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NEW GED TEST COMING IN 2014

GED tests are scheduled to be updated in January 2014 to be administered using computers, covering more material. The cost of tests will increase from \$15 to \$24.



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The GED, a high school equivalency test, will be administered in a new form beginning January 2014 following the implementation of Common Core Standards.

The American Council on Education indicates in a recent report that the new GED test is designed to better prepare GED recipients to successfully enter jobs, training programs or post-high school educational opportunities.

Testing data from the GED Testing Service administered by the Council for Education illustrates that the test will be more centered on the fundamental academic skills necessary for those types of post-GED activities.

The current test is paper-based, but the new test will be administered via computer.

According to Guy Purdy, Northwest Community College's director of adult education, this new com-

puterized test presents both drawbacks and advantages.

"The young students are not going to have trouble with it because they have the computer skills to take the test," Purdy said. "The flip side of that is that students that are at least early 40s, most of those folks don't have computer skills so that's going to hinder them."

"The conclusion of that is these youngsters are computer savvy and they can go in as soon as they finish one part move right on into the next part so they're completing it in six hours," Purdy said.

According to Purdy, most test takers, when faced with the pencil and paper version, take between seven and eight hours to complete the exam.

In the state of Mississippi, about 16-17,000 people take the GED every year. Eloise Richardson, Mississippi's director of Adult Basic Education and GED programs, said the new test will be beneficial for Mississippi residents and learners.

"I think the new test will be a good thing," Richardson said. "It's going to have many more critical thinking skills, and the math is going to have trigonometry and a few things on it that people will probably need to come to classes to refresh themselves over."

Richardson said she does not foresee logistical or financial problems associated with people trying to obtain their GEDs in coming months.

"There are over 450 classes all over the state to help you prepare either for the GED or to teach you how to read, whatever you need, and they're all free," Richardson said.

The new format and design has the potential to negatively effect individuals who will have already taken portions of the exam, however.

"Anybody that has taken parts of the test needs to get back and retest on those parts because as of Dec. 31, 2013, those scores die," Richardson said.

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Rebel Remembered: Price Thornal



QUENTIN WINSTINE | The Daily Mississippian

Black ribbons tied to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house in memory of Thornal.

Returning home to surprise his father for his birthday, public policy freshman Price Thornal was killed Friday in a car accident.

Police reports indicate that around 2:15 a.m. Friday Thornal fell asleep at the wheel while passing through Georgia on his way to his hometown of Tallahassee, Fla., and collided head-on with another vehicle.

Price, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) Frater-

nity, was remembered by family and friends Monday morning in Tallahassee, and ribbons were placed on the SAE house in his memory.

"It's sad any time that we lose a student, but when you lose a freshman who has three full years ahead of him, it's particularly painful," Dean of Students Sparky Reardon said. "Our hearts and prayers go out to his family and friends, in particular his SAE fraternity brothers."

Bridge project may take three years to complete

The Mississippi Department of Transportation recently announced \$9.1 million plans to replace wooden bridges on Highway 328 in Lafayette County with concrete bridges.

BY KAYLA CARPENTER
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The Mississippi Department of Transportation recently announced plans to replace all of the wooden bridges on Highway 328 in Lafayette County. The estimated cost for the project is \$9.1 million.

Highway 328 leads into the Taylor community and serves as one of two connecting roads between Oxford and Taylor.

MDOT District Engineer Mitch Turner said improvements include multiple projects.

"There are eight bridges on state Route 328 that will be replaced," Turner said. "The state

route goes east and west through Taylor."

The bridge project is under MDOT's regular bridge replacement program and has been on the agenda for several years.

Lafayette County supervisor representing District 4 Chad McLarty said he believes that the improvement to local infrastructure is necessary.

Turner said the current bridges are safe but are outdated and require constant maintenance.

"The infrastructure is several years old and made of timber," he said. "The new concrete bridges will be a big asset for us because the structure will last

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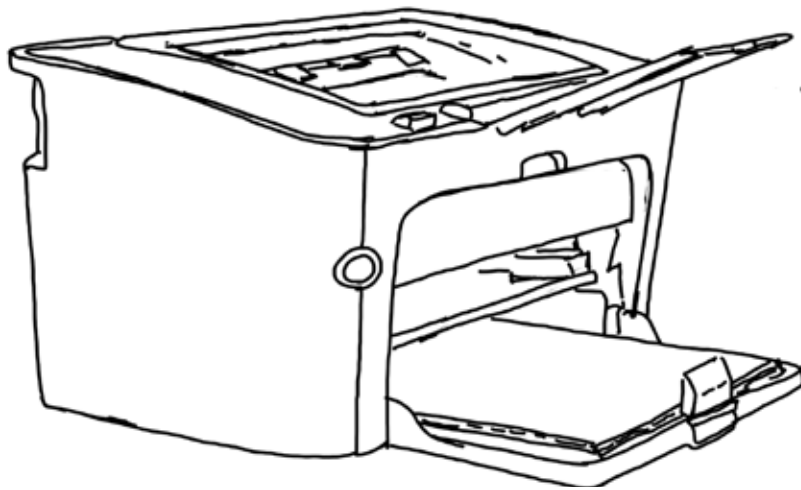
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14th in reading, 17th in science, 25th in math, and 17th overall. Those rankings composed America's dismal placement in global education, according to a report published last fall by the education firm Pearson.

Disappointingly, a nation that regards itself as the leader of the free world does not even rank in the top ten educational systems worldwide.

As a political science major at the University of Mississippi, those rankings got me thinking.

One Thursday, while pouring over notes I had taken for my Introduction to International Relations course, I was suddenly hit with an elementary realization and question: why are political leaders around our nation slashing spending and cutting funding for education when America ranks behind countries like Singapore, Germany, and

the United Kingdom in economic competitiveness?

The answer is simple: that logic constitutes no intelligible sense.

Political leaders today, continually fret over the nation's deficit, and our ability to pay off our loans in order to save future generations of Americans. Their policies though, are actually doing quite the opposite.

I considered the Heckscher-Ohlin trade theory. In essence, it states that countries gain their comparative advantage, or the ability to produce a product cheaper than others, by producing and exporting what factor endowments that country has in abundance. The United States, for example, is abundant in skilled labor and human capital, or, in effect, highly educated workers.

So, according to the Heckscher-Ohlin trade theory, the United States will be at its highest capacity of economic competitiveness when it is producing highly

skilled labor and human capital. That leads me back to the question of, why do political leaders today, like Republican Governor of Texas Rick Perry, cut spending and slash funding for education?

Governor Perry, in order to balance a budget that once claimed a deficit of 27 billion dollars, slashed 5.4 billion of spending geared toward the Texas education system.

Now, with a budget surplus of 8.8 billion, Governor Perry still refuses to send some Zof that money back to economically anorexic Texas schools. Governor Perry claims that he is saving Texas for future generations, but he is in fact driving Texas and the United States further away from economic competitiveness.

Without funding for education, how is America supposed to produce highly skilled and educated workers? The factor of endowment that provides America its best fiscal advantage.

With countries like South Korea and Singapore making strident gains in their education system, each ranked second and fifth worldwide respectively, their economies continue to grow, taking America out of the drivers seat.

Relating back to the Heckscher-Ohlin trade theory, cutting funding for education makes our workers less skilled and less competitive in a world market.

Our workers find themselves falling into jobs that comprise of unskilled labor, a factor of endowment that is scarce in America, and very uncompetitive relative to the market worldwide.

Our political leaders must recognize that their policies are discouraging educational and economic growth, and, in order to genuinely save America for future generations, invest in the students and leaders of tomorrow.

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Colorado Prosecutors Seek Execution in Theater Attack



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James E. Holmes appears at a court hearing in Centennial, Colo. on July 23, 2012. Holmes has offered to plead guilty in exchange for life in prison and no death penalty

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) -- For James Holmes, "justice is death," prosecutors said Monday in announcing they will seek his execution if he is convicted in the Colorado movie theater attack that killed 12 people.

The decision - disclosed in court just days after prosecutors publicly rejected Holmes' offer to plead guilty if they took the death penalty off the table - elevated the already sensational case to a new level and could cause it to drag on for years.

"It's my determination and my intention that in this case,

for James Eagan Holmes, justice is death," District Attorney George Brauchler said, adding that he had discussed the case with 60 people who lost relatives in the July 20 shooting rampage by a gunman in a gas mask and body armor during a midnight showing of the latest Batman movie.

There was no audible reaction from the 25-year-old former neuroscience graduate student, who sat with his back to reporters, or from victims' families in the courtroom. Holmes' parents sat side by side in the gallery, clutching hands with

fingers intertwined.

The decision had been widely predicted by legal analysts.

Within minutes of its becoming official, the trial was pushed back from August to next February and Judge William B. Sylvester removed himself from the case, saying that now that the charges carry the death penalty they will take years to resolve and he does not have the time to devote to such a drawn-out matter.

Legal observers said Holmes' lawyers publicly offered a guilty plea in what may have been a bid to gain support among victims' families for a deal that would spare them a painful trial and lengthy appeals.

The prosecution and the defense could still reach a deal before the case goes to trial.

Holmes' lawyers have indicated in court papers that they may instead pursue a defense of not guilty by reason of insanity. But that carries great risk: Prosecutors could argue that Holmes methodically planned his attack, casing the theater, stockpiling weapons and booby-trapping his apartment with explosives.

If he is found not guilty by reason of insanity, he will be sent to the state mental hospital, then returned to prison after

treatment.

Colorado has three people on death row but has executed just one person over the past 45 years, in 1997.

The judge newly assigned to the case, Carlos Samour Jr., is considering whether a New York-based Fox News reporter should have to testify about how she obtained confidential information about Holmes.

Jana Winter cited anonymous law enforcement officials in reporting that Holmes had sent a psychiatrist a notebook of drawings that foreshadowed the attack. Holmes' lawyers want to know who told Winter about the notebook, arguing that that person violated a gag order.

The massacre helped lead to passage in Colorado last month of new gun control measures, including a ban on the sort of high-capacity magazines that Holmes allegedly used to spray the theater with dozens of bullets in a matter of seconds. Seventy people were injured in the attack.

President Obama is scheduled to visit Denver on Wednesday to highlight the legislation as part of his push for more gun control following December's school massacre in Connecticut.

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several years."

MDOT has purchased the land needed for the new bridge, and rights of way were acquired in June 2012.

Turner said contracted work was scheduled to begin in July of this year but due to unforeseen delays, it has been pushed back to October.

"We estimate that this project will take two to three years to complete, but it really depends on the

contractor," Turner said. "We may find a contractor who only has to work on this one project, and they could attack the project and get it done."

McLarty said that although this will be a long process, he does not see it affecting businesses in Taylor.

"There are limited businesses in Taylor," he said. "I don't see it affecting them very much because most people use Old Taylor Road to go to Taylor anyway."

Turner said he plans on maintaining the traffic throughout the whole project.

"The sites on Highway 328 will either have a detoured bridge or the road will be straightened out and the bridge will be build beside the old bridge," he said.

One of McLarty's biggest concerns is for the farmers who will have to find an alternative route for moving agricultural machinery on the roads, and that could be difficult with slow-moving machinery.

"This project has to be done, it may be a little inconvenient, but it will be worth it in the long run," McLarty said.

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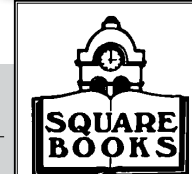


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Ole Miss Outdoors Club Spends Spring Break Dog-sledding

Ole Miss Outdoors strayed far from the ordinary Spring Break destination as it headed north of the border to Canada for a three-day dog-sledding trip.



Students participating in Ole Miss Outdoors activities.



PHOTOS COURTESY OLE MISS OUTDOORS

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Ole Miss Outdoors spent its Spring Break on a dogsledding trip in Ontario, Canada.

The group is led by University of Mississippi students Savannah Oliver, a Spanish and environmental studies senior, and Katherine Westfall, a psychology junior, along with sponsor and teaching assistant Tommy Willis.

Founded in 1999, OMOD is the newest area of campus recreation and features outdoor adventure trips as well as other recreational activities throughout the semester, particularly for freshmen.

"The club helps in transition stage of freshman year coming because the students feel a bit of connectedness," Willis said. "If a student feels connected, then it makes them want to be more involved in

the university and therefore stay at the university."

In keeping with this mission, the OMOD staff planned an alternative Spring Break trip for a group of students. Instead of the typical sandy beach trip, the group took students to Canada to participate in a dogsledding excursion.

The group of 11 students ranging in age from 21 to 60 drove for 24 hours to Ontario's North Algonquin Park.

The group passed through Niagara Falls along the way to see some sights. After a bit of difficulty getting foreign exchange students through customs and across the border, the group arrived at Chocpaw Expeditions headquarters in South River, Ontario.

"It's literally like something you would see on a postcard," Westfall said. "It's a frozen winter wonderland like you'd

imagine."

The students then recovered from their day-long road trip and stayed at the Chocpaw headquarters in a log cabin. The next morning, the group was brought by the Chocpaw staff to a field dotted with kennels containing more than 300 dogs. After choosing six dogs to pull each sled, the students were trained for an hour by staff members on sledding commands.

After training, the club members were sent on their way for their three-day excursion. Willis said that not all of the dogs are huskies and the commands for the dogs are much different from what most people would think. For example, there is no "mush" command.

The students agreed that dogsledding was much more difficult than expected. Westfall suggested anyone inter-

ested in dogsledding should consider the intensive physical demand of the trip as well as the rough conditions.

"I wouldn't go if you can't run or put up with barking, pooping, or peeing on the part of the dogs," Westfall said. "You have to get off the sled and run up every hill, and if you don't, the dogs will quit running, stop, look back, and mean-mug you."

The students carried full backpacks for the course of their journey. However, after spending the first full day sledding carrying all of their equipment, the team unloaded the sleds and went on a "speed day" with minimal breaks. They then completed another full day of sledding before returning to the Chocpaw headquarters.

Shortly after returning the dogs and sleds, the students departed and made the return

drive to Oxford.

The students, as well as teaching assistant Tommy Willis, said they enjoyed the hospitality of the Chocpaw employees as well as the people of Canada.

"The staff at Chocpaw was so kind and took care of our every need, they made it a truly welcoming atmosphere and such an enjoyable experience," Willis said.

The Ole Miss Outdoors Club's sledding trip is just one of three events already completed this semester. The club went hang gliding in Lookout Mountain, Ga., in February of this year and is set to take trips to SkyZone Trampoline Park in Memphis as well as to the Indoor and Outdoor Rock Climbing Center in Stone Summit, Ga. Both of these trips, according to Willis, are expected to occur before the end of the semester.

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G.I. Joe: We're Totally Sorry For the First One, You Guys

Staff writer Josh Presley reviews Michael Bay's newest movie "G.I. Joe," starring Channing Tatum, Bruce Willis and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.



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I'm literally the only person I know who didn't think 2009's "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra" was that terrible. I mean, come on,

it came out the same summer as the bloated, sexist, racist "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," and "G.I. Joe" sure wasn't any worse than that abomination.

Still, the moviegoing public, the very same mov-

iegoing public that has showered Michael Bay untold riches, hated poor old "Joe," so the producers have tried to distance the sequel, "G.I. Joe: Retaliation," from the first one as much as possible.

At least in the marketing and advertising sense: This is an all-new "G.I. Joe! With The Rock!

The movie itself adheres closer to the original than the trailers would have you think.

Cobra Commander and Destro are still in G.I. Jail after their nefarious plot didn't work out in the "Rise of Cobra," Zartan is still impersonating The President of the United States, and Channing Tatum is still so dreamy. Wait, what?

I wouldn't have understood a lot of the plot if I hadn't seen the first film (and I've only seen that movie once ... four years ago), so I imagine some people might be scratching their heads at various points in the movie.

But those of you with a working knowledge of the first movie shouldn't worry, as there's plenty left to scratch your heads at.

As the trailers gleefully spoil, the movie sees terrorist organization (and snappy dressers) Cobra taking over the United States from the inside and killing most of the Joes.

That leads to our first big problem: very little Channing Tatum. Over the past year C-Tates has become a pretty big star, but unfortunately for the producers of this film, that didn't really happen until after "Retaliation" was shot. So they pushed back the origi-

nal release date and filmed a few more scenes with him, but it doesn't really amount to that much.

That leads to our second big problem: everything else. I'm writing this just a few hours after seeing the film and I'm struggling to remember that much about it. There are action scenes and sword fights and awful dialogue and gratuitous Bruce Willis, but "Retaliation" isn't exactly the type of movie that stays with you for weeks after you see it.

A lot of the action is stimulating, I guess, and the plot is just interesting enough to keep you from getting bored. Jonathan Pryce looks to be having a blast chewing scenery as the president/Zartan. The

rest of the cast is pretty well phoning it in though, particularly Willis, who is making a habit of that these days. Current WWE Champion The Rock (as a lifelong wrestling fan, I refuse to call him Dwayne Johnson) is good in certain types of roles, but he isn't good enough to carry a movie like this.

So, is "G.I. Joe: Retaliation" better than its predecessor? Sort of.

It really is the quintessential soulless dumb fun action movie. And there's nothing wrong with that. It's entertaining for two hours and isn't insultingly bad and that's all that this movie ever needed to be.

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'Growing Our Own' puts the spotlight on the Summer Youth Institute

More than a month ago, the short documentary "Growing Our Own" screened at the Oxford Film Festival, but the impact of the film is just beginning to spread through Mississippi.



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Behind the scenes of the filming of "Growing Our Own."

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Filmmakers Tom Beck and Philip Scarborough originally meant for "Growing Our Own," an inside look at the nine-day Summer Youth Institute (SYI) associated with the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation, to be a promotional video, but they quickly realized that the program warranted a documentary.

The William Winter Institute brings together rising sophomores and juniors in high school from throughout Mississippi to The University of Mississippi's campus to teach them about Mis-

issippi's part in the civil rights movement, something lacking from high school curriculums. They also teach the students about community activism and how to go home as leaders.

"There's not a program like this anywhere else in the country where they are teaching civil rights history and where they are grooming civil rights activists and community activists, which is what the Summer Youth Institute is doing," Scarborough said. "They take kids from all over the state who have shown to have an interest or talent in doing this, and they are grooming future leaders. That's important."

Ole Miss freshman Abbie Sza-

bo attended SYI in the summer of 2010 and experienced firsthand the effect of the program.

"SYI has had a long-lasting impact on my life," said Szabo, who was also interviewed in the documentary. "The experience of the program itself was enough to have an impact, but because of the interactions with the other students and the knowledge gained about Mississippi's past, the program had a profound influence on me."

Nathaniel Weathersby, another Ole Miss student who acted as a floating counselor during SYI 2011, said that all the students involved get something out of the institute.

"I think the program is an incredibly effective way to teach students about leadership and community organizing," Weathersby said. "Because we live in a part of the U.S. that has such an intense history of leaders, students can walk down any street and find excellent examples. The program is set up to help students of all backgrounds to understand the civil rights movement, its purpose and the resulting effects."

Szabo said she was encouraged by many people to sign up for the program, but she had no idea what to expect going into it.

"To my surprise, it was a lot harder to fit in and adjust to everything than I had thought, but by the end of the 10 days, the group had united and pledged to be there for each other as resources across the state," Szabo said.

Scarborough said showcasing the program to the world was an important part of the documentary.

"I don't think people realize that Mississippi civil rights history is not taught in our schools," Scarborough said. "Kids growing up here, black and white, don't know what happened in their own backyard, and they don't know what important things happened here that changed the nation. And they need to know."

Beck said the kids coming into the institute want to make a difference.

"To me, that's another part of this, and that's this story — this story about these kids and what they're doing and what they're learning and that they really genuinely want to make a difference in people's lives," Beck said.

The filmmakers are currently trying to get "Growing Our Own" seen. The film has screened at a few film festivals across the state, and the filmmakers recently got news that it will be shown on Mississippi Public Broadcasting sometime this summer. Some teachers have requested to show it in their classrooms, something that Beck and Scarborough said they hope to encourage.

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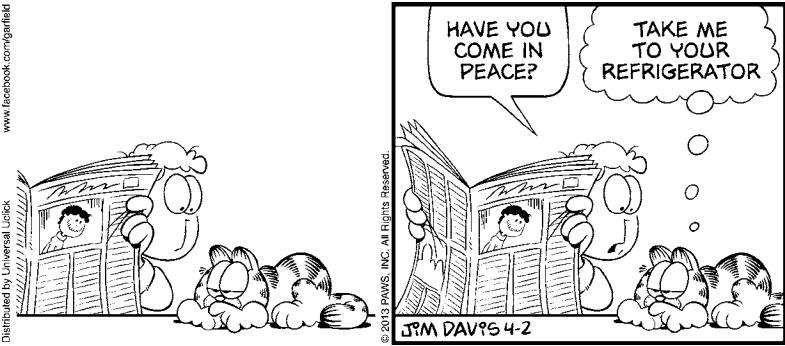
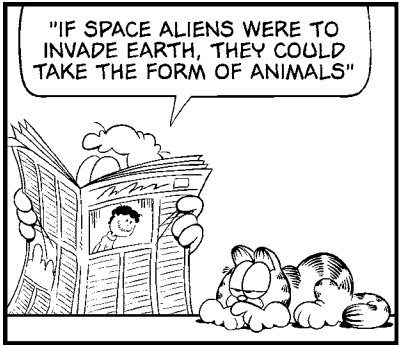
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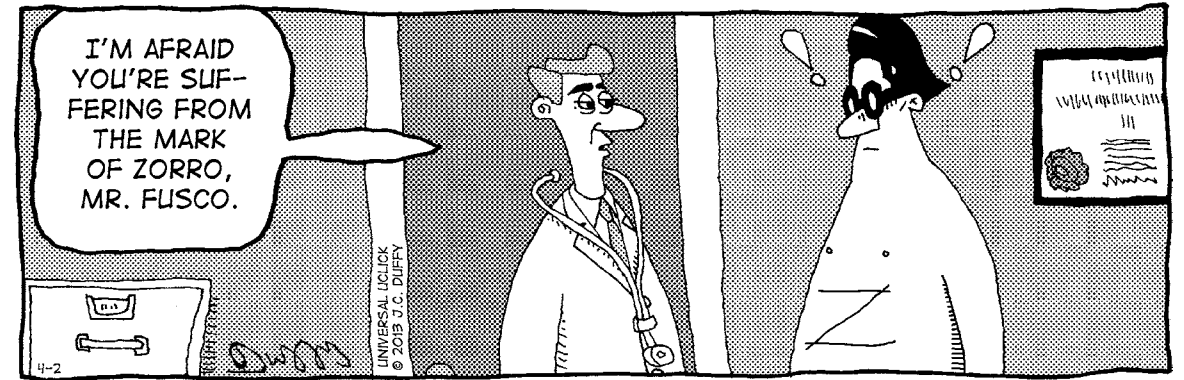


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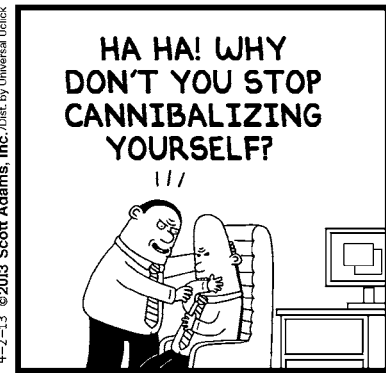
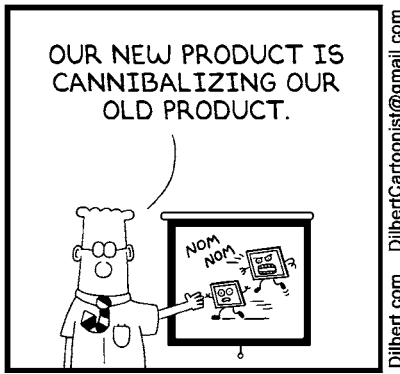
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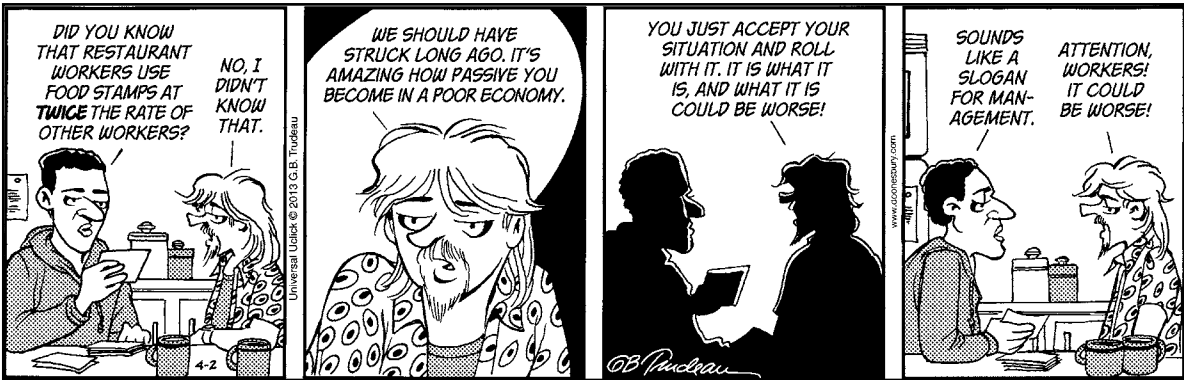
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OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

REBELS' CHOICE AWARDS SET FOR APRIL 10; VOTING ENDS TODAY

Ole Miss will be honoring athletics achievement from the past year with the third annual Rebels' Choice Awards. Kicking off Grove Bowl Week on campus, the semi-formal event is set for April 10 at 7 p.m. CT at the Gertrude C. Ford Center for Performing Arts.

Admission is free to the public, but a ticket is required. Tickets are available at the UM Box Office and Ford Center Box Office.

Requested tickets can also be picked up at the Ford Center Box Office will-call window one hour prior to the show.

The Rebels' Choice Awards include 14 categories in which the winners are selected by Ole Miss' Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Fans can visit www.rebelschoiceawards.com to see this year's nominees.

Three additional awards are determined by the fans, who are encouraged to visit Facebook at www.facebook.com/RebelsChoiceAwards and cast their ballot for the Play of the Year, Game of the Year and Fan Favorite Rebel. Voting begins now and runs through April 2.

The event, which will be hosted by radio personality Richard Cross, showcases the spirit and success of Ole Miss Athletics through presentations, performances and video productions. Festivities begin with a red carpet event for student-athletes and athletics staff

at 6 p.m., with the awards program to follow at 7.

"This is a special time of the year for us to celebrate our student-athletes' achievements on and off the playing field," said Ole Miss Assistant Athletics Director Jamil Northcutt.

"As in years past, we have planned an action-packed and entertaining show that will commemorate this momentous year."

Awards include men's and women's sports winners in the categories of Most Valuable Rebel, Rookie of the Year, Coach of the Year, Team of the Year, Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Hotty Toddy Award and Community Outreach Award.

Honors are based on performances from the calendar year. The sports of football, soccer, volleyball, basketball and rifle will be judged on the 2012-13 campaign, while baseball, softball, tennis, golf and track & field looks at 2011-12.

The past 12 months have been exciting times for Ole Miss with baseball advancing to an NCAA regional final, men's tennis reaching the NCAA Sweet Sixteen, Isiah Young representing the United States in the Olympics, football winning a bowl game for the first time since 2009, and most recently, men's basketball winning the SEC Tournament Championship and getting to the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

"The Rebel Choice Awards are a great opportunity

for the Ole Miss community to come together and celebrate the achievements of the student-athletes on and off the field," said Brittany Broome, SAAC President and softball senior.

"The night is full of excitement and entertainment with a reception and an award show featuring a live band, videos, awards and a great host. I truly believe it is the best night of the year for Ole Miss Athletics."

The Rebels' Choice Awards is built into the celebration of National Student-Athlete Day, which is celebrated every year in April.

Established in 1987, National Student-Athlete Day is America's day to celebrate outstanding student-athletes who have achieved excellence in academics and athletics while having made significant contributions to the community. The day was established by the National Consortium for Academics & Sports and Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society and is co-sponsored by the NCAA.

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By David Collier | thedmsports@gmail.com

In this week's installment, The Daily Mississippian's sports editor David Collier ranks the 14 Southeastern Conference teams. Weekend opponents are also included for each team.



1. Vanderbilt (25-4, 8-1 SEC, 1st last week)
This weekend: at Ole Miss



2. LSU (26-2, 8-1 SEC, 2nd last week)
This weekend: vs. Kentucky



3. Kentucky (21-6, 6-3 SEC, 3rd last week)
This weekend: at LSU



4. Arkansas (21-8, 6-3 SEC, 6th last week)
This weekend: at Alabama



5. South Carolina (22-6, 5-4 SEC, 8th last week)
This weekend: at Tennessee



6. Alabama (18-11, 7-2 SEC, 9th last week)
This weekend: vs. Arkansas



7. Texas A&M (18-11, 5-4 SEC, 4th last week)
This weekend: vs. Auburn



8. Florida (13-16, 4-5 SEC, 10th last week)
This weekend: at Mississippi State



9. Ole Miss (23-6, 4-5 SEC, 5th last week)
This weekend: vs. Vanderbilt



10. Mississippi State (23-8, 3-6 SEC, 7th last week)
This weekend: vs. Florida



11. Tennessee (13-13, 3-6 SEC, 11th last week)
This weekend: vs. South Carolina



12. Missouri (9-15, 2-7 SEC, 12th last week)
This weekend: at Georgia



13. Auburn (16-12, 1-8 SEC, 13th last week)
This weekend: at Texas A&M



14. Georgia (10-19, 1-8 SEC, 14th last week)
This weekend: vs. Missouri

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Sophomore right hander Josh Laxer

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their offense going again after back-to-back games of being kept of the scoreboard. It was the first time the Rebels have been shutout in back-to-back games since losing 2-0 and 7-0 to Mississippi State in 2003.

Junior catcher Stuart Turner continues to pace the Rebel offense, leading the way with a .426 batting average, 40 hits, three home runs and 34 RBI.

Junior shortstop Austin Anderson is second on the team with a .321 batting average and 24 RBI.

Sophomore center fielder Austin Bousfield is second on the team with 35 hits and boasts a .310 average.

At the plate, Memphis is hitting .271 as a team and is led by Keaton Aldridge, who boasts a .329 batting average.

However, sophomore infielder Tucker Tubbs and junior infielder Drew Griffin are tied for the team lead in RBI with 17. Tubbs also leads the team in hits with 30. The biggest home run threat for the Tigers is Jake Little, who has four on the year.

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lace, who is sitting out the spring as he rehabs his surgically repaired throwing shoulder.

“Just up and down,” Freeze said of Miller’s progression. “Think he’s got some good tools. His arm strength is good as you want. Just inconsistent, still a young kid. We’ve just got to keep coaching him.”

The quarterback position has been talked about at length this spring, and the situation is well-documented, but the expected starter, Wallace, still has work to do as he rehabs.

“Mental reps. I think he’s doing a good job out there,” Freeze said.

“He’s encouraging, he’s talking to the quarterbacks about what he saw. I think he’s matured some.”

A key to the spring was developing some of the depth at running back with the three main contributors coming back in senior Jeff Scott, sophomore Jaylen Walton and sophomore I’Tavius Mathers.

“I think we got two good ones,” Freeze said of the two sophomore running backs.

“I think that I’Tavius is gaining weight and becoming a more physical back. He’s got a burst, too. Jaylen’s got that start-stop and really has good vision. I think they’re progressing nicely.

“We don’t want to put too much on them right now. I don’t think we missed on either one of them for sure in recruiting.”

To this point in the spring, it’s been up and down for two freshman early enrollees, running back Mark Dodson and tight end Christian Morgan.

“They’re starting to show that they’re still a high school senior just a little,” Freeze said.

“Real pleased with them. They’re going to be good players, but they’re going through the things freshman go through.”

A position that has gotten a lot of attention this spring, perhaps almost as much attention as the quarterbacks is tight end.

“Got a long way to go,” Freeze said of the tight end position.

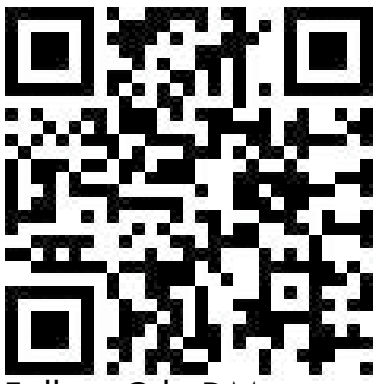
“We need to get those other two (signees A.J. Jackson and Evan Engram) to add to the pool and create a lot of competition there. We’re just real young and got guys that haven’t had any reps at all. Can’t fault our effort or anything, we’ve just got a long way to go there.”

Freeze also noted that junior college transfer wide receiver Quadarias Mireles

is catching up on the things he needs to know on the offensive side of the ball. He missed offensive meetings while trying out the defensive side of the ball, but Freeze said he is catching up.

The ninth practice of the spring will be Wednesday morning at 8 a.m.

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Defensive back Cliff Coleman catches the ball during a practice drill Monday night

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After dropping their second consecutive series at Florida this past weekend, the 17th-ranked Ole Miss baseball team will look to bounce back in the win column when they take on the Memphis Tigers. First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m. from AutoZone Park.

BY MATT SIGLER
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The No. 17 Ole Miss baseball team will make the short trip to Memphis to take on the Memphis Tigers in a midweek matchup tonight. First pitch between the Rebels (23-6, 4-5 SEC) and Tigers (15-13, 2-4 Conference USA) is set for 6:30 p.m. from AutoZone Park.

Ole Miss is coming off a series loss at Florida, while the Tigers are coming off a series loss at home to conference foe Houston.

This is the second meeting between the two teams this season, with Memphis taking the first game in Oxford, 4-3. The loss was the Rebels' first of the season. Ole Miss also committed six errors in the contest, which was the cause of many Tiger runs. The Rebel pitching staff allowed just one earned run.

The Rebels will send sophomore right-hander Josh Laxer to the mound to face the Tigers. Laxer is 2-0 on the year with a 2.45 ERA in seven appearances, including four starts. The Madison native has given

up eight runs, seven earned, in 25.2 innings of work.

Tonight won't be the first time Laxer has faced Memphis. In the first matchup between the two teams this season, Laxer started and gave up two runs, one earned, on four hits with three walks and a strikeout in three innings on the mound.

Senior left-hander Michael Wills will get the nod for Memphis. Wills is 1-2 on the year and holds a 3.00 ERA in five starts. Tonight's contest will mark the fourth start for Wills against the Rebels. Earlier this season, Wills gave up three runs on seven hits, three walks and two strikeouts in 4.2 innings, but he earned a no decision. Last season, Wills picked up a no decision in Oxford, throwing six innings, giving up two runs, one earned, on four hits, and he picked up the win in the Tigers' win at AutoZone Park, tossing 8.1 innings, where he gave up two runs, one earned, on nine hits to go along with a walk and three strikeouts.

Ole Miss is looking to get

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Junior shortstop Austin Anderson

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Rebels return to practice Monday night

The Ole Miss football team returned to the practice field Monday under the lights of Vaught-Hemingway Stadium in what head coach Hugh Freeze thought was an energetic practice.

BY JOHN LUKE McCORD
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After a weekend break for the Easter holiday, the Ole Miss football team returned to spring practice inside Vaught-Hemingway Stadium Monday night. It was the first practice since last Thursday.

The Rebels have practiced in the morning the entire spring, but on Monday, they practiced at 8 p.m. under the lights.

One thing was easy to see in practice number eight, there was no shortage of energy and effort.

"We're still installing stuff defensively, they've got some stuff going over there that's pretty difficult," head coach Hugh Freeze said.

"Thought the energy was good. We're just struggling to throw and catch balls and protect."

Freeze expanded on the offensive performance, "There were some good



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Jeff Scott runs the ball during practice Monday night.

things that happened when we went into our last team period, but we're still way too inconsistent offensively."

Junior wide receiver Donte Moncrief sat out Monday's practice. Freeze didn't speak specifically of his injury (shoulder), however,

he did insist he, "just needs some time off," but he said he did not think it was anything serious.

Sophomore quarterback Maikhail Miller continues to battle senior quarterback Barry Brunetti to be the backup to junior Bo Wal-

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