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## REBELS REACT

The ASB Senate Student Affairs Committee's vote to reject a resolution to ban "Dixie" from all university events sparked responses on Twitter from the Ole Miss community Wednesday.

"I'll be in the future making Mississippi a better place for people to live and you'll be calling people names from anon Twitter accounts."

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Brad Brewer (@b\_rad\_is\_radl)

@k\_conger Would you find the idiots at Ole Miss that want to the school to quit playing Dixie and punch them please. Iconic song."

Casey Elrod (@Casey-Wayne32)

"Ole Miss alumni should donate money to the university because it is providing students an amazing education not because of "traditions."

Ryan Felder (@ryan-felder)

## FORMER ASB PRESIDENT REFLECTS ON PAST YEAR

BY CATY CAMBRON  
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Kim Dandridge spent the past school year pursuing big changes for The University of Mississippi. As the first black female president of the Ole Miss student body, she created a legacy for both herself and the continuing progress of the university. Dandridge reflects on her former term as she addresses the eight areas of her platform that were based on unity.

Serve as a liaison between the student body and the administration.

According to Dandridge, she did her best to bridge the gap between students and faculty by informing the student body of what was happening on campus and throughout the university. At the beginning of her term, she gave a state of the union address to announce her plans for the semester and other ways that students could get more involved.

"We tried to use as many news outlets as possible to get students engaged," Dandridge said.

She added that she tried to connect to the student body through the use of social media, press releases and the school newspaper.

Provide students with free printing services with a maximum of 160 pages.

While this project was not passed, Dandridge believes it was the hardest platform.

"Anytime when you are talking about funding something, it definitely takes a longer time to get something done," Dandridge said.

According to Dandridge, ASB drafted the proposal for free printing last semester. The financial office and university administration have yet to respond to the proposal.

Promote a more energy-efficient and green campus with initiatives like Water Awareness Week.

Dandridge worked with fellow student Jeffery Peavy, clerical intern for the Office of Sustainability, to help plan what they called "ASB Water Awareness Week."

"We basically sat outside the Union and passed out stickers and brochures about how students on campus waste tons of water each week," Dandridge said.

The event, which took place Nov. 26-30, was organized strictly by the ASB.

"This was an event that Dandridge expressed early into her



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Former ASB President Kim Dandridge

presidency and was phenomenally accomplished through the efforts of her executive cabinet," Peavy said.

Peavy and Dandridge worked to promote recycling at athletic events with giving out free prizes.

Extend the C-Store hours to 24 hours.

Dandridge sought to extend the hours of this specific C-Store beyond 2 a.m.

"We were hoping to get the store in Stockard and Martin extended to 24 hours," Dandridge

said. Dining Services agreed to conduct a trial run in order to determine possible returns from staying open later but, according to Dandridge, did not follow up on this during her presidency.

As of right now, the only extension of C-Store hours is during finals week until 3 a.m., according to Jason Phillips, operations director of Ole Miss Dining. Phillips said this policy been in place since December

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The University of Mississippi Office of Health Promotions and the Counseling Center will offer a stress-less week starting April 29 to ease students' anxiety of finals week.

Finals week is one of the most stressful weeks of every fall and spring semester of college, and for many students who are on the border of passing or failing a class, it can be the most important. Students often are energized by caffeine

and suffer from lack of sleep. To help relieve the stress, Pet-a-Puppy will be in the Union Plaza. It is sponsored by the Oxford-Lafayette Humane Society.

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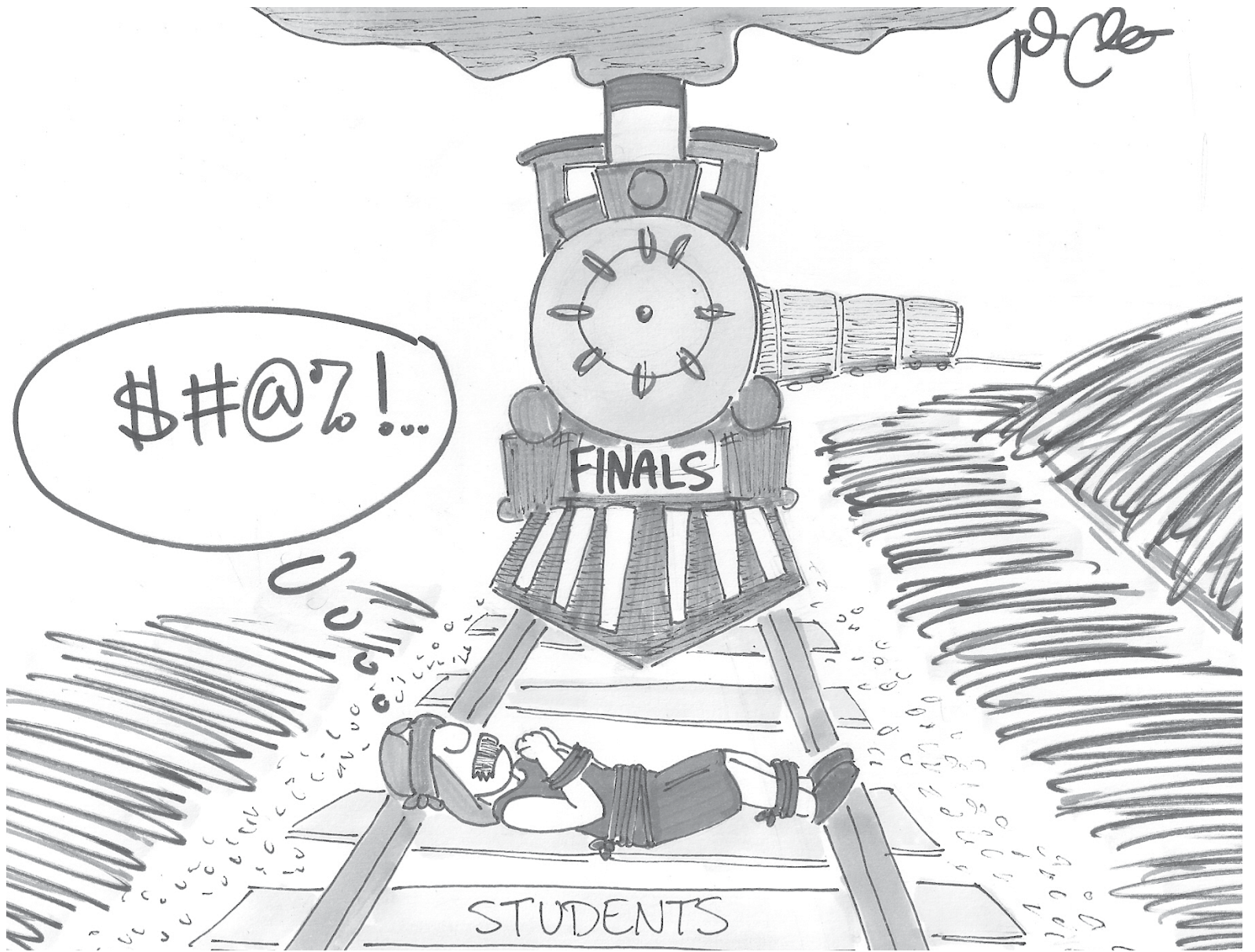
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## We are 'Generation Terror'



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Each generation has an event that that defines them, characterizes their identity and shapes how their view of the world. For the Greatest Generation, it was World War II. For their "Baby Boomer" children after them, it was the Vietnam War and the social and cultural revolutions of the 1960s. For my parents in the 1980s, the crescendo of the Cold War shaped their perspective on foreign relations and international security.

Our own generation has been called many things. Generation Y, the "Millennials," and even the "Peter Pan Generation." We have many traits that distinguish us from our predecessors (technological literacy, increased narcissism and

competitiveness), but no single event has defined who we are more than September 11th.

9/11 touched the life of every single American, from the oldest man to the youngest child. But whereas the terrorist attacks were one more tragedy on a long list of memories for our parents and grandparents, the September 11th terrorist attacks actually shaped our generation.

Some of us might even remember the 1995 Oklahoma City Bombing, or the 1999 Columbine High School massacre—I remember seeing both events on the news, even though I was too young to fully understand what had happened. Even though these terrible events began the discussion of domestic security, it was 9/11 that truly cemented our awareness, and fear, of terrorism.

Young and impressionable, our childhoods were tainted with the paranoia of terrorism, even if we were not always consciously aware of it. We all

remember the exact moment when we found out about 9/11. We remember watching the last plane hit the second tower. We remember invading Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq two years later, all in the name of rooting out terrorist threats to international security. We remember new safety drills and heightened security in our schools, and increased TSA regulations in our airports.

It is in this way that—even though we may not have known it at the time—we grew into "Generation Terror."

The rise of terrorism itself may not mean the same thing to all Americans of our generation, but it certainly has affected us all. And even though 9/11 was carried out by members of al-Qaida, more recent attacks like the Virginia Tech massacre, the Aurora movie theatre massacre, and the still-fresh Boston Marathon bombings were all committed by American citizens from very different back-

grounds.

But perhaps the most unnerving aspect of terrorism is the fact that there are no definitive "front lines," because we live on them.

Last week's marathon bombings has only reminded us that we are living in a world struggling to not be defined by terrorism. Even though we may be the first "Generation Terror," if recent events are any indication, we most certainly will not be the last.

As pioneers into this dark new world controlled by fear, we must strive to study, understand, and combat the causes the phenomenon that is terrorism. But most importantly, we must refuse to let the appalling actions of a few define who we are.

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## The fight I have with myself



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Two weeks countdown to graduation. I did a self-critique of my messy life this semester, and it made me realize just how lazy and idle I am.

In China, our education system is different from the one in the United States. We have a tough elimination system before we enter into college. Pressure came from parents, teachers, society and even peers.

Thinking back from elementary school through college, school was tough.

The most difficult thing for me was getting up early every morning. When I was in high school, school started at 7:30 a.m. and finished at 6:30 p.m. After school, we had tons of homework that needed to be completed before the next day's class. We usually finished homework after 12 a.m., then went to

bed. We repeated the same routine six days a week. Then we took the most important exam — the national entrance exam. Students are admitted to different universities based on the scores they earn on that exam.

When we entered into the university, the workload and pressure was much lighter than before. It was just the opposite in the United States, where college is much harder than primary and secondary school.

My undergraduate university campus was very small, and the classroom and library space was very limited. Moreover, everyone had to live in the dormitory on campus. The dormitories were very crowded. Six people lived in a small room; the only space we had in the room was the bed. We could not study in our dormitory because there was no space. Everyone had to go to the classrooms and libraries to study, which made it hard to get a seat to study.

Most of the students in our university were very hardworking and diligent. The library closed at 11 p.m. and opened at 6 a.m. Therefore, a lot of stu-

dents got up before 6 a.m. and waited in line until it was open to get a good seat. They studied the whole day there. Even after they came back to the dormitory, they kept studying in the restroom and the corridor.

This is because our dormitory would shut off the electricity after 11 p.m., and the only two places that had electricity were the restroom and corridor.

It was not that tough during my freshman and sophomore years. I visited interesting places in Beijing and traveled to other cities in China on weekends and holidays. Under peer pressure, I realized how much I was being left behind, so I began to study hard during my junior and senior year.

I got up early every morning to get a seat and studied the whole day there. I finally got a scholarship in my junior year and prepared my study abroad plan.

When I got to the United States, the campus was much bigger than my old university. I didn't need to get up early to get a seat to study. I could go to the library at any time and

find a seat; I could even study at home. My room, which is almost the same size as my dormitory room, was all mine. I didn't have to share it with five other people.

However, these better conditions made me lazy. I don't get up early anymore. I don't spend that much time studying. I have fewer classes. I tried to get the tough me back, but I failed.

The strongest enemy is myself; I fight with myself.

People easily become slackers when they are in a good situation.

I thought about an old Chinese saying which I put on my notebook: "One prospers in worries and hardships, and perishes in ease and comfort."

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2012.

Provide students with more academic resources such as free graduate school test prep and more free tutoring in rigorous courses.

Kaplan, a for-profit corporation that provides test preparation materials for standardized tests, has routinely set up a table in the Union at Ole Miss.

Dandridge aimed to help

Kaplan by publicizing the tests being offered and their location times to students. Kaplan has always provided free test prep for various tests such as the LSAT, GMAT and GRE.

"It wasn't like we didn't have these things already, it was just that people didn't know about them," Dandridge said.

Provide students with free tablets and clickers to check out.

Students cannot rent free tablets for use, but they can check out clickers free of charge. As of January 2013, students can

now rent clickers from the library free of charge. Dandridge said 20 clickers were purchased from the ASB budget to allow students to do this.

According to the Dean of Libraries Julia Rholes, these clickers can be checked out at the main circulation desk.

Create discount student ticket program (freshman 10 percent, sophomore 15 percent, junior 20 percent, senior 25 percent)

"I feel like students make the atmosphere (on campus), and so I think rewarding them for coming to events and participating in events should happen," Dandridge said.

This specific platform did not get passed.

According to Ty New, sports

marketing and fan experience program assistant, the Athletics Department took Dandridge's idea of percentage discounts to expand the Rebel Rewards program.

"We were already doing student discount programs, and so we basically just revamped her proposal," New said.

The new Rebel Rewards proposal will mean students who obtain a set amount of points will receive a set percentage discount on student football tickets. New said this will not start until 2014.

A part of the current Rebel Rewards program is that students who get 80 points receive free student football season tickets.

Dandridge worked to extend the current Rebel Rewards program by rewarding students who attended non-athletic events.

According to Dandridge, students can get Rebel Rewards points by attending dean of students' official events such as the spring concert in the Grove and participating in the Big Event.

Create athletic rewards program for attending women's athletic events.

This is part of the Rebel Rewards program as well.

"By the time we got in office, this was already actually happening," Dandridge said. "They were already rewarding students for attending women's events, so we just promoted people to download the Rebel Rewards app."

According to New, women's athletic events are not any different from other sporting events.

"There's no special treatment for attending women's events," New said.

Gaining points for attending women's events has been a part of the Rebel Rewards program since it was revamped in 2012.

Beyond these platforms, Dandridge was able to extend the Turner Center hours as well as host the first Ole Miss Gay Pride Week, during which she hosted 148 students from the Delta.

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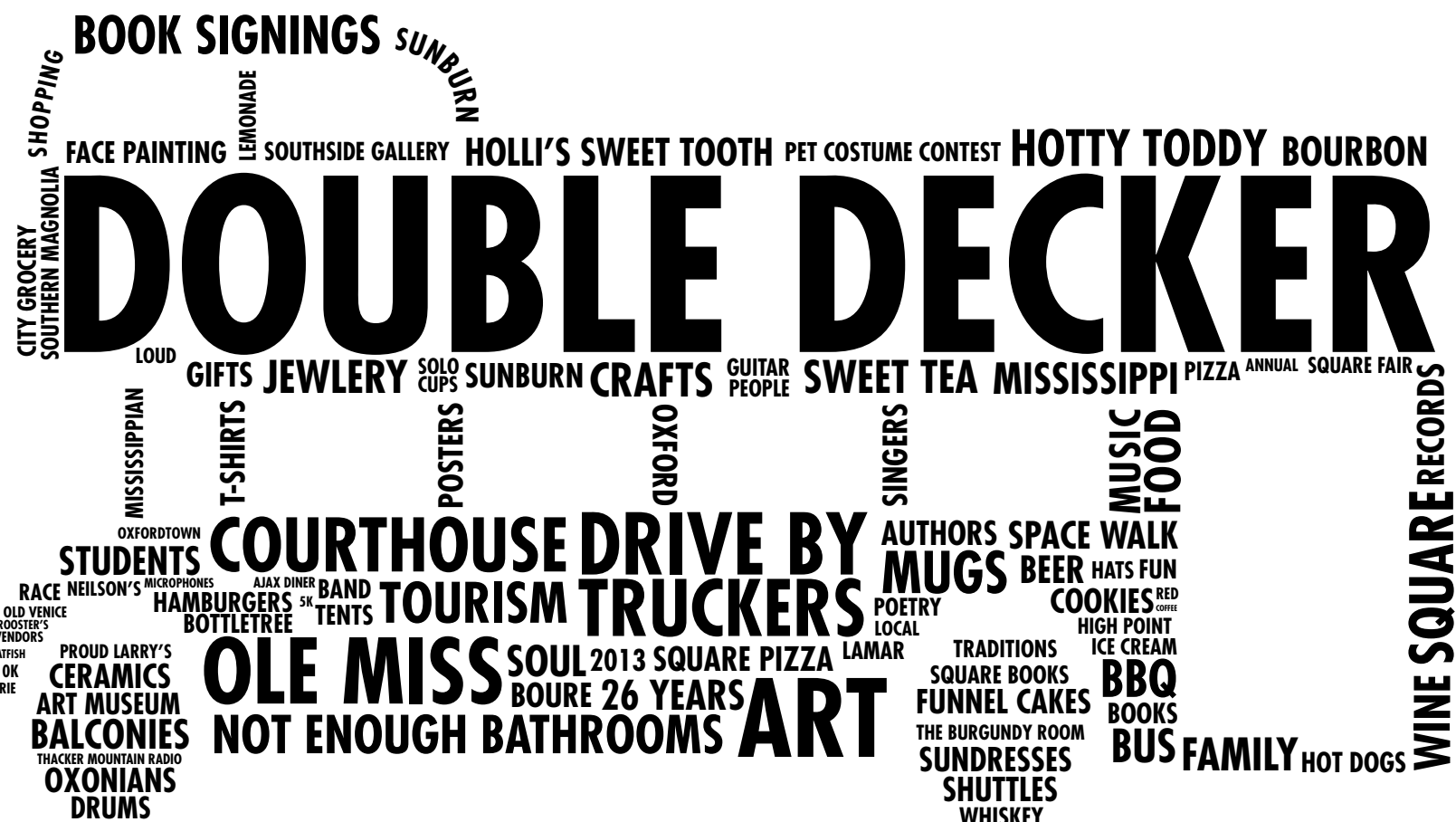


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## The Traditions of Double Decker

BY CASEY HOLLIDAY  
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Spring is (finally) in the air, and now that field parties are over, it means there is one more major event to wrap up the semester: the 18th Annual Double Decker Arts Festival.

Over the last 18 years, Double Decker has grown from a small city event to a festival that draws visitors from all over Mississippi and the surrounding states.

Named after the famous Double Decker buses that can be seen around Oxford, the festival has become a yearly adventure that is about celebrating Oxford and its residents.

The event highlights local Oxford talent, in art, food and music. Held on the Square, Double Decker limits itself to showing off what Oxford residents are doing.

"I applied for a booth at Double Decker and a jury selected me," said Rachael Durham, coordinator of campus visit programs. "You have to show that you are selling something local and original, and I will be selling local art, basically home decor."

Part of the tradition of Double Decker is unity. It is one of the few events of the year that bring the city of Oxford and the university together, working together to create something special for the community.

"I feel like it gets people of Oxford and Ole Miss together as one and brings alumni and their families back to the town and just (to) enjoy Oxford rather than focus on a specific event at the university," Durham said. "It really shows the bond that the university and Oxford share."

Double Decker has grown tremendously throughout the years. It is now a festival that takes up the entire Square and has something for the entire family.

"I have been going to Double Decker since I was a kid, and it is cool to see how the event changes for me as I have gotten older," said Mandee Simpson, sophomore English major and longtime Oxford resident. "I have not gotten bored with the festival because, as I have grown up, I see the multitude of other things to do. There really is something for everyone."

Ole Miss alumna Ann Walker has been coming to Double Decker since the beginning.

"I was at the first Double Decker way back when," Walker said. "It was much smaller then, and it has been great seeing what it has grown into. It brings me back every year, and it is exciting to see it get bigger and bigger every year. It is just another reason to come back to God's country."

Walker said Double Decker truly embodies what Oxford is about: the huge amount of culture contained within 16.5 square miles.

Just as the event is tradition for Oxford, visits to particular vendors have also become a tradition for some fairgoers.

"When it gets nice and crowded, I go in and look at the cool new crafts," said Douglass Sullivan-González, dean of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College. "There is a fellow who makes weather vanes out of different animals, and it is really fun to see how he has evolved

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## Double Decker To Be Headlined By Drive-By Truckers



Drive-By Truckers

COURTESY DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS | The Daily Mississippian

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A week removed from performances in New York City and Brooklyn, the band Drive-By Truckers will be performing in its hometown of Athens, Ga., Thursday night before headlining the Double Decker Arts Festival on Saturday night.

Drive-By Truckers was formed in 1996 by Patterson Hood, son of legendary bassist David Hood, and Mike Cooley. Over the years they have had numerous members come into the fold only to drop out. Hood said that artists have dropped out of the band because they were burned out on the touring life or settled down with families, some exits being pleasant and others bumpier.

"Change has always been part of our dynamic and is part of what has kept us vital and productive for so long," Hood said. "I love and respect all of the different lineups we've had through the years. This latest one may be the very best yet."

There has been so much change in the lineup that the band has never recorded three consecutive albums with the

same members. With so much turnover, one might expect there to be an adjustment period, but Hood said there is no time for that.

"We basically throw them into the fire with a hose and work through it all together," he said. "Jay Gonzalez had two days' notice to learn 50 or so guitar parts before our New Year's Eve shows and he killed it on the very first show. I'm surrounded by badassess."

While some may describe Drive-By as a Southern rock band, Hood believes that is not the case. The frontman said they are a mix of punk rock, R&B, old-timey country and 1970s arena rock.

The band's first album, "Gangstabilly," was released in 1998, and the band has released 12 albums since then. Seventeen years have passed since the album, and Hood believes that a lot has changed since the release of their debut album.

"I've aged, played nearly 2,000 shows and released over a dozen albums since then," he said. "I'd like to think my singing and guitar-playing have improved exponentially, and hopefully my writing con-

tinues to morph, change and grow as well."

Two years removed from a tour of the United Kingdom and Ireland, Drive-By Truckers has been playing a domestic schedule with many of its concerts in the South. The band is staying close to home because of its upcoming album that will be recorded in August.

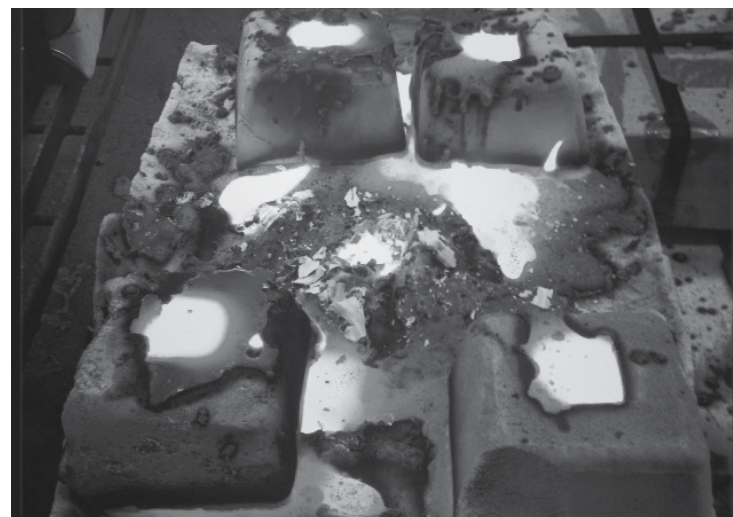
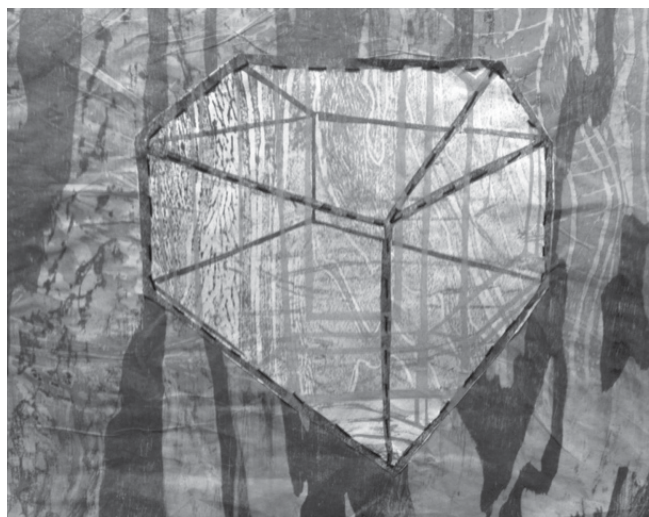
This is not the first time the band has performed in Oxford. Double Decker marks the 11th time Hood has performed in Oxford, with stops at Proud Larry's, the Library, Bottletree Bakery and The Lyric. The city left a lasting impression on Hood.

"I love Oxford," he said. "I played Double Decker last year with my solo band and had an amazing time. I was really excited when they asked us to come back this year with Drive-By Truckers. It's a beautiful town. I love the bookstore and the literary scene. Oxford is sort of to books what Athens is to music."

Drive-By Truckers will conclude the weekend of performances with a show on the Square at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.



## UM Art Department hopes to impress at Double Decker



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BY KALEIGH SKINNER  
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The University of Mississippi Department of Art will showcase its student work this weekend at the Double Decker festival with multiple live demonstrations in Meek Hall on Friday and tents on the Square to sell student work on Saturday.

The Ole Miss Print Club, also known as the Print Rebellion, will host a letterpress demonstration in Room 113 of Meek Hall from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday. Viewers will learn how letter-

press works and have the opportunity to participate as well. Participants can print a color on a poster and take it home.

"It's really fun to show the community what's going on in the art scene within the art department, and we look at it as an opportunity to broaden their knowledge of what we're doing," visual arts specialist Ross Turner said.

The Rebel Sculpture Society will also host demonstrations on the sculpture lawn at Meek Hall from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Ole Miss sculpture students will use a cupola furnace to melt alumi-

num, bronze or iron to make into pieces for viewers to buy and take home.

"We're going to be melting those types of metals and pouring them into molds," first-year sculpture graduate student Seth Thibodaux said. "I'm glad I'll be able to run a furnace for that and just get it out to the public."

Turner said the public will be able to either create or pick a mold for the molten metal to be poured into and then purchase the piece after it cools and is treated by the sculpture students.

"It's a lot of fun to watch," Turner said. "There will be

sparks flying everywhere and liquid hot metal coming out all over the place."

He said the public will not participate in pouring the metal for safety reasons, but the sculpture students who do will wear protective gear to ensure their safety.

Ole Miss ceramics students, called the Mud Daubers, will also be outside Meek Hall from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday for a ceramics demonstration.

On Saturday each group will be selling its works in front of Square Books in tents 96, 97, 98 and 99 during the Double Decker festival.

Art major and co-president of the Mud Daubers Mike Cinelli said their tent will have functional items such as plates, bowls and mugs for sale. All items were made by undergraduate and graduate students at the university.

The Print Rebellion tent will have student artwork, student printmaking artwork and even some professional letterpress work by Cage Free Press, according to Turner.

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## Spring Run promotes healthy lifestyle

BY ALAINA VALKOFF  
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The Double Decker Spring Run will take place Saturday to benefit the Oxford-Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.

Pam Swain, vice president of the Oxford-Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, said they started this race the same year as the Double Decker festival as a physical and healthy lifestyle challenge.

"We wanted to add another element to draw participants," Swain said. "We have a 5k starting at 7:45 a.m. and 10k run starting at 7:30 a.m., as well as a one-

mile kids' fun run beginning at 9 a.m.

Because of this, we have a lot of participants from all age groups."

While many people participate in the run to promote healthy lifestyle choices, others are simply looking for a way to spruce up the festival.

Daniel Shaffer, race director for the Start2Finish event management company, said that the Double Decker run is an important extension of the Double Decker festival because it allows families to wake up, get a run in, grab something to eat and enjoy the weather.

"(The run has) an abso-

lutely beautiful course right when everything is starting to bloom for spring and summer," Swain said. "It's a great time to get out when things are warming up and (is a) great opportunity to be a part of something that runs through the most beautiful town in Mississippi, or even in the South."

Registration for the run is open until 7:15 a.m. on the day of the race. The 10k run begins at Mid-Town Shopping Center at 7:30 a.m. and ends on North Lamar. The 5k run begins at 7:45 a.m. and also starts and finishes on North Lamar.

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were building.

Kopecky's style of writing has always remained the same - to capture what they were feeling or learning at the time.

This is most evident in the acoustic ballad "Change". But, even to call it a ballad

might be an overstatement. The strong vocal harmonies of Kopecky and Simon are accompanied by a gust of wind that carries the song just as much the guitar picking.

The band went from playing in their friend's basements, to selling out shows, playing festivals like Bonnaroo.

The family band is no stranger to Oxford, having

played here before at Proud Larry's. Kopecky said she was thrilled to play Double Decker.

"I can't wait. I have so many good friends that went to Oxford, I'm excited to see everybody," she said.

Kopecky Family Band will be playing Double Decker's main stage Saturday at 4 p.m.



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over the last 10 years."

Sullivan-González volunteers with the Amateur Radio Club at Double Decker, which directs runners and monitors the 5k and 10k races.

This year has Double Decker partnered with a hospitality management class to produce the Square Fair, a part of the festival for children that includes space-themed games, face painting and other activi-

ties.

This is all part of Double Decker's tradition of relying upon all of Oxford to produce the best event possible. Walker sees the festival as representative of the city itself.

"What would Oxford be without our culture, our friendliness, our community?" Walker said. "Everything that makes Oxford, well, Oxford is embodied in Double Decker and has become a tradition that my husband and I never miss. It keeps a connection between us and the city."

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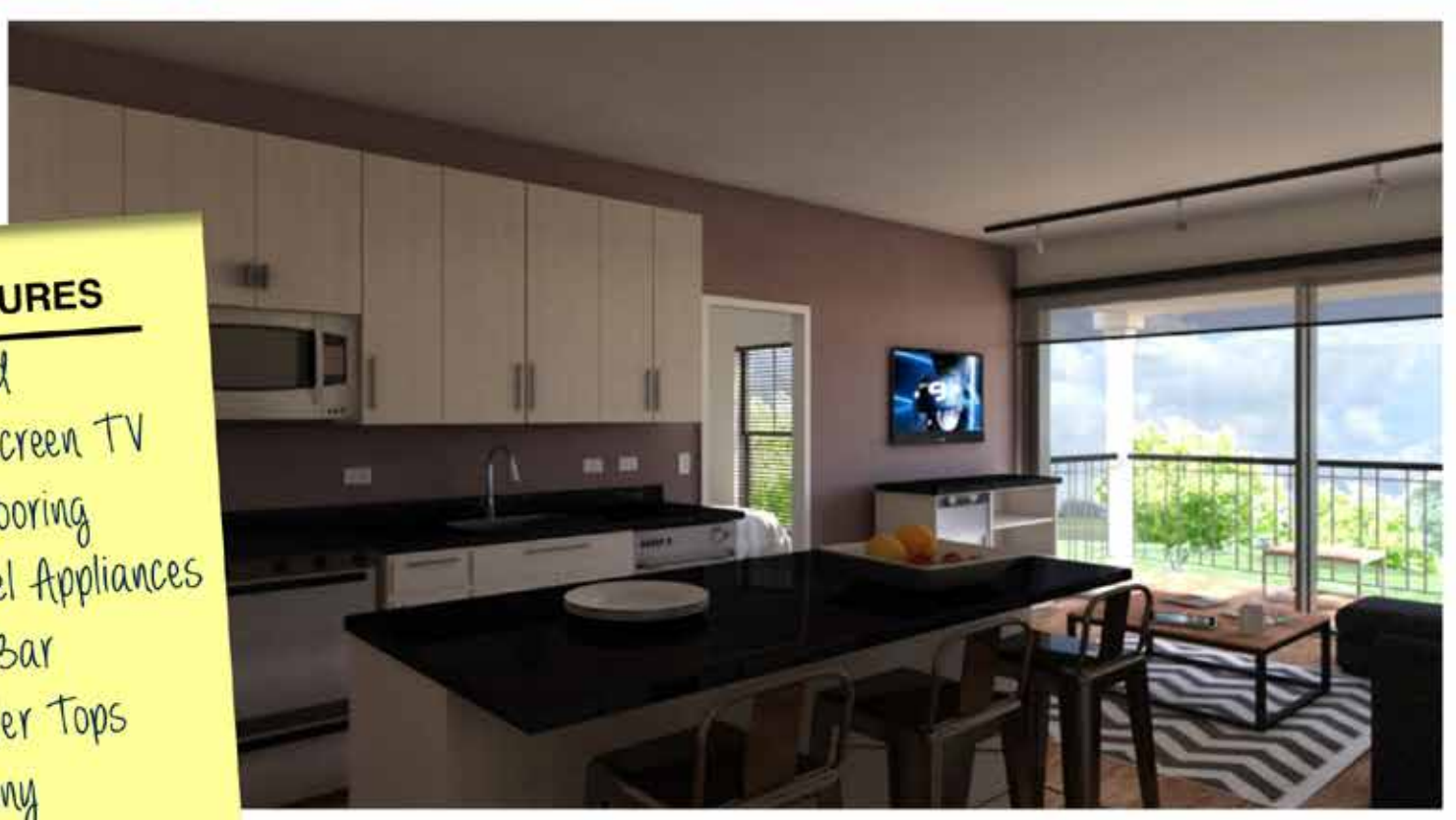
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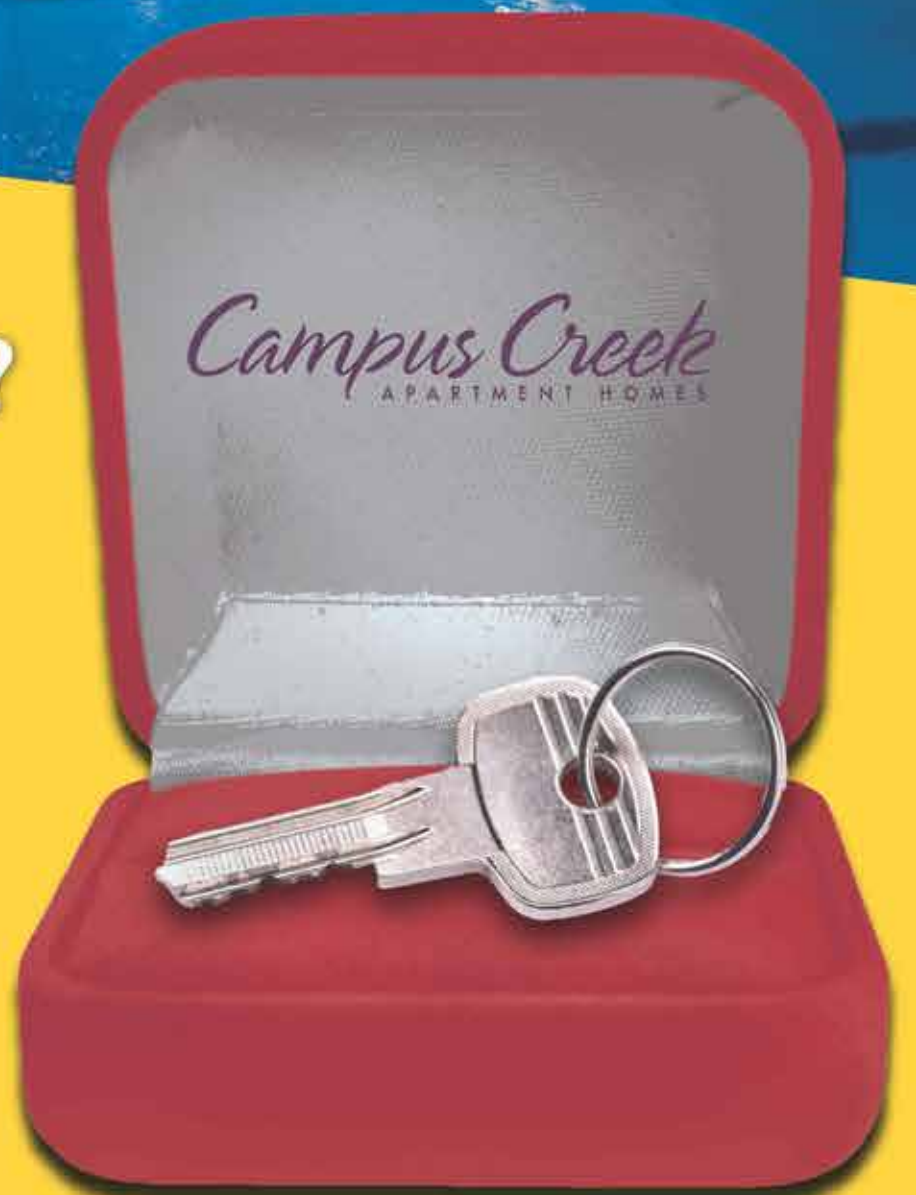


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## Double Decker: A Behind the Scenes look at the festival

BY CATY CAMBRON  
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One of the most anticipated weekends in Oxford has finally arrived. Friday will mark the beginning of the 18th Annual Double Decker Arts Festival. With almost a year of planning for the event, the weekend allows artists, musicians and food vendors to share their talents in the city of Oxford.

The Oxford Tourism Council is responsible for planning the festival and chose two separate committees for art vendors and food vendors. The Yoknapatawpha Arts Council selected more than 150 artists from around the region such as potters, painters and craftsmen to showcase their work.

David Bergeron, a woodworker from Thibodaux, La., said it takes him about a month to prepare inventory for the show. Bergeron creates one-of-a-kind furniture from salvaged

materials, and this will be his third year participating in the festival.

"The goal of the show is to sell my furniture and hopefully pick up a few new wholesale accounts and custom furniture orders," Bergeron said.

The food vendor committee, comprised of local restaurant owners and culinary instructors, selects which vendors will sell food. This year, the committee changed its criteria for food vendors in order to "reflect the vitality of the local food economy and pay tribute to Mississippi farmers, artisans and cooks," according to a statement released by the Oxford Tourism Council.

"The festival was started to celebrate Oxford – specifically through food, music and art," festival director Mary-Kathryn Herrington said.

Herrington said that this is still the main goal of the festival.

"Part of the draw to the event is the location in Oxford, and we



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Senior offensive guard A.J. Hawkins want visitors to have a unique experience once they get here," Herrington said.

The new criteria required food vendors to incorporate local ingredients while offering food that was exclusive to Oxford. More than 20 food vendors will give festival attendees a "taste of Oxford" as they set up booths around the courthouse.

"Our menu and how we're going to do it has been planned, but a lot of (preparation) will end up being last-minute, mostly due to weather," said Buck Cunningham, owner of LBs. Meat Market.

Although he had to tailor LBs.'s menu in order to meet the new criteria, Cunningham said he is still just as excited about this weekend.

"I basically get a fantastic Square location for a day," he said. "It's a festival atmosphere, it's a lot of exposure and it's a lot of people coming up."

Other changes to this year's festival include the addition of Thacker Mountain Radio Friday night at 6 p.m. and Saturday's children's Square Fair organized by The University of Mississippi Department of Nutrition and Hospitality Manage-

ment. "We are excited to see what creative ideas they bring to the table," Herrington said.

Perhaps the biggest change to this year's Double Decker, with the exception of specialty art activities and studio tours on Friday, is that all of the music is free.

"The music is such a huge element of the festival, and with the concerts being free, it will allow a lot more people, including myself, to enjoy the full experience of Double Decker," senior journalism major McClure Brooks-Tolley said.

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## Kopecy Family Band to take stage at Double Decker Saturday

BY ROSS CABELL  
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Hot off of the October release of their first proper full length, Kids Raising Kids, Nashville's Kopecy Family Band will be playing the Double Decker Music and Arts Fest on Saturday.

"The last time we played in Mississippi was at this hilarious med school party," said Kelsey Kopecy, co-founder of the Kopecy Family Band. The name of their band says it all – they are family, and they are here to have fun.

The band started back in 2007 when Kelsey Kopecy met Gabe Simon at Belmont. There was an immediate connection.

"I remember the first week we got together to write we had a co-write and we got together and wrote six songs in two sittings. It was just so inspiring," she said.

Kopecy had been in Nashville a couple of years before "the boys," as she affectionately calls her bandmates, and most of the meet ups to co-write she had were awkward.

"When I met Gabe I felt

very vulnerable and able to bring all my ideas to the table. We had our best friends, who happened to play all these instruments, get together on Saturdays and practice and hash through songs," she said.

Kopecy and Simon recruited friends Steven Holmes on lead guitar, Markus Midkiff on cello, David Krohn on drums and Corey Oxendine on bass.

The group would go on to release an EP in 2008 called Embraces. Two more EPs would follow in 2010.

Kopecy Family Band is family sized. With a sprawling six members, a full sound is captured not only on their new record Kids Raising Kids, but in their live shows as well.

Kopecy said that they start-



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ed out as a live band playing with friends and they try and bring that same energy into the recording studio.

"Our culture was all of our other friends in different bands getting together and playing 50 minute sets. We would play into the night and

get the cops called then go back to campus. All of these bands we continuously played shows with are now out doing it. It was a great place to incubate and get our live show up to par," she said.

Recording Kids Raising Kids was a change of pace

for Kopecy and crew, who would record in the two days off they had from touring, just to go back on the road again. At that point Kopecy said, it was about constantly writing music for the fan base they

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## OLE MISS SOFTBALL DOUBLEHEADER AT LOUISIANA TECH CANCELLED

RUSTON, La. – The Ole Miss softball team's doubleheader at Louisiana Tech on Wednesday has been canceled due to unplayable field conditions caused by inclement weather in the Ruston, La., area.

The Rebels and Lady Techsters were scheduled to play Wednesday at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. CT.

Ole Miss will head back home to Oxford, Miss., to host its final SEC series of the season Friday when it welcomes conference newcomer No. 15 Texas A&M. The Rebels will honor their three seniors, Brittany Broome, Erinn Jayjohn and Kelly Nolan, prior to Sunday's game at 1 p.m. CT.

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He will battle against junior left-hander Corey Littrell. The 6-foot-3, 195-pounder is 4-3 with a 3.20 ERA in 10 starts. He has a team-high 54 strikeouts on the year.

At the plate for the Wildcats, Kentucky hits .264 as a team and averages 5.8 runs per game. Freshman outfielder Kyle Barrett leads the way with a .352 batting average. Reed, Kentucky's ace pitcher, also plays first base when he's not pitching, and he is second on the team with a .318 average. Reed has started every game and enters the series with a team-leading 50 hits, 10 home runs and 45 RBIs.

"They are a very talented club," pitching coach Carl Lafferty said. "A lot of left-handed hitters. Guys that can really swing the bat. They have a very good offense."

The Rebels hope to keep the bats hot this weekend after scoring 26 combined runs in their past four games. Ole Miss has a team batting average of .273 and averages 5.3 runs per contest. Junior catcher Stuart Turner continues to set the pace with a



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Bobby Wahl releases a pitch during a game earlier this season.

.381 batting average and 56 hits, both a team high. He is also the main run producer with 40 RBIs.

Junior shortstop Austin Anderson will also play a big role for the Rebels at the plate and in the field. After suffering a hamstring injury last weekend, he has been limited as to what he can do, and Bianco said "he is about 75 percent" heading into the series. Anderson is second on the team with a

.296 batting average and is tied for third on the team with 40 hits.

Junior second baseman Preston Overbey has been slowed down with shin splints, which kept him out of Tuesday's game. Overbey, who was placed in a boot Monday, hit in batting practice Tuesday and in the batting cages Wednesday, but he will not take ground balls until before today's game, according to Bianco.

However, Bianco also said Overbey should be ready come game time.

The series will begin tonight with a 6:30 p.m. first pitch that will be televised on ESPNU, will continue tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. and will finish up Saturday at 2:15 p.m.

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## Rebel Road Trip makes stop in Oxford tonight

The Rebel Road Trip will make its 10th stop on its 12-city journey tonight in Oxford on the field of Vaught-Hemingway Stadium from 5-6 p.m.

Ole Miss head football coach Hugh Freeze and athletics director Ross Bjork will headline the lineup of speakers. Head basketball coach Andy Kennedy and

newly named head women's basketball coach Matt Insell will also take the stage.

"It's been great. The response has been terrific," Bjork said in an interview with The Daily Mississippian's Austin Miller. "It's just a great way to get out, meet people and shake hands with Rebel Nation."

Fans will get an opportu-

nity to meet and greet with Bjork, Freeze and other university officials.

"The most common feedback we have gotten is how excited people are," Bjork said. "They feel good about what is happening. Everyone is united to build a program. The most common question deals with facilities as far as the basketball

arena, the indoor practice facility and parking garage. Those questions are coming up from people."

The event is free for fans, who can enter through stadium gates 7-10 on the west side and 14-16 on the east side. The gathering will also include information booths, merchandise and a video look at the Ole Miss Ath-

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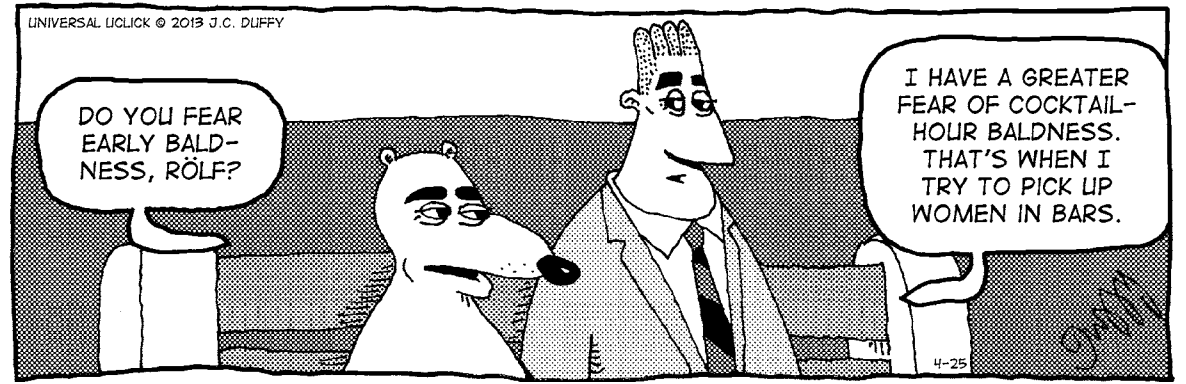
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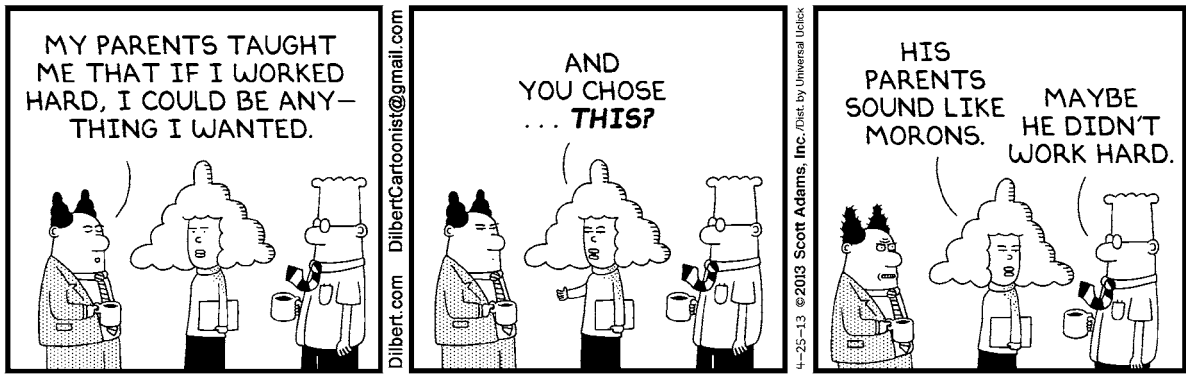
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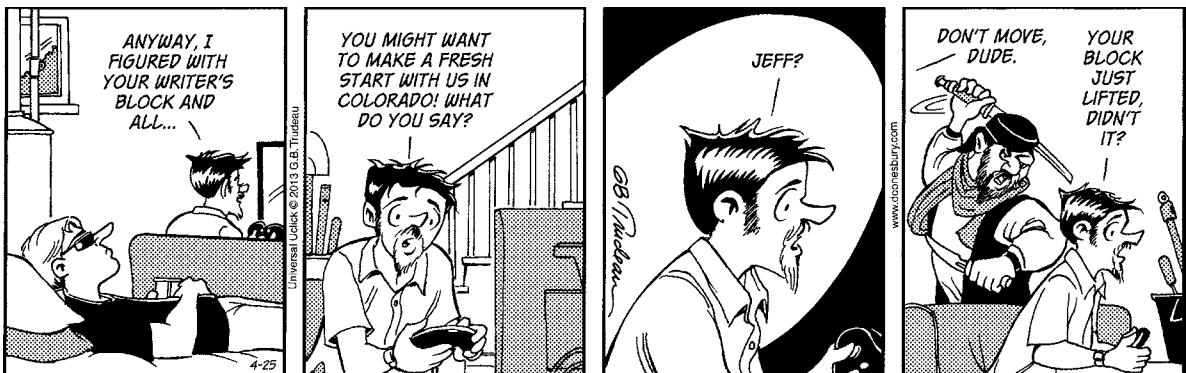
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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 with no repeats.

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16 Opposite of "post-"

17 Gulf nation

18 Prince Am's mom

19 — kwon do

20 Markets

22 Like some alleys

24 Is sympathetic

28 Unisex attire

29 Vein opposite

30 Whips up

32 Olympian — Devers

33 Video-game pioneer

35 Monorail

39 French I verb

40 Corroded, as acid

41 Verne captain

42 Take it easy

43 Cover with crumbs

45 Thickening agent

46 Seesaws (hyph.)

48 Neglectful

50 Trinket collector

53 Diplomacy

**DOWN**

1 Amt.

2 Ending for "depart"

3 Objective

4 Decorate cupcakes

5 More compressed

6 Fiery gems

7 Pepper grinder

8 Composer Charles —

9 Booster seat user

10 Fixed

11 Of the eyes

12 Blunt

13 Looks after the hens

21 New Age singer

23 Abbott or Costello (2 wds.)

24 Tavern brew

25 Fit to be tied

54 Merlin of the NFL

55 Baby chick sounds

57 Carbondale sch.

58 Paid homage

60 Dubuque native

65 Biol. or astron.

66 Delete a file

67 Year in school

68 To date

69 Was adventurous

70 Vikings

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28 Do a slalom

30 Sorts socks

31 Survey finding

34 Poi base

36 "Final answer?" asker

37 Pile up

38 "Tru" Tony winner

43 Top seed's reward

44 Roof problem

47 Acted like a pig

49 Naval officer

50 Like fallen logs

51 Tea-party crasher

52 NASA outfit (hyph.)

53 Honored in style

55 Fall fruit

56 Ultimatum word

59 D.C. gun lobby

61 Galleon cargo

62 Series of battles

63 Come-ons

64 Born as

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Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>  
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## DIAMOND REBS PUT SEC WIN STREAK ON LINE AGAINST KENTUCKY



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BY MATT SIGLER  
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The No. 21 Ole Miss Rebels will put their six-game Southeastern Conference win streak on the line tonight when they welcome the Kentucky Wildcats to Oxford for a three-game series.

The Rebels (30-12, 10-8 SEC) enter the series off an 11-1 win Tuesday at Arkansas State and a sweep of Tennessee in Knoxville this past weekend. The Wildcats (26-14, 7-11 SEC) enter the series on a seven-game losing streak including being swept by South Carolina and losing twice to Tennessee, once to Louisville and most recently in an 18-inning marathon at Western Kentucky. Despite their recent struggles, though, Ole Miss is not taking the Wildcats lightly.

"I think they are a club that reminds me of us a lot," Ole Miss head coach Mike Bianco said. "They are a very talented group. We all know if you don't play well you lose in this league, regardless of who you're playing. They

are a team that was ranked in the top 10 just a couple of weeks ago."

Ole Miss will send junior right-hander Bobby Wahl to the mound in tonight's series opener. So far this season, Wahl is 8-0 in 10 starts with a 1.22 ERA. He is coming off a complete game shutout of Tennessee this past weekend, which earned him SEC Co-Pitcher of the Week honors.

Wahl's competitor will be sophomore left-hander A.J. Reed, who is 2-5 this season. Reed boasts a 3.20 ERA in 10 starts this season.

Junior right-hander Mike Mayers will get the nod Friday for the Rebels. He brings

in a 2-4 record with a 2.98 ERA in 10 starts. Mayers has run into some tough luck as of late, taking a no-decision in his past two starts, despite Ole Miss leaving the game with a win.

Senior left-hander Jerad Grundy will toe the rubber for the Wildcats Friday. Grundy is 5-4 with a 4.43 ERA this year in 10 starts. However, he holds a 6.82 ERA in SEC games.

Sophomore right-hander Sam Smith will close out the series on Saturday for the Rebels. After taking over the third starting role, Smith has compiled a 2-0 record in nine starts with a 3.49 ERA.

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Stuart Turner rounds the bases during a game earlier this season.

### SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION

Rosemary Moak

#### English

*"Economic Emancipation in the Plantation South: Women in William Faulkner, Margaret Mitchell, Ernest Gaines, and Sherley Ann Williams"*

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9:00 a.m.

Brevard Hall  
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