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# THE MISSING SISSING SIDE SUPPLYFriday, September 27, 2019

A new legacy?

### How the university and state are pushing the Greek system forward

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It's not your parents' Greek system anymore — at least that's what the university hopes new training programs accomplish by mandating diversity training for every potential Greek student.

Provost Noel Wilkin committed to providing diversity training for all students going through Greek recruitment at the Provost forum on Sept. 12 in response to a photo that depicted UM fraternity members posing with firearms in front of a bullet riddles Emmett Till memorial. This program is in addition to other educational programs about alcohol, sexual assault and substance abuse.

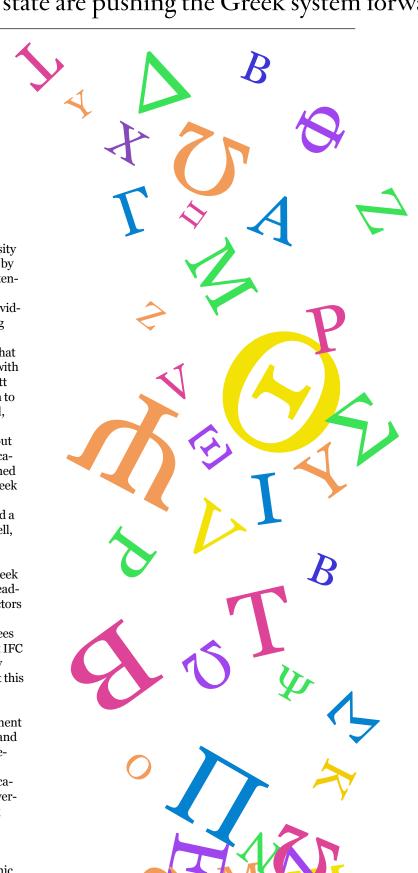
"We've had convocations previously, but this year ... we had a pre-recruitment education where (potential new members) learned about various topics that are hot in the Greek community such as hazing, diversity and inclusion, a drugs and alcohol seminar and a sexual harassment seminar," Colton Terrell, IFC Vice President of Recruitment said.

Terrell said that in previous years, two directors oversaw all three branches of Greek life, but this year the Office of Fraternal Leadership and Learning added assistant directors that oversee each branch.

Assistant Director Grant Parker oversees IFC and IFC recruitment. Parker said that IFC was putting a larger emphasis on diversity and inclusion training during recruitment this year.

"(Students who did not complete the diversity module) can go through recruitment again, but they'll have to do that module, and that's going to be one of our bigger requirements," Parker said. "There's an appeals process for grades and with the PNM education, we have absentee forums, but the diversity and inclusion module is one of the big ones that we've stuck to this year because it takes an hour, but you can do it on your phone."

1,400 students signed up for Panhellenic



### The LSAT goes digital

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Beginning Sept. 21, the LSAT has gone completely digital and is the last of the graduate level exams to make this switch.

The Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), a crucial part of applications for law school, has had its biggest change in around two decades. The test will now be offered on Microsoft Go Surface Tablets accompanied by a stylus with a rubber end and a pen end.

A part of this change is that the LSAT is now being offered nine different dates throughout the course of a year.

The Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) tested the new software in July and received results from 118 students that took the digital version of the exam. The organization reported that they received a pleasant amount of positive feedback that the software was easy to master.

The change was prompted by other graduate level tests switching to digital, but the LSAC took time to get the software and products that worked for its needs.

"That's why we patented a new system for delivering the LSAT digitally, through the use of tablets," Troy Lowry, senior vice president of technology products and chief information officer and chief information security officer at LSAC, said. "The recent scandal involving college admissions is a good reminder that our continued vigilance in this area is warranted."

The LSAC has purchased tablets and styluses and sent them to the testing centers without any cost to universities or a sudden increase in price to students.

The digital version of the test offers a way for students to get their results back more quickly and offers functionalities to interact and manipulate the text to assist test taking. Students also have the option to flag questions that take longer. The software has a function that tracks time on each tablet instead of relying on a proctor to keep the time.

recruitment this year, and 937 signed up for IFC recruitment. 23 students were dropped from IFC recruitment because their grades did not meet the 2.7 GPA minimum, and 20 were dropped because they failed to complete required diversity and inclusion modules. Students who were dropped because they

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### COLLEGE FOOTBALL PICK 'EM: WEEK FIVE

Sports editor Joshua Clayton and news editor Griffin Neal tell you everything you need to know about this week's college football action

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### How the original Square Books location became Rare Square Books

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One of Oxford's most famous stores has expanded for a third time, including an even more niche market.

Rare Square Books opened its doors in the rooms above Square Books Jr., the same space Square Books called home from 1979 to 1986. The opening of the new store marked the business's 40th anniversarv

Richard Howorth, one of the owners of Oxford's literary empire Square Books, said that his plan to enter this particularly lucrative market – rare and antique books has been a long time coming.

It all started when attorney Kenneth Coghlan, whose law practice previously inhabited the space Rare Books now occupies, told Howorth he was leaving Oxford. The opening of the space allowed Howorth the room to start his fourth business on the square.

Howorth has always had bookshelves filled with antique and unique books, both in his home and office. But he had a vision for those books. He said he wanted a central location to house all of the books



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Rare books is now open above Square Books Jr. The opening of the new store marked the business's 40th anniversary.

he has accumulated over the years, where collectors, students and patrons alike could come together to admire them.

"I always kind of had this collection and sold them, but it was always a sideline," Howorth said. "People would kind of look in my office, but they wouldn't want to go in there because it was not very welcoming. I would always tell people, 'Come look at these and help yourself."

The Rare Square Books inventory will be wide-ranging, featuring collectible, vintage, signed, out-ofprint, first edition and unique books and by authors from the South and Mississippi.

Since its opening in 1979, Square Books has placed an emphasis on these types of books. Many of the books in the store have previously been showcased at different Square Books locations on the Square. As of September 14, they

now have a home of their own.

The collection of books will be priced on appraisal, determined by age, edition and condition. Howorth explained that most of the store's inventory will be placed on shelves, so customers may interact with them. However, there is an area of the store where particularly 'rare' books are locked in cabinets to protect their covers and pages from human touch.

"It's quite different from the other book business that I'm in," Howorth said. "Every item is unique. You're not buying 10 or 20 or 100 copies from the publisher and getting them all in a box one day and scanning them and getting them in the system and getting them on the floor. Every book has to be described and appraised and priced."

Working alongside Howorth is his son, Beckett, who attended the Colorado Antiquarian Book Seminar at Colorado College. Beckett brings an invaluable skill to his father's business; his education included understanding pricing of antique books, knowing what to look for when appraising them and becoming fluent in unique aspects of books.

"It's more about books as a physical object than anything to do with literature," Beckett said. "That was an interesting aspect for me. I've been selling literature my whole life and now it's a little different. The fact that a book is more than the literature within it. It's got history. It's got a story to tell."

There has been much interest in the store since it has opened; several Oxford families have donated their personal libraries to the store. Howorth added that supporting local business and community is very important to his family and business. The business's plan is to support local communities by donating up to half of the proceeds from selected libraries of each book donor's choice.

Over forty years, Howorth has meticulously crafted the Square books brand, capturing the market for bookstores in Oxford and making literature relatable to a town composed predominantly of college students. But after four decades, books still remain at the core of the square books mission.

"I often say the book remains one of humankind's greatest inventions, like the bicycle or the sailboat," Howorth said.



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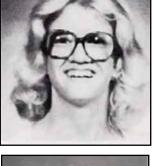
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MASON SCIONEAUX / THE DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN The Robert C. Khayat Law Center. The LSAT exam is now going fully digital and will be taken on tablets.

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ated having the time remaining in the upper right-hand corner and getting the five-minute warning directly on their screen," Lowry

Kaplan and the LSAC have teamed up to offer students advice on how to prepare and succeed for the digital LSAT.

Kaplan will be releasing practice tests within their online and in-person courses to help students adjust to the change. Their free e-book is also available to anyone through their website. Kaplan's programs are dedicated to showing students what they should and should not be using over the duration of the test.

"The transition to digital a digital format is something we are accustomed to," Jeff Thomas, Kaplan test prep executive director of admissions program, said.

Kaplan is continuing to offer students paper and pencil practices, because students utilizing traditional methods is recognized by the service. The cost for changes in test preparation has not changed for Kaplan, and Thomas said the LSAT has not had large increases in cost other than the annual cost increase.

"We took most of our veteran faculty and we independently recorded them taking the practice test. We were able to see which functionality was utilized most," Thomas said.

Kaplan is due to release more ways to prepare for the software changes but wants students to know that the content is staying the same.

At Ole Miss, students are already giving feedback to the law school. Feedback from students comment on the overall issues with functionality on the tablets and the test environment.

"I was really concerned after hearing the stories from July, I think it was traumatic for the test takers," Assistant Dean for Admissions and Scholarships Bette Bradley said.

Bradley commented on students telling stories about the tablet's battery running out, the stylus not working, students not being provided scratch paper and the test proctors being unfamiliar with the software.

'Every tablet is charged prior to the start of the exam, and the battery life should be far more than enough for the test. And every test center has extra tablets on hand, so a test taker can get a new machine if needed...The supervisor is able to swap out the malfunctioning tablet almost immediately," Lowry stated.

She stated that the solution to some of these problems has been anecdotal. The LSAC has offered to cancel test scores for students that are unhappy with their digital test scores.

"This option will only be available to you within six calendar days after the test," Lowry said, "The deadline to cancel your score online will be 11:59 p.m."

Students have mixed opinions about the switch to digital, and Thomas mentioned that the paper version can still be requested from students if absolutely needed. He confirmed that students with accommodations will have the same accessibility to seek arrangements for the test if needed.

"Personally, I don't think I would have performed as well on the digital LSAT, but that's not to say that others will not," first year law student Reese Neely said. "The LSAT requires the test taker to filter through hundreds of problems, all of which are long and extensive, with answers that are just as long. So for me, taking the LSAT on paper was ideal."

The LSAC will continue to test students through their new digital software, and will continue to take feedback and make changes to improve the overall digital experience.

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did not meet the grade requirement can go through an appeals process, and students who missed the training seminars could fill out absentee ballots, but those who failed to complete the diversity modules have to repeat the recruitment process and complete the module.

Of the 937 students who signed up, 894 officially went through IFC recruitment this fall, an increase over the past two years. 866 students with through IFC recruitment last year. Parker and Terrell attribute the increase in participation to increased marketing efforts by the Greek community and outreach during freshman orientation.

"We put a lot of effort into making our presence (larger) at orientation sessions and having good marketing, and we were happy to see that succeed," Terrell said.

Parker said that UM was one of "very few peer institutions" that saw positive recruitment registration this year.

The office of Fraternal Leadership and Learning introduced "Meet and Greek" this summer. The event was not an official part of orientation, but was held at the end of each orientation session in the Union Ballroom and allowed students to meet representatives from every Greek organization in the Panhellenic Council, IFC and National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Parker said the event helped the FLL office "bust" stereotypes that might exist about the Greek system and show parents how the community functions.



FILE PHOTO: CHRISITAN JOHNSON / THE DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN Ole Miss students celebrate with their friends after receiving and opening their sorority bids on Bid Day last year.

The seven historically black NPHC chapters on campus hold recruitment in the spring, separately from Panhellenic and IFC, because they have different requirements for membership.

"One of the big reasons why they don't do recruitment at this time of the year is because they require twelve credit hours from the institution with which the students are enrolled before you can join any of their organizations, and that's on a national level," Parker said. "Even if you're a transfer student and were going to be a junior, you would still have to do twelve full credit hours from here."

Parker also said that one reason he believes IFC student

participation has increased this year is that Mississippi has instituted legislation that is proactive in preventing hazing.

Hazing is a misdemeanor in Mississippi, punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000 and six months in jail. Parker said Mississippi's progressive approach towards hazing legislation was one of the primary things that lead him to work at UM.

We're one of the few states that has taken steps to combat hazing on a legal front without having to be forced into it like some other states have," Parker said. "We've learned from their mistakes and chosen to do it instead of waiting for a mistake to happen."

### First vaping death in Miss. reported

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The Mississippi Department of Health has confirmed the state's first vaping related death.

The death was in an individual under the age of 30.

State health officials say, this death is one of four vaping related cases that have been reported. The other three patients are between 28 and 33 years old.

"We now know that three of the four confirmed cases indicated a history of THC vaping,'

said Liz Sharlot, with the Mississippi State Department of Health.

Mississippi is part of a national investigation into severe pulmonary disease or lung injury linked to the use of e-cigarette products. Nationwide, there have been 530 cases of lung illness reported from 38 states and one U.S. territory. Seven deaths have been reported from six states, health officials said.

"This is a very serious concern, and one that is unfolding every day," said state epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers. "While we know that many of the cases in the U.S. report vaping cannabis products, such as THC, some have reported only vaping nicotine products. There is still a lot that we don't know about what is making these people sick. No specific product, such as the device, liquid, refill pods or cartridge, has been clearly identified as the cause."

Symptoms of severe pulmonary disease include cough, shortness of breath, chest pain, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fever and fatigue. Symptoms develop anywhere from over a few days of use to weeks of using e-cigarettes.

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### WOMEN'S GOLF

# Ole Miss wins big in Colorado, keeps hot streak alive

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The Ole Miss women's golf team dominated the competition and finished first in the Golfweek Conference Challenge over the course of three days at the Red Sky Golf Club in Wolcott, Colorado.

The Rebels shot a total score of 849 over three rounds to go 15-under par, which was 8 strokes ahead of second-place Pepperdine. "Today was a great day for our program," head coach Kory Henkes said after the final round. "The team played fantastic golf this week and the results showed. It was an all-around team effort the three days. I was proud of their ability to bounce back today after a rocky start to post a great round to cap off the win.'

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"We played really smart golf today. Our course management couldn't have been better," head coach Kory Henkes said about the second day of play. "The pins today were very tight and we hit it in the right spots for birdie opportunities."

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Kennedy Swann led the way on the final day as she caught fire and shot a 4-under 68 to keep the Rebels' lead comfortable down the home stretch.

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Ole Miss continues their fall schedule two weeks from now with a trip to Chicago to compete in the Illini Women's Invitational in Medinah, Illinois, on October 7 and 8.

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The Rebels continued their excellent play out west after finishing in third place two weeks ago in New Mexico. They hopped out to an early lead on the first day of competition with a 7-under par score of 281, which only Pepperdine kept pace with.

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### VOLLEYBALL

### **Rebels return home for SEC opener**

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The Ole Miss volleyball team opens SEC play on Friday at home against Tennessee in the Gillom Center.

The Rebels have won eight straight games away from home after starting the season o-3 and are eager to play on familiar territory after three weeks on the road.

"We play better at home, in general," said head coach Steven McRoberts. "It's nice not only to get to play at home first, but it's also nice that we only have one [match] this first weekend ... but definitely nice to open at home."

After losing all three of their matches at home in the Rebel Invitational to open the season, Ole Miss has won eight straight including four matches where they did not concede a single set.

They must now turn their attention to Tennessee, a team that surprised many last year by finishing near the top of the SEC standings and going toe-to-toe with SEC heavyweights such as Florida and Kentucky.



FILE PHOTO: CHRISTIAN JOHNSON / THE DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN

Caitlin Wernentin gets a dig during the game against Georgia last season. Ole Miss opens SEC play against Tennessee on Friday.

year, the Volunteers won their season, but were extremely compet-

opening-round matchup against itive at home against the high-flying Vols. They lost the match 1-3 but managed to score 21 points or more in each of the three sets they lost and even pushed the Volunteers to extra points in a hotly contested third set. They will be looking to pounce at the opportunity to knock off an SEC heavyweight that has struggled to build momentum thus far. "It was a good match here last year ... every set was [within] a couple points ... it was a really close match," McRoberts said. "It sure would be nice to start conference off with a win against Tennessee at home. That can be one of those matches that, at the end of the season when you're playing in the NCAA Tournament, you can say that's the one that really helped us get over the top."

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"We've kind of seen all sorts of different teams and we're ready for whatever comes at us," assistant coach Torri Plugge said. "We've seen big teams, we've seen small teams, we've seen fast teams, we've seen slow teams, so I think we've been really well prepared for whatever is across the net [come SEC play]."

Last year the Volunteers went 26-6 including 16-2 in SEC play. Their only two losses in conference came against eventual SEC champion Kentucky. In their only matchup against Florida, the Vols swept the Gators in Knoxville, a key win that secured a second-place finish for Tennessee in the SEC.

In the NCAA Tournament last

Colorado State before falling to No. 19 Washington State. The Vols are also returning nearly every player from last year's squad after losing just one senior.

"[Tennessee is] a very fiery team. They've got a lot of energy," Plugge said. "I think they're a very good team again this year, and they're very disciplined with what they do so we just got to make sure we show up and play Ole Miss volleyball."

The Volunteers have struggled a bit to open the season and currently sit at 6-4. They played one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the country however, with three of their losses coming to top-10 teams in the nation.

The Rebels lost both of their matches against Tennessee last

### FOOTBALL

## What's on the line for Ole Miss against Alabama?

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Ole Miss and Alabama will meet on the gridiron for the 64th time on Saturday, and, historically, the series has gone the way of the Crimson Tide.

Alabama officially leads the all-time series 51-10-2. The Rebels' wins over the Crimson Tide

have been so rare that, when the Rebels topped the Tide in 2014 (a win that was later vacated due to NCAA sanctions), fans stormed the field and tore down the goal posts to parade through the Square.

Earlier this decade, this rivalry was defined by ESPN's College GameDay visiting campus,SEC West prominence and the national spotlight. Now, however, after the Ole Miss program was crippled with NCAA penalties over the last few years, the Rebels have no real shot of competing with or knocking off the Crimson Tide any time soon.

For Ole Miss, this Saturday's game in Tuscaloosa is less about trying to win and more about

trying to come away with a respectable final score. The last two meetings in this series have been 66-3 and 62-7 finals in favor of Alabama, and those scores are very detrimental to Ole Miss's perception, a perception that is still damaged due to a lessthan-stellar on-field product after the NCAA made its presence felt on the program.

Alabama is clearly the more talented team and Ole Miss quarterback Matt Corral is injured, so the focus of Rebel fans should be less on winning and more on staying healthy and not being run out of the stadium prior to a winnable game against Vanderbilt.

Matt Luke and Rich Rodriguez would be smart to rest Corral on Saturday to avoid further injury while giving useful snaps to backup quarterbacks John Rhys Plumlee and Grant Tisdale.

While some fans are clamoring for Plumlee to take over the starting job after his performance late in the game against California, it would be wise to pump the brakes on that stance until we see Plumlee in some extended action.

No teams had any real film on Plumlee prior to Saturday, and, if we're honest, he came into the game in a favorable situation against the Golden Bears last week. California was playing soft coverage defending against the pass and trying to work the clock, which opened up the possibility for Plumlee's long run and short passes.

As more film becomes available on Plumlee and other Ole Miss backups,



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defenses will be better prepared for their skill sets. Add in the fact that Corral is just a redshirt freshman with sky high expectations from the fanbase, and I believe fans should wait and see what Plumlee and Tisdale bring to the table before making up their minds that Corral needs dumping.

Regardless, Plumlee and Tisdale will likely be thrown to the dogs in one of the toughest

environments in the nation this week, and fans shouldn't expect any miraculous outcome, but it will be interesting to see how they are able to shoulder the load against the SEC West favorites.

Ole Miss probably won't win this week, but next week, the meaningful season gets back underway against the Commodores, and the Rebels desperately need to win that one if they hope to keep their season afloat.



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### **College football pick 'em: Week Five**

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13- Stinging insect;

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36- Jackie's #2:

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38- Hawaiian necklace; 39- The world's longest

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Steakhouse order;

- Most unfavorable;

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Washington State vs. No. 19 Utah (-5.5) O/U 57

Joshua: Wazzu quarterback Anthony Gordon used 61 passes to get nine touchdowns last week. The Cougars still

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32- Diamond stats:

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party; 23- DI doubled;

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lost to UCLA by four (That's tough). Mr. Leach, if you're reading this, please pass the ball 75 times because you're probably going to lose, and it's more fun that way. Utah covers in a barn burner.

Griffin: Imagine throwing for 570 yards and nine touchdowns in a loss. If that were me, I'm fading every defensive starter and the coordinator on sight. However, Gordon told reporters this week that he's moved on and ready to face a supposedly-vaunted Utah defense that gave up 350 yards to USC's third-string quarterback last week. Utah hasn't beat WSU since 2012, but that changes Saturday. Give me Utah and the under.



#### No. 18 Virginia at No. 10 Notre Dame (-12.5) O/U 48.5

Joshua: If you sat watched all of that Notre Dame-Georgia game last weekend, you might be a bigger football fan than me. If you've watched any Virginia football at all in 2019, shame on you. If you're invested in this particular game, I don't know what to tell you. My prediction: who cares? Both teams will end up losing some pointless bowl game. You do what you wish with your money. I won't be part of it.

Griffin: Has there been a less-appealing top-20 match up so far this season? Neither teams feature dynamic-offenses, and the Virginia defense (ranked 14 in the country) has fared well against lackluster competition. I think Ian Book does just enough to cover, and I'd again lay the under in this game.

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#### No. 21 USC at No. 17 Washington (-10.0) O/U 59.5

Joshua: West Coast football? Not a fan to be honest, but I'm rolling with Jacob Eason and the boys. Give me the over and give me Washington. I've literally never been less motivated to predict a game in my life.

Griffin: Despite USC rolling out its third string signal caller, this is sneakily the best game of the week. USC and their carousel of quarterbacks imposed their will on the Utah defense last week, and Washington picked up a 26-point road win over BYU - who beat USC just two weeks ago. I think Matt Fink keeps it close in the first half, but Jacob Eason and that tenacious Huskie defense takes control in the second. Washington covers, easily.



#### Mississippi State at No. 7 Auburn (-10.5) O/U 46

Joshua: Maybe the stench of the Garret Shrader's beard is enough to deter would-be tacklers? I'm going to go out on a limb and say Mississippi State keeps it close on this one. Is that crazy? I don't know how or why, but the Bulldogs love to find a way under your skin and disrupt the mojo on your own turf. Kylin Hill has 150 yards and two touchdowns against that mean Auburn front.

Griffin: While the Bo Nix hype might be a tad overstated, I'm taking Auburn -10.5 as my

lock of the week. The Tigers dismantled Texas A&M on the road last Saturday and looked like a team that could seriously throw a wrench in the SEC West playoff hunt. State's run game looked potent against Kentucky, rushing for nearly 250 yards, but Shrader's inability to move the ball through the air when Auburn stacks the box will tilt this one. Auburn wins by two touchdowns, and the over hits easily.



#### Ole Miss at Alabama (-37.5) O/U 60

Joshua: And now for the primetime CBS Game of the Week! ESPN's matchup predictor gives Ole Miss a 1.9% chance to win the game. I believe they're being generous. The Rebels could have a perfect game, and it still might need a hand from the football gods to get a win over the boys in crimson. Tua will sit on the bench making dinner reservations before the third quarter while the villain Nick Saban exacts his revenge on the Rebels. Please don't watch this game, Rebel fans.

Griffin: Here's two important stats: 37.5 is the largest spread Ole Miss has faced since Oddsshark began tracking gambling data in 1995, and if Ole Miss were to upset the Tide on Saturday. it would be the third biggest point-spread upset in college football history. The latter isn't important, because Alabama has the best quarterback in the nation and three receivers who play rock-paper-scissors before deciding who gets to run the touchdown route. There's a chance that Saban hangs 70 on the Rebels, however, I think Ole Miss will score enough to cover that spread. Hammer that over, too.



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# **OPINION**

# Higher education isn't accessible to everyone

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I never worried about paying for college. As an upper-middle class individual, it never crossed my mind that I would not be able to go to college because of financial factors outside my control. Until I got to college, I honestly did not know that people just like me in nearly every way — except financially – had to sacrifice higher education because they could not afford it.

Unfortunately, this is the reality for many aspiring students across Mississippi. Thousands of students are deprived of the basic tools they need to pursue higher education, and it is not by accident.

There are three things one needs in order to attend and graduate college: a high school degree, an acceptance letter and the successful completion of the courses required for a program. It sounds simple enough, but has been made systematically challenging. Mississippi must take steps to remove barriers to higher education if it ever wants to achieve anything above last place.

Education is known as the great equalizer for a reason. It is through education that Missississippi could move forward into a new, mobile and progressive era that would improve the lives of everyone in the state. A more educated society is better suited to have greater economic development, productive conversations and respect for one's neighbor. This opportunity has become a necessity in today's world and should be a priority in the Mississippi legislature.

But, this ideal is not achievable if it is not prioritized by the masses and by the state government.

Before someone can graduate college, they must first receive a high school education. But it isn't just about a diploma — in order to be successful they need to have received a quality education. A sufficient education can only be provided if it is properly funded. Mississippi spends more than \$33,000 less per student throughout their k-12 public education than the U.S. average (\$137,467), according to the US Department of Education. Students in underfunded

schools around the state lack access to updated textbooks, air conditioning and enough qualified teachers. How can students at under-funded schools be expected to perform at the same rate as their peers attending public schools in affluent areas such as Madison, Oxford or Ocean Springs?

The second obstacle one must achieve before graduating college is to get accepted to a university in the first place. This is a process that should be easily accessible but isn't. A student must pay for standardized tests (\$52 for the ACT), application fees (\$40 on average) and any other additional deposits or fees a university requires. Once they are admitted, however, the real burden arrives.

The average cost of

attendance in Mississippi is \$25,426 per year or over \$100,000 over the course of a degree.

I have heard many stories of my peers having to forgo a meal because they couldn't afford it or forgo a shower and lights in their apartment because they couldn't pay rent that month.

The state motto of Mississippi is "by valor and arms." Wouldn't it be the brave thing -- the valiant thing -- for Mississippi to allow education and opportunity to extend to be fully accessible to a whole new socioeconomic group which has never before been allotted this opportunity?

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# We need a better Hume, not another gym

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When you think about Ole Miss, you think about the Lyceum or Ventress Hall which have been staples of this University for over a century. Your mind probably doesn't immediately jump to new structures like the Pavillion. The majority of non-residential buildings on campus were built in the 19th and 20th centuries and while some of them have been renovated, plenty have not.

Instead of renovating existing structures, the university has been fixated on building more and more structures around campus. Just this past month, the university opened the South Campus Recreation Center by the Whirlpool Trail and the new Student Union. The former cost \$32 million while the later cost \$62 million.

Neither of those structures were necessary. We already have the Turner Center, and while it is out of date, it could have been renovated and

not been enhanced by these so called "improvements."

As a biology major, I have spent the vast majority of my undergraduate career in Shoemaker. While I truly do love that hall, it smells like my elementary school's bathroom. The porcelain-esque tile is exhausted and the wood doors have seen better days. It is evident that certain parts have had somewhat of a makeover, but it's a long shot from a full overhaul.

The classrooms on the first floor of Bishop have inadequate and outdated projectors along with dirty, ragged carpet. A few semesters ago, in my German class, the ceiling tiles in Bishop 104 collapsed and water came gushing out. I had flashbacks of being at a water park as a child.

The classrooms in Hume look like the one-room schoolhouse that my grandma went to in the 1930s. They are cold and barren with chalkboards in classrooms. Chalkboards. If the university can shell out



A dilapidated stair case in Hume Hall. The university has spent nearly \$100 million on building projects unveiled this year.

improve the university's reputation as being dedicated to the student body and preserve the campus for future genera-

tions. The university has done

a fantastic job preserving the

not continue to preserve other

fundamental structures around

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Grove and Lyceum, so why

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expanded. With the renova-

tion of the Student Union, the university has further increased the disparities between campus structures by not giving enough attention to buildings that really need it. As a student, I spend at most six hours a week working out compared to at least thirty hours a week studying and twenty-three hours in all of my classes and labs.

Through my eyes, these new establishments were built as a way to "flex" (as us youths say) on neighboring institutions and to impress alumni and donors. While I understand that the donors should be satisfied, as a student pursuing an education here, I feel neglected and my college experience has

almost \$100 million for new structures, they can certainly make these comparatively small renovations.

The university must not forget that the students' tuition bankrolls the majority of the university's endeavors, and I think that it is only fair that we students get a say in where our money goes. It will not only enhance our experience but will

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