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OLE MISS HAS HIGHEST ENROLLMENT IN MISSISSIPPI

The recent release of IHL preliminary enrollment statistics for the fall of 2012 show that Ole Miss, combining the Oxford campus and the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, has the most students in the state. The university also experienced the highest percent increase in overall enrollment this year.

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What's obvious to everyone in Oxford is now clear to the rest of the state. The University of Mississippi is continuing to grow.

The Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) released the 2012 preliminary fall enrollment figures for the state of Mississippi on Monday. The preliminary numbers, including enrollment statistics at The University of Mississippi in Oxford and the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, show that Ole Miss has accumulated both the largest increase in number of students and the largest percentage change in the state of Mississippi from the fall semester of 2011.

"Clearly, Ole Miss offers an excellent education that is accessible to many students," said Dr. Noel Wilkin, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. "Our continuing enrollment growth demonstrates that people recognize the quality of our programs, and we offer a unique collegiate experience that can lead to their success."

According to the preliminary

numbers submitted by the IHL to The Daily Mississippian, Ole Miss has 21,543 students at both the Oxford and UMMC campuses. That number of students is up 704 from 20,830 in the fall of 2011, a 3.4 percent increase.

On the Oxford campus alone, there are 18,793 students this fall. That number of students is up 569 from 18,224 students in 2011. The medical school has 2,741 students enrolled in this fall semester, which is up 135 students from the fall of 2011.

The numbers are considered "preliminary" because of several factors, like students not yet paying tuition or dropping out early in the semester, according to the IHL.

The final numbers will be taken on Oct. 1 and will be released soon thereafter.

"It's really exciting that (Ole Miss') campus is still growing," said Dr. Hank Bounds, commissioner of higher education. "Based on the numbers we have now, it looks like they have more in-state students than last year, in addition to a growing medical school."

While the public institutions in the state of Mississippi collectively experienced a 0.6 percent increase in 2012, adding 457 to the total number of students in 2011, Ole Miss is one of three public institutions in Mississippi to have a percentage increase in overall enrollment from 2011 to 2012.

Neither of the other two institutions accumulated as drastic an increase as Ole Miss' 3.4 percent increase from 2011 to 2012 (Delta State University saw a 2.9 percent increase, and Mississippi Valley State University saw a 0.6 percent increase).

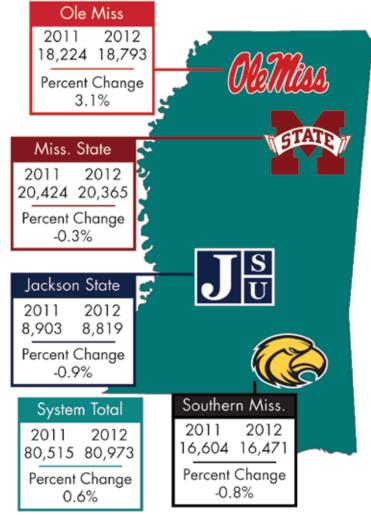
The combined enrollment for the The University of Mississippi Oxford campus and the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson makes Ole Miss the leader in the state's overall enrollment.

Other public institutions in-Mississippi were included in the IHL's report.

Mississippi State University, which is second in the state's overall enrollment with 20,365 students, had 59 less students than in the fall of 2011 – a 0.3 percent decrease. The University of Southern Mississippi, which is third in the state's overall enrollment with 16,471 students, also experienced a decrease in enrollment in

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Preliminary Fall 2012 Enrollment



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Commuter parking changes continue

Director of Parking and Transportation Services Issac Astill announced new parking stalls in the lot behind Kinard Hall.

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Issac Astill, director of parking and transportation Services, has designated new commuter parking stalls last week after monitoring the Residential West parking area.

"There were over 1,300 stalls available, and we've only sold about a thousand permits," Astill said.

With close to 300 stalls empty, Astill redesignated those spots for commuters. "That area is the parking lot behind Kinard," he said. "A portion of that lot is designated as commuter."

Commuters will also be given stalls in the lot north of Residential West that Astill said they refer to as the "upper Kincannon lot."

"(Commuters) can park off the far west side of that lot." These changes will be effective for the rest of the year.

Astill added that signs are now available to direct the students to the correct stalls. He also said the past week was spent waiting on the physical plant to make the signs so they could be posted before the changes were announced.

Astill presented the idea for redesignation of the parking stalls to the Traffic and Parking Committee a week ago.

"They were in agreement with me that that was an appropriate decision," he said.

The current map on the parking services website shows the recent updates. Astill encouraged commuters to look at the map and "follow the signs very closely" to avoid citations.

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Every theme park under the Walt Disney banner is for kids. Granted, when defining the word "kids" as far as Disney and age are concerned, the numbers span a broad spectrum. Anywhere from one to 100 comes to mind.

Is nothing sacred?

The Magic Kingdom is a place where fairy tales come to life - where Cinderella's castle is the center of the universe, and you can discover a multitude of whimsical lands that spark the imagination and urge you to go and explore the magical creatures that live there.

But the Magic Kingdom is about to bring us overgrown "kids" back to reality, back to

the very adult world in which we live. Beginning in November, as part of the park's Fantasyland expansion, those of us of the legal drinking age will be able to get soused while we enjoy our dinner at the French-themed Be Our Guest restaurant.

Look out, Goofy, you're about to have some competition.

According to an article in USA Today, for the first time since Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom opened four decades ago, folks who wish to imbibe of spirits of the beer and wine varieties will be able to, within park boundaries.

USA Today reported that, according to the Orlando Sentinel, sales will be limited to dinner hours at the restaurant and that park officials felt that it made more sense to do it than not. The reasoning behind that matter-of-fact statement is due to the proclamation that you can't walk into a French restaurant and not order a glass of wine or a beer.

Probably very true, but the powers-that-be over at the Magic Kingdom should have thought of that before they decided on a French Restaurant for a kid-themed park. I mean, how many kids lay in their beds at night and dream of going to the Magic Kingdom just so they can eat at the fancy "French" restaurant?

Chicken nuggets and a Dr. Pepper would have sufficed. Let's face it, the Magic Kingdom, and all of Disney's theme parks, are geared toward children. And while kids of all ages enjoy the experience, I do think that those of us older than 10 can wait to enjoy a libation of the alcoholic kind until our deprived little bodies exit the park.

And while the article from USA Today reports that there

will be no beer and wine "to go" and noted that other Disney World parks like Animal Kingdom, Hollywood Studios and Epcot also sell alcohol, there's just something about being able to get looped at dinner and then running into Cinderella, Mickey and Minnie and Donald Duck that just doesn't sit right.

But maybe it's just me.

Hopefully, Mom and Dad can handle having a few too many glasses of wine at dinner, manage to walk out of the restaurant without impersonating King Louie singing "I Wanna Be Like You," and make it to Cinderella's Castle to see a fistfight with Aladdin over his magic carpet.

Although, it would save them from having to stagger the entire way.

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The loud. The few. The bad fans.



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I like having the alcohol we are NOT supposed to have in the stadium rain down on my dress shirts. Nothing brings me greater joy.

I also enjoy hearing visiting students tell me that they never have students arrested in their respective student a big play. Heck, I live for sections. Temper tantrums those moments. But I strugthat result in full cups of various beverages being heaved toward the field bring prideful tears to my eyes. And to put the icing on the cake, let's have a person streak across the field. (However, it's vital to note

that said individual may have not been a student of the university, therefore attributing his actions to the student body is unfair.)

Let me be clear: I am in no way condemning the entire student section; frankly, I believe such sweeping generalizations are iniquitous. However, I do think it's time for certain students to show some maturity.

I'm all for yelling the Hotty Toddy chant after a touchdown. I absolutely love slapping hands and embracing complete strangers after gle to understand the satisfaction one gets from tossing up a full drink on fellow students below or above him. Some would argue that it's tradition, and maybe I am being too "uptight" in my criticism. Honestly, I beg

to differ. The beer shower after home runs at baseball games is tradition. The football team walking down the Walk of Champions two hours before the game time is tradition. I would never challenge those long-standing traditions, as they are engrained in the collective Ole Miss experience. Throwing up alcohol at football games is not a tradition - it is tomfoolery.

Obviously clothes can be easily washed (well, some cannot), but that's not the point. It's the principle of the matter. People should to end it with a despondent not have to put up with be- attitude. I'm confident that ing showered in beer. Period. I can speculate some would say that if I don't like what goes on in the student section, I should sit elsewhere. OK, when did the actions of a few insubordi-

nate people dictate where people who follow the rules sit? I would feel differently about the issue if it were an accepted norm. But I do not think it is.

I honestly do not feel as though students who share the sentiments I have expressed should be forced to move because a few people wish to act belligerently. On the contrary, I think the students responsible for this behavior should modify their actions accordingly.

Although the bulk of this column is negative, I refuse our fans will consider my advice and actively try to make our game day experience a pleasant one.

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COLUMN How I learned to stop worrying and love pop



BY BILL PHILLIPS wphillip@go.olemiss.edu

Raise your hand if you saw "Bladerunner." Or read "The Martian Chronicles." Or listen to the Top 40. My job in this column will be to convince you that they are all related and actually incredibly important to us.

Since discussing Katy Perry's video for "Wide Awake" last week, I can't stop thinking about how smart pop culture is becoming. There may have been a time when all it cared about was getting angry at our parents and televising Spring Break from Cancun, but if so that era is over. Not to say the machine doesn't feed us plenty of mindless excitement, but even tracks such as Ellie Goulding's more or less incomprehensible "Lights," like Nicki Minaj's "Starships," put us face to face with the particular media-centered challenges of our generation.

In this world, older notions of clear boundaries between nature, human beings and technology feel foreign. My laptop, Wikipedia, Spotify: These aren't elements that exist somehow outside of "me" (whatever that is); rather, they constitute a concrete overlap of our personal and shared worlds. Some folks talk about ic team blended of man and these developments in terms of bodies and "affect," which we could translate loosely as "emotional force or response."

According to Greg Seigworth and Melissa Gregg, "bodies (are) defined not by

an outer-skin envelope or other surface boundary but by their potential to reciprocate or co-participate in the passages of affect." That is, our bodies are not hermetically closed circuits that dumbly bump up against all the other crap in the universe, but dynamic systems of interaction - and affect is one of the primary plug-ins linking bodies together.

A song begins on my iPod, in my car, at The Library; I get swept up in tempo, atmospheric synth, then a British voice – Ellie Goulding's breathy intonations, and a tapestry of lyrics that are important less for what they mean than the affect they create: memory, space, be strong, dreaming, the hypnotic "calling calling me home."

This is an affect born of and made possible by global media culture – it catches us in the oceanic wash of an encounter with the world so vast yet, shockingly, so locally accessible. While Goulding's song works primarily through sound, its result is similar to that of Perry's video, or the worldwide fame cataloged by Minaj and other hip-hop artists.

And who's to say these affects won't become closer than our fingertips?

As a kid in the early Cartoon Network age, I used to veg out to "The Centurions" – a show about a super-heromachine, precursors to the Power Rangers (don't front, you know the Morphins bring back good memories). But now we suit up just to leave the house: smartphone, smartkey, smartcar. Jump in your exoskeleton and get to class.

Who even uses those holsters for their phone anymore? It goes in the purse, the clutch, the pocket. It's that near.

This proximity is joked about in the first episode of the quirky comedy "Portlandia." When one of the characters gets stuck in a "technology loop," the other begins telepathically communicating through Mind-Fi: "I just installed it. It's like Wi-Fi, but for our thoughts. Now you can let go of all your electronic devices and just be free in your mind." Of course, a targeted ad immediately interrupts the thought conversation, revealing that new advances never actually get rid of the challenge to master our technologies.

And this is where I make my stand for pop culture against the haters (and where we see that it does the same work as sci-fi, which often works through future ethical dilemmas). Because while change has always been a part of civilization (cut to flashback of two dudes standing around the first iron plow), it has never been so fast.

In light of this speed, a selfaware pop culture helps us, in the words of Lone Bertelsen and Andrew Murphie, "to develop a creative responsibility for modes of living as they come into being." That is, it helps us develop upto-the-minute reflections on the changes we encounter, to capture and communicate the affects created by those changes, to cope with and respond to them affirmatively and with composure.

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Letter to the Editor

An open letter to Henry's friends:

Or maybe you're not Henry's friends. Friends Henry would've sent home, or at least shut him up, on Saturday night, when he shouted "nigger" off the bridge near the Ford Center at some people below. Instead, you all said, "Henry!" and stifled laughs. Meaning, of course, that if others aren't around to hear it, such language is OK. Some of you were worried. Not because Henry is walking around an American university in 2012 yelling such a toxic word like a cheer, but because, as one of you whispered, still amused, Henry might get you killed. Never mind that there were probably ten of you, holding beer bottles, a few of which shattered on the sidewalk. Nobody was going to confront you.

I have a wish: That, at Ole Miss, you all grow up. This doesn't mean bouncing around campus and town until you graduate with friends who are all l ike you. Taking the same classes, shouting over the same music at parties, breaking countless identical beer bottles, then carting your diplomas to the same towns-to, you know, be adults. That's not growing up. Growing up isn't any more difficult than that; it's just different. It involves two steps: first, interact with people who aren't anything like you, and absorb their perspectives, however different they are from yours. This meanswell, come on, Friends of Henry; you know what it means. And if you make that effort genuinely, you'll be preparing yourself to grow up for real.

The second step will be evident when, later, you say that your friend Henry once shouted a hateful, hurtful word across campus, and you laughed. That's when each of you will say, I hope, that you became your own man when you told Henry and your friends that you didn't find the word funny anymore.

Christopher Schultz Writer and member of the Oxford community.



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Members of the 2016 class participated in the 2012 Rebel Run before the Ole Miss-UTEP football game.

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2012. 133 less students were enrolled at Southern Miss in 2012 than in 2011, which is a 0.8 percent decrease.

"Being in a leadership position is not new for The University of Mississippi," Wilkin said. "By focusing on excellence and accessibility, we have been able to create unique opportunities for Mississippians and for people from around the country and world."

Many students sounded off on the recent numbers.

"I think it's great for the university and state that Ole Miss can add to the education of the people," first-year law student Grant Bennett said. "We need to keep up the flagship institution role in the state, and these numbers prove that we are where we need to be."

Ole Miss continues to gather recognition not only in the state of Mississippi, but on a national level, as well.

"There is clearly something special about The University of Mississippi," Wilkin said. "The national recognition that our campus and our programs have received in recent years is the result of the hard work of our faculty and staff and their leadership at a time when our state was facing tough economic times."

Campus accommodations for injured students Ole Miss does not have a student injury shuttle service, so athletes and non-athletes don't have special privileges for being taken to class. However, certain accommodations can be made.



BY KELTON BROOKS kbrooks@go.olemiss.edu

Students who have a temporary injury that need crutches and other mobility aids are not authorized to request the university's golf carts for class transportation.

"The university does not have an internal transportation system to help students get from class to class," Director of Student Disability Services Stacey Reycraft said. "It's not a requirement under the law; if we had an internal transportation system, it would have to be accessible to all students."

Engineering freshman Max Curry went through the process of stepping forward with his non-injured leg, swinging his body through the crutches while exerting unaccustomed force to his arms. Curry was involved in an accident that required 11 stitches due to glass shards entering his right knee. But now that he is healthy and walking, he recalled his week and a half of troubles of crutching long distances on campus.

"I didn't have a problem of getting to certain classes, but it was the walk from the music building to Weir Hall that was hard," Curry said. "I think you deserve a golf cart to class if you're getting around on crutches, but it has to be a far distance." dent comes to us, we'll do everything we can to help them out."

Even though the university doesn't have a system that would transport injured students to class, Reycraft said such a plan would have a positive effect on the campus.

"Our campus is very spread out; it's not a close compact campus," she said. "I think if the university had the resources, I don't think it would be a bad idea; it would certainly be helpful."

In the past, students have seen injured athletes carted to class and wondered if they are receiving special benefits. However, journalism senior and offensive lineman A.J. Hawkins said athletes cannot request a cart, but, like nonathlete students, accommodations can be made.

"It depends on the significance of the injury," Hawkins said. "If it's a sprained ankle, the trainers will wrap it up for you, and we'll have to walk. If you're coming off an ACL injury and just had surgery, they will take you to class, or interns or certain people."

Hawkins said he understands the students' concerns and knows that injuries can happen at any time.

"People don't plan to get hurt, so if someone has a bad injury and can't really walk on it, they shouldn't have to crutch from Bishop to Farley," he said. Director of Football Operations John Miller agreed with Hawkins on the usage of carts in the case of major injuries. "We will transport them for about two to three days until they can get to class on their own," Miller said. "They don't have to request a cart because we would already know the problem." Psychology senior and former football player Alex Williams tore his ACL and both menisci in his right knee, which caused him to walk with crutches for eight weeks, and he said he was never carted from class to class.

WILL STROUTH | The Daily Mississippian

privileges," Williams said. "However, if we have training or rehab and it runs long and we're about to be late for class, it wouldn't make sense for them not to take us to class. But that's the only time we're allowed that special privilege."

Williams said a shuttle service for injuries on campus isn't really necessary.

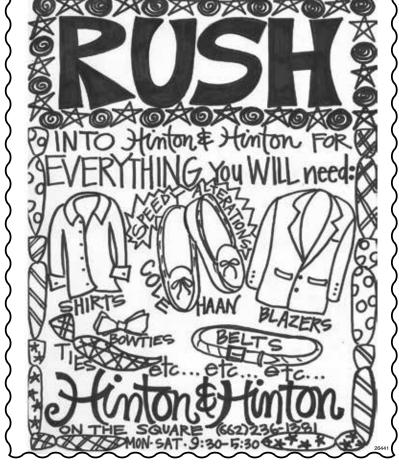
"Injuries that require transportation aren't frequent on campus," he said. "So you really don't need to have that as part of your school system. I think everybody should be made to find their own rides and transportation to classes."

He also said special accommodations should not be made for injured students, whether they are crutching long distances or not.

"I had a class in Guyton and then in Peabody," Williams said. "I had to crutch, and I was late; it also caused my grades to suffer; at the same time, if I wasn't an athlete, it would have been the same. It's a part of life. Sometimes stuff happens to you; you can't go crying about it."

Business management senior Carson Blanks, who was formerly on the men's track and field team, said most of the time you could request a cart if it was needed.

"If your leg is still bothering ou after treatment, more than likely (trainers) would drop you off to class to prevent you from being late if you can't walk," Blanks said. "Since I've been here, we haven't had any major injuries that would need a cart, but I have seen some basketball players with one and some football players." Blanks, who stressed that he thinks of himself as a student first and then an athlete, said it would be fair if non-athletes were able to have access to carts. "I'm not trying to show favoritism," Blanks said. "If they have strict teachers that are all about being on time, it wouldn't bother me. It wouldn't make me feel any less of an athlete if a regular student receives the same abilities that we got."



While golf carts are not an option, the university does provide supportive accommodations to aid injured students who may need assistance.

"Students who have a temporary mobility injury like a broken foot can get a temporary parking tag from UPD and Student Health Services that allows them to park in any legal spot except for handicap spots," Reycraft said.

Dean of Students Sparky Reardon expressed similar sentiments on ways to give students the proper care and support.

"We will do anything we can to assist students and inform their instructors about their condition," Reardon said. "We don't have the ability to run a shuttle service, but if a stu-

"We can't, and we're not suppose to because it's unfair

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UMABJ encourages diversity in membership

Every week, The Daily Mississippian will spotlight an organization on campus. This week features The University of Mississippi Association of Black Journalists, which is encouraging diversity during their membership drive.

BY KAYLA CARPENTER

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Ole Miss actively strives to promote diversity throughout campus and Oxford. One organization, The University of Mississippi Association of Black Journalists (UMABJ), is following the university's example.

The UMABJ, an affiliate of the National Association of Black Journalists, was founded by 44 men and women on Dec. 12, 1975, in Washington, D.C. It is an organization comprised of journalists, students and media-related professionals that provides quality programs and services to and advocates on behalf of black journalists worldwide.

The UMABJ was organized on the Ole Miss campus more than 20 years ago as a professional, student-led organization aimed at providing professional development for aspiring student journalists of color and acting as an affiliate of the national organization.

Deidra Jackson, the active director for academic counseling and adjunct instructor at the Meek School of Journalism, is the chapter adviser. She was a member of UMABJ when she attended Ole Miss in the 1990s and is still an active member of the national association.

"Being a part of UMABJ really helped me launch my journalism career," Jackson said. "It was through this organization that I landed an internship that developed into a career with the News & Observer newspaper in Raleigh, North Carolina."

Jackson said the organization continues to be important because less than 5 percent of blacks are seen in the newsroom.

In order to become more



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The University of Mississippi Association of Black Journalists president Ashley Ball (RIGHT) sits with vice president Kells Johnson (LEFT).

entails it, it is not just for black people. It is to promote all minority news coverage in news media."

With the 50-year anniversary of the integration of Ole Miss approaching, both Ball and Jackson reflect on how James Meredith paved the way for blacks at Ole Miss.

"I think it is very significant to reflect on what James Meredith's admittance meant to Ole Miss," Jackson said. "In addition, it really goes along with African-American journalists from that period who paved a way for younger journalists to do what they do today. It always takes that first step to overcome those stringent challenges." Ball also said she feels Meredith made a significant impact on her being able to attend The University of Mississippi today. "James Meredith paved a way for all African-Americans to be at Ole Miss," she said. "If it wasn't for him as well as other historical figures in the civil rights movement, then an organization like UMABJ wouldn't really be significant." While UMABJ does not have a firm number of members as of now, it does have an executive board of five journalists. "Our executive board is made up of seasoned student journalists who really have a passion for journalism and for promoting professional development," Jackson said.

In the past, UMABJ has hosted several high-profile speakers and seminars, like former UM-ABJ president Kathy Times who spoke last fall.

Jemele Hill, a national columnist on ESPN.com who appears on SportsCenter and other ESPN programs, also came to speak.

The organization plans to bring in more professional speakers this year.

"We want to help students really enhance their portfolio for when they get ready to gradu-

50 Years of Integration Essay Contest

WHO

The News section of The Daily Mississippian is having a student essay contest about the 50 Years of Integration at Ole Miss.

This contest is open to all students, excluding DM writers, editors or other staff members.

WHAT We want to know what progress you think Ole Miss has made since 1962. What are we lacking; what can be done; why is this important for our university and state; what does this mean to you? Etc.

> Please attach the following information with the essay, which should contain **no more than 500 words**: name, phone number, email, year, major, classification and hometown.

WHEN The deadline to submit essays is Friday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. Any essays submitted after 2 p.m. will be eliminated.

The winner will be notified by Tuesday, Sept. 25 and will be printed in the DM.

HOW

Essays can be emailed to **thedmnews@ gmail.com** or dropped off at the **Student Media Center in Bishop Hall**.

Contact Campus News Editor Jennifer Nassar at thedmnews@gmail.com for any questions or more information.

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active than in previous years, the club held a membership drive this week. This affiliate welcomes new students with different backgrounds, and all students are encouraged to join, no matter their race, age or major.

"Any student is welcome to join, no matter their field of study," Jackson said. "We feel that new members add skills that highlight and further advance what our group is trying to do."

Ashley Ball, senior president of UMABJ, has been an active member of the organization since her freshman year.

"We really want to communicate to the public that we support diverse news coverage in all different levels of media," Ball said. "Although the name ate," Ball said.

Last year, club members visited local high schools to educate students about journalism and the role it plays in society.

The organization is looking to add new students to its executive board. There are currently three positions open.

UMABJ encourages members to be involved in the Public Relations Association of Mississippi, Newswatch, Rebel Radio and The Daily Mississippian.

The first general meeting will be today in Room 125 of Farley Hall at 6 p.m. They will also host an internship panel.

For additional information regarding the UMABJ, email senior president Ashley Ball at adball @ go.olemiss.edu.

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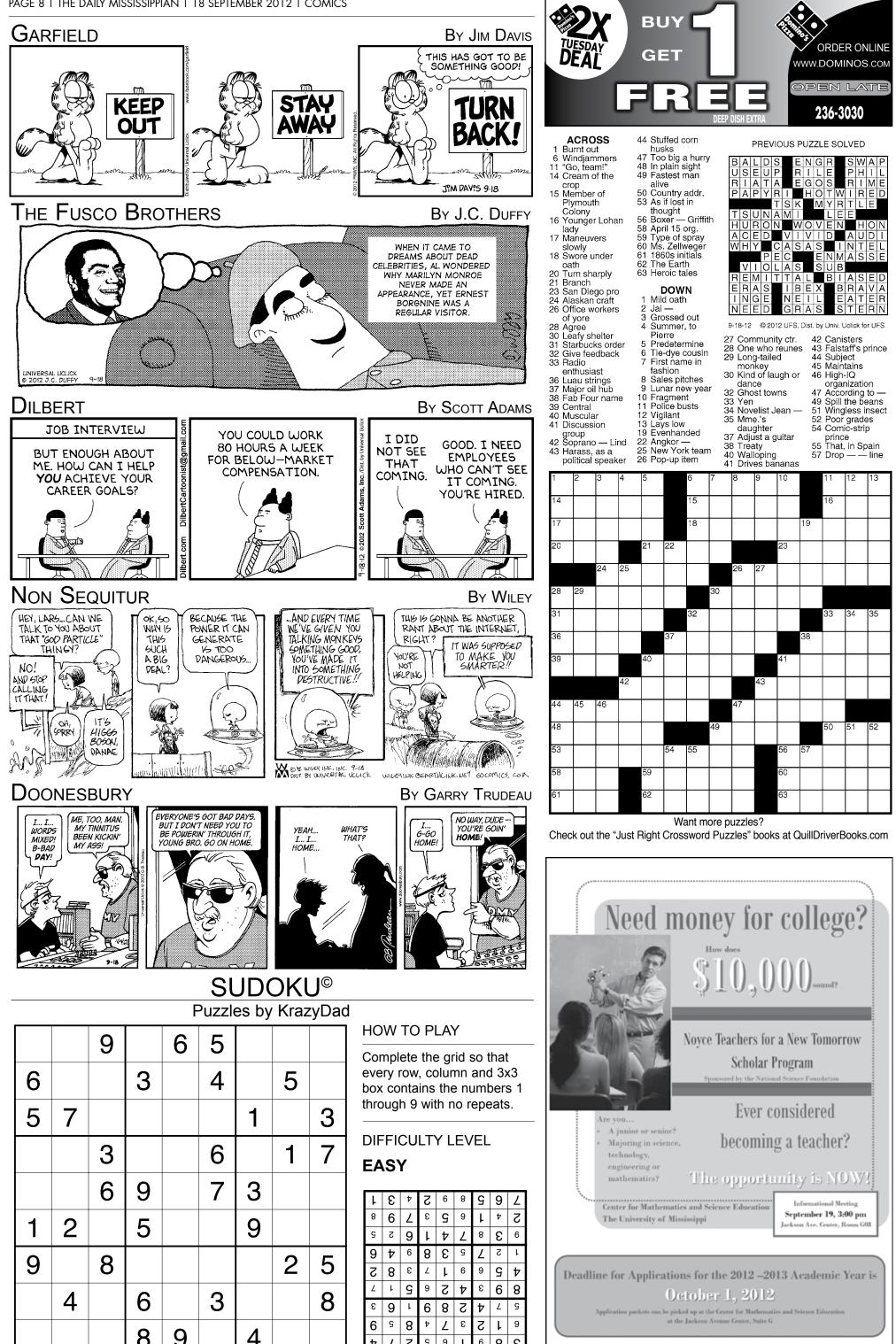
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Rebels in the Pros: Major Leagues

As the Major League Baseball season comes to an end, there are five former Ole Miss Rebels making their mark in the big leagues. The Daily Mississippian's Tyler Bischoff gives an update on how each of the five guys have done this year. *Statistics as of Monday.*







BY TYLER BISCHOFF tfbischo@go.olemiss.edu

Zack Cozart - Cincinnati Reds - Shortstop

In his first full season in the majors, Cozart has started 121 games for Cincinnati. He is one of just three Reds to play in over 85 percent of their games this season. Cozart has hit .243 on the year with 15 home runs and 32 RBI. Cozart leads all the rookies with 523 at-bats and ranks fourth with 127 hits. The Reds have an 11-game lead in the National League Central Division and are in a fight with the Washington Nationals for the best record in the National League.

Lance Lynn – St. Louis Cardinals – Pitcher

Lynn has pitched in 32 games for the Cardinals this year, including 26 starts. Lynn started the season strong and was named to the National League roster for the All-Star Game. He was 13-4 through July with a 3.40 ERA. Since Aug. 2, Lynn is only 2-3 and was moved to the bullpen. He was given a spot start on Sept. 13 and allowed one run over six innings. His strong start earned him another start on Wednesday against the Houston Astros. Lynn is 15-7 with a 3.95 ERA with 157 strikeouts in 157.1 innings for the year. The Cardinals are currently one game ahead of the Los Angeles Dodgers for the second wildcard spot.

Drew Pomeranz - Colorado Rockies - Pitcher

Pomeranz has made 19 starts for the Rockies this season, but

he has posted a 1-9 record and only three quality starts. Since July 27, Pomeranz has only pitched five innings or more once. He has a 5.07 ERA for one of the worst teams in baseball. Pomeranz has averaged 7.42 strikeouts per nine innings pitched.

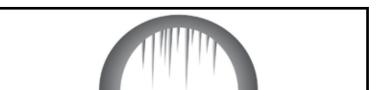
Alex Presley – Pittsburgh Pirates – Left Fielder

Presley has appeared in 90 games for the Pirates, while making 69 starts. He has a career-high 302 at-bats and has a .238 average with nine home runs and 20 RBI. Presley leads Pittsburgh with six triples. He has made three errors on 139 total chances for a .978 fielding percentage. Presley helped turn Pittsburgh into a playoff contender. With a 73-71 record, the Pirates sit just three games out of the second wild-card spot. If the Pirates make the playoffs, it will be the first time since 1992.

Seth Smith – Oakland Athletics – Left Fielder

Smith has played in 110 games for Oakland this season. He posted a .246 batting average with 13 home runs and 46 RBI. He is fifth on the A's with 84 hits. He has just one error on the season for a .991 fielding percentage. He has drawn 48 walks - the third-highest total for Oakland. The A's have the second-best record in the American League, three games behind the Texas Rangers in the American League West, and they are currently the first wildcard team.

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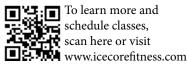
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TOP: Zack Cozart, Cincinnati Reds shortstop; BOTTOM LEFT: Lance Lynn, St. Louis Cardinals pitcher; BOTTOM RIGHT: Seth Smith, Oakland Athletics left fielder ICECORE FITNESS

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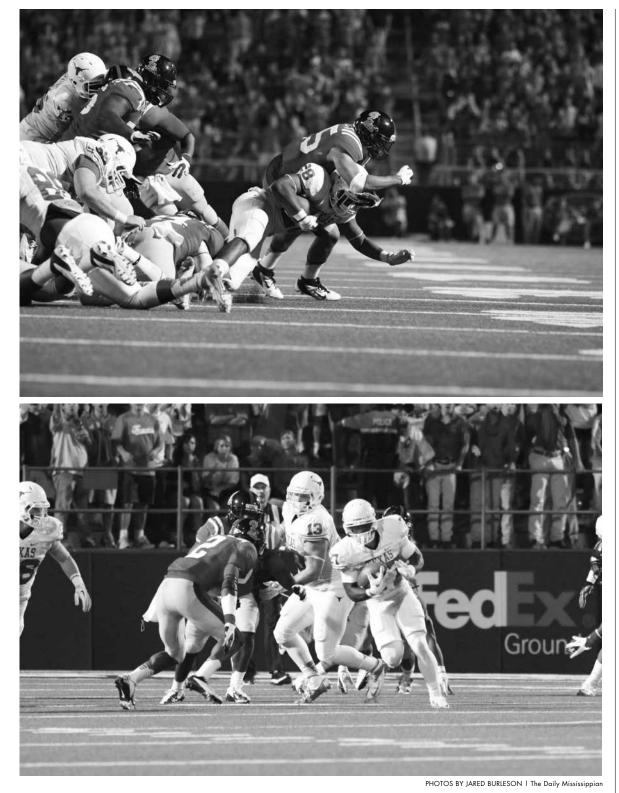
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TOP: Sophomore safety Cody Prewitt; BOTTOM: Freshman cornerback Quintavius Burdette

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immediately step into a larger role.

"Trae, if everything goes like we think it will this week, will start for us at safety," Freeze said.

Ivan Nicholas also returns from an injury, and will be

man Chief Brown. Ole Miss-Alabama Kickoff Set For 8:15 PM

Kickoff for next Saturday's game against the Alabama Crimson Tide in Tuscaloosa has been set for 8:15 p.m. CT, the Southeastern Conference announced Monday.

The game will be televised by either ESPN or ESPN2

change.

Ole Miss (2-1) will travel to Tulane (0-2) this Saturday for a showdown at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. Kickoff is set for 11 a.m., televised by FSN.

Ole Miss Sports Information contributed to this report.

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doesn't change," Walton said. "The game speed was what I was worried about. I wasn't worried about people being bigger than me because I know I can play. The only thing I was trying to adjust to was the game speed, and I'm handling that well."

At 5'8", Walton has had to deal with being the small guy most of his life.

"I'm not big myself," Walton said. "I look up to everybody. I've been dealing with that my whole life."

Now though, Walton hopes to use his size as an advantage, being able to hide behind blockers when coming out of the backfield.

"That is the best thing about being 5'8"," Walton said. "When you stay behind a 6'7" lineman and hide behind him, you can see where the holes are, and you just hit it. If they blink, then your gone."

Walton has found himself on the field quite often for the Rebels early on this season, but said he wasn't surprised that he has made the impact he has so far this year.

"I was pretty confident I was going to play a role on this team where I could make plays," Walton said. "If its catching balls, taking handoffs, sweeps or returning, I can do it all. I'm just trying to do whatever my coaches ask me to do and do it the best way I can."

Perhaps the biggest play so far for Walton was his 100-yard kick return for a touchdown against Texas this past weekend, where he cut and wove his way around the Texas kickoff team, ultimately finding himself in the end zone. Walton said he has watched the replay about four times just to make sure it was real.

"I was kind of shocked," Walton said. "I couldn't believe that was me that did that. One hundred yards, that's a long way to keep running. I was pretty pleased with myself."



On the play, Walton took the kick to the sidelines looking for a hole, but he was forced to make a cut with three defenders coming his way.

"They had me at a pretty good angle," Walton said. "It was three guys coming at me from three different angles and it seemed there was no way out of it, but I made a little jump cut backwards, found a seam, and just hit it."

Despite losing to Texas, Walton said he especially is looking forward to this week's matchup against Tulane.

"Since I'm a freshman, I'm pretty excited because this is my first experience to play in the Superdome," Walton said. "I've never been to New Orleans so this will be my first time. It's still a business trip. I'm looking for our team to go down there, handle business and come back with a win."

Even though he has been able to make quite an impact early on, Walton still has high hopes for this season.

"I'm looking to win a lot," Walton said. "I'm kind of a sore loser. I hate losing. So I'm looking to win a lot and for more opportunities to just make plays and go out there and score."

in the safety rotation with Elston, sophomore Cody Prewitt and redshirt freshThe network will be chosen after games of Sept. 22, and the game time will not

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Newfound focus for outside hitter Allegra Wells

Since arriving on campus at Ole Miss, outside hitter Allegra Wells has been a dominant player on the volleyball court. However, Wells, now a senior, almost passed up volleyball as a whole.

BY CAMAL PETRO

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As the old saying goes, "Everything happens for a reason."

Yes, it's one of the oldest cliches in the book, but sometimes it's really true. At least that is certainly the case for Lady Rebel volleyball senior outside hitter Allegra Wells, who almost never played volleyball.

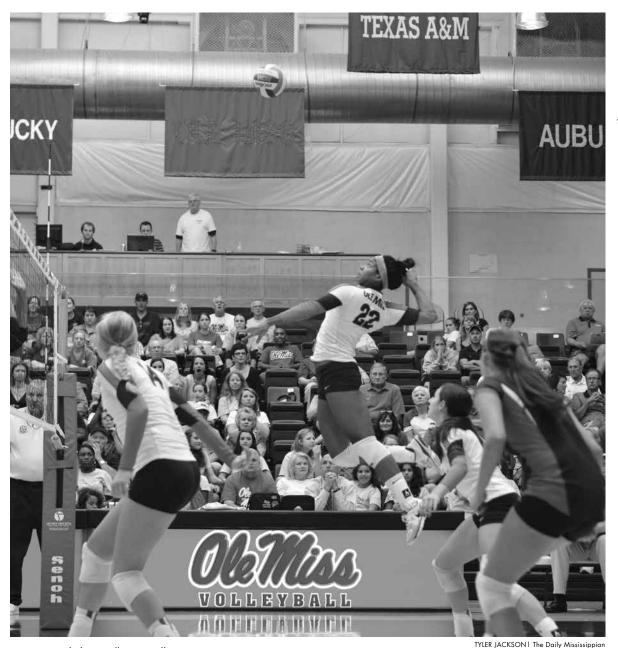
Believe it or not, there was a time when Wells only worried about one volleyball game a year. That was in high school during an annual event that pitted the volleyball and basketball teams against each other in each sport.

Wells was a member of the basketball team and was recruited by the volleyball coach after she saw her play in the event her sophomore year.

It took some convincing, but Wells eventually gave in, tried out that year and made the team. Her basketball coach did not like her playing two sports, so she chose volleyball and has stayed with it.

As a junior last season, Wells led the Lady Rebels with 290 kills, averaging 2.66 kills per set. She also recorded 18 double-digit kill performances, including a seasonhigh 18 kills in an upset win over LSU.

"As Allegra goes by her attacking, the team kind of lives and dies with it," head coach Joe Getzin said. "She's proven over the years that she's been able to handle and shoulder a large load for the



Senior outside hitter Allegra Wells

team."

The past two off seasons were different stories for Wells.

Two years ago, Wells trained alongside former Ole Miss Rebel track and field star Brittney Reese, who recently won a gold medal for the U.S. in the women's long jump at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Wells and Reese bonded during that time, and the volleyball star received a ton of advice. However, one thing that has really stuck with her is the focus it takes to achieve suc-

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cess.

"She's very focused when she's on the track," Wells said of Reese. "She doesn't let a lot of things distract her; she's very motivated, I don't even know how to explain her focus."

Wells was poised for a great

senior year, but this past offseason she experienced knee problems that forced her to undergo surgery in July to repair a torn meniscus.

"Before (the surgery) in June, I was working out with volleyball every morning for 6:30 a.m. workouts," Wells said. "I have no idea (how I tore it). My leg had been cramping up on me since last season, so we think it had been torn."

The surgery could have easily put a damper on what Wells hopes to be a stellar senior campaign, but so far, it hasn't noticeably slowed her down. The Garland, Texas, native has played in all 41 sets this season and is second on the team in kills with 114.

"Honestly, I just kind of play hard and do what I have to do," Wells said. "Put balls down when I'm supposed to and be goofy as always. That's what I'm best known for."

It's easy to see how Wells has improved her dedication and focus over the last two years and applied it to her volleyball performance.

"She's matured as an athlete and realizes that it's not just in the game when games are won or lost, it's in the practice situations," Getzin said. "I think that's probably the biggest difference we've seen is her taking on more responsibility in practice and drill situations."

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Walton finding ways to score

True freshman Jaylen Walton has found himself in the middle of the action this season for Ole Miss. The 5'8," 167-pound running back already has scored a touchdown three different ways in his first three collegiate games.



Freshman running back Jaylen Walton

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It is hard enough to make an impact as a true freshman, but even harder to do so in the SEC. However, Ole Miss' Jaylen Walton has done just that. The Memphis, Tenn. native has three touchdowns on the season, all in different ways - a 10-yard touchdown run against Central Arkansas in the season opener, a 51-yard touchdown reception against UTEP and most recently, a highlight-reel 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown against Texas.

Walton came out of Ridgeway High School as the Class 5A Player of the Year his senior year, where he rushed for 2,584 yards and 33 touchdowns. Even though the transition to college football is a big one, Walton has handled it well.

"I've been playing football since I was six and the game

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FREEZE SHUFFLES THE DEFENSE

Ole Miss head coach Hugh Freeze spoke with the media on Monday afternoon about the Rebels upcoming trip to Tulane this weekend. After giving up 66 points and 676 total yards, Freeze announced safeties Charles Sawyer and Quintavius Burdette will move to corner this week and freshman Trae Elston is likely to start at safety.

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With the Texas game behind them, Ole Miss and head coach Hugh Freeze have turned their attention Saturday's upcoming to game against Tulane -- which will be Freeze's first road contest at the helm.

"I actually love (going on the road)," Freeze said. "There's something about coming off a disappointing loss where I like going on the road. I think you kind of get off to yourself with your team, and you enjoy the process of getting ready to play another game and trying to get this bitter taste out of your mouth."

The Green Wave will enter Saturday's game at 0-2 on the season after losses to Rutgers and Tulsa, but the unknown of first-year head coach Curtis Johnson and his schemes will make preparing for Tulane a little tougher.

"Well, it's really two different teams," Freeze said. "We've seen them two games. I really don't pay attention to last year because it is a totally new coaching staff. You watch the Rutgers game, and I'm very impressed with them, particularly defensively. They held Rutgers to 150 yards rushing, and you can tell he's very comfortable facing that type of offense.

Overall, Tulane held Rutgers to just 309 total yards in the season opener and lost just 24-12.

The game against Tulsa two weeks ago went differently, but extenuating cir-



Junior safety Charles Sawyer

hard to evaluate, according to Freeze.

"They got up to Tulsa and experienced a little adversity with some of the things Tulsa did, which was a little different than what they had faced in week one," Freeze said. "And then had that terrible incident with (Devon Walker) getting injured and their quarterback got hurt also, so that kind of changed the dynamics of that game.

"So, we'll have to be prepared for what we've seen from them thus far, but defensively, I'm real impressed with their scheme and their aggressiveness."

In particular, Freeze singled out Tulane's junior defensive tackle Julius Warmsley as a player to watch out for, saying "he could play for anyone."

Secondary Shakeup

After Ole Miss allowed Texas quarterback David Ash to throw for 326 yards and four touchdowns on

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announced Monday a few moves in the secondary to try and boost the unit as a whole.

First off, safeties Charles Sawyer and Quintavius Burdette have been shifted over to cornerback. A former corner, Sawyer -- who is a junior -- just hasn't looked comfortable at the safety spot according to Freeze.

"He's a little tentative at safety," Freeze said. "You can tell it just wasn't his natural deal; fitting the run fits and things. It just wasn't something that came natural to him and he gives us a longer corner with a little more experience."

Sawyer's move over to corner, along with Burdette, will allow the Rebels to decrease the number of snaps the current corners were having to play.

At safety, freshman Trae Elston returns from a oneweek suspension and will





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