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CONFEDERATE SYMBOLS AND MEDIA COVERAGE: A LOOK AT MISSISSIPPI
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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this thesis was to examine how the media coverage of Confederate symbols in Mississippi has changed over time by focusing on the following events: the banning of flag sticks at the University of Mississippi athletic events in 1997, the removal of the Mississippi state flag from campus in 2015, the modification of the song “Dixie” at football games in 2009, and the banning of the song from athletic events in 2016. A sample of news articles featured on the front page of three different Mississippi-based newspapers were reviewed through content analysis by two trained coders for changes in story format, journalistic elements, framing, voice, and tone. The study found that the media coverage of Confederate symbols has changed over time as the media landscape continues to change.

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Chapter 1: INTRODUCTION

This manuscript studies the media coverage of events on two controversial topics associated with the University of Mississippi at this time: the Mississippi State Flag and the song “Dixie.” The goal was to compare the media coverage when flag sticks were banned from football games at Ole Miss in 1997, the 2015 decision to stop flying the state flag, and media coverage when the song “Dixie” was first modified in 2009 and then banned completely from athletic events in 2016.

Much of the University of Mississippi’s history is rooted in the state’s slave driven and Confederate past. The University’s past and traditions are widely known throughout the South and across the nation and can be recognized by the many symbols on campus related to that past. These symbols have brought about social protest over the years in turn leading to significant change.

It is important to note that as Confederate symbols change so does the media coverage surrounding them. With an ever-changing media landscape, the way social protest and controversial issues are portrayed in the media changes over time.

The purpose of this paper is to show any documentable changes in the media coverage from the first event to the most recent event. Content analysis was used to analyze the media coverage across various news outlets and sources to assess any

changes. The selected news articles appeared on the front page of *The Daily Mississippian*, *Oxford Eagle*, and *The Clarion Ledger*.

The results were guided by the following research questions:

RQ1: What story formats were favored by which publication (inverted pyramid, Wall Street Journal), and were they hard news or feature stories?

RQ2: To what extent were traditional journalism elements of (a) direct quotes, (b) paraphrase (c) description favored by which publication based on the percentage of paragraphs used in each story?

RQ3: Which news frames dominated (patriotism, moderation, law and order, violence, racism/ethnocentrism or constitutionality)?

RQ4: Researchers reviewed the material for evidence of bias as well as point-of-view and perspective including objective, first person, third person and omniscient or limited omniscient (Written such that there is a one speaker who appears all-knowing, or appears to have one character that dominates but he/she has a limited view.) What was the voice?

RQ5: Researchers sought to determine the tone of the article toward the protagonists and their goals and the supporting sources and their goals (Supportive, neutral, oppositional)

Chapter 2: LITERATURE REVIEW

Introduction

Change is never easy, especially on a large scale. It is often met with hesitation and backlash. But today, change is prevalent in the media and on college campuses. Journalism has evolved tremendously over time and more so, just in the 21st Century. The mainstream media is engaged in a constant battle of finding new ways to disseminate information to the public in the most immediate, attention-grabbing way. And colleges and universities are increasingly finding themselves facing challenges and social pressure from clashing cultures. These changes and their impacts can be seen in the difference between the print coverage of two controversial events that occurred at the University of Mississippi: the banning of the Confederate flag from football games to not flying the state flag on campus, and the shortening of the song 'Dixie' to completely banning it at games.

The literature will first examine the background of each event and discuss the basic similarities and differences, diving specifically into the coverage of these events in order to assess the methods used for the earlier and later events. Secondly, the review will explore the trend of clashing cultures as a culprit behind student activism and change on college campuses, with an emphasis on the campus cultural climate at the University of Mississippi. Next, the literature will review solutions colleges and universities have

implemented to change their campus cultural climate, specifically looking at the University of Mississippi's past and possible future solutions. The review will analyze the changing media landscape from each former event to the latter event, focusing on the amount and narrative focus of the coverage.

Background

The University of Mississippi was founded in 1848, and much of the school's history is rooted in the state's slave driven and Confederate past. The school's first matriculates were the sons of plantation owners and the University played a key role in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. The University's past and traditions are widely known throughout the South and across the nation and can be recognized by the many symbols on campus related to that past, including the Confederate statue, the existence of the Confederate cemetery, and the names of streets and buildings. In an article from *The Daily Mississippian*, assistant provost and assistant to the chancellor concerning minority affairs, Donald Cole, deemed the University "the keeper of Southern symbols," as he discussed how other universities in the South have abandoned some of these symbols.¹

Change to these symbols made its way onto the University's campus under Chancellor Robert Khayat's term. In 1997, Chancellor Khayat eliminated the Confederate flag at sporting events by banning the wooden flag stick used to wave the flag.² This purposeful rule was described to ensure the safety of fans and allow fans to have an unobstructed view of the playing field. It was a decision that took a lot of consideration

¹Turnage, "The Symbols' Keeper: Ole Miss' Identity Struggle," *The Daily Mississippian*, Nov. 17, 2016.

² Nave, R. L. "Rebel Land: A Racial History of Oxford and Ole Miss." Jackson Free Press. GoDaddy.com LLC, 12 Dec. 2012. Web. 14 Nov. 2016.

over nine months, as the Confederate symbol was continuously causing problems. The football coach at the time had recruiting troubles due to the flag, and one of the most prestigious honor societies, Phi Beta Kappa, did not want to colonize on campus with the symbol still so prominent.³ The decision was met with much backlash as students and fans were outraged with Khayat, seeing through the rule as an attempt to ban the Confederate flag attached to those sticks; a lawsuit was filed over the issue, which was dismissed. According to Chancellor Khayat, it took around three years for fans to stop bringing Confederate flags into games. The story gained local and even national attention, appearing on *CNN* and *USA Today*.

Then came an even bigger change nearly two decades later. On October 26, 2015, the University removed the state flag on its Oxford campus because the banner contains the Confederate battle emblem, which some saw as a painful reminder of slavery and segregation. Interim Chancellor Morris Stocks had the flag placed in the University's archives. This came days after the student senate, the faculty senate, and other groups adopted a student-led resolution calling for removal of the banner from campus.⁴ This clashing of cultures fueled students to speak out resulting in the 2015 Take Down the Flag Rally. Held by the University's chapter of the NAACP, students gathered to condemn the Confederate symbol and demand the state flag be removed. And just days later the University announced its decision to remove the flag, a decision based on the collective judgment of a team made up of senior leadership made after weeks of consideration; Interim Chancellor Stocks was committed "that any action initiated related

³ Robert Khayat, interview. By author, February 13, 2017.

⁴ JFP Staff, "University of Mississippi Takes Down State Flag," Oct. 26 2015.

to the flag was done with dignity and respect.”⁵ Again, the decision faced a lot of negative feedback and still does today. The controversy also gained national attention and exploded online through social media outlets such as Twitter and Facebook. Interim Chancellor Stocks believed that the local and national media was fair and comprehensive in reporting the University’s decision to remove the flag.⁶

Likewise, in 2009, under Chancellor Dan Jones, the University instructed its band to shorten the song “From Dixie With Love,” to discourage students from chanting the last line of the song “the South will rise again.”⁷ This change was a result of supporting efforts first initiated by students.⁸ This too had the University and Chancellor Jones under fire with much resistance from the student body and other local groups, such as alumni. “The effort to have alumni accept these changes was a large challenge,” said Chancellor Jones.⁹ This became another story that painted front pages around the state and made national headlines. Though the decision didn’t stop students from chanting at the end of the song, another change did. In August 2016 came the decision for the marching band to no longer play the song “Dixie” at any sporting event because of its historical context. Athletic Director Ross Bjork said in a statement regarding the situation, “We want everyone who steps foot on campus to feel welcome, and that they’re part of the Ole Miss family.”¹⁰ Chancellor Vitter and other administrators made this decision closing a two-year phase-out plan for “Dixie,” which began in the Summer of 2015. Although this plan

⁵ Morris Stocks, email interview. By author, February 22, 2017.

⁶ *Ibd.*

⁷ Nave, R. L, "Rebel Land: A Racial History of Oxford and Ole Miss."

⁸ Dan Jones, email Interview. By author, February 13, 2017.

⁹ *Ibd.*

¹⁰ Fowler, Sarah, and Daniel Paulling, "Ole Miss Marching Band Drops 'Dixie' from Game Day," *The Clarion-Ledger*, Aug. 19 2016.

did not begin under Chancellor Vitter's term, the final decision perfectly aligned with previous sentiments he expressed about "respecting the University's positive brand and always using images and symbols that are consistent with our core values."¹¹ This decision upset many students and fans and was immediately picked up on the national level, spreading like wildfire online.

Trend: Clashing Cultures

The literature surrounding other colleges and universities facing similar issues to the University of Mississippi reveals a common trend: clashing cultures and values create problems and a desire for change on college campuses. The book *Educating Citizens: Preparing America's Undergraduates for Lives of Moral and Civic Responsibility*, outlines the importance for institutions to create a campus climate or culture that reinforces what students learn in their courses and extra-curricular activities. The authors explain campus culture as a powerful source of socialization and can have significant impacts on an institution.

Understanding campus culture is not simple because culture is heterogeneous and dynamic.¹² This is because everyone experiences things differently and many aspects of campus culture will have different meanings and salience for different people. Therefore, students tend to experience several cultural currents, some of which may conflict with each other, leading to problems of racial or ideological intolerance.¹³

In a study done at the University of Maryland looking at how different students perceive campus cultural climate, researchers found that significant racial and ethnic

¹¹ Jeffrey Vitter, email interview. By author, March 2, 2017.

¹² Colby, Anne, Erlich, Beaumont, Stephens, "Campus Culture or Climate," *Educating Citizens: Preparing America's Undergraduates for Lives of Moral and Civic Responsibility*, 49-95.

¹³ *Ibd.*

group differences exist with regard to perceptions and experiences of the campus cultural climate. African American students perceived and experienced significantly more racial conflict and separation on campus, while white students consistently reported less racial tension and seem relatively immune from a hostile climate.¹⁴ This signifies why it is also important for higher education institutions to foster an environment of respect for people whose backgrounds, cultures, or beliefs differ from one's own.¹⁵

The country's college campuses have seen a surge in student activism amid escalating tensions over their hostile racial climates; many groups nationwide have issued sets of demands aimed at improving the campus climate. Among these is Princeton University. In November 2014, student activists staged a protest and sit-in at President Christopher Eisgruber's office urging him to do away with Woodrow Wilson's name on the Public Policy school because of Wilson's racist legacy.¹⁶ Some students felt unwelcomed or threatened that their University aligned with a leader who was a segregationist and supported racist groups and ideals, leading them to speak out.

One year later, similar actions took place at Harvard when students confronted their school's racial tensions. Hundreds of law school students and faculty protested the law school's "racist and unwelcoming environment" and demanded the school abandon its seal, which many felt did not represent the values of the law school; the seal included the family crest of Isaac Royall Jr., one of the college's founders who was a slaveholder.¹⁷

¹⁴ Ancis, Sedlacek, and Mohr, "Student Perceptions of the Campus Cultural Climate," 180-85.

¹⁵ Colby, Anne, Erlich, Beaumont, and Stephens, "Campus Culture or Climate," 49-95.

¹⁶ Wong, Alia. "How Should Universities Atone for Their Past Mistakes?" The Atlantic. Network Solutions, LLC, 29 Sept. 2016. Web. 14 Nov. 2016.

¹⁷ *Ibd.*

Likewise, events of similar fashion have taken place at Yale University, the University of Missouri, and Ithaca College.

But student activism in response to racism and discrimination on college campuses is not a new phenomenon. One of the earliest documented incidents occurred some 50 years ago, when Benjamin Reese, Jr. started classes at Bronx Community College students were not charged tuition, but then New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller, planned to impose tuition costs, which Reese and other students protested, ultimately loosing in the end.¹⁸ Reese is now the Vice President of the Office for Institutional Equity at Duke University.

Activism among students boomed during the Vietnam War era. Students held protests, sit-ins and rallies on campuses across the country in opposition of the war, some becoming increasingly violent. Many will never forget the shooting at Kent State University when the Ohio National Guard opened fire during an anti-war protest killing four students and wounding nine. The incident shocked the nation and for several, it became the event that brought the war home.¹⁹

Student activism has been leading change on college campuses for years, and it is no different at the University of Mississippi. In recent years, the campus cultural climate at the University has presented itself as the conservationists versus the change-agents.²⁰ The University's Creed emphasizes civility in which student activism is encouraged through the spirit of Ole Miss.²¹ Many institutions have started on a path to developing aspects of its culture that support moral and civic development as well as an environment

¹⁸ Mashaun, "Student Activism Leading Change on College Campuses."

¹⁹ "Witnessed: The Killings At Kent State," *CNN Live Event/Special*, Web. 19 Feb. 2017.

²⁰ Turnage, "The Symbols' Keeper: Ole Miss' Identity Struggle."

²¹ Dan Jones, email interview.

for better understanding of and respect for others. These efforts may clash with existing practices or “underground cultures” that are inconsistent with the fundamental values of higher education.²²

Many students, alumnae, and fans who want to conserve the traditions and heritage of the University, and the South in general, are in a battle with those who wish to abandon the racist past associated with the University. It comes down to the fact that “many want progress but few want change.”²³

Solutions

The word atone means to make amends or reparation, as for an offense or a crime, or for an offender. This idea of atonement has made its way onto college campuses as a steppingstone in the path to moving forward. Many of the higher-education institutions across the country share a shameful past with their histories marked by elitism and racism—traces of which manifest today. But some institutions, because of student and community pressure, are making amends. For example, Georgetown University announced it would give admissions preference to the decedents of the 272 slaves whose sale the university profited from in the early 1800s stating, “We had a tragic moment in the early years of our history that we’ve been trying to come to terms with.”²⁴

At other institutions, where slavery or past issues are less explicit but no less entrenched, different strategies are being used to atone for errors in judgment. Harvard

²² Colby, Anne, Erlich, Beaumont, and Stephens, "Campus Culture or Climate."

²³ Dan Jones, email interview.

²⁴ Wong, "How Should Universities Atone for Their Past Mistakes?"

University is engaged in several initiatives to start the process of reconciliation, including a committee that is researching the impact of slavery on its campus.²⁵

No matter the issues of the past or the solutions implemented to fix them there is a central theme to these conversations. Ta-Nehisi Coates, a correspondent for *The Atlantic*, sat down with the presidents from Georgetown and Harvard Universities to talk about the racial issues their campuses are facing. Coates identified the common theme as ultimately responsibility: universities' responsibility to the populations they abused, to the communities in which they operate, and to the peer institutions they influence.²⁶

Culture change is never easy for large organizations. However, change can be catalyzed by listening to the voices of those closest to the points of change and taking action accordingly.²⁷ In a study conducted at the University of Alabama, researchers found that a key component in catalyzing culture change on campus was the culture of engagement on campus. In order to make change, there needs to be engagement with students, faculty members, administration, and members of the community. But for a university to fully institute engagement activities, there needs to be support and effort from everyone.

The University of Mississippi has made the effort to engage the campus in its strategies. In 2015, the University created the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on History and Context to address the controversial symbols and names on the campus. First on their list was to contextualize the plaque on the Confederate Monument, which is of a Confederate soldier. The United Daughters of the Confederacy first installed the

²⁵ *Ibd.*

²⁶ Wong, "How Should Universities Atone for Their Past Mistakes?"

²⁷ Franz, Nancy, Childers, Sanderling, "Assessing the Culture of Engagement on a University Campus."

monument in 1906 to serve as a “monument, not only to the heroes not forgotten, but to the zeal and untiring patriotism of a band of loyal women, and as history to the youth of the Southland.”²⁸ The new text the committee decided upon was met with backlash, so the administration decided to listen to those unsatisfied and engage them in finding a solution. Chancellor Jeffery Vitter opened an online submission form to allow community input into the language of the plaque where students, faculty, Ole Miss fans and alumni sent in more than 250 recommendations and letters to the administration. The recommendations were heard and taken into consideration by the committee who decided upon new text for the plaque, which was officially placed on the statue in October 2016. The campus and community responded well to the engagement efforts involving the plaque.²⁹

The university’s past is a complex one riddled with the Confederacy, slavery and segregation. But slowly change has been made. After a long legal battle, the first African-American to enroll at Ole Miss was James Meredith in September of 1962. His arrival

²⁸ “Keeping the Faith with the University Greys’: Ole Miss as lieu de mémoire,” University of Mississippi, 48.

²⁹ The original plaque on the monument in the circle read, "To Our Confederate Dead, 1861-1865, Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter 379 U.D.C."

The plaque on the monument in the square reads, “In memory of the patriotism of the Confederate soldiers of Lafayette County, Mississippi. They gave their lives in a just and holy cause.”

The text that got rejected read, “As Confederate veterans were passing from the scene in increasing numbers, memorial associations built monuments in their memory all across the South. This statue was dedicated by citizens of Oxford and Lafayette County in 1906. On the evening of September 30, 1962, the statue was a rallying point where a rebellious mob gathered to prevent the admission of the University’s first African American student. It was also at this statue that a local minister implored the mob to disperse and allow James Meredith to exercise his rights as an American citizen. On the morning after that long night, Meredith was admitted to the University and graduated in August 1963.”

The new text reads, “As Confederate veterans were dying in increasing numbers, memorial associations across the South built monuments in their memory. These monuments were often used to promote an ideology known as the “Lost Cause,” which claimed that the Confederacy had been established to defend states’ rights and that slavery was not the principal cause of the Civil War. Residents of Oxford and Lafayette County dedicated this statue, approved by the university in 1906. Although the monument was created to honor the sacrifice of the local Confederate soldiers, it must also remind us that the defeat of the confederacy actually meant freedom for millions of people. On the evening of September 30, 1962, this statue was a rallying point for opponents of integration.”

was met with a mob of angry students and residents protesting the integration of the university, which resulted in a violent riot still remembered today. But nonetheless, integration sufficed. And today the University of Mississippi is more diverse than ever. In fall 2016 the total unduplicated headcount enrollment for black students was 13.1% compared to 76.6% white students and 10.4% other; the total enrollment in all public colleges in Mississippi for black students is 33.5% compared to 57.6% white students and 8.9% other.³⁰ Black Student enrollment has increased by over 30% in the last ten years. Chancellor Vitter, the current Chancellor, believes that no matter the challenges the University faces, “we must do so the Ole Miss way, which is to focus upon what is truly best for the well-being and success for our students and our university.”³¹

Social Protest Coverage and the Changing Media Landscape

Between the ban on the waving of the Confederate flag and the removal of the state flag the media landscape changed. Then a 24-hour news cycle to one of instant message, the roar of the crowd was heard quicker and louder. The time log between the first modification of “Dixie” and the final banning was shorter—seven years—news of the dismantling of the traditional song represented itself over social media platforms. With the introduction of the Internet, social media outlets and blogging, reporting has changed tremendously. The question presented is whether journalists tend follow a pattern in protest coverage and whether the coverage of social protest has changed with the times as journalists gain more access to information over the Internet.

Covering social movements and social protest, “framing” becomes increasingly important to consider. It has been noted that through social protest coverage the media

³⁰ Atchison, Fall 2016 Enrollment Fact Book and Ten-Year Enrollment Comparison and Selected Information on Diversity.

³¹ Jeffrey Vitter, email interview.

have the ability and power to define issues, supply context, and label groups. Scholars have found that journalists routinely fail to provide the larger contexts (thematic frames) behind protests and cover them merely as disorder and violence news (episodic frames).³² Such framing issues and lack of context or information can lead to misguided public perception.

In a study comparing social protest coverage in 1967 to 1999, researchers found that journalists from the latter time period cited official and authoritative sources more than journalists did in the 1960s.³³ It was concluded that journalists do in fact tend to follow a pattern seldom changing frames, again failing to provide larger context. In addition, journalists did not fully integrate the use of the Internet as much as one might assume.

A 1994 study on journalists' use of the internet found that "the forms of information retrieval may be different, but the same organizational power structures, sources, and news frames are still evident."³⁴ More than ten years later, in a time where social protests often now unfold over the internet, it is necessary to see if this holds true.

In a study comparing legacy media coverage to online media coverage, researchers found that consumers who rely on news websites are likely to get a mix of the news covered by legacy media. On average about six in ten of the top news stories on news websites correspond with the storylines found on the front pages of newspapers, on

³² Maier, "Exploring Internet Influence on the Coverage of Social Protest: Content Analysis Comparing Social Protest Coverage in 1967 and 1999," 40-57.

³³ *Ibd.*

³⁴ Hansen et al., "Local Breaking News."

national television or on radio.³⁵ These results reassure that the agenda-setting role is retained in a world invaded by more news and information introduced by online media.

Equally important in evaluating coverage of social protest is the tone used in order to determine the salience of an issue and potential biases, and whether this is part of the pattern journalists follow. Tone refers to the balance of coverage on a given issue, and even though media coverage of an issue generally tends to—or tries to—present all sides fairly, not all coverage is successful. Researchers argue bias can be uncovered in the media by examining the positive or negative tone of the coverage.³⁶

As evident from the literature, the media coverage of social protest is changing, largely due in part to the digital age. It is necessary to explore the relationship closer the changing times has had on media coverage. In doing so, the taking down the state flag and the banning of “Dixie” on the Ole Miss campus will be examined.

³⁵ Maier, "All the News Fit to Post? Comparing News Content on the Web to Newspapers, Television, and Radio," 548-62.

³⁶ Haider-Markel, Allen, Johansen. "Understanding Variations in Media Coverage in U.S. Supreme Court Decisions," 64-85.

Chapter 3: METHODOLOGY

The research is based on a quantitative content analysis in order to compare the amount and scope of the media coverage. Content analysis is a research technique used to summarize and describe written, spoken, and visual communication by counting various aspects of the content.

In this study, content was analyzed from three different Mississippi-based newspapers, as well as online sources and social media. Articles were acquired from *The Daily Mississippian*, *Oxford Eagle*, and *The Clarion Ledger* from the J.D. Williams library located at the University of Mississippi, the *Oxford Eagle* office, and *The Daily Mississippian* online archives. Articles from the library were collected through the microfilm collection and the Special Collections and Archives. Selected for review were 38 total stories featured on the front page involving the events between the dates they occurred to one month after. The time frame was chosen because it contained the most heated coverage. Articles chosen were directly related to the events studied. The total number of articles selected from *The Clarion Ledger* was eight, nine from the *Oxford Eagle*, and 21 from *The Daily Mississippian*.

Each article was assigned a specific number to make identification consistent throughout the analysis. The researcher then developed a codebook. Using priori coding,

two trained coders analyzed each article using the codebook. After the coding was completed, the results were tabulated using simple percentages, and results were interpreted. The focus of coding for this study was on each article's format and use of journalistic elements, frame, tone, point of view, and biases toward the event covered.

Chapter 4: RESULTS

After reading the selected articles, which were obtained through archives and microfilms at the University of Mississippi's J.D. Williams Library, the *Oxford Eagle* office, and *The Daily Mississippian* online archives, each coder analyzed them using a series of research questions. Articles were gathered from *The Clarion Ledger*, *Oxford Eagle*, and *The Daily Mississippian*, and spanned from the date the event occurred to one month after. Articles on the banning of flag sticks were gathered from October 23, 1997 to November 23, 1997, articles on the state flag being removed from campus were gathered from October 26, 2015 to November 26, 2015, articles on the shortening of the song "Dixie" were gathered from October 23, 2009 to November 23, 2009, and articles on the banning of the song "Dixie" at athletic events were gathered from August 19, 2016 to September 19, 2016. Articles obtained were only from the front page of each newspaper, and the total number of articles varied by newspaper and year. The number of articles reviewed for the banning of flag sticks in 1997 was 14, six for the removal of the flag in 2015, 13 for the modification of "Dixie" in 2009, and five for the banning of the song in 2016.

A complete summary of the results can be found in the tables following. For convenience, the tables are first separated by research question, then by topic and then by

event. There is also a table combining both topics' events. Each table represents analysis of all front-page articles from the dates previously mentioned. See Appendix A for the codebook, which includes definitions for clarity.

The responses to each research question help examine how the media coverage from the first event to the second event in each topic changed, or didn't change, over time.

RESEARCH QUESTION 1

What story formats were favored (inverted pyramid, Wall Street Journal, feature (anecdotal lead, narrative lead, descriptive leads) and were they hard news or feature stories?

Hard news stories tell about a current event where feature stories are generally softer and appeal to the emotions. This question examines how many articles were hard news versus feature stories and which story formats were used. There were 29 hard news stories and nine feature stories. Out of those, 26 stories used the inverted pyramid while 12 used the Wall Street Journal format.

State Flag

| Event | Hard News | Feature | Inverted Pyramid | Wall Street Journal |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Banning Flag Sticks (1997) | 71% (10) | 29% (4) | 79% (11) | 32% (3) |
| Flag Removal (2015) | 83% (5) | 17% (1) | 67% (4) | 33% (2) |

“Dixie”

| Event | Hard News | Feature | Inverted Pyramid | Wall Street Journal |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Shortening Song (2009) | 69% (9) | 31% (4) | 54% (7) | 46% (6) |
| Banning Song (2016) | 100% (5) | 0% (0) | 80% (4) | 20% (1) |

State Flag and “Dixie”

| Event | Hard News | Feature | Inverted Pyramid | Wall Street Journal |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| First (1997/2009) | 70% (19) | 30% (8) | 67% (18) | 33% (9) |
| Second (2015/2016) | 91% (10) | 9% (1) | 73% (8) | 27% (3) |

RESEARCH QUESTION 2

To what extent were traditional journalism elements of (a) direct quotes, (b) paraphrase (c) description favored based on the percentage of paragraphs used in each story?

The use of traditional journalism elements varies from story to story. This questions examines which elements were most favored. There were 19 stories that used direct most frequently, 12 that used paraphrasing, and seven that used description most often.

State Flag

| Event | Direct Quotes | Paraphrase | Description |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Banning Flag Sticks (1997) | 36% (5) | 14% (2) | 50% (7) |
| Flag Removal (2015) | 17% (1) | 83% (5) | 0% (0) |

“Dixie”

| Event | Direct Quotes | Paraphrase | Description |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Shortening Song (2009) | 77% (10) | 23% (3) | 0% (0) |
| Banning Song (2016) | 60% (3) | 40% (2) | 0% (0) |

State Flag and “Dixie”

| Event | Direct Quotes | Paraphrase | Description |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| First (1997/2009) | 56% (15) | 19% (5) | 26% (7) |
| Second (2015/2016) | 36% (4) | 64% (7) | 0% (0) |

RESEARCH QUESTION 3

Which news frames dominated (patriotism, moderation, law and order, violence, racism/ethnocentrism or constitutionality)?

The media focuses attention on certain events and then places them within a field of meaning. This question examines which news frames dominated. Some stories were found to be written in the context of more than one news frame. There were three stories framed under patriotism, seven under moderation, 20 under law & order, 22 under race/ethnocentrism, and six under constitutionality. (Percentages don't add up to 100 because stories were placed in multiple frames.)

State Flag

| Event | Patriot -ism | Moderation | Law & Order | Violence | Racism/ Ethno- centrism | Constitution -ality |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Banning Flag Sticks (1997) | 7% (1) | 21% (3) | 71% (10) | 0% (0) | 36% (5) | 21% (3) |
| Flag Removal (2015) | 17% (1) | 0% (0) | 33% (2) | 0% (0) | 67% (4) | 0% (0) |

“Dixie”

| Event | Patriot -ism | Moderation | Law & Order | Violence | Racism/ Ethno- centrism | Constitution -ality |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Shortening Song (2009) | 8% (1) | 31% (4) | 46% (6) | 0% (0) | 69% (9) | 23% (3) |
| Banning Song (2016) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 40% (2) | 0% (0) | 80% (4) | 0% (0) |

State Flag and “Dixie”

| Event | Patriot -ism | Moderation | Law & Order | Violence | Racism/ Ethno- centrism | Constitution -ality |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| First (1997/2009) | 7% (2) | 26% (7) | 60% (16) | 0% (0) | 52% (14) | 22% (6) |
| Second (2015/2016) | 9% (1) | 0% (0) | 36% (4) | 0% (0) | 73% (8) | 0% (0) |

RESEARCH QUESTION 4

Researchers reviewed the material for evidence of bias as well as point-of-view and perspective including objective, first person, third person and omniscient or limited omniscient. What was the voice?

Content of a story can promote a certain viewpoint and generally, news stories are written in third person. This question examines the voice of each article. All 38 articles were written from the third person omniscient point of view. There were 29 stories written with an objective voice and nine with a subjective voice.

State Flag

| Event | 1st Person | 3rd Person | Omniscient | Limited | Subjective | Objective |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Banning Flag Sticks (1997) | 0% (0) | 100% (14) | 100% (14) | 0% (0) | 29% (4) | 71% (10) |
| Flag Removal (2015) | 0% (0) | 100% (6) | 100% (6) | 0% (0) | 33% (2) | 67% (4) |

“Dixie”

| Event | 1st Person | 3rd Person | Omniscient | Limited | Subjective | Objective |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Shortening Song (2009) | 0% (0) | 100% (13) | 100% (13) | 0% (0) | 23% (3) | 77% (10) |
| Banning Song (2016) | 0% (0) | 100% (5) | 100% (5) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 100% (5) |

State Flag and “Dixie”

| Event | 1st Person | 3rd Person | Omniscient | Limited | Subjective | Objective |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| First (1997/2009) | 0% (0) | 100% (27) | 100% (27) | 0% (0) | 26% (7) | 74% (20) |
| Second (2015/2016) | 0% (0) | 100% (11) | 100% (11) | 0% (0) | 19% (2) | 82% (9) |

RESEARCH QUESTION 5

Researchers sought to determine the tone (Supportive, neutral, oppositional) of the article toward the protagonists and their goals and the supporting sources and their goals. What was the tone?

Articles have a certain character or attitude towards the writing. This question examines the tone of each article. There were 18 stories found written with a supportive tone, 11 with a neutral tone, and nine with an oppositional tone.

State Flag

| Event | Supportive | Neutral | Oppositional |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Banning Flag Sticks (1997) | 36% (5) | 21% (3) | 43% (6) |
| Flag Removal (2015) | 67% (4) | 17% (1) | 17% (1) |

“Dixie”

| Event | Supportive | Neutral | Oppositional |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Shortening Song (2009) | 54% (7) | 31% (4) | 15% (2) |
| Banning Song (2016) | 40% (2) | 60% (3) | 0% (0) |

State Flag and “Dixie”

| Event | Supportive | Neutral | Oppositional |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| First (1997/2009) | 44% (12) | 26% (7) | 30% (8) |
| Second (2015/2016) | 55% (6) | 36% (4) | 9% (1) |

Chapter 5: DISCUSSION

After reviewing the content analysis of articles from *The Clarion Ledger*, *Oxford Eagle*, and *The Daily Mississippian*, there are strong indications that the media coverage of Confederate symbols has changed overtime.

The analysis suggests that hard news stories were favored over feature stories across the board. More feature stories were seen during the earlier events than the later events. As time went on, fewer feature stories were used. Also, inverted pyramid was the dominant story format during all time periods.

Results indicate that traditional journalism elements of direct quotes, paraphrase, and description were all used throughout each story, but direct quotes and paraphrase were shown to appear more often than description. The analysis shows that this pattern only increased over time. In 1997, about half of the stories reviewed used description, but by 2016, stories used either direct quotes or paraphrasing most often.

Looking at framing, most stories were found to be placed in multiple news frames. The analysis suggests the Law & Order and Racism/Ethnocentrism frames dominated. This was true for both the earlier and later events, but the results indicate that over time stories were framed around Racism/Ethnocentrism more often than Law & Order, demonstrating the power media has in defining issues. This change suggests that

the media focused more on the larger context and thematic themes rather than episodic themes, which contrasts with what some scholars have said.³⁷

All articles appeared to be written in the point of view of third person omniscient, but the voice varied after review of the content analysis. Objective stories were more frequent than subjective stories in all events. The results indicate that over time the number of subjective stories decreased from the earlier events to the later events. Reporting on Confederate symbols has become more objective in recent years.

Results indicate the tone of stories moved to more supportive pieces over time. In all events, analysis suggests supportive toned stories took the lead over oppositional toned stories, but not by a large margin. The later events saw less oppositional stories and more supportive and neutral stories than the earlier events. Biases can be uncovered through examining positive and negative tones; more positive tones indicate less bias.³⁸ The analysis suggests biases have been eliminated over time.

The number of articles featured on the front pages of the Mississippi-based newspapers decreased from 1997 to 2016. This in part can be contributed to the changing media landscape. News cycles changed, the Internet opened new ways of communication, and the events occurring in 2015 and 2016 were largely represented over social media platforms.

³⁷ Maier, "Exploring Internet Influence on the Coverage of Social Protest: Content Analysis Comparing Social Protest Coverage in 1967 and 1999," 40-57.

³⁸ Haider-Markel, Allen, and Johansen. "Understanding Variations in Media Coverage in U.S. Supreme Court Decisions," 64-85.

Chapter 6: CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the analysis indicates that media coverage of Confederate symbols and social protest has changed over time.

Framing, objectivity, and tone showed the biggest changes. From 1997 to 2016, articles were placed less in news frames of Law & Order and focused more on the subject of Racism/Ethnocentrism. Stories also became less subjective and more supportive of the topics over time.

As the mindset of Confederate symbols changed over the years, so did the overall approach to the media coverage in order to reflect that change. The changing media landscape played a role as well seeing that the amount of articles featured on the front page of Mississippi newspapers dwindled in the last two decades.

In conclusion, as the attitudes of Confederate symbols and the media landscape continue to change, so will the media coverage of confederate symbols and social protest. As time goes on, more research will need to be conducted to assess how these changes continue.

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October 27, 2015

August 20, 2016

Oxford Eagle

October 23, 1997

November 20, 1997

October 23, 2009

November 3, 2009

November 11, 2009

November 13, 2009

October 26, 2015

August 21, 2016

September 21, 2016

The Daily Mississippian

October 23, 1997

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October 26, 2015

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August 19, 2016

August 22, 2016

APPENDICES

I. CODE BOOK

Definitions via Dictionary.com and Wikipedia

Research Question 1

- **Inverted Pyramid:** a metaphor used by journalists and other writers to illustrate how information should be prioritized and structured in a text. A simple triangle with one side drawn horizontally at the top and the body pointing down. The widest part at the top represents the most substantial, interesting, and important information the writer means to convey, illustrating that this kind of material should head the article, while the tapering lower portion illustrates that other material should follow in order of diminishing importance.
- **Wall Street Journal:** writing formula consisting of
 - (LEAD) The story opens with an anecdotal, descriptive, or narrative lead.
 - Anecdotal lead- a story beginning that uses humor or an interesting incident about a person
 - Descriptive lead- a story beginning that describes an object or event
 - Narrative lead- a story beginning that uses a story to explain the topic/issue at hand

- (NUT GRAF) Paragraphs 2-4 explaining the lead.
- (BODY) The body of the story is supporting information (quotes, facts, developments).
- (ENDING) The ending includes another anecdotal or description of the people/person featured in the story.

Research Question 2

- **Direct Quotes:** a direct quotation is a report of the exact words of an author or speaker. Unlike an indirect quotation, a direct quotation is placed inside quotation marks.
- **Paraphrase:** *v.*) express the meaning of (the writer or speaker or something written or spoken) using different words, especially to achieve greater clarity; *n.*) a rewording of something written or spoken by someone else.
- **Description:** *n.*) a spoken or written representation or account of a person, object, or event.

Research Question 3

- **Framing:** the media focuses attention on certain events and then places them within a field of meaning.
- **News Frames:**
 - Patriotism- the quality of being patriotic; vigorous support for one's country.
 - Moderation- the avoidance of excess or extremes, especially in one's behavior or political opinions.

- Law and Order- a situation characterized by respect for and obedience to the rules of a society.
- Violence- behavior involving physical force intended to hurt, damage, or kill someone or something.
- Racism/Ethnocentrism- prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against someone of a different race based on the belief that one's own race is superior; evaluation of other cultures according to preconceptions originating in the standards and customs of one's own culture.
- Constitutionality- the quality of being in accordance with a political constitution.

Research Question 4

- **Point of View:** a particular attitude or way of considering a matter
- **First Person:** a literary style in which the narrative is told from the perspective of a narrator speaking directly about himself or herself.
- **Third Person:** a form of storytelling in which a narrator relates all action using third-person pronouns like "he" or "she."
 - Omniscient- the narrator knows the thoughts and feelings of all of the characters in the story.
 - Limited- the narrator only relates his own thoughts, feelings and knowledge of various situations and other characters.
- **Subjective:** pertaining to or characteristic of an individual; person; individual.
- **Objective:** not influenced by personal feelings, interpretations, or prejudice; based on facts; unbiased.

Research Question 5

- **Tone:** the general character or attitude of a place, piece of writing, situation, etc.; what the author feels about the subject.
 - Supportive- giving support; providing sympathy or encouragement; providing additional help, information, etc.
 - Neutral- not taking part or giving assistance in a dispute or war between others; not aligned with or supporting any side or position in a controversy; of or belonging to a neutral state or party.
 - Oppositional- the action of opposing, resisting, or combating; antagonism or hostility.

II. ARTICLES

A few samples of articles analyzed for this study.



SCOREBOARD

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Arkansas 17 | Miss. State 7 |
| Georgia 12 | Alabama 18 |
| LSU 42 | Florida State 29 |
| Tennessee 19 | Kentucky 31 |
| Auburn 18 | Alabama 17 |
| N.C. State 37 | East Carolina 24 |
| Texas 44 | Florida 10 |
| Michigan 20 | Ole Miss 14 |
| Penn State 35 | Wisconsin 10 |
| UCSB 33 | South Carolina 24 |
| North Carolina 50 | Duke 14 |
| Kansas State 28 | Iowa State 3 |
| West. State 41 | Washington 30 |
| Pittsburgh 30 | Va. Tech 23 |
| New Mexico 21 | West Virginia 14 |
| Purdue 35 | Indiana 7 |
| Harvard 17 | Texas 7 |
| Georgetown | Section 9 |

FOOD

Side dishes make dinner

Complement the turkey with Thanksgiving and tasty side dishes. **H**

PERSPECTIVE

Speed limits: Is fast safe?

Since the federal government set speed limits to increase road safety, it's small wonder that many drivers are angry. **H**

BUSINESS

Are bosses in the spirit?

Company Christmas gifts to employees are getting more expensive, area retailers say. **H**

SOUTHERN STYLE

Living with

Star Wars source of Pearl's Krath

Grant Boyette acted out "dark side" in role-playing game, former friend says

By Marie Reynolds
The Jackson Daily Star

Two years ago, a group of boys from Pearl High School, Mississippi, were playing a role-playing game called "Star Wars." One of the boys, Grant Boyette, was acting out the "dark side" of the game, which is the "evil" side. He was playing a character named "Krath," a demon from fairy tales. He was very serious about it.

"Many months ago, to amuse themselves, these bored young aristocrats began dabbling in the lore of primitive magic..."

"They formed a secret society they called the Krath, after a demon from the fairy tales of their youth..."

"Suddenly, what started as a game has turned very serious."

From Dark Horse Comics' Star Wars Tales of the Jedi: Dark Lords of the Sith

Boyette's one-time friend and game master "Krath" might have been madly misapprehended or Boyette might have acted the part. Phil offered no possible explanation for the different spellings.

However, Rankin County District Attorney John Kitchens stands by the term "Krath," a word sheriff's investigator Greg Skiland used in his testimony at a preliminary hearing for Boyette. Evidence uncovered in the investigation clearly shows the word "Krath," Kitchens said.

Boyette, 18, is charged with conspiracy to murder and the more serious charge of accessory to murder before the fact last week in District 2.

—N. PEARL, 18A

Barrett's rebel flag campaign fizzles out

Police halted flag rally because Barrett failed to register with school

By Tony Phelan
The Jackson Daily Star



Magnolia bills include imaginary employee

\$655,527 venture paid to CEO's consulting firm

By Jerry Mitchell
The Jackson Daily Star

Richard Barrett was granted Thursday with angry shouts in the Grove at the University of Mississippi as he blasted the university's attempt to shut down his Confederate flag at athletic events.

It took less than 10 minutes for a crowd of about 40 university students and faculty to surround Barrett and his only visible supporter, Joe McNamee of Jackson, shouting "No to hell" and "We don't want you here, son of a b---" before the Ole Miss Georgia game.

"If a table for the next eight to 10 years, we're going to win the victory and another Confederate flag," Barrett said over an open microphone as the crowd roared.

Barrett, who filed a federal lawsuit against the university Wednesday, had to leave the stadium after the game. He was arrested on charges of disturbing the peace and possession of a firearm.

A campus police officer (second from right) tries to detain Barrett (right) in the Grove at the University of Mississippi campus in Oxford on Saturday.

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- \$100,000 a month for consulting services.
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- \$10,000 a month for consulting services.

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| Cardinals 16 | Ravens 13 |
| 49ers 21 | Panthers 10 |
| Bengals 17 | Jaguars 26 |
| Panthers 18 | Pirates 10 |
| Chiefs 10 | Saints 14 |
| Giants 7 | Packers 7 |

SPORTS

JSU picked for playoffs

Jackson State received a No. 15 seed Sunday for the 16-team Division I South basketball playoffs.

STATE/METRO

Delta dinos

A Marks farmer's "dinosaur" has been gaining as they travel through the Delta along Mississippi 6.

BUSINESS

Clinton seeks to ease fears

Sanctions tied to access, U.S. says

Much work to be done in chemical, biological monitoring, Clinton says

By Jim Abrams
The Jackson Daily Star

WASHINGTON — Believed by a strong endorsement from U.N. weapons experts, American officials stressed Sunday that Iraq has no hope of being a full-fledged member of the international community until it is able to do its work unconditionally and unambiguously.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, in Vancouver with Clinton for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, said international inspectors "should go back and be able to do their work unconditionally and unambiguously."

Baghdad's U.N. ambassador countered that sanctions should be lifted now. The Iraqis have destroyed their weapons themselves, he said.

The sanctions will stay in place until there is no hope of them being lifted, he said. Iraq continues to obstruct weapons inspectors and ignore other U.N. resolutions.

Secretary of Defense William Cohen said on NBC's Meet the Press.

"They are nowhere close on any front. So we don't see sanctions being lifted. There's absolutely no reason to do that," the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, added on Fox News Sunday.

U.N. weapons inspectors resumed work on Iraq on Saturday.

U.S. officials have emphasized the crisis is not over because of continued uncooperation from Iraq, including Saddam's 47 presidential decrees.

Cohen spoke of a "pattern of deception and lies, denials and cover-ups" including concealment of biological and chemical weapons that could kill millions of people.

Lawmakers will revamp Magnolia

State must address restructuring failed venture next year

By Jack Weatherly
The Jackson Daily Star

A moment for reflection



Symbols of past not easily vanquished

Emotions strong on both sides of longstanding debate over rebel flag

By Jerry Mitchell
The Jackson Daily Star

State lawmakers are preparing to address in the 1998 Legislature the scandal-ridden failure of the Magnolia Venture Capital Corp.

"I am very concerned about Magnolia Venture, and I know that a lot of lawmakers are concerned about the taxpayer money that was lost," Lt. Gov. Ronnie McCreary said Saturday.

The Legislature appropriated \$20 million in 1994 to create the venture capital corporation to provide money to existing and start-up companies in the state.

But because of mismanagement, documented in a lengthy review by the Legislative Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review committee earlier this year, Magnolia Venture has run in the red with losses of nearly \$6 million, which led to the February dissolution of the corporation and the resignation of its board of directors.

Its assets have been frozen for months during a dispute between two groups with primary overnight responsibility — its parent, Magnolia Capital Corp., and



inspired by a Confederate battle flag. Southern symbols are perhaps another symbol.

Some were hanging for a past that was and is no more.

"When you're dealing with a symbol, you're dealing with something that people always feel strongly about," said Columbus Hopper, professor emeritus of sociology at the University of Mississippi. "If

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you knock a step off a church, people are going to be more upset than if you knocked a hole in a bank."

Having a Confederate battle flag in Southern schools is perhaps their support for the flag, which has historically been viewed at Ole Miss. Members of the League of the South, Council of Conservative Citizens and others handed out placards of Confederate flags.

To white supremacists Richard Barrett, who said Ole Miss last week the flag "is a symbol of defiance, protest and rebellion. It signifies

Meredith to open schools with focus on black males

First black student at Ole Miss says education starts with proper English

By Henry Trahan
The Jackson Daily Star

WASHINGTON — Thirty-five years after becoming the first black student at the University of Mississippi,

Meredith said his Mississippi-based Meredith Institute will offer weekend classes to supplement the curricula of regular schools in hopes of making the black male "a

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SPORTS

MSU headed to Las Vegas?

A new proposal has arisen for Mississippi State's football team to play in Las Vegas. The Las Vegas Board of Directors is considering the idea.

STATE/METRO

USM gets \$250,000 gift

The University of Southern Mississippi gets a \$250,000 gift from a foundation run by one of Mississippi's leading business families.

Flag wavers set up in state

An organization that supports waving the Confederate battle flag is setting up chapters in Mississippi.

BUSINESS

Entergy head steps down

Entergy is separating its president from the company's top position after a year and a half.

NATION/WORLD

FDA approves drug

The Food and Drug Administration has approved a new drug for the treatment of certain conditions.

Leaders back record bailout plan

Worries about Asian economic woes could affect Japan, U.S.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Asian leaders are expected to meet in Manila, Philippines, on Monday to discuss a plan to stabilize the Asian economy.

INSIDE

Japanese securities firm closes, 100

The Japanese securities firm closed its doors on Monday, marking the end of a long and troubled history.

and we have to work very hard," said Clinton. He said Asia's troubles could affect U.S. interests and the American stock market.

Clinton said APEC leaders were discussing the Manila plan to determine "what we are prepared to do to make it work, what we are prepared to do if we have to go beyond that."

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Mississippi, Choctaws promise closer ties

Historic accord means cooperation between governments

By Emily Wray

Chickasaw Nation

Following an open session of the Choctaw Executive Council on Monday, the council agreed to a historic accord with the Choctaw Nation.

The accord calls for state and Choctaw executive leaders to work more closely together while still recognizing each group's sovereignty.



Gov. Kirk Fordice (left) and Chief Phillip Martin of the Choctaw Nation sign an accord between executive branches Monday at the Old Capitol in downtown Jackson.

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Magnolia Venture only open for probe

Remaining worker's job is preparing records for investigators

By Jack Weatherly

Chickasaw Nation

Chris Greaham sits at her desk in a cramped office, working steadily eight hours a day at her computer terminal by the light of a kerosene lamp.

She is alone. But her co-workers aren't just out for a while. She is the entire work force at Magnolia Venture Capital Corp. there these days.

NATION/WORLD

Bush library opens in Texas

Former President George H.W. Bush and his wife Barbara are opening the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Texas A&M University.

SPORTS

SEC writers pick Rebels

Ole Miss coach Rich Bowen says his team is the best in the SEC. He picked the Rebels as the champion.

STATE/METRO

Jackson teen on 'Jeopardy'

James Surran, a 16-year-old student, appears on the game show 'Jeopardy!' this afternoon.

HOME & GARDEN

Colors abound even in South

Full color is in Mississippi. It's not just the weather, it's the people.

FORECAST

Partly cloudy with light rain in the lower 50s. Low tonight in the lower 40s.

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Father saves twins from blaze

Cardie suspected as cause of house fire in south Jackson

Arkansas investigator Norman Preston says through Thursday while chief investigator Vernon Hughes.

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Rebels ship Arkansas 195 IC

University of Arkansas, the first game played under Ole Miss' on-stick policy.

Sticks or not, flags appear on TV at Ole Miss game

Some say they brought Confederate symbols to protest the no-stick policy

By Mike Rucker

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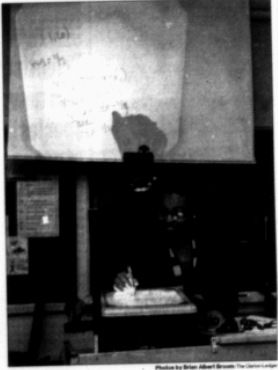
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BY THE NUMBERS

- 152** Mississippi school districts
- 2** school districts — Booneville and Peace Christian — are "A" districts, the highest level on the new accountability model.
- 11** "A" schools in the tri-county area. In Madison, Ridgeland High, Madison Station Elementary, Madison Middle, Madison Avenue Upper Elementary, Ross Scott in Jackson, Davis Magnet Elementary, McWilla Elementary, Power APAC in Rankin County, Brandon High and Northwest Rankin High. In Clinton, Summer Hill Junior High.
- 21** school districts in the state earned the second-highest rating, "High performing," including Madison County, Clifton and Rankin County.
- 8** school districts are in the lowest category.

53 failing under new rating model

By Memphis Press

Started being released today by the state Department of Education. "It's already a big deal here," said Principal Willis McCloud. "We don't expect the new accountability model and rating system won't be good. There are 53 schools labeled as 'failing' under the new model, even in the tri-county area."

Nutt: Protest will not hurt recruiting

By David Brown

OXFORD — There were plenty of reasons for the University of Mississippi football team to be happy following Saturday's 20-9 victory over No. 17 Louisiana State University at Youngstown.

But for coach Houston Nutt, part of that excitement need extend to the long-term future of the program in the state that's getting progressively more difficult to recruit in.

Nutt, who is in his second year with the program, said he has never witnessed any racial problems at Ole Miss. The majority of the team has been comprised of non-white players.



Senior McCreary plows through LSU defenders Saturday during Ole Miss' 20-9 victory in Oxford. With the win, the Rebels rebounded into the Top 25 in national polls released Sunday.

Ex-inmate: Killen boasted in prison

By Memphis Press

Starting on the day of the execution in Clinton. Some school staff also may have a heavier process than they realize.

Various small notices and advertisements, including one for 'Find your pet for FREE!' and 'FOUNDRY'.

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Without fanfare, university becomes latest to join growing movement

Ole Miss takes down state flag

ROYCE SWAYZE

OXFORD — Early Monday morning, the University of Mississippi administration ordered the removal of the state flag from campus grounds, making the school the fourth public university in the state to cease flying the state flag, which includes the Confederate battle emblem in its upper left corner.

Jackson State University, Alcorn State University and Mississippi Valley State University, all historically black universities, have long not flown the flag.

At 7 a.m. university police officers quit a football, the state banner after lowering it

A LOOK AT JACKSON'S PROPOSED FEE HIKES

Council wants more public input on mayor's plan

JIMMIE E. GATES THE CLARION LEDGER

Before increasing a long list of city fees Nov. 1 as proposed by Jackson Mayor Tony Yarber's administration, Jackson City Council members say they want to further study the issue and get public input.

"Some of those are exorbitant fees," said Councilman De'Keith Stamps, who last week pointed to proposed increases of up to \$250. "Not enough due diligence has been done."

Councilman Tyrone Hester agreed that more time for public input is needed.

The council had sent the proposed fee increases back to its rules committee for more deliberation. The rules committee was expected to meet Monday, but the meeting date "isn't set yet."

The increases can't go into effect unless the council gives its approval. Yarber's administration has said some of the proposed fee hikes are low compared with the market rate.

PROPOSED INCREASES

Animal control
Quarantine dogs and cats: \$30 to \$50
Dog adoption: \$80 to \$90
Cat adoption: \$50 to \$30
Dog vaccination: \$30 to \$40

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At 7:30 a.m. university police officers quietly pulled the state banner after lowering it through the pole in front of the American flag in the university circle, the public works staff notified of the university's action on a call.

The flag will now be placed in the university's archives along with resolutions passed in recent weeks by staff, faculty and student government bodies calling for removal.

Stephens Allen Dean of Hinds, who had been heavily involved with a student-led initiative to remove the flag, said he was disappointed that the university had not alerted anyone of the flag's removal until after it had been taken down.

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Coach, AD: 'It's the right thing to do'

Freeze, Bjork hope state itself will follow suit on flag

DANIEL PAULLING
THE CLARION-LEDGER

Freeze

BJORK

Freeze said at the Southeastern Conference football media day in July that the Confederate battle emblem on the flag should be removed.

He reiterated his support by signing a letter that appeared in The Clarion-Ledger and was also signed by Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen and former Rebel quarterback Arche Manning.

"It's the right thing for this university and hopefully our state also will follow suit," Freeze said. "This state is so hospitable

ikes are low compared with the market rate.

PROPOSED INCREASES

Animal control
Quarantine (dog and cat): \$70 to \$100
Dog reclamation: \$40 to \$60
Cat reclamation: \$20 to \$30
Dog reclamation: \$30 to \$50
First-time livestock reclamation: \$75 to \$125
Second-time livestock reclamation: \$100 to \$175
Third-time livestock reclamation: \$125 to \$200
Estate and wild animal capture: \$10 to \$20
Rabies vaccination: \$30 to \$25
Daily dog boarding: \$6 to \$25
Daily cat boarding: \$7 to \$25
Estate animal boarding: \$1 to \$10

Pistol range
Practice rental: \$10 to \$25 per hour, two-hour minimum
Target frame rental: \$1 to \$5 per frame
Firing range, 8-plus hours: \$10 to \$40 per hour, two-hour minimum
Firing range, 1-7 hours: \$10 to \$30 per hour, two-hour minimum

Records
Accident report: \$25 to \$35
Verification report/long-term report: \$10 to \$25

Impound lot
Vehicle storage fee: \$15 to \$50, no fee if within

Training Academy
Classroom rental: \$2 to \$100 for 4-hour minimum

Zoning
Special exception renewal: \$100 to \$150
Professional signature: \$5 to \$10
City subdivision ordinance: \$5 to \$10
City development permit: \$5 to \$15
City street map review: \$4 to \$75
Development permit: \$4 to \$75
Standard zoning verification order: \$2 to \$25
City subdivision ordinance: \$1 to \$5

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tribute will may evoke strong one for visitors, especially writer of those who know the fallen, Hensley said.

can be a tear-jerker." Jones said watching visitors' reactions to the photos.

and display sites for "Remember or Fallen" will be Mississippi State entry Nov. 13-15, the Brian Injury arena gate Dec. 2 in Jackson and its convention of the DAR in Feb.

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Vitter meets UMMC students, faculty

Chancellor hopeful holds listening sessions
CLAY CHANDLER
THE CLARION-LEDGER

The preferred candidate to succeed former University of Mississippi Chancellor Dan Jones has four core values: integrity, listening and learning, entrepreneurial vision, and course multiplying.

Jeffrey Vitter, who is currently president at the University of Kansas, shared those and other things about himself with students, faculty and alumni Wednesday in two listening sessions at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He'll do the same Thursday on the Miss. Oxford campus. Afterward, the state College Board will decide if he becomes the university's next chancellor.

Vitter used each of the hearing sessions to tout his experience, noting he's held leadership positions at places like Purdue University and Texas A&M before KU; he listed as his strength strategic planning, which he called "probably

Jeffrey Vitter, preferred candidate for chancellor at the University of Mississippi, speaks with students and staff Wednesday at the University of Mississippi Medical Center's student union in Jackson.

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Initiative 42
SCHOOLS MIGHT NOT FACE 'SQUEEZE'

Backers: 42 needed to get adequate ed funding
ANNA WOLFE
THE CLARION-LEDGER

The schools in the small town of Union are charming and historic, but the Union Public School District's budget keeps it from being able to plan ahead.

"We squeeze hard," said Superintendent Lundy Brantley.

The district only has one pre-kindergarten

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

Miss. scores rise on 'report card'

Mississippi was the only state in the nation to achieve gains in reading and math scores for fourth-graders

KATE ROYAL
THE CLARION-LEDGER

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Vitter

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what I've known best for," and spent several minutes examining the various of diversity in hiring.

At KJ, Vitter said minority gives by 18 percent of the overall percentage of faculty; for female faculty, that figure was 53 percent, he said.

"We're very excited about the simultaneous increase in both quality and diversity," Vitter said. "Hiring is probably the most important decision you make at a university."

To emphasize his specialty in strategic planning, he pulled out of his back pocket KJ's latest version, a document the university in Lawrence has adopted since Vitter's arrival.

"It's our roadmap for moving this institution forward. It involves an unprecedented level of cooperation and inclusion" whose formulation included every stakeholder group at KJ, Vitter said.

Vitter offered less clarity about where he stood on the state flag's prominence on Ole Miss' main campus and its

medical center in Jackson. Interim Chancellor Beverly Woods indicated the flag removed earlier this week after the state senate approved a resolution asking for the flag disappeared from "Ole Miss' campus over Lake. The state and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs Louisa Woodward told The Clarion-Ledger.

"This is a difficult conversation," Vitter said in response to a question from a student. "I respect the resolution Ole Miss' student government carried forth. My focus is on the future."

What Vitter called "sustainability" is the most pressing issue for higher education. A rise in tuition caused by declining state support is something public institutions of every size and shape will have to navigate, he said.

"Higher education is our seed corn. It's a great enabler that removes barriers of inequality. The most important investment any government can make is what we're doing in higher ed."

The majority of questions Vitter got from the students and faculty had to do with how he generally viewed the medical center. Vitter pointed to KJ, whose medical school is less than an hour from

the main campus as an example of the two being variations of each other.

"Medical education is an incredible driver for our economy," he said, noting that academic medical centers like UMMC are more expensive to operate than traditional hospitals. "Institutions that come through medicine are astonishing. That's a big attraction for me."

Contract management issues at UMMC were the primary reason the College Board gave for not renewing Jones' contract, which expired in September.

Woodward said earlier this week that the College Board's requirement that every UMMC contract that exceeds \$250,000 gain trustee approval — a mandatory Jones resisted — has become a burden. "We can't buy toilet paper for \$250,000," she said. "We can't clean the floors for \$250,000." The medical center's annual operating budget hovers around \$1.7 billion.

Vitter did not wade into that Wednesday.

"It's my highest dream to be a transformative chancellor," the New Orleans native said. "That is my dream job."

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Jeffrey Vitter, former candidate for chancellor at the University of Mississippi, had his listening session at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Initiative

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Would amend the state constitution to bind the Legislature to fully fund MAEP and Perry Brumfield, executive director for Better Schools 8 Jobs — the organization backing the initiative.

The initiative 42 supporters, amendment isn't a political ploy, Brumfield said. Rather, they believe it's only chance Mississippians have of giving their representatives to adopt full education.

But Michael Algraves, legislative campaign co-manager, said that the inception of 42, some GOP law has done everything to install a voters.

"Everything about their argument is a scam tactic," Reynolds said. "They tried to say things that have no basis."

This week, GOP leaders include Gov. Phil Bryant, Lt. Gov. Tate Rea, House Speaker Philip Green and Chairman Joe Nease spoke at Reg

one headquarters in Jackson against initiative 42. Bryant promised the amend the "greatest transfer of political power in this state's history."

Brumfield doesn't necessarily agree with Bryant's "transfer of power" argument — but he is, it's about giving authority to a judge instead of a lawsuit as those against initiative 42 have claimed, and more about citizens of Mississippi making a selves heard.

The shift in power comes from 200,000 people who demanded their be on the ballot because their other representatives were not listening them," Brumfield said.

Brumfield said the initiative 42 port here is not Republicans or Democrats and though GOP forces have not really attacked the initiative, the judge and its supporters, including politicians, have never been partisan. "These people don't see themselves

Scores

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Eastside Elementary School in Clinton on Wednesday.

She said the gains are the result of a collective effort on behalf of those in the education community, students and the Legislature. Both she and State Board of Education Chairman John Kelly also credited the more rigorous standards implemented in 2010 through the College and Career Ready Standards.

Wright pointed out that last year's fourth graders were the first cohort to experience the standards from the time they entered kindergarten.

"I think the Literacy Readiness Act certainly lifted up our focus on literacy ... and our College and Career Ready standards were adopted in 2010 so these children, they're the first cohort that have had nothing but our College and Career Ready standards," Wright said, also noting that the professional development for teachers accompanying the standards played a part.

"We really doubled down on the amount of professional development and the resources we developed and pushed out to schools," she continued. "Teachers have been really faithful about attending all of that."

Gov. Phil Bryant also applauded the fourth graders' achievement. Bryant, who signed the Literacy Readiness Act in 2013, said the reading scores were increasing and increasing

focus on literacy that were put in place during the 2014 school year undoubtedly contributed to the gains being presented to fourth grade.

The state has placed a special emphasis on literacy to ensure that children across the state have the opportunity to succeed. The NAEP results show the positive effect of that work and a strong case for state-led reform efforts like those included in the "Education Works" agenda, Bryant said in a news release.

The third-grade reading grade was adopted as part of Bryant's "Education Works" agenda, a package of reforms including public charter schools and merit pay for teachers, among others.

Fourth grade language and reading arts teacher Stephanie Herin said her class this year was better prepared to read than in previous years. She also said more were reading at grade level.

"They are used to reading different types of texts and responding to questions about those," Herin, who teaches at Eastside Elementary, said.

She said she also believes the Career and College Ready Standards give children a deeper understanding of what they read.



State Superintendent of Education Cary Wright tells a class of fifth graders at Clinton's Eastside Elementary School that they and their grades across the state. He said the national trend and posted the greatest score increase in fourth grade math and reading on last year's National Assessment of Educational Progress, looking in at Clinton Superintendent Phil Brumfield.

in middle schools to identify students having problems in an area.

"We are constantly looking at that data and using it to reform what we do at the department in terms of initiatives," she said.

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and 279 schools participated in the NAEP assessments, which are administered every two years to a random sample of students.

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Carthage

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ing policy. Money for Animals he previously submitted a memorandum plant with county officials over matter, however, in our knowledge criminal charges have been filed to government agency."

Bryant said the company had "prepar annual handling in an impo and mental obligation," adding on ceo who work with live animal

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Van Dill's Toni Bowee won an Olympic gold medal in Rio Friday night as part of the US women's 4x100 relay team. **1C**

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Ole Miss band drops 'Dixie'

Athletic director: We want everyone to feel welcome

SARAH FOWLER AND DANIEL RULLING THE CLARION-LEDGER

OXFORD — The University of Mississippi's marching band no longer play the song "Dixie," which was traditionally performed at athletic events, but has drawn criticism because of its historical context, the school announced on Friday. Discussions about removing the song began between campus leadership and band leadership in the spring or summer of 2013, athletic director Ross Bjork said. He added the decision was made "well before" Friday but was made public after several news outlets contacted the school.

"We want everyone who steps foot on campus to feel welcome, and that they're part of the Ole Miss family," Bjork said. "There wasn't one defining moment that led to this decision. It was a collaborative process where we felt we needed to move forward and do the right things. This is another step in that direction to make sure we're welcoming to people."

He added that band leadership was supportive of the decision. Attempts made through Ole Miss to reach band director David Wilton for comment were unsuccessful.

The decision to stop playing Dixie, which served as the Confederate's battle anthem, comes after several changes regarding traditions on campus.

Former Chancellor Robert Khayat banned sticks from the football stadium in an attempt to keep fans from bringing

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ROSS BJORK

HINDS DA CASE

Affidavit: Asst. AGs feared indictment

Worried Smith's office would prosecute them



China game at an arcade in Atlantic City, N.J.

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over time, they likely won't want to play anymore.

Many players admit reservations but mostly put them aside because it's a lot of fun, and most say they figure some-thing — usually a stuffed animal or toy.

New Jersey state Sen. Nicholas Scutari recently introduced legislation calling for more oversight of the class game, which he believes targets kids who think they can easily snatch a big prize.

Most states consider the class machine games of chance and specifically exempt them from gambling statutes, as long as they comply with certain rules specific to those states.

"Difficult is one thing, completely rigged is another," Scutari said. "We just want to make sure it's a level playing field."

Public Defender's office

Last year, the state Supreme Court ruled Weill didn't have authority to remove an assistant Hinds County public defender from his courtroom. The state high court said it has exclusive jurisdiction in matters pertaining to attorney discipline.

The state Supreme Court, however, denied the Public Defender's office request to remove Weill as judge on 55 cases initially assigned to the office.

In April of this year, there was another incident in which Weill held an assistant public defender in contempt.

Band

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the Confederate flag into games in 1997. Former Chancellor Dan Jones also asked the band in 2009 to stop playing the song "From Dixie With Love" because some fans chanted "the South will rise again" in response.

The school removed former mascot Colonel Reb from the sidelines in 2003 and discontinued sale of merchandise featuring Colonel Reb in 2010. Ole Miss also took down the state flag, which contains the Confederate battle flag in one corner, last October.

"I was with somebody last night and they made a comment this person travels the world — and they said, 'You know what? Out of any university in America, Ole Miss has made more strides as a leading American university than many universities in the country,'" Bjork said.

"I think this is one piece of it. We have to provide leadership in this area, we have to understand what's occurred before us and we have to continue to move forward in the best environment possible."

Junior Allen Cook, a student senator in the associated student body legislature who co-authored a resolution to take down the state flag on campus, ap-



Ole Miss' marching band will no longer play the song "Dixie," which was traditionally performed at athletic events but has drawn criticism because of its historical context.

planned the decision to stop playing "Dixie," saying it would be an opportunity to create traditions that are more inclusive.

Domnaque Best, the treasurer for the NAACP chapter at Ole Miss and a fellow student, agreed.

"I think it's a step in the right direction of the culture shift that I think is very

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necessary at the University of Mississippi," she said. "For where the university is trying to go to create an inclusive culture and a culture that welcomes students from all backgrounds and walks of life."

"I think it's important that the athletic department continues its abilities and its power to enact positive change on our campus and particularly continue the conversation regarding southern heritage and southern traditions that are interpreted by different southern communities in very different ways."

The band reduced how often it played the song last season when it performed it only before the start of football games. Previously, the band played a version of "Dixie" when the Rebels scored.

The decision to stop playing "Dixie" didn't surprise senior Megan Walls, a coach or guard member who said the band, called The Pride of the South, learned the news when members reported for camp last Saturday.

Just as a person, not (speaking on behalf of) the band in general, I was just expecting it after the (state) flag came down and how everything's going on, period," she said. "I just kind of figured (no longer playing Dixie) was going to be next."

"The athletic department, they decide what's best for the school, and we do as we're told. As long as it's going to help the community and help the school better a self, I'm going to do whatever they tell me."

Hinds

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general's office in Hinds County Court. The charges allege Smith aided two criminal defendants, Christopher Butler and Darnell Turner, both of whom face multiple charges.

Before the Hinds County grand jury was to meet in June, Assistant Attorneys General Patrick Beasley and Shaun Yurkharan called Assistant District Attorney Justice McBride with concerns that Smith's office could be planning to prosecute them, according to his affidavit submitted on Thursday. Both Beasley and Yurkharan had worked at the district attorney's office until last fall, when they went to the attorney general's office.

McBride said his conversations with Beasley and Yurkharan took place before Smith's arrest.

McBride told Smith about the assistant attorneys general's worries after his arrest. In one conversation, Beasley told McBride that he had heard he'd be indicted in connection with one of Butler's criminal cases.

"Patrick was very concerned and asked me if I had any knowledge that my office was going to be seeking a criminal indictment against him," McBride said in the affidavit. "I told him that he knew I could not tell him anything regarding what was going to be presented to the grand jury. Patrick told me that he was concerned that he would be arrested and needed to know if he was going to need to get legal counsel and a bondsman."

According to the affidavit, McBride had attended a meeting with Smith regarding "concerns" the district attorney had with the Butler case a week before the grand jury was to meet. Another assistant district attorney,

an investigator for the office and Irvon Johnson, an assistant district attorney who served as a confidential informant against Smith, also attended the meeting. Johnson pleaded guilty to conspiracy last month.

Beasley and Yurkharan's names came up in the affidavit against Smith in the form of a letter to Butler's former attorney, Sanford Knott. The state attorney general's office alleged in one count against Smith that the DA's letter had outlined ways to attack the state's case against Butler.

In the letter, Smith mentions he had filed a motion for contempt of court in March "due to blatant and contemptuous behavior of Assistant Attorneys General Beasley and Shaun Yurkharan." The letter also said the attorney general's office had scheduled a hearing with out telling Smith and that the court had held that Smith waived his right to object because he didn't attend.

Butler, whose charges include embezzlement and wire fraud, wrote in a letter to WLET Channel 3 that Yurkharan and Beasley told Knott they'd drop charges against Butler if he told the attorney general's office about his relationship with Smith, but Butler wrote that he had never met Smith, other than "a prior situation" five years before.

"The problem is, I don't have one (relationship) with him but they told my lawyer that if I don't tell them, that they would give me a bond that is in (sic) high to make bond and that (sic) would come with more charges," Butler wrote in another letter to a recipient whose name was redacted.

The state attorney general's office filed an additional charge against Butler this month, alleging he had possessed a cellphone in jail. Circuit Judge Jeff Weill denied Butler bond during his arraignment on Tuesday. Smith's attorney, Jim Wade, would not comment. The attorney general's office did not return requests for comment.

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| Name | Age | Town, State | Died | Arrangements | |
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| Clark, Steven | 62 | Corinth | 16 Aug. | Waldman | |
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Rosann Whalen Robinson

Rosann Whalen Robinson was an amazing woman that made the world a better place. An elegant lady with big heart, a philosopher, and psychologist, a radical feminist, a traditional Catholic,

to our family

With 70 years of practice, she loved unconditionally and forgave without question. She left behind her sister, Catherine Hart, brother Michael Whalen, SR. (Deceased), a legacy of people and one tiny Yorkie daughter named Ziva that all miss

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Mark Bennett

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The University of Mississippi is selling bricks engraved with the names of alumni to be placed on the pathway that leads to the newly renovated Alumni Center. The bricks cost \$250, and 800 remain to be sold.

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make this renovation a reality. The Alumni Center is the "front door" of the University and the first building that many people see when they enter the campus.

"Paving a Path for the Future was an innovative and successful means of raising some of the money for the renovation. This consisted of selling 2,300 engraved bricks that have been placed on the walkway leading to the front of the Alumni Center.

Already, 1,500 of the bricks at \$250 each have been purchased by alumni and friends of the University. There are approximately 800 remaining to be sold.

"Our alumni have demonstrated just how important the Alumni Center is to the University," said Herb Dewense, executive director of Alumni Affairs. "We have 20,000 dues-paying members and a great number contributed to this project. It is our hope to take the proceeds from the sale of the remaining bricks and create an endowment which will allow for perpetual upkeep and maintenance of the building."

With the completion of Phase II of the work, the Alumni Center will be totally handicapped accessible. The facility provides a full conference center adjacent to the Continuing Education Center.

Beautiful landscaping with an underground irrigation system "showcases" the Alumni Center.

The public is invited to attend the formal dedication Friday afternoon. A reception will follow the event.

Ole Miss officials deliver application

The Associated Press

University of Mississippi officials have hand-delivered the school's application for membership in the liberal arts honor society Phi Beta Kappa.

Chancellor Robert Khayat and Phi Beta Kappa faculty application committee chairman Ron Schroeder flew to the organization's national headquarters in Washington Wednesday to deliver the documents.

The 12-page application is the first step in a three-part process to gain a chapter at Ole Miss. It contains statistical information about liberal arts professors' salaries, student ACT scores and courses

Local alums support ban on sticks

Jim Dees

STAFF WRITER

The University of Mississippi's new policy banning flag sticks and other pointed objects from school sporting events was announced as a safety measure, but local alumni of the school hope it is another step toward eliminating the racially charged Confederate flag from campus.

"The sticks in themselves are dangerous," Oxford Mayor and Ole Miss alumna Pat Lamas said this morning. Lamas was homecoming queen at the University in 1961.

"More important, I would never condone anything that hurts the University, not only in athletics but in composition and the feelings of everyone."

The new policy, announced Wednesday and effective Nov. 1, does not mention flags. But the banning of sticks could all but eliminate the waving of the controversial banner.

"We just feel like the firing is appropriate for this action," Ole Miss athletic director Pat Boone told The Associated Press. "The policy should speak loudly to a number of issues."

Coolidge Ball, who in 1979 became the first black athlete on a scholarship at the University, now lives in Oxford and is the owner of Ball Signs Company. He supports the University's position.

"They shouldn't allow anything in the stadium but fans," said Ball, a 1974 graduate. "I came here because of the coaches and to get an education. I love Ole Miss and want to see it move forward. If we can get this behind us it will be a lot better for recruiting students and athletes."

While many students have said they view waving the flag as a longstanding tradition and part of their "heritage," one historian says students aren't the main problem with the racist image the flag gives Ole Miss.

"The students aren't the ones writing a lot of these letters and putting stuff on the Internet," said David Sansing, former Ole Miss professor of history.

"You've got this 'Cult of the Lost Cause' for whom the Confederacy has become almost a religion," Sansing said. "People have got to understand that the University is not asking you to repudiate your heritage, we just don't want you to burn Ole Miss."

The Associated Press con-

Request denied for hearing on UM flag policy

Kristin Harty
NEWS EDITOR

A federal judge has denied the request of a self-proclaimed white supremacist who wanted a special hearing to get permission to wave the Rebel flag at the Ole Miss football game against Georgia on Saturday.

Chief Judge L. T. Senter, Jr. filed a motion just before noon today refusing Rankin County Attorney Richard Barrett's request for a temporary restraining order. Barrett filed a lawsuit against the University of Mississippi Wednesday, claiming the University's new rules restricting displays of Confederate flags at football games inhibits free speech.

The Ole Miss Rebels play their final home football game of the season this weekend.

Barrett, who said a group of Ole Miss students gave him "\$250 in small bills" to pay for filing fees, wants a judge to lift the University's ban on "sticks" from Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

Barrett claims in the lengthy suit that he was threatened with arrest at the Rebels' Nov. 6 game against Arkansas, the first game at which the university enforced a new policy that prohibits sticks from being taken into the stadium.

Barrett said he was helping to hold up a three-by-five-foot cloth Rebel flag, without a stick, near the back of the stands during the Arkansas game. University Police said Barrett was asked to leave the stadium because the flag was too large.

"What I intend to ask the court is, 'What is a stick? What is a flag?'" Barrett said Wednesday, shortly after filing the suit. "Waving the flag is free speech. When I went to the ballgame, I wanted to just defy the stick ban by simply displaying the flag. My

intention is to say that waving the (Rebel) flag is free speech."

Declared earlier this fall, the stick-ban policy does not specifically address flags. But Rebel Coach Tommy Tuberville and Chancellor Robert Khayat both have publicly encouraged students to cease waving Rebel flags at football games, and the issue has been hotly disputed among alumni and local residents.

The suit has been transferred to the Aberdeen court because Judge Neal B. Biggers, Jr., the presiding judge here, is out of town.

The University declared in 1983 that the Rebel flag had never been officially adopted as a school trademark. Another longstanding university policy sets size limitations on banners brought into the stadium.

Ole Miss became the ninth Southeastern Conference school to ban sticks from their stadiums. The others are Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Arkansas, LSU, Auburn, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

Barrett's suit names the University of Mississippi and College Board as defendants and claims that "the stadium has been used for expressive activities, centered on pro-Mississippi heritage and the Confederate flag, for over 10 years, by others and by Plaintiff, waving flags and making pro-Mississippi Heritage statements... There is considerable interest in the Confederate flag waving at the ball game among students and others throughout the nation," the suit says.

Chancellor Robert Khayat was in Jackson this morning and could not be reached for comment. University attorney Mary Ann Connell was unavailable this morning, and University Public Relations director Ed Meek said he did not have sufficient information to comment.

U.S. trade deficit up in September

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's monthly trade deficit soared 17 percent in September to an eight-month high as imports of toys and telephone equipment helped push the trade gap with China and other Asian nations to new records.

Today's Commerce Department

to a new record of \$89.1 billion in September. Exports slid 0.7 percent to \$78 billion.

"Our trade situation with Japan and China remains problematic," said Commerce Secretary William Daley. "The growth of our exports to China continue to lag far behind growth of our

Silencing the 'rising South'

Student leaders, chancellor seek to end chant

By SHEILA BYRD
Associated Press Writer

The University of Mississippi has shortened one of its fight songs to discourage football fans from chanting "the South will rise again" during part of the tune, which critics say is an offensive reminder of the region's intolerant past.

However, some fans have continued to recite the chant at the end of the song, "From Dixie With Love," despite the change made

last week at the chancellor's request. The Ole Miss band performs the melody before and after games.

Earlier this month, the Ole Miss student government passed a resolution suggesting the chant be replaced by the phrase, "To hell with LSU."

'Values' debate

Dan Jones, who became Ole Miss chancellor in July, said he asked the school's band director, David Wilson, to modify the song to support the efforts of the Associated Student Body. He said he has received complaints from alumni that the slogan is offensive.

"The fact is, the phrase 'The South Will Rise Again'

is not part of our tradition or spirit, and it is inconsistent with the university's values and what Ole Miss stands for — a great public university with a focus on the future," Jones said in a phone interview Thursday from the campus in Oxford.

Faculty to weigh in
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The modified version of the song ends abruptly before the chanting phase starts. It was first played Saturday at Ole Miss's homecoming game against the University of Alabama at Birmingham, but that didn't stop some fans from chanting.

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The Pride of the South band has modified the way it plays "From Dixie With Love" to discourage students from chanting at its end. "The South Will Rise Again."

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'From Dixie' without love

Chancellor calls for band to stop performing song

By MELANIE ADDINGTON
Staff Writer

To stop University of Mississippi students from shouting the racially inflammatory phrase, "The South will rise again," the song that inspired the chant has to go, UM Chancellor Dan Jones said Tuesday.

The song, "From Dixie With Love," was silenced by Jones after he asked students to stop the chant. He warned them before last week's football game that he would ban "From Dixie With Love" if they insisted on continuing their chant. His warning went unheeded by students.



Jones

A student-led initiative this semester to stop the "South will rise again" chant at football games has sparked protest and outcry from some members of the community, but the effort has gained support from UM's faculty and many of the university's alumni in recent weeks.

In an e-mail to the university community Tuesday, Jones noted that after warning that if the chant continued at this past weekend's football game, he would stop the band from playing the song. A small group of male students, all wearing blazers and ties, sat behind the goal post on Saturday to chant. As a consequence, Jones stopped the song.

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PHOTO BY JAMES HARRIS

The Pride of the South marching band will no longer be playing "From Dixie With Love."

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sparks interest by KKK

Rally threatened — but last time, didn't show

By MELANIE ARDINGTON
Staff Writer

The University of Mississippi's decision this week to no longer have the song "From Dixie With Love" performed at football games has sparked rumors by white supremacist groups, such as the Ku Klux Klan, to demonstrate in Oxford on an unspecified date.

A chilling look inside a Klan meeting
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UM Chancellor Dan Jones announced Tuesday the popular song would no longer be played at the games because some Ole Miss students were chanting the racially insensitive phrase, "The South Will Rise Again."

No marches or protests by the KKK have been confirmed for this weekend, but university officials say such demonstrations are allowed on the campus that supports freedom of speech.

The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, based out of Tupelo, held a meeting Wednesday to discuss coming to Oxford in response to the banning of the song. The hate group has set a second meeting Saturday to discuss a demonstration at the final home football game of UM.

However, neither the KKK nor any other group has contacted UM to request a protest permit because of the ban of the song.

Free-speech campus

UM Dean of Students Spitzky Reardon explained the campus is open to free speech, but that with planned marches or demonstrations the officials ask for a courtesy heads up to prepare for any traffic congestion issues.

"We are always surprised that groups still advocate discredited racist views that are inconsistent with the values of our community and the values expressed in the University Creed, but, that said, they are free to speak on our campus," Reardon said.

"If an outside group wants to express something on our campus as long as they don't violate our other rules of conduct, such as disorderly conduct, then they can express their opinion, but they can't interfere with the rights of others and can't interfere or disrupt the academic order of the university."

Any group planning to protest on the campus that has the ability to disrupt the university either through traffic, large crowds or amplified sound must fill out an event registration form through the Dean of Students office so the university can accommodate their needs.

"If any group plans to march, rally or demonstrate, then we expect them to let us know ahead of time," Reardon said.

Growing numbers of hate groups?

The KKK is one of 22 active hate groups listed in the state of Mississippi and all are mapped out by location on the Southern Poverty Law Center's Web site. However, numbers for most of the hate groups are small — a tiny fraction of the membership they used

Monday, October 26, 2015

Ole Miss removes state flag

UPD officers take down flag in morning ceremony

Staff Report

University of Mississippi Police Department officers lowered and furled the state flag in a Lyceum Circle ceremony as the campus opened this morning. According to officials, the flag will be preserved in the University Archives along with resolutions from students, faculty and staff calling for its removal.

"Because the flag remains Mississippi's official banner, this was a hard decision."

Morris Stocks
Interim chancellor

state flag, which includes the Confederate battle flag in one corner.

Interim Chancellor Morris Stocks first joined other state and university leaders calling for a change in the state flag in a statement last June.

"The University of Mississippi community came to the realization years ago that the Confederate battle flag did not represent many of our core values, such as civility and respect for others," Stocks said. "Since that time, we have become a stronger and better university. We join other leaders in our state who are calling

RAINY DAYS AND MONDAY'S



Ole Miss student Caroline McGinnis waits for the rain to stop. The chances of rain today and tonight are high.

OPD continues investigation

No arrests made in murder case

BY ALYSSA SCHNUGG
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The investigation continues to uncover the apparent murder of an Oxford student who was found dead in his home. Oxford police officers are working to identify the suspect.

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OLE MISS drops 'Dixie'

UM band will no longer play any variation of the tune

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"Dixie," one of the last vestiges of the Confederacy tied to the University of Mississippi, is dead.

The Ole Miss athletics department made the call to scrap "Dixie" and several variations of the tune from the marching band's game-day repertoire for pregame and postgame performances.

"The newly expanded and renovated Vaught-Hemingway Stadium will further highlight our best traditions and create new ones that give the Ole Miss Rebels the best home field advantage in college football," Ole Miss athletic director Ross Bjork said in a statement. "Because the Pride of the South is such a large part of our overall experience and tradition, the Athletics Department asked them to create a new and modern pregame show that does not include Dixie and is more inclusive for all fans."

Bjork told the EAGLE a dialogue began in 2015 with campus leadership regarding "Dixie," resulting in a slight adjustment last season by not playing it during the pregame.

Timing prevented "Dixie" from being a matter of logic





The state flag of Mississippi is unfurled during the pregame of Saturday's Ole Miss/Alabama game at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

State flag unfurled during football game stirs debate

Some feel rights were violated, others say dialogue needed

BY ANDY BELT
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Debate was sparked on both sides regarding the presence of the Mississippi state flag at Saturday's football game against Alabama after a large 20-by-30-foot flag was unfurled in the student section and later confiscated. Smaller flags and signs that read "Let The Band Play Dixie" were also confiscated by security under the stadium's policy that outlawed sticks and banners in 1997.

Katherine Pace, a graduate student from Olive Branch, was making her way back to her seat before the game started when she heard cheering from the student section and noticed the flag. "It made me proud to see a big chunk of the student section reaching out and voicing their opinions about it," Pace says. "That is our state flag. I hadn't seen it at Ole Miss in over a year."

A different view

Allen Coon, a junior at Ole Miss

who penned the student resolution to remove the flag from campus in 2015, feels differently.

"I think it shows that there are community members who feel like their heritage and Southern identity is being infringed upon or somehow taken away," Coon said. "I don't think our community members think about the message that it sends and the weight and power that the symbol can have."

Questioning motives

The removal of the smaller flags made Pace question the stadium's policies. "I couldn't help but wonder, are they really taking them out of the stadium for safety reasons and for obstructing views or are they removing them because it's the Mississippi state flag," Pace said. "I want clarity on the whole issue. If these small state flags can't be brought in, there are other little banners and signs that people bring in that should probably be taken away as well."

Pace also sees both sides of the argu-

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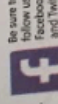
Banners and Poles
Banners may not be hung and poles may not be brought into Vaught-Hemingway except those approved by Ole Miss Event Management.

Reasons:
Banners or poles in Vaught-Hemingway can obstruct the view of other fans. Also, Ole Miss must ensure that it or its corporate sponsors regard signage in Vaught-Hemingway.

ment for and against the flag. "If we're going to change a flag, it should be a vote on behalf of the entire state of Mississippi," Pace said. "Everyone should be included."

Will Pomeroy, president of the Flag Foundation, believes the flag would ignore some of the long and arduous history.

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Sticks banned from all athletic events

NATASHA GREGORY
Staff Writer

Less than 24 hours after the Associated Student Body Senate took a stand against the waving of Rebel flags at Ole Miss, the university's administration made an equally bold move and banned sticks and pointed objects from athletic events.

In a one-paragraph statement released Wednesday, the university made its position clear.

"Consistent with the ban on umbrellas for safety reasons, effective Nov. 1, 1997, spectators will not

be permitted to bring sticks or other pointed objects to the University of Mississippi athletic events," the statement says.

According to Athletic Director Pete Boone, the Athletic Department originated the policy and took it before a cabinet of university officials which voted unanimously in its favor Wednesday.

"Our statement badly addresses several issues," Boone said. "It speaks for itself."

According to Boone, the ban on sticks will be enforced in the same way as the ban on umbrellas. Boone

said people carrying sticks will be stopped at the gate, but they will not be searched. No more security measures than usual will be taken to enforce this new policy.

"It will be done in a very professional and courteous way. This is not to be mean spirited," Boone said.

University Police Chief Mike Stewart said the UPD has discussed no new security measures concerning the sticks as of Wednesday night.

This new policy makes no mention of the controversial Confederate flag. However, the policy clearly bans any item which is carried on a

stick.

ASB senator John Joseph said the ASB resolution discouraging the waving of flags is in no way connected to this new stick-banning policy. "Our resolution was about making a choice. It was the students' choice. I don't see a correlation here," Joseph said.

Speaking on behalf of the other authors of the resolution, Mimi Montague, Stephen Harrell and Matthew Lott, Joseph said, "Last night (Tuesday) we accomplished what we set out to do -- to give students a chance to make an informed

choice about what is best for Ole Miss. We hope they can make that choice."

Joseph said the stick-banning policy does not give students a choice in the matter. "We try to present both the positive side and the negative side of the flag, and I wish the students had a chance to make that choice."

ASB President Calvin Thigpen said the ban will hold true for all home games. According to Thigpen, sticks will be banned from any event where Ole Miss will be considered the home team, on and off campus.

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Students agree with stick ban, voice concerns about outcome

KIMMY BOHLEN
Staff Writer

Many Ole Miss students agreed with the move behind the administration's decision on Wednesday to ban all sticks, including flag sticks, from athletic events at the university effective Nov. 1. However, many students had reservations about the effectiveness of the ban.

"That's nice, but they can still bring the flag," Warner Bennett, a junior from Charlotte, 70 miles out going to achieve anything, it's not going to make a difference.

The flag stick proposition was announced on Wednesday by Pete Boone, director of the athletic department, and other coaches at the

department. Bennett presented the proposition to the Ole Miss administrative cabinet Wednesday, where it was approved unanimously.

Banning sticks prevents students from waving Rebel flags on sticks, which is an action the Associated Student Body Senate asked students to refrain from only one day before the ban was announced.

Senior Day Secretary Peter Houston, agreed with Bennett. "I'm not in favor of the Rebel flag being waved," he said. "I think it is disrespectful to the fans who may be black or white and also to the athletes. It's not a neutral stand. People are going to come with their flags and wave it anyway regardless if it has a stick."

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Freshman Meredith Bagby, from Birmingham, said it is pointless to ban sticks but she commended the ASB for taking a stance on the issue.

Sophomore Patrick, a sophomore from New Jersey, as well as Leah Warrill, a freshman from Hattiesburg, concurred with the administration's decision.

"I guess if the coach thinks it has negative effects, the players must be serious," Warrill said. "He has to have a point. He's closest to the players so he knows what's going on."

Layquinn Kincaid, a sophomore from Corinth, said the flag should have been banned long ago. "That



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Gameday hog roast to be covered by ESPN

GREGORY CROFTON
Staff Writer

To energize the fans for the Rebels' Thursday night football game against the Arkansas Razorbacks, five barbecue pork sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans and soft drinks will be served in the Grove behind the Y Building at 3:30 p.m.

The barbecue and the rest of the pre-game tailgating in the Grove will be covered by ESPN. They will be in town to televise the football game which starts at 7 p.m.

Due to the midweek Rebel football game, all of Thursday's classes scheduled for 1 p.m. and after are cancelled, which will make students available to enjoy the \$500 worth of barbecue provided by Dixie Creek BBQ.

Lynn Hewlett, owner of Dixie Creek BBQ, said, weather permitting, they will bring the cooked hog to the Grove and pull the meat off there. To fully cook a hog, Hewlett said, it takes 20 hours on a specially designed grill.

"We do this sort of thing a whole lot," Hewlett said. "We'll have a steam table and a cooker set up to keep the meat hot."

Six tables will also be provided so people can sit down and enjoy their meal.

Kate Brand, co-director of special events for the Student Progressing Board, one of the sponsors of the roast, said that even though the food is for everyone in the Grove, she hopes that a lot of students take advantage of it.



Rod Thompson/The Daily Mississippian

SURVEY SAYS — Senior civil engineering major Matt Lott surveys the elevation profile of the Grove late Monday afternoon. Fellow classmates sophomore Reanna Gandy (center) and senior Najla Baeshen (right), help record and measure the group's findings.

Bogus letter fakes Khayat's signature

JENNY DODSON
Editor

A letter bearing the signature of Chancellor Robert Khayat and calling for many Ole Miss symbols to be abolished is a fake, Khayat said. "I absolutely did not write it," he said. "I can guarantee that."

The letter was allegedly circulated during the Ole Miss football game against the University of Alabama on Oct. 25.

The letter, on university letterhead and dated October 24, 1997, claims victory in the "skillful manipulation of public opinion ... in banning sticks used to wave the rebel flag." It then goes on as a plea from the chancellor to continue that trend and "rid our campus of symbols which others may find offensive."

The letter lists the stained glass of Venable Hall, the Confederate cemetery and the Confederate statue as the next items to be removed from campus.

University Police Chief Mike Stewart said the letter had not been called to his attention, and until he saw the letter he could not comment on what type of criminal offenses might have been committed. "Depending on the content, it could be a number of violations," Stewart said.

There is currently no investigation into the letter, but "if we are contacted (by the chancellor's office), we'll give it our fullest attention," Stewart said.

Khayat said he isn't too concerned. "I just disregard anything like that (faked letters and anonymous e-mails)," Khayat said.

The chancellor has come under fire recently from individuals and groups who oppose statements from the

"I absolutely did not write it. I can guarantee that."

— Robert Khayat

Associated Student Body Senate and head football coach Tommy Tuberville discouraging the use of the Rebel flag.

Faintly printed photocopies of the fake letter were sent to the chancellor's office and The Daily Mississippian office Monday. Enclosed with the letter was a note saying the fake letter was distributed at the Ole Miss-Alabama football game.

Leone King, assistant to the chancellor, said the letter "might have been pasted together from past letters written by the chancellor."

The letterhead is outdated and not the type currently used by the chancellor's office, said King and the staff is careful to keep the letterhead from leaving the chancellor's office.

"It didn't come from us," she said.

Oxford police to enforce new bicycle rules

The OPD's new

Department (OPD) has purchased two bikes and cut two full-time off-

concerns including city bike routes, county bike routes, getting a bridge

built. Education was one major con-

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Rebels face Razorbacks on ESPN

JAKE ADAMS
Staff Writer

ESPN Thursday night college football has arrived in Oxford for a matchup between Ole Miss (4-3, 2-3 in the Southeastern Conference) and the Arkansas Razorbacks (3-4, 1-3 in the SEC), who bring a lean into town that has had the worst of luck this season.

Arkansas has lost its top two running backs, Madre Hill and Chris Chukwura. As a result of the injuries, the Razorbacks are averaging a lowly 43 rushing yards per game. The Rebel defense should welcome that statistic. Kentucky is the only team with a worse rushing defense than Ole Miss.

"I think their defense is the strongest part of their team," Rebel head coach Tommy Tuberville said. "Our offense is the strongest part of our team, so it's our strength versus their strength."

Arkansas head coach Danny Ford knows that his team need to bolster its offense and they have attempted to do just that during their open date.

"We've been practicing for eight or nine days now and we've been trying to see if we can add something to our game," Ford said. "We need to improve our whole offense."

While the Razorbacks' defense



Security officers to enforce stick ban

RACHEL MALONE
Staff Writer

Cobra Security officers will be at the entrance gates of Vaught-Hemingway Stadium for today's game against the Arkansas Razorbacks; however, they will not be searching for more than alcohol this time.

A resolution mandated by university officials in October concerning the banning of sticks from Vaught-Hemingway Stadium will go into effect for the game tonight. In order to enforce this rule, Cobra Security officers will be at the gates performing routine searches, and if a spectator has a stick in their possession, they will be asked to dispose of it. After disposing of the stick, they will be

permitted to enter the stadium.

"We are hoping that people will cooperate with us, and we can go on with the game," Wayne Mills, owner of Cobra Security, said.

If an individual refuses to dispose of a stick, they will not be allowed to enter the game. University Police Department officers will also be on hand to handle any confrontation that may arise.

UPD, along with Cobra Security officers, will be in the stands to ensure that no sticks are present in the stadium. UPD is not responsible for checking fans for sticks; however, Chief of UPD Mike Stewart said if a confrontation occurs, UPD officers will step in.

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Clinton, Lott wager on tonight's football game

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WASHINGTON — Come 7 p.m. tonight, the highest priority in the Senate and the White House won't be fast-track for Amtrak or FDA reforms, and the television station of record that covers it won't be C-Span.

Congress' rush to complete its

ments have extended their rivalry to include the game of football.

In a late afternoon phone call Wednesday with the President to discuss the Senate's pending legislation, Lott made a friendly offering to the President.

"I don't know what y'all have in Arkansas that I might want," said Senator Lott, an Ole Miss alumnus,



NO FAIR-WEATHER FANS HERE — With temperatures dropping into the mid-40s, Rebel fans (from left) Ken Edwards, Clay Dubbs, Michael Sides and Bo Johnson, hoisted their chests for the Ole Miss Rebels' win over The University of Arkansas Razorbacks Thursday night. Please see page 12 for game stories and column.

Pom poms replace flags during game

Jenny Donson
Editor

The student section was a sea of red nylon pom poms at the first football game since the ban on sticks went into effect Nov. 1.

Approximately 10,000 pom poms purchased by the university marketing department were distributed by the Student Athletic Board at the gates to Vaught-Hemingway Stadium before the Thursday night football game against the University of Arkansas, and the response was tremendous.

"I think it went over real well," said president of SAB, Ashley Clowney. "It was especially successful in the student section. I was pleasantly surprised."

Meanwhile, the ban on sticks, like those used to carry Rebel flags, went off without a hitch, University Police Chief Mike Stewart said.

"It's been a quiet night," Stewart said. "Cobra Security is in charge. If they'd had any problems, we'd deal with it then."

Cobra Security guards Gilbert McThunel and Jon Bratton worked at the student gates with several other security guards and UPD officers who frisked people as they entered the game.

"I didn't see any sticks," McThunel said, and Bratton added that the main problem concerned students bringing alcohol into the stadium.

On Oct. 22, the university administrative cabinet unanimously approved a ban on all sticks and pointed objects from Vaught-Hemingway Stadium. The ban came one day after the Associated Student Body Senate passed a resolution asking students to refrain from waving Rebel flags at athletic events.

Vice Chancellor for Student Life Richard Mullendore stood with Stewart at the student gate before the game and said he was impressed with the response.

"The students' attitudes have been wonderful" Mullendore said, "... even when they've been caught."

A group of men stood outside the student gates passing out free cardboard Rebel flags and stickers to students before they entered the stadium.

Ruffin Flag Company, based in Crawfordville, Ok., manufactured approximately 2,000 of the cardboard flags with the words "Rebel Pride" at the top, said Kelly Everette, a company representative.

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'Get Fit Week' aimed at making Ole Miss physically active

UM sued by white supremacist over flag

CHAKA FERGUSON
Staff Writer

The battle over the waving of the Rebel flag was taken off the football field and moved into the courts Wednesday when a Rankin County attorney filed suit in Oxford against Ole Miss for interfering with free speech rights.

Richard Barrett, a lawyer who

did not attend Ole Miss, asked federal judge L.T. Senter to lift the ban on sticks in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium before Saturday's game against Georgia.

In a copy of the suit obtained by The Daily Mississippian, Barrett said, "There is a considerable interest in the Confederate flag waving at the ball game among students and others

throughout the nation."

Chancellor Robert Khayat and university attorney Mary Ann Connell could not be reached for comment.

The incident stemmed from a confrontation between Barrett, his clients David Edwards and Richard Geldreich, both of New Jersey and who do not attend Ole Miss, and the University Police Department.

Barrett said that Edwards and Geldreich entered the stadium with a 3-by-5 foot flag without a

stick and displayed the flag against a back wall near the scoreboard. After posting the flag "as so to not obscure anyone's vision," Barrett said that a UPD patrolman approached the group and ordered them to take the flag down.

— Richard Barrett

Barrett said that UPD Captain Calvin Sellers was later called to the situation and threatened the three with arrest.

However, Sellers said that no threat of arrest was made and that

the group was asked either to "None"lower the flag or to leave the stadium and go to the Grove where the flag could be raised. The three left the stadium.

"The situation had nothing to do with the stick ban," Sellers said. "The flag was too large and flags of that size are not allowed in the stadium. This policy has been in effect for two or three years."

The rule says that no flags larger than 12-by-14 inches are allowed into the stadium.

Sellers also added that the violation had nothing to do with the stick ban because the flag in question was not brought in on a stick.

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MAKING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC — Paul Heindel and fellow classmates in the Steel Drums Ensemble, bring island flavor to an audience Wednesday night in Fulton Chapel. Under the guidance of Ricky Burkhead, the ensemble class currently consists of 14 students with majors ranging from music to biology.

Village housing to be upgraded

NATASHA GREGG
Staff Writer

There might be relief in sight for the residents of the Village who have for years complained about their living conditions.

The growing list of problems range from exterior lighting and security to trash in the stairwells.

"The village has been home to a number of international students for many years. Ziad Yahia, a doctoral candidate who has lived in the Village for the past four years, has experienced his share of problems.

"The Village is very old; it needs major repairs," said Yahia.

Yahia lists a number of areas where improvements are necessary but said the lighting in the areas surrounding the Village needs to be addressed urgently.

Yahia also cites security and safety needs that require attention. "Most of our children play

outside," Yahia said. "We need speed bumps to slow the traffic coming off Coliseum Drive."

Director of Housing Jim Anderson said the Housing Department is responsible for the Village and its upkeep.

"There are many on-going projects," Anderson said. "We are upgrading facilities."

Anderson said apartments are currently being renovated as they become vacant.

"We have gone in and redone the bathrooms and replaced some old stoves and cupboards," Anderson said.

According to Anderson, the lighting problem is also being addressed. The housing department plans to install a new photo-sensitive lighting system. When installed, the lights will turn on automatically as it becomes dark outside.

Director of International Programs Joyce Herko has heard

a number of complaints from international students about Village conditions.

Herko and a few representatives from the international student body brought their concerns to the staff of the housing department during a recent meeting.

After the meeting Herko said, "It seems like there is an open conversation channel that was not there before."

"The students came to me with a problem with my responsibility to get them connected with housing. Housing was very willing to talk and answer questions."

Yahia also commends the department of housing for the manner in which they handle maintenance problems despite their limited resources.

"We are very appreciative of the cooperation of housing and

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Angel tree in Union brings Christmas gifts to Oxford children

DIANA DORRAN
Staff Writer

because we have so many needy kids in Oxford," said Rachel Gillison, a counselor at Bramlett Elementary.

once a person takes an angel they will receive the wish list of that child.

People are not expected to buy

stuffed animals and those donations will also help fill the children's wish lists. "We have already conducted all sororities, fraternities and

items."

The tree will be in the Union until Nov. 25 for the public to adopt a child. Donations will be due Dec. 15.

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Flag lawsuit dismissed in federal court Thursday

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White supremacist Richard Barrett's motion to have the ban against sticks at Vaught-Linkensmeyer Stadium removed was dismissed Thursday, according to federal court officials in Oxford.

U.S. District Court Judge L.T. Senter Jr. threw out the request for a temporary restraining order on

the ban, made by Barrett, a Rankin County attorney.

Barrett filed the lawsuit against Ole Miss Wednesday claiming that Ole Miss violated the First Amendment rights of David Edwards and Richard Geldreich, both of New Jersey in a confrontation with the university police department during the Nov. 7 game with Arkansas. Geldreich and Edwards brought a 3-by-5 foot flag

into the stadium that was not attached to a stick.

Senter did not set a date for a hearing on Barrett's complaint. Barrett, attorney for the Nationalist Movement, filed the lawsuit Wednesday in federal court.

Barrett, who did not attend Ole Miss, claimed the ban interfered with his client's free speech rights.

"There was no hearing," Barrett told the Associated Press following Senter's ruling. "What I think it does mean is the judge simply feels he needs more time to consider the case. The fight goes on."

Ole Miss' stadium policy states that any flag larger than 12-by-14

inches is prohibited.

UPD Captain Calvin Sellers said the three were asked to either lower the flag or to leave the stadium because of the size of the flag and not because of the stick ban. He also said that neither individual was threatened with arrest.

While the policy does not directly address flags, it would keep flags from being waved on sticks during sporting events. In addition, the university has another longstanding policy that sets size limitations on banners brought into the stadium.

Barrett said he wanted to display a three-by-five foot flag in the stadium in protest of the university's

anti-flag policies and the desegregation of the college in 1962.

Ole Miss became the ninth SEC school to ban sticks from their stadiums. The others are Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Arkansas, LSU, Auburn, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina.

Barrett said school officials had denied his request for permission to attend Saturday's game with a flag. He said it would be up to the students to defy the ban.

Ole Miss officials have not commented on Barrett's complaint.

Editor's Note: The Associated Press contributed to this story.



Astronaut tells of three missions

SUSAN COLLINS
Contributing Writer

Despite years of training on the cutting edge of technology, there is one thing that cannot be taught.

"I was really amazed at the Earth," Davis said. "It's so vast and so beautiful. You can't train for it," said NASA astronaut Jan Davis, who gave a public presentation to a small group at the Metro Conference

center in Memphis. "I get two different reactions, either you're crazy or that's great."

On her first mission in 1992, she was a mission specialist. She and six crew members carried out 43 different space lab experiments in a module about the size of a school bus. They worked in shifts, a day shift and a night shift, and between the two a "hand-off" occurred. The favorite experiment of the crew was the image mirror furnace in which

Davis, along with another crew member, was responsible for deploying a German satellite with a robotic arm on the outside of the space shuttle. "We spent a lot of time looking out the window because you want to make sure you don't hit the shuttle," Davis said. The satellite weighs about 7,000 pounds and is about 30 feet away from the shuttle at this point.

The satellite's objective was to

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CHANCELLOR ASKS BAND TO MODIFY MUSIC TO SUPPORT ASB RESOLUTION

BY JO CLARK | News Editor

University of Mississippi Chancellor Dan Jones is supporting the Associated Student Body's recent resolution concerning the student body chanting "The South Will Rise Again" by asking the Ole Miss Pride of the South marching band to modify "From Dixie With Love."

"I wanted to find ways to support our student leadership in their resolution so I did ask our band leadership to modify the song that is associated with 'The South will rise again,'" Jones said.

Jones acknowledged that most students about the anthem out of students but expressed that they should be more mindful of what they are saying.

"It is certain that the vast majority of the people that participate in the chant, 'The South will rise again,' don't have any bad intent in their heart or spirit, but I don't think that many are aware of how harmful those words can be to many people," Jones said. "I've received many complaints from alumni and parents to our university who have been severely offended and hurt by those words."

Jones said he is taking full responsibility for the modification of the piece.

"I had a conversation with [Director of Bands] David Wilson and that conversation went very well," Jones said. "He was very happy to make the change. I made it clear that I was taking responsibility. It was very cordial, and there was no resistance on his part."

"The band leadership and members have been cooperative, and I want to be sure that people who may be argued point their anger at me, and not the band because I take full responsibility," Jones said.

Jones also addressed the concern that this decision was not made in a transparent manner.

The Daily Mississippian Editorial Board published an editorial Monday asking the ASB to reveal the motivation behind the resolution in order for the student body to understand why it was passed.

"It was pointed out in editorial that students were concerned about the transparency of this decision, and I made the decision last week and thought it was in best interest to just let the change happen instead of making a public announcement," Jones said. "I was trying to make this change as low key as possible. I'm grateful to all of our students for supporting our athletic teams with passion and enthusiasm, and I want to express deep appreciation to our band for



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O-U-T RECEIVES FIVE NEW BUSES, OFFERS FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR OLE MISS STUDENTS AND FACULTY



PHOTO COURTESY OF O-U-T

BY RACHEL BATTEN | Staff Reporter

Ole Miss students and faculty now have increased opportunities to get to campus in a safe and time-efficient way free of charge.

The Oxford University Transit systems (O-U-T) have recently received five new buses, which are larger and hold more passengers than their current buses.

"We received four of the five buses last Wednesday and will be getting the fifth bus within the next few days," O-U-T manager Ron Biggs said.

Biggs said these new buses are an improvement from the older, smaller buses because they are actual transit buses, which are larger, carry more passengers and have air brakes.

"We plan on using these buses until

"When we received these buses, they have around two more years of expected life, but we are hoping they last much longer than that."

O-U-T systems is planning an expansion of their routes, which is expected to start in January 2010.

With this expansion, the O-U-T routes will grow to include residences that have primarily college students living in them including The Exchange, The Links Apartments and Campus Walk.

"I feel like these new buses will be a good way for students to avoid getting tickets," senior Austin Sumrall said. "Parking has been a problem at this school for years, and this could help reduce some of the stress that is involved

O-U-T has routes and schedules posted on the city of Oxford's official Web site, www.oxfordms.net.

The Web site also features the ride fares and monthly pass prices.

However, the buses are free of charge to Ole Miss students and faculty.

"We expect these new buses to have a positive impact on student transportation to the university," Biggs said. "We are focusing our routes, both the ones we already have and ones planned for next year, to be where we know students live."

"This is my first year to live off campus and getting to class in the mornings is sometimes so hard only because I cannot find a parking spot," sophomore Cassie De La Garza said. "I'm hoping O-U-T adds more routes so I have the

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FROM DIXIE WITH LOVE

BY ALEX MCDANIEL
Editor-in-Chief



After weeks of contention surrounding the university's attempt to stop students from chanting "the South will rise again" during football games, the fight to keep "From Dixie with Love" in the Ole Miss Band's repertoire has become the primary concern of many students, administrators and alumni.

"The university is not removing 'From Dixie with Love' without giving the fans a chance to use better judgement," said Matt Hogan, creator of the newly formed "Save Our Tradition, Save 'From Dixie with Love'" Facebook group. "It is time for Ole Miss fans to be proactive and not reactive."

The effort of many to prevent the piece from being removed was prompted by Chancellor Dan Jones' announcement to the student body that if participation in the chant did not significantly decrease at Saturday's football game, he would ask the band to stop playing the piece altogether.

"If the chant continues, I will ask the band to discontinue the music that triggers it to ensure that we do nothing to promote or facilitate the use of these hurtful words," Jones said.

Many university faculty members, athletics coaches and alumni have come forward to support Jones' effort, including Fox News anchor and former Ole Miss student Shepard Smith, who addressed the student body in an online video message released Tuesday.

Smith responded to the video Wednesday, elaborating on his concern for the potential loss of "From Dixie with Love."

"I've always really thought of it as an expression of unity," Smith said. "If sort of says to listeners, 'We've risen from our divisive past.'"

The debate stems from the piece's arrangement of "Dixie" intertwined with "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Over the past few years, students have begun using the final notes of "Battle Hymn" as an opportunity to say, "the South will rise again."

Smith said because the song promotes the abolition of slavery, a racially divisive chant should have no part in it.

"One of the tenets is, 'He didn't make men free, let us die to make men free, while God is marching on,'" Smith said. "I really see [the South will rise again] as a bastardization of that message, however unintentional. Nevertheless, the perception is real."

Smith said it is unacceptable to turn "From Dixie With Love" into

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THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENT

SEGREGATIONIST PUSHES 'TSWRA' CHANT, TELLS JONES TO 'BACK OFF'

BY JB CLARK AND ALEX MCDANIEL | News Editor, Editor-in-Chief



Nationalist Movement leader and segregationist Richard Barrett is urging Chancellor Dan Jones to "back off" of the Ole Miss student body "or be backed off" concerning what he feels to be their democratic right to chant "the South will rise again," though the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) claims Barrett is supporting racism.

"Barrett is a longstanding white supremacist," according to a previous article written by the SPLC. "He has led rallies of Klansmen and others and worked alongside some of the most extreme racists in America."

Barrett, who gained publicity at the University of Mississippi by challenging former Chancellor Robert Khayat over the removal of the Confederate flag and Colonel Rebel, has entered the public eye once again, saying the student body has the right to say whatever they want without restraint.

"They are not about to haul down the statue of the Confederate soldier and put up Nikita Khrushchev," Barrett said. "They are the opposite of the Khrushchev invaders of Budapest and the Meredith invaders of Ole Miss."

Barrett said although the phrase is considered to be offensive, asking students to stop saying it is a violation of democracy.

"Democracy is offensive to tyrants, but, I am glad it is," Barrett said. "Mississippi is the most-democratic state in the Union. It is our legacy from the post-Reconstruction era. We have more

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FROM DIXIE WITH LOVE

Ole Miss Band faces loss of "From Dixie With Love" if controversial chant continues

BY JB CLARK | News Editor

Chancellor Dan Jones said if University of Mississippi students continue to chant "the South will rise again" during football games, he will have to ask the Ole Miss Band to stop playing "From Dixie With Love."

"It is my role to listen to the many voices in our Ole Miss community and determine an appropriate course of action," Jones said in a letter to the student body (see page 2).

"Concerned student leaders, administrators, faculty, athletics administrators and coaches, alumni and major donors have called for discontinuing the chant," the letter said. "I share their view that these words are harmful. They have been used by others in the past to resist racial integration and the progress of civil rights for everyone. Although those who chant may not

have bad intent, the words are painful and create an unwelcome feeling for many on our campus, a place widely known for its grace and Southern hospitality."

The movement to end the chant started nearly a month ago when the Associated Student Body passed a resolution discouraging students from participating in the chant.

Since then the issue has rallied support from the chancellor and faculty senate as well as gained national media attention from the Associated Press and ESPN.com.

Many alumni, donors, coaches, and faculty members expressed their concerns in a university press release.

"If we cannot get behind a student initiative that is trying to do the right thing, then we have failed our

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Jones' letter to the student body addressing the TSWRA resolution comes two days after every athletics coach at the University of Mississippi endorsed the ASB's resolution.

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