derby with this horse," Dawn said.

It didn't turn out that way, though.

Line of David qualified for the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., by winning the Arkansas Derby on April 11.

"That man in California (who backed away from owning the horse) is probably very disappointed," Dawn said.

Things were not all roses early in Line of David's racing career.

"He ran ninth in his first race," Ike said. "He ran an ugly third in his second start and an even uglier seventh in his third start, so we didn't pay much attention to him."

That's when two decisions were made that changed Line of David's fortunes. Sadler put blinkers on him, so he would focus on the track in front of him instead of all the action on his sides. And he told the jockey to get to the front of the pack as soon as possible and try to stay there.

"That's how his sire (Lion Heart) ran," Ike said.

As it turned out, Line of David focused on business at hand, and he had enough power and energy to stay in front. And he's now won his last three races, two at Santa Anita and the Arkansas Derby, when the odds were 17-1

against him.

With his last win, Line of David got on everybody's radar.

We could sell him for a lot right now," Dawn said.

'Three or four people have offered to buy a half-interest of him in the past week or so," Ike said.

Well, that's probably not going to happen before May 1.

Seventeen members of the Thrash family - Line of David's owners, their children and spouses, and the grandchildren - will be in an owner's box at Churchill Downs that day, rooting for their horse in what has been called "the most exciting two minutes in sports."

"There's nothing more beautiful than being on the rail, watching horses compete, trying so hard," Dawn said. "It's beautiful. We both love it."

Being an owner of a Derby contender makes it that much more special.

"It's the anticipation of what might be," Dawn said. "In your brain, you're thinking you're not going to win that race.

"But in the back of your brain, you're saying that he's got a heart that is so big he could hold them off."

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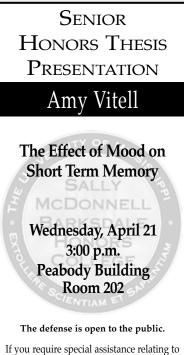
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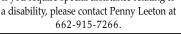
Mayor Pat Patterson reminded those in attendance that no dogs will be allowed on the Square after 2 p.m. on Double Decker Saturday.

The Board of Aldermen continues to investigate the status of the Lucky Dog hotdog stand as to whether it is a "transient vendor" or not. The definition of a transient vendor as explained by Oxford city ordinance is a "business conducted for sale of merchandise or services that's carried on at a particular location for a period of six months or less." The Blind Pig owns the equipment used and the business. The business currently conforms to state regulation and pays sales tax to the city as required.

The Board approved bids for the Woodlawn/Belk/ Highpoint sewer system extension and for sidewalk extensions on South 18 Street and Molly Barr Road.

The second reading of the ordinance limiting neon business signs in windows on the Square was voted to be reworded after suggestions were raised to clarify the definition of a business sign and to clarify the three foot radius from any exterior window.









Oxford & University Crime Report 4.14.10 - 4.20.10

Compiled by JB CLARK The Daily Mississippian

10 accidents 13 alarms 4 ambulance assistances 8 animal complaints 25 disturbances 1 grand larceny 1 harassment 1 juvenile complaint 3 larcenies 2 lost property 25 malicious mischief 7 motor vehicle accident 6 petit larcenies residential burglaries (CR 250, CR 401, CR 390, CR 369, Country View, Hwy 334)

33 service calls

- 16 suspicious activities
- 2 ticket issued for speeding
- 1 trespassing
- 4 vandalisms

1 weapon on school property

7 welfare concerns

3 arrests: 1 driving while license suspended & speeding 1 driving without license & no insurance 1 DUI 2 DUI & careless driving 1 DUI, careless driving, & MIP 1 careless driving, DUI, possession of a controlled substance 1 family disturbance, resisting arrest 1 grand larceny, felony fleeing warrant 1 grand larceny 1 grand larceny, bench warrant 1 petit larceny 5 public drunks 1 public drunk & indecent exposure

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Ole Miss student Ryan Breeland speaks with a representative at the Windows 7 display in the Grove after his name was drawn to win a laptop Tuesday. The display demonstrated features of Windows 7 to students and allowed them to fill in a survey about the operating system. In honor of Earth Day, Windows will donate a tree for each survey filled out.

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Snackbar employee Meghan Scott and guest oyster shucker Jack Pendarvis, local author and University of Mississippi professor, serve customers at Snackbar's first birthday celebration last Thursday. Local author Tom Franklin also served as a guest oyster shucker.



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GOING GREEN

EATING ECO-FRIENDLY, VEGETARIAN OR NOT

BY CORY COX The Daily Mississippian

The Ole Miss Campus Vegetarian Organization has put together big plans to help ecoconscious students ease into earth-friendly diet decisions.

In the organization's first officially active semester, the vegetarian organization has about 50 members according to its Facebook group, which includes students and faculty. Members include environmentalists, animal rights supporters and those simply concerned with the nutrition of their own personal diets and the eating trends of families. This diversity demonstrates a wide concern for the importance of a plant-based diet.

Megan Shannon, faculty

Pro-carnivorous eaters don't have to give up beef, pork and poultry cold turkey.

Ole Miss Campus Vegetarian Club

sponsor for the club, has been vegan for almost two-and-a-half years. She said her decision to eliminate animal products from her menu was inspired by books "Healthy at 100" and "Skinny Bitch." Shannon said these books increased her awareness of the health benefits involved in a vegetarian or vegan diet.

"I don't think it's hard to live this way," she said when asked about the possible inconveniences of being a vegan in north Mississippi. "There are challenges though."

She said the student organization has assumed the role of a makeshift support group for vegetarians on campus. Members



meat consumption was gleaned from the PB&J Campaign website, an environmental awareness group that advocates not total vegetarianism but intermediate steps that are more realistic.

Junior sociology major Hayley Carpenter has also been a vegetarian for two and a half years. She said her decision to cut out meat was based on her realization of the irresponsible practices of the meat industry.

"It's too easy for people to walk through the meat aisle and blindly pick something up and say 'here's dinner," Carpenter said. "They didn't hunt or slaughter that meat themselves. They don't know where it came from or what went into producing it."

Carpenter sees the first priority of the student vegetarian or-SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION Andrew Thurber "Droplet Pinch Off Dynamics in Viscoelastic Fluid" Wednesday, April 21 3:00 p.m. Lewis Hall Room 109 PHOTO COURTESY: STOCK EXCHANGE

ganization as raising consumer awareness. Green Week is the perfect venue for the club's platform. The club's plans on Earth Day, which is Thursday, include an awareness booth in the Grove where club members will be distributing literature on the benefits of vegetarianism as well as illustrating how resource-intensive an animal product concentrated agriculture can be. The club will also give out vegan cookies to taste-test at the event.

"We want to show people that you can still eat delicious food without any animal products," Shannon said.



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share their favorite recipes along with the challenges they face from family members unwilling to accept their dietary lifestyle.

Pro-carnivorous eaters don't have to give up beef, pork and poultry cold turkey. The club agrees that simply consuming less meat in one's diet can help with the environmental issues involved with meat production: animal byproduct pollution, water consumption and deforestation of land.

At the organization's most recent meeting, a campaign for meatless Mondays was discussed. They are not requesting that campus dining eliminate all meat products from the menu one day a week, but they are hoping to at least increase vegetarian options for that day. The idea for this gradual move to less

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FIVE FEMALE VOICES YOU SHOULD HEAR

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BY ANDREW OUSLEY The Daily Mississippian

I'm not afraid to admit it: I have a soft spot for female musicians. Not the Lady GaGa type— she kind of freaks me out; and I heard she's packing heat anyway.

I'm talking about the women who can carry a tune so warm it can melt your heart. Those nightingales that can compel you to rock out in a crappy falsetto voice when alone in your car.

This will probably sound really shallow, but for me, a voice is one of the things that outweighs physical appearances.

For example, I once thought about having a crush on Mama Cass from the Mamas & the Papas.

I've compiled a list of my five favorite female artists, in no particular order. As always, it's up for discussion.

So I said I didn't like poppy singers, but I have to throw Taylor Swift in here. Some people say she's a bit overrated, but man, she is

talented. It's said that she writes her own songs, but my friend in Nashville said that was music folklore. I

said that was music folklore. I really don't care either way. Any chick that can make me sing the words "You'll be the prince and I'll be the princess" automatically makes it in the top five.

Plus, her image is pretty good.





If I have to claim

a favorite it would

probably be Zooey

band She & Him. She's the "She" part. When you add in being a really attractive movie star, she's pretty much worth a restraining order.

Her voice is like good bread pudding: rich, sweet and good in dessert-sized amounts. Plus, she's also already married to the guy from Death Cab for Cutie.

That relationship sounds like a black hole of acoustic guitar couplets and silent glances, but I'm kind of jealous of him.

If there were ever a queen of indie music crowned, it would probably be Karen O from the Yeah Yeah Yeahs. She can undoubtedly rock harder than any of these other girls.

Her overall look is unique, though. Her wardrobe choices are sometimes as questionable as GaGa's, but who cares?

I hear she puts on one hell of a live show. I was disappointed by the band's last album because it's so dance-oriented, but their first two are awesome.

Bringing a little spice to

this list is Santi White, a.k.a. Santigold. You might recognize her voice from that Bud Light Lime commercial with the funky beat.

She's worked with music giants Jay-Z, Kanye West, Mark Ronson and Julian Casablancas.

Her style, like Karen O's, is irreverent and glib, but she's still so sexy. Check out the songs "L.E.S. Artists" and "Creator." If you are interested in her work, you won't be disappointed— it's good summer music.

There is a new musical sub-genre gaining a lot of steam in the indie world right now. Some call it "dreampop," others say it's "chillwave."

I don't really care about the nomenclature, I just like it. Well, some of it.

Notably the band Beach House. Lead singer Victoria Legrand's voice is equal parts hypnotic and evocative. It took me about five full listenings of their most recent album "Teen Dream" to really fall in love with it, but once I did, it stayed in my CD player for two weeks straight. Sigmund Freud would definitely have a crush on her. She looks (and sounds) like a sexy apparition. Songs "10 Mile Stereo" and "Zebra" will probably win you over.

Close Runners-up: Kate Nash, Emily Haynes of Metric, Tracyanne Campbell of Camera Obscura, Leslie Feist and Justin Bieber.

And if you ask me why Miley Cyrus isn't in my top five I probably won't even dignify you with a response. No. Just no. (even for nodding your head like veah)

A voice is one of the things that outweighs physical appearance. For example, I once thought about having a crush on Mama Cass from the Mamas & the Papas.

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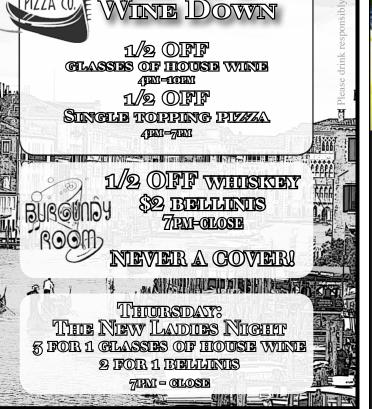
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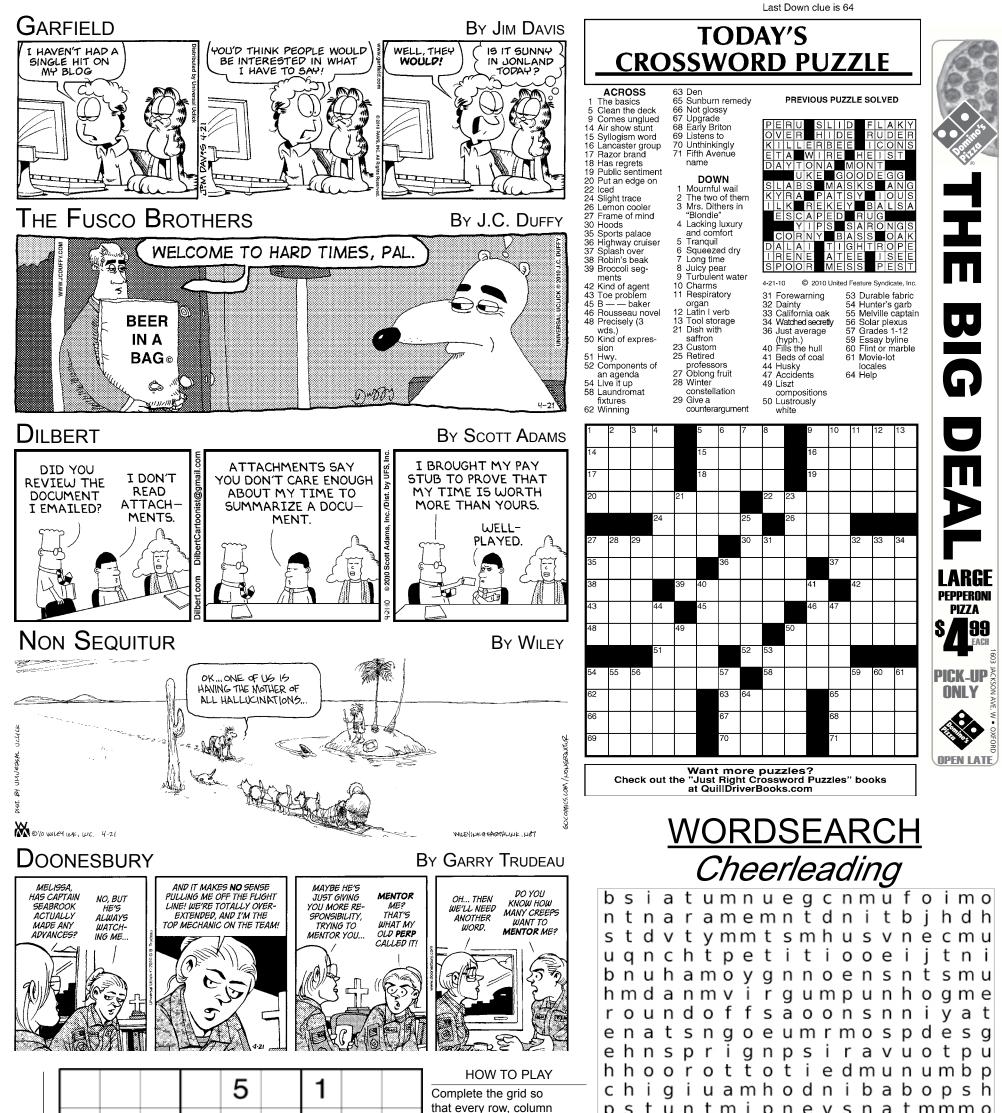
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### TENNIS FEATURE CATCHING UP WITH DEVIN BRITTON

#### BY JOHN HOLT The Daily Mississippian

Next month will have been a year since Devin Britton claimed the 2009 NCAA Tournament individual singles title and became the youngest NCAA singles champion in history.

The former Ole Miss tennis star returned to Oxford last week to watch the Rebels take on the No. 5 Ohio State Buckeyes and their in-state rival Mississippi State Bulldogs.

"It's been awesome being back," Britton said. "This is really the first break I've had since I've gone on the (pro) circuit. It's been a lot of fun getting to hang out and see a lot of people that I haven't seen in a long time."

Britton, now a professional tennis player, said he wasn't surprised when he heard the Rebels won their ninth consecutive SEC West title earlier this season despite having three freshmen in the starting line-up.

"It's been amazing what they've accomplished this year," he said. "Not just without me, but without Jonas (Berg), Bram (ten Berge), Otto (Sauer) and Kalle (Norberg). We lost five starters, and with any other team, they

could pull it off because he knows how to get it done every year, it seems like."

The Jackson native said he never envisioned himself being able to win the NCAA singles title when he officially became a part of the Ole Miss tennis program in January 2009, but Rebels head coach Billy Chadwick was confident that his freshman could make history.

"It was a magical time," he said. "He really got on a roll at the SEC tournament. You could see it before your eyes. I knew he had a chance to win it because he's the kind of player, if he gets hot, gets the right draw, gets his serve working, and his confidence is right where it should be, then he could make things happen. That's exactly what he did."

Britton, who only spent one semester at Ole Miss, acknowledged that he would have returned to Ole Miss if he did not win the singles title.

"My plan all along was to come back and play at least two years, and possibly more," he said. "My game style takes longer to develop, but after winning the NCAA you get so much attention. My

would be done. I knew Coach goal is to become a top player, so you can't really say no to an opportunity to go after that. It was impossible to say no because if I would have come back, would I have another opportunity like that? You just don't know."

> Chadwick commented that Britton had a special work ethic and desire to improve on a daily basis.

> "He came in and made the most of the situation," he said. "Toby (Hansson) did a great job with him. I feel like I did a great job with him, but the real credit goes to the team because he was surrounded by a great group of guys in an environment where he was comfortable and everything clicked. He went from being a very good junior player to the best player in college."

Britton admitted it was difficult to leave after the Rebels fell short of a national championship with their Elite 8 run.

"We were so close, and we had such a good team," he said. "It was pretty tough. The team played great. We were unlucky against UCLA in the Elite 8. We had our chances on different courts, but it was still an unbelievable experience."



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Ole head coach Billy Chadwick and Devin Britton talk during the NCAA singles tournament. Britton became the youngest NCAA champion in 2009.

Britton said the team atmosphere is what he has missed the most on the pro circuit.

"One of the most fun things in college tennis is just to be able to cheer on your teammates, and being a part of a team is pretty special," Britton said. "You know you can lose a match, and you can still win cause it's a team effort."

Having experienced both collegiate and professional levels of competition Britton said the conditioning on the professional circuit has been the biggest difference, and he credits Chadwick and assistant coach Toby Hansson for preparing him for that level of competition.

"Both coaches were unbeliev-

able," Britton said. "This was one of the best experiences of my life coming to school here. I keep in touch with both coaches and the guys on the team. They're all going to be friends for life, so I think making those relationships is one of the biggest parts of coming to school, and it helps you grow as a person."

Chadwick said Britton's legacy at Ole Miss is irreplaceable.

"He's inspired a whole crop of young kids throughout Mississippi, throughout the South and actually throughout college tennis," he said. "It's great to have a person that is as good a person as he is on and off the court to be representing Ole Miss. Even though he's playing pro now, he's



## **DRAFT PROFILE: GREG HARDY**

#### BY PAUL KATOOL The Daily Mississippian

### **Background:**

Greg Hardy arrived at Ole Miss via Briarcrest Christian School in Memphis, where he starred in both football and basketball.

As a true freshman, he started nine times and was named a freshman All-American by Rivals.com.

Hardy was a reserve on the Ole Miss basketball team his freshman year.

As a sophomore, he topped the Southeastern Conference with ten sacks and was tied for fourth nationally with 18.5 tackles for a loss. Prior to his junior season, Hardy earned second-team All-SEC honors from the SEC. As a junior, he collected 8.5 sacks while playing in only nine games.

After toying with the idea of leaving for the NFL a year early, Hardy elected to stay in school for one more season. He aggravated a foot injury during the summer be-

fore his senior year when he was in a car accident with teammate Dexter McCluster.

The defensive lineman played through an injury-plagued senior year but still managed five sacks.

### Memorable Moment in **Red and Blue:**

Hardy earned one of sport's biggest honors in 2008 when he made the front cover of Sports Illustrated following Ole Miss' 31-30 upset victory over the Florida Gators.

The cover shows Hardy preparing to drag down an airborne Tim Tebow. In the game, Hardy collected 1.5 sacks and 2.5 tackles for a loss, as Hardy and the Ole Miss defensive line dominated Florida up front.

### Pros:

Hardy is a speedy pass rusher who has four years of experience in the rugged SEC. Even at around 280 pounds, he is an athletic prospect. The lineman showed this athleticism early in his Ole Miss



Greg Hardy chases down Northern Arizona's Michael Herrick, who played for Ole Miss in 2007. Hardy's Ole Miss career is one of the more talked about tenures at Ole Miss. Hardy is trying to overcome injuries and his reputation before the NFL Draft.

career when he would line up as a when asked to defend the run. wide receiver.

Cons:

While it is hard to doubt the athletic ability of Hardy, effort has always been a concern. He has been accused of taking plays off and was suspended in 2007 by former coach Éd Orgeron.

In addition to discipline problems, Hardy had to undergo two surgeries after he suffered a stress fracture in his foot in 2008. On the field, he has been said to struggle

**Coach Houston Nutt on** Hardy:

The media has often weighed in on Hardy's off the field problems, but Nutt said he was impressed with how Hardy worked to rehab from injury in order to play in the Cotton Bowl in January.

"The thing that is so easy to talk about Greg is how hard he has worked with rehab and how hard he tried to come back to play after surgery," Nutt said. "He made a

real effort to get back in the Cotton Bowl and play, and I was real excited about that."

In addition, Nutt said Hardy showed he cared by being punctual to team events during his senior year.

"He really helped himself this year being on time and being very consistent with workouts, showing up for training room hours and 5:30 a.m. workouts," Nutt said. "Even when he couldn't go some days with practice, he was there."

### FOOTBALL FEATURE BOLDEN LEADS OLE MISS RUNNING BACK CORPS

### BY ERIC BESSON

The Daily Mississippian

While spring practice concluded Saturday with the Grove Bowl, the Rebels still have issues to address on the offensive side of the ball.

However, one position Ole Miss head coach Houston Nutt doesn't need to worry about is running back, where senior Brandon Bolden leads a bevy of backs.

"Running back, I feel good about," Nutt said. "I feel good about it because we have numbers. Maybe not the Dexter Mc-Cluster type, take your breath away, but we've got guys – they're a load."

weekend, and Cordera Eason are gone, but the Rebels are still confident with five other backs in the rotation.

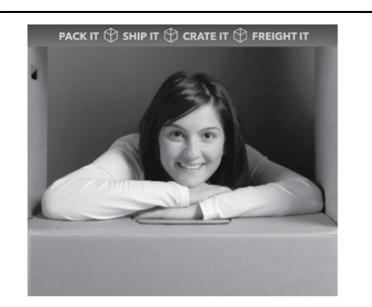
Although McCluster was the featured back for much of last season, Bolden has averaged just

McCluster, who will be se- over five yards per run in his lected in the NFL draft this two-year career, carrying the ball 227 times for 1,156 yards and nine touchdowns.

Bolden, a native of Baton Rouge, La., understands he has the most game experience at the

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Matt Smith is congratulated by his teammates after going 4-4 with a home run in the Rebels 7-2 win over the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles. Smith paced the Ole Miss offensive attack, and Matt Snyder also hit a home run. The seven runs were the most scored by Ole Miss since their April 2 game against the Tennessee Volunteers.

### MIDWEEK BASEBALL

### SMITH, REBELS CLAIM SEASON SERIES AGAINST USM

BY PAUL KATOOL The Daily Mississippian

It was Elvis night on Tuesday at Oxford-University Stadium and Swayze Field, but the king of the diamond was Ole Miss left-handed pitcher Matt Crouse, who dominated on the mound in a 7-2 victory over the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles.

Crouse (3-1) worked six complete innings and didn't give up a hit until second baseman Alex Yarbrough dropped a Travis Graves pop up in the sixth inning.

That hit was the only one given up by Crouse on the night as the Haymarket, Va. native struck out five batters and walked three.

"It certainly starts on the mound, and I thought Matt Crouse did a terrific job," Ole Miss head coach Mike Bianco said. "He had really good command. It looked like his fastball had a lot of late life.

"He really dominated the outer portion of the plate tonight. He had a lot of first pitch strikes, and worked ahead all night."

Crouse said that his outing against the Golden Eagles was one of his best all year.

"I felt pretty good out there," Crouse said. "It was probably one of my best. I got more comfortable as the game went on and it just turned out to be a good game."

Freshman Jordan Cooper and junior Eric Callender relieved Crouse, while junior Matt Tracy closed out the Golden Eagles.

While Crouse had a solid outing, it was junior Matt Smith who led the Rebels on offense going 4-4 at the plate, including a threerun homer in the fifth inning.

While the Rebels were able to break out of an offensive slump, Smith said he doesn't know what provided the spark.

"Honestly, I don't know," Smith said. "Maybe our focus? I don't know. There are a million different things that play a part in that, but I think the biggest thing that we can control is our focus. As long as we are focused and you go up there and give it your best then I think that's all we can ask for as teammates."

Southern Miss started righthanded pitcher Seth Hester, but Golden Eagles coach Scott Berry sent out a new arm each inning.

Ole Miss led 7-0 after eight innings before the Golden Eagles loaded the bases in the ninth; however, Southern Mississippi was only able to produce two runs during the inning.

The Rebels next return to action when they kick off a three game series against No. 8 LSU on Friday.

Smith said that the Rebel's Sunday win over South Carolina and the victory over Southern Miss provides Ole Miss with momentum going into the weekend.

"We got to salvage the weekend against South Carolina on Sunday and got over the Sunday blues," Smith said. "We don't have to hear about that anymore. Any time we can play good baseball and get a winning streak, even a small one, is positive going into the weekend against LSU."



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position, and he has used his knowledge to help his peers this spring.

"In the meeting room, when it comes to experience, I'm the oldest guy in there," he said. 'So with the experience factor, I know a lot. So I'm kind of like the old head in our room, and so the guys, they always ask me questions, so that's kind of one aspect that I'd say I did add is kind of a leadership role."

While the "old head" is helping others through leadership and instruction, Bolden worked on his own game in the offseason, losing weight and gaining



Brandon Bolden drags a defender behind him. Bolden has always been known as a power back, but the junior looks to to display his improved speed this season.

speed in an effort to become the top option in the Rebels' backfield.

(The weight loss) helped me a lot," he said. "I mean, I've

gotten a lot of speed back that I thought I had in high school, and (strength and conditioning) coach (Don) Decker worked with me on losing the weight and also picking up my speed and keeping my strength.'

"I think Coach Decker did a great job with that, and I've been trying to do a good job of keeping it off. I just thank my teammates because they try to remind me I can't eat that much anymore, so I want to thank all them, but I think I did exceptionally well." Bolden's new frame was in display on the first snap of the Rebels' spring game when he took a handoff and rank 57 yards to set up a Nathan Stanley touchdown pass. He broke through the right side of the line and burst through the second level before being stopped at the defense's 23-yard line. He might be the most experienced, but the Rebels' have a deep stable of running backs that will challenge for carries, including Enrique Davis, Rodney Scott and Devin Thomas in addition to freshman Korvic Neat and junior Derrick Herman, a converted defensive back.

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