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Wayne Andrews, Director of the Arts Council, stands with the donation box at the Powerhouse Community Arts Center. Approximately \$1,000 was reported missing.

## Powerhouse to hold fundraiser after robbery

BY MARIDANE HEWES  
The Daily Mississippian

Last weekend, the Powerhouse Community Arts Center was broken into and robbed.

Wayne Andrews, director of the Yoknapatawpha Arts Council, said the police believe it was broken into late Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

Approximately \$1,000 was stolen from the office, including money from the donation box, Andrews said. The robbery was discovered by the staff and volunteers of the upcoming play "Reasons to be Pretty," which had come in to set up for production.

Normally, the Powerhouse only has about \$100 on the premises, but Saturday was full of events, Andrews said.

There was a play rehearsal, a photo shoot for an approaching production, a dance workshop and

a private reception, so there was more cash around than usual.

Andrews said there is a designated "safe spot" for the money, but a new staff member accidentally put it in the wrong place.

The thief entered the building by jamming a screwdriver into the antique doors and jiggling it until the doors could be forced open. The money was stolen and the office was ransacked, Andrews said.

Volunteers worked Sunday to repair the damages.

Police were at the scene Sunday morning obtaining information and looking for anything that could be helpful in finding who committed the crime.

Andrews said because money was stolen from the donation box, they were able to get fingerprints, which will hopefully help in the search for suspects.

To replace the funds that were stolen, the Powerhouse is holding

a fundraiser.

Andrews said this week people have been giving up a lunch or cocktail and donating some of their savings to the Powerhouse.

"It gets you back into the spirit of things when people help out like this," Andrews said. "Whoever stole that money stole from the entire community, because of all the events that are hosted here."

The Arts Council makes many of these events and organizations possible, including educational programs, performances and local talent shows.

For more information on the fundraiser, go to the Facebook page "Powerhouse Break-In Fundraiser."

They have not discovered anything new thus far, but anyone with information should contact the Oxford Police Department at 662-232-2400 or Crime Stoppers at 662-234-TIPS.

## Ole Miss Works to Increase Graduation and Retention Rates

BY MOLLY HUTTER  
The Daily Mississippian

Following suit with national and statewide efforts to increase graduation rates, the Ole Miss administration is stepping up to boost the rates here, as well.

According to university statistics, Ole Miss' 4-year graduation rates have been between 24.7 percent and 35.3 percent over the past 10 years. Six-year rates have varied from 50.4 percent to 60.5 percent. According to Associate Provost Noel Wilkin, the national average for 6-year graduation rates is around 50 percent.

Wilkin said that although Ole Miss' 6-year rate is above the national average, the administration has higher goals for the University's graduation trends.

"We certainly want to do better than where we are right now," Wilkin said.

Jim Borsig, assistant commissioner of governmental relations at the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, said that graduation rates are something that every administration at every university thinks about constantly.

While national and statewide focus is on increasing 6-year graduation rates, Borsig said that it's important to encourage students to graduate within four years.

"It's more economical for a student and their family for the student to graduate in four years," he said. "It's economically practical for the school, as well."

### Reasons for Staying Longer

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Ridgeway said that most programs at Ole Miss are intended to be completed within four years. He said that for many students, however, problems with graduating on time arise when students either transfer from a community college or change their majors.

Taylor Stevens, a fifth-year senior from Atlanta, changed his major from business to history after his sophomore year. Because of the switch, Stevens said he was unable to graduate in four years like he had originally planned.

Other students have chosen to add another major or minor to their degrees rather than en-

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## Survey rates Ole Miss behind some schools in a few categories

This is a continuation from Tuesday's article on the National Survey of Student Engagement

BY AMBER HELSEL  
The Daily Mississippian

While University of Mississippi students may go to class, some admit that they are not showing up prepared, according to the National Survey of Student Engagement.

The survey measures levels of academic challenge, active and collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, enriching educational experiences and a supportive campus environ-

ment. These five areas include 22 different objectives.

Ole Miss's average score in the survey was 2.6.

Ole Miss is compared to other schools in two groups, Carnegie and SUG. Carnegie peers include the University of Alabama, the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Arkansas. SUG peers include Auburn University, Mississippi State University and the University of Texas.

Other universities are com-

pared with Ole Miss based on effect sizes as compared to the mean.

"Mean is the average rating (given) by students (on each area)," Tiffany Gregory, the position's program coordinator, said. "Effect" is the magnitude of significance between means that are being compared. An effect size of .2 is considered small, .5 is moderate and .8 is considered large.

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## Eliza Listens

Each week, advice columnist Eliza answers your questions about college life: classes, relationships and anything else you can think of. Have a question of your own? Submit it to [elizalistens@gmail.com](mailto:elizalistens@gmail.com).

Dear Eliza,

I have a friend who (to put it bluntly) is a mooch, and she's really getting on my nerves. She is constantly taking my food and my sodas and offers to pay me, but I'm a good friend and I don't want to accept her money.

It would be one thing if she took my things on occasion, but this happens almost every day to the point that I've been reaching in my fridge for bottled water and they're all gone. Should I approach her about it or just let her keep taking my stuff?

Sincerely,

Annoyed Roommate

Dear Annoyed Roommate,

I see what you are saying, and I agree it is annoying when a roommate eats or drinks something of yours,

but are you really upset with your friend about the bottled water or is it something else? Such as, do you feel you're being used?

To me, it doesn't seem like the money is the issue. In my opinion, I think there is something deeper that is bothering you about your friend taking your stuff; maybe because she isn't asking or just assumes she can and that may upset you.

I think you should take a step back and look at the bigger picture first, then confront her if you still feel the need to, or I would say next time you plan on going grocery shopping invite this friend so maybe when she sees you grab a pack of water she will too.

Hope this helps!

xoxo,  
Eliza

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Dear Eliza,

My friend has been getting onto me about how I spend too much time with my guy friends. I don't understand what she means, because to me the guys are a way to get away from the drama and all the annoying complaining.

My friend also mentioned that I may be losing friends because I spend all my time with the guys, but that's just how I've always been. I've always just hung out with guys and I actually prefer it that way.

Does my friend have a point or is it OK to have only guy friends?

-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

It's completely OK to have guy friends there for you

when you need to get away from the girls, but your friend has a point. If you don't work on your relationships, it could cause issues between you and others.

It is also good to have girl friends because they will be there for you when guys aren't. For example, not many guys want to listen about a guy you think is cute or that so-and-so broke up after two years, and you definitely can't borrow a dress from any of your guy friends.

I would definitely encourage you to make time for just you and the girls, or possibly invite the guys over to hang out with you and some of your girl friends.

Hope this helps!

xoxo,  
Eliza

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# Letter to the Editor

Brandon Irvine's opinion article had me shaking my head and rolling my eyes. He says that he "doesn't get" why Obama is proposing overseas aid, and I'm not surprised.

It's clear that Mr. Irvine could benefit from any of our numerous political science courses to help him better understand Obama's proposals.

I would recommend he start with learning about why people become terrorists — lack of political and social access makes up a large part of their reasoning.

He would learn about the various defensive alliances we have in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and East Asia — vestiges of the Cold War, no doubt, but they bring us toe-to-toe with North Korea, Iran and the always-irritable Russia.

I recommend that Mr. Irvine not think about foreign aid from his own perspective, but from the federal government's perspective.

As the United States declines from its post-WWII high, soft power has largely become our modus operandi.

Invading countries doesn't work so well anymore — clearly. As our world becomes infi-

nately interconnected, building schools and hospitals in countries where warlords and dictators hoard food and resources from their own people isn't a choice; it's our responsibility as fellow human beings.

Why does the State Department need \$40 billion? To fund and manage the hundreds of consulates and embassies worldwide that provide services to American citizens abroad, for one thing.

Personally, I think that Mr. Irvine's rage would be better directed towards the Tea Party's proposed budget cut, which, among other things, would eradicate all federal funding to Planned Parenthood, the National Endowment for the Arts and the nationwide service organization AmeriCorps, and severely limit the powers of the Environmental Protection Agency.

This proposed plan would certainly cut \$60 billion from the budget while purging an estimated one million people from their jobs. THAT is a discussion I would like to see in the DM.

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LSU	26%	59%
MSU	27%	60%
Ole Miss	32%	56%
Tennessee	30%	62%
UGA	50%	78%
Vanderbilt	84%	89%

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ter the struggling job market. Although she graduated in May with a degree in marketing and a Spanish minor, Jody Clark, from Charlotte, N.C., decided to return to Ole Miss for a fifth year to turn her minor into a second major. Clark said that along with completing her Spanish major, she is using this year to apply to jobs, hopefully making her transition from school to full-time employment smoother, she said. "When I walked in May I knew that unless I found a job I would have to move home, which I knew I didn't want to do," Clark said. "I've been job searching this semester from the get-go and hope to land a job in Nashville by the time I graduate again in May."

While Stevens and Clark did not originally plan on staying for a fifth year, Ridgeway said that it's not uncommon for students to purposely graduate a semester or two late. He said that many students develop such a strong bond with Ole Miss and Oxford, they find it hard to leave.

"I call it 'getting in another football season,'" he said.

Thomas Morris, a junior business major, is planning to graduate in four and a half years. Morris said that he has taken 12 hours each semester for the past two semesters, cutting back from the number of hours he took his first and second year. Morris said that the main reason he cut back on hours was to better handle the work load demanded by upper-level classes. He added, however, that living in Oxford for an extra semester would not be a bad deal. "I love Oxford," Morris said. "Why not stick around?"

### Retention Rates Tied to Graduation Rates

While some students develop close ties to the University, oth-

ers have a hard time finding that sense of community, a problem that is reflected in freshman to sophomore year retention rates.

"The faculty has tried to help me get accustomed to where I'm living now, but it's just that I don't feel very welcome by some of the student population," Freshman Will Dube from New York City said.

Retention rates are closely tied to graduation rates, said Ridgeway. Because of this correlation, the administration is focusing efforts on increasing retention rates, which, in turn, they hope will lead to higher graduation rates.

Ridgeway said the key to preventing transfers or drop-outs from Ole Miss is to focus on strengthening the sense of community students develop their freshman year.

"Almost any student that leaves after their freshman year does so because they never found a group," he said.

Retention rates have improved over the past five years, however, Ridgeway said that the percentages still are not as high as they would like them to be. Last year's retention rate was 93.5 percent, with 166 students not returning their sophomore year.

The new Residential Colleges are one effort the administration has taken to improve retention. Another is the Fast Track program which forms groups of incoming freshmen with common ACT and SAT test scores and provides them a group of educational peers who they have classes with and can study with.

"We want to do anything we can to improve the ability for students to come here, fit in and be successful," Ridgeway said.

And according to Borsig, a successful student is a student who receives a diploma.

"To make students more successful is the point of all the attention on graduation rates," he said.

### It's a National Issue

Ridgeway said that another reason graduation rates are so important is because often times, they are used as a point of comparison with other universities.

Graduation rates are one of the factors that the annual Forbes list of America's Best Colleges uses to determine a school's rank. Ole Miss came in at number 295 out of 610 in this year's list.

Other universities throughout the region have similar graduation rates. The University of Alabama, which was ranked 336, has a 4-year rate of 36 percent and a 6-year rate of 64 percent. Mississippi State University's rates are 27 percent and 60 percent. MSU came in at number 368.

Other universities throughout the nation have distinctly higher rates, including the College of William and Mary, the University of Florida, Northwestern University and the University of North Carolina, which all have 6-year rates of 80 percent and above.

Borsig said that Ole Miss is certainly not alone in its efforts to increase graduation rates.

"There's a national conversation about raising educational attainment throughout the country," he said. "And increasing graduation rates is a major component of that."

The U.S. currently ranks twelfth internationally in the percentage of 25- to 34-year-olds with an associate degree or higher. In order to increase this rank, President Obama has set a goal to raise national graduation rates to at least 60 percent by the year 2020.

Following the national effort, the Mississippi legislature has set a goal to reach the national average by 2025, Borsig said.

"Mississippi is just one part of this national discussion," he said.

Ridgeway said that Ole Miss is currently in the process of setting a numeric goal for graduation rates and that one is expected to be set within the next six to eight months.

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"A positive effect size indicates that the mean response at Ole Miss is above those being compared, while a negative effect size indicates that the University is below the comparison groups."

As compared to the SUG group, Ole Miss' effect size was negative in seven objectives including coming to class without completing reading or assignments. Compared to other universities in this group, freshmen scored a -0.1 and seniors scored a -0.08. Ole Miss scored negatively in six objectives as compared to the Carnegie group in areas such as making class presentations. Freshmen ranked at 2.2, while seniors ranked at 2.8.

One of the areas Ole Miss scored positively on was the service learning objective.

"We tend to focus on the comparison between our mean rating and those of our peers," Gregory said.

"For example, although the mean response for (students who) participated in a community-based project as part of a regular course was 1.70 for first year students at Ole Miss, this was statistically better than the mean of 1.55 for our peer group.

"Having said that, the University is working to increase the number of courses that include service learning opportunities. This year, Hildreth Davis, volunteer in Service to America, is on campus to help faculty develop such courses."

There have been marginal increases in some areas in the survey since 2007. For example, from 2007 to 2008, the number increased from 2.2 for freshmen to 2.3. The average for seniors increased from 2.7 to 2.8.

However, from 2008 to 2009, the number of students who said they came to class unprepared increased from a 2 to a 3. Most of the other areas increased by a couple of points.

Ole Miss does not receive a rank of four in anything on the survey.

"Students have a wide variety of experiences at Ole Miss," Gregory said. "As the ratings are averages, it is unlikely that everyone answering a question would say they engaged in a particular activity quite often."

Answering quite often is a four on the survey, while answering with a three means often, two means sometimes and one is never.

The Institutional Research officials said they are hoping to increase the number of students who take the survey.

The 2010 survey reached 551 first-year students and 1,186 seniors.

For more information go to [http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/university\\_planning/institutional\\_research](http://www.olemiss.edu/depts/university_planning/institutional_research).

# Austin stays busy at Ole Miss

BY AMBER HELSEL  
The Daily Mississippian

Accounting major Jessie Austin is an accomplished person.

The 21-year-old senior is the director of student involvement in the Associated Student Body, a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and president of the Rebels for United Way organization.

He was also recently inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"It's still kind of surreal, even though it is a couple of days after the fact," Austin said.

"I've been getting a lot congratulations, and a lot of people are very proud of me and the accomplishments I have.

"I feel very honored and of course I feel very humbled. I feel like I achieved something that I wasn't necessarily aiming for, but I achieved something that a lot of people reach toward."

He is the son of Jessie Austin, Sr., and Doris Austin, and he has three sisters.

"Growing up with three sisters taught me lots of responsibility," Austin said.

"My parents made sure I looked after my sisters, and they usually held me to a higher standard."

Austin went to Murrah High School in Jackson, where he



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was heavily involved.

He participated in student government, sang in the choir and also made time for many other extracurricular activities.

Austin said he likes to hang out with his friends at the bowling alley or the mall for fun.

"I like to travel as well," Austin said. "I plan on traveling some more this year, and I am hopefully doing my first international trip.

"I also love music. I sing, play piano and have written songs before."

Austin said he enjoys helping young people, especially when his fraternity mentors at the Boys and Girls Club.

In Austin's job as director of student involvement, he

tries to get students involved in ASB. He has helped coordinate and publicize events such as the Legacy gift campaign, where students are encouraged to donate \$50 each semester for the betterment of Ole Miss.

He also helped coordinate Rock the Vote last week to encourage students to vote in the ASB election.

As president of Rebels for United Way, he helps organize events for the organization.

"We recently have been brainstorming an alternate spring break project that would entail doing volunteer work here in Oxford or somewhere in Mississippi during spring break," he said.

Austin said he picked ac-

counting as his major because he likes math and numbers.

"I didn't want to become a math teacher, so I wanted to choose a major that incorporated those math skills and techniques," Austin said.

"Accounting was a way I could do that. Also, I wanted to go into law and having an accounting and finance background is pretty beneficial for a lawyer."

Austin advises anyone who aspires to be part of the hall of fame.

"Find an interest here at the University," Austin said. "Mine is reaching out to younger people, mentoring."

"Use it for all four years and develop on that skill or talent."

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# Humane society gives itself a new home

BY BRIT STACK  
The Daily Mississippian

The Oxford-Lafayette Humane Society opened its new facility last Tuesday.

The Humane Society moved from Highway 7 South to a new three-building complex on McElroy Drive, near the Ole Miss airport.

"It was a trailer, a boxcar and a concrete block," Brandall Atkinson, member of the board of directors, said of the old facility. "It was old, decrepit and nasty."

The new site has been an ongoing project for several years.

The main building contains a reception area, a conference room and offices for the shelter director, Sarah Turcotte. There is also a clean-up room with storage for personal belongings and a shower for employees and volunteers.

The building also has two puppy rooms. One room is for those puppies that have yet to be vaccinated and the other for those that have had shots. This is to prevent diseases from being accidentally transmitted, Atkinson said. While there are puppy cages in the rooms, neither is completely finished.

Across the hall from the puppy

rooms is the cat room, and many of these cages already have residents.

A second building contains kennels for full-grown dogs. Each kennel has a drainage system located in the rear for easier cleaning.

"The dogs on each side are separated pretty much by who gets along with who and the dog's sex," Atkinson said.

Attached to the building are outdoor run areas for the adult dogs. Puppies have smaller outdoor pens on a covered walkway to play in.

The third building contains medical rooms for check-ups and vaccinations. There is also a quarantine space to keep sick animals from infecting the rest of the population.

There were about 110 animals at the facility on Feb. 18.

Most of the animals were transferred during the move and some were new drop-offs.

According to its website, the mission of the Oxford-Lafayette Humane Society is to strive to "improve the plight of lost, unwanted, abandoned and homeless animals by providing shelter, care, rescue, adoption services and foster homes." They also investigate animal cruelty, abandonment and

neglect as well as promote responsible pet ownership.

Approximately 3,500 animals are accepted to the facility every year. While they are required by law to keep each animal at least five days, overcrowding does lead to euthanasia of sick, temperamental and older animals. The length of time an animal has been housed in the facility also factors into the decision to euthanize.

"There's a hierarchy to it," Atkinson said. "If they are ill, then they are not adoptable. We don't just randomly go, 'OK, I'm going to pick this dog and that dog,' to euthanize."

Atkinson said the new shelter can keep about 150 animals and there are also "foster parents" that will keep animals from time to time.

Dogs can be adopted for \$125 and cats for \$100. This includes spaying or neutering of the animal as well as several rounds of vaccines. There is an application to adopt and an adoption counselor that makes sure the pets will be able to live with their new owners.

The Humane Society allows volunteers to come in to help and play with the animals. They also



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Kennel attendant Riki Roederer holds a puppy at the new Oxford-Lafayette Humane Society animal shelter on Molly Barr Road. The new building was opened to the public last week.

need donations such as animal food, bleach for cleaning purposes and adult dog toys.

Those interested in adopting or

volunteering can contact the Oxford-Lafayette Humane Society at 662-236-7631 or visit the website at [www.oxfordpets.com](http://www.oxfordpets.com).

## Congrats to Kappa's New Officers!

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# Rebels for Christ encourage coffee drinkers to give

BY ABIGAIL WHITE  
The Daily Mississippian

Millions of Americans start their day with a good ol' cup of joe.

However, rarely do coffee drinkers think of where their coffee comes from or whom they impact by drinking it.

The University of Mississippi chapter of Rebels for Christ has started a coffee house out of its student center to support two nations.

They serve Land of a Thousand Hills coffee, whose mission focuses on community trade and supports improvement efforts in Rwanda, and the proceeds from their sales

will go toward a service trip to Haiti the group is taking this summer.

The Rebels for Christ motto is "making disciples who will change the world for Christ," and it they take their role seriously.

When minister Casey Coston learned about Land of a Thousand Hills coffee in summer

2009, the idea of using coffee with a purpose as a part of their outreach seemed like a perfect fit.

"How could I not help a coffee that supports forgiveness, healing and the reconciliation of a country?" Coston said.

The 1994 genocide in Rwanda left the Rwandan coffee-growing community in com-

plete disarray, with little hope for the future. However, investors had a vision that a cup of coffee could transform a village.

Land of a Thousand Hills coffee brings together 210 farmers, 1200 family members and 500 orphans to cultivate the com-

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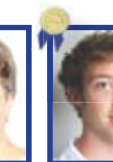
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The Office of Enrollment Services is inviting all students, faculty and staff to sit down and write a few old-fashioned letters. The department is hosting a letter-writing campaign February 28<sup>th</sup>-March 4<sup>th</sup> to encourage high school seniors to attend Ole Miss in the fall.

**Who:** All interested faculty and current students

**When:** Monday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>: 9AM-4PM  
Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>: 9AM-1PM

**Where:** Student Union 405A (3rd floor) Monday-Thursday  
Student Union 410 (Catalpa Room-3rd Floor) Friday

Come and write words of encouragement and wisdom to the students we hope will be the incoming class of 2011. Refreshments, stationery, and writing utensils will be available.





# Lights, Camera, Action: Matthew Graves

BY MORGAN BRADLEY  
The Daily Mississippian

Remember the eye-popping 3-D advertisement for the athletics department during the Auburn football game?

The man behind that was award-winning director Matthew Graves of the media and documentary projects team at the University of Mississippi.

Graves is not only credited with that; he has several award-winning short narrative films as well.

Outside of his narrative films, Graves works in media and documentary projects on different university needs, such as commercials, spots, promos, web videos and some work that broadcasts on Ole Miss TV.

He also worked on a documentary about the work and effort behind hosting the presidential debate of 2008.

"I've always wanted to be a filmmaker, so having the opportunity to work in a creative environment producing and directing commercials, videos,

documentaries and films is really an exciting and wonderful thing for me," Graves said.

His coworkers have nothing but positive remarks about him.

"Matthew is foremost a talented filmmaker, and the University of Mississippi is fortunate to have him," Andrew Harper, director of the media and documentary projects teams, said.

"By approaching university productions with a filmmaker's eye, he is able to tell the Ole Miss story in a distinctly cinematic fashion."

Graves' work goes beyond the University, however.

His short film "Dummy" is a comedy about a technical director for a theater who gets trapped with a ventriloquist dummy one evening when closing up.

The film won "Best Comedy" at the 2006 Tupelo Film Festival.

Graves has also garnered awards at the 2010 Oxford Film Festival (special achievement in



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directing for "Footsteps") and at WestFest in 2000 (grand jury prize for "One Man's Fate").

He is currently working on a new dark comedy project called "Till Death," which he hopes to begin shooting this summer.

"He's not afraid to tackle any challenge thrown his way,"

Karen Tuttle, the assistant for the MDP team, said. "Matthew takes his work to heart and nothing less than perfection is the end result."

With such a distinguished film career, people may wonder what are Graves' taste in television and film.

"I own every released season

of 'The Simpsons' due largely to the fact that my parents wouldn't let me watch the show as a kid," he said.

Regardless of his favorite TV programs, his presence at the University is greatly appreciated.

To see any of his films, go to [melmoproductions.com](http://melmoproductions.com).

## COFFEE,

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community and pursue social justice.

The majority of the world's coffee comes from the most impoverished nations, but Land of a Thousand Hills is empowering and redeeming coffee growing communities in Rwanda and around the world.

By purchasing their beans, coffee drinkers help build relationships, but more importantly, workers receive a fair-living wage, making their work sus-

tainable.

Their beans are harvested in Bukonya, Rwanda, where villagers in different ethnic groups work together to restore their country.

Land of a Thousand Hills has developed projects like orphan sponsorships, which is a sustenance farm where malnourished orphans care for animals and crops.

The orphans participate in a soccer program as well, which

entails building soccer fields to create community and promote coffee education.

They have also helped build a coffee washing station to improve efficiency and quality.

Though the coffee company is non-profit, they grant micro-finance loans to widows and bikes to farmers through a sustainable cycle. This directly creates entrepreneurs and helps the war-torn country work towards modernization.

Land of a Thousand Hills encourages the use of their coffee as an opportunity to build community and connect people to missions in a unique and tangible way, which is the Rebels for Christ's purpose as well.

Rebels for Christ currently sponsors two children who were left displaced following the earthquake that destroyed Haiti. They are living with family members who made their way to Cap Haitien, Haiti looking for a place to live and a way to make a living.

Members, however, wanted to do more than just send money and provide the children with necessities.

They hope to help other orphanages and churches during their trip in May. They are also going to help install a water purifier that they have raised money for.

"We will help 158 kids in an orphanage, and if they have clean water, they will be able to share with their entire community," junior Sam Lyons said. "It is cool to know that the coffee we are selling is helping the kids in Haiti and also an entire industry and village in Rwanda."

According to junior Nicole Walls, Rebels for Christ hopes their first trip to Haiti goes well and will allow them to bring back their story and experience to share with others.

"There is need everywhere but the best thing to do is to find something and commit to it," Coston said.

The coffee house is located in the Alpha Omega student center on Jackson Avenue and is open on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.



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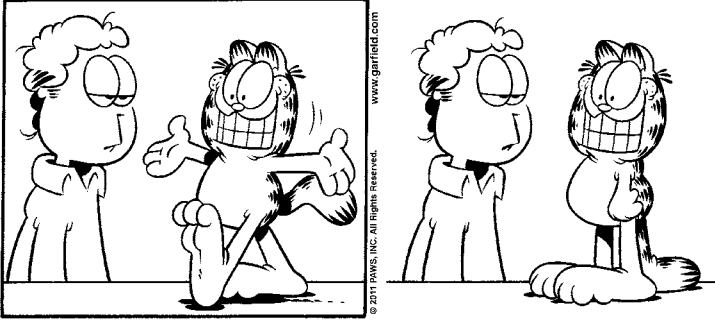
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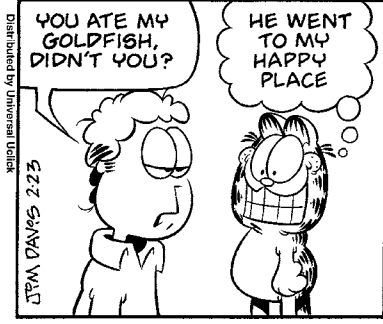
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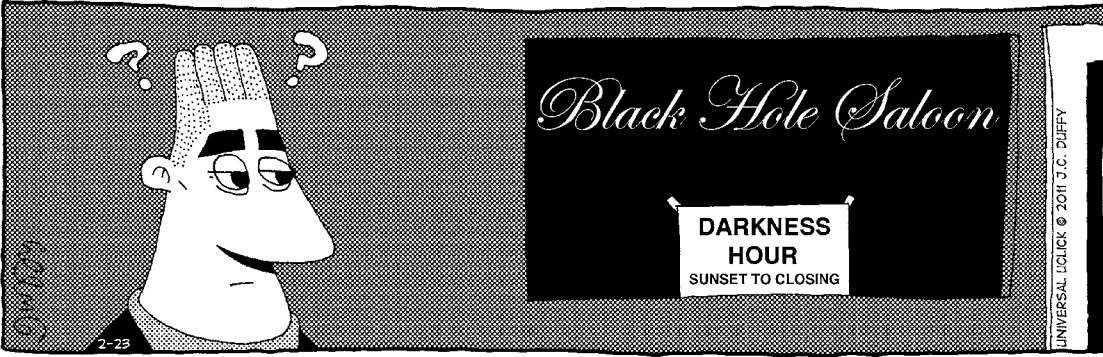


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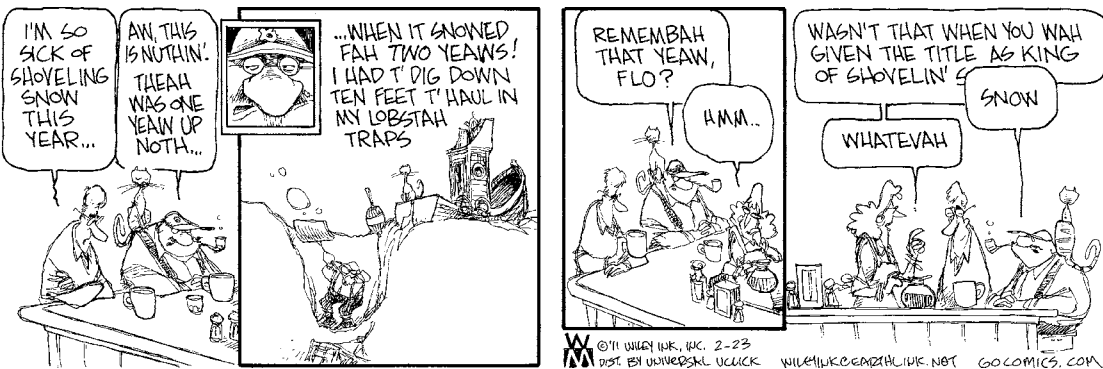
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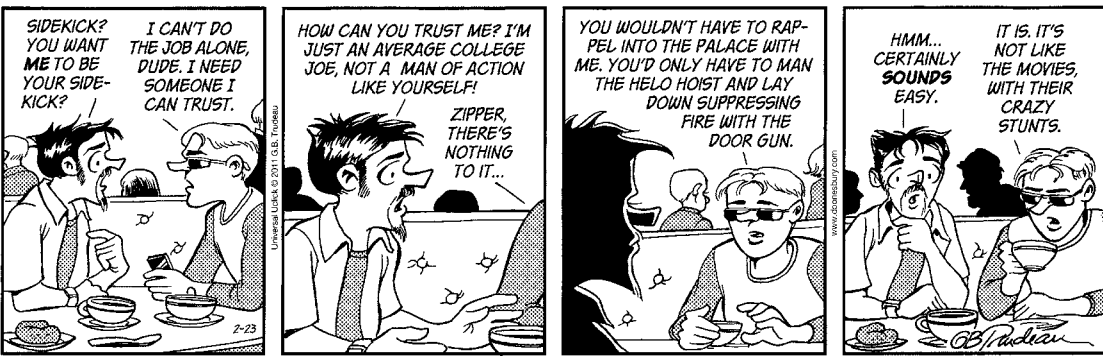
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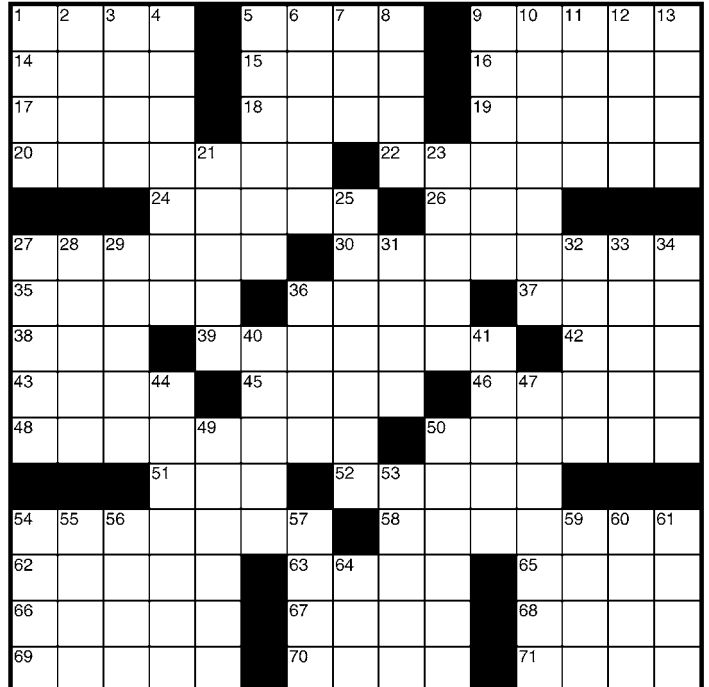
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# Tracy's dominant outing pushes Ole Miss past Memphis

BY AUSTIN MILLER  
The Daily Mississippian

Coming off a season-opening sweep of Wright State, the Diamond Rebels (4-0) continue their fast start in 2011 with a 4-2 victory over Memphis (3-1) yesterday afternoon.

After a strong weekend at the plate, senior left-hander Matt Tracy (1-0) dominated on the mound, pitching a career-high six scoreless innings. He struck out seven, while allowing only four hits and two walks.

"I thought Matt (Tracy) pitched well," Ole Miss coach Mike Bianco said. "He's a senior, and it showed why it's important to have older guys on the team. He wasn't sharp the first few innings — got in a few jams — but hung in there. He was able to battle out of some innings."

Junior Matt Snyder led the offense with a 2-for-2 game, which included a double, two walks and

an RBI single in the first to score sophomore Alex Yarbrough.

Memphis threatened early, stranding a runner at third after a leadoff double in the first. Then, in the top of the second, with two Tiger runners on base and one out in the inning, junior Zach Kirksey turned in a great defensive play by throwing out the would-be tying run at the plate to end the inning.

"I thought (Zach) Kirksey's play on the sacrifice fly, where he threw the guy out at the plate, was really the turning point of the game," Bianco said. "It's 1-0 and they score, it's a different ballgame from there on. You're fighting to get the lead back, but, instead, he throws the guy out and keeps the momentum in our dugout."

With two out in the bottom of the fifth, Ole Miss added a pair of insurance runs to extend the lead to 3-0. Snyder doubled down the right-field

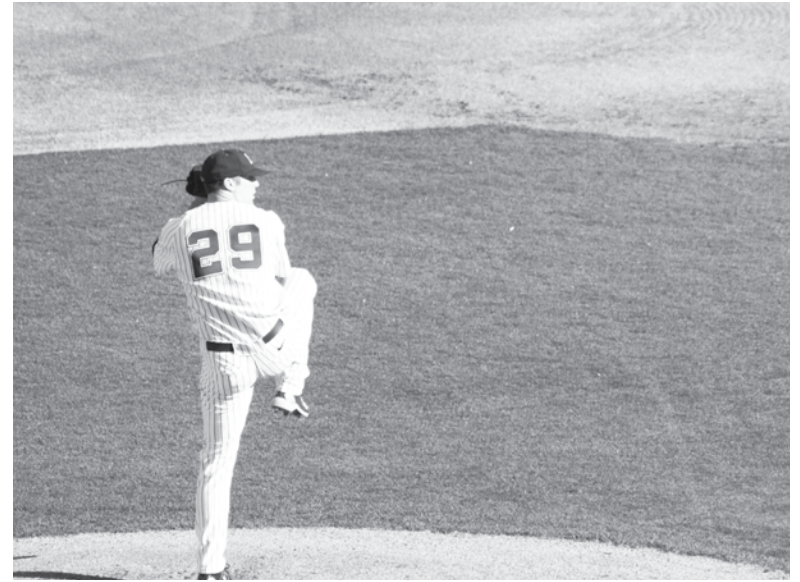
line and scored on a RBI single from senior catcher Miles Hamblin. Senior outfielder Jordan King drove in Hamblin with a RBI single over the outstretched Memphis first baseman.

Kirksey followed up his outfield assist in the second inning with a solo home run in the bottom of the sixth, the Diamond Rebels' third of the season, to take the lead out to 4-0.

Memphis rallied in the top of the eighth with back-to-back singles off freshman right-hander Mike Mayers in his collegiate debut. With one out in the inning, Bianco turned to senior right-hander Jake Morgan.

After giving up a two-run double down the left-field line, Morgan struck out the next two hitters to get out of the inning and retired the side in the ninth to earn his first save of the season.

"It's a younger team and that's what's huge for us to get off to a



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Ole Miss left-hander Matt Tracy prepares to throw off the mound during the Rebels' 4-2 win over Memphis on Tuesday. Tracy gave up four hits and didn't allow a run

good start, winning the first four games," Tracy said. "The (new guys) don't know anything else, so they're playing with a lot of confidence. And all the returnees are a little more comfortable

and also playing with a lot of confidence."

The Diamond Rebels return to action Wednesday afternoon as they host Arkansas State with first pitch set for 3 p.m.

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## Warren's career high not enough in Columbia

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Ole Miss Sports Information Chris Warren scored a career-high 33 points and tied the school record with eight 3-pointers, but Ole Miss' late comeback attempt was not enough in a 79-73 loss to South Carolina Tuesday night.

Sam Muldrow had 23 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:02 left, as South Carolina snapped a five-game losing streak.

Muldrow's points tied his career high and he added 10 rebounds to help the Gamecocks (14-12, 5-8 Southeastern Conference) build a 69-55 lead with 6 minutes left.

That's when the Rebels (17-

11, 5-8) went on an 18-4 run, tying the game at 73 on Zach Graham's layup with 1:21 to go.

Muldrow answered back for South Carolina, striking for his third 3-pointer of the game.

Graham missed a tying 3-pointer on Ole Miss' next trip and the Gamecocks closed out their first home victory since Jan. 19 with three free throws.

Warren tied Keith Carter's school record of eight 3-pointers and set the record for treys in an SEC game.

The Rebels' senior point guard also eclipsed 500 points and 100 assists for the season, doing so for the third time in his career. Only three other players in school history have ever reached those totals once.

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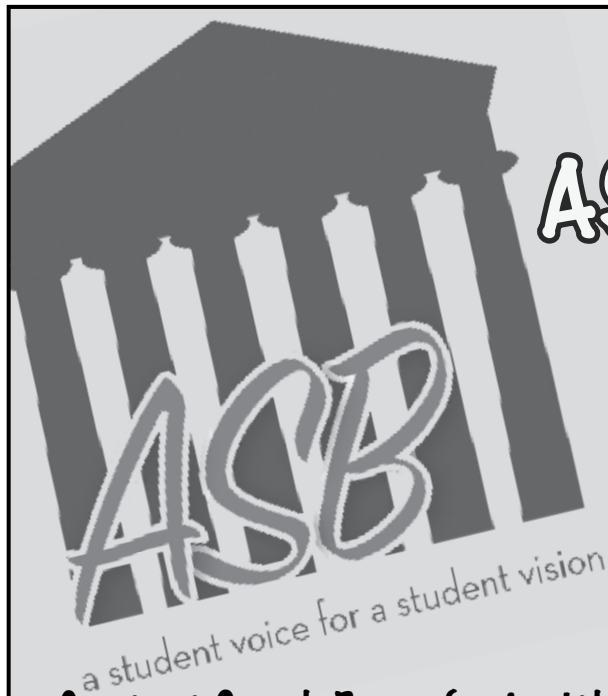
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# McFerrin walk-on turned starter for Lady Rebs

BY KAITLYN DUBOSE  
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This past year the Ole Miss women's basketball team held walk-on tryouts for the first time since 2003. As a freshman, Maggie McFerrin not only tried out and made the team, but as a sophomore is the Lady Rebels' starting X.

At the first practice of the year, the sophomore from Tupelo said she was happy to make the team, but not to expect to see much of her because she was "just a walk-on."

Oh how things have changed.

When that comment was brought up, McFerrin laughed

and said she's come a long way and has worked hard.

McFerrin, who made her first start in a home game against LSU, had to step up for the Lady Rebels after senior Kayla Melson suffered a hard fall against Florida that has prevented her from playing.

The walk-on turned starter was initially intimidated with being a starter, but soon got used to the pressure of replacing Melson. McFerrin said the coaching staff made it clear they did not want her to be overwhelmed by her new role.

"(The coaching staff) just told me that (McFerrin and Melson) play differently and to just play like they taught me," McFerrin



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said. "No more pressure than usual. I'm just supposed to go out there and give it my all." Lady Rebels coach Renee

Ladner and her staff stressed to McFerrin that she would be a role player: to be a shooter and always look for the rebound.

"I feel like I've done good for the circumstances," McFerrin said. "But you can always say you can do better."

Ole Miss' starting line-up the past few games has consisted of mostly underclassmen, and is likely to make up next year's team minus the incoming recruits. While this year's team in youthful, they should be prepared for next season.

"We're young but we've gotten so much better as the season progressed and we will be ready for next year," McFerrin said. "I think we're going to be really good."

McFerrin's best game came

against No. 24 Georgia, when she went 4-for-5 from the three-point line. That game gave McFerrin

"I was like this is what I'm supposed to do in the games," McFerrin said of the Georgia game. "That got me excited."

The Lady Rebels will need more of that enthusiasm from McFerrin and the rest of the team in Ole Miss' game against No. 4/4 Tennessee on Thursday. The Lady Rebels are on a rough five-game losing streak, but McFerrin said the team is going into the game with a positive attitude.

"Anything can happen," McFerrin said. "We have to go into it with the mind-set that we can do this and play our hearts out."

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