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# Adderall possession could lead to fines, jail time

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As the final classes of the semester conclude and exams approach, students are becoming increasingly reliant on Adderall – a drug prescribed to those diagnosed with ADHD - for short-term study assistance.

While the number of Adderall prescriptions has risen exponentially in the past ten years, college students are prime victims for abuse. According to data from the Addiction Center, college students are two times more likely to abuse Adderall than non-students.

The growing reliance on Adderall to promote focus for last-minute test cramming results in addiction for students who constantly abuse the drug. The Center for Disease **Control and Prevention** reveals that students who are not prescribed Adderall yet continuously take the drug are at a major risk of developing a dependence on it.

University Police Department Detective Lt. Jeremy Cook shared that the act of possessing Adderall without a valid medical prescription could result in serious penalties on campus.

"The student will also have to deal with the student conduct department on campus and possibly lose



Possession of two Adderall pills without a prescription can result in a \$50,000 fine and up to three years in prison.

In the state of Mississippi, possession of 10 to 20 Adderall pills can lead to up to eight years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

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financial aid. Illegal possession of a prescription that is not yours can lead to major consequences," Cook said.

Possession of 10 to 20 pills, for example, can lead to up to eight years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 in Mississippi.

According to Rod Waller, commander of the Lafayette County Metro Narcotics Unit, if students are in possession of Adderall, they should have their prescription with them when carrying the prescribed drug on campus.

"This would possibly keep the person from having Adderall seized until it could be shown that the person has a valid prescription," Waller said. When UPD encounters students wrongly in possession

of the drug, they will refer the students to the Metro Narcotics Unit, where they will be faulted and charged.

"Possession of two or more Adderall pills is a felony if the person does not have a valid prescription," Waller said.

"They can receive up to three years in prison and be fined up to \$50,000. The maximum punishment goes up if a person is caught with larger amounts of Adderall without a valid prescription."

Illegal possession is not the only thing that can be

# Rebs head to Hattiesburg after big weekend

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The Ole Miss baseball team will face the Southern Miss Golden Eagles in a midweek matchup Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Pete Taylor Park in Hattiesburg.

The Golden Eagles sit at 29-13 on the season and 17-4 in C-USA conference play, and they are on an impressive eight-game win streak with series sweeps over Charlotte and Middle

Tennessee to go with midweek victories over Louisiana-Lafayette and New Orleans. In early April, the two teams faced off at Trustmark Park in Pearl, and the Rebels cruised to an 11-2 win thanks to an offensive explosion in the final three innings. In the sixth, pitcher Sean Tweedy issued three straight walks to load the bases for Cole Zabowski, who tied the game

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Ole Miss players celebrate a home run at the game against Texas A&M on Friday night.

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On Saturday, May 4, Oxford will host its fourth annual pride parade. The event brings hundreds of spectators and numerous community organizations from across the region to celebrate and support LGBTQ friends, family and peers.

Pride events are vital to LGBTQ people across the nation. Where, then, do they come from, and why are they special?

On June 28, 1969, the United States was shaken to its core by events unfolding from an unassuming bar in New York City. Police barged into the Stonewall Inn, a well-known center for the LGBTQ community and the literal home of LGBTQ youth living in



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signed a bill into law that would provide a tax credit for donations to nonprofit foster care programs, known as the Children's Promise Act.

Under this new legislation, both individuals and businesses can receive tax credits for charitable gifts to these nonprofit organizations. Arizona has already tried something similar and has been successful in their model. Onward Hope, Inc., a foster care nonprofit in Arizona, has been a beneficial program in the state as it reached more than

# What pride means to me

the streets, and began arresting patrons. Raids of gay bars at this time were common, but, unlike previous raids, patrons at Stonewall pushed back.

The arrests led to six days of clashes between police and protesters, igniting the Stonewall Riots. This event was a crucial turning point for LGBTQ rights activists, and it galvanized support for pro-equality movements that were decades in the making.

To commemorate the riots, activists held a march on June 28, 1970, in New York City, becoming the first pride parade in U.S. history. Pride events quickly spread across the nation and became an annual occurrence. These parades are a space where members of the LGBTQ community express their true selves and reflect on progress made, and they remind us of the tremendous work yet to be done to achieve full equality.

Pride is very personal for me. When I was 14 years old, I came to the realization that I was gay. However, where I come from, there are few three-word phrases that are more dangerous or controversial than "I am gay." I grew up on a farm in rural, conservative

and deeply religious northwest Alabama, a place I still call home. Though the people there are kind, they do not take kindly to people like myself.

I knew that revealing this part of my life was a non-starter, so I did what many LGBTQ individuals are forced to do at some point in their lives: pretend to be someone you are not. Despite my best efforts, I was harassed over my perceived sexuality in high school to the point that I had to move schools.

Being an openly gay person, especially in the Deep South, is tremendously challenging. During my sophomore year of college, however, I realized that hiding my identity was much more harmful and dangerous to myself than living an authentic and open life would be for others.

Pride events allow us to look back and celebrate the numerous advocates who came before us and paved the way for us to express ourselves openly today. While our journey is still difficult, it is made easier due to their efforts.

Most importantly, pride is a beacon of hope. It is an incredible display of love and support. It shows everyone in our community that we are not alone in the fight for full equality and acceptance.

When I was younger, seeing proud, openly queer people gave me hope that I, too, would be able to live openly one day. Today, pride reminds me that if I, the son of a teacher and a manufacturing worker, who grew up wrangling cattle on a farm in rural Alabama, can also be a successful and proud, openly gay man, then there is still tremendous hope for every young queer person to live the life they have always dreamed of living.

As Harvey Milk, the first openly gay elected official in California, once said, "Hope will never be silent." For this reason, we march. For this reason, we refuse to apologize for being ourselves. We strive to keep hope alive for the next generation of LGBTQ people, and we will not stop until that hope for a more equitable and accepting future becomes reality.

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# Free market principles help the helpless



## LAUREN MOSES

On April 22, Gov. Phil Bryant

320 youths in 2017.

What stands out about this new legislation is its commitment to rewarding individuals and businesses for donating to foster care nonprofits. According to the Mississippi Center for Public Policy, the legislation expands the individual tax credit to \$3 million and creates a \$5 million business tax credit. Getting businesses involved in social change can serve the state, as their donations will be more substantial and incentivize further involvement in social change.

The motives for creating a tax incentive is quite simple: competition breeds better results. The free market is wildly successful at creating a competitive atmosphere where the best idea prevails. Unlike the government, these companies are not crippled by bureaucratic red tape. Whether for profit or not, private companies know

giving generates as much as a 5 to 1 return. And the nonprofit organizations that provided long-term solutions to families and orphans divert these children from the statesponsored foster care service. Thus, the state saves money.

The Children's Promise Act sponsored by Rep. Mark Baker comes just in time for Mississippi. After the Olivia Y. lawsuit against the governor in 2004, Mississippi has been looking for real solutions to its foster care system. Since the settlement, Mississippi had improved dramatically in placing siblings together, close to their homes and in stable foster care homes.

However, as of May 2014, Mississippi's foster care system still had many flaws. Of these included maltreatment investigations and their slow processes. Diverting children into nonprofit foster care will provide

crisis. The Family First Prevention Services Act implemented nationally in 2018 emphasized the importance of fixing the family unit. In the act, assistance is given to families struggling with abuse and addiction so that they can stay together.

Some nonprofit foster care organizations set to see the benefit from this legislation are Baptist Children's Village and Canopy Children's Solutions. Much like in Arizona, these groups will be better funded and encouraged to find new solutions to the foster care problem.

The two legislative works coupled together will create a better system for children in the state of Mississippi. Lawmakers are incentivizing the private sector to be involved in the lives of those most in need in society. Mississippians should be proud to lead the nation in protecting innocent lives through the foster

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### how to allocate resources and can quickly react to changes in supply and demand.

The National Council of Nonprofits states that charitable

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more children with more longterm solutions.

The federal government has also pushed for better solutions for foster care and children in

care system.

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# NJ governor bans Mississippi flag

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New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy on Friday ordered that the Mississippi flag, which carries a Confederate emblem, be replaced by the American flag at a state park that overlooks the Statue of Liberty.

Murphy ordered the removal of Mississippi's flag from a display of each state's flag at Liberty State Park, a preserve of more than 1,200 acres in Jersey City that overlooks Ellis Island and Lady Liberty.

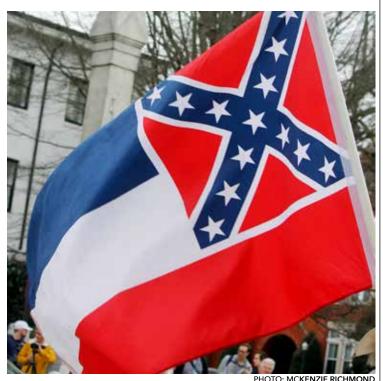
Murphy is a first-term Democrat and a self-styled progressive who regularly cited the Emma Lazarus poem at the statue's base that invites immigrants to America.

New Jersey, he said, is rooted in diversity, and the flag doesn't fit.

"The Confederate symbol displayed on the Mississippi state flag is reprehensible and does not reflect our values of inclusivity and equality," he said in a statement.

The Mississippi flag includes the Confederate battle emblem in the upper left corner. The emblem has a red field topped by a blue X, dotted with 13 white stars. It has appeared on Mississippi's flag since 1894.

Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant, a Republican, said in a statement Friday: "I'm disappointed in Gov. Murphy's actions. As I have



New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy ordered the Mississippi state flag to be removed from a state park that overlooks the Statue of Liberty.

repeatedly said, the voters of Mississippi should decide what the state flag is or is not."

Confederate symbols have been widely debated across the South, particularly since June 2015, when a white supremacist killed nine black worshippers at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, as well as in 2017, when violence erupted as white nationalists held a rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Murphy said he made the decision after Democratic state Sen. Sandra Cunningham raised the issue with him.

Cunningham said in a statement that the flag symbolized "an era of hate, violence and division."

Mississippians who voted in a 2001 statewide election chose to keep the flag.

But several Mississippi cities and counties and all eight of the state's public universities have stopped flying it in recent years amid criticism that the battle emblem is a racist reminder of slavery and segregation. Supporters of the flag say it represents history.

## **ADDERALL** continued from page 1

penalized. Selling Adderall without a license to prescribe the drug could result in a similar felony charge. Anyone convicted of selling 40 or more pills could land in prison for up to 40 years and face a \$1 million dollar fine.

Though some students believe UPD escorts K-9 police dogs through the library during the weeks of midterms and finals to catch students illegally in possession of the drug, Cook said UPD does not actively search for students in illegal possession.

"We do not walk a dog through the library during finals week, and (Adderall use) is honestly not the biggest issue that we deal with during finals week, even though we know it happens," Cook said. "We always encourage students not to possess or take prescription medicine that is not prescribed to them because it is against the law and it can lead to addiction."

In a previous interview, Dr. Travis Yates, former director of the University Health Services, explained that those who are prescribed the drug but sell it instead are not able to complete the prescription and thus will not receive the full therapeutic benefits of Adderall.

"Adderall has multiple adverse side effects such as hypertension, adverse heart effects, hostility, paranoia, aggression, seizures and is potentially habit forming," Yates said. "The potential for these is more pronounced when Adderall dosing is not carefully monitored, especially when excess doses are taken."

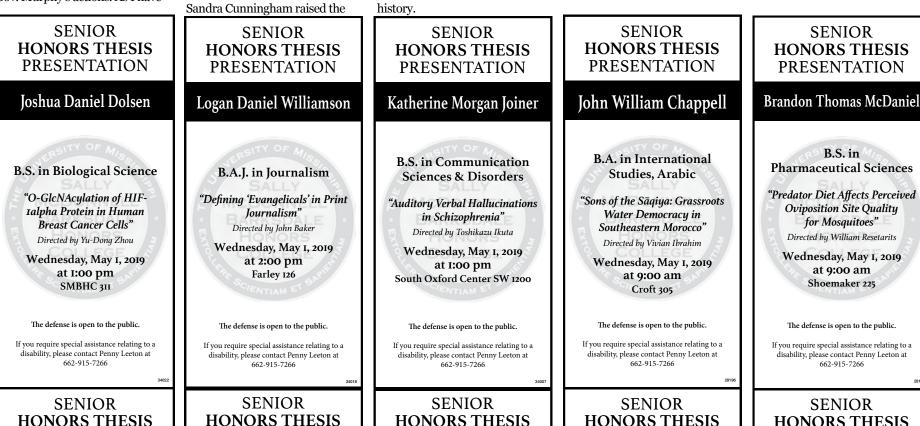
Using Adderall without a proper diagnosis can severely affect mental health, and continuous use could result in a dependence on the drug.

"Adderall is to be taken daily to increase focus and attentiveness, which facilitates good study habits," Yates added. "These improved daily study habits lead to improved long-term recall. Taking an isolated dose of Adderall before an exam does not improve longterm recall."

While the Student Health Center does not directly diagnose or manage ADHD in students, it does play a part when students seek to fill prescriptions.

According to Yates, most students provide evidence for their ADHD diagnosis, but he has seen students who are unable to provide any documentation of their diagnosis when requesting a prescription of Adderall.

If unable to provide evidence of a diagnosis and need for medication, the Student Health Center will send the student over to the Psychological Services Center for testing and referrals to local health care providers with specializations in ADHD management.



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# Mountain Goats deliver more indie magic on latest album

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When John Darnielle, vocalist for The Mountain Goats, announced the new album "In League with Dragons" live from the headquarters of Wizards of the Coast, the publisher of the "Dungeons & Dragons" game, it was easy to make assumptions about what this album would be.

Many, including myself, anticipated Celtic-shaded tales full of shining scales, dark magic and the legends of Faerûn. This is not that album, but that shouldn't be off-putting. It's through a willingness to defy thematic constraints and the sound expected from The Mountain Goats after 25 years that this record finds its own identity in an already strong discography.

"In League with Dragons" is not a traditional concept album with a throughline narrative. It's a collection of character studies, and Mountain Goats fans should know that telling small, thematically linked stories is where Darnielle shines as a writer.

His last album, 2017's "Goths," venerated that subculture in all its pasty glory. Before that, 2015's "Beat the Champ," served as a love letter to the 1980s, pre-WWF local wrestling scene. This album was first conceived by Darnielle as a rock opera about "a besieged seaside community called Riversend, ruled by a benevolent wizard."

Despite these roots, only a few songs are actually set in that fantasy world. All 12 tracks are united, instead, as tales of rebellion in the face of overwhelming tides and the beauty to be found in a decaying world.

The Lyrics Several of the characters on the

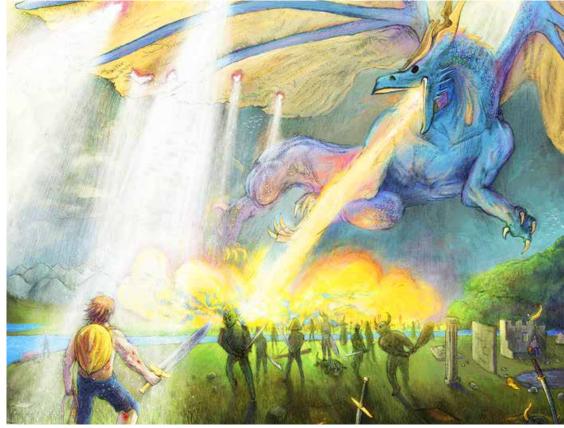
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album are real-world analogues to Darnielle's wizard, and they are the real story of the album. "Passaic 1975," for example, is a grim, but reverential tribute to Ozzy Osbourne.

"Doc Gooden" is a song about baseball. Dwight "Doc" Gooden was a pitcher for the Mets in the '80s. Here, we meet him down on his luck and after his celebrity has faded.

The best part of that track is a line snagged from LL Cool J: "Don't call it a comeback / I've been here for years."

The appropriately-named outlaw country song "Waylon Jennings Live!" opens perfectly with "Drunk at the Meskwaki casino / Right where God intended me to be." This portrait of a drug dealer on the run is made more vivid by a southern twang that fully draws you into the scene.

Regardless of your connection to the source material or the genre in play, The Mountain Goats's songs resonate because of Darnielle's abilities as a songwriter. The tender treatment of his underdogs has a universal

appeal. This holds true even when the focus isn't on human characters. "Possum by Night" is sung from the point of view of a possum, and only Darnielle could make those sharp-toothed trash monsters endearing.

### The Music

Darnielle's skills as a lyricist have been on display since the inception of The Mountain Goats, but the ability to effectively weave between genres is a recent development and one that's built upon here.

Country music is new territory for Darnielle, and exploring it led to three songs that gripped me much more than the more standard offerings. Still, the entire album is filled with impressive arrangements from Owen Pallett that show how much the band has grown musically thanks to its three supporting members.

"Done Bleeding" opens the album with a heavy bass line working in harmony with pounding percussion. "Younger" adds to the diverse sound with an orchestral feel achieved through a simple three-note piano refrain

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and a sexy saxophone solo. "An Antidote for Strychnine" builds slowly with a moody organ that is made catchy with the addition of a flowery but effective jazz flute. This all comes together to provide a richness of sound that is a long cry away from the lo-fi days of Darnielle wielding an acoustic guitar and singing into a boombox.

#### The Verdict

Despite the bait and switch of its fantasy theme, "In League With Dragons" earns its place among the best of The Mountain Goats pantheon. It is, at times, uneven with its transitions, and this may leave some with a desire for the unfinished story of the originally-planned rock opera.

This ignores so much of the richness found in this album, where real world stories provide just as much magic as the fantasy lands of Riversend. Darnielle said he hopes a new genre called "dragon noir" will spring from this album's release. Whether or not this style catches on, I'll be along for the ride as long as this indie rock wizard is still casting spells.

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## BASKETBALL Kermit Davis looking to wrap up 2019 recruiting class

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With the breakthrough 2018-19 season for Kermit Davis and the Rebels, the anticipation for the next basketball season in Oxford has never been higher. The unexpected success had the eyes of the national media on The Pavilion, but more importantly, it caught the attention of talented recruits.

With the expectations for the Ole Miss basketball program rising, this is a very important offseason for Davis and his staff. Davis has the opportunity to bring in players that fit his scheme. With the final signing date for 2019 enrollees coming up on May 15, 2019, the staff is rushing to wrap up the already impressive class with a pretty bow.

The Rebels' top uncommitted prospect is graduate transfer Khadim Sy. Sy is a 6-foot-10 forward from Senegal who can immediately add the defense Ole Miss was missing in the painted area last season. He was dismissed from Virginia Tech as a freshman and transferred to Dayton State College, where



Following the Rebels' unexpectedly successful 2018-2019 season, their 2019 recruiting class is ranked No. 36.

he averaged 16.8 points and 9.8 rebounds per game.

Sy has Ole Miss in his top 5 along with East Carolina, LSU, Pittsburgh and Arkansas. He came to Oxford for an official visit last week.

Should he choose to wear red and blue, he'll join a fiveplayer 2019 class currently ranked No. 36 in the nation.

Davis's best commitment came from four-star guard Austin Crowley. A native of West Point, Mississippi, Crowley was teammates with Blake Hinson at Sunrise Christian Academy in Kansas.

"Signing the best players in Mississippi has been a top priority for our staff in our first year," Davis said. "Austin Crowley is the full package — an elite, talented, excellent student that has outstanding character."

Three-star committed players Bryce Williams and Antavion Collum will join Crowley in the backcourt. Williams, who played with with Khadim Sy at Daytona State College, averaged 14.5 points a game in 24 games. Collum, a 6-foot-7 forward out of Memphis, chose the Rebels over Florida and Florida State.

Big bodies down low are at the top of the wish list for the upcoming season as it was a consistent struggle for Kermit Davis to get production down low. Sammy Hunter and Rodney Howard will try to fix that. Hunter was named MVP of the Signature All-Canadian Showcase this week, a title that Duke star and selfnamed "Maple Mamba" R.J. Barrett claimed a year ago. Hunter, the 6-foot-9 forward, dominated with 18 points, five rebounds and two blocks in the games.

Howard was the first commit for Kermit's 2019 class and will add his 6'10" frame to a Ole Miss frontcourt that lacks depth. If he can translate and evolve his post game to the college level, he can play a big role for the Rebels in the next few years.

Davis has already shown he can get production from underclassmen in Oxford with freshmen Blake Hinson and KJ Buffen playing a major role on a tournament team. They'll need contributions from some of these prospects with the loss of All-SEC scorer and team leader Terence Davis. Devontae Shuler and Breein Tyree announced that they'll enter the NBA draft, but they'll most likely return to Oxford with pointers from NBA scouts like Terence did last year. Those two will need to guide this class as they acclimate in the early going.



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### FOOTBALL

# GPA Boosters: Early grades for the offensive depth chart

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The Ole Miss football team lost 22 upperclassmen this season to graduation or the NFL this offseason. Around 13 of these players were key contributors. Matt Luke and company will have a hard time trying to replace the likes of A.J. Brown, D.K. Metcalf and Greg Little, but an important factor in competing in the grindhouse that is the SEC is depth.

"We've got a long way to go in every position, there's no question," offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez said after the Grove Bowl. "The inexperience sometimes shows up, so you have to coach both fundamentals and a new scheme and that makes it a little more difficult, but they're working hard. This will be the most important summer for most of these guys."

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This week, we'll take an early look at each position group on the depth chart and grade it based on skill, experience and depth, starting with the offense.

**QB:** Matt Corral, Grant Tisdale, Kinkead Dent, Grant Restmeyer, Jacob Cendoya Grade: C-

Rich Rodriguez will have one of the youngest quarterback rooms in the nation, led by Matt Corral. It was valuable for Matt Luke to be able to redshirt Corral last season while still getting him snaps under the new redshirt rules, but he still has limited meaningful snaps.

The former four-star recruit played in four games last season, his best performance being against ULM when he had 143 yards and two touchdowns on 10/10 passing. Corral does have a golden opportunity to excel under the tutelage of offensive guru Rich



As the 2019 football season approaches, there are still several open spots on the Ole Miss football team roster. Players like Elijah Moore (#8) have big shoes to fill.

Rodriguez. He showed a taste of what he can do in the new offense with 240 yards and a touchdown in the Grove Bowl.

"I feel like I'm right where I need to be, but there's always that little voice in my head saying I can do much more, I could do better," Corral said after the game.

Backing him up will be freshmen Grant Tisdale and Kinkead Dent, who both showed flashes in the Grove Bowl, along with Grant Restmeyer and Jacob Cendoya.

RB: Scottie Phillips, Snoop Conner, Isaiah Woullard, D'Vaughn Pennamon

#### Grade: B+

A quick look at the Ole Miss running backs gives you all you need to know about what Matt Luke wants to do with this team. These guys are big and elusive, a contrast to the scat backs Hugh Freeze consistently brought into the backfield.

Senior Scottie Phillips would have had 1,000 yards rushing last year if it weren't for an injury late in the season. Phillips established himself as the feature back early and finished with 928

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vards and 12 touchdowns. Snoop Conner and Isaiah Woullard carried most of the workload in the Grove Bowl. when Phillips was held out. Rich Rodriguez likes to have about three running backs in the rotation, so there's a window for guys to step up.

WR: Braylon Sanders, Tylan Knight, Elijah Moore, Dontario Drummond, Miles Battle Grade: C+

This is possibly the position with the biggest turnover, as the Rebels saw their top-4 targets in A.J. Brown, D.K. Metcalf, DaMarkus Lodge and Dawson Knox head to the NFL. Tylan Knight exploded for 91 yards and a touchdown during the Grove Bowl, showing his ability to make big plays from the slot receiver position. Rodriguez can use him in the slot or in the backfield next season.

Elijah Moore and Braylon Sanders will play a huge role in the Rodriguez passing attack as they have the most in-game experience. East Mississippi Community College transfer Dontario Drummond will also be asked

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to make an immediate impact with his large frame.

### TE: Octavious Cooley, Jason Pellerin, Alex Faniel, Jonathan Hess

#### Grade: D

The loss of Dawson Knox leaves a hole at the end of the line for the Rebels. Rodriguez will need a big jump from Octavious Cooley for him to be featured in the offense up the middle. He showed some gusto in the Grove Bowl, running hard after the catch. Former quarterback Jason Pellerin is another senior who can see significant time at the tight end spot, but after that, the experience takes a deep dive.

**OL:** Alex Givens, Eli Johnson, Royce Newman, Ben Brown, Chandler Tuitt, Bryce Mathews

#### Grade: C-

The offensive line is the position group that took the biggest hit after the 2018 season. Matt Luke lost Greg Little, Javon Patterson, Sean Rawlings and Jordan Sims. That group held down the offensive line for an unheard of amount of snaps. The Rebels have seven freshmen linemen coming in and expect a few of them to play. Alex Givens and Eli Johnson will lead the young group.

"That's usually where inexperience shows up the most, up front where even if you know what you're doing, you're probably not going to be strong enough," Rodriguez said. "We have a couple of young linemen that I think are going to be pretty good players. They've just got to start living in the weight room."

### Offensive GPA: 2.00

The Rebels have some work to do to bring this up, but luckily they have more than one week unlike the rest of the students on campus. This summer will be crucial, and the offense will need some hard work and extra credit to compete this fall.

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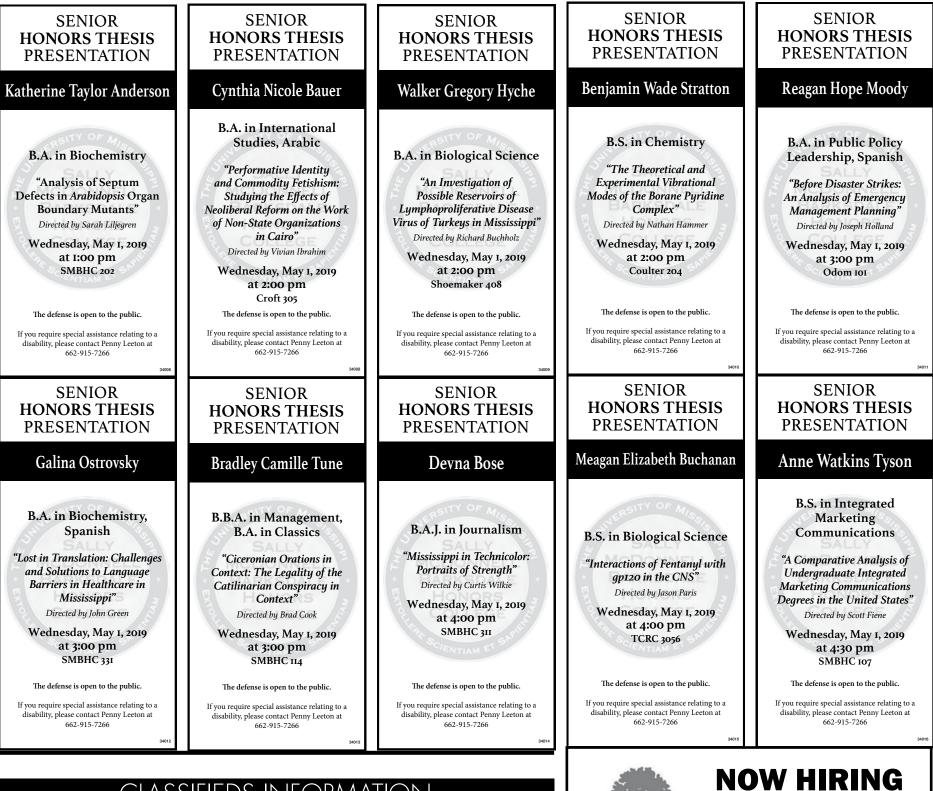
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by grounding into a fielder's choice to plate two runners.

Kevin Graham then put Ole Miss ahead, reaching on an error to bring home Tyler Keenan. Knox Loposer followed up with a double off the left-center wall to break the game open. Chase Cockrell then roped an RBI single down the left field line to make it 6-2 at the end of the inning.

Over the next three innings, the Rebels tacked on five more insurance runs and the Rebel pitchers kept the Golden Eagles at bay.

Zack Phillips started on the bump for the Rebels before giving way to Austin Miller, Tyler Myers and Gunnar Hoglund. The bullpen trio held the Golden Eagles to just two hits over the final 3.5 innings to clutch the victory.

Since their victory in Pearl, the Rebels have struggled with consistency, dropping games to Kentucky, Auburn and Mississippi State.

However, things are looking up for the Rebels after they secured their second SEC series sweep of the season against the No. 6 Texas A&M Aggies with two walk-off victories.

After ripping the game-



Ole Miss pitcher Doug Nikhazy pitches against Texas A&M last Friday night.

winning RBI single through the gap in the 11th inning of Thursday night's game, Thomas Dillard once again came through for the Rebels in game three. In the bottom of the ninth, Dillard slid into home on a wild pitch to finish the 3-2 victory.

Game three also marked shortstop Grae Kessinger's 33rd consecutive game in which he reached base safely. The junior from Oxford is

also on a seven-game hitting streak and is batting .359 on the season. The only Rebel that tops Kessinger's average is Ryan Olenek, swinging the bat for a .367 average.

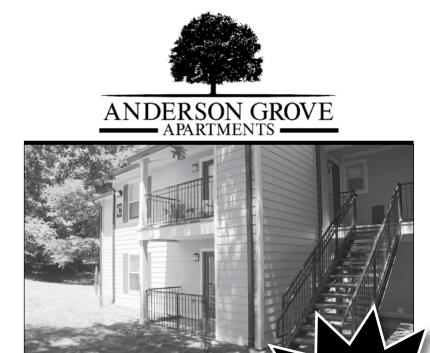
With the sweep, the Rebels improved to 30-15 on the season and 13-8 against SEC opponents. Now, the Rebels sit at third in the SEC West behind the Arkansas Razorbacks (15-6) and the Mississippi State Bulldogs (13-8).

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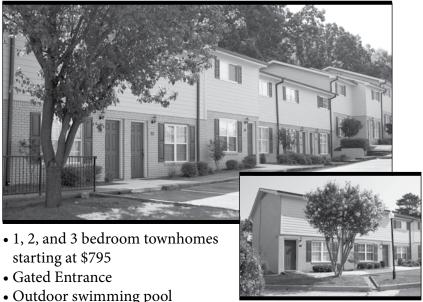




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