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Devastation in Japan affects UM students



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Yoshikatsu Hiratsuka grieves in front of wreckage where the body of his mother is buried in Onagawa, northern Japan Thursday, March 17, 2011. Hiratsuka kept crying out, saying "Sorry, Sorry" that he couldn't have helped her escape from the rubble.

BY JACOB BATTE
The Daily Mississippian

On March 11, Japan was hit by the most powerful earthquake in its recorded history, and though no tremors were felt stateside, Oxford could feel its shocks.

The earthquake, which had a magnitude of 9.0, hit the coast of Japan right by Tohoku. The earthquake, which lasted for roughly six minutes, triggered a tsunami with waves up to 10 meters, or 33

feet, high, that reached as far as six miles inland.

Narumi Kobayashi, a former Ole Miss international student who is now back in Japan, was frightened when it all started.

"I was very scared when the earthquake happened," Kobayashi said. "When I heard about the tsunami coming after the earthquake happened, my first thought was to go home and be with my family to make sure everyone was safe. Luckily, I was able to talk to my

mom. When the earthquake happened I was on the fifth floor of an office building for a job seminar, and some people at the office became sick during the earthquake, more so some even threw up."

Derick Flinn, a senior risk management major, just returned from studying abroad in Japan this previous fall.

"I was surprised at first, my girlfriend, who is currently in Japan, called me and she was really scared, and it made me worried

because I wasn't sure what was going on," Flinn said. "She told me there was a big earthquake, and then that there was a tsunami was coming soon. It was very scary and I was worried because I have a lot of friends still over there."

Tomohiro Harada, an international graduate student from Osaka, was shocked when he first heard the news.

"I couldn't believe it, I was very

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UM student who went missing in Paris over spring break in hospital



COURTESY OF FACEBOOK

BY CAIN MADDEN
Campus News Editor

A 21-year-old University of Mississippi student remains in a Paris hospital following what was supposed to be a week-long spring break trip.

Jessica Metcalf, a junior from Hernando, was reported missing

Tuesday afternoon when she failed to meet her literature group at a museum.

Stu Kelly, a senior broadcast journalism major who was in the class with Metcalf, said it was a devastating moment when the group met back up, sans Metcalf.

"We had broken off to do our own independent thing, and Jessica was not there," Kelly said. "I think she had a problem with her blood pressure, and she was not comfortable asking for help."

Kelly said the class then did everything it could to locate her.

"We waited around, looking inside and outside of the museum," Kelly said. "We then hoped she knew how to get back to where we were staying, and we filed a missing persons report."

Waiting for news on Metcalf was hard on the class. The last time any-

one in her group saw her was about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"A day and a half after she went missing, we were notified that she had been picked up on the streets," Kelly said. "The fact that she was in the hospital was really the best-case scenario. It is good to know she is all right now, or as good as she can be."

"It is really a miracle that she is OK right now."

Kelly said she was supposed to be on his flight home.

"It was not easy going home, knowing that she was staying behind," Kelly said.

Susan Oliphant, director of UM Study Abroad at the Oxford campus, said to The Commercial Appeal that Metcalf was in Paris as part of an American Writers in Paris study trip.

"The University of Mississippi is very pleased to learn that (Metcalf)

was located in Paris early Thursday morning after failing to meet up with her group Tuesday afternoon," Oliphant said in a statement. "We know that this news comes as a great relief to the Metcalf family, and our thoughts are with them."

Kelly said that the trip to Paris turned out well, considering.

"As soon as we got the good news, Dr. (Ann) Fisher-Wirth was able to come back with us and we focused," Kelly said. "We saw some incredible museums. We went to the Louvre on the last day."

Because Metcalf is an American citizen, her family filed a missing persons report in her hometown, DeSoto County Sheriff Bill Rasco said to The Commercial Appeal.

According to the University, Ole Miss has 93 students in 17 countries as part of spring semester study-abroad programs.

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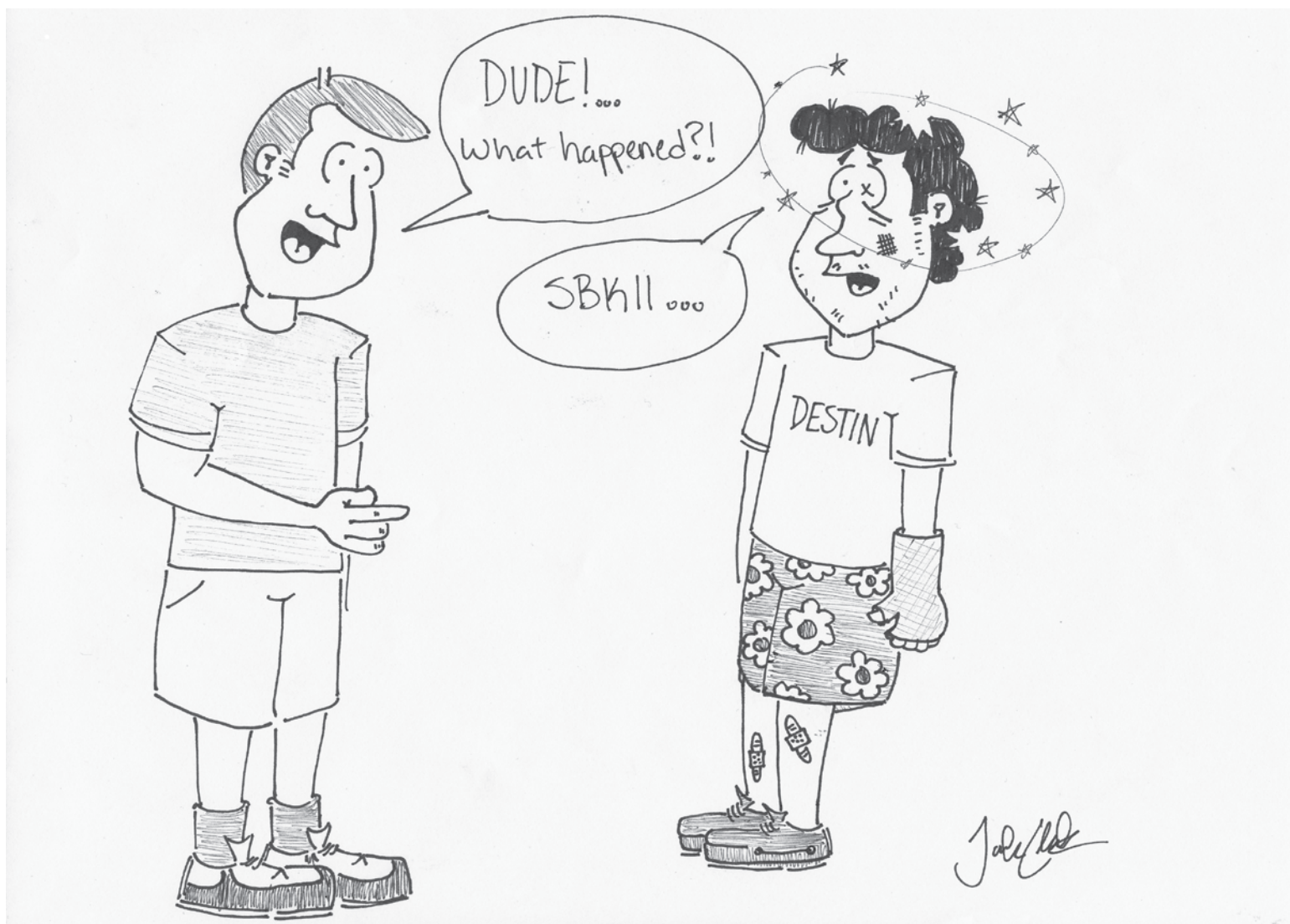
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BY JOSH CLARK
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Let's Talk about The Wall



BY ANDREW
DICKSON
Columnist

With nearly everyone riding the low that comes shortly after the high of spring break, I figured I'd lighten the mood on this most depressing of Monday mornings by taking a "Floydian" approach to stressors.

College has a way of keeping you on thin ice; there's always something to do — a paper to write, material to study, a social to attend, a game to catch, a consciousness to lose — and there's always the stress that comes with getting all of these things done simultaneously.

Then there are the everyday stressors that fill the empty spaces of the alleged happiest days of our lives — politics, family matters, lost friendships, sunken relationships, getting married, staying married, birth of new ones, loss of loved ones and substance moderation.

It may take a lot to make you crazy, but a lot is always going on.

Stressors lead to fatigue, anxiety, insomnia, irrational thoughts, weight loss, weight gain, mild depression, irresponsible behavior and — though it may lead to young lust — stress can really ruin sex.

It's difficult to deal with the pres-

sures of the human experience, regardless of what lot you've been dealt in life. Stressors, especially the ones involving the loss of trust or love, cause us to build a personal wall to keep others out and protect ourselves from emotional harm.

These walls serve as defense mechanisms to shield us from the theatrics of our "everydayness," but making too much of a conscious effort to avoid responsibilities, remove yourself from society and ignore the suffering of others might make you lose interest in the simple things in life and the world around you. It's as if you become comfortably numb — too closed in to find anything outside your wall.

Worse, you might lose interest in others and in reality itself. You might begin asking questions like: "Who are my real friends?" "How do I fit in?" and, "Just who the hell am I, exactly?"

Regardless of the writing on your wall, the show must go on.

A couple of my friends mentioned to me recently that they have been visiting the University Counseling Center across the street from Bishop Hall here on campus

— a cozy haven open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (Phone: 662-915-3784) that boasts five full-time professional counselors and approximately fifteen graduate students working on their master's or doctorate degrees while working to help students get their backs from against the wall.

My first act of investigative reporting in damn near a year led me to check out the facility and its "Let's Talk" program recently. Once there I spoke with Morgan Bryant, a Meridian native who earned both her undergraduate and master's degrees in community counseling at Mississippi State.

"I love the energy found on a college campus; there's always something going on," Bryant said of the collegiate atmosphere. "It's a unique, transitional time in your life, and I see genuine development in most people who willingly come here looking to better themselves."

According to Bryant, students visiting the counseling center often share commonalities such as anxiety, mild depression or simply a strange feeling they can't quite put a finger on.

"I try to meet the client where

they are and decide which kind of counseling philosophy is appropriate, which allows for multiple avenues available to help someone," Bryant said on her approach.

But how do you know if a trial is worth talking about?

"Ask yourself: Am I eating lunch with this problem? Am I taking it home at night and allowing it to keep me awake? Is this affecting my everyday activities?" Bryant concluded. She and her colleagues are not out to change you or put you on an inconceivable leash, but rather to offer objective advice and a rational support system for a difficult, confusing time in life. Plus it's free and right here on campus. You've got quite literally nothing to lose by experiencing their confidential expertise.

This was not the first time I sat on one of those comfortable couches, but was the first time I walked into a counselor's office without a problem of my own — for that I thank my past counselors. You can be anything you want. Why be just another miserable brick?

Hey, you: Tear down the wall to find that the world outside is not a cruel, stressful place at all.

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And the Mother of the Year award goes to...



BY ANGELA ROGALSKI
Columnist

Spring Break is over and so is our hiatus from reality... or is it?

I'll have to admit, this past week left me wanting to intellectually experience nothing much deeper than American Idol and its two nights of explosively talented competitors (yawn).

So, it was with one eye open that I pulled up a few of my favorite reads online only to discover that even though our vacation from academia may be winding down, the world around us is still living in a fantasy that apparently has

convinced people that they can do the stupidest, most idiotic things and get away with it.

Take the mother from North Little Rock who decided the perfect way to pay back another woman for pressing charges against her when she stole the lady's credit card and used it to charge between \$500 and \$2,500 worth of goods from local stores, was to mow down the victim's 15-year-old son as he walked home from school.

Yes, please take her... to jail.

According to an eyewitness, she allegedly drove with deliberation across the road, jumped the curb and flew about five feet into a patch of grass where the boy was walking. After hitting him with her car, she then turned around at the next intersection and went back the way she had come, only to ride by him again, apparently to view her handiwork, before speeding

off like the unstable individual that she seems to be.

This story appeared in the Sun Herald over the weekend and left me a little speechless. Obviously, I was totally appalled at the unmitigated menace some people harbor within their psyches.

According to the report, authorities ran the license plate of our award-winner here and went to the woman's house, only to discover that she wasn't there but her freshman son was. He allegedly told police that he knew why his mother ran into his classmate, telling them the account of the stolen credit card.

Some time later, the 40-year-old woman came home and police apprehended her, taking note of the front end-damaged SUV that she was driving. The woman claimed that she left the scene because she was absolute-

ly sure the police would misconstrue what happened, saying that people would probably think she had "intentionally" hit the victim after they found out about the altercation that had happened earlier between her and the boy's mother.

And why would she think that people would believe that she had intentionally run into the boy — the fact that she headed with compass-like accuracy across the street to where he was walking, or that she jumped the curb like a stunt-driver to barrel onto the grass and literally run him over with her vehicle?

And to find out that this woman was a mother herself only doubled my disbelief at

her alleged dirty deed.


She told police that the victim had been bullying her son at school and that she had reported the supposed incidents to the assistant principal. The school verified this information, saying they had investigated but had found no evidence to substantiate her claims.

Even her son denied any bullying by the other boy.

Regardless, allegedly running the boy down was no way to send him a message about bullying. The irony of that action does not go unnoticed by authorities, ma'am, and it's quite possible that this year you'll be receiving your Mother's Day card in jail.

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OM students involved in drug bust over spring break

A Mississippi high school football coach and his college-age son are among four people charged in a 10-month investigation into the distribution of Ecstasy, LSD and marijuana, authorities said Friday.

Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics Director Marshall Fisher said in a news release that David Patrick Coates, the 55-year-old athletics director and football coach at Northwest Rankin High School, was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell or distribute.

His son, 21-year-old Joseph Patrick Coates, a student at the University of Mississippi, is charged with the sale of MDMA, the main ingredient in Ecstasy, and possession of narcotics.

Coates has been suspended pending the outcome of the investigation, the Rankin County School District said in statement Friday.

Northwest Rankin's football team was 11-2 last season before losing to Madison Central in the quarterfinals of the 6A playoffs. The school's website says Coates has been coaching at Northwest Rankin for 19 seasons.

Kalvin Robinson, an assistant principal at Northwest Rankin, has been named the interim athletic director.

"We're all still in shock," said John Morganti, the president of Northwest Rankin's football booster club. "I've known Coach Coates for several years and have obviously thought a lot of him. We're waiting for

all the facts to come out. I've had at least 50 phone calls today from parents and players. The kids are in disbelief."

Also charged in the investigation, according to Fisher, are Mary Jane Miranda, a 23-year-old Ole Miss student, and Marc Frank Davis, 54, of Greeley, Colo.

Miranda and Davis are charged with sale of MDMA.

It was not immediately clear if they had attorneys. David Patrick Coates did not respond to a message Friday.

Officials said MBN, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Office of Homeland Security, the Lafayette County Metro Narcotics Unit and the Pearl River County Sheriff's Office were involved in the investigation.

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surprised," said Harada, who is studying pharmacy here at Ole Miss. "The first time I heard it I thought it was a lie. Earthquakes are common, but to hear how big it was I was very surprised.

"I felt even more terrible when I heard about the nuclear power plants."

To make matters worse, the earthquake and tsunami damaged several nuclear facilities in Fukushima, Onagawa, and Tokai, requiring the NPAJ to evacuate over 200,000 citizens.

"Not everyone was able to evacuate the area around the nuclear power plant," Kobayashi said. "Some patients and the director of a local hospital were in the area when the explosions at the nuclear power plant happened."

In an interview with CNN, Japan's Prime Minister Naoto Kan

said that this is the most difficult crisis Japan has faced since the end of World War II.

Current death toll is now over 8,000, though police in the Miyagi prefecture, the area most affected by the disaster, expect the toll to rise to 15,000. Another 13,000 are still missing. The Iwate and Fukushima prefectures were also hit hard, according to the National Police Agency of Japan. The NPAJ reports that over 350,000 people have been evacuated as of Sunday morning. Over 242,000 households are without electricity, and roughly 1.04 million households are without running water, according to the Tohoku Electric Power Company. The NPAJ reports that over 126,000 buildings have been damaged, while just over 15,000 are completely destroyed. Citi-group expects the total building and infrastructure damage to be anywhere in between 5-10 trillion yen (or \$61 to \$122 billion U.S. dollars). Barclays Capital estimates economic losses to reach around 15 trillion yen (\$183.7 billion) or three percent of Japan's GDP.

According to Japan's foreign ministry, 128 countries and 33 international organizations have offered their assistance in helping Japan recover.

"After the earthquake and tsunami, many people have tried to raise funds through donations at local train stations for the victims of the earthquakes," Kobayashi said. "A lot of young people are donating what they can— food, water, money, clothes. We definitely feel we are one Japan. It's natural to donate and help people. Even a five year old girl gave all her money for the victims of the earthquakes and tsunami."

While recovery is the main focus in Japan, some of its citizens do not feel as if the government is helping to speed along the recovery.

"I am frustrated with the way our government is handling things," Kobayashi said. "Our government initially rejected help from the U.S. government. Some specialists in Japan said that if they had accepted U.S. help, the situation now would not be so drastic. When the U.S. government was allowed to help, they went to work fast, but they are only allowed to assist in part of the situation."

Harada said that the Japanese can't trust their government.

"The government actually is not moving, so it really depends on the engineers and the people working to rebuild the situation to fix what is going on," Harada said. "The government does not decide the solution. We can't trust the government; we have to trust the professionals and specialists."

To help the relief in Japan you can go to www.worldvision.org/HelpJapan and make a donation.

"It is getting better day by day, but it becomes more complicated the more you learn about the situation though," Kobayashi said.

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BY MATTHEW BISHOP
The Daily Mississippian

Most small economy cars are gray, about as stylish as a potato and just as fun to drive.

Then comes this lime green car with beautifully sculpted lines throughout its body. It gets so much attention driving amid other people on the road that most people will forget that this

is a \$15,000 economy car.

The interior is not quite as festive as the exterior but not bland either.

I actually like the way Mazda styled the interior because everything is very easy to use. The textures and materials were chosen nicely to avoid the shiny, hard plastics in other cars.

The front seats are extremely comfortable, but make sure to only bring one friend along for

the ride because the back seats can get a little cramped.

The Mazda 2 also has some great features that many other cars in its price range lack, like an iPod input and power rear-view mirrors. It also comes standard with power windows and locks, which on some economy cars are only an option.

However, the interior does show some cheapness.

For example, the sun visors are

made of vinyl that look and feel a little on the bargain side.

The Mazda 2 also lacks armrests on its seats, which tires out your arms on long trips.

It is also unlike other economy cars in the fact that it is actually quite fun to drive. The steering is very responsive and the car handles well, especially in tight spaces.

The 1.5 liter engine is also very responsive and is very quiet when idling and when cruising. However, the car is a bit under-powered with only 100 horsepower and sometimes has to really work to get up to speed. With a 0-60 time of 10.3 seconds, do not expect to win very many drag races.

The four-speed automatic transmission also takes some fun out of the equation and hesitates a little bit before downshifting when you are trying to pass someone. Coupled with only a 100 horsepower engine, it can be quite difficult to pass.

The automatic could definitely use another speed or two, which would help some of these issues.

But for pure driving fun, the enthusiast should definitely order the five-speed manual.

The car also returns decent fuel economy with an EPA-rated 27 miles per gallon in the city and 33 miles per gallon on the highway.

The brakes are very linear and easily stop the car in normal driving circumstances. The brake pedal does have a little too much travel before the brakes fully engage, however, which could be a problem in emergency situations.

Overall, the Mazda is an exceptional value.

Not only does it have features that other cars in its segment cannot provide at its price range, it beats them in something that cannot be measured with dollars and cents — the fun-to-drive factor.

So when your neighbor gets up to leave for school or work in his gray potato and possibly falls asleep on the drive, you can start your lime green Mazda 2 with a grin on your face.

Test car provided by Barnes Crossing Mazda in Tupelo.

Light layers beat crazy March weather

BY RYAN FELDER
The Daily Mississippian

These days, the weather changes its mind more often than girls change their clothes.

March weather brings one tragic certainty: It will be unbearably cold in the morning and mildly warm by noon. This sad, uncontrollable fact presents a dire obstacle for both hot- and cold-natured people alike.

Every morning I wake up and check my phone to see that it is 37 degrees outside. Knowing that I have a cold walk ahead

of me, I throw on a long-sleeve shirt, coat and jeans and depart for my 8 a.m. class.

All is fine until the clock strikes noon and, magically, it is around 75 degrees. Suddenly I am the overdressed guy whom nobody told it was spring.

How am I supposed to deal with this?

I guess I have two options.

Option one: Dress lightly and

brave the first few hours of the morning chill. The perks are that I will be prepared for the heat of the afternoon, I will not have to carry a jacket around and I might look pretty manly walking around in the cold in a pair of shorts in the morning (if not idiotic).

The disadvantages are, well, I will be cold in the morning, I might become ill and I might

look idiotic (if not manly).

The second option: Wear a cardigan, light jacket, track jacket or hoodie. Pair these with my choice of jeans, shorts, tennis shoes or flip flops.

When it gets hot, I can take off whatever I am wearing and put it in my backpack.

Practicality is always key.

So when waking up in the morning, remember to dress in

layers.

I know that in our zombified states, getting ready for early morning classes may seem secondary to getting to campus or beating the crowd to Starbucks, but it is necessary to properly present ourselves to the world (for ourselves, not for others).

Spring fashion and spring weather are here, so enjoy them.

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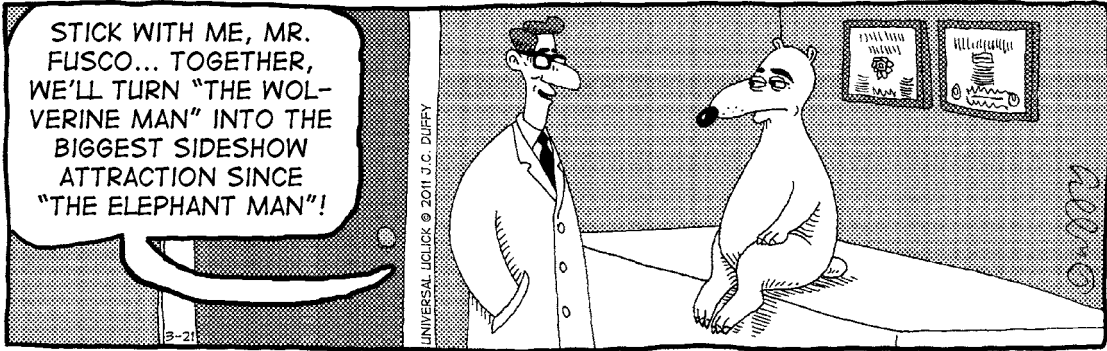
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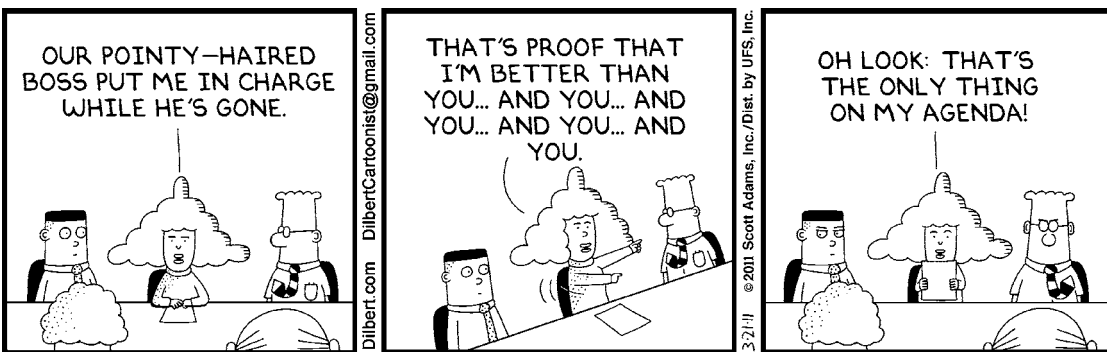
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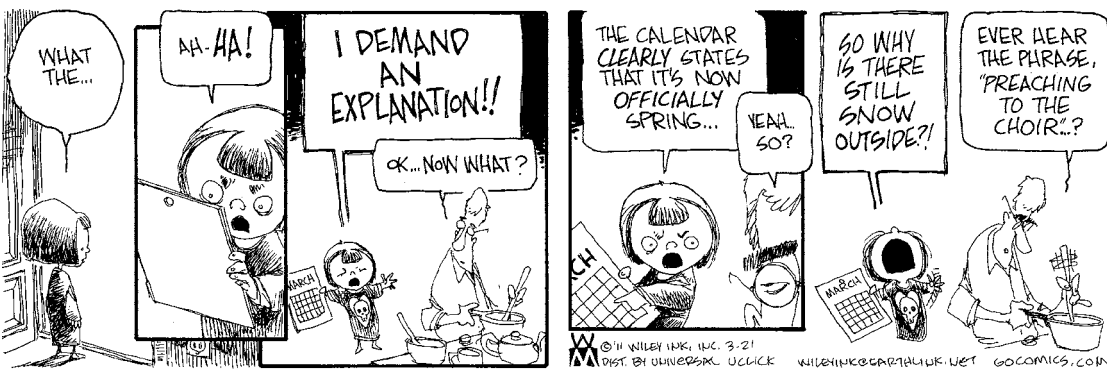
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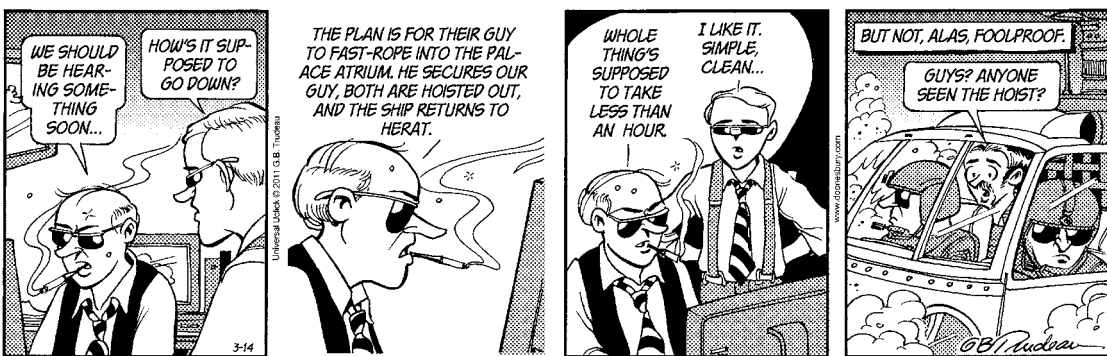
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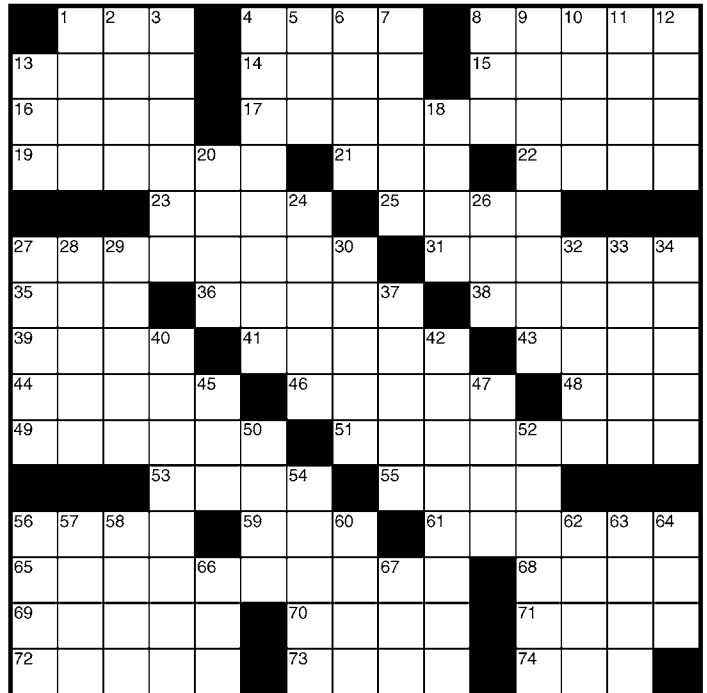
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- DOWN**
- 1 Become fuzzy
 - 2 Melange
 - 3 First-rate (hyph.)
 - 4 Bone of contention (2 wds.)
 - 5 Thai language
 - 6 Hotcake letters
 - 7 Civilian clothes
 - 8 Sine — non
 - 9 Naughtier
 - 10 Mercury rival
 - 11 Neck and neck
 - 12 Vulcan's forge
 - 13 O'Hare code
 - 18 Pistols, once
 - 20 River to the Caspian
 - 24 Sponsorship
 - 26 Was in front
 - 27 Confronted
 - 28 Pack animal
 - 29 Mr. Arafat
 - 30 Policy addendum
 - 32 Supermodel
- 65 Cheesy treat
68 Shuttle launch sound
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70 Sly look
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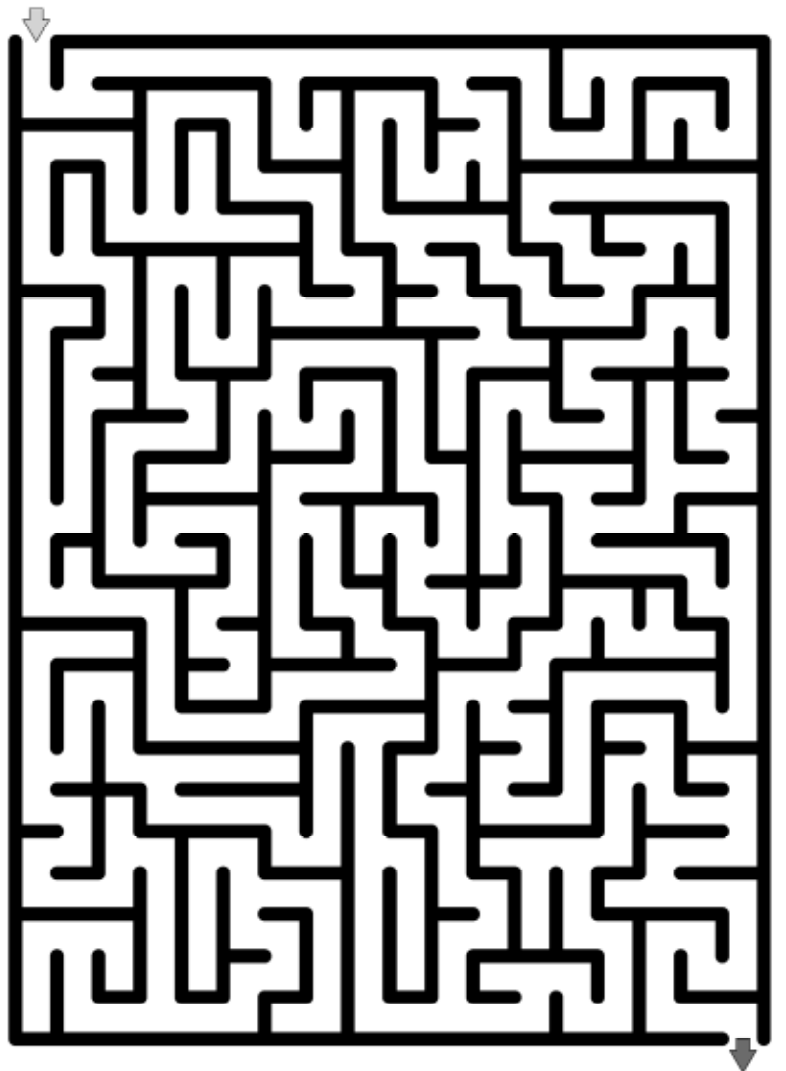
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Rebs drop SEC series opener to Crimson Tide



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The Ole Miss baseball team dropped their first Southeastern Conference series of the year to Alabama on Sunday. The effort of Alex Yarbrough was a silver lining though to the loss, though, as the sophomore went 3-for-4 at the plate on the afternoon.

BY AUSTIN MILLER
The Daily Mississippian

The Diamond Rebels (15-6, 1-2 SEC) fell behind early and could not come back for the second-straight day as Alabama (13-7, 2-1 SEC) clinched the opening series of Southeastern Conference play with a 6-4 win in Sunday afternoon's rubber match.

"The one thing we missed was the big, timely hit — the exclamation mark to cap off an inning," Ole Miss coach Mike Bianco said. "We got a run here or two runs there, but we weren't able to get the big extra-base hit to really explode and put multiple runs on the board. When you do that and it happens like it happened for them early in the game and we're not able to answer with a big hit, it's tough to win in this league."

Alabama got on the board with two runs in the second and broke the game open in the fourth. Junior second baseman Jon Kelton led off the fourth with a double down the right-field line and scored on an RBI single by sophomore outfielder Andrew Miller. Alabama extended the lead to 5-0 when junior outfielder Taylor Dugas hit a two-out, two-run home run to right, chasing Ole Miss junior left-hander Austin Wright (2-2) from the game.

"Early on, they put a lot of pressure on us, offensively," Bianco said. "They had some good hits and some balls that fell in, they bunted the ball, they were able to extend some innings and got some timely hits. After they got the five (runs), we were battling the rest of the day."

Ole Miss threatened in the bottom of the inning when sopho-

more outfielder Tanner Mathis and sophomore second baseman Alex Yarbrough hit back-to-back singles, but scratched across only one run on an RBI single to center by senior outfielder Matt Tracy. Ole Miss cut the lead to 5-3 in the sixth when Mathis and Yarbrough led off the sixth with back-to-back singles and both came around to score on sacrifice flies by senior outfielder Matt Smith and Tracy.

"It seems like we don't get the big hit too often," Smith said. "In years past, it seemed to always be there for us. It's one of things where if we're not going to get the big hit, we have to clean up some other stuff on the other side of the ball."

Alabama manufactured an insurance run in the eighth on a single, passed ball by senior catcher Miles Hamblin, sacrifice bunt and RBI single through the drawn-in Ole Miss infield. Senior right-hander Jake Morgan then stranded a pair of Alabama runners with a fielder's choice groundout and strikeout to end the eighth-inning threat.

Ole Miss got the run back in the bottom of the inning with junior designated hitter Matt Snyder's stand-up double to drive in Smith from first. Snyder was stranded at second on Tracy's fly out to center and freshman third baseman Preston Overbey's ground out to third.

In the ninth, Morgan left the game with pain in his right shoulder. His status remains uncertain and is expected to undergo a MRI on his shoulder tonight. For the season, he leads the Ole Miss bullpen with a perfect 0.00 earned run average, 2-0 record, and five saves in 18 and two-third innings.

"Something happened — Dr. (Henry L.) Sherman thinks — in his AC joint, which is in your shoulder, so it's not his elbow. All of the standard tests they do for pitchers to evaluate the rotator cuff and those types of things, (Morgan) passed and was fine."

FRIDAY: OLE MISS 4, ALABAMA 0

The Diamond Rebels pitched a combined seven-hit shutout and exploded for a four-run fifth inning

to open Southeastern Conference play with a resounding 4-0 win over Alabama.

Junior left-hander Matt Crouse got the win in six and two-third innings and struck out seven, while allowing only three hits and no walks. Senior right-hander Jake Morgan went the rest of the way, picking up his fifth save of the season in two and one-third innings. Morgan gave up four hits, while striking out three.

Junior outfielder Zach Kirksey put Ole Miss on the board as he hit a two-run homer to left center. Junior shortstop Blake Newalu and sophomore outfielder Tanner Mathis followed with back-to-back singles, and both scored on a pair of Alabama errors in the inning.

SATURDAY: ALABAMA 7, OLE MISS 5

The Diamond Rebels rallied late, but Alabama held on for a 7-5 win on Saturday afternoon.

Trailing 6-1 after a three-run Alabama sixth, which chased ju-

nior right-hander David Goforth (0-3) from the game, Ole Miss led off the bottom of the inning with three straight singles. Senior outfielder Matt Smith, who homered to left center in the fourth, drew a bases-loaded walk, and junior designated hitter Matt Snyder followed with an RBI groundout to first. The Diamond Rebels cut the lead to 6-5 on freshman infielder Preston Overbey's RBI infield single and an error by Alabama junior shortstop Jared Reaves.

Alabama added an insurance run in the ninth with a two-out, RBI double to right over the head of Overbey to extend the lead to 7-5. In the bottom of the inning, Overbey singled to center and senior outfielder Matt Tracy doubled off the wall in left center, putting the tying run in scoring position with no outs in the inning. Alabama senior left-hander Jonathan Smart came on and retired the next three batters in order to end the ninth-inning Ole Miss threat.

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