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## UPD reports recent uptick in laptop thefts



**RACHEL ISHEE**  
NEWS EDITOR

With finals week just around the corner, the library is getting more packed by the day, leaving open opportunities for students to have items stolen from them.

Capt. Peggie Jane McGregor-Mahan of the University Police Department said although there have only been two laptops reported stolen to UPD from the J.D. Williams Library this semester, there is normally an increase during certain times of the academic year.

"Generally, with theft in the library, the numbers run

about the same throughout the semesters," she said. "Usually we see increases starting about a week before finals and a week before midterms because there's an increase of people in the library."

Myles Seiple, an accounting major, had his laptop stolen in the library Monday.

Seiple said he left his zipped backpack unattended at a table on the second floor for about two or three minutes. When he came back, he was surprised to see another student sitting at the table that he left his bag at.

"I was like, 'Yo, homie, why'd you move my stuff?'



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Alex LaRochelle works on her laptop in the J.D. Williams Library on Tuesday.

The guy was confused and said he didn't," Seiple said. "I looked behind the bookshelves, and my backpack was pillaged with the laptop

AWOL."

Seiple said that once he realized his laptop had ac-

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## Students react to TB case on campus

**BLAKE ALSUP**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR  
**MEAGAN MCGEE**  
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Many members of the Ole Miss community were alarmed Monday after receiving emails notifying them of an active tuberculosis case on campus that hundreds of people were potentially exposed to.

In an initial email sent confidentially that morning, the university and Mississippi State Department of Health warned approximately 500 students, faculty and staff members that they may have been exposed to tuberculosis over the past school year.

"While attending or teaching classes at the University of Mississippi during the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 semesters, you may have been exposed to an individual with active tuberculosis disease," the UM Today message read.

Senior marketing and corporate relations major Brewer Spayde was one of the students who received that email.

"I was confused as to what was going on, since they did not give much information about what was happening," Spayde said. "Then I was kind of scared because TB is not something to mess around with."

Spayde said she and the other notified individuals will be tested free of charge Thursday at the Jackson Avenue Center. The university will cover all costs for the tests and any follow-up tests and treatment they may need.

"The Mississippi State Department of Health will be collecting blood samples from students, faculty and staff believed to have been exposed to identify any individuals that may be infected," the UM Today message said. "Those found to be infected will be further evaluated and offered treatment to help prevent the infection from pro-

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## LOU hopes grant boosts year-round tourism

**HADLEY HITSON**  
STAFF WRITER

While many often simplify Oxford as nothing but a college town or a destination for sporting and social events, the city is hoping to boost its standing as a tourism destination in the future.

Lafayette County tourism projects recently received more than \$79,000 in grant funds from the Mississip-

pi Hills Heritage Area Alliance to further the industry through various methods.

The alliance acts as local coordination for the National Heritage Area, which was established by Congress in 2009. The land the group aims to protect and promote covers 19 full counties and parts of 11 others, defined mostly by the intersection of Appalachian and Delta cultures.

"The alliance funds local

and regional projects, which help it fulfill the goals and objectives in its management plan, which was approved by the National Park Service in 2014," said Mary Cates Williams, executive director of the alliance.

The management plan explains the group's dedication to honoring and interpreting the stories of legendary natives like Elvis Presley, William Faulkner and James Meredith.

"This is the third year of the alliance's Community Grant Program, and in March, the organization awarded over 30 grants totaling more than \$250,000," Williams said. "The alliance awarded seven grants in the LOU area, totaling \$79,720."

The local recipients of these grants include Visit Oxford, the Yoknapatawpha Arts Council, the Oxford

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# Confederate statue must come down



**DANIEL PAYNE**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

“What’s that?” asked my new friend from West Virginia University, pointing to the Circle from Coulter Hall. Students from other universities had come to Oxford to work on a journalism project, and we were walking to a meeting.

I knew what he was talking about: the large white statue that catches the eyes of visitors as they first enter the university. A Confederate soldier stands in proud defiance of this nation and human rights on a pillar high above the campus.

I paused before shamefully admitting, “That’s our Confederate statue. Many of us want it to be taken down, but it’s still there for now.”

Don’t get me wrong – I love this university. There are wonderful people doing amazing work everywhere you look, our academic programs seem to get stronger each year and the campus is one of the most beautiful

in the nation.

But when we bring new people to our home, they do not know these things. As much as I may try to tell them, they will not understand.

What they will understand, though, is the symbol of racism and hatred that they first encounter. The traitorous soldier looking into the distance will give a first impression of the university that cannot be taken back.

And it’s hard to imagine why someone would stay to find out if this impression is true. Imagine going to Germany and getting off the plane to see a monument of a soldier giving a Nazi salute.

Sure, there’s a contextualization plaque, but does that settle all of your discomfort?

You might wonder, “Are these people not ashamed of this chapter in their history? Why is something so obscene still flaunted in public? Should I even stay to find out?”

For this, among other reasons, you cannot find statues celebrating the Nazis standing in their original, public locations in Germany.

And yet, when our memorials honoring American oppression, murder, subjugation and bigotry remain, it is seen as the normal state of remembering history.

This will not be considered normal forever, though. Con-

federate statues have come down one by one across the country, and this trend will continue as time goes on.

Many on this campus do not want students or the university itself to continue being held back by its archaic, hateful past. Some even held a demonstration last week, March Against Hate, to call for its removal, among other things.

Perhaps future students will see photos of the statue and, like many students do when they look at the news coverage of racial integration on this campus in 1962, wonder why it took this university so long to catch up to the rest of the country.

Is it possible that this institution is not that different than it was in previous eras, dragging its feet toward progress only when prodded by outside forces?

As we again celebrated the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s life on campus, the bell tower chiming once for every year of his life, I could not help but wonder how much the administration really believes what he said.

When he spoke of the white moderate being more devoted to order than justice, he was speaking about the solutions created to pacify both sides instead of doing the right thing.

So as the chimes celebrating King’s life rang out over the statue and its contextualization

plaque, a middle-of-the-road solution to preserve the status quo a while longer, I recognized the irony.

When the statue celebrating James Meredith’s bravery in integration was installed just a few minutes’ walk from the Confederate statue, those in charge must have seen the absurdity of the arrangement.

Claiming to celebrate the courage of Meredith for doing what was right in the face of extreme hardship does not mean much while remaining unwilling to face mild criticism for removing a symbol of hate.

With some poetic irony, the Lyceum, housing the administration of the campus, stands between the two monuments. It stands somewhere between the bigoted past and the courageous future, trying to not pick one side over the other. This moderation is the thread that is carried through our brutal history and holds order over justice.

For this great university to stop being seen as the institution that is always on the wrong side of history, we must do the right thing over the safe thing. The statue must come down.

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# TUBERCULOSIS

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gressing to active TB disease.” After a friend told him to check his email, junior accounting major Myles Seiple realized he had received the message alerting him that he should be tested.

“So I get on and notice I have two emails instead of one from the health services center,” Seiple said. “One containing general info about a potential outbreak and another that said ‘CONFIDENTIAL.’”

After logging into his my-OleMiss account to view the message, he saw that he has possibly been exposed to tuberculosis.

“My initial thought was ‘Uh oh, looks like I got an early 20th-century problem on my hands,’” Seiple said. “Then I read more and had a few other thoughts, such as ‘I’m probably good.’”

Following the first notification emails, another email was sent out to the entire Ole Miss faculty and student body ex-

plaining that an active case of tuberculosis had been identified on campus.

The announcement garnered mixed reactions from the community, and social media was abuzz with student reactions ranging from serious concern to joking about the disease.

Sophomore hospitality management major Caroline Young said she and her friends didn’t take the email too seriously.

“It’s kind of bad because we weren’t that concerned about it. We probably should have been more concerned, but we were kind of laughing about it.” Young said.

Junior linguistics major Heath Wooten said that when a friend in class told him about active TB on campus, he said, “I’m more scared of meningitis.”

Wooten said that after researching tuberculosis, he was less concerned.

“It incubates forever,” Wooten said. “Now that people are aware, doctors can screen people and eliminate it before symptoms can emerge.”

The Mississippi State Department of Health released

a document with information about TB. It explained the differences between tuberculosis infection and tuberculosis disease. Tuberculosis infection does not cause illness and has no symptoms, and people with the infection cannot spread it to others, so the 500 individuals being tested are not contagious.

If tuberculosis infection is detected, it can be treated to prevent active tuberculosis disease. If left untreated, it could develop over time into active tuberculosis disease, which displays symptoms like persistent coughing lasting two or more weeks, chest pains, difficulty breathing, chills, fever, coughing up blood, night sweats, feeling tired and weight loss.

The goal of testing the large group of students is to prevent any potential TB infection from becoming active TB disease.

“TB is a serious and potentially life-threatening disease, but it can be detected and treated before symptoms develop,” according to the message sent on UM Today.

# LAPTOPS

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tually been stolen, he told the librarians and filed a police report with UPD.

“The staff of the library was extremely helpful with the resources they had, but a lack of cameras limited their ability,” he said.

Ashley Barker, a biology major, also had her backpack stolen from the third floor of the library last year.

“I was gone for a minute to use the restroom, and when I came back, my computer and backpack were stolen,” Barker said. “I went to the library staff and filed a police report, but there was nothing they could do.”

The next day, Barker said her backpack was found in a corner on the third floor that still had her binders, but her wallet and textbooks were gone.

“When I got back to my desk it looked like they took it and rushed,” she said. “Some stuff was on the ground and I

was literally gone for probably one minute.”

Barker said no one was ever caught.

Although Barker had this experience, she said she still believes campus is, for the most part, a safe place.

“I think it’s safe because the library is crowded and it’s impractical to pack everything up to run to the bathroom or Starbucks,” she said. “We are all students and should feel safe.”

Capt. Mahan said she believes these crimes to be random and that students can avoid theft by bringing their belongings with them or asking friends to watch their things while they’re gone.

“One thing that I’ve noticed is that most of them are thefts of opportunity, where someone gets up and leaves their things unattended,” she said. “Anytime anything is stolen from a student or any individual on campus, we ask that they report it as soon as possible because the sooner they can report it, there’s a better chance of locating it,” she said.

# TOURISM

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Film Festival, the Oxford Lafayette Heritage Foundation, the L.Q.C. Lamar Foundation, the City of Oxford and the University of Mississippi itself.

“We received a \$5,000 grant for a hospitality program called ‘Treat ‘Em Right,’” said Mary Allyn Hedges, the director of Visit Oxford.

The Mississippi Tourism Association already uses this program, but Hedges said it plans to adapt the training videos and hospitality certification test to be specific to Oxford.

“Our hope is to have all of the hoteliers and attractions and retailers and restaurants to get their employees to participate and get certified because they are the ones



FILE PHOTO: ARIEL COBBERT

on the front lines,” she said. “We want all employees to have resources that can help them answer those types of questions for us.”

Hedges said there will be several improvements in Oxford using the grant money.

“The Burns-Belfry will complete their core exhibit that they have there. The exhibit presents the Afri-

can-American experience over time with an emphasis in northern Mississippi,” she said.

Williams also said the university was awarded \$19,720 to fund a project for the Slavery Research Group at Rowan Oak. With the money, it will perform archeological research to help better understand the lives of Afri-

can-Americans who lived and worked on the property.

Hedges explained that the L.Q.C. Lamar House was one of several grant recipients that were only eligible for consideration because of their partnership with Visit Oxford, a longtime member of the alliance.

“The Lamar House is using their grant for the L.Q.C. Lamar Historical Trail to link Oxford to other communities in the Mississippi Hills region using a series of new and existing historical markers,” she said.

Ultimately, Hedges said there is a lot of crossover as far as how and where the grant money is being used, but it is all being used with great purpose.

“Obviously, the university – with football games and different conferences they have going on and graduation – is a major driver that impacts tourism significantly,” Hedges said. “We want to show people that they should come here 365 days a year, not just a handful of weekends.”

**SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION**

**Hailey Belle Reed**

B.S. IN FORENSIC CHEMISTRY

*“Investigation of Enhanced Vibrational Signatures of High Energy Density Materials”*

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**Earl Connor King**

B.A. IN HISTORY

*“Lost Cause Textbooks: Civil War Education in the South from the 1890s to the 1920s”*

Directed by John Neff

**Wednesday, April 11 at 2:00 pm**

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**SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION**

**Anna Kennedy Shock**

B.A. IN ENGLISH

*“Voices”*

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# Juke Joint Festival to celebrate music of the Delta

**LINDSAY DAWSON**  
STAFF WRITER

This weekend, a celebration of the Delta's food and music will be coming to Clarksdale.

The Juke Joint Festival is an annual event, bringing large masses to the Mississippi Delta. This year's festival is projected to have biggest turnout yet, boasting media presence and attendees from multiple countries. The Juke Joint Festival has been a hit for the past 15 years and is still on the rise.

"In past years, we have attracted attendance from as many as 48 different countries, 46 U.S. States and 53 Mississippi counties in the same year," co-organizer Roger Stolle said.

This small town Mississippi festival has a weekend packed with family fun and experiences filled with Southern charm.

There are multiple kick-off events, including a Thacker Mountain radio show on Friday beginning at 6 p.m. to promote the weekend and offer a glimpse of what is to come. The show will feature Roger Stolle, James "Super Chikan" Johnson and Big George Brock. There will also be a free kick-off event Thursday, hosted by the Juke Joint Festival, with free entertainment by Sean "Bad" Apple and the Roots Magic Band and a free poster signing with Cristen Bar-

nard. These events start at 5 p.m. and last until 7:30 p.m.

The biggest day for the festival is Saturday when multiple blues acts will perform and various activities will be available throughout the day. The festival includes pig races, student art and writing contests, a 5k run, food and a petting zoo, making this an event that appeals to all of the community. While most of the events are free, the nighttime music requires a wristband. The nighttime events include a historic bus tour and more live blues music. There will be 13 daytime music stages, 20 nighttime venues and 100 different street vendors.

Sunday will conclude the festival, with the free Cat Head Mini Blues Fest and the Second Street Blues Party. These will include more fun music, and local restaurants will be ready to feed the town.

The Juke Joint Festival is often described as "half blues festival, half small town fair and all about the Delta." With so many events going on, "You literally cannot do, see, and hear everything," according to the festival's website. The festival truly incorporates the town and the community into this festival, proving a fun family environment. The Juke Joint Festival aims to display the culture of the Delta, showcasing Southern food and pure Mississippi blues.



Poster art from the 2017 Juke Joint Festival

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The following thesis presentation notices were inadvertently omitted from Monday's Daily Mississippian. The Honors College regrets the error.

**SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION**

**Myriam Elizabeth Sanders**

B.A. IN BIOLOGY

*"Neurotoxicity of Asimina Triloba"*

Directed by Nicole Ashpole

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**SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION**

**Emma Kate Thome**

B.S. IN COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS

*"A Survey of Speech-Language Pathologists' Use and Understanding of Evidence-Based Practice"*

Directed by Susan Loveall-Hague

Monday, April 9 at 4:00 pm  
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**SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION**

**Rachel Elizabeth Ford**

B.A.ED. IN ENGLISH EDUCATION

*"Self-Monitoring and Reading Comprehension in Secondary English Language Arts Classrooms"*

Directed by Denise Soares

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Guyton Hall Room 324

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**SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION**

**Ashten Michelle Carter Anderson**

B.S. IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

*"CM-DiI and MCF-7 Breast Cancer Cell Responses to Chemotherapeutic Agents"*

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**SENIOR HONORS THESIS PRESENTATION**

**Taylor Samuel Ferris**

B.A. IN BIOCHEMISTRY, CLASSICS

*"Connecting the Mind and Body in Ancient Greek Medicine"*

Directed by Aileen Ajoutian

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# Thacker Mountain to host Friday show in Clarksdale

ANNE MARIE HANNA  
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Thacker Mountain Radio Hour will host a show as part of the annual Juke Joint Festival this weekend deep in the Delta, promoting the program's ongoing tradition of remote live shows around both Mississippi and Memphis.

Thacker Mountain Radio began in 1997 as a nonprofit program to showcase the talents of authors and musicians from the American South and beyond. Since its inception, Thacker has become an outlet for both Oxford locals and Ole Miss students to be involved in promoting local artists and Southern culture.

Hosting live shows at remote locations is a unique aspect to Thacker's scheduling and is used to bring free programming to communities that have rich artistic and cultural backgrounds but lack outlets for live performances.

Thacker's host Jim Dees said he hopes that out-of-town shows remind audiences of Mississippi's standing and growing contribution to music and literature.

Although setting up for remote programming requires more time commitments for the band and Thacker staffing, it's essential to keep the show running and on Mississippi's arts radar. Kate Teague, the show's executive director and producer, knows the importance of giving Thacker another outlet to seek out new listeners.

"Basically, it's a way for us to expand our reach and really promote ourselves to an audience that may not know us," Teague said. "Currently, the only ways to showcase the program is live and on the radio, but that's only two opportunities to reach a new audience."

Remote Thacker shows also present new opportunities for the program's house band, the Yalobushwhackers. A staple of the regular Thacker programming, the band performs both original compositions and covers that have connections with the area it's playing in.

"I'm always really surprised at how many people know the show in the further regions outside of Oxford," pianist and Yalobushwhacker pianist Mark Yacovone said. "Before any audience

shows up, you have no idea if anyone has listened to the program, much less if they know who you are. But our presence on MPB radio has really solidified a devoted following outside our Oxford community."

Thacker's presence on Mississippi Public Broadcasting has amassed a following statewide and regularly contributes to the program's growing audience.

"Last year, I performed in a show for a different band at Mississippi's Parchman Prison during Christmas," Yacovone said. "The surprising thing was, when they introduced me, a lot of the inmates already recognized me through MPB. It speaks to how far-reaching the show really is."

Thacker Mountain's program relies heavily on student interns to help execute Oxford shows, especially those on the road. They may be tasked with anything from handling artists' merchandise, to assisting with stage setup and breakdown, to photographing and documenting the shows for the program's growing social media platform.

Anna Gibbs, a Thacker intern alumna, remembers the constant preparedness the radio show's interns had to assume while on the road.

"As an intern, you need to be prepared for anything," Gibbs said. "My job was usually to help set up the green room, which was often the backstage or ramshackle tent, unload gear and make sure things were running smoothly, all while photographing things for social media."

Ole Miss junior and Thacker intern Lucy Burnam recently experienced her first traveling show at the American Booksellers Association Winter Institute 12 in Memphis, an organization that juxtaposes the radio's work in featuring both renowned and rising authors. The radio program often tries to highlight different aspects of Southern and national literature in its regional shows, and it spotlighted writer and poet Liz Acevedo during its set.

"A lot of the authors and people involved were curious about what Thacker was, and when they learned what we did, all they wanted to do was find out how they could



FILE PHOTO: MADISON WREN

Author Will Schwalbe shared how books shaped his identity and life during Thacker Mountain Radio at Off Square Books last fall.

tune in," Lucy said. "We are currently working on making it into a podcast format, which would help people from all over be able to listen to it."

Student interns also participate in Thacker's remote shows to experience different locales and histories that make up the South and its culture.

"My favorite part about Thacker is its celebration of history," Thacker intern alumna Abbey Veith said. "Some of the lesser-income areas Thacker's gotten to travel to, such as the shows hosted in the Delta, have rich histories that you're normally not exposed to as a student. These programs provide an outlet for those areas to talk about and put their histories on the map."

Thacker Mountain often uses distinctive venue settings and set lists to emphasize the cultural heritage in an area.

"My favorite show to travel with was our Ocean Springs, Mississippi, show this past August at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center," Thacker videographer intern Jennifer Lauriello said. "The venue is a repurposed school auditorium, and it was packed with this high-energy crowd that we felt we really connected with. Every road show is amazing, though, because you get to meet and bond with people from all over who share the same passion for witnessing live art."

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# Is Masters champ Patrick Reed golf's newest villain?

LOGAN CONNER  
STAFF WRITER

On Sunday afternoon, Patrick Reed finished his final round of the Masters with a 71, enough to beat Rickie Fowler by one shot and earn his first major championship. The 27-year-old has already distinguished himself from his peers with marquee wins including a WGC title and a Playoffs win. Reed has also assembled impressive performances at both the Ryder and President's cups, which has earned him the nickname "Captain America." However, the true story behind the man with the green jacket is darker than it first appears.

As Reed won his first green jacket last weekend, his parents and younger sister were hosting a watch party in Augusta, Georgia. Instead of being able

to celebrate the incredible accomplishment with their son, the parents were forced to shed their tears inside their home – just 3 miles away from Augusta National, where the 2018 Masters was played. In 2012, Reed and his family were estranged from each other. That same year, Reed and his wife, Justine, were married and did not send invitations to his father, mother or siblings.

Two years later at Pinehurst, Reed's parents and sister were escorted off the golf course by authorities, and their passes were confiscated. For six years, the Reed family hasn't talked to Patrick despite efforts to do so. When asked about whether his family's absence made the win bittersweet, Reed said, "I'm just out here to play golf and try to win tournaments."

The rift between Reed and his family is not the only trou-



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  - 16 Cabinet dept.
  - 17 Sean of "The Lord of the Rings"
  - 18 Rani's wrap
  - 19 Dock
  - 20 Held by a contract
  - 22 Off the leash
  - 23 Chieftain, usually in Africa
  - 24 Longed for
  - 26 The French word for "no"
  - 29 At a distance
  - 31 Three sheets to the wind
  - 32 "Hold On Tight" band
  - 33 1492 vessel
  - 34 Polar cover
  - 38 Yellow cheese coated with red wax
  - 40 Sloppy place
  - 42 Change decor
  - 43 Remove the antlers
- DOWN**
- 1 Authenticating mark
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  - 3 "\_\_\_ grip!"
  - 4 Licorice flavoring
  - 5 Person who repairs telephone wires
  - 6 Losers
  - 7 Iranian coin
  - 8 Behind time
  - 9 \_\_\_ Lanka
  - 10 Newsmen

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- 46 Able was \_\_\_
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- 50 Spy org.
- 51 Wild ones are sown
- 52 Aviv precursor
- 53 Greeting
- 57 Workout count
- 59 \_\_\_ a time
- 60 Without a defined social structure
- 65 Lens holders
- 66 WWII battle site
- 67 Liquid waste component
- 68 Animistic god or spirit
- 69 Vintner's prefix
- 70 Long stories
- 71 Scrutinize
- 72 Durable wood
- 73 Overact
- 11 Pungent bulb
- 12 1980s attorney general
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- 21 LP player
- 22 Secular
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- 26 Can't do without
- 27 Ye \_\_\_ Shoppe
- 28 Flood survivor
- 30 Rate
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- 41 High school memento
- 44 Public disturbance
- 45 "Miss Saigon" setting
- 47 Numbered rds.
- 48 Marry
- 53 Factory
- 54 Early computer
- 55 Helping theorem
- 56 Cosmetician Lauder
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bling piece of the recent Masters champion's life. During his freshman year at the University of Georgia, Reed was involved in a number of on-course and off-course incidents. At a qualifying round before a tournament, Reed drove a ball into deep rough, but he soon spotted another ball in much better position. According to sources, Reed allegedly attempted to hit his competitor's ball.

Since then, Reed has said that he never cheated, but other sources say otherwise. In an interview with blogger Stephanie Wei, Jason Payne, who coached golf at UGA during Reed's time there, said, "The story that has been reported ... is an accurate account of his college career at UGA – including the suspicions held by his former teammates." Along with the accusations of cheating were allegations of theft – items and up to \$400 cash – from the UGA locker room. Once again, Reed was blamed.

Also during his time in Athens, Reed was arrested twice for intoxication. The arrests, together with various other accusations, gave the university enough grounds for expulsion. After leaving Georgia, Reed enrolled at Augusta State – where he was suspended within weeks for team rules violations. Later, Reed would help lead the team to a pair of Division I national titles. Despite the championships, Reed was continually disliked by his teammates – something that has carried its way onto the PGA Tour.

By spring 2014, Reed had already won three career tournaments. After his first WGC title, Reed said in an interview with Golf Channel, "I don't see a lot of guys that have done that besides Tiger Woods and the legends of the game. ... I'm one of the top five players in the world."

At the time of his infamous boast, Reed had never played in a major tournament. De-

spite only having three wins to his name, Reed had quickly become one of the most pretentious players on Tour – and that was only the beginning.

In November 2014, Reed was heard muttering a gay slur during the WGC-HSBC Champions, which he later apologized for. In March 2018, at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, Reed didn't receive relief after hitting a wayward shot. His response to the official was, "I guess my name needs to be Jordan Spieth, guys." Considering Reed's collegiate past, these statements should not come as a surprise.

After witnessing a green jacket ceremony with an almost silent crowd, it's very clear that Reed just might be golf's "most hated man." With a questionable history both on and off the course, the 27-year-old has not gained a large fan base – and without any major changes to his personality, that probably won't change. Move over, Tiger Woods – golf has a new villain.

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# ESPN's Paul Finebaum praises Matt Luke, Ole Miss

**BEN MILLER**  
STAFF WRITER

Ole Miss football is sitting atop the entire nation in recruiting for the 2019 class. That's right. No. 1. As in no other team in the SEC or the Big Ten or anywhere else in the country has recruits as good as the Ole Miss Rebels. This may come as a shock given the grilling this team has received from the NCAA over the course of the past year, but it is assuredly true.

The Rebels were sitting at No. 3 last week before a three-day stretch of pure glory from head coach Matt Luke and his recruiters helped the Rebels secure commitments from a laundry list of the nation's top recruits. The list includes four-star quarterback Grant Tisdale, four-star athlete Diwun Black, three-star safety Jay Stanley and three-star safety Braxton Ragland. These players will join the likes of Jerrion Ealy, the No. 4 RB in his class, and the No. 12, 13 and 14 JUCO players in the country.

This is not to mention players such as Matt Corral and Elijah Moore flipping from other SEC programs to join the team for the 2018 class. Seeing players of this quality join the Rebels during times of strife is absolutely remarkable. The "Mississippi Made"



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Head coach Matt Luke directs players from the sidelines during the Grove Bowl on Saturday.

campaign from Luke seems to be working better than he could have ever imagined. If he maintains this clip, the program is headed toward some seriously special times.

There is not a single person, except maybe Luke himself, who thought that this would happen. Even so, haters and doubters remain. However, there is one person who has

hopped on the Matt Luke train and is riding it to some very hot takes. That man is Paul Finebaum of ESPN's SEC Network.

Every week, Finebaum appears on WJOX-FM's segment "The Round Table." This Monday, he made some bold claims about Luke and Ole Miss football that shocked the hosts of the show and the

rest of the college football world. When asked who he would rather "buy stock in" out of Luke of Ole Miss or Chad Morris of Arkansas, he chose Luke.

"I'd probably go Matt Luke," Finebaum said. "To me, what Chad Morris is trying to do looks easy, but it's not. I really have concerns about it. Not him. I think he's an excellent

coach, but I have concerns about that program."

Moreover, he went on to point out that what Luke has been able to do in the context of a season in which the team went 6-6 before having to face yet another season with a bowl ban is "remarkable."

Finebaum said Luke doesn't let anything get in the way.

"I think it's a remarkable story, because a year ago, all we were talking about was how bad this program was trending and whether Hugh Freeze would survive," Finebaum said. "The fact that they're getting positive vibes out of Oxford is remarkable, and I give him a lot of credit. But I also give Ross Bjork a lot of credit for going with someone who, on the surface, did not look like he was ready to become a head coach. Until you look under the surface and find out how deep his roots are with that program and really how long he's been understudying at Ole Miss. He was, quite frankly, much more ready for that job than I thought he was."

That is high praise for someone who has devoted much of his life and career to covering SEC sports. This kind of talk is certainly encouraging for Luke, and it's undeniably encouraging for anyone looking for a light at the end of the Ole Miss football tunnel.

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# Mississippi Made: 2019 recruit class signals revival

**FLINT CHRISTIAN**  
STAFF WRITER

Rebel recruiting is making some noise this spring.

The Ole Miss Rebels suddenly found themselves on top of 247Sports' 2019 Football Recruiting Team Rankings after a flood of commitments over the Grove Bowl weekend.

Since last Friday alone, five players have committed to the Rebels, including four-star quarterback Grant Tisdale out of Allen, Texas, and four-star athlete Diwun Black from Forest. While it is extremely early to place any definitives on the verbal commitments of high school athletes, the work head coach Matt Luke and his coaching staff have done so far in their first complete recruiting cycle is a massive win for the Rebels.

With the uncertainty of a drawn-out NCAA investigation, the Hugh Freeze scandal and a two-year bowl ban hanging over the program in past years, the recruiting ranking may be a signal that Ole Miss has moved on and is again building toward a brighter future. Luke and his staff ended the season on a high note with an Egg Bowl win, and they continued that momentum by snagging the No. 31 2018 recruiting class despite the bowl ban and Luke's postseason hire. The No. 1 ranking extends that positive attention even farther, and it shows that many recruits

are ready to buy in to what Ole Miss still has to offer.

One key component of the 2019 class is the "Mississippi Made" mantra Luke and his staff have continued to push. Mississippi boasts an impressive collection of high school football talent, and the state's small size lends itself to connections and communication between recruits. In the Rebels' current 2019 class, 12 of the 15 commits are from the state of Mississippi. On Sunday, three-star linebacker Ashanti Cistrunk from Louisville became the latest to join the movement, and the possible implications of the trend of Mississippi athletes staying in state and choosing Ole Miss have to be enticing for Ole Miss fans. Nine of the top 13 recruits in the state remained uncommitted, including four-star linebacker Nakobe Dean, whose athleticism and skill set would fill what has been a consistent need in the middle of the field for the Rebels.

In 2017, the Rebels signed three of the top 20 recruits in Mississippi. In 2018, the Rebels signed two of the top 20. In 2019, the Rebels already have commitments from four.

The success of current Mississippi natives at Ole Miss, such as A.J. Brown, Breeland Speaks, D.K. Metcalf, Benito Jones, Rod Taylor, Javon Patterson and Sean Rawlings, under the tutelage of Luke, a Gulfport native himself, serves as further proof of the in-state po-



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A helmet sits on the sidelines during the Grove Bowl on Saturday.

tential and inspires confidence in the recruiting staff's strategy.

Running backs coach Derrick Nix has played a crucial role as a recruiter for the Rebels. Nix currently holds the top spot on 247Sports 2019 Football Recruiter Rankings as he has locked down three commitments in the central Mississippi area. Four-star running back Jerrion Ealy, three-star safety Jay Stanley, and four-star ath-

lete Diwun Black all hail from the area, and Nix's decade of experience at Ole Miss speaks to a track record of success in recognizing and capitalizing on local talent.

The Rebels will almost certainly fall from the top tier of the recruiting rankings as other schools increase the quantities of their respective classes and more five- and four-star recruits begin to make their de-

isions. There are also still an entire summer and season to be played before the 2019 recruiting season hits its peak.

However, the No. 1 ranking is a sign the Rebel football program is finally moving in the right direction, back to a place where New Year's Six Bowls and Alabama upsets are attainable rather than absurd.



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