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Greek life retreat ends abruptly with bias concerns

SLADE RAND MANAGING EDITOR

RACHEL ISHEE NEWS EDITOR

This weekend, leaders from Ole Miss Greek life convened upon Camp Hopewell in Lafavette County for a three-day retreat designed to build leaders and bring campus closer together. The retreat was cut short Saturday night, however, after three black students found a banana peel in a tree trashcan nearby. in front of one of the camp's cabins.

The students shared what they found with National Pan-Hellenic Council leaders, sparking a day's worth of camp-wide conversation surrounding symbolism, intended or not. In the midst of the open and sometimes heated discussion, senior accounting major Ryan Swanson said he put the banana peel in the tree when he could not find a

Alexa Lee Arndt, interim director of Fraternity and Sorority Life, said she was one of the only university staff members acting in an administrative capacity at the weekend retreat. Monday afternoon, she sent a letter to all campus chapter presidents, council officers and chapter advisers, confirming the incident and outlining the university's plans.

"To be clear, many mem-

bers of our community were hurt, frightened, and upset by what occurred at IMPACT ... Because of the underlying reality many students of color endure on a daily basis, the conversation manifested into a larger conversation about race relations today at the University of Mississippi," Arndt wrote in the letter acquired by The DM.

Student members of Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council and Interfraternity Council were all present at the retreat, which was organized by Fraternity and Sorority Life and the national group IMPACT. IMPACT is a campus-based leadership institute designed to foster improved relationships among campus leaders through a retreat-type program.

Makala McNeil, an officer of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority,

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Student Union opening this week after delay



The new Student Union has an open layout plan that allows more seating.

ETHEL MWEDZIWENDIRA DESIGN EDITOR

he Student Union is set to open its doors to the public this week after missing its Aug. 21 deadline. With last-minute details to finish, Union workers will continue working through the night and over the next couple of weeks.

Ole Miss Communications is expected to release a statement when the grand opening happens.

"We really expect to push through this as soon as people start getting the word of mouth about the Union being open," Bradley Baker, director of the Student Union, said.

The facility was scheduled to open the first day of classes, but "unexpected delays" caused the opening date to be pushed a week further.

In an Aug. 17 press release, the university did not mention what caused the delay. However, it addressed ways in which the university is working to have it open to the public.

"The project team is working diligently to ensure the opening of this building maintains the standard of excellence that our university family expects and deserves," Chad Hunter, associate university architect, said.

Starting Monday, a soft opening was offered to several university departments offering a tour to Ole Miss Student Affairs, Administration Finance, Facility Management, Student Activities Association, Associated Student Body and more. The purpose of the soft opening served as training for workers so they can be better prepared for the grand opening, Baker said.

Planning for the Union started in 2008 and construction in 2015. The entire building is set to be complete in 2019, costing more than \$58 million.

The building is undergoing

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Holocaust survivor: 'Respect toward one another must begin'

recount not only the dark standing ovation.

genocide and the Holo-



STAFF WRITER

Crowds spilled out of Paris-Yates Chapel on Tuesday night as students waited to experience a first-person account of history.

Renowned speaker, author and Holocaust survivor Marion Blumenthal Lazan took to the stage to

details of her childhood living in a concentration camp but also to describe her life following the liberation and give words of wisdom on respect, kindness and perseverance.

The UM Hillel and Jewish Federation of Oxford co-sponsored Lazan's public talk, which ended in a

Lazan began by recognizing the difference between natural disasters such as Hurricane Harvey and mass genocides such as the Holocaust.

"Unfortunately, there is so very little we as humans can do against the ravages of nature," Lazan said. "In contrast, 9/11, the ongoing

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caust of the second world war were all carefully planned, orchestrated and carried out by men."

Lazan was 4 years old in 1935 when the Nuremberg Laws were enforced and regulated the lives of Jewish people in Germany. Lazan was forced to begin

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PHOTO BY BILLY SCHUERMAN Marion Blumenthal Lazan

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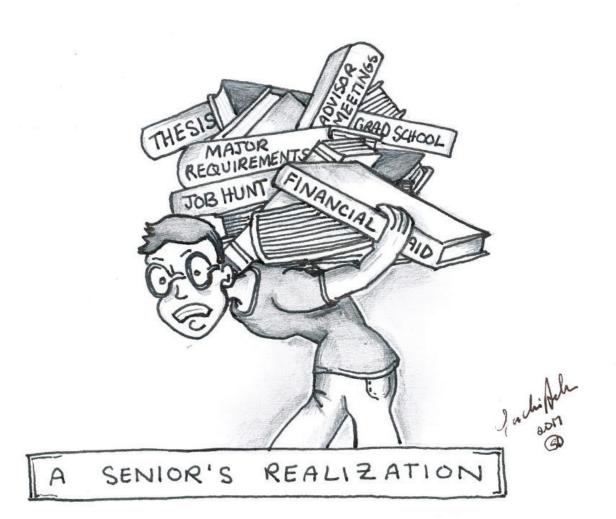
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GOLLEGE: A FRESHMAN'S DREAM



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I'm a native Houstonian and this is surreal. Words can't fully describe what is happening, but you are seeing much of it unfold before you on the news and social media.

The saying, 'everything is bigger in Texas' is true. Harvey is bigger, our hurt is bigger, our hearts are bigger and our resilience is bigger. Texas is unified.

Ole Miss alumni, students, families and prospective students are deeply impacted. They are working around the clock at Texas Children's Hospital, reporting the news on KHOU- Channel 11, rescuing neighbors in boats and volunteering in shelters.

Politically charged posts have disappeared from Facebook, and social media is being used to facilitate rescues and resources.

Beyond my kin, I am part of two amazing families. I'm lucky to be an Ole Miss Rebel from Texas.

CORRECTION

An article about the Pride Camp celebration on Page 4 in Monday's Daily Mississippian incorrectly attributed a quote. The quote – "It is not the responsibility of the oppressed to teach the oppressor of their mistakes" – should have been attributed to poet and activist Audre Lord.

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MEMBER NEWSPAPER

OPINION

COLUMN Dining, sustainability can go together in Oxford



FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ COLUMNIST

Five friends walk into a bar. They have driven separately, and now they're ordering glass-bottled drinks and tasty dishes packed with meat and cheese.

This is not the setup for a joke, but rather a common scene in our dining and entertainment practices. It's also a scene that shows how little attention we to the implications pay and consequences of our entertainment, however welldeserved it may be.

After all, it makes sense to let go and have fun when we just want to enjoy ourselves. We want to see our friends, have good food and do something fun – something to feel both liberated from the stress of the week and connected to those whose company we enjoy.

The freedom of going out and enjoying a nice meal or a few drinks is something we should cherish, but there are many ways we can make our leisure time healthier and more sustainable.

Thinking about transportation is a good starting point, keeping safety and sustainability in mind when making decisions about where to go and how to get there. Sharing rides is the most obvious and practical choice if we go out in big groups. Taxis or ride-hauling services can also help with that.

Riding a bicycle could also be a smart choice, but weather conditions and safety concerns on busy roads can be too much to bear if our goal is to go out to a restaurant or bar. Perhaps a local tax on gas could reduce our traffic and improve our bike lanes and bus service while we wait for electric self-driving cars to take over.

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sensible Making more decisions about what we consume when we go out would also improve sustainability. Glass bottles are not recyclable locally, so remembering that at the store, restaurants and bars would help.

Also, if you don't know about the environmental effects of mass-produced animal products, I suggest you find that information and decide for yourself what to do about it. The same applies if you are concerned about the treatment of animals or about your health. I'm not trying to make everyone go vegan, but at least reducing our meat consumption would make everyone better off.

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Finally, let's not forget that a home-cooked meal can always beat what you're served at most restaurants. Try to replicate the meals you enjoyed as a kid or find new, exciting ones on many of the available websites or food blogs. Home-cooked meals bring people together like few other things, and they allow you to have a great time with friends without being rushed out the door when you're done eating. And, of course, you will also save money.

have never cooked much or if you don't think you'll be good at it. Some of the most enjoyable meals are some of the easiest to make, too. And learning how to cook, like most things that require some time and practice, rewards you with great satisfaction.

To quote the movie "Ratatouille": "Anyone can cook!" And anyone can be more sustainable, too.

Francisco Hernandez is a senior international studies major from Valencia, Spain.

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First of four provost candidates interviews on campus

MADDIE MCGEE NEWS EDITOR

Sheryl Tucker presented her vision for the future of the university in a bid to take on the provost position left vacant by former Provost Morris Stocks. She outlined topics like undergraduate research, alumni relations and diversity in today's address to students, faculty and staff.

"I want to develop a shared vision for excellence in academic affairs to transform lives, communities and the world," Tucker said.

Tucker was the first of four finalists for the position slated to present in an open forum.

Tucker is no stranger to the provost position. She currently serves as vice provost for two Oklahoma State University campuses – the flagship campus in Stillwater and another in Tulsa. She is also the dean of that system's graduate college, working across three campuses. She plans to use this leadership experience to benefit not only the Oxford campus but all schools in the University of Mississippi system.

"I will model the way for you, and I will challenge the status quo," she said. "Nobody likes to hear the issues when you have no solutions, so I am a solution-oriented leader."

She works to come up with creative solutions through collaboration, citing examples of working with her team to resolve difficult issues.

As a former leader of the Graduate Research Fellowship Program at the National Science Foundation, Tucker emphasized the importance of research programs at the undergraduate level.

"Undergraduate research leads to student retention," she said.

She cited the current undergraduate research opportunities in place through the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College as an example of something she would like to grow at the university.

Tucker also discussed her passion for interdisciplinary research. She said some of her research was intentional through partnerships, while other opportunities were unexpected.

"Our little Sheltie had an eye problem, and we were recommended to go to the university's vet school," she said. "I met a veterinary ophthalmologist there, and we struck up a conversation because of the dye she used in our dog's eyes. She said, 'I need a molecular spectroscopist,' and I said, 'Oh,



Provost candidate Sheryl Tucker, dean of the graduate school of chemistry at Oklahoma State University, is the first of four candidates to speak.

really? Because that's what I am!""

Tucker said she embraces interactions like these because they bring people of different expertise together.

She also noted a desire to foster and strengthen alumni relations, taking them past just financial interactions and onto a more personal level.

"Some graduates want to give back, and maybe at some point in their career, they could do that by giving funds," she said. "But we really need to focus on those who could give their time and their talents to us now."

She noted implementing programs like job shadowing, internship exchanges and mentoring programs as ways to further improve alumni relations.

"We need to do a better job as institutions at connecting those alums back to our institution," she said.

Tucker also expressed wishes to continue working on campus diversity.

"I am a very strong advocate for diversity and inclusion," she said. "I've created a welcoming environment for underrepresented students."

Among her efforts to combat this issue were institution-wide initiatives to help mentor students. Although the funds for this came from the National Science Foundation, Tucker was able to expand the program to include both STEM and humanities students.

"I believe very strongly in building community and giving them opportunities and projects where they can see success."

The search for a new provost began last school year when former Provost Morris Stocks returned to the faculty of the accounting school.

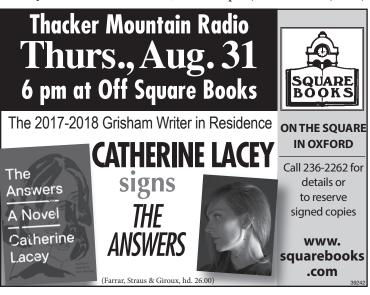
Larry Sparks, vice chancellor for administration and finance, currently serves as chair of the provost search committee.

"We have a wide, diverse committee," he said. "We looked for representation from all aspects of campus, including faculty, staff and students."

The committee was able to narrow down a vast list of resumes to a smaller number who underwent an extensive interview period. They selected four candidates to come to Oxford to present through on-site interviews and open forums.

"The idea is to meet with as many constituencies as possible to get input on strengths and weaknesses so we can provide all of the information to the chancellor, who will make the final decision," he said.

The remaining finalists will be announced 24 hours before their open forum, with presentations this Thursday, next Tuesday and next Friday.



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wearing the yellow Star of David, which signified her isolation from the rest of society.

Lazan's family members planned to flee to the United States. Just one month before their departure, the Nazis invaded Holland, where she and her family were awaiting escape.

Even though she was only 9 years old, Lazan said she still remembers the vicious German soldiers and their attack dogs who came to take her and her family off to the concentration camps.

"To this day, I still feel a certain sense of fear whenever I see a German shepherd," Lazan said.

The concentration camp was so bitter cold, Lazan said, that the prisoners used their own urine to warm up their hands. She said her body and clothes were infested with lice.

"I know that you've all read, studied and seen movies, but the foul odor, the filth, continuous horror and fear surrounded by death is indescribable," Lazan said. "There is no way that this can be put accurately into words or pictures."

In order to survive the concentration camp, Lazan said she invented her own make-believe games.

Finally, in 1945, the Russian army liberated the train en route to eastern Europe inside which Lazan and her mother had been detained for two weeks.

"Although we were all weak, ill and exhausted, I vividly remember the spring of 1945 – flowers were in bloom; the birds were singing," Lazan said. "It was a wonderful feeling to be free at long last." Lazan, her mother and older brother all eventually moved to Illinois, where Lazan was introduced to a new language and life.

Even though Lazan was far behind in school, she ended up graduating on time and was ranked eighth in her class.

Lazan also met her husband in high school in Illinois. The two celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary this year.

"Despite all the terrible things that happened to me as a child, my life today is full," Lazan said.

Lazan reminded the audience to share and pass on Holocaust stories.

"In a few short years, we will not be here any longer to give a first-hand account," Lazan said. "When we're not here any longer, it is you, the young people here this evening who will have to bear witness."

In addition, Lazan urged the audience members not to take their freedom for granted, to respect the beliefs of others and to examine the intentions of leaders before blindly following them.

"Each and every one of us must do everything in our power to avoid such hatred," Lazan said. "Regardless of our religious belief, regardless of the color of our skin, regardless of the national origin, this respect toward one another must begin."

Krista Oliver, a junior broadcast journalism major, said the timing of the talk was great.

"It's so relevant with Charlottesville," Oliver said. "It's just a reminder that this did happen and those that want it to happen again – I don't get it at all."



PHOTO BY ETHEL MWEDZIWENDIRA

While the Student Union is still under construction, the food court portion opens this week.

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two phases of renovations, which will nearly double its original size, expanding from 97,000 square feet to 157,000 square feet. The amount of seating will triple to 400 seats for dining.

The brand-new facility is open and inviting, with glass windows all around, subtle colors and high ceilings. It will include a Union ballroom, expected to open in the near future, that will host conventions and other events.

In order to provide students with the best dining experience, staple restaurants set to open include a full-service Chick-fil-A, Panda Express, Qdoba and new additions such as Which Wich and the only McAlister's Deli on a college campus.

Furniture in the Union was picked out by the students at the end of last semester, according to Baker. Baker said students should expect to have the

opportunity to choose more

furniture types toward the phase two renovation, which will have demos for students to try out and see what items they prefer.

Amid rumors of opening dates, the opening date for the entirety of the Union still is in 2019, despite delays.

Baker said there will be some construction still going on these next few days leading up to the grand opening of phase one. Construction will take place after hours; however, a functioning Union is the main priority for students, faculty and visitors.

Visitors on game day will get to experience the newly renovated Union and food options. Baker said the ultimate goal has always been providing for the students.

"Being able to open the venue soon was challenging, but I think students will be able to enjoy all the options," Baker said. "Not just here at the Union but across campus because it expands what they can access, whether it be at the Pavilion or Luckyday, Rebel Market."

Meal plans will be available and functioning at all five restaurants for students, faculty and staff. Students with Rebel 100 will have 100 meals, and Rebel Unlimited Plus 1, Spring Greek Plus 1, Upperclassmen Plus 1 and Upperclassmen Weekday Plus 1 will be available.

Hours of operation will remain normal, opening from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the weekends.

"While there's still work to be done, we're proud of what represents our university community and most importantly, our students," Larry Sparks, vice chancellor of administration and finance, said.

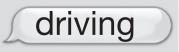




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Hurricane Harvey evacuees find safety in Oxford

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Mother Nature plays no favorites.

Tropical Storm Harvey has destroyed homes, flooded the streets and devastated people all over southeastern Texas, in places like Houston, Corpus Christi and Galveston.

Away from the immediate danger of the raging tropical storm, Oxford has been a safe haven for some evacuees. Relatives of Ole Miss alumni are collecting their most valuable belongings, packing up their lives and heading to Oxford.

Lisa Ganucheau is the mother of senior accounting major Mary Clare Ganucheau from Houston. As soon as Lisa heard the news about the incoming hurricane, she packed her wedding dress, photo albums and family documents, and drove herself to Oxford for shelter in their family condo.

"We know people on the coast who have lost everything and we know people in Houston who have lost everything," Lisa said. "They kept saying to be ready, to be ready, to be ready, and people woke up Saturday morning with water in their houses. Poor people, wealthy



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Rescue boats fill a flooded street as flood victims are evacuated as floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey rise Monday in Houston.

people, everywhere around town — people have lost their homes. It's because the bayou has risen."

Meanwhile, social media has been working to help families all over Texas.

"It's been a huge help. A huge, huge help," said Lisa. "It's the fear of the unknown that keeps you up at night. But when you can at least see pictures of what's happening, that helps."

According to the university's Office of Admissions, more than 21 percent of the 24,250 students who attend the University of Mississippi are from Texas. The Ganucheau family is clearly not the only Ole Miss family affected by this tropical storm. Kathryn Abernathy, a junior journalism major from St. Louis, Missouri, has a brother who currently lives in Houston.

"My family tried to get him to leave the city and come to Oxford," Kathryn said. "My mom kept calling him but he refused to leave. I don't think he thought it was going to be this bad."

The Oxford Chamber of Commerce is doing its part to help anyone affected by this disaster. David Guyton, director of the Oxford Chamber of Commerce, asked people to donate necessities like cleaning supplies, first aid kits, new towels, baby formula and dry pet food.

The chamber is also accepting monetary donations to cover the cost of a rental truck and gas in order to make the trip to Texas. The truck will leave town on Thursday, meaning everything must be donated by noon on that day.

"Remember, a community is a place, but it is much more than that," said Guyton. "It is that feeling that exists in our hearts when we think of our families, our friends, our neighbors and our homes."

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one of the nine historically African-American sororities and fraternities, said she saw the banana peel after leaving a group discussion that addressed race relations. Saturday morning, all of the retreat's participants ate breakfast together, followed by a session where they shared their feelings on race relations at Ole Miss. The breakfast options included a fruit cart with bananas.

"The overall tone was heavy," McNeil, a senior integrated marketing communications and sociology major, said. "I mean, we were talking about race in Mississippi, at the University of Mississippi and in the Greek community, so there's a lot involved."

After the large discussion session, the students split into smaller conversation groups. McNeil said that around noon on Saturday, she was walking with friends to their group session across camp when one of her sorority sisters pointed at a tree 15 feet away. She said that about six feet up the tree's trunk sat a lone, fresh-looking banana peel.

"It was so strange and surreal to see it there," McNeil said. "We were all just sort of paranoid for a second."

She said the image was especially disturbing in light of an incident on American University's campus in May of this year. The morning Taylor Dumpson was to take over as the school's first female black student government president, students found bananas hanging from nooses across campus. Some of the bananas were inscribed with references to Dumpson's sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha.

"That, to me, was a slap in the face to see that banana hanging in a tree after talking about the personal truths of our campus," McNeil said.

McNeil said that by lunchtime, people throughout the camp knew about the incident. As lunch rolled into the afternoon discussion group, the banana peel dominated chatter. That afternoon's group discussion session served as an open forum on the incident.

"As the staff member responsible for the wellbeing of our community, I felt it was imperative to provide space immediately to students affected by this incident to allow them an opportunity to voice their pain and concern," Arndt wrote in her statement.

At the start of this session, McNeil said one black student stood up and asked that everyone there google the American University incident to understand the banana peel's significance. She said he explained how bananas have historically been used to demean black people. McNeil said her sorority sister then raised her hand to simply ask who put the peel in the tree.

She said Swanson stood up and came forward almost immediately after the question. He apologized and said he did not mean any harm by leaving the peel in the tree.

"I want to sincerely apologize for the events that took place this past weekend," Swanson said in a statement to The DM on Tuesday night. "Although unintentional, there is no excuse for the pain that was caused to members of our community.

"I want to thank my friends in the NPHC for their candid and constructive conversations that we have continued to have. I have much to learn and look forward to doing such and encourage all members of our university community to do the same. We must all keep in mind how our actions affect those around us differently."

McNeil said that if the banana peel incident was an accident, people need to consider the effects of their actions versus their intent.

"You see how much fear and how much anger you insight in black people just from an unintentional image," she said. The conversation carried on, and tensions continued to rise. White and black members of the Ole Miss Greek community shared their views on the day's events and race relations in general. Mc-Neil said people had a lot to say, but the conversation began to move in an unhealthy direction.

"There were a lot of emotions being showed and a lot of transparency," Mc-Neil said. "I just don't feel as though it was being facilitated in a constructive way."

The massive discussion session wrapped up as more and more students stood and left the room – some in tears, some in frustration. NPHC members began texting friends to come and pick them up from the camp since no one had been allowed to drive his or her car up to the retreat. The remainder of the retreat was canceled later that night.

"At that point, we didn't feel welcome; we didn't feel safe," McNeil said. "If we didn't feel wanted or safe at the camp, our best option was to leave."

Katrina Caldwell, vice chancellor for diversity and community engagement, said her office was asked to put a plan together to handle the weekend's incident on campus.

"Right now, we're just talking to people on campus who have some experience working across diversity to help the students process what happened," Caldwell said.

Caldwell said she needs to talk with a couple more faculty members before deciding "what makes the most sense" for the campus.

Arndt said it was important for the vice chancellor for diversity and community engagement to lead the response. Arndt reached out to Caldwell on Saturday night.

"We want to be sensitive to already-scheduled events that are taking place but also do not want to delay having these important follow-up conversations," Arndt's statement said.



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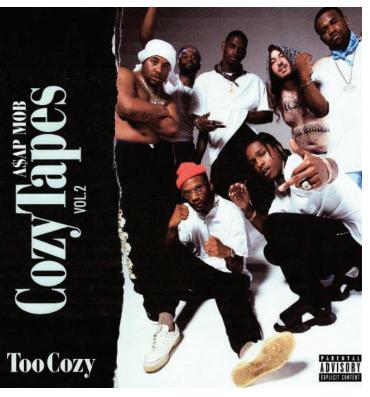
A\$AP Mob's 'Cozy Tapes Vol. 2' stays rowdy

JORDAN MAURY STAFF WRITER

The infamous A\$AP Mob has returned yet again to gift those less fashionable with the second installment of the Cozy Tape series.

This hip-hop conglomerate is rowdy as ever as it looks to build on its previous effort by producing equally infectious and fun music. This is great because for a long time I thought the only ones worth listening to were Mob members Rocky and Ferg and that the gap between those two and the others would be too jarring to enjoy a fulllength collaborative project.

Sadly, those fears were Although realized. the lesser-known members of the A\$AP Mob managed



to hide the talent gap al-

most seamlessly on Vol.

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on Vol. 2 feels as though Rocky is the only one who knows he is actually recording.

Nevertheless, Ant, Nast and Twelvyy, with the help of some great guest features, keep the high-octane energy of the album rolling from beginning to end with only a few slight hiccups.

Appearing on 11 of the 14 actual songs, Rocky is the steady hand that guides the spaced-out ship throughout the album. Despite having spent the past two years trying on the finest fabric instead of making his third solo record, his rapping ability has not diminished in the slightest.

I could even argue that he's become more versatile as an artist. From effortlessly spewing verses laden with clever wordplay like on "Perry Aye" to crooning melodically on the hook of "Feels So Good," Rocky finds a way to make every song he appears on better.

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After listening to him show off his full arsenal on this album, I cannot help but think how criminal it is that we have not gotten a new solo Rocky LP.

While Rocky seemingly came prepared to put on a show from the beginning, the others seemed like they needed to use the first few songs to heat up. The usual cohesiveness that group has just isn't there on songs like "Perry Aye," where Playboi Carti offers a super generic Carti verse and Nast flows disjointedly. Of course, these two are not the model rappers to begin with, but all they had to do was finish the race Rocky started. "Please Shut Up" and "Blowin' Minds (Skateboard)" have a similar issue: I find my mind wandering for portions of the songs.

Despite some lackluster verses from the guests and the Mob, their infectious energy is still there, helping carry me to the track "Walk on Water," where everyone finally seems to be in sync. Horns blare in the background as Ant, Ferg, Nast and Twelvyy take turns flowing over the majestic beat. Carti uses his rather simplistic style on the hook, letting him play to his strength.

From that track forward, the members of the A\$AP Mob are at their best on every song and make the most of each verse and hook. Whether it's rapping about taking some poor soul's girlfriend on the R&B infused "BYF" or boasting their riches on "FYBR," the Mob members are in their element.

Outside that weak verse from Carti on "Perry Aye," the guest features on the album mesh almost perfectly. On "What Happens," my personal favorite track, Pro Era and Flatbush Zombies team up with the Mob and take turns reciting verses while keeping the recurring theme going. Frank Ocean switches into emcee mode on "RAF" and proceeded to deliver the best verse on the song. Although Lil Yachty and School Boy Q have conflicting styles, the two make equally great contributions to the chaotic song "Bahamas."

One thing that has to be mentioned is the lack of any real substance. The album is essentially 17 songs filled with nothing but braggadocious raps from the A\$AP Mob and company about how exceptionally cozy their ways of living are.

The lack of substance, however, is to be expected, as the album is really just one long party with a revolving door for an entrance. The Mob made this album with the goal of being highly entertaining, and since it met that goal, I cannot be too critical of how shallow the subject matter was. However, the album's surface level content could affect the longevity of the album.

"Cozy Tapes, Vol. 2: Too Cozy" is a good album that falls short of its predecessor but boasts the same fiery spirit. The album overcomes its lyrical lows by being outright entertaining. The chemistry between the A\$AP Mob and the slew of guest features is unmatched as their verses and hooks seamlessly intermingle. The Mob is cozy in its ways and does not seem to be changing anytime soon.

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Familiar faces earn Sunday afternoon playing time

FLINT CHRISTIAN STAFF WRITER

The college football season kicks into full gear for Ole Miss this Saturday as the Rebels take on South Alabama at home. While fans can expect to see returning contributors like Shea Patterson, AJ Brown and DeMarquis Gates on the field, the faces Ole Miss fans grew to love over the past few years have moved on to bigger and better things.

The star of last year's Rebels, the indelible Chad Kelly, is still having issues stemming from a torn ACL suffered in last year's 37-27 win against Georgia Southern and an offseason wrist surgery. After being drafted with the last pick of the NFL draft by the Denver Broncos, Kelly is looking at the NFL's version of a redshirt season. Spending a year on injured reserve should give Kelly a year to learn the Broncos' system and allow him to come back next year ready to compete for the starting job.

At the opposite end of the NFL draft was former Rebel tight end Evan Engram, who found himself a new home in New York after the Giants drafted him with the 19th overall pick. Engram has locked down a starting position, and the Giants plan on using his 6-foot-4inch, 230-pound frame as a change-up to the smaller, quick threats Odell Beckham Jr. and Sterling Shepard provide. Engram made catching 20- and 30-yard seam routes look easy in the SEC, and the Giants hope he can bring the same skillset to the NFL.

Damore'ea Stringfellow and Quincy Adeboyejo, two more offensive standouts Ole Miss fans should recognize from their consistent trips into the end zone in 2016, are looking at favorable chances at roster spots. Stringfellow seemingly

wrote his name into the Miami Dolphins wide receiver depth chart with a 99-yard touchdown catch against the Atlanta Falcons in the preseason, where he showed excellent speed and burst despite his 6-foot-2-inch, 220-pound frame. Adeboyejo is battling with Chris Matthews for the last receiver spot on the Baltimore Ravens depth chart, and although he hasn't put up gaudy preseason numbers, he looks to provide the more upside of the two.

On the defensive side of the ball, D.J. Jones, a former Rebel defensive tackle, has easily been the most impressive from last year's unit. He was drafted in the sixth round by the San Francisco 49ers to provide depth at the nose tackle position, but he has provided flashes of brilliance in training camp. One of his ridiculous spin moves in training camp was featured on a popular 49ers blog, and his domination against



Former Ole Miss tight end Evan Engram was drafted by the New York Giants in the first round of the 2017 NFL draft.

backup linemen has been well-noted. Jones could find himself playing meaningful minutes throughout the season and might even play an important part in the 49ers' larger rebuilding effort as his career continues.

Derrick Jones, a starter at defensive back for the Rebels last year, was drafted in the sixth round by the New York Jets. He was forecasted to be on the practice squad for the upcoming season; however, the Jets recently traded backup corner Dexter McDougle to the Eagles. The trade was a vote of confidence to the depth of the Jets secondary and the guys looking to come in in case of injuries. Derrick

Jones is part of that group, and he now looks like a lock to make the 53-man roster.

Ultimately, the Ole Miss football season is upon us, and many familiar faces will not be on the field. Now playing Sundays, these former Rebel standouts have a significant shot to make a splash in the pros.





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Coaching staff relying on energy and experience

FLINT CHRISTIAN STAFF WRITER

Going into the first week of the college football season, the University of Mississippi football team has emerged from an offseason of controversy and is finally ready to deliver where it matters most: on the football field.

The Rebels take on South Alabama on Saturday, Sept. 2, where they look to take care of business and avoid an upset against a team known to challenge SEC opponents. With a new head coach, new offensive coordinator and new defensive coordinator, the Rebels look completely different on the sidelines. But the coaches are eager to get on the field and start putting wins on the board.

"I'm just excited to get this thing cranked off," head coach Matt Luke said. "This is something I've been thinking about for a long time, and I'm just excited, excited about the opportunity, excited about walking through the Grove. I'm excited about locking the Vaught, excited about representing my university and trying to put a team on the field that everybody is proud of."

The mental toughness of



Coach Matt Luke said he feels confident about Shea Patterson's on-field ability for the season.

this Rebel team will play an important role in not only the opening game but also throughout the season. Emotions will be running high all season after the Hugh Freeze scandal and amidst the NCAA investigation. As a result, the Rebels will have all their full-time coaches on the field for the first game to help players handle the adrenaline.

"Well, I promised the defensive guys, I told them, I said I know you're not going

to believe this, but during the game I'm not going to yell at you, scream at you," defensive coordinator Wesley McGriff said. "I'm going to have a lot of fun."

Offensive coordinator Phil Longo, who moved over from Sam Houston State last season, echoed McGriff's sentiments.

"I try to live life on the positive side," he said. "I like to think we've prepared well. I think the guys have worked hard. I think our guys are intelligent, and I think they're ready to play on Saturday."

While there is no question when it comes to the enthusiasm for opening weekend, the return of high-level contributors like defensive linemen Breeland Speaks and Marquis Haynes is slated to make a huge difference when it comes to the confidence of both the players and the program.

"Marquis Haynes comes to my mind," coach Luke said when asked who the leaders in the locker room

"I think Breeland are. Speaks is also a leader, and those two will play a big role this fall."

These two will be key for younger, more inexperienced players to lean on before, during and after the game.

On the offensive side of the ball, there is no doubt what you're getting. After quarterback Shea Patterson spent last season redshirting, he was thrown into the fire to fill in for an injured Chad Kelly. According to Longo, the opportunity to spend a whole offseason working with Patterson and the offense is going to make a tremendous difference.

"(Shea and I) can communicate without having to verbalize anything, and I think right now we have a good pretty good feel for each other," Longo said. "I see that as an asset, not any kind of problem."

When push comes to shove, the college football world knows what a different year it's going to be in Oxford. The players have a lot on their shoulders, but new offensive and defensive coordinators Phil Longo and Wesley McGriff have been working alongside new head coach Matt Luke to create a special energy on and off the field that should be fun to watch come Saturday against South Alabama.

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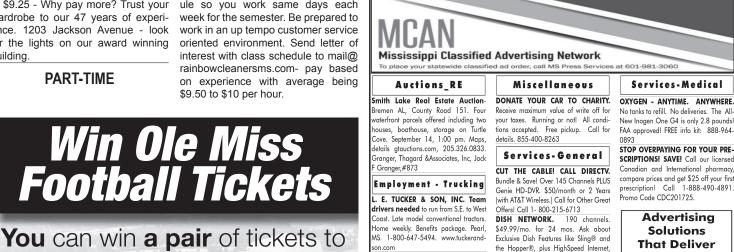
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Cross country ranked third in SEC preseason rankings

Under the leadership of 2016 USTFCCCA South Region Coach of the Year Ryan Vanhoy, Ole Miss cross country looks to forge ahead and continue excellence on the national stage.

Coming off the best season in their history for the second straight year, the Rebel cross country teams look to build on their recent success and reach the NCAA championships for the fourth straight year for the men and second straight for the women.

As the 2017 season starts, the Rebels are predicted to finish third in the SEC on both sides in this year's SEC Cross Country Coaches Poll. The men are projected to finish behind Arkansas and Alabama, while the women are predicted to finish behind Arkansas and Missouri.

The men are followed in the rankings by Georgia and Kentucky, and the women are projected ahead of Mississippi State and Vanderbilt.

The USTFCCCA Regional Team Rankings were released on Monday as well.



The Ole Miss men are ranked No. 1 in the South region for the third year in a row, and the women's team joins them in the No. 1 spot.

Both squads placed second to Arkansas at the 2016 SEC Championship last year in their best combined finish in history.

The men went on to win the NCAA South Regional, and the women finished second, propelling both teams to the NCAA Championship where the men stormed to a fourth-place result and the women claimed 23rd.

The Rebels return an impressive cast on both teams. Seniors Sean Tobin, Derek Gutierrez and Ryan Manahan lead the way for the men, while the addition of Arizona State transfer Michael Coccia and several highly touted freshmen gives the Rebels a depth of talent. Seniors Emily Bean and Shelby Brown and junior Anna Braswell

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look to clear the way for the women, who have also added a number of key newcomers to the fray.

The men and women will both kick off their season Sept. 2 at the Brooks Memphis Twilight Classic in Memphis, Tennessee.

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A Rebel since birth, Matt Luke relishes head coaching job

GRAYSON WEIR

SPORTS EDITOR

Head coach Matt Luke epitomizes what it means to be an Ole Miss Rebel. Born in Gulfport, he was brought up in a household that bled red and blue. His father, who started his family's deep Ole Miss ties in the '60s, played defensive back under head coach Johnny Vaught.

"My father played here, my mom went here and then my brother was a quarterback here from '88-'91," Luke said. "I was on the line here from '95-'98, and my sister went here after me. It's who we are. We're Rebels."

Luke, now entering his 23rd year as a player or coach at the collegiate level, has risen through the ranks under the watchful eye of a number of veteran coaches. Having worked alongside national champion Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer and Duke head coach David Cutcliffe, among others, he is no stranger to success.

"I think the biggest

thing with me is taking all the head coaches I've been around from Cutcliffe to Fulmer, Orgeron and Freeze, and taking the best of everything I've learned from them," Luke said. "Take what they did really well and maybe what they did not so well and putting my own flavor on it to create my own philosophy."

Of course, with the new position comes new responsibilities. After spending last year coaching the offensive line, Luke is now responsible for overseeing 53 men, as opposed to just the big men up front.

"It's a CEO mentality," he said. "I have spent a lot more time with the defense, and you get a chance to motivate in a lot of different areas, not just one position. I've enjoyed getting over there and getting to know those defensive guys. Going over there, sitting in their meetings, I've enjoyed motivating in a bunch of different spots instead of just hitting one position."

During the transition, however, Luke has made it a priority to remain consistent in his coaching style, attitude and outlook regarding his players.

"You have to be yourself as a head coach," Luke said. "Especially with these kids, who I've been around for 5 years, I can't just all of a sudden be somebody else. I'm Matt Luke, and I'll stay that way."

Standing by his morals, values and systematic beliefs, Luke expects his team to come together, playing with vigor and raw emotion.

"We've been talking about mental toughness and playing together,"

Luke said. "I want to put a product on the field that all the Ole Miss fans will be proud of, but win, lose or draw, if you be yourself, you can put your head on a pillow and sleep at night."

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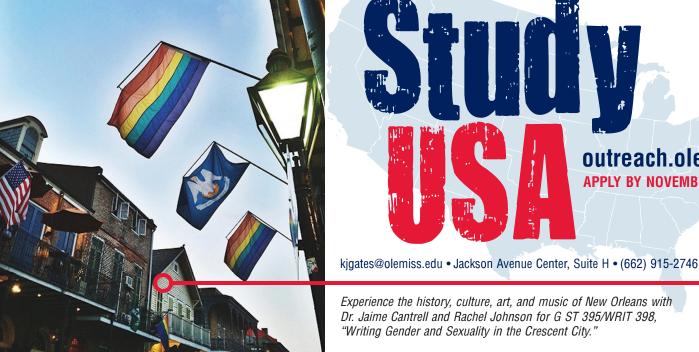
This weekend will be the head coach's first test in his new role. The Rebels kick off their 2017 season against South Alabama at 6:30 Saturday night in front of a home crowd. After preparing his whole life for that moment, he's ready to prove he's the man for the job.

"This is my dream job," Luke said. "This is something as a lifelong fan of Ole Miss, as a player for Ole Miss, as a coach for Ole Miss, I've been in every aspect. I don't know about any other job in the country at Alabama, LSU or wherever, but I do know that at this school and this time, I'm the right guy to do this."





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