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Welcome Week connects student body



Students "Lock the Vaught" during the New Student Kickoff Picnic held in the Grove Saturday.

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Foreign language tours help prospective students

BRITTANY BROWN
NEWS WRITER

The Office of International Programs offered a new service this month for exchange and international students: campus tours in foreign languages.

The tours were given to international students who had arrived on campus a couple days prior. The languages of the given tours ranged from Japanese and Chinese to Hindi and Korean. Jiwon Lee, a senior music major whose native language is Korean, came up with the idea of foreign language tours.

"In January 2017, I looked up Ole Miss on a Korean website that's something like Google," Lee said. "There were posts on the blogs that said, 'I don't know what Rebel or Ole Miss means, but people here say that a lot.'"

Seeing these posts encouraged Lee to move forward with the idea.

"This helped make my decision of having a campus tour in Korean," Lee said. "I

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PHOTO BY: HOLLY HICKS

Students share info and learn about different organizations on campus during the Get Involved Fair in the Circle Wednesday.



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Senior Dale Hall dances with new students at the Hotty Toddy Hangout Friday.

University-sponsored Wiz Khalifa concert sparks debate

MADDIE MCGEE
NEWS EDITOR

JOHN TOULOUPIIS
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

While student excitement builds for Friday's Student Activities Association-sponsored Wiz Khalifa concert, alumni have unleashed their own opinions on the artist, arguing that his music does not embody the values described in the Ole Miss Creed.

Ed Meek, a prominent Ole Miss alumnus, posted on his Facebook page the music

video for Wiz Khalifa's song "Something New." The video features women in bathing suits drinking, promotion of derogatory slurs and references to sex and drugs.

In his post, he criticized the university's choice to approve the concert, wondering why the university would promote an artist who he feels is not an appropriate role model.

His post quickly gained both positive and negative comments from alumni and current students.

"I expected people my age

to agree with my post," Meek said. "I was surprised when people called my post racist. This is not a race issue – it's a sensitivity issue."

Meek said he felt Wiz Khalifa's music goes against the behavior standards outlined in the Ole Miss Creed. These values include integrity, fairness, civility and respect for the dignity of each person.

"Wiz's music touts abuse of women, minorities by using the N-word and clearly promotes drug abuse," Meek said.

He said for the university

to bring a performer who espouses values contrary to the Creed seems counterproductive.

Current student Jonathan Lovelady cited the First Amendment in his argument against the post.

"My opinion on the First Amendment is to allow anything that isn't violating it," Lovelady said. "SAA planned it, and a good amount of the students supported it."

Among the other comments was a comparison of atmosphere at a concert to that of the Grove, saying

people drink, use obscenities and dress scandalously there as well.

When choosing the concert, the SAA looked over several artists before deciding on Wiz Khalifa as the headliner.

"We were given some names to look at over the summer, and I thought, 'Wow, this is awesome,'" Brady Ruffin, SAA executive director, said. "When the executive council voted on it, it was almost pretty unanimous."

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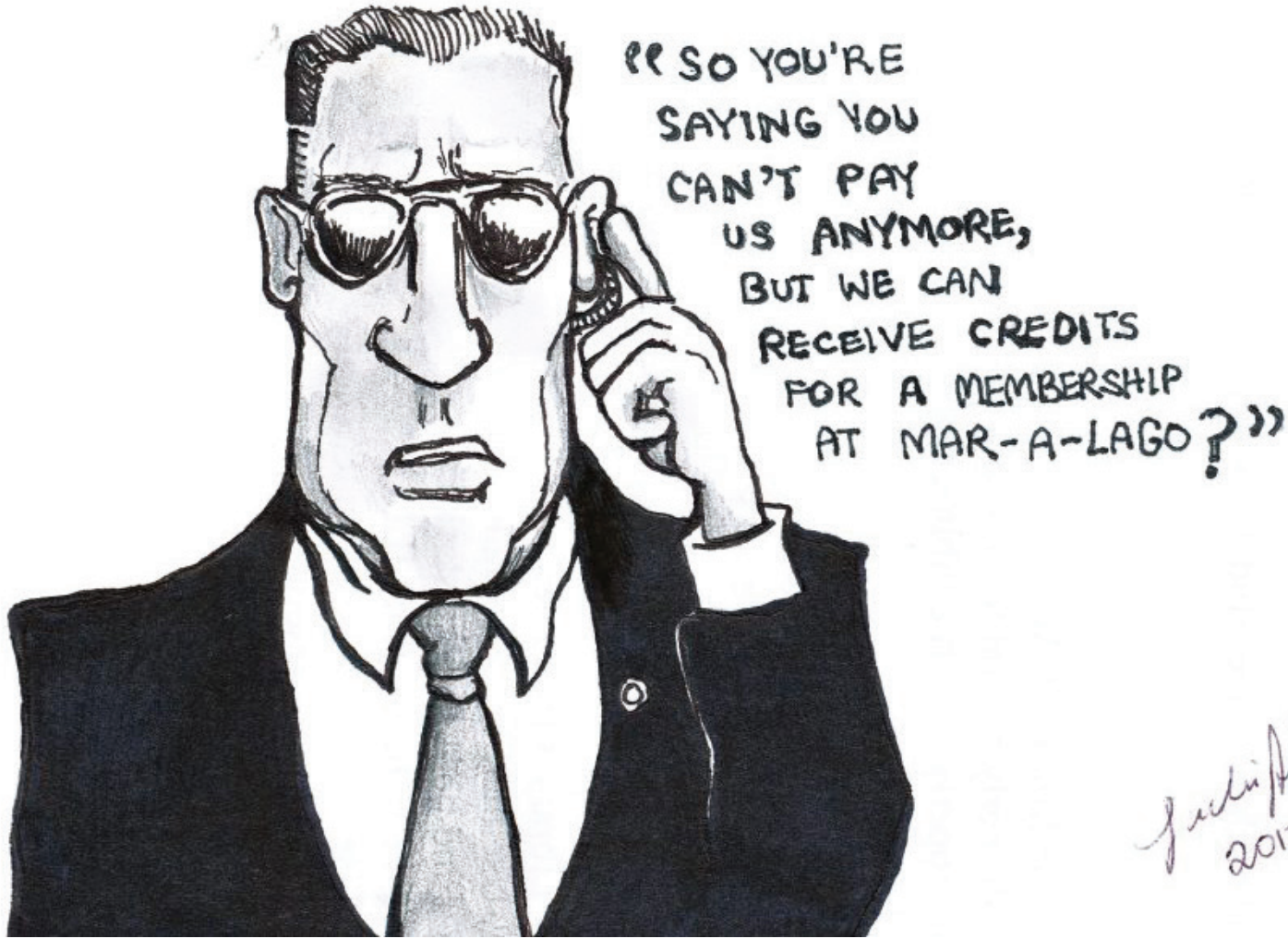
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COLUMN

Petition forces one-sided politics on students



MATTHEW DEAN
OPINION WRITER

This summer, a petition floating around the Ole Miss social scene caught my attention. The petition accused the university of atrociously failing at its sacred duty to pack enough fluff into our general education requirements for students to shell out an additional \$100 or \$200 for textbooks to classes we haven't been forced to take yet.

To my horror, I saw students proudly signing and sharing this petition in what I can only assume was either a masochistic cult ritual or a coordinated effort for our student body to become

the new face of Stockholm syndrome.

The petition, shared on change.org in March, specifically addressed the College of Liberal Arts, which my major does not fall under. So, why do I care?

Well, eventually, these demands are going to spread.

The petition's first order of business was the addition of six to nine hours of multicultural classes. Looking at the current general education requirements for liberal arts undergraduates, I don't see what the big fuss is about.

With a required three hours of fine arts, six hours of social science, three hours of humanities and six hours of history, these general requirements are more than enough exposure for students to cultural and social worlds that they may not otherwise put much effort into knowing more about. If I wanted to know anything more about East Asia than what is necessary for my degree, I would minor in it.

The petition then went on to demand that students engage

in a mandatory dozen hours of volunteer work for "diversity-related" projects. Hint for the less cynical: That's code for "social justice."

The point of volunteer work is that you, well, volunteer for it. The core principal of volunteer work – aside from helping others and giving back to the community, of course – is that you do it on your own time and for a project or cause that you support.

But these organizations are often politically one-sided. For example, although I'll support it until the day I die, not everyone supports gay marriage, and it would be morally wrong to force a student who didn't into volunteering with a LGBT organization.

The petitioning party later takes a page from the Borg playbook and goes on to state that this change in curriculum will "institutionalize inclusion." Another hint: That's code for "you will like who we like, and you will think how we think."

Honestly, I was surprised to have finished reading the petition and not have spotted

the phrase "resistance is futile," but world domination in the modern age is a subtle art.

Embracing differences to enjoy the presence of others is a part of being a mature adult and building friendships; however, as college students, we are surrounded by a seemingly infinite number of impenetrable social circles.

I will be the first to admit that it's probably easier to climb Mount Everest than it is to make friends in college. At least the Everest guide will have a conversation with you.

However, it is not the university's job to make our friends for us.

So, unless you are going to pay my tuition for the extra semester you're trying to keep me here, in which case I would still be furious, please do not try to hijack my college education.

Especially if it is just an attempt for you to cram your social agenda onto my degree progress report.

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wanted to inform everybody of the things I know about this campus that I love and the interesting things about this university.”

Following Lee’s idea of offering foreign language tours to students, the Office of International Programs contacted different international student organizations, such as the Indian Student Organization.

Prabhdeep Sandha, a doctoral student in nutrition and hospitality management and a member of the Indian Student Organization, helped lead the campus tour in Hindi.

“This never happened

when we came over here, so we were actually excited,” Sandha said.

Because many of the students leading foreign language tours had never led a tour before, they underwent training about two to three days prior to the actual tours. Chikako Takehara, a master’s student in the Department of Modern Languages, was the sole guide of the Japanese tour.

“That was the very first time I led a tour,” he said. “After the sample tour, I felt more prepared.”

Takehara also said the students had many logistical questions, such as how to receive mail, how to pay the bursar and how to load money on their student ID cards.

“Even though they had orientation for international students, they still cannot understand very specific details,” Takehara said.

During the tour led in Hindi, there were approximately five students with their parents, who had traveled from India to participate in the tour.

“It was really good to know that Ole Miss is the safest in the U.S.A. after two or three military schools,” Sushrut Marathe, a master’s student in pharmaceuticals and drug delivery, said.

Marathe said the parents had many questions about food because many Indians are vegetarians. He also said the university’s academic rankings and research opportunities at-

tracted Indian students to the University of Mississippi.

Many of the students who received these tours have stayed in contact with their tour guides.

“Most of the students wanted to exchange contact information,” Gauri Shadambikar, a master’s student in pharmaceuticals and drug delivery who helped lead the Hindi tour, said. “I

think they feel comfortable or safe if they have someone to keep in touch with.”

Many students who led the foreign language tours agreed the service should continue in the future.

“The students had a chance to ask questions and talk to somebody who’s already here,” Takehara said. “That’s one of the best parts. Having the tour in their own language.”

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SAA is funded by the Ole Miss Student Union. For the concert, it partnered with Ole Miss Athletics to secure the Pavilion as the location for the concert. Student feedback was largely positive when the show was announced.

Ruffin said SAA strives to choose events that will appeal to the entire student

body, and even amid the concern from alumni, stand by their decision.

“Wiz Khalifa was the preferred artist by an overwhelming majority of the council,” Ruffin said. “The Executive Council felt that artist appealed to many of our students and our feedback thus far has been extremely positive from our constituents.”

“I want the SAA to provide opportunities for Ole Miss students to participate in or attend events that cater to all

students on campus,” Bradley Baker, Student Union director, said.

The concert is just one element of a week full of activities, and SAA hopes students can find activities in which they are interested.

“Many components go into putting together Welcome Week,” Patrick Ramsay, the coordinator of student activities, said. “Our students work together as a team to make sure Welcome Week is a blast for all students on campus.”

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No, Oprah Winfrey is not the reason I started adding podcasts to my morning ritual.

Well, actually, to be honest, she is.

I thought I was a morning person up until my junior year of college, when I started getting two hours of sleep instead of 15. That might be an exaggeration - kind of. I did, however, start questioning if I was ready for adulthood because of it. My insufficient sleeping schedule is a story of its own, though.

I needed something besides coffee and alternative rock to get me through my early mornings and lack of sleep. No offense to Red Hot Chili Peppers, but "Scar Tissue" wasn't giving me the morning boost Oprah told me I needed in order to have a successful day. So, I settled for podcasts.

If you are new to podcasts or are interested in finding one, I hope this weekly podcast roundup serves as guidance for you. We are in the golden age of podcasts, and there are many platforms and topics to choose from. Go to Google Play, the Apple App Store or Soundcloud to listen and download new episodes.

Here is a list of this week's podcasts for your listening pleasure:



DEAR SUGARS

Hosts Cheryl Strayed and Steve Almond team up every week to cover listener concerns, no matter how deep or dark they are. From body weight and romance to marriage issues, "Dear Sugars" provides advice for the lost and lonely. The podcast commits to featuring different people each week, welcoming guests like George Saunders, Oprah Winfrey and Ashley C. Ford.

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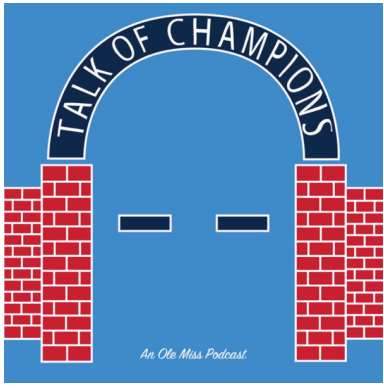


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TALK OF CHAMPIONS

What's better than a sports podcast about Ole Miss football that covers everything sports-related? Hosted by Ben Garrett and former defensive end Kentrell Lockett, "Talk of Champions" brings you the latest information about what's happening in Ole Miss sports. In recent months, Garrett and Lockett have focused on the NCAA investigation and given us information that we all are curious about.



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REVEAL

In 2013, the Center of Investigative Reporting, best known for its investigative stories about scandals and more, launched a podcast, website and social media platform called "Reveal." The podcast centers on uncovering hidden messages and stories impacting the world. A personal favorite has been "Nowhere to run," which is about how the Texas foster care system is failing vulnerable children and leaving them without a place to live.

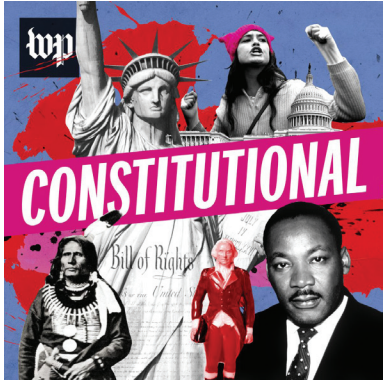


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CONSTITUTIONAL

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Fantasy focus: Early picks to stack your team

ALEXIOS TOULOUPIIS

SPORTS WRITER

Jamaal Charles, Jameis Winston, Julius Thomas. Three men on the brink of greatness. Fantasy football greatness, that is.

I'd draft these three men in a heartbeat, not because of a biased love for them, but because of a feeling. A feeling that everything is going to be alright. A sense of security, trust and faith. Here's why:

Jamaal Charles:



At 30 years old, I do not consider this fantasy great's work to be done. Sure, he tore his ACL, but players have come back from worse. Last year, I drafted this once-elite running back and kept him on the team all throughout his injury, not out of stupidity but out of respect. The man once scored 55 points in a single game.

Now with the Denver Broncos (and with no real numbers to show from last season), he'll be looked over and missed by many. But I'm telling you that Jamaal Charles will produce numbers out of this world for a backup. The starter ahead of him, C.J. Anderson, is also coming off of injury from last season. Who knows how he will play. As the rushing game becomes more prominent in Denver, Jamaal Charles is probably the best backup in the game and a great add for your fantasy team and maybe even a low-grade FLEX position.

Jameis Winston:



Oh, Jameis. While he was in college, I was not a big fan. In fact, I could not stand the guy. But now he's becoming one of the best in the business and a true dual-threat QB.

Add in that DeSean Jackson joined the team – oh, baby! Jackson is a real threat with amazing speed and great hands. Watch out for this combination. Sure, he didn't consistently put up big time numbers last year, but there are other reasons for that ... like his quarterback.

Jameis Winston is better than Kirk Cousins. I said it. Since the rise of Mike

Evans, the quarterback/receiver duo has turned Tampa Bay into a real NFC South threat. That doesn't even include rookie tight end O.J. Howard. A consistent best at his position in college, this man will shred the NFL with his dynamic abilities.

Ultimately, solid numbers and top-tier receivers will make Jameis a QB1 in fantasy football this season. If you haven't drafted yet and prefer to focus on running backs and wide receivers, Jameis should be hanging around on the board until the later rounds. If he's still around, snag him.

Thomas was once the best and most feared tight end in all of fantasy football – unfortunately, the key word here is once. After Peyton Manning left the Broncos, so did Thomas and his fantasy relevance.

With the Jaguars, he had a slump season. In fairness, who wouldn't slump in Jacksonville? (Side note, seriously – avoid Jaguars players. Drafting, trading or otherwise. Avoid them. One good week does not make them worth the add.)

With the Jaguars, Julius Thomas was unrecognizable. But this year, he has a new team in the Miami Dolphins and a new quarterback in Jay Cutler. As a Bears fan, I am not big on Jay Cutler. But coming from Blake Bortles, any upgrade is a huge upgrade. Cutler is a solid QB who can make tight throws and loves to hit his tight ends over the middle.

Julius has already proven that he can destroy your opponent's chances of winning a game, and I don't see that changing this year. He'll remain a solid choice for FLEX or even your TE1.

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Handicapping 2017 Heisman Trophy candidates

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The greatest player in college football is a title held by an exclusive club and this year's race for the Heisman is wide open. With the 2017 college football season on the horizon, find out who's on Heisman-watch this Fall:

Quinton Flowers

Quarterbacks like Lamar Jackson and Johnny Manziel came out of nowhere to win the Heisman. They both did it by being completely unpredictable dual-threat weapons. South Florida's Quinton Flowers can do the exact same. At the helm of an offense that returns 10 starters from an 11-2 team, Flowers will captivate college football fans across the country and fill highlight reels with his strong arm and running ability. Charlie Strong seems to have been gifted his next Teddy Bridgewater, maybe even someone who is better than Bridgewater.

Odds: *Unlikely*

Derwin James

Every year, one defensive player works his way into

the Heisman conversation. Like Jabrill Peppers last season, Florida State star safety Derwin James will be all over the field. He may not be the offensive and special teams threat Peppers was, but James will do everything on the defensive side of the ball. One play, he will stuff the run, and the next, he will lock down the other team's best receiver. His ball skills will lead to signature plays that will not only win games but also win over the fans. The only thing that could slow him down is his health, after missing most of last season due to injury. His matchup with Calvin Ridley, Jalen Hurts and the rest of the Crimson Tide offense will make for compelling TV.

Odds: *Longshot*

Saquon Barkley

The biggest surprise in the Big Ten last year was that neither Michigan or Ohio State won the Big Ten Conference. Penn State grinded its way to a berth in the Rose Bowl, where it lost in an instant classic to USC. Do not expect last season to be a fluke. The Nittany Lions have a workhorse in the backfield who is capa-

ble of at least 2,000 rushing yards – Saquon Barkley. Barkley is a mix of the powerful, mean running of Leonard Fournette and the playmaking ability of Christian McCaffrey. Barkley is a generational player who can dominate any defense. Using stiff arms, jukes, spins and a powerful frame, he can single-handedly carry Penn State to the College Football Playoff. There should not be any doubt he will receive an invite to New York.

Odds: *Probable*

Lamar Jackson

Last year, nobody could match the numbers produced by Louisville's Lamar Jackson. Every time the ball was snapped, defenses had no way of knowing if he was going to throw the ball 50 yards down the field or escape the pocket and run for 20 instead. He was the clear-cut favorite for the Heisman Trophy. Playing as the defending Heisman winner is not easy. Only Archie Griffin has taken the award twice. For Jackson to win again, he will have to beat the standard he set last year, which will be difficult.

Odds: *Questionable*

Sam Darnold

After taking over for Max Browne early in the season a year ago, USC's Sam Darnold has garnered a large fanbase. For the first time since Mark Sanchez, the Trojans have one of the nation's top quarterbacks. Darnold possesses a strong arm, better-than-average athleticism and exceptional football savvy that draws comparisons to Andrew Luck. His ability to stretch the field vertically with ac-

curacy will torch Pac 12 defenses. The hype train for him this season started when he out-dueled Penn State in last year's Rose Bowl. That performance has led to talk of him being the first player selected in the 2018 NFL draft. His ceiling is as high as he wants it to be. It is hard to imagine anyone else outplaying him this season.

Odds: *Highly Likely*

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