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ON STAGE: ONE-MAN BROADWAY SHOW TONIGHT AT FORD CENTER

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REBEL ROLL CALL: DEFENSIVE BACKS KEY TO TEAM SUCCESS

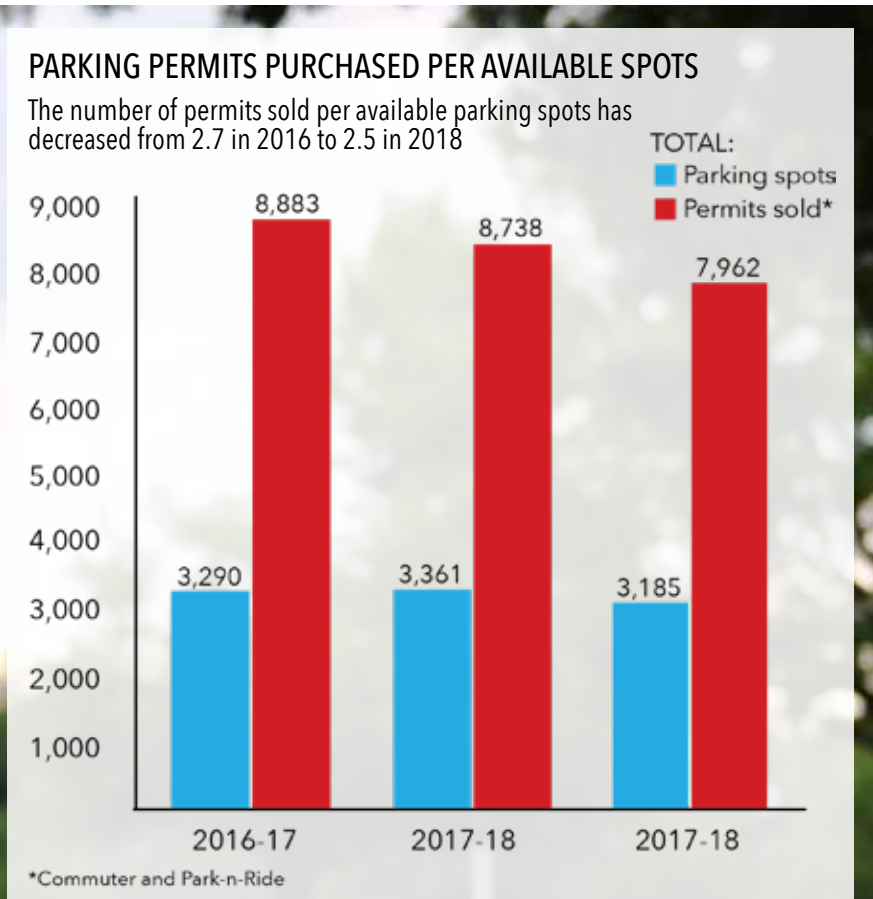
Ole Miss will rely heavily on its secondary to take pressure off of the front seven in 2018. They have the talent and experience; they just have to prove it on the field.

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Parking dept. sells fewer permits at increased cost



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West Residential parking permits sold out in five hours this year, and Central Residential permits were gone within a day. Commuter permits followed, selling out in under a month.

In the two weeks since classes began, the Department of Parking and Transportation has received complaints about overselling and lack of available parking spots across campus. Director of the Department of Parking and Transportation Mike Harris said many of these complaints stem from the fact that the parking department sold 2.4 Commuter parking permits per parking space this year.

Harris said he wants to get that ratio down to two permits for every space but also that permits currently sell in this manner because a parking space will be used by multiple people in

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Leaders embrace change, growth at UM's third tech summit

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Business leaders and political figures came together on Wednesday to discuss ways for Mississippi to move from the bottom to the top by embracing technology at the University of Mississippi's third annual Technology Summit.

Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter delivered the welcome address by emphasizing the need for technological research at the university. "As chancellor, I'm committed to preparing

University of Mississippi students for a tech-driven future," Vitter said. "As a Carnegie-designated R1 research institution, we're equipped with outstanding capabilities to pursue that goal, and our research enterprise keeps growing."

Ole Miss alumnus and U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker, who is currently running for re-election, was the event's guest of honor. Wicker serves as chairman of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee of Communications, Technology, Innovation and the Internet.



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Ole Miss hosts its third annual UM Tech Summit on Wednesday at The Inn at Ole Miss. The meeting consisted of discussions on how to best move the state forward, technologically.

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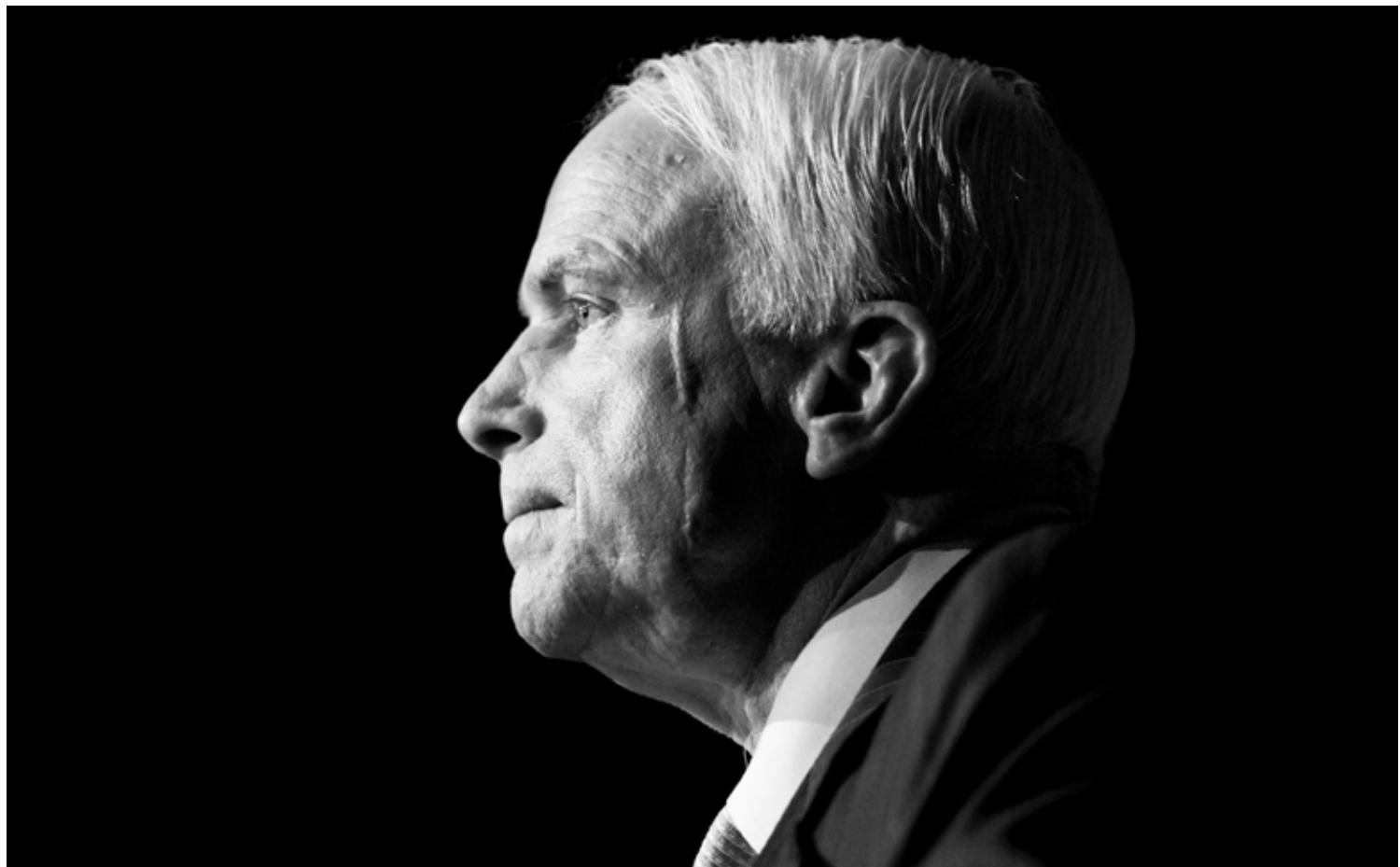
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A tribute to John McCain from across the aisle



Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., pauses while speaking to the GOPAC Fall Charter Meeting in Washington, D.C., in 2006. McCain died on Saturday after a fight with brain cancer. COURTESY: AP | J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE VIA FLICKR

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Sen. John McCain died on Saturday after a year-long battle with brain cancer. In his final hours, he was surrounded by those he loved most on his family ranch in Cornville, Arizona.

His passing has put most of the country in a state of mourning. Despite growing polarization and enmity between the two parties, Democrats and Republicans alike can agree that McCain was the definition of an American patriot.

But that's the dichotomy about death: It brings pain, loss, tears — a permanent separation — and yet, it can bring family, friends and even competitors together to celebrate and remember a life that intertwines them all.

McCain requested that his past presidential rivals, former Presidents Obama and George W. Bush, as well as former Vice President Joe Biden speak at his funeral.

McCain's legacy is a complex

one, considering the various paths he has taken: prisoner of war, U.S. Senator, victim of Trump's unabashed mockery and bullying. He leaves behind a widow, children, grandchildren and a country that will greatly miss his grit, ambition and undying loyalty.

As a young man, McCain — like his father and grandfather before him — served in the U.S. military. During his volunteer combat duty in Vietnam, he was captured, tortured and subjugated to almost two years in solitary confinement. After his release, he was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Distinguished Flying Cross.

I understand there are those who may not agree with certain policies McCain advocated for, myself included. As someone whose family has voted Democrat since the New Deal, there were many things I didn't agree with the late Senator on, from abortion to foreign policy.

But, I still believe that he loved his country and our values of liberty, freedom and

courage.

When a voter at his rally insisted Obama was “an Arab,” McCain not only corrected her but also urged his own supporters to stop hurling insults and slurs at his Democratic opponent. In that moment, McCain had a choice. He could have taken advantage of the woman's ignorance and used it to manipulate others, but instead, he decided to stand with the truth. He practiced a respectable policy — that we shouldn't spread blatant lies about our adversaries simply because we dislike their perspectives.

This all happened a decade ago, yet it seems so far away, considering the dark discourse the country has taken in regards to not only the truth but the way we deal with our competitors, especially in the political arena.

Even as a Democrat, I was quite taken aback by Trump's belittlement of McCain's war experiences and berating of his dramatic vote to uphold the Affordable Care Act. What was as particularly

interesting as it was disturbing was the lack of outcry from Republican politicians and lawmakers to defend their fellow countryman against the onslaught of a man who has made an entire mockery of their values.

As the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends.”

Over the past year, it has become apparently clear that a man like McCain, a true conservative, would no longer be welcome in the Republican Party that exists today.

Personally, I think McCain's passing marks the end of an era — when political opponents could still defend each other against slander and politicians didn't have to rely on the darkest fringes and unhealed wounds of our nation's history to get elected.

But that time is done and gone, and sadly, so is Sen. McCain.

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one day. Harris said the spaces-to-cars ratio is going down year-by-year, as is the number of commuter permits sold yearly. “By bringing those numbers down, the expectation of finding somewhere to park is getting better and better,” Harris said.

He said peak parking times (when lots will most likely be full) are 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday.

“But, I would venture to say (that) even when they’re full, there are still plenty of places to park,” he said.

Harris said the Manning Center is an often underutilized parking lot. Residential, Commuter or Faculty/Staff permit holders can park their vehicles there and ride the O.U.T. bus around campus. Harris said the lot has 115 spaces but is mostly never occupied by more than 10 vehicles.

Harris said many parkers become frustrated when they can’t park where they normally would during peak times. He said students should take advantage of less-typical lots like the one at the Manning Center during peak times.

Senior biology major Cellas Hayes said parking on campus remains a problem.

“It’s also inconsiderate that I pay \$210 to drive around for

20 minutes to find the furthest parking spot behind the Tad Pad and (that I) had to follow someone to their car and wait on them to leave just to get a spot,” Hayes said.

Harris said that coming to campus during its peak and looking for a spot that’s not there takes up more time than going to an empty lot and getting on a bus. Despite some of these lesser-used lots’ frequent availability, Park-n-Ride permits are one of the least-sold permits.

As of Aug. 27, 2018, less than half of Park-n-Ride permits were sold, leaving 973 permits available. The two parking lots for Park-n-Ride permit holders, the Jackson Avenue Center (JAC) and South Lot, are the least-frequented, leaving more than 500 empty spaces and more than 700 empty spaces daily at South Lot and JAC, respectively, according to Harris.

Any permit-holder is allowed to use the Park-n-Ride lot, but Park-n-Ride permits are restricted to their lots. As the name suggests, drivers park their vehicles and ride the bus to campus, and buses run every 7-10 minutes.

Unlike commuter spots, residential spots are sold on a 1:1 ratio — one permit sold for one parking space. When residential lots are filled, additional parking spaces are sold in the residential garage for the same price, unless a student originally requested a

garage space.

Campus Walk, the university-owned, off-campus apartment complex, requires a residential parking permit but has not sold out of permits for its lot. Of the 438 Campus Walk permits, only 241 were sold this year.

Campus Walk resident and senior social work major Mikala Turner said the \$325 permits are too expensive.

Many permit prices were higher this year than last. The cost for a Pavilion garage pass increased by \$50, for residential lot passes by \$25, for Commuter passes by \$10 and for Park-n-Ride passes by \$5.

For the current fiscal year, parking permits, in addition to meters, citations and special events, are projected to contribute more than 70 percent of the parking department’s nearly \$6 million revenue.

Harris said that though some students see permit revenue being put toward bus transportation as a waste, he feels it is necessary. He said without buses, there would need to be more parking spaces and a dramatic increase to permit prices.

“It comes down to how can we keep your permit as cheap as we can and still get the number of students to campus that enroll,” he said. “You’re either going to transport them or you’re going to build parking. It’s a whole lot cheaper to transport.”

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“At the state level, we’ve had a legislative session, and apparently we have new interest in actually financing infrastructure,” Wicker said. “Some of the financing mechanisms, we’ll see about. But we have a new interest in actually financing infrastructure rather than just talking about it.”

He moved on to the topic of connectivity and healthcare in Mississippi, which is largely made up of small towns and rural communities. He said the UM Medical Center is ahead of the national curve in some respects and leads the nation in connectivity.

“We’ve got a state with dramatic health needs that call for connectivity, and we have a state and a university that is answering that call,” Wicker said.

Wicker ended his address with a call to action for the audience, saying, “Given all that is happening, the question

for us today is: What can and what should this state and this university do to be at the forefront of technology information?”

Keynote speaker Rob Carter, chief information officer at FedEx, set the tone for the day with a speech titled “Seeking the Edge — How to Sustain a Culture of Innovation” about the impact of the connected world, told through FedEx’s own story of technological innovation.

Carter highlighted FedEx’s development after the company’s founder, Fred Smith, declared in 1978, “The information about the package is as important as the package itself.”

“He was seeing a future that allowed (for) the emergence of technology that could begin to change the modern supply chain from its historical basis of being a black hole into which things moved and eventually popped out the other end to being a system of critical visibility that changed the very nature of supply chains and inventory,” Carter said.

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With youthful energy, 'Rock Eupora' explores growing up

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Named after a small Mississippi town, the musical project Rock Eupora has been one of the state's most exciting indie acts for a while now. Clayton Waller self-recorded Rock Eupora's first album, "Blanks," in his house in Starkville during his senior year at Mississippi State.

He later moved to Nashville and in 2016 recorded "Soon the Sun Will Come." Just this month, Waller released his third album. Rock Eupora's latest, a self-titled effort composed of 12 songs and lasting 41 minutes, rocks with the same youthful energy, smooth production and poignant lyrics as Waller's earlier albums.

Like in his past works, Waller wrote everything and played all of the instruments that appear on the album. He produced the album himself but recorded it at Skinny Elephant Recording in Nashville.

Despite not being recorded in a bedroom or basement, "Rock Eupora" explores some of the same basic themes — love, happiness, trust — as

do Waller's previous albums. Above all else, though, this project is about the transition from college life to adulthood.

Coming late in the album, "People in My Head" explores one aspect of this transition — finding a real job. In the song, Waller's aunt asks him when he'll get a "real big-boy job," and his parents wish that their son would just become an accountant and give them some grandchildren.

"It's like I've said / I got people in my head / And they're always trying to live my life," Waller sings. "And all of this / judgment is so toxic / but I'm not going to let it bring me down."

The defiant lyrics of "People in My Head" are set to fuzzy, upbeat music that sounds like the kind of thing that might be played at a party frequented by the hipsters that quietly thrive at every big state school. This all works together to indicate that Waller really isn't ready to move on.

In another, earlier track, he bemoans his friends who are settling down and becoming adults.

"All I Need" features Waller's trademark humor, which seems

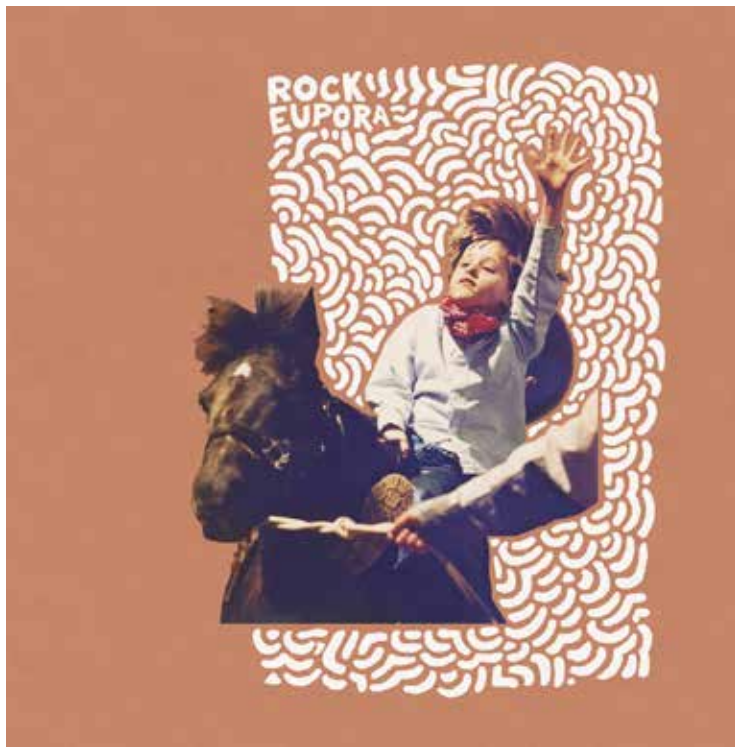


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to borrow equally from the intentional weirdness of other creative Southerners such as Flannery O'Connor and Theora Hamblett (whose painting adorns Waller's second album cover) and the deadpan irony of bands such as Parquet Courts and Pavement.

The second verse has Waller feeling like he doesn't fit "all the requirements of the status quo" as his friends wave goodbye

to him from their Honda Odysseys, and in the third verse, Waller sings about the everyday American life in which you're expected to "get a dog and start having children / You might as well teach a Sunday school class."

Other standout tracks include "It's Gonna Get Better," "I Love You So Much" and "Night Terrors," an impressive song which features a long

instrumental lead-in before telling a story about trust and self-doubt through a series of disconnected, dreamlike images.

Before I ever left home for college in Mississippi, I somehow stumbled across Waller's music during the summer after my senior year of high school. I listened to "Soon the Sun Will Come" dozens of times, imagining each time that whatever this album sounded like is what college life would be.

On one of my first weekends here in Oxford, Rock Eupora came to town for a show. I was set on going but couldn't find anyone to go with, so I went alone. I didn't talk to anyone. I didn't know how. But there, in a vape-shop-turned-music-venue, listening to the band play and Waller sing with maybe 30 other people, I knew that things would be all right.

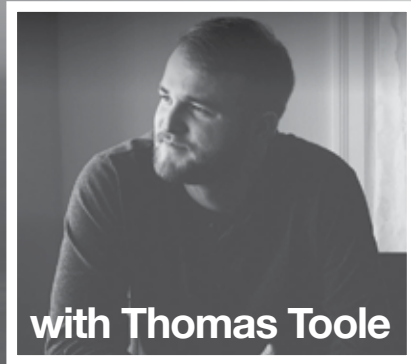
Two years later, I'm starting my junior year. Like Waller, I'm trying to figure out what my future looks like. I don't know what's going to happen — when, where or whether I'll settle down. And "Rock Eupora" is confirmation that this time, I'm not alone.

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Emmy winner to play Robert Frost at Ford Center tonight

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Emmy-winning actor Gordon Clapp will portray the late Robert Frost in “Robert Frost: This Verse Business,” a one-man play about the poet’s life, Thursday night at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts.

In the play, Frost takes audiences from scene to scene, speaking through both poetry and his thoughts on current topics. As the show progresses, Frost moves into his cabin to ruminate on family and relationships.

Written by playwright Andrew Dolan, “This Verse Business” sets out to emulate the manner in which Frost himself took to the stage. Clapp, known for his

performance in the TV show “NYPD Blue,” attempts to accurately portray Frost’s own unique presence.

“Robert Frost was a great performer who perfected a sort of cracker-barrel, down-home persona which was very attractive to audiences,” said Ann Fisher-Wirth, a poetry and 20th century literature professor.

Fisher-Wirth said she considers Frost one of the 20th century poets who popularized public readings.

“(Frost) read his poems beautifully and had developed good, conversational chat as part of the performances,” Fisher-Wirth said.

This will be the third poetry reading of this nature held in the Ford Center’s history; the former two were portrayals of Mark Twain

and William Faulkner. All these events share the goal of fleshing out historical figures whose characters might not be captured in a classroom setting. Thursday night’s performance comes as part of the University of Mississippi Artist Series.

“I think it’s a good way for modern audiences to experience Frost’s work, off the page,” said English master’s student and teaching assistant Tatiana Tomley. “It can bring more life, excitement and, possibly, even meaning to the poem by speaking it aloud.”

“This Verse Business” came to director of the Ford Center Julia Aubrey’s attention after professor of theatre Joe Turner Cantu sought out Dolan, a longtime friend, about the play. A combination of their friendship and the series’ budget brought the Broadway show to the Ford Center stage.

“It was basically, you know, ‘I know this person,’ and that’s how it came in,” Aubrey said. “It’s a small world when you’re in music and theatre.”

In Aubrey’s view, it was an opportune time for the play to be brought to her attention because playwrights and spoken performances are, in her words, growing scarce.

“The play — the spoken word — is kind of getting fewer and fewer people doing it,” Aubrey said. “So I’m always grateful for somebody to bring this to me and say, ‘Hey, let’s see what you think.’ I thought it fit really

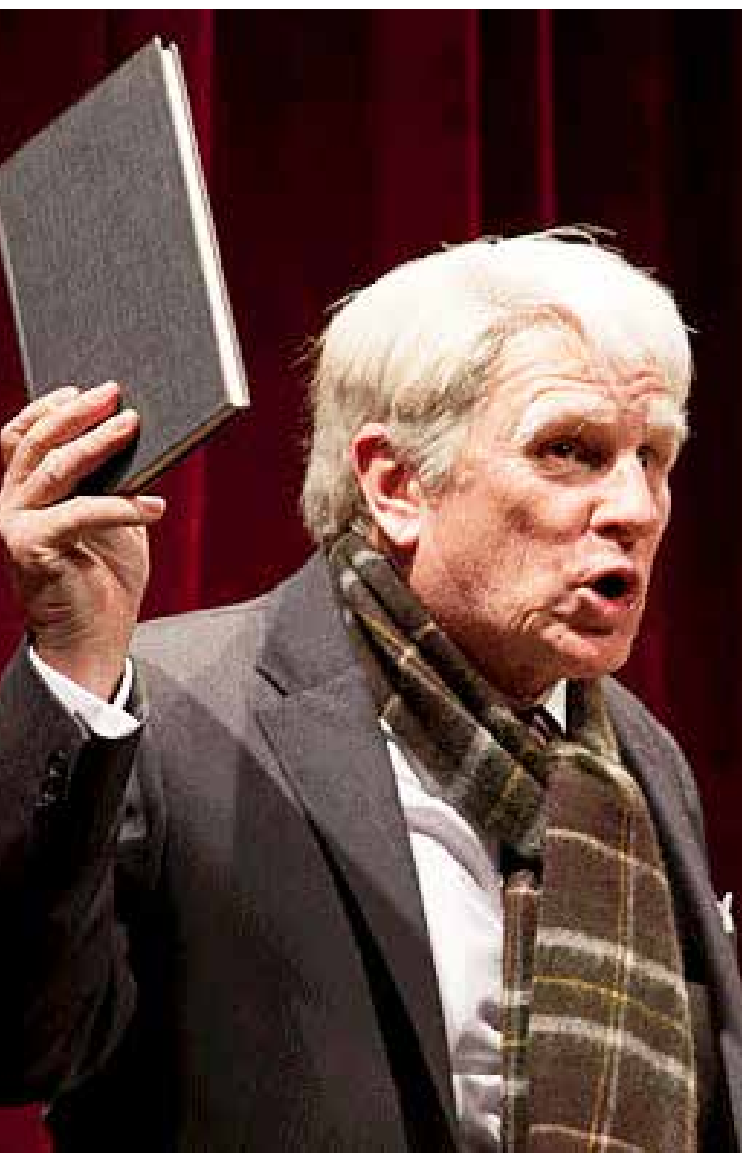


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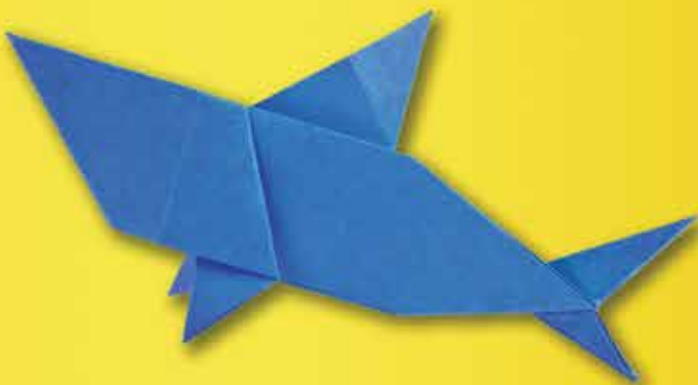
well with what we’re doing here.”

Aubrey expects a smaller turnout for the play than large-scale musicals attract, since the target demographic of students and literature fans is generally smaller. She said she hopes students will come see Clapp perform, given that the performance rarely leaves

Broadway.

“Really and truly, I just hope more students come, because I really think it’s not something they’re going to see anywhere else,” Aubrey said. “If you try to see this in New York, it can cost you 10 times as much ... here, it’s in your backyard, and you can get a \$10 ticket.”

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Ole Miss Soccer begins five-game stretch on the road

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The Rebels head down to Mobile, Alabama, on Thursday to face the Troy Trojans and the South Alabama Jaguars in the Jaguar Classic. The 3-1 Rebels will play the Trojans on Thursday, and the Jaguars on Sunday.

Ole Miss started the season blazing-hot, scoring almost at will, with 14 goals in the first four games. The Rebels have done this while also being a wall on defense, with three clean sheets and only two goals allowed, to this point.

The 1-3 Trojans are entering the Jaguar Classic on a three-game losing streak. Good teams sometimes overlook opponents that are struggling, but Ole Miss head

coach Matt Mott doesn't think that will be an issue on Thursday.

"I think we're a really mature team, and we really work hard to approach every team the exact same (way)," Mott said. "Our goal is always to start every game fast and attack teams. I don't think our team gets caught up in any kind of stats about our opponent."

The offense will look to continue the fast start this week against the Trojans, who have allowed 13 goals in their first four games.

Senior CeCe Kizer, who was the Rebels' top scorer in 2017 with 16 goals, has continued to put the ball in the back of the net at an exceptional rate this season, with five goals in four games. Kizer's five goals currently have her tied for



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Forward and midfielder CeCe Kizer dribbles past a Murray State defender during Sunday's game.

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No. 1 scorer in the NCAA. Last year's freshman phenom Channing Foster got off the mark with a fantastic strike from a distance in the Rebels' last game versus Murray State. The sophomore finished with 13 goals last season. While the offense is undeniably strong right now, the defense has been impressive, as well. Goalie Marnie Merritt's goals against average sits at .480 as of Saturday's game, which could get even lower with a couple of good performances over the weekend.

The Rebels follow up the game against Troy by playing against the host school, South Alabama, on Sunday. The South Alabama Jaguars currently hold a 2-1 record with wins against UAB and Chattanooga and their lone loss at the hands of Mississippi State. The Rebels won this matchup last season, 1-0. However, coach Mott isn't putting much emphasis on the result from a year ago. "We have looked at that (game) a little bit," Mott said. "But now you're looking at a full year (later) and different

teams, so we don't take a lot of stock in that." These two games kick off a five-game road trip for the Rebels, and with fatigue being a potential factor on the latter half of that stretch, the team can expect some squad rotation in these first two games. "Traveling on the road does take some out of you," Mott said. "We've got a very deep bench. We're going to absolutely use it, so I think you can expect a number of players to get a number of minutes."

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Race for the Heisman: Four players to watch in 2018

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A Heisman winner needs to be the most important and electric player on his team. He needs to shoulder the workload. He needs to be on a winning team. When you watch a game of a Heisman winner, he is the one guy you notice. These four collegiate football players have the opportunity to lift that prestigious trophy at the end of the season.

FRONT-RUNNERS

AJ Dillon, running back, Boston College: This is the guy to look out for. Important, eye-popping — that's A.J. Dillon. As a true freshman at Boston College, Dillon carried the ball 300 times for just under 1,600 yards, scoring 14 times. He is a workhorse. He is at the center of everything that Steve Addazio's Eagles want to do offensively. At 6 feet tall and 245 pounds, he is a problem for defenses. His 23 rushing attempts per game will quickly wear down a defense. If he can up his freshman numbers, he should expect an invite to New York.

Bryce Love, running back, Stanford: A Stanford running back will be in the Heisman conversation again this year, as Bryce Love should probably be the favorite to win the coveted award. His 8.1 yards per rushing attempt led to him crossing the 2,000-yard threshold in 2017. 2,118 yards and 19 touchdowns are nothing to scoff at. Expect the senior to show out in some Pac-12 after-dark action. He only caught the ball six times last year, so head coach David Shaw should look to utilize him more, out of the backfield. Love may look like a scatback, but he will carry the team on his back to the end zone before limping away to the sideline. He is an easy guy to cheer for.



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DEFENSIVE OPTION

Ed Oliver, defensive tackle, Houston: Houston's Ed Oliver is a freak. He plays as an undersized defensive tackle who sets up shop in his opponent's backfield. He is the country's lone chance at a defensive player taking home the trophy. In his sophomore season, he tallied two forced fumbles, one fumble return, three pass deflections, 73 tackles, 5.5 sacks and 16.5 tackles-for-loss. This time around, Oliver will be battling for the No. 1 spot in next year's NFL Draft, so his production should be similar. There will not be a game this season in which he is not the best player on the field.

MY PREDICTION

Will Grier, quarterback, West Virginia: You may remember Grier dismantling the No. 3 Rebels back in 2015, when he was at Florida. That would be his one shining moment with the Gators before getting busted for performance-enhancing drugs. He has since transferred to West Virginia, where he is about to begin his second season in Dana Holgorsen's air raid offense. Gary Jennings Jr. and David Sills are considered among the top-five wide receiver duos in the country. The Mountaineers will be contending for a Big 12 title and a berth in the College Football Playoff. The Heisman loves honoring great players on good teams. If West Virginia can make noise in its conference, expect Grier to get some Heisman hype.

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Rebel Roll Call: Defensive backs' experience a vital asset

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The Ole Miss defense has been the subject of much criticism over the last two seasons, but the “Landshark D” hopes to turn its fortunes around in 2018.

The Rebels are inexperienced at the linebacker position but plan to rely on their secondary to stop opposing offenses this season. Head coach Matt Luke believes that the Rebels can rely on their defensive backs to lock up downfield and be able to commit more bodies to stopping the run this season.

“I think having an experienced secondary — being able to load the box on (opponents) — should help us,” Luke said. “We’ve just got to find a way to continue to build and get better in our second year.”

A key part of this experienced secondary is senior Ken Webster, who has fought through various stages of adversity to be able to play on Saturdays. Webster was injured in the first game of the Rebels’ 2016 season but believes that he can return to his former self this year.

“Coming back (last season), I was very nervous but very excited, at the same time,” Webster said. “With me coming

in the summer and actually grinding and all that, I think I’m ready to take another step (toward) being the person I was before I got hurt.”

Webster also believes that having a year of experience in defensive coordinator Wesley McGriff’s system will help this secondary reach new heights in 2018.

“This is our second year in the defense, so we know it a lot better and are a lot more comfortable with it now,” Webster said. “We’ve got a lot (of players) returning on the defense, on the secondary and in the defensive line position, also.”

Along with Webster, the Rebels return three other upperclassman corners in Javien Hamilton, Myles Hartsfield and Jaylon Jones as well as upperclassman safeties Zedrick Woods and C.J. Moore.

Although the secondary is experienced, McGriff has seen promise from some young defensive backs who he expects will get some playing time in 2018.

“You look at (sophomore) C.J. Miller — he’s probably the most improved guy in the secondary,” McGriff said. “He’s done a tremendous job. His confidence has improved, (and) his communication has improved.”



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Myles Hartsfield celebrates with teammates after a play during the first half of the Alabama game in 2016.

The Rebels also return names like Montrell Custis, Cam Ordway and Armani Linton to their defensive backfield. Redshirt freshman Kam White and junior college transfer Vernon Dasher could also see some playing time this season, along with some true freshmen

that have joined the unit. With all of these young and veteran names coming together, the Rebels’ secondary looks to be among the deepest in the SEC.

Though it’s deep, this secondary will be put to the test early this season as they take on the air raid offense of

Texas Tech on Saturday. The Red Raiders’ head coach Kliff Kingsbury is known for his passing philosophy in the Big 12 but could try to utilize the running game, in an effort to take advantage of a weakness from Ole Miss’ 2017 defense.

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