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# Casey Anthony cleared of murdering young daughter 

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - day. Anthony could get up to a Casey Anthony was acquitted Tuesday of murdering her 2 -year-old daughter in a case that became a national sensation on cable TV, with its CSIstyle testimony about duct-tape marks on the child's face and the smell of death inside a car trunk.
After a trial of a month and a half, the jury took less than 11 hours to find Anthony not guilty of first-degree murder, aggravated manslaughter and aggravated child abuse.
She was convicted only of four misdemeanor counts of lying to investigators who were looking into the June 2008 disappearance of her daughter, Caylee.
Tears welled in Anthony's eyes, her face reddened, her lips trembled, and she began breathing heavily as she listened to the verdict. Anthony, 25 , could have gotten the death penalty if convicted of murder. Many in the crowd of about 500 people outside the courthouse reacted with anger after the verdict was read, chanting, "Justice for Caylee!" One man yelled, "Baby killer!"
Given the relative speed with which the jury came back with a verdict, many court-watchers were expecting Anthony to be convicted in the killing, and they were stunned by the outcome.
Sentencing was set for Thurs-
day. Anthony could get up to a
year behind bars on each count of lying to investigators. But since she has been in jail for nearly three years already, she could walk free.
Prosecutors contended that Anthony - a single mother living with her parents - suffocated Caylee with duct tape because she wanted to be free to hit the nightclubs and spend time with her boyfriend.
Defense attorneys argued that the little girl accidentally drowned in the family swimming pool, and that Anthony panicked and hid the body because of the traumatic effects of being sexually abused by her father.
The case played out on national television almost from the moment Caylee was reported missing three years ago. CNN's hard-nosed Nancy Grace dissected the case at every turn with the zeal of the prosecutor she once was, arguing that Anthony was responsible for her daughter's death. The TV host turned the term "tot mom" into shorthand for Anthony.
Anthony's attorney Cheney Mason blasted the media after the verdict.
"Well, I hope that this is a lesson to those of you having indulged in media assassination
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Defense attorney Jose Baez and Casey Anthony react after the jury acquitted Anthony of murdering her daughter, Caylee, during her murder trial at the Orange County Courthouse in Orlando, Fla., on July 5.

# UMMC challenged on use of live animals in teaching 

## BY NATALIA BURGOS

AND LEE HARRIS
The Daily Mississippian
The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) has filed a criminal complaint with the Mississippi Attorney General's office regarding the University of Mississippi Medical Center's (UMMC) teaching with live pigs in classroom exercises.
To be allowed to perform laboratory exercises on live animals, the Animal Welfare Act requires that schools thoroughly investigate alternative methods and document why these alternatives are not used.

PCRM requested the USDA do an inspection because it believed these requirements were not being met. The medical center's USDA inspection reported that "all of the alternatives to the painful procedures were not identified, considered or explained."
In a press release, the UMMC said this was a simple paperwork error. However, PCRM is using this opportunity to challenge the legality of the school's live animal teaching exercises. John Pippin, director of academic affairs, said such practices are illegal because better alternatives exist.
"It has been widely demonstrated around the country that it
is not only unnecessary to (use live animals), but that it is substandard educational practice to do so," Pippin said. "We believe that makes it a violation on Mississippi law."

According to PCRM, only seven out of the 177 accredited medical schools in the United States and Canada still use live animals in their teaching exercises. Pippin said other schools are now using simulators and other technologies that are in many ways better than using pigs. Following this train of thought, Pippin suggested that even when the school does submit its paperwork, it still will not be able to justify the use of live animals.
Pippin said that if the USDA
does reject the school's justifications for not using an alternative, it could be the catalyst that puts an end of the use of animals for medical student training in the few remaining schools that do.
"The fact of the matter is that in the absence of any demonstrable benefit for the education of these students, this is animal cruelty," Pippin said. "If it were done outside of a medical school, it would clearly be animal cruelty."
Although the UMMC declined The Daily Mississippian's request for an interview, it did address this point in its press release. The school said it does use simulators in addition to its live animal exercise
but that these simulators have limitations.
"Despite the promise emerging technology holds, current computer programs are not yet completely accurate substitutions for animal models," reads the UMMC's release. "Running a scenario on a computer program multiple times returns the same result every time. However, results in live animal models vary, just as with human patients."
The exercise in question is the cardiovascular physiology lab for first-year medical students. It involves "the basics of placing cath-

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## Public humiliation 101 with Weiner and Blago



BY ADAM GANUCHEAU Columnist

Welcome to public humiliation 101 taught by former Rep. Anthony Weiner and former Gov. Rod Blagojevich. In this class, you will learn how to make terrible decisions, leave tracks to get caught and ultimately be utterly humiliated in front of billions of people. Everyone qualifies for this class and anyone can be publicly humiliated if they take these quick and easy steps.
These professors are very experienced and qualified in the field, so don't be afraid to ask questions.
Lesson one: making bad decisions.
We do things that we shouldn't - it's human nature. We eat the rest of the bag of potato chips even after we have had plenty. We go 80 in a 70 mile an hour zone even if it is against the law. We slack off at work sometimes even if it is against the rules.
Professors Weiner and Blago are also no strangers to making bad decisions. One sent inappropriate pictures and text messages to a woman that isn't his wife and the
other tried to auction off a spot in the United States Senate - both while holding publicly elected jobs. If you want to truly learn how to be publicly humiliated, you must make a bad decision
Lesson two: leaving obvious evidence of the bad decisions.
A wise person once told me, "Don't write it on paper if you don't want your mother to see it." Professors Weiner and Blago obviously did not heed this warning very well. Both men used electronic "paper" to leave their evidence trails.
Weiner used Twitter and text and picture messages over his cellular phone to carry out his less than orthodox behavior.
Blago used email and telephone calls to auction off the spot on the U.S. Senate. Both men used things that are easier to track than paper. I somehow doubt their mothers would approve of their behavior
Lesson three: locking the humiliation down.
"The truth will set you free." Though the truth might not always
set you free, it will allow you a little more freedom than you already have. Professors Weiner and Blago can definitely vouch for that statement. Weiner denied the allegations from the beginning, claiming that the media put a raunchy spin on a not-so-raunchy occurrence. Blago literally spent thousands of dollars on a redemption tour in which he tried to convince the public that all the allegations against him were false. For one of our professors, the pressure became too much. Weiner has admitted his wrongdoing, resigned from public office and admitted himself into rehab.
Though Blago denied the allegations against him, he was removed from office. Though both "professors" swore they did no wrong, Weiner admitted his wrongdoing and Blago was recently found guilty on 17 charges in federal court. Professor Weiner lost his job and wrecked his family life and Blago lost his job and could spend up to 300 years in prison.
If you want to be publicly hu-
miliated and lose everything, study these easy lessons. The beauty of this course is that the test comes when you least expect it. The bad part of the course is that if you pass the test, you fail. Public humiliation can occur on any scale, regardless if you are a publicly elected official.
Posting inappropriate things to your Twitter or Facebook accounts can end in public humiliation.
It is nothing for a potential employer to Google search your name and discover your social media accounts that are full of embarrassing and inappropriate things. Always think about what you post because once you post it, it is there forever. Stay after class to ask the "professors" questions about their experiences. If you take your shirt off for a Twit Pic and brush your hair like Justin Bieber, you are likely to receive extra credit.

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# It's not where you go. It's what you do while you're there. 

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BY LEXI THOMAN
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When I'm not in Oxford, I'm often asked, "Where do you go to college?"
As an out-of state student from St. Louis, not many people from my area go to Ole Miss. Every once in a while I have to clarify when people do not recognize the "Ole Miss" nickname, and have to spell out "The-Univer-sity-of-Mississippi" before they understand where I go to school (though typically can I just say, "You know, like from "The Blind Side..." and suddenly a light bulb goes on. Thank you, Hollywood!).
Now, few would argue with me if I said that people do not generally hold Ole Miss at the same level of academic prestige as certain top 10 universities
like Harvard, Princeton or Yale. Thousands of high school seniors scramble, strategize and pray over their applications to Ivy League schools each fall, all hoping for the same thing: to get the namebrand institution on their bachelor's degree.
And they are distraught when they find themselves among the thousands of students who receive rejection letters each year.
Even if a high school senior is lucky enough to find an Ivy acceptance letter in his or her mailbox, rest assured his or her parents would find another, lessexciting piece of paper in that same mailbox not long after: a cost of attendance bill totaling over $\$ 50,000 \ldots$...for one year.
Now, let me clarify my argument. I am in no way denouncing the quality of education that Ivy League schools provide their students. They set a standard of excellence that all institutions strive to achieve and few are able to match. But at $\$ 50,000$ a year, things start looking a little unrealistic for the average American
family, especially when they are trying to put more than one child through four years of college and keep the household out of bankruptcy.
From a student's perspective, however, there is another reason why one might be hesitant about taking out the $\$ 200,000$ student loan to pay for a bachelor's degree: knowing that two years of grad school - and more bills are to follow.
More and more data is coming in that proves where you get your undergrad does not matter nearly as much as what you do when you are there and when it comes to applying for professional programs.

After two years, I have realized that at Ole Miss, no one is doomed to be "just a number." There are thousands of opportunities available for each student and it only takes a little extra effort to enjoy many of them. Here, I am a part of the Honors College, Croft Institute and the Center for Intelligence and Security Studies.

I am pursuing two majors and two minors and I am learning two languages. I have studied abroad for a summer in one country and plan to live in two more before I graduate. I presented the research that I hope may some day evolve into my thesis at a conference in Virginia as a sophomore alongside senior members of the intelligence community.
And out of all of these amazing experiences, what thing has stood out the most about Ole Miss? The fact that my professors know my name. When it comes to recommendation letters for scholarship, school and job applications, I know the professor I ask will not simply plug my name into a form letter.
Instead, I will get an individualized, personal recommendation that can no doubt make the difference between acceptance and rejection.
Financially speaking, I know that my choice to attend a state school versus a more prestigious private university has allowed me to put my money elsewhere, like
toward studying abroad. I am also looking at graduating without a penny of debt, a monumental feat in today's world of economic woes.
Thinking about grad school? Consider this. Once you graduate with your professional degree and start searching for jobs, employers put more weight on where you got your graduate degree and less on your undergrad.
Do Ivy League undergrads have an edge in applying to grad school? Perhaps.
But at the very least, Ole Miss has given me many more things to put on a resume than just a school's name.
Take advantage of what Ole Miss has to offer while you can. In an application game that emphasizes not where you go but what you do, this is your chance to stand out.

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Why the Casey Anthony Verdict Means the Justice System is Still Working

BY BRITTANY SHARKEY

Casey Anthony was found not guilty of the murder of her 2 -year-old daughter Caylee yesterday. Within minutes of the announcement of the verdict, the Internet was ablaze with commentary alternatively condemning and bemoaning this obvious failure of the criminal justice system.
But was it really a failure? To me, it was not. This verdict today proved to me that the criminal justice system is performing the functions it was designed to do and that the system has produced a correct verdict.
In this country and particularly as it relates to our criminal justice system, we hold dear a very fundamental set of rights that protects the individual from various forms of oppression. Two of those most impor-
tant rights are a presumption of innocence until proven guilty and that guilt must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.
The sensationalism of this sto ry and the 24 -hour news cycle all contributed to Casey Anthony never having a moment of presumed innocence, at least as far as the public was concerned.
Anthony had already been convicted of the murder by the media and the public before the trial even began.
However, despite the media fascination with the case, the panel of seven women and five men were able to look at the evidence and the arguments they had been presented with and make the evaluation that there was not sufficient evidence to convict Anthony of the very serious crime of murder.
These jurors did their difficult job admirably. The jurors took their impossible task of looking
only at the admitted evidence and reaching an unpopular conclusion, but one that was based on the evidence given at trial and nothing that they had encountered from media speculation.
This case, compelling though it may have been, did not meet the burden of proving that Anthony was guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Even with Anthony's troubled defense team claiming that Caylee had drowned in the family pool and allegations of sexual abuse, the defense had little trouble poking numerous holes in the prosecution's largely circumstantial evidence.
The prosecution could not even prove how Caylee died and there were no witnesses to link Anthony with any of the actions surrounding the murder. The smoking gun for the prosecution should have been the new technology that would have detected amounts of human decomposi-
tion in the trunk of Anthony's car. However, the amounts weren't high enough to establish conclusively that a dead body had ever been in the car.
The prosecution did not meet the burden of proving that Anthony was guilty of the murder of her daughter. If the jury had convicted her of murder based on that evidence, that conviction would have violated fundamental rights of our justice system.
This verdict is one that is highly unpopular and undoubtedly will be controversial for years to come. However, Casey Anthony was convicted of the murder of her daughter in the court of public opinion long before she ever stood trial.
The prosecution, however, had a much higher standard to meet in the real court rather than the court of public opinion in order to convict Anthony. The pros-
ecution was unable to meet that standard. While many may view this verdict as letting the guilty go unpunished, many in the legal field will see it as a triumph of the rights of the accused.
This verdict proves that presumption of innocence and proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt are still rights that can thrive within our justice system, regardless of the media frenzy.
And for anyone who ever stands accused of a crime, whether rightly or wrongly, this triumph of rights over vitriol proves that a fair trial is possible and the criminal justice system is functioning exactly as it should.

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for three years, bias, prejudice and incompetent talking heads saying what would be and how to be," Mason said.
"I'm disgusted by some of the lawyers that have done this, and I can tell you that my colleagues from coast to coast and border to border have condemned this whole process of lawyers getting on television and talking about cases that they don't know a damn thing about."
The jurors - seven women, five men - would not talk to the media, and their identities were kept secret by the court.
State's Attorney Lawson La mar said: "We're disappointed in the verdict today because we know the facts and we've put in absolutely every piece of evidence that existed." The prosecutor lamented the lack of hard evidence, saying, "This is a dry-bones case. Very, very difficult to prove. The delay in recovering little Caylee's remains worked to our considerable disadvantage."
Caylee's disappearance went unreported by her own mother for a month. The child's decomposed body was eventually found in the woods near her grandparents' home six months after she was last seen. A medical examiner was never able to establish how she died.The case became a macabre tourist attraction in Orlando.
People camped outside for seats in the courtroom, and scuffles broke out among those desperate to watch the drama unfold.
Because the case got so much media attention in Orlando, jurors were brought in from the Tampa Bay area and sequestered for the entire trial, during which they listened to more than 33 days of testimony and looked at 400 pieces of evidence. Anthony did not take the stand.
"While we're happy for Casey, there are no winners in this case," Anthony attorney Jose Baez said after the verdict. Caylee has passed on far, far too soon and what my driving force has been for the last three years has been always to make sure that there has been justice for Caylee and Casey because Casey did not murder Caylee. It's that simple. And today our system of justice has not dishonored her memory by a false conviction."
In closing arguments, prosecutor Linda Drane Burdick showed the jury two side-byside images. One showed Anthony smiling and partying in a nightclub during the first month Caylee was missing.
The other was the tattoo Anthony she got a day before law enforcement learned of the child's disappearance: the Italian words for "beautiful life."
"At the end of this case, all you have to ask yourself is whose life was better without Caylee?" Burdick asked. "This is your answer."
Prosecutors also focused heavily on an odor in the trunk of Anthony's car, which forensics experts said was consistent with the smell of human decay.
But the defense argued that the air analysis could not be duplicated, that no one could prove a stain found in the trunk was caused by Caylee's remains, and that maggots in the compartment had come from a bag of trash.
Prosecutors hammered away at the lies Anthony told when the child was missing: She told her parents that she couldn't produce Caylee because the girl was with a nanny named Zanny - a woman who doesn't exist; that she and her daughter were spending time with a rich boyfriend who doesn't exist; and that Zanny had been hospitalized after an out-of-town traffic crash and that they were spending time with her.
Baez said during closing arguments that the prosecutors case was so weak they tried to portray Anthony as "a lying, no-good slut" and that their forensic evidence was based on a "fantasy." He said Caylee's death was "an accident that snowballed out of control."
He contended that the toddler drowned and that when Anthony panicked, her father, a former police officer, decided to make the death look like a murder by putting duct tape on the girl's mouth and dumping the body in the woods a quar-ter-mile away.
Anthony's father denied both the cover-up and abuse claims.
The verdict could divide people for many years to come, just as the O.J. Simpson case in the mid-1990s did, with some believing Anthony got away with murder.
Ti McLeod, who lives near the Anthony family, said, "The justice system has failed Caylee." Jodie Ickes, who lives a mile away and goes to the same hairdresser Anthony uses, said she is against the death penalty and was glad that Casey wasn't facing execution.
"I'm comfortable with the outcome," she concluded.
Among the trial spectators was 51-year-old Robin Wilkie, who said she has spent $\$ 3,000$ on hotels and food since arriving June 10 from Lake Minnetonka, Minn. She tallied more than 100 hours standing in line to wait for tickets and got into the courtroom 15 times to see Anthony
"True crime has become a unique genre of entertainment," Wilkie said.
"Her stories are so extreme and fantastic, it's hard to believe they're true, but that's what engrosses people. This case has sex, lies and videotapes - just like on reality TV."

## Cost of higher education on the rise

BY MEGHAN LITTEN

College tuition rises at al most 5 percent a year, according to the Consumer Report, and the state of Mississippi is no exception to the national trend.
Andy Mullins, chief of staff to the chancellor and associate professor of education, believes the cost of living has a major impact on the rising of higher education tuition in addition to cuts from the state egislature. Mullins has found he increase in tuition to be a national trend "for a least the last 10 years" and believes it will continue unless "we see the economy turn around."
Mullins said the consistent increase in tuition is because the universities in Mississippi don't have other options.
"That's our only source of significant money," he said. "The two main sources are the state legislature and tuition Very little comes from other sources. So when the state cuts its shares, then we have no choice than to go to the other main source and that's tuition."
Mississippi public universities are asking the state legislature for a 10 percent increase to their funding the upcoming academic year.
Recently, The Clarion Ledger reported that of the eight public universities in Mississippi, only 37 percent of the

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eters, controlling arterial pressure with standard medications and defibrillation procedures," accord ing to the school's release. Under the supervision of veterinarians the pigs are anesthetized during the procedure and euthanized after its completion.
These exercises have split not only the professional community but also the student population as well. Austin Wheeler is a sophomore from Fulton studying Chinese and business. He said given the alternative methods available, these teaching methods are outdated and unnecessary.
"It just seems kind of crude and barbaric," Wheeler said. "I can understand why we did it at the roots of medical teaching, but we're past that now. I just don't see the point of wasting life like that."
Other students, though, feel these exercises are necessary. Ben Hewitt is a junior pre-med student from Dothan, Ala. He shares the UMMC's belief that a simulator cannot emulate the intricacies of a living organism.


Graduate students Michael Mosley and Maria Marion help freshman Britney Wrigth turn in her financial aid paperwork.
universities' operating funds for the fiscal year that began July 1 will come from the state. Tuition from students covers more than 57 percent of universities' cost. Only a decade ago the state provided 54 percent of the budget to universities.
The average in-state tuition cost for the fiscal year of 2011 for the eight universities is \$5,067.

The university with the most expensive in-state tuition was Mississippi State University with $\$ 5,461$, followed by University of Southern Mississippi \$5,453 and the University of Mississippi with $\$ 5,439$. Mississippi's average
in-state tuition falls under the national average of $\$ 6,397$.
Southern Mississippi has the lowest out-of-state tuition at $\$ 13,052$, followed by Ole Miss at $\$ 13,890$. Mississippi State takes the claim of highest out-of-state tuition with the cost at $\$ 14,102$.
Robert Wilson, a senior international studies major from Brandon, said tuition played a large part on his decision to remain in state to go to college.
"Even though I would love to go to school in Boston or Washington, D.C., it is just more affordable to go to school here in Mississippi where I am closer to home," he said.
"A simulation or a computer is not going to be able to mimic the uncertainty and the different factors and fluctuations," Hewitt said. "The life of any animal can't be summed up in an equation. The closest thing to experimenting on a human is experimenting on another mammal."
According to the USDA inspection report, the UMMC only needs to complete its research and documentation of live animal alternatives to be in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act. However, PCRM maintains that the USDA should reject any justifications given by the school because this teaching method is outdated as evidenced by the small number of schools still teaching with live animals.
The criminal charges have been filed with the Attorney General's office. However, none of the lawsuits PCRM has filed in the past against other medical schools have resulted in prosecutions, though Massachusetts General Hospital ended animal use for trauma training after PCRM filed a criminal complaing with the local district attorney's office.
The UMMC has until its next live animal exercise to come into compliance.

## AsSOCIAED PRESS <br> Ex-Atlanta schools chief knew of cheating

ATLANTA (AP) - A state in vestigation says former Atlanta schools Superintendent Beverly Hall knew about cheating allegations on standardized tests but either ignored them or tried to hide them.
An 800-page report released to The Associated Press by Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal's office Tuesday through an open records request shows several educators reported cheating in their schools. But the report says Hall and other administrators ignored those and sometimes retaliated against whistleblowers.
The yearlong investigation reported educators at nearly fou dozen Atlanta elementary and middle schools cheated on standardized tests by helping students or changing the answers once exams were handed in. A previous governor had ordered the probe.
Hall could not be reached for comment. Her attorney declined comment because he hadn't seen the report.

## Early look at the 2012 Ole Miss recruting class

## With the prospects in the 2012 recruiting class halfway through the summer camp season, it's time to take a look at the next incoming recruiting class. The Rebels have picked up seven commitments so far. Remember, these prospects cannot sign until National Signing Day in February 2012.

BY BENNETT HIPP
The Daily Mississippian

## Ben Still

Offensive Lineman
Memphis University School
Scout.com: **
Rivals.com: $\star \star \star$
Vitals: 64," 270 pounds
Still was the first commitment the Rebels received for the 2012 class as he committed April 21. At his current size, he projects to play at guard at the next level and should be a good one. In addition to Ole Miss, Still claims offers from Tulane and Memphis.

## Temario Strong

Defensive End
South Panola
Scout.com: $\star \star \star$
Rivals.com: * $\star \star$
Vitals: 61," 217 pounds
Temario Strong was the first of two South Panola High School players to commit to Ole Miss April 26. At only 6 ' $1, " 217$ pounds, Strong is undersized for a defensive end and projects to play outside linebacker at the collegiate level unless he adds a significant amount of weight. He recorded 79 tackles and 14.5 sacks as a junior at South Panola. He is also the nephew of former Ole Miss linebacker Eddie Strong.

## Issac Gross

Defensive tackle
South Panola
Scout.com: $\star \star \star$
Rivals.com: $\star \star \star$
Vitals: 62," 270 pounds
Gross was the second part of the South Panola duo that committed to Ole Miss, along with Strong. He projects to play defensive tackle at Ole Miss, but could be used as a big defensive end in certain situations. He possesses a great first step and that quickness helped him record 75 tackles and 10 sacks as a junior. In addition to Ole Miss, Gross claims offers from Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi State, Tennessee and Texas, among others.

## C.J. Beathard

## Quarterback

Battleground Academy (Tenn.)
Scout.com: *ぇ
Rivals.com: $\star \star \star$
Vitals: 62," 180 pounds
The Rebels are looking for two quarterbacks in this 2012 recruiting class and landed their first one in Beathard in early May. With his current frame, he needs to add weight and will certainly redshirt his first year at Ole Miss to do so. He possesses a good arm and has proved to be very accurate. He claims offers from Tulane and SMU along with Ole Miss. As a junior, he threw for 2,312 yards and 17 touchdowns.

## Jordan Batiste

Defensive back
Lutcher (La.)
Scout.com: $\star \star \star$
Rivas.com: ** $\star$
Vitals: 5'8," 160 pounds
Ole Miss badly needs defensive backs in this class and Batiste projects touchdowns.
to be a very good one. He impressed during camp season and would have been more highly recruited if he was bigger than his 5 ' 8 ," 160 -pound frame. Batiste possesses great speed, solid cover skills and could contribute early despite his size. He claims offers from Memphis, Mississippi State, Pittsburgh, Southern Mississippi and Vanderbilt, among others.

## Jaylen Walton

Running back
Ridgeway (Tenn.)
Scout.com: $\star \star \star$
Rivals.com: $\star \star \star$
Vitals: 5'9," 175 pounds
While the overall talent level in Mississippi for the 2012 recruiting class is down compared to years past, Memphis is stacked with talent and the Rebels have been hitting the city hard. Their hard work paid off with the commitment of Walton, an explosive athlete who is one of the fastest prospects in the Southeast. At 5'9," 175 pounds, he is undersized but has the talent to play from the time he steps foot on campus. Walton has offers from all over the place, including Arkansas, Auburn, Louisville, Mississippi State, Nebraska, Notre Dame and Penn State, among others.

## Jake Meador

Offensive tackle
Whiteland (Ind.)
Scout.com: $\star \star \star$
Rivals.com: $\star \star \star \star$
Vitals: 67," 305 pounds
Ole Miss very rarely goes into the state of Indiana and pulls a great prospect but the Rebels did when they landed Jake Meador. Meador projects as an offensive tackle on the collegiate level as he is already a large kid at 67," 305 pounds. In addition to Ole Miss, Meador claims offers


LaFayette High School quarterback Jeremy Liggins runs over an Itawamba Agricultural High School defender in a 25-19 loss in 2009. During his junior year, Liggins, a three-star recruit, ran for over 1,100 yards, threw for over 1,600 yards and scored a combined 37
from Indiana, Kentucky, Louisville, SMU and Vanderbilt.
Three to keep an eye on: Channing Ward
Defensive end
Aberdeen
Scout.com: $\star \star \star \star$
Rivals.com: $\star \star \star \star$
Vitals: 64," 255 pounds
Channing Ward is one of the top prospects in the state and a priority for Ole Miss, among others. At 6'4," 255 -pounds, Ward is a powerful player and was dominant as a junior, recording 119 tackles and 13 sacks. He claims offers from Ole Miss, Alabama, Auburn, LSU, Mississippi State, Oregon and Ten nessee, among others. All of those schools appear to be in contention for Ward.
Jeremy Liggins
Quarterback
Lafayette
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Vitals: 63," 270 pounds
Liggins is one of the most interesting prospects in the 2012 recruiting class. He lives in Oxford and is an accomplished quarterback at Lafayette High School. However, he is 63 ," 270 pounds and is so talented he could play defensive end, tight end or even linebacker at the collegiate level. Liggins wants to play quarterback though, and he is a very good one. He ran for over 1,100 yards, threw for over 1,600 yards and scored a combined 37 touchdowns as junior. He claims offers from Alabama, Ole Miss, LSU and Mississippi State, among others, and those are thought to be his top four schools.
Sheldon Dawson
Athlete
Ridgeway (Tenn.)

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Other players currently playing in the Memphis summer league include Memphis Grizzlies and 2011 NBA AllDefensive Team member Tony Allen, Boston Celtics guard Lester Hudson, Philadelphia 76ers guard Thaddeus Young and local and regional college talent that fills out the rosters for the eight teams in the league this year.
The level of competition has not gone unnoticed by the Rebel players.
"It brings out our intensity and raises our level of play," Henry said. "It helps playing against good competition in the summer time while we're working out."
The up-and-down, guardoriented play of the league is also helping Buckner improve his conditioning, one of his goals going into next season.
"I'm trying to work on my wind," he said. "I want to get in better shape, I am working out and doing a lot of running so I will be able to play more minutes next year."
Henry said he is enjoying being able to play this summer against some tough competition, while also preparing for the upcoming season.
"I am just looking forward to getting out there and playing against everyone I can play against" he said. "It's just playing against some good competition, coming out here and getting into game shape and just having fun."
Games are played every Tuesday through Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Southwest Tennessee Community College gym in Memphis. For a schedule of when the current and former Rebs team (Cavs) plays again, visit www.MemphisBCC.com.

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# Former Rebel, Current Rebels hoop it up in Bluff City 

BY DAVID HENSON

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While the NBA lockout is just beginning, summer basketball in Memphis is heating up. The Bluff City Classic (BCC), which began in 1981, resumed last summer after an eight-year hiatus. One of the main sponsors in the effort to revive the league was Memphis native and former NBA All-Star Penny Hardaway.
Current Ole Miss players Terrance Henry and Reggie Buck-
ner have teamed up with former Rebel and current Detroit Piston Terrico White on a team (the Cavs) in the league. The team recently played its first game on June 30 against the Lakers and while the outcome did not turn out the way players wanted it to, each player made a contribution to the team.
White led the team with 25 points and several emphatic dunks. Henry finished with 13 points and showed good touch on his outside shots, while Buckner finished with six points
and several blocked shots. After the game Henry and Buckner talked about being back on the court with White. "It feels good to be playing with (Terrico) again," Henry said. "He has all that athletic ability and he got it back after he broke his ankle. It just feels good to play with him again." Buckner echoed Henry's sentiments about playing alongside White
"It's amazing to be with him cause he's a star," he said. "You never know what he's going to
do."
One of the factors that make the BCC such a great league is the intense level of competition. In the first game of the summer, the Cavs took on the Lakers, which included University of Memphis players Antonio and Will Barton, as well as recent Memphis Grizzlies draft pick Josh Selby, who was the No. 1 high school player in the nation before attending Kansas last year.

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Senior Terrance Henry throws down a dunk for two of his eight points in a $68-63$ victory over Alabama last season. Henry, who is playing on a Memphis summer league team with junior Reginald Buckner and former Rebel Terrico White, is the team's top returning scorer after averaging 9.7 points per game last season.

## Lockhart still making his mark on the hardwood



Former Ole Miss basketball player Rahim Lockhart helped lead Ole Miss to the Sweet Sixteen in 2001 and ranks among the school's all--ime leaders in scoring, field-goal percentage, rebounding and blocked shots. After 2 -year head coaching stints at Taylorsville and Grenada, Lockhart accepted the same position at Madison Central.

## BY DAVID COLLIER

e Daily Mississippian
Last month, former Ole Miss basketball star Rahim Lockhart accepted a job as the new men's basketball coach at Madison Central High School.
Once a dominating post player for the Rebels, Lockhart got back into the game four years ago when he took the head coaching position at Taylorsville High School. After two years there, Lockhart was named to the same position at Grenada High School, where he has been for the past two seasons.
When Madison Central came calling, it was an opportunity Lockhart could not pass up.
"Madison Central is a great school, first and foremost," he said. "I believe it's the best school it the state. Their commitment to excellence across the board is unparalleled. In my feel of basketball, I want to be the best and I feel like the best way to become the best is to work with the best. I'm really excited."

During his time at Ole Miss,


Lockhart tore up the record books as he finished his career ranked 23rd all-time in school history with 1,160 points, second in field goal percentage (.561), fifth in rebounding (780) and third in blocked shots (132).

Lockhart helped lead Ole Miss to two SEC Western Division Championships (1997-98 and 2000-01) and four straight postseason appearances including the 1998, 1999 and 2001 NCAA Tournament.
In 2001, Lockhart's senior season, he earned third-team All-American and first-team All-SEC honors, and the Rebels reached the Sweet Sixteen and finished ranked ninth in the country, the best finish and highest final ranking in program history.
Now that he is back on the court, Lockhart takes a lot away from what he learned in Oxford.
"I feel like we were very successful when I was at Ole Miss," he said. "We had some things that we did well. But I think the most important thing, even though we were talented, is that we outworked people. That's the approach I took to coaching."
Aside from working hard each day, Lockhart said the experience of meeting so many different people in college gave him the ability to adapt to anything he may come across.
(Playing at Ole Miss) taught me how to work with others," he said. "It taught me how to be diversified in my approach in dealing with different people and different personalities. At Ole Miss, we had a very
diversified team. We had people from all over the nation. We had players from Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee and all different walks of life. It taught me that as long as people come together for a common goal, things can be achieved." Lockhart's favorite time at Ole Miss is a prime example of what hard work can achieve.
"My favorite moment (at Ole Miss) was definitely my senior year, getting to the Sweet Sixteen and that whole season," he said. "We had young guys that we were really dependent on. We had some old guys that had some success. And we had a good clash of experience and inexperience. A lot of people predicted that we would come in last that year. So the accomplishment we received and all the games we won and getting as far as we did in the (NCAA) Tournament was an example of what can happen when hard work meets talent."
Now that Lockhart is at Madison Central, he hopes his teams can achieve the success his Rebel squads did.
"I expect championships," he said. "I expect wins. I expect us to get better. I think championships are going to come at Madison Central. They already have one (in 2006). I think we're going to go out there and get some. We're going to win some games. But at the very minimum, I want us to have the level of success where we can say we've gotten better and we're not digressing, we're progressing.'
If there is one thing Lockhart's teams will do, it is work hard.



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