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## Three law students win big in New York

BY CAIN MADDEN  
Campus News Editor

Three University of Mississippi students traveled to New York this weekend and out-debated 73 schools in the 23rd Annual National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition.

Competing at Pace Law School were two third-year law students, Christina Ashoo and Neal Wise, and one second-year law student, Dreda Culpepper.

"This is the most prestigious environmental law moot court competition in the country, and at 23-years-old, one of the oldest," said David W. Case, associate law professor and debate coach.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for our students because of the law schools that competed. You have to be extraordinarily prepared just to get to the elimination rounds," Case said.

"To win it all, you have to really perform."

The competition began in November, and Case said the students and coaches became something of a miniature law firm.

"You work for two months straight to get the brief written, and once the brief is filed, you work for two months researching oral arguments," Case said.

"Practices are long because of the amount of work you have to com-

plete. It is a tremendous amount of work, and I am thrilled to see that kind of hard work rewarded."

Case said the three students have bright futures in law.

"One of things it will demonstrate is that they are not afraid of extremely hard work," Case said. "My expectation is that they will do quite well in job markets, independent of this, but this will look good."

A moot court is essentially a practice court. For this competition, the students assume the case has already been tried in a lower court and that they are presenting their cases to reject or accept the trial court's decision to the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals.

Each team wrote a court of appeals brief in November and argued in three preliminary rounds at the competition in February. The brief was 40 percent of the preliminary score and the three preliminary arguments made up the final 60 percent of the score.

Twenty-seven schools made it to the quarterfinals.

Culpepper was named Best Oralist in the team's first and third preliminary rounds, and Wise was named Best Oralist in the team's second preliminary round.

After the announcement that Ole Miss advanced to the quar-



COURTESY OF DAVID CASE

Christina Ashoo, Dreda Culpepper, Professor David Case, and Neal Wise after the championship round in New York City. The group won first place at the 23rd annual National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition.

terfinal round, the team received the award for best brief appellant, one of three awards for the highest scoring briefs annually given at the competition.

Ashoo and Culpepper argued for Ole Miss in the quarterfinal round, defeating teams from the University of Houston and Rutgers University. In the semifinal round, Culpepper and Wise defeated UCLA and the University of California Berkeley, advancing

Ole Miss to the championship round.

Ole Miss faced Baylor University and three-time defending champion Lewis & Clark Law School in the championship round.

In addition to the title, the Ole Miss School of Law also won an original watercolor entitled "Dawn: Storm King," which will soon be on display at the Robert C. Khayat Law Center.

## Playwright wows crowd at Ford Center Monday night



ALEX EDWARDS | The Daily Mississippian

Ntozake Shange speaks at the Gertrude Ford Center for Black History Month last night. Ntozake recited meaningful poems and took part in a Q&A session.

BY CHARLES HALE ROBINSON  
The Daily Mississippian

Even though the Ford Center was packed last night as the University closed out Black History Month, only one person could truly be heard.

The black woman spoke slowly and softly as the audience sat below like grandchildren at story time. Author and playwright of many works including "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf," Ntozake Shange

was the special guest speaker of last night's Black History Month keynote. Following the event, Shange signed copies of her books in the foyer of the Ford Center.

The event kicked off at 6 p.m. with welcoming speakers Provost Morris Stocks, Ulysses "Coach" Howell and Associated Student Body president Virginia Burke.

Donald Cole, assistant provost and assistant to the chancellor concerning minority affairs, then

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## Panty thief faces indictment

BY KEVIN WILLIAMS  
The Daily Mississippian

A report released by the Associated Press yesterday stated that Joseph Paul Lillo, the alleged panty thief, was indicted by the Lafayette County grand jury earlier this month.

He is subject to several criminal charges related to a string of thefts and burglaries in the Oxford area.

Oxford police detective Jimmy Williams said Lillo could face up to 13 counts of residential burglary.

The Oxford district attorney's office declined to confirm or deny reports pertaining to the indictment proceedings, citing confidentiality protocols and safety concerns.

Assistant district attorney Honey Ussery, who is prosecuting the case, said that further information concerning Lillo's indictment will be made available to the public within the next two weeks.

Lillo, 32, was arrested at his

home in Marshall County on Oct. 3, 2010, and was charged with 11 counts of burglary.

Reports said that Lillo is accused of breaking and entering into numerous residences and stealing female undergarments, thus his popular title, the Panty Thief.

Oxford police chief Mike Martin would not release what Lillo allegedly did with the garments or how he picked his victims, but he said the panty thief reportedly used the path of least resistance to gain entrance into the homes of his alleged victims.

Denied bond, Lillo has been awaiting a hearing by the grand jury at the Lafayette County Detention Center.

According to local law enforcement officials, Oxford public defender Joshua Turner has been appointed to defend Lillo in the event of a criminal trial. If convicted, Lillo could face up to 25 years in prison.

A trial date has not yet been set.

### this week

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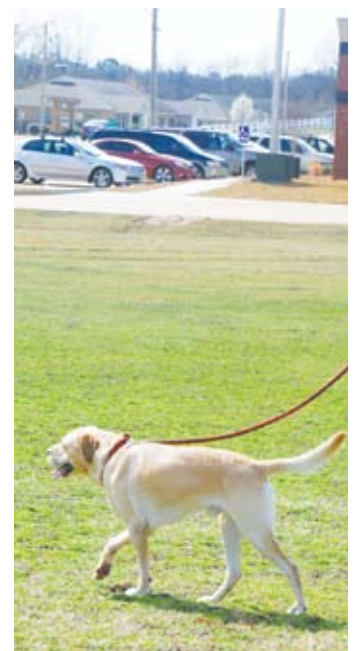
The Russian National Ballet is bringing its acclaimed production of "Swan Lake" to the University of Mississippi's Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts.

8 p.m. March 4  
\$20 Mezzanine/ Balcony (Gen. Adm.) Orchestra/Parterre tickets are sold out.

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#### NEW PARK GETS TAILS WAGGING



SPORTS

#### PERRY LEADS FOR OLE MISS



## Discovery takes off, so does the space industry



BY MATTHEW HENRY  
Columnist

Last week, the space shuttle Discovery took off from the Kennedy Space Center for its 39th and final time.

As many of you have heard over the past year, the space shuttle program is being discontinued. The three remaining shuttles, Discovery, Atlantis and Endeavor, are slated to be retired within the coming year.

After these shuttles are finished with their respective missions, they will take up residences in museums, including the Smithsonian. It is hard to imagine after three decades that the NASA space shuttle program will be no more.

This program in particular has shaped the way our generation looks at space travel. While I am sad to see it go, I think that everything has its limits, especially when it comes to technology that propels humans, satellites and parts of the International Space Station into

orbit.

It is amazing that something created and built in the early 1980s successfully carried a key research component to the International Space Station just last week.

When I think of the general technological advances that have occurred in the past 30 years, I cannot help but wonder what the space shuttle would have been like if it were built today.

After all, we made it to the moon and back to Earth when computers still relied on punch cards in order to work.

Without a space shuttle program and without a definite replacement program from NASA (President Obama halted the implementation of the Constellation program last summer), where do we go from here?

It is the current administration's hope that the private space travel

market will begin to emerge over the next decade. Countless numbers of companies have already begun developing and building our next-generation space travel technology.

I think that in the long run this has potential to be very beneficial because it allows for other revenue streams to fund these projects. It is very difficult for any president, without the threat of something such as the USSR, to defend the hundreds of billions of dollars in NASA's budget, especially in today's economic climate.

While I hate to see NASA lose any sort of prominence, at the same time I think it is good to have space programs unfettered to the whims of political pressures.

There are two main drawbacks with relying solely on private companies.

The first issue is whether or not

people will spend the high prices for space travel, and the second is what would happen if a Challenger or Columbia disaster were to happen.

The fact is that space travel is dangerous. These companies will have a huge hurdle to cross in terms of convincing the public of the safety of these new technologies.

Some argue there is very little money to be made in space (you could always sell moon rocks, I guess).

Without incentives, the private space companies will simply take over where NASA left off. Even though we are at least five years from seeing any true commercial space travel, it is on the horizon. Whether commercial space travel takes off depends on the safety of these vehicles and the consumers who choose to spend thousands of dollars to take a ride.

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## Just another game of monopoly



BY STEPHANIE THOMAS  
Columnist

What happened to going to college to actually learn?

Goofing off is part of grade school, which you are required to attend by law.

College should be the place that you come to study hard in order to earn a diploma that actually means something, instead of just a "get out of jail free card."

In case it hasn't been apparent in the last few years, our economy is just shy of an endangered concept.

Not as bad as during the Great Depression, but certainly bad enough to be a distant cousin.

Because of this, college degrees have become even more crucial.

But of course, you don't need a college newspaper to tell you that.

I am not sure whether students forgot about this or could just care less. Either way, something has changed in the mentality of stu-

dents.

I cannot tell you how many times a day I hear sentences that begin with, "I forgot to do my homework last night because..."

Usually what follows has something to do with athletics, Greek life, parties or concerts on the Square.

It is no secret that more often than not, social life comes before academics to students. We are constantly networking and meeting new people.

We are a generation that has a hard time accepting that we have to work hard in order to earn the grades we want, unlike in high school when studying meant reading your notes a couple of times and then turning on the television.

Week nights are spent anywhere but the dorm or library complet-

ing homework and getting prepared for class the next day.

Weekends are spent drowning ourselves in beer and making appearances at all the fraternity parties instead of studying for the test we have on Monday.

We are too busy buying into every property we land on and collecting our taxes.

I cannot say that I am above and beyond my fellow students, because I am also guilty of finding more "important" things to do with my time than studying and homework.

Who is to blame but ourselves? We allow our brains to be distracted and have difficulty managing our time efficiently.

Many undergraduates have yet to settle into their niche, especially we freshmen. We want the whole college experience.

I am not saying that it isn't okay to go out and have fun with your friends, I just feel that partying shouldn't be the main reason you're here.

College is a place of higher learning that will teach you the skills you need to have in order to make it in your desired field.

At Ole Miss, athletics and Greek life seem to be on the same level as academics.

Academics, however, should have a much higher weight than either of those.

Having something come up is one thing, but if you have to place academics at the bottom of your list because of your social calendar, you are selling yourself short for the future.

So before you add another piece onto the board, make sure you can handle it.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In response to Brandon Irvine's Monday, Feb. 28 column on labor unions.

He says "I am unable to find a single instance of unions being useful in the 21st century."

I assure him if he were to go work for a short period of time in the coal mines of our country, be exposed to the extremely hazardous conditions and see the union-won safety measures in place, he would have a much different appreciation for labor unions.

NFL? I agree, greed in play, and probably many like it; everyone hears stories of the plumbers of New York or the Hollywood movie crafts union excesses.

Some unions are past their time and should wither away, but I would like to point out to him not

all unions are selfish and greedy. Some are born out of necessity to fight for the little guy (they are still around), who the "ruling class" likes to trample.

Paul Dakin  
Machine Shop Supervisor

# Dog park gets tails wagging



HOUSTON COFIELD | The Daily Mississippian

BY CHRIS LAWYER  
The Daily Mississippian

Dog owners rejoice – a new park specifically for dogs is in the works.

A new dog park has been approved by the Board of Aldermen to help owners cope with the recent laws that restrict pets at public parks.

Alderman Brad Mayo said he felt the park was a necessary addition due to the current leash laws.

“Amending the animal control laws did lead to an increased emphasis on (the need for a dog park),” Mayo said. “Oxford is a town of animal lovers. This park will be a great facility for owners

who like to let their dogs run free.”

Madison McKay, a sophomore at the University of Mississippi, said she takes her dog to the parks throughout town, but feels that a dog park will be beneficial.

“I think it’s a good idea,” McKay said. “There are plenty of dogs in Oxford, and it would be a great way for them to get to play.”

Plans for a park, which will feature a grassy area, have been in the works but finally have materialized.

Ole Miss sophomore Amanda Powers said she wishes she had a dog to take there.

“I think it’s a great idea since it will provide a place for pet owners,” Powers said. “I wish I had a dog that I could play with in the park.”

The City of Oxford put stronger regulations on the current leash law earlier this year. The current leash law mandates that all dogs on city or public property are required to be on a leash under direct control of their keeper or owner, said Oxford police chief Mike Martin in a previous interview.

Mayo said the new dog park will be located near the new Oxford Lafayette Humane Society on McElroy Drive. The area will be fenced in, allowing dogs to roam free without leashes.

The park does not have a definite opening time.

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presented the 2011 Black History Month “Lift Every Voice Award.” This year’s recipient was Kirsten Dellinger, chair of sociology and anthropology.

“I have personally witnessed her passion for equity manifest itself with tears as she literally cried to promote programming that would diversify this university and ensure its respectability before the rest of the nation,” Cole said.

Cole then introduced Shange, and she read from many of her narrative style poems, of which she covered topics from AIDS aware-

ness to love and taking care of one’s self.

“I liked to hear it coming from her own mouth,” freshman Lovetta Oguhebe said. “I liked to get the true feeling of it.”

The event closed with Ethel Young-Minor, associate professor of English and African-American studies, interviewing Shange, as the keynote speaker kept the crowd laughing with her dry humor and confident attitude. When Young-Minor presented her final question, asking if Shange would like to leave the audience with any words in particular, Shange had something in mind.

“Whatever your wildest dream is, it is possible.”

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## JOIN THE LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

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.



# Spring break survival guide

BY MARY B. SELLERS  
The Daily Mississippian

It is springtime folks, and I wanted to spend my Sunday night helping a sister out.

There are times in a young woman's life when she looks in the mirror and needs guidance as

to what to pack.

It is a terrifying ordeal, really, when we consider all of the possible things that could ultimately go wrong in the packing process.

First, there is the decision of socks or no socks.

Where am I going? What am I doing? What does Weather.com

say in the 10-day forecast? Has the war finally ended? When does "The Hangover" sequel come out?

These are all questions that a young woman should ask herself while staring deeply and intently into the mirror. Ponder. Rethink. Question everything.

Now, obviously, packing depends ultimately on where someone is traveling for the week's shenanigans.

I hear that skiing is a pretty popular activity, but I am going to assume that the majority of people are flocking towards America's warmer climates.

I know, I know, I hear you, skiing people. "What about us?"

Let me explain: I dislike physical activity when I am on vacation. I am also not a huge fan of the colder climates, and lastly, the marshmallow look has never appealed to my sense of couture. I'm ignoring it simply because I can. Get your own column.

## The Fanny Pack

Try not to gasp. Do not throw this paper down and turn the page. I can explain myself.

I have recently discovered the wonders of this vastly over-looked and underestimated item.

Even though it is reminiscent of an older, slightly obese man wandering the grounds of a theme park with map, visor and corn dog in tow, we really need to give it a second chance.

Said man might be onto something.

First of all, it is in the most convenient spot ever. It requires minimal to no effort. They come in a variety of colors, too. Also, if one has still not successfully shed the entirety of that extra winter pooch, here we are: a great alternative to exercise and dieting.

Just strap it on where the problem area is, and voila! Though the rolling backpack trend sadly never came back into style, we can take back the fanny's status once and for all (if it ever had one).

## The Big Hat

Girls cannot just roll out of bed

and look like we claim to naturally. Even if we say we just threw something on, that is a complete and total lie.

When a girl is around a large gathering of people with members of the opposite sex galore, she will feel inclined to put at least minimal effort into her appearance.

Now, personally, the girls that curl and primp and pinch for two hours before going to bake in the sun sort of make me angry. But we can easily do this without those two extra hours.

The big hat works wonders for any disastrous bed head, and it provides some much needed shade for that dirty romance novel tucked secretly away in the fanny pack.

It is basically an all-in-one makeover for the lazy, sun burnt and young-at-heart college girl. A slight shielding of the not made-up face, a shadow here and there; it's all in the basics, baby.

## Final Words of Advice

Now there are definitely a number of other items that I would consider to be beneficial to the average female spring breaker.

However, for the sake of space and continued enjoyment of my Oscar-watching time, I will cut this article to the chase and close with a quick list of things to remember.

Avoid the loss of car keys. Always, always remember where the car is parked. Do not think things that could lead to potential death or paralysis are "good ideas at the time." Do not ever be forced to use that phrase the next morning. Do not take candy (or any other food or liquid substances) from strangers in fedoras sporting shiftier moustaches.

And for God's sake, bring some spare cash along.



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to NCAA basketball information — show that schools such as Tulsa, Vanderbilt, Creighton, George Washington, Liberty, Virginia Commonwealth and Fordham spend more on their basketball programs annually than Ole Miss (2.5 million, 12th in the Southeastern Conference).

The recently completed basketball practice facility was an important step forward for our program, but the coliseum has been cheating death for decades now and will need to be replaced if Ole Miss is serious about making a commitment to basketball.

The results we've been getting are perhaps even better than we should expect for an SEC team spending like a Missouri Valley Conference program.

If we fired both coaches today the only applicants we'd get back are high school coaches and water polo instructors.

Ole Miss needs something to get excited about basketball. If only there were some kind of space on campus that we could use to set up a giant party — complete with booze and large tents filled with picnic foods — and get everyone loaded before the games, we might be able to pull that off. Some may

not think that football and baseball game attendance is correlated with alcohol consumption, but I do.

Perhaps we need a replacement for the Tad-Smith Coliseum, which would be quite a project to organize and fund.

However, showing a national audience just how little we care about basketball the way we did last Thursday could be the catalyst for such a project.

Ole Miss already owns the space next to the movie theater that the old Walmart occupies. That lot could be used for many different things, but parking would not be an issue if the University decided to place a new basketball facility in that area.

Tad Smith could then get the proper burial it deserves, and the space it occupies on campus, located right next to Fraternity Row and the impressive new law school, could finally be brought into the 21st century.

Instead, we'll probably install the "Tad Smith Tarp" and have ball boys roll it out whenever the rain gets to be too much for the roof. The tarp can say "Experience Amazing."

Tell your friends we're a baseball school.

## Ole Miss baseball does it right

BY ALEX LAKE  
The Daily Mississippian

When it comes to Ole Miss athletics, there have always been some serious issues.

Let's take basketball for example, where C.M. Tad Smith Coliseum is possibly the worst venue in the Southeastern Conference.

Problems with Rebel basketball doesn't stop at the administrative level. The team hasn't had support for the entirety of Andy Kennedy's tenure as coach, and after another disappointing season, this won't be changing for another year.

With football, there's either concern with on-field performance or the issue of fans leaving for the Grove before the game is over.

Without question, there is one sport that the University knows how to do and does quite well in nearly all phases.

I watched what I'd guess to be 2,000 students pack right field on opening night at Swayze Field for a baseball game in February — a game with an announced attendance of close to 8,500.

Comparatively speaking, that mark falls short of only two basketball games this season.

When it comes to facilities, Ole Miss has the best in the Southeastern Conference, and, therefore, the best in the country.

And yes, I've been to Alex Box Stadium in Baton Rouge, and no, it doesn't beat the Ole Miss stadium. There are some ignorant people in "our State" who claim Dudy Noble Field in Starkville is superior to the Rebels' offering. That argument isn't really even an argument, and is, for lack of a better word, stupid.

I suppose none of this should come as a surprise if you've fol-

lowed college baseball at all in the past few years.

In his 10 years as the Ole Miss baseball coach, Mike Bianco has been to the NCAA Tournament nine times.

That includes hosting four straight Regionals and playing in four Super Regionals in the last six years.

Yes, there haven't been any Omaha appearances, but with the Rebels starting the season 7-1 and winning a series against a good Houston team over the weekend, this year might be as good as any for Bianco and his program to make that step.

No, I'm not crowning the Rebels champion of anything yet.

There's still a lot of baseball to play, and with the Southeastern Conference being as good as it is (the conference has the nation's No. 1, No. 2, No. 4 and No. 9 teams), things are rather tough for any team in the league.



## Interested in serving on the ASB Vice President's Executive Council?

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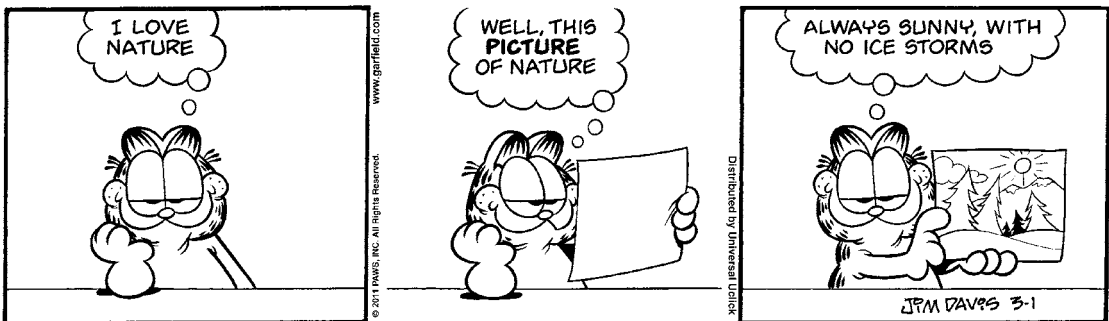
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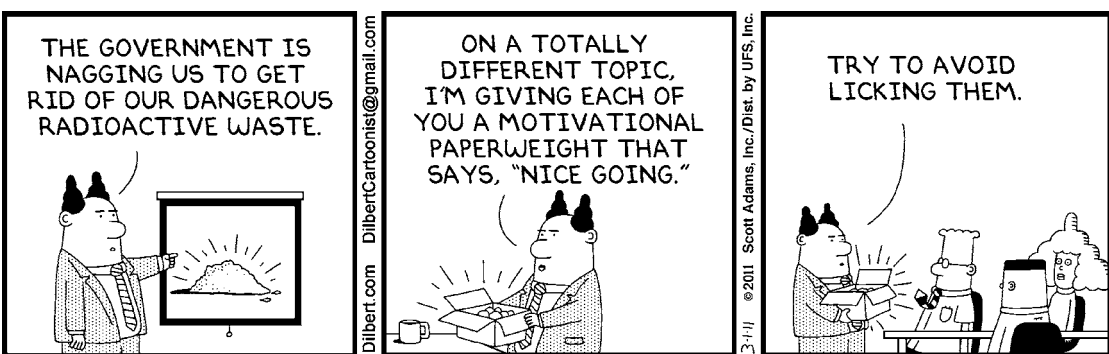
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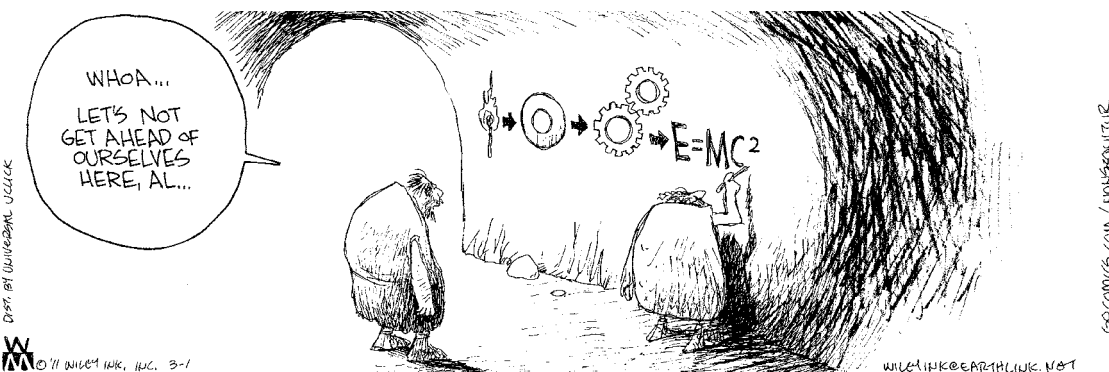
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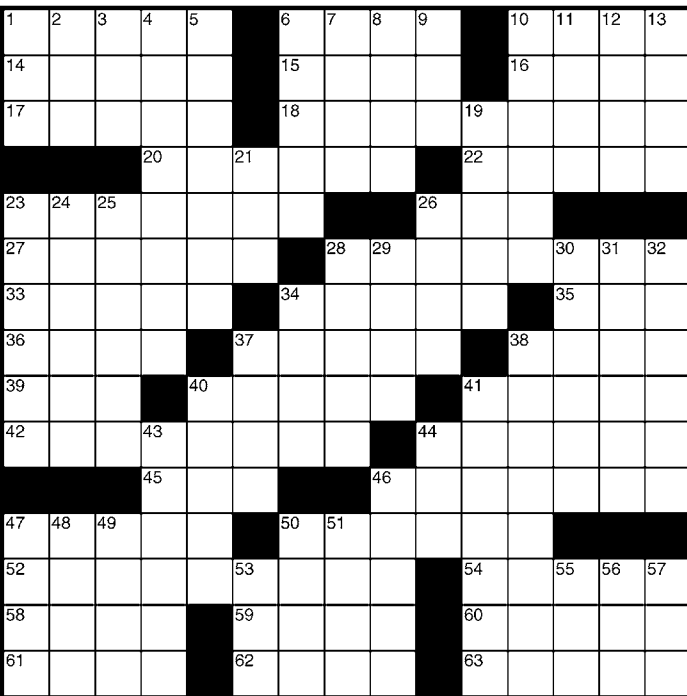
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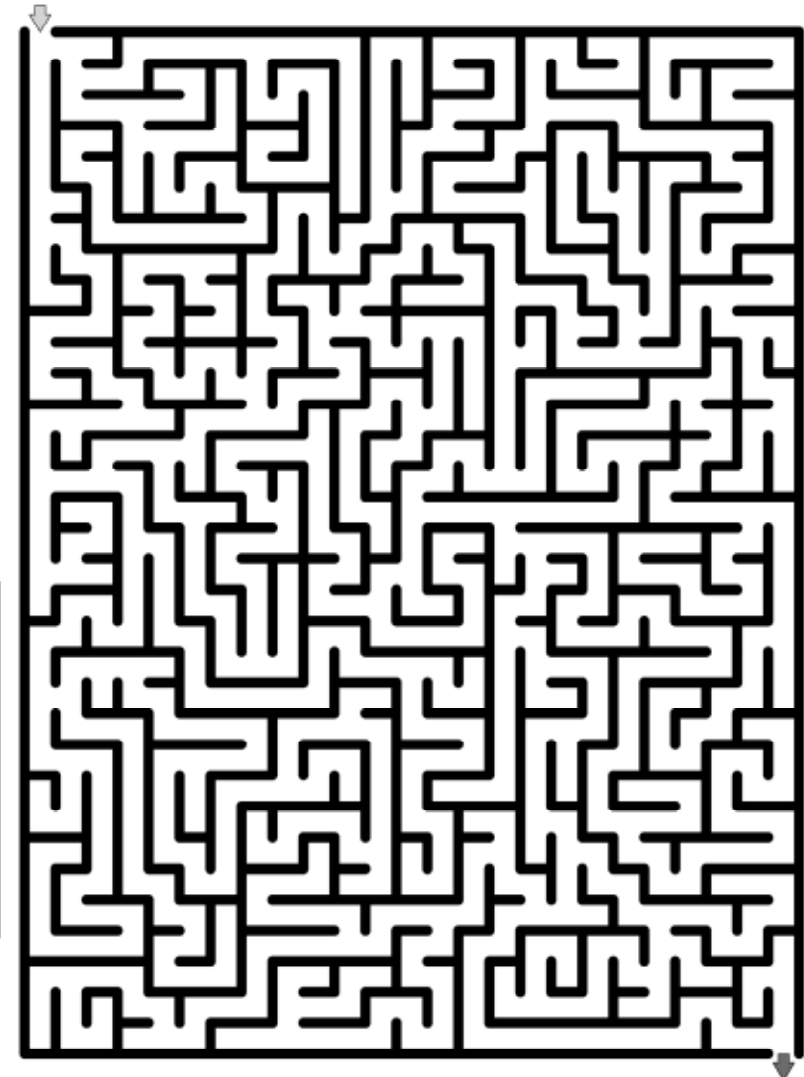
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# Perry leads Ole Miss softball on the circle

BY MATT SIGLER  
The Daily Mississippian

Senior Lindsey Perry takes to the circle in a way like no other. Calm and relaxed, yet focused and intense, the right-handed pitcher knows the task at hand and has only one thing on her mind: domination.

Throughout her career, she's done just that. At Madison Central High School, Perry not only posted a 64-10 mark but also served as captain of the basketball team.

"I received a scholarship for softball, but basketball was always fun to play," Perry said.

Once at Ole Miss, it didn't take long for Perry to see action at the collegiate level. In her debut in 2008, Perry appeared in 20 games and increased that number in each of the years she's been in Oxford.

But it's 2011 that could prove to be Perry's best season. Last Friday, Perry was on a roll at the Rebels' own Red and Blue Classic where she struck out a career-high 15 batters against Austin Peay in a 4-3 Ole Miss win.

"Our catcher combo worked," said Perry, who leads Ole Miss (5-11) with three wins. "We had a good rise ball

working and they were chasing my junk."

Perry said she hasn't thought about continuing to play softball after her Ole Miss career ends — the education major is ready to start teaching. But if she does decide to continue with softball, a career overseas is always an option.

Perry is focusing on her senior season right now — a season that includes ambitious team goals.

"We know there are going to be some rough patches," Perry said. "But we are going to play hard and go hard, and carry this good high into SEC play."



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## Rain-out raises questions about OM basketball

BY ANDREW DICKSON  
The Daily Mississippian

Someone at this newspaper had to put the events of last Thursday into perspective, when C.M. Tad Smith Coliseum turned into a natatorium on national television (and senior night) after water began leaking onto the court during a game between the Lady Rebels and the No. 4 Tennessee Volunteers. It was an ugly job, but I was up for it.

Play was stopped with 5:24 left in

the game as water leaking through the coliseum's roof caused a player to slip during a fast break. The game was paused and eventually called off, with the Volunteers being awarded a 66-39 victory — the first win in Pat Summitt's illustrious career to come by literally wiping the floor with the opponent.

Serving as a host to basketball games and as proof that aliens exist, Tad Smith Coliseum has been in use at Ole Miss for a long, long time. From its mother ship design to its poorly lit arena floor, it's quite a unique addition to the Ole Miss campus.

I know basketball season hasn't gone quite the way some expected — the Lady Rebels are 10-18 (3-13 SEC) while the men are 18-10

(6-8 SEC) — but it's difficult for me to complain about the quality of players and the coaching while it's raining in the coliseum. Sadly, this leaky roof isn't a new problem.

But those results come as no surprise to anyone familiar with the history of Ole Miss Athletics. In more than 100 years of playing basketball, the Ole Miss men's team has won just three games in the NCAA Tournament. Though the women have fared a bit better in the tournament, traditionally the sport has been neglected by the fans and the administration.

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