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UM programs target stress for students during finals

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Students face two serious problems at the end of every semester: stress and anxiety. With finals week looming in the distance, how students handle stressful situations could affect their physical and mental well-being.

According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, 40 million U.S. adults suffer from an anxiety disorder, and 75 percent of them experience their first episode of anxiety by age 22, making anxiety disorders one of the most prevalent mental health problems on university campuses.

T. Davis, a health educator in the department of Campus Recreation and Health Promotion, said stress and anxiety don't solely affect students' school work or social life, but can also hurt a student's mental, physical and emotional health. Davis said the psychological response to these issues is the weakening of the immune system and affectation of sleep patterns and concentration.

"Students experiencing bad stress should seek assistance because chronic distress can and often does affect one's health to include mild sickness to cardiovascular disease," Da-

There are a number of places on campus students can go to

receive help with their stress and anxiety. These places include the Student Health Center, the University Counseling Center and the Psychological Services Center.

Each location provides students with guidance and resources. The Counseling Center has an entire webpage entitled "Self Help," through which students can guide themselves with relaxation exercises and audio tracks.

The UM Library will host a workshop Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Room 106 for students who need help coping with stress.

Kelly Peck, a psychology professor and a worker at the Psychological Services Center, said it is important that students learn more about these issues and how they can get help for

"I think it's important that students are aware of what resources are available to them," Peck said. "There are a lot of really good therapists on campus and a lot of graduate students who are really capable with helping students deal with this stuff."

Peck said moderate amounts anxiety are not a thing people have to try and get rid of or fear. Everyone just has to learn to handle them, said Peck.

"What we see with stress and anxiety is not so much

HAVE THEIR FIRST EPISODE BEFORE AGE 22.

Information from the Anxiety and Depression Association of America suggests anxiety disorders begin as early as college for many people. The University of Mississippi has many programs designed to aid students who are having trouble coping with stress.

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Students weigh benefits and costs of studying abroad

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For some students, studying abroad is the experience of a lifetime, but many do not realize the financial implications or aid available to them through the University.

Skip Langley, study abroad advisor at the Office of Global Engagement, said the University sends around 75-100 students abroad during fall semester and about 150 students in the spring.

Many students do not consider studying in other countries, however, because they fear it will cost too much and that they will not have the finances to cover expenses like tuition, flights, boarding and spending money.

"If a student goes abroad for

a semester on an exchange program, they'll pay the same base tuition as they do here at UM," Langley said. "The cost of living adjustment can be a little higher in some locations, like the United Kingdom, due to the exchange rate between the British pound sterling and the U.S. dollar. However, the base cost of tuition remains the same to study in Edinburgh, Scotland as it does in Oxford."

Maddie Hall, sophomore recreation administration major, had just that problem with the cost of living exchange rate.

Hall had planned to live in Brisbane, Australia for the spring semester until she recently discovered the trip was going to cost more than she had previously understood.

Hall said the housing in Australia was estimated to be about \$450-\$500 a month, which was very similar to the rent she pays in Oxford, but was informed at the last minute that rent would be about \$800 per month.

"There was a miscommunication about the prices of the housing in Australia, and so I came to the decision that it was going to be too costly," Hall said. "This was very difficult because I did not realize this until after most other students had already registered [for spring classes], so I had to quickly try to make a schedule for spring. Many classes were already full so this was really hard to do,



Students pose for a photo in Glencoe, Scotland during a study abroad session in spring 2015.

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The deadly power of dangerous rhetoric



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I wonder how many people have to die before people realize words have power.

Three people are dead—including a police officer—in Colorado Springs because a man believed Planned Parenthood was selling baby parts. He bought into the rhetoric many prominent political personas have been spouting and used it to justify the murder of American citizens.

How many mothers, fathers and unarmed civilians have to die before people understand that some rhetoric isn't just inflammatory, it's lethal? I'm convinced

that as long as domestic terrorists are sad white men using guns, the GOP won't be too worried about whoever they kill—at least not worried enough to do anything about it.

Americans like bombers. Bombers are easy to blame, easy to hate. They're extraordinary. You make a bomb purposefully; you have to look up how to make it. No one casually becomes a bomber.

But guns seem to be more American than America itself. We've made our lifeblood out of gunpowder and sweat. Guns never kill people - they just expedite the process.

There's a reason why black men who open carry get arrested and white men get questioned. A quick Google search will show you case after case of people obeying the law getting shoved to the ground and arrested for exercising their right to bear arms.

In reality, the right to bear arms is a white thing. Black people can own guns, but at their own risk. If they get shot with their own gun? "They deserved it. They were probably criminals anyway." A

white person shot with their own gun? "That's a tragedy." Do we blame guns or bad rhet-

oric or the person who slaughtered so callously? The answer is they're all to blame, in different portions.

The Center for Medical Prog-

The Center for Medical Progress (a misnomer at best, a right out anti-choice lie at worst) released videos that spread lies and made abortion providers even more targeted than before.

Violence against abortion providers isn't new by any means. Dr. Barnett Slepian was murdered in his home in 1998. Dr. George Tiller was murdered during his church's worship service in 2009. One of the doctors in the videos from the Center for Medical Progress was forced to flee her home and hire around-the-clock security.

The GOP has made slamming Planned Parenthood a daily game. Carly Fiorina swears up and down she saw a fetus being murdered outside of its mother's body in the CMP video, despite the fact that that footage exists nowhere. In the aftermath of the attack in Colorado Springs, she

blamed "typical left-wing tactics" for linking the shooter to anti-abortion rhetoric.

If the shooter sounds like anyone, he sounds like her, Ted Cruz, Ben Carson. Even Mike Huckabee declared this man a domestic terrorist.

And all of this is before you even delve into the hypocrisy of a pro-lifers who often try to defund contraceptive services while supporting war and the death penalty.

These videos and political rhetoric have created a fireball of hatred and fury that caused a man to kill three people over some donated tissue.

Words are powerful and dangerous. I can shout from the rooftops how I feel about things, but I must acknowledge what my words can do. Fiorina and her lot are wholly unready to accept accountability for the hate they're flaming, and the next victim could very well be someone you love.

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Students work on projects a week before finals.

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the stress level that is harmful, but how you interpret it," Peck said. "It's what we do with those feelings, what we do with those thoughts, what we do with those sensations."

Sandra Bentley, Student Health Center Pharmacy operational director, said students that don't find healthy outlets for stress often face repercussions.

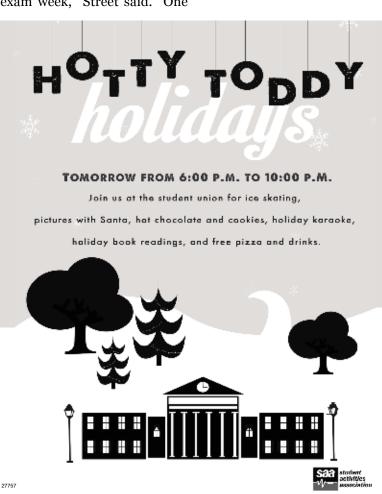
"Students that have not found healthy ways to reduce stress place themselves at risk for other health conditions," Bentley said. "Oftentimes, students find unhealthy outlets to manage stress and anxiety. Everyone will have stress at some point, but it is how they handle stress that determines if it is serious."

Junior music education major Amelia Bailey said, o for her, time management is a good way to help eliminate stress. She said students should just do something that takes their mind off of the stress such as going for a run or just watching TV.

"Make sure someone knows about your stress and be able to vent about it," Bailey said. "Don't bottle up anxiety. It just makes things worse on yourself. Surround yourself with people who will strive to build you up."

Robin Street, a public relations professor, had some great advice for how students can reduce their own anxiety if they don't have time or can't seek a counselor.

"Stress and anxiety are just going to be a normal part of exam week," Street said. "One thing I personally do to handle it is exercise, and exercise has actually been proven to lower stress and anxiety levels. It seems counterintuitive—instead of spending an hour studying to spend an hour taking a walk or a jog—but it really can reduce that anxiety and help you be able to come back and concentrate better."





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but after several meetings with teachers I ended up with a full schedule."

Hall said she did not receive any scholarships, but wishes that she would have researched and applied for more in order to help with the higher costs of the trip. Sofia Thomas, a senior English major, was able to study at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland with relatively little cost to her with the help of Ole Miss scholarships.

"I got incredibly lucky and got to spend a semester at a top-tier university at a really low cost to me," Thomas said.

Thomas said she believes cost is probably a reason why more students don't study abroad. Langley said many on-campus organizations, like the Honors College and some Greek chapters, provide scholarships for traveling if students apply for them, and there are many third-party scholarships available to students through various organizations.

"There are need-based scholarships for those who may receive the Pell Grant," Langley said. "There are access scholarships for, say, first generation college students, minority or LGBT students. There are also merit-based scholarships for those who excel in the classroom."

Langley said he encourages students who are interested in studying abroad to apply for any and all scholarships that are available, because it is guaranteed that students will not receive scholarships if they do not apply for them.

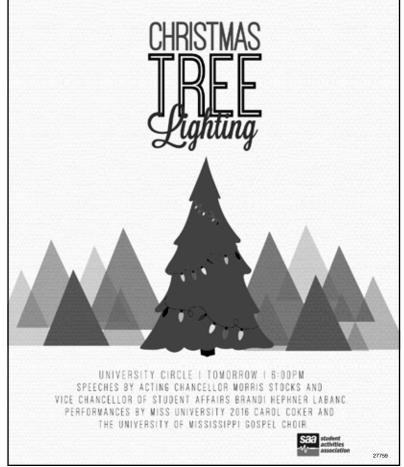
"I feel that if students would take time to come into our office and get some information from the advisors, they'll realize that studying abroad is something they can fit into their college career."



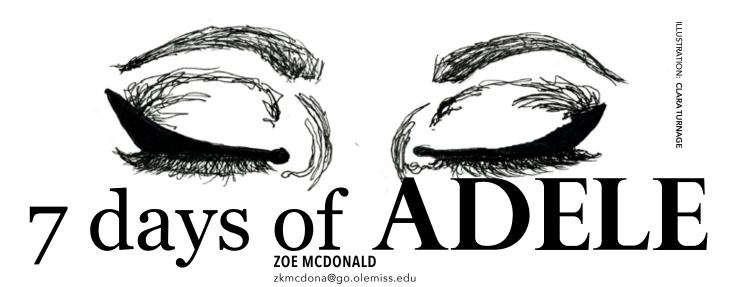
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Adele's much-anticipated, record-breaking album "25" came out Friday, Nov. 20, and the music world was wide-eyed and ready to get our hearts both broken and mended by Adele's latest. For seven days, I listened to the album and forced others to as well. Here is a catalogue of how it happened:

Day one.

It is Saturday, Nov. 21. I am a day late receiving Adele's latest piece of artistry, "25." All I've had for the past 24 hours to satiate my need for Adele are "19" and "21."

In one hour I will drive to The End of All Music to buy my first CD in months.

Around 10:30 a.m., I am pulling out from The End of All Music. I have ripped through the plastic seals and replaced "21" with "25" in my car's stereo. Bass.

"Hello," she croons. "Hello" I sing in unison. It's about time.

As I head home to Flowood, I play the rest of the virgin CD.

Since Adele opted out of streaming "25," I am limited to listening to it in any empty CD player I can find. This is my week's main challenge. After listening to it all the way through, I am filled with love.

It's only going to get better with time. I hear the last track as I am headed South down Interstate 55.

I instantly know this one will become a favorite. I notice some uplifting guitar riffs juxtaposed with a much richer, more mature sound from Adele.

These are good things.

Day two.

I wake up feeling a little groggy and down. I make plans to head into Jackson and visit with my friend Eve. I know she hasn't purchased "25" yet because, like me, she is a loyal Spotify user. I can't wait to see her reaction.

As soon as Eve sat in my passenger seat, she picked up the album. I smiled knowingly as I skipped "Hello"— right on to the unheard business.

As I am driving through Fondren, at "Send My Love (To Your New Lover)," Eve is staring past the dashboard wistfully into some outer space I can't make out or imagine.

"Ah," she mutters. "Another breakup album for me." She then embraces the CD case and Adele's flawless face and perfect cat-eye-lined eyes.

This can definitely be filed under "break-up albums." However, it also pulses with the strength and empowerment of moving on and growing up.

Day three.

Today, I am running errands before my family leaves to visit more family in Bridgeport, Alabama. Happy to take this opportunity to skip out on the hustle and bustle of my family's packing rituals, I gleefully plan to listen to "25" about 25 times through. At this point, I have clearly chosen my favorite songs, though listening to the entire album is a beautiful experience. I find that skipping to "Hello," "Water Under the Bridge," "River Lea" and "Sweetest Devotion" yields the greatest mood shift. I feel as if these songs, especially "River Lea," take me to the deepest depths of Adele's roots. Because of the quick, hard-hitting pace of these tracks, my car speed increases far above my 5 mph-over policy. I am beginning to think that I might get pulled over for recklessly jamming to Adele.

I have a quasi-spiritual moment on my way to Madison while listening to "Sweetest Devotion." I decide that I am Adele and also her backup singers. I feel as if I embody her, but I am also watching her feel everything simultaneously. I sing to a person I cannot see in a white truck with a license plate that reads, "bn2hunt." Adele is for us all.

I decide that my favorite part of the album is "Sweetest Devotion" and its transition back to "Hello."

Day four.

Today, I am traveling. I am sure that, for the entirety of the 7-hour drive, I will only be able to play "25" once. People are saying Adele's album sales will surpass the highest ever (NSYNC's "No Strings Attached" in 2000). What else could be expected from the most anticipated album of 2015?

I finally convince my family to play the album during the drive. At first, my mother isn't too impressed, but I can tell she begins to appreciate it after a while.

"This'll be good after a couple glasses of wine." she says.

One of the songs, "A Million Years Ago," sounds familiar, and with a little googling we find out that many people had made the same observation. "Yesterday" by Roy Clark is the musical doppelganger of "A Million Years Ago." After the album ends, I hold up my "21" album. "Eh?"

I am rejected. It was a good run, though.

When we arrive at Gran's, I tell her about my project. She reminds me that she had actually bought "19" for me during an album sale in a little antique store in south Pittsburgh that isn't open anymore.

Tomorrow is Aunt Judy's annual Christmas party. I ask if I can bring the album to play. She replies, "Oh honey, I have it."

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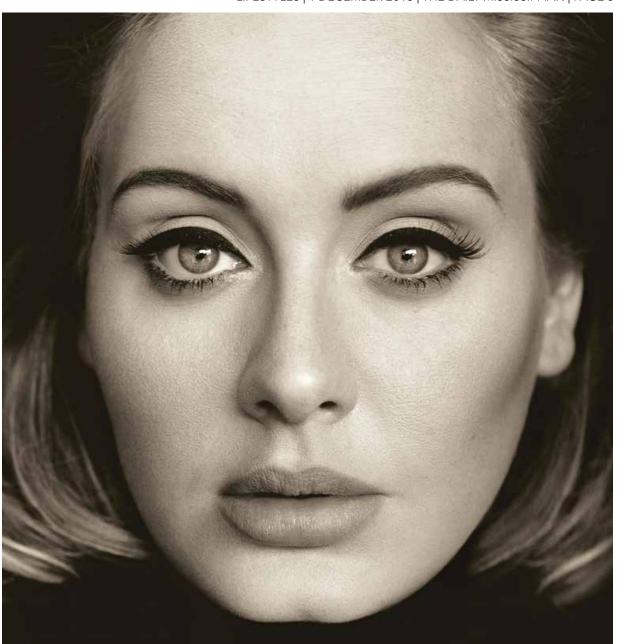
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- Made up 49 percent of all digital album sales in its first week, according to Billboard
- 22,000 copies were sold on Vinyl, the third largest sales in a week, according to Billboard



COURTESY: ADELE.COM

Day five.

We are preparing hors d'oeuvres for Aunt Judy's party and listening to Adele. We listen to the album three times through during our pre-

I can't convince many people to listen to the album again once the party starts. We listen to Susan Boyle's Christmas album and then take a vote to see who wants to listen to Adele again. She earned three votes: Me, my Gran and my mother because "she's my daughter." Oh well.

I am making plans to commandeer Gran's DVD player during Thanksgiving tomorrow...

Day six.

I wake up excited because I know I will stuff my face with all the food and Adele that I can.

I also brace myself for a day of hectic Thanksgiving rituals and family spats. I hope that I can solve all of them with Adele, as in this brilliant SNL skit. Of course, I'm more worried about college football arguments than political arguments. Just as the last dish arrives on Gran's table, I smile slyly and turn on "25," changing the input on the TV so football is no longer on. Luckily, no one seems to care. "25" makes an excellent background to eating copious amounts of fried okra, mashed potatoes and other Thanksgiving delicacies. This should probably count as a record for the longest amount of time Gran's TV was on something other than football during Thanksgiving. I've done my job well.

Day seven.

I am at a charity auction and party in a cabin on the side of a ridge. After trying several times to request that the band play a song, any song, by Adele, I have to give up trying because I'm going to embarrass my father in front of his friends. He leads me to a group of women inside.

"Here, Zoe, ask them about Adele," he says.

Me: "So, uh, what do you think of Adele's new album."

Bridgeport women: "We love Adele." "She can do no wrong."

They also tell me that "25" served as a break-up album for one of their own. I ask if someone in the band can possibly cover Adele. One of the women replies with, "No, he doesn't do Adele."

Me: "Oh. Okay," I say before swiftly disappearing.

Post week:

For a week full of Adele, I didn't cry once. This turn of events is surprising, because just a few years ago, I couldn't get through "Someone Like You" without bursting into tears as soon as Adele went into her belt range. More than anything, I felt empowered by "25." These songs are timeless, and proof, more than anything, that Adele understands what it means to be humanto feel. By the end of the seven days, I knew the words to almost every song. I also caught almost every family member and friend singing along at least once. Judging by the growing number of records that Adele has broken (3.38 million copies were sold in the first week, the most ever counted), "25" will be a timeless go-to for us all.

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Brett Favre has another happy memory before retirement

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) -Brett Favre had one more memorable moment with the Green Bay Packers.

With cold, driving rain drenching Lambeau Field, the Packers unveiled Favre's name and retired No. 4 on the stadium facade Thursday night at halftime against the Chicago Bears.

Favre thanked his former teammates and fans as the crowd roared its approval.

His family was on hand as well. "They get to see what it's like playing at Lambeau when it's cold, windy and raining. There's nothing like it. I thank them so much for being so supportive all these years," Favre said. "And

most importantly, I thank you." There was one more special welcome for Favre when Hall of Famer Bart Starr was driven to

the middle of the field on a cart. The 81-year-old Starr is recovering from two strokes and a heart attack.

"It was awesome," Favre said. "I got more of a thrill out of that than what I was here for. To see him that excited, at 81 years old, was pretty awesome."

The two former quarterbacks embraced.

"(This) was more than likely his last time to be here," Favre said. "It's sad, but I really wanted him to be here."

Later, Favre exchanged a handshake and hug with current quarterback Aaron Rodgers, who replaced Favre as the starter in

The long-anticipated ceremony is the latest step in a lengthy reconciliation between the Packers and Favre, the three-time MVP helped revive a struggling franchise when he arrived in



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Brett Favre addresses the public during a ceremony at halftime of the NFL game between the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears on Thursday, November 26, where the Packers retired his jersey.

The Packers won one Super Bowl and went to another during Favre's 16 seasons, but the sides had a messy divorce with Favre waffling about retirement.

The great thaw started in July, when Favre returned to Lambeau for an emotional ceremony to retire his jersey and to be inducted into the Packers Hall of Fame.

"It was one of those moments you know that, much like today, much like tonight, you want to soak it all in. But then when it's over, it still doesn't seem real," Favre said at a charity event in Green Bay earlier Thursday.

Favre had been called a gunslinger and riverboat gambler during his career for making throws off his back foot, or across his body to a receiver in tight cov-

The swagger and playmaking ability also made him a fan favorite at Lambeau.

There was little surprise then when the Packers scheduled his retired number to be unveiled during a prime-time game on Thanksgiving before a national television audience.

"On behalf of the Green Bay Packers organization and our fans, welcome home," team president Mark Murphy said.

This reunion didn't seem likely after Favre was traded to the Jets in 2008. Favre then went to play for the Minnesota Vikings, the Packers' NFC North archrivals, for two seasons.

That was it for many Packers

fans who deemed Favre a traitor. Those days seem to be long gone now.

"All forgiven," said Packers fan Jeremy Hasselbring, of Oak Creek, who was wearing a Packers Favre jersey.

"I have his jerseys from the Jets and Minnesota," Hasselbring said. "I knew what he was doing. But you can't hate him for personal reasons for what he

Andrew Crow, of Stevens Point, said it wasn't until two years ago that he was able to forgive Favre.

"It was the Vikings that kind of destroyed it. But I'm here," Crow said. "The Packers wouldn't be where they are today without him."

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Anyone's game: Who will get a bowl game this year?

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Bowl season is right around the corner, and, as per usual, the SEC will fill a number of different bowl slots. Ten SEC teams became bowl-eligible this season, including the entire SEC West along with Florida, Tennessee and Georgia.

Barring an upset this weekend, Alabama looks as if it will be returning to the college football playoff, likely as the two or three seed playing in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Eve.

The SEC will get a second team into an access bowl this year, and it will either be Florida or Ole Miss. It could potentially get a little bit complicated depending on what happens with the rankings set tomorrow night. Whichever team is ranked higher come Sunday will be in line to fill the access slot in The Sugar Bowl, and with Florida coming off of a loss to Florida State and Ole Miss drubbing Mississippi State this weekend, many think that the Rebels will jump the Gators in this week's rankings. Though this outcome is not guaranteed, Florida losing to Alabama this weekend would also help the Rebels' chances of heading to New Orleans on New Year's Eve. The alternative would be

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a berth in the Citrus Bowl in Orlando. While this process is somewhat complicated, Ole Miss is either heading to New Orleans or Orlando.

Looking further down the line, Georgia looks pretty set for a date with a Big Ten team in the Music City Bowl. Penn State looks like the Bulldogs' most likely opponent.

LSU and Mississippi State appear to be in a toss up between the TaxSlayer Bowl and Belk Bowl, and based on the way each team is trending, I would give the nod to LSU for the TaxSlayer Bowl and the Bulldogs for the Belk Bowl spot. Arkansas is also a possible candidate for the Belk Bowl. If Arkansas gets the invitation, Mississippi State would end up in the Liberty Bowl against a Big 12 teamlikely Texas Tech or Kansas State.

Texas A&M will likely end up in the Texas Bowl against whichever Big 12 team doesn't play in the Liberty Bowl. Tennessee will be heading to the Outback Bowl and will most likely be playing Northwestern. At 6-6, Auburn looks like a lock for a Birmingham Bowl match up against Memphis to round out the SEC teams that are bowl eligible.

It's been a strange year in college football, and with so many bowls and not enough teams eligible to fill the slots, you could potentially see some five-win teams accept a bowl bid. The only SEC team this would apply to is Missouri, who would likely land in the Independence Bowl, giving the SEC's 11 teams playing in bowl games.

Given these projections, here are some things to look for this bowl season.

Biggest storyline: I think nationwide, it has to be the SEC. After a poor bowl showing last season, the SEC's ego took a hit, so to speak, and is no longer viewed as the far and away toughest conference

in college football. Does the SEC rebound this year, and reclaim its place as the best conference in America? Or does it stumble and continue to prove that parody in college football is more evident now than ever before?

Biggest mismatch: If these projections hold true, it's got to be Auburn against Memphis. The Tigers have struggled this year after being the preseason favorite to win SEC, and a matchup against Paxton Lynch and the explosive offense of Memphis could send them into the offseason with a 6-7 record.

Best Matchup: TCU beat Baylor this past weekend, and should get the nod over the Bears to play in the Sugar Bowl. If everything goes accordingly in the SEC, you could potentially see a New Year's Eve rematch between Ole Miss and TCU. Trevone Boykin will have a month to get healthy and face a revenge-seeking Ole Miss defense. This potential matchup could have the making for an outstanding football game.

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Coaching carousel begins turning as positions open up



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South Carolina's Steve Spurrier announced that he was retiring earlier this season.



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Missouri football coach Gary Pinkel will resign from his position at the end of the season due to health reasons.

University of Georgia head football coach Mark Richt recently stepped down.

COLLIN BRISTER

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Silly season has begun in college football. Mark Richt is out at Georgia. Gary Pinkel is out at Missouri. Les Miles has nine lives and is returning to LSU to coach their prestigious football team. Allegedly. Probably. Maybe.

Richt was fired at Georgia after a 9-3 season, but those three losses were to two of Georgia's biggest rivals— Florida and Tennessee. The other loss was a blowout at the hands of Nick Saban and the Alabama Crimson Tide in October. Richt won 145 games during his 15 year tenure at gia and is regarded as one

Georgia. The Bulldogs decided to depart with Richt on Sunday and will look to hire a new coach immediately.

Georgia is undoubtedly a top 10 job in the college football world. With top-tier facilities and a fertile recruiting base, a coach can succeed there. The issue, however, is that Georgia may have trouble finding a better coach when they fired arguably their best coach in program history after a 9-3 season.

Names to look at for Georgia are Kirby Smart, Dan Mullen, and Larry Fedora.

Smart is currently the defensive coordinator at Georof the best assistant football coaches in the country. Smart is an alumnus of Georgia and played for the Bulldogs. He was rumored to be interested in the South Carolina job earlier this month, but if that was true, it has probably been put on hold at this point.

Dan Mullen is a very good football coach. Mullen has done more at Mississippi State than any other coach in the history of their program. Mullen's downfall at Mississippi State is his inability to attract top tier recruits. Mullen wins with average recruiting classes in Starkville. Imagine what he could do at Georgia, a place where he would undoubtedly recruit much better players.

Fedora has turned North Carolina around even after a lackluster performance in 2014. Fedora took over the North Carolina program in 2012, and has made it a nationally relevant program. North Carolina is in the middle of NCAA sanctions from some academic mishaps, so Fedora may be looking to making a move.

The South Carolina job is still open, too. Steve Spurrier retired in October, and South Carolina only won one game after his retirement. South Carolina lost to the Citadel.

I think a name to look at

for South Carolina is Todd Monken from Southern Miss. Monken took over a Southern Miss program that went winless in 2012. Monken won only one game during his first year at Southern Miss, but two years later has them in the Conference USA Championship game.

Southern Miss has a solid football program, but they won't be able to match the money that a place like South Carolina could give him. I'm not sure if Monken is in a hurry to leave a place that gave him his first head coaching job, but if he is, South Carolina would be a good place to

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