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Statue desecration investigation ongoing

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Just over a month has passed since the Feb. 16 desecration of the James Meredith statue, and university officials say both the FBI investigation and the judicial process to determine university punishment for the three involved students are continuing.

"The judicial council has made no decisions on possible suspensions or expulsions (for the involved students)," University of Mississippi Communications Director Danny Blanton said.

"Obviously, we are approaching the situation with extreme care in order to be fair to all parties involved."

The three students, who are suspected of involvement and have been the subjects of a university conduct review since Feb. 21, have not been named publicly because of a federal privacy law.

Meanwhile, the FBI is still investigating the incident, according to Blanton. Officials said in February that possible charges range from vandalism to federal hate crimes.

The FBI did not return multiple phone calls early this

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A flower rests on the foot of the James Meredith Statue during a gathering in Februrary.

week.

Blanton also said the \$25,000 reward the Ole Miss Alumni Association offered soon after the incident has gone unclaimed. "The people that came forward with the information declined to accept the reward money, so the alumni association was able to hold onto it," Blanton said. The Daily Mississippian will continue to provide updates on the situation as information becomes available.

Is Ole Miss ready for gay athletes?

BY WAVERLY MCCARTHY wcmccart@go.olemiss.edu

At Ole Miss, we ask ourselves the same question before every football, basketball, and baseball game: "Are you ready?" As the face of the average athlete has changed, our university's commitment to respect and diMissouri as a member of the comeback team that successfully played 12-2 and ultimately played in the SEC Championship.

Named first-team All-American and the Associated Press defensive player of the year, Sam was voted by his teammates as Mizzou's most valuable player. Sam is expected to go high in the upcoming NFL draft, with many predicting that he will be claimed in the third or fourth round.

Missouri as a member of the I'm African American, and I'm comeback team that success- gay," he said.

In a little over two months, all eyes in the sporting world will be on Sam and Radio City Music Hall during the 79th annual NFL draft.

If drafted, Sam will be the first openly gay player in the National Football League. There has been an outpouring of support for Sam as he prepares for the draft from everyday people, University of tance, would we be accepting of one of our own?

Both University of Mississippi Athletics Director Ross Bjork and head coach Hugh Freeze have issued statements of support for all of their athletes.

In an interview with The Clarion-Ledger, Bjork said, "I feel confident in who we are as coaches and as administrators and as a campus. We would want someone to feel welcome and free, and to be who they are."

Board of Aldermen passes ordinance to preserve 'heritage trees'

BY KYLIE MCFADDEN kemcfadd@go.olemiss.edu

The Oxford Board of Aldermen voted unanimously Tuesday night to amend the environmental chapter of the Oxford Code of Ordinances in order to modify the city's tree preservation requirements. The alterations to the article were presented before the Board of Aldermen and passed with a vote of approval from all members of the Board.

The article as it stands aims to stabilize and facilitate ecologically conscious processes such as energy and soil conservation, air purification, and wastewater neutralization, among others.

The amendment states that the preservation of existing trees is a priority and emphasizes the importance of heritage trees. Heritage trees are trees that are native to Oxford and serve an important role in the health and conservation of the city's forests. Heritage trees include but are not limited to Cypress, Elm, Maple, Oak, Pecan, Catalpa, Magnolia and Sycamore. If a situation arises in which preservation of a heritage tree is not possible, the environmental impact shall be as limited as possible. The clearing of trees for development isn't majorly impeded by the amendment, with the exception of sites greater than five acres in size or heritage trees in the Old Town Conservation Overlay District. In addition, the removal of any heritage trees requires the planting of re-See OXFORD, PAGE 4

versity must be considered in light of this repetend.

Are we ready to embrace openly gay athletes?

"I just want to make sure I could tell my story the way I want to tell it," said Michael Sam in a February interview with ESPN. "I just want to own my truth."

Michael Sam is a 6-foot-2, 260-pound defensive end who played at the University of In a Feb. 9 interview with ESPN, Sam announced to the world what he had known for a very long time — that he was gay.

"I'm not afraid to tell the world who I am. I'm Michael Sam: I'm a college graduate. Missouri students, celebrities and current and former athletes.

As a university right in the middle of the Bible Belt, what would happen if a football player here at Ole Miss were to come out? As a school constantly criticized for a lack of accepIn that same article Freeze spoke of his experience coaching a gay player.

"Certainly don't want to call any names, because everybody is entitled to their privacy unless they want it to be public," *See ATHLETES, PAGE 4*

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A musical education

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With my horn, I have participated in school bands, ensembles, and symphonies. The horn has been my ticket to China to study at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music; a tool to teach others basics in music theory; and, an escape from the stresses of everyday life. Music has been an integral part of my life, and I am grateful for the opportunities I have been afforded throughout the years to continue to grow as a musician.

But too many children in this country never get these same opportunities.

Having an art or music teacher at my school was something I took for granted. Sadly, over 50 percent of America's public schools do not have a full-time art teacher. A report from the U.S. Department of Education found that over 1.3 million elementary school students never get the chance to attend classes in music, while 4 million elementary school students are deprived of any visual arts instruction.

issue often includes the common refrain about lack of money and perceived lack of importance, the benefits of integrating arts into public education make it clear that we must make funding these programs a priority. Participation in music programs led to higher scores by students on both math and English standardized testssometimes boosting scores by nearly 25 percent, according to a report in the Journal of Research in Music Education. Music classes have also been shown to boost graduation rates, reduce the use of alcohol and illegal drugs, and improve interpersonal relationships.

Integrating arts in public schools especially helps low-income and at-risk students. For example, low-income students who attended schools with an arts curriculum were 31 percent more likely to earn a bachelor's degree than were economically disadvantaged students who lacked exposure to the arts. And using the "we don't have enough money" line may soon

seem inane when considering the economic value of arts programs. A report from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis found that the economic output for arts education, including "postsecondary fine-arts schools, department of fine arts and performing arts, and academic performing-arts centers," was \$104 billion in 2011 and added \$7.6 billion to the nation's GDP.

In addition to the positive academic, economic, and social benefits of art education, I believe that music and other arts are inherently good, meaning that even if those other great effects did not occur, they'd be worth our time and investment. Art education should not simply be viewed as a means to boost test scores—it's a way for students to connect to each other, to the world around them, and to themselves.

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March is one of my favorite

months of the year, and that's

mostly because of March Mad-

ness. (Is it normal to spend the

majority of your day obsessing

about a team's chances of reach-

ing the Sweet Sixteen?) March is

also Youth Art Month, which em-

phasizes the importance of the

arts in children's lives and edu-

cational experiences—something

that I hold very close to my heart.

From the time I could walk, I

was enrolled in music classes. It

While the rhetoric around this

Thankfully, the White House has taken notice of the benefits of the arts. The President's Committee on the Arts and the

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COLUMN The fight for faith



BY WHITNEY GREER whitneygreere@gmail.com

Displays of religion by cadets at the Air Force Academy have recently sparked debate over whether the Constitution's protection of free speech and freedom of religion extends into the ranks of the military. A cadet wrote the Scripture passage Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me," on a small whiteboard outside his dorm room.

An anonymous cadet filed a complaint about the Scripture, and within a matter of hours the cadet who had posted it voluntarily took it down. This since-you-asked, "voluntary" removal of the verse is the root of the conflict, as many cadets are expressing feeling pressured to conceal their beliefs and thus are inhibited in expressing their faith. The culmination of this environment is one where the boundaries of constitutional protection are blurred.

Let's begin with asking, is free speech enjoyed in the military by the same standards as it is in civilian life? Yes and no. Within certain contexts, yes; however, we can all agree that in boot camp free speech is not abounding. A psychology that is crucial to the success of the armed forces is the removal of individualism. An army can't have soldiers acting for themselves versus the rest of the members of their unit; when engaging enemies each soldier must consider himself as a part of something greater and act accordingly.

A large part of the reasoning behind standards of treatment.

haircuts, uniforms and other appearance regulation is to create a united front, a sense of solidarity and a collective identity. This is seen in the second of three core values espoused by the U.S. Air Force: "Service before Self." It can be established that while soldiers have the freedom of speech, it is limited within a context of respecting superiority and following orders, wherein the first problem with posting Scriptures arises.

The orders of superiors are to be followed without question in the military, which raises the level of responsibility those with authority have over those in their command. The Air Force Academy, where this debate is taking place, operates with a hierarchy ranking the oldest students as those with the most respect and power (notwithstanding instructors and administrators) and freshmen at the bottom of the power stratus.

Thus, an older cadet displaying a Scripture outside his or her room has the potential to threaten those in his or her command who are of a different ideology. That is a simple fact, however frustrating it may be and however mild and well-meaning the action may be. I am certain the cadet who was asked to take the Scripture off of his front door was asked before to remove a bracelet, cut his hair or alter himself in some manner to adhere to regulation. This is an uncomfortable-for-many extension of that same standard of regulation.

The junction between freedom of speech and freedom of religion is a vital one, as the two often go hand in hand. In this case, cadets are arguing if they do not have unabated freedom to speak on or express their religion they do not have the capacity to practice it. The limits imposed here on faith expression are on public faith expression, not private.

As Mikey Weinstein, the director of the Military Religious Freedom Foundation stated, "Had it been in his room — not a problem. It's not about the belief. It's about the time, the place and the manner." I would like to reiterate this — specifically that it is not about Christianity. It's not about the cadet with the Scripture. It's about the focus and the environment of the academy as a whole. Should a passage from the Quran have been posted, or a satanic image depicted on the whiteboard, other cadets would have been offended and depending on their station intimated.

The military has a large number of Christian members; however, what if it was the opposite? Would those supporting the public expression of religion still be on board for flashing Scriptures? Let the cadets have and read Bibles, pray, get tattoos of Scripture and crosses, post Scriptures and the like inside their rooms and talk about it in the hall as they freely and commonly do now. A secular society can exist as separate from advocating a religion but not quashing those who choose to exist within it.

The minute that cadets are asked to keep entirely silent about their faith, they would be be

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treated differently than homosexual cadets who are now able to claim their sexuality, which would be biased not secular. There is a difference between a secular society and one groveling to minorities for their stamp of "politically correct" regardless of whom they have to silence and to what extent.

The world is a place of many religions, orientations and peoples. For the U.S. military as an institution to require certain levels of uniformity across the board and extend those to religion is reasonable so long as it does not become oppressive or biased. So long as every religion and belief is held to the same standard of private versus public expression then that is the nature of the institution and part of the deal. When it begins to change, then ring the alarm.

Whitney Greer is a sophomore English major from Medford, Oregon.

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Humanities launched the Turnaround Arts Initiative, which is designed to assist struggling schools through an integrated arts education. The program brings two types of resources to the participating schools: financial resources and the resources of experts, such as actor Forest Whitaker and cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Eight schools are currently participating. One of the schools-Orchard Gardens in Roxbury, MA-has seen students' scores on English exams rise from 13 to 43 percent, in addition to other encouraging outcomes.

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has visited schools across the country to see firsthand the impact of an integrated arts education. He tweeted last week: "A student in Boston told me today that playing the French horn makes him want to come to school. Powerful endorsement for #artsed."

I couldn't agree more.

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Freeze said. "I guarantee in both cases they knew the coaching staff loved them and respected them."

When asked if he believed the Ole Miss community would be accepting of an openly gay football player, sophomore mechanical engineering major Joseph Reed said, "One guy – no. It would have to be more ... This is Ole Miss."

Ole Miss football players Evan Engram and Christian Russell agreed that there would be some adversity, but believed that most people and the team would support a player if he were to come out.

"Everybody would have their opinions," junior linebacker people would and some people steps behind."

wouldn't."

Sophomore tight end Engram said that he believed that there would be a few who would not be accepting of an openly gay player, but as a whole the community and the team would be more than supportive of anyone who was to come out. Russell also added that people shouldn't be worried about this issue.

"That's his life," Russell said. "I'm not here to worry about your life. That's his business; I wouldn't care."

These players believe that at the end of the day, they are brothers and they are always going to be there for each other.

Sophomore journalism major John Wilson Bilbro had a similar opinion.

"He would have the respect and support of teammates," Bilbro said. "But would the Russell said. "There would be community accept him? No, bea lot of adversity with it. Some cause we (Ole Miss) are so many

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The Oxford Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance that will protect older trees when new developments break ground in the city.

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placement trees "at a rate of one, two-inch caliper tree per two inches of trees removed."

At the meeting, city planner Tim Akers explained how the amendment will affect future development on city lots. "It's going to protect a lot of the large trees when somebody wants to develop a site," Akers said. "It encourages developers to preserve more of the large trees."

In regards to possible complications that may arise for developers in terms of protected trees on potential sites, Akers said, "They will have to evaluate the site differently than they had in the past based on the location of the mature trees on the site. They'd get benefits by trying to preserve them, so that could very well determine where and how they do their

site plan."

In addition to the ecological benefits, the amendment will serve to enhance the city by buffering out unwanted noise and glare, as well as serving the citizens by offering protection from erosion and flooding. The tree canopy will also be a benefit to the community, according to Akers.

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Court to hear cases at Ole Miss

JACK ELLIOTT JR., Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) -Law school students at the University of Mississippi will represent defendants in oral arguments in April when the state Court of Appeals comes to the Oxford campus.

The Appeals Court periodically schedules oral arguments on college campuses — and occasionally at other locations — as a teaching tool for students. It is known as the "Court on the Road" program. A panel of three Appeals Court judges will answer questions from Ole Miss students after the oral arguments but will not talk about the cases argued.

The cases are among dozens the Appeals Court will consider during its March-April term. Decisions are expected later.

Teams of students from the Ole Miss' Criminal Appeals Clinic will represent the defendants. The Mississippi attorney general's office represents the state.

Third-year Ole Miss law students participating in the Criminal Appeals Clinic have represented indigent defendants in appeals since the National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law was created at the law school in 2002. Students have been involved in more than three dozen appeals.

Usually, the Appeals Court schedules a criminal case and a civil case when it goes on the road. That is true for the April 22 visit to Ole Miss.

In the civil case, scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Khayat Law Center, the panel will hear arguments in a Lincoln County decision from 2012 in which a jury awarded \$383,000 to Teresa Beasley.

saulted by Robert Lang. Beasley said she closed the

business but the Langs refused to return property to her. Beasley sued the Langs.

The jury awarded Beasley \$103,000 from Robert Lang for battery and \$35,000 against Beverly Lang for conversion — the wrongful taking of someone's property. The jury also awarded \$200,000 in punitive damages against Robert Lang and \$45,000 in punitive damages against Beverly Lang.

The Langs appealed the decision.

In the second case, a Jackson man who led Ridgeland police officers on a high-speed chase into Flowood that resulted in a fatality in 2012 is seeking a new trial.

A Rankin County jury convicted Robert Williams in 2013 of felony evasion causing death. He was sentenced as a habitual offender to serve the maximum term of 40 years without possibility of parole.

Authorities said during the chase Williams ran into another car at the intersection of Mississippi Highway 25 and Grants Ferry Road in Flowood, killing 37-year-old Milinda Teresa Clark.

Authorities said the chase started after Williams and a female companion stole \$600 worth of groceries from Kroger in Ridgeland. Officers attempted to disable Williams' vehicle with stop sticks several times but were unable to deploy the devices because of his dangerous and erratic driving, Guest said.

Prosecutors said Williams has 12 previous felony convictions in Mississippi and Georgia, including burglary, grand larceny, forgery, uttering forgery, shoplifting, conspiracy to shoplift, possession of cocaine and felony evasion. In his appeal, Williams argues prosecutors didn't prove his guilt and jurors should Robert and Beverly Lang in have been given the option of convicting him of a lesser of-

Former Yalobusha police officer indicted on murder charges

BY CATY CAMBRON thedmnews@gmail.com

A Lafayette County grand jury indicted Regis Mister, 26, in connection to the Nov. 8, 2013 shootings of his mom Dr. Carol Lavett Gary, 43, and his halfbrother Patrick Earl Gary Jr., 12.

The grand jury returned the indictment charges on Feb. 28, 2014. Mister is being charged with two counts of manslaughter.

The bodies of Carol Gary and Patrick Gary were found in their home on County Road 301 in the South Oaks subdivision after Oxford Police Department deputies responded to a call around 6 a.m. Friday morning.

Carol Gary was the principal



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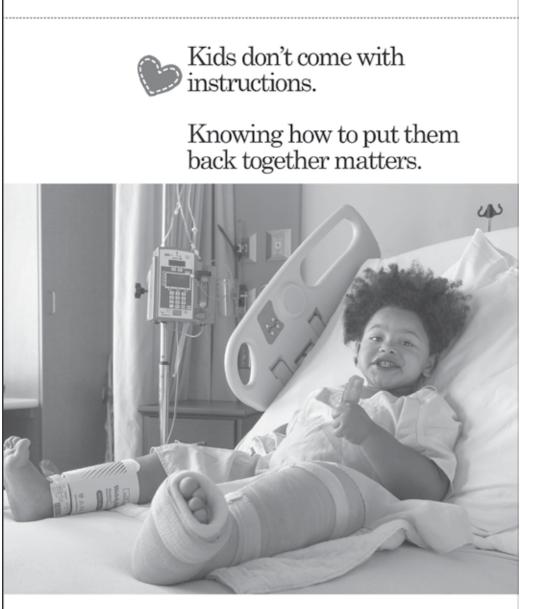
Officials investigate the scene of a homicide in November. Regis Mister was indicted on wo charges of manslaughter.

of Davidson Elementary School in Water Valley. Patrick Gary was a student at Oxford Middle School.

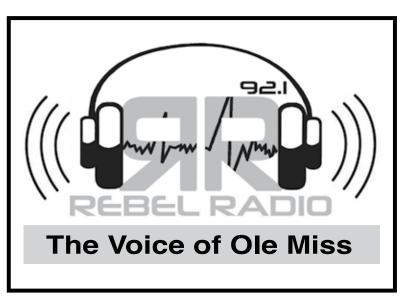
Mister is a former school resource officer for the Water Valley School District, but was not employed by the Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department at the time of the shooting.

Authorities have not released the motive for the shootings.

As for now, Mister is being held in the Lafayette County Jail.



In her lawsuit, Beasley contended she located her nail business in a salon owned by 2006. Beasley alleged that a few months later she was as-



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SPECIAL TO THE DM Music professor creates online resource for musicians

BY CODY MYERS camyers@go.olemiss.edu

With the support of The University of Mississippi, a music professor has created a new online resource for musicians that is steadily gaining traction in the music world.

In September of 2013 the website Living Music Resource first launched. Its founder, Nancy Maria Balach, is a professor in the music department. She was given the go ahead to begin the project with a sabbatical from the university.

The website is an online database of concise video interviews on key singer issues, currently featuring living composers and singers. It is designed to be a research and learning tool for music professors and students.

Balach said her inspiration for the site began in 2005 while she was interviewing composers for another project. While teaching a music course at the university, her interest and motivation increased. She said that when she asked her students to do some research, they would go straight to YouTube

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and have little to no idea what they were listening to in the example. They would also have to listen to long interviews or video clips just to get a small amount of useful information out of it.

One of her goals is to change the way music students and people view classical music. She focuses on interviewing and listing living, current composers and singers.

"I think that LMR is going to be this thing that upholds the traditions of the past but embraces the technology and thought processes of the current century that we're in," Balach said.

Plans for the website include the live streaming of interviews with artists who give feedback to viewers in partnership with the Ford Center. The website currently has two interview events coming up that are designed to get professors on board with Living Music Resource as a tool for their students. The events are part of Living Music Resource's Beat interview series, and the first is being held in the Ford Center March 25 with composer Sara

SouthernStarYoga.com



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Music professor Nancy Maria Balach created a helpful resource for musicians called Living Music Resource, shown above.

Carina Graef. A second event is planned for May 2 with composer William Bolcom and singer Joan Morris.

Living Music Resource also gives several students the ability to help with it. Currently Balach has two music students interning. Sophomore Heather Higginbotham is volunteering, and sophomore Claudia Salcedo has worked with Balach to get service hours needed for the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College.

"I first got involved with Living Music Resource when I was discussing with Ms. Balach, who is also my voice teacher, about how I needed service hours for the honors college and if it would be possible to complete them through LMR," Salcedo said. "Even after I completed my hours, I still enjoy participating with LMR in any way I can."

In addition to completing other tasks, Salcedo has been charged with collecting contacts for Living Music Resource.

"It involved picking a state, going to each university's website and collecting music faculty members' names, emails and area of expertise (specifically, opera, voice and/or composition)" she said.

Balach said she will continue

to add artists to the database several times over the course of every year.

"I'd say four people a year, at a minimum being added," she said. "Again, that's all contingent on having more staff."

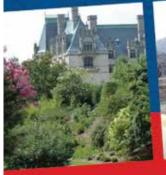
For now, the website is free. Balach said she thinks that someday schools may pay a small fee so their students can use it for free. Other individuals might also have to pay a nominal fee to use the website, but she maintains that she wishes it to stay free as long as possible.

The first Beat interview is March 25 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Ford Center.



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UM freshman receives award for saving a life



COURTESY TAYLOR REGAN

Chloe Sumrall received the Richard Lee Miller Heart Saver Award in January.

BY REBEKAH FIELDS refields@go.olemiss.edu

Freshman exercise science major Chloe Sumrall was eating lunch on March 3, 2013, at Burgers and Blues in Ridgeland when she saved a man's life. After hearing piercing screams from across the restaurant, Sumrall ran over to find a 7-year-old boy standing over his father, who was lying unconscious on the floor. She performed CPR on the stranger for 45 minutes before paramedics arrived.

"They always tell you you'll never have to use it (CPR), but if you do, you'll be glad you know it," Sumrall said.

A senior in high school at the time, she had been CPRcertified since the summer of 2012.

Sumrall said that while performing CPR on the man, there was a doctor in the restaurant who kept telling her the man was dead.

"As a first responder, when a man of higher authority like a doctor tells you that you can stop, then you stop," she said. "Part of me, however, could feel he was still fighting. So I turned to the doctor and said 'no."

Two hours after the paramedics transferred him to St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Sumrall and her family went to check on the man's status. In addition to learning that he was alive and okay, she found out that he had undergone sudden cardiac death. He was among the 2 percent of people who survive this type of ordeal.

"Seeing that little boy watching his dad lying on the ground broke my heart," Sumrall said. "I helped them for no other reason than to see that family stay together."

The American Heart Association in Jackson awarded Sumrall the Richard Lee Miller Heart Saver Award on Jan. 31, 2014. This award is given to people in the community who save a person's life by performing CPR.

Sumrall said she and her family remain close friends with the man whose life she saved and his family. "When people remember this story, I don't want it to be my name, or some detail," she said. "I want them to understand the importance of getting CPR certified."

She said that although the incident has had a massive impact on her life, she wants to move forward.

"This shows that I have the strength to step up and do whatever I want to do," Sumrall said. "This does not determine my future, though it is definitely something that has shaped me."







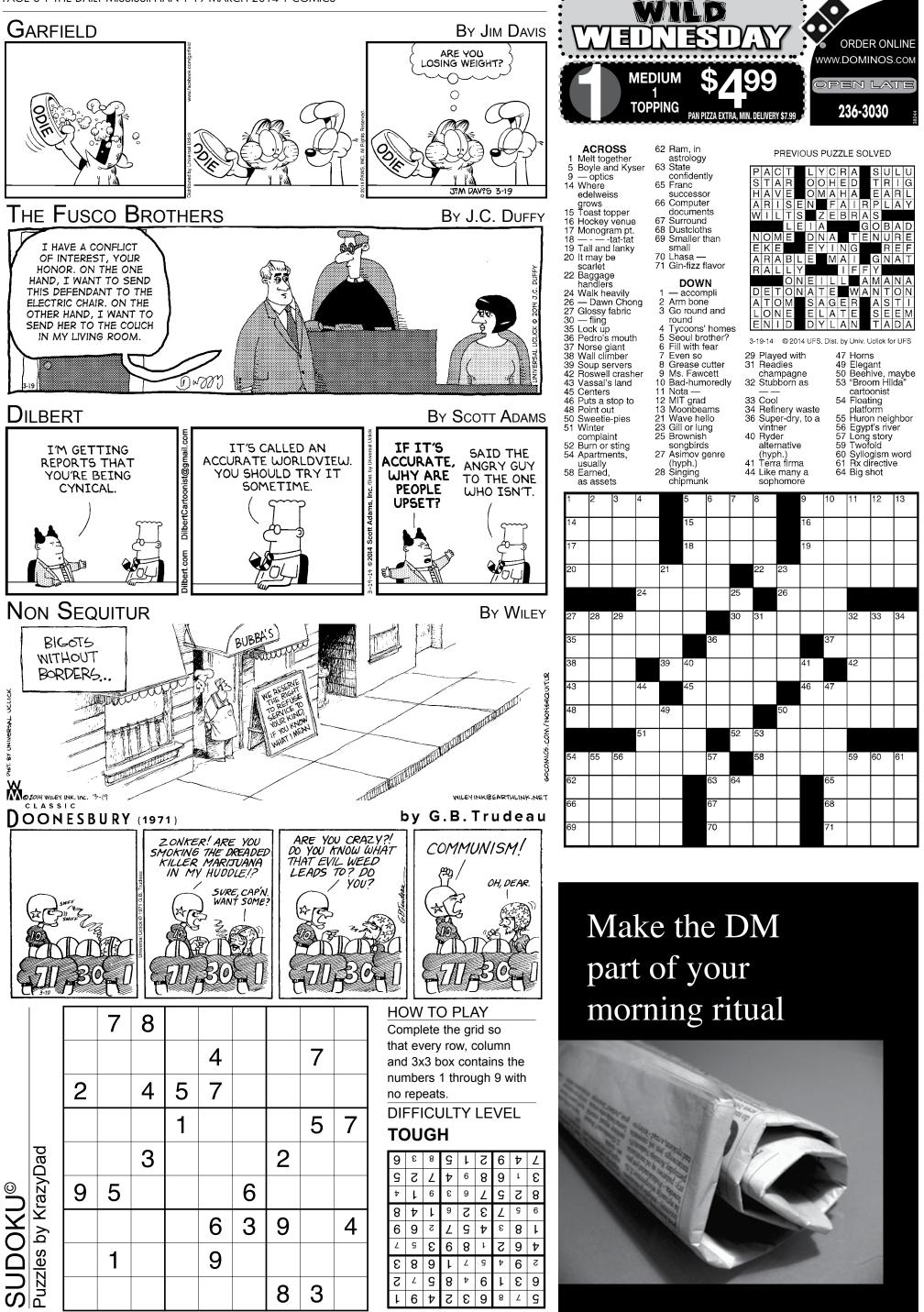


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Rebel Netters face tough task as USC comes to Oxford

BY DYLAN RUBINO djrubino@go.olemiss.edu

The crucial spring break road trip for the Rebels is now complete, but more tough competition awaits as the No. 4 Southern Cal Trojans travel to Oxford to face the Rebels Netters tonight.

The Rebels went 2-2 on the road over spring break. They started the road trip with a convincing win against then No. 13 Tennessee 4-1. The Rebels lost the overall doubles point, but they rallied back and won the first six sets in singles play to win the match.

Ole Miss then headed to Athens to face then No. 16 Georgia and lost 0-4, but they rebounded strongly to defeat No. 23 Vanderbilt 4-1 in Nashville. The Rebels won the doubles point and won singles at three, four and five to win that match.

The team finished the road stretch by falling to No. 15 Kentucky in Lexington 1-4.

Junior Nik Scholtz will lead the way for the Rebels. He is ranked No. 44 in singles and earned his best win of the season against Kentucky by beat-



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Stefan Lindmark hits the ball during a match against Alabama

ing No. 10 ranked Tom Jomby in singles. Scholtz delivered Jomby just his second loss of the season.

Although the road trip is over, the competition will remain fierce. The Trojans come into the match boasting a dominating 15-2 record, and they have posted a perfect record at home by going 100. Victories against Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Baylor and UCLA shape the impressive run.

The only two losses for the Trojans have come against No. 1 Ohio State and in a second matchup against No. 3 UCLA.

The Trojans are led by No. 4 ranked Ray Sarmiento

and No. 11 ranked Yannick Hanfmann, who combine to form the No. 8 ranked doubles team.

Ole Miss and USC have

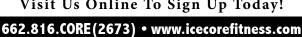
met five times previously. The Rebels beat the Trojans 4-3 on their way to the 1995 NCAA Championship final.







For additional questions please contact Christine Wallace at (662) 915.1195 or e-mail cswallac@olemiss.edu



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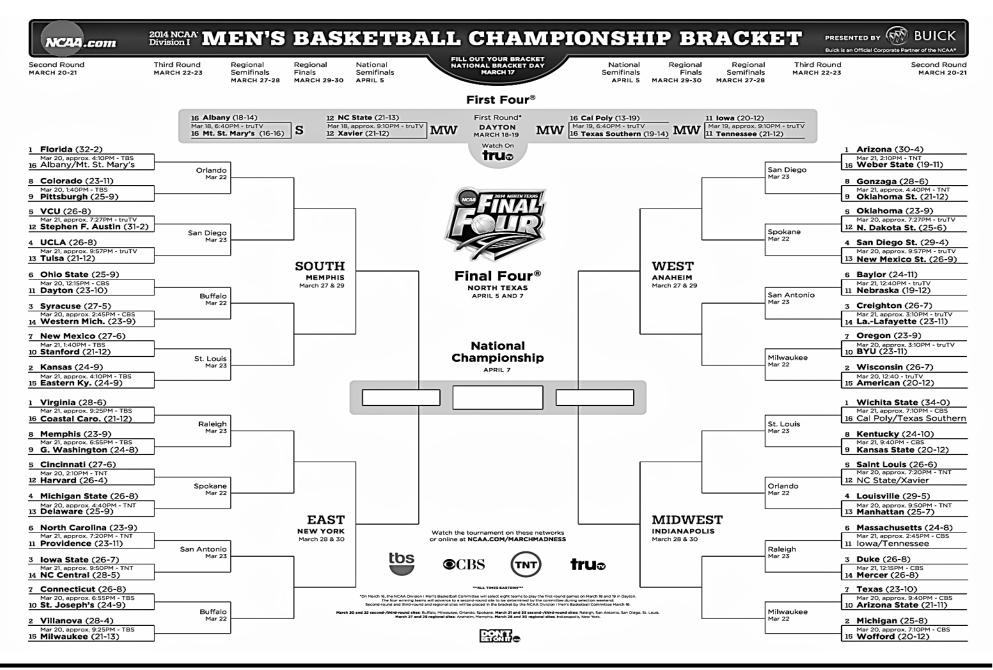


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this season and a 4.50 ERA. In 14.0 innings pitched this season, he has recorded six strikeouts and five walks while giving up 16 hits.

Ole Miss will enter the game ranked third in the SEC in offense, hitting at a .313 clip with the seventh-ranked scoring offense in the SEC.

Senior catcher Will Allen will come into the game leading the SEC in doubles and will rank second in RBIs, third in hits and fifth in home runs.

Junior Auston Bousfield will enter the game with the second most hits in the SEC, and he, along with Allen, ranks in the top 10 in the SEC in average, slugging percentage and on base percentage.

At the plate for Arkansas State, sophomore Matt Burgess will lead the way. He is hitting .338 and leads the team with 24 hits and 23 RBI. Another guy the Rebels will have to keep an eye on is power-threat sophomore Austin Baker. Baker leads the team with three home runs. The team as a whole has only hit four. He has also knocked in 15 runs, the second most on the team.

First pitch between the Rebels and Red Wolves is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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SPORTS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT Softball hosts Louisiana Tech tonight



The Ole Miss softball team will take a brief break from its Southeastern Conference schedule Wednesday when it plays host to Louisiana Tech for a single game at 6 p.m. CT at the Ole Miss Softball Complex.

Ole Miss is coming off a three-game home series against No. 9 Alabama and a road doubleheader against ULM from the previous week.

The Rebels (16-13) will be facing the Lady Techsters (8-18) for the first time since March 5, 2011 when Ole Miss defeated Louisiana Tech 8-0 in six innings at the Courtyard Classic in Denton, Texas. The two schools were pitched a team-high 69.2 in-

scheduled to play a doubleheader in Rustin, La., last season before rain canceled both games.

It will be Dollar Wednesday at the park with hot dogs and popcorn each selling for \$1 at the concession stand.

Ole Miss senior outfielder RT Cantillo has a team-high batting average of .500, while junior third baseman Allison Brown has a team-high 17 runs scored, as well as seven doubles and three home runs. Senior first baseman Londen Ladner has knocked in a team-high 20 runs, and has belted out four home runs.

In the circle, senior pitcher Carly Hummel (6-5) has nings and has struck out 72 batters, while fellow senior Shelby Jo Fenter (5-4) has a 2.46 ERA in 48.1 innings of action.

For Louisiana Tech, Kristen Miles has a team-high batting average of .348, while Pauline Tufi has knocked in a team-high 16 runs and Alayna Kipp has a team-high three home runs. In the circle for the Lady Techsters, Tufi has a team-best ERA of 3.94 with 50 strikeouts, while Duran has thrown a team-high 83.1 innings.

For all Ole Miss softball news and information, including live stats and a recap of Wednesday's game, go to OleMissSports.com and follow the Rebels on Twitter at @OleMissSoftball and on Facebook at Ole Miss Softball.







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Diamond Rebs return home to face Arkansas State



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Will Jamison celebrates with Errol Robinson after Jamison's home run against Arkansas-Little Rock.

BY MATT SIGLER mcsigler@go.olemiss.edu

After taking one of three from No. 1 South Carolina on the road this past weekend, the No. 14 Ole Miss baseball team will return to Oxford to host Arkansas State in a midweek matchup tonight.

The Rebels (17-4, 1-2 Little Rock. Southeastern Conference) Ole Miss gave the Gamecocks a tough fight in all three games, and they even handed South Car- Massie has

olina its first loss of the season, but they couldn't hold on to clinch their first SEC series of the season.

The Red Wolves (11-8, 3-0 Sun Belt) come to Oxford on a five game winning streak. Most recently, they swept conference opponent Arkansas-Little Rock.

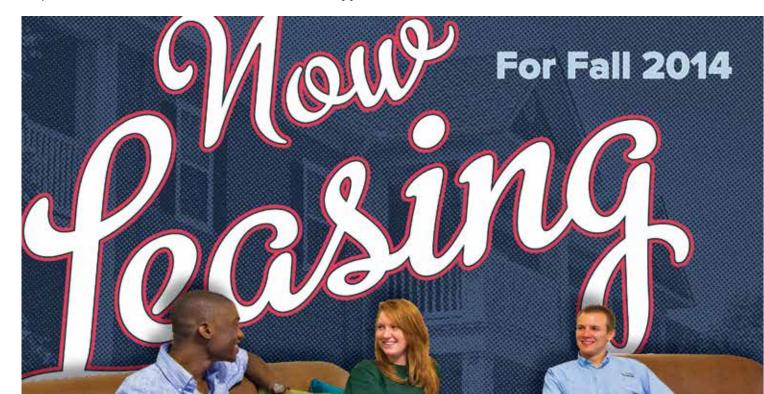
Ole Miss will send senior left-hander Jeremy Massie to the mound to start the game. Massie has four appearances so far this season, three of which have been starts. He has thrown 16.1 innings and holds a 2.20 ERA. In his last start he went six innings against Southeastern Louisiana, giving up just one run on three hits and striking out three.

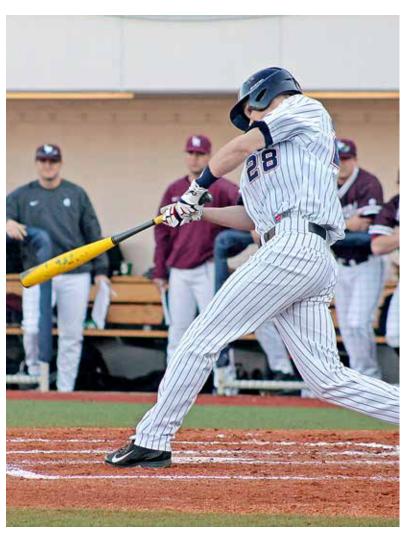
Junior right-hander Tanner Gaines will get the start for the Red Wolves. He will take the mound with a 2-0 record

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Brantley Bell hits the ball during the Arkansas-Little Rock game.

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