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ASB INVESTIGATION RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED MONDAY

Current ASB Attorney General Rob Pillow will announce the results of one of the most notable investigations in Associated Student Body history on Monday.

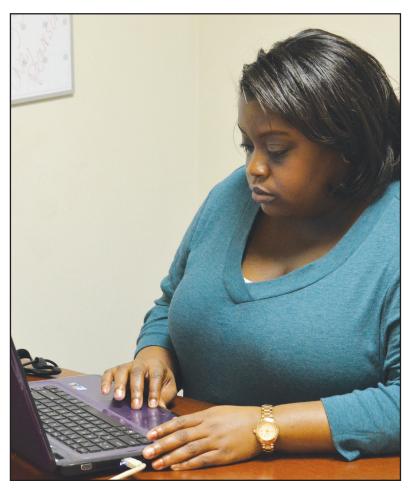


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BY ADAM GANUCHEAU aganucheau24@gmail.com

Current ASB Attorney General Rob Pillow announced Thursday night that the results of his investigation into the ASB Judicial Council's ruling that the title "Colonel Reb" was unconstitutional will be released Monday. Former ASB Judicial Chair Courtney Pearson, who presided over the ruling on her final night in office, insists that the investigation is unwarranted and unconstitutional.

Pillow launched the investigation Tuesday night after citing concerns about the legality of the process by which the ASB Judicial Council came to its March 25 decision to revoke the title "Colonel Reb," which is traditionally given to the male counterpart of "Miss Ole Miss" during homecoming week. Pillow told The DM Thursday night that the investigation is almost complete.

"The investigation has been under way," Pillow said. "We're

going to release a statement Monday regarding the results of our investigation."

If the results of the investigation show that the council's process failed to meet requirements set forth in the ASB Constitution, the council's "Colonel Reb" ruling will be null and void. But Pearson said she believes that there are no constitutional grounds for an ASB attorney general to launch such an investigation.

"As the ASB Constitution clearly states, any ruling of the Judicial Council is final," Pearson said. "There is no written proof that this investigation is even a possibility in the constitution, and this whole (investigation) essentially opens up so many more doors of what is constitutional or not."

Pearson has given The DM a detailed written statement defending the Judicial Council's "Colonel Reb" decision, which can be found in its entirety on theDMonline.com.

Pearson, who presided over

and signed the council's decision, addressed many of the questions that have been raised since the news broke Tuesday evening. Pearson distanced herself from the situation Wednesday and did not return multiple text messages and phone calls from The DM. On Thursday, she spoke out.

"I take a little bit of the blame for a good bit of all this backlash," Pearson said. "But not for reasons you'd think. I take some blame because I had expected people to understand things that I haven't explained. That's the point of the statement."

The ASB judicial chair has never had a vote in council decisions on the constitutionality of cases. However, the judicial chair is present during every case that is heard and can provide input in discussions about whether or not something is constitutional, according to Pearson.

Several students have raised questions about the timing of See ASB, PAGE 4

Editorial: Progression embittered by unchecked power

BY PHIL MCCAUSLAND pjmccaus@go.olemiss.edu

be consistent with our mes- survey before bringing the sage.

issue to the Senate floor. Colonel Rebel no longer Much of the outrage over this decision stems from the exclusion of the university community's input and from the Judicial Committee's ignorance of due process. This decision creates a feeling of distrust and suspicion, instead of the goodwill that we should be attempting to foster on this campus. Discussion and compromise is the best way to move forward. It is hard to believe that this removal of Ole Miss culture was determined by five unelected members of the Judicial Council. If decisions like this are not left to members of the student government, then why are we holding elections?

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Our university is filled to the brim with tradition, and the students, alumni, faculty and staff are proud of that tradition. This is a great part of the Ole Miss culture, but sometimes we must abandon those traditions that blind us.

Colonel Rebel was removed as our mascot in 2003; it seems appropriate that the personality election title be removed as well. We, the editorial staff of The Daily Mississippian, commend the Associated Student Body for removing this final lingering memory of our old mascot and all the emotions and symbolism tied to it. If we want to change the culture of our university, then we must

represents the views of the university and its student body. It is time to leave our sordid history behind, move forward and create new, inclusive traditions of which everyone can be proud. We are coming ever closer to a time when we no longer have to be haunted by the actions of the students who came before us. The removal of Colonel Rebel is a big step; our reputation is important.

That being said, we do not support how the Colonel Rebel title was removed. The Judicial Council should have anticipated a strong emotional reaction to the issue and left it to the ASB Committee for Student Life, which wanted to conduct a

We believe that if all of

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COURTNEY PEARSON SPEAKS OUT.





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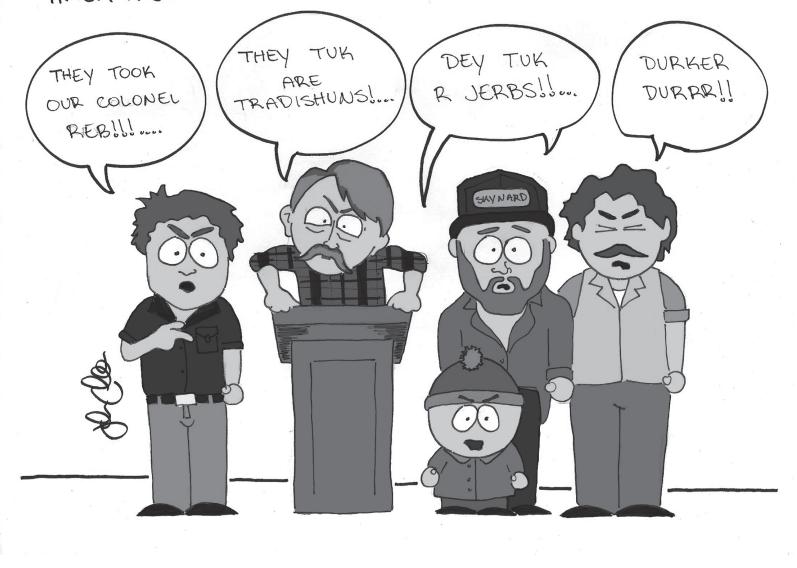
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AFTER THE ASB RULING ON COLONEL REB



Archaic alcohol state laws



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Recently some friends and I were debating whether or not to try a new restaurant that was opening in town. One of the first questions was, "Well, did they get their liquor license?"" As a disclaimer, none of these girls are alcohol-dependent hurricanes, but the idea of eating quesadillas without a margarita to wash it down was completely out of the question. Many counties and cities in Mississippi find themselves greatly affected by this type of discussion. Areas in the state that have been staunchly dry

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are finding themselves increasingly pressured to pass alcohol sale laws as a means to entice new business and foster revenue.

Towns where alcohol was once forbidden have slowly been chipping away at the rules. Allowing beer, but not cold beer; beer but not wine; wine but no liquor; liquor, but only if it meets a certain percentage of alcohol content. The variations of all the different rules in Mississippi that differ from town to town, county to county and even statewide are as numerous as the different limeade options at Sonic's happy hour. Still, there is an ever-increasing demand for more options during adult happy hour. Residents are becoming more vocal about wanting the option to have a glass of wine at dinner, pick up a six-pack on a Sunday or have a wine

or beer that has a higher alcohol content. Many visitors are shocked to find that even in areas where alcohol is sold, they can not find the particular drink they are looking for because it does not meet the requirements set forth by the state. Often food industry businesses are looking at expanding to different locations. The topic up for discussion is whether the new location would be able to serve alcohol. If not allowed or greatly restricted, the businesses can simply choose to go elsewhere. On a smaller scale, residents within Dry County A will take their personal business and

policy concerns that the sale of alcohol brings in more bad than good. However, the moral woes of alcohol are only a concern for a small percentage of the population, and alcohol is widely legal throughout the world and the consumption of it is perfectly acceptable to a vast majority of people from all different cultures and backgrounds. Further, the increased revenue and business potential that alcohol sales could bring would certainly help Mississippi towns more than they could hurt.

Mississippi culture is one of front-porch sitting, the blues, good food and great company,

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The reasons behind a strict alcohol law are often antiquated. They are rooted in the morality of the issue or based on all of which would pair quite nicely with an "ice-cold one."

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to commend the ASB Judicial Council on their ruling of the use of 'Colonel Reb' as unconstitutional. I also want to commend the anonymous person(s) who initiated the process whereby a governing body of this University could rule against a blatant symbol of racism on this campus. That some students find this symbol to be more emblematic of tradition does not discount the fact that the tradition referenced was a violent one that terrorized, and continues to haunt, the lives of many members of this community.

The purpose of institutions of higher education extends beyond the simple learning of specific trades. Students choose to come here, and not elsewhere, because there is a belief that this University, more than others, embodies the principles and ideals of a higher order and calling. These principles include not simply tolerance, but acceptance; not simply civility, but recognition and respect; and not simply responsibility for our own actions, but accountability for our collective condition. Students who enter this University have a responsibility to themselv.es and others to question their traditions, not use this University as a blanket affirmation of those traditions. It is this questioning that serves as the catalyst for real progress, not just for the University, but in all spheres the student touches once they leave.

That some hold so tightly to these ancient symbols of segregation, violence, unequal opportunities, and dreams deferred should embolden many others to take further action. The dismantling of Colonel Rebel/ Colonel Reb has the potential to be a watershed moment for this University. I hope we seize this moment to galvanize around the need for dismantling other symbols of explicit racism at this

University, such as the monument to the Confederate Soldier, and the continued use of 'Ole Miss' as a descriptor of this institution.

Sincerely,

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COLUMN

The women's movement is weeping



BY E.M. TRAN emtran3@gmail.com

It's been a week since Susan Patton's letter to The Daily Princetonian, in which she urges young Princeton women to "find a husband on campus before you graduate."

"Men regularly marry women who are younger, less intelligent, less educated," Patton writes. She says that the number of worthy men on campus will dwindle as you get older, and by the time you're a senior, the only men in your dating pool are other Princeton seniors. It seems absurd that Susan Patton thinks it's still socially unacceptable to date someone a few years younger than you. What era is Suze living in?

That's at the bottom of my list,

though, as far as the absurdity of the contents of her letter goes. The way she addresses marriage is so systematic. Saying the chances of finding a man go up due to sheer numbers is statistically logical, I guess, but it also turns marriage into a solely social and economic tool. If she recognized marriage as an emotional affair, talk of numbers and time limits would not be relevant. I thought we were past the period when women had to marry in order to survive.

While I have a lot of obvious problems with Ms. Patton's worldview, her letter does represent an ongoing conflict that has to do with changing gender roles. Our culture still actively struggles with how to approach women's shift in career vs. motherhood, and women themselves do not know how to balance work and home lives.

If you look at our public policy, it would seem as if there is still a resistance to acknowledge this



struggle at all. A lack of maternity leave forces women to choose: career or child-rearing? The U.S. is one of three countries part of a 188-country study that do not offer women paid maternity leave. Our society still emphasizes that women should be the sole caretakers of children, and the fact that there is nothing at all to encourage women to both work and raise children inevitably leads women to choose between one or the other.

This battle concerning work and parenting also exists between work and marriage, which Patton has so unwittingly brought to our attention. The expectation that women should get married before they hit 30 is still a societal pressure – just the cherry on top of the growing heap of expectations facing young women. Yes, world, it seems perfectly reasonable that I get married at 25 while competitively pursuing a career and also getting pregnant and taking care of babies in the house I am now expected to help my husband buy since men and women are now "equal" - which still may not be reflected equally in our salaries, but I don't have time to examine that because I'm too busy trying to look like Megan Fox while I cook dinner, or something.

Look, I understand where Susan Patton is coming from, however deranged she is. She's just a middle-aged, divorced mother who is projecting her own issues on her poor sons. Still, I can't help but think that with every letter a mother sends her saying, "This is just what I wanted to tell my own daughters," the women's movement weeps.

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the members of the university community had been given the chance to have their voices heard, the same decision would have been made and it would not have been as controversial.

That opportunity – that trust - was never offered, and thus we are left in our current situation filled with bickering, clashing and finger-pointing. Therefore, the backlash is somewhat understandable.

We also fear the precedent that this decision creates. Does this mean that other large issues can be brought to the Judicial Council in the same way?

Can smokers anonymously submit complaints to have the smoking ban overturned? Can we make the plus-minus grading system a thing of the past? What powers, what responsibilities does the Judicial Council really have?

If we leave the council's powers unchecked, then we owe an apology to Gregory Alston and his cabinet. They wasted their spring running campaigns to represent the students of this university.

We believe the motivations and intentions behind the removal of Colonel Rebel were good, but the

means were suspect. This will not resolve the issue that we face, however.

We ask that the university community accept the removal of the Colonel Rebel title. It has happened and it is best for the progress of the university. At the same time, we fully support the investigation led by Attorney General Robert Pillow. If there was an abuse of power, it needs to be shared with the public.

It is not fair for ASB officials to use their positions as a means to pursue their personal interests rather than the interests of those they represent. That is not the point of a civil servant, and those who hope to have a similar position of power outside of college should know this.

We, The Daily Mississippian editorial staff, pledge to hold our officials accountable so that similar abuses of power do not happen again.

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the Judicial Council's ruling, including former ASB Attorney General Matthew Kiefer and former ASB Deputy Attorney General for Code and Constitution Pierce Lee in a letter that was published in the opinion section of Wednesday's DM, because it was a decision that appeared to be unprecedented and made with extreme haste.

"Regardless of how you feel about the decision itself, it should not be made behind closed doors at the last minute by the outgoing members of the Judicial Council," Kiefer and Lee wrote in the letter.

Pearson said that it was sheer coincidence that the case was heard on her last day in office.

"I can't control scheduling of cases at all," Pearson said. "The only way that I could be seen as controlling scheduling is if I have a class during certain times, obviously we can't hear a case during that time. We actually heard more cases that night after the Colonel Reb case."

When asked why the complaint was labeled as "anonymous," Pearson said that the Judicial Council never questioned why the complaint was anonymous.

"It is not uncommon for Judicial to hear anonymous cases," Pearson said. "In the past,

although I never heard one in my term, Judicial has heard anonymous cases involving student election violations and things of that sort."

Pearson said that the person who filed the complaint was not present at the hearing and that the council read over the paperwork that was filed.

Ôn March 5, two weeks prior to the Judicial Council's hearing and ruling, a resolution involving the "Colonel Reb" title was introduced in the ASB Senate Committee for Student Life, according to current ASB Vice President Morgan Gregory. Gregory, who was present at the committee meeting that night, said that ASB Senate committee meetings are typically in a round-table discussion setting with only committee members present. Freshman ASB Senator Rod Bridges, a member of that committee, discussed what happened that night.

"In those meetings, we brainstorm ideas about whatever topics our constituents present to us," Bridges said. "We had heard from several Ole Miss Ambassadors that had problems explaining the "Colonel Reb" title to prospective students and their parents on campus tours."

According to Gregory and Bridges, the committee killed the resolution before a bill could be drafted and sent to the ASB Senate floor because "they wanted to conduct a survey to seek further input from the student body." Written

to come to their senator,"

those complaints to committee meetings and just discuss them. There isn't really a written record of anything taken in these meetings."

Pearson said that the ASB Judicial Council is completely separate from the ASB Senate, and the Senate committee meeting was not in any way related to the Judicial Council's decision.

"It's just like the United States government," Pearson said. "There are three separate branches of the government for a reason."

Newly elected ASB President Greg Alston has been very outspoken about the entire situation and has publicly criticized the Judicial Council's decision.

"I think a lot of (students) are disappointed because this is a student election," Alston said. "Colonel Reb is a personality election. Therefore, students should have a say in it."

Pearson said she believes that Alston is out of line in his comments.

"Decisions of Judicial do not have to be reported to the ASB president in any situation," Pearson said. "It's honestly irrelevant for him to even be talking about it."

Pearson is hopeful that a positive solution will come of the entire situation.

"Instead of bickering with each other about who's right and who's wrong, we need to be focused on coming together and working together," Pearson said. "It's the responsibility of student government to fix this to make sure it doesn't happen again. How can we be transparent as leaders if we have to follow a constitution that is the opposite of transparent? We are all looking at the same constitution in many different ways. That's the real issue here."

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Triathletes for professional development

This Sunday, nearly 200 athletes will participate in the Rebel-Man Sprint Triathlon.

BY LOGAN KIRKLAND Itkirkla@go.olemiss.edu

Athletes will travel to Oxford on Sunday to participate in the eighth-annual Rebel-Man Sprint Triathlon, benefitting the Ole Miss Health, Exercise Science and Recreation Management Department's professional development program.

Brent Johnson, graduate student in parks and recreation management, is responsible for organizing this year's triathlon and is the official race director. The athletic event kicks off Sunday morning at 8 in the Turner Center.

The triathlon benefits the HESRM Department's professional development program, according to Johnson. The program is run by the School of Applied Sciences

School of Applied Sciences and helps both graduate and

undergraduate students fund their career-related expenses. The expenses covered include conference fees for graduate students and certification fees for undergrads.

Race organizers anticipate hosting nearly 200 participants this year.

"Over half of these people come from outside the immediate driving distance," Johnson said.

According to the triathlon's website, the first leg of the race is a 440-meter swim in the Turner Center pool. From there, participants move to a 21-kilometer bike route and then finish with a 5K run through campus.

"The average age of our participants is probably 30-35," Johnson said, "but we do have people as young as 14 and we have several collegiate athletes."

Johnson said there are

medals for all of the finishers in each category, but the overall male and female triathletes will each receive a plaque.

According to Johnson, this event was created to serve as a capstone event in which graduate students in the HESRM department are required to participate in order to graduate from the program.

Anna Pechenik, an instructor of park recreation, said the triathlon is dedicated to her friend Kevser Ermin, who was killed in a biking accident. Ermin never participated as an athlete, but volunteered her time to help organize the triathlon in the years before her death.

The triathlon trail passes by her memorial marking the scene of her fatal accident.

DM STAFF REPORT

OVERBY CENTER TO HONOR THE LEGACY OF MEDGAR EVERS

Myrlie Evers-Williams will speak at the Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics, Friday, April 5 at 5 p.m to discuss the life and legacy of her husband, civil rights leader Medar Evers.

Evers-Williams will speak alongside Jackson City Councilwoman and director of the Fannie Lou Hamer Institute on Citizenship and Democracy at Jackson State University Leslie B. McLemore and Jerry Mitchell, a prize-winning reporter at the Clarion-Ledger in Jackson whose investigative journalism led to the conviction of Evers' assassin.

Evers-Williams has served as national director of the NAACP and currently is a distinguished scholar in residence at Alcorn State University. She is chairman of the board of the Medgar & Myrlie Evers Institute. Evers-Williams also lectures and writes, and delivered the invocation at the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

The event is free and open to the public.





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Saving Lives, One Bride at a Time

Brides Against Breast Cancer will be having a bridal show at Colonel's Quarters on Saturday to raise for cancer awareness. They are currently looking for student volunteers to help with the effort.



BY JONECE DUNIGAN jlduniga@go.olemiss.edu

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For bridal show manager, Katie Posivak, when one person is diagnosed with cancer,

the whole community is affected. She knows the feeling of cradling a loved one's hand for support and admiring his or her strength as he or she goes through sessions of chemotherapy. After witnessing the death of both an aunt and uncle, she decided to use her experiences in a brand- new platform.

Brides Against Breast Cancer is an organization whose proceeds from bridal shows contribute to programs that provide education, information and outreach to cancer patients and their families. Its 2013 Nationwide Tour of Gowns show will be visiting more than 100 cities this year to sell brand-new and gently used gowns. The show will be stopping in Oxford on Saturday at the Colonel's Quarters at Castle Hill, and the company is looking for 30 to 40 student volunteers to help with the effort.

Posivak said that the event is a good way for students and Oxford residents to participate in the fight against breast cancer.

"Oxford has a lot of young individuals in the area who we think can benefit from our charity wedding gown sale, and we will be bringing these educational materials to them," she said. "There are so many people who have been impacted by cancer in some way, and we want to raise awareness to as many people as possible."

The dress prices range from \$99 to \$3,500, and donations will be accepted during the show or online at bridesabc.org.

Posivak said she believes the show gives former brides an opportunity to make a difference in their community.

"Wedding dresses typically sit in the back of your closet or in the attic somewhere collecting dust. Why not consider donating it and have some of the proceeds go towards something meaningful?" she said.

Volunteers will be able to assist with setting up and breaking down after the event. They can also work as personal shoppers, dressing room assistants, greeters and registration assistants.

Shifts are available Friday from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Proof of community service will also be available upon request.

Katherine Bailey, event coordinator at the Colonel's Quarters, is excited to create more awareness in Oxford while making a bride's special day just right.

"It really focuses on the woman and the joys of womanhood and focuses on the bride and making her and her dress decision feel special," she said. "They have been wonderful to work with and are so appreciative of the opportunity to spread the word and the support to the Oxford community," Bailey said.

Early VIP access into the event lasts from 10 a.m. until noon. Free general admission starts at noon and lasts until 6 p.m. Volunteers can visit www. babcvolunteeroxfordms2013. eventbrite.com to register and help provide hope one dress at a time.

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23 Things I Learned Before 23: Part 1

On the verge of graduation and somewhat leaving the only life I've really ever known, I've tried to compile a list of 23 of the most important things I've learned over the years to share

BY SIDNEY WILLIAMS sjwilli1@go.olemiss.edu

Grades



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• Working hard early on in the game makes the ending a lot easier.

Don't waste your first few years of college with the "I'll get it done" mindset. Have your fun, but remember that the more you put off for later, the less fun you can be hav-

ing when you're actually old enough to do so.

Suck up and speak up. I still giggle at the idiots who

told me brown-nosing didn't work in college. Develop relationships with your teachers. Trust me, if you give a little, they'll help pick up the slack. All a (good) teacher really wants is for you to participate in class. Speak up. Have an opinion to offer. Say it with a little wit, and even if it's incorrect, the teacher will be sure to note that you helped break an awkward silence.

• Early bird or all-nighter?

Mama isn't there to hound or help you study like she was in high school. Learn early on in the game whether you can get more accomplished late at night or early in the morning and which study buddy (i.e. coffee, Adderall, Red Bull) you'll need, because you know as well as I do that mid-afternoon studying has becoming a thing of the past.

Body

Get your wisdom teeth cut shift happens.



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out before you get your braces.

Take it from Dr. Seuss himself: "Teeth are always in style." From someone who's had braces and experienced the aftermath and shifts – just go ahead and get rid of the pesky little suckers before you start the process, or you're sure to experience some crooked results. Trust me, shift happens.

The do's and don'ts of hair. Hey, we all like to experiment with the hairdo, and change can be beneficial! But from someone who's been red, permed, Bieber-swooped, and copycatted – just think about it before you do it. Some decisions are easier to fix than others.

Money



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Softball to play Auburn on the road

The Lady Rebel softball team will play the Auburn Tigers in a three-game series this weekend in Auburn, Ala. as they continue SEC play.



FILE PHOTO (AUSTIN McAFEE) | The Daily Mississippian

Carly Hummel releases a pitch during a game this season.

BY ALLISON SLUSHER ajslushe@go.olemiss.edu

The Ole Miss softball team will take on Auburn in a three-game series beginning today. After getting swept by No. 3 Florida at home, the Rebels (19-21, 1-11 Southeastern Conference) hope to rebound on the road.

The Rebels have been struggling mightily since the conference schedule began, and facing an Auburn (23-14, 4-8 SEC) team that has also had its share of struggles in the SEC could be what head coach Windy Thees needs to get her squad back on track.

"We're looking forward to getting to Auburn and carrying over our hard work from practice into this weekend's games," Thees said in a release from Ole Miss Sports Information. "We're playing hard out there and we're going to continue to do that and try to get some wins against a good Tigers team."

The Tigers are coming off a good weekend at Mississippi State that saw Auburn take two of three games in the series.

Auburn is hitting .288 as a team and is led offensively by freshman infielder Emily Carosone, who boasts a .402 batting average with three home runs and 28 RBIs. Carosone is one of four Tiger hitters who are hitting over .300 on the season. Comparatively, Ole Miss holds a .265 team batting average. Junior outfielder R.T. Cantillo is the Rebels' leader at the plate with a .336 average. Cantillo has five home runs and 23 RBIs this year. She is one of six Rebel hitters with an average over .300.

Freshman Marcy Harper leads Auburn in the circle with a 12-6 record and 2.86 ERA. Harper has totaled 83 strikeouts in 112.2 innings this season.

Junior Carly Hummel is the Rebels' primary pitcher, as she is 8-12 on the year with a 4.36 ERA. Hummel has 80 strikeouts in 102.2 innings, but she has struggled with command, allowing 51 walks on the year.

First pitch is set for 6 p.m. Friday at Auburn. Saturday's game will start at 6 p.m., and the series finale will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday.

For continuing coverage of Ole Miss softball, follow @allison_slusher and @ thedm_sports on Twitter.

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header sweeps of Jackson State and Southern Miss as part of its winning streak.

Florida (15-2, 8-1 SEC) is in a four-way tie for first place in the SEC standings with Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee. Florida rides an eightmatch win streak after sweeping LSU and Arkansas this past weekend.

The Gators have seven nationally ranked players, led by the nation's No. 1-ranked player, senior Lauren Embree, who boasts a 110-14 career record, including 79-5 in dual match play and a perfect 37-0 in SEC play.

South Carolina (11-8, 4-5 SEC), like Florida, swept LSU and Arkansas this past weekend and sits in a tie with Ole Miss for eighth place in the SEC standings.

The Gamecocks have two nationally ranked players in senior Jaklin Alawi (No. 87) and junior Katerina Popova (No. 98), the reigning SEC Player of the Week.

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No. 7 Rebel Netters return home for final SEC home weekend

The Ole Miss men's and women's teams look to carry their momentum from their respective wins against Mississippi State into matches against Florida and South Carolina this weekend. Freshman Zach Wilder, an Oxford native, will also make his singles debut in SEC play Friday.

BY AUSTIN MILLER

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Coming off a 4-2 win at No. 13 Mississippi State this past weekend, the No. 7-ranked Ole Miss men's tennis team returns home for a pair of matches this weekend.

"It's one of those wins that help propel a team," head coach Billy Chadwick said. "The guys have a lot of confidence going into this Florida match, and we're getting to play here at home, so hopefully, we take advantage of that."

With three matches remaining before the conference tournament April 17-21 in Oxford, the Rebels (13-5, 6-3 Southeastern Conference) sit atop the SEC Western Division and are tied for second overall with Kentucky behind SEC-leading Georgia.

"Every one of these matches are very, very important when

you look at the big picture, when you look at the NCAA selections, when you look at the host site selections, and we still got our eye on the SEC West championship," Chadwick said.

Ole Miss has three players nationally ranked, led by sophomore Nik Scholtz (No. 8) and senior Jonas Lutjen (No. 12), followed by sophomore William Kallberg (No. 84). Scholtz and Lutjen also combine for the nation's No. 4-ranked doubles team.

Freshman Zach Wilder will also make his singles debut Friday, at No. 6 singles. The Oxford High School product has combined with Kallberg for a 1-3 record in doubles play, including a 8-4 win against Mississippi State.

"Zach has been working and playing really well in practice," Chadwick said. "And he really did a great job in doubles at Mississippi State. He and William Kallberg clinched the doubles point for us, so we really have seen him grow up before our eyes.

"We feel that he's ready, and he's earned the chance to go out and play his first SEC match in singles."

Ole Miss hosts No. 17 Florida Friday at 4 p.m. at the Palmer/ Salloum Tennis Center. The Gators (10-8, 4-4 SEC) split this past weekend, losing to LSU, 4-2, and then defeating Arkansas, 4-0. Florida has three players nationally ranked, led by junior Florent Diep (No. 102).

On Sunday, Ole Miss will celebrate senior day, honoring seniors Lutjen and Adrian Forberg Skogeng, as the Rebels play No. 20 South Carolina (15-7, 5-3 SEC) at 1 p.m. at the Palmer/Salloum Tennis Center.

The Gamecocks have won four matches in a row, including a sweep against Arkansas and LSU this past weekend. South



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Senior offensive guard A.J. Hawkins

Carolina has one nationally ranked player in sophomore Andrew Adams (No. 90).

Lady Netters hit the road against Florida, South Carolina

The No. 37-ranked Ole Miss women's tennis team carries a five-match win streak on the road with matches against No.

South Carolina Sunday. In their last SEC action, the

2 Florida Friday, then No. 29

Rebels (10-9, 4-5 SEC) defeated Mississippi State, 4-1, their 24th straight win in the series. Ole Miss also completed double-

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OLE MISS SPORTS INFORMATION

Ole Miss Track heads to Pepsi Florida Relays

The Ole Miss track and field teams will travel to their second straight nationally elite competition for this Friday and Saturday's 69th Annual Pepsi Florida Relays in Gainesville.

Action begins at 9 a.m. CT each day at James G. Pressly Stadium on the campus of the University of Florida.

Nationally ranked men's programs in the field include No. 3 Florida, No. 6 Florida State, No. 8 Southern California, No. 11 Ole Miss, No. 17 Indiana, No. 23 Baylor and No. 25 Oklahoma State. On the women's side, ranked teams include No. 4 Florida, No. 6 Texas, No. 12 UCF, No. 14 Baylor, No. 19 Georgia and No. 25 Southern California.

The Rebel men, who are 11th in the USTFCCCA national rankings, are coming off a big meet at the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays, led by sophomore Sam Kendricks' 2013 world-best pole vault.

"We had some really good performances and we had some not-so-desirable performances. Overall, I was pleased with our effort and our intensity, but we have to make sure we're more consistent and build upon what happened at Texas Relays," said head coach Brian O'Neal, who will return to Gainesville where he helped UF win four national titles as an assistant coach there from 2009-12. "Now we're looking to go down to Gainesville this weekend and have better performances."

Kendricks, a native of Oxford, Miss., was tabbed SEC Athlete of the Week after he shattered his own school record with a mark of 19-0.75, the best in the world this year and the best by an NCÁA athlete since 1998. It ranks him No. 5 on the alltime collegiate outdoor list. The Rebels' Olympian, Isiah Young, fared well in his season debut in Austin with a fifth-place showing in the 100 meter final. He now ranks No. 6 in the nation with a time of 10.30. Other Rebel men who rank highly in the nation include Benjamin Lapane in the javelin (32nd, 216-5), Onyi Afoaku in the discus (36th, 179-3) and Morris Kersh in the triple jump (40th, 49-3). The Ole Miss women broke a pair of school records in Austin this past weekend. Competing against an elite field of teams and athletes, sophomore Haley Cutright broke the school record en route to a victory in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, and junior Kayleigh Skinner captured the school record in the 10,000 meters to finish third.

Cutright won the steeplechase in 10:21.60 to break teammate Katie Breathitt's school record. Cutright now ranks first in the SEC and 11th nationally.

Skinner clocked a time of 35:44.06 in her first ever attempt at the outdoor 10K and broke a 16-year-old school record by over a minute. Her time ranks her 57th nationally.

Other Rebel women who rank highly in the nation after the strong weekend include Allegra Wells in the long jump (17th, 20-2.5), Fabia McDonald in the heptathlon (17th, 5,117), Taryn Hartfield in the 100-meter hurdles (22nd, 13.53), Shari Russell in the long jump (23rd, 19-11.75), Asia Cooper in the 100 meters (34th, 11.62), Deonna Walton in the long jump (35th, 19-9.5), Marci Morman in the triple jump (37th, 40-7.5) and Sofia Hellberg-Jonsen in the 400-meter hurdles (46th, 1:00.63).



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Stuart Turner slides into home during a game this season.

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6-0 record in seven games with a 1.80 ERA. He also leads the team with 45 innings pitched and 37 strikeouts. Mayers hasn't gotten off to the best start but holds a 2-3 record in seven starts and has pitched 40.1 innings.

Smith has been the surprise of the staff after taking over the starting spot on Sundays when sophomore right-hander Chris Ellis went down with an abdominal muscle issue. Smith has started six games and is 2-0 on the year.

"I'm just glad to be pitching whenever I can," Smith said. "Chris did a great job, and he is going to be really good for us, but I'm thankful for the opportunity (head) coach (Mike Bianco) is giving me."

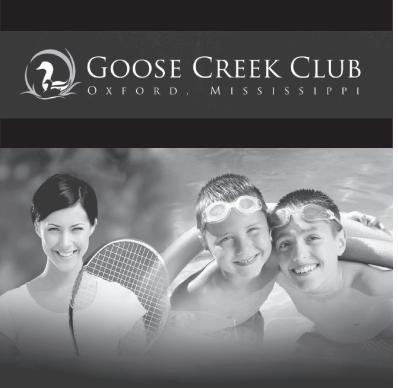
At the plate, the Rebels will be looking to break out of a small slump. They were held scoreless in their last two games, which was the last time that has happened in back-toback contests since 2003.

"We've just got to keep doing what we've been doing," senior left fielder Tanner Mathis said. "One thing you don't want to do is press. We hit a lot of balls hard (the Florida weekend) but just right at them, it seemed." Junior catcher Stuart Turner still leads the way for the Rebels offensively with a .418 batting average, three home runs and 34 RBIs. Junior shortstop Austin Anderson has also been a big contributor to the offense with a .321 batting average, which is second on the team, and 24 RBIs.

Junior infielder Tony Kemp leads the Commodores at the plate with a .375 batting average and 42 hits. Senior outfielder Conner Harrell and sophomore infielder Vince Conde will provide the power for Vanderbilt. They have five home runs and 37 RBIs and four home runs and 18 RBIs, respectively.

Saturday's contest is set for a 4 p.m. start time, and Sunday's series finale will begin at 1:30 p.m.

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DIAMOND REBS WELCOME NO. 2 VANDERBILT

After dropping their last two SEC series, No. 16 Ole Miss will host No. 2 Vanderbilt in a marquee SEC matchup beginning tonight at 6:30 p.m.



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Sam Smith releases a pitch during a game against Texas A&M.

BY MATT SIGLER mcsigler@go.olemiss.edu

The No. 16 Ole Miss Rebels will look to avenge a rough couple of weekends in Southeastern Conference play tonight when they take on No. 2 Vanderbilt. The Rebels (23-6, 4-5 SEC) and Commodores (24-6, 8-1 SEC) are set for a 6:30 p.m. start in tonight's series opener. Ole Miss enters the game on a two-game losing streak, while Vanderbilt comes to Oxford riding a sevengame winning streak.

"This is a 30-game war," assistant coach Cliff Godwin said. "Obviously, we aren't where we want to be right now, but it's not how you start, it's how you finish."

Vanderbilt is powered with a strong pitching rotation that starts with junior left-hander Kevin Ziomek on Fridays. Ziomek is 5-1 on the year with a 1.89 ERA. Opponents are hitting just .157 off Ziomek, and he has tallied 62 strikeouts to just 15 walks in 52.1 innings of work.

On Saturday, the Commodores will throw sophomore right-hander Tyler Beede, who is a perfect 7-0 with a 0.99 ERA. Beede has thrown 45.2 innings this season and has only given up five earned runs, as opponents hit .151 off him.

Vanderbilt has not announced its Sunday starter, but Philip

Pfeifer has seven starts and is 2-0 on the year with a 3.86 ERA.

"They're good," Godwin said of Vanderbilt's pitchers. "The lefty Ziomek is a power lefty, 90-94, good slider and good changeup. He's had a lot of success and commands the strike zone well. Beede is another power righty too. They've got good arms. They're wellcoached."

Ole Miss will counter with junior right-hander Bobby Wahl on Friday, junior right-hander Mike Mayers on Saturday and sophomore right-hander Sam Smith on Sunday.

Wahl has carried the team on Fridays so far this season with a \overline{See} WELCOME, PAGE 11



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