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UM publishes NCAA appeal, addresses 4 decisions

LANA FERGUSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Ole Miss is back on defense, waiting for the NCAA to respond.

The university published its appeal of the recent NCAA Committee on Infractions decision on the school's website Wednesday for public viewing.

This 43-page appeal was filed Feb. 5 after the university filed its intent to appeal back in December.

The appeal asks that the 2018 postseason ban for the football program be vacated, the three-year limitation on unofficial visits by prospective football student-athletes be lifted, the lack of institutional control from 2010 to 2015 charge be vacated, and cited

that the COI finding Rebel Rags gave free merchandise to prospective athletes and their families or acquaintances was contrary to evidence and not fully investigated.

The major cause for the appeal was the 2018 postseason ban. This ban was in addition to the 2017 bowl ban the university self-imposed. Both Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter and Athletics Director Ross Bjork

said in the press conference Dec. 1 when the ruling was announced that the NCAA's additional postseason ban was excessive and did not account for the actions the university had already taken to address the issues.

The university is not backing down from the NCAA and has built a large team of lawyers. It hired Mississippi-based law firm Butler Snow; Lightfoot,

Franklin & White; and Bond, Schoeneck & King for the appeal and other legal services. A representative from Barrett Law Group also joined the university's legal team.

The university should receive a response within 30 days.

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Locals attend Ash Wednesday



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TOP: Olivia Catherine Loper is held by her mother, Cole, as they receive ashes. The ashes are christened with holy water and are scented by exposure to incense. The university and Oxford host multiple services annually in celebration of the holiday.

BOTTOM: Amy Farmer receives ashes on Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, one of the most important periods in Christianity. Priests remind people of the Bible phrase, "From dust you come and to dust you will return."

Fraternities create new requirements for all members

BLAKE ALSUP
MADDIE MCGEE
NEWS EDITORS

The Interfraternity Council voted to require each of its members to attend educational sessions about sexual assault, hazing, substance abuse and available resources on campus every year they are a part of the organization. In the past, most of the educational forms were mainly for new members.

Bennett Wilfong, IFC president, said the idea for reform came as a response to national events that have put Greek life in a negative spotlight.

"(We) discovered some areas we should prioritize to continue creating a safe and welcoming environment for all members of the community," he said.

Wilfong said that members of all 14 IFC fraternities have been notified of the new programming and are on board with the seminars.

"Overall, members of the IFC community seem to recognize the need and importance of the educational sessions," he said.

Wilfong said the IFC voted to "specify the duration of the seminars and the date that the seminars should be completed by."

Each fraternity will largely get to dictate when each seminar will take place, but chapters that do not comply will be subject to losing events

and other sanctions.

Wilfong said the IFC is eager to continue working to develop plans to further enhance the Ole Miss community.

"Another initiative that we have implemented aims to increase accountability among chapters by creating action plans for our individual chapters conjunctively," he said.

Kappa Alpha Order President Wesley Rule said the chapter presidents decided to implement the education sessions to reaffirm "the importance of providing and promoting a safe and welcoming atmosphere for everyone."

Sigma Nu President Luke Little said measures have already been in place to make sure that students joining fraternities or sororities are educated on the topics the IFC addressed, but the new changes will continue that education.

"To my knowledge, any individual that desires to participate in formal recruitment is required to attend educational sessions about the topics addressed in the letter before the recruitment process begins," Little said. "Our additions will require our active members to refresh that knowledge every year."

Brandi Hephner LaBanc, vice chancellor for student affairs, said she is happy with the leadership the IFC has

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To the Ole Miss Community,

We, the presidents of IFC, recognize the challenges facing the Greek communities nationwide. We write to you today about our resolve to improve our community. We are certain that efforts should be extended to promote the safety of our members and all others in our wider community.

Our priority is for our members to have the knowledge and resources to establish a safe and welcoming atmosphere for all. We have decided to require that members of our fraternities annually attend educational sessions about sexual assault, hazing, substance abuse, and available resources on campus.


We each reaffirm our commitment to continue enhancing the quality of our community, and we look forward to working with members of our community in pursuit of a model Greek system.

Sincerely,
IFC Presidents


Bennett Wilfong, President, Interfraternity Council


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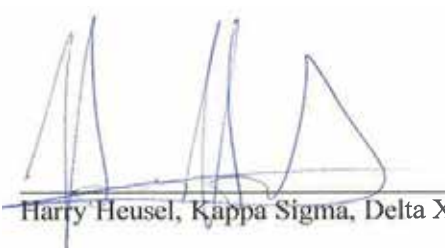

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shown.

"I am proud of their efforts and initiative to take a look at their community and try to implement some effective change and manage some challenging issues that we're faced with," Hephner LaBanc said.

Hephner LaBanc said various schools within the SEC have been working together and talking about initiatives on their respective campuses and the direction SEC schools should be going to improve student life.

She added that the IFC here is exercising leadership that other SEC schools can learn from.

"We're having a lot of conversations about taking action as the SEC and what we can all do to create a healthier, safer community that's focused on the well-being of our students," Hephner LaBanc said.



IFC President Bennett Wilfong

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Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Brandi Hephner LaBanc

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Square restaurant's drink menu stirs up controversy

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There has been a firestorm of debate in the Oxford community this week after a cocktail menu at Saint Leo Restaurant, originally intended as a celebration of Black History Month, received widespread backlash on social media.

Designed by Saint Leo's head bartender, Joseph Stinchcomb, the specialty drinks were available for less than two weeks before the restaurant stopped serving them entirely.

The menu, which featured drinks with names like "Blood on the Leaves" and "(I'm Not Your) Negroni," almost immediately sparked a debate as to whether the names were merely a form of artistic expression or a blatant act of disrespect toward African-American culture and history.

On Feb. 11, Saint Leo released an official statement and apology via its Facebook page regarding the menu, stating that it was not intended to "demean, trivialize, upset or offend." Stinchcomb wrote in the statement that the menu he had spent "a better part of a year" researching was not meant to offend but, rather, to create a dialogue about the cultural and historical significance behind the cocktails.

However, some Saint Leo customers did not appreciate what they believed to be references

to acts of violence toward the black community. For example, "Blood on the Leaves" is an allusion to 'Strange Fruit,' a song originally recorded in 1939 by Billie Holiday, whose lyrics in the song directly reference the topic of lynching.

"It was intended to start a conversation," Stinchcomb said in the statement. "... Bartending has a deep and rich history that dates back hundreds of years and

Many other Oxford citizens, such as Colleen Thorndike, were in agreement.

"The intentions here seem good, but the impact and the execution of it faltered," Thorndike said in another Facebook reply. "I can't imagine ordering a drink using a phrase from a song about lynching, and I can't understand why anyone would think that was a suitable name for a drink. Is it important to acknowledge and discuss the horrors of

with the emotions that come along with our past."

A closed forum, led by Joseph Stinchcomb, was held Monday night for members of the community to express their concerns and gain insight into the design of the cocktail menu.

Southern Foodways Alliance Project Coordinator Afton Thomas argued that though she knows it may be hard to understand the intentions of the menu without proper

situation in a post on the restaurant's Facebook page and said she realized how it may easily have been taken out of context.

"I must offer that I also fully recognize my own shortsightedness as the restaurant owner in the way this important information was initially presented," Blount wrote. "The failure was ours in not providing the full context and intent with which this menu was created."

Oxford resident Anne Scott Barret said she first came across the menu in early February after seeing it posted on St. Leo's Facebook page.

"I'm in awe at how this one person, this one restaurant, managed to create dialogue. ... That really made our community think about the black experience and how we relate and how we sometimes don't relate. It's powerful stuff," Barrett said.

She said the menu lacked the necessary context for the topics it dealt with.

"I think the lesson we learned from the conversations I've read from members of the restaurant community, other artists and members of both the black and white communities of Oxford is that context really does matter when presenting anything that could be potentially hurtful or confusing to our friends and neighbors," Barrett said.

Emily Blount, the owner of Saint Leo, expressed her remorse in handling the

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- Afton Thomas, Southern Foodways Alliance Project Coordinator

used thousands of black bartenders. I wanted to honor their hard work and sacrifice by making sure they are not forgotten."

One Oxford resident, Regina Pitts, commented that she believed more care could have been taken in the presentation of the new drink selections.

"If you're going to market 'something new', you better warn people first or at the very least have a disclaimer," Pitts responded on Saint Leo's Facebook post. "I'm all for history lessons, but tell me first that there's a lesson to be learned, or like many others, I'll be forced to jump to conclusions."

lynching? Of course. Is it appropriate for a cocktail menu? I don't think so."

Stinchcomb responded to the critics by backing up his creation of the menu and writing that he did, in fact, understand the cultural significance of the names and events.

"The naming of these beverages was never intended to be perverse or to insensitively trivialize the black experience past, present, or future," Stinchcomb continued in his Facebook statement. "I believe the only way that we can grow and move past this is by talking about our shared past and dealing

context or explanation from Stinchcomb, she still believes it was made to be purely artistic and with the utmost respect for members of the black community.

"I admire this young man, who is sadly, but a true statement, in a rare position — a black bar manager on the Square, who thought enough of his history and platform to create this menu," Thomas said. "He didn't slap a provocative name on a rum and coke; he is well-studied and serious about his craft. That should be acknowledged."

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NBA financial coach talks budgeting with students

KIARA MANNING
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday, the university will host a financial education event featuring nationally known financial literacy coach Eric Smith.

In the past, Smith has helped NBA athletes learn how to handle their finances. All students are invited to attend the event in Lamar Hall from 4 to 5 p.m. to learn how to set a budget, save for the future and manage credit.

This is Ole Miss's third year partnering with Regions Bank for their program dedicated to financial education.

"We come to campus two

to three times a year and offer financial education in a variety of interactive formats," said Candie Simmons, senior vice president and regional marketing director for Regions. "In addition to speakers like Eric, we also conduct 'reality fairs' from time to time in which students can see how financial decisions, both large and small, have far reaching consequences and benefits."

Smith is known for his engaging style, and through techniques such as the "money game" series, he demonstrates how learning the basics of money management early in life can help students make the right financial decisions to succeed.

Simmons described him as enthusiastic and having the "wow factor."

Simmons said that Regions is committed to providing no-cost, high-impact financial education for people throughout the communities it serves.

During her time at Regions, Simmons said the company has seen many typical mistakes from students in the past and believes that after this event, students will have newfound knowledge about managing their finances.

"One of the most common mistakes we see is students thinking of a student loan as free money without considering they'll have to pay it off later," she said.

"In addition, we sometimes see students using their debit card excessively, not realizing they actually have to have money in the bank and they need to keep up with balance."

Jeremy King, vice president of corporate communications at Regions, said he has seen how the program can benefit students. He said he believes that even with a modest budget, there are simple ways for people to build their savings.

"The time to start saving is now," King said. "The time to manage your spending is now. Don't assume it's something you can put off. This is an opportunity to learn simple, practical ways to do both."

Students have praised the program for giving them the tools to be financially prepared for the future and set them up to be financially sound. Simmons said many adults have admitted they wish the opportunity to learn about finances would have been available for them while in school.

"If you can learn at an early age how to manage spending, save for the future and handle credit and debit appropriately, that can set you up for having the things you desire long term, such as a house, a car or even your dream job," Simmons said.

PODCASTS of the week

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No matter how much you agree or disagree with the following, there is a podcast for everyone. From ones that focus on business and technology to those that focus on music and pop culture, every listener can find a favorite out of the following podcasts.

EAR HUSTLE

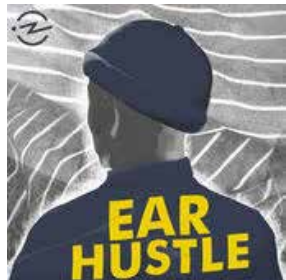


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Produced inside San Quentin State Prison in California, "Ear Hustle" gives listeners an insider's view of prison life through stories told and packaged by two prisoners and a volunteer. Co-hosted by inmate Earlonne Woods, who is serving 31 years to life for attempted second-degree robbery and sound designer Antwan Williams who is serving 15 years for armed robbery with a gun enhancement, the podcast depicts what it's like living within

the American prison system and includes discussions of problems regarding race, gender and violence that prisoners may face on a day-to-day basis. In many ways, "Ear Hustle" serves as a way to break the "Hollywood notion" of what prison is like. Woods, Williams and volunteer Nigel Poor discuss subjects such as prison fashion, married inmates and inmates with pets. In a recent episode titled "The Boom Boom Room," inmates discuss how difficult it is to maintain a strong relationship while incarcerated.

BIDEN BRIEFING



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Former Vice President Joe Biden is back, but this time, it's in podcast form. Not too long ago, Biden launched a daily podcast in which he discusses news that's captivating the nation. Each episode ranges from three to 15 minutes and includes an array of thoughts and opinions. "Biden's Briefing" is produced by Ground Control and is read by its actors, though Biden has promised to occasionally make an appearance on the show. Previous episodes have included information about

the recent spike in mass shootings, the biggest threats to China's economy and the relationship between North and South Korea. The podcast runs on weekdays and sources information from MSNBC, Slate, Vice and BuzzFeed, among others.

GENERATION GAP WITH JOSH ACCARDO AND MAUREEN VAN ZANDT



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There are not many podcasts that draw me in within the first 30 seconds, but "Generation Gap" did. Hosted by Josh Accardo and Maureen Van Zandt, "Generation Gap" is a combination of pop culture discussions punctuated with hilarious commentary. Even the tribute episode to Tom Petty shows that this podcast is one that provides entertainment throughout, though the episodes are a bit lengthy. Accardo and Van Zandt have

discussed serious topics on the show – such as Aziz Ansari being accused of sexual assault and Mo'Nique calling for a boycott of Netflix – but they've also discussed lighter topics, such as their favorite TV shows and movies of 2017. Each episode is roughly an hour, and though it takes a while for the hosts to get into a topic, their commentary and banter make the podcast enjoyable. "Generation Gap" is relevant and much-needed, and for listeners like me, it makes the ride home enjoyable.

RECODE DECODE



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"Recode Decode" is hosted by Kara Swisher, who is considered one of the most prominent tech journalists out there. The podcast revolves around the tech industry, and as Swisher says in the introduction, it focuses on how the industry is constantly changing. Each week she hosts interviews with influential business leaders who are not only in tech but are also involved in politics and business. Swisher recently interviewed the CEO of Youtube, Susan Wojcicki, and focused the discussion on the terms and conditions of the

website. The issue became salient after Youtube star Logan Paul faced worldwide backlash for uploading a video to the site that showed the body of a man who had recently committed suicide. A few must-listens are "Silicon Valley is threatening democracy," "The future of the audio industry" and "How tech is changing state politics."

Former UM baseball player to perform at The Lyric

MADELINE ISENHOWER

STAFF WRITER

With his swoon-worthy voice and piercing blue eyes, it's no wonder that country pop artist Brett Young has taken the nation by storm. Young will continue his journey in concert at 8 p.m. tomorrow and again on Saturday night at The Lyric Oxford.

Friday's show sold out early and inspired the Lyric to add the second show on Saturday to accommodate Young's local fanbase. Both nights, the crowd can expect to hear songs from his self-titled 2017 LP, which includes hits "Like I Loved You" and "Can't Sleep Without You."

Originally from Orange County, California, Young was initially pursuing a career in professional baseball, playing for the Ole Miss Rebels at one point in pursuit of his dream. However, his career was cut short after an elbow injury in 2003. After this, Young began seriously pursuing a career in music, picking

back up the guitar and really focusing on making a career out of it.

"I find it really cool that he lived here in Oxford and got to experience student life like we did," senior art history major Maia Pimperl said. "It's great to be able to attach a name like Young's to Ole Miss."

Pimperl said she often attends concerts at The Lyric, regardless if she is a fan of the artists or not; she said she really enjoys the live music atmosphere in general. She said she is excited to see Young live and expects it to be a hit because of his Ole Miss connection.

Young's website describes how his career kicked off, gaining the attention of fans with his "honest lyrics and West Coast-meets-Southern sound."

The California native told The Lyric Oxford that, "Everyone leaves a trail of 'almosts' and bittersweet memories behind on the road to 'the one,'" when describing his lyrics. He uses those memories and experiences to write his lyrics and create songs that every-

one can relate to.

Senior IMC major Taylor Oates said she purchased tickets for the show as soon as they came out.

"I am really excited to go see Brett Young," Oates said. "I have never been to one of his concerts and am excited to see him perform live. I feel like live music is always better and can't wait to see how he will perform."

Young's top songs "In Case You Didn't Know" and "Sleep Without You" won the hearts of the nation with their relatable lyrics about a love-filled relationship. The tunes have an easy-listening sound, despite one being more of a ballad than the other.

Clearly the nation finds his lyrics relatable, as "In Case You Didn't Know" reached the No. 1 spot on the Country Airplay Chart, and racked up more than 93 million listens on Spotify. "Sleep Without You" came in at No. 2, while his other single "Like I Loved You" also took the No. 1 spot on the listening charts. He is currently on his first sold-out



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headlining tour, securing Oxford as one of the stops.

For those who want to hear a former Ole Miss baseball player sing heart-

felt, relatable songs, this concert is the one.

Women's basketball ready to travel to the Bayou

EMILY BARNHOUSE
STAFF WRITER

Ole Miss women's basketball hits the road for another tough match against LSU in the Bayou in a game that tips off at 7 p.m. this evening and will be featured on SEC Network.

Having won nine of its last 10 meetings with Ole Miss, LSU leads the overall series 15-9 when playing in Baton Rouge – a clear indicator of the Tigers' home-court advantage over the Rebels. Although the Rebels lost a tough game against Alabama on Sunday, they are looking to battle back with a win in front of grueling LSU fans tonight.

This season Ole Miss has seen a lot of success from behind the arc. Despite losing the matchup, the Rebels were able to sink 15 threes against the Crimson Tide – a number that ties both their season high and the record for third-most in the history of the program. In three of the past four games, Ole Miss has sunk at least eight threes and is currently sixth in the conference in 3-point shots made per game, averaging 6.7. Making these shots will be crucial if the Rebels hope to jump out to a solid start against the Tigers by scoring more points in the first half than in their previous meetings.

Not only have the Rebels been prominent from

behind the arc – they have also been aggressive in shot blocking. Freshman Promise Taylor, who was named SEC Freshman of the Week for the third time this season on Jan. 23, has been showcasing her promise at center all year. This season, the team has blocked 123 shots; Taylor has blocked 71 of them, averaging 2.84 blocks per game. It is safe to say that Taylor's defensive presence will be vital to win the game in Baton Rouge.

With the Rebels averaging 4.9 blocks per game, they are on their way to having 142 blocks by the end of the season. This could be a record-breaking year, for the Rebels are already nearing the standing single-season record of 129 blocks, which was set during the 1982-83 season. Taylor is not only the team's top shot blocker – she also has the highest shooting percentage among SEC freshmen, at .601.

For Ole Miss to leave this game victorious, head coach Matt Insell's team will need to tear up the court during the first half, which has been essential for success so far this season. The Rebels have gone 10-3 with a half time lead but have fallen short in the second half on multiple occasions.

This season, the Rebels have utilized 10 different starting lineups which have featured 10 of Ole Miss' 11 players. Freshman Taylor, and juniors



FILE PHOTO: BILLY SCHUERMAN

Alissa Alston and Madinah Muhammad are meshing well, and each seems poised to receive postseason honors. However, these three will have to focus their efforts to beat

the Tigers and come out on top in a hostile LSU territory, which is doable if the Rebels play to their full potential.

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Depth in the field, on the mound leads 2018 Rebels

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After nine long months, Ole Miss baseball returns to the diamond for its first regular-season series of 2018 on Friday afternoon, hosting the Eagles of Winthrop University.

Coming off a middle-of-the-pack season last spring, head coach Mike Bianco is excited to see how his young roster plays with another offseason under its belt.

“The freshmen that stepped onto the field for the first time had great first years, guys like Will Ethridge, Ryan Rolison and Houston Roth, who garnered Freshman All-American Honors and had great freshmen campaigns,” he said. “Some of those freshmen didn’t play as well, but the good news for us was that they were out there a lot, and they gained a lot of experience at times.”

Bianco released the starting rotation Tuesday, revealing highly touted draft prospect Ryan Rolison as Friday’s starter on the mound, followed by Brady Fiegl and James McArthur on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Though it’s typically an easy decision to name the three opening weekend arms, Bianco

found this year to be a battle to the end for the final spots.

“A lot of times it’s not as difficult. You return maybe an ace or some other guys, but when I look at our rotation people forget last year we had three Freshman All-Americans,” he said. “We have a lot of depth and a lot of talent, and along with the guys that I’ve mentioned, guys like Houston Roth, Greer Holston and Will Ethridge are looking for one of those spots as weekend starters, but as we start the first weekend, those guys will find themselves in the bullpen.”

Alongside the rocket-armed potential starting pitchers, the remainder of the bullpen provides depth and security. One of those key returners who will be phoned-in throughout the year is Dallas Woolfolk. Woolfolk will anchor the pitching rotation as the season’s closer. Over the summer, the 6-foot-3, 240-pound right-hander represented the country on the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team in the same role.

“To wear that ‘USA’ across your chest and represent the best that our country has to offer for amateur baseball players, Dallas, I think, is tested not only in our league but internationally, and I’m excited to have him back



FILE PHOTO: MARLEE CRAWFORD

Chase Cockrell catches a pass at first base to try to get an opponent out last season against Eastern Carolina. Ole Miss opens this season against Winthrop on Friday.

there,” Bianco said.

As Friday afternoon rolls around, there is no denying the Rebels’ depth both in the field and on the mound. Losing just Colby Bortles and Tate Blackman in the field, the Rebels return seven of their starting nine from last season, which is a stark contrast to the beginning of the 2017 season.

“And when you look at the pitching staff, they really did pitch it pretty well last year. I think we were ranked fourth in the SEC in ERA, and we return seven of the nine best earned run averages from last year,” Bianco said.

Overall, the 18-year skipper is excited about what this abundance of

talent will bring to the opening series against a Winthrop program that is not to be taken lightly.

“An experienced staff and experienced position players usually makes for a pretty good team,” he laughed.

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