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Oxford honors 9-11 victims



PETRE THOMAS | The Daily Mississippian

Elizabeth Smith sings the national anthem, while the Air Force ROTC students present the arms at a 9-11 remembrance ceremony taking place at the Oxford Activity Center last night. The night's event remembered the lives lost on 9-11 and celebrated the accomplishments of those who volunteered around Oxford over the course of the day.

BY WILL BEDWELL
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The city of Oxford transformed a day of terror into one of community service and remembering yesterday.

Greg May was one of eight firefighters from the Oxford Fire Department who volunteered. He believes the best way to remember those who gave their lives for their country is through service.

"That's the way they would want it, to be remembered that way," May said.

The first annual 9-11 Day of Service and Remembrance at the Oxford Activity Center was put together by Volunteer Oxford. The event, which began at 12:30 p.m., consisted of volunteers being sent across the community during a memorial service honoring the local police, firefighters and soldiers. Later in the day, there was a dinner for the volunteers and officers.

Ryan Upshaw, the admissions coordinator for the University

of Mississippi's Honors College, volunteered at the event. Upshaw saw the day as a perfect opportunity for students to help out in the community and for him to do the same.

"I wanted to come out and help with the 9-11 Day of Service and Remembrance, and I just felt like this was a good way to give back to the Oxford community," Upshaw said.

The 175 registered volunteers arrived and were quickly put to work around the community. Four groups were organized in different areas of volunteer work.

Three of the groups boxed up donated food and took it to More Than a Meal, Oxford Pantry and Love Packs.

These three organizations were created to provide those in need with food. Love Packs distributes food to children, the Oxford Pantry gives families in need one week supplies of food and More Than a Meal gives tutoring, health screenings and fellowship to families.

The fourth group worked with the Oxford Community Garden Association to help beautify

Avent Park.

More than the expected volunteers arrived, which created two additional groups. One was sent to walk dogs at the Humane Society, while the other placed new mulch in Avent Park.

Kelly Shannon, director of Volunteer Oxford, was overly impressed with the volunteer turnout.

"The sense of volunteerism in the community and the possibility of the university and the city and the county being able to work together has definitely made it come to fruition," Shannon said.

Her plan to create a volunteer program on 9-11 had been brewing for months and was made possible after joining forces with the university's Associated Student Body.

Of the volunteers, three-fourths were either university students or faculty.

The rest of the volunteers were local police, firefighters, boy scout troops and community residents.

Rusty Woods, scout master of

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Faces in the crowd: UPD's unsung heroes

BY JACOB BATTE
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Everyday officers with the University Police Department patrol the nation's most beautiful campus in order to protect the student body from harm.

Mixed amongst the under-recognized group of university employees are a group of national heroes — that very few students know.

Police Captain William Sheffield, Lt. Adam Peacock, Sgt. Deborah Mills and officers Jason Brown, Benjamin Stepp, Gage Vance and Michael Hughes all served their country in the middle east after the attacks on September 11, 2001.

Sheffield, who spent 18 months in Afghanistan from 2005 to 2006, said that he can still remember getting the call informing him that he was going overseas.

"Oh man, I'll never forget it. I got a call at 12 midnight in December," the 15-year UPD veteran remembered, leaning back in his chair. "We were a unit, and had been in that unit for 20 years and the closest I came to being deployed was Desert Storm, Desert Sheild, but we missed that one.

"When they come knocking at your door, when you get that phone call you say I don't believe this."

Sheffield, who retired after 23 years as an Army Reserve officer, said even though there was the initial shock of knowing you were going to be leaving your everyday life to serve overseas, that neither he, nor anyone in his unit hesitated when the time came to fight for their country.

"We knew the day when we signed that line they might call your number, and you would have to go," the Water Valley native said. "We want to serve our country, do our job. I think all of the (soldiers) were proud of what they did."

Sgt. Mills knew she was going to be deployed three years in advance of the actual call.

"As soon as I saw the planes hit the tower I knew we were going to be deployed," Mills said.

Mills would actually arrive in the Middle East in the spring of 2004.



It wasn't guaranteed that when we left the gates of our compound that we were going to come back. We had one experience where we took supplies to a school and the next day the school got hit. Taliban came in and took all the supplies and water. We went back for a week and worked around the school and got it back up and going and re-supplied the school.

Captain William Sheffield,
UPD Captain



While he knew there was a chance that he would get called up, Officer Hughes wasn't excited when he got the call.

"It really sucked (getting the call)," the Oxford native said. "I was in my second year here (Ole Miss), I was making great grades. I was like 'God, now I have to start over.'"

It was an experience just knowing that I had to go, seeing how everybody reacted."

Sheffield, Hughes and Mills all said there is an initial culture shock when you first arrive in the Middle East.

"It was a huge, huge experience that you are not going to get anywhere else," Hughes said. "In the morning and night you could hear the prayers coming all over the city, and that is not something I'm used to hearing."

"It's hotter here in Mississippi," Hughes laughed. "Sand storms took some getting used to."

Mills, who joined the National Guard in 1978 and spent six years living overseas, did not experience as much of a culture shock as the other first-time active duty soldiers.

"I have seen it before being over in Nicauragua, Korea. It is very, very primitive," Mills said.

Mills said that one of the toughest things to get used to was the limited resources available, mentioning that she did not take a shower until six months after being deployed.

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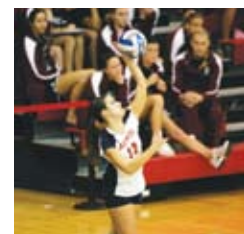
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Ten years later



BY JON MOSBY
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That morning was perfect. Seemingly nothing could go wrong, yet everything did. I was an 11-year-old middle school student then — thousands of miles away in small-

town Mississippi, leaving Mrs. Williams's classroom to take the daily attendance sheet to the principal's office.

Walking down the hallway, I turned to my left and peered into Mrs. Micou's classroom, and I saw an airplane crash into a skyscraper on television.

I thought nothing of it at the moment, but that was United Airlines Flight 175 headed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center — happening live.

Nothing was said of the attacks that day, other than a few whispers among teachers.

I got home that afternoon and that's when everything changed. My precious little concept of the world fell apart.

There had been an attack, a declaration of war on the United States of America.

Children didn't know how to process that day and neither did the adults.

September 11, 2001 is markedly one the most significant

days of my life, and the day is similarly significant for tens of thousands of other 20-somethings in America. Sept. 11 was the day I lost my innocence.

I had concepts of good and bad. But it wasn't until that fateful day that I learned what evil was.

I couldn't believe other human beings could be so sadistically motivated that they would kill thousands of innocent people for their own political, quasi-religious intents. The mem-

bers of al-Qaeda, the planners of the attacks and the hijackers themselves were evil incarnate.

I learned that anything was possible.

As Americans, we witnessed acts of pure evil on 9-11 and acts of pure kindness in the moments following the attacks.

I saw in those days, weeks, months and years following the attacks that Americans could pull together without regard

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A decade lost



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Watching the World Trade Center towers crumble that day in September, we realized everything can end in the blink of an eye.

The nation quickly came together and began healing. For a moment we looked inward in the wake of the tragedy.

When the towers went down, the last thing someone inside was thinking about was that night's episode of "Survivor," how their stock portfolio was performing, which client to call or what kind of tile to put in their kitchen.

When we learned about the phone calls the passengers of the hijacked planes made to their loved ones, we did the same. We volunteered more, cared less about status and spent more time with our loved ones. We realized what really matters.

The lines between Red State and Blue State, Greek and GDI, black and white or bro and hipster were irrelevant.

For the most part we became better people.

It seems we've lost our way since then.

Explanations for 9-11 were hard to find. For 10 years we've turned to government and materialism for answers, however, and we continually come up empty.

We glued ourselves to our televisions after the attacks on our nation. We went to the mall and obeyed the president as

he told us to go to Disneyland and to keep the stock market afloat. Americans turned on HGTV and went up to their ears in debt to buy houses they could barely afford and then decorate them with the right throw pillows.

If you had Muslim neighbors or classmates, they became pariahs.

If someone stopped to question our national neuroses we wrote them off as unpatriotic.

I remember going around the neighborhoods down the road from the Naval Academy with my friends to steal as many John Kerry signs as possible and throw them into gutters.

We let politics and parochialism divide us from our friends, family and colleagues who didn't follow the same narrative as we.

America was afflicted with a tribalism that made us forget who we really are.

We let ourselves believe the ludicrous notion that the government should take away our freedom in order for us to be free.

America continues to blindly stand behind politicians promising to chase after bogeymen.

The national sentiment was one of sacrifice but with no question of who was collecting the sacrificial offerings.

There is no order that came out of the chaos on that Tuesday in September, just a country that is far less American than it was the day before — the very America we vowed to preserve in the face of devastation.

We don't pay attention to the blatant violations of the Constitution from politicians

of both parties.

Vengeance became our highest virtue, but now we're too disenfranchised to change the fact our military is in at least five different countries in the middle east, only one of which had anything to do with the attack on our nation.

We still look for ephemeral solutions to what ails us, whether that's 9-11 or something deeper that it represents.

Nine million of us follow Kim Kardashian on Twitter. We worry about reality television and NFL lockouts, the next Apple product or the Casey Anthony trial — not about issues that will ever actually affect our lives.

We're asleep and it's time we wake up.

The easy answer to 9-11 is to over-embellish that tragic day. It is an open wound from which America still hasn't healed because a decade later we can't stop playing with it. The more we obsess, the more we forget the underlying message of 9-11 and the greater a scar we leave.

The 10-year anniversary of the terror attacks should show us that the message is hardly about terrorism as much as it is about the values we need to reclaim in order to still have something worth living and dying for.

Sept. 11 was about how this thing called America is the greatest blessing anyone alive can have.

It's what we first realized after 9-11, and it's time we stop taking it for granted.

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to economic, political and religious stances.

Sept. 11 ushered in another important concept for me — patriotism.

Other than the usual recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance or a Fourth of July celebration, I didn't understand what it meant to be an American until 9-11. After those events I understood that little flutter of the heart every time the American flag waves or The Star-Spangled Banner is sung.

Ten years later, even with all the resilience of our nation, America is a very different place.

Politically, we saw a president get torn apart.

George W. Bush, with all of his flaws, was a president faced with an unprecedented act of war. The way he chose to handle or not handle it and subsequent declarations of war on his part were new — there was no playbook on how to handle a terrorist attack on the greatest country in the world.

Bush now rates as one of worst presidents in American history, and I can't help but think that wouldn't be so if he weren't president during such

an insurmountable challenge in the country's history.

Max Lerner said, "A president is best judged by the enemies he makes when he has really hit his stride." Unfortunately, Bush had enemies before he ever had an opportunity to hit a stride. In the years since Bush, America is more critical than ever.

We live in a time where "liberal" is a dirty word and a sure-fire way to end a political career.

We live in a time where a man in Mississippi can be mauled by a truck because he's black.

We live in a time where a child can be pushed to the point of suicide because he's gay.

America is a peculiar place. We fight and ridicule each other over the smallest of issues and the next moment we love each other.

In the years following 9-11, we've fought and continue to fight two wars; we've captured and killed our No. 1 enemy Osama bin Laden and we've stood with our neighbors in countless times of peril and hopelessness.

Despite all of her faults, America truly is the greatest country in the world.

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My son has been seeking ANY type of employment for the last 18 months.

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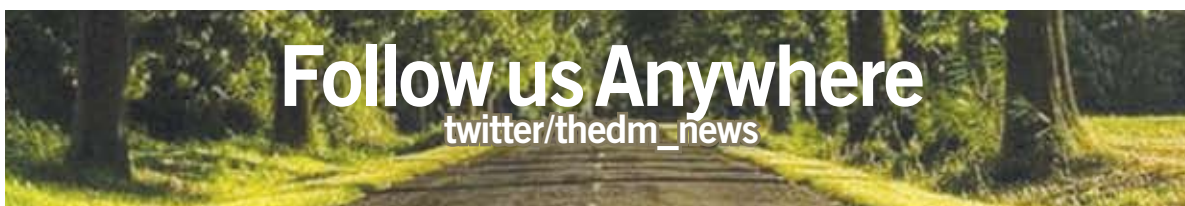
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Oxford leaders reflect on September 11th tragedy



LEFT: Fire Chief Mike Hill; CENTER: Police Chief Mike Martin; RIGHT: Mayor Pat Patterson

BY MARY KELLEY ZELESKEY
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Fire Chief Mike Hill

Where were you when 9-11 happened?

I was actually at the fire house.

How did you react at the time?

We were watching it just like everybody else on television and the first plane went in. It didn't really sound right

and the second plane went in and of course we all knew what that meant then. We all just stood around the station and watched it.

How did it affect you personally?

The thing that sticks out the most with me after 10 years is when the buildings collapsed and it was broadcast on television and it was just dead silent. All you could hear was the beeping going off.

Firemen all knew what that was — we all knew that it was the alarms for the firefighters.

It is a safety device for when a firefighter goes down and remains motionless for a certain amount of time.

It sends a signal out to notify the other firefighters that one of their firefighters is down. So it alerts you and tells you so you can search them and find them.

So when all of the alarms were going off, we knew most of the firefighters were gone. That sticks out in my mind more than anything.

How do you think it has affected our country?

For the fire service just soon after that there was a whole new way of thinking about fighting high rise fires. A lot more safety has gone into our equipment since then. Several grants have opened up and we were able to get a lot of grants here at Oxford Fire Department. So it helped us a lot as far as our equipment.

Do you think that type of attack will happen again?

I hope not.

If it were up to you would you have the towers rebuilt?

If it were up to me, no, I would have some type of memorial like they are doing. I don't think I would build the towers back. That's a tough one; there are a lot of different opinions on that.

Police Chief Mike Martin

Where were you when it happened?

Right here. I was assistant chief, so I guess I was in the other office, but I was at work that morning.

How did you react at the time?

When I heard about it, of course, it was before the day when we really had any TVs in our offices. So we really only had one TV, and it was up in the dispatch center.

I went up there and saw it on television and saw what was going on — of the planes going in the Trade Center towers.

I have a really good friend that was with the secret service, and he was scheduled to be in New York and there was a good chance that he could be there. I immediately called him to see where he was, and it turned out he was down in Jackson so that was kind of a relief. So my first thought was about him.

How did it affect you personally?

You know, it made me mad just like everybody else — that someone would actually do something like that and be able to do something like that. I wanted immediate action to go get these folks that were behind it.

How do you think it affected our country?

I really believe at the time it made everybody mad and shortly thereafter, I think it really improved patriotism.

I think it made everybody, for a short time, appreciate fire services and law enforcement and the military. I think as time goes on, we have lost a little bit of that because we have become weary and forget about the loss we had to put up with to keep on doing stuff like this.

Do you think that type of attack will happen again?

I think it's possible that we could end up with a large scale attack, but I fear more for the smaller scale attacks of smaller venues.

I think it would be more difficult to get their hands on

a big jet airliner now than it was then but then again, some of the things you see on the news of what people get by, I don't see how they do it. I mean, I am a law enforcement officer and they don't even cut me any slack going through.

If it were up to you, would you have the towers rebuilt?

Well, I think they probably did the best by just making that area a park.

You know, a building is a building. I think it was a very wise choice to make it a memorial area. So yes, if it were up to me, I would have it as a national park.

Mayor Pat Patterson

Where were you when 9-11 happened?

I was over at University Sporting Goods, and I was getting ready to open the store.

How did you react at the time?

Surprised. I felt like it was the Pearl Harbor of our generation. I was just as surprised and mad as everybody else in the country.

How has it affected you?

I think it has affected everybody. It has basically changed our lives. I think it has certainly affected the way we travel, and the way we think about travel. It has affected this country deeply for the last decade.

Where do you think we are now as a country?

I certainly think our focus has switched from state to state or from country to country to focus on terrorism and terrorist organizations.

So I think we have had a change in focus from a defensive standpoint of our country.

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"I learned to conserve water real quick," Mills said.

Sheffield stayed at an Air Force base for a short period of time before being stationed in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan.

"It was eye-opening for me," Sheffield said. "You see how people live compared to what we have. A lot of them did not even have houses, they slept out in the open land with their sheep, camels and goats."

Sheffield's unit would mostly provide security for Afghanistan's president Hamid Karzai and then three-star general Karl Eikenberry, who would eventually be appointed as U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan. Sheffield said that his unit would also deliver supplies to schools.

"It wasn't guaranteed that when we left the gates of our compound that we were going to come back," he said.

"We had one experience where we took supplies to a school and the next day the school got hit. Taliban came in and took all the supplies and water. We went back for a week and worked around the school and got it back up and going and re-supplied the school."

With the exception of the occasional gun-fire, Sheffield said

that his unit was very lucky.

"We had 356 soldiers, nobody was injured, nobody was shot," Sheffield said.

"Everybody came home after 18 months without a scratch."

Sheffield ran into a familiar face on his travels picking up former UPD veteran Robert Langley along the way. Sheffield kept a video made by Langley of the two patrolling a busy road in Afghanistan.

"He loved doing that kind of thing (documenting)," Sheffield said.

Langley was killed on duty with UPD less than a year after returning home from his tour in Afghanistan.

Upon return to the U.S. Mills said that it was just as big of a culture shock as when she arrived in the Middle East.

"I jumped into the shower, took a very quick shower and my significant other told me to jump back in the shower and enjoy it," laughed the 12-year UPD veteran.

The Oxford transplant from Michigan said she also had trouble adjusting to the driving laws in America when she got back.

"We were combat heavy engineers, so when we were going places if somebody was in our way we crossed over into the other lane of traffic, we didn't care," Mills said.

"You really didn't want us driv-

ing, I didn't care who was in my way."

Mills said the most important thing that she learned from her time serving her country was to live life to the fullest.

"I actually went and bought a Harley Davidson while I was still over there — a dyna glide low-rider," Mills said. "That was my gift to me for life."

While it took Mills sometime to get adjusted to being back home, Hughes said he didn't have the same trouble.

"It was a relief. It felt really good," Hughes said.

"A lot of people say you're going to experience some kind of withdrawal, something similar to PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder). I don't think I really experienced that.

"I was just so glad to be home in time for Christmas. I think my relief overcame anything else."

Hughes, who spent over a year at Ole Miss before being called over, finished up his exercise science degree at rival Mississippi State in 2009. He said his time overseas has made him more aware of his surroundings.

"Especially within my immediate area," the Lafayette high school graduate said of being more aware.

"I never used to watch the news, I think I watch it a lot more now, and I'm reading the paper."

Mills said that she feels for ev-



LEFT: UPD Captain William Sheffield; RIGHT: UPD Officer Micheal Hughes; Not pictured: Sergeant Deborah Mills

everyone that was and is still affected by the tragedy that happened on 9-11.

"I will mourn for the nation," Mills said last Friday, her eyes tearing up as she spoke. "We lost many a good officer, many a good fireman, many a good person. My prayers will be with them."

Mills is not the only soldier in her family. Each of her three sons has, or is going to spend time in the Middle East.

My oldest boy, he and I were in Kuwait together, and he never had to leave Kuwait, thank god," Mills said with a look of relief on her face.

"But then my other son Jimmy, he's been to Iraq, and he went to Afghanistan."

Mills said her youngest son is in the National Guard and is supposed to go to Afghanistan at the first of the year.

"I'm proud of all three of them, following in mama's footsteps," Mills said.

Though each officer may not receive the recognition that they deserve, each mentioned that they were glad that they spent time serving their country.

"If I had to go back I would leave out tomorrow," Sheffield said.

Firefighters climb 110 stories to honor their fallen brothers



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRITTANNI NELSON

9:30 a.m.

The event has been held two years in a row and the overall goal is to raise donations for the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation and Never Forget The Fallen.

Cary Salis, Randy Jones, Braden Theobald, Matt Tatem, Ethan Peterson, Randy Bundren and William Stuart are the seven Oxford firefighters who participated in the event.

"The men who participated were selected on a volunteer basis," Dickenson said. "We had more this year than the year before. These men are the type that are prepared and enjoy this type of physical activity, and that pays off."

The volunteers have been training for this since mid-July by getting to work around 5:30 a.m. every morning, climbing up the stairs of the football stadium or up the stairs of the Stockard and Martin dorms in full gear and uniform every time.

"No one sees us until something bad happens, but we have to constantly stay in really good shape to carry all of the equipment, to stay in the fire and keep going back in the fire," Dickenson said.

"We come in every day and do exercises and constantly do classes. We never stop learning and training."

The 343 volunteer firefighters

who participated in the memorial represented the 343 fallen during 9-11 and the 110 story stair case represented the 110 stories of the World Trade Center.

"Everybody who participated was given a picture and name of one of the firefighters who died on 9-11 to represent one of the

fallen in the climb," Salis said.

Climbs are held all over the country every year on 9-11 in order to shed light on the importance of the event and the sacrifice made by those who gave their lives in the World Trade Center.

The Oxford Fire Department participates in these runs every

year, training and traveling on their own time and money.

"We have some caring guys in this department and everything was done on their time," Dickenson said. "The message we are trying to send is not to take anything for granted because you just never know what is going to happen."

BY JOE SCOTT

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Seven Oxford firefighters participated in the Kansas City 9-11 Memorial Stair Climb held yesterday to honor the firefighters who died 10 years ago.

The memorial, which involved a group of 343 firefighters across the country, featured these men climbing 110 stories in remembrance of the firemen who lost their lives in the World Trade Center 10 years ago.

"The event is important to remind people you can show up one day at work and you never know what could happen," Capt. Timmy Dickenson said.

"You come in and respond to false alarms every day and one time something like that happens. All those men in the Trade Center had lives and families, and you just don't know what's going to happen when you come into work."

This year's event took place in Kansas City, Mo., and began at



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University students stock the shelves of the Oxford Food Pantry as part of the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance activities held around Oxford. Volunteers work at More than a Meal, the Oxford-Lafayette Humane Society, the Oxford Food Pantry, Love Packs, and the Oxford Community Garden.

Troop 146, brought a group of 15 troops to volunteer. Woods said volunteering is one of the main roles in being a scout. "For a lot of requirements we have community service hours to complete, and this was a great opportunity for all the kids to get involved in different aspects of the community," he said. The memorial service at 5

p.m. began with the university's Airforce ROTC presentation of the colors after which the Star-Spangled Banner was sung by Elizabeth Anne Smith. Mayor Pat Patterson and Assistant Dean Steven Monroe spoke on the topic of changing 9-11 from a day of just remembrance to a day of community participation.

"There is no better way to remember those lost and a way to acknowledge the tragedy of 9-11 than through community projects such as this," Patterson said. Plans for next year's Day of Remembrance and Service are already underway after such a positive turn out, Shannon said.

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@CheckMy5wagg
"Heart goes out to all the people that lost there life on 9-11 and all the families that lost a love one. RIP 9/11"

@meredithmiller
"I remember exactly where I was when my dad told me about #911 I can't believe it has been 10 years #GodBlessAmerica #911Rememberd"

@MossMoss12
"Watch George W. Bush speech from 9/11. After that speech, I had so much respect for BUSH. 'Terrorism against our nation will not stand.'"

@WilYerger
"I was in Miss Harrell's 5th grade class. The teachers decided not to tell us what happened. So I didn't find out until that afternoon. #9/11"

@LaurenEAdames11
"Remembering 9/11 today"

@kayleighwho
"Listening to @dannymcfly's Silence of the City in honor of 9/11. I can't believe that was 10 years ago. Prayers to all lost & the survivors."

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"Honoring 9/11 by spending it with a lot of people I care about and being thankful for this trip and being an American."

@SororityProblem
"Ten years ago today, all of our childhoods died just a little bit. #GodBlessAmerica #NowAndForever"

@Mis_Lisha
"I cant believe it's been 10 yrs since this happened...I just remember sitting in my 5th grade class watching it on tv...so sad 9/11"

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"We remember. Never forget. #GodBlessAmerica"

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"I'll never forget sitting in 6th grade health class watching 9-11 happen on the tv screen... #Remember911 #godblessamerica"

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"Cant believe it's been 10 years since 9/11. Crazy how time flies. RIP to all the lives lost on that day and lives lost fighting ever since"

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"10 years seems like only yesterday- we will NEVER forget! Prayers for this country and its people as we remember 9/11 #GodBlessAmerica"

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LEFT: Boy Scouts Bradley Winters and Korben Avery of Oxford work together to plant a row of seeds at the Oxford Community Garden on Sept. 11. RIGHT: Andrew Walls, business major, Jessica McKenzie, pharmaceutical sciences major, and Doug Odom, English major, unload a wheelbarrow of compost at the Oxford Community Garden as part of the city's 9-11 Day of Service and Remembrance.



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LEFT: ROTC students run along Fraternity Row on campus around 6 a.m. Thursday. Every year on Sept. 11, the ROTC runs to remember the lives lost on 9-11. RIGHT: Ole Miss' Men's Glee sings the National Anthem before the Ole Miss vs. Southern Illinois University game on Saturday.

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Chris Bandi puts the 'soul' in Soulshine Pizza Factory



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I am in no way a music critic, so I was shocked when I was asked to cover an up-and-coming artist Thursday night at Soulshine Pizza Factory.

Now, I listen to all types of music; everything from hip-hop to pop, rock to old school and everything in between.

OK, everything but country.

Needless to say I was thrown off guard when I walked into Soulshine and saw a guitar setup and people with cowboy boots and hats.

All I could think was, "Oh my goodness, I'm going have to review a country artist."

Moments later a tall slender guy walked on stage with a plaid shirt and picked up a guitar; I braced myself for what would come next.

When he opened his mouth, out came the most amazing male singing voice I've heard in a while.

Chris Bandi, a St. Louis, Mo. native, is an Ole Miss marketing major and fairly

new to the music scene. That's not apparent from his vocal or musical talent; he plays and sounds like a seasoned professional.

"I've been playing guitar since seventh grade and singing since I was 3 or 4," Bandi said.

When asked how he'd classify his music he said he listened to a wide variety of genres.

"When I listen to my iPod, it goes from Jay-Z to Linkin Park, then to Brad Paisley — it's crazy," Bandi said. "I guess I want to create my own genre, but my dad likes to call (my music) 'college country.'"

I would describe his style as a mixture of country, Southern rock and soul. He has a beautiful blues voice with a hint of country twang.

In addition to his voice, Bandi's guitar playing is also phenomenal. You can hear the traditional country melodies laced over a soft rock rhythm.

His father's idea of college country was not far off. Bandi's lyrics are definitely relatable to college students everywhere; what college student

doesn't understand love, loss, drinking Crown and a good time?

"I'm pretty impressed by his music," Anne Nicholas, exercise science junior, said.

"He doesn't just play country, he plays a good variety of stuff," she said. "His music is very soothing, in my opinion."

Bandi is a humble performer, something very refreshing to see.

Not once did he turn down a photo opportunity, and he was even willing to let people record his performance.

Bandi is working on releasing a CD in the near future and gave Thursday's audience a sneak peak of some of his songs. This just goes to show that not only is Bandi talented, but modest and memorable as well.

These are just some of the many qualities that are sure to take him far in the entertainment business. Bandi has definitely made a fan out of me, and I'm sure that anyone who listens to him will become a fan as well.

Turner Center to host charity event honoring fallen heroes

BY MEGAN MASSEY
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On Aug. 6, an American helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan — it was the largest loss of American lives in a single event since 2005.

The crash killed all 38 people on board, and now, a University of Mississippi Turner Center event titled Fight Gone Bad 6

is seeking to raise scholarship money for the children of the men and women who lost their lives that day.

"These men gave us all they had," Scott Zagarino, FGB6 event founder, said. "The least we can do is give them the comfort of knowing their children will be taken care of."

"We'll make sure they get the education each of these

men would have wanted for his children as our way of giving thanks."

FGB6, which will be on Saturday, Sept. 17, consists of an intense, 17-minute CrossFit workout.

CrossFit is a brand of exercise that combines weightlifting, sprinting, gymnastics, powerlifting, kettlebell training, plyometrics, rowing and medicine ball training to create a well-rounded athlete.

This will be done through the Special Operations Warriors Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides scholarship grants and counseling to the families and children of special operations who are killed in the line of duty.

Currently, there are over 8,000 participants across the globe.

At Ole Miss, the event will take place in the Turner Center gym at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

"Fight Gone Bad captures the CrossFitter's passionate

commitment to personal fitness and strength, and for just one day utilizes this passion to raise money for causes that address immediate needs in our community," Charles Allen, fitness coordinator at Ole Miss and an avid CrossFitter, said.

The event also supports Camp Patriot, a non-profit that takes disabled veterans on outdoor adventures, and the ISR/CrossFit Kids Initiative, which is working toward making swimming lessons more accessible to children so that "not one more child drowns."

Last year, the event raised around \$1.5 million in one day.

Allen is confident the event will produce good results within the CrossFit community.

"The last five years have proven what we can do as a community, doubling our results each year, and we are proud to be part of this year's mission to take care of these kids and veterans," Allen said.

In a time filled with politi-

cal turmoil and a lot of debate about the war and its purpose, this event is doing something that provides healing for those who have been most affected by the bloodshed and heartache that always accompany war.

The event seeks to give comfort to those who have experienced great loss so early in life.

Currently, there are 13 people registered to participate at Ole Miss, but it's not too late to join.

If you would like to participate, visit fgb6.org to register no later than Sept. 14.

However, if you'd rather donate to the cause than participate in the workout, that is also an option.

Simply visit fgb6.org, find the Ole Miss Fitness Center team page and make a donation.

To find out more about CrossFit, visit crossfit.com.

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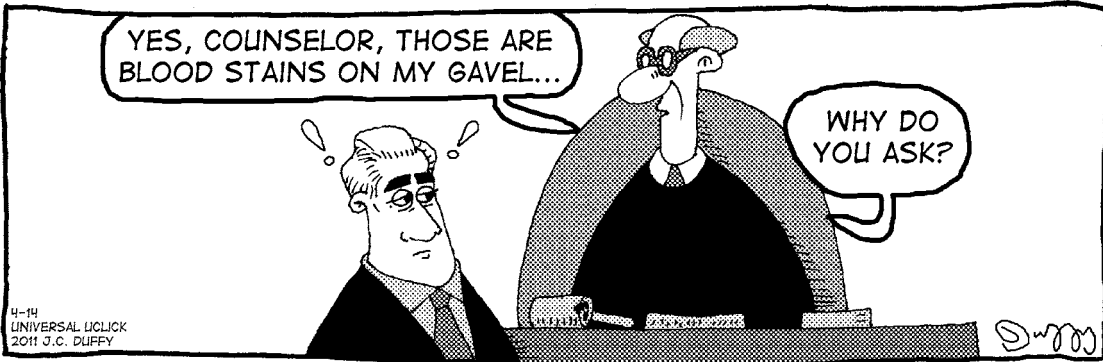
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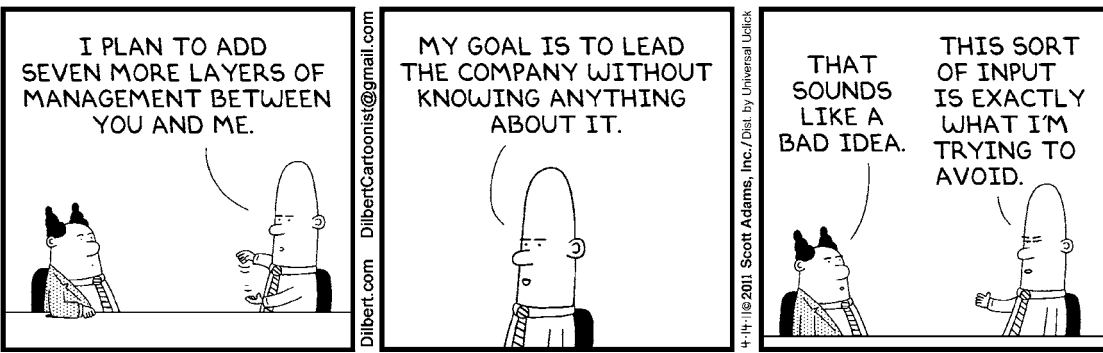
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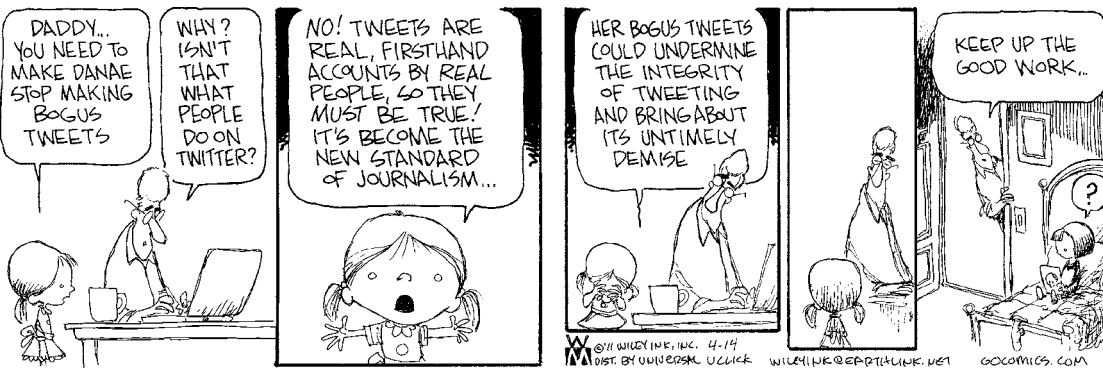
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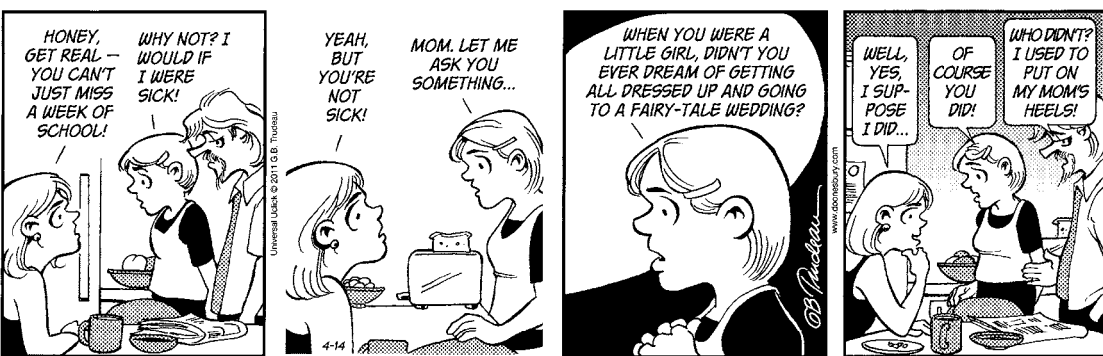
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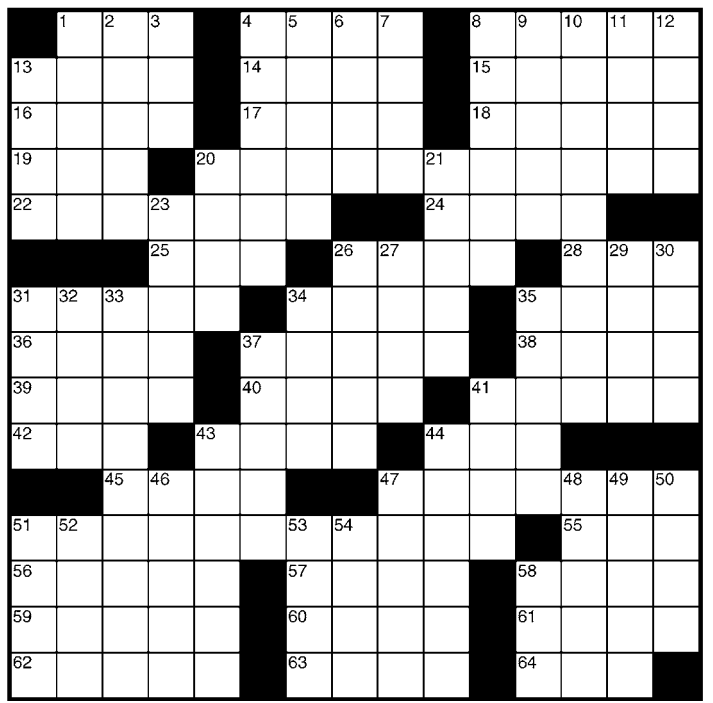
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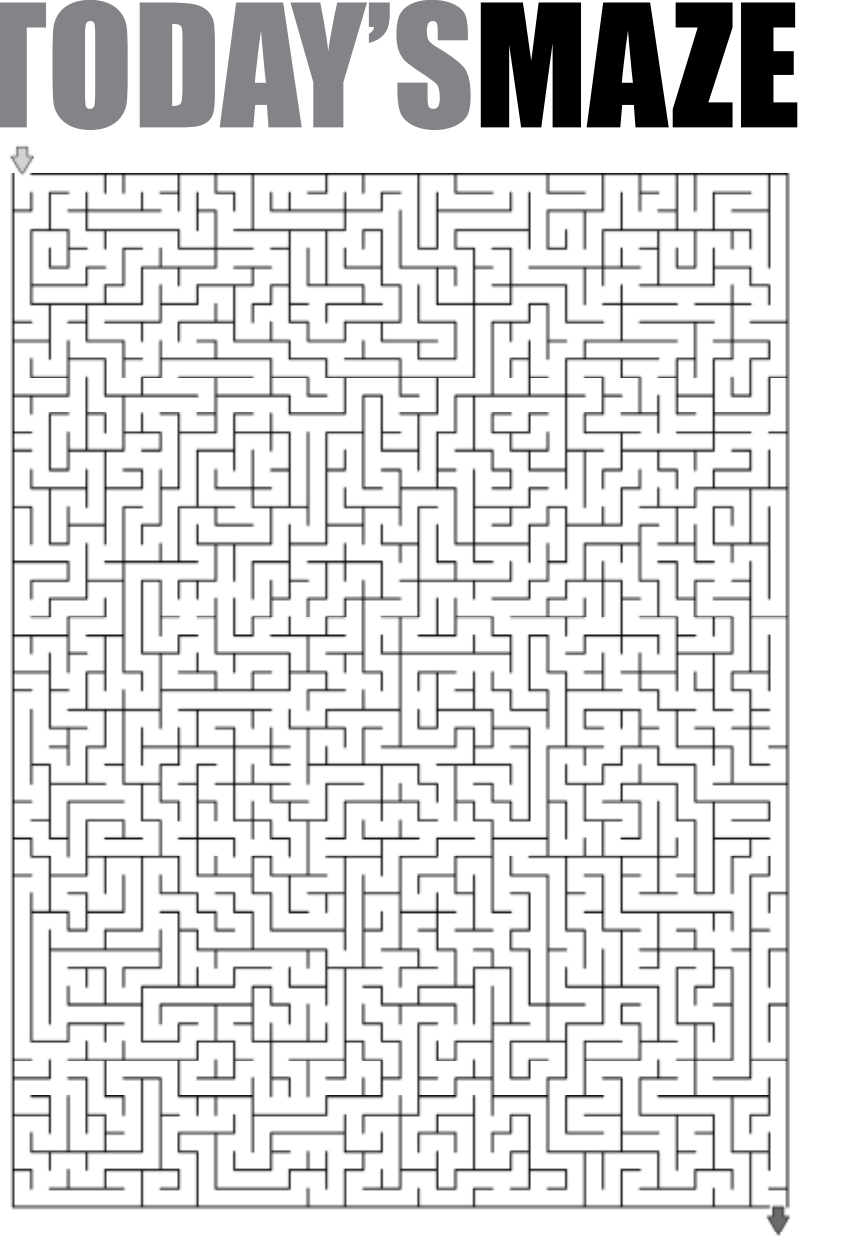
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Law offices of BenJarvus Green-Ellis open for the start of 2011 NFL season

BY AUSTIN MILLER
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Former Ole Miss running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis burst onto the NFL scene last season as the feature back in the New England Patriots' offense.

With the lockout-shortened offseason behind him, "the Lawfirm" looks to carry that momentum into the 2011 campaign. The Patriots kickoff the season with a much-anticipated Monday Night Football game against the Miami Dolphins at 6 p.m. on ESPN.

"I'm definitely excited to start the season, just getting ready to get off to a good start in 2011 and put the lockout behind us," Green-Ellis said.

"I don't think it was all that much different other than from the standpoint of OTAs, mini-camp and those types of things," he continued. "Other than that, it was the status quo because we

started training camp on time and played all four preseason games."

After back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons for the Rebels in 2006 and 2007, Green-Ellis went undrafted in the 2008 NFL Draft and signed with the New England Patriots. In 2008 and 2009, he saw spot duty behind Sammy Morris, Kevin Faulk, then later behind Laurence Maroney and Fred Taylor in the Patriots' pass-oriented offense.

After the trade of Maroney and early-season injuries to Faulk and Taylor, Green-Ellis saw an increased role last season and took full advantage. He finished with 1,008 yards and 13 touchdowns on 229 carries. In doing so, he became the first Patriots' running back since 2004 to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark, and his 13 touchdowns were tied for the second most in the league.

"We always put last year behind us because it is in the past

now," he said. "We're obviously looking forward to this upcoming season, the 2011 season, and just getting ready to go out and try to do the best that we can."

"Work hard and prepare in practice and put in the film preparation to get ready for our opponents this season, starting with the Miami Dolphins."

In the 2011 NFL Draft, the Patriots selected two running backs with Shane Vereen (California) in the second round and Stevan Ridley (LSU) in the third round. With those two new players and the return of multi-purpose back Danny Woodhead, it remains to be seen what Green-Ellis' role will be this season.

"I have always done whatever (the coaches and organization) ask of me to do and whatever it takes to help the team win, I'm willing to do it — that's my job — and that's what I will go out and give my best to do," he said.

The New Orleans native spent

the first two seasons of his collegiate career at Indiana University before transferring to Ole Miss for his junior and senior seasons. He went on to become only the second back to record back-to-back 1,000 yard seasons in the red and blue, despite disappointing 4-8 and 3-9 seasons.

Green-Ellis, however, remembers the talent on those Ole Miss teams and how the day-in, day-out competition in the Southeastern Conference prepared him for the NFL.

He continues to stay in touch and keeps an interest in his alma mater as the Rebels continue in the 2011 football season.

"The key was working hard," he said. "It's a different coaching staff with coach Houston Nutt and his staff, and those guys are doing a good job of coaching the team."

"I see the guys and they are working hard and doing everything the coaches are asking of

them. Things will continue to get better for them, and they will continue to move in the right direction under the guidance of coach Houston Nutt."

Since the Patriots' 2007 Super Bowl loss to the New York Giants, the team has not won a playoff game. In Green-Ellis' three seasons in Foxborough, the Patriots have missed the playoffs and lost to the Baltimore Ravens and New York Jets, respectively, in the 2009 and 2010 Playoffs.

For arguably the league's most successful franchise with three Super Bowls and eight division titles since 2000, the goals for 2011 remain the same for Green-Ellis and the Patriots.

"The goals never change," he said. "We take it one day at a time. We come to practice, work hard, and when the game kicks in, a moment arises and an opportunity presents itself, (we) go out, execute and come away with (wins)."

Volleyball takes Magnolia Invitational for fifth straight year

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The Ole Miss volleyball team swept away the competition this past weekend on the way to their fifth consecutive Magnolia Invitational title.

The Rebels (4-4) opened play with Arkansas-Little Rock Friday afternoon, winning three straight sets: 25-19, 26-24, 25-21. The Rebels were led by junior Courtney Cunningham and senior Regina Thomas on offense, who put down 11 and 10 kills, respectively. Senior Morgan Springer and junior Amanda Philpot, who added 10 digs a piece, also provided solid play for the lady Rebels.

Later Friday night, Ole Miss faced off with Northwestern, a team thought to be the most dangerous in the tournament. The Rebels and Wildcats would go back and forth all match. The Rebels eventually pulled out a four-set victory (25-21, 20-25, 31-

29, 25-20).

"It is great to be home," head coach Joe Getzin said, "The confines of the Gillom Center and the crowd that we had tonight, once again, I think really helps our kids play at a higher level."

The Rebels and Wildcats split the first two sets. The third set was one for the highlight reel as the Rebels put down two consecutive points to win the critical set 31-29. The Rebels carried the momentum from the third set and came out of the gates running in the fourth, jumping out to an 8-2 lead. The Wildcats got as close as one point, but the Rebels closed out the set, 25-20, and the match, 3-1.

"We've lost a couple of tight ones," Getzin said, "So it sure feels good to win one."

Philpot played a monster game against Northwestern, putting down 10 kills, 33 assists and adding on a career-high 20 digs for her first triple-double of the sea-

son.

In the final match of the tournament, the Rebels defeated Central Arkansas 3-0 (25-22, 25-19, 25-13) to claim the Magnolia Invitational Title. Early on the Sugar Bears held a 20-14 lead in the first set; however, the Rebels rallied back after taking two timeouts to claim the set 25-22. In the final two sets, the Rebels had steady command of play, allowing Central Arkansas to come close only once in set two.

"I think we are getting better every match," Getzin said.

Junior Allegra Well, a member of the All-Tournament team, led the way with 12 kills. Springer also earned All-Tournament team honors, while Philpot was named Tournament MVP.

"Amanda is really maturing as a setter," Getzin said, "She is a threat and is really understanding what it is we want her to do in our system."

The Rebels will continue ac-



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Junior Amanda Philpot attempts to block a spike in a four-set victory over Northwestern.

tion this Friday night against the Tigers of LSU as they begin Southeastern Conference play. The action begins at 7 p.m. at Gillom Sports Center.

OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

No. 16 Memphis tops
Lady Rebels Friday night

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Ole Miss soccer team played No. 16 Memphis Friday night, but the Tigers pulled away in the second half and posted the 3-0 win at the Mike Rose Soccer Complex in Memphis.

With the loss, Ole Miss fell to 3-2-1 this season while No. 16 Memphis improved to 6-0.

Entering Friday night's match, Ole Miss came into the game having only allowed one goal in its first five matches while Memphis had allowed two in five games. The Ole Miss soccer team faced its second nationally-ranked team in as many games.

Each team had several good chances in the first half, with Memphis able to break through in the 15th minute and score what would be the game-winning goal.

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Scott, Rebels hang on for first victory of the season

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Ole Miss sophomore running back Jeff Scott had three touchdowns in the first quarter of what looked to be the start of a blowout win for the Rebels.

Despite relapses of last week's fourth quarter collapse, Ole Miss held on to secure a 42-24 win over the Southern Illinois Salukis.

"There's nothing like winning," Ole Miss head coach Houston Nutt said. "Winning is very precious. I am proud to be in the locker room celebrating with these guys.

"We have to learn to win — there are a lot of new faces."

Scott's first score of the day came on a 37-yard touchdown run when the speedster got around the edge of the Saluki defense on the team's first possession of the game.

On the Salukis' first possession, senior defensive end Wayne Dorsey batted a pass from Southern Illinois junior quarterback Paul McIntosh, intercepting the ball and returning it to the Salukis' 4-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Scott punched

it in for his second touchdown of the game.

After the defense forced a three-and-out on the Salukis' next possession, Scott produced more fireworks when he returned a punt 67 yards for a touchdown to put the Rebels on top 21-0.

"It was huge," Scott said. "I didn't expect to return a punt for a touchdown today.

"I've been watching so much film and my coaches kept telling me they felt like I could return one — I did."

The Salukis put 10 points up on the board before the half, while the Rebels added another score on a 3-yard touchdown pass to junior tight end Jamal Mosley from junior quarterback Zack Stoudt, who finished the game 11-for-18 for 118 yards. That touchdown was the first for both Stoudt and Mosley in a Rebel uniform. Stoudt transferred from Iowa Western Community College and Mosley transferred from Northwest Mississippi Community College.

The second half began on sophomore safety Charles Sawyer's second interception of the season and one of four defensive interceptions in the game. On



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Junior cornerback Kyle Horine lays a huge block as sophomore running back Jeff Scott returns a punt 67 yards for a touchdown to give Ole Miss a 21-0 lead over Southern Illinois. Scott finished with 210 all-purpose yards and four total touchdowns in the 42-24 win.

the next drive senior cornerback Marcus Temple intercepted a pass that would lead to another touchdown for Scott, a 7-yard touchdown run.

Scott, who is the first Ole Miss player to have at least two rushing touchdowns and a punt return for a touchdown since Deuce McAllister accomplished the feat against Auburn in 2000, ended the game with 210 all-purpose yards and four touchdowns.

"It feels extremely good to get that first win," Scott said. "It's been a big disappointment because we knew we were supposed to get the win last week.

"We just have to keep moving forward, and tonight we went out and did that."

Stoudt was glad to see Scott step up in a big way.

"He takes a lot of pressure off of you — knowing there's a guy that can make plays like he did tonight," he said.

Stoudt said that all around Scott knows what he is doing on the field.

"He's good with communication," he said. "He can block, he can run and he can catch. It's helpful to have a guy back there that can do several things to help not just me but the entire offense."

The Salukis made things interesting when they got a couple of touchdowns on two passes from McIntosh. The first came to sophomore fullback Rik Hicks from one yard out.

After the next time out for the Salukis' offense, junior running back Steve Strother busted a 74-yard run up the middle; however, senior safety Damien Jackson halted the drive with an interception in the end zone for a touchdown.

The Salukis then cut the lead to 35-24 with 6:39 left in the game on a 31-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Cam Fuller.

"(Giving up big plays) is something we've got to correct if we're going to be a good defense," Ole Miss defensive coordinator Tyrone Nix said. "That's something we didn't do a week ago, so that will give us some things we need to work on."

The Rebels finally put the game away as they pounded the ball on the ground on a 7-play, 64-yard drive, ending in a 3-yard touchdown run from junior running back Devin Thomas.

For now, the Rebels will move on as they prepare for the start of Southeastern Conference play against Vanderbilt next Saturday at 11:21 a.m. on the SEC Network.

Stoudt said the mentality going into practice this week was going to be entirely different but that the Rebels were looking forward to jumping into SEC play.

"SEC week is totally different," Stoudt said. "It's going to be a very serious week of practice — we're going to have to be really focused."

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