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CHANCELLOR VITTER RESPONDS TO PROFESSOR'S SOCIAL MEDIA POST

On Sunday night, Ole Miss Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter condemned a recent social media post made by a UM faculty member. The Daily Mississippian will continue to report on this developing story.

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HUGH FREEZE HIRED AS COACH IN BRAND-NEW PRO FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Former Ole Miss coach Hugh Freeze has accepted a position as the offensive coordinator of the Arizona Hotshots of the Alliance of American Football, set to begin play in the spring of 2019.

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THE STREAK IS BROKEN

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The Ole Miss Rebels

overcame miscues, sloppy defensive play and a two-score deficit to knock off Arkansas 37-33 in Little Rock on Saturday. The win marked Ole Miss' first victory over Arkansas since 2013.

"(It was) an emotional win," head coach Matt Luke said. "I'm proud of the guys that kept fighting. (We) had a lot of guys playing hurt. Guys just kept battling and kept competing."

On a night that drenched War Memorial Stadium in rain, Ole Miss fought back in the second half after entering the intermission trailing 27-17. Jordan Ta'amu used his arms and his legs to garner 528 total yards, just 12 shy of Archie Manning's record mark of 540 against Alabama in 1969.

"(Ta'amu) has had some good (games at Ole Miss), but for him to lead that comeback and have so many yards rushing and passing, that's a pretty special night," Luke said.

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PHOTO: AP | MICHAEL WOODS

Javien Hamilton, Tariqious Tisdale and Kweisi Fountain celebrate after Ole Miss' victory over Arkansas on Saturday. Ole Miss won the matchup for the first time in four years with a final score of 37-33

Local pumpkin patch prone to late-night vandalism

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Every fall, the lawn of St. Peter's Episcopal Church becomes home to a local pumpkin patch just off the Square. People are supposed to pay for the pumpkins they'd like to take home, but some passersby, however, end up smashing the pumpkins without paying for them.

"I was walking back on that sidewalk and I just came across a bunch of pumpkins," freshman business major Eli Easter said. "I hadn't seen it before. I didn't know it was a church. I didn't know it was

anything. I just saw pumpkins, and for some reason I decided to pick one up and throw it at my feet."

Easter, who was walking back to his residence hall with a friend after a night on the Square, quickly discovered that stealing and throwing the pumpkins on the sidewalk is illegal. Soon after Easter smashed the pumpkin on the asphalt, an Oxford Police Department officer approached Easter, questioned him and arrested him for public intoxication.

According to OPD Captain Hildon Sessums, eight to 10 people are arrested per year for smashing the numpkins late at night. This number, he said, has decreased over his 16 years in Oxford and 12 years on the force.

"Before we had what we call our 'Downtown Unit,' who has a constant presence (on the Square) on the weekends, you could drive by and there'd be seven or eight smashed pumpkins in the road," Sessums said. "You'd see a whole group of folks walking down Jackson Avenue, and everyone (would be) carrying pumpkins."

Sessums said that people who are seen walking around



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Pumpkins fill the St. Peter's Episcopal Church courtyard at the church's annual pumpkin patch.

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Take no prisoners in the trade war with China

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On Oct. 7, the People's Bank of China announced it would slash its previously established reserve ratios required for its financial institutions by an astonishing 1 percent, in an effort to inject \$109 billion to stimulate a Chinese economy which has seen the slowest rate of investment in its history.

With experts predicting an additional 1 percent decrease in the nation's required reserve ratios by the end of the year, the world's second largest economy has further demonstrated that its proclamations of economic well-being are not as definitive as its central government would leave international investors to believe in the face of a potential escalation in economic conflict with the

For decades, the government of China has been enabled by the globalist class to operate a mercantilist system in its approach to trade, bankrupting the middle and working classes of the West in its fanatical desire to grow its own economy.

While Western media outlets, largely controlled by the globalist elite who have profited off China's abusive economic system, have decried recent actions by the Trump administration to hold China

accountable for its wrongdoing, it appears as if the only nation suffering theeffects of the proclaimed trade war is China itself.

In a September interview with the Australian Broadcast Corporation, former White House Chief Strategist Steve Bannon elegantly said, "China thinks of the United States and Australia in the same way. They think we're tributary states. We are essentially Jamestown to their Great Britain."

The United States, along with its regional and global allies, for far too long has played by the rules when it comes to Chinese abuse. It's time the West dispels of the false narrative of Chinese good nature and initiates total economic war against a militant China which presents itself as vulnerable in an effort to reorganize the power structure of the global economy.

With the U.S. economy currently witnessing a historic growth rate of 4.1 percent and with Western nations continuing to see comparable growth, the notion that the impact of such an action would initiate an environment of global recession is laughable especially upon consideration of China's apparent ability to only initiate politically targeted sanctions on goods, specifically U.S. agricultural products, with the nation's threats advancing only to

further its policy of currency devaluation, the selling of state owned Treasury bonds and sanctions against the technology companies their information sector relies on.

China at this moment does not find itself positioned to deal with the consequences of global action to address its abuse. If the West is to unite to end the decades-long war China has waged on global finance, manufacturing, the rights of intellectual property and the sovereignty of nation states; there is zero doubt that participatory nations would see the mass proliferation of binding agreements initiated by China — which would seek to end economic hostility and provide a framework for equitable cooperation.

Though in the short term, there would be the potential for a slight decrease in growth by participatory nations. With the highest forecasts implying a possible 2 percent reduction in short-term net growth in the United States, the longterm effects of such an action would establish the potential for a previously unfathomable level of growth and initiate a new era global security as participatory nations would be introduced with the possibility to reinvent their sectors of high-level manufacturing along with the presentation of an environment of stable superiority in the development of technology and security in

The economy of China cannot sustain its continued liquidation of capital with a disregard to its national debt in an effort to secure its markets from the impact of retaliatory measures by states they have made victim for decades.

In this moment, we find ourselves on the cusp of the rare opportunity to allow for the determination of a more secure future for the forthcoming generations with a renewed promise of a stable dynamic in power as to allow for equitable growth in the economies of sovereign nations as is selected by their

My suggestion, at this moment, is to allow for Beijing to burn, if only for an instant, to better allow those who find grievance to seize upon this opportunity to negotiate and re-negotiate agreements in order to create an environment, which seeks the betterment of all involved parties.

> Will Hall is a journalism major from Atlanta.

CORRECTION

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PUMPKINS

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the pumpkins are approached and asked to leave without penalty, but if they take or smash the pumpkins without paying for them, they are going to be questioned and possibly charged.

"What if that was your house right there and you were setting up Halloween decorations, and every night, somebody either came and stole your decorations or smashed all of your stuff?" Sessums said. "You'd be kind of upset about that, and you'd want the police to do something about it."

Sessums said community members should think about the pumpkins' location. He mentioned that the patch is on church grounds, and there is a level of respect and dignity that should be shown to private property. The pumpkin patch sits on the church's corner of Jackson Avenue East and North Ninth Street.

Director of Parish Life for St. Peter's Episcopal Church Kara Howland said the benefits of the pumpkin





PHOTOS: CHRISTIAN JOHNSON
Visitors at St. Peter's pumpkin patch
bring their friends and pets to pick
out pumpkins each Fall. The patch on
the corner of Jackson Ave East. and
North Ninth Street attracts foot traffic
from people visiting the Square.

sale outweigh the number of arrests each year. She said St. Peter's believes the pumpkin patch brings the community together. She said it's a great example of community service with multiple student groups working to bring the people of Oxford and Ole Miss together.

Howland said Ole Miss students from all backgrounds and organizations gather on the St. Peter's lawn every year to help unload more than 2,000 pumpkins.

"We all come together in the community to make this happen," Howland said.

St. Peter's has hosted its pumpkin patch for 26 years, and sales from the patch raise funds for youth activities, including camps and programs.

"The more you grow to love this place — not just the university, but also Oxford — whether you even know what the Episcopal Church is, you recognize us as the 'pumpkin church' and (that's) what it represents in your heart. And, you will remember it all of your life," Howland said.

Easter said he learned a valuable lesson from his arrest.

When asked what he would tell those who are tempted to toss a pumpkin, Easter said, "Walk on the other side of the street. It's just not worth the trouble."

Students volunteer around the state for Community Day

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Ole Miss students volunteered in three Mississippi communities on Saturday during the inaugural UM Community Day. UM Community Day is a part of M Partner, which stemmed from Flagship Forward, an initiative by Ole Miss Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter.

"M Partner is building momentum towards a campus-wide effort to build healthy and vibrant communities," Vitter said.

The purpose of the event is to use students' academic talents and partner them with a community to improve the overall quality of life in that community. "This is our pilot year, and we are really seeking to cultivate a climate change for the UM campus," M Partner's Americorps volunteer Michaela Cooper said.

Student volunteers worked with community leaders in Charleston, Lexington and New Albany all day on Saturday. Some students assisted the Charleston Arts and Revitalization Effort in setting up booths for its fall arts and music festival, and others volunteered by spreading mulch and picking up litter on nature trails in New Albany.

"Don't think about the paper you have to write or the test you have on Monday," said Katrina Caldwell, vice chancellor for diversity and community engagement, to volunteers. "Because we are here to enI recognized that my personal story of success is just that: personal. The multigenerational effect of poverty is incredibly difficult to overcome - we need to craft policies to break the impact of the multigenerational effects of poverty."

Jarvis Benson
Senior International studies major

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Senior international studies
major, Jarvis Benson, recounted his summer in New Albany
working with children who
were affected by poverty.

"As I taught English at the local Boys & Girls Club, tied shoes and broke up fights, I was challenged to build sustainable systems to fight poverty. And though I was there, though I was a black boy like them, I felt different," Benson said. "I recognized that my personal story of success is just that: personal. The multi-generational effect of poverty is incredibly difficult to overcome – we need to craft policies to break the impact of the multi-generational effects of poverty."

Laura Martin, project director of M Partner, stressed that M Partner's partnership with the communities of Lexington, Charleston and New Albany focuses on just that.

"This is a point of entry to something larger," Martin said, "When we contribute to something greater to ourselves, we do more than we ever could on our own."

Volunteers for UM Community Day rode busses to their community of service at 8:30 a.m., worked until they were provided lunch on site, and then worked until they were bused home at 4:00 p.m. Registration for UM Community Day was full at 160 participants, and M Partner had to add students to a waitlist to be contacted if additional space became available.

Jessica Clark, a sophomore integrated marketing and communications major said she didn't have a "special reason" for getting involved.

"I just wanted to serve the community," Clark said. "I just wanted to help."

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Author, nonprofit founder speaks at Ford Center tonight

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The New York Times bestselling author of "Love Does" and "Everybody Always" will speak at 7 p.m. Monday at the Ford Center.

Bob Goff, an author and philanthropist, practiced law for 25 years until he found his real calling in life. He became the honorary consul to Uganda and gave up his law practice to pursue speaking and writing.

Goff is the founder of the nonprofit organization Love Does (formerly known as Restore International), which has fought for human rights and education for young students in Uganda, India, Nepal, Iraq and Somalia for more than 15 years. Love Does allows for donors to support a child by paying for its education and food.

Goff's message of inspiration and hope has affected people of all ages, including many Ole Miss students, such as junior

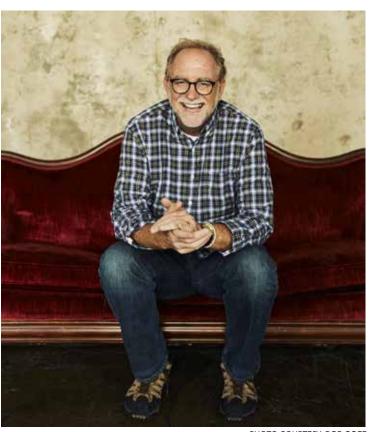


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nursing major Anna Catherine Bouthillier. Her favorite quote of Goff's is: "I used to think God guided us by opening and closing doors, but now I know sometimes God wants us to kick some doors down."

"I think (this quote) is a great reminder that not all obstacles are meant to redirect us but instead challenge us for (God's) purpose," Bouthillier said.

Freshman Grayson Hughes said Goff is known for quotes like these.

"He writes things that stick,"
Hughes said. "I remember quotes
that he writes or says, and they
are all over peoples lock screens
on phones or painted on canvases. He is straight to the point and
honest."

All proceeds from Goff's first book, "Love Does," go to its namesake organization in hopes that everyone who buys a book feels like they had a small part in changing the lives of children across the globe.

"I have read all of his books,

and I can't wait for many more to come out," freshman elementary education major Anne Daniel Embry said. "He is such an inspiration, and his books have made such an impact on my life in the way of thinking positively. I know many people feel that same way."

Along with donating the proceeds of "Love Does," Goff has also started the Love Does cycling tour through parts of California to raise money for Love Does and provide scholarships, textbooks, uniforms, facilities and medical care for students.

Goff now lives in California, but he and his wife travel all around speaking at conferences and sharing their story.

"My favorite thing about Bob Goff is his genuine nature," Embry said. "He laughs when he talks, and he cries when he talks. He is purely human. He doesn't try to be anyone he isn't, and he just speaks right from the heart. I don't think many people can come off as real as him."

Isom Center director to read from 'The Lesbian South'

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Jaime Harker, director of the Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies, will sign and present her latest book, "The Lesbian South: Southern Feminists, the Women in Print Movement, and the Queer Literary Canon," Monday night at 5 p.m. at Off Square Books. In the book, Harker explores an often unspoken and forgotten narrative in Southern letters.

"The Lesbian South" shows how Southern women contributed to the Women in Print movement through a "queer union of women's liberation, civil rights

activism, gay liberation and print culture," according to the publisher's description. Harker's writing shows how these women helped the movement grow and remain influential from the 1970s through the 1990s, all while birthing writers, readers, bookstore owners and publishers.

As an English and gender studies professor, Harker has written many books and essays on subjects ranging from William Faulkner to Oprah's Book Club. She said that, for the most part, the process of writing "The Lesbian South" was not much different than her previous efforts.

"I spent a lot of time tracking down publications and learning about the web of relationships between the writers I study," Harker said. "What is different about this book is that I look at a wide number of authors in a distinctively lesbian feminist reading and writing community, focusing on writers with an investment in and identification with the South."

In "The Lesbian South,"
Harker analyzes the works
of well-known authors such
as Dorothy Allison and Alice
Walker as well as many other
writers, editors and publishers.
Harker said the in-depth
research required for this book
was the most challenging part
of the project.

"Each chapter weaves in experiences and writing by a number of Southern authors," Harker said. "I worked very hard to make the relationships clear, even as I was juggling multiple narratives."

With this book, Harker said she would like for her readers to have a different understanding of the South and the queer Southerners that made their place here.

"I'd like (readers) to see that queer Southerners have been claiming their space here for a long time," Harker said. "The particular group of Southern writers I study were invested in reimagining the South as a place of radical politics, transgressive sexuality and inclusive space."

Though much of "The Lesbian South" is literary criticism, Harker said that she has included some of her own story in the book. This, she said, is a testament to the fact that the works by authors in the book are part of a continuing conversation in the South.

"I weave in some autobiographical narratives of my own experiences in the South because I wanted to make it clear that the lesbian South I am researching is an ongoing tradition," Harker said. "LGBTQ feminist Southerners continue to work to make the South a place that nurtures all of its citizens, and I would like my readers to leave with a more expansive sense of Southern tradition and identity."

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Review: 'Maniac' miniseries 'a stunning mind trip'

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What if there was a pill that could cure all of your problems?

Netflix's newest miniseries "Maniac" takes this concept and runs with it, leading viewers on a stunning mind trip featuring kidnapped lemurs, ghostly séances, a "Lord of the Rings"-style quest, Icelandic spies and Jonah Hill as a Mafioso gangster complete with gold chains and braided hair.

While "Maniac" sounds like a lot to process (and it definitely is - you may need to rewatch it a few times so you can catch everything you missed), beneath its visual and narrative splendor is a story that is deeply human.

Leads Emma Stone and Jonah Hill are two individuals with deeply troubling mental and emotional problems: Annie (Stone) is unable to cope with the death of her younger sister, while Owen (Hill) suffers from schizophrenia and the pressure of his wealthy family to commit perjury.

Both characters enroll in a pharmaceutical trial for a revolutionary set of drugs that helps individuals overcome personal issues by subjecting them to various dreams where they experience alternate lives. When Annie and Owen's minds become merged together in these dreams, they help each other overcome their respective issues.

"Maniac" is a masterpiece on a multitude of levels: from creator Patrick Somerville's bizarre story and uniquely creative concepts, to director Cary Joji Fukunaga's masterful directing, to Stone and Hill's exceptional performances that are simultaneously understated and genuinely emotional.

One of the show's two strongest aspects is the sheer amount of interesting ideas it brings to the table. It almost feels as if the 10-episode limit led creators to pack "Maniac" full of as many ideas and issues as possible: mental illness, walking advertisements, emotional computers, trauma, people paid to be your friends, sexual assault in the workplace, the effects of capitalism, koala rodots that play chess, alternate realities and the human experience of loneliness – just to name a

While this might make the series feel too scatterbrained, the creators handle it with enough heft that it still makes enough sense, and you don't feel too overloaded by the end.

While the show takes place in a version of the present day, the project has a wonderful 1980s aesthetic for fans of other Netflix hits "Stranger Things" and "GLOW." Stunning use of neon lighting, retro computers and a synthesized orchestral score make the world feel both familiar and foreign at the same time.



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Due to the show's recurring drug-trial dream sequences, Fukunaga is essentially handling a different TV genre each episode. The show is constantly bombarding you with a stream of wonder.

The drama's other strongest aspect is by far its two leads, Emma Stone and Jonah Hill. It's been 11 years since they worked together in "Superbad," and watching the show will make you think about how far they have come. They're no longer goofy teens in a Judd Apatow comedy; they've been nominated for Oscars, worked with some of the biggest names in Hollywood and now they're back together again for one quick burst of TV excellence. Their characters are depressed,

confused and end up finding the one thing they've needed: someone that cares about

In "Maniac," a lot of ideas are thrown at you, the plot

both briskly jumps from one

beat to the next while also

taking its time, and the ending comes sooner than you think, potentially leaving you with a feeling of wanting more.

But unlike a regular TV series, the ending is definitely an actual ending. The story feels complete, with just enough open-endedness for the characters, but a satisfying conclusion for the audience. But if "Maniac" leaves you confused or emotional by the end, that's okay too, because, in a sense, that feels like the whole point.







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Rebels leave Little Rock with much-needed SEC win

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The most bizarre losing streak is over. After Ole Miss has suffered through blowouts and blown leads against the Razorbacks, the roles reversed on Saturday. Even though he led the team to a game-winning drive against the Kentucky Wildcats a year ago, senior quarterback Jordan Ta'amu now has his defining moment as Ole Miss quarterback.

Arkansas controlled the majority of the game. Ole Miss settled for field goals, two of which were missed by Luke Logan, and allowed the Razorbacks to build a commanding 17-point lead in the first half. With 2:36 left on the clock in the first half, the Ole Miss offense needed an answer.

Ta'amu proceeded to lead the Rebels on a ten-play, 77-yard touchdown drive



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Wide receiver D.K. Metcalf fights off a Louisiana-Monroe defender during the homecoming game earlier this season. Ole Miss won the game 70-21.

that chewed up most of the

offense out of the shadow of its own goal post. In a season that has seen him targeted an absurdly low amount, Dawson Knox had the catch-andrun of his career. The walk-on tight end ran for 48 yards to get the Rebels near field goal range.

Facing a two-point deficit.

punter Reid Bauer hit a lessthan-stellar punt that took an

Arkansas-friendly bounce and

saw the ball die at Ole Miss' three-yard line. Ta'amu and Longo had to pull off the best

drive of their tenures at Ole

A.J. Brown got open for

a 20-yard gain to get the

Miss to win the game. And

they did.

Facing a two-point deficit, Matt Luke could have instructed Longo to be conservative and play for the game-winning field goal. However, Luke Logan's two misses earlier in the game had a clear influence on the play calling.

Ta'amu followed up Knox's big play with a 15-yard scramble, getting out of bounds in the process. The offense then set up at Arkansas' 14-yard line. Scottie Phillips had his number called a couple of times in a row, finding the end zone from five-yards away on the second carry.

Ole Miss led 37-33 with less than a minute remaining in a game in which they trailed by 17 just moments before halftime.

This is the win Matt Luke needed. This is the win the Ole Miss program needed. This is the win that the fanbase needed to see. Most importantly, this is a win Jordan Ta'amu can remember forever. His 528 yards through the air and on the ground are the second most in school history, trailing only Archie Manning. This highlight reel game is the perfect answer to last year's meeting in which Ole Miss blew a 31-7 home lead against Arkansas. For one night, Ta'amu's phenomenal showing silenced the demons that this matchup had created.

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remaining time in the half. With the exception of D.K. Metcalf, who left the game in the first quarter with what is being called a neck and shoulder injury, Ta'amu spread the wealth to all of the talented skill players. Braylon Sanders, A.J. Brown, Dawson Knox and DaMarkus Lodge all caught passes for first downs. Ta'amu used his legs to scramble for a first down to get the Rebels inside the 10-yard line. The senior quarterback would connect with Lodge in the corner of the end zone two plays later.

The defense did its part in the second half by limiting the Arkansas offense to just two field goals. Their play kept the offense in the game and Ta'amu kept the offense afloat. Offensive coordinator Phil Longo has been reluctant to call many designed runs for his quarterback through the first six games, in order to keep him healthy. Ta'amu had dealt with issues on both

shoulders after taking big hits against Alabama, so the offense was not running at full capacity. Ta'amu's legs were the M.V.P. for the Ole Miss offense.

Ta'amu rushed for 141 yards on 17 attempts, adding a score on the ground through a mix of designed quarterback draws and improvisation plays. Ta'amu's ability to avoid pressure often bought time for his receivers to get open. On one of his best scrambles of the game, Ta'amu avoided a would-be sack to find Octavious Cooley downfield. Cooley then made a Razorback miss a tackle and sprinted down the sideline to score a 66-yard touchdown. This was the day's biggest play, but definitely not its best drive. That came on the final drive for the Ole Miss offense.

Wesley McGriff's defense held Arkansas scoreless on its last three possessions. With just over two minutes remaining on the clock, Razorback

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Hugh Freeze takes coaching job in new pro league

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After the complicated exit of Hugh Freeze from the football world, he is finally back. The former hero of Oxford and Ole Miss has accepted an offer as the offensive coordinator of the Arizona Hotshots of the Alliance of American Football.

The AAF was formed on March 20, 2018, as a professional spring football league that intends to be "complementary" to the NFL rather than compete with the biggest giants in American sports. The league, which currently consists of 12 teams from around the country, is set to begin play in the spring of 2019.

The rosters in the AAF are composed former college football players who were either drafted late and then cut or were not drafted into

the NFL. Most rosters also contain several players who played in the NFL as journeymen or backups for multiple years before being released or not being resigned. One of the biggest names in the league is former Alabama star running back Trent Richardson, who will begin play in the spring with the Birmingham Iron.

Freeze will join a somewhat heavyweight coaching staff with the Hotshots. The team's general manager is Phil Savage, who has coached at Alabama and UCLA as well as serving as the general manager of the Cleveland Browns from 2005 to 2008. Freeze's head coach will be Rick Neuheisel, who has served as head coach for Colorado, Washington, and UCLA as well as offensive coordinator for the Baltimore Ravens.

Freeze's offensive roster with the Hotshots contains very few recognizable names.



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Former head coach Hugh Freeze surveys the field during the LSU game in 2017

Among his entire offense, there are only two players who were able to stay on an NFL roster past the preseason. Only wide receiver John Crockett III actually saw regular season snaps in the NFL.

Freeze does have a bit of a history of taking weak teams to great heights, but his recruiting will have to reach a new level to convince quality players to sign with a team in this brand new league.

Regardless of the prowess of his offense, this second chance for Freeze is a long time coming. There were rumors before the 2018 college football season of other SEC teams looking into Freeze's services, but nothing came to fruition.

With long-term television coverage of these AAF games unclear, it is unlikely that Freeze, or anyone else involved in this project, will get very much exposure. Whether or not he can make some sort of glorious championship campaign or major recruiting win for his Hotshots remains to be seen.

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The Ole Miss defense struggled, again, giving up 476 yards of offense to the Razorbacks, 299 of which came on the ground. The Rebels, however, allowed six points in the second half, and were assisted with injuries to starting quarterback Ty Storey and running backs Rakeem Boyd and Devwah Whaley. Defensive coordinator Wesley McGriff talked about the adjustments Ole Miss made during the break.

"I'm so proud of the guys for fighting," McGriff said. "I'm proud of the assistant coaches (for) doing a good job adjusting during the game. That's what you have to do in the SEC on the road – you have to make adjustments during the game in order to win the games and they did a tremendous job of that tonight."

Despite an early interception from Ta'amu and two missed field goals from Luke Logan, the Ole Miss offense was largely efficient with 613 total yards. Ta'amu led the Rebels in rushing yards with 141 and running back Scottie Phillips garnered 86. Add in Ta'amu's 387 passing yards, and the final stats look solid for the Rebel offense.

"Truthfully, we came out of halftime with some juice and excitement," offensive coordinator Phil Longo said. "As we started making plays it just started to build and by the time we got to the fourth quarter, I don't think there was a guy on our team that thought we weren't gonna make a run at winning the ball game."

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Quarterback Jordan Ta'amu slips past Arkansas defender Kamren Curl to score a touchdown in the first half of Saturday's game. Ole Miss won 37-33.

Saturday marked the Rebels' first SEC win of 2018 after blowout losses to Alabama and LSU to start their conference slate. Although the Razorbacks rank at the bottom of the SEC West at 1-6 (0-4), Matt Luke knows the significance of this win for his team, especially coming on the road.

"That was a big win, and they're all tough to get on the road," Luke said. "It doesn't matter who you're playing or what their record is. We just gotta go put everything into it and go find a way to get one more win. Just win one game at a time."

After picking up the win, the Rebels return home to host Auburn on Saturday. Kickoff is scheduled for 11 a.m.





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