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Overby Center features 'Jewels in the Delta'

BY MARY VIRGINIA PORTERA mvporter@go.olemiss.edu

Photography professor Alysia Steele's "Jewels in the Delta," a book of photography focusing on black women from the Delta, will be showcased at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Overby

Steele spent nine months in the Delta searching for women to feature in the book. The book features 50 women with photographs and accompanying stories of their lives in the Mississippi Delta.

Bill Rose, professor of journalism and colleague of Steele, expressed his thoughts on the event.

"Jewels in the Delta' is going to be a marvelous book because it is about these veteran Delta church women – almost all of whom are members of the Mother Board of Missionary Baptist churches in the Delta. It is a blissful marriage of words and images by a very talented photographer," Rose

There are many things that make this book worth picking up, according to Rose.

"What makes 'Jewels in the Delta' so good is the quality of the photographs and the stories Alysia Steele has gotten out of these women," Rose said. "They all have interesting stories about the lessons of life as role models in their churches and communities."

The book features stories on voting, race, marriage and childbirth and lessons on how to live a good life.

Rose spoke of the impact See JEWELS, PAGE 4

Chancellor signs Climate **Commitment on Earth Day**

BY JULIE LABERGE

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Tuesday morning at the Chancellor's formal office, The University of Mississippi joined a number of other schools in the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment.

This Earth Day, Chancellor Dan Jones stated that it is a "privilege" to be a part of a commitment promising, along with other universities in the country, to commit to a sustainable environment.

"We are pleased to be among those who make this commitment," Jones said. "It doesn't mean we are perfect stewards, it means that we are on the pathway to being bet-

The American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment promotes awareness of the scale and speed of global warming. It also recognizes the scientific consensus that global warming is real, and that it is primarily caused by humans.

The Climate Commitment states that colleges and uni-



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Chancellor Dan Jones signs the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment Tuesday.

versities must implement ways to minimize global warming emissions.

"More than ever, universities must take leadership roles to address the grand challenges of the twenty-first century,

and climate change is paramount amongst these." said Michael M. Crow, president of Arizona State University.

"The goal is to have a neutral effect on our environment," Jones said. "In mod-

ern society, unconsciously we have negative effects on the environment."

Jones titled this a "simple commitment, taking a step

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March raises awareness for sexual violence

BY KATELYN MILLER

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The Take Back the Night march took place April 22 at the Lyceum Circle, as part of the Violence Prevention Office's Sexual Assault Awareness programming for the month of April.

The goal of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, as well as the march itself, is to reduce the rates and risk of sexual assault by raising awareness for both the prevalence of sexual violence and the resources available to victims of sexual

violence.

Lindsey Bartlett, violence prevention coordinator and organizer of the march, said the importance of the march is an opportunity for "the campus and community to come out and show that we don't approve of violence happening in our community, whether it's sexual violence, relationship violence, stalking or anything

The opening speeches made by Assistant Director of Health Promotions Erin Cromeans and Vice Chancel-See NIGHT, PAGE 5



T-shirts with messages against sexual assault are displayed outside the Lyceum Tuesday.

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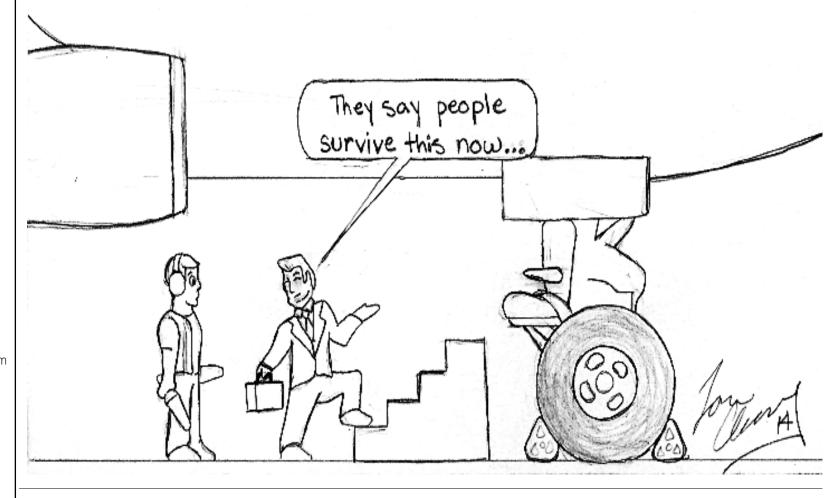
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Conservation: a moderate argument



BY GRANT BEEBE thedmopinion@gmail.com

While polar ice caps continue to melt and the overall global temperature continues to rise, politically motivated opinions regarding climate change ironically endure to solidify.

With a healthy shift in perspective, however, I argue that it can be seen that conservation is neither an inherently liberal or conservative ideal. Counterfactual though it may seem, a number of conservative principles are supported by environmentally sustainable practices.

Consider the praise of the Oxford School District recounted by the Associated Press on Tuesday. In support of the district's decision to implement energy efficient fixtures in the building of the recently completed Oxford High School, the Tennessee Valley Authority awarded over

\$44,000 to the district.

A decision to reduce energy costs and promote efficiency in facilities has not only allowed the district to protect its funding, but also promotes sustainable practice overall.

In celebration of Green Week, the university recently installed a cube of recyclable items that had been discarded in any number of the university's trash bins next to the Lyceum. Compelling though the piece may be, provoking an immediate reaction of either wondering why time was put into organizing literal garbage or bemoaning the reality that we inadequately recycle as a community does nothing to affect change.

A number of individuals, not surprisingly, find the display trite.

In the sentiment of the late David Foster Wallace, I ask that we collectively reconsider our "default settings."

Even when prioritizing our own health and wellbeing, efforts undertaken to improve an individual's overall sustainability benefits communities as a whole.

Do we all not want clear wa-

ter? Clean air? Fertile ground?

Tendencies to conserve and the occasional necessary willingness to constrain and illustrate thought rather than an inherent morality in individuals. That is, the relative size of one's carbon footprint hardly speaks to my interpretation of a person's char-

Did you remember to turn the air conditioner off before leaving home today?

I probably forgot, and I am no more compelled to think that I am a bad person for needing to make a change than I would have been yesterday.

I digress.

I spent some of the best times in my life at summer camp over the last ten years. Among the uniquely pastoral sentiments shared with me as a camper in order to make me more aware of my closeness to the earth was a lesson in perspective. In response to each request I made, I was asked to consider the implication of the same being asked by 100 people, 1,000 and on. While I sometimes found the exercise

frustrating, I know there is a small price asked of each of us as I look upon a cube of our campus's trash.

One hundred, 1,000, all of us could pause to reconsider that change is easy to affect — place plastics in one bin and separate metals and paper into their respective others.

Done.

I know the question of environmental ethics is complicated, and I write not to diminish these concerns but rather to illustrate how progress begins in small steps.

We need no longer argue about whether or how or why the earth is or is not changing. It simply makes sense to choose to save our vital resources.

Earth Day does not have to become a focal point of your calendar to become a better person nor does it have to be complicated. Simply, small steps to do better help us all do our part.

Grant Beebe is a sophomore business administration major from Jackson.

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MEMBER NEWSPAPER

OPINION

What about the slaves?



BY WHITNEY GREER

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At times The University of Mississippi may seem like a hotbed of racial tension, which is sharply felt and regretted by many. I encourage the redirection of this outrage from the history of slavery to modern slavery, which is on the rise in every state in America, is preventable and is made up of 27 million people who are forced into sexual and manual servitude globally.

In today's world we are no longer simply Ole Miss students,

Oxford residents, or Americans, but rather we are global citizens. We are responsible for what we see on the nightly news, what we read in the paper daily or for what is trending on twitter. Every time we look the other way from human rights violations using distance and differing cultures as an excuse, we are failing those oppressed today in the exact same manner slaves of past generations were failed.

Just a week ago last Monday 129 young girls were abducted from the Government Girls Secondary School in Chibok, Nigeria as it and surrounding buildings were burned and raided by the Islamist militant group Boko Haram. Some of the girls have been reunited with their families, however 77 are still missing and nothing substantial is being done. The society knows that the girls will likely all be kept alive, as Boko Haram's leader had previously announced female kidnap victims would be kept as "slaves".

In an earlier case where kidnapped girls were rescued from Haram, they were found on farms doing manual labor while being used as sex slaves, with many of those doing intense farm labor pregnant. In a country with fractured religious groups, soluble borders, and a weak federal government, terrorist groups like Boko Haram terrorize and enslave citizens with little regional or international opposition.

At no point in human history have there been more slaves than there is today and yet University students, the rising voice of a generation, those who will mold the shape of tomorrow's world in their hands, are squabbling over costume parties and mascots?

For all those who exude a holier-than-thou politically correct aura on history, what do you have to say about the 98-99% percent of human trafficking victims who will never escape their servitude? How do you think your campaign to condemn a flag feels to the sex slaves who, on average, are forced to have sex 20 to 48 times a day? You say a better world for your younger siblings; however what world are you working to create for the average victim of human trafficking, who is only 12 years

While analyzing the past and the influence it exerts on

the present is a valid pursuit, it has limits. Sayings like 'never again' cannot be repeated in the midst of atrocities 'happening again' such as human trafficking which, make no mistake is slavery, is currently the second largest international organized

A head in the past can be the equivalent of a head in the sand, and for the sake of the 77 little girls kidnapped by terrorists in the Nigerian jungle, for the 12 year old sex slave, for those who serve their masters as drug mules in the narcotics trade: widen your horizons Oxford, Ole Miss, south eastern United States. It's happening again.

Whitney Greer is a sophomore English major from Medford, Ore.

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Patrick Fields

B.A. IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

"Plátano Power: **Understanding the Rise** of Dominicans in Major League Baseball."

Directed by Dr. Douglass Sullivan-González

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James Cutchin

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Mallory White

B.S. IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

"Reproductive and Multigenerational Effects of Dietary Benzo[a]pyrene Exposure in Zebrafish." Directed by Dr. Kristine Willett

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B.A. IN PUBLIC POLICY LEADERSHIP "Collaborations of Hope: Network Theory and the Assessment of Anti-Human Trafficking Nonprofits' Relationships" Directed by Dr. Melissa Bass

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towards being better, being the best we can."

Jones said the beauty of the campus should serve as "inspiring" to act better towards the environment. However, Jones gave his highest praise to the students, "encouraging, congealing, pressuring us to be a stronger healthier university."

Ann Fisher-Wirth, English professor and director of environmental studies, said she is also proud.

"I am grateful for the students increasing activity, outspokenness, and mindfulness," Fisher-Wirth said.

Anne McCauley, assistant director of the Office of Sustainability, is supportive of all the efforts. The Office of Sustainability works with individuals, students and departments across campus.

"It really is becoming a campus-wide effort, and we will continue to support that broad partnership" McCauley said.

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faith had on the lives of these women.

"Faith is very important to black people in the Delta. They came from a life of oppression and they fought through it with the help of their faith," Rose said. "Faith played a major role in helping them to bear enormous stress and discrimination. 'Jewels in the Delta' is so good because she captures all of that."

Although Steele is on the road right now interviewing more women, she made time to express her reasons for deciding to produce her work.

"I decided to do this book for personal reasons," Steele said. "It is dedicated in the honor of my grandmother, Althenia A. Burton, the woman who raised me."

Steele went on to speak of her grandmother's influence on her life and her book.

"When you're young, you think you will live forever, and you think your loved ones will too," she said. "This year

marks the 20th anniversary of her death, and she's been heavily on my mind. I will never hear her voice again, but what I can do is capture other people's grandmothers' voices and tell their stories and that's what I've set it to do."

Steele is an accomplished journalist and was a member of the team that won the Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News Photography in 2006 for Hurricane Katrina coverage. She has worked as a photo editor for the Dallas Morning News and deputy director of photography and photo editor at the Atlanta Journal-Constitu-

Mary Chandler Cossar, sophomore public policy major, expressed her anticipation for the upcoming event.

"I am looking forward to attending the event and seeing the work of Professor Steele," she said. "I have always enjoyed photography and am excited to see these moving and inspiring images and stories."



COURTESY OF ALYSIA STEELE

Mrs. Annyce Campbell, 88, of Mound Bayou, is one of the 50 women featured in the

SENIOR Honors Thesis Presentation

Charles Pritchard

B.A. IN BIOLOGY

"Meta-analysis of melanoma incidence in the United States: demographic variation and relationship with UV index and latitude."

Directed by Dr. Carol Britson

Wednesday, April 23 at 1:00 pm Shoemaker Hall Room 323

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Ellen Louise Mallett

B.A. IN INTERNATIONAL **S**TUDIES

"Organic Farming in France: A la Mode or a Mode of Life?" Directed by Dr. Anne Quinney

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Sam Di, Rana Gordji, & Zach Morgan

B.S.E.E. IN ELECTRICAL Engineering "Processor, Payload,

and Power Subsystem Development of the MISSat-1 CubeSat" Directed by Dr. Matthew Inman

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Krista Sturm

B.S.E.S. IN EXERCISE SCIENCE

"Anxiety and PPI of the Acoustic Štartle Reflex"

Directed by Dr. Dwight Waddell

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Katie Lee

B.A. IN ART

"The Fabric Dock: Reeling in the Right Brand for a Sea-Inspired Sewing Shop" Directed by Dr. Virginia Chavis

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lor of Student Affairs Brandi Hephner LeBanc both focused extensively on the power of the bystander to intervene and prevent violence to others.

Cromeans encouraged students to "take (their) gut reactions and stand up," and "to commit to doing something" on the behalf of those in danger of becoming victims of sexual violence.

Hephner LeBanc emphasized the importance of students in the fight against sexual violence.

"You have so much power, and that's part of being the family that we are at The University of Mississippi," she said.

The march was part of the national initiative of the Take Back the Night Foundation, a charitable foundation founded in the 1970s.

According to the Take Back the Night Foundation's mission statement, the foundation aims to "create safe communities and respectful relationships through awareness events and initiatives," as well as, "end sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual abuse and all other forms of sexual violence."

The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha began and led the march, carrying a Take Back the Night banner and starting the chants. Among them were "Two, four, six, eight. No more date rape," "Out of the halls, into the street. We won't be raped, we won't be beat" and "Hotty Toddy, it's my body."

The march ended with a candlelight vigil that included a "speak out" portion, which provided a moderated open forum for anyone who wanted to share

Senior Honors Thesis Presentation

Daniel Garrett

B.S.C.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

"Implementation of a Visualizer for Web Request Data Generated by an Internet Information

Services Server"
Directed by Dr. Tobin Maginnis

Wednesday, April 23rd at 3:00 pm Weir Hall Room 235

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their personal experiences. Survivors were also encouraged to send in written accounts of their experiences to be read by Bartlett.

According to Bartlett, sexual violence "is an issue that affects college campuses everywhere. One in five students experience sexual violence in their college career. It's a huge issue. The White House has a task force right now exploring the issue, and our campus isn't immune to it. So we're doing everything we can to show that we don't approve of the violence that's happening."

Tying into earlier Sexual Assault Awareness Month programming, the t-shirts made through Project Clothesline were on display in the Circle throughout the march. The t-shirts were made by survivors of sexual assault, as well as the friends and family of survivors, to express their feelings about assault.

Laura Dona, freshman anthropology and classics double major, expressed her thoughts at the event.

"I think it's great that they're letting women know that they have these kinds of resources available to them, even if it can sometimes be hard or uncomfortable to talk about," Dona said.

ASB support UM Green Fund

BY ALLISON SLUSHER

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The Associated Student Body Senate voted Tuesday night to pass a resolution requiring undergraduate students to give to The University of Mississippi Green Fund.

Sen. Austin Powell, Assistant Director of Admissions for Communications Ty Allushuski and Coordinator of Outreach and Development for the UM Green Fund Joe Bell presented the resolution.

The resolution states that undergraduate students will be charged \$2 a semester that will go to the UM Green Fund.

Powell served as the author of the resolution. He said he supported the cause because he thinks sustainability is an important issue

"I really feel like sustainability is the way for the future," Powell said. "This is a great cause."

Powell said he wrote the resolution because he has worked to support conservationism throughout his life.

"I'm an Eagle Scout, I'm a Boy Scout," Powell said. "I'm really conservation minded. From the very beginning, I've been taught to love and care for our environment. This bill exactly does what I believe in, so I had no problem 100 percent supporting it."

Senators spoke in opposition of the resolution saying they saw it unnecessary to charge students to support the Green Fund.

The Green Fund had previously attempted to raise funds through various outlets. The Fund raised \$800 in the fall semester and \$750 in the spring semester this school year.

Senator Pearce Crosland said he thought students did not show voluntary support for the Green Fund. He said he didn't think students should be forced to pay if they didn't volunteer to pay enough to sustain the Green Fund before the resolution was brought to the senators.

"Essentially what we voted tonight was to mandate students to participate in something they clearly didn't want to participate in in the first place."

The ASB Senate voted against a resolution in the fall semester that would require students to pay \$5 a semester to the Green Fund.

Bell said he is glad the senate passed a resolution financially supporting the Fund.

"Every single semester we've made so much progress," Bell said. "After going on three years, the time is ripe for this to be passed in the senate, and we are extremely happy."

Thirty senators voted in affirmation of the resolution, 23 voted in negation, and none voted in abstention. Before the resolution will go into effect, it must be signed by ASB President Davis Rogers. The resolution must then go before administration and the Institutions of Higher Learning in Mississippi.



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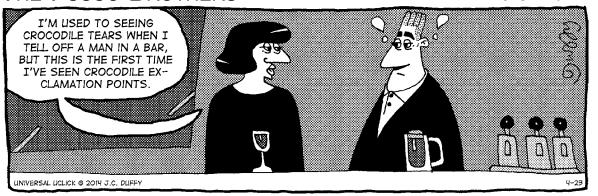
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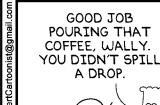
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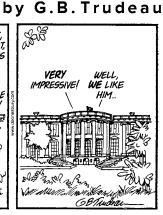
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Brantley Bell and Orvis were both hit by a pitch to load the bases before senior Preston Overbey would bring the tying run home when he was also hit by a pitch. The move sent Mississippi State to the bullpen for left-hander Tatum.

Freshman Errol Robinson then drove a sac fly to right field to score Bell and give Ole Miss the lead back 3-2 before the inning would end on a groundout.

The Bulldogs answered in the home half of the inning, using a leadoff walk and a hit-and-run on a single through the right side to put men at the corners. A ground ball to second got the first out on the board, but a run scored to tie the game at three and send the Rebels to the bullpen for the second time in the inning. This time left-hander sophomore Matt Denny relieved right-hander Tarkington.

Denny promptly struck out the first batter faced and looked to have an inning-ending groundout, but an awkward hop on the dirt kept the inning alive. Junior Wes Rea then delivered a two-RBI double down the left field line to put MSU on top 5-3 and a throw-

ing error on the relay from short to the plate moved Rea to third base before the Rebels would get out of the inning.

Mississippi State continued to build on the lead in the seventh, loading the bases with one out on a walk, a hit batter and a single to right to set up the rally for the second straight inning. A fielder's choice on a ground ball to second put a second out on the board, but took the lead out to three runs for the Bulldogs. A single through the left side from senior Alex Detz extended the lead further to 7-3 in favor of Mississippi State.

Ole Miss again turned to the bullpen, calling on right-hander junior Josh Laxer with two on and two outs in the seventh. Laxer got a strikeout to end the inning, but the Rebels trailed by four runs.

The Bulldogs took the lead out to five runs in the eighth inning, bringing home the final run of the night for the 8-3 margin of victory as Ole Miss was unable to put together a rally in the ninth.

The Rebels return to action on the road this weekend, traveling to face the Kentucky Wildcats in a three-game series at Cliff Hagan Stadium. Friday's opener is set for a 5:30 p.m. CT first pitch, while Saturday and Sunday's game are slated to start at 12 p.m. CT.

The beauty of NHL playoffs and hockey's popularity in the South

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The NHL playoffs are in full swing, with all eight first round match-ups in the peak of their action and drama.

There are many intriguing match-ups, including Boston vs. Detroit, St. Louis vs. defending champion Chicago and New York vs. Philadelphia.

Growing up in Connecticut, I never played hockey, but I grew to love the Boston Bruins and the passion that surrounds the NHL. When I started school at Ole Miss, I realized hockey was an afterthought when it came to professional sports.

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Only two years ago, the Los Angeles Kings, the eight-seed in the western conference, won the Stanley Cup. Upsets happen all the time in the playoffs.

In some sports, you need one star player to win a championship. In hockey, you need a strong team to win the cup. The team with the best record in the regular season has won the cup only twice in the past ten seasons. The last team to repeat a championship in consecutive seasons were the Detroit Red Wings in 1996 and 1997. This is a big factor as to why the league should draw more fans.

The NHL playoffs are one of the most exciting times in sports. Hopefully this excitement branches out to the South like it does elsewhere in America.

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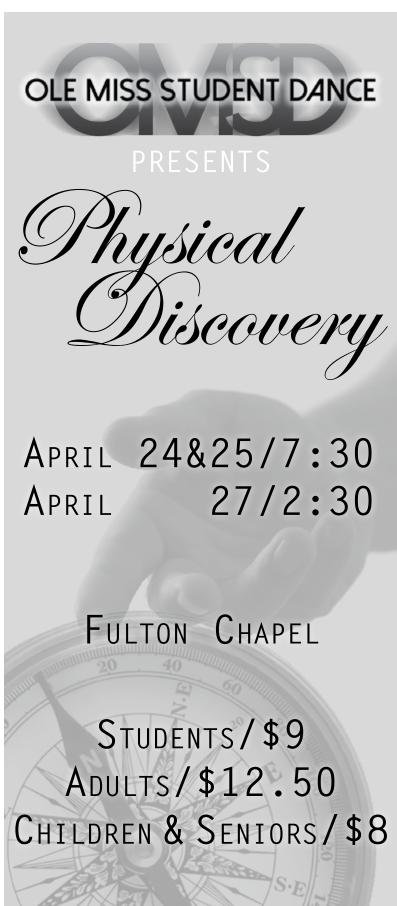
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No. 12 Rebels fall to No. 20 Miss. State



Braxton Lee slides past Mississippi State catcher Gavin Collins for the first run Tuesday's game.

quirky game all around, the biggest quirk play of the night went against the Rebels as No. 12 Ole Miss (30-12) fell to No. 20 Mississippi State (27-15) by a score of 8-3 at Trustmark Park in the annual Governor's Cup game on Tuesday.

Ole Miss took a lead in the sixth inning without the benefit of a hit, using an error, three hit batters and a sac fly to bring two runs home. Mississippi State also used a unique inning in the home half of the frame to move back in front, capitalizing on a big hop off a ground ball that bounced high over the head of the fielder at second base who was in position to make the inning-ending

The Bulldogs would go on to score two more runs in the inning and not relinquish the lead from

Redshirt sophomore Preston Tarkington (0-1) took the loss in relief for the Rebels, allowing one

PEARL, Miss. – In what was a run on one hit in his 0.1 innings of work. The run was only the first inherited run allowed this season by the reliever in his 15 appearances.

Freshman Vance Tatum (2-0) picked up the win for the Bulldogs with his relief outing, working 3.2 innings and allowing only one hit after entering the game in the sixth inning. Tatum struck out three batters.

"We only got three hits and didn't apply pressure consistently," said Ole Miss head coach Mike Bianco. "We had opportunities, but we couldn't get that big hit. They did the opposite on their side and got the big hits tonight and the two-out RBI.

"Tonight was that game that we really haven't played all season," Bianco said. "We've been aggressive and got big two-out hits. On the mound we've been able to make the pitch and get off the field. We didn't do that tonight."

Ole Miss got on the board in

the first inning when senior Austin Anderson hit a sac fly to center field that scored junior Braxton Lee from third. Lee was hit by the first pitch of the game before going to third on a single through the right side from junior Auston Bousfield to set up the score on the Anderson fly ball.

Mississippi State got a rally going in the third, starting things with back-to-back singles from junior Matthew Britton and junior Seth Heck to open the frame. A wild pitch moved them both into scoring position, but it looked like senior Jeremy Massie and the Rebels might escape the inning with a groundout to third and a strikeout in the next two batters. Frehsman Gavin Collins then delivered a two-RBI single to right to score both runs and put the Bulldogs up 2-1 before junior Sikes Orvis would snag a line drive to end the inning.

Ole Miss got its chance and made a move in the sixth inning, using a fielding error at first to put Anderson on base at second. A ground out put the first out on the board before the Rebels would capitalize on the error. Freshman

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