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## ATHLETES HONORED AT REBELS' CHOICE AWARDS

Ole Miss student athletes were honored Wednesday night at the annual Rebels' Choice Awards ceremony.



AUSTIN MCAFEE | The Daily Mississippian

Student athletes gathered in front of the Ford Center Wednesday evening for the Rebels' Choice Awards.

BY JOHN LUKE McCORD  
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All the excitement from the 2012-13 school year in Ole Miss athletics was captured and on display inside the Ford Center on Wednesday night.

Marshall Henderson made sure all the "gentlemen" gave all the "beautiful ladies" in attendance a round of applause.

Richard Cross explained that he was hosting the show

this year because he was cheaper than Clay Matvick who had hosted the first two Rebel Choice Awards.

The awards kicked off with Rookie of the Year. Denzel Nkemdiche (football) and Ty Laporte (volleyball) were winners.

Next was the Community Outreach award. Will Allen (baseball) and Maggie McFerrin (women's basketball) were winners there.

Then Adrian Forberg Sk-

ogeng (men's tennis) and Sofia Hellberg-Joneses (track and field) took home the Scholar Athletes of the Year.

The Hotty Toddy Award had a repeat winner in Jason Jones (football). The female winner was Courtney Marbra (women's basketball).

The Fan Favorite was none other than Donte Moncrief (football). As he walked to the stage the band, The Soul Tones,

played "Feed Moncrief."

The Most Valuable Rebels were Marshall Henderson (basketball) and Rafaele Souza (soccer).

"Thanks to everyone for the support this season," Henderson said upon accepting the award.

The Play of the Year was Marshall Henderson's game-tying 3-pointer from near halfcourt against Vanderbilt.

The Game of the Year again belonged to Ole Miss basketball. Their victory over Florida in the SEC Championship took home the award.

The Coach of the Year went to head man of Rebel basketball, Andy Kennedy. He led Ole Miss to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2001.

To finish off the dominant night for Ole Miss basketball, they took home the final award, Team of the Year.

"We would like to thank Rebel Nation, our coaching staff and our girlfriends," forward Aaron Jones concluded.

## New Oxford High School construction underway

Due to overpopulation in middle and elementary schools, a new, state-of-the-art Oxford High School is under construction.

BY KELTON BROOKS  
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With the need to expand to prepare for large incoming classes in the near future, a new 220,000-square-foot facility is in construction to accommodate the growth in students.

"We are out of space at our current high school. The population is growing and we very much needed a new facility," said Marian Barksdale, Oxford School Board president.

Barksdale said the current facility is over 50 years old and has no room to expand. With growth an inevitable reality, Barksdale and the Oxford School Board elected to begin construction of the new facility.

"We have around 1,200 students in the lower grades that haven't even made it to high school yet," said Brian Harvey, superintendent of Oxford School District.

"But we expect to have them all in the year after we move in."

Located east of Highway 7 off Sisk Avenue, the new high school will cover 75 acres of land. It is set to be completed by November of this year with classes starting in the new building in January of 2014, according to Harvey.

Harvey said that the importance of providing a quality education in well-equipped facilities cannot be understated.

"The school is a reflection of our community, and it also impacts the community," Harvey said.

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## DOUBLE DECKER FOOD VENDORS GO LOCAL

A revamped selection process for food vendors at the Double Decker Arts Festival is causing some vendors to alter their menus.

BY KAYLA CARPENTER  
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The Oxford Tourism Council's decision to change the selection process for food vendors at the Double Decker Arts Festival is requiring some participants to change their menus for the festival.

A committee consisting of local restaurant and business owners and local culinary academics was formed for this year's festival to oversee the food vendor selection process.

According to a statement released by the tourism council, the committee was charged with revising the guidelines, reviewing

the applications and overseeing the food vendor process.

In the cover letter that was sent out to potential food vendors in February, the committee explained the new selection process, as well as its reasoning behind the change.

"Double Decker will reinvent food service to reflect the vitality of the local food economy and pay tribute to Mississippi farmers, artisans, and cooks," the letter stated.

The letter stated that the change was made so that the festival could rededicate itself to showcasing dishes that will give festival-goers a "Taste of Oxford." It encour-

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People crowd the Oxford Square during 2012 Double Decker Arts Festival.

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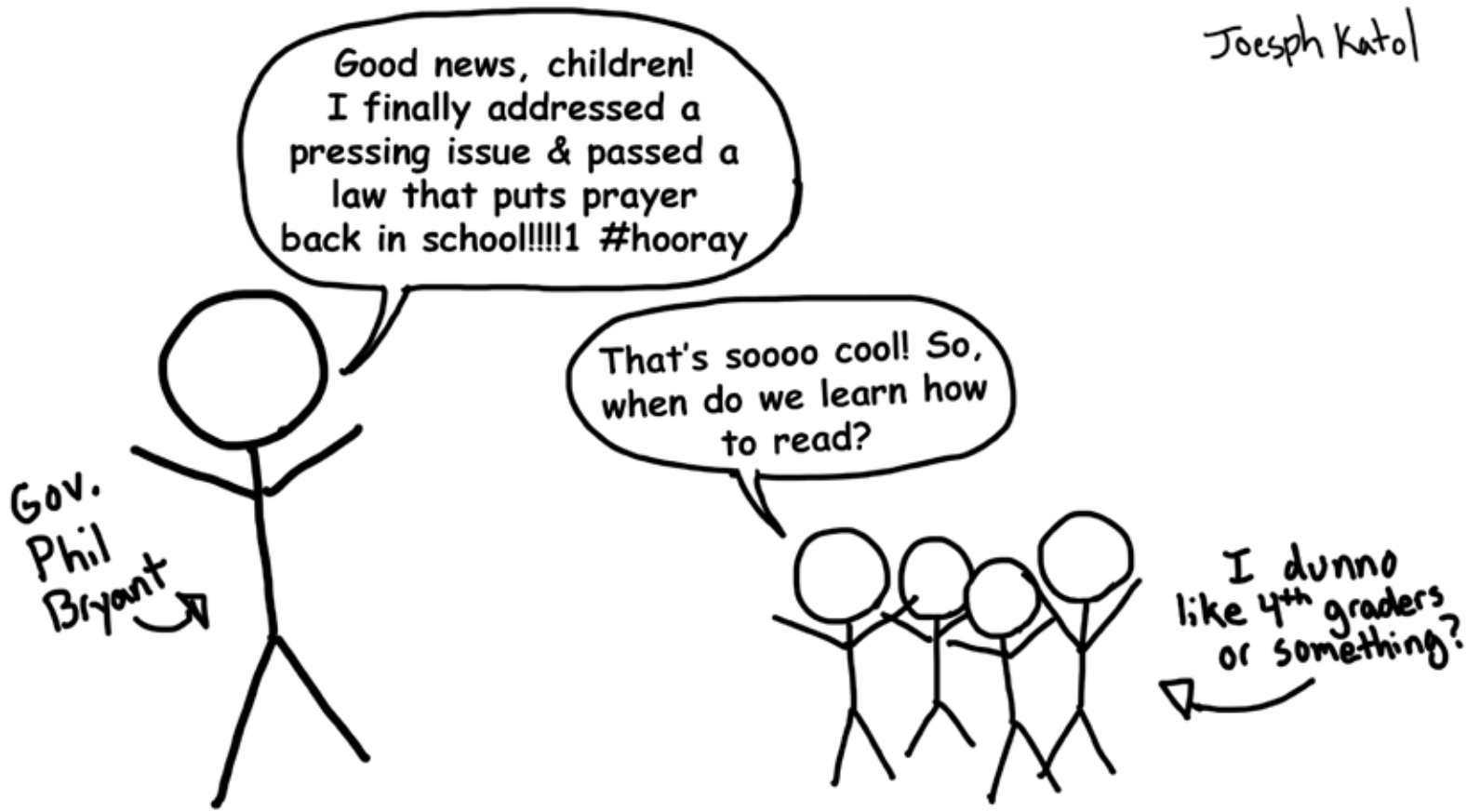
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### What Mr. Ole Miss means to me



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Last week in my column, I addressed my personal feelings on both the mascot and the title of “Colonel Reb.” It is very difficult to separate the two. After all, it is the same name, even though the two identities moved apart as time passed.

In that column, I pointed out that I disagreed with the removal of the mascot due to what the mascot meant to me – it was a symbol of every great aspect of the university that I love. I asked that people, essentially, broaden the equation from beyond the variable of racism to include all variables.

In this column, however, I assume that the only variable is “Which title makes the most

sense?” This means that I am not considering the variables of race, history or symbolism.

First, Ole Miss is a title that cannot be separated from The University of Mississippi. It stands for the essence of this campus and the everlasting connection of students, alumni and employees.

Second, Ole Miss is recognized outside of our close-knit community. Anyone who follows college sports knows Ole Miss. On the other hand, Colonel Reb is unknown by most outside of this university.

Third, for the female, the term Miss Ole Miss is simple and elegant.

Ultimately, Mr. Ole Miss is a much clearer title than Colonel Reb has ever been. Mr. and Miss Ole Miss just rolls off the tongue. When discussing the position with someone outside of Ole Miss, the title “Colonel Reb” can be confusing. Not so with Mr. Ole Miss.

Some will argue that the title is for those on the inside, so those outside of the student

body should not matter. The ones voting for the position understand what Colonel Reb means, and they are the ones who are important.

It is a valid claim. After all, how many groups care what outsiders think about things that strictly concern insiders? While valid, though, it misses that many inside the Ole Miss community feel that Mr. Ole Miss is a better title, myself included.

I am eligible to run for the position, being a male at Ole Miss who fits the additional criteria to run. Even I, an ardent lover of Colonel Reb the mascot, would rather run for Mr. Ole Miss over Colonel Reb.

Mr. Ole Miss is simply a better title for this position.

Thus, the question that should be addressed is: Why was this done the way that it was? I honestly do not care about the ASB Constitution and the methods of the judicial system. I do not know if it was done according to the

letter of the law. I do know, however, that the people responsible had a full year to make this decision, yet they chose not to.

Why was it the day before they moved out of power? I cannot help but believe that this move was extremely calculated. I also cannot help but believe that the move seemingly backfired.

I honestly and wholeheartedly believe that if this issue had been brought to the students as a whole, then the title of Mr. Ole Miss would have been adopted with far less conflict. As the members of the judicial system should have known, it is almost always better to let the whole decide rather than the few, especially when the few are not considered representatives of the whole.

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## Will America ever have a Ms. President?



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With Margaret Thatcher's death on Monday, her incredible legacy has been a hot topic in the international media for the better part of this week. And for good reason. Thatcher not only became the first female prime minister of the United Kingdom in 1979, she also went on to win re-election twice more in 1983 and 1987.

The changes and reform her conservative party implemented under her leadership continue to affect British policy today.

Regardless of your political persuasion, it cannot be denied that the "Iron Lady" represented a major advance in women's power in public and political spheres. She was the first female leader of a major Western power in modern times.

What is most remarkable about Thatcher's election is

that she was not elected based on being a woman, but on merit. Her skills and positions on the issues were celebrated — her gender was irrelevant.

Thatcher's election, of course, presents a sharp contrast to the presidential history of the United States. Over 30 years after Thatcher's first election, America has yet to elect a woman to the highest civilian office.

According to the Rutgers University Center for American Women and Politics, women today represent just 18.1 percent of Congress, 23.4 percent of statewide elective seats and 24.1 percent of state legislatures. When considering the 1979 numbers of 3 percent, 11 percent and 10 percent, these statistics might sound pretty good. But once you consider the fact that women represent 50.8 percent of the U.S. population according to the 2010 census, the serious imbalance is obvious (for the record, Mississippi is just one of four states that have never sent a woman to Congress).

To further put things in perspective, according to the

Inter-Parliamentary Union, the United States ranks an embarrassing 77th out of 190 countries in female political representation. Five historically Muslim countries — countries that often attract criticism in the U.S. for being "backward" by Western standards — have elected women to their highest civilian seat: Indonesia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Turkey and Kosovo. For a country that likes to think of itself as a beacon of democracy, why have we not had a Ms. President?

Structural and cultural barriers are to blame. Even though women have had the right to vote since the 1920s, societal stereotypes and gender roles deterred women from exploring work or activity outside of the home for decades. Even though serious change in women's representation only started to materialize in the latter half of the 20th century, we still have a lot of work to do. Following the 2010 elections, the number of women in both state legislative and statewide elective offices actually declined.

So how can the discrepancy be addressed? Quotas? Incen-

tives? Somewhat surprisingly, Thatcher was infamously anti-feminist. She refuted the idea that a woman should be elected based on her gender, to fill a "quota" or anything of the sort. As she told National Public Radio in an interview in 1993, "I would hate a person to ask me a question, are you a quota woman or are you a merit woman? Well, I would like whatever I did to be that I got there because I was the right person for the job. It didn't matter as a man or a woman. I had the right qualities for the job, the right beliefs, the right principles. I wasn't a quota."

With this, I must agree. In order for women to be taken seriously in office, they must be taken seriously as people, not handed positions based

on a quota system. Electing politicians based on solely superficial characteristics — be it gender, race, hair color, fashion sense or otherwise — is simply a bad idea. Americans should vote for presidential candidates according to their positions on the issues, their values and their ability to lead.

The U.S. must make the conscious decision that it will judge female political candidates based on the content of their character, not their gender, if women are to take to on leadership roles. Until that happens, a female president of the United States will never become a reality.

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The current Oxford High School will become a school for the seventh and eighth

grades.

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The new Oxford High School is currently under construction on Sisk Avenue off of Highway 7.

Green said she believes it will not.

“When it comes to education, any and everything should be built to better serve our children – they are our future,” Green said.

“If anything, the expansion and construction gives to the charm of Oxford.”

Gloria Smith, a math teacher at Lafayette High School and parent of currently enrolled students, has different sentiments regard-

ing the construction of the new high school.

“As a teacher, I like it because it will provide more opportunities for the kids and help them compete nationwide,” Smith said.

However, Smith questioned how the growth of Oxford will affect its charm.

“I know growth has to occur for progress, but Oxford is somewhat becoming a metropolis,” Smith said.

“I feel they’re putting

more into the construction, the business aspect, and not the socialization.”

Harvey said he believes the new high school is a positive step for Oxford.

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aged vendors to use ingredients from local farmers or local recipes, as well as to prepare a new, unique recipe involving some facet of Mississippi culture. The committee also required that these new dishes only be served at Double Decker.

According to Mary Allyn Hedges, tourism manager for the Oxford Tourism Council, several businesses that applied for one of the 25 food booths at the festival were recently asked to resubmit their menus, which were to include items unique to Oxford.

Buck Walden, who owns The Rib Cage on the Square, said he will not be resubmitting his application.

"Two percent of the tax that restaurants and hotels have to pay goes to the tourism council," he said. "How is it fair that they dictate what I make and tell me how to make it? If barbecue and ribs are not Mississippian enough, I don't know what is."

As of Friday, March 29, only 11 businesses had met the criteria, according to The Oxford

Eagle.

Walden views the new requirements as a business mistake on the part of the committee.

"We rely on the money we make from the vendor booth," Walden said. "You would think the committee would know better since they own restaurants."

In its statement, the tourism council backed the efforts of the committee and stated its support.

"We acknowledge that any time there is change it is hard, but we stand by the committee's efforts and believe that their intentions are to improve the visitor experience at Double Decker," it stated.

According to the committee's letter, a pizza franchise is serving a pizza topped with Mississippi Gulf Coast shrimp. Other examples include a cake company that will use butter from a local farm and a hot dog vendor who makes a homemade chow-chow relish.

"I know they are trying to do what is best for Oxford, but it won't be the 'Taste of Oxford' if we can't sell our own food and have to follow their guidelines," Walden said.

## GRAVES UNCOVERED AT UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL SCHOOL

DM STAFF REPORTS

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - Workers building a road at the University of Mississippi Medical Center have found 66 unidentified graves.

Officials with the medical center say a construction crew found the unmarked human remains over a period from November through March.

The remains, in coffins,

may have been patients of the former Mississippi Insane Asylum, which operated on the site from 1855 to 1935.

A team from Mississippi State University's anthropology department is removing and documenting the skeletons, aided by the University of Mississippi's Center for Archaeological Research and the state De-

partment of Archives and History.

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## Do It Yourself: Chocolate Pumpkin Cupcakes



BY ERIN SCOTT  
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Spring break is now just a memory for Ole Miss students, but here is a tasty sweet for those that are still trying to get beach ready or maintain that killer body. This treat is super easy with three ingredients. It satisfies my need for chocolate, and would make mom and a nutritionist smile since you're sneaking in a little health into a cupcake of all things!

### You will need:

1 box of a favorite chocolate cake mix  
1 can of pumpkin and chocolate chips—I have been known to NOT use them but to get my guy friends to eat these treats, visible chocolate garnish is helpful.

### Directions:

Set the oven to 350 degrees. Open the can of pumpkin and drop in a mixing bowl. Pour in the cake mix and combine thoroughly—For

best results, I use the back of a large spoon or a spatula and mashing the mix powder and pumpkin

Once you have the mixed through and it looks like batter, add the chocolate chips.

Spoon into cupcake tins lined with paper and bake for 30-35.

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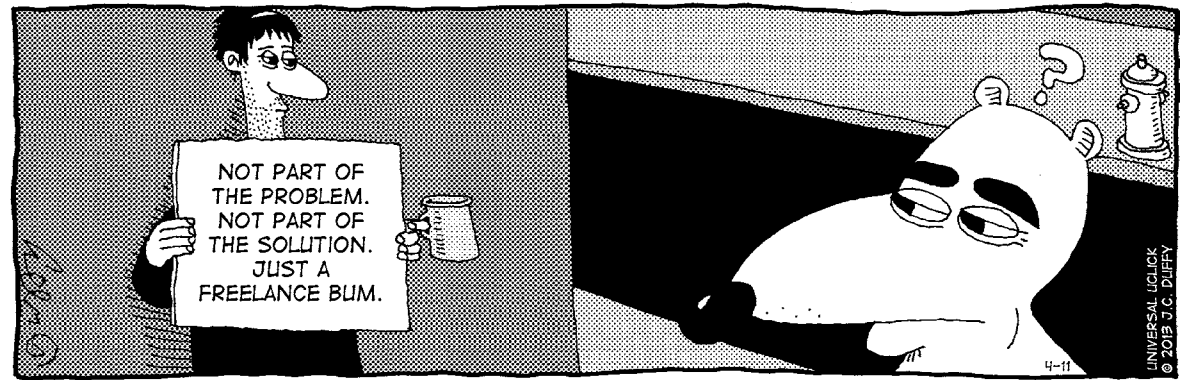
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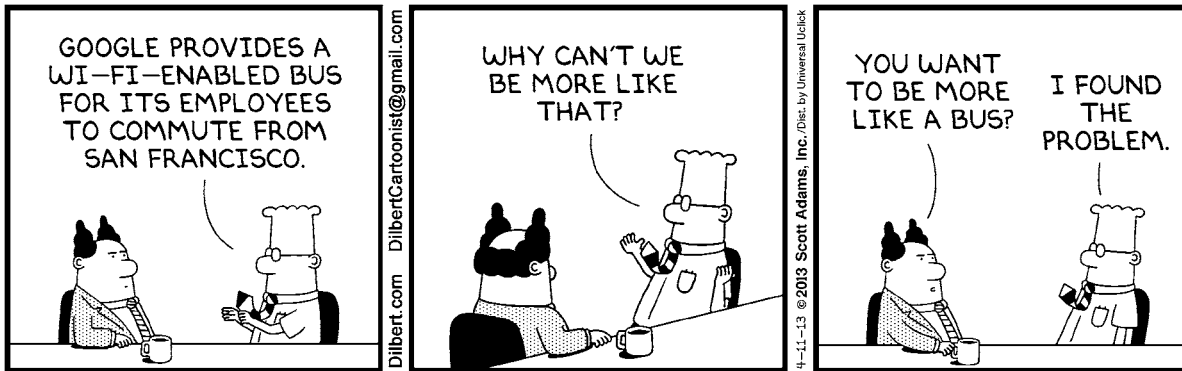
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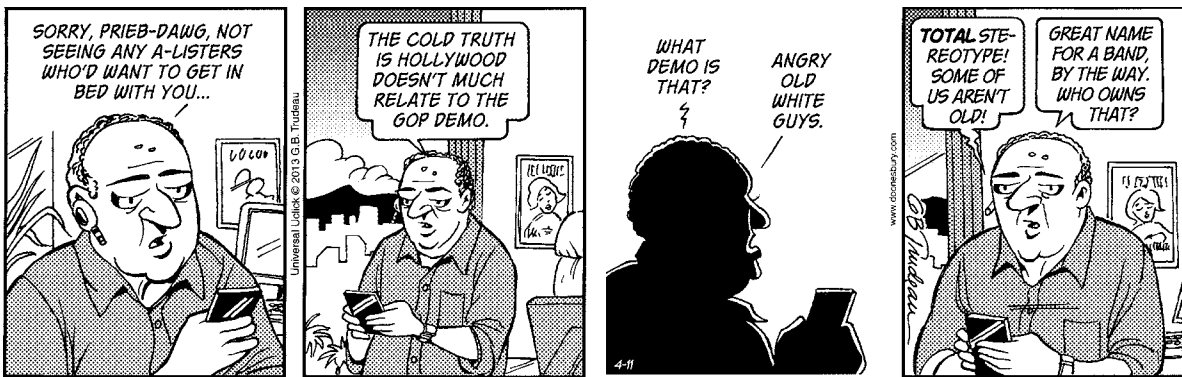
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## 2013 Egg Bowl moved to Thanksgiving Day



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OXFORD, Miss. – The Egg Bowl is returning to Thanksgiving Day for the first time since 2003.

This year's version of the annual rivalry game between Ole Miss and Mississippi State will be played at Davis Wade Stadium in Starkville on Thursday, Nov. 28. The game will be televised on ESPN with a 6:30 p.m. CT kickoff.

"I think it's great for this storied rivalry to return to Thanksgiving Day," said second-year Rebel head coach Hugh Freeze. "There were so many memorable moments from our meetings on that holiday in the past, and I hope to see a big Rebel turnout in Starkville this year."

Ole Miss holds a 61-42-6 all-time record against Mis-

issippi State, including a 55-25-5 lead in the Battle for the Golden Egg that began in 1927. Last year, the Rebels won state bragging rights with a 41-24 victory in Oxford.

The Rebels shut out the Bulldogs 31-0 in Starkville in their last Thanksgiving meeting, which gave Ole Miss a share of the 2003 Southeastern Conference Western Division Championship. It was the end of a six-year stretch from 1998-2003 that the Egg Bowl was played on Thanksgiving.


The in-state SEC foes have played on Thanksgiving 25 times, and Ole Miss holds a 15-9-1 edge in those games. They have battled for the Golden Egg on the holiday 16 times, with the Rebels leading 10-5-1.



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## Cantillo's consistency key for Rebels' softball team

It isn't the season head coach Windy Thees and the Ole Miss softball team were hoping for, but junior outfielder R.T. Cantillo has been a consistent piece for the Rebel lineup.

BY JAKE THOMPSON  
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Ole Miss softball has had its ups and downs over the past few years, but the one constant over the past three has been R.T. Cantillo. The junior outfielder has been a steady leader for the Lady Rebels, especially through the transition to a completely new coaching staff.

Cantillo has experienced what every athlete dreads the most: two coaches in as many years. Her freshman year, Cantillo played for Missy Dickerson, who was fired after six seasons, and now she is under the direction of Windy Thees, who has coached the past two seasons.

"It was definitely tough to adjust to two different coaches with completely different mentalities and coaching styles," Cantillo said. "With Coach Missy, we were always practicing one thing at a time, and it was 'Work on this, get better on this.' And with Coach Thees, we are working on three things at one time."

It may have been a tough adjustment for the team, but as individual performance goes, Cantillo did not show any signs of struggle adapting to the new coaching philosophies. If anything, she improved.

Cantillo had a team-leading .315 batting average her freshman year. In her sophomore campaign, she increased her average by almost 60 points, hitting a solid .374 to go along with 26 RBIs and three home runs.

This season she is hitting .320 with 23 RBIs and five home runs. While she has been excelling at the plate, the team as a whole has hit a rut, starting conference play 2-13, which takes a toll on a player.

"Being able to keep energy up when you're right on the line and you know you are doing the best you possibly can, it's hard to train and push yourself a little further, even if it's just one extra step," Cantillo said. "It's hard to break through that barrier."

Cantillo said she feels the team has mainly had difficulties trying to put all the pieces together at the same time.

"The primary struggle was being able to connect as one unit and being able to just have our pitching, our hitting and our fielding come together, officially come together," she said. "We're still trying to keep that consistent, but it's

been getting a lot better."

Cantillo is considered one of the leaders on the team, but there is a system in place called the "Captains Council" that allows her and the three seniors not to have to shoulder the leadership on their own. In this system, each class has a representative who meets and discusses any issues the team has, and the seniors have the final say.

With Ole Miss mostly through the rough part of its conference schedule, Cantillo will look to continue her consistent offensive production and leadership to help turn the Lady Rebels' season around.



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R.T. Cantillo runs towards home during a game.

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Baseball vs. Alabama - 4 p.m.

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## SPRING PRACTICES WINDING DOWN, GROVE BOWL LOOMS

The Ole Miss football team practiced in full pads for the last time before Saturday's Grove Bowl to wrap up spring drills. The Rebels will practice without pads Friday morning.



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Senior defensive back Dehendret Collins runs a drill during practice.

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The gridiron Rebels were back out on the practice fields Wednesday morning for their last full-pad practice of the

spring before Saturday's Grove Bowl, which is set to kick off at 1 p.m. on CSS.

Ole Miss has suffered several injuries during the physical spring drills, but head coach Hugh Freeze wanted to see his

squad play physically one more time before the last pre-Grove Bowl practice Friday morning.

"Today was a good, physical practice," Freeze said of Wednesday.

As for Friday's practice, Freeze noted that there "won't be much to it." A speaker is lined up to come talk to the team, and Freeze said they will get ready to have a physical Saturday.

The defense again proved to be the better side of the ball Wednesday. However, Freeze said Wednesday's practice was catered to them in some ways.

"The competitions today were more geared toward them. Those third and longs, it's tough to win those consistently," Freeze said. "(The defense) had more energy and passion today than the offense. Offensive line didn't play physical at all."

Freeze elaborated on how he felt about the spring to this point, with just two practices remaining.

"I like our attitude, and I like our energy," he said. "I'm not happy with where we are, and

some of that has to do with the number of people out. There has been marked improvement in a lot of kids."

He added that he wished the offense could have been more consistent this spring.

Some of the players whom Freeze noted improvement in were sophomore defensive back Chief Brown, freshman linebacker Temario Strong, senior linebacker D.T. Shackelford, sophomore defensive back Carlos Davis and sophomore defensive back Anthony Alford.

On Saturday, Freeze will be looking to see the same things from his team he has been asking for all spring.

"Offensively, stay away from negative plays," Freeze said. "Don't turn the ball over. Stay on schedule with great tempo. Defensively, keep getting those turnovers and keep creating negative plays. On defense, we still give up some big plays from time to time. Need to limit those."

Freeze updated the status of freshman tight end Christian Morgan. His MRI revealed

that he tore his meniscus, and it will require surgery. He should be ready to go for fall camp, according to Freeze.

Senior defensive back Charles Sawyer left practice early Wednesday with an injured knee or quad. Freeze was unsure of his status.

Junior wide receiver Vincent Sanders missed Wednesday's practice after injuring his ankle in practice on Monday.

Not all injury news is bad news, as senior wide receiver Korvic Neat, who has missed a big chunk of the spring, returned to practice on Wednesday.

One last note from practice is that senior Dehendret Collins, who has spent most of the spring at husky, moved over and played corner on Wednesday. That leaves senior Brishen Mathews and sophomore Mike Hilton at husky, with Hilton labeled as the starter.

The Rebels will return to practice on Friday at 8 a.m.

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