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Ole Miss Students travel to D.C. for MLK Memorial

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After 27 years of dreaming, the national order of Alpha Phi Alpha has spearheaded a monument in Washington D.C. of Martin Luther King Jr. Two Ole Miss students were present to experience its completion, despite the approaching hurricane.

The dedication of Martin Luther King Jr.'s memorial in Washington D.C. was a planned monumental moment for both students, senior engineering majors Omar Hamid and Chiedozie Ibekwe, who were selected amongst their national fraternity to attend the memorial.

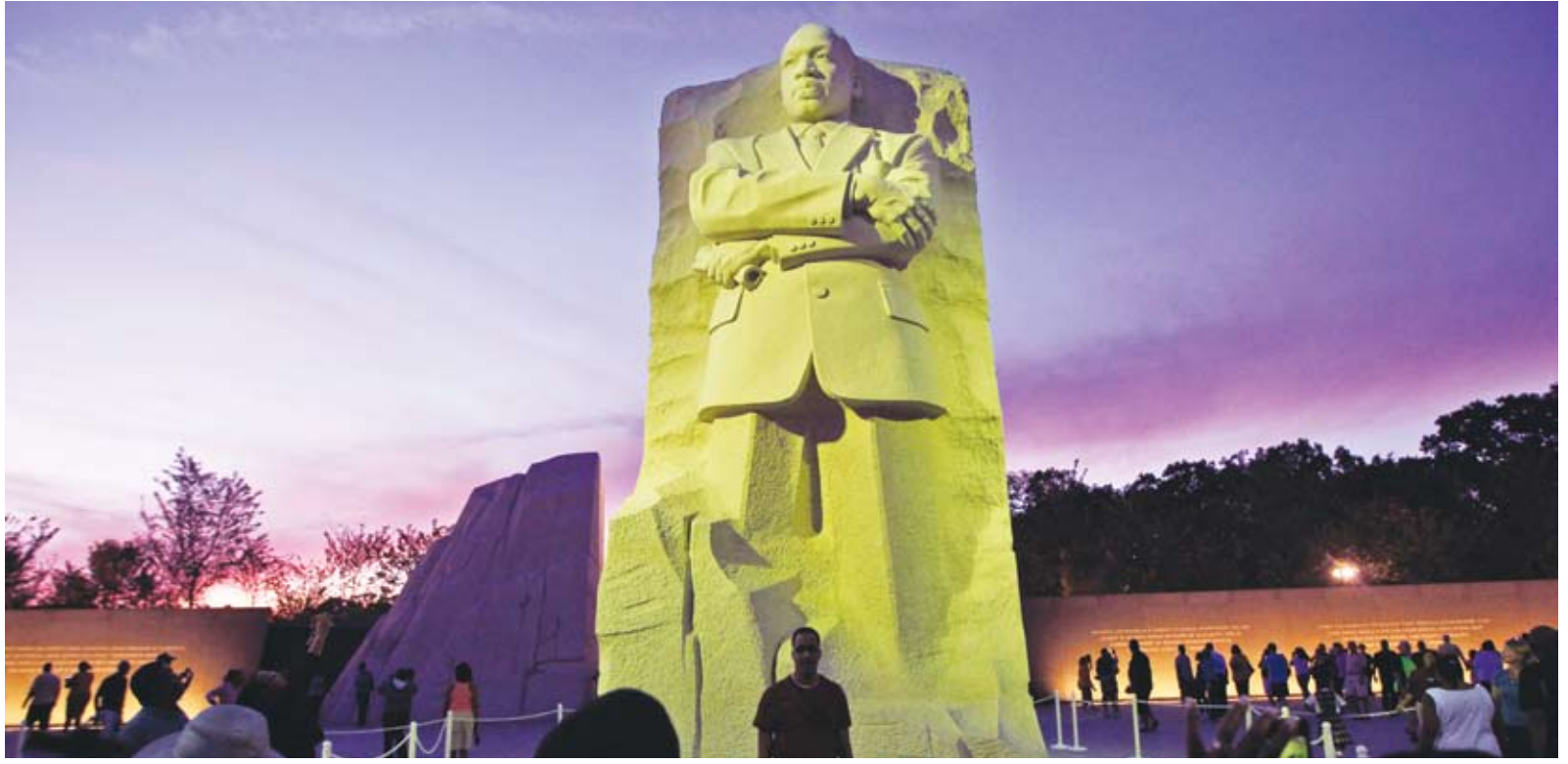
Although the national dedication planned for Sunday was cancelled due to Hurricane Irene, Alpha Phi Alpha was able to hold their national fraternity dedication on Friday.

"It was a really powerful experience to see that it started with just five people, bringing up the idea that they really fought for this and it got through and it carried out," Hamid said.

Congress authorized the proposal in 1996, but then was pushed back 15 years due to security amid threats of domestic terrorism.

The private dedication with the fraternity featured King's children Bernice King and Martin Luther King III speaking to over 2,000 supporters.

"His daughter gave an incredibly moving speech to remind everyone that while a lot of progress has been made for civil rights, re-



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The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial is seen at dusk ahead of its dedication this weekend in Washington, Monday, Aug. 22, 2011.

garding race, sexual orientation or religion, there's still work to be done." Hamid said. "And the moment we stop and think we finished we start back sliding, and that was a powerful reminder."

Hamid and Ibekwe were selected as part of the Volunteer Service Award in the fraternity in honor of King, who joined Alpha Phi Alpha in 1952. The two students traveled to Washington D.C. to aid in running the national and fraternity dedication.

Hamid said that each member had a different task, from managing Children of Youth to escorting VIPs.

"It was wonderful, even though

we didn't get to enjoy the full weekend because of the hurricane," Ibekwe said. "It was touching sharing experiences and seeing family members of Dr. King."

The memorial, at 30 feet tall, stands in King's likeness looking over the D.C. Mall into the horizon.

"It was awe inspiring; I am not the type that is left speechless often, but you walk in there and see the monument based on his speech, 'Out of a mountain of despair, a stone of hope should be carved,'" Hamid said. "To see King standing almost at the water, facing the Lincoln Memorial

where he gave that speech - it was one of those times where you just have to take it all in and just look around."

The central theme is based off of the famous "I have a dream" speech, with King representing the symbol of hope emerging from a boulder.

King is not seen in the statue right away, as visitors must pass through a narrow opening in the "mountain" into an open plaza. Designers intend to have water falls on either side of the plaza to lead visitors in.

"Seeing the memorial in person is enough to remind you that if you think it takes more than

(King's) daughter gave an incredibly moving speech to remind everyone that while a lot of progress has been made for civil rights, regarding race, sexual orientation or religion, there's still work to be done.



Omar Hamid,
Member of Alpha
Phi Alpha

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Hurricane Irene causes flooding, power outages

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Hurricane Irene became the second hurricane to hit the Northeastern coast in the past decade on Saturday morning, affecting several Ole Miss students' families.

The category one storm, stripped to a tropical storm, has led to the deaths of at least 21 people in eight states as of Sunday evening.

The storm left most students' homes with minimal damage and heavy rain but leaves the coast with an estimated \$7 billion in damages.

"Since I've lived there, this is the third major hurricane that's hit us, and this storm has caused the least amount of damage that we've gotten," junior biology major Hunter Morris said.

Morris grew up in Virginia Beach, Va., by the ocean. His family left their home on the coast to seek shelter with his grandparents who live further inland.

"As far as we can tell right now the water has receded and there's

minimal damage," Morris said.

Morris added that the homes on the coast are built for this kind of weather.

"The biggest hurricane we have ever had was Hurricane Isabel (in 2003); it flooded our elementary school," junior accounting major Kaitlyn Bellamy said. "(Irene damaged) a lot of trees and power lines, and in the lower lying areas there's water damage."

Bellamy's sister is a firefighter in her hometown of Poquoson, Va., located on the Chesapeake Bay and was called to work a 72-hour shift during the storm.

Although the storm didn't

quite turn into what was predicted, all of the safety precautions were taken.

Bellamay said the damage near the home was minimal, besides debris and flooding.

Former journalism instructor, Garreth Blackwell, now a Ph.D. candidate at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va., said the damage in Richmond was minimum, with only four to eight inches of rain over a 12 to 18 hour period of time. The storm left over two million people in Virginia without power, but officials promised to restore power last night.

"There was not a lot of sig-

nificant damage from the storm itself," Blackwell said. "People were out doing things at certain times that they shouldn't have in the weather."

Irene was blown out of proportion, Blackwell said. Even though he understands that the aim was to keep people safe, he said he was concerned that the next time a dangerous hurricane comes through, locals won't be as willing to evacuate because of Irene's hype.

The most damaging thing to occur in the affected areas was power loss, which most companies promised to restore within 48 hours.

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Our past was just our yesterday



BY CORTEZ MOSS
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Electing the first black president, and more recently, nominating the first black Democratic nominee for governor in Mississippi, has the tendency to lead one to believe that we are living in a post-racial society.

What many remember as past stories of injustice, dominated by a society of white supremacy and sense of entitlement, has become the present reality for some and a mere reflection of the past for others.

In a state once dominated by the pillars of racism at every

bus stop, bathroom and school, what seemed to be a hit and run by a group of white teenagers this past July in Jackson left an innocent black auto worker dead. Until just now, this has become a topic of contention given new surveillance video evidence that suggests the white teenagers planned to go out and kill a black person.

In the teenagers' quest to "find a 'n-word,'" James Craig Anderson became the victim, not by target but by being the first black person these teenagers could find.

To many, Anderson is another black man that has fallen victim to the injustice of racism, but what many fail to realize about Anderson is that he devoted himself to service and is described by his friends and family as a community man.

Anderson can best be described by his commitment to helping older folks or his ability to produce a plentiful garden or helping family members raise children.

The beatings Anderson suffered before being run over religiously leaves one to truly question the idea of a post-racial society and its existence.

We often read of these kinds of stories in our history books or watch documentaries, never assuming we would have to live the days of Jim Crow-like behavior or even witness the tumultuous acts of the period.

For some, the recent events provide a flashback of childhood memories, opening wounds that were never healed from the 1960s; for others, it's eye-opening, potentially releasing all hope for a post-racial

society.

I am hard-pressed to think that we as college students have the power to dictate what kind of society we live in.

We also have the power to influence generations before and behind us.

What I find most shocking about this incident is the fact that because it was a teenager, we immediately assume that kind of racism and injustice would be acted upon by an old white man.

While this may have been true, racism reaches across all age groups, and ironically it doesn't discriminate.

I am one to believe that this act of injustice is an opportunity for a multi-generational conversation about the society in which we live and the challenges we face and how those

challenges resemble those of the past. More importantly, that discussion should be centered on the idea of moving forward.

To avoid these kinds of incidents, it is vitally important that we not shy away from our past by covering it up, but that we engage in conversations about what's next and that we seek to make racism look like the worst idea ever, not just in Mississippi, but globally.

It can start at Ole Miss. We can lead this conversation, globally.

We must create the road to recovery by engaging in a healthy discussion and recognizing that our past was just our yesterday.

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September 3 is a Latter-Day



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While doing my research on the first group of fans that will visit our community and campus (and subsequently the Grove) this weekend, I tried to put myself in their shoes and imagine what my walk around Ole Miss would be like this Saturday.

The beliefs of the modern-day Brigham Young University students and alumni (98 percent of which belong to the Jesus Christ Church of Latter-Day Saints, a.k.a "Mormons") aren't kicked around the water cooler very often, and even though I found some peculiar

ideas in their doctrine, I also found some ideas in my research I could certainly get on board with.

The Mormon Church has a very organized and developed system consisting of farms, orchards, storehouses and such that bishops of their local congregations ration out food and other materials to those determined to be needy or in need of some temporary help.

That makes you feel good, doesn't it?

Just don't go Googling "Racist statements made by Brigham Young" if you want to keep those good feelings.

It is those "peculiar" beliefs of the LDS Church that are going to make their interaction with the Oxford and Ole Miss community in the Grove a case study for local sociology and comparative religious studies majors.

Doing my research on the Mormon Church, I realized I had some things in common with them, and some things I don't.

For example: I read that most Mormons look down upon drinking hot beverages and thought, "Hey, we'll only be drinking cold beverages at our tents this Saturday!"

But then I read further that they typically forbid using alcohol, tea or other illegal drugs, which I imagine gives my tents several strikes.

They typically adhere to these rules well too:

The recent Princeton Review piece that rated Ole Miss the No. 3 party school in the country also rated BYU No. 1 in the "Stone Cold Sober" schools category.

This Saturday really is going to give new meaning to the phrase, "Ya ain't from 'round

here, are ya boy?"

The Mormon Church believes in looking nice – being cleanly shaven, perhaps wearing white dress shirts and ties to compliment suit coats and dark trousers.

That sounds like familiar Grove attire, right? If we encouraged our women to dress "modestly," we might match the Mormon dress code verbatim, but we've got tradition to stick to here.

What I find most disturbing about Mormon beliefs is the continued reference some of their adherents make about the Garden of Eden being located somewhere in Missouri when we all know damn well it's located right here in the middle of our campus.

Freshmen, transfer students and visitors from Utah and beyond will experience the Grove for the first time this

Saturday.

The Grove has received critical acclaim for its tailgating atmosphere from sources like Sports Illustrated, ESPN and the Sporting News.

The Grove is the Mecca of college football, and making the Hajj to its hallowed grounds is a must for any fan interested in seeing all of college football's spectacles.

A circus of tents set up on Friday line the Grove on football Saturdays and can be intimidating for those who don't navigate thousands of people easily.

Make sure you set your tent up early, arrive with your own chair and try not to lose your friends or make a scene.

On that note, don't get arrested. Do you know how hard it is to get arrested in a

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crowd of tens of thousands of people? It's hard. So just avoid throwing up in a garbage can full of LDS pamphlets or indecently exposing yourself, and you should be in the clear.

Lastly, please enjoy what is a true Ole Miss tradition while you can.

As a student, you only have four years or so to enjoy it while in college – and then you're screwed!

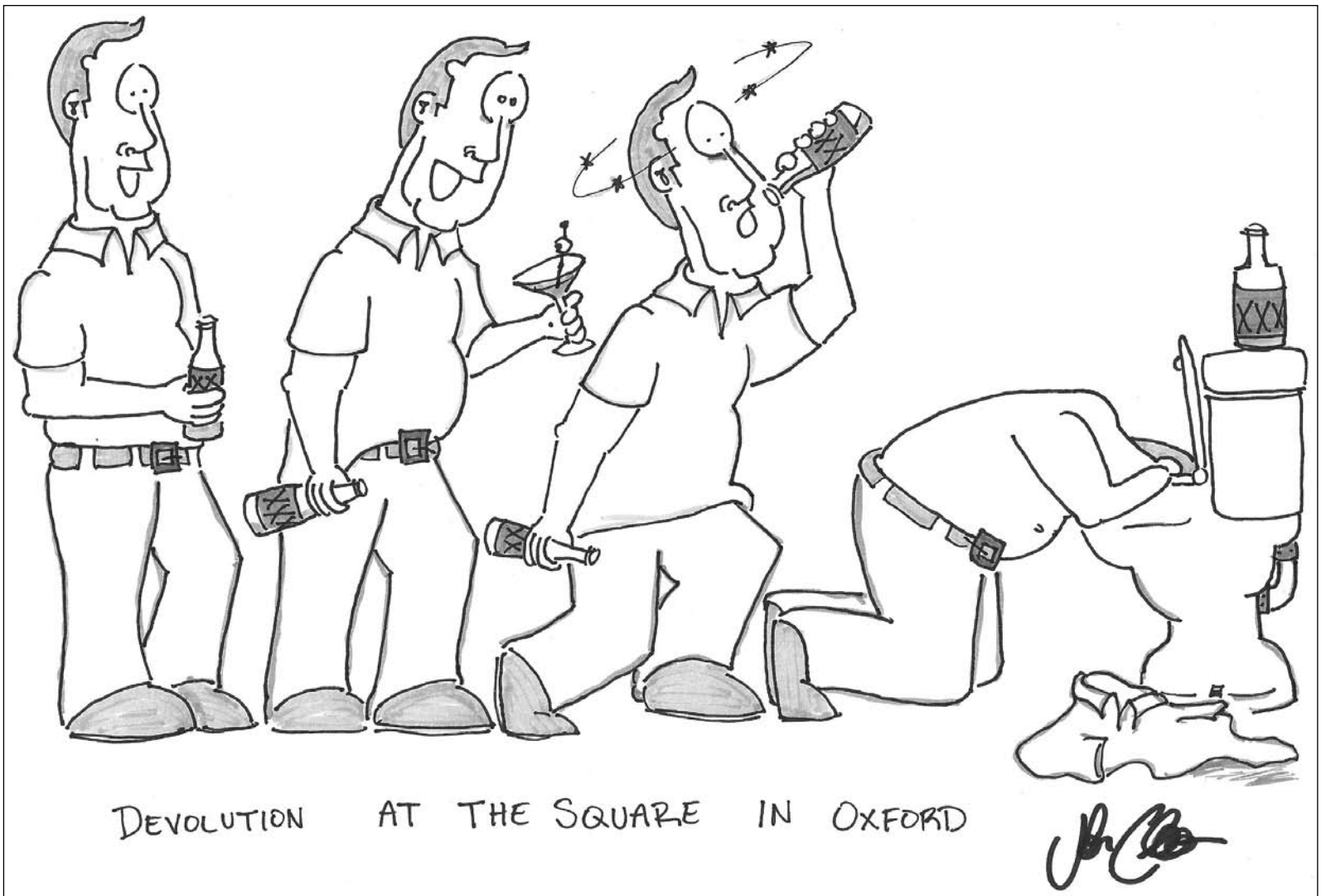
Why do you think all of these alumni come back to party with you when they have an excuse to?

If you want to learn something, go to the library. If you want to have fun, go to college.

The Grove is as good as the college experience gets in this town – don't be late.

Attendance will be taken.

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Taking down the enemy



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Another top rung on al-Qaeda's ladder of terrorism has been reported as marked and removed.

The New York Times said a drone-operated strike by the CIA killed al-Qaeda's second-ranking figure in the mountains of Pakistan on Monday, eliminating another significant person in the upper echelons of the terrorist group and weakening it even further since the death of Osama bin Laden in May.

In the last year, Atiyah Abd al-Rahman had taken over as al-Qaeda's top operational planner and had been in frequent contact with bin Laden before he was killed on May 2.

But is his death really significant? Other operatives, just as lofty on the status pole, have been removed in the past; what about al-Rahman's death makes it a given that we have hit 'em where it hurts, so to speak?

Are we being overly optimistic or realistically pragmatic with every chink in al-Qaeda's armor that we dent?

Intelligence analysts aren't so sure. They bring up the fact that the network built by bin Laden has repeatedly shown an ability to regenerate. And it's that ability to refuel and replace that

keeps us in places like Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Top American officials think this latest target removal will put al-Qaeda in its death throes. They say al-Rahman will be hard to replace because of his background, abilities and experience. So can we breathe a little easier now that this man has reportedly been eliminated?

I would like to think so. I would like to believe that terrorism has been hurt in a major way by bin Laden's and al-Rahman's deaths, but I'm skeptical; this network of people that put such little value on human lives, even their own, worries me incessantly.

To make a difference in hate, you have to change mind sets, not just remove a few of the crazies out there that condone and

thrive on it. Moderation and the ability to agree to disagree must come into play. But these people seem immune to rational thinking.

Al-Qaeda and extremist groups like them prey on cultural differences between people and play those contrasts up to points so heated that the only relief seems to be actions of hate that leave severe losses of lives on both sides – losses so painful, families feel as though they will never recover.

It's a horrible and wicked situation, one that I'm not so sure these two men's deaths will resolve that readily.

Still, we have to have hope, and we have to remain vigilant against them. But until the thought patterns of people who

hate so violently are changed, can any real progress be made?

Can taking out top men in these groups show the members that are beneath them and left without any real leadership that their time is limited and that we, as Americans, will not tolerate terrorism any longer? Or only regenerate their hatred and force another bubble to the top?

I certainly hope it's the former and not the latter, and I suppose only time will tell.

But until then, we will continue to bravely wage a war against an enemy that doesn't seem to know what the word "love" means.

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Backpacks may lead to long-term back problems

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Every school year many students cram their backpacks full of books.

Recent studies show that wearing heavy backpacks improperly may lead to back pain, and possibly muscle or joint injury as well.

“Chronic back strain is the most common injury,” Dr. Tripp Henderson, Oxford chiropractor, said. “What this means is that you wear that backpack everyday, picking it up with your arms, and over a period of time the muscles and joints of your body say ‘I just

can’t do this anymore.’”

According to the American Chiropractic Association, backpack-related pain can occur if the backpack is packed incorrectly, made poorly, worn improperly or the weight of the load is simply too heavy.

“I’m seeing a lot of freshmen and sophomores, because they are just getting started in school, and they’re totting or walking across campus with lots of books that they have to have for class,” Henderson said. “And because there is such a large number of students they have to park a long way so they have to carry all of

those books in a backpack. It’s an increasing problem.”

Backpacks are specifically designed to distribute weight among some of the body’s strongest areas, including the neck, shoulders, hips and spine.

“I know buying Patagonia or Northface may be the cool thing to do, but they really are good backpacks,” Mohsin Hussain, Ole Miss Geological Engineering student, said. “They’re hiking backpacks, designed for carrying heavy loads comfortably.”

A good backpack should have two wide, padded shoulder straps, a padded back, a waist strap and multiple compartments. Backpack compartments are used to help distribute weight evenly along the back.

“My backpack can definitely get pretty heavy sometimes,” Hussain said. “But as long as I wear it the right way I’m fine.”

It is recommended to always wear both straps of the backpack, tightened close to the body and no more than 4 inches below the waist. A backpack worn too low will increase the weight on the shoulders, causing stress in the lower back.

“The fad thing is to wear the backpack on one shoulder, but it causes a lateral tilting of the shoulders, making you walk side ways,” Dr. Henderson said. “Then you hurt your back further because of the stress of 25 pounds or more pushing down on one shoulder.”

The heaviest items should go closest to the center of the back for

support. The ACA recommends that a person not carry more than 10-15% of their weight in a backpack.

“The average book will go from 1 to 2 pounds up to 4 to 5 pounds – you get 5 of those, that’s twenty five pounds,” Henderson said. “So if you are a hundred pound person, that’s over your weight that you’re supposed to carry.”

Even simple things like remembering to lift properly and bend at the knees to pick up a backpack could prevent back pain or injury.

“When you pick up weight, it needs to be closer to your body the heavier it is,” Henderson said. “So with a backpack, when you just lean over and grab it to pick it up, you put a lot of strain on your body.”

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The ASB Cabinet discusses the possibility of a program that would pair students together for lunch at its weekly cabinet meeting Sunday night, Aug. 28. The cabinet discussed this during their 10-minute brainstorm session.

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one person to make a difference, you’re wrong, one person can make a difference if they are determined enough,” Hamid said.

The granite walls are filled with 14 quotations from King, none of which are from the speech of the

monument’s theme.

His 1964 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech and his “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” are among the words represented on the wall.

“The passages of his speeches and his writings engraved in the granite next to the memorial were very powerful,” Hamid said. “It was a lot of people just stand-

ing there and looking around and just taking it in, reading all the passages.”

Ibekwe said that the whole experience brought everyone together under one solid belief in civil rights.

“I think what made the event was other people sharing experiences,” Ibekwe said. “You know how you feel about something, but in the environment you see how other people feel and we all come together.”

The fraternity will not be sending the students back for the national dedication, but Hamid plans to make multiple visits and feels the dedication will still be very memorable.

“Because of who he was as a man and what his monument represents, I think it will still be as powerful regardless of when they host the public dedication,” Hamid said. “It just reminded me that you can help people out everyday, there’s always service to be done.”

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UM, MSU leaders' contracts extended

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—The state College Board approved 4-year contract extensions for the president of Mississippi State University and the chancellor of the University of Mississippi.

Dan Jones became chancellor of Ole Miss in July 2009, after serving as head of the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. He holds an undergraduate degree from Mississippi College and a medical degree from UMMC. He had a private medical practice in Laurel before moving into university administration. He is the 16th chancellor.

"The growth on the University of Mississippi campus in Oxford and at the Medical Center in Jackson is a credit to his leadership," Davidson said in a news release. "It is not easy to grow during difficult economic times, but Dr. Jones has managed to do that by planning strategically, finding efficiencies where possible, involving all stakeholders and making good decisions."

Keenum and Jones are paid the same salary of \$429,000 a year. Each receives \$220,500 from the state, supplemented with \$208,500 from foundations at their respective schools.

World-renowned opera singer joins UM staff

BY BLAIR JACKSON
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From Italy, to China, to New York and now Oxford, world-renowned opera star Kallen Esparian is bringing her talents and techniques to the University of Mississippi.

Esparian will work with the Ole Miss Department of Music teaching voice classes and appearing in venues on campus.

"We are certainly looking forward to working with Ms. Esparian, one of the greatest sopranos of our time," said Charles Gates, chairman of the Music Department.

He said the Ole Miss/Oxford community can look forward to numerous opportunities to interact with Esparian. Anticipated events include a performance with the university orchestra, various concerts and recitals and a special "Opera Weekend" this winter.

It is also planned that Esparian will appear on Thacker Mountain Radio in the coming weeks.

"I want to be available to all the voice students," Esparian said.

She will work with the Ole Miss Opera Theatre while also hosting vocal aria meetings, recital meetings and voice classes for the Music Department.

Esparian is also scheduled to sing the national anthem at the Ole Miss/LSU football game.

"I have always loved teaching and wanted to teach at a university," Esparian said. Ole Miss, she said, was on her list.

When Esparian contacted Gates at the Music Department, he said he was thrilled to hear from her.

He said, "When she introduced herself, I said, 'Yes, I know who you are!'" Gates said the Ole Miss community will benefit greatly from Esparian's expertise.

"She is an engaging and captivating artist of the highest calibre," he said.

After a series of conversations and a university visit, Esparian was welcomed to the university for the 2011 school year to serve as the artist in residence.

Knowing from a young age that she wanted to be a performer, Esparian attended the University of Illinois as a

vocal performance major, although her true passion at the time was musical theatre.

When she received the Undergraduate Freshman Scholarship for Music, Esparian said it was the only thing that kept her from switching to theatre.

"They saved me," Esparian said.

"They knew (of my talent) before I did, and that is when I began to love it."

She went on to win the Mid-South Metropolitan Opera competition and later to win the 1985 Luciano Pavarotti International Voice Competition, pulling ahead of 1,500 other contestants.

She then appeared opposite Pavarotti as Mimi in the opera "La Boheme," which toured around the world.

At age 24, Esparian was regarded as an international opera star.

She has performed in every major opera house in the world and has appeared in many performances with the famous Placido Domingo.

She notes performing "Othello" in Paris and singing at the La Scala Opera House in Milan, Italy among her fa-



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vorites.

Esparian said her experience in traveling opera has been one of sometimes loneliness but great joy because of her love for the performance and for the relationships with fellow cast members.

"You must really love what you do," she said.

"Try to never let anything steal your joy."

This year at Ole Miss, students and faculty will get the chance to experience Esparian's beloved voice and get to know her on a more personal level.

ASB Senate Petitions are out

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On June 28, Google launched a campaign to kill Facebook.

It's a story that has received continuous coverage from major news outlets ever since, and for good reason — despite being an “invite-only” service, Google+ reached 25 million users in just one month. It took Facebook three years to achieve numbers like that.

That's certainly impressive, but the majority of your Facebook friends probably aren't among those 25 million.

Despite its much-publicized launch, most of the people you know aren't feeling the need to switch to Google's new social network.

And why should they? Two months later, Facebook is still where most people are, and social networks are all about socializing with people you know. Unless the people you care about are on Google+, there's little incentive for Facebook loyalists to switch.

So why should you start using Google+?

I could name dozens of small reasons why Google+ is better than Facebook (the interface is cleaner, chat actually works, the “Hangouts” feature is like an awesome version of Skype), but Google's “circles” are the definitive feature that makes Google+ an inherently better social tool than Facebook.

Facebook relationships are not like real-world relationships

There are hundreds, even thousands of people who are connected to you in some way.

You have co-workers, parents, best friends, classmates, favorite celebrities, cousins, acquaintances and teammates.

There are friends who you feel comfortable inviting into your home, and there are friends who you simply wave to when you pass them on the way to class. The list could go on, but you get the gist.

All of these people are not equally close to you, so you communicate with all of them in different ways. You wouldn't show baby pictures to the random person who sits next to you in Pol. 101, and you wouldn't bother acquaintances with inside jokes you've cre-

ated with your closest friends.

Facebook's “friends” system does not reflect the intricate and subtle differences between the differing types of relationships we share with the people around us. If you post something on Facebook, all of your “friends” see it, even if they only added you as a friend two years ago after having one conversation with you at a party.

Google+'s “circles” changes that.

On Google+, you don't just “add people as friends.” You add them to one or more “circles” that you create. Then, when posting a status update, uploading pictures or sharing

a funny Youtube video, you choose which circles to share with.

Here's the thing: other people can see if they've been added to your circles, but they can't see which circle they're in. If that smelly guy from Math 261 tries to add you, you can just throw him in a circle labeled “creepers,” and then never share anything with him.

He'll never know the difference. You can also view your stream without ever seeing posts from people in your theoretical creepers circle.

In my Google+, I've created an “Ole Miss” circle. I also have a larger “friends” circle that many people in my Ole Miss circle are also included in, but if I share something specifically about Oxford, I'll only send it out to my Ole Miss circle. The people in my hometown are never bothered by it, and my Oxford-based friends will all see the information in their stream.

We all know it's a terrible idea to add your parents as friends on Facebook, but it's totally safe to add them on Google+.

Just toss them into a “parents” circle and never share anything too personal with them. They'll be satisfied be-

cause they'll see that you added them to your circles, and you avoid getting busted for sharing inappropriate pictures.

Since you can add people to your own circles without them ever adding you back, you can toss interesting celebrities into a “following” circle.

Then you'll get all of their posts, and they won't be bothered by your own mundane updates. That's right — Google+ is trying to take on Twitter too.

None of that matters if more people don't join Google+.

Google+ may be unequivocally better than Facebook (hint: it is), but that means nothing if it isn't populated and thriving.

Social networks live and die by their active-user counts and Google+ isn't immune to the fate suffered by Myspace and Friendster.

So here's my plea: give it a shot, look at some of Google's tutorial videos on Youtube to get a full understanding of how the service can be used, and invite your friends.

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Ask any American who has owned a previous generation Ford Focus what they thought about their car, and you probably wouldn't get many positive remarks.

However, if you were to ask a European the same question, they would tell you it was one of the best cars they have ever owned.

For years the Europeans got a far superior Focus that was fast and exciting compared to the rather mundane one that we had to live with.

However, for 2012, we finally get the same Focus, thanks to Ford's new "One Ford" initiative, the goal of which is to have the same models for all markets.

It really shows, too.

The 2012 Focus has absolutely nothing in common with the outgoing model, which couldn't have happened to a better car.

As soon as you walk up, you can tell this is not the same Focus you had in high school.

The exterior styling is absolutely stunning, especially in the test car's five-door hatchback body style.

Our test car's looks were also aided by the SE sport package, which gave the car a piano black grill. This looked attractive against our rather pricey (\$1,675) 17-inch black wheels, which run on the

equally pricey (\$810) but sticky T Eagle tires.

Also included in the aforementioned SE sport package is a leather-covered steering wheel and shift lever, two-tone cloth seats, as well as rear disc brakes. This not only makes the sport package a must-buy option, but also a rather good deal at only \$695.

The interior of the Focus really sets it apart from the rather monotonous looking interiors of the competition with its silver accents on the center column and what seems like real metal on the steering wheel.

The front seats are quite comfortable and supportive and would be no problem on long road trips.

There is also plenty of space in the backseat, and they should seat two adults comfortably, given that nobody is over 6-feet tall. Unlike the front seats, their upright position may prove to be annoying over long distances.

The only major gripe I have about the interior is its lackluster sound system.

There isn't a whole lot of bass, and the sound is not the clearest. However, this is rather trivial and would probably only bother the most hardcore music listeners.

I do think Ford should at least offer an optional premium sound system, something I think young buyers would pay extra for.

The 2012 Focus comes stan-



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dard with a 2.0-liter direct-injection four-cylinder engine which makes 160-hp with 146-lb/ft of torque and is good for 7.8 seconds to 60 mph, which is second only to the Mazda 3.

The engine is also very smooth and doesn't ever act like it's being overworked. The power seems to never drop off all the way to redline — it seems like it just wants you to push it harder.

The engine is very economical as well, with an EPA rated 27-mpg city and 37-mpg highway, which puts it about in the middle of its segment. This should give you at least 400 miles between fill-ups on road trips with its 12.4 gallon tank.

The biggest let down of the new Focus is its 6-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission.

The transmission seems a little

clunky and is hesitant to downshift, which is a shame considering how great the engine is.

It is important to note, however, that even though the transmission is not up to par with the rest of the car, it still ages better than the segment leading Corolla's 4-speed automatic.

The best thing to do is save the extra \$1,095 that it costs for the automatic transmission and get the five-speed manual gearbox, which has received rave reviews from other members of the automotive press for its direct action and short shifts. It also knocks down the 60-mph sprint to 7.3 seconds, a half-second quicker than with the two pedal gearbox.

The chassis engineers at Ford also did a great job, as the Focus feels very connected to the road with just a slight feel of under-

steer.

The electronically-assisted steering also gives great feedback and feels perfectly weighted.

This amounts to a very fun and exciting driving experience, something that most of its competitors lack.

The base 2012 Focus SE starts at \$18,065. Add in all of our car's optional features like the automatic transmission, sport package and convenience package, which includes cruise control and an alarm, and the price rises to \$20,975.

Our test car also came with multiple dealer added doodads like the wheels and tires and a decal package that might not fit everybody's taste. This swells our test car's price to \$23,970.

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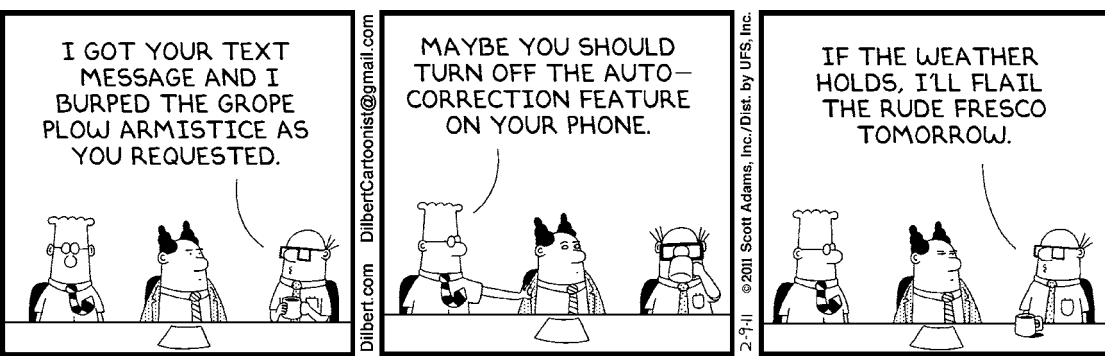
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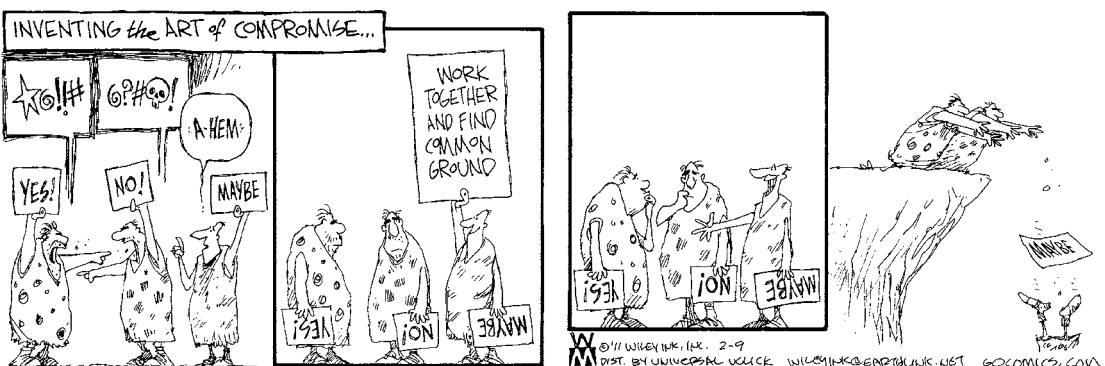
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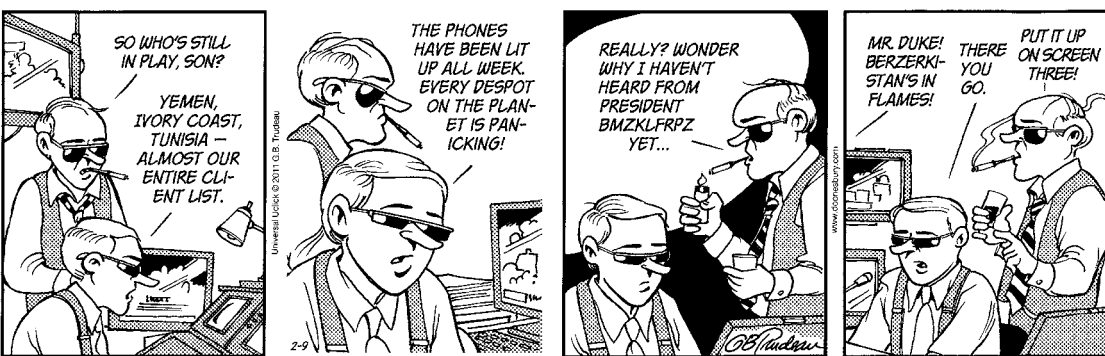
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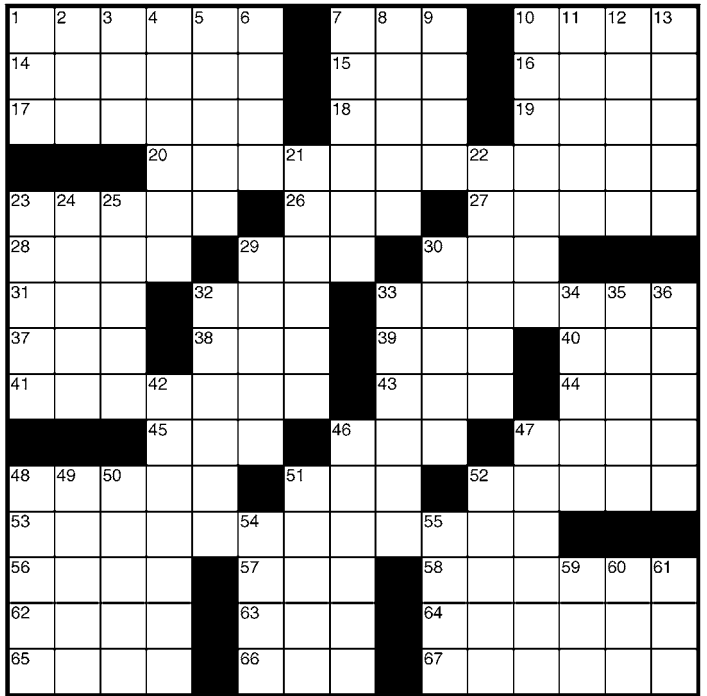
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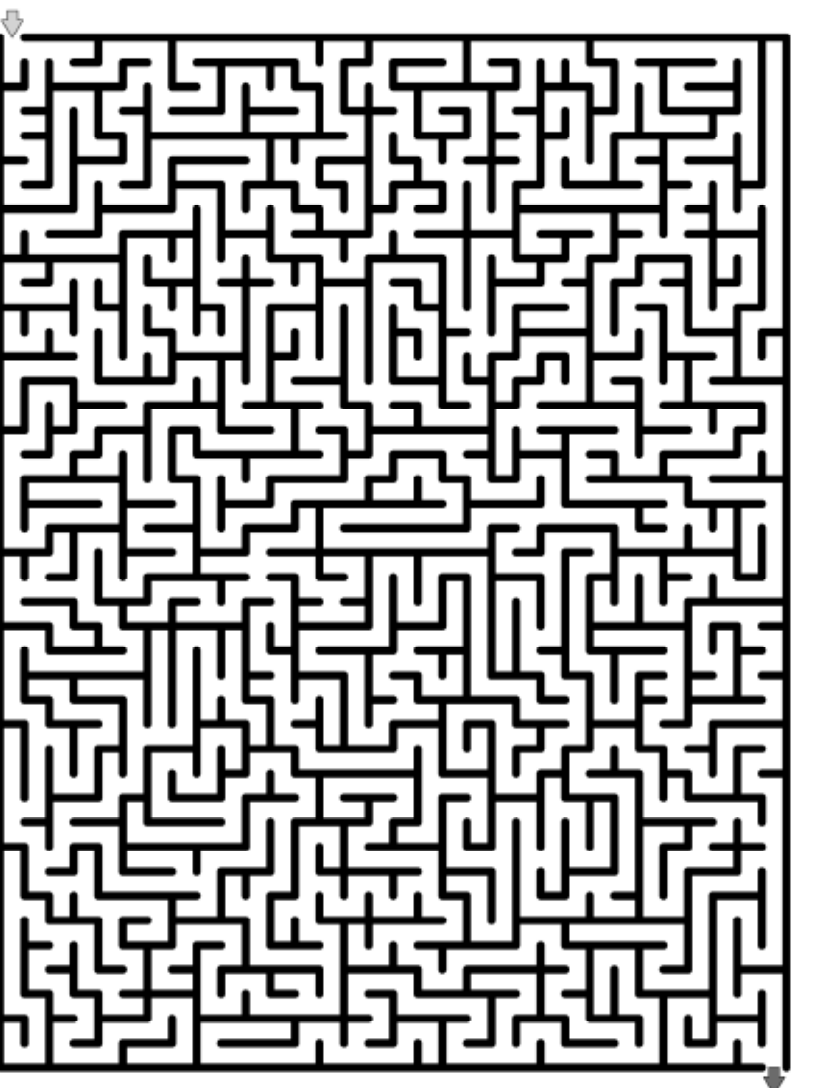
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OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

Volleyball shuts out Israel in exhibition, drops first two matches of season



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Senior Morgan Springer digs out a ball in the team's inter-squad Red-Blue scrimmage on August 20. Springer was named the Libero of the Tournament for her combined 32 digs in losses to No. 4 Texas and Pepperdine last Saturday.

FRIDAY: OLE MISS 3, ISRAELI NATIONAL TEAM 0 (EXHIBITION)

AUSTIN, Texas – Kara Morgan put down a career-high 11 kills as part of her first career double-double on Friday afternoon to help lead Ole Miss to a 3-0 (25-23, 25-15, 25-15) win over the Israel National Team in an exhibition match at the Burnt Orange Classic hosted by the University of Texas.

Against Israel, Morgan hit

.579 as she went 11-for-19 with no attack errors and also came up with 10 digs. She was joined by junior setter Amanda Philpot, who also recorded a double-double with 10 kills and 27 assists on the afternoon. Philpot hit .429 for the match.

While the offense was good, the Rebel defense was also steady. Senior middle blocker Regina Thomas put down a team-high seven blocks, while junior right side Allegra Wells

came up with six blocks to help pace the net defense. Morgan Springer also tallied 10 digs for the back row defense.

"We played some good defense, and we were steady from the service line," said Ole Miss head coach Joe Getzin. "We were aggressive the whole way through. Kara Morgan continues to impress as she matures as a player. Obviously, not having any attack errors is a testament to how hard she worked this summer. The important thing is we have some confidence in ourselves, and that will be big going up against Texas and Pepperdine on Saturday."

SATURDAY: NO. 4 TEXAS 3, OLE MISS 1 – MATCH 1

AUSTIN, Texas – Junior right side hitter Allegra Wells put down 13 kills and sophomore outside hitter Kara Morgan added 12 kills, but Ole Miss (0-1) dropped a tight match to No. 4 Texas (2-0) on Saturday by a score of 3-1 (22-25, 22-25, 26-24, 14-25).

Senior middle blocker Regina Thomas hit an efficient .385 in the match to go along with three blocks, while senior libero Morgan Springer came up with 19 digs to lead the back row defense.

"We did some good things, but Texas is one of the top teams in the country for a reason," Getzin said. "It's exciting to go play one of those top teams at their place. I think we learned about

ourselves, and we can build on this match."

SATURDAY: PEPPERDINE 3, OLE MISS 0 – MATCH 2

AUSTIN, Texas – Courtney Cunningham put down five kills and came up with four blocks to help lead the Rebels but couldn't come up with the win as Ole Miss (0-2) fell to Pepperdine (1-1) by a score of 3-0 (19-25, 14-25, 17-25) at the Burnt Orange Classic on Saturday.

Ashley Anderson also put down four blocks, while Amanda Philpot tallied five kills and

Allegra Wells added six kills to lead the Rebel offense. Morgan Springer came up with 13 digs to lead the Ole Miss defense on the back row in the loss.

Springer was named the libero of the tournament for her performance on the weekend.

"We ran into a really good Pepperdine team, and we have to learn how to respond better when we run into good teams," Getzin said. "I think we saw a lot of good things this weekend, and I learned a lot that we can take forward with us from this point."



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SUNDAY: OLE MISS 8, JACKSON STATE 0

The Lady Rebels capped off a long weekend with an 8-0 rout of Jackson State University at the Ole Miss Soccer Complex last night. Coming off a 1-0 victory over Texas Tech Friday night, the team flew back early Saturday morning to prepare for Sunday night's game.

"It was a great weekend for us coming off the win on Friday," head coach Matt Mott said. "We responded really well. We moved the ball really well. We got on them early and stayed on them."

Sophomore Rafaella Souza got the night started with a 20-yard free kick in the 21st minute, then followed it up with a close-range attack six minutes later for her fifth goal in just three games this season.

Sophomore Mandy McCalla added another goal to make it 3-0 at the half.

In the second half, the Rebels kept the pedal down and

continued to light up the scoreboard. Sophomore Erin Emerson scored two goals, while junior Alix Hildal joined in on the fun as well by putting one in the back of the net.

"It felt good to get some goals in," Emerson said of the game.

"Going into SEC play it will be a lot different, so it was just really good to get goals."

This game marked the 4th-most goals scored in a game for the Lady Rebels. For the first time since 2005, the Lady Rebels have started the season 3-0, and it is the first time since 2003 the Rebels have shutout their first three opponents.

The team will travel to Auburn, Ala. for the Auburn Tournament this weekend to play a few games against Wright State and Duke.

FRIDAY: OLE MISS 1, TEXAS TECH 0

LUBBOCK, Texas – Ole Miss' defense kept the team in the game Friday night at Texas Tech. Rafaella Souza scored her third goal in just two games as the Rebels beat

the Red Raiders 1-0 in Lubbock.

With the win, Ole Miss improved to 2-0 while Texas Tech fell 2-1.

The Red Raiders' forwards tested the Rebels' defense for much of the game, but Ole Miss was up for the challenge.

The Rebels broke through in the 84th minute when Erin Emerson took her space and played Souza into the box.

Souza tracked down the ball at the corner of the six and bent it in for her third goal of the year.

"This was a great early test for our team," Mott said. "We really hung in there, and we really worked hard in the second half."

Mott said Souza's athleticism led to the goal.

"It was a really great goal for Rafa, and she's able to create goals out of nothing," he said. "To be able to come in and keep a clean sheet on the road against a team like Texas Tech is great."

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Golson's decision in retrospect

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When the clock struck midnight on Aug. 15 in Boston, the fortunes of Ole Miss football and baseball changed in an instant.

It only took minutes for reports to get out that Senquez Golson turned down a 7-figure offer from the Boston Red Sox to return to Ole Miss, a decision that surprised some.

"I guess you could say there wasn't a wrong decision," Golson said. "A lot of people look at the money; I wasn't looking at that part of it."

"I just wanted to make sure how I wanted to start my years after high school."

The Senquez saga started in early June when Golson was one of 11 Ole Miss baseball signees selected in Major League Baseball First Year Player draft, going to the Red Sox in the eighth round (No. 262 overall).

He then enrolled for classes in the second summer term in July and reported to fall camp on Aug. 4 with the other freshmen and newcomers.

Rumors began to circulate, and the tension started to build as Golson and his family met with Red Sox representatives in Oxford after the first football scrimmage on Aug. 13 and through the weekend. Negotiations continued in Boston on Aug. 15.

A lot of attention was paid to the last couple of days of uncertainty – deservedly so – but it's a long process for coaches and signees.

"We've talked to (Golson) throughout the process and have tried to get him as much information (as possible)," head baseball coach Mike Bianco said. "I think coach (Carl) Lafferty has done a great job in really developing a great relationship with him, which also, I think coach (Terry) Price in football (has done)."



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Freshman defensive back Senquez Golson jumps to deflect a pass from junior quarterback Zack Stoudt in the team's first scrimmage on Aug. 13. Golson turned down the Boston Red Sox on Aug. 15 and returned to practice on Aug. 19.

Bianco said it is important to make sure the student-athletes and their families have as much information as possible so they can make the right decision.

The signing day deadline may have been a new anxiety for head football coach Houston Nutt, who joked, "I don't like baseball right now," days before Golson's decision, but it's a fact of life for Bianco and the Ole Miss baseball coaching staff.

Golson was one of three signing day decisions with shortstop Jake Overbey and junior college left-hander Dylan Chavez. All three signees turned down their respective teams to play baseball at Ole Miss. In all, nine of the 11 drafted signees are now on campus, in addition to the return of senior designated hitter Matt Snyder.

"We go through it every year," Bianco said of the MLB Draft signing deadline. "And I think this year just got more publicity because of Senquez and the factor of football, and so many fans that may not even really follow base-

ball or don't follow baseball until the springtime."

"I think they got an inside look of what happens in college baseball every year."

In fall practice, Golson has been competing with senior Marcus Temple, sophomore Charles Sawyer and junior Wesley Pendleton at the cornerback position. He's already a fan favorite, drawing two of the loudest ovations after breaking up passes in each of the team's two preseason scrimmages.

He could see playing time in nickel and dime packages, particularly if Sawyer moves to safety or if freshman 2-way player Nickolas Brassell remains on the offensive side of the ball.

"That was awesome," Nutt said of Golson's decision. "That was just unbelievable."

Nutt said he will appreciate having Golson around.

"For him to turn down that and to have the feeling that he wanted to be an Ole Miss Rebel is special, and I appreciate that decision," Nutt said.

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