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## ASB ELECTION NIGHT FIASCO

Vice presidential candidate denied due process in "erroneous" decision by AG's office, secondary runoff set for Tuesday



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Above: Vice presidential candidate Charlotte Shackelford is shocked as she hears that the election for VP is still undecided. The runoff election will take place Tuesday.

Left: Acting ASB Attorney General Anya Czerwinski and Interim Deputy Attorney General of Elections Bennett Wilfong announce a secondary runoff in the ASB vice presidential election after completing an appeals hearing in the Lyceum on Thursday night. In that hearing, the Judicial Council reversed VP candidate Sarah Doty's disqualification.

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The vice presidential election between Sarah Doty and Charlotte Shackelford will head to a second runoff following a night of confusion and emotion on the Lyceum steps.

Doty said that at noon on the day of the runoff election, five hours after polls opened, the ASB Attorney General's Office

informed her that she was disqualified from Thursday's runoff. That decision has since been reversed through an appeals process. According to Doty, her disqualification was a result of issues regarding campaign expenses. The Attorney General's office has not commented on the details of Doty's initial disqualification or appeals process.

After polls closed on Thursday night, the Associated Student

Body Judicial Council held an appeals hearing in response to Doty's disqualification. The Judicial Council unanimously ruled the ASB Attorney General's Office made an "erroneous" decision to disqualify the candidate without due process on the day of the runoff election.

"The council came to this decision primarily because it

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### What we know about Thursday's hearing

- The Attorney General's office disqualified vice presidential candidate Sarah Doty on the day of the VP runoff election.
- The Judicial Council unanimously voted on Thursday night to reject this decision because Doty was not given due process by the Attorney General's office.
- Because the Judicial Council determined that Doty was also not given equal campaigning opportunity yesterday during the hearing process, the Council asked the Attorney General's office to rehold the runoff between Shackelford and Sarah Doty.

## Mayfield becomes next ASB President

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Barron Mayfield was elected Associated Student Body President after defeating Leah Davis in a runoff election on Thursday night.

His win was overshadowed by the vice presidential runoff results being withheld because of a lack of "equal opportunity" for one candidate to campaign according to a statement made by ASB Judicial Chair Alex Crouch. The secondary vice presidential runoff election will take place on Tuesday, April 9.

Mayfield, a junior public policy leadership major from Lubbock, Texas, won with 53.48% of the vote.

"I feel great, I feel awesome. Very energized, very jazzed up," he said.

Mayfield said the first thing he wanted to do was sleep but added that he was ready to move forward on his campaign promises.

"So we're going to go back and start planning now, hit the ground running this next week," he said. "There's a lot to do; there's only about a month left of school and we're going to get to work real quick."

During his campaign, Mayfield focused on prioritizing students on campus, especially in ASB's work. He was vocal about his support for the ASB Senate resolution to relocate the Confederate monument from the Circle



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Barron Mayfield defeated Leah Davis in the runoff election for Associated Student Body president with 53.48% of the vote.

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**COLUMN**

# Spring is here, but seasons still affect us



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It's a welcome relief to be in Oxford for the change in seasons and not just for blossoming flowers and trees. Spring in Madison is like winter in Wisconsin with pollen replacing snow — even without allergies, it's bad. Spring is a season of looking forward. Whether that's toward classes next semester, the house I'm going to live in or the wave of heat

that will be this summer — and the planet in the coming decades — my mind tends to drift forward. That's not to say it's not also focused on the present. The florae have been waiting for a while to show us their stuff; it'd be rude not to watch. The anxious thoughts of winter become much more productive.

For those of us disposed toward sunlight, the winter months can be long ones. As much as staying up late at night sounds ideal, the 8:30 p.m. sunsets of summer are preferable compared to those same hours in winter.

Seasonal Affective Disorder may not hit us in Mississippi as bad as those towns in the Arctic, where the sun neglects to visit for months at a time; regardless, the lack of sunlight really can take its toll on people's emotional state.

So, with the sun back in fuller swing and the plants and the birds and the bees joining in God's orchestra, is everything and everyone all right? No. But, that's fine. The worries of winter are largely determined by what classes I'm taking or whatever has been cooked up by the causes and circumstances that are the chefs to the stew that is my life. This is true for all situations we find ourselves in. There's not some astrological predetermination to our lives. Spring may be pretty, but life still has its struggles regardless of how much pollen is or isn't in the air or whether or not the grass got greener in the Grove over break.

I hope the biggest news the rest of the semester is the ASB election or maybe even the opening of the new section of the Student

Union: It would be a welcome change to the Confederate sympathizers of our pre-spring semester.

But those ideas don't belong to the winter. Spring may be a bit of a biological rebirth so to speak, but winter still marks the beginning of the calendar year. Seasons can affect us, but we're still people. Our lives continue, or don't, not because of changes in Earth's position around the sun, but because of where we were when we started our journeys around it; because of who we share them with; because of what we choose to make the goal of our miniature expeditions. But, hey, spring has sprung. Have a good journey.

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**VP ELECTION**  
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determined due process was not properly afforded to the candidate," ASB Judicial Chair Alex Crouch said on behalf of the Judicial Council in a statement to The Daily Mississippian. "The candidate was originally disqualified without being provided an opportunity to present a defense."

Because the hearing and appeals process occurred on election day, the ASB Judicial Council determined that the candidate in question "was not afforded an equal opportunity to campaign" on the day of the runoff election.

"When the judicial council reviewed the decision, they ruled that the disqualification was clearly erroneous," Doty said.

Crouch did not confirm when or why Doty was disqualified but said the council convened for an appeals hearing at 7:15 p.m. on election night. Questions



PHOTO: KATHERINE BUTLER

Sarah Doty will face Charlotte Shackelford in a runoff election on Tuesday for the office of ASB Vice President.

still remain as to why Doty was disqualified from the race.

The rescheduled runoff will take place on Tuesday, April 9.

Bennett Wilfong, Interim Deputy Attorney General of Elections, said the judicial council would release a statement on Friday about next week's "secondary" election.

Wilfong and other members of the justice department declined to answer questions related to the election.

JC Pride, the chairman of the ASB elections commission,

declined to comment on the election results or the Judicial Council hearing and referred all questions to Interim Attorney General Anya Czerwinski. Czerwinski also declined to comment.

Incoming judicial chair Liza Boyer said she has no access to the information regarding Thursday's judicial hearing.

"I'm just as in the dark as anyone else," Boyer said. "The only person who would be able to speak about the hearings is the current judicial chair Alex Crouch."

5,300 students turned out to vote on April 4, in what Czerwinski described as the second highest turnout for a runoff election in the university's history. The Attorney General's office did not release specifics regarding the results of the vice presidential runoff held on Thursday.

5,514 students voted in the initial election on April 2. Doty received 28.12% of the vote, and Shackelford received 30.48%.

**MAYFIELD**  
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to the Confederate cemetery before it passed. At the presidential debate, he said that mental health should be a major concern on campus.

5,300 students turned out to vote today, in what interim attorney general Anya Czerwinski described as the second highest turnout for a runoff election in the university's history.

Mayfield said he was surprised about the undecided vice presidential race.

"I have no idea what happened, so I don't know," he said, immediately following the announcement of the election results. "I don't know why they're going into a second runoff. I'm interested to find out; we'll do it all over again Tuesday."

Mayfield and other newly elected ASB officials will inaugurate on April 26.

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# Active Minds combats stigma with Mental Health Week

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This week, campus mental health awareness organization Active Minds hosted its third annual Mental Health Week, which included members handing out flowers, pamphlets and snacks to students on Business Row to educate the campus on the importance of mental health. “Active Minds believes that we need to have conversations about mental health to break the stigma surrounding mental illness,” Active Minds marketing director Josh Martin said. “We don’t want anyone to feel alone or like they are the only one going through problems, so we try to host events that encourage conversations.” Martin said the conversations the organization gets to have with students are effective and give Ole Miss students a chance to talk about a subject that can often be

uncomfortable. On Wednesday in the Union Ballroom, Active Minds displayed the Humans of Ole Miss, a photography project with 89 individual stories about mental health and the stigmas surrounding it. These stories ranged in topic from friends or family members lost to suicide, personal battles with anxiety and lessons learned about self-love. “Humans of Ole Miss is an idea we came up with because we wanted students to understand that they are not alone in their struggles,” Active Minds director Jessica Tran said. “Humans of Ole Miss is 89 examples of incredible people who provide light on campus and throughout the community despite whatever they may be going through, and that is such a powerful message.” Active Minds also set up a table in the Circle to hand out free flowers to students. Tied to each



PHOTO: KATHERINE BUTLER

The UM chapter of Active Minds honored Mental Health Week by hosting several events on campus this week, including yoga in the Grove on Wednesday.

flower was a card which on one side read, “Own your story & pass it on.” On the other side of the card, under the heading “It’s okay to ask for help,” was the contact information for the University Counseling Center, RightTrack Medical Group and the Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Below, in small text, the card said, “When you’re in a dark place sometimes you think you’ve been buried. Perhaps you’ve been planted. Bloom.” Sophomore liberal arts major Miller Carlton said it brightened her day when she was handed a flower on her way to class.

“I had a really hard Spanish composition before, and reading that sentence reminded me to take a breath and focus on the happy things that surround me,” Carlton said. The organization also hosted Yoga in the Grove where students used yoga to see how others de-stress and practice self-care. Active Minds has hosted the event each year since they’ve been a registered student organization on campus. Also this week, the senior class officers announced that the 2019 Senior Class Gift would be direct donations to the University Counseling Center. Senior Class

President Zach DiGregorio, Vice President Mikhail Love and Treasurer-Secretary Catrina Curtis are asking the senior class to pledge 250 individual donations to the counseling center to better help the center serve the student body’s needs. “As seniors, we know that the college experience is not all about game days, parties and fun with friends,” the senior officers’ announcement reads. “Everyone needs help sometimes, whether it’s dealing with anxiety and depression, relationship issues, past trauma or academic concerns.”

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# Students share struggles, advice in Humans of Ole Miss

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Photographs of people captured in their daily lives — doing things like eating chicken tenders and sitting at picnic tables in the Grove — flashed across the screens in the Student Union ballroom on Wednesday. A relaxing playlist of indie-alternative songs like Dodie’s “Secret for the Mad” played over speakers hidden somewhere.

At tables, handfuls of students, illuminated by a soft midday light, looked at the images and read short stories. The photographs and stories had been collected over several weeks by campus mental health awareness organization Active Minds for the Humans of Ole Miss project.

Jessica Tran, president of Active Minds, said the initiative is based on Humans of New York, a photoblog created by Brandon Stanton devoted to sharing New Yorkers’ stories, but focused specifically on mental health.

“The goal is to show people it’s O.K. to talk about mental health,” Tran said. “The kid sitting next to you in math might be struggling but would never talk about it.”

Some identified simply by their first name and class, students included in the Humans of Ole Miss exhibit shared stories about their own struggles with mental illness, opened up about mental health concerns particular to college life and provided ways for people to be proactive about caring for their own mental health.

“Surrounding yourself with a strong and healthy support system is so beneficial,” advised Grace, a junior.

“People love you and are willing to help. I am willing to help you,” offered Joshua, a sophomore.

“Real strength is opening up about your pain, not trying to suppress it,” suggested



PHOTO: KATHERINE BUTLER

At the Humans of Ole Miss event put on by Active Minds, students spoke out about their struggles with mental illness and shared what happiness means to them.

Sunny, a senior.

Since students could submit entries online, some of the words were shared anonymously.

“Happiness to me is escaping the real world with the endless adventures in books,” read an anonymous entry. “Sometimes I find myself reading for hours on end, and when I finally pull away from my book, I feel brand new and hopeful.”

Presley Favre, a senior broadcast journalism major, said that Humans of Ole Miss was a good way to let people know that mental illness is common and learn more about students who might not share their struggles in regular conversation.

“There were a lot of people in there that I actually knew and didn’t know those things about,” Favre said. “Everybody puts on their

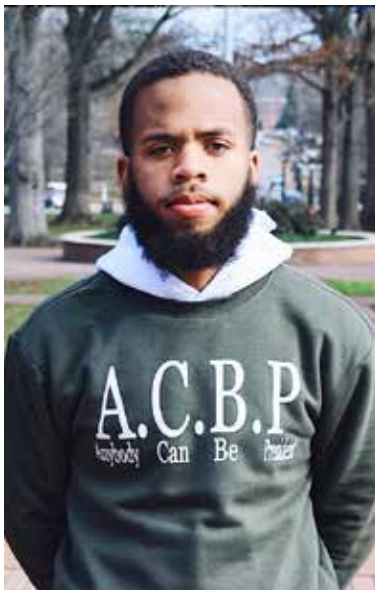


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Sophomore student “Josh.”

front for their friends and when they’re in certain organizations ... people will put on that mask.”

Senior communication sciences Emily Leger, who



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Junior student “Grace.”

came to the event with Favre, said that the event made a comfortable space for people to open up about their own mental health.

“Seeing people that feel

the same way you do but may not be as open too, I feel like, makes you a bit more comfortable to start being a little bit more open and receptive,” Leger said.

Besides the in-person event, Active Minds is also sharing many of the Humans of Ole Miss stories on social media outlets like Instagram. Tran said social media and programming work together to normalize mental illness.

“Social media plays a large role in changing the conversation (about mental health) because celebrities and public figures have spoken up,” Tran said. “On-campus programming has made people feel more connected ... people are now seeing that (mental illness) is a problem that needs to be addressed.”



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FOOTBALL

# Three and out: Grove Bowl marks end of spring practice

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Spring practice comes to an end at 3 p.m. Saturday when the Ole Miss football team scrimmages in the annual Grove Bowl in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

Rebels fans should be excited for the fall season as new coordinators Rich Rodriguez and Mike McIntyre will give the team a new look moving forward. Matt Luke and his staff will try their hardest to veil any schemes or

strategies, so this won't be much of an indication of how exactly the team will look in Memphis on August 31. However, this scrimmage is a chance for fans to see the contrast in fundamental philosophy.

In this column, we'll take a look at three questions for the weekend: one on offense, one on defense and one overall.

**1st down: What does the run game look like under Rich Rodriguez?**

There were times during the 2018 season when you could see



FILE PHOTO: CHRISTIAN JOHNSON

Wide receiver Braylon Sanders narrowly misses a catch during the home opener versus Southern Illinois last season. Spring practice will end tomorrow with the Grove Bowl where the team will scrimmage in Vaught-Hemingway stadium.

Matt Luke physically unsettled by some of the things Phil Longo tried to do with the offense. Luke was an offensive lineman, tried and true, and balance and production in the run game were key when looking for Longo's replacement.

Rich Rodriguez has a resume that suggests he is the answer. A pioneer of the read option, Rodriguez was the architect of the explosive 2005 West Virginia offense, when Pat White and Steve Slaton combined for over 2000 rushing yards and 24 rushing touchdowns.

Rodriguez most recently found success in Arizona in 2017, when quarterback Khalil Tate had 1,411 yards on the ground along with 12 rushing touchdowns, earning Heisman buzz throughout the season.

Matt Corral is the no-doubt starter for the Rebels, and it will be interesting to see how he works in the offense, as he's had limited meaningful snaps. Scottie Phillips has already proven he's capable of being a feature back in the SEC, but it takes time to adjust to a young

quarterback and offensive line.

**2nd down: Can the defense cause a turnover?**

The defense last season was simply inexcusable. With Wesley McGriff getting the boot and Mike McIntyre coming in, the Landshark D is just one of the many questions surrounding the anticipation of the 2019 season.

McIntyre has been installing his 3-4 defense over the past month during practices. The defense will obviously not be fully installed, and we'll see how different that side of the ball is as far as positioning and scheme.

This Ole Miss defense lacks size, speed and experience, which is not a good combination if you're trying to win in the SEC. This team does not have the athletes to lineup and stop many teams, so the only hope for this squad, save miraculous development on every level, is to manufacture takeaways. McIntyre's defense is designed to get the fastest players on the field to move around pre-snap, disguising the blitz and disrupting the quarterback's reads.

Once again, do not expect any elaborate blitz packages or coverages, but look for the base structure that McIntyre can build off of at the beginning of fall camp.

**3rd down: Does this weekend matter?**

The short answer: No. The long answer: Still no.

No one in the stands will complain about more football, but everyone on that field, including Matt Luke and the players, look at this like any other spring practice. I believe if you ask Matt Luke to be honest, he'd rather have a pizza party to wrap up the spring season.

The agenda for Ole Miss football on Saturday is to survive without injuries. The last thing this squad needs is for its lack of depth to get even worse with key players getting hurt, losing valuable development time through the summer.

It's almost certain that the first two questions will not be answered this weekend, so I'd advise Ole Miss fans to sit back, enjoy the show and pray for health.

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BASEBALL

# Rebels seek redemption after embarrassing midweek loss

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Much like Mississippi's weather, Ole Miss baseball can't seem to find its identity in early April, but it has an opportunity to find some consistency this weekend as the Florida Gators come to town.

After a massive road series win over top-10 Arkansas last week, Ole Miss suffered one of the worst regular season losses in program history on Tuesday in a 10-6 decision against North Alabama, who came into the contest ranked 285 in RPI out of 299 Division I teams. This season is North Alabama's first in Division I, and the loss could prove detrimental to the Rebels' resume when tournament time comes in late May.

Ole Miss still has a chance to right the ship and boost its resume this weekend with a series win over the Gators, but that will be no easy task. Although Florida has not performed to its typical standards early-on this season — sitting at 4-5 in SEC play — the Gators are a perennial power in college baseball, winning the national championship in Omaha, Nebraska, in 2017. The Gators are fresh off a sweep of the Alabama Crimson Tide last weekend, so they could have some newfound momentum as they prepare to take on Mike Bianco's squad this weekend.

Ole Miss has lost its last



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Ole Miss infielder Tyler Keenan watches the ball after hitting a double during practice earlier this season. The Rebels will play the Florida Gators at home this weekend.

two Friday night contests despite solid pitching performances from staff ace Will Ethridge. Last week's start against Arkansas was one of Ethridge's worst of the season, but he still lasted five full innings and allowing 7 hits and 5 runs, four of which were earned. Ethridge has been solid at Swayze Field this season, but will have his

hands full with the Gators' lineup which boasts four batters who are hitting over .300 on the year. Florida has also racked up 35 home runs this season, so keeping the ball in the park will be another challenge the Rebel pitchers face this weekend.

Ole Miss's Saturday starter Doug Nikhazy has been solid all season and had another

strong outing last week against Arkansas. Nikhazy went 5.2 innings and allowed 3 runs, but this was enough to keep the Hogs at bay as the Rebel bats propelled Ole Miss to a 4-3 win.

Sunday starter Gunnar Hoglund has still struggled to find consistency and lasted a mere three innings in his start in Fayetteville, but was helped

along by a strong bullpen performance, including an outing from the emerging Tyler Myers, who picked up his first save of the season. Myers' ERA has slid to 2.65 after four-straight scoreless outings coming into this weekend.

Fortunately for the Rebel offense, which has struggled to string together timely hits as of late, the entirety of Florida's starting rotation is right-handed— something that bodes well for a lineup that has struggled against southpaws this season. The Gators are expected to throw Tommy Mace, Tyler Dyson and Jack Leftwich in that order this weekend, and all three of these arms have an ERA over 3.00, so the Rebels will need to capitalize on this potential mismatch if they hope to take two of three from the Gators this weekend.

Ole Miss has not put together many quality games this season, but this weekend provides an opportunity to regain some momentum after Tuesday's embarrassing loss to North Alabama.

This weekend is also Grove Bowl Weekend, in which the Ole Miss football team will have its spring game, so crowds at Swayze Field could be larger due to the influx of people on Saturday.

First pitch tonight is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. start on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

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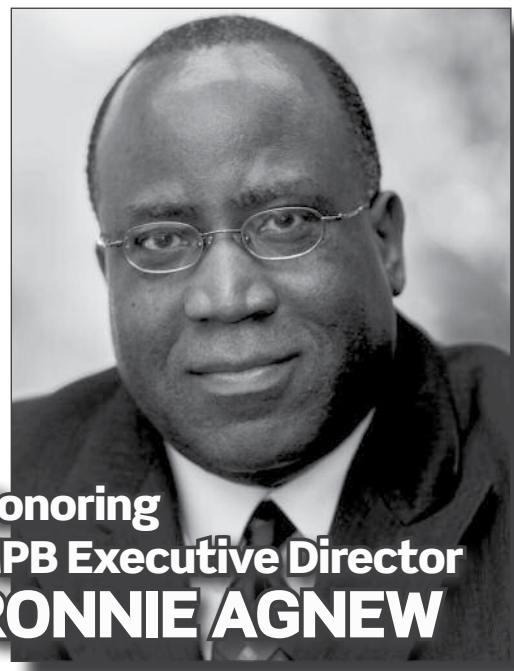
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## VOLLEYBALL

## New arrival Guzik a welcome addition to Ole Miss team



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Ole Miss transfer student Izzy Guzik will join the volleyball team for next year's season, following the team's disappointing 14-18 season last year.

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The Ole Miss volleyball team welcomed some new faces to campus in time for next year's season. Already with a solid recruiting class, the team was looking to bolster the outside hitter position by looking at potential transfers. They found that keystone player in junior transfer Izzy Guzik.

Guzik will be a welcome addition to an Ole Miss team that struggled to compete with top teams last year and ended the season with a disappointing 14-18 record. She will provide a presence on the court opposite first-team All-SEC performer Emily Stroup, who finished second in the country in kills last year. Coaches hope this will help propel the team to an NCAA Tournament berth next fall.

"Every girl (on this team) is ready to grind every single day. They're accountable to each other. I got here in (January), and they 'grinded' every single day. They take this seriously," Guzik said. "I already know that with the talent on this team, we want to make the NCAA Tournament."

This team has never had a problem with that, as current

and former players attest to the tight-knit, family-like environment that surrounds Ole Miss volleyball. Guzik said the family feeling struck her right away and was a big part of why she felt comfortable making the transition from the University of Portland to Ole Miss.

"I can't go anywhere without them wanting to do it with me," Guzik said, with a laugh. "We'll be taking off our kneepads and (they'll say) 'okay are we getting food after this?' or 'let's all just come to my house and hang out' and honestly I've never seen a team that doesn't have the cliques or whatever, and I think that's one of the keys to us being so good is because we are a unit, and we do things together all the time."

Associate head coach Ronaldo Pacheco reiterated the strength of the volleyball team's chemistry, saying that the women are extremely welcoming and personable to one another.

"The culture is really good with the group that we have right now and the newcomers, they won't have any problem (trying to fit in) with what we are doing right now," Pacheco said.

Guzik said she has been surprised by some of the differences between the South

and the West Coast where she grew up, especially when it comes to athletics and how people treat athletes.

"I think they take the sports here a lot more seriously than they did on the West Coast. The athletes here are treated with more of a level of respect, and here, I feel almost like a celebrity walking around knowing that I play a sport at Ole Miss," Guzik said. "At my old school, it was more academically driven and sports weren't that big of a deal but here they have them and it's awesome to be a part of that community."

Guzik is excited to begin her Ole Miss career but said it is difficult adjusting to being so far away from home in California.

"I love it here, it's been amazing. It's hard, for sure, being away from home. It was very difficult getting home for spring break," Guzik said. "But, it's worth it. It's awesome."

Prior to her collegiate career, Guzik was a standout player at Westview High School in San Diego, where she helped lead her team to the 2013 State Regional Final.

She was named First Team All CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) San Diego Section in 2014 and the All-American watchlist in 2015.

She played for the prestigious Coast Volleyball Club in San Diego, which placed first in the Southern California USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships Qualifier, first in the Kansas City GJNC Qualifier and fifth place in the Open Division of the National Championships. Her team finished as the No. 1 team in southern California.

"From watching film on her we felt that she was the best fit on the court, and getting to know her we felt she was a great fit off the court, so it just was a good get for us," Ole Miss head coach Steven McRoberts said.

After high school, Guzik committed to the University of Portland where after redshirting her first year and receiving limited playing time as a redshirt freshman, she finally had a breakout season as a redshirt sophomore.

"We wanted our outside hitter position just to have some more competition," McRoberts said. "(Guzik was) a six-rotation player for a good team in Portland so that experience of being able to step in right away, she's already kind of been there done that from a playing standpoint."

In 2018, she recorded 328 kills, 278 digs, 43 total blocks and 25 aces en route to an appearance in the quarterfinals of the National Invitational Volleyball Championships tournament.

"Being in the SEC was a huge reason for me to want to come here, the level of play is so much higher," Guzik said. "The girls are so much bigger, more aggressive, the girls are hitting harder, the girls are digging it higher, it's just a faster way to play."

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