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Ole Miss elects first female black ASB president

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After two and a half weeks of campaigning, debating and making election stickers, the Associated Student Body spring elections have come to an end, with one exception — the vice presidential spot.

Junior journalism major Kimbrey Dandridge became the first female African-American to be elected ASB president when she defeated Kegan Coleman. Dandridge received 1,686 votes, or 52.7 percent, to Coleman's 1,456, or 45.9 percent.

"I was really shocked, I knew it was really close," Dandridge said. "Kegan and I are both more than qualified. I was so nervous. It could've gone either way. I'm so proud of Kegan, they ran a very good campaign. Me and him will always be best friends even after this race. I look forward to working with him. I was just excited and shocked when I heard the results."

Dandridge said she and her team were going to celebrate tonight but that in the morning, they will get to work.

"We're already working on the free printing idea," she said. "I'm meeting with some people in the Senate and some administrators. We're going to try to get that going by the end of the week."

While no candidate was able to grab a majority vote in the race for vice president, one candidate was eliminated. Emmalee Rainey received 1,413 votes, Mary Margaret Johnson received 1,085 votes and Samuel McKay received 684 votes. Because Rainey did not receive 51 percent of the vote, she will face off against Johnson in a run-off Thursday.

For treasurer, Rebecca Ruleman, a junior accountancy and public policy leadership major, was the biggest winner, receiving 1,870 votes, or 59.2 percent, to her opponent Garner

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President-elect Kimbrey Dandridge celebrates with supporters following the election results announcement.

Edelman speaks about education and childhood poverty



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The Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics at the University of Mississippi held a panel discussion yesterday about hunger and poverty in Mississippi. Marian Wright Edelman was featured on the panel.

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Marian Wright Edelman opened her keynote speech of Black History Month at the University of Mississippi with a quote from Nelson Mandela.

"There is no keener revelation of a societies soul than the way in which it treats its children," said Mandevla, the former president of South Africa.

Edelman, speaking from behind a podium on the stage of the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts, spent time on topics relating to women — March is Women's History Month — and

African Americans, but mostly the founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund talked about the topic dearest to her heart — children.

"Let us end poverty," Edelman paused. "But let us start with childhood poverty."

The reason to start with childhood poverty, Edelman said in the words of Fredrick Douglass, is that "it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

One aspect Edelman said needed to change was the cradle to incarceration pipeline among the black and Latino community, to a pipeline of cradle to college. Edelman said black people were three times more likely to be in poverty, and eight times more likely to be in jail than their white counterparts.

After visiting Parchman during her week-long trip to Mississippi for this speech, Edelman said it was heartbreaking to see all the black men in there and then to think about the waste in human potential.

"We are the world's largest jail-or, a fact we should not be proud of," Edelman said. "States spend on average three times more on prisoners than on public school pupils. Mississippi spends two times as much."

With this, Edelman said that college students could help, specifically black and Latino college

students by becoming mentors or teachers. Edelman said through this, children can see positive influences.

"We need adults setting values, not letting BET set our values," Edelman said. "They are getting information from our corrosive culture, which is often violent and unhelpful."

Edelman spoke of teen pregnancy, which is a huge problem in Mississippi. In 2009, 64 out of 1,000 teens in Mississippi gave birth to a child, compared to the national rate of 39 per 1,000.

"The best contraceptive is hope," Edelman said. "Children who don't see that they will be better off when they are 20 don't see a point in not risking their future."

One method to help would be for college students to stay out of law school and get into the schools of education, said Edelman, who graduated from Yale Law School.

"The bastion of change is in public education," Edelman said. "We know how important teacher quality is."

The idea of zero tolerance discipline is one thing that has to go from public education, she said.

"We adults have lost our mind," Edelman said. "We are arresting and handcuffing 5 and 6 year olds for offenses that are not violent or threatening to anyone."

Edelman said students should not be suspended for tardiness

or absences, but rather, people should find out why those children are not coming to school and get them into the classroom.

Richard Gershon, dean of the Robert C. Khayat Law Center, said he has known Edelman for some time as she was the first African-American woman to become a member of the Mississippi Bar.

"I thought her speech was wonderful, she's an inspiration to all of us, through her courage and through her call for education and her care for children as well, and I'm proud that she's a lawyer," he said.

As she ended, Edelman shared seven lessons from Noah's Arc. First, don't miss the boat.

"We are not preparing a majority of our children, over 80 percent of black and Latino students are not being prepared to compete," she said. "You can't have children dropping out every few seconds, or sent off to prison at extraordinary cost and waste of human potential."

Next, we are all in the same boat, Edelman said, but many people may not think creating an equal playing field for all children is important. Edelman said a it is, as in a few years the black, Latino and Native American populations will be the majority.

"It is better for them to be supporting us and our Social Security, than us supporting them in prison," she said.

The third, fourth and fifth lessons were plan ahead, don't listen to critics and band together.

"If you do not want to be criticized, do not do anything," Edelman said to applause, then spoke about what people in the Civil Rights era accomplished.

"It is amazing what got done in Mississippi by the poorest of people because they banded together because they wanted to see their children have a better chance."

Six, Edelman said to remember that the arc was built by amateurs and the titanic by professionals.

Finally, maneuver to build the future on higher ground.

"You and I are obligated to leave the world better off than we found it, more just, more peaceful and more unified," she said. "This may be the first time that our children and grandchildren will be worse off than we were."

Before she received a standing ovation, she spoke of fleas, specifically a story from Sojourner Truth, of whom Edelman wears a necklace around her neck to remind her how important attitude is in speaking out against injustices, such as slavery and second class rights for women. One time, when Sojourner Truth was speaking, an old white man was reported to have said that he cared as much about what she said as he did a flea, to which Truth is said

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Be yourself, not your hero



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“Love is not about numbers. Love is about real people.”

These words were spoken by Katie Davis, a girl only three years older than myself who, at the age of 19, started a non-profit school sponsorship program called Amazima Ministries in Uganda and adopted six children. I’m in the process of reading her book “Kisses From Katie,” and it has been one of the most inspiring and challenging books I have ever read.

Davis challenges people to not focus on the statistics as much as they focus on the individual people living in

poverty. She tells individual stories about people she has met while living in Uganda in a talk posted on YouTube. Davis ends each person’s story like this one about a lady named Grace: “Grace is a real person. She is my friend. And she is God’s child.”

Today, Davis has adopted 16 children and is still living in Uganda directing Amazima Ministries. She is a very religious person, and no matter your beliefs, it’s impossible to not be moved by her unwavering faith and trust.

As I read her book and her blog posts, I can’t help but look at my life and wonder

what on earth I’m doing. We all have people that inspire us, and often at the same time, those people challenge us to examine our own lives. Katie Davis is one of those people for me.

It’s easy to get discouraged by the same people who inspire us. They seem so great, and their success seems so unattainable. Davis is so young and has already done so much to help people, and I’m often afraid I’ll miss my opportunity to do something like her. I worry that I’ll never write as well as Flannery O’Connor or carefully craft a story like J.R.R. Tolkien. I

get frustrated when I’m not perfectly selfless like I imagine people like Mother Teresa and Gandhi are. But these feelings aren’t beneficial.

My fears come out of the very dangerous tendency that we all at some point give into — comparison of oneself to someone else. It’s one thing to be inspired by someone, but comparison rarely leads to anything good. We tend to focus on all the aspects of our lives that don’t line up perfectly to our heroes, and we view them of our character as flaws.

But those things aren’t always flaws; our differences

are what make us individuals, and it’s important to keep that in mind. I may not be Katie Davis or Gandhi, but that doesn’t mean that I can’t do something great. You aren’t your hero, but that doesn’t make you less. It just makes you a different person, and that’s important to remember.

We should be ourselves and hope that maybe one day we’ll inspire someone else.

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Putting Ole Miss into perspective



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Complaining is easy to do. Humans are naturally selfish, so finding something to complain about is a matter of living our lives.

If you survived the violent campaigning from sorority girls all over campus yesterday, then this should be easy to do: step back and enjoy the positives at Ole Miss.

Our campus and its people

were voted most beautiful by Newsweek, our law and medical programs are second to none in the state of Mississippi and our students and alumni are continuing to do great things on and off campus.

For some, including myself, taking that step back is difficult. It's hard to look at things in perspective.

However, doing that is something that is necessary sometimes, no matter how difficult it might be.

Our athletics department seems to be continually crumbling in the fingertips of the administration. The administration seems

to be failing us in many aspects (although it has improved greatly over the past two years).

The school below us is putting great pressure on us, both academically and athletically, and that is something of which no one has been very fond.

If we can learn to take a step back and look at everything in perspective, we can see that things really aren't so bad.

I see a university with record overall enrollment, record freshman enrollment and the largest enrollment of any university in the state.

I see an academic program that has put us on the map nationally. I

see a top-10 accounting school in the country.

I see a 14th-ranked Master of Business Administration (MBA) program in the country.

I see a fundraising campaign to add to our already renowned medical school.

I see a fundraising campaign to build one of the best facilities in college basketball and to add to our football stadium (in addition to our state-of-the-art baseball stadium that is the second-ranked college baseball stadium in the country).

I see a strong alumni association that donates millions of dollars to that academic program and that

athletic program. I see students, faculty, alumni and fans who are passionate about Ole Miss and its daily affairs.

I also see a school from Starkville that is still scared of us. The billboards and cocky antics prove that theory.

Take that step back, and see what I'm seeing.

We all need to stop complaining so much and look at things in perspective. If we can do that, Ole Miss will be a better place.

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Letter to the Editor

There are many deadly weapons on campus including cars, bats, folding knives, long knives, swords (used in clubs), rifle team weapons, razor blades, etc. There is no debate that students can responsibly manage these deadly weapons.

To qualify for the enhanced concealed carry weapon (CCW) license, applicants must be 21 years of age, not have had previous encounters with the legal system and go through training.

Licensed gun holders understand that simply presenting the gun in public may result in a weapon-brandishing felony charge.

They understand they cannot escalate a confrontation; that they cannot interject themselves into third-party conflicts; and they cannot drink alcohol or take drugs while carrying a gun. Performing any of these actions will lead to attorney fees, court dates and possible jail time. In other words, CCW holders are, as a group, the most legally scrupulous citizens.

The CCW holder understands they are criminally and civilly liable for the negligent shooting of a bystander or destruction of

property. They understand a gun is used only in an extremely narrow set of circumstances, and, in the event of a justified self-defense shooting, the CCW holder

knows there will be arrests, evidence collection, charges, attorneys and court dates. The CCW holder is willing to take on this risk in exchange for staying alive.

Given the grave responsibility of carrying a gun, it's not for everyone; estimates are that only

one in 300 would carry if allowed.

Finally, crazy people and criminals with guns do not abide by the law; they carry guns everywhere, yet they do not want to be shot. Thus, they are drawn to places where people are not allowed to

carry guns, such as churches and schools, where they can threaten and take lives without recourse.

Regards,
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Faculty advisor
Ole Miss Gun Safety Club

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Blues artist Mose Allison donates recordings to the University of Mississippi's Blues Institute. Allison, who is from Tallahatchie County, has been active in music since 1956. His first album, "Back Country Suite," was released in 1957. During his time, Allison has influenced artists and rock bands such as Jimi Hendrix, The Rolling Stones, Tom Waits and The Who.

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Reesby's 1,243 votes. Ruleman said she was "ecstatic" when she heard the results.

"I was really nervous before, and it was great to have all of my friends around me and my family came down," Ruleman said. "I'm just really excited. I kind of told myself, win or lose, it was a great experience, but I'm really glad I won."

Emily Rast was the first candidate to find out his or her fate after the announcement of the two unopposed positions.

"I was amazed and relieved," she said. "It was all worth it. It would have been worth it regardless but it made everything completely worth it and the effort and everything put into it. I was surprised and relieved. I'm very thankful for all of the support that I had."

Rast defeated David Horton 1,725 votes to 1,390 votes.

"I would like to say congrats to Tri Delta on another election victory," Horton said. "I believed I had a great chance at winning, I was just outnumbered today by a large organization. I really hope Emily takes great minutes in Senate and gets us a larger suggestion box."

For attorney general, Matthew Kiefer, a junior public policy leadership major, ran unopposed, receiving 93.96 percent.

Courtney Pearson, currently serving as ASB judicial chair, ran unopposed for the same position, receiving 92.87 percent of the votes.

Attorney General Evan Kirkham said the process for Thursday's runoff will be similar to Tuesday's election. Students will vote on MyOleMiss from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the results to be announced at 5:45 p.m. at the Lyceum.

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to have replied, "Lord willing, I'm going to keep you scratching."

"You don't have to be a big dog, just a good strategic flea," Edelman said. "Enough fleas can make the biggest political dog uncomfortable."

"It is time for us to say, 'Dr. King is not coming back, we are it,' and then get in the business of saving our children."

King Farris, president of the Black Law Student Association and Black History chair, said the speech was powerful.

"I came tonight because when you have living history at a place in front of you, you really need to take advantage of that, this is not a small thing," Farris said. "It was important for me as a person to be here tonight. I challenge anyone who walked in here to walk away the same as they walked in."

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Backs against the wall: Rebels travel to Tennessee

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Coming off back-to-back losses this past week against top-ranked Kentucky and Vanderbilt, the Ole Miss men's basketball team returns to the road tonight, travelling to Rocky Top to take on the Tennessee Volunteers. Both teams are long shots for the NCAA Tournament at this point, but it's a key match-up for two middle-of-the-pack Southeastern Conference teams looking to finish the season strong and improve their seeding for the SEC Tournament March 8-11 in New Orleans.

The Rebels (15-11, 5-7 SEC) have lost four of their last five games, while the Volunteers (14-13, 6-6 SEC) have won four of their last five and five of the last seven since a slow start to the season. Under first-year coach Cuonzo Martin, Tennessee swept Florida and gave top-ranked Kentucky their biggest scare in conference play as the

Wildcats escaped from Knoxville with a 65-62 win.

"Prior to Saturday's tough loss at Alabama, they had been hot, winning four in a row," Ole Miss head coach Andy Kennedy said Monday. "They swept Florida, which got everyone's attention."

The Volunteers have gotten a huge lift in the second half of the season with the addition of 6'8," 250-pound freshman forward Jarnell Stokes. A Memphis native, Stokes graduated a semester early but was ineligible to play in high school after transferring schools. He has played in eight games, including five starts, and averaged 8.4 points per game and 6.9 rebounds per game.

"Stokes is an incredible story," Kennedy said. "He is a guy who was supposed to be in high school. He came out and debuted against Kentucky and has been a tremendous impact for them. For him to be able to make that transition has been remarkable."

The Rebels must also look to contain 6'7," 265-pound forward Jeronne Maymon, a mid-year transfer from Marquette in 2009-10. He leads the team in rebounds at 7.9 rpg. Maymon is also second on the team in scoring (12.3 ppg) behind sophomore guard Trae Golden, who averages 13.1 ppg. Maymon turned in one of the most impressive performances of the season with 32 points and 20 rebounds in a 99-97 double-overtime loss to Memphis at the Maui Invitational. Kennedy called Golden "one of, if not, the most underrated guys in the SEC," and went on to say the Volunteers "are very physical" and "won't do anything to beat themselves."

While junior Murphy Holloway said early Monday afternoon he had yet to see anything on Tennessee, he admitted he watched some of their games on TV over the course of the season.

"I remember seeing May-



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Ole Miss lost to Vanderbilt and Kentucky this past week and has lost four of their last five. Tennessee has won four of their last five and five of the last seven.

mon," Holloway said. "He is a hard-nosed player from what I have seen."

Tip-off from Thompson-Bol-

ing Arena in Knoxville, Tenn., is set for 6 p.m. and will be televised on CSS and also available on ESPN3.com.

No. 20 Boxx leads from the front for women's tennis

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To play in the No. 1 spot in tennis, you must be a leader, a fighter and a competitor, and senior Kristi Boxx has been that her whole career at Ole Miss. Not only has she played at No. 1 singles since she was a freshman, but she has also succeeded there. A three-time All-SEC player and an All-American her junior season, Boxx has compiled an 80-47 overall record in singles play and a 100-41 overall record in doubles play during her collegiate career.

In dual matches this season, Boxx is 4-4 at No. 1 singles and ranked No. 20 in the nation. Boxx has also paired with fellow senior Abby Guthrie for a 7-1 record at No. 1 doubles and is ranked No. 5 in the nation.

Although most people see the

No. 1 spot as being the face of the team, Boxx said she feels honored by the position but sees the rest of the lineup as just as important for the No. 24 Ole Miss women's tennis team.

"Playing No. 1 is really no different than playing any other spot," Boxx said. "I still have a responsibility like everyone else on the team to give it my best and compete every point, but I don't really feel outside pressure because I put enough pressure on myself. With that being said, I have been so honored to be able to play (at No. 1) my entire career here and lead this team, and I don't take that lightly."

Before all this, however, Boxx was just a little girl who's father wanted to teach her a new game.

"My dad loved the sport and was a great player, so when I was 3 years old he took me out to the

courts," she said. "I hit my first tennis ball, and I have pretty much been playing ever since."

Before becoming a Rebel, she was ranked No. 1 in the South in 18s, top 25 in the nation as a senior, fourth in the nation in 14s and sixth in 16s. In fact, Boxx was already dominating older competition, winning the Mississippi State High School Championship as a seventh grader and later training at the John Newcombe Tennis Academy in Texas.

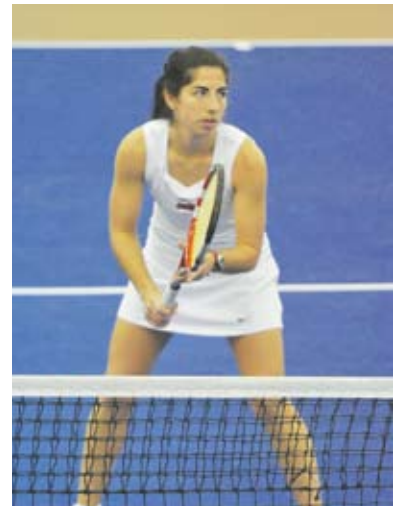
The Grenada native then became part of the Ole Miss family. As a freshman, she earned All-SEC First Team honors and was named to the SEC All-Freshman team while playing No. 1 singles and doubles. She also qualified for the NCAA Championships in both singles and doubles and led the Rebels to the NCAA Tournament. Despite this success, she did

notice a change from juniors to the collegiate level, particularly in doubles play.

"Before I came to college, I didn't play much doubles because in juniors no one really knows how to play," Boxx said. "There isn't a lot of action at the net, and it is very slow. I have always loved doubles and being at the net and being aggressive, but it was just boring in juniors. Now that I am in college I absolutely love playing doubles because I am playing at such a high level with a lot of poaching, serving and volleying and things like that, so it is tons of fun."

Now, Boxx is entering her final campaign in the red and blue of Ole Miss and looks to go out on a high note.

"Obviously, it would be awesome to win a national championship in my last year, but God is in control, and I know he has a plan



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Kristi Boxx, the No. 20 singles player in the nation, is 4-4 this season and 80-47 for her career at Ole Miss.

and purpose for my life regardless if I achieve any of the goals that I have set," she said. "But we are working very hard and anything is possible."

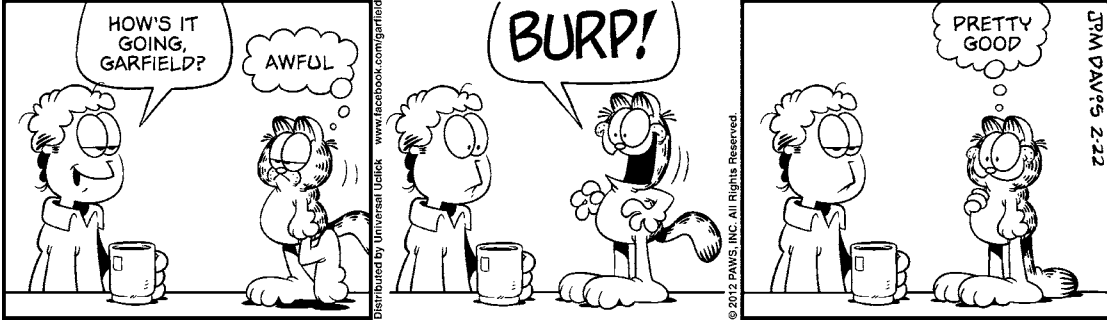
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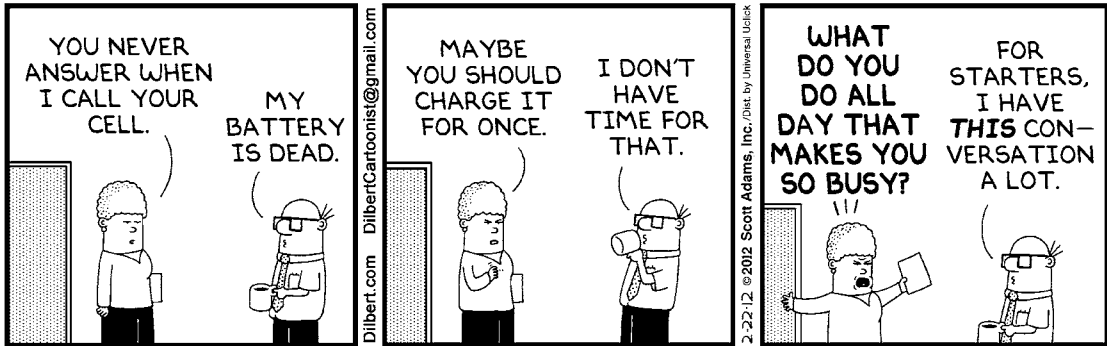
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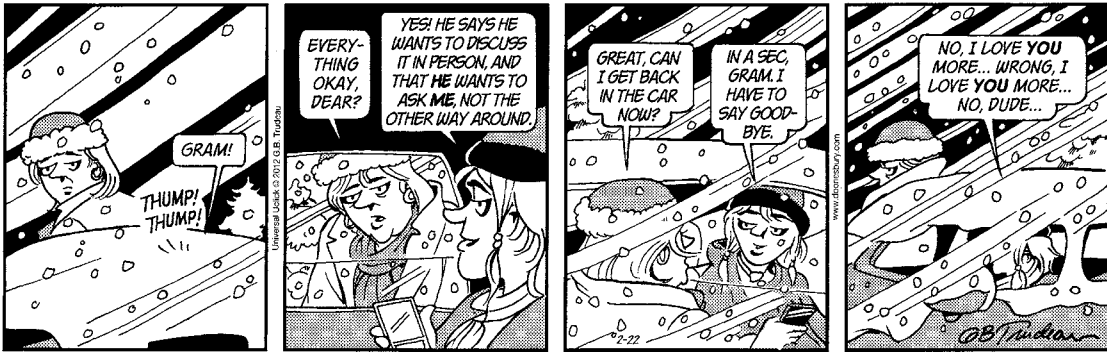
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 - 15 They accompany aahs
 - 16 Basketball venue
 - 17 Improves, as wine
 - 18 Kind of hog
 - 19 Tree-age evidence
 - 20 Beats
 - 22 In — (overdue)
 - 24 Vaquero's rope
 - 26 Chinese dynasty
 - 27 Agreement
 - 30 Dogs with beards (2 wds.)
 - 35 Exercise, as power
 - 36 Wingspread
 - 37 Inoculants
 - 38 Collection of tales
 - 39 Found seats
 - 42 Consumer protection org.
 - 43 Rajah's consort
 - 45 Wish me —!
 - 46 Bucolic
 - 48 Leave a horse
 - 50 Compassionate
 - 51 Opposite of post
 - 52 Crush grapes

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- 1 "Lion King" villain
 - 2 Hefner or Downs
 - 3 Comply with a command
 - 4 Resource squanderer
 - 5 Layout of a publication
 - 6 Perch
 - 7 Just as I thought!
 - 8 Beef-rating org.
 - 9 Ms. Fawcett
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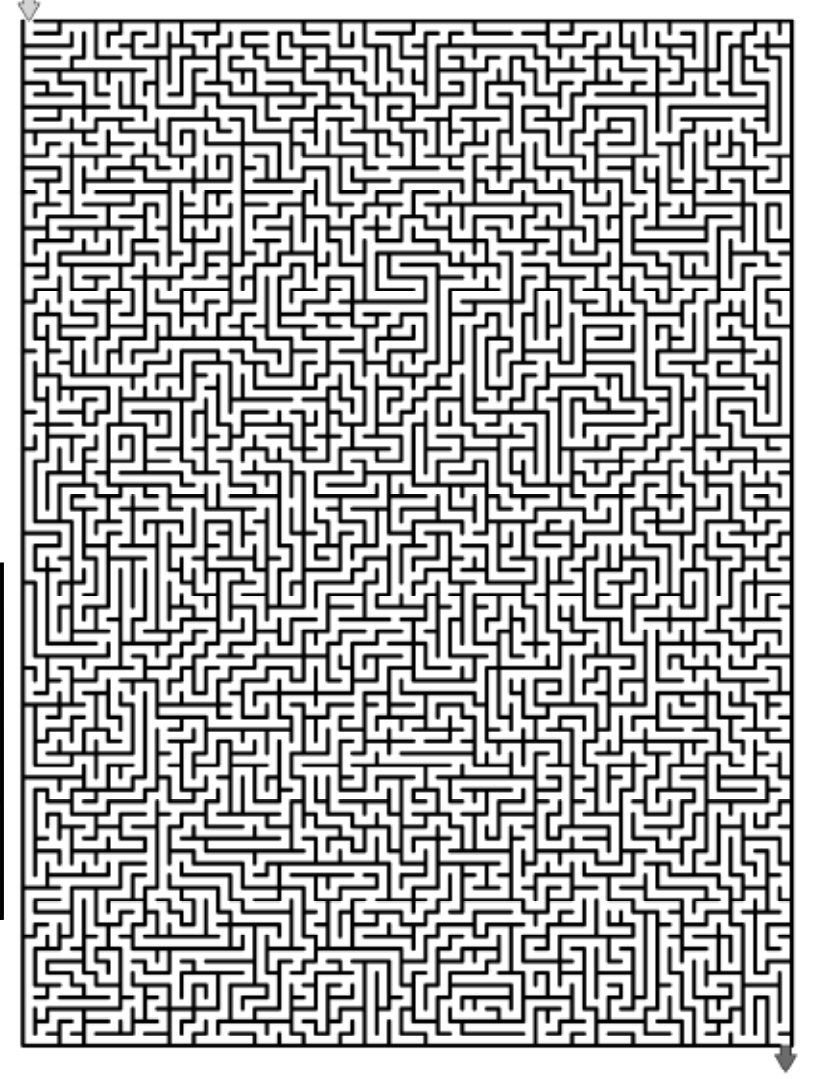
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Kirksey, pitchers impress in Rebels' home-opening win

BY DAVID COLLIER
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Senior designated hitter Zach Kirksey led the eight-run, 11-hit barrage with a three-run home run in the fourth to lift the No. 20 Ole Miss baseball team to an 8-1 win against Arkansas State in its home opener yesterday at Swayze Field/Oxford-University Stadium.

The Rebels (2-1) used five pitchers, including four freshmen, and limited the Arkansas State Red Wolves (0-3) to just one run on five hits.

"I thought it was a good, clean game by us," head coach Mike Bianco said. "Like with everything, there is good and bad, but more good today. We're a little better than even we played tonight. We just have to be a little cleaner and be a little less nervous on the mound. But hopefully we're getting the jitters out."

Freshman right-hander Sam Smith (1-0) got the start on the mound for the Rebels and lasted four innings, giving up only one run on three hits with a walk and a strikeout.

The one run came in the first on back-to-back hits to give the Red Wolves an early 1-0 lead.

"I felt pretty good coming out in my first start," Smith

said. "My defense really made me look good. Blake Newalu is making clutch plays over there and Matt Snyder at first. I got to give it up to the defense because they did good job out there today."

From there, however, the Ole Miss pitching staff dominated, and the Rebel bats began to come alive.

In the third inning, junior outfielder Tanner Mathis hit a leadoff double off the wall before junior second baseman Alex Yarbrough brought him in on a RBI groundout to tie the game. The Rebels took control of the game in the fourth when senior designated hitter Zach Kirksey hit a home run into the student section in right field to give Ole Miss a 4-1 advantage.

"I thought Kirksey really made the separation for us," Bianco said. "He gave us a little breathing room. He and Senquez Golson both had good nights. We are even better than we are playing right now."

Ole Miss added four more runs in the fifth on back-to-back doubles from junior shortstop Blake Newalu and freshman outfielder Senquez Golson.

"I was going for three," Golson said of the double. "But I came up around second (base), and I missed the whole base. I



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Sophomore third baseman Preston Overbey high fives senior designated hitter Zach Kirksey after Kirksey's three-run home run in yesterday's 8-1 win against Arkansas State. Overbey went 3-for-4, while Kirksey gave Ole Miss the lead for good with his home run in the fourth.

was like 'Well, I guess I've got to go back now.'"

A lot has been said about Golson playing both baseball and football for the Rebels, and he was happy to get his first start.

"It felt good," he said. "I've been working. It's a hard transition coming over from football to baseball. I've still got a long way to go. It just felt good to play. There's no better place to play."

After the fourth, Bianco turned the game over to his bullpen.

Freshman right-hander Josh Laxer came in for Smith to start the fifth. After giving up a couple of walks in his first inning, Laxer settled down and gave up no runs or hits in two innings pitched. Junior right-hander Blair Wright, as well as freshmen right-handers Chris Ellis and Casey Mulholland, all came in for an inning apiece. Wright and Ellis each gave up no runs on no hits.

Mulholland pitched around damage in the ninth to close the game for the Rebels. He gave up two hits that both

could have easily gone down as errors. Golson lost a pop fly in right field, then freshman Jake Overbey and Mathis had some confusion on a pop up that landed right between the two, before Mulholland stranded two runners with back-to-back outs.

"I feel blessed," Mulholland said of returning from Tommy John surgery. "Good things came with time. To finally get out there and do what I've been dreaming about for the past two years felt awesome."

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