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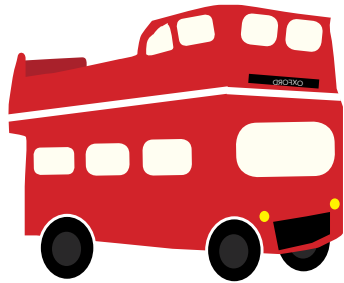
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OLE MISS BASEBALL BATTLES FOR THE GOVERNOR'S CUP IN PEARL

The Rebels lost a midweek rivalry matchup 8-1 to the No. 9 Mississippi State Bulldogs in Trustmark Park. Staff writer Jared Redding has coverage.

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A look at ride-sharing from the back seat



ILLUSTRATION: KATHERINE BUTLER

Ride-sharing has become increasingly popular in recent years, and many students have experienced unwarranted advances from drivers, odd conversations or inappropriate offers.

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The death of University of South Carolina student Samantha Josephson sent shockwaves throughout the country after she mistook her killer's car for the Uber she called to get home. Josephson's murder opened a nationwide discussion about the safety of ride-sharing and the complicated relationship that college towns have with Uber

and other similar services.

University of Mississippi students regularly experience their fair share of ride sharing mishaps.

Students tell stories about unwarranted advances from drivers, inappropriate offers or strange conversations, all of which underscore the climate of fear and uncertainty surrounding ride-sharing.

Freshman accountancy major Caroline Barton said one Uber driver has repeatedly

asked her on dates and sent her multiple direct messages through social media.

Sophomore general business major Will Gentry said an Uber driver told him she was high on marijuana during the ride. Recent graduate Taylor Hayes said one Uber driver slept on her couch after dropping her off.

"After the LSU game my freshman year, I was coming home from a fraternity late night at 3 a.m. She kept saying

how horrible the drive back to East Memphis was going to be because she was so tired. For some reason, I offered her to sleep on my couch in my basement," Hayes said.

Sophomore political science major Livie Ruhl said she once feared for her life when she was riding alone and her Uber driver went into a fit of rage during their conversation.

"It started with road rage," Ruhl said. "He would scream violently whenever a

car would turn and not use a blinker. Then, he started yelling about when he smashed a plate over a man's head at the bar and said he would do the same thing to a woman. He was screaming so loudly and violently that I was just praying to get back to my dorm."

The average salary of an Uber driver in Oxford is \$36,687 a year according to Glassdoor.com, and Uber

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Seniors create fitness startup, win award

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The Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship recently awarded seniors Tyler Moore and Jake Harrison the Gillespie Award, providing them a space in Insight Park's Innovation Hub and \$3,600 to develop their business pitch.

Moore and Harrison

developed their company, Move Fitness, to make a new type of fitness equipment for the Gillespie Business Plan Competition.

"It's two sliding platforms, and between the two sliding platforms are two resistance bands, so basically you just slide against the resistance band," Harrison, an exercise science

major, said. "You're targeting your thigh muscles and your butt muscles."

Harrison said the pair got the idea to create the product when they were bored by the monotony of their daily workout routines.

"We just kind of developed more and more of it each week," Harrison said.

Moore and Harrison are both from Corinth and have known each other since childhood.

"We grew up together, went to the same high school, played travel baseball together. We're roommates," Moore said.

The duo sees themselves as a well-balanced team because of their different majors and

compatible personalities.

"Tyler tackles the business side really well, and I'm able to focus on the exercise portion," Harrison said. "We couple together really well."

Harrison said that winning the Gillespie Award gives their business an opportunity to grow.

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GUEST COLUMN

Lost in London: Why I studied abroad



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Traveling internationally is an experience that many college students crave, but are uncertain about committing to — whether that be due to the cost, work and class responsibilities or the decision to venture into the unknown.

I spent a month in London during the summer of 2018, through an International Studies Abroad (ISA) program — taking a multimedia journalism course at the University of Westminster. I chose this particular program

because I didn't want to disrupt my fall or spring semester schedule. I also believed I would be able to advance my academic plan with extra credits, and it allowed me time to work before leaving the country. I went into the program prepared to work hard, but I did not honestly think I would be overwhelmed with too much coursework. I was wrong.

During my time at Westminster, I wrote news reports and feature articles, collaborated in groups and did assignments on my own, and combined photography, videography and audio content. As a class, we designed a website to post our respective articles, building a collection of topics and styles.

Studying at such a regal university, even briefly, was a blend of new-age methods and rich history. We utilized social media and high-end technology to report on residents of one of the oldest cities on the planet.

While the classroom

experience was helpful for both my academic and career growth, it was the personal journey that made the trip unforgettable. I stayed at an ISA apartment in Notting Hill with two roommates whom I had never met before, and while I initially only traveled in a group, I eventually started venturing out by myself.

I took the sweltering Tube transit system to Parliament Square and got myself lost in the West End, wandering back on a circuitous route. I also took a train an hour outside of the city to investigate caverns that had been used as World War II shelters.

Being on your own abroad is different than being on your own at college, even if you're an out-of-state student. In college, you're surrounded by fellow students who are also in between adulthood and dependency. Oxford, as lovely as it may be, is a college town.

Going abroad forces you out of your comfort zone, throwing you into a new culture that

makes you realize who you are at the most most basic level. Traveling on my own in an entirely unfamiliar and sprawling city was nerve-racking at first, but after navigating my way to both iconic tourist destinations and hidden beauties, and making lifelong connections with strangers, I became more confident in myself and my abilities. I was embracing a dream I'd had since I was little — to travel the world.

Studying abroad may seem infeasible to some, but there are organizations and opportunities in place to help students achieve their wildest goals. For me, studying abroad was an adventure I didn't think I'd get, one that is still benefiting me to this day. I encourage all students who are even considering studying abroad to do so.

Ash Crantas is a junior studying journalism from Atlanta.

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drivers can make hundreds of dollars driving one weekend night on the Square.

While many of Oxford's Uber drivers are locals, the demand for ride-shares has drawn an influx of people from cities all around Mississippi and West Tennessee.

Local Uber driver Danny Thomas says he once picked up a

couple from an Ole Miss football game who hit him and called him racial slurs because he didn't say "ma'am."

"I said 'Ma'am, don't touch me like that again,'" he said. "And before I knew it, (the man in the back) hit me on the back of the head and said, '(Slur), you don't talk to a white woman without permission,'" he said.

Thomas had another unusual experience when he picked up a female student from a fraternity house and had to take her to the

emergency room.

"She called an Uber and when I got her, she was stumbling, and she said 'I think I need to go to the hospital, I've been drugged,'" he said.

The Board of Aldermen feared scenarios like these when it banned Uber in 2014. To avoid complying with Oxford's vehicle for hire guidelines, Uber lobbyists worked to change Oxford city code to distinguish their company as different. House Bill 1381 passed, classifying Uber

as a "transportation business network," and Uber returned to Oxford on July 1, 2016.

While the Board of Aldermen loosened restrictions on ride-sharing, Uber has increased protections for riders.

The Uber app now has safety features that allow you to call 911 directly from the app, and Uber suggests checking the license plate and asking the driver to tell you your name before entering the vehicle.

When University Police

Department and Campus Safety Chief Ray Hawkins emailed the Ole Miss student body in response to Josephson's death, he urged students to be vigilant about Uber and provided tips on rideshare safety.

"Trust your intuition," Hawkins said. "Use your best judgment when using a ride-share service. If you ever feel you are in an emergency situation, call 911 immediately or contact the University Police Department at (662) 915-7234."

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"(Winning this award) gives us somewhere to actually work on our business, with the office space that provides and gives us money to make it to the next step, which is really what we needed at this point, because we need more money to get it out there on the market," Harrison said.

Both Moore and Harrison said that they're going to buy some inventory as well as a plastic mold to make their product cheaper with the money they won.

"It's going to make it a lot cheaper to make it per unit, so we'll be able to get the cost down some and we'll have a lot better product than what we had," Harrison said.

Moore and Harrison hope to start selling their product locally this August.



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Ole Miss seniors Tyler Moore (middle left) and Jake Harrison (middle right) After received the Gillespie Award by the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship after developing their fitness company, Move Fitness.

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SOFTBALL

No. 17 Rebels set to be tested by red-hot Golden Eagles

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The Ole Miss softball team will face the Southern Miss Golden Eagles in a midweek matchup Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Oxford.

Over the weekend, the Rebels seized yet another SEC series win, taking two of three games against the Mississippi State Bulldogs in Starkville. The highlight of the weekend was the 21 runs scored by the Rebels in game one — the most the Rebels have ever scored in a conference game.

At the plate, senior Kylan Becker still leads the Rebels with a .438 batting average, seven triples and 26 stolen bases. Other offensive standouts are sophomores Jessica Puk and Amanda Roth, who both had five RBIs apiece in game one of the series against MSU. Puk also leads the Rebels with nine home runs this season.

With the series win, the Rebels moved to 33-12 on the season and No. 3 in the SEC. The Rebels have never finished higher than eighth in league standings in one of the most competitive softball leagues

in the country.

Now, the Rebels look to keep their momentum going against the Golden Eagles, currently 28-16 on the season. Of their past six matchups against the Golden Eagles, the Rebels have only lost one game.

The Golden Eagles are currently ranked No. 3 in Conference USA Western division and are on an 11-game win streak, the longest win streak in the Southern Miss softball program since 2000.

Before taking last weekend off, the Golden Eagles traveled

to Lake Charles, Louisiana, and defeated the McNeese State Cowgirls 10-4. Despite getting off to a slow start and falling behind the Cowgirls 3-0 in the first inning, the Golden Eagles' bats started to heat up in the third and stayed hot for the remainder of the game.

Sophomore Destini Brown had a great performance at the plate for the Golden Eagles, ending the game with four hits, four RBIs, three runs scored, a double, a home run and two stolen bases. Brown's home run is her seventh of the season, ty-

ing former C-USA Player of the Week, Alyssa "Tata" Davis, for the lead in team home runs.

Abby Trahan has had a great deal of success this season in the circle for the Golden Eagles. The junior has only allowed 29 earned runs while striking out 119 batters to give her a 1.38 ERA. Southern Miss has a 2.03 team ERA, which is slightly better than Ole Miss's team ERA of 2.06.

Tonight's game at the Ole Miss Softball Complex will start at 6 p.m.

SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION

Jackson William Zolper

B.A. in Public Policy Leadership

"A Threat Assessment of and Policy Solutions to Reduce the Effectiveness of Weaponized Social Media"

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Amanda Bullock

B.A. in Psychology, Biological Science

"The Effects of Retrieval Strategy on a Reconstructive Task"

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Zachary Ty Gill

B.A. in Classics, Linguistics, Spanish

"Code-switching Practices in the Foreign-language Classroom: Instructor Nativeness and Students' Perceptions"

Directed by Maria Fionda

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B.A. in International Studies, French

"Regionalism and Reform: The Consequences of Consociationalism in Belgium"

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B.S. in Biology

"Deducing the Reproductive, Behavioral, and Learning Effects of Developmental Cannabinoid Exposure in Zebrafish"

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The Ole Miss softball players cheer on their teammates from the dugout during the series against Florida earlier this season.

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Phoebe Ann Lavin

B.A. in Psychology
 "The Effect of Social Influence on Time Perception"
 Directed by Matthew Reysen
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Kayla Paulette VonBurg

B.A. in Spanish
 "Student Perceptions on Being Assessed by the ACTFL OPI Before and After Studying Abroad"
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 Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 3:00 pm
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B.A. in Classics;
 B.S. in Integrated Marketing Communications
 "Rebranding the Classics: The University of Mississippi"
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Caroline Kay Crosby

B.S. in Dietetics and Nutrition
 "Influence of Multidisciplinary Educational Experiences on Engineering and Nutrition Student Perceptions on Collaboration and Soft Skill Development"
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Alexander Lee Robison

B.B.A. in Banking and Finance, Managerial Finance
 "The Economic Effects of National Legalization of Marijuana"
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MEN'S GOLF

Rebels ready for run at SEC Championship Tournament

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After the Ole Miss women's golf team took home first place in the SEC Tournament last weekend, the men's golf team is hoping to do the same. The Rebels are looking to make a run in the SEC Men's Golf Championship this week at St. Simons Island.

The tournament will be on the Seaside Course at Sea Island Golf Club in St. Simons Island, Georgia. The tournament has been played on a Sea Island Golf Club course since 2001. The Seaside course will play a par-70 at 7,005 yards.

The tournament will start with three rounds of stroke play on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday followed by match play. Should the Rebels advance, they'll play in the quarterfinals and semifinals on Saturday. The championship will be broadcast on SEC Network on Sunday with a 7:30 a.m. opening tee time.

The Rebels are hoping to improve on their seventh-place finish at last year's SEC Championship. Auburn is the reigning SEC Champion, but the title has switched hands in each of the last three seasons since Alabama took home three straight wins in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Ole Miss is coming off a second-place finish at the Old Waverly Collegiate Championship in West Point, Mississippi, last week. Jackson Suber finished second overall, with a score of 10-under-par. His final round was 7-under-par, a career-low for the freshman.

Suber was named SEC Freshman of the Week following his performance at Old Waverly. Senior Beau Briggs finished tied for fifth in the tournament at 7-under-par and Brody Blackmon finished tied for 17th at 2-under-par as an individual.

Briggs is currently ranked No. 14 in the conference, with

an average score of 71.5 a round, the lowest score for the Rebels. Briggs shot his career low 66, 6-under-par at the Warrior Princeville Makai Invitational back in October.

Ole Miss defeated two SEC teams in the Old Waverly Collegiate Championship, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt, who is currently ranked No. 4 in the country and is a favorite to win the SEC Championship. The Commodores have three of the top ten golfers in the conference as well.

Cecil Wegener opened up the spring season with a first-place finish at the All-American Intercollegiate Tournament in February, where he shot a 6-under-par for the weekend. Wegener also finished as the runner-up in last year's SEC Championship as a freshman and is looking to continue his momentum this year.

The SEC Tournament begins on Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. in St. Simons Island, Georgia.



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Josh Seiple swings the club at golf practice last year. The Ole Miss men's golf team is hoping to upset at the tournament this weekend in St. Simons Island, Georgia.

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B.B.A. in General Business

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B.E. in Engineering

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B.A. in Political Science

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5		4						9				6	
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HOW TO PLAY
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 with no repeats.
DIFFICULTY LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE

8	5	4	9	7	2	6	1	3
9	2	6	4	1	3	8	5	7
3	1	7	6	8	5	2	9	4
5	1	3	2	4	6	7	8	9
6	8	9	1	3	7	4	2	5
4	2	7	4	2	7	4	2	5
8	7	5	1	9	5	7	8	2
1	9	8	7	4	5	7	8	2
7	3	5	8	2	9	6	9	1

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PLAYLIST OF THE WEEK:

RAGE

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- ♪ **Break Stuff**
Limp Bizkit · Significant Other
- ♪ **Hate Everyone**
Say Anything · Say Anything
- ♪ **Riot**
EXPLICIT Three Days Grace · One-X
- ♪ **Goodnights / Encore / I'll Never Be You**
EXPLICIT Dane Cook · Vicious Circle
- ♪ **Killing In The Name**
EXPLICIT Rage Against The Machine · Rage Against The Machine - XX (20th Anniversary Spe
- ♪ **Platypus (I Hate You)**
EXPLICIT Green Day · Nimrod
- ♪ **St. Anger**
Metallica · St. Anger
- ♪ **We're Not Gonna Take It**
Twisted Sister · Stay Hungry
- ♪ **Kill You**
EXPLICIT Eminem · The Marshall Mathers LP
- ♪ **Sometime Around Midnight**
The Airborne Toxic Event · The Airborne Toxic Event (Deluxe Edition)
- ♪ **Throne**
Bring Me The Horizon · That's The Spirit
- ♪ **Down With the Sickness**
EXPLICIT Disturbed · The Sickness
- ♪ **Symphony Of Destruction**
Megadeth · Countdown To Extinction
- ♪ **Sound of Madness**
Shinedown · The Sound of Madness

We've all been there. Sometimes, you just get so angry at someone or something, or maybe even at everyone and everything. Some of the best music has been created based on a feeling of rage. While these may not be what everyone considers the best songs, they should still help you during the next time you need some angry music.



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This is probably the most unusual song to be included on a playlist all year. While Dane Cook is mostly known as a comedian, he wrote and recorded this song in 2006, and it is about someone who hates another person but wants to be that person at the same time.



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A sleeper hit from 2008, this song is about a guy trying to get over his ex-girlfriend when he sees her out with someone else. It starts off pretty mellow, but the anger certainly comes in, and the emotion in this song is almost palpable.

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 Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 11:00 am
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In 'Women Talking,' Toews unravels a 'culture of control'

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From 2005 through 2009, the women of the Manitoba Mennonite colony in Bolivia woke up with strange aches and pains. When they asked the community's male authorities what was happening to them, the men told them that nocturnal demons were attacking them for their sins.

In reality, a small group of the community's men had been repeatedly drugging the women with animal tranquilizers and raping them in their sleep. Some of the rapists were punished, but the situation still posed grisly theological, physical and emotional questions for the victims.

How could they live as Mennonites, forgive like Jesus or even believe in God following this brutality?

Miriam Toews, a Canadian author of seven previous books, reckons with the aftermath of these horrific attacks in her latest book, "Women Talking." She read from the novel and discussed it with audience members at Off Square Books last night.

"Women Talking" presents the fictional discussions these Mennonite women may have had after the attacks. In the

novel, most of community's men have gone to town to post bail for the rapists, leaving the women and August Epp, an ostracized male teacher, alone in a barn for 48 hours to sort through the tragedy.

Since all of the women are illiterate, the book is presented as the minutes of their meetings, written down by August. He is given this task by Ona Friesen, the woman he loves.

"(Ona and I) had this conversation last evening, standing on the dirt path between her house and the shed where I've been lodged since returning to the colony seven months ago," August writes in some of the novel's opening lines. "A temporary arrangement according to Peters, the Bishop of Molotschna. Temporary could mean any length of time because Peters isn't committed to a conventional understanding of hours or days."

This short passage hits on the "culture of control," centered on an authority topped by clergymen, which Toews said she aims to critique with the book.

"I'm not being critical of the Mennonite faith or the people themselves but of that culture of control," Toews said. "I think it's something I ... can't let go."

When asked why she chose to write the book as the minutes rather than from one of the



PHOTO: LIAM NIEMAN

Author Miriam Toews discusses the process for writing her book "Women Talking," a novel describing the corruption in a Mennonite community.

women's perspective, Toews said she feels the need to give her characters "assignments." For instance, her 2004 novel "A Complicated Kindness," is literally a school assignment given to its sixteen-year-old main character, Nomi Nickel.

"I've always been sort of afflicted with the futility of what it is I'm doing ... in order for it to

seem like a useful thing, I have to give myself an assignment," Toews said. "Maybe it's because my father was a schoolteacher. He gave me little assignments. Who knows?"

Toward the end of the question-and-answer session, Toews admitted that although she doesn't believe in God, she often finds herself practicing a

form of prayer.

"I pray for my family and for my, you know, my children, for my grandchildren, for my friends, and my mother, and I pray for their safety and happiness," she said. "But I also pray for these women in the Manitoba colony and I think of the book sometimes ... as a kind of a prayer."

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