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## Groups promote AIDS awareness on campus

Lesley Walters  
News Editor

Students can take advantage of free HIV testing at a mobile medical unit from the Mississippi State Health Department, which will be parked outside the R.C. Cook Union from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At the same time, the South Mississippi Rural Health Initiative will be holding informational booths alongside the AIDS memorial on display in R.C. Cook Union Room B.

"It's a topic that I think a lot of people have forgotten about," said Jodi Tate, a health promotions coordinator for Student Health Services. "People don't really pay attention, or it isn't real to them, so we're just trying to bring awareness to it and tell people it is real."

Tate said that AIDS has become a very real problem in Mississippi, even as close to home as Forrest County.

"We have the fourth highest rate of HIV/AIDS in Mississippi, so it's growing, and we want to make people aware of that. So we're offering testing and just awareness information."

Tate said a student-run event held Nov. 24 saw about 175 students tested for the virus. She added that there have not been any positive results from an HIV/AIDS test done in the campus clinic, but that does not mean there are no HIV positive students on campus, since they

may have been tested at a county health clinic.

Ashley Wreay, also a health promotions coordinator for Student Health Services, said there have been major advances in HIV testing, including a rapid test that provides results in a matter of hours instead of a few months.

There have also been advances in treatment for the virus, Tate said, but there is no cure. Wreay said an HIV positive individual can expect a much shorter life expectancy, regardless of treatment.

To avoid ever seeing "positive" on an HIV test, Tate said students should protect themselves with barrier devices like dental dams and male or female condoms, but abstinence is the only sure-fire way. She also suggested regular testing for other sexually transmitted infections, which can lower one's immunity and create a higher risk for contracting the AIDS virus.

Wreay pointed out that "traditional intercourse" is not the only way to contract an STI. Young people should also consider limiting their number of sexual partners and having honest communication about sexual health.

"Have that discussion with your partner," Wreay said. "If you can't talk to your partner about your sexual history — your number of partners, whether or not you've been tested — then maybe you're not ready for sexual activity ... It only takes one time."



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Tony Jones, left, Beejee Dickson, middle and David Shelby discuss World AIDS Day in front of one of the 5,789, twelve foot sections of quilt made to honor AIDS victims worldwide. For a video regarding World AIDS Day check out [studentprintz.com/multimedia](http://studentprintz.com/multimedia)

## Professors, faculty discuss Obama election, aftermath

Meryl Dakin  
Printz Writer

Civil Rights groups are calling the election of Barack Obama as President the biggest step forward for America, and some are going so far as to say that racism is dead.

Amy Miller, a sociology professor at USM, disagrees.

"I do think it's easy to say that because (Obama) could get elected then that is a sign that all racial inequities are over, and that there's no more racism or problems," Miller said. "But it's still not completely fixed. There are still racial problems in this country; they're just not

of the same sort they were a generation ago."

Miller believes the election may have been a catalyst for students to begin the race discussion. She said an open conversation about race would be helpful to the campus community.

Myron Lott, co-founder of the Black Studies Student Association, agreed with Miller's idea.

"I do believe there should be more open discussions about racial harmony on campus and maybe we, the USM family, could use this topic as a springboard to address any racial issues," Lott said.

Lott said he was not aware of any racial incidents on campus resulting from the election.

"I didn't notice any difference among students on campus," he said. "I believe that everyone seemed to accept the outcome gracefully."

Miller agreed that she had not heard of specific events but said she was watching Facebook the night of the election, where "statuses were crazy, blowing up about things one way or another."

Recent conversations about race have revolved around the November election, and some have charged that race acted more in Obama's favor than

against him. Miller doubts that being black is what got the former Illinois senator elected as Commander in Chief.

"It is making too much of it to say that if a high percentage of African Americans voted for Obama, they did so because he's black," she said. "That's a little ridiculous, because there are a high percentage of African Americans who vote for Democratic candidates anyway."

A CNN.com poll taken during the Democratic primaries supported Miller's statement. The October 17th article said Obama's chief opponent in the race for candidacy, New

York Senator Hillary Clinton, was gaining support among black registered Democrats and black women in particular. At that time, the poll read that among black Democrats, Clinton led Obama 57 percent to 33 percent.

Miller thought that even though race was definitely a factor, her concern was that "we spend too much time talking about that people voted for somebody because of their race and too little time talking about why all these racial slurs and jokes and things are still coming out in 2008."

Miller suggested that students at USM hold forums

modeled after those held by the BSSA last year.

"It would be a very interesting forum to have something like 'Does the election make you think more about race?' or 'How has the election affected the way we talk about race relations on campus?' and get students talking about it," she said. "I think it's a good time to think about change and what we would like to see different in our society."

To research different ways of initiating racial discussions on campus, visit [www.cultureprep.com](http://www.cultureprep.com), a website founded by cross-cultural relations authority Peter Vogel.

## Retailers see jump in sales

Samantha Gholar  
Printz Writer

Retail stores and their customers anticipate the day after Thanksgiving with a mix of dread and joy. While Black Friday and the following weekend of sales may lead some customers and salespeople to madness, it also serves as a glimmer of hope for businesses stressing over an uncertain economy.

Many of Hattiesburg's stores were filled with out-of-towners, as well as the usual residents, looking to snag bargains on some of the season's most sought-after merchandise.

The bare shelves of Hwy 49 Wal-Mart's electronic department Friday afternoon showed the effect of deep discounts meant to kick off the holiday shopping season.

Mallory Boozer, a 24-year-old physical therapy assistant



Eric Shelton/Printz

A family shops around at Best Buy during Black Friday last Friday. Despite the economic crisis, people still made it out Friday for the deals that come with after Thanksgiving Day shopping.

from Hattiesburg, said she went to the Wal-Mart Friday to get an I-Pod Touch since it was marked down to almost \$100. While she was there, she saw other shoppers determined to get their goods as well.

"I looked over and I saw one

of the salesmen unplug a display TV and put it in a box for a customer," Boozer said. "I don't know what kind of TV it was but for them to take a display they must've have wanted it pretty bad."

After spending Thanksgiv-

ing with family in Prentiss, Diana Bass, 32, stopped to shop in Hattiesburg on her way back home to Jackson. She said she was surprised to see the frenzy of shoppers in

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## Winter brings changes to student schedules

Craig McNeese  
Printz Writer

The end of this semester is drawing near and regular classes are coming to a close, but some students will still spend their winter break in a classroom.

Mini-sessions are classes that are held at every end of each semester in which students are able to complete 3 academic units within a span of 1 to 2 weeks. Linda Bass, a proctor and training specialist from the Learning Enhancement Center, described mini-sessions as very profitable to USM students.

"All the students who have done a mini-session, the feedback has been 99 percent positive," Bass said. "The mini-sessions have become increasingly more popular over each semester."

Bass said there are three types

of mini-sessions that students can take: a 1-week course held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; a 2-week course held at the same hours, but with an hour for lunch; and even down into online sessions.

Each mini-session has its advantages and disadvantages. Getting an important class out of the way in a matter of weeks is a plus, and smaller classes means a closer student-professor relationship, but the long hours, intense concentration and workload can be hard to manage, Bass said.

Bass assured, however, that the benefits of a mini-session usually outweigh the disadvantages.

Kayla Burge, a senior broadcasting major from Poplarville, said she is looking forward to her mini-sessions this winter.

"I am taking a mini-session for the extra hours," Burge

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# CAMPUS EVENTS

## TODAY

All Day -- "Breaking the Veils: Women Artists from the Islamic World" -- Hattiesburg Train Depot  
 10 a.m. -- World AIDS Day -- Union Room B  
 7 p.m. -- Men's Basketball v. South Alabama -- Reed Green Coliseum  
 7:30 p.m. -- Symphony Orchestra presents "Sandy Patty Holiday Spectacular" -- Temple Baptist Church

## TOMORROW

All Day -- "Breaking the Veils: Women Artists from the Islamic World" -- Hattiesburg Train Depot  
 6 p.m. -- Andrea Laitano Master's Voice Recital -- Marsh Auditorium  
 7 p.m. -- Women's Basketball @ Arkansas Little Rock -- Little Rock, Ark.  
 7:30 p.m. -- Bernardo Mieth Junior Flute Recital -- Marsh Auditorium  
 7:30 p.m. -- Hub Bones/Jazz Bones -- Mannoni Performing Arts Center

-- Compiled by Andy Hess

### STUDENT PRINTZ CRIME MAP: Nov. 16 - 24, 2008



## DIRTY BIRDS

- 11-16-08**  
 •105 Fraternity Dr - Assault - Incident report filed.  
 •Scott Hall - Medical Assist - AAA ambulance transported a resident to FGH ER.  
 •East Stadium - Fire - Hattiesburg Fire department extinguished a fire inside a dumpster.  
 •34th Ave - Vandalism - Resident reported a broken window. Report sent to Physical Plant for repair order.
- 11-17-08**  
 •Scott Hall - Petit Larceny - A resident reported the theft of cash from her dorm room.  
 •Theater & Dance Lot - Motor Vehicle Accident - Incident report on file.  
 •Reed Green Coliseum - Grand Larceny - An Aramark employee reported the theft of a golf cart.
- 11-18-08**  
 •Scott Hall - Citizen Complaint - Incident report on file.
- 11-20-08**  
 •Payne Center - Medical Assist - AAA ambulance responded but the reporting party refused transport.  
 •Sorority Village - Damaged Property - Incident report forwarded to Residence Life.
- 11-21-08**  
 •Thad Cochran Center - Medical Assist - An employee was transported by private vehicle to FGH ER.  
 •Payne Center Lot - Hit and Run - Incident report on file.
- 11-24-08**  
 •Johnson Science Tower - Medical Assist - A student was transported to the USM Clinic.  
 •Montague Blvd - Motor Vehicle Accident - MS Uniform Crash report on file.  
 •Campus Edge Apt - Welfare Concern - Forwarded to Dean of Students office.  
 •Walker Science Bldg - Lost Property - A student reported she lost her wallet.

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## Dozens killed, scores wounded in spate of Iraq attacks

By Laith Hammoudi  
 MCT Campus

BAGHDAD -- As many as 38 people were killed and more than 100 were wounded Monday in multiple attacks across Iraq, including one in which a man detonated a suicide vest near a convoy of coalition vehicles in Mosul, killing up to 16.

The attacks occurred in a week thick with political tension over the upcoming Iraqi elections and a decision last week by the parliament to endorse a U.S.-Iraq

security agreement that calls for the withdrawal of American forces by the beginning of 2012.

One of the targets was Gen. Mudhahir al-Mawla, an adviser to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. Mawla suffered serious injuries when a bomb exploded near his Baghdad home. It killed three others.

Iraqi officials said the violence had nothing to do with politics, contending that terrorists continue to look for opportunities to harm people despite the security gains of the past year.

"Terrorists became weaker, much weaker," said Col. Shawkat al-Alosi, a spokesman for the Iraqi army ground forces. "Terrorists used to attack in the past, but now they can't attack anymore. The Iraqi security forces now attack terror everywhere, but we need more time to finish it."

Casualty reports from Iraqi and U.S. military sources differed in each incident.

In Mosul, the Americans reported eight deaths and 36 injuries in the suicide attack,

excluding the attacker. U.S. officials said that four coalition soldiers were wounded, but didn't say whether they were Americans.

The Iraqis reported 16 dead and 37 wounded in that assault.

Iraqi police said that 15 people were killed and 45 were wounded in two explosions near the gate of a police academy in East Baghdad. U.S. officials initially reported six dead and 20 wounded in that bombing.

Gunmen also shot four people to death in Mo-

sul in separate incidents Monday, police said.

Mosul, where Sunni Muslim Arabs are battling Kurds, the Shiite Muslim-led Iraqi government and al-Qaida in Iraq, has been especially violent this year, with two incidents in which people wearing Iraqi military uniforms killed American soldiers.

Police responded to Monday's attacks in Mosul with two raids, arresting 25 people in one of them. It reported that 11 were thought to be affiliated with a car-bomb-making ring.

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Wal-Mart Friday.

"I got there right before noon and people had carts filled with things," Bass said. "I figured Hattiesburg would be less crazy than Jackson; that's why I came. I was definitely wrong."

Bass managed to make it out of Wal-Mart with the blue I-Pod Nano for her 15-year-old son, but had less luck searching for a gift for her nephew as the weekend continued.

"My nephew is almost three and he's seen Wall-E about 10 times," Bass said. "I came in [Toys R Us] looking for the large Wall-E they had advertised in the paper [Sunday] morning, but they were already sold out."

Best Buy also saw long lines this weekend as

shoppers filled their carts with cameras, MP3 players, video games and plasma televisions.

"We've been crazy busy," said Jeremy Louis, a 21 year old history major and sales associate from Jackson. He said even luxury items were selling fast, probably because of big discounts.

"Those items were marked down very low, and we sold plenty of them," Louis said. "But it wasn't as chaotic as other stores were. We had everything pretty well organized."

Despite the struggling economy, many shoppers were determined to get the items on their wish lists and retailers were ready to draw them in with dollar-saving deals.

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said. "Plus it's one class in one week. It doesn't get any better than that."

On the other hand, Allison Hughes, a sophomore music and business administration major from Jackson, is not too keen on the idea of mini-sessions.

"My opinion of mini-sessions is that they're too long," she said. "And paying attention to one subject for an entire day -- my brain would

be fried."

For the students who plan to take mini-sessions this winter break, temporary housing in dorms is not possible. Due to renovations to some of the dorms, the Residence Life has been setting up housing for students in areas around the school. Housing locations have been posted on fliers and on their Web site, usm.edu/reslife.

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# Leaders praise Clinton as choice

By Herb Jackson  
MCT Campus

WASHINGTON -- Hillary Clinton's selection Monday to be secretary of state shows that she and President-elect Barack Obama can bury their past rivalry to put national interests first, New Jersey leaders and activists said.

"It's terrific they're going to be working together," said Caren Z. Turner of Tenafly, N.J., an ardent Clinton supporter in the presidential race who initially resisted Clinton's call to unite behind Obama.

"We have serious, serious problems and Democrats, Republicans and those in the middle of the road all need to pull together," she said.

One anti-war activist from Teaneck who volunteered for Obama in the campaign was troubled, however, by the choice of Clinton and the reappointment of current Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

"It worries me," said Paula Rogovin, an organizer of the weekly vigil against the Iraq war outside the Teaneck Road Armory. "She supported the war for quite a long time. ... I had hoped he would appoint some people who were not supporters of the war."

But former Gov. Thomas H. Kean, a Republican who served as chairman of the 9/11 Commission, said Clinton is well-qualified to run the State Department.

"She's internationally known, and she's a figure respected around the world," Kean said.

"I think she's got good judgment, and I think she'll advise Obama well in an area where he's weak."

Kean also said Obama showed

courage picking Clinton.

"She's going to have very strong opinions of her own, and many presidents would not be strong enough to want somebody like that as one of their top three appointments. They'd rather have somebody they're sure they can control," Kean said.

Clinton's selection means three of the last four secretaries of state were woman, and that's significant considering there was a time when many argued a woman would not be taken seriously by leaders of some countries, said Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Woman in Politics at Rutgers University.

"It's always important to have those firsts, but when you've gotten to the point when there's seconds and thirds coming, we know we made inroads and changed perceptions of women in leadership," Walsh said.

North Jersey Democrats in Congress were confident Clinton would not upstage Obama.

"She'll be loyal," said Rep. Bill Pascrell Jr., D-Paterson. "She's going to be the person (Obama) can rely on for an objective viewpoint."

Sen. Bob Menendez, who was a national co-chairman of Clinton's campaign, said Clinton was a "supportive and powerful team player" for Obama after losing the fight for the nomination.

"She did everything she was asked in the general election," said Menendez, D-N.J.

Menendez and Pascrell said Clinton brings unique experience to the State Department after serving eight years as first lady followed by nearly eight years in the Senate.

"Regardless of what people say, when you're the wife of the



President-elect Barack Obama takes questions from reporters after announcing his new national security team at a press conference at the Chicago Hilton & Towers on Monday, December 1, 2008, in Chicago, Illinois. From left, Attorney General-designate Eric Holder; Homeland Security Secretary-designate Janet Napolitano; Defense Secretary Robert Gates; Vice President-elect Joe Biden; Obama; Secretary of State-designate Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.; National Security Adviser-designate Ret. Marine Gen. James Jones; and United Nations Ambassador-designate Susan Rice. (Terrence Antonio James/Chicago Tribune/MCT)

president, you know what's going on," Pascrell said. "She has backbone and can look (Russian leader Vladimir) Putin in the eye and stare him down. I've seen her do it with political leaders, and she's not going to lose any of those characteristics."

Menendez said the knowledge of the military that Clinton gained as a member of the Armed Services Committee gives her a better grasp of how government uses the "soft power" of diplomacy as well as military force to achieve national goals.

"If you read the speeches Obama has given and the answers he's given about U.S. foreign policy, he believes we need a robust diplomatic corps," Menendez said, repeating Obama's criticism that the government has more personnel in military marching bands than the foreign service.

"There's an understanding, even by the generals I talked to

when I visited Afghanistan in August, that we need to be talking about using development assistance in terms of winning hearts and minds. That gives Hillary, who has that same view, a very heightened portfolio," he said.

Diplomacy was shortchanged in the past eight years under

President Bush, said Clay Constantinou, a former ambassador from Colts Neck, N.J., and former dean of Seton Hall University's school for diplomats.

"I'm optimistic that the entire team of President-elect Obama, and now including Hillary, understands and will use diplomacy to its full extent," Constantinou

said. "We need to realize that as a country ... we don't win people over by talking down to them and telling them what to do. You win friends over by cultivating them, by treating them with respect, by being sensitive to their needs, by being there for them," he said.

# California DMV employee faces federal charges for fakes

By John Ellis  
McClatchy Newspapers

FRESNO, Calif. -- A California Department of Motor Vehicles employee is facing federal charges for creating a fake driver's license for a drug dealer using his photo, but another person's personal information.

Sanger, Calif., resident Michelle Meraz, 32, is facing identity theft, mail fraud and other charges along with Fresno, Calif., resident David Garcia, 32, an alleged middleman in the deal with Haamid Alie Darcuil, also of Fresno, who authorities say was the leader of an interstate marijuana trafficking organization.

Darcuile, 32, is facing the same charges as Meraz and Garcia, as well as federal conspiracy and drug distribution charges. Authorities say seven others also are facing federal drug charges in a trafficking operation that moved more than 1,000 kilograms of marijuana to locations all over the Midwest.

"This case signals that the

United States attorney will continue working closely with local, state and federal law enforcement partners to prosecute both drug trafficking and the associated crimes which often accompany these offenses \_ such as the identity fraud in this case," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Marlon Cobar, who is prosecuting the case.

Also facing federal drug charges are Francisco Ruiz, 40, of Tucson, Ariz.; Jason Samuel, 29, of Stone Mountain, Ga.; Serey Kem, 33, of Clovis, Calif.; Haybe Dudeh, 33, of Columbus, Ohio; and Mario Carlos Saiz, 29, Angel Almaguer, 31, and Darnell McPeters, 33, all of Fresno. The operation, authorities said, lasted from November 2004 to January 2006.

All the defendants except for Samuel and Dudeh, who are fugitives, have been taken into custody and are scheduled to appear before U.S. District Judge Oliver W. Wanger on Dec. 15.

The charges are the result of a long-term investigation that involved the Drug En-

forcement Administration, the Fresno Police Department Major Narcotics Bureau and the California Department of Motor Vehicles Office of Internal Affairs unit, along with assistance from the Internal Revenue Service's criminal investigation unit.

Authorities said Meraz was a field representative at the Reedley, Calif., DMV office. They allege that in October 2005, she took a bribe to issue a driver's license to Darcuil that contained his photo, but another person's identifying information.

The fake license contained Garcia's address and was mailed to his home, where he kept it until Darcuil paid for it.

Darcuile then used the fake license as part of his drug trafficking actions, including taking a plane flight between Fresno and Phoenix, Ariz., returning the same day.

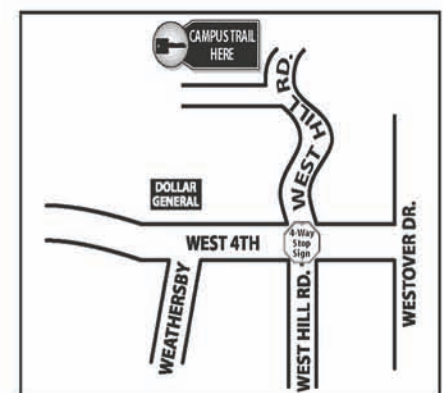
A state DMV spokesman said Meraz resigned from her job in September 2007 and there is a stipulation that she never again seek employment with the department.

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## Obama's first world challenge in Mumbai

Sarah Coleman  
Printz Writer

More than 180 people were killed last week in multiple synchronized terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India. Some say that Mumbai, formerly known as Bombay until 1996, is the New York City of India. Mumbai is a vital economic hub for India, accounting for 25% of the country's industrial output.

But India is on the other side of the world, so why should you care about the terrorism that goes on over there, anyway?

We need to realize that this is a pretty significant piece of international news. These ter-

rorists are sending an ominous message to India's leaders as well as foreign investors and tourists. This means that the United States isn't the only large developed country being targeted by international terrorists. The "war on terror" isn't just about us. It isn't exclusively a Western problem.

After giving it some thought, this whole thing began to remind me a little of 9/11. An international terrorist group attacks one of the largest economic centers of one of the more substantial nations of the world, killing a significant number of people. Yep, sounds about right.

Of course, the 9/11 attacks were on a much larger scale.

Entire buildings collapsed, and thousands lost their lives. But still, these attacks in Mumbai have shown us that we aren't the only ones affected, and the United States needs to adopt a more global attitude in our battle against terrorism.

As noted by author and philosopher Deepak Chopra, a native of India, it is not enough to worry about the Westerners who were killed or taken hostage in these attacks. If we as Americans are the crusaders against terrorism that we say we are, our foreign policy should start to be affected by terrorism, including non-Westerners. There are an estimated one and a half billion Muslims in the world.

To the many people with negative attitudes toward all Muslims, I say this to you: one and a half billion is a big number. For the first time, they outnumber Roman Catholics. We're going to eventually have to start cooperating with the peaceful majority of them (not the extremists, mind you).

The general consensus among experts seems to be that the effects of this attack will span far beyond India's borders. The whole region will be affected, as well as the rest of the world in some ways. This could be one of the first challenges President-elect Barack Obama will face on the international front.

So far, the United States has been rather subdued in its reaction to this, and for good reason, I believe. We have offered to send over investigators to help sift through the details of the attack. However, despite our need to treat this as a global problem, we have to be careful because of the relations we have with other nations involved with India like Pakistan, which borders Afghanistan. Dealing with the Mumbai attacks meticulously and carefully will be important once Barack Obama takes office as President, since he has promised to encourage better relations with Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Let's go back to the question

I asked in the beginning: why should you care about these attacks on the other side of the world? How is all the buzz about the Mumbai attacks relevant to us? You probably remember reaction to 9/11, so take into consideration how the citizens of India must feel. Terrorism isn't a problem just for the United States; this is global. Let's hope that during our nation's transition of leadership we will renew our commitment to deter the spread of terrorism not just for our own personal reasons, but for the good of all nations.

This is a column of opinion written by Printz Opinions Staff Writer Sarah Coleman. Comments can be sent to [printz@usm.edu](mailto:printz@usm.edu)

## Wal-Mart tragedy a disgrace

Michael Thornton  
Printz Writer

I will admit that there have been days when I've jokingly threatened to move to Canada after watching a hotdog-eating contest or listening to the witty commentary of George W. Bush. I am disgusted at the ignorance, intolerance, violence, stupidity, and sheer madness that goes on every day in the United States. But I have never been so shaken as I was by the combination of events and attitudes that took place on the day after Thanksgiving, 2008.

First, let me say, Black Friday baffles me. I have never understood how anything could make someone want to get up that early and face that kind of insanity. I don't personally know anyone who participates. The fact that it is part of the "American Way" shines some light on why the rest of the world thinks of our culture in an overall negative way. Be that as it may, though, my own personal opinions are the only things I have had to place the experience in contempt.

Until now. November 28, 2008 at a Wal-Mart in Long Island, New York, can only be described as tragic, pathetic, and inexcusable. In the stampede that started with the shoppers tearing the front doors from their hinges like a herd of wild, filthy animals, 3 people were hospitalized, a pregnant

woman was pushed to the ground and consequently suffered a miscarriage, and a 34-year-old Wal-Mart clerk was killed. This man was literally trampled.

I still can't quite believe it. America, you make me sick. Have we really arrived at the place where 50% off a DVD player is worth killing for? Is it more important than unborn human life?! Tracie Stahan, a reporter for MSNBC claimed that the tragedy happened as a result of "too little crowd control," but this is no excuse. Adults should not have to be controlled to keep from killing one another over useless, unnecessary junk. It's one thing for starving members of third-world countries to kill each other over a limited food supply, but we're talking about overfed first-world country citizens raging over discounted electronics. That is sad. The words I really want to use and would most accurately represent my sentiments here are inappropriate for print.

The time has come for United States citizens to take a good, hard look at our priorities and our actions. We must get ourselves under control. If the events on Black Friday are any indication, I'm afraid that until we make some radical changes, we can no longer be permitted to think of ourselves as a "civilized" country.

This is a column of opinion written by Printz Opinions Staff Writer Michael Thornton. Comments can be sent to [printz@usm.edu](mailto:printz@usm.edu)



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## Clinton(s) not right for state

Dallas Morning News  
Editorial

The biggest problem with President-elect Barack Obama choosing Hillary Rodham Clinton as his Secretary of State is obvious: With the Clintons, you always get two for the price of one.

Would No Drama Obama be able to deal with Bill's perpetual burlesque? How do you tell a former president not known for humility or discretion to check himself? Why is he speculating in public about negotiations on his wife's behalf? Mr. Clinton could turn out to be the most troublesome Cabinet spouse since Martha Mitchell let her fingers do the walking.

Second, there's Mrs. Clinton's suitability. Nobody doubts that she's smart and hard working, and certainly she would bring to the job of America's top dip-

lomat a wealth of international goodwill left over from her husband's administration. But does she have the diplomatic skills to do what's required of her? Does she have the managerial aplomb to run the State Department and U.S. foreign policy? That she couldn't settle down a dysfunctional campaign staff does not augur well.

But the most substantive objection is personal: Could President Obama trust her? And, relatedly, would foreign leaders know there was no distance between her and the president?

She has been, of course, Mr. Obama's chief Democratic rival. Some say that's not a problem; Abraham Lincoln made a point of assembling a "team of rivals" in his presidential Cabinet. Which sounds fine until we recall that the Lincoln strategy was not a successful one. The

Democratic primary season left ample reason to wonder whether a Secretary of State Clinton would look out first for the president's interests \_ or her own.

When a secretary of state is close to a president \_ think James Baker and George H.W. Bush \_ the machine of U.S. diplomacy runs smoothly and effectively. But when he or she isn't \_ Colin Powell and George W. Bush come to mind \_ it sputters.

Nobody doubts Mrs. Clinton's fidelity to the Democratic agenda. But it's hard to believe there's enough room in one Cabinet for two exceedingly ambitious Democrats \_ or, frankly, three.

The following editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Friday, Nov. 21. Visit The Dallas Morning News on the World Wide Web at <http://www.dallasnews.com>

## Releasing criminal immigrants

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Local authorities around the country are taking the lead to tackle illegal immigration because our leaders in Washington have failed to devise a workable enforcement system. Federal deficiencies are so severe that public safety is being compromised, as a Houston Chronicle report showed this week.

Regardless of where you stand on comprehensive immigration reform, it's hard not to be outraged by the failures the Chronicle exposed in Harris County's jail system. Hundreds of illegal immigrant inmates charged with felony crimes \_ murder, rape, drug dealing and child molestation \_ were set free because Immigration and Customs Enforcement authorities didn't complete the paperwork to hold them for deportation.

ICE, part of the Homeland Security Department, failed to process detention orders for 2,600 jail inmates who admitted they were illegal immigrants. In 177 cases, inmates committed additional crimes after being released. Hundreds had three or more prior convictions.

ICE officials say they're doing their best with limited resources, but we've heard that excuse before. A year ago, ICE officials were forced to curtail temporarily the Criminal Alien Program in Irving, Texas, because their staff and facilities couldn't cope with the number of illegal immigrants Irving police were detaining.

Dallas County announced last week that it would participate in a new federal database project that is even more comprehensive than Irving's. With growing participation by local governments, the pressure on ICE is going to grow.

But ICE says it would take years and up to \$1 billion to bring a new screening system up to speed and ensure the most serious offenders are deported \_ not released.

The heated debate in Washington over comprehensive immigration reform no doubt will resume after the incoming Obama administration addresses other pressing issues such as the economy and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ridding our cities of these most undesirable immigrants deserves top priority attention, too. Failing that, the Department of Homeland Security should consider a name change, because the criminals it is releasing onto our streets have no justification to be in this "homeland." And when they roam free, the notion of security for Americans becomes laughable.

The following editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Tuesday, Nov. 18

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## Using wind as a natural energy source



**Brandon Drescher**  
Printz Writer

Wind is a natural force of the Earth. Something we cannot see, yet we know it exists; can cool our bodies during the hot summer days or with sheer force take down a bridge or a skyscraper. It costs nothing and is always there as another renewable resource provided by nature waiting for us to exploit. Actually, we have used the power of wind for much of our history.

Wind helps sustain fire, turn windmills for grinding grain, move sailing ships, and now today for the generation of electricity. Yet, we still fight for oil--Something that will

not last, takes millennia to form, and destroys our environment.

In the past, development of the "water-pumping windmill" contributed to farming and ranching in areas devoid of readily accessible water and to the expansion of the rail systems by pumping water for supplying steam locomotives. We have used wind in the past to make great achievements, so why not use it to continue making great achievements?

The wind is always there, cannot be something to fight over, and never pollutes the environment. You never hear about 6,000 people dying as they fight for wind. Our usage of wind power is pathetic in the United States. Wind energy accounts for about 20% of electricity production in Denmark soon to provide

50% production in the coming years. The current percentage may not seem like much, but it supplies already thousands of homes and businesses with clean, affordable energy allowing people to go about their lives without the hazards of pollution.

Some say windmills are an eyesore. I say it beats seeing nothing but smog and at least looks far more attractive than an oil refinery or oil rig--and has the added bonus of no potential spills. There is an estimated 72 trillion watts of wind energy on the Earth, all potentially viable for human use. Worldwide capacity of wind-powered generators was about 95 gigawatts by the end of 2007. We use such a small fraction compared to what is available. Wind speeds of over 100 mph are common in

the most northern and southern regions of the Earth where habitation is slim, perfect for windmills.

One drawback is that wind is never constant, therefore, wind energy is more of a back-up generator or fuel saver, but it still beats selling our souls to the black liquid. The companies who make wind turbines are always improving them to be more efficient. A recent technological advance is the shaping of the bottom of the turbines mimicking the serrated lower sections of whale fins. This serration increases energy efficiency while lowering demand of the turbine to turn by reducing weight.

The U.S. has thankfully increased installation of wind energy exponentially in the past 6 years, but we still have a ways to go if we are to be

sustainable. Wind energy can be a large factor in sustainable, renewable energy. Some for a while feared the high costs of construction, investment in infrastructure, borrowing money, and annual production of wind turbines would be far higher than the projected useful life of the equipment, but now they are being mass-produced and the costs have already dropped so the useful life outweighs everything else involved in construction. Plus a bit of extra cost shouldn't matter since we're talking about human lives and health here. The wind is not going anywhere, so let's use it.

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## Letter to the Editor

# Lets use our tax dollars wisely

During a recession and in the wake of a decade of increasing tuition costs, \$1,890,169.67 of your taxes is to be used to "lease" an airplane for the University of Southern Mississippi from the USM Foundation. This information can easily be found on the IHL website in the final board books from Nov. 19-20.

President Saunders gave anecdotal reasons for spending \$1,890,169.67 of your tax dollars on an airplane. She said, "[f]or example, I recently needed to attend a one-day meeting in Jacksonville. I had to leave the day before in order to get there in time for my early morning meeting and spent two nights in a hotel in order to make my connections back to

Hattiesburg. If I'd had access to a university plane, I would not have lost two days in the office." \$1,890,169.67 is a lot of money to accommodate convenience. Where is the detailed cost benefit analysis? What are the pilot, maintenance, insurance, and hangar costs? What are the detailed savings expected to be gained from the "lease"?

Just as important, why does USM buy the plane through the USM Foundation? Why is USM supporting the USM Foundation with taxpayer dollars instead of the USM Foundation supporting USM? The answer may explain why your tax dollars are flowing through USM Foundation to "lease" the plane.

USM's Foundation receives

millions of state taxpayer dollars to support its operations even though the mission of the Foundation is to support USM--not the other way around. The USM Foundation expenditures occur without public accountability.

Here is the administrative claim: USM's Foundation is a private institution independent of USM and is not subject to open records requests. However, details reveal the administrative sleight of hand. The head of the USM Foundation is a vice president of USM, appointed by and reporting to USM's president; the USM Foundation occupies, cost free, a university building. The USM Foundation employees are paid by USM and are part of the state retirement sys-

tem. The USM Foundation sits on USM's organization chart as an integral part of USM.

So, regardless of the claim that USM's Foundation is "independent," the details of the USM Foundation reveal a clear dependence on state taxpayer dollars. So, unless President Saunders chooses to divulge a cost benefit analysis for the use of \$1,890,169.67 of your tax dollars, she can keep the details secret. There is too little transparency with regard to expenditures at state universities and their foundations. A USM dean proudly claimed during a job interview that he considered USM Foundation money as his private "booze account". (See the video of the interview at

www.usmnews.net.)

Our state legislators and governor should, at a minimum, require university foundations associated with state universities to be subject to open records requests. Mississippi taxpayers deserve open and honest accountability of its government and institutions. If USM needs a \$1,890,169.67 airplane plus the associated pilot, maintenance, insurance, hangar, and fuel costs, let President Saunders give us the detailed cost benefit analysis. After all, she, USM, and the USM Foundation are spending our tax dollars and your tuition dollars.

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## Film society hosts "Giant" showing

By Eric Nagurney  
Entertainment Editor

The Hattiesburg Film Society will host a showing of French animated film "Johnny the Giant Killer" this Sunday at the Saenger.

Due to the film's open copyright, the movie can be manipulated and publicly shown in any form one wishes. New York City jazz quartet Gutbucket has taken advantage of this freedom by performing a new soundtrack they have composed for the film alongside the showing. The band debuted their soundtrack in Brooklyn in 2006

and has since performed it in four other cities. This performance will be Gutbucket's fourth in Hattiesburg, following three traditional shows at The Thirsty Hippo in 2005 and 2006.

Film society head Chris Cagle says to expect surprises from Gutbucket's performance. "I, honestly, have no idea [what the performance will be like]," said Cagle. "I know it will include music, dialog, acting, and more music, and that the music will never do what you expect it to, which should be a good thing!" "Johnny the Giant Killer" is also notable for the fact that it was the first animated film produced in France. The 1950 film tells the story of a young boy who, with the help of a friendly swarm of insects, saves

his friends from a giant. "I would describe the film as a family-friendly journey through the world of childhood imagination, good vs. evil, team work, the classic subjects of great animation," said Cagle.

The Hattiesburg Arts Council is assisting the film society with this event. A lack of funding has made it difficult for the society to continue holding showings. "Without [the Arts Council's] help, this showing would not happen," said Cagle. In 2009, the society hopes to have access to a smaller, more intimate venue to hold showings.

Admission to the event will be \$5. The showing will begin at 3 p.m.

## Top 5 games of '08 that are sure stocking stuffers

By Brandon Morris  
Printz Writer

With all of this year's big releases now on shelves, most gamers have more options than cash. So, to help you out, I'm breaking down the top five games of 2008.

**#5: Left 4 Dead PC, Xbox 360**

You know how horror movies get better with other people around? That's "Left 4 Dead". The best horror game of '08 is co-op. It's scarier, and more fun, than "Dead Space" ever was. Plus, when you're tired of surviving the zombie apocalypse you can play as the zombies.

**#4: Gears of War 2 Xbox 360**

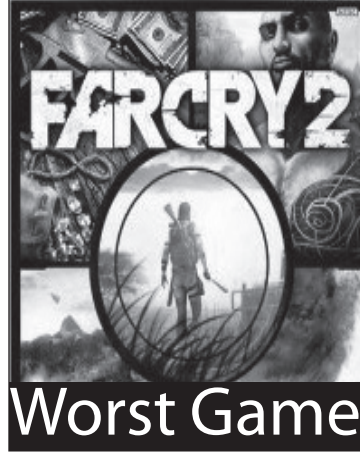
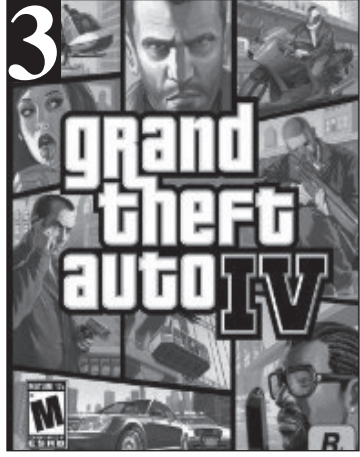
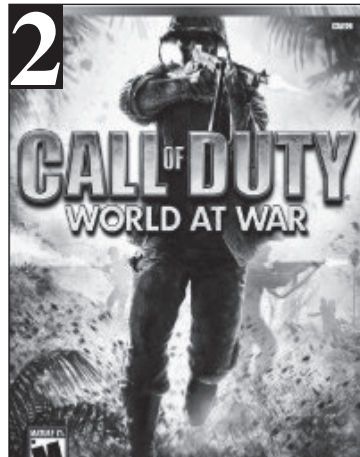
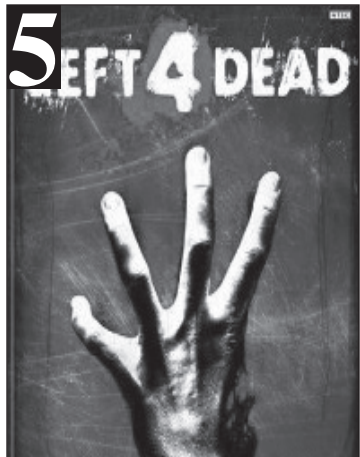
Futuristic marines with chainsaws and fully automatic weapons, a tried and true gaming formula. "Gears of War 2" is the kind of game that makes you want to beat your chest and mark territory. The "Gears of War" series has deeper gameplay and better art direction than "Halo." Chainsaws are better than gun butts. "Gears 2" is better than "Halo 3." Deal with it.

**#3: Grand Theft Auto IV PC, PS3, Xbox 360**

Let's not ignore the games that came out earlier this year. "Grand Theft Auto IV" is still the last word on sandbox gameplay. The single player is not only the most enjoyable, but has the most sophisticated narrative in the series. Even without the online play, you're not likely to wear the fun out of this game ever.

**#2: Call of Duty: World at War PC, PS3, Xbox 360, Wii**

The "Call of Duty" series has become the most cinematic in gaming. The single player campaign is the gaming equivalent of a "Saving Private Ryan" or "Band of Brothers." If all games were like this and the acting was just slightly better, there'd be no reason to go to the movies any more. Plus, it's



best online game of the year. **#1: Fallout 3 PC, PS3, Xbox 360**

"Fallout 3," for those who don't know, is basically "Oblivion" with guns, better art direction, and infinitely better writing. The depth of this game means that, even without an online element, it's worth every cent. "Fallout 3" is the best RPG of the year, and the best game of the year. I can only hope the real post-apocalyptic future will be this fun.

The Worst Game of 2008? "Far Cry 2." Yep, my least

favorite game of the year is one that's been getting great reviews. I'm sure it will end up in someone else's top 5, but I hated it. It's like the second Matrix movie. Something amazing was followed up by something terrible. The technology was there, the designers failed to produce a fun game. Instead, "Far Cry 2" felt like a boring, repetitive shadow of what once was.

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## 115 Dance concert opens

Special to the Printz

The University of Southern Mississippi Repertory Dance Company will present its Studio 115 Dance Concert Dec. 4-6, featuring both ballet and modern dance that incorporate playfulness, history and experimentation.

"Sifting Bliss," choreographed by senior performance and choreography dance major Kathryn Piddington of Atlanta, Ga., opens the concert. Her work is set to music of The Album Leaf and portrays memories from spending a day at the beach with friends.

Maintaining a sense of play throughout the dance, it "looks at the fun and excitement that friends can have with moments of reflection," Piddington explained.

Janet Prieur, professor of dance, has restaged the original Petipa choreography of three of the six fairy variations from the ballet "Sleeping Beauty." Offered as "divertissements," which are short interludes performed between other longer works, each fairy dances and bestows a special gift on the baby Princess Aurora at her birth.

Highlighting the transitions from ballet to modern dance, Allison Beler, a senior dance major at New Orleans, La., has created "Convergent Worlds."

Set to the music "Sliding Down" by Edgar Meyer, Bela Fleck and Mike Marshall, this dance duet "progresses from classical ballet movements to more modern based movements, while taking inspiration from important choreographers throughout dance history."

Closing the concert, senior Jennifer Plauche of Metairie, La., presents "Glitch," a powerful and eerie dance. It looks at three dancers who are human experiments that may or may not go as planned.

The three dancers "jump, glitch, slide, and interact with each other as they continue to discover themselves, each other and a way to get out of the room they were put in," Plauche



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Dancers from USM's Repertory Dance Company perform.

explained. The music by William Verkler and Apocalyptic adds to the unfamiliar feeling and intensity of the dance.

Also in this concert are new choreographic works by seniors Callie Minnich of Nashville, Tenn. and Jeannette Pecot of New Orleans, La.

The Southern Miss Repertory Dance Company performs annually, presenting original choreography by faculty, students and guest artists. Dancers are selected for the company by audition and perform concerts in a variety of venues both on and off campus. Most often, the works presented will have been newly created during the semester in which they are shown and receive their premiere at Southern Miss.

Tickets are sold at the door only for \$5 per person. Shows begin nightly at 7:30 p.m. in Studio 115 of the Theatre and Dance Building on the Hattiesburg campus. For more information, call 601.266.4994.

## Senior show opens Thursday

Special to the Printz

After years of intensive study, training and lots of midnight oil, graduating seniors of the Department of Art and Design at The University of Southern Mississippi will celebrate their academic achievements Dec. 4-12 with an exhibition of their works at the university's Museum of Art.

The show will feature the works of eight graduating graphics communication students and five fine arts students. A reception opens the exhibit from 4-6 p.m. Dec. 4 at the museum.

A senior project involves the creation and defense of a substantial body of work. It is required of all students pursuing a bachelor of fine arts and an optional requirement for bachelor of arts students.

The senior show will exhibit work by graphic communication students, including Hillary Lovinggood, Blayne Ward, Britney Westbrook and Noah Williams. Fine Arts and sculpture students include Lindsey Morgan, Sean Simmons and David Wood.

Interior design student Aya Nishio of Tokyo, Japan, will be the first interior design student to be featured in the biannual exhibition. Her project, a mixed use occupancy of a music story and recording

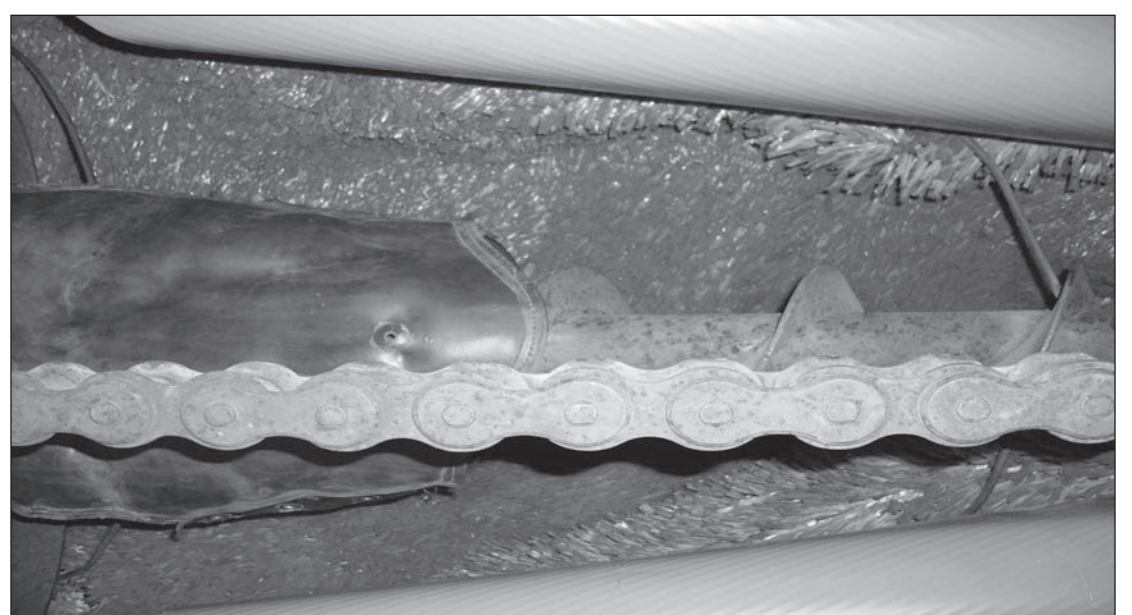
studio, was inspired by the downtown Hattiesburg environment, where "human scale" street scenes still remain.

Ward, a graphic design senior from New Orleans, said she is "drawn to stories, history and mythology that are a little bit darker than the norm but I like to use those elements in a bit more of a playful way."

Westbrook, also a graphic design senior from Hattiesburg, is moved by color. "New color combinations that I observe often influence me. I like to come up with new and unexpected color palettes for different applications," she said.

Hattiesburg native and student sculptor David Wood used natural materials for his sculpture, which "are compiled of separate, yet similar forms that serve as components to build an organized representation," he said. He plans to pursue a master's in ceramic sculpture and to work as an artist and teacher.

The University of Southern Mississippi Museum of Art is located in the Fine Arts Building at the southwest corner of campus. Special hours for this show are Tues.-Wed., 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Thurs., 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission to the museum and reception is free and open to the public.



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# Lady Eagles take second place in Classic

**Special to the Printz**

HATTIESBURG, Miss. - Michigan duo of Jessica Minnfield and Stephany Skrba scored 23 and 20 points, respectively in leading the Wolverines past Southern Miss, 61-51, in the championship game of the Lady Eagle Thanksgiving Classic Saturday.

Sophomore Tanesha Washington came off the bench to lead Southern Miss (3-3) in scoring with 15 points with Pauline Love chipping in 10 points.

"We've made some steps in the right direction," Coach Joye Lee-McNelis said. "Yes, we wanted to win this game, but we played a very good Michigan team that has been battled tested. They (Michigan) beat Vanderbilt, who was picked to win the SEC and a three-point loss to No. 8 Texas A&M. They are seasoned basketball players who do a great job of playing well together.

They find each other, you double-down on the low block; they hit each other for the three. I can't say enough about how good this team is. For our team to play them to a 10-point game also says a lot about how far we have come."

The Lady Eagles led only once in the game and that was on the opening basket by Amber Eugene. Michigan answered with a three-pointer and a basket putting the visitors up 5-2.

Southern Miss tied the game at 5-5 on a Love three-pointer, but Carly Benson put the Wolverines up by three on a three-pointer, 8-5, at the 16:13 mark. After

Love responded with a basket, Skrba connected on a jumper in the paint, pushing the lead back to three points, 10-7. Stephanie Helgeson got the Lady Eagles within a point on a basket.

"Are we where we want to be, no," said McNelis. "Could we have beaten Michigan? Yes, because we were always in striking distance. We got it to a two-possession game with five minutes to go in the game. We just couldn't recover. I believe we are so close, but we are so far away to make the steps we need to make to get things rolling."

From there, both teams hit a drought that lasted over four minutes, until Skrba completed a three-point play the old-fashioned way. Southern Miss battled back to tie the game three more times over the next five minutes with the last coming at 23-23 at the 2:28 mark before the half. Michigan then closed out the half on a 7-0 run. The Wolverines led 30-23 at the half.

Michigan eventually pushed its lead to nine points on the first basket to start the half. Southern Miss then used a 7-2 run to cut the lead to four, 34-30, at the 15:04 mark, but Michigan quickly responded with a Minnfield three-pointer, pushing the lead back to seven, 37-30. Helgeson then connected on a three to get the Lady Eagles within four points again.

Over the next four minutes, Michigan used a mini-run out-scoring Southern Miss, 8-4, to take an eight-point lead, 45-37. The Lady Eagles countered with a 6-0 run, cutting the lead to two points, 45-43, with 7:39 remain-

ing. Michigan then scored six unanswered points of its own until Washington hit a three with 3:39 remaining to get within five, 51-46.

Southern Miss threatened only once more, cutting the lead to five, 53-48, with 2:06, but Michigan quickly dashed any hopes of a comeback, scoring six straight points to give the visitors an 11-point edge.

Neither team shot very well from the field with Michigan going 20-of-52 for 38.5 percent and Southern Miss 17-of-47 for 36.2 percent.

In the consolation game, Belmont defeated Alcorn State, 77-65. Amber Rockwell of Belmont (3-2) led all scorers with a game-high 26 points, followed by Casey Burnett with 15 and LaWanna Holiday chipped in 10 points.

Four players from Alcorn (0-6) scored in double figures with Ashley Hawkins scoring 19 points, followed by Corneshia Hollis with 16, Shamika Breedlove had 12 and Iyanna Brown chipped in 10.

Minnfield was voted the MVP of the tournament with teammates Skrba and Benson garnering all-tournament honors. Love and Washington from Southern Miss earned all-tournament honors as well and Belmont's Amber Rockwell rounded out the final spot on the all-tournament team.

Southern Miss returns to action when the Lady Eagles hit the road for a game at Arkansas-Little Rock, Dec. 3. Tip-off is set for 7:05 p.m., and can be heard on WXHB-FM 96.5.



Freshman Erin Gatling takes it to the basket. The Lady Eagles went 1-1 in the Lady Eagle Classic where they beat Alcorn State before losing to Michigan. Photo courtesy of King Photography

**In Brief**

**McRath named player of the week**

HATTIESBURG, Miss. - Southern Miss junior linebacker Gerald McRath garnered the Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week honors following his performance in a 28-12 Golden Eagle victory over SMU last Saturday.

McRath tallied a team-high eight tackles (six solos), while tallying a half sack, 1.5 TFLs for 20 yards, a forced fumble and one pass breakup in the contest. He led or tied for the team lead in tackles for the eighth time this season.

McRath is the league's top tackler with 126 stops. He has eight or more tackles in 10 games this season.

**Basketball tickets on sale**

HATTIESBURG, Miss. - Southern Miss basketball is giving fans a chance to bring a big gathering to its next home game, Tuesday, Dec. 2, against South Alabama.

The Golden Eagles are offering 10 tickets for \$20 for their 7 p.m., game against the Jaguars, who were 26-7 last season and reached the NCAA Tournament.

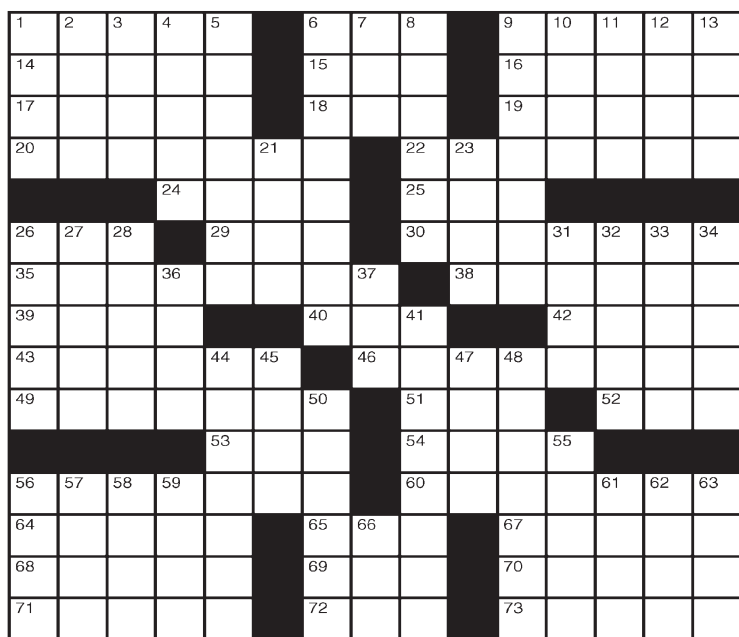
Tickets can be purchased by going by the Pat Ferlise Ticket Office (West 4th Street) or calling 1-800-844-TICK. Fans who want to take advantage of this promotion can purchase more than 10 tickets at \$2 apiece as well.



Junior Gerlad McRath was named Conference USA Defensive Play of the Week after his eight tackle performance against SMU where the Golden Eagles won 28-12 to become bowl eligible. Photo courtesy of King Photography

**Crossword**

- ACROSS**  
 1 Graduating group  
 6 Gear tooth  
 9 Vaporized water  
 14 Marx brother  
 15 Set down  
 16 The Velvet Fog  
 17 "The Jetsons" dog  
 18 Org. of Federer and Roddick  
 19 One of the archangels  
 20 Movie house  
 22 Sorrow  
 24 Bangkok man  
 25 Caps ending?  
 26 Whopper  
 29 Sea eagle  
 30 Sacred words  
 35 Approved openly  
 38 Stepped lively  
 39 Ova  
 40 Chinese religion  
 42 Great landmass  
 43 Furry marsupials  
 46 Desert stinger  
 49 Flashing lights  
 51 Stage prompt  
 52 Superman's letter  
 53 "Norma \_\_\_"  
 54 Urgent letters?  
 56 Part of EDT  
 60 Kissimmee's neighbor  
 64 Hi, on HI  
 65 Star Wars, initially  
 67 "Siddhartha" writer  
 68 Commotions  
 69 John's Yoko  
 70 Facilitates  
 71 Begin  
 72 Flowed  
 73 Naked or raving mad?



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**Live @ the Bone**

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## WAITING FOR THE CALL



The Southern Miss football team celebrates after defeating SMU 28-12 to become bowl eligible. With the win the Eagles could extend their winning streak to 15-straight winning seasons if they win their bowl game.

By Tyler Cleveland, Sports Editor

With its 28-12 victory over SMU on Saturday, the Golden Eagle football team completed one of the more remarkable and inspiring turnarounds in Southern Miss history by running their regular season record to 6-6 and almost certainly punching their ticket to a sixth straight bowl appearance.

Southern Miss will now have to play the waiting

game to find out when and where they will play. There are several scenarios that could play out over the next week, and the Eagles may not know where they are headed until next Sunday or Monday.

Of the six bowl tie-ins associated with Conference USA, the Golden Eagles fit the profile of three: the St. Petersburg Bowl, the GMAC Bowl and the most likely of the three, the New Orleans Bowl.



**New Orleans Bowl**  
Dec. 21 in New Orleans, La.  
Louisiana Superdome

Odds: 2-1

Likely opponents: Troy, UL Lafayette

**The skinny:** This is the most likely of scenarios, with Southern Miss taking on likely Sun Belt Conference champion Troy. The payout is small (\$350,000) but so are the travel costs, plus we could likely bring 15,000-plus fans to the Big Easy.

**TC says:** This would be awesome. We wouldn't lose money, it would almost be like a home game and I think we'd all agree that three or four days in New Orleans would be a great early Christmas present.



**St. Petersburg Bowl**  
Dec. 20 in St. Petersburg, Fla.  
Tropicana Field

Odds: 1-3

Likely opponents: West Virginia, South Florida

**The skinny:** The St. Petersburg Bowl is a good possibility. The payout is \$1 million and would pit Southern against a Big East team. The problem is that travel to St. Petersburg would likely cost the University upwards of \$750,000 and it would be harder to pull fans all the way to Tampa.

**TC says:** Playing South Florida in their own back yard wouldn't be the best of scenarios, but for \$1 million...



**GMAC Bowl**  
Jan. 6 in Mobile, Ala.  
Ladd-Peebles Stadium

Odds: 1-20

Likely opponents: Central Michigan

**The skinny:** The GMAC Bowl, which traditionally takes the number two team from the conference, is almost out of the picture now because East Carolina will have seven or eight wins under their belt. The payout is \$750,000.

**TC says:** This one was a long start to begin with. We needed East Carolina to lose out and then lose in the Conference Championship Game, giving them a losing record. That tends to turn off the bowl representatives.



**Independence Bowl**  
Dec. 28 in Shreveport, La.  
Independence Bowl Stadium

Odds: 1-35

Likely opponents: La. Tech, any team with six wins

**The skinny:** Independence Bowl is in a rare situation, with both the SEC and Big 12 falling short on bowl eligible teams. This opens the door for the bowl to pick any two teams they think will fill the stadium. The payout is \$1.1 million and Southern Miss fits that criteria to a T.

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**ONLINE POLL: What bowl will the Eagles land in?**

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## USM bucks Mustangs to pick up sixth win

From Staff and Wire Reports  
The Student Printz

DALLAS, TEXAS – Austin Davis threw for 212 yards and two touchdowns and Southern Miss won its fourth straight game to earn bowl eligibility with a 28-12 win over SMU on Saturday.

Southern Miss (6-6, 4-4 in C-USA) scored 21 unanswered points in an eight-minute span to bury SMU by the fourth quarter. Damion Fletcher had 59 yards and a touchdown, and V.J. Floyd had another TD run for the Golden Eagles.

The Eagles scored on their first possession after driving 79 yards in 15 plays on a two yard pass from Davis to Johdrick Morris.

From there, the Eagles struggled to get anything going offensively, and allowed a pair of field goals to take a 7-6 lead into the half.

The second half was a different story.

The Eagles struck for touchdowns on their second, third and fourth possessions to put the game out of reach.

"At halftime, we really made no adjustments, offensively or defensively," Southern Miss head coach Larry Fedora said Monday. "It wasn't the plays being run or the defense that was being called. It was just a little bit of an attitude problem for us, so we just changed our attitude at halftime. We came out and played much better in the second half and we felt fortunate to be bowl-eligible."

Southern Miss set a single-season school record with 5,220 yards of total offense, breaking the previous mark set just last year.

One bright spot in the game for SMU was Jesse Henderson, who set an NCAA record with 2,945 career kickoff return yards. The previous record was 2,922, set by Tulane's Jeff Liggon from 1993-96.

SMU's Bo Levi Mitchell was 26-of-49 for 253 yards, throwing one touchdown and two interceptions. Justin Willis, SMU's former quarterback, caught 11 passes for 88 yards.

"I'm extremely proud of this football team and its coaches," Fedora said Monday. "We were 2-6 at one time, and everybody had written us off and probably the only guys in the room that still believed it could be done were the players and the coaches."

The Golden Eagles, who haven't trailed in 11 quarters, are going bowling for the sixth time in a row, and 13 of the last 14 years.

When asked what he'd like to do with his team in preparation for a bowl, Fedora talked about the importance of the extra practice time.

"My plan, in the early practices, is to get as much time with the younger guys as possible," Fedora said. "The guys that are redshirting or the freshmen that are playing, get as much time as possible with them. I still want to keep the older guys polished, but I really want to focus on improving the younger guys. Depending on how many days we get for bowl practices, we'll lock in on the opposing team and go from there."



Larry Fedora



Junior tight end Leroy Banks catches a ball during Saturday's game where the Golden Eagles won 28-12.

## Basketball flying high headed into S. Alabama

By Tyler Cleveland  
Sports Editor

The Southern Miss men's basketball team is riding high going into tonight's matchup with South Alabama.

The Eagles (4-1) are coming off of two wins in three games in the Paradise Jam tournament in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where they rebounded from an opening round loss to Miami with wins over LaSalle and Iona to take fifth place.

The Eagles trailed by double-digit margins in both of their wins, and that is something head coach Larry Eustachy said he is glad to see his team handled so well.

"We played hard," Eustachy said after Monday's practice. "We're a little thin, but this is the best team we've had, we played a good Miami team tit-

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-Larry Eustachy, head coach

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Junior guard Jeremy Wise is leading the Eagles with 22.2 points and 4.6 assists a contest, but guards R.L. Horton and Courtney Beasley have been hot and are both averaging 11.6 points per game.

Wise's 56 points over three games in St. Thomas landed him on the Paradise Jam All-Tournament team.

"He's playing his best basketball," Eustachy said of the

Jackson native. "The progression he's gone through in the past two and a half years has been phenomenal. He's gone from not wanting to say a word to being a vocal leader in practices."

Wise and the Eagles face one of their toughest out-of-conference opponents today when they host South Alabama at Reed Green Coliseum at 7 p.m.

The Jaguars (4-3) feature five seniors, three of which are fifth-year players, and have one of the most potent offenses the Eagles are likely to face.

Two of those seniors have been USA leading scorer Domic Tilford is averaging 17.6 points per game at guard

Southern Miss never led in their meeting last season in Mobile and lost 75-68.

"We've got stop Davis and Tilford," Eustachy said. "They are a dangerous team because they have so many seniors and such a good core of eight or nine players. They can throw different looks at you and they are very disciplined."

They have started four guards and Andre Stephens at forward, but Eustachy hinted that he will probably start Cory Smith today at the forward because he matches up a little better with the physical Jaguar squad.

The game will be broadcast on WXRR-FM 104.5, with the pregame showing beginning at 6:30 p.m.



The Golden Eagles practice Monday afternoon in preparation for today's game against the University of South Alabama.