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HOLLY SPRINGS NATIVE IS A 'RELIC' IN THE BEST SENSE OF THE WORD

Cedric Burnside's latest album, "Benton County Relic," obviously owes a lot to its artist's and genre's pasts. But what's more interesting is how he departs from that musical history. SEE PAGE 5



ONE-SIDED EGG BOWL ENDS REBEL SEASON WITH LOSS

Ole Miss capped off a five-game losing streak with a blowout loss to Mississippi State in the Egg Bowl on Thanksgiving night, bringing the 2018 season to a close.

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Mississippians to vote in competitive Senate race

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Mississippi voters will either elect the state's first female U.S. Senator or the state's first black U.S. Senator since Reconstruction in one of Mississippi's most historic elections tomorrow.

The runoff election between Cindy Hyde-Smith and Mike Espy has become so competitive that President Donald Trump is hosting two rallies to campaign for Hyde-Smith in Biloxi and Tupelo on Monday, and U.S. Sens. Cory Booker and Kamala Harris have campaigned for Espy.

Trump tweeted his support of Hyde-Smith on Sunday asking Mississippians to vote for her.

"Mississippi, Vote for @cindyhydesmith on Tuesday. Respected by all. We need her in Washington!. Thanks!" Trump tweeted.

At a campaign event on Nov. 19, Booker said "our country hangs in the balance" and "the fulcrum point is this election in Mississippi."

"I hurt when I see there is so much common ground, but we don't find it enough," Booker said. "Mike (Espy) is a guy who has shown his ability to bring



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Former Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy, left, challenges an answer from U.S. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith during their televised Mississippi U.S. Senate debate in Jackson prior to their runoff election.

Americans together in his past jobs and he has represented this state before in Congress. He brought a lot of great benefits to this state."

Both candidates have faced controversies throughout the course of their campaigns that have drawn national attention.

Cindy Hyde-Smith, the incumbent U.S. Senator, came under fire when a video of her speaking to voters in Tupelo surfaced and showed her saying that if a supporter invited her to a "public hanging" she would "be on the front row."

After the video, the University of Mississippi Black Student Union called Hyde-Smith's remarks racist and called for her immediate resignation.

At the Senate debate last Tuesday, Hyde-Smith offered an apology for her remarks but said her words had been twisted.

"For anyone that was offended by my comments, I certainly apologize," Hyde-Smith said. "There was no ill will, no intent whatsoever in my statements. In nearly 20 years of service... I have worked with all Mississippians. It didn't matter their skin color type, their age or their income."

After the debate, Roger Wicker, Mississippi senior U.S. Senator, spoke on behalf of Hyde-Smith and said he disagreed with the Black Student Union's statement.

"When I was a student, I said a lot of things that probably were unrealistic also," Wicker said. "I thought Sen. Hyde-Smith addressed the issue adequately tonight. I think also the people of Mississippi have a

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Underground Church aims for 'complete equality'

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The songs that echoed through the Old Armory Pavilion on a chilly fall night did not resemble those of a church service. The singer and electric guitar player embellished and riffed as if a gospel congregation were in a church, although John Lennon's "Imagine" is a song rarely sung under an altar call.

Then again, the Underground Church is no ordinary church. It hosted a night of protest songs, where musicians played anthems of hope and rebellion against the status quo and for a more idyllic future. The Oxford organization started in August and meets monthly to practice an alternative form of Christianity.

Tony Caldwell, the founder of the church, has worked in the mental health industry for 18 years. His counseling mindset carries through to the church, hoping to provide an open, safe place. While continuing his private practice and starting the church, Caldwell is also working toward a Masters of Divinity from Vanderbilt University.

"It's sort of a rising up of a new expression of what Christianity could be," he said of the church. "In my mind, it looks and feels like what the original church was. The focus of concern is communal, not personal."

The community Caldwell envisions is larger than those who come to the church's events; he sees everyone as "a child of God." The outgrowth of this belief is an emphasis on justice, politics and acceptance over dogma.

"Imagine there's no countries, no borders!" the singer exclaims at the night of

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Tony Caldwell Founder of the Underground Church

worship.

The singer is not the only one to make disapproving nods to the policies associated with the religious right, such as family separation or refusing refugees. Later in the evening, Laurin Stennis spoke about designing a new state flag, declaring the need for "a new logo" that represents all Mississippians.

At the night of protest songs, about 25 people gathered their folding chairs around musicians who took turns playing songs of different eras and outlooks. Down

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The life and death of the late Shawn O'Hara



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Shawn O'Hara ran in every Hattiesburg election since 1989. He ran for Mississippi's 3rd congressional district religiously, for Governor of Mississippi twice in the 90s and and in 2011 and 2015 and for U.S. Senate in a 2002 challenge to the then U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran in which he received his highest electoral margin, 15.42 percent of the vote, as a lone challenger. Anyone that knew O'Hara knew one thing: he was going to be on your ballot whether you liked it or not.

Last Tuesday, O'Hara was found dead in his home in Hattiesburg, leaving behind a legacy as one of the most colorful figures in state politics. He was 60 years old.

O'Hara's platform was never simple and often contradictory. He ran as a Democrat, Republican, Independent and a Reform candidate throughout his quest for elected office.

While O'Hara often didn't have campaign money to spend, he would produce handwritten campaign brochures promising the legalization of marijuana, both higher and lower taxes on gasoline, the reinstatement of Colonel Reb as the university's mascot, armed security

in public schools and even state-sponsored snow cone stands to generate revenue for public works projects. Even the great author John Grisham couldn't write a character as eccentric as O'Hara, but on second thought, I'm not convinced anyone could.

O'Hara always stayed true to what he was — a perennial candidate longing for the spotlight he felt he deserved, a spotlight he would be granted as he was viciously mocked in the political arena, criticisms which were often well deserved As a Reform party candidate in 2004, O'Hara received a smattering of headlines regarding his public statements advocating for the execution of physicians who provide abortions and his support for the convicted murderer and former grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, Samuel Bowers, Just a year prior, O'Hara debuted his production "Rebel Lady" at the 2003 Reform Party convention, a romantic comedy which he claimed to be a culmination of three previously self-published books. Featuring a diverse cast, O'Hara characterized the film as a gesture to demonstrate that Mississippi had achieved racial harmony. The film was said to have received mixed reviews.

O'Hara didn't get to vote for himself in the 2018 midterm election in which he was challenging incumbent U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker as a Reform candidate - he was already dead - but it would take three weeks for anybody to notice.

It was often unclear why O'Hara was running. Maybe he just wanted people to care. If so, perhaps the greatest tragedy of O'Hara's life was not his electoral failures, but rather his ultimate demise — a man who devoted his life to seeking notoriety dying alone and forgotten in Hattiesburg.

It's rare we try to understand

one another these days. We seek easy answers to confirm our beliefs about people, often missing a chance to connect with someone we don't see as our equal, waiting until it's too late to analyze the impact they had on our lives. In O'Hara's passing, journalists who long made a portion of their living mocking O'Hara's dream cried in the loss of the man who was the topic of so many of their cruel jokes. I find it hard to believe that many of these people will truly miss the late father of one. Rather, it is more likely they will miss invoking his name in jest.

I never knew or voted for O'Hara, but maybe the legacy he leaves behind for our state isn't in his politics, but rather in our reflection following his passing. Everybody needs somebody whether you're Shawn O'Hara or just another face in the crowd. We should all try and be the person that's there for those in our lives and appreciate each other while we're here, even if that means state-sponsored snow cones.

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strong sense of fair play, and they know what the statement wasn't."

Wicker declined to comment about what he considers a "public hanging" to mean.

Mike Espy, former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, has been scrutinized for accepting payments from an Ivory Coast dictator currently on trial for crimes against humanity, as part of a lobbying contract.

Espy said he initially worked with Laurent Gbagbo to help cocoa farmers receive better wages on the Ivory Coast, and Espy didn't know how bad the president actually was.

"They asked me to work with this particular president," Espy said. "So, I took that contract. The thing about it is, I found out how bad the (dictator) was. I really did. So, I wrote him, I resigned, I terminated that contract. There was a contract extension that had already been agreed to."

Espy said he would not return the money he earned from his lobbying work because he earned that money "seven years ago" and he had to pay hired subcontractors. Espy said his lobbying work got to the point

where he had an extension on the contract and the man who he was asked to work for "was just a bad guy."

Espy and Hyde-Smith advanced to the runoff after defeating Republican state Sen. Chris McDaniel and Toby Bartee, a former military intelligence officer who identified as a Democrat.

Hyde-Smith was appointed to her current position after former U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran resigned from office in March amid health concerns. Polls will be open tomorrow from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. across the state. Registered voters can visit the Mississippi Secretary of State's website to find their local polling place.

For coverage of tomorrow's election, follow The Daily Mississippian's social media outlets and thedmonline.com.

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from the 60 or so attendees Caldwell has come to expect at the monthly gatherings at The Edison on Sunday nights, Caldwell has no outward signs of disappointment.

"I never felt led to create another church," he said. "I think, by design, we are doing everything backwards, doing everything wrong. Every church planning would say that we're doing everything wrong. I basically just wanted to approach this as creativity and not have expectations."

The Ole Miss Law Center helped with the paperwork to found the organization. A representative said that was the first time the center assisted an organization determined to keep a balance of zero dollars.

Caldwell said he does not want to have to bend to anyone



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because of monetary concerns.

"I don't want to lose anyone, but I have to be authentic. That is just difficult," he said.

To him, the Underground Church is an invention of necessity. Caldwell and his family, a wife and son, could not find a religious community that they did not have to hide in some way to be accepted; they were never comfortable enough to invite others to join them, he said.

"I know there are other people out there who are sort of spiritually passing and doing what they have to do to fit in and not lose community," he said. "If they had a place to be, they might want to come be a part of what we're doing."

Hannah Gambrell is a member of the church and said this church community came at a perfect time after she was rejected from her past Christian community.

"They are creating a space for all and letting it known fearlessly and boldly," Gambrell said. "I've been so touched by this church only in the few short months I've been a part of it."

Caldwell said people want to see a new kind of Christianity. He said he believes that progressive denominations in the area choose to advertise their beliefs as "affirming" or "inclusive" to separate themselves from the racial, sexual orientation or income barriers in traditional Christianity that he said "feel like a caste system." He said these terms are only trying to progress from a regressive place; he wants to start something "completely divested" from the original barriers.

"This is a place of complete equality," he said. "It's important to me to be multicultural and multiracial from the get-go."

In some ways, the Underground Church is set apart from others in Oxford. The setting is unlike others, in a workspace with couches and rolling office chairs. Caldwell himself, far from a slick salesman of a new ideology, preaches without loud calls to believe definitive theologies.

In many ways, though, the Underground Church is a place created out of the dirtiest parts of a dying form of Christianity.

Caldwell said conservative Christians of the past and present have much to do with deep segregation, innergenerational poverty, sweeping anti-gay bills and other areas of concern he sees within America today. He said the Bible belt is the execution belt, is the mass incarceration belt — they're all the same.

"The deeper spiritual reason for doing what we're doing is to be the opposite of that," he said. "We've got to start somewhere."

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Group allows Oxonians to 'succeed with hearing loss'

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The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and the University Speech and Hearing Clinic have come together to host hearing loss support group sessions. Initiated by department chair Vishakha Rawool, the "Succeed with Hearing Loss" support group sessions include six graduate students leading a group of five participants from the Oxford community.

The graduate students discuss different topics in the sessions, from communication strategies to what to do in an emergency situation. They also discuss different options for alarms and assisted listening devices, such as hearing aids. Any participant can get a hearing aid fitted during a session.

Group participant Brenda Weeks said she was amazed at the technology accessible to help with her hearing loss. When using some of the technology at a meeting, Weeks said she felt like she could hear for the first time.

"I could hear. Everything was awesome. I could hear



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Rebecca Lowe, Co-Director of Speech and
Hearing Clinic

plainly what (one of the graduate students) was saying," Weeks said.

Weeks said that her favorite part of the group has been how honest and open it is. She said she feels that she is not alone when she attends.

"I am a firm believer in education, and I have learned so much about hearing loss," Weeks said. "That has been



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Vishakha Rawool, Chair of Department of
Communication Sciences and Disorders

the 'ah-ha' moment."

While this semester's participants are all older than 50 years old, the group takes participants from any age level. The group meets every other Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the J.D. Williams Library.

Participants are encouraged to bring partners, family members and their children to be a part of the sessions. Caroline Kidder, a communication sciences and disorders graduate student, said the sessions resonate with her on a personal level.

"My father has hearing loss, and I helped him through the process of getting a hearing aid and adjusting to using it," Kidder said. "Since then, I have been interested in helping other people with hearing loss as well as the people that communicate with people with hearing loss. I can relate with what they are going through."

Rebecca Lowe, co-director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic, said there are many ways for an individual with hearing loss to deal with a difficult situation.

"The strategies may be (helpful) when you go to a noisy restaurant, and you realize you are not going to be able to hear your family talking at the table. Advocate for yourself," Lowe said. "Ask for the table in the corner and then position yourself so that the walls are behind you and you don't have a lot of background noise behind you."

The graduate students also encourage participants to ask

people to speak more slowly, to watch the person's face when they speak and to have a cue to remind the individual to speak up.

"(The participants) come back each week and talk about how they implemented that communication strategy and what they did well that week and what difficult listening situations they had,' Lowe said.

The program also teaches that emotions also play into hearing loss — hearing loss can be linked to frustration and depression due to the feelings of social isolation it can cause. Lowe said the support group helps participants realize that they are not alone.

"This one man was talking about how, after he has a group meeting at work, he is just so exhausted because he is trying to listen so intently to every person talking," Lowe said. "And then another participant spoke up and said, 'I thought I was the only one who was tired, and I don't even want to be around people on the weekend because it is just so tiring. I didn't know that this was normal."

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Holly Springs native improves on hill country blues' past

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Called "Benton County Relic" and featuring a tintype portrait of the artist as its cover, Cedric Burnside's latest album owes a lot to the past.

Burnside, who still lives outside of Holly Springs, was born in the thick of the blues. He's the son of drummer Calvin Jackson and also the grandson of R.L. Burnside, a guitarist and singer whose name is practically synonymous with the North Mississippi hill country subgenre of the blues.

Some of the lyrics on September's "Benton County Relic" give a glimpse into Burnside's childhood, such as these ones on "Ain't Gonna Take No Mess."

"My school was a juke joint / from a kid 'til I was grown / and blues is really / all I've ever known."

On "We Made It," Burnside sings about how his family didn't have much money growing up, even detailing how they would have to walk every day to get water for the house since they didn't have a bathtub. But, as the title suggests, he and his family "made it" and got out of that intense poverty.

Like the music of the Hill Country artists like R.L. Burnside and Junior Kimbrough before him,

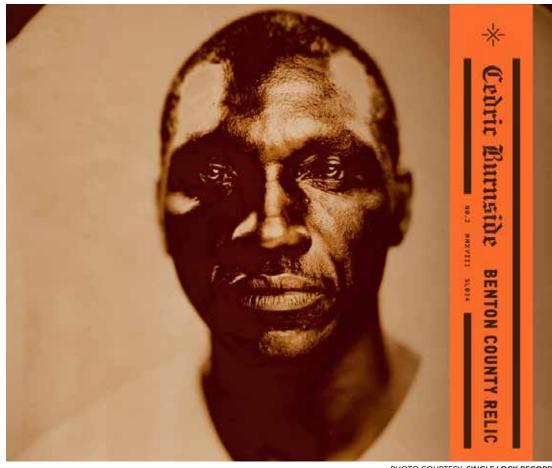


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Burnside's music shines with the same hypnotic and rollicking instrumentals. Burnside's steady, hardhitting drumming combined with droning guitar riffs mimic the time-disintegrating quality of hill country live performances, where songs are often extended to over 10 minutes but still captivate the audience.

Though none of these songs go much longer than five

minutes (besides the album's weakest song, "Hard to Stay Cool"), it's still easy to lose sense of time in the middle of "Benton County Relic."

But despite its historic title, cover and influences, "Benton County Relic" is an album that also looks to the future sonically, lyrically and thematically. Burnside forges a new sound in the blues genre, a project continued from his 2015 Grammy-nominated

album "Descendants of Hill Country."

Like that previous album, "Benton County Relic" is crisply produced, unlike the gritty albums of Kimbrough and R.L. Burnside. Songs like "We Made It" and especially the rocking finale "Ain't Gonna Take No Mess" bear just as much of an influence from rock 'n' roll as blues had on rock in its early days.

Bluesmen have almost

always dealt with their relationships with women in their music. But unlike the antiquated, at-timesexploitative views of women that older bluesmen - even Burnside's forebears espoused, Burnside moves to a more nuanced views.

While he retains the sexy physicality that marks much blues music on such songs as "Give It to You" ("The way you shake your body / look good to me / I wanna give you / what you want and need"), songs like "Don't Leave me Girl," where he sings about waiting until after work to hear his partner's stories, reflect this different viewpoint.

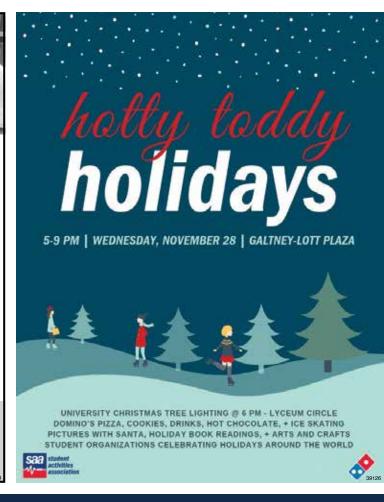
At times, this album, so infused with the past, zooms into the future.

"I think the blues / kept me alive / and I'm gon' play / until the day I die," Burnside sings on "Get Your Groove On," suggesting the blues have a long way to go until they are "dead."

Outside of its religious contexts, the word "relic" has two conflicting meanings. It is a remnant of the past, which can be either admired for its historical significance or seen as outdated, unnecessary. But the "Benton County Relic," whether the album or Burnside himself, is definitely the latter - a gem left from a past era that still wields influence over the present.







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Disappointing year comes to an end for Rebel volleyball

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Ole Miss volleyball played its final match of the season on Saturday, falling to No. 22 Tennessee 1-3 (13-25, 13-25, 25-21, 23-25) in Knoxville.

The Volunteers dominated the first two sets, allowing just 13 points in each. The Rebels came out of the gates slowly and sloppily, allowing early runs and committing numerous attack errors. Senior Caitlin Wernentin had two kills in the first set, and after a slow start in the first set in which she committed five errors, junior outside hitter Emily Stroup heated up in the second set, registering four kills and an

Ole Miss responded well with their backs against the wall in the third set, battling well with an elite SEC opponent. After Tennessee fought their way back into the match at 18-18, the



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Caitlin Wernentin spikes the ball past two Tennessee Volunteers defenders earlier this season. Ole Miss lost Saturday's match 1-3.

Rebels outscored the Volunteers 7-3 to end the set, winning 25-21. There were three lead changes and 11 ties in the set, paving the way for a grueling fourth set.

Stroup recorded three more kills in the third set, also scoring

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and two blocks.

The fourth set was the most competitive of the match, which saw long runs by both teams. After the Rebels tied the match at six, Tennessee went on a 4-0 run to take a 10-6 advantage and looked to stifle the Rebels early.

However, Ole Miss responded with a 6-1 run of their own, retaking the lead at 12-11. The match was back-and-forth from that point on, and neither team could muster a lead of more than

After falling behind 21-23, the Rebels tied the game back up with kills from Stroup and junior middle blocker Nayo Warnell, forcing a Tennessee timeout. However, ready to pounce on their opportunity and force a decisive fifth set, the Rebels crumbled, committing a service error that gave the Vols the edge they needed to close out the set and the match.

Sultemeier finished the day with six kills, four blocks and three digs to cap off an impressive freshman campaign. Bars ended with three kills, 30 assists, six digs and three blocks in a strong all-around performance. Wernentin finished with nine kills, two digs and a block in her final match as an Ole Miss Rebel. Senior libero Caroline Adams had a subpar finish to her superb Ole Miss career, ending with just seven digs on Saturday.

The silver lining all season, Stroup finished the match with 11 kills, six digs, one assist and two service aces. After shattering school records all season, the junior from Fargo, North Dakota, ended her spectacular season second in the country in kills (584) and points (640), third in attacks (1518) and top-10 in both kills per set and points per set. She broke the Ole Miss program record for kills in a season, a record she set just a year ago as a sophomore.

The Rebels end the season with a 14-18 record, 4-14 in conference play. After a red-hot start to the season, the Rebels faltered before entering SEC play and never managed to regain their footing. They will look to improve next season with a more experienced team, hoping to make the first NCAA Tournament appearance in school history.

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Wesley McGriff out as Ole Miss' defensive coordinator

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Wesley McGriff will not return to the Ole Miss sideline next season, head football coach Matt Luke announced on Friday. The decision to let the two-year defensive coordinator go comes after a 35-3 loss to instate rival Mississippi State on Thanksgiving night, a game in which the Bulldogs dominated at the line of scrimmage. The visiting Bulldogs racked up 309 rushing yards and four touchdowns on the ground compared to the Rebels' 37 rushing yards without a touchdown.

McGriff has served as the Rebels' defensive coordinator for the past two seasons, his second stint in Oxford after being a part of the Ole Miss coaching staff in 2012 as the co-defensive coordinator and cornerbacks coach. He spent the 2011 season as Vanderbilt's secondary coach and recruiting coordinator.

"I want to thank Wesley (McGriff) for his hard work and dedication to Ole Miss," Luke said in a press release. "Despite the challenges his unit faced this season, we can be better on that side of the ball, and I determined new leadership is



FILE PHOTO: MARLEE CRAWFORD

Wesley McGriff will not be returning as the Rebels' defensive coordinator next year, in a decision announced after Ole Miss' loss to Mississippi State. Ole Miss finished the season 5-7.

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McGriff's Rebel defense ranked No. 122 nationally (out of 130 teams) in total defense

an average of 483 yards per game to opponents, which was good for last in the SEC. For

comparison, Vanderbilt, the second-worst defense in the SEC, ranked No. 89 in total defense.

As for the scoreboard, Ole Miss' opponents averaged 36.2 points per game in 2018, which ranks No. 115 in the country and worst in the SEC. McGriff's unit stopped opponents in the red zone just 11 times, allowing 52 scores on 63 total attempts throughout the year.

A graduate of Savannah State, McGriff spent the first five years of his coaching career at his alma mater, beginning in

Prior to McGriff rejoining the Rebel coaching staff in 2017, he spent three seasons in the NFL as the New Orleans Saints' secondary coach before taking a job at Auburn to be the co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach for one season. McGriff's coaching career also includes stops at Vanderbilt, Kentucky, Miami and Baylor.

McGriff's departure comes on the heels of a 5-7 season and a five-game losing streak that saw the Rebels allow 30+ points in all five contests. During the two years under McGriff's watch, Ole Miss has held its opponent to less than 20 points just once, and under 30 only eight times in 24 games, resulting in a 11-13 record during McGriff's time as defensive coordinator.

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Rebel season concludes with blowout loss in Egg Bowl

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An arduous season came to a close for Ole Miss on Thanksgiving night as the Rebels lost the Golden Egg trophy to Mississippi State after a 35-3 final score.

Thursday's loss marked an end to the collegiate careers of many Rebels including seniors Jordan Ta'amu, DaMarkus Lodge and Ken Webster.

"I am really disappointed for the seniors," head coach Matt Luke said. "They've been through a lot and I hate for them to go out this way. Several guys came back that had opportunities to leave and they didn't. I am just really, really grateful for those guys."

Ta'amu was injured during the first half when he dislocated his pinky finger on his throwing hand on a fumble. Although he played the majority of the first half after his injury, Ta'amu was relieved early in the second half by freshman Matt Corral after a third quarter interception.

Matt Luke was pleased with Corral's performance against an elite SEC West defense.

"(Corral) didn't look intimidated or scared," Luke said. "He was going around and making plays. He is going to be the quarterback of the future and



PHOTO: CHRISTIAN JOHNSON

Zedrick Woods jumps over two players attempting to recover a fumble during the Egg Bowl against Mississippi State last week. Ole Miss lost the game 35-3.

we are really excited about him."

Offensive coordinator Phil Longo said he's looking forward to showcasing Corral's competitive nature.

"(Corral) is an incredible talent, and he does know the offense, and I think as soon as those two things gel, he's going to do a lot of special things here," Longo said.

Although the Bulldogs held a comfortable lead for most of the night, tensions flared after A.J. Brown seemingly scored at the end of the third quarter. Benches cleared, and all players on both teams received an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

Willie Gay Jr., Cameron
Dantzler and Jamal Peters
(who pulled off the helmet of
quarterback Matt Corral in
the scuffle) were ejected for
Mississippi State, and C.J. Moore
was tossed from the Ole Miss
sideline. The touchdown was
reversed after replay showed that
time had expired on the game
clock before the snap.

Junior tight end Dawson Knox

said the Rebels have to play smarter when tensions are as high as they were on Thanksgiving.

"Emotions just got the best of our guys," Knox said. "We've got to be smarter than that. Obviously, this is a rivalry game and everyone is pretty hyped up going into it. We just have to be smarter."

After another SEC game that saw the Ole Miss offense sputter, Longo said a combination of recruiting and corrections in coaching and scheme can help the unit move forward.

"Now that the season's over, you go back and look at all the things you did well, and you want to build on those, and you look at the things where you were deficient, and you've got to be honest with yourself about why," Longo said.

Although the Ole Miss defense forced numerous three-and-outs on Thursday, the Bulldog offense still gashed the unit for 420 total yards, 309 of which came on the ground. Defensive coordinator Wesley McGriff, who was relieved of his duties on Friday, was proud of the effort of his players, but claims that the key moments in the game came in the Rebels' inability to stop the Bulldogs in the red zone.

"We've got to make plays on defense when we have the opportunity to make plays," McGriff said. "I was certain that we were going to stop them in the red zone, (but Miss. State) just made plays when they had to."

After the Rebels finished the season at 5-7 and 1-7 in SEC play, many fans are calling for changes to be made on the coaching staff. Although McGriff's fate has already been sealed as of Friday morning, the futures of many other names on the staff remain up in the air as the Rebels head into the offseason.

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