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## 'PART OF THE TEAM'



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*Football players at Oxford High School will participate in the biggest game of their lives Saturday. What they have done for one family off the field is perhaps the most special part of their undefeated season.*

**BY ADAM GANUCHEAU**  
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**T**he Oxford High School football team is playing Saturday for its first state championship title in school history. The Chargers (14-0) face Pica-yune High School (11-2) at Veter-

ans Memorial Stadium in Jackson for the 5A state title.

The usual football maxims throughout the season have contributed to the Chargers' success this season, according to Oxford head coach Johnny Hill: hard work on and off the field, careful study of game tape and the ability to overcome adversity during games. But one unique factor for the un-

defeated Chargers this season has possibly been the most important to their success.

On Aug. 24, 17-year-old Oxford High School senior Sarah Bial was still "the new girl." Just a couple weeks prior, Bial and her family moved to Oxford from Hattiesburg, and some girls wanted to welcome her to town.

Bial was with four other girls that

night, three of whom also attended Oxford High School. Their vehicle crashed in Panola County. Bial was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

When news of the accident quickly reached Oxford, the community responded.

Students wept uncontrollably at

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## Dirty Little Secret: STDs prevalent in college students, at Ole Miss

**BY MARY DANIEL SIMPSON**  
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A recent study on sexually-transmitted diseases shows that college-aged students have the highest percentage of diseases.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

tion's most current study, those categorized as "young people," ages 15 to 24, had four times the reported chlamydia rate and gonorrhea rate of the total population of the United States. At Ole Miss and in Oxford, those statistics hold true.

The Ole Miss Student Health

Center Director Dr. Travis Yates said there is "no exact record available" concerning the number of students who have sought treatment for an STD in the past year.

"No, that rate should be pri-

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## ASB to present Reading Days to Faculty Senate

**BY ALLISON SLUSHER**  
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Associated Student Body President Gregory Alston and ASB cabinet member Jessica Brouckaert will present a resolution to the Faculty Senate next Tuesday that

would prohibit professors from giving assignments the week before finals.

The "Reading Days" resolution was written as part of Alston's platform and would require no assignment count-

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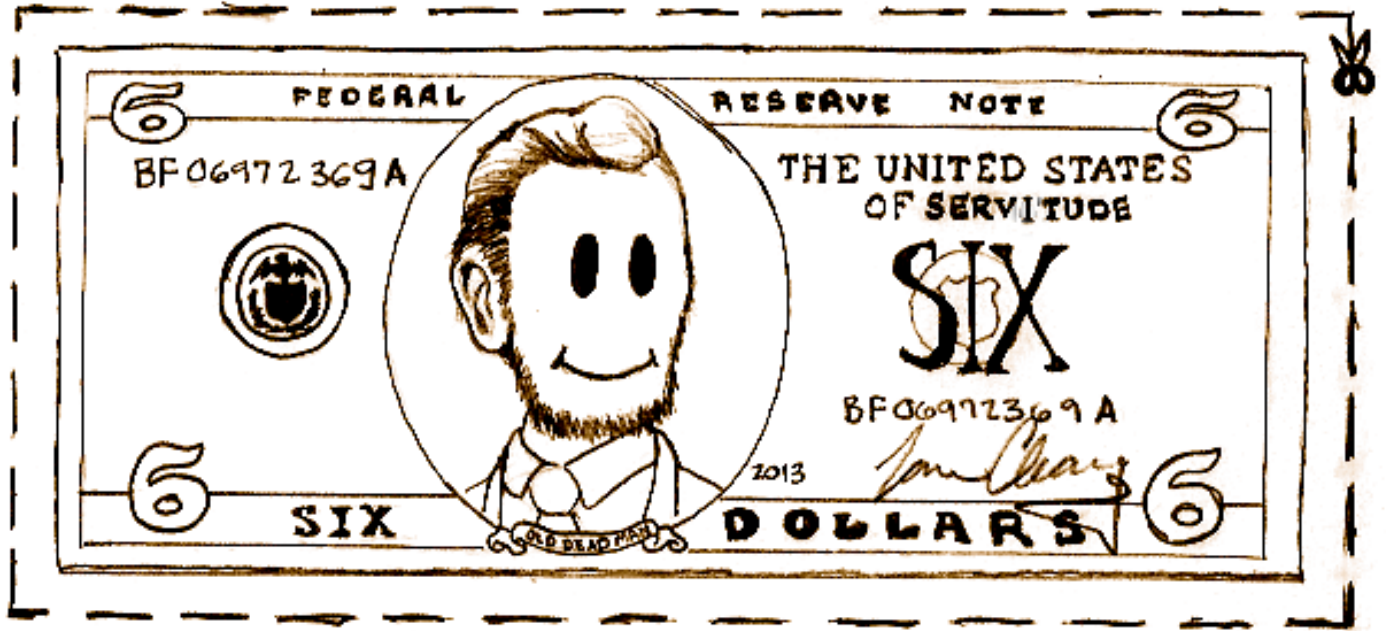
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## A happier Christmas holiday



**BY ANNA RUSH**  
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This past Friday I had a lazy day filled with leftovers, a leisurely run and a long car drive with good music back to Oxford. It wasn't until I had to take an exit around Jackson for a pit stop that I realized my peaceful Friday was actually Black Friday. The exit ramp and every lane of traffic emanating from traffic lights off my exit were congested with bumper to bumper SUVs filled to the brim with the occupants' spoils of Black Friday sales.

Perhaps it was the juxtaposition of my tranquil morning to the frenzied, honking mass of cars, but I couldn't help feeling

sickened at the scene that unfolded before me. Of the piles of shopping bags in each car, how many were filled with items that the drivers truly needed? How many dollars were being spent simply to keep up with the Joneses? How many parents were diving further into debt to give their kid an updated Wii to replace their existing one that is working just fine?

Over the past few years, I've greatly downsized my Christmas. By slowly chipping away at the "corporate" aspect of Christmas, I find myself having a happier holiday season.

It started in undergraduate when my boyfriend at the time and I decided we were not going to exchange gifts. We had dated for years, and each year resulted in a bigger gift than the year before. We honestly couldn't think of anything we needed and didn't want to spend an exorbitant amount of money just for

the sake of having something to open. Instead, we went in together and adopted a local family through a charity. The saying "it is better to give than it is to receive" could not ring truer than anonymously giving to a family who would otherwise not have a Christmas at all.

During my first year of law school and without a job for the first time in years, my bank account was deep in the red. I felt it would be wrong to use the money dad had loaned me, just to buy him a Christmas present that he probably didn't need anyway. Out of desperation, I gave him three "coupons" to hang out with me. Each coupon guaranteed one full day of quality time together, no phones, no work, just him and me. Yes, you should do that anyway, but between our busy schedules we just never made the time. The coupons were binding that we would make that time.

Going on a now three year tradition he's cashed in coupons to take me on a day long ride on his motorcycle, dove hunts, being his "apprentice" for odd jobs around the house and a variety of other things that we may have never done together. While the handmade, cheesy coupons cost almost nothing to make, the value of the gift that we both received through them cannot be put into words.

I encourage you to take a long hard look at your Christmas list. What is it that you really need this holiday season? If you are like me and put happiness on your list, it might take a little more creativity than hitting Black Friday sales because happiness certainly isn't found on any store shelf.

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## Women still undervalued in workplace



BY CHRISTINE DICKASON  
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In January, I begin my final year of college. With graduation around the corner, I have begun looking at graduate schools and job prospects. One of the most disheartening things I expect to encounter in my employment search is the gender wage gap.

Fifty years after President Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act, women are still paid only 77 cents for every dollar men make. This inequity deepens for women of color, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Hispanic women make about 58 percent and black women earn about 69 percent of what men make doing the same work. Over the course of her life, the average woman will lose \$431,000 in wages due

to the pay gap.

The wage gap affects women immediately upon graduation. A report by the American Association of University Women found millennial women will make about 82 cents for every dollar men make. This creates a financial barrier that inhibits college-age women's ability to pay their student loans—much less purchase a car or home. Essentially, women are unable to be full participants in the economy.

And let me be clear: this inequity affects everyone. A survey conducted by Prudential Financial in 2012 found that more than half of American women are breadwinners in their households, meaning these women are forced to provide for their families with smaller paychecks.

How can we expect a slowly growing economy to fully recover when half of its participants are burdened by pay inequality? The International Monetary Fund estimates that a 10 percent decrease in pay inequality would

increase the length of a period of economic growth by nearly 50 percent.

It makes sense to close the wage gap, not only because it's the right thing to do, but also because it's smart economically. So why does the pay gap persist?

One of the most harmful factors contributing to the perpetuation of the wage gap is the idea that the inequity exists solely due to a woman's decision to have children. Not only is this untrue—even if you adjust for motherhood and career choices, there would still be a 9-cent wage gap—but it also dangerously conflates motherhood with economic penalties, as well as ignoring the father's role. Joan Williams, a professor at the University of California Hastings College of Law, told NPR, "Women choose to have babies; they don't choose the discrimination that goes along with it."

There have been attempts to remedy the gap. The Paycheck Fairness Act, which would make

it easier for women to file lawsuits due to pay inequality and ensure that employees do not face retaliation due to discussing pay rate with others, was introduced to the Senate in 2012. It failed after receiving 52 votes: the vote split down party lines.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who voted against the measure, said the bill would "impose a real burden, particularly on small businesses." Is ensuring businesses avoid paperwork more important than providing pathways for women to challenge discriminatory workplaces?

Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., reintroduced the bill in 2013. She filed a discharge petition in an attempt to force opponents to go on record with a vote. However, every Republican present in the House voted against the petition, successfully halting the motion.

There is broad public support for a bill to close the wage gap. According to a 2010 poll by the National Partnership for Women

and Families, 84 percent of registered voters said they support legislation to ensure pay equality in the workplace; yet, many members of Congress obstinately refuse to support such a bill. Ironically, those who oppose such laws also tend to represent the districts with the widest wage gaps.

I am grateful for the activists that have come before me and fought for women to enjoy basic constitutional rights. Yet, my generation has our own battles to fight. Ensuring equal pay for equal work is vital to fulfilling the promise of achieving equality for women, but it will take action of the part of women—and men—who are passionate about achieving this goal. As Sheryl Sandberg wrote in her acclaimed book "Lean In," "social gains are never handed out. They must be seized."

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Google "most beautiful campuses" and you're bound to find our university on a list somewhere. The Huffington Post thinks we're the fifth most beautiful campus in the United States. Buzzfeed believes the campus is worthy of Instagram. I can empathize with their conclusions but not part of the "most beautiful" discussion is a conversation about the amount of trash on these campuses—including ours.

As part of the university community, we have an obligation to be stewards of our resources. These resources include the money used to keep the lights on, the faculty

that guides us through our learning and the earth the university sits on. I believe we are doing an injustice to the university grounds.

Next time you walk on campus, look around at the trash on the ground. Sometimes the trash is small; it could be a candy wrapper. But other times the trash is large and unsightly; a bag from McDonalds, a Coke bottle from the vending machine.

There's a lot the administration can do to clean up this problem. One thing they could do is place more trashcans around campus—and ones with bigger mouths so trash isn't hanging out the sides. The administration could hire more groundskeepers who have a

greater responsibility to keep the bushes beautiful. Food services could work to reduce the amount of refuse that's a part of their product.

But the real onus falls on the student population. This rubbish is found in the parking lots where students dump the unwanted contents of their Chick-fil-a. It's in the library left after a quick study session. It's the garbage that missed the trash can. All these are contributions made by students. And the root of the problem is our laziness to care. So ...what's your excuse?

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## Dog attack on minor intensifies demand for new law

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A recent dog attack on a child in southern Lafayette County may offer more support for a vicious dog ordinance that the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors is considering.

On Nov. 19, 2013, a 9-year-old Lafayette County girl was mauled by what the sheriff's department has classified as a pit bull terrier. She sustained severe injuries to her face and arm.

According to Lafayette County Sheriff's Department Investigator Alan Wilburn, the incident occurred around 4 p.m., just as children were coming home from school.

The canine was tied to the porch of a mobile home and as a group of children exited their school bus, the dog broke the cable restraining it and attacked the victim. No other children were harmed in the encounter.

"It was a pretty serious injury and required numerous stitches," Wilburn said. "She will be scarred for life on her facial area."

Following the attack, the girl was transported to the LeBonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis where she spent two days undergoing cosmetic surgery. Since then, she has made numerous visits back to the hospital for follow up operations.

Wilburn said the owners of the dog were unable to provide proper documentation of rabies vaccinations, therefore by protocol the dog was sent to the Mississippi State Department of Health in Jackson. The dog was euthanized and examined by State Epidemiologist, Dr. Thomas Dobbs. Test results determined that the canine did not have rabies.

Because the incident involves a minor and the case is still under investigation, the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department would not release the 9-year-old girl's name nor the names of the pit bull's owners.

According to Wilburn, the sheriff's department regularly receives calls regarding dog attacks, however, they have not been as horrific as this most recent incident.

In early November, a group of concerned citizens approached the board of supervisors stating they had recently dealt with issues involving violent dogs within the community.

ordinance to keep something like that from happening."

If put into effect, the ordinance will give law enforcement a more efficient way of handling situations involving vicious animals. It will also clearly define the penalties that can result from ownership of a dangerous dog.

"We can't afford to sit around and wait until a dog kills some-

cur in the U.S. each year. While most people are quick to point the finger at specific breeds, the American Humane Association reports that at least 25 different breeds of dogs have been involved in the 238 dog-bite-related fatalities that have occurred in the United States.

McLarty said the proposed ordinance will not discriminate against particular breeds of ca-

The way the ordinance is written, it could be deemed vicious," McLarty said. "That would be the determination of the justice court system and the animal control officer. It's at their discretion."

The ordinance is still being organized, and has not yet been fully decided on. McLarty hopes that in the near future the community-wide problem with vicious animals will be reduced.

"You know, when there's small children involved or family pets, and these dogs keep coming on to your property and killing your animals or your livestock or threatening your children, then it becomes an issue," McLarty said. "Is a piece of paper going to stop it from happening? Probably not, but you know, all we can do is try. I hope (the board) will vote for it. We'll see at our meeting come December."

The Lafayette County Board of Supervisors' next meeting is Dec. 16.

*"We can't afford to sit around and wait until a dog kills somebody and then jump up and do something."*

*-Lafayette County Sheriff Buddy East*

"It came to our attention that a lot of surrounding counties had vicious dog ordinances," said Chad McLarty, Lafayette County District IV supervisor. "The reason they had the ordinances a lot of times was because of some tragic event. We are trying to be proactive instead of retroactive, and come to the table with some type of

body and then jump up and do something," said Lafayette County Sheriff Buddy East. "We need something in place to know what we as law enforcement can do and to what extent we can do it. We just need to take some kind of action."

According to the American Humane Association, an estimated 4.7 million dog bites oc-

nines such as pit bulls, rottweilers and other breeds typically associated with violent behavior because any dog that causes detrimental harm to a human or other animal could be regarded as dangerous.

"If you've got a ten pound Jack Russell do you actually consider that dog vicious because it nipped at your heel?"

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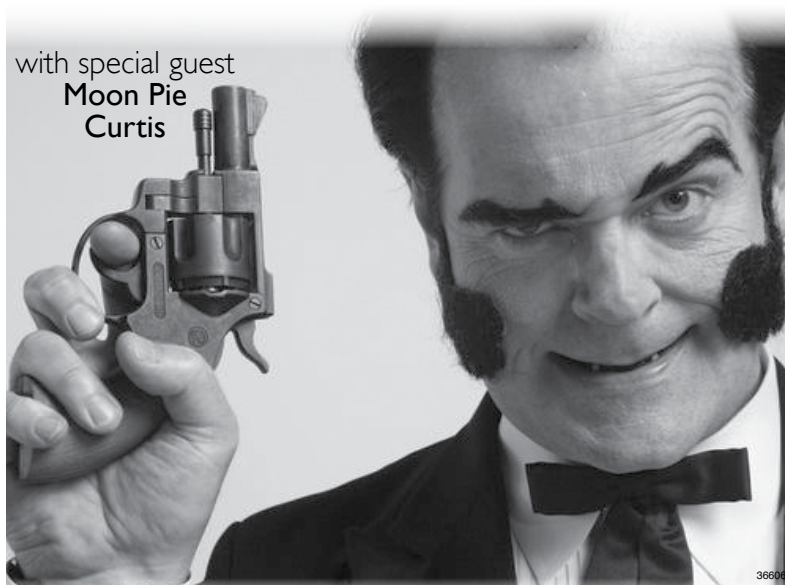
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a prayer vigil as they recalled their very recent memories with Bial. As is protocol when a student dies in the Oxford School District, grief counselors were made available to students and teachers. Multiple students reached out to Sarah's family and shared some of their memories. But the outpouring of support did not stop there.

"Not everyone knew Sarah because she was here for such a short time, but everyone at least knew who she was since it's such a small town," 17-year-old Oxford senior and Charger long snapper Chad Lamar said. "Everyone felt terrible. It was a really tough time. We felt terrible for her family, so we knew that we wanted to do something for them. We had to do what we could to comfort the family."

On the field before Oxford's next home game against Cleveland East Side, the team presented a signed football to Sarah's younger brother John and some flowers and a t-shirt to Sarah's younger sister Lauren. Hill presented the family with the "12th Man Award." The children's mother Leigh Solomon remembers that moment fondly.

"I didn't think I could walk out on that field that night, but I knew what it meant to my children," Solomon said. "I was impressed by how beautifully it was done and what care the football team, the cheerleaders and the announcer took in remembering and celebrating my daughter's life."

Solomon broke down when the PA announcer said "Oxford High School senior Sarah Bial" as the football team were all kneeling on one knee.

"It meant everything to John," she said. "He loves football, but these games (this season) are personal to him."

According to Sarah's obituary, she was a member of the National Honor Society and she enjoyed volunteerism, but "more than anything, enjoyed hanging out with her brother and sister."

Lamar said the team wanted to do just a little more for the family, too. Hill ordered helmet decals that have Sarah's initials "SB," which were placed to the backs of the helmets.

"We wanted her to be part of the team," Lamar said. "That way, none of us will forget about her. Every time any of us turn our helmets around, we see the sticker. That is definitely a motivation for all of us."

Saturday, Oxford will play Picayune for the first state championship and undefeated season in school history. Hill is confident his team has what it takes to bring home the trophy. "This game won't be a fence-



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*—Oxford senior and Charger long snapper Chad Lamar*



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Oxford High School football players gather on the sidelines during the final minutes of the game against Pearl Nov. 22.

ing match, it will be a knife fight," Hill said. "If we can keep our focus and remember what we put in this week, I like our chances, but it will take all we've got."

Hill expects a good turnout of Oxford fans when the game kicks off Saturday at 7:30 p.m. But three fans will be cheering the loudest for the boys with "SB" on their helmets: Leigh

Solomon and her children, John and Lauren.

"(The team has) played for Sarah, and we want to be there to support these amazing boys," Solomon said. "They

have truly wrapped their arms around me and my children and have sustained us. I don't know how I could ever repay them or thank them enough for what they have done."

## Oxford High School Varsity Football Results

### Regular season:

8/23	JACKSON PREP	32-20	W
8/30	Starkville	35-24	W
9/06	EAST SIDE	37-6	W
9/13	Lafayette	30-0	W
9/27	WEST POINT	30-20	W
10/04	Saltillo	31-7	W
10/11	LEWISBURG	40-9	W
10/18	New Hope	39-14	W
10/25	CLARKSDALE	47-12	W
11/01	Center Hill	56-27	W
11/08	LAKE CORMORANT	5-17	W

### MHSAA Playoffs:

11/15	VICKSBURG	50-7	W
11/22	PEARL	39-21	W
11/29	CALLAWAY	23-7	W
12/07	Picayune	7:30 p.m.	

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Oxford quarterback Jack Abraham stays warm on the sidelines during the game against Pearl Nov. 22.



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Oxford head coach Johnny Hill looks on during the game against Pearl Nov. 22.

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ing ten percent or more of a student's grade to be assigned the week before finals. The ASB Senate unanimously passed the resolution Oct. 29.

"The problem is that students do not have enough time to prepare for finals because they are busy working on other assignments during the week leading up to final exams," Alston said.

In order for the resolution to be implemented, it has to pass in Faculty Senate and go before the Undergraduate Council. It will then go to the Council of Academic

Administrators. If passed by the Council of Academic Administrators, the resolution will become a university policy.

Alston said he believes the resolution represents a part of the University Creed and will benefit both students and faculty members.

"I believe in academic freedom, and it is a very important component of the Creed," Alston said.

"We are not trying to tell the faculty how they should structure their class or the syllabus. But we think this is something that will benefit the students and the faculty. Students will have more time to prepare for finals, and the faculty will not have to worry

about grading as many assignments at the very end of the semester."

Brouckaert was also instrumental in writing the resolution. She said she hopes presenting Reading Days to the Faculty Senate will increase support for the resolution.

"We decided to write the joint resolution and bring it before the ASB Senate and the Faculty Senate in order to show widespread support for Reading Days to the Undergraduate Council and Council on Academic Administrators," Brouckaert said.

"We are hoping that the Faculty Senate will pass the resolution and look forward to the meeting."

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vate because no one values privacy in this nation anymore," junior integrated marketing communications major Emily Haberstroh said when asked about if the STD statistic on campus should be a public number.

However, Yates did say that the Student Health Center is a major contact point for STDs.

"Reliably treating STDs is a facet of care we provide daily," Yates said.

He estimates that the occurrence of STDs in the Student Health Center is ranked as following: chlamydia, herpes, HPV, gonorrhea, syphilis and lastly, HIV.

Yates' summation that screening and treating STDs "is very common" was proven. During the course of The Daily Mississippian's interview with Yates, on-staff nurse practitioner Kimberly Perry performed two STD screenings within 30 minutes of opening the doors.

Andrea Bynum, a nurse practitioner at Urgent Care of Oxford, supports Yates' statement that STDs are common in people of college age in the Oxford area.

"We see a lot of college girls walk out of these doors crying," Bynum said.

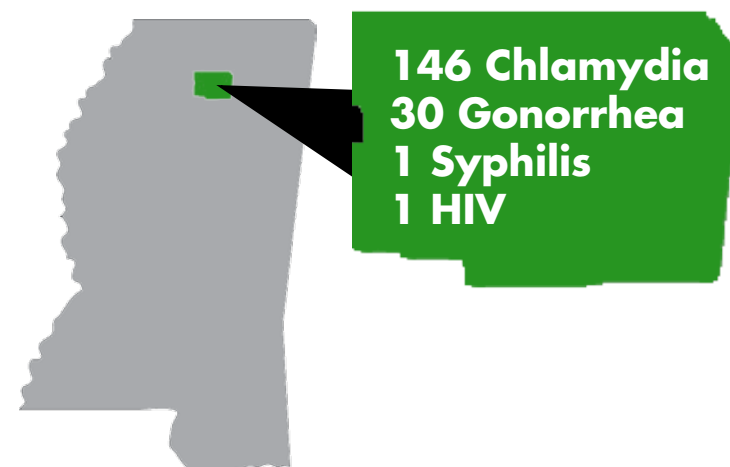
Bynum said that although she sees STDs in all age groups, the majority of cases are from ages 18 to 26. The three most common STDs seen at Urgent Care are herpes, gonorrhea and chlamydia, according to Bynum.

Lafayette County is in Mississippi Public Health District II. The Mississippi Provisional Reportable Disease Statistics shows that in September 2013, District II reported 146 cases of chlamydia, 30 cases of gonorrhea, one case of early latent syphilis and one case of HIV.

Cases of herpes, gonorrhea and chlamydia do not have

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The Mississippi Provisional Reportable Disease Statistics in September 2013



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to be reported to the health department. The number of syphilis and HIV cases are required to be reported, according to Bynum.

The 2012 Mississippi Fact Sheets on STDs report that 15 to 24 year olds account for 67 percent of gonorrhea infections, 76 percent of chlamydia infections and 42 percent of primary and secondary syphilis infections. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that 30.2 percent of people living with HIV in Mississippi are ages 13 to 24, and 4.4 percent of those people live in District II.

Yates said the numbers might be so high due to a lack of education.

"18,000 students in close proximity provides ample opportunities for activities," Yates said.

In Yates' opinion, a large factor is the current social acceptance of sexual activity and intoxication with alcohol and drugs, which hinders one's ability to choose safe sex.

The Student Health Cen-

ter tries to combat the rising number of young people with STDs with promotional tools such as pamphlets, brochures, free condom distribution and educational opportunities for all Greek houses. Bynum said she tries to educate Urgent Care's patients about STDs, but most of the time it is too late for prevention by the time she sees them.

Yates said that the Student Health Center does provide preventative treatments, such as the Gardasil vaccinations against HPV. Full testing and treatments plans are also available through the Student Health Center. If you believe you have an STD, Urgent Care is available to treat herpes, gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis.

"It is helpful if you have an idea of what you contracted because there is not one test for STDs," Bynum said.

The University of Mississippi's Counseling Center is available for confidential personal counseling. No record of counseling is contained in any academic, educational or personnel file.



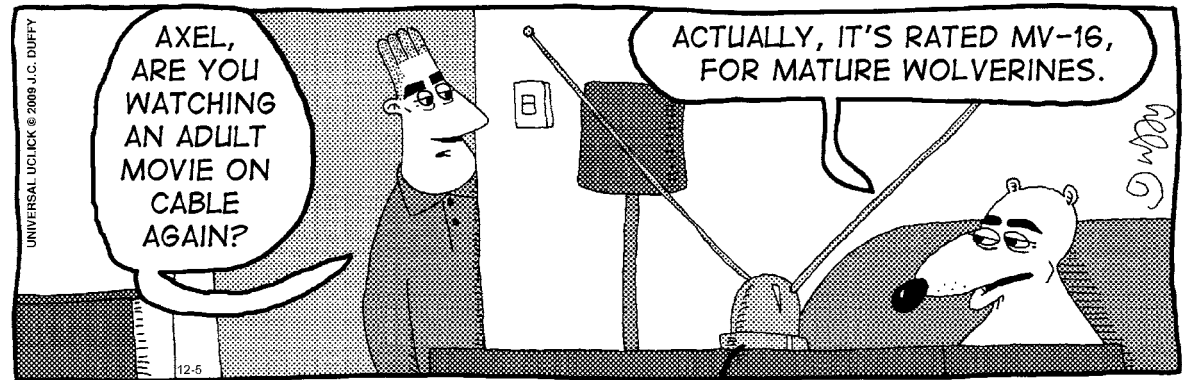
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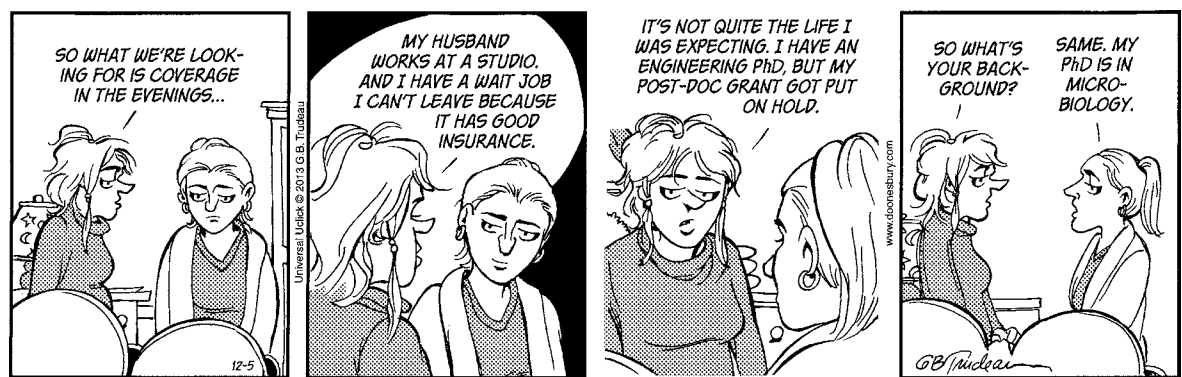
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## Mike's Declassified Finals Survival Guide

Anyone remember "Ned's Declassified"? This is like that. But for college students encountering the pain and joy of finals week.

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For the freshmen, it's your first dip into the chaos that is college finals. For the upperclassmen it's the time of year where you find yourself frantically trying to study and wrap up projects that you should have been working on all semester long. I'm going to give you a little rundown on the things that I've learned through three and a half years of finals, procrastination and crippling stress.

**Location:** The most important part of the finals season is establishing where exactly you plan on setting up base. Many people rarely explore past the second floor of the J.D. Williams Library before getting fed up with the lack of desks and tables. It's a frustrating feeling when you desperately need a quiet place to study and there isn't a spot to be found. Here are a few of the hidden gems I've found in my time at Ole Miss.

**1. The "in-between" floors of J.D. Williams** – The Mezzanine area are rooms that are positioned in between the second and third floors of the library. It's found up a secluded staircase near Starbucks. It can be tricky to find, but just ask the friendly staff at J.D. Williams for the Mezzanine, and they will point you in the right direction.

**2. Weir Hall** – The high tech computer lab at Ole Miss is one of the most quiet places to study on campus. Along with the computer lab, there are study rooms that can be reserved if you and your friends need a place to brainstorm and work on projects.

**3. The Law Library** – This is a recent discovery that has changed my ideas about where to study on campus. As of Nov. 19, the general student population has access to the Grisham Law library from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**4. Studying at home** – If you live on campus, this is less of an option, but for upperclassmen

it can be much more effective. Senior geological engineering major Matt Mueller said, "I study at my kitchen table so I can spread out all of my notes, old tests and maps. Plus multiple people can gather around it." Many residential areas like Campus Creek, the Retreat and Highland Square have study rooms included in the amenities.

**Sustenance:** One of the most important things to remember while studying is that your body needs fuel. Here are my favorite spots to refill and load my body up with ungodly amounts of caffeine.

**1. Starbucks** – This is clearly the most obvious choice in regards to convenience. However, you need to watch out because everyone knows that if you go at the wrong time, you are doomed to spend a half an hour waiting for your Caramel Macchiato.

**2. Einstein Bros Bagels** – If you are on campus during the day, there is little better choice for food and coffee than the little shop in Anderson Hall. From pizza bagels to black coffee, Einstein's will keep you going.

**3. Barnes & Noble in the Union** – Some people forget about the cafe located in the Barnes & Noble bookstore located in the Student Union. While it's not an option for those late-night study sessions, it's a great place for daytime caffeine.

**Productivity:** As an admitted procrastinator, I've been the guy working frantically at the last minute to get stuff done. Here are a couple programs I've used to combat my productivity issues.

**1. Self Control** – Since I have very little of it myself, I use this nifty little computer program that restricts your internet use. Add the sites you waste the most time on, set the timer to the amount of time you need to study, and the program completely blocks them from your computer. No resets, restarts or shutdowns will bring the websites back until the timer



Junior economics major Ali Barnett, left, and senior accounting major Ashley McLeod study in the Mezzanine above the third floor of the J.D. Williams Library Wednesday.

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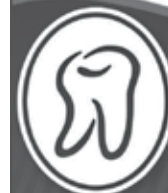
**2. White Noise** – This Google Chrome add-on provides you with soothing white noise to block out the distractions that accompany studying in a bustling place like the library. It will surprise you how much more effective white noise is for concentration than the music you normally listen to.

**3. Written? Kitten!** – This one's for fun and productivity. For every academic goal you hit (like finishing a newspaper article) this program rewards you with an adorable kitten that it pulls from Flickr. It may not be the most useful tool, but a little light-hearted reward never did anyone any harm.

So there you have it, my finals survival tips. I'm sure there are many tips I've left out, many I haven't learned yet and many that I procrastinate too much to use. These are just a few things this burnt-out senior has learned in his time on campus.

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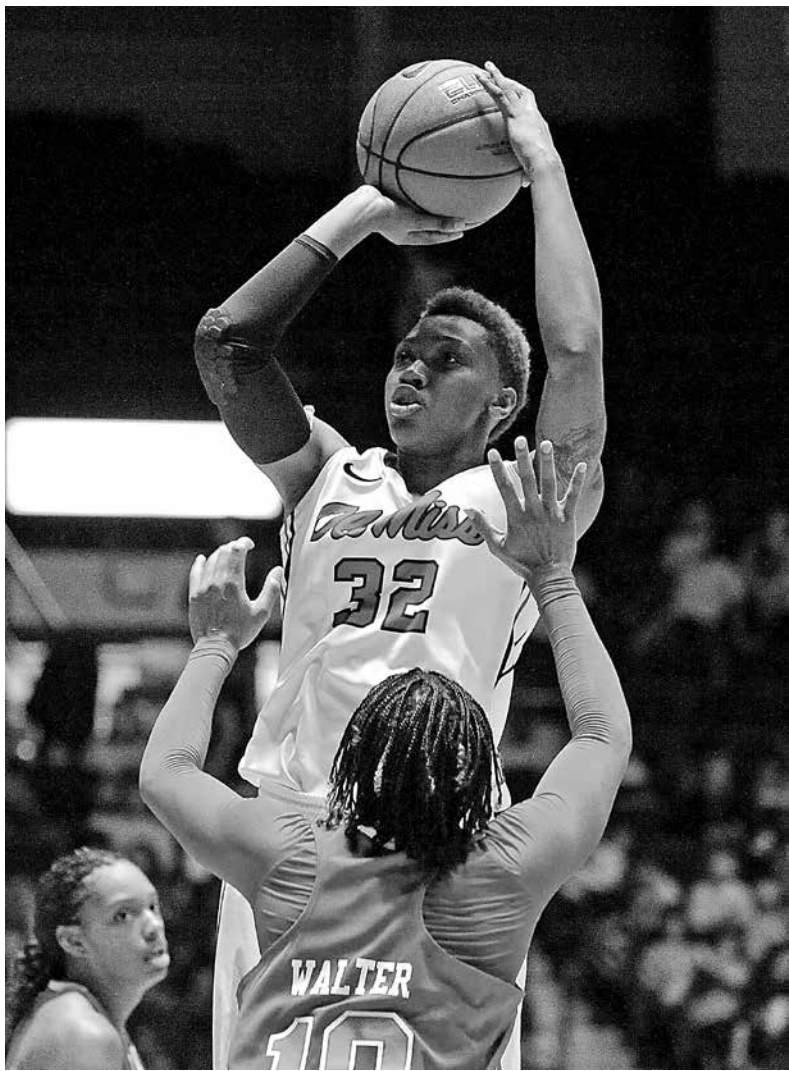


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## Lady Rebels win fifth straight against Louisiana Tech



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Tia Faleru shoots over Louisiana Tech's Chrisstasia Walter during Wednesday's game.

BY DAVID COLLIER  
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Thousands of kids packed Tad Smith Coliseum Wednesday afternoon for the 11th annual School Kids Game, and their rowdiness made a difference, as Ole Miss notched their fifth win in a row by defeating Louisiana Tech, 79-68.

The Rebels used a big first half to take a 39-26 lead into the locker room at halftime to take control of the game and never look back.

"This is a big win for us," Ole Miss head coach Matt Insell said. "(Louisiana Tech) is going to win a lot of basketball games this season. For us to come out in the first half and dominate the way we did, that's a true credit to our team."

Ole Miss (6-4) out shot 50 percent for the game, while Louisiana Tech (1-6) was just 37.1 percent from the floor.

The Rebels dominated inside, outscoring the Techsters 44-28 in the paint. Ole Miss also outscored Louisiana Tech 20-2 on fast breaks.

Junior forward Tia Faleru led Ole Miss offensively with 19 points on 8 of 13 shooting. She also grabbed six rebounds. Senior point guard Valencia McFarland, senior guard Diara Moore and junior guard Danielle McCray also reached double figures, giving Ole Miss a balanced offensive attack.

Ole Miss' five-game winning streak is the longest winning streak since the Rebels won five in a row in the 2010-11 season. They haven't won more than five consecutive games since the 2008-09 season.

Insell credits the current win streak to his players buying into his program and giving it their all every day.

"I see it the way they go about their business every sin-

gle day," Insell said. "I don't have to yell at them to get them going. They're getting out there and going on their own. They're getting themselves prepared every single day, and they're starting to believe in themselves."

The kids at the game were a part of more than an Ole Miss win. The announced attendance of 4,491 was the third largest crowd at Tad Smith Coliseum for a women's basketball game.

Ole Miss returns to action on Saturday, as they host Mississippi Valley State at noon.

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# Undefeated Rebels slated for Big 12/SEC Challenge

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Ole Miss head coach Andy Kennedy said he would begin to find out a lot about his team when they traveled to Brooklyn for the Barclays Center Classic, and he found a lot of good as the Rebels won the tournament with wins over Georgia Tech and Penn State. Now, Ole Miss looks to continue their hot play tonight in a tough road matchup at Kansas State, which is part of the Big 12/SEC Challenge.

The Rebels (6-0) have had just one true road game this season, which was a 72-70 win at Coastal Carolina. They then went to Brooklyn last week. The atmosphere will undoubtedly be more difficult at Kansas State tonight, but Kennedy has been pleased with the way his team has handled themselves away from home so far.

"I loved our approach," Kennedy said. "I think your approach is everything. We were in attack mode from the beginning, and I loved that. We grew up in Brooklyn."

The Wildcats (4-3) come into tonight's contest searching for a big win after struggling early on.

Kansas State is averaging just 66.1 points per game, while the Rebels are scoring 82 points per game.

Freshman guard Marcus Foster leads the way for Kansas State offensively, posting 13.9 points per game and shooting 40.5 percent from the field. Junior center Thomas Gipson leads the Wildcats in the post. Gipson is scoring 11.4 points per game, holding a 55 percent field goal percentage and is pulling down five rebounds per game.

For Ole Miss, junior guard Jarvis Summers has stepped into a more aggressive role this year. Summers is one of three Rebels averaging over 15 points a game, scoring at a clip of 15.7 points per contest on 53.6 percent shooting.

Sophomore point guard Derrick Millinghaus is scoring 15.3 points per game, and senior guard Marshall Henderson is adding 15.2 points.

"Derrick has always been offensive-minded," Kennedy said in regards to the scoring punch Millinghaus gives the team. "He's still a work in progress as it relates when to shoot, when to pass, when to stop and when to manage the game, but he's definitely improved in year two."

The backcourt trio has been tough on opposing defenses, so Kennedy loves to play all three of them together. However, they present a challenge for Ole Miss on the defensive end of the court because of their lack of size.

"I like it offensively," Kennedy said of playing Summers, Millinghaus and Henderson at the same time. "Defensively, it is hard because we don't have any size out there. Offensively, it is our best group because it is very difficult on our opponent with Derrick's speed, Jarvis's aggression and Marshall stretches you to the locker room."

In the front court, Ole Miss has junior center Demarco Cox and junior forward Aaron Jones. Cox is averaging 8.5 points and 8.2 rebounds per game, while Jones is scoring six points and grabbing 7.3 rebounds per game.

Ole Miss has certainly gotten off to a hot start this season, and they'll find out what they're made of over the next three games. After tonight's game, the Rebels host No. 13 Oregon Sunday and Middle Tennessee on Dec. 14.

"Everyone just needs to stay in the gym and continue to improve," Summers said. "We're lacking in free throws and just ev-



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Jarvis Summers dribbles around a Mississippi Valley State defender Nov. 22.

everyone playing a balanced game. We just need to put together an overall game."

Tipoff for tonight's contest between Ole Miss and Kansas State is set for 8 p.m. from Bramlage

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## Three bowl games remain possible for Ole Miss

BY DAVID COLLIER  
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A week has gone by, and Ole Miss fans have turned their attention away from last week's Egg Bowl loss and turned it toward the postseason. The Rebels' bowl game destination is still up in the air, but three bowl games remain as likely options.

The Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl and the AutoZone Liberty Bowl are the obvious options, but the Gator Bowl is still in play, according to Ole Miss athletic director Ross Bjork.

"You look at where we sit right now, and it's not too hard to figure out what could be in play, but we don't necessarily reach out and start negotiating," Bjork said. "It's more of

an ongoing dialogue throughout the year. Music City and Gator, those are the primary focus bowls for us right now, and we'll see what happens with other games that have picks above those games."

The Southeastern Conference has 10 bowl games, but with two teams likely to end up in BCS bowls, that bumps everyone up another spot. After the BCS games are picked, the selections go in order of the Capital One Bowl, Cotton and Outback Bowls, Chick-fil-a Bowl, Gator Bowl, Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl, AutoZone Liberty and BBVA Compass Bowls and Independence Bowl.

Many experts have predicted Ole Miss to end up in the Music City or Liberty Bowls,



but Bjork said the process is very fluid. However, there's no doubt both bowls would love to host the Rebels.

"We are very interested in possibly hosting Ole Miss in our bowl this year," Scott Ramsey, the president and CEO of the Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl, said. "We feel like their team and fan base would enjoy the trip to Nashville, especially with the game date of Monday, Dec. 30 and the chance to come in for a long weekend and all of the activities in the city during that weekend."

So while Ole Miss may be the first choice for Ramsey, where the Rebels land may be a result of what teams other bowl games decide to select.

For instance, the Gator Bowl is predicted by many to take Georgia (8-4, 5-3 SEC), but the Bulldogs and their fans travel to Jacksonville, Fla., each year for their annual rivalry game against Florida.

The bowl games typically follow the SEC standings as they pick teams in order. However, Ramsey said that's not always the case.

"The rule of thumb is that a bowl can select any team with-

in one win of the best record available at the time of your selection," Ramsey said. "We look for energized fan bases that will bring great energy and excitement in our city in addition to teams that have performed well over the course of the season on the field."

And the fan base may be what puts Ole Miss in a more desirable destination. Last season, Vanderbilt (8-4, 4-4 SEC) went to the Music City Bowl, but because they do not take as many fans to bowl games and the added factor of them being in Nashville, they could be a team Ole Miss could pass despite the Commodores' better record.

Bowl games also like how the Rebel fan base travels. Last season, Ole Miss took over 50,000 fans to the BBVA Compass Bowl in Birmingham, Ala., and Bjork said the reputation Ole Miss' fan base has built helps them during talks with various bowls.

"There's no question about it," Bjork said. "It was actually even before Birmingham. The Cotton Bowl games were highly attended Ole Miss fans. Our fans have a great track record of traveling to support

our team. Birmingham is obviously a recent highlight of our bowl history. People are paying attention to that, especially games that are within driving distance of our major footprint of our alumni base and our fans.

"There's no question Birmingham helped and the history of our fan support. People see all that. They pay attention to those things, and we promote that. They know how our fans will respond."

So while it remains to be seen exactly where Ole Miss ends up come Sunday when bowl selections are made, the Music City Bowl seems likely, but the Gator and Liberty Bowls aren't out of the equation either.

"You figure out the math and the formulas, and we're right there in that slot where Gator and Music City fall," Bjork said. "The likelihood, you can't really put a percentage on it because you never know and it is a fluid process, but we are confident in where our program sits and the pecking order of selection."

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