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## Behind the blue lights

### How OPD handles the rowdiest weekend of the year

### Crime spikes over LSU weekend

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Crime and arrest reports in Oxford came in at nearly double the rate of other game day weekends during the university's rivalry football weekend against the LSU Tigers.

Oxford officials reported 91 campus incidents, 60 city arrests and 27 ambulances sent to campus between Thursday, Nov. 14, and Sunday, Nov. 17.

According to the University Police Department's crime report, the prior game day weekend against New Mexico State reported only 41 campus incidents, and homecoming weekend resulted in 67 campus incidents.

The Clery Daily Crime Log shows that campus-reported incidents included: harassment, motor accidents and violations, alcohol violations, reports of suspicious persons, larceny at a sorority house, larceny at the J.D. Williams Library, vandalism, arrests at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium, fights in the Grove, possessions of fake IDs, fraud, assault in The Pavilion and 27 reports of an ambulance needed on campus.

Edward Atherton, a junior risk management and insurance major, said he had a fearful Saturday night in Baptist Memorial Hospital by his friend's bedside as they waited for him to wake up.

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DAVID BALLOWE / THE DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN

Extra police officers are often on duty in anticipation of busy nights, like last Saturday.

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It was midnight after the Ole Miss vs. LSU football game, and Sgt. Alex Moffett, who leads the team of eight officers tasked with keeping the Square safe every weekend, spotted a college-aged man holding two bottle openers in his hands.

The man was on a Facetime call as he walked past Moffett. "I took both of them," he said during the call.

It took a few seconds for Moffett to realize what he'd seen: someone who likely stole the bottle openers from a bartender.

"Hey bud, where'd you get those?" Moffett asked. The man turned, going from laughing to silent, and said that he'd gotten them from the Cellar.

Moffett placed his hand on the student's back and led him to the bar. As he was escorted down the stairs, bottle openers in his hand, bouncer Steven Cooke laughed, saying,

"Where'd they come from? The bartenders were missing some!"

"Go home," Moffett said to the man after he returned the bottle openers.

What might have seemed like a notable interaction for the student was just another typical interaction for Moffett, who has been on the force since 2013.

He and the other officers work the night shift on the Square every weekend, and he

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**SHOP, SEW, SELL**

Leah McFarland, a junior, designs and sells clothes with materials she thrifts.

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**VOLLEYBALL LOOKS FOR RHYTHM AS SEASON END NEARS**

With only four games remaining, the Rebels hope to finish the season strong.

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## Rebels stay undefeated, look ahead to matchup with Memphis

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The decision was never really in doubt, but Ole Miss secured a 65-52 win over Seattle University on Tuesday night despite a late run by the Redhawks in the second half.

Breein Tyree scored 10 points for the Rebels on Tuesday night with K.J. Buffen's 13 points. Khadim Sy had seven points along with nine from Luis Rodriguez and

Austin Crowley.

The Rebels again started slow offensively, and head coach Kermit Davis said struggles that have plagued his offense early in the season could cost them games down the stretch.

"I thought for about 29 minutes. Our team tried to guard at a high level, and our shooting percentage was way low," Davis said. "We're still a work in progress offensively. We're fixing to get hit right in the mouth by some athletes

that are good or better than us in the next couple of weeks, so that's got to improve."

The Rebels' win comes before a critical trip to Memphis on Saturday to take on the No. 16 Tigers. Penny Hardaway and the Tigers landed the No. 1 recruiting class in the nation for this season. It's highlighted by James Wiseman, who is expected to be among the first taken off the board in the NBA

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Devontae Shuler guards a Seattle player. Ole Miss defeated Seattle 65-52 on Tuesday.



Leah McFarland finds most of her products at Goodwill.



McFarland buys clothes from thrift stores and alters them with her sewing machine before selling them.

# Shop, sew, sell

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Leah McFarland is a junior at the University of Mississippi who buys clothes from local thrift stores, repurposes them, and sells them on her Instagram account, *thriftedandflippedit*. Some of McFarland's former customers tag the account when wearing the clothes they have bought to help her attract new business. She turns dresses into tank-tops, pants and skirts. She even made her sister's wedding veil earlier this month from clothes that she thrifted.

After she repurposes the clothing she has her friends model it so that she can post photos on her Instagram account. She uses the money she makes from selling clothes to help supplement her income that she gets from being a community assistant on campus. Her job as a community assistant also provides her with a large customer base. She hopes to continue to grow her business and gain more exposure for her Instagram account throughout the school year.



McFarland sewing a dress that she has turned into a skirt.



McFarland does most of her work on a portable sewing machine.

# Students to write, present bill proposals to state legislature supporting sex education

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Two university students are working with a statewide organization to improve sex education by proposing and lobbying for bills in Mississippi legislature.

Mississippi law currently requires school districts to choose between “abstinence-only” and “abstinence-plus” curriculums. Both teach that sex is only appropriate within marriage.

Tyler Yarbrough and Kelly Bates work with Teen Health Mississippi (THMS), which promotes policies that ensure access to sex education for young people, as well as affordable sexual and reproductive health services.

Yarbrough and Bates will travel to Jackson in January to lobby on behalf of a bill they are helping to write that would require sex education curriculum to be medically accurate.

“I think Teen Health Mississippi and the work it is doing is so important in this given time in Mississippi and in our country,” Yarbrough said. “I think it does an amazing job giving young people the platform to actually take it upon themselves to say this is what we want our education to look like in our community.”

Bates and Yarbrough are on the organization’s Mississippi Youth Council, which includes 10 youth activists. Each year, the council members start with Mississippi’s current sex education law and suggest changes.

A coordinator from the organization then works with elected officials to get a proposed bill sponsored. Once sponsored, it goes through the bill submission process, in which its given a number.

After the bill gets a number, organization members start phone banking and contacting elected officials, so they know to watch for the bill.



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Teen Health Mississippi promotes policies that ensure access to sex education, as well as affordable sexual and reproductive health services.

The process continues through January. Then, the council goes to the state Capitol to lobby representatives. The council focuses on committees for education

**“It’s an empowering notion – one many youth may have never had – to hear that their rights are important and deserve to be taken seriously.”**

- Kelly Bates, Student

and public health because the bill will “most likely be in one of those two committees,” according to Bates.

Last year, their bill got a sponsor but died in committee.

“THMS is an important organization not only for its mission in increasing access

to sex education and youth-friendly healthcare but also for its mission in helping young people realize that they matter,” Bates said. “It’s an empowering notion — one many youth may have never had — to hear that their rights are important and deserve to be taken seriously.”

Bates is known in the organization as “the consent girl,” a nickname she got after speaking about the topic. She described herself as “a huge advocate for consent education,” and THMS has given her an outlet to advocate for consent at a legislative level.

The proposed 2020 bill will include better collaboration between the Department of Health and the Department of Education on comprehensive sex education, along with changes in language to increase inclusiv-

ity and understandability.

Mississippi consistently ranks in the top five states for sexually transmitted disease rates, according to a 2018 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Mississippi also ranks third for highest teen pregnancy rates, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

Plan International attributes high teen pregnancy rates to the “lack of information about sexual and reproductive health and rights,” as well as “inadequate access to services tailored to young people.”

“When I look at the issue and how this is a fight over what’s true, and young people having access to the truth, so they can really have a better life and be more autonomous. I just believe that is so important right now,” Yarbrough said.

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“He was drinking at the Grove all day and came back to our house and kept drinking,” Atherton said. “He was looking really intoxicated all day, and when he got back, he fell asleep. We went to check on him, and he wouldn’t wake up, so we called an ambulance. He had a bloody nose and couldn’t talk, so we went with him to the hospital. He had a BAC of .291.”

Baptist Memorial Hospital declined to provide the total number of patients admitted to the hospital this weekend, as well as the number of ambulances sent out.

Hildon Sessums, captain of the Oxford Police Department, reported 60 total arrests: 32 arrests for public drunk, 12 arrests for driving under the influence, one arrest for a minor in possession and seven arrests for drug offenses.

OPD arrests in the city of Oxford nearly doubled from 37 arrests the previous weekend when Ole Miss played New Mexico State and 40 arrests on homecoming weekend against Vanderbilt.

To prepare for a game weekend, OPD meets with other law enforcement agencies, the university’s athletics department and Oxford city officials, Sessums said.

Sessums also said that during every game weekend, OPD patrols the main campus intersections, along with the highway, and they assign extra officers on the Square to handle the crowds at night.

“Only difference (for LSU weekend) is that we had a few extra officers out on the Square Thursday through Saturday night,” Sessums said. “I believe (Alcoholic Beverage Control) had a couple of extra people inside of the stadium to monitor alcohol sales, but they weren’t on the Square.”

Though data shows a large increase in crime and arrests compared to other weekends, Sessums said OPD was prepared.

“For the most part, the weekend went about like how we thought it would,” Sessums said.

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VOLLEYBALL

# Rebels look for rhythm to finish year

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After a hot start in SEC play and winning their first six conference games, the Ole Miss volleyball team is on an eight-game losing skid nearing the end of the season.

With only four games remaining, the Rebels hope to get back into a rhythm and finish the season with a few more wins.

The Rebels will face Arkansas on Friday, then Texas A&M, Mizzou and Kentucky. Texas A&M, Mizzou and Kentucky will all make the NCAA Tournament, with Kentucky in a place to win the SEC overall.

**“They keep coming back every day, and when you think that they’re going to come in mopey and maybe down, they keep coming in with energy,”**

- Steven McRoberts  
Volleyball head coach

All of these opponents will be familiar with the Ole

Miss, as the Rebels already faced each team once during this season. One of Ole Miss’ biggest wins of the season was in October when the Rebels beat the then-No. 22 Mizzou Tigers. Ole Miss also beat Arkansas last month, which marked their 14th straight win, tying the longest win streak in program history. The Rebels came close to defeating Texas A&M before losing the heartbreaker in five sets.

The Rebels are in a slump right now with a challenging schedule still remaining, but the team hasn’t given up on the season.

“They keep coming back every day, and when you think that they’re going to come in mopey and maybe down, they keep coming in with energy,” head coach Steven McRoberts said. “That’s the culture that we’ve tried to create, and our seniors are leading the way right now with that.”

The seniors on the squad have especially been leading the team this season. Nicole Purcell is the individual SEC dig leader. The senior has recorded three top-five dig performances this season.

The team is also leading the SEC overall in digs. Emily



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Lauren Bars (1) celebrates with her teammates after scoring a point against Georgia earlier this season.

Stroup is seventh in the SEC in kills. Stroup reached four straight games of double doubles, recording double digit numbers in kills and digs in a single game. She is also eighth in the SEC in points.

Nayo Warnell is third in the conference in hitting percentage. Warnell has been on a roll in November with single-game highs in kills, points and aces this month.

Losing those seniors will not be easy for the team, but Ole Miss has recently signed

five new players to its 2020 class. The squad will bring depth to the team and includes two Top-100 senior aces, and all five players have scores of regional and state honors.

“We have a little bit of size and speed. You’re always wanting, from a physicality standpoint, to be the best you can be in both of those categories,” McRoberts said. “Then we have a couple of defensive specialists that we’re really excited about. I think from top to bottom, it’s

our most solid recruiting class since I’ve been here.”

The Rebels are sitting at a 14-11 record overall, 6-8 in conference play and tied for eighth in the SEC. The team has a chance to move back up in the standings with a few wins at the end.

The Rebels will face Arkansas at 7 p.m on Friday in Fayetteville. Their final home game and senior night will be at 6 p.m. on Nov. 27 against Mizzou at the Gillom Center.

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## FOOTBALL

# Plumlee's dual-sport balance still unclear

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Ole Miss offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez has built the image of Ole Miss' attack. That image is of quarterback John Rhys Plumlee dashing past flat-footed defenders for explosive touchdowns, and the potential for the true freshman running the offense successfully was apparent in the second half of the loss to LSU.

Plumlee's record-breaking heroics this season have garnered three SEC Freshman of the Week honors, but the bottom line is if the Rebels want to compete with the top teams in the conference in 2020, Plumlee must show development as a passer during the offseason.

However, the road to that development before his sophomore season will not be a straight shot with his potential on the baseball

diamond. Plumlee still plans to play ball for head coach Mike Bianco, which will take up most of his time in the spring and early summer when he would otherwise focus on improving his passing arm.

With the starting outfield positions open for the Rebel baseball team this season, it's possible that Plumlee could win an everyday spot in the lineup, making it even more difficult for an athlete competing in the top conference for both sports. Head coach Matt Luke said he's confident the team can work out a schedule to maximize Plumlee's potential on both teams.

"I anticipate him being at spring practice and being able to throw some to the receivers," Luke said. "We will have to make some progress in the offseason because he has a unique skillset, and the more we can build off that, it makes us a dangerous offense moving forward."



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John Rhys Plumlee ran for over 200 yards in the loss to LSU on Saturday.

Luke said that he has not sat down with Bianco to determine how they will handle Plumlee's workload in the spring. Student-athletes are limited to 20 hours each week for sports-related activities.

"We are focused on winning football games, but we will sit down and have a plan to make it work," he said. "Kyler Murray was able to do it, and a couple of others were, too. It can be done. You just have to have a good plan, and we'll do a

good job with it."

Rodriguez said that he has not coached a dual-sport athlete besides Pat White, who eventually gave up baseball to focus on football. This spring will be crucial for the football team with recruit Robby Ashford looking to play both football and baseball as well.

"The thing you worry about most with multi-sport athletes is if it will affect their school work. Are they going to get behind academ-

ically? Is it too much of a load?" Rodriguez said. "With John Rhys, he can handle whatever you put at (him) from that regard. I think he'll be excited about it. I'm sure the baseball team's excited about it, but I think we'll also be able to get our share of practices from him, so he can continue his development in the spring."

Improvement for the offense in 2020 is dependent on more than just Plumlee becoming a consistent passer. Most of Plumlee's spectacular plays this season have come out of necessity.

The backfield of combo of Jerriion Ealy and Snoop Conner will be return to make up one of the most dynamic rushing attacks in the league, and Elijah Moore will be a valuable piece as an experienced pass catcher. The rest of the supporting cast has been less than electrifying.

The young receiving corps will have developing of their own to do while the offensive line will need to replace their biggest contributors.

"Obviously, we know that if we get this program to where we want it to be, we are going to have to be good at (running and passing) and to be balanced," Luke said. "I do think we can improve it and get better and hit some big plays in the passing game. I think we will."

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# The 1-3-1 breakdown: Defense wins championships

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Welcome back to the 1-3-1, News Editor Griffin Neal's weekly college basketball column. The title, "1-3-1," is a hat tip to Kermit Davis' defensive scheme, but will also serve as the column's section breakdown. Each week, the column will include one big idea regarding the college basketball landscape, three notes about Ole Miss hoops and one Ole Miss thing to look ahead to. Here's to the beginning of bad clock management, FBI investigations and five months of college basketball.

## One National CBB Thought

Following the departure of Duke's superstar trio of freshmen and the media obsession that followed them, college basketball has returned to form. There is no unquestioned media darling, no team so loaded with pro-prospects and no consensus national championship favorite. Through four games, Michigan State is the odds-on favorite to win the title at +650, contrasted with this time last season when Duke was listed at +220 to win the title.

However, while a frontrunner has not emerged, the blue bloods have reasserted themselves atop the AP rankings. With the exception of Maryland at #6, every team in the AP Top 10 has made a Final Four since 2012. An unsung team like Tennessee or Texas Tech last season will undoubtedly emerge and hover around the top of college basketball rankings throughout

the year, but for now, blue blood supremacy remains.

### Three Ole Miss Things

1) Although they've only played three games against inferior competition, Ole Miss' defense looks light-years ahead of where it was through three games last season. The Rebels rank fourth in the country in raw defensive efficiency, sixth in scoring defense (allowing only 52.0 ppg) and average 12 steals per game — good for 11th best nationally.

This is due in part to K.J. Buffen's emergence as not only the third option offensively, but the defensive anchor to Davis' defensive scheme. The 6-foot-7 sophomore forward is averaging 2.0 steals and 8.0 rebounds per game, and he's grabbing nearly 30% of all defensive rebounds for the Rebels. Once Blake Hinson returns, Buffen's role as an offensive rebounder will ostensibly increase, as opposing defenses will have to extend out to Hinson due to the threat of his 3-point shot.

2) Blake Hinson, the other 6-foot-7 sophomore forward, has yet to suit up this season. Hinson has dealt with blood abnormalities since the summer, but Davis said last week that he would likely be back for the Memphis game on Nov. 23. Hinson was a bright spot for the Davis' squad last season, averaging 8.3 points and 2.9 rebounds per game on 31 starts — the most for a freshman since 2007-08. Because Hinson showed flashes of a strong 3-point stroke last year, Davis can play him alongside Buffen for floor spacing purposes.

3) Ole Miss will matchup with No. 16 Memphis on the court on Saturday, but the off-court battle between Kermit Davis and Memphis Head Coach Penny Hardaway has waged since the season ended last March. Hardaway bagged the nation's No. 1 recruiting class this off-season, but Davis recently secured a commitment from consensus four-star shooting guard Matthew Murrell, the highest ranked recruit in program history, but more importantly a Memphis native.

In addition to Murrell, Kennedy Chandler, the No. 2 point guard in the class of 2021 and a Memphis native, was in The Pavilion on Friday for a recruiting visit. Ole Miss is Chandler's first Power 5 scholarship offer, and Davis can sell him on the fact that by the time he's enrolled on campus, All-SEC guards Breein Tyree and Devontae Shuler will have graduated.

### One Look Ahead

While the Rebels have faced four teams with no hopes of ultimately reaching the NCAA Tournament, the strength of schedule over the next two weeks gets considerably harder. Ole Miss goes to No. 16 Memphis on Saturday, hosts Butler the following Tuesday, and will face Penn State and either Oklahoma State or Syracuse at Madison Square Garden in the NIT Tip-off tournament. These games are crucial because they'll be broadcast on national television, but also because they're necessary for strengthening teams' tournament resumes before conference play starts.

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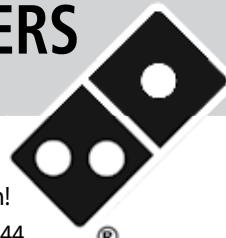
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- 17- Songs for two;
- 18- Money;
- 19- \_\_\_ we forget...;
- 20- Radical '60s org.;
- 21- Junker;
- 23- Puts up;
- 25- They'll be themselves, axiomatically;
- 26- Fly over the equator?;
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- 30- Hamburger's one;
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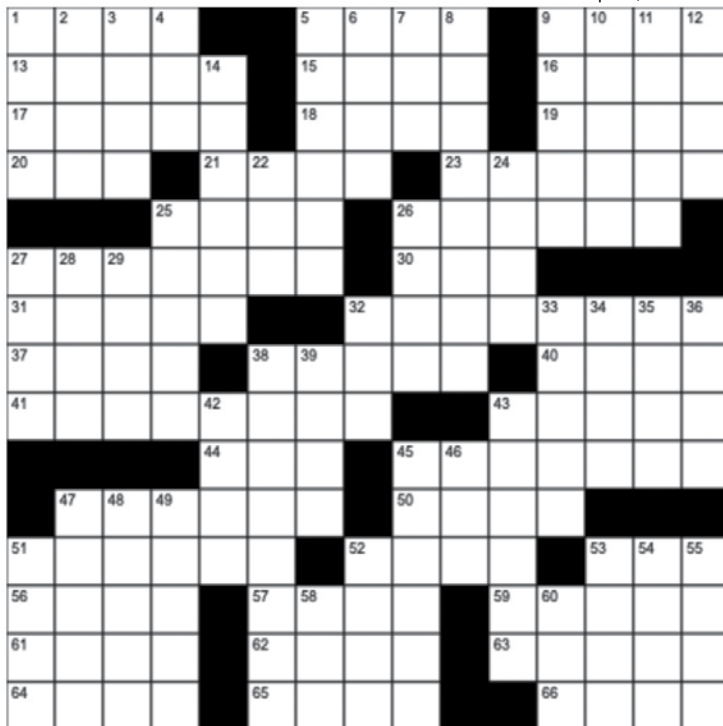
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- 7- May I help you?;
- 8- Stickum;
- 9- Shoelace end;
- 10- Glasses, briefly;
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- 14- On land;
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- 27- Ascend;
- 28- "\_\_\_ Brockovich";
- 29- Take care of;
- 32- Disfigure;
- 33- Rob, old-style;
- 34- Netman Nastase;
- 35- Singer Vikki;
- 36- Door part; 38- Spew steam from under the hood;
- 39- Tramp;
- 42- Amazes;
- 43- Where two streets meet;
- 45- Old Testament book;
- 46- Line of seats;
- 47- Rapids transit?;
- 48- Hopping mad;
- 49- Quotes;
- 51- Cushions;
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Known for her viral and explicit songs, "Juicy" and, "Tia Tamara" feat. Rico Nasty, Doja Cat released her new album, "Hot Pink," on Nov. 7. Her songs are most often found in TikTok videos where people lip-sync, dance or tell stories.

This is Doja's first full album since she started releasing music in 2014. She promoted her album through Twitter with the use of what one could call "Gen Z humor" featuring lewd language.

She embodies the rising generations' online culture that includes simple lyrics with seemingly tame artistic choices where beat and instrumentals are concerned. This is especially evident in her hit song, "Tia Tamera."

"I'm in the hall, Regina / I'm on the wall at Genius / I am the wiz, the teacher / Skinny legend like Wiz Khalifa," Doja sings.

The song, despite having extremely simple lyrics, has approximately 34 million streams on Spotify, but it isn't her most popular song. "Juicy" comes in close to 25 million streams and is ranked first on the list.

In one of her later songs on



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the album, "Say So," Doja gets a tad deeper.

"It's been a long time since you fell in love / You ain't coming out your shell, you really ain't been yourself / Tell me, what must I do to tell my love?" she raps.

With the explicit and bold lyrics, there are deeper parts to some of Doja's songs. She sings about themes of addiction, insecurity and unstable relationships. Despite most of the relationships that Doja sings about being just short of romantic, they still hold important topics within them.

In "Streets," Doja opens into a more melancholy song than the rest of the album. Her song describes a person whom she wants to be with and could even see herself marrying.

"I can't sleep no more / In my head, we belong / And I can't be without you / Why can't I find no one like you?" she sings.

By the end of the song, Doja returns to her more common sound throughout the album, full of cursing and light-hearted humor with deep meaning sprinkled in.

Despite the album cover, song titles and more-floral lyrics, her music is worth a listen because of the reflection it shows the younger part of Gen-Z online culture and for the deeper meaning.

Her exploration of relationships through explicitives and word play covers a larger message of boldness and the new online wave. "Hot Pink" is worth at least one listen.

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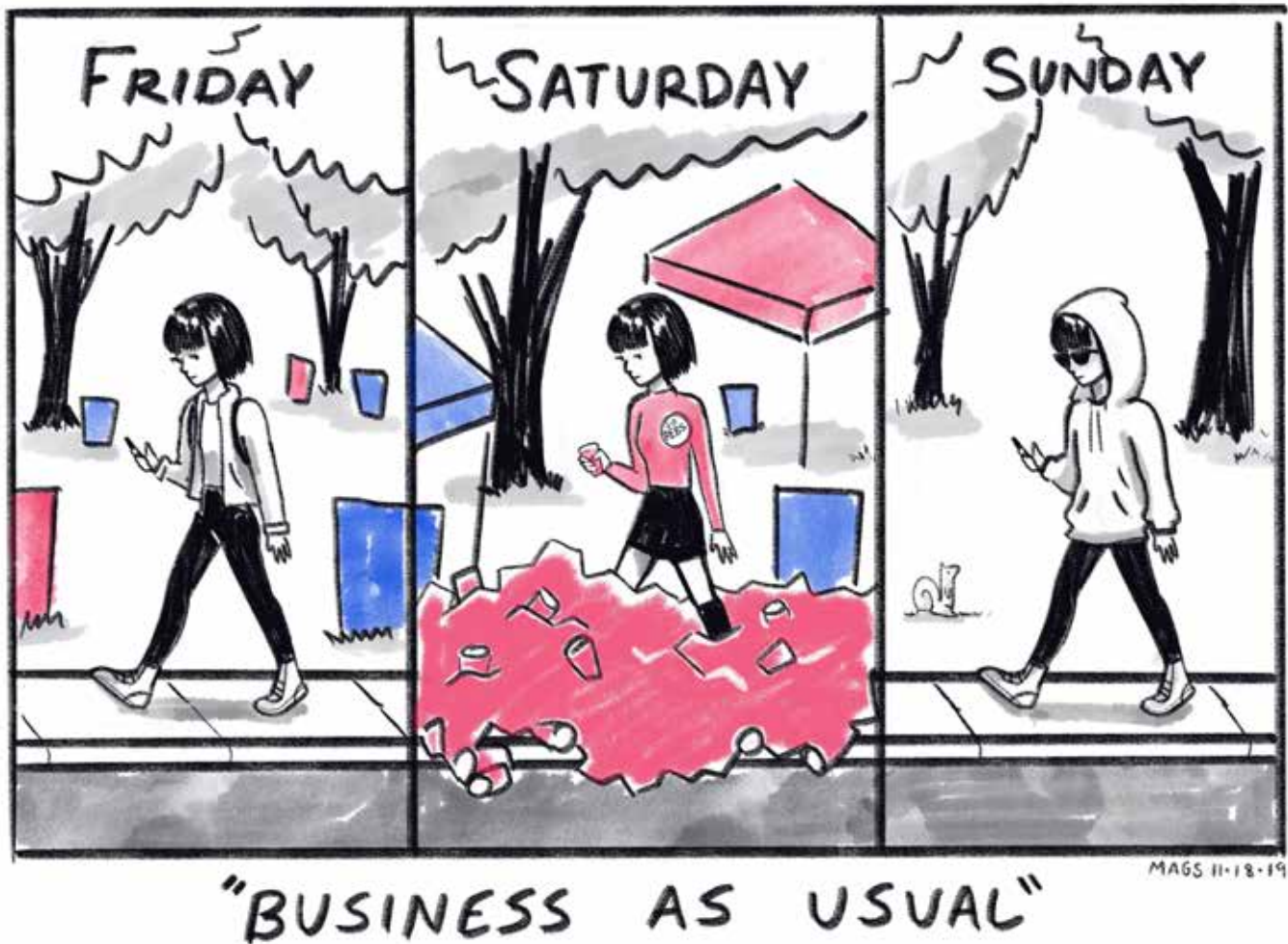
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# OPINION



MAGGIE HUBBARD / THE DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN

## Christmas sells. Thanksgiving does not.

### STROUD TOLLESON

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I often catch myself refreshing my most recent post on Instagram to see the number of likes climb. Doing so honestly instills doubt around my self worth. Instead, I could focus on being present with my friends and surroundings. I can recall many times when my friends opened their Instagram explore pages and said, "I wish I looked like her," or "I wish I was living his life." These reactions make me wonder: What are we really doing on social media?

I'll admit: My average screen time on my iPhone is 5 hours and 35 minutes. On average, I pick up my phone 329 times every day. That is an average of 329 times I am distracted from real life -- distracted from being present with myself and others. I was shocked by just how heavily I rely on technology.

Take it from me: Do not get caught in the cycle of brainless scrolling. Be delib-

erate and intentional with how you spend your time on social media.

It is always a good time to reevaluate our social media use. Ask yourself, "Am I being intentional with my social media use, or am I mindlessly scrolling and refreshing?"

The more society treats social media as their main platform for speech, the more we recognize it as a utility, which implies that connecting solely via social media is a necessary component of our lives.

When Instagram chief executive Adam Mosseri announced that the likes counter will be removed for U.S. users beginning this week, you may have felt anxious, uneasy and worried about your social life, or you could be happy about this change. Without the pressure of getting enough likes on your post, you can now post whatever you want.

How do we keep these devices — ones that are supposed to be our tools — from controlling us?

This new technology-reliant era is dreadfully painful to watch. We should be worried about the consequences of our aimless social media obsession, the outcome of our actions with social media, and how the things we post or share on the internet affect our future careers, friendships and family relationships. If you have an iPhone, I urge you to check your screen time and see just how much of your time social media consumes. I also urge you to think about how you used that time and if you used these platforms for good.

We, as college students, are still trying to figure out our personalities and passions. Through social media platforms, we have built up the need for external validation, which can change the way we view ourselves.

There is a wide range of students at the University of Mississippi, and it seems that most of us fall victim to unrealistic expectations that are exaggerated by social media.

Let's not forget that we integrated social media into our daily routines as a means to broaden human connection, and that it has created jobs and the ability to globalize our voices. However, we can not overlook its damaging effects.

In 2016, it was reported that over one-fifth of young adults aged 18-25 had the highest prevalence of mental illness. The American Academy of Pediatrics defined the term "Facebook depression" as "depression that develops when teens and preteens exhibit classic symptoms of depression due to the intensity of the online world." A decade ago, it would be hard to believe that this would happen when social media

was nothing but a budding trend.

Take a step back and reevaluate how you use social media. Are you using it as a tool to connect with others you love and inspire people to make this world a better place, or are you using it as a way to mindlessly scroll for hours, building up a self-loathing competitive complex and becoming just another case of Facebook depression? I know that if we, as students, would do the former, this university would be a much better place.

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# BASKETBALL

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Draft. Wiseman, however, is not expected to play as he was ruled ineligible by the NCAA.

“No offense to the four teams we’ve played, (but) it’s fixing to really change here in the next two weeks,” Davis said.

After the game, K.J. Buffen also sounded off on the struggles that the Rebels have experienced on the offensive side of the ball.

“This is our first year all together as a new team, so I just feel like we’re getting better with that,” Buffen said. “We don’t completely know each other yet, so it’ll get better for sure.”

After the game was well in hand, the Rebels played numerous members of the bench, resulting in a run for the Redhawks to end the game. With almost 12 minutes left in the second half, Seattle had 24 points, but they scored 28 over the remainder of the game.

According to Davis, the performance by some of his bench players solidified his opinion of them as not being key members of his rotation.

“The last eight minutes were about as embarrassed as I’ve been as a coach at Ole Miss,” Davis said. “Maybe some of those guys in the game at that time proved me right that where their role is where their role is. That’s ridiculous, ending the game on a (15-2) run.”

However, help is on the way for the Rebels. According to Davis, Blake Hinson is expected to see his



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Bryce Williams fights past a Seattle defender on his way to the rim on Tuesday in The Pavilion. Williams scored eight points in the win over Seattle.

first action of the season on Saturday against Memphis after being cleared following a medical issue that kept him sidelined during the season’s first four games.

Buffen is looking forward to having his teammate back on the floor on Saturday and stated how the team feeds off his leadership.

“He’s our energy,” Buffen said.

“That’s my guy. (Hinson brings) energy and confidence.”

Tip-off for the Rebels and Tigers is scheduled for noon on Saturday at the FedEx Forum. Following their bout with Memphis, Ole Miss will participate in the NIT Tip-Off beginning on Nov. 27.

# RIDE-ALONG

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often tells his team that they should talk to the public “like you’re talking to your mother.”

For weekends like the LSU game, when Moffett expects big crowds and lots of drunken shenanigans, he requests an extra dispatcher and more on-duty officers.

There were 26 officers working the Square alone on Saturday night, and they stayed busy: someone had four of their front teeth knocked out, two brothers ran from officers for possessing fake IDs, and a fight broke out between a bouncer and a customer in an alley.

OPD arrested 60 people on the Square, including one student who “mooned” a group of girls in a bar shortly after Moffett handled the bottle opener thief.

Moffett had been standing outside the Safe Site tent, which he hopes will increase community interaction, when he heard about that particularly unusual arrest.

“Dude!” one of the officers said to Moffett, laughing. “He pulled his pants down and showed his tail!”

“Yeah,” Moffett chuckled, “You gotta keep your britches on.”

This hands-on approach to policing is what Moffett and his unit call community polic-

ing: from helping students get rides home from the Square to providing a location for information, Moffett and his officers work Wednesday to Saturday — 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. — patrolling the Square.

At around 8 p.m., one LSU student approached Moffett, complaining of nausea and asking for an ambulance. The EMTs checked his vitals, and his blood pressure was 176/111. A normal blood pressure is less than 120/80.

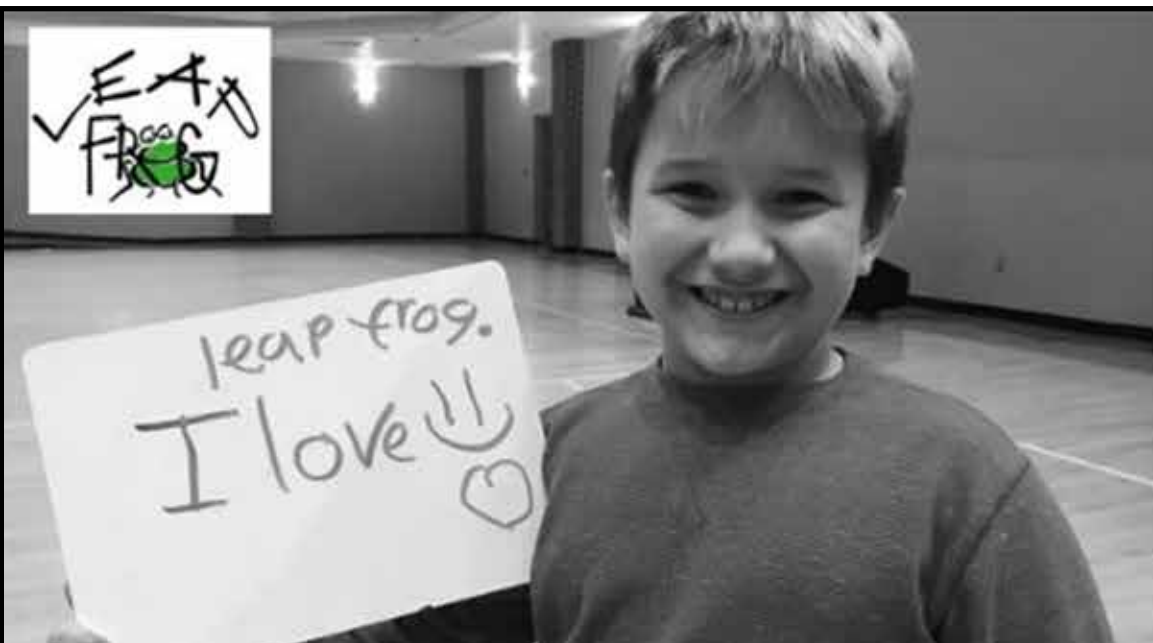
The man left the ambulance and came back to find Moffett again at around 10 p.m. for the same reason. This time, Moffett made sure he got to the hospital.

Moffett said having the same team work the busy nights on the Square is more efficient than switching officers each week. This rapport is important on a night like Nov. 16, when an estimated 53,797 people visited Oxford to watch Ole Miss play LSU.

For Moffett, who said he cares for his officers like family, trusting them is easy, even on nights like this.

Officer Johnny Sneed runs the Safe Site tent, where he and his partner often play cornhole with students. According to Sneed, the officers have a record of 162 wins to seven losses.

“As a supervisor, I try to be as hands-on as possible, but sometimes you just have to trust your guys,” Moffett said.



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