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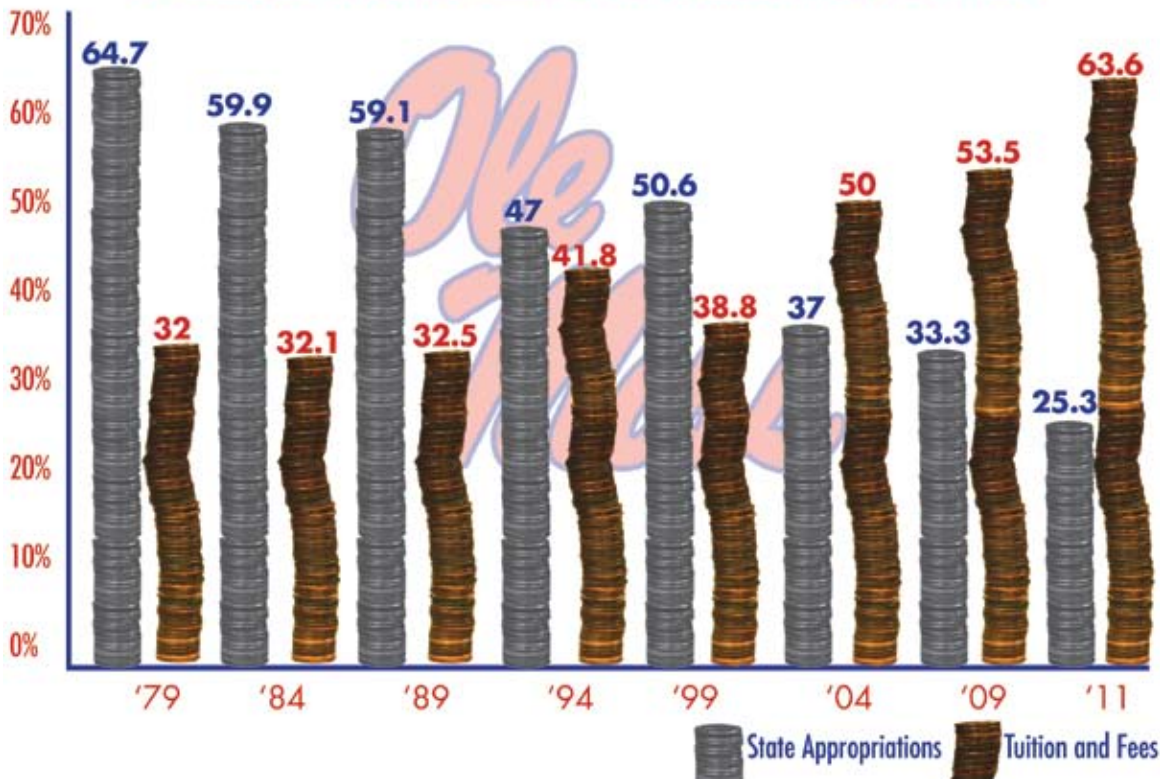
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State cuts lead to higher tuition

On Campus Education and General Institution Revenues



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Public policy leadership senior Cortez Moss said rising tuition costs really started to concern him when he heard a friend more concerned about paying

for their education than actually learning.

"You are carrying way over into the semester where you are still trying to pay that bursar bill before you get kicked out of your classes," Moss said. "That bothers me in the sense that it's just

added stress, and I don't think students can perform at their maximum potential when they are most concerned about, 'How can I afford this education?'"

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ASB Senate members respond to rejection of Green Fund legislation

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Some members of the ASB Senate are scratching their heads following President Taylor McGraw's rejection of the Green Fund legislation.

Although McGraw had been supportive of student-led sustainability initiatives, he rejected an ASB resolution that stated support for a Green Fund at the University of Mississippi.

He cited concerns over the legislation's specificity.

In a previous interview McGraw said the Green Fund committee had done very good work, but he wanted to know exactly what the group's top priorities were.

Haley Kesterson, an ASB senator, felt McGraw should not have rejected the legislation.

Kesterson said she understands McGraw's concerns, but the legislation's four options were only suggestions that ultimately the ASB has no control over as to how the administration initiates the Green Fund.

"We write the bills, we present them to the administration," Kesterson said. "If that's what they like,

then that's what they'll carry over and actually implement. If they don't like it then they'll change it."

She said the minute details of the legislation could be changed by the administration if it wanted to.

"If making everyone happy means (taking out the four options) that's fine because it's not up to us anyway," Kesterson said.

Zach Newton, an ASB senator and co-author of the resolution, said he feels the bill was written well, in regards to specificity.

He also said, in large part, the bill was a statement in support of Campus for Clean Energy's (the student organization behind the Green Fund initiative) desire to move forward on student-led sustainability projects.

"It was not necessarily saying that the ASB supports the options, but that we support the ideas for the Green Fund and the ideas for the Green Fund are good ones," Newton said.

The ASB Senate will re-submit the legislation to McGraw.

If Ole Miss is to get a Green Fund, it needs to be approved by the university administration and the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning.

Ole Miss Bookstore renovates during finals week

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With the fall semester wrapping up and finals about to begin, the Ole Miss bookstore has started renovations. The renovations will last four to five weeks and should be finished before the start of the spring semester.

"Now is the perfect time since school is about to let out," bookstore manager Kristie Whitehead said.

The renovations will include an increase in clothing and convenience. Also, the café on the second floor will be expanded and more seating will be available.

"We just want to expand, make

it look better and make it more user friendly," Whitehead said. "It's going to look great."

Though renovating may be the right decision, some students question its timing.

Sophomore journalism major Alex Edwards thinks it is a bad idea to renovate the bookstore the week before finals.

"I feel like there could have been better times to renovate a busy location like the Union," the Kansas City native said. "I just don't see why they are renovating the main place for students to get school supplies such as pencils, paper, pens and, most importantly, Scantrons. Especially the week before exams."

Senior speech pathology major Brittany Thigpen thinks renovations to the bookstore are a good idea.

"It will make it look interesting and make more people want to come in," she said.

Thigpen goes to the book store occasionally to sit by the glass windows facing the Grove and to sit and talk with friends between classes or to study.

Though the majority of students think the renovations are a good idea and will improve the bookstore, some feel they should have been postponed until the majority of students are home for the holidays after finals week.

"We have a six-week break so it probably would have made more sense," sophomore nutrition major Kaylee Jacks said.

The bookstore's hours of operation will remain the same, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday noon to 5 p.m.



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The Ole Miss Bookstore is in the process of renovating. The renovation is cause for concern for some students, as it will continue through finals week.

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Siri: anti-abortion activist or not-so-intelligent assistant?

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I do not have an iPhone 4S yet. I desperately want one, though, and for one reason alone: to taunt Siri with ridiculous questions and requests.

Siri is Apple's version of a "digital assistant." The official Apple website declares, "Your wish is its command."

Some find it scary that this machine "knows what you mean" and "has so much to tell you." But I think it's pretty awesome.

Almost immediately upon its release I stumbled upon a not-so-appropriately-named Tumblr

account that chronicles the crazy things Siri says and does in reaction to her owner's even more intriguing statements.

Example: Owner asked, "When is judgment day?" Siri responded: "Friday, April 29, 1997."

Siri will set your alarm, write text messages and emails, give directions, tell the time in Vietnam, locate mental health services and even find a strip joint or escort service.

But there is one thing Siri will not do that has caught the attention of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Siri is unable to locate abortion clinics (or refuses to, depending on how you

spin it).

Now, Siri will locate a specific clinic for you if you know exactly which one you want, such as Planned Parenthood.

But if you simply inquire about abortion clinics in your area, Siri comes up with nil.

Earlier this week the ACLU started a petition to ask Apple, "If Siri can point me to Viagra, why does it not help me out with birth control or abortion?"

Specifically, by signing the plea, petitioners agree with the following statement:

"I was distressed to hear that Siri, the voice-activated personal assistant on the new iPhone 4S,

can tell users where to find Viagra and burgers and even escort services, but cannot direct users to resources where they can access information about birth control or abortion care."

Just as troubling, Siri not only doesn't provide information about abortion providers, but instead directs women to pregnancy crisis centers.

These businesses not only do not provide or refer for abortion care, but are notorious for providing false and misleading information about abortion to women.

The statement then goes further to acknowledge Apple's response that Siri is still in the beta version

and encourages Apple to fix the "glitch" sooner rather than later.

When CNN.com tested the intelligent assistant by asking, "Where can I get an abortion?" Siri responded, "Sorry, I couldn't find any abortion clinics."

I think it is possible, however, that this lack of knowledge is not Siri's fault; that it is not a glitch in the system.

Perhaps this is more of a broad reflection on society.

Couldn't Siri have trouble locating abortion clinics because they're not labeled as such in phonebooks, on the Internet or

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Message from the ASB President



BY TAYLOR MCGRAW
ASB President

Students, Before finals week stupor sets in, I wanted to update you on a few items of interest and let you know some

of what the Associated Student Body has planned for next semester.

First thing – Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon, members of the Big Event committee and my dutiful ASB Cabinet members will be passing out hot chocolate and finals goody bags near the elevator on the food court level of the Union. One of the bags will contain a golden ticket redeemable for a cool prize (think somewhere in

between Hershey bar and iPad).

Second thing – We just wrapped up “Keep Books Cheap Week.” It’s an annual statewide appreciation week for faculty who abide by the state board textbook policy designed (among other things) to keep up a healthy used book market. So, be sure to thank your hard-working faculty members who are keeping your piggy banks in mind.

Third thing – Thanks to all who participated in the pilot phase of the Two+2 program. If you missed it, not to worry. We’re cranking back up next semester with all sorts of cool new features and incentives. Making new friends (and getting free lunch) will never be easier, so get excited.

Fourth thing – Take a long

look at the walls of the Union before you take off for break, because when you come back in January, they will be alive with gorgeous photos and artwork. On that note, if you are artistically inclined and want us to display your work, e-mail us at asb@olemiss.edu. There’s no deadline per se, but submissions must have an Ole Miss theme and must be very pretty.

Last thing – Texting while driving is dangerous and stupid, and we do it all the time, but we have to stop. The ASB has created some free “I Will Not Text and Drive” reminders that conveniently attach to your steering wheel. We’ll start distributing them next week and will make them available in our office on the top floor of the Union beside the Scantron piles.

Looking ahead:

Elections to replace me and the other ASB officers take place in February, but we’ll still be around until the official transition in early April. That means I’ve got about four months left to deliver on my two remaining top campaign promises – an on-campus Smoothie bar and an outdoor basketball court.

We knocked out free Scantrons, free tickets to baseball and basketball games, and wireless printing, but I want to go five for five. When the weather warms up, feel free to drop me subtle reminders like, “Hey, Taylor, I could sure go for a pick up game and a strawberry-banana right about now.”

Each week my Cabinet brain-

storms fun ideas like the ASB Easter Egg Hunt we had back in April. We’ve got plenty of good ones for the spring that may or may not involve water balloons, dominoes (think thousands), scavenger hunts and a famous rapper.

So trust me, we’ll have some fun in the spring, but we’ve also got some serious issues to discuss, like the “Dead Week” policy, Plus/Minus evaluation, tobacco policy and the Green Fund.

For now, get back to studying so you can knock out your finals and embark on a safe and relaxing break.

As always, never hesitate to reach out with comments, questions, or ideas.

Best wishes,
Taylor McGraw

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even by a Google search?

In Mississippi, for example, these services are greatly limited. Siri could not locate such providers even with its best efforts. And even when I Google, “Where can I find an abortion clinic?,” no specific locations or providers are given. Instead, I have to go to other sites and explore through their search tools.

Siri might not be able to find abortion providers because so few of these clinics openly advertise themselves as such in order to evade harassment and protest, especially in the Deep South.

It is disconcerting, as a female, that the world Siri pulls her in-

formation from seems to be so lopsided (easily providing escort services, for example) but, again, I think that is just a reflection of the world we live in.

Our culture is obsessed with sex but not with the consequences that result from that.

Certain topics, like strippers and Viagra, are less taboo than abortion and birth control.

The development of Siri and this potential “glitch,” therefore, will likely depend on the development of cultural awareness, which we all know is not going to happen overnight and is completely out of Apple’s control, despite the fact that Apple always seems to be one-upping the rest of us.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

When I first heard the news that the Green Fund legislation had been referred back to Senate after passing on Tuesday night, I was shocked. I was even more shocked considering that neither I, Senator Will Bedwell, nor Taylor Cook (Campus for Clean Energy) received the news from Taylor McGraw.

Instead, first news came from The DM, who contacted Taylor Cook to comment on the Green Fund legislation’s rejection.

We were surprised that the Associated Student Body president made sure The DM ran a story before contacting the Senators who authored the legislation.

Taylor Cook did receive an email from Taylor McGraw that evening — nearly one hour after interviewing with

The DM. Even more surprising were the grounds on which the legislation was rejected, which happened to be the legislation’s main focus: flexibility in negotiations.

The purpose of the resolution was to start negotiations with administration.

By rejecting the resolution, President McGraw is only standing in the way of the Green Fund working with administration to form a plan that is beneficial for both the students and the university. In the article McGraw said that “In principle, I am not a fan of mandatory student fees for narrow purposes”; however, I believe the point of the legislation and intent of the Senate were lost on the president’s desk.

This bill was intended to open negotiations, propose possible options and raise further awareness of the creation

of the Green Fund. Many of the “provisions” that President McGraw disagrees with are simply additional ideas for negotiation.

All options outlined in the resolution were preceded by the clause “THE FOLLOWING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS PER STUDENT AND ADMINISTRATION NEGOTIATIONS.”

The act of protecting the image of ASB is a just cause, but this clause more than protects the ASB from administration backlash.

Instead, McGraw’s initial rejection of legislation has potentially cost ASB an opportunity to support progress for the University of Mississippi in creating a promising program.

Senator Zachery Newton
Freshman
International studies

Correction

A cutline on the front page of Thursday’s paper had incorrect information regarding

Natalie Woods’ title. Woods is Ole Miss’ 2011 Most Beautiful.

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Thank you!

Eminent domain revisited

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Eminent domain, also known as Initiative 31, has some scratching their heads on what it means, even after it passed with a landslide vote in the Nov. 8 election.

Eminent domain issues have had a tumultuous history in the state. For example, in 2001, with the Canton Nissan plant, the state government tried to take the private land of Madison County resident Lorenzo Archie through the use of eminent domain and sell it to Nissan. Archie fought the state from taking his land and won.

In 2009, Gov. Haley Barbour vetoed HB 803, a bill that would have restricted the government from taking private land and selling it to businesses. Barbour would not back down on his stance against the initiative, believing it would hinder economic development in the state.

Jonathan Winburn, assistant political science professor, said he thinks the initiative will not necessarily hamper economic development, but it may slow down the process of bringing in business.

"The initiative was vague enough for there to be ways to work around it," he said. "It may not be as simple or straightforward, but I think it may be a roadblock. I don't think it will necessarily stop anybody."

The issue of government taking land to sell for private use under the pretense of economic development isn't a new issue. In the 2005 Supreme Court case *Kelo v. New London*, it was ruled that the government could buy land to sell to private bidders, if it fit under the fair and public use clause of the Fifth Amendment.

This allowed the government in the city of New London, Conn., to take the land of Susan Kelo and

sell it to the developer who wanted to purchase it. This case would set a precedent for other states, like Mississippi, on how to handle the issue.

On election night many Oxford residents voiced their opinions on Initiative 31. An overwhelming majority of residents voted in favor of the initiative. This can be reflected in the poll numbers — 683 Oxford residents voted yes while only 123 voted no.

"I voted for it," said Jennifer West, an Oxford resident for 36 years. "The main reason is that I think that capitalism should rule out; the government shouldn't get involved."

Danny Dickey, a longtime Oxford resident, also voted yes on the issue.

"I don't like the idea of someone or the government taking my land," he said.

While many who voted in favor of the initiative understood that the government wouldn't be able to take their land to sell for private use, they may not have known that the government can still take private land under eminent domain for public use, if it benefits the community. Some examples of exemptions found in the initiative include airports, bridges, roads and abandoned or condemned properties.

"A lot of people just think that the government can't take my land; this is what they are trying to stop," Winburn said.

"I think there are folks who understand it on some basic level, but I don't think there is a lot of detailed understanding of what this initiative is trying to accomplish. The idea behind that — the way I understood it — was to prevent that. It doesn't stop eminent domain; it just stops them from taking it and reselling it for private economic development."

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Institutes of Higher Education have decreased, tuition has become a bigger part of the pie, 63.6 percent of the approximately \$241 million in total education and general institutional revenue.

Chancellor Dan Jones said state appropriations have been decreasing for 15 to 20 years nationally.

"It means we have to adjust the costs and be as efficient as we can be," Jones said. "It is a painful issue to deal with, but a necessary issue to deal with."

Since 2001, tuition has risen by approximately 63 percent for residents and 55 percent for nonresidents. Tuition in the 2001-02 term for residents was \$3,626 and non-residents paid \$8,172 per year, according to the Southern Regional Education Board. Ten years later in this academic year, the tuition rate is \$5,790 for residents and \$14,796 for non-residents per year.

Asking the Institutes of Higher Learning to raise tuition is never an easy thing to do, Jones said. He said it is a two-fold approach.

"One is, to evaluate our ability to tolerate raising tuition, and what that does to demand for students wanting to come here and combing that with creative financial aid planning to try to ensure that for the students from the most vulnerable financial background, that the cost of tuition does not become the primary barrier to them being a student of the University of Mississippi," he said.

While Associated Student Body President Taylor McGraw admits that tuition increases are never popular, some polling suggests that some students are OK with tuition increases to support

projects, such as a new student union.

"The problem is when students continue to see increases year after year and don't see a return on that," he said. "I think transparency is probably one of the bigger issues, more so than actual dollars. Students want to know where their money is going and they deserve to know."

On the state level, Larry Sparks, vice chancellor of administration and finance, said he understands why higher education would be cut — it has another way to pay for itself, tuition, which you can't charge when it comes to public kindergarten through 12th grade.

"It is shifted to a model that I've heard a lot of people state as a user tax," Sparks said. "Actual users of the service are paying and the burden has shifted from the state."



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Cortez Moss,
Public Policy Senior



Ole Miss is still a good value compared to its peer institutions, Jones said. The average tuition, including mandatory fees for Southeastern Conference institutions, including Mississippi institutions, is \$7,365 for residents and \$19,700 for nonresidents per year, according to Sparks.

Chief of Staff Andy Mullins, who represents the university with state, city and county governments, said the university system also trains principals and teachers.

"If funded at the higher level, we can do a better job of putting out teachers who do a better job of making an impact at the elementary and secondary level," he said.

Mullins said the problem with this long-term talk is the short-term problems.

"Legislatures, in general, operate in a crisis management mode," he said. "They have to deal with the here-and-now problems they see that exist in the next fiscal year."

"Explaining to them in a time of fiscal crisis that it would be in their best interest to invest long term in education usually falls on deaf ears. That's just the way it is."

Counting community colleges and K-12 education, education in Mississippi makes up 57 percent of the approximately \$5.5 billion budget. Of that 57 percent, community colleges and universities make up approximately 27 percent of it.

Sparks said that universities would have to make the best of what they have, as he expects funding to stay stagnant at a minimum.

"My job is to take the fac-

tors and use them to put forth a business plan that keeps us sustainable, financially and academically," he said. "If we let the quality of the education experience suffer, it really does not matter what you charge for tuition."

Mullins understood that the budget is tight, but he also said it is tight at the universities.

"You have to hope that the state source of funds will recognize that 10 years of cuts is going to cause deterioration," Mullins said. "That is what you worry about, when you start realizing that you can't keep up with all of the stop-gap measures."

While Mullins said for the fiscal year of 2013 he expects more cuts, he is optimistic that they will be less than 5 percent.

An important detail to remember in this is that the Institutes of Higher Learning sets tuition, not the University of Mississippi, though Sparks admits they do often ask for tuition raises as it can be supported.

If a student were on the IHL board, even in a non-voting role, Moss said that would make him more comfortable with the system.

"We have a very common, very practical understanding of the college experience because we are here at this particular point," Moss said. "Students can bring that very real experience of what's happening on their campus. Insight that I don't feel like is sought after by members when making these decisions."

Another useful funding tool, McGraw said, would be an education first policy when it comes to budget cuts.

"What I think tends to happen is that you talk about all these other things and then get to education and still have \$20 to \$50 million worth of cuts to have to make," he said. "Inevitably, it is going to have to come from education."

"That way, if anything had to be cut, it would be further down the line."

Students have a unique roll in history when it comes to making societal change happen in the United States, Jones said.

"I think it is useful for members of the legislature to hear concerns from students about these issues," he said. "I would encourage students to be actively engaged in the political arena."

Moss, who has advocated to the capital for funding increases with Rebels to the Capital, said students can help, and he added that they should not limit it to lobbying, writing letters and speaking out.

"We should take an active role in the communities around us, where members can see the added benefits of funding higher education," he said. "Like going to areas such as the Mississippi delta or poverty stricken areas here in Oxford and showing that this education we are getting we are giving it back to the state."

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New farmer's market on University to co-exist with Midtown

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The city of Oxford will see a new and improved farmer's market in May of next year. Oxford has been deemed a food desert by the USDA, meaning low-income families are cut short of having healthy eating options. But now there's hope that the newly established access to fresh produce, with the farmer's market, will benefit those families and the city.

The USDA gave a \$61,258 grant, which was accepted by the Oxford Board of Aldermen on behalf of the OPC from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmer's Market promotion program to start the project.

The grant will cover materials and two years' salary for a part-time market director. The new director has yet to be hired.

The farmer's market, the location of which is in consideration for the old armory right off University Avenue, will cater to a different crowd than that of Midtown Farmer's Market.

"It gives local growers an opportunity to sell their product, it allows the community access to fresh produce, it gives the opportunity to bring a lot of people together in a location with a lot of diverse backgrounds and (it) gives the opportunity to socialize, to gather, to interact," said Rob Boyd, the executive director of the Oxford Parks Commission.

With the location being near a bus transfer point, there is hope that the easy accessibility for people using public transportation will draw a crowd that otherwise would not have ways of getting to and from the market.

"People who may not have

(reliable) transportation can ride public transportation through the bus system in Oxford (to this farmer's market) and therefore have access to fresh produce that they might not normally have," Boyd said.

The prime location would work to the farmer's market's advantage as well as the public's.

"We hope we attract a lot more people," Mayor George "Pat" Patterson said. "We hope we can make it available for more low-income people."

Not only will the location be able to accommodate a larger crowd, it will also provide a different feel that will separate it from Midtown

Farmer's Market.

"We're purposing to be in green space," Boyd said. "You know, a grassed area down next to our community garden ... it's a little bit of a different setup, being in a parking lot compared to being in open space."

Patterson said he hopes the farmer's market will be a little more "formalized" and in some sort of pavilion.

The concern of limited vendors for both farmer's markets in Oxford has not fazed Patterson or Boyd.

"From the research that we've done, from what we've been checking into and talking to a lot of farmers, we think there (are) plenty of vendors to supply both," Boyd said.

"I understand there is some concern there, but that is just concern with not understanding or knowing exactly what's out there. That's just kind of a natural response to not want to do something (for) the sake of not hurting another, and we just don't think that's the case."

Concern about the competition between the two farmer's markets was brought up by Mayor Patterson.

"I don't want to be in competition with Midtown," he said.

"I don't want this to be a competitive environment. I want to make this available for everyone to come and use."

Patterson remarked on the possible plans of the two

farmer's markets.

"They are welcome to come join us or they're welcome to operate," he said.

"I probably will still go down to Midtown every Saturday morning; I go down there anyway."

Boyd said the progress of the early plans of Oxford's newest farmer's market is going smoothly.

Overall, there are high hopes for the future farmer's market and what it will do for the Oxford community.

"That's what recreation is all about — getting people out, getting them moving and visiting and interacting with one another, so I think that will be a big plus for Oxford," Boyd said.



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Boys & Girls Club of Oxford fundraiser "Ultimate Dine Out" underway

BY KATHRYN WINTER
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Students, locals and anyone else who loves Oxford's restaurant scene could win a \$2,000 package of gift certificates to Oxford restaurants while benefiting the Boys & Girls Club.

The Ultimate Dine Out is a fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club of the Lafayette-Oxford-University community.

Ticket sales began Nov. 21 and continue through Dec. 7.

Boys & Girls Club members, parents and staff are selling the tickets, with all profits benefiting the Barksdale Clubhouse in Oxford.

"We appreciate the fact that we have had many Oxford restaurants who have participated in the Ultimate Dine Out since its inception in 2006," event chair Jean Robertson said.

Robertson said each year the Ultimate Dine Out has an increased number of participating restaurants, which allows the drawing to have a first, second and third place winner.

This is the second year in a row that the Oxford drawing has had three different winners.

The first place winner will receive the \$2,000 gift package of gift certificates. A second place winner will receive \$700 in gift certificates and a third place winner will win \$500 in gift certificates.

Over 50 Lafayette County restaurants agreed to participate by donating gift certificates ranging in value from \$25 to \$100.

"Last year we raised \$6,800, and this year we hope to raise around \$8,000," Robertson said. "Every year since we've been doing this fundraiser we've raised at least \$6,000, so it's been very successful."

The Oxford Boys & Girls Club has programs year round, with a membership of 250 to 300 participants ranging in ages 6 to 18. A large number of participants are on the honor roll at their schools and everyone in the Boys & Girls Club graduates from high school.

"Every penny from this

fundraiser is going to your local Oxford Boys & Girls Club," Robertson said. "We do different things throughout the year, we have summer programs, afterschool programs, national programs for character building, and we have power hour, where the kids work on homework for an hour every day."

"We just try to help the children be the best they can be, learn to be proud of themselves and work to the very best of their ability," he said.

Restaurants and bakeries included the gift certificate packages are 208 South Lamar, Big Bad Breakfast, Chick-fil-a, Firehouse Subs, Honey Bee Bakery, McAlister's Deli, Old Venice Pizza, Taylor Grocery and Two Stick.

The drawing will be held live on WTVA on Dec. 9. To purchase tickets, call the Boys & Girls Clubhouse at 662-832-0602 or 662-236-1893. Tickets can also be purchased online with a debit or credit card at www.bgcnmns.org.

Tickets are a \$10 donation for one, or a \$100 for 15 tickets.



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TOP: A University Police Department officer removes a boot from a car. BOTTOM: Marcus Truhett dispenses a t-shirt to fans at an Ole Miss basketball game. The next Rebels home game is Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.

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Vivian Ibrahim has a new approach to teaching history

BY CHASE PINSON
Special to The DM

Vivian Ibrahim can hear the voices of other professors discussing a myriad of different topics as they walk by her office on the third floor of Bishop Hall. The conversations ranging from Russian serfs to African American history are a refreshing change.

Ibrahim is the University of Mississippi's newest professor with a focus on the Middle East, and her emphasis lies primarily with Egypt, which is where she claims roots, though she was born and raised in Great Britain. Behind her black-rimmed glasses are cheery eyes that betray the inquisitive mind of a historian.

Most historians probably aren't accustomed to teaching riveting, exciting and newly relevant topics, but Ibrahim finds herself as one who is doing just that. And it's been a long time since Egypt was as hot a topic as it is now.

"Egypt, when you're doing the Middle East, is the boring country," she said. "The sexy countries are Iraq and Israel and Palestine. I accepted the job in mid-December, and I woke up in January to bombings in Cairo, and then in mid-January to a revolution."

Ibrahim specifically researches the relationships between the minority Coptic Christians of Egypt and the majority Muslims. Fittingly for someone who focuses on the role religion plays in a region and in the lives of its people, she drew similarities between the Middle East and the South that most people wouldn't recognize.

"I've realized since I've moved here that religion plays a much more important role in people's lives, at least in the South," Ibrahim said. "But in many ways, the South reminds me more of the Middle East because your daily lives are governed by religion, and our values are exactly the same regardless of whether you're Muslim or whether you're Christian or whatever. So actually there's much more in common with the South and the Middle East than you would expect at first sight."

As for when she considers a conflict or upheaval like what's hap-

pened in Egypt and in much of the Middle East, Ibrahim naturally looks back over the past several years, like any historian would.

Contrary to popular belief, the revolution in Egypt isn't something that happened overnight, and that's what Ibrahim tries to emphasize in her classes, which are split between the Croft Institute and the history department.

"This isn't something that started two, three, four years ago," she said. "This has its roots way back, and it's got a lot to do with people's standard of living and unemployment that's been rife for years. It's got to do with corruption — police brutality is also huge in all of this. So it's got long, long roots, and as a historian I'm kind of keen to show the different roots to current conflict; it didn't just come out of nowhere, and it wasn't all because some kids had Facebook and Twitter. I mean, that's important, that kind of was the trigger, but I don't think that was the root."

When asked about what she sees in Egypt's future, Ibrahim described herself as a cautious optimist.

"I'm hoping it's a move toward more democratic elections," she said. "I think there are such deep-seated problems, socially and politically, that change doesn't happen overnight; you can't suddenly expect a whole upheaval of the existing system. It's going to take 10 or 15 years. It's very difficult to predict. I don't think it's going to be a huge, democratic leap, but I'm hoping it's in the right direction."

However, Ibrahim's not as optimistic as some regarding the result of what's taken place in the Middle East. Ibrahim claims that people in the Middle East are waking up to the fact that the "revolution," which she labels as an evolution, has actually been stolen from the people.

"A revolution signifies change, and here we are for the case of Egypt or Tunisia, nearly eight, nine months later, and there hasn't really been that change, and actually what we're seeing is military command — this is a military coup that we're seeing," Ibrahim said.



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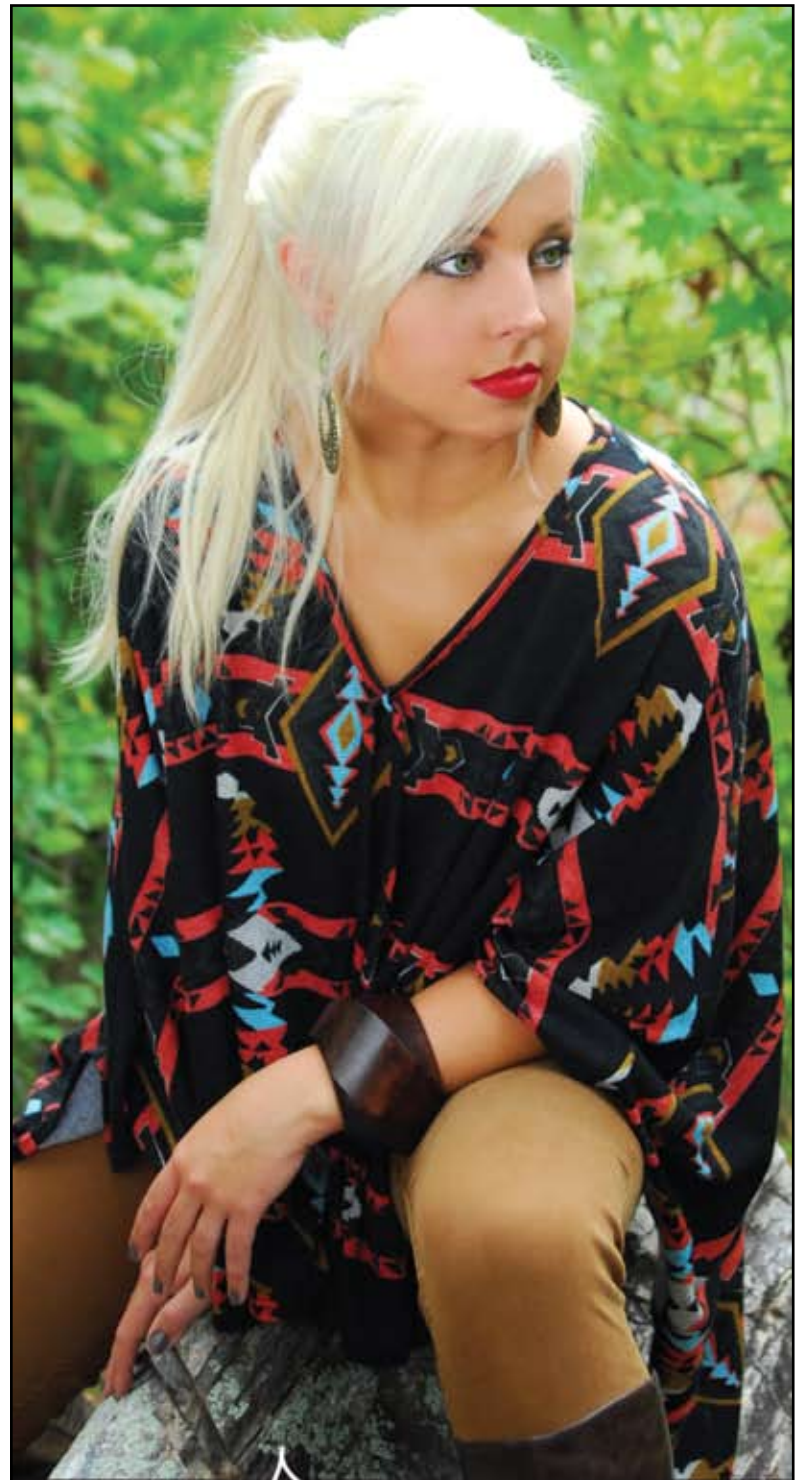
Assistant history professor Vivian Ibrahim prepares for classes in her office. Ibrahim's classes focus primarily on the Middle East, specifically Egypt.

"And I think people in the countries are waking up to that. There are still huge protests that are taking place every Friday now because the revolution was stolen — that's how the people see it — it's not about the people, we've got military command who supported the man who was president in the first place, (so) there's no change."

When asked where she saw the region going as a whole, Ibrahim pointed out that because the Middle East is so multi-faceted and every revolution — or evolution — is as unique as the country in which it takes place, there's almost no way to know what the Middle East will look like in the future. But one thing that she hopes will come from it is that people in the West will realize that and why.

"That's the kind of understanding that we need to have of the Middle East, it's so varied, and, yes, we might all speak the same language, but we speak it with different dialects, and we have multiple religions and we have multiple practices within the same religion."

"I think maybe us not viewing the Middle East as a cohesive whole, hopefully, is where it's going, I think the more that we judge each country individually on its merits and its own issues, the more we can kind of tailor our understanding of the region."



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Students and Oxonians wait in line to sit on Santa's lap in the Student Union at the Grand Ole Christmas event held on Wednesday.

Five of Rebels' last seven non-conference games on the road

BY DAVID HENSON
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While students begin studying for final exams and leaving Oxford for winter break, the Ole Miss basketball team will stay busy with its seven remaining non-conference games.

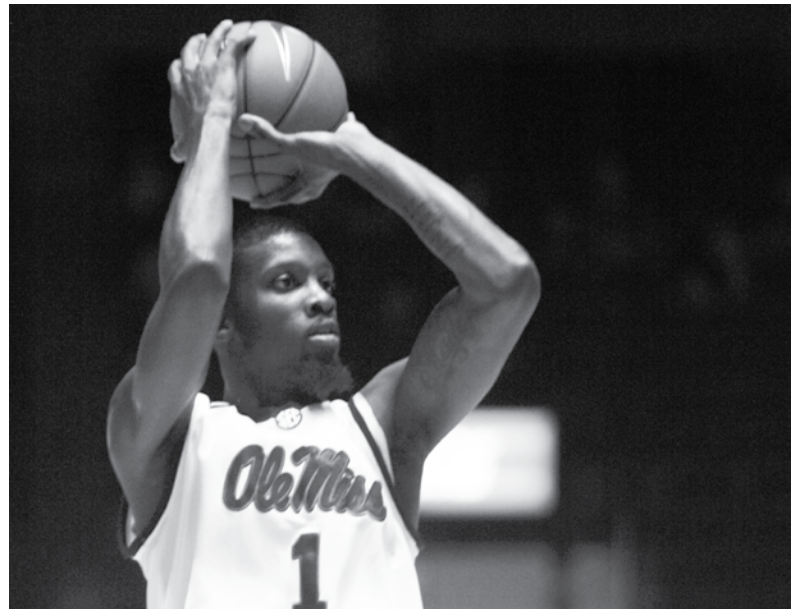
It starts with the second of a two-game road trip, when the Rebels travel to Happy Valley to take on the Penn State Nittany Lions, a program that reached the NCAA Tournament this past season. Another thing to look forward to is the arrival of freshmen guards Jelani Kendrick and LaDarius "Snoop" White, who are both expected to make their Ole

Miss debuts either against Mississippi Valley State or Louisiana-Lafayette.

After that two-game homestand, the Rebels will take on the Southern Miss Golden Eagles for the fifth straight season. Ole Miss has won three of the last four meetings, but that one loss came in Hattiesburg, where this year's game will take place. First-year assistant coach Al Pinkins returns to face his old team, Middle Tennessee State, in a neutral-site game at the Desoto Civic Center in Southaven. The Blue Raiders are currently 6-1, which includes a 20-point win at UCLA, and rank 29th in the nation in scoring, 24th in assists per game and lead

the nation in field goal percentage.

Just before the calendar flips to 2012, Ole Miss goes on the road to face the Dayton Flyers. This is the third straight season the schools have matched up. Dayton won both games, including a 68-63 win in the NIT Semifinals two season ago. This season, the Flyers are off to a 5-2 start and captured the Old Spice Classic championship in Orlando, Fla., with three straight wins over Wake Forest, Fairfield and Minnesota. Ole Miss will wrap the non-conference slate with a Jan. 3 home game against SMU before stepping into conference play at LSU on Jan. 7.



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Senior forward Terrance Henry shoots from beyond the arc. Henry has started in every game so far this season and averages 12.2 points per game.

Penn State Nittany Lions (6-2)



Dec. 4, 5 p.m., University Park, Pa.
Conference: Big Ten
2010-2011 Record: 19-15
2011 Postseason: NCAA First Round
TV: Big Ten Network

Mississippi Valley State Delta Devils (1-6)



Dec. 10, 2 p.m., Oxford
Conference: Southwestern Athletic (SWAC)
2010-2011 Record: 13-19
2011 Postseason: None
TV: None

Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns (3-5)



Dec. 14, 6 p.m., Oxford
Conference: Sun Belt
2010-2011 Record: 14-15
2011 Postseason: None
TV: CSS

Southern Miss Golden Eagles (4-2)



Dec. 17, 3:30 p.m., Hattiesburg
Conference: Conference USA
2010-2011 Record: 22-10
2011 Postseason: None
TV: Fox Sports Net

Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders (6-1)



Dec. 21, 8 p.m., Southaven
Conference: Sun Belt
2010-2011 Record: 16-16
2011 Postseason: None
TV: CSS

Dayton Flyers (5-2)



Dec. 30, 6 p.m., Dayton, Ohio
Conference: Atlantic 10
2010-2011 Record: 22-14
2011 Postseason: NIT First Round
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SMU Mustangs (4-3)



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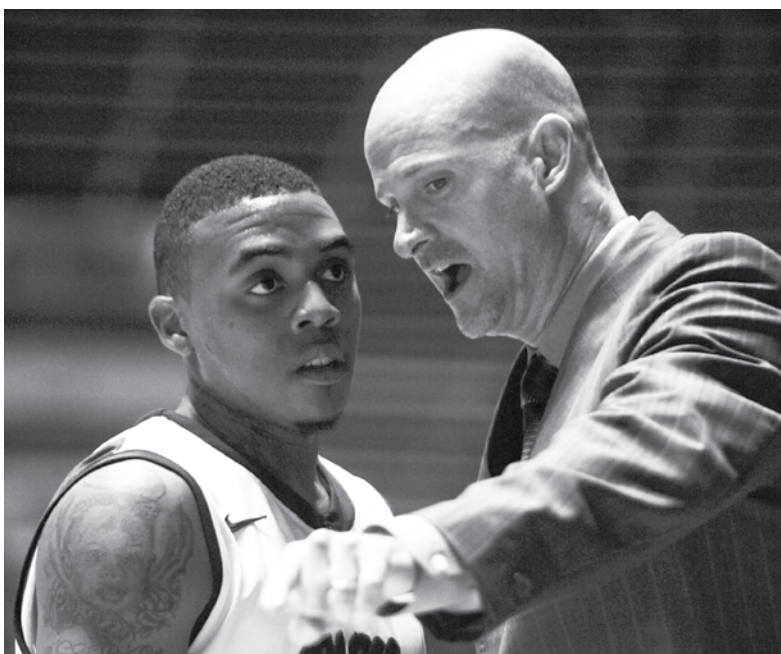
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pressed their thanks and support for Sherman via Twitter as they learned the news on Thursday night.

"It's unfortunate to see Coach Sherm go. He is like another father to me. He helped me become the person I am today. I will never forget, never," former Texas A&M pass-rusher Von Miller, the second overall pick in this year's draft by Denver, tweeted via his (@)Miller-Lite40 handle.

Sherman came to Texas A&M after spending two seasons as an assistant head coach with the NFL's Houston Texans.

It was his first college job since he worked as an assistant with the Aggies from 1995-96.

After leaving A&M he worked as an assistant with Green Bay and Seattle before becoming the Packers' coach in 2000.

Green Bay went 59-43 under Sherman and won three NFC North titles in his six seasons, but he was fired after the Packers finished 4-12 in 2005.

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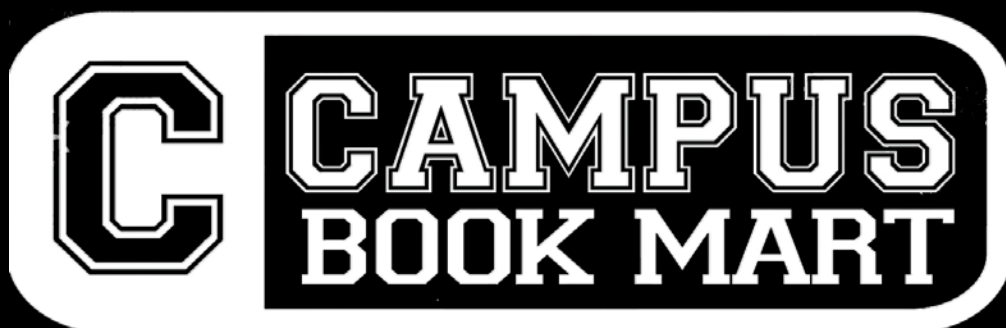
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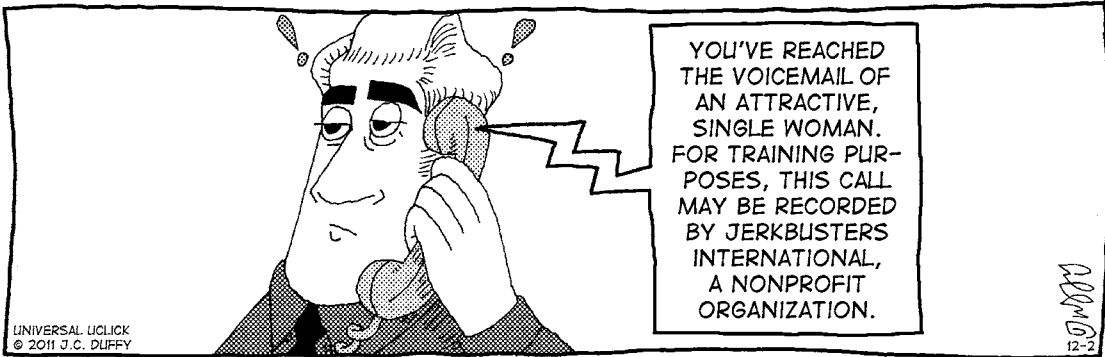
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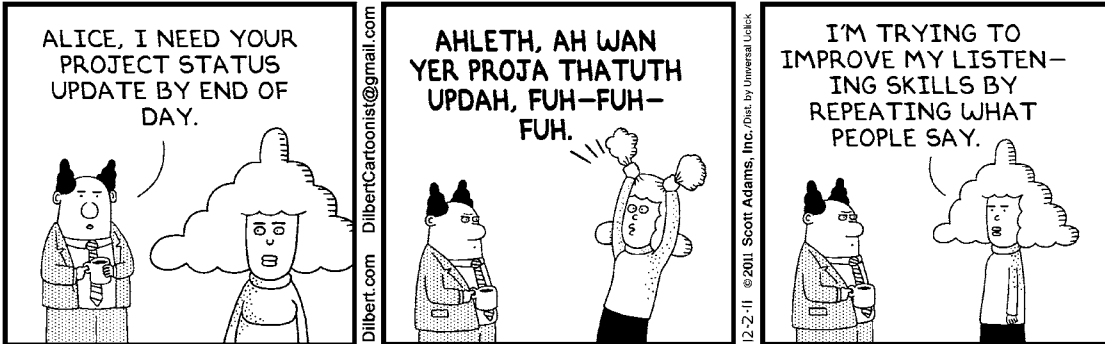
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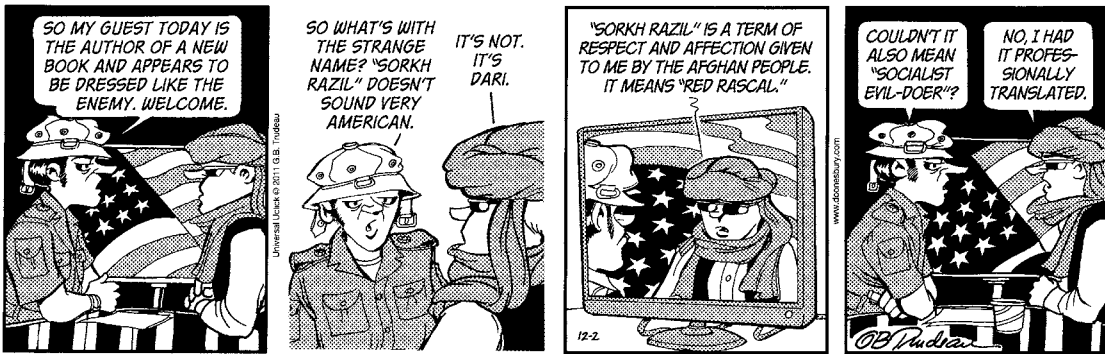
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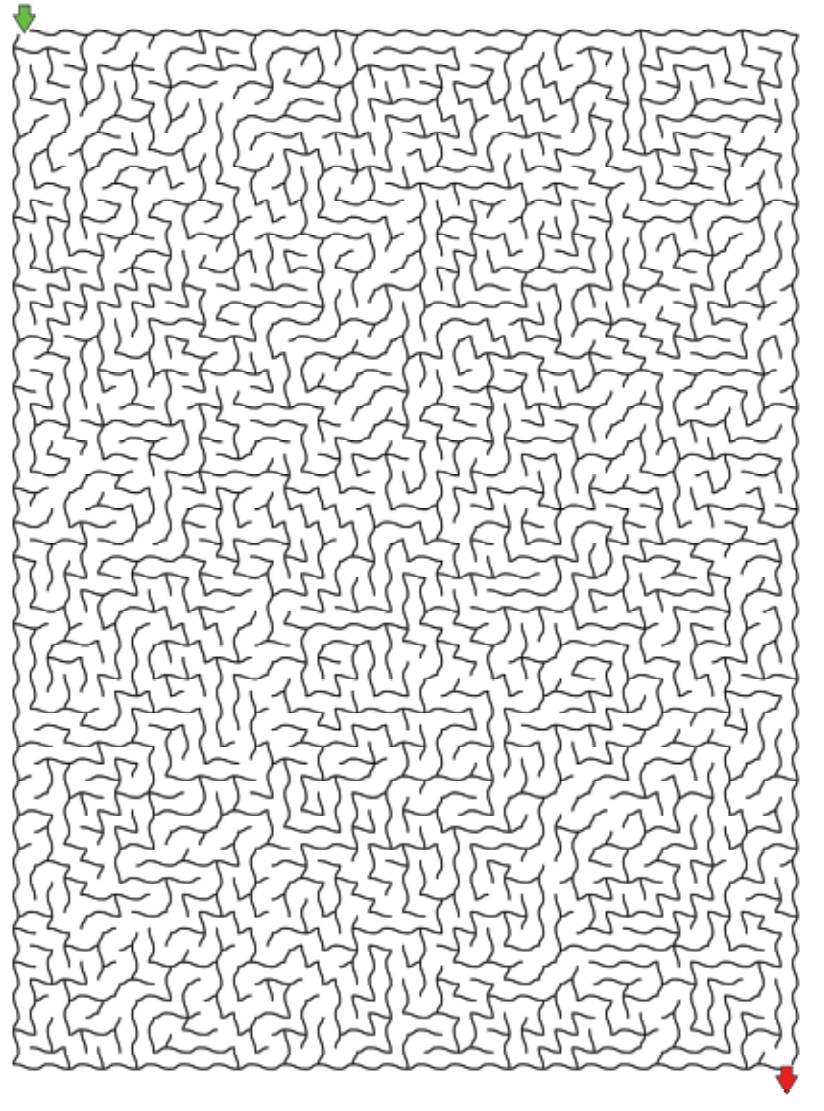
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Magnolia Classic, No. 9 Miami headline women's hoops winter break slate

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Students will start to leave the campus and head home during the coming weeks to start winter break. However, the Ole Miss women's basketball team will stay put in Oxford, as the Lady Rebels (5-1) play their last seven non-conference games to gear up for SEC play. It starts Saturday afternoon when Ole Miss hosts Grambling State.

After Grambling State, the Lady Rebels will prepare for the Miami Hurricanes, ranked No. 9 in the nation and the reigning ACC Champions. The Hurricanes are 5-1 with their only loss to No. 3 Ten-

nessee and present Ole Miss with biggest test of the non-conference schedule. Miami leads the all-time series 4-2, including an 82-46 win in Oxford this past season.

In the next week, Ole Miss will also host Central Michigan and then travel to Nashville, where the Lady Rebels take on Lipscomb. Ole Miss then hosts the Magnolia Classic with games against Cleveland State and Murray State. The Lady Rebels then welcome Southeastern Louisiana a couple of days after Christmas for their final non-conference game of the season before opening up SEC play at home against LSU and Florida.



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LEFT: Senior forward Nikki Byrd collects the basket and the foul after driving to the goal. Bryd leads the team in rebounding with 72 and averages 14 points per game. RIGHT: Junior guard Maggie McFerrin drives in the paint early in the first half of the 83-52 win over Arkansas Pine-Bluff. McFerrin has eight three-pointers so far this season.

Grambling State Lady Tigers (2-2)



Dec. 3, 2 p.m.,
Oxford
Conference: Southwestern Athletic (SWAC)

2010-11 Record: 15-16
2011 Postseason: None

Miami Hurricanes (5-1)



Dec. 10, 6 p.m., Coral Gables, Fla.
Conference: Atlantic Coast

Conference (ACC)
2010-11 Record: 28-5
2011 Postseason: NCAA Second Round

Central Michigan Chippewas (2-4)



Dec. 14, 2:30 p.m., Oxford
Conference: Mid-American (MAC)

2010-11 Record: 20-11
2011 Postseason: WNIT First Round

Lipscomb Bisons (0-7)



Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m., Nashville, Tenn.
Conference: Atlantic Sun

2010-11 Record: 9-21
2011 Postseason: None

Murray State Lady Racers (2-5)



Dec. 19, 5 p.m., Oxford (Magnolia Classic)
Conference: Ohio Valley (OVC)

2010-11 Record: 9-21
2011 Postseason: None

Cleveland State Vikings (2-3)



Dec. 21, 1 p.m., Oxford (Magnolia Classic)
Conference: Horizon League

2010-11 Record: 21-12
2011 Postseason: WNIT Second Round

Southeastern Louisiana Lions (3-3)



Dec. 29, 7 p.m., Oxford
Conference: Southland

2010-11 Record: 13-16
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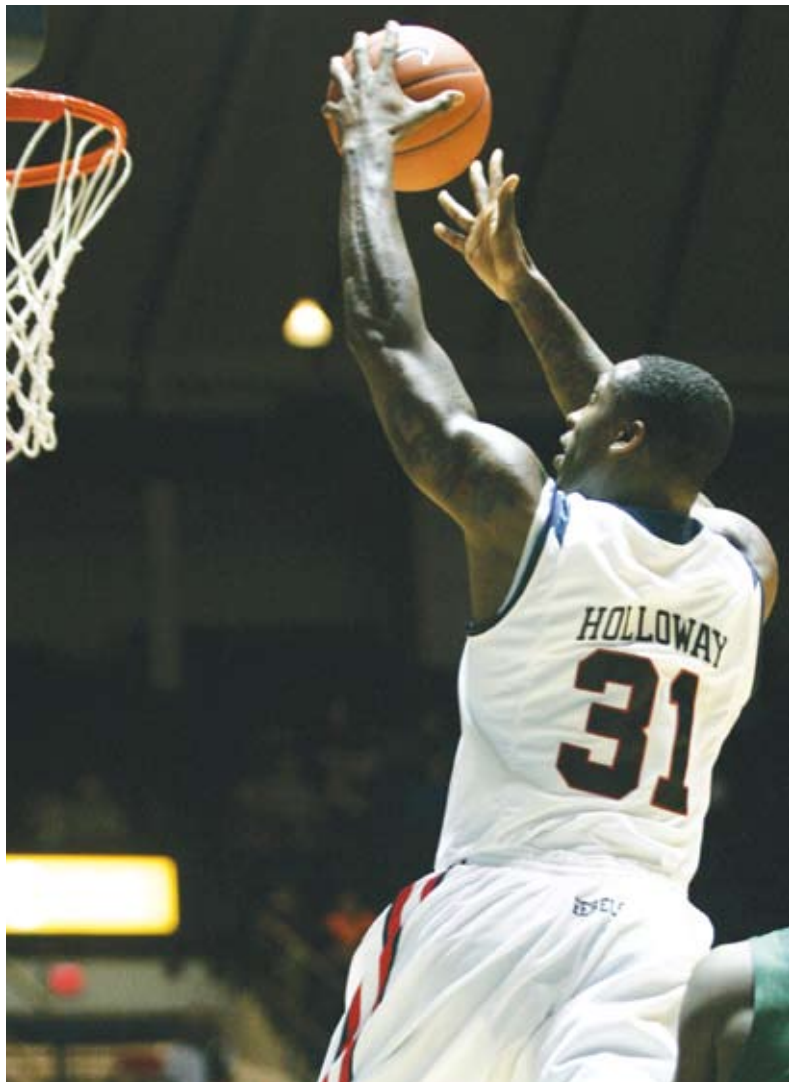
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OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

Holloway scores game winner in wild finish



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Junior forward Murphy Holloway dunks in the 64-61 overtime win over Miami. Holloway scored the game winning basket in last night's 70-68 win over DePaul. Holloway had 16 points along with 12 rebounds.

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) - Murphy Holloway scored the game winner with three seconds left and Ole Miss won its matchup of the Big East/SEC Challenge over DePaul, 70-68, on Thursday night.

Holloway grabbed the ball from Blue Demons forward Cleveland Melvin and dashed downcourt for the score.

Holloway had 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Rebels (6-1), who led by 17 points early in the second half. It was Holloway's third double-double of the season and the 17th of his career.

Brandon Young had 18 points for DePaul (4-2) and Melvin added 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The victory was the first road win over a Big East opponent in Ole Miss history. It marked the third straight win for Ole Miss and second in three meetings against the Blue Demons.

The Rebels built a double-digit lead while DePaul failed to make a field goal in the final 7:04 of the first half.

Nick Williams led the Rebels with a season-high 17 points on 7 of 9 shooting.

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Texas A&M fires football coach Mike Sherman

Mike Sherman was fired as Texas A&M's coach Thursday after the Aggies finished the regular season a disappointing 6-6.

Athletic Director Bill Byrne announced the move in a statement.

Sherman, 25-25 in four seasons at A&M, had three years remaining on his contract and the buyout will be about \$5.8 million. He was given a one-year extension to his original contract in July, but it was never executed.

He was hired at the end of the 2007 season three days after Dennis Franchione resigned.

His best and only winning season came last year when the Aggies won their last six regular-season games and lost in the Cotton Bowl to finish 9-4.

"I appreciate Coach Sherman's selfless service to Texas A&M as our head football coach and his tireless efforts in building leaders of character," Byrne said in the statement. "He is truly one of the great offensive minds in football, both collegiate and professional, and I know that he has much to offer the game of football in the future."

Byrne said he will talk with the assistant coaches to decide who will serve as the interim coach for Texas A&M's bowl game. He also hopes to meet with the team and remaining staff Friday.

Texas A&M President R. Bowen Loftin thanked Sherman for his contributions to the program and said he created a "solid foundation for Texas A&M to build upon in the future."

"Decisions of this nature are never easy, and I appreciate the patience of Aggies everywhere as we carefully evaluated the current state of our football program and the prospects for the future," Loftin said.

Texas A&M is moving from the

Big 12 to the Southeastern Conference next year.

The school hasn't named any candidates, but possible replacements could include Houston coach Kevin Sumlin or Louisville coach Charlie Strong. Sumlin, who has led the seventh-ranked Cougars to a 12-0 record, was an assistant at A&M from 2001-02. Strong also spent time with the Aggies, working as a graduate assistant in 1985.

The Aggies entered this season with 18 returning starters, a top 10 ranking and were expected to contend for the Big 12 championship and be a factor in the national title hunt.

Instead they lost early games to Oklahoma State and Arkansas after holding double-digit half-time leads to fall to 2-2.

They won three in a row after their first skid, but a three game losing streak, which included two overtime losses, ensured the Aggies of a mediocre season. The low point of the season came when Texas A&M ended their more than century-old rivalry with Texas with a 27-25 loss at home on Thanksgiving.

At times, Sherman seemed to be grasping for ways to deal the team as the close losses piled up. Four of their six defeats were by a combined 10 points, including a 53-50 four-overtime loss to Kansas State.

"I've never experienced a season like this and I don't plan on experiencing a season like it again," Sherman said after the loss to Texas. "This was a very difficult season to swallow. We have good kids, they work hard, but for whatever reason the ball bounced funny for us sometimes, and we didn't make it to win the games we didn't."

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