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Food pantry hopes to renew lease, expand facilities



JEANNE TORP
STAFF WRITER

Since 1982, The Pantry has been the only food pantry in Oxford, aside from the one on campus. After nearly 20 years at its current location, The Pantry's lease is running out, and it's unclear if the organization will be able to renew its lease to stay in its current location on Molly Barr Road.

The Oxford Police Department is also looking to expand into the lot where The Pantry is currently located.

Since its opening, The Pantry has found its home at several different locations. More often than not, it has been located on empty lots rented out by churches.

This was the case for The Pantry's very first location, set up in an empty building on a local Presbyterian church's lot. It remained in this location until the church needed the building, at which point The Pantry relocated temporarily to a lot owned by another local church.

The owner of Sunshine Mobile Homes in Alabama eventually heard about The Pantry's dilemma and its lack of a permanent loca-

tion. The company offered to build a double-wide mobile home structure to accommodate The Pantry's needs. A lease was obtained for the organization's current land next to the Oxford Police Department, and the mobile home was built on the land in 2001. The Pantry has been there ever since.

However, the lease obtained by The Pantry only ensured the lot for 20 years, meaning the lease will expire in 2021. The Pantry's president, Ann Odell, and vice president, Guthrie Abbott, are now looking to extend the lease by 10 years.

Odell said she hopes to use the time to make improvements to The Pantry. "We want to expand the loading dock, buy a walk-in freezer and redo the floor," Odell said.

It is not certain whether these renovations will take place, however, as the group is unsure if it will obtain the lease extension, considering OPD's interest in its location. While an official decision on who will get the land has not been made, The Pantry has sent a request to the city and hopes to have a decision within the year.

Even if it does not main-

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TOP: Volunteers pack pastry bags for incoming clients. BOTTOM LEFT: Volunteers unload new food shipments from the trucks. BOTTOM RIGHT: Shelves at The Pantry are stocked constantly and are set up and operated much like a grocery store. Clients are able to look through the shelves and take whatever food they may need.

Aldermen approve Square parking garage design

TAYLOR VANCE
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At its latest meeting, the Oxford Board of Aldermen approved the design for the new downtown parking garage. The design for the new garage was inspired by Oxford City Hall to incorporate a common theme with the look of the other buildings on the Square.

This is the second attempt at a design for the garage. The first attempt didn't appeal to all the aldermen because of its outward appearance.

Mayor Robyn Tannehill and some aldermen described the first design as being "too boxy." Tannehill said she is more than pleased with the

revised design, though.

"I am very excited about the design," Tannehill said. "I was certainly not a fan favorite when I said I did not like the (first) design of the garage. I just felt like we could better."

Aldermen thought the garage should look appealing and fit in with the other buildings on the Square, even though it's a parking garage. The board unanimously approved the updated design and many thought it was an improvement from the first attempt.

Board members said the architect did a great job creating a design that fit in with the rest of the Square.

"I think the garage will be a great asset to our commu-

nity, and I'm very proud of it," Ward II Alderman Mark Huelse said.

The garage will be behind the Oxford University Club and will contain more than 400 new parking spaces.

It is an ongoing project with the city because of a lack of parking on the Square, especially during the weekends. Citizens and students both have expressed frustration because of the lack of downtown parking during weekends. The new parking garage has the potential to add more visitors and revenue to the Square by making parking easier.

The board is still discussing the specific plans on how to finance the project, but it does not want it to be funded



COURTESY: GOOGLE MAPS

The highlighted area is the lot designated for the parking garage.

through a tax increase that would be unpopular with residents.

"I feel very passionately about two things," Tannehill said. "No. 1 — that the garage

be funded totally through parking revenue and not taxes. And I also feel very strongly that we still have some free

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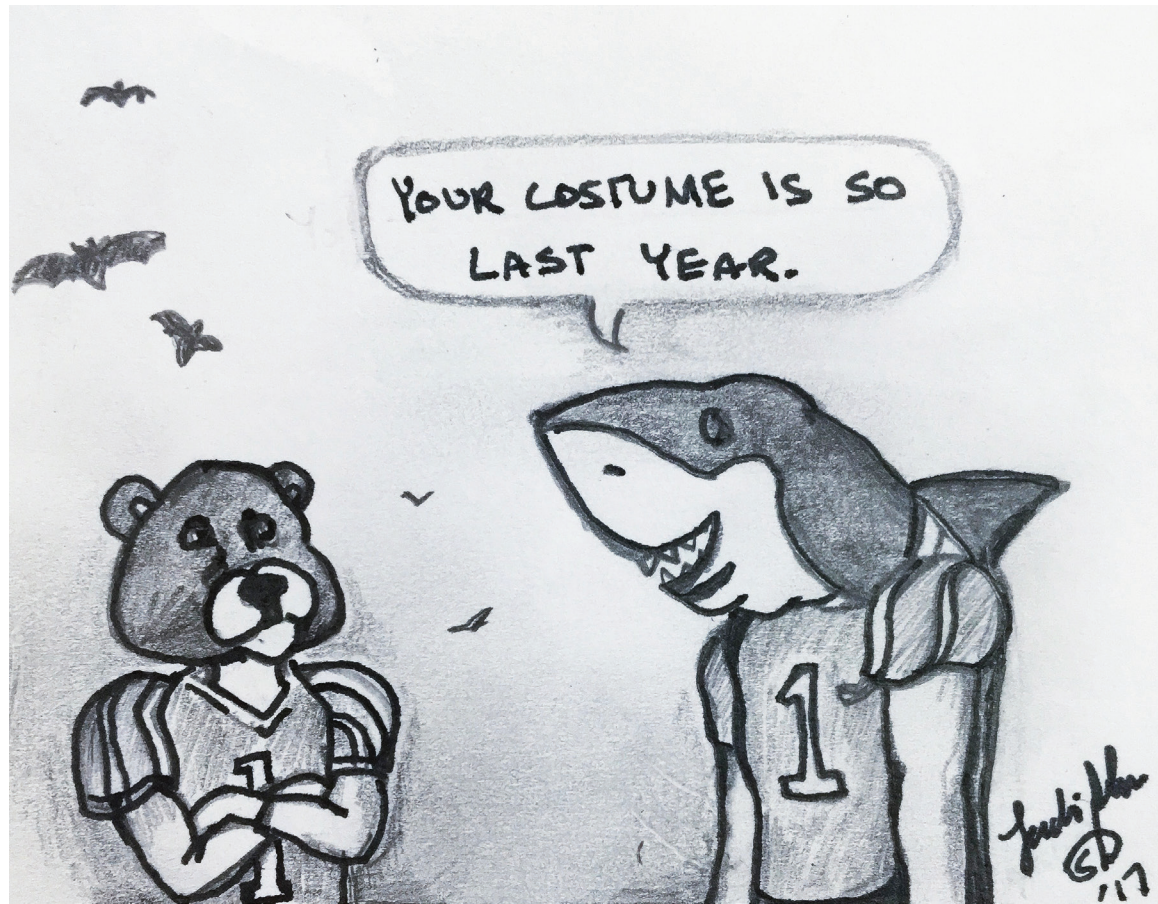
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How Christians should handle stress



TRIPP BOND
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Stress is something all people deal with throughout their lives. However, as university students, we go through a unique kind of stress. Our entire lives are set out before us, and most of the time, the choices we make here will impact us greatly throughout the future.

Like dominoes that fall in place after the first one is knocked over, so it often seems with our future. We feel like failure here will set us up for failure in the entirety of our future success. And this may be true. But first, take a long, deep breath. Hold it. Let it out. Don't panic.

Before I go further, let me define stress. I am using stress in its everyday, colloquial usage wherein it means an overwhelmingly negative response to an outside stimulus, usually

associated with anxiety, panic and shortness in both patience and temperament. I am not referring to positive stress or muscular stress in this article. I am only referring to that rush of cortisol in our brains that makes us freak out.

Cortisol is a hormone released by the brain, usually in fight or flight situations or during prolonged periods of fasting. Basically, this chemical is supposed to help you survive in a potential life-or-death situation. What does it say of us when cortisol floods our brains over, say, a grade? It says we have made such a mountain out of a molehill that our brains believe said grade must be a life-or-death situation and cortisol needs to be released to help us survive.

Of course, when no physical exertion follows to use up the cortisol, we feel psychologically and physically terrible due to its prolonged existence in our bodies (this is partially why exercise helps you get rid of stress; it lowers cortisol levels).

The truth is, at least for Christians, grades don't ultimately matter. Especially not a single grade. Christians, there are only two things that actually matter in this life: how well you live for and like Jesus, and the rela-

tionships you make with others. These are the only two things that ultimately matter. Everything else will be gone or destroyed by rust or moth or time.

Your memories, relationships and service to God are the only things that'll remain when Jesus returns. Jesus and the teacher in Ecclesiastes, I am convinced, were absurdists. They looked at the absurd — the fact that we try to find lasting, ontological meaning in our day-to-day lives but fail to do so — and then enjoyed life and God anyway.

Christians can take a lot from the wisdom of Kierkegaard, Camus and the like. But we should always turn to Christ himself first. What did Christ teach on anxiety and stress? Simple. He just said don't be anxious or stressed. Matthew 6:31-34 says, "Do not worry about your life ... seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and (your necessities) will be given to you as well ... Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

When you worry about a grade, it may not be apparent, but you're worrying about your future necessities. The ultimate train of thought may be "I failed a class, and I might flunk out of

college, and I might not get a job, and then I'll starve homeless!" A legitimate response.

But Jesus said not to worry about it. Why? Because if you seek him first, he'll take care of you. And stress and anxiety show a lack of faith in God. In fact, he implies that much. When you stress, you're saying with your actions that you don't trust in God's provision for you. And if you're more focused on your problem than you are on him, you won't be able to notice his help when he sends it.

I believe his teaching on stress is two-fold. The second fold is this: What you're stressed about won't ultimately matter. Does it suck now? Definitely. Will it matter in a year? Five? Twenty? When you're dead? No, it probably won't.

Now, there's a difference between dread — the negative desire to not do something — and stress. Christ dreaded the cross in Gethsemane, but I do not believe he was stressed about it.

Luke 22:42 asserts, "Yet not my will, but yours be done."

May we echo that prayer and, in it, find solace from stress and anxiety.

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tain its current location, those involved with the organization trusts the city to find a place for it to relocate.

“All we can do now is work with the city and see what they can make happen,” Abbott said.

The Oxford community is also holding onto the establishment. Odell said locals have been incredibly involved since The Pantry opened.

In its early days, word of The Pantry spread around Oxford through interest meetings and was brought into existence with the help of five churches in town.

“The idea came from a Memphis Commercial Appeal newspaper article about a Baptist minister starting a food pantry with his congregation for his church,” Odell said. “We thought, ‘Why not do the same thing here?’”

The Pantry’s organizers are confident it will stick around, especially because of the generosity shown by members of the Oxford community.

“The community has always been generous since the very beginning,” Odell says. “It’s just very gratifying to live in a community where the people are generous and want to help their neighbors.”

There are 16 churches involved with running The Pantry, with a different church in charge of operations every month. This month’s director is John Kohne with St. John the



PHOTO BY: JEANNE TORP

John Kohne and another volunteer from St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church stock the shelves.

Evangelist Catholic Church in Oxford. Volunteers from the congregation of each church come to The Pantry to take care of various chores around the establishment, such as meeting food trucks, stocking shelves and serving clients.

“I enjoy working with the other volunteers that help us and the people that come through, the clients,” said Barbara Hoffman, a volunteer from St. John the Evangelist. “We get to visit with them at times and get to learn about them and their families.”

There are even some trained volunteers who screen clients to help them find jobs and to see if there

are any other agencies to which they can be referred. The Pantry also receives help from the university through student volunteers and the law school, as law students occasionally come by to give free legal advice to clients. The Pantry also frequently receives assistance from organizations in town, such as Panera Bread and Walmart, which both donate food to it twice a week.

The Pantry currently serves about 70-80 families every time it is open. Each church and its volunteers work about 100 hours per week. With or without the extension of its lease, Odell said The Pantry is eager to

continue its work in Oxford, helping those in need, for years to come.

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parking for downtown employees.”

The city plans to primarily fund the new project with revenue collected from parking meters and parking citations that citizens receive. The other source will be the revenue collected from people parking in the new garage.

“I think that what you’ll see is a combination of free parking,” Tannehill said. “You’ll see the premium parking around the Square, another rate for some of the outlying lots and an even lesser rate for the garage.”

The cheaper rates for the garage are to encourage people to park in it and to make parking more available on the crowded Square. If this happened, there could be less traffic headed away from the area.

Now that the Board of Aldermen has approved the design, the garage is out for estimates. Once estimates have been completed, the board hopes to start building it by the beginning of 2018.

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Ole Miss students present original collections of prose

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Proud Larry's hosted the third Broken English event of this semester Tuesday, featuring readings of prose and poetry by two students in the creative writing master's degree program.

The event featured writers Tyriek White and Hal-lie Beard.

White presented an untitled piece of prose he said was fairly new, calling it a "collection of moments."

"I really want people to visualize this work," White said. "It has some funny parts and some emotional parts, just like how life is. It's really descriptive, and I want the people to smell the smells and feel the feelings."

His piece referenced police brutality and feeling lost growing up, a theme with which many of the audience members seemed to connect.

"The one-liners in that were amazing," English major Christopher Roberts said. "I loved the line, 'That's what you get when you're a 20-something and wandering.' It was so powerful."

During the 10-minute break between the two readings, the audience buzzed with energy.

Beard took the stage after the break and read some of her selected poems, including "How to Turn on a Man," "Self Portrait as a Car," "Don't Be Concerned, We Weren't Made for This Kind of Hunger" and "Groundhog Day as the



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Madonna."

"It's a mix of older and newer stuff," Beard said. "It came down to the things I was comfortable with and the things that I thought would challenge me."

Her pieces were also well-received. In reference to "How to Turn on a Man," English major Gunnar Ohberg said. "I really liked the constant references to inanimate and mechanized objects to represent humanity. It reminds me why I come to these."

"Don't Be Concerned, We Weren't Made for This Kind of Hunger" seemed to resonate with many members of the audience. The crowd gasped after Beard finished reading the piece.

After Beard's readings, Ohberg vocally advocated for these readings.

"Broken English is everything new," Ohberg said. "It is where the language is truly dangerous."



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Oberst serenades our ‘Southern State’ on Lyric stage

MADELEINE BECK
STAFF WRITER

Conor Oberst, an Omaha, Nebraska, native and indie-scene developer, is known for being a lyricist and a storyteller. This reputation precedes him on his latest albums, “Ruminations” and “Salutations,” an acoustic demo and more finished product, respectively. The albums’ stories range from what one can only guess to be creative fiction to heartbreaking personal realities. Oberst tackles subjects like adultery, poor health, betrayal and his own celebrity.

For the past year, Oberst has been performing these odes of both outside narratives and firsthand struggles on tour, from Sydney to Oxford. Tuesday night, Oberst took to the The Lyric Oxford stage with backup band The Felice Brothers and opener Tim Kasher.

Past the merchandise table and usual black curtain separating the lobby, Tuesday’s crowd didn’t form the usual sardine can within the theatre. An initial scattered 30 concertgoers grew to about 100, making their way to the front with every song.

Kasher, the frontman of the band Cursive and a dear friend of Oberst, opened up the show with nothing but his guitar and a sense of humor, occasionally interrupting his own singing to ask questions or comment on the South.

“Tried to go out with a friend around 12:45 last night, and this place was a total ghost town,” Kasher said, not sounding too horribly disappointed.

Someone from the back of the crowd, amused, simply yelled “Bible Belt!”

After about 45 minutes in the spotlight, Kasher relieved his voice from intermittently yet impressively belting to sweetly and affectionately introduce Oberst and The Felice Brothers to the stage.

Oberst allows his Midwestern background to guide his easy-listening music style as well as his stage presence. He coolly entered the scene with a sheepish wave, head down, in the midst of cheers meant specifically for him. His hair took up prime real estate of his face — it was significantly longer than the recent clean-cut look he’s been rocking for the past few years. The new ‘do reminded us of his days in the band Bright Eyes when he perpetually had one eye covered with his dark locks. He wore a beige checkered button-down that vaguely resembled the fabric of a corner booth in a small-town diner, which was in stark contrast to his cherry red guitar that hung low on his torso.

“Hey, y’all,” Oberst said teasingly, holding his vowels longer than what’s typical, even for Southerners.

There was no real beating around the bush, and the band sprung into action. To match



PHOTO BY: JEANNE TORP

Conor Oberst, the main act, begins his performance.

Oberst’s throwback vibes, it started the show with Bright Eyes song “Make War.” He raised his voice on the words “Return, return to the person that you were. And I will do the same,” further bringing attention to the visible resurfacing of his early 2000s energy.

However, Oberst didn’t let us forget his years of experience performing. Within the first song, he kept pointing to the amp in front of him, looking to someone on stage right. His sound guy came out as discreetly as possible, and with total grace, he managed to communicate through body language, eye movement and

what can only be telepathic wavelengths of what was wrong — no lyrics or chords missed on Oberst’s part. In the second song, “Southern State,” (fitting, right?), it was evident that whatever issue the crowd had not noticed had been resolved, lifting the singer’s mood ever so slightly.

Time and time again throughout the night, Oberst awed the crowd with the intimacy he had between the band. In moments of melodic enthusiasm and guitar-riffing, Oberst would leap backward toward the drummer, finding ease and comfort to rock with the percussion, like it was his

home. In other instances of testing out instrumental arrangement, he’d look to his bass player as if to say, “You got this?” and she would confirm with a smile and nod that she, indeed, totally had it.

Regardless of seemingly aloof attitudes toward fame and fans found in most indie singer-songwriters, it was one of those shows where the bassline and drums overwrite the works of the audience’s own heartbeat. Conor Oberst, even after 20 years of playing on countless stages for crowds big and small, still finds his loyalties lying with his need for musical expression.

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Ole Miss soccer hosts Alabama on senior night

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STAFF WRITER

In its last regular-season game at home, the No. 25 Ole Miss women's soccer team will play a fierce conference competitor, the No. 21 Alabama Crimson Tide, tonight.

Coming off two consecutive draws, the Rebels are looking to add one more win to their conference and overall record to boost their confidence before the post-season. With more ties than wins in conference games this season, head coach Matt Mott said the previous games that ended in ties against Auburn and Mississippi State last week were "good ties."

"There are good ties, and there are bad ties," Mott said Monday night. "It was

a good tie for us on Thursday night (against Auburn), playing down a man for 47 minutes. That's a good tie."

Late in the second half, a shot on goal by Auburn that landed in the net was determined illegitimate by an assistant referee's flag calling offsides on the Tigers. The call wiped away the would-be goal and gave way to the Rebels draw. Add into the mix that Ella Johnson received a red card, and a tie for Ole Miss was definitely a pleasantly surprising outcome.

When the Rebels faced their in-state rival in Starkville on Sunday, the same fate awaited them. The game against the Mississippi State Bulldogs ended in a draw and allowed Ole Miss to keep the Magnolia Cup in Oxford for another year.

"Last night, pouring rain,



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Senior Bella Fiorenzo dribbles downfield during the game against Lamar University earlier this season.

at your rival, if you get a point, you're in the post-season and you keep the Magnolia Cup. That's also a good tie," Mott said.

Despite playing 220 total minutes last weekend alone, Mott is optimistic about where his team stands going into the game against

Alabama and is hoping to get a victory.

"Alabama is a really good team and one we have to be prepared for," Mott said. "I like where our team is. They are playing really well, and I'm excited to be back home for senior night."

Alabama, who is 3-5-1 in conference and coming off three consecutive wins, lost to Ole Miss when they played last year in Tuscaloosa. The Rebels also lead the all-time series at 16-7 and have dominated lately, with wins in 11 of the last 12 meetings.

Both Ole Miss and Alabama have lost to the same teams in conference play: Texas A&M, Tennessee, Florida and South Carolina. With an even playing field for tomorrow night, the matchup will be tough for both sides.

Kickoff for the game against the Crimson Tide is set for 7 p.m., and the four senior Rebels will be celebrated for their accomplishments and then work to grind out a victory. Over the past four years, seniors Courtney Carroll, Bella Fiorenzo, Danielle Gray and Liza Harbin boast an overall record of 41-26-12 and have never lost to Auburn, Alabama or Mississippi State. They will hope to keep that streak alive tonight.

"They have meant a whole lot to this program, and we need to send them out the right way," Mott said.

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COLUMN

2017 hasn't gone as planned for Ole Miss football

JOHN MACON GILLESPIE
STAFF WRITER

This is not what Ole Miss expected.

When Shea Patterson went down late in the first half of Saturday's game against LSU, fans were right to be concerned. However, when Patterson emerged from the Rebel locker room after halftime and resumed play, it appeared the former five-star recruit — and the fan base that relies on him — had dodged a bullet.

Visibly off target throughout the Magnolia Bowl matchup against LSU, Patterson was even further out of rhythm after his injury. With his left knee in a brace the entire second half, Patterson's mobility was limited and he was not able to set his feet. His discomfort added three interceptions to an already sputtering Rebel offense and ultimately led to a 16-point Ole Miss loss. Once again, the result was not what Ole Miss had in mind.

Of course, Ole Miss fans have not expected many things recently, and it's clear the trials and tribulations have taken a toll.

Ole Miss fans did not foresee a five-year NCAA investigation into their football program, they did not anticipate a self-imposed postseason ban with the potential of further sanctions from the NCAA and they certainly did not predict the



FILE PHOTO: BILLY SCHUERMAN

Head coach Matt Luke "locks the Vaught" with his team before running out on the field to face LSU on Saturday.

head coach who led their program to its first Sugar Bowl appearance since 1963 to resign.

Most recently, they did not expect the quarterback who has the talent to lead the program through these murky waters to go down with what was diagnosed as a season-ending injury on Monday.

But it all happened, and now Rebel nation is forced to decipher the current situation.

Patterson is expected to be in a cast for four weeks before an MRI will determine whether surgery will be required to mend his torn PCL. Regardless of the final diagnosis, Patterson will not play another down of football in 2017, and Rebel fans are wondering what's next.

There is a bright spot, however, and his name is

Jordan Ta'amu.

Ta'amu, who will start for the Rebels going forward, has speed and elusiveness comparable to Patterson's. In his playing time last week against the Tigers, Ta'amu led two drives with his arm and on his feet that resulted in 11 of Ole Miss' 24 points. His decisions in the passing game were quick, and his throws were accurate and decisive.

That being said, Ta'amu is not Patterson. But he is talented and unfamiliar to SEC opponents.

Teams in the SEC are aware of Patterson and what he can do with an offense. This is not the case when it comes to his replacement, as defenses have not seen him on the field but for a few snaps. Arkansas, whom Ole Miss will host at 11 a.m. Saturday, is forced to prepare for a player with whom

the coaching staff and players are unfamiliar, which gives an added advantage to

the Rebel offense.

Heading into the weekend's fifth consecutive SEC opponent, the Rebels are still waiting for a final verdict from the NCAA, are continuing to be led by an interim head coach and are fighting for a bowl-eligible record, even though they cannot go to a bowl game this season.

Now, without their starting quarterback, the Rebels are at an unwanted crossroads once again with the faith lying in an exciting quarterback from Hawaii. The question is: Can Jordan Ta'amu take Ole Miss in the right direction?

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Ta'amu settles in as Ole Miss prepares for Arkansas

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Though Ole Miss came up short in Saturday's 40-24 loss to LSU, the final score wasn't the only negative news for the Rebels.

Injuring his knee late in the first half, quarterback Shea Patterson is expected to miss the rest of the season with a torn PCL. Following the game, he was rushed to Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford, where he received an MRI that confirmed the tear.

It remains unclear whether Patterson will need surgery for his right knee, but recovery will last three to four months.

According to Dr. Austin Barrett, a knee and hip injury specialist for Mississippi Sports Medicine, the main determinant of the length of the healing process is whether there are other injuries or ligaments that were torn at the same time.

"If they have associated injuries that happened alongside, like cartilage or meniscus injuries that were also torn, then there's a big-

ger problem," he said.

In Barrett's eyes, having a short period of rest is beneficial for PCL injuries, but the sooner the person can start moving and working the knee, the better.

Prior to Saturday, Patterson led the SEC in passing with 2,259 yards, 17 touchdowns and only nine interceptions on the season. Without his primary signal-caller, head coach Matt Luke turned to junior Jordan Ta'amu to fill the position.

Ta'amu, who has been in the No. 2 quarterback slot since spring practice, showed Rebel fans he was ready to take charge last Saturday. In two scoring drives against the Tigers on Saturday night, Ta'amu completed 7 of 11 passes for 78 yards and rushed for 20 more, a performance on which Luke can rely.

"Going out there and playing well in his drives, I think that earned him some credibility among all the guys," Luke said. "I think they were excited that he led two-scoring drives."

Throughout the week, Ta'amu has practiced with



FILE PHOTO: TAYLAR TEEL

Jordan Ta'amu runs for a first down during the Grove Bowl last May.

the first-team offense and fit right in. Backing him up, Jason Pellerin has returned to the quarterback position. After relieving Chad Kelly

prior to Patterson's emergence last fall, he moved to a tight end position in the spring.

During the 2016 season,

Pellerin completed 11 of 22 passes for 104 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions. However, it's his significant stature and running ability that will be a factor against Arkansas on Saturday.

"As long as we aren't asking him to run quarterback power inside and things like that, we can't play in fear," Luke said about how he plans to use Pellerin. "I think you have to be aware and maybe not overuse him."

When it comes to other injuries, running back Jordan Wilkins practiced Wednesday and is hopeful to play, while center Sean Rawlings' return remains unlikely for Saturday. On the other side of the ball, C.J. Moore is also limited but will be a game-time decision.

With the Hawaii native settling in at his new role, Ta'amu, coach Luke and the Rebels continue to work hard and be prepared for an Arkansas team that also is looking for a bounce-back win. The game will kick off at 11 a.m. Saturday in Oxford.

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