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FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE

President Obama and Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney argued over policies and plans that focused on the job outlook and student loan situation of college students, each promising a brighter future ahead.



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Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney and President Obama spar during the second presidential debate at Hofstra University last night.

BY JENNIFER NASSAR
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The presidential candidates stressed their concern for young voters during Tuesday night's debate.

President Obama and Re-

publican presidential nominee Mitt Romney discussed many concerns on the nation's mind, focusing on struggles and possibilities that college students have ahead, during the second presidential debate in New York.

Candy Crowley from CNN, who moderated the debate, introduced the young, male college student who posed the first question.

He expressed a concern that

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Diversity among faculty

Although Ole Miss is celebrating 50 years of integration this year, the university community has not yet reached full diversity among faculty.

BY SARAH VISSING
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In light of this year's celebration of 50 years of integration at The University of Mississippi, many question the relative lack of diversity among university faculty and staff.

Accounting professor Annette Pridgen said that there is still much work to do to achieve a fully diverse community at Ole Miss.

"I think they do need to hire more minority faculty," Pridgen said. "I also think that it would help, as far as staff goes, to increase diversity in the staff and the doctoral program, who will be future faculty members."

Statistics published by the university indicate that 16.9 percent of faculty are non-white, compared to 24.6 percent of students.

Don Cole, assistant provost and assistant to the chancellor for multicultural Affairs, agreed that the university needs to hire more minorities. However, Cole admitted that incentives for individual departments may not be enough.

"There are some candidates who choose not to apply anywhere in the South; some don't want to come to Mississippi,"

Cole said. "And, of course, there's the salary - we pay so much less than other places."

The university administration relies on search committees to hire faculty and staff, and such a system struggles to encourage diversity, according to Cole.

"It begins with the commitment of the committee," Cole said. "It is difficult to legislate or dictate the actions of a committee, and we rely on their honesty."

Alysia Steele, an African American, was recently hired by the Meek School of Journalism and New Media to fill the position of journalism instructor. She said that she did grapple with some doubts before taking a position at Ole Miss.

"Just knowing the history of Ole Miss and its integration and the things that happened here 50 years ago was a big part of: 'Would I fit in here?' 'Would I feel comfortable here?' 'Would I be accepted here?'" Steele said.

She said both she and her husband have been relieved to find Ole Miss so welcoming.

"I found people to be very friendly and very cordial," Steele said. "We've enjoyed living here. We feel safe living here."

Board of Aldermen resolve conflict

Steps toward replacing Oxford Police Chief Mike Martin, who plans to retire, and issues surrounding a loading zone for the lyric were discussed at last night's Board of Alderman meeting.

BY JEREMY K. COLEMAN
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Oxford Mayor George Patterson and the Board of Aldermen met Tuesday night to discuss the search for a new Oxford police chief, among other issues prevalent to Oxford businesses.

A committee was formed to

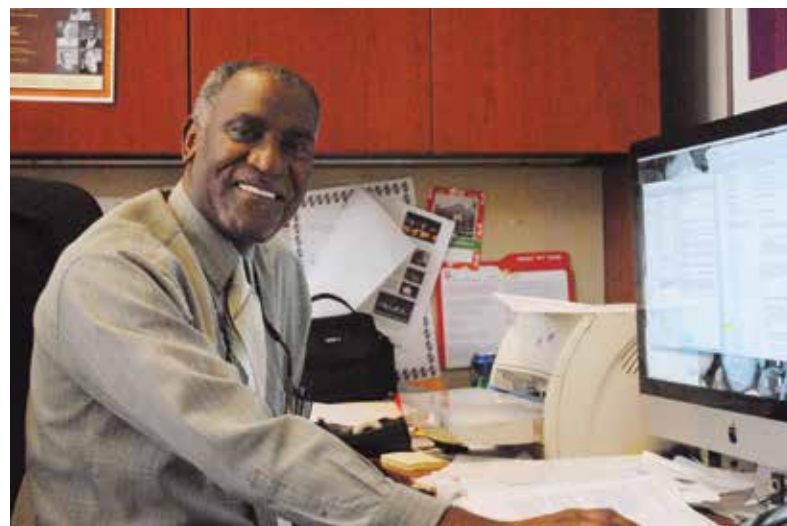
replace current Oxford Police Chief Mike Martin, who is retiring. The committee, along with Patterson, will supervise the screening of applicants and choose the new police chief.

Patterson said he believed that the application period for the position should start Nov. 1, and the window will close around Nov. 15.

Another topic of discussion was the request for permission to reserve the loading zone behind The Lyric to complement the Beats Antique with Lynx concert on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Bradley Bishop, co-owner of The Lyric, suggested reserv-

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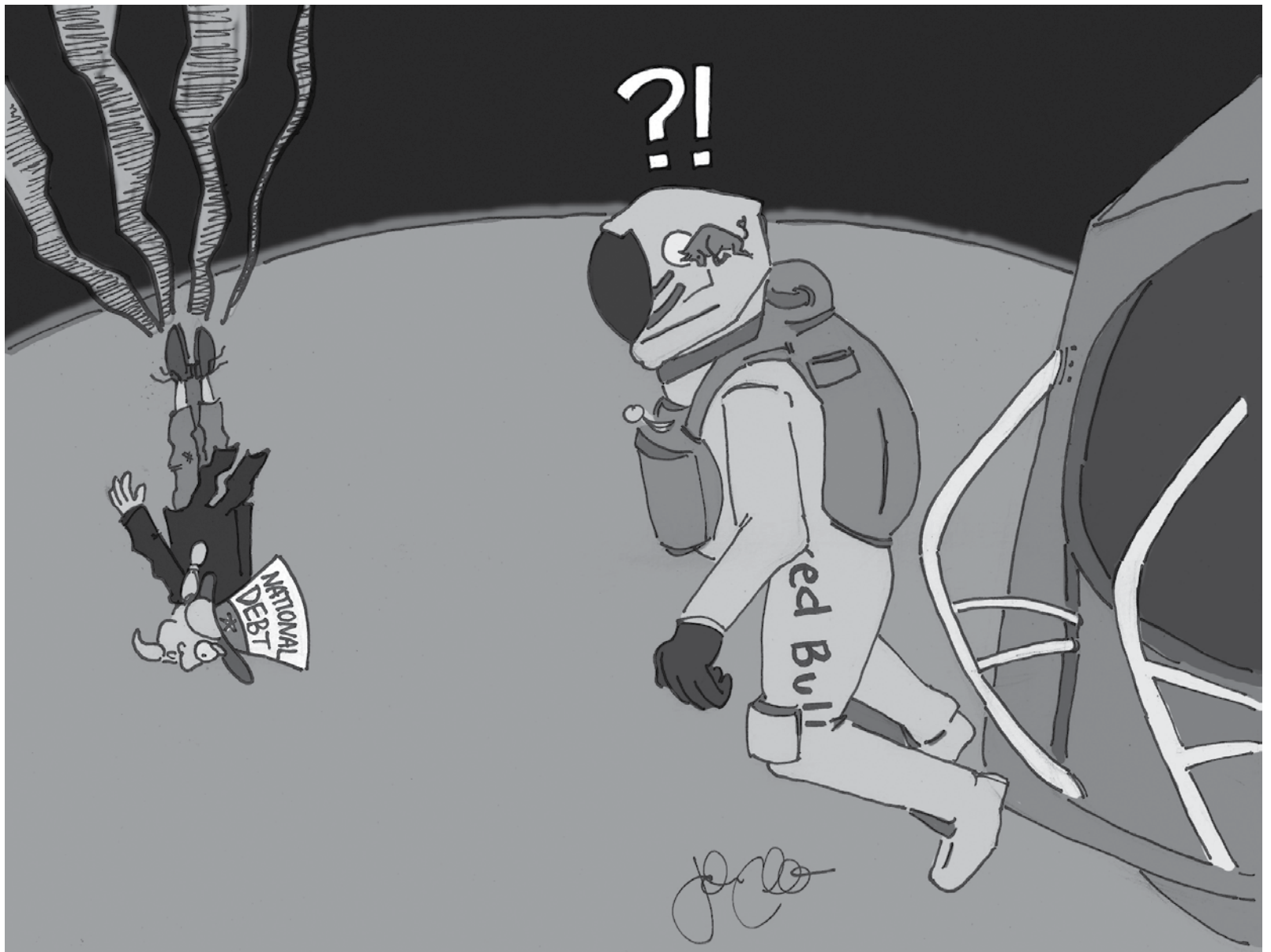
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Lessons learned with tap shoes on



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I'm taking a tap dancing class this semester. That may not sound very strange to you, but if you knew me at all, you would be surprised. I had a strict no-dancing rule for the first 18 or so years of my life. It wasn't a religious thing. It was an "I'm too white for my own good" thing. I lack any semblance of rhythm, as I'm sure anyone in my tap dancing class would tell you, but one of my friends really wanted to take the class, so I agreed to take it with her.

I'm really not very good, but

that didn't come as any sort of surprise. What did come as a surprise is the level of comfort I've found in the class. I've always been a very tense person who tends to over-think everything, but in tap dancing, it's impossible to be tense or overly analytical. If you're too tense, your feet won't make the right sound. If you think too much, you won't get the steps right. In many ways, it's my worst nightmare.

Despite my initial discomfort, the moment I learned to let go of my pride and just do my best, I started having fun. In a weird way, I've learned a lot from tap dancing. I've learned that stepping out of my comfort zone and dancing every now and then is therapeutic. I'm not nearly as worried about speaking out in class or having conversations with

other people. Once you've danced in a room full of people sober enough to see how bad you are at it, it's hard to be worried about other silly things you might do. Maybe you tend to be really self-conscious too. I'm beginning to believe that the best remedy is to make a fool of yourself, whether it's in a tap dancing class or a Zumba class.

I'm also a really stiff person because of my self-awareness. People are always telling me to relax or loosen up. Again, I think the solution is to step out of my comfort zone. Physical activity can be particularly helpful if you're tense. I had to learn to be patient with myself and relax so that when my feet hit the floor, the noise my shoes made wasn't off. Learning to loosen up has helped more than my ability to tap dance,

though. I find myself becoming more aware of tension in my body and the way it affects my posture and little aches and pains in my neck and back.

I think that self-consciousness prevents us from doing a lot of things that we want to do and causes problems. Maybe you're afraid to go to the gym or to make friends. Whatever you're letting your self-consciousness hold you back from, my advice would be to make yourself do it. Let your pride take a backseat and dive in head first. It may feel awkward at first, but I'd be willing to guarantee that if you stick with it long enough, you won't regret it.

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Federal grant money needs more scrutiny



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The United States Department of Energy (DOE) has been busy under the Obama administration, pushing research and development for renewable energy in a variety of industries. The DOE has administered a number of federal grants to businesses to help them develop such products.

The purpose of these grants is to infuse a struggling industry with cash to give the industry a competitive advantage with established energy development such as coal and oil.

The only problem with that is that the government was making investments in companies that the free market was avoiding. As a result, multiple companies that have received federal grants from the DOE have filed for bankruptcy, the latest being A123 Systems Inc.

According to the Institute of Energy Research, during

the Obama administration alone over \$1.25 billion has been granted to private energy companies that have either declared bankruptcy or laid off employees in order to avoid bankruptcy after receiving the grant. An additional \$600 million-plus was guaranteed to these companies, but the businesses went bankrupt before receiving the full grant amount.

The DOE made these grants without a check from the government to determine if the investment was sound.

This poses two questions: First, should the DOE be allowed to administer grants without congressional oversight? Second, should the government be administering any grants into an industry where businesses are repeatedly failing?

America's sense of government is based on checks and balances, but that ideology is mostly concerned with the branches of government laid out in the Constitution. What about checks and balances for governmental agencies?

Specifically with the DOE, which has now made several investment blunders, the au-

thority to administer grants should be revoked, with that money going to another agency. If one agency is not doing an adequate job, then it risks losing funding to another agency that is doing well.

Imagine if over the four years of the Obama administration the Department of Education had awarded nearly \$2 billion in grant money as bonuses for teachers in successful schools. Or if the Department of Health and Human Services had awarded that amount to cancer research.

All in all, oversight of governmental agencies is severely lacking. When so much money is at stake, one would think that such oversight would be a priority rather than completely absent. It is time for agencies to stop pushing political agendas, focusing instead on efficient use of the assets provided to it. As long as we allow agencies to operate inefficiently and without oversight, we will never have a balanced budget.

Trenton Winford is a junior public policy leadership major from Madison.

Letter to the Editor

Concerning Andrew Dickson's column "Twilight of the ideals," which was published in The DM on Oct. 11.

Dear Editor,

After reading Andrew Dickson's column on Larry Taunton's talk at First Baptist Church, I was struck by his inaccuracy and agenda. I was at the presentation by Mr. Taunton but after reading Dickson's piece, I wondered if we had heard the same sermon.

Andrew's column was interesting, but I would compare it to an undergrad sitting through half of his first class with a professor and attempting to write a 4000-word review of the entire course. He missed many of the main points, or chose not to mention them.

One point being that in the Bible, (the most widely published and studied book in the history of mankind) the Apostle Paul wrote that all around him in the "Roman Empire" mankind had turned from God. They had chosen lives of selfishness, self-love and self-worship with disastrous results. Paul

wrote these words about 1,950 years ago. Taunton proposed that the Bible and its wisdom are as vital to the salvation of mankind today (or more so) as it was in the year 70 A.D. when Paul wrote his letters.

Taunton's other point was that true Christians must continue to spread the word that Jesus Christ is the only real answer to mankind's problems, namely—sin, sorrow and death.

I would like to invite Andrew back to First Baptist Church next semester so that he might finish the course that he began last Sunday. I would also invite him to read the Bible. It's not just a book. It's a roaring lion of truth that has changed millions of lives. It's far from its "twilight of ideals." It may be the end of our "American Empire", but the message of Jesus will still be here when Andrew and I are both long, long gone.

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Oxford

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The University of Mississippi has been named a 'Fit-Friendly Work Environment' by the American Heart Association

BY JANE LLOYD BROWN
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The University of Mississippi was recently recognized by the American Heart Association's Fit-Friendly Worksites program for facilitating healthy and active lifestyles for its employees.

The Fit-Friendly Worksites program is designed to recognize employers who encourage physical, nutritional and cultural wellness within the workplace.

This is the second year in a row for Ole Miss to win platinum recognition.

Ole Miss was the only university in the state to be recognized by the American Heart Association and was one of only two platinum recipients when it won previously in 2011.

"We hope other universities will take the initiative shown by The University of Mississippi and institute their own employee health programs and apply for

Fit-Friendly recognition," said Lindsey Harmon, senior Heart Walk director at the American Heart Association. "With the initiatives Ole Miss has in place, they will help us reach our goal to improve the cardiovascular health and reduce deaths from cardiovascular diseases of all Americans by 20 percent by the year 2020."

Platinum level recognition is for companies that meet all the gold level standards, demonstrate one behavior

change and one cost-savings change and achieved a positive return investment that is listed in the application form. They also must supply supporting data.

In addition to the platinum level recognition, companies can earn gold designation and Worksite Innovation and Community Innovation awards.

Chancellor Dan Jones praised university employees for their hard work.

"I congratulate our staff

and faculty for continuing to work on this being a stronger and healthier Ole Miss," Jones said.

The university currently offers employees membership to the Turner Center, walking challenges and healthy eating seminars, among other programs.

"We are grateful for the strong relationship with the American Heart Association and appreciate the encouragement and support to be fit-friendly," Jones said.

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is on the minds of all college students: employment opportunities after graduation.

“What can you say to reassure me, but more importantly, my parents, that I will be able to sufficiently support myself after I graduate?” asked the student, who noted that November will be his first opportunity to vote.

Romney said two things need to be done.

“We have to make sure that we make it easier for kids to afford college and also make sure that when they get out of college, there’s a job,” he said.

He also said he wants the federal loan program intact so students can afford to get an education.

“I want to make sure we keep our Pell Grant program growing.”

Romney said it is important to bring back the economy, as it has been “buried” for the last four years.

“I know what it takes to get this economy going,” Romney said.

Obama countered, saying it is important to have “good-paying jobs” available rather than just any jobs.

“What I want to do is build on the five million jobs that we’ve created over the last 30 months in the private sector alone,” he said.

Obama also said he wants to build manufacturing jobs in the U.S., provide the best education system and “control our own energy.”

“We’ve got to make sure we’re building the energy sources of the future, not just thinking about next year, but 10 years from now, 20 years from now.”

Crowley mentioned those who have been unemployed for quite some time now, asking what could be done for them.

“The president’s policies have been exercised over the last four years, and they haven’t put Americans back to work,” Romney said, pointing out that 23 million people

in the U.S. are currently unemployed.

“We have fewer people working today than we had when the president took office.”

He added that the unemployment rate of the country is 7.8 percent, which is the same as it was when Obama took office four years ago.

Romney also discussed his five-point plan, which would create 12 million jobs over the course of four years.

“It’s going to help people across the country that are unemployed right now.”

Obama said Romney has rather a “one-point plan.”

“That plan is to make sure that folks at the top play by a different set of rules,” he said. “You can make a lot of money and pay lower tax rates than somebody who makes a lot less.”

In response to the question concerning those who are currently unemployed, Obama said, “The last thing we need to do is to go back to the very same policies that got us there.”

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ing the space from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bishop confirmed that without the space needed for the event, confusion will be expected.

“If I can’t unload a bus, I can’t run a business,” Bishop said. “We’re providing space free of charge for these community groups, so we need to make plans be able to make plans since we’re on a tight schedule.”

However, Patterson responded that the change would slow parking. Patterson was also against having a truck

with a trailer attached to the back of it because the truck would block signal light traffic.

“If the bus is parked there and it doesn’t have a trailer, it’s not a problem,” Patterson said. “I’m a bit resistant (to having a trailer).”

Martin was not fond of reserving a loading zone either.

“That’s not the city’s problem, that’s (Bishop’s problem),” Martin said.

The Oxford parking commission will review the situation in the coming days.

Dr. Michael Turner, Oxford Family Vision Clinic owner, voiced his case during the meeting as well. He needs to have a sign for his and other tenants’ businesses in the area,

but he does not know where the signs can be placed, due to spacing limitations from the expansion of North Lamar.

“I’m having trouble with people who want to have a sign,” Turner said.

Although aldermen and other individuals gave their perspectives on the situation and a possible resolution to the conflict, Turner was determined not to lose any parking spaces to have a sign.

A resolution to the issue had not been found, but Patterson said an investigation would have to be held.

“There will be a special effort made to review the situation,” Patterson said. “We’re hard-pressed.”

Students urged to attend class

Getting good grades at Ole Miss takes a little more than studying and good sense. Sometimes showing up for class is important, too.

BY MEGAN WHEELER
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Students and faculty are trying to get on the same page with attendance policies.

The University of Mississippi guidelines allow for attendance policies to be set by departments and individual professors. So, while some classes have no attendance requirements, others allow only three or four unexcused absences.

Sociology professor Callie Casteel stressed the importance of attending class regularly.

“Students seem to be able to share ideas, make connections and become more comfortable with classroom engagement if they are actually in class,” Casteel said. “It also allows the potential for a more personal interaction between student and instructor.”

Casteel said she believes that even self-taught learners can benefit from attending class.

“I think that there are self-taught learners, in addition to many other learning styles,” Casteel said. “I think that engagement in class is equally important. A person may be a self-taught learner who may also gain something from listening and hearing opinions from fellow classmates.”

Classes that have attendance requirements generally have grade penalties set for violations of the policy. Some students disagree with



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such policies. Sophomore liberal arts undecided major Meaghan Hinds said she has had grades dropped because she missed more than the maximum amount of unexcused absences allowed by her professors in a semester.

“Mandatory attendance policies infringe on a student’s right to personally decide whether or not they attend class,” Hinds said.

“An attendance policy that can hurt a student’s grade is a major problem with the majority of the student body. Students struggle with many problems in college, and attendance should not be one.”

Junior art major Alexis Pounds said she was shocked to find out her grade had suffered in a writing class after she missed three classes.

“A lot of classes that you do your own work in at your own pace shouldn’t have an attendance policy,” she said.

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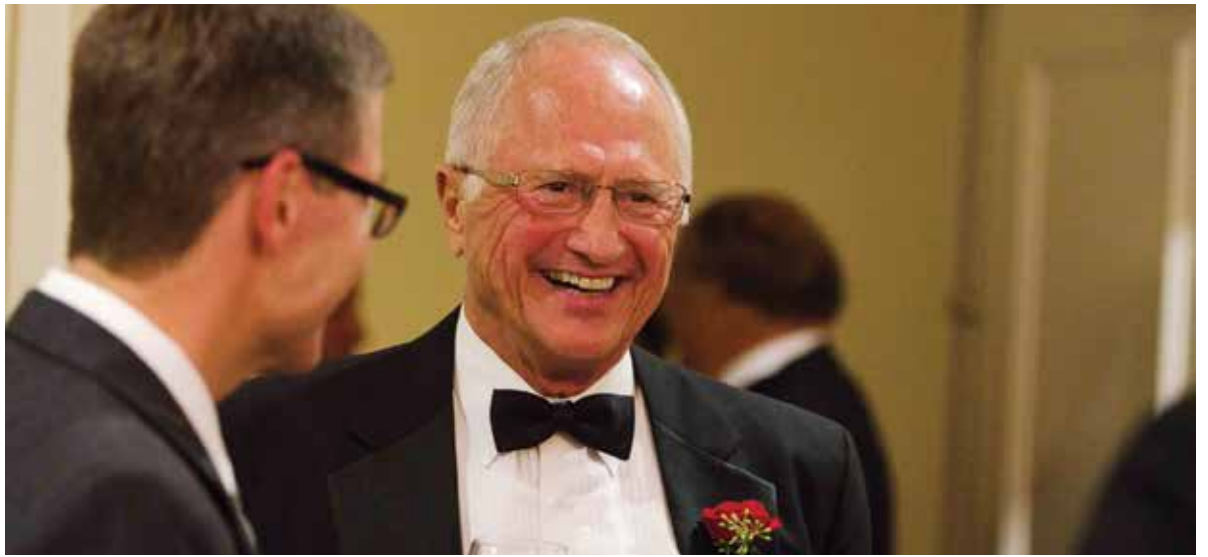
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What grinds my gears: Weather in Mississippi

BY JUSTIN KYLE TANNER
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Another day, another obstacle to overcome. The semester lingers, and we are slowly inching toward Thanksgiving break. As the temperature begins to change and the leaves begin to fall, I am left in amazement at Mother Nature. The only problem is, she is very cruel in Mississippi. You know what grinds my gears? Mississippi weather.

As a resident of Mississippi virtually all my life, I still haven't figured out the topsy-turvy weather patterns we experience in our beloved land mass. There are times in the summer when it feels like

"Christmas in July," and this week has my sinuses confused into thinking it is spring time. Constantly going back and forth between my beloved cowboy boots and jeans to khaki shorts and Chacos is highly annoying.

So why is it that Mississippi has such strange weather? From Hurricane Katrina and Mississippi River floods to devastating droughts and temperatures ranging from a high temperature of 115 degrees to a low of -19, Mississippi is constantly going crazy.

According to University Press, Mississippi weather is either "feast or famine." Whatever the reason for this constantly changing weather,

enjoy the good when you can, and run for cover in the bad.

For those of you who are relatively new to Mississippi, allow me to explain some of the conditions we experience. In 1994, Mississippi suffered from a crippling ice storm that left thousands without power for weeks. It is estimated to have caused nearly \$1 billion in damage. So next time you think it's cold outside, just know it has been worse. Not to mention Hurricane Georges in 1998 that devastated residents just a few years after the ice storm. This may seem like old news, but according to weather.org, "what has happened once, can happen over and over again."

We have all heard stories about Hurricane Katrina and the tornadoes in Smithville that happened within the last six years. Thousands left homeless, hundreds of lives lost and many more never found. Mother Nature has left Mississippi residents shell-shocked over the years.

By looking at a brief history of Mississippi weather, it is easy to see a pattern of destruction and inconvenience.

So why does Mississippi have such random and broad weather conditions? No one knows.

Perhaps that is the sacrifice we must pay for the long growing seasons and fertile soils that have grown the

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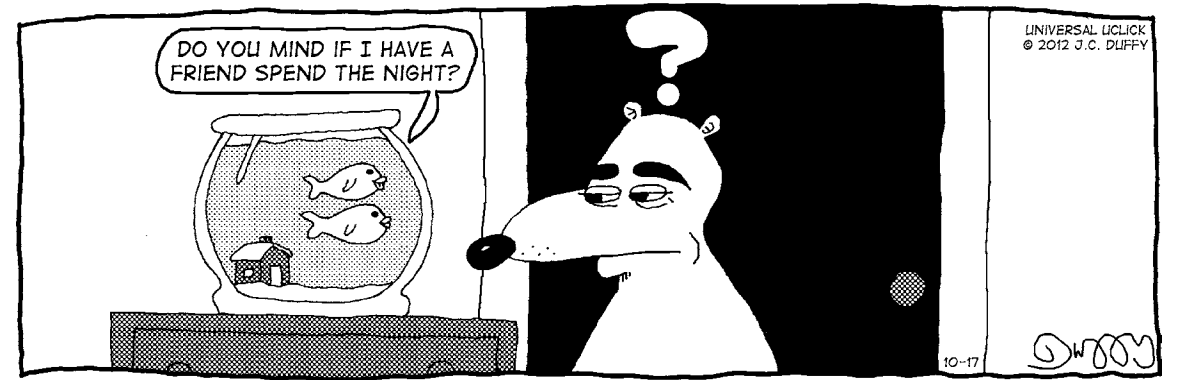
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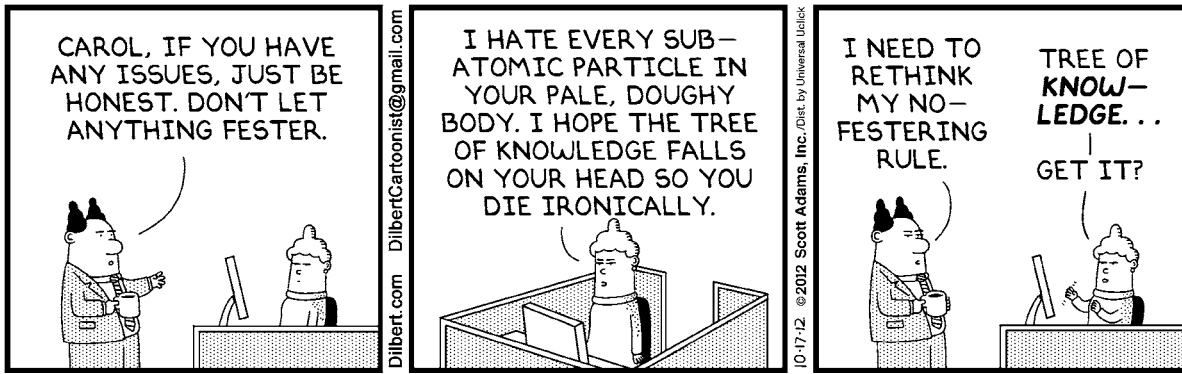
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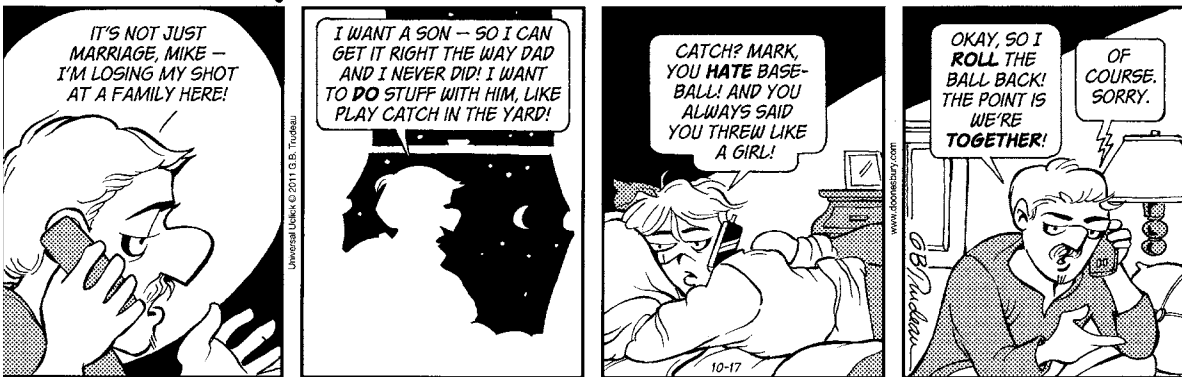
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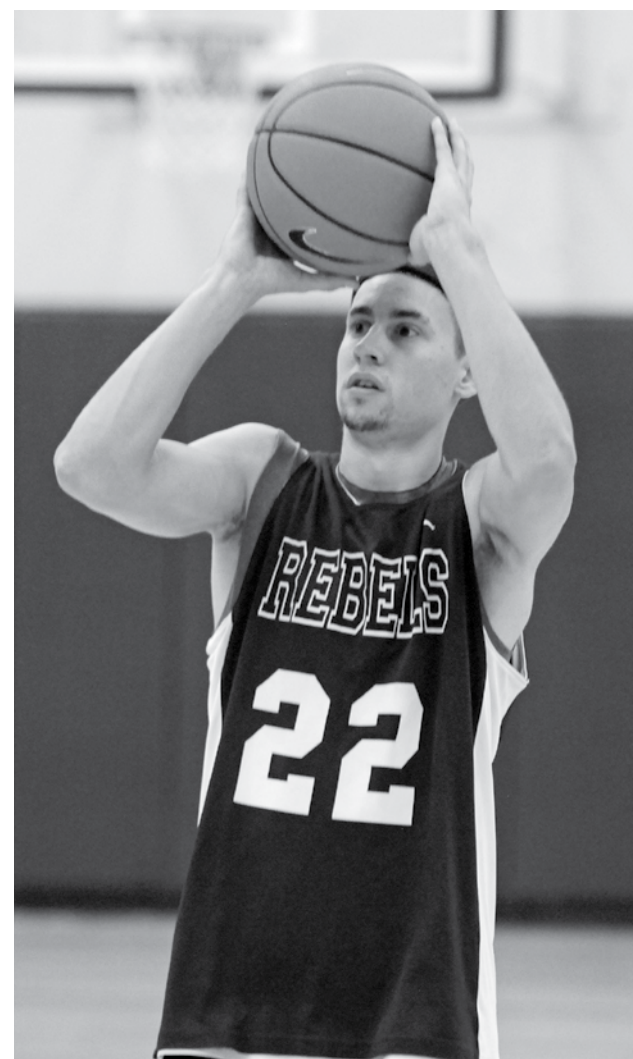
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Newcomers hoping to make a difference

There are some high expectations for this year's Ole Miss basketball team with a lot of veteran leadership. However, six newcomers are expected to push the Rebels to the next level.



LEFT: Freshman forward Terry Brutus; CENTER: Freshman forward Anthony Perez; RIGHT: Junior guard Marshall Henderson

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BY TYLER BISCHOFF
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Ole Miss basketball will have six new faces this season who will try to help the Rebels reach the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2002.

"I think the six guys have integrated into what we're trying to accomplish about as smoothly as possible," head coach Andy Kennedy said on Tuesday.

Two junior college transfers and four freshmen will look to make an impact on this year's team. Marshall Henderson, the JUCO Division 1 Player of the Year, brings outside shooting to the team that senior guard Nick Williams thinks will be instrumental to the team's success.

"Marshall coming in, he's probably going to be one of the top shooters in the country," Williams said.

Outside shooting was a weakness for last year's team. The Rebels made the fewest 3-pointers in the Southeastern Conference last year, totaling 62 in 16 conference games.

Henderson led South Plains College to an undefeated season and a national championship. He scored just under 20 points per game and shot 41 percent from 3-point range.

Another player expected to have a big impact is Anthony

Perez, a native of Venezuela. Perez was the only player not to practice with the team during the summer because he was playing with the Venezuelan national team.

Perez is 6-foot-9 and weighs 205 pounds, but Kennedy has no plans to play him in the post.

"A lot of people characterized him as a (forward). He is not a 4. He is a straight wing," Kennedy said. "He doesn't know this yet, but he would be our third point guard."

Kennedy also added a point guard to back up sophomore Jarvis Summers in freshman Derrick Millinghaus.

"You bring in a Derrick Millinghaus, who is the polar opposite – he's 5-foot-10. He's a jet," Kennedy said. "He brings a speed and athleticism to the position that I think is going to be a great complement to Jarvis (Summers)."

Freshman guard Martavius Newby will also look to get some time at the wing position. Newby, a Memphis native, was rated as a top-100 prospect out of high school by Rivals.com. He averaged more than 23 points per game as a senior at Booker T. Washington High School, but he will bring more to the

team than just offense. Nick Williams said he is "a dog on defense."

Also joining the team are forwards Jason Carter and Terry Brutus. Carter, for whom two years of eligibility remain, transferred to Ole Miss from Chipola Junior College in Marianna, Fla. Brutus, a freshman from Spring Valley, N.Y., will add some bulk to the front line, as he weighs 240 pounds.

Kennedy has been pleased with his young players in the first week of practice.

"Our four freshmen have been outstanding, not only following the lead of our upperclassmen but also taking some initiative," Kennedy said.

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the backcourt, but Williams agrees the front court will carry the team early on.

"I think everything starts with (senior forward) Reggie (Buckner) and (senior forward) Murphy (Holloway)," Williams said. "We try to make their lives as easy as possible. Whatever they need me to do, I'll do it."

Holloway and Buckner are the top two returning rebounders in the Southeastern Conference, averaging 9.0 and 8.1 rebounds per game in 2011, respectively.

Ole Miss returns four of the five starters from last year's team and has added six new players, including junior college Division I Player of the Year Marshall Henderson, who led South Plains College to a 39-0 season and a national championship.

"It's the most experienced team I've ever coached in my tenure here," Kennedy said. "We felt like we addressed some of the definite needs we had (in) last year's team by bringing in six newcomers."

Along with Henderson, Ole Miss added freshmen Terry Brutus, Derrick Millinghaus, Martavious Newby and Anthony Perez, as well as JUCO transfer Jason Carter, who has two years of eligibility remaining.

The team remains focused on reaching the NCAA Tournament for the first time in Kennedy's tenure at Ole Miss.

"Everybody is focused," Buckner said. "We are all one family. Our number one goal is to make it to the tournament."

For Williams, Holloway and Buckner, this is their last chance to reach that goal.

"Those three guys understand that each and every day is the last opportunity for them to do what they came here to do," Kennedy said. "So there is a true sense of urgency."

The Rebels will kick off their run at the NCAA tournament on Nov. 9 against Mississippi Valley State at 8 p.m. and will host an exhibition game against Montevallo at 7 p.m. on Nov. 5.

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LEFT: Senior forward Reginald Buckner; RIGHT: Senior guard Nick Williams

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have to come here and see a competitive team with some of the better teams. And I think we have given them a couple of signs of that, and that helps us out."

Injury Update

After getting banged up this past Saturday against Auburn, freshman defensive back Mike Hilton, sophomore offensive guard Aaron Morris and senior tight end Jamal Mosley are all looking to heal up during the Rebels' bye week. Also, sophomore defensive end C.J. Johnson did not practice Tuesday afternoon.

Hilton, who suffered a concussion, is still on the road to recovery.

"He is on the last stage of being cleared from that," Freeze said. "He will have to pass one more test to be cleared from it."

Mosley, who is nursing a knee injury, sat out of Tuesday's practice and will likely be evaluated every week for the rest of the year.

"Jamal is going to be something we have to nurse every single week before the season is over," Freeze said. "He'll play, but will probably be limited some every week."

Johnson, who is suffering from an apparent lower back injury, is "OK," according to

Freeze.

Mackey and Scott thriving in the backfield

Senior running back Randall Mackey and junior back Jeff Scott have both thrived in the new offense brought by Freeze and his staff and have made significant impacts for the Rebels out of the backfield this year.

Mackey, a converted quarterback, is second on the team with 233 rush yards and three touchdowns on the ground. He has also thrown for a touchdown and added nine catches for 152 yards.

"I think the big thing that comes to my mind when I start talking about Randall is versatility," running backs coach Derrick Nix said. "He's scored catching the ball, he's scored running the ball, he's thrown a touchdown pass, you line him up at receiver, quarterback, kickoff return, he does a little bit of everything. He's just a versatile guy. He is a football player that can do a little bit of everything."

Nix also said he thinks if Mackey had had more time to develop as a running back, things may have been a little different for him.

"If he had been there from day one, there is no telling what he could've been like, but he is doing a good job," Nix said. "He is a natural. He's been a quarterback, and if he was there full time, he would be successful there as well. I think he has the skill set to be

a good back."

Scott, who leads the team with 562 yards on the ground and five touchdowns, has seen his numbers explode from a season ago under the new offense.

"I think this a godsend for what we do," Nix said. "This high-tempo spread attack that we do gives him a lot of one-on-one opportunities and puts him in a position to go make plays for us and doesn't lock him into a box. He has taken advantage of it."

Scott was injured early on during the season and was sidelined, which increased the competition for the starting running back job. However, Scott used it as motivation to work even harder.

"He's always been a tough guy, for being a smaller guy," Nix said. "He's always had kind of a chip on his shoulder, but I think the competition has helped."

"You see Brandon Bolden and Enrique Davis leave, two guys who had been here for a while, and you may get the point, 'The job is going to be mine,' but you bring in a Randall Mackey, two brand-new freshmen, and all of a sudden he sees other guys who can do what he can do. I think that is helping as well to focus in and lock in on the task at hand."

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Bye week gives Wallace an emotional break

Last weekend, Ole Miss got its first Southeastern Conference win of the year, defeating Auburn 41-20, and sophomore quarterback Bo Wallace played a near flawless game. What was more impressive, however, was what Wallace had on his mind the week leading up to the game.

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Sophomore quarterback Bo Wallace faced an unimaginably traumatic circumstance going into this past Saturday's game against Auburn, and he emerged from it with a win and peace of mind.

Tasked with preparing for Auburn and recovering from a devastating loss to Texas A&M, Wallace was also worrying about his sister Baylee, who suffered a fractured neck in an automobile accident last Monday.

"She's good. She got to go home and watch the game from home," Wallace said following Saturday's contest. "She was texting me the whole time telling me to worry about beating Auburn, so I had to take my mind off of it, and this is just a great way to end an emotional week."

With his mind focused on the well-being of his sister, Wallace said that it was a struggle keeping his mind on football during preparation time.

"It happened Monday night, so Tuesday and Wednesday were tough for me, and those are our big preparation days, so it was really tough to just sit there and watch film and be really focused on a defense," he said. "Thursday, after the surgery went good and everything, I kind of stepped back and just worried about football."

Hugh Freeze gave more information about the surgery after last Wednesday's practice.

"They thought they were



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Sophomore quarterback Bo Wallace

going to have to go in both front and back. They did not, which was good," Freeze said. "It'll be a long recovery, but they feel very good about everything being a full recovery. They feel very blessed, and thank God that it's not worse than it is."

Wallace said his sister's mindset after her accident made things a little easier for him leading up to the Auburn game.

"She's such a huge football fan that I think most of the time she was worried about me and my mindset more than herself," Wallace said.

"So just having her text me and tell me just worry about (Auburn), I could really put in the back of my mind."

On the field, Wallace had one of his more efficient performances of the season, completing 17 of 22 passes for 226 yards passing, one touchdown and no intercep-

tions.

The sophomore said he was proud of how well he'd managed to take care of the football, a point of emphasis the last couple of weeks.

"Even last week before the last interception (against Texas A&M), I thought I'd done a great job of taking care of the ball," he said. "I just have to keep focusing on it, and it's always in the back of my head now. That's different from the first couple of games when I was playing."

Wallace also added two rushing touchdowns and even caught a touchdown pass in the win.

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, the intensity of the game and the week kept Wallace's celebrating to a minimum.

"I think the football game really drained me. I was really tired in the fourth quarter," he said. "Luckily, we got a win and stopped that nasty streak we had going. (I'm) ready for a little bye week, then get ready for Arkansas."

The bye week comes at a good time for Ole Miss, as the Rebels have a number of players who will use the week to get healthy. It also comes at a good time for Wallace, who will head home for the weekend to see his sister and the rest of his family.

"(I'm) just really excited to see her, and hope she can move around a little bit," he said. "(I'm) real excited to see her."

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Hitting the recruiting trail

Ole Miss head coach Hugh Freeze is taking advantage of his team's bye week and is hitting the recruiting trail, while his squad gets itself healthy for a contest with Arkansas next week.

BY MATT SIGLER
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With a bye week on hand, Ole Miss head coach Hugh Freeze stressed his excitement to be able to focus heavily on recruiting. After coming off the first conference win of the season, Freeze knows that now is the ideal time to recruit.

"Recruiting has been going really well," Freeze said. "I called and checked in with our coaches last night, and they seemed to be feeling good about their conversations. We're hitting the road Thursday and Friday, and we'll get to get out and be seen in schools."

"It is good to go out after a win, an SEC win in particular."

So far the Rebels have 20 committed recruits, but they still have plenty of big-name players they are pursuing. Freeze noted that the success this season has helped in Ole Miss' pitch to the recruits.

"I don't think we have a legitimate shot if we didn't pull off some (wins)," Freeze said. "I don't know that you have to pull off a certain amount of wins to be in the game with some of those (recruits) because we are in the game with some really good recruits, but I do think they

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Junior running back Jeff Scott

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HOOPS PREPARE FOR 2012-13 SEASON

Ole Miss basketball head coach Andy Kennedy took to the podium on Tuesday afternoon for his beginning of the year press conference. It is Kennedy's seventh year at the helm, and the Rebels look to break into the NCAA Tournament.



Head basketball coach Andy Kennedy

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Most people have their attention on the Ole Miss football team right now, which is steadily improving its play on the gridiron, but the Rebel basketball squad is quietly preparing for the season with a lot of expectations.

Head basketball coach

Andy Kennedy held a press conference Tuesday afternoon to discuss the squad as they prepare for the upcoming season. There are a lot of expectations surrounding the program, and this year's team is arguably the most experienced team Kennedy has had.

"The thing that I think makes this group different than any group I've had

here, is the fact that each and every player is different," Kennedy said. "It's an experienced, productive front line, and we're going to be dependent on them to produce for us early, while the rest of the guys figure it out."

Senior guard Nick Williams brings experience to

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