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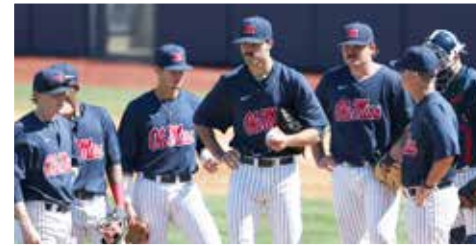
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‘Dan-tastic’ support at Snackbar



PHOTO BY: LOGAN KIRKLAND

Steven Mockler, senior international studies and Chinese major, attends a gathering in support of Chancellor Dan Jones at Snackbar Thursday night. The event featured a special cocktail called the “Dan-tastic.” “I thought it was a unique way, a pretty Oxford way, to support Dan Jones,” Mockler said. The “Dan-tastic” consists of root beer bitters, Kola tonic, Four Roses Bourbon and a splash of Coke served in a red Solo cup.

Offers, counteroffers reported in negotiations

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JACKSON — Former Gov. William Winter told The Daily Mississippian on Thursday he is “optimistic” about the ongoing negotiations between the state College Board and University of Mississippi Chancellor Dan Jones.

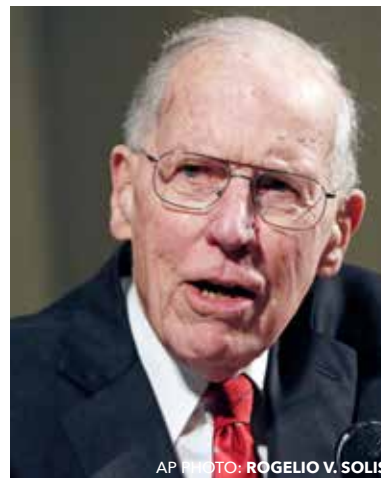
Winter said he hopes for an outcome that will “not do damage to the university and to the state of Mississippi.”

“As a citizen of the state and graduate of Ole Miss, I have

been interested in having some discussions with people whose opinions I respect, including members of the board,” Winter explained. “I have indicated to them that my strong desire is that they work out a satisfactory result without the drastic effects that would follow the decision that has already been announced.”

Several media outlets reported Thursday evening that the board was prepared to offer Jones a two-year contract

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Former Gov. William Winter



Chancellor Dan Jones

Big Event to help Oxford community this weekend

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The biggest community service event in Oxford’s history will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is the fifth year Ole Miss will host the Big Event, with participation increasing each year. Ole Miss students participate in various service projects around the community for one day as a “thank you” to the university’s supporters in the Oxford and Lafayette area.

The Big Event exceeded its goal of volunteers this year, with a total of 3,010 volunteers to complete 205 service projects, the largest number of participants in school history.

“My personal goal for this year is to remember the mission of the Big Event – to give back and say “thank you,” co-director Caroline Loveless said. “In the planning process it can be very easy to lose sight of the end goal and get caught up in the stress of the



FILE PHOTO

Breken Ballard, dietetics and nutrition junior, and J’undra Pegues, biology sophomore, try to piece together information from a tombstone dating back to the 1800s. Students help clean up, add temporary markers and record names for a database at the graveyard at the Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church of Oxford as part of the Big Event.

miniscule things, but when I take a step back and remember the smiles and the laughter felt on the day of, I can breathe a sigh of relief and keep on planning.”

The team members will meet their team leader and fellow members at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Tad Smith Coliseum. Breakfast will be served, a DJ will be present, and activities such as a photo booth and a cash grabber box will be available. The keynote speaker is Athletics Director Ross Bjork, who will lead the kickoff at 9 a.m. The teams will proceed to their service projects shortly thereafter. These projects can range from cleaning up a local church to helping an elderly neighbor with yard work.

“Oxford is a fabulous place to get an education, and it feels great coming together with my Ole Miss family to support the community,” Fragola said. “It’s incredible how much work can get done in one day of community service when we all work together.”

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Letter to the Editor

Editor's Note: This letter is in response to O.U.T. of options, published March 17, 2015.

Mr. Jonathan de Steuben:

The Oxford University Transit system is a quasi-governmental company that delivers cheap transportation services to The University of Mississippi's students and Oxford residents. You are being less than honest by implying O.U.T. is not providing transportation. To quote you: "I carefully choose the word system because calling it a bus service would imply that a service is actually being done." While you dislike the

quality of service provided, that does not mean O.U.T. is not providing a rudimentary transportation service.

I again quote you: "The reason I now avoid the O.U.T. like the plague is because it's a massive inconvenience, consistently late and tragically stuck in the past while the university moves forward." You need to define "stuck in the past while the university moves forward." Most astute observers have noticed Oxford's growth has outstripped its ability to handle the accompanying traffic and congestion. As a result, the buses often run anywhere from 5 to 20 minutes late. Another thing you are probably not

aware of is drivers are required to be a minute or two late at every listed stop and are chastised severely for arriving at a stop early.

The bus drivers operate under the department of transportation, rules and regulations. Under those rules, the drivers have to fit in restroom breaks, lunch breaks, coffee breaks and so on. They have to grab small breaks whenever possible and wherever there is a space out of the flow of traffic, even if it is to have a smoke. To expound on your ridiculous pilot analogy, no one has seen "sky hooks" to hold an airliner in the sky while the pilot wing walks on his smoking break either.

Mr. de Steuben, you offer criticism of O.U.T. and Mr. Biggs, but fail to provide the wisdom to improve either the system or the service. In my opinion, the blame should be widely spread to all the players from past and present city planners, the City of Oxford, The University of Mississippi, the D.O.T. and O.U.T.'s Board of Directors. Perhaps Ron Biggs' transportation training has been overwhelmed by too many demands by too many masters. No human can please everyone.

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Mississippi in Brief

Compiled by Lizzie McIntosh

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extension.

But The Clarion-Ledger reported Jones has rejected the offer because he would have been required to resign in two years as well as make a public apology to trustees.

Jones has reportedly counter-offered that he would accept the two-year offer and agree to a full review of his work by the board, according to The Clarion-Ledger. If the board was still dissatisfied with his leadership at that point, he would willingly resign.

The Daily Mississippi-an attempted to reach the chancellor by phone Thursday evening but was unsuccessful.

Winter has had conversations with representatives from both sides of the disagreement. He said despite their differences, both parties "want to see this matter resolved in a satisfactory way."

"I have great respect for Dr. Jones and the work he's done, and I hope he will continue to be doing that good work," Winter said. "It's in the best interest of not just Ole Miss but the whole state of Mississippi."

Beautiful, wonderful, perfect All-American Tupelo

Tupelo has been named one of 16 finalists for the 2015 All-America City Award. This award is given by the National Civic League to 10 communities each year. It recognizes cities, towns, neighborhoods, counties and metro regions for inventive efforts to tackle various challenges. This is not Tupelo's first year to be in the running. The town won the award in 1967, 1989, 1999 and 2011. If Tupelo is to win the award again, it will be the seventh city in the country to win the award five times. The focus of this year's award is centered on community efforts to support vulnerable young men. The cities up for the award are required to highlight three projects that promote community involvement and collaboration. Tupelo included the city's response to the recent tornado, the support of young men through programs such as El Centro and the Police Athletic League, along with the construction of the Aquatic Center in their application. The winner of the competition will be announced on June 14. Maybe Carrie Underwood will adjust her lyrics to "All American Tupelo" instead of "All American Girl"... it seems pretty appropriate.

Kosciusko cowbells

The TV Series "Cabin Fever" on the National Geographic channel will feature a design imagined by Mississippi State students in its next episode. Interior design students Blake Marlar of Corinth, Liz Grantham of Greenwood, Vanessa L. Holden of Biloxi and Victor Owchar of Ridgeland were all involved in the project. The winning design was for the ceiling of a Kosciusko cabin, according to WTVA News. The cabin belongs to Chris and Susan Strohm, who are the parents of MSU interior design student Ann Strohm. The Strohm family contacted the interior design program at MSU in hopes of involving the university in the show. The episode will air at 9 p.m. on NatGeo. I guess that "The School Down South" is capable of more than ringing cowbells after all.

Blue lights big city

On Tuesday, 27-year-old Brennon Keith Dorough was charged with impersonating a police officer and felony grand larceny. WJTV News reported Dorough was spotted at a Waffle House in Jackson. A police officer in the Waffle House saw Dorough in a Crown Victoria with blue police lights. The officer approached a woman in the vehicle and questioned her about it. She stated that the car belonged to her husband. The officer then called other law enforcement personnel who later found city police equipment and police lights inside the car along with a toddler in the backseat. I don't know what is weirder ... that it went down at a Waffle House or that there was a toddler in a car seat in a stolen police car.

Farmers only

Mississippi farmers took a hit of nearly \$1 billion in personal income this past year, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis. The Clarion Ledger reported that this was an unusual change, as most states had an increase in personal income growth in 2014. In fact, nationally it went from 2.0 percent to 3.9 percent in improved income. Mississippi went in the opposite direction as it fell. The farming industry was hit the hardest by the decline, with construction having the next most detrimental change. Construction saw a decline of \$103 million in personal income growth. Forestry and agricultural services saw an increase in income, along with the health care industry.

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John Waters to perform at Ford Center

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Filmmaker and comedian John Waters will perform his one-man act, "This Filthy World," at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Ford Center. Tickets for the event are free but required, and attendees can pick them up at the UM Box Office in the Student Union.

Waters has experimented with nonfiction writing, filmmaking, stand-up comedy and photography, and continues to blend genres and mediums in his work. The act he will perform Saturday is an artistic nod to early vaudevillian theater. The documentary film version of the act, directed by Jeff Garlin, was released in 2006.

Square Books will host a book signing at 3 p.m. Saturday for Waters' latest book, "Carsick: John Waters Hitchhikes Across America," a non-fiction account of the writer's travels and his encounters with various facets of American culture.

Square Books General Manager Lyn Roberts said the store management had requested Waters for an event previously and were excited about the

opportunity to host the writer.

"He's a very colorful person," Roberts said. "He is sort of like an observer or social commentator from Venus."

The Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies is hosting Saturday's show at the Ford Center. The center also held a screening of Waters' films, "Hairspray" and "Serial Moms," Tuesday

Junior music education major Rachel Dennis explained her excitement for the writer and filmmaker's visit to Oxford.

"Hairspray is probably his most widely known work, and it's probably the most tame. But even Hairspray pushes cultural boundaries. That's what he's all about," Dennis said. "I think it's great that he's coming here."

Theresa Starkey, assistant director at the Sarah Isom Center, analyzed Waters' films in terms of artistic methods.

"He is a risk taker and a genre breaker. This is evident in his early underground films. He isn't afraid to show the 'perceived' outsider with humanity and humor," Starkey said. "With this lens, he often exposes how warping labeling is and how this act



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comes from a place of fear or anxiety."

Starkey asked Waters to visit by sending a letter to a Baltimore bookstore where Waters reportedly picks up fan mail. When Waters agreed, the Sarah Isom Center gath-

ered funding from sources including Oxford Film Festival, the University Lecture Series, the UM English department, the Center for Inclusion and Cross-Cultural Engagement and private donors.

"Student inspiration made

me take a chance on a long shot and write a letter to Mr. Waters that I sent to an independent bookstore in Baltimore, because I didn't know how else to reach him," Starkey said. "It was a long shot that paid off."

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Book Review: 'Green on Blue'

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We so easily fall into an unwitting complacency of perspective; without realizing it, we group situations into categories – right or wrong, black or white. Simple. “Green on Blue” is a novel that challenges this worldview by telling the story of Ali, an Afghani orphan-turned-soldier, and Aziz, who becomes embroiled in his country’s decades-long conflict.

After Aziz’s parents are killed in a massacre of their village, he and his brother Ali migrate to a nearby city, Orgun, and beg to get by. They gradually find jobs making deliveries for area merchants, though Ali insists on working two jobs so that Aziz can attend school. When a Taliban mortar attack ripples through the market, Ali is gravely injured right in front of Aziz; in order to provide for his treatment, Aziz is persuaded to join the Special Lashkar, a U.S.-funded militia. Joining the Special Lashkar will also allow Aziz to seek badal (revenge) from Gazan, the Taliban leader responsible for the mortar attack in order to preserve his nang (honor). Here, badal and nang are Pashto terms; many such words are woven effectively throughout

the novel without exact translation. One gets the sense, from the omnipresence of Pashtun words and ideals, that the Pashtunwali ethic system is entrenched in all of the Afghani characters’ lives.

After a rough training period, Aziz becomes trapped in a three-way conflict between the local village, Gazan’s Taliban group and the Special Lashkar, headed by Commander Sabir. The Commander has a strangely close relationship with Mr. Jack, the only American and a cunningly flat character. Somehow, the Taliban, the village and the Special Lashkar all end up with American funding and supplies flowing through Mr. Jack. By the novel’s conclusion, Aziz’s view of Mr. Jack is made clear; as a hint, the book’s title is a euphemism for Afghani attacks on the United States’ forces.

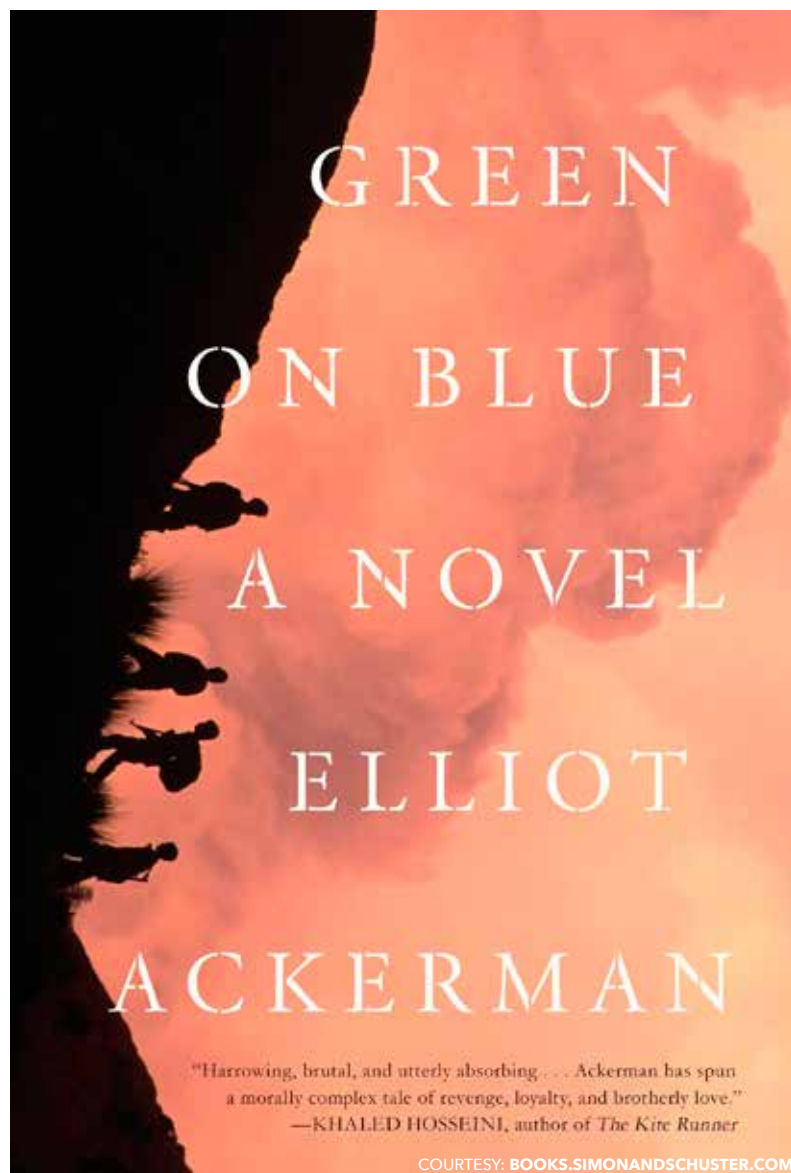
Many confounding events occur, such as the Commander’s order to his troops to drive down a road he knows has been mined. In another instance, Aziz sees militants assembling on a hill only to watch them intentionally miss shelling the village. The battle’s lines are not clearly drawn, and Aziz struggles to decipher who is on the right side. Eventu-

ally, he comes to this conclusion: “It had no sides.”

This novel is not just a meditation on war itself, but an exploration of the evil involved in a war where it seems as though the only end goal is to continue the fighting and thus the funding. As this conflict lingers, the people internalize the war, which has adopted its own uses for Pashtun obligations and asserted itself as a way of life and an occupational path.

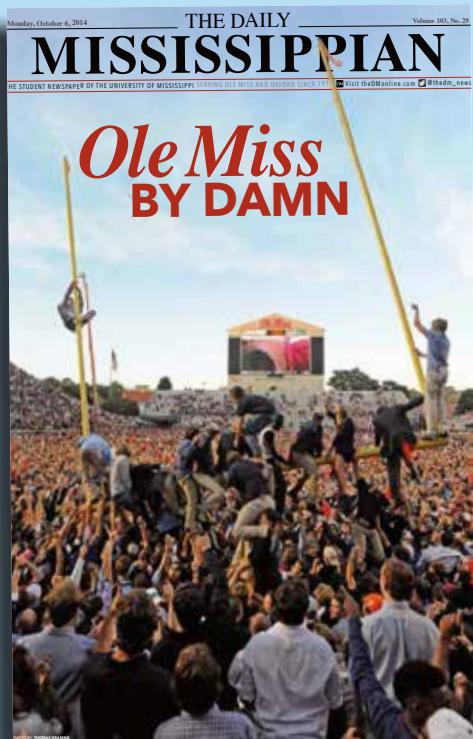
Ackerman’s prose in “Green on Blue” is sharp but sparse. Aziz’s perspective is an extremely effective vehicle for the narrative Ackerman spins; Aziz is observant and keen, but he is never introspective. His reliance as a narrator allows the reader to immerse himself in the novel’s events, further contributing to the intensity of the novel’s stunning descriptions of war and associated repercussions.

This is an excellently written novel that explores the nature of the Afghani war, if you can call it that. Through Aziz’s eyes, the tale that Ackerman creates climaxes with Aziz’s stunning response to his understanding of the war in an unforgettable act of “Green on Blue.”



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Diamond Rebels fall to Arkansas 10-3 on the road

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The struggles of Ole Miss baseball continued Thursday as they dropped the opening game of a three-game set at Arkansas by a score of 10-3.

It was an uncharacteristic start for the ace of the Rebels, junior left-hander Christian Trent. Trent gave up five runs on eight hits in 5.2 innings of work. The Razorbacks were all over Trent from the start. Arkansas loaded the bases with three hits in the first, but Trent escaped the inning with only one run allowed.

The offense struggled for the Rebels, only totaling five hits and three runs for the game. Sophomore shortstop Errol Robinson was the only Rebel with multiple hits, going 2-for-4 from the plate.

Ole Miss responded in the third inning with two runs of their own. Junior outfielder Cameron Dishon and sophomore outfielder J.B. Woodman each reached base on a walk before Errol Robinson opened up the scoring for Ole Miss with an RBI single. Ole Miss got another run after senior first baseman Sikes Orvis put in play



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Ole Miss players talk at the end of an inning in a game last week.

an RBI groundout and grabbed a 2-1 lead.

The Razorbacks went on to add another run in the third and three more in the fifth with the help of three extra-base hits.

Trent did not appear to have his best game. Arkansas hit the junior right-hander hard and capitalized on his mistakes. Trent got in trouble on multiple occasions by leaving balls up in the strike

zone, and the Razorbacks made him pay for it in timely hits with runners on base.

Ole Miss added a run in the top of the sixth after an RBI single by senior catcher Austin Knight closed the gap to 5-3. The Rebels threatened to do further damage as they loaded the bases with two outs, but a pop-up by freshman infielder Joe Wainhouse got the Razorbacks out of the inning.

The Rebels again loaded the bases in the seventh with no outs and still could not produce a run. Woodman, Orvis and freshman infielder Tate Blackman all

struck out consecutively which ended the scoring threat.

The missed opportunities in the sixth and seventh are the latest examples of what appears to be a reoccurring theme for Ole Miss as it continues to struggle to find timely hitting. The Rebels went 0-4 with the bases loaded on the night and are now a mere 2-34 in that department on the season.

Ole Miss did not do itself any favors in the field either as they tallied four costly errors on the night.

Junior right-hander Jacob Waguespack came on in relief for Trent in the sixth. Waguespack allowed three runs in two innings of work.

Freshman right-hander Drake Robison came on in the 8th and allowed two runs in the Razorbacks' final at bat.

With the loss, Ole Miss fell to 13-13 (3-4 Southeastern Conference) on the season. Sophomore right-hander Brady Bramlett will take the mound for Ole Miss on Saturday in game two of the series. First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m.

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Middle Tennessee knocks Ole Miss out of WNIT

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In the round two match-up between father and son, father and Middle Tennessee head coach Rick Insell once again came out over his son Matt, leading MTSU to a 82-70 win over the Rebels, Thursday night in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

It didn't help that the Rebels got off to a slow start early in the game, which allowed Middle Tennessee State to cruise to a halftime lead of 41-24.

Ole Miss began to chip away at the lead in the second half, getting the deficit down to eight with 13:17 left to play in the game. The Blue Raiders then used a quick 6-0 spurt to push the lead back up to 59-45.

The Rebels could never get

closer than that, as Middle Tennessee took their foot off the gas the rest of the way and coasted to a victory.

Senior forward Tia Faleru, the catalyst for the Rebels' team this whole year, was held to 1-of-4 shooting with four points and one rebound. With Faleru not being able to get going, head coach Matt Insell struggled to get his team going.

Freshman guard Shandrika Sessom scored 18 points, including 3-of-5 from the three-point line. If this performance is any sign of things to come next season, then Sessom will have a big year. She led the Rebels on the night and behind her was fellow freshman guard A'Queen Hayes, who scored 14 points on 6-of-14 shooting. Senior forward

Danielle McCray also pitched in with 13 points.

Defense was the deciding factor in the father-son matchup as the Rebels allowed a season high 60-percent shooting to the Blue Raiders and only forced six steals on the night.

Sophomore guard Olivia Jones and sophomore guard Ty Petty did whatever they wanted against the Rebels as they combined for 51 points.

It wasn't the ending Faleru wanted, but it was more than a successful season for the Rebels. They finish with their most wins (19) since the 2009-2010 season and their first postseason appearance since then.

We will have to wait until next year for another run for Matt Insell and his team. Without Faleru, this team will have a different look next season, but hopefully the young players that showed up tonight will give the Rebels another a great season,

Ole Miss finishes their season at 19-14 overall and 7-9 in the Southeastern Conference. The Rebels went an impressive 15-5 at home and 3-8 on the road.



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Head coach Matt Insell, left, hugs his father and opposing head coach, Rick Insell, right, of Middle Tennessee, after the game Thursday in Murfreesboro, Tenn. The game is believed to be only the second father-son coaching matchup in Division I women's basketball history.

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