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O.U.T. EXPANDS HOURS

The University of Mississippi Office of Parking and Transportation Services announced Monday that O.U.T. buses will begin operating on an extended schedule.



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ANGELINA MAZZANTI | The Daily Mississippian

In an electronic bulletin distributed Monday, the Office of Parking and Transportation Services announced that the Brown and Green lines of O.U.T. buses will begin operating on extended schedules.

The Brown Route, which serves the Jackson Avenue Center and Magnolia Drive, will run until 9:10 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The Green Route connecting Old Taylor Road to campus will make its last departure from the Union at 8:59 p.m. and its last drop at The Connection apartments at 9:15 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The Brown Route will operate by this new schedule until the end of the spring semester, and the Green Route will operate by the new times until the beginning of the fall

2013 semester.

Parking and Transportation Services indicated that all O.U.T. routes will be extended to 9 p.m. on weeknights.

Support from the University's Outreach Office, the Office of the Provost and University Administration and Finance have made the expansion possible in the current year.

National Geographic map to visit Oxford

A National Geographic Society map of North America is making its way through Mississippi and will arrive in Oxford next week.

BY MICHEAL QUIRK
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A 35-by 26-foot map of North America created by the National Geographic Society will visit Oxford next week as an exhibit open to the public.

The Mississippi Geographic Alliance, a state division of the National Geographic Society based in Odom Hall, has rented the map for four weeks. The map will arrive from Starkville

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Ticketed drivers back to class

A new bill in the state legislature could require minors who receive auto tickets anywhere in the state of Mississippi to take a defensive driving course in a classroom instead of online.



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New Mississippi legislation, which has been passed in the Senate, could have an impact on minors driving in the state.

Introduced in January 2013

by Mississippi Sen. Perry Lee (R-35th District), Mississippi Senate Bill 2383 reads that a minor ticketed in the state of Mississippi will no longer be sentenced with the penalty of

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New hotel may be coming soon

A site plan for a new hotel on Jackson Avenue was approved, but progress is contingent upon the Board of Aldermen granting an easement that would allow development along Fourth Street.

BY HAWLEY MARTIN
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Oxford may gain 121-rooms soon with a Courtyard by Marriott, which has been proposed for development on Jack-

son Avenue.

A developer has purchased a 2.27-acre vacant lot to build the hotel where Jackson Avenue meets North Fourth Street, and

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Maternal mortality in a modern world



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In the U.S., we don't think about mothers dying during childbirth as much as we once did, and reasonably so. Today, an American woman has a one in 4,800 chance of losing her life while giving birth in her lifetime.

We also don't question the amount of health care the mother will receive during labor. After all, most women give birth under medical supervision, and it is certainly difficult for us to imagine a woman who is dying being

denied proper care because she cannot pay. Sadly, this is a reality for many women in other parts of the world.

While child mortality has greatly decreased and longevity has increased, maternal mortality hasn't shown much, if any, improvement. On top of maternal mortality, many women also experience serious injury during childbirth due to obstructed delivery and/or tearing. The World Health Organization has found the lifetime risk for a woman in a poor country is 1000 times higher than a female in a Western country.

But why is this happening?

Like most issues, there is no simple answer, and to reduce it to one would be a disservice to the victims and

those affected.

In the book "Half in the Sky," four factors are identified as the main problems at the heart of this social issue. The first identified by the authors is biology.

Due to the evolution of humans to walk upright, human pelvis' narrowed, and the human skull size increased to accommodate more complex brains. For obvious reasons, these two developments are problematic for childbirth.

Lack of education, especially for women and those living in rural areas, means there is less knowledge about the biological processes of pregnancy and childbirth. It also affects the ability of a family to earn money and, in return, afford health care.

Of course, in some areas a lack of adequate health care is as much of a problem as this lack of education. One of the largest problems in many poor, rural countries is a shortage of doctors because the few who are native to these countries often emigrate, and those who are there are often overworked. Others simply don't show up to work every day.

A general disregard for women in many countries cannot be overlooked either. This disregard makes families less likely to pursue medical care for their mothers and daughters, and it also makes maternal mortality an issue that is often brushed aside.

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Mississippi education taking a wrong step?



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How much sense would it make to monetarily penalize a high school for producing students placed in collegiate remedial classes, while simultaneously expecting the high school to succeed with less money? According to some Mississippi lawmakers, it makes perfect sense.

There are several bills that are being discussed in Jackson that will do just that. An article in the Washington Monthly said “The Mississippi bill would require community colleges and states universities to report to the state the high schools for every student taking a remedial course. The state of Mississippi would then withhold the cost of that remedial course from the school districts from

which the student graduated high school.”

Obviously, more money in a given district does not necessarily translate into academic success for its students. However, less funds means that school districts will not be able have access to resources needed to improve their schools. Those resources could be better teachers, updated textbooks or innovative educational technologies.

I understand that the idea of having high schools pay community colleges could motivate high schools to perform, but it seems to me that there are more viable options. Having high schools pay community colleges for their students being placed in remedial classes becomes highly problematic if one considers the average age of community college students is 28 years. Naturally, some students’ placement in remedial classes is not reflective of the high school they attended; it is reflective of inactivity

over the span of a decade.

Daniel Luzer of the Washington Monthly provided an analogy that effectively highlights the nonsensical nature of this bill. He writes, “The logic behind this bill, in fact, is sort of the equivalent of my insurance company holding my driver education teacher responsible for a car accident I cause. Yes, potentially a better teacher could have led me to become a better driver, but come on, I took driver education during the Clinton administration.”

Mr. Luzer’s assessment of the bill is one Mississippi legislators should consider. From my understanding of the bill, it is highly punitive with no recommendations for improving high schools.

Sarah Welker of The Clarion-Ledger provided a bulleted list of outcomes that would take place if this proposed bill is signed into law. She said the bill would, “limit the ability of over 7,800 working adults to renew basic skills, close the door to one

of Mississippi’s best second-chance systems for higher education for disadvantaged and nontraditional students, and shift larger cost of remediation onto underprepared students, 79 percent of which are low-income.”

It seems evident to me that this proposed bill is not one the state of Mississippi needs at the moment. I simply do not see any of the potential benefits that would emerge. I surely hope that the concept of this bill was developed after careful evaluation of Mississippi schools – not after the evaluation of the budget. I know that our state is facing economic setbacks, but fur-

ther penalizing our already subpar state education system is not the way to bring forth economic prosperity.

There may be dozens of factors that I may not be considering as I write this, which I can admit to doing so. And I am aware that in the eyes of some I may be oversimplifying a complex law. There are many steps the state of Mississippi has to take to properly address its educational woes. However, the step this bill would take is one in the wrong direction. Entirely.

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As insurmountable as such a vast problem seems, it isn’t impossible to repair, but it will take a lot of people, time and money. Maternal care is not cheap or easy, but we can probably all agree it is worth it for a child to have his or her mother and for a woman to have her life.

There isn’t enough room to write everything about maternal mortality here, but it deserves attention. If you’re interested, consider picking up a copy of “Half in the Sky” or at least watching the film or researching organizations like Women for Women International.

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having to take an online defensive driving class.

If passed, the bill would require all ticketed minors to complete a defensive driving course in a classroom. The bill was passed in the Senate on Feb. 13, and it now sits to be voted on in the House.

"I voted for this bill to move it to the next step. It is still a work in progress," Mississippi Sen. Terry Brown (R-17th District) said. "As the cut goes through the legislative process, we will learn more about it and make a decision on whether we think it is best to pass the bill or maintain the status quo."

Mississippi Sen. Brice Wiggins (R-52nd District) said he supported the bill because of its potential to impact the state's minors and other motorists.

"Time spent in a classroom is valuable when it comes to saving lives," Wiggins said.

According to Wiggins, the bill reads that a minor needs four hours of class time.

While SB 2383 is a way of monitoring whether minors are actually taking the online class



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themselves, the bill is also beginning to present problems for young drivers.

If passed, an out-of-state minor will be required to return to Mississippi to complete the defensive driving course.

McKenzie Franklin, an exercise science sophomore from Memphis, said the passing of the bill will be more of a hassle, rather than serving its intended educational purposes.

"I think you should have the option of taking the class online,

especially if you're an out-of-state student," Franklin said. "If it would be the equivalent of an actual live class, based on what you learn and everything, then why not?"

Spanish and mechanical engineer junior Jose Rodriguez said the passing of the bill could be just as bad for those living in-state.

"I think it would be a big problem for minors who are in school," Rodriguez said. "They should just let us take it online,

so it won't conflict with our school."

According to Fred Reis, a representative of Advanced Driving Academy, the bill is more about judges than young drivers.

"What this bill is really about is taking away power from the judges," Reis said.

Until now, it has been proper procedure for a judge to rule in court whether the minor can take the defensive driving course online or in the class-

room.

In some cases, a minor could be sentenced with a suspended license, which poses the question of how the minor would get to the defensive driving class.

Since a defensive driving class is not offered in every city or town in Mississippi, Reis said he believes the bill will cause more inconveniences for both minors and their families.

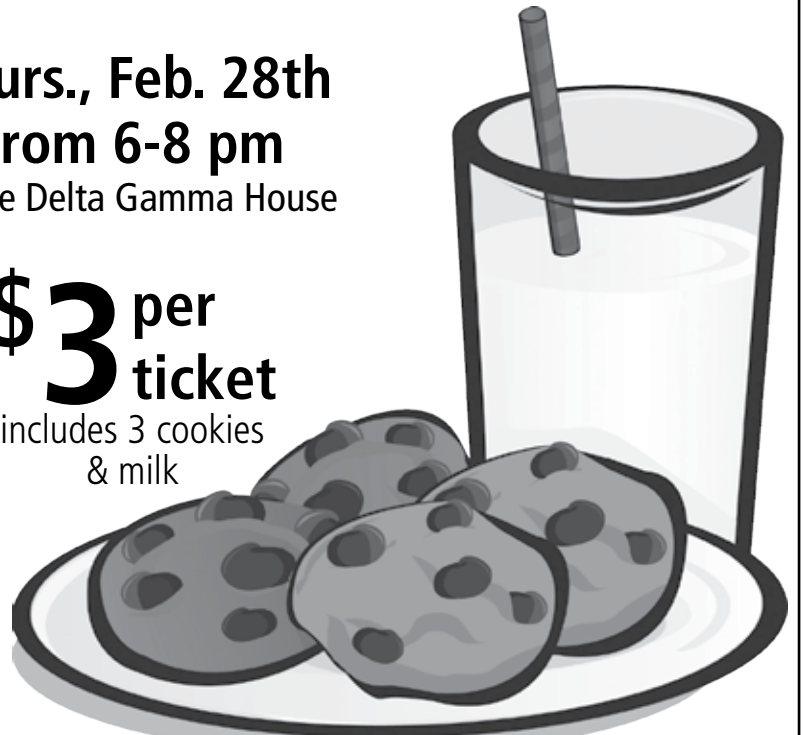
"Having the option to take the class online is giving the ability to learn to anybody," Reis said.

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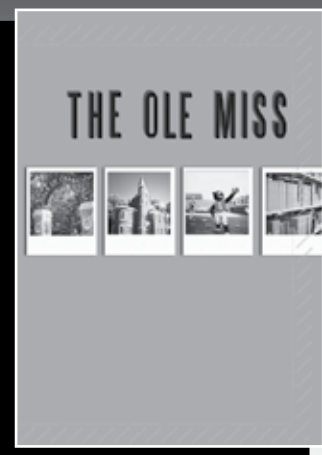
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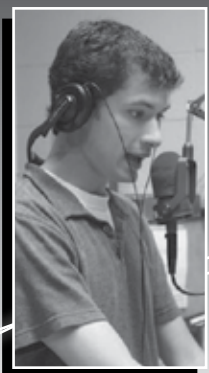
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Kids play with the National Geographic Giant Traveling Map of North America.

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and has already made a stop at the Museum of Natural Science in Jackson.

The map will be displayed at the Jackson Avenue Center by the Malco movie theatre. Groups of students from Batesville Intermediate, Della Davidson and Pontotoc elementary schools as well as Rosa Fort High School in Tunica and Hickory Flat Attendance Center will come by to see the map. Scheduled student groups will visit from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and the general public will be able to view the map from 4-7 p.m.

Along with the map, there are several activities for the students to participate in. One activity that will accompany the map is an orographic effect activity during which the students stand on the map to act as natural features such as mountains. Other activities for the students include map keys, oversized dice and flag football.

"We want the kids to get the sense that geography is fun," said Ellen Foster, the assistant professor of secondary social studies education at The University of Mississippi. "We want them to feel the sense of exploration and investigation, not just coloring maps to solve a puzzle."

Barbara Boone, a teacher

consultant for the Mississippi Geographic Alliance, will be working with the teacher candidates who will assist schoolchildren at the exhibit. Boone said the Mississippi Geographic Alliance has an objective in mind for the young students.

"We want to teach children the political entities as well as geographic places," Boone said. "The map is huge so that they can look at it and get a grasp of how things are situated."

While most of the day will be occupied by visits from students grades K-12, Foster said the project is meant for all ages.

"Geography is a huge part of our lives and there is such a severe lack of geographic literacy not just in Mississippi, but in the nation," Foster said. "There's a sense of scale that the public is unaware of and we hope they can get a different perspective."

Carley Lovorn, the assistant director of the Mississippi Geographic Alliance, echoed the statements made by Foster regarding the sense of scale in adults.

"We all need to improve our geographic and special thinking skills," Lovorn said. "Everyone has a GPS, so you don't think you need to be aware of your surroundings, which isn't true."

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the Oxford Planning Commission approved the site plan on Feb. 11.

However, the developer does not want to go forward with the project until the Oxford Board of Aldermen grants an easement allowing the firm the use of Fourth Street.

Fourth Street ends at the edge of Lafayette Middle School's property, and the developer needs control of a portion of the land to create a hotel entrance and exit and allow for parking spaces.

Ulysses Howell, board representative for the 4th Ward of Oxford, in which the proposed hotel will be located, said the vacant lot was already cleared for a different hotel in 2006, but the hotel was never built due to the recession.

According to Howell, the board of aldermen has been hesitant to relinquish Fourth Street because the city wants to retain the street in the event that the project fails.

"If that hotel is not built, if they go bankrupt and say they're not going to build, that street will revert back to the city," he said.

Howell said the current developer does not need control of the road to build, and control of the road would not affect the site plan. He said it is now up to the developer to progress with the hotel.

"We're going to work with the developer of the hotel and let them have that street as long as they do what they say they're going to do," he said.

"The school system and the city and the hotel owners are all working together to make this a win-win situation."

History senior Ben Keen said a new hotel would be beneficial to Oxford and the surrounding area.

"My parents have been coming to Ole Miss football games for over eight years and almost always have to stay in Batesville or Tupelo," Keen said.

"The developer and the board of aldermen need to come to some sort of agreement."

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How to buy a car: What to look for and be aware of

By Matthew Bishop

A car is the second-biggest purchase most people make, and it should not be taken lightly. For some people, it's a daunting task. But if you just follow these steps with expert advice from Aaron Dewey, the sales manager at Chandler Nissan in Oxford, the process of buying a car should be simple, less stressful and maybe even a little fun.

1 DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR OLD CAR

Before you go and get a new car, you have to do something about your previous one.

The most cost-efficient way to get rid of your old car is to sell it yourself. Look at the "Blue Book" value of your car (this can be found at kbb.com) to get a good asking price. You will get the most money out of it this way, but you will have to take the time to list it in newspaper and website classifieds (such as Autotrader or Craigslist) and deal with the strange person or two who comes to "test-drive" it.

The easiest way to get rid of it is to trade it in at the dealership. Kbb.com can also give you the trade-in value for your car to give you an idea of what the dealership should offer you. Even though this is the easiest method, you will get thousands of dollars less for your car compared to selling it yourself.

2 DECIDE WHAT YOUR BUDGET IS GOING TO BE

Before you can go looking at cars, you're going to have to decide how much to spend. There's no use looking at Ferraris when you're only making \$40,000 a year.

First, decide whether you plan on paying cash or intend to finance it. If you sold your old car for a good

price and you have some money saved up, then by all means pay cash. If you don't have that kind of cash on hand, though, you're going to have to finance it either through the dealership or a bank. Pretty much all car payments are paid by the month, so you've got to decide how much you want to spend a month and for how long. Monthly income and expenses should factor into your decision.

In order to make the process of financing easier, Dewey recommends that you check your credit rating before you get to the dealership so you don't go through the trouble of negotiating a price only to find out you didn't have the credit to buy it in the first place.

Also in determining your budget, consider things such as insurance and maintenance costs. For instance, a \$35,000 BMW 328i will cost you much more in maintenance and insurance than a \$35,000 Dodge Charger.

3 DECIDE WHAT KIND OF CAR YOU WANT

Now that you have an idea of what you can afford, it's time to go look at some cars. Like when you were getting rid of your car, you can either buy from a private party or go to the dealership.

A good place to start is to look at my column "Best Buys for 2013" to get a good idea of the best cars in each segment. I have also done test-drive reviews of almost every car relevant to the av-



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erage person, as well as the Best Buy columns for 2011 and 2012. With a little bit of research, you can find the perfect car.

Make sure the car you choose fills most of your needs, as you will have it for at least the next few years.

"Know what you plan on using the car for now and in the future," Dewey said.

So if you plan on having a family soon, a Miata probably won't be the best choice. Also, don't forget to test drive the car to see if you like how it feels and if you connect with it.

4 IT'S FINALLY TIME TO BUY THE CAR

Never pay the asking price unless the car was special ordered. To see how

much wiggle room you have on a new car, check out the dealer invoice price (the price the dealer paid for the car) from kbb.com.

Dewey also warns against so-called dealer stickers where dealers add on frivolous charges.

"A lot of new dealers will charge you \$200 for \$20 pin-striping or charge you extra for lugnuts in the dealer sticker," Dewey said. "Refuse to pay those costs."

It may also benefit you to wait for certain holidays to buy new cars, as there are usually special sales events going on to bring customers in.

"We usually have rebates ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 on holidays such as Presidents Day or the Fourth of July," Dewey said.

After you and the seller

have come to an agreement on the price, pay them the amount owed, and be sure to get a bill of sale and the title if you're buying from a private party.

5 REGISTER AND BUY INSURANCE FOR YOUR NEW CAR

With the bill of sale in hand, go down to the local county tax office and register the vehicle. The dealer will take care of transferring the title to your name. It is mandatory in Mississippi to have car insurance so make sure you take care of that as soon as possible.

After you have done all that, you are ready to hit the road in your new car, hopefully it will do you just as much good as your '93 Camry.

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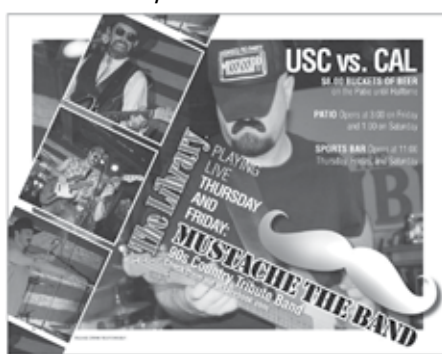
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'Can't go back now'

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Two weeks ago, my mother, as I'm sure is the case for many mothers, sat alone in her bathroom to hear 30 seconds of devastation bulldoze our city. An EF4 tornado hit my beloved hometown of Hattiesburg on Feb. 10.

I had no concept of an EF4 tornado, but I do now. It charts a disparate, psychotic route. It vanquishes one street and spares the next. It leaves a town in complete disarray. An EF4 leaves a community shocked, beaten and homeless. But it forgets that it leaves a community.

Getting back to my mother, she sent me a message that tornado warnings were in effect and she was locked in her bathroom. This has been the story at least 15 other times in my life, so I went to work unworried. Moments later, I received multiple messages spelling out the severity of the Hattiesburg afternoon. Our house was safe, but only by a block or two. Other parts of Hattiesburg were not so lucky. After half an hour, the campus of The University of Southern Mississippi had suffered severe blows to its music department, its proud rose garden, and many other beloved campus buildings.

Furthermore, houses were truly destroyed. After Katrina, the entire town had damage, but after the EF4, many parts of the town were

wiped away completely.

It picked the wrong town, though.

The people of Hattiesburg are a rare breed. While many sat in their bathrooms and watched their lives change in a matter of seconds, everyone left their homes and put on some gloves to move forward and aid those in need. This was not easy, as a bleak, rainy, defeated atmosphere plagued Hattiesburg in the following days. No matter though, the Hattiesburg residents were out in waves. Workers came from all over, and locals showed their genuine love for the

town, a love that we're all convinced exists nowhere else. USM organized a cleanup campaign, and the response numbered in the thousands, as did donations.

The most difficult aspect of all this was the destruction of Hattiesburg staples.

Age-old university buildings, long-standing Southern homes, neighborhoods and local businesses were absent in the tornado's wake. Cornerstones of Hattiesburg were simply stones.

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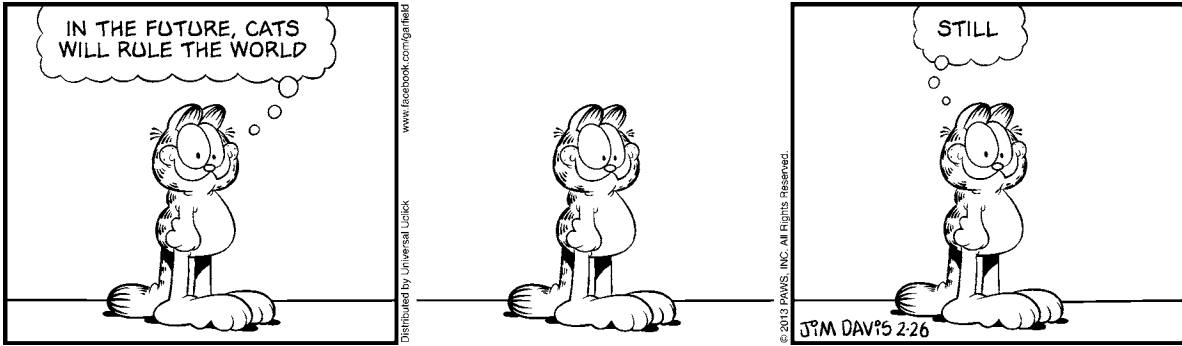
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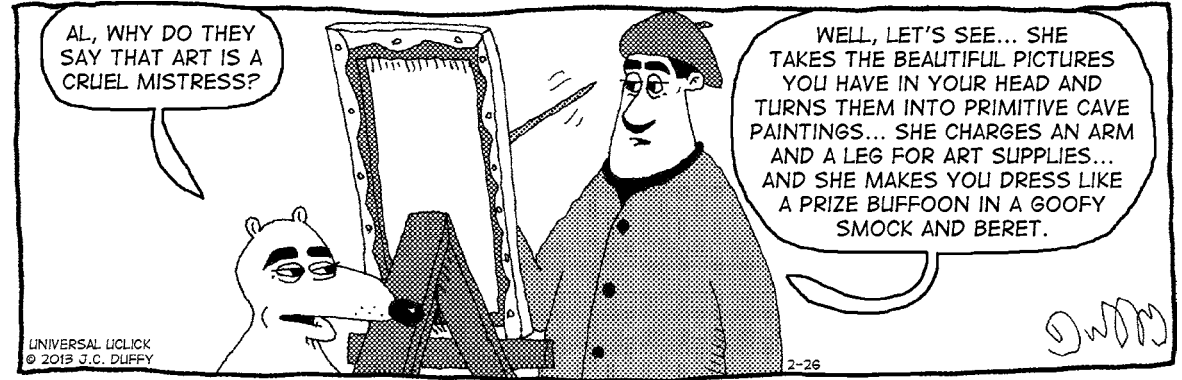
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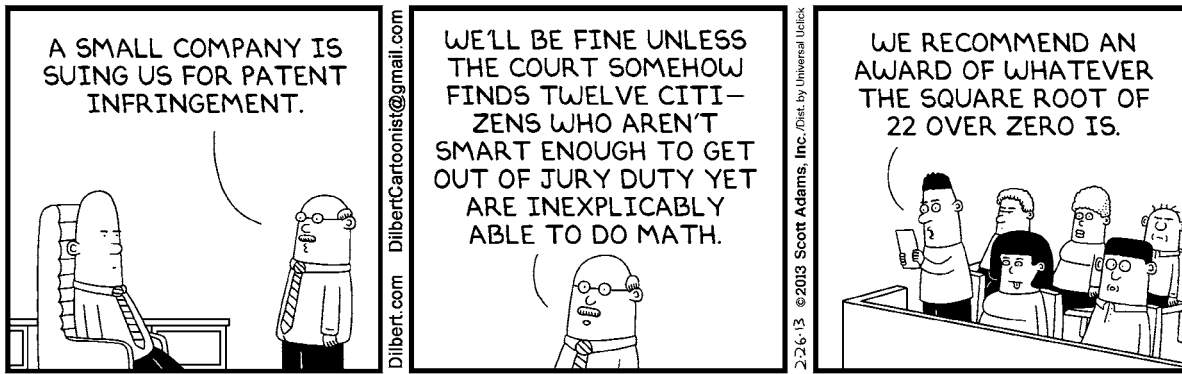
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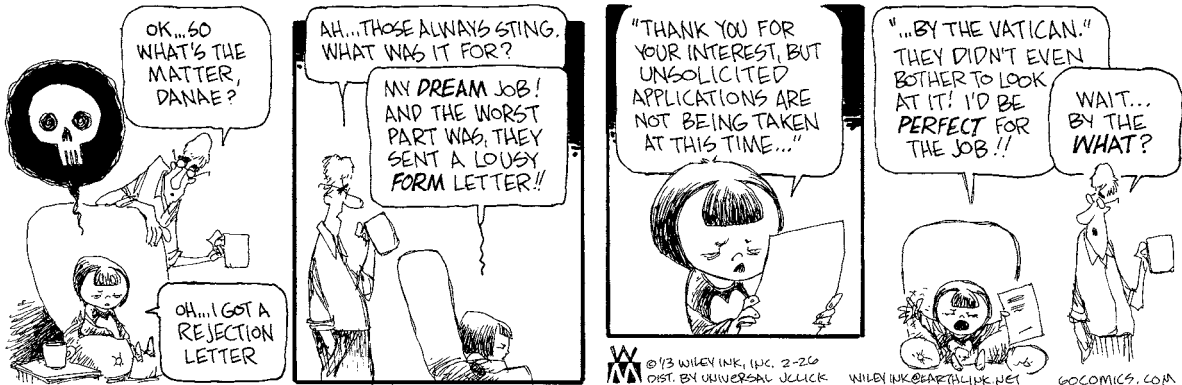
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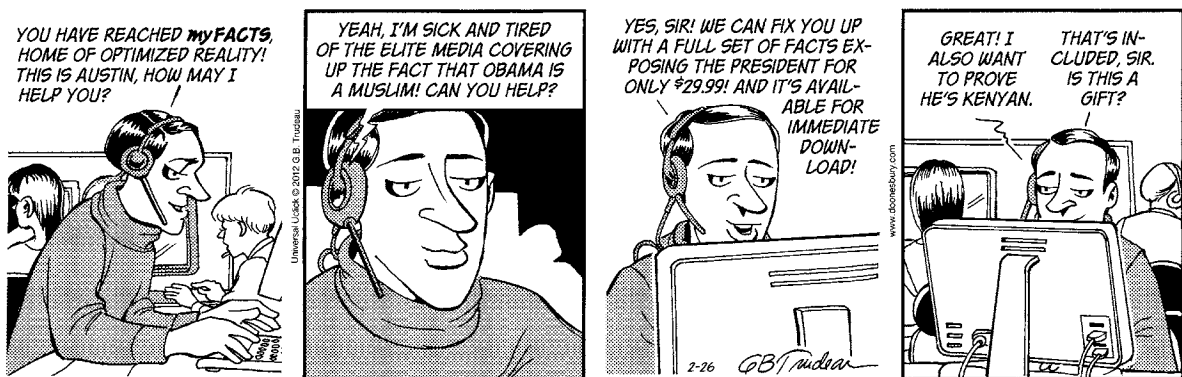
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COLUMN

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Another year, another Academy Awards ceremony in the books. The 57-hour-long telecast saw winners, losers, surprises, funny jokes, unfunny jokes, indulgent musical numbers, falling starlets, first ladies and CGI bears.

Seth McFarlane proved to be a fresh and capable host, and most of his material was spot-on. He wasn't perfect, but at several points he had me laughing out loud (the "Sound of Music" bit was particularly inspired), and I'd like to see him come back to host in the future, after Amy Poehler and Tina Fey get their chance next year. Fingers crossed.

As for the awards themselves, they were spread around pretty evenly among the big nominees. With the exception of "Beasts of the Southern Wild," all Best Picture nominees won at least one other award.

"Life of Pi" took home the most statues, with four. Most of them were technical awards, although Ang Lee did take home his second statue for Best Director in a surprise win.

Another surprise was Quentin Tarantino winning Best Original Screenplay for "Django Unchained." I predicted that Christoph Waltz's Best Supporting Actor win would be the only award "Django" took home, but I'm quite happy to have been wrong about that.

Perhaps it was a consol-

ation prize for Tarantino being left out of the Best Director category.

Speaking of snubs, it's beating a dead horse to complain about Ben Affleck criminally being left out of the Best Director category. As far as I'm concerned, Ang Lee is walking around with Affleck's trophy. "Argo" rightfully took home Best Picture though, so at least Affleck got an award, and the big one at that.

"Argo" truly was the best picture of the year, and it was nice to see the Academy recognize it at such. Daniel Day-Lewis won Best Foregone Conclusion for "Lincoln," and although it was the obvious choice, it was also the correct one. Day-Lewis also showed what months of absolute certainty can do to improve an acceptance speech.

Official Josh Presley Recognized Awesome Person Jennifer Lawrence won Best Actress for "Silver Linings Playbook." She fell down on her way up to the podium (Hugh Jackman, her upcoming co-star in "X-Men: Days of the Future Past" rushed to help her up) but recovered nicely in her speech. When Meryl Streep came out to present Best Actor, she seemed to trip on the train of her dress, and I believe she did this on purpose to make Lawrence feel better. That Meryl, she's a classy lady.

Kristen Stewart on the other hand? Not so much. She limped out to present an award, said her lines through clenched teeth and looked like she'd rather be literally anywhere else.



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The ceremony itself was way too long, at nearly four hours. McFarlane's opening bit was funny but went on forever and it was almost 20 minutes into the show before the first award was handed out. The first award was the Best Supporting Actor award and then it was nothing but boring technical awards for an hour and a half before picking back up with Best Supporting Actress. As 10 o'clock came around, there were still eight categories left, leading to a couple big awards being rushed.

So all in all I wouldn't say it was necessarily a bad show, just a bloated one with poor pacing. The show could really stand to lose about an hour and could easily do so if you dropped a few of the lengthy musical numbers.

But this probably won't happen unless ratings plummet. Hooray for Hollywood.

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TORNADO,

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most.

My family has frequented this local restaurant on Sunday for 20 years or more. Attacking this haven of football, food, friends and family, the EF4 did its best to bury our memories in the rubble.

Unfortunately for the tornado, it only evoked my best memories of that place, much like it evoked all of our best memories of Hattiesburg.

The Weepies have provided me with many a comforting tune in the past five years, not the least of which is "Can't Go Back Now."

As I've considered my hometown's devastation, my mind continually wanders to this simple song of resilience, persistence and optimism that has offered me its helping hand on so

many occasions.

We are a town steeped in tradition, friendship and work, and the tornado sought to challenge those community pillars. However, it only strengthened them, as all my romantic assumptions about my home and my people were confirmed in the EF4's aftermath.

An apt reflection of the Hattiesburg psyche, one student said of the experience, "It's been so amazing, so humbling, so worth everything."

Regardless of circumstance, Hattiesburg's people forget the tragedy and instead see the terrific nature of people because that nature is worth everything. We've been tarred and feathered by mother nature, but we press on. We strive, we seek, we find and we do not yield. We can't go back now.

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Faleru sparks the Lady Rebels off the bench

Sophomore forward Tia Faleru is not just leading the Ole Miss women's basketball team in scoring with an average of 11.7 points per game, she is doing it coming off the bench.

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After struggling to start the season, sophomore forward Tia Faleru knew she was not doing all she could for her team. She knew there was more in the tank for her to give. So early in the season, she decided to re-focus and give her team more.

Since Dec. 8, Faleru has averaged 12.7 points per game. In SEC play, she is averaging 13.4 points per game.

"I made up my mind to start playing like the player I know I can be," Faleru said. "So everyday, I just work and go hard. One day I was like I know I can bring more to the table than what I've been bringing, so I started getting in the gym extra hours."

While Faleru leads the team in scoring with 11.7 points per game, which ranks 25th among SEC players in scoring, she has a unique role on this team. She comes off of the bench.

"Everybody asks why is



Sophomore forward Tia Faleru

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the leading scorer coming off the bench," Faleru said. "I get that all the time. When

I come in, I bring a lot more intensity."

Her talents are not limited to just basketball. She is also a very talented singer, which she proved when she sang the national anthem before the Lady Rebels' game against South Carolina on Feb. 17.

"That was my first time singing the national an-

them," Faleru said. "I sing a lot. I sing around my teammates. It was something new, and I was very nervous as you could hear in my voice. Maybe one day I'll do it again."

Faleru said she was recruited to play for former head coach Renee Ladner, and she said the biggest difference from Ladner to interim

head coach Brett Franks has been the transition to an up-tempo offense.

Despite the change in coaches and style of play, it was the opportunity that drew Faleru to Ole Miss.

"I'm from a small town, a country town in Alabama," she said.

"I committed here before I even took a visit. The coaches didn't care what your classification was. You could play if you come out here and give it your all."

Faleru majors in education and she said she would like to be a teacher and a coach, but she has big plans before she does that.

"I plan on entering the draft," Faleru said. "I feel like in the offseason this year, I'm going to get at it. Come my junior year, I want to average a double-double and contribute a lot more to the team."

Faleru leads Ole Miss back into action this week for their final two games before the SEC Tournament. The first of two games this week is Thursday against No. 7 Kentucky. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. at Tad Smith Coliseum.

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COLUMN

Kennedy in context

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With the victory over Auburn on Saturday, Andy Kennedy won his 145th game as the Rebel head coach, breaking the 51-year-old record held by B.L. Graham. But instead of celebrating, a large contingency of fans want Kennedy fired.

There is something that needs to be understood before arguments about Kennedy's tenure start again. Historically, Ole Miss is awful at basketball.

Only seven schools that are currently members of a big six conference have all-time losing records, and Ole Miss is one of them. They are the only member of the SEC to have more losses than wins, all-time. Also, Ole Miss does not own a winning record against any team in the SEC.

Historically, Ole Miss is the worst basketball program in the conference.

Since World War II, every Ole Miss head coach has had a losing season. That's 10 straight coaches who have had a losing record, and the last nine of those have had at least three losing seasons as head coach.

That is until Kennedy, who has secured his seventh winning season in his seventh season as head coach. Those seven straight seasons of more wins than losses is the longest streak in Ole Miss history.

Don't forget that Kennedy's tenure was preceded by four straight losing seasons.

This isn't to proclaim Kennedy a miracle worker. Ole Miss did reach five NCAA Tournaments in a six-year span in the late 1990s and early 2000s. It's clear that under Kennedy the program has stagnated. Ole Miss has won 20 games in six of Kennedy's seven seasons. They have been to NIT in all but one of Kennedy's years, but never the NCAA Tournament.

Although the stagnation is frustrating, it has provided consistently competitive teams. Teams that win more than they lose. Teams that are on the bubble for the NCAA Tournament seemingly every year, which is quite impressive when compared with the history of Ole Miss basketball.

The question to consider is whether Ole Miss could bring in a coach that could take what Kennedy started and capitalize. Is there any coach Ole Miss could bring in who would

take Ole Miss to the next level and sustain it?

Consider Mississippi State's basketball program. The Bulldogs are currently 7-19 overall and 2-12 in the SEC in Rick Ray's first year as head coach. Their program imploded when head coach Rick Stansbury was forced to retire. Now, Mississippi State struggles to field enough players to have five-on-five practices.

What would happen to the Ole Miss program if Kennedy was forced out? Would it be more likely to progress to the NCAA Tournament consistently, or regress back to the worst program in the SEC?

Just maybe, Kennedy is able to make that progression, as there are still four games left in the regular season and the SEC Tournament.

This team, as always under Kennedy, is on the bubble, but that means they have a shot at the first NCAA Tournament appearance under the all-time winningest coach in Ole Miss history.

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be led by sophomore center fielder Auston Bousfield, senior third baseman Andrew Mistone and junior catcher Stuart Turner, who all lead the team with a .333 batting average through seven games. Bousfield leads the team with nine hits, and Mistone and Turner are tied for third on the team with seven.

The Tigers will be led by sophomore catcher/first baseman Carter White at the plate, who boasts a .500 average and is tied with junior infielder Drew Griffin for most hits on the team with nine.

Today's matchup will be the first of two contests that will peg Memphis against Ole Miss this season. The two programs will face each other again on April 2 from AutoZone Park in Memphis.

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REBS HOST MEMPHIS IN MIDWEEK GAME

Ole Miss will put their undefeated record on the line today when the Memphis Tigers roll into Oxford. First pitch between the Rebels and Tigers is set for 4 p.m.

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The Ole Miss baseball team, which remains at No. 8 in the Baseball America rankings, looks to continue its hot start to the year this afternoon against Memphis (4-3) at 4 p.m. from Oxford-University Stadium/Swayze Field.

This is the first road game of the season for the Tigers, who are coming off a three-game sweep of Missouri this past weekend.

The Rebels (7-0) are also coming off a sweep, notching three marks in the win column against Rhode Island this past weekend at home.

Ole Miss' seven-game win streak to start the season is the team's best start since 2008, when the Rebels began the year 9-0 and lost in the Coral Gables regional.

Ole Miss will send sophomore right-hander Josh Laxer to the mound to start the game. Laxer has made two appearances this season for



Sophomore center fielder Auston Bousfield

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the Rebels, going five innings and giving up just one earned run on two hits with a strikeout and two walks. Last season, Laxer made 12 appearances for Ole Miss, posting a 4-0 record with a 5.60 ERA in 27.1 innings.

Memphis will counter with senior left-hander Michael Wills, who took a no-decision in a 3-2 loss to Arkansas

State. Wills gave up five hits with six strikeouts and two walks in 4.2 scoreless innings. Last season, he appeared in 16 games, including 12 starts, and posted a 4-2 record with a 4.73 ERA in 70.1 innings.

Wills also started both games against Ole Miss last season. He took a no-decision in a 7-2 loss in Oxford, giving up two runs on four

hits with three strikeouts and two walks in 6.1 innings. In his second start against the Rebels, he earned the win, a 4-2 victory from AutoZone Park in Memphis, giving up two runs on nine hits with three strikeouts and a walk in 8.1 innings.

At the plate, the Rebels will

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McGriff accepts job with Saints

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Ole Miss co-defensive coordinator/cornerbacks coach Wesley McGriff accepted a job with the New Orleans Saints, the organization announced Monday.

McGriff will serve as the defensive backs coach for the Saints after spending one season on Rebels' head coach Hugh Freeze's coaching staff as cornerbacks coach and co-defensive coordinator.

Under his guidance, Ole Miss was 11th in the Southeastern Conference in pass defense, giving up 246.5 yards per game. The Rebels were also tied for fifth in the league with 15 interceptions on the year.

After reeling in a consensus top-10 recruiting class earlier this month, which included serving as the lead recruiter for two five-star prospects, Robert Nkemdiche and Laquon Treadwell, McGriff was named as one of the top-25 recruiters in the nation by Rivals.com and one of the top-50 recruiters by 247Sports.com.



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Guess the exact time the doubles point is won to win a iPod shuffle

WEDNESDAY, FEB 27 - SOFTBALL VS. ARKANSAS - PINE BLUFF 3:00 AND 5:00 PM
Dollar Wednesday - \$1 hot dogs and popcorn

WEDNESDAY, FEB 27 - BASEBALL VS. ARKANSAS - PINE BLUFF 4:00 PM
Dollar Hot Dog Night and free admission for kids!

WEDNESDAY, FEB 27 - MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. TEXAS A&M 8:00 PM
Replica jersey drawstring backpack giveaway

THURSDAY, FEB 28 - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. KENTUCKY 7:00 PM
Senior Night & Dollar Night - \$1 admission and concession items

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 - WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. ALABAMA 3:00 PM
Free Pizza for fans

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 - WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. AUBURN 1:00 PM
Sundaes on Sunday - Fans can make their own ice cream treat!

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