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OFFICIAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL RULING

Serving as the judicial chair for the 2012-13 academic year, Courtney Pearson signed the following account of the Judicial Council's actions in issuing a resolution concerning the constitutionality of the personality election title of "Colonel Reb." This decision, signed March 25, has sparked much debate across campus, the Oxford community and the Ole Miss family as a whole. The decision is currently being reviewed, as it is the product of a constitutionally questionable process, according to current ASB Attorney General Rob Pillow.

Associated Student Body Judicial Council Decision

Process and Complaint:

On Wednesday, March 19, 2013 an anonymous complaint was filed in the Office of Student Conduct addressed to the ASB Judicial Council. This complaint called into question the constitutionality of the title "Colonel Rebel/ Colonel Reb" in ASB personality elections.

After review of the code, and finding no guidance for the handling of anonymous complaints and the lack of proper infrastructure (Title III, Section 101 Rule 5 & 6) in place to report such complaints through the Office of Attorney General; the ASB Judicial Council was convened according to Title III, Section 101: Rule 7, on March 25th 2013 at 7:00PM.

ASB Judicial Council Decision and Rationale:

After much deliberation and consideration, it is the unanimous decision of the ASB Judicial Council, that the title of "Colonel Rebel/ Colonel Reb" in ASB personality elections is, indeed, unconstitutional.

The removal of Colonel Reb (Rebel) and its subsequent licensure release was a decision made in concert with and support by the student body, faculty, staff, administration, alumni and other members of the University community. This decision was made to support an open and diverse environment. The ASB Constitution states in Article X, Section 7: "We will achieve an environment in which personal dignity and respect for the individual are recognized by all students."

In addition, the purpose of the ASB provided in the ASB Constitution, Article I, Section 2 & 3 state:

"The purpose of this organization is to deal effectively with matters of student affairs, to perpetuate the best traditions of The University of Mississippi, to promote the best understanding between faculty and students, to govern all matters which are delegated to the ASB by the administration of The University of Mississippi, to work with the administration in all matters affecting the welfare of the student body, and to supervise all student body activity in order that it may be conducted for the best interest of the student body as a whole and to the credit of The University of Mississippi."

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'Colonel Reb' ruling process revealed

The Daily Mississippian obtained a copy of the official record of the Associated Student Body Judicial Council's ruling that "Colonel Reb," the title given to the the equivalent of "Mr. Ole Miss," was unconstitutional. Current ASB officials have initiated an investigation into the process of the council's ruling, and many people have expressed their opinions about the situation.



THOMAS GRANING | The Daily Mississippian

ASB President Gregory Alston discusses "Colonel Reb" during an interview.

BY ADAM GANUCHEAU aganucheau24@gmail.com

The Associated Student Body Judicial Council ruled that the title "Colonel Reb," the student-elected male counterpart of Miss Ole Miss, was unconstitutional on March 25. The council voted unanimously in favor of the decision, according to the official record of the council's meeting, which was obtained by The Daily Mississippian Wednesday afternoon. Current ASB Vice President Morgan Gregory said a resolution regarding the use of "Colonel Reb" was submitted in an ASB Senate committee meeting March 5, but it did not pass out of the committee. "The resolution was killed before it was available for a Senate vote because the ASB Senate Committee for Student Life believed that more student input was necessary," Gregory said. "Specifically, (the Committee for

Student Life) felt it was more important to accurately represent their constituency, the student body than to rush the process. They wanted to conduct a survey to seek further input from the student body."

Two weeks later, an anonymous complaint, which questioned the constitutionality of the "Colonel Reb" title, was filed in the Office of Student Conduct and addressed to the Iudicial Coun-

University of Mississippi, shall be null and void from the time of its enactment"

Required Action:

The continued use of the title "Colonel Rebel/ Colonel Reb" is in direct conflict with the sections of the ASB Constitution referenced above. Therefore, "Colonel Rebel/ Colonel Reb" must be immediately stricken from all areas of the ASB Code and Constitution and replaced with a constitutionally appropriate title by the last meeting of the Spring 2013 Senate.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the ASB Judicial Council by:

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cil on March 19.

"An anonymous complaint was filed, and the ASB Judicial Council took the appropriate steps to hear the complaint," former ASB Judicial Chair Courtney Pearson, who presided over the ruling, said Tuesday night. "We followed the appropri-

ate guidelines that we could have according to the most current codes and constitution."

Pearson did not respond to multiple attempts to contact

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COLUMN What Col. Reb means to me



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I grew up as one of the biggest little fans of Ole Miss sports. I donned Rebel gear for school, and I made sure my friends who supported Mississippi State were well aware of each Ole Miss success. I had a stuffed dog named Rebel, which has great sentimental value to me. On the Christmas tree every year, I would hang a Col. Reb ornament with my name on it. When Col. Reb was removed from the sidelines, I was too young to really know what it meant. As I grew up, I still ardently supported the school without a mascot. I tried to explain to people what Col. Reb meant to me

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as a mascot, including being in the Grove on game days and getting high-fives as he led the team down the Walk of Champions.

When the decision was made to determine a new onfield mascot, I was not exactly thrilled. I understood Ole Miss' need for a mascot. After all, I wanted little Rebels to have a physical embodiment of the Ole Miss spirit as I had growing up, even if it wasn't the character that I enjoyed as a child. While I am not exactly enamored with the Black Bear mascot, it isn't meant for me. I understand that, and I am OK with that.

On the other hand, I am sion to remove the title of Col. Reb from the personality elections. I am told it is because the title is blatantly racist. I am told that Ole Miss is moving forward. I am told that anyone who continues to support the title is clinging to a war

that was lost and is backward thinking.

Finally, I am told that I must be cognizant of the feelings of others. Since others dislike the title of Col. Reb, then I should respect that and approve its removal. What is missing, though, is a respect for what Col. Reb means to me.

Even further, what does Col. Reb mean to Ole Miss? Every year since 1940, the student body has elected a Col. Reb: a male on campus who best embodies the spirit of the university. Notable alumni like Robert Khayat, former Ole Miss chancellor, and Ben Williams, the first black football player at Ole Miss, were honored not OK with the recent deci- with the Col. Reb title during I honestly do not believe so, their tenures on campus. Ole Miss is currently on a slippery slope. It started with things that absolutely needed to be banned, such as the Confederate flag – or, well, sticks. It then moved on to a misunderstood mascot. Next

was "From Dixie with Love." Now it's the Col. Reb title. What is next?

I have heard some say that this argument is nonsense, that it is missing the point. But I then read quotes like this from the chair of the African American Studies Department, which was included in the ESPN film "The Ghosts of Ole Miss": "Any symbol that can be remotely construed or interpreted as having any kind of racial insensitivity should be eradicated."

With people, especially employees of the university, saying things like that, am I really so clueless to make the slippery slope argument here? and if you look at what has been done and what is being said around you, I think you would agree.

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COLUMN Our shared racist tradition



BY TIM ABRAM toabram@go.olemiss.edu

The visceral responses to the Associated Student Body Judicial Council's decision are ones that I could have anticipated. Frankly, I understand the sentiment that students felt as though the decision was reached behind a veil of secrecy.

According to the official ASB Judicial Council decision, "(There was) no guidance for the handling of

anonymous complaints." The decision later states, "The removal of Colonel Reb (Rebel) and its subsequent licensure release was a decision made in concert with and support by the student body, faculty, staff, administration, alumni, and other members of the University community." If everyone recalls correctly, the preceding statement is abso-Îutely true.

The decision to remove Colonel Reb as our on-field mascot occurred in 2003. That was a conscientious decision made by all of the involved parties to disassociate with Colonel Reb. Honestly, how much logical sense does it make to remove Colonel Reb as our mascot, yet let the title of "Colonel Reb" denote the "Mr. Ole Miss" equivalent? It makes none whatsoever.

As I scoured all of the tweets and Facebook statuses that were posted, it became increasingly obvious that we are dealing with more than just a title – we are dealing with intense emotional attachments. One gentleman tweeted, "It's tradition. Not racist." To this gentleman and to others who subscribe to this particular way of thinking, I would like to say: What exactly is the tradition that you so ardently defend?

According to Charles Eagles' "The Price of Defiance: James Meredith and the Integration of Ole Miss," "The university's founders and early supporters believed, therefore, that (the university) ought to inculcate and perpetuate the political and cultural values of the dominant slaveowning whites."

Is this the tradition you are defending? I sure hope not. Or are you defending the tradition of exclusivity that barred African Americans from entering the university? Again, I hope not.

If appealing to tradition is the route one wishes to take in defense of Colonel Reb, I would ask one to consider the fact that racism is indeed "tradition" at this institution. There is no way around that

point.

The remarks that appealed to tradition were not the comments that troubled me the most, however. One gentleman felt the necessity to tweet, "If you have a problem with ole miss tradition, then you probably shouldn't go here. ASB is slowly killing this school one hand at a time. Colonel Reb started from a BLACK MAN NOT WHITE. It has no racial meaning behind it. Grow a pair and get over it! Or like I said don't go here."

Before unpacking the ignorantly chosen words of this gentleman, it is important to

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The previous Judicial Council chaired by Courtney Pearson in their eleventh hour decision on March 25 intrudes upon the democratic ideals of the Associated Student Body. In finding the title of "Colonel Reb" to be "unconstitutional," the previous Judicial Council overstepped its jurisdiction and ignored proper procedure. According to Rule 3 of Section 101 on page 42 of the ASB Code and Constitution (available at dos.orgsync.com/org/umasb, the ASB website, under the resources tab), the complaint must satisfy five conditions. According to the first two conditions, the complaint must identify both the complainant and the defendant, and whether either party involved is a student, an officer of an organization, or a member of the ASB. This requirement is impossible to fulfill with an anonymous complaint. We do not know whether the complainant complied with the other three conditions

as the complaint was not made available nor properly filed or addressed to the Attorney General in the ASB office (Rule 5, part A). As the Attorney General never received the complaint, neither was he able to meet with the Judicial Chair and/or the complainant as required in Rule 6, found on page 43. Neither outgoing Attorney General Kiefer nor current Attorney General Rob Pillow were properly allowed in the process. Finally, as according to page 23 of the M Book, all complaints must be "signed and dated by the student." All these things considered, an anonymous complaint should have been dismissed.

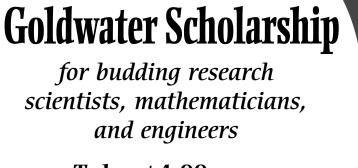
Furthermore, we believe such a decision is not for a quorum of 5 unelected members of the Judicial Council to make. We believe in a student voice for a student vision that brings all ideas of thought together for an inclusive discussion. Some of the proper ways to have this discussion would be through a student referendum or through the elected representatives of the ASB Senate. Both of those venues allow and demand debate and student input. 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. One cannot help but be reminded of Haley Barbour's midnight pardons.

Here is our recommendation: Perhaps the Judicial Council should consult the Code and Constitution when declaring something unconstitutional.

- Signed,
- Pierce Lee and
- Matthew Kiefer

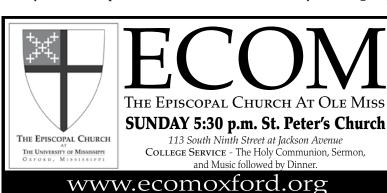
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Letter to the Ole Miss student body

We are writing today to clarify the events leading up to the decision to remove the term "Colonel Reb" from the University of Mississippi student personality elections.

On March 25th, the Judicial Council considered an anonymous complaint regarding the term "Colonel Reb," as used in the university personality elections, and ruled the term unconstitutional under the ASB Code. Previously, a resolution regarding the use of "Colonel Reb" had been submitted in the ASB Senate, but it did not pass out of Senate committees. Therefore, the resolution never came to the whole ASB Senate for a vote.

Shortly after the resolution died in Senate committee, an anonymous complaint was filed with the Judicial Council, asking for the term "Colonel Reb" to be removed from the student personality elections and encouraging selection of another ment and our student body.

title for the position. The Judicial Council, which consists entirely of students (The chair is elected by the student body, and the 10 student members of the council are appointed by the chair with the approval of the ASB Senate), hears cases whenever complaints are filed, and it was determined that addressing this complaint fit within its responsibilities regarding interpretation of the student constitution. The members of the council voted unanimously that the term is unconstitutional.

In conclusion, the decision regarding the title of "Colonel Reb" was not an ASB initiative. It was an action by the Judicial Council in response to a student complaint. Our hope, as the previous and current ASB leaders, is that we can foster open communication and complete transparency between the branches of student governThis joint statement is intended to demonstrate a commitment to providing all of the facts regarding this important ruling.

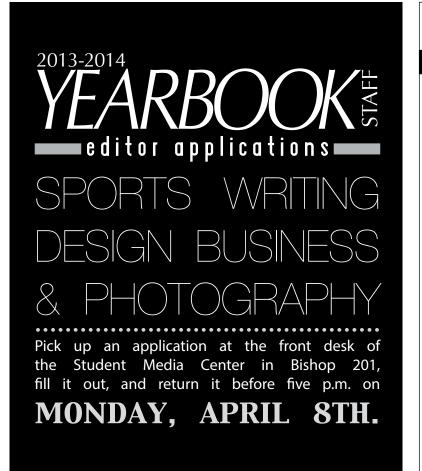
As our student leaders carefully considered these constitutional issues, they discovered opportunities for improving our constitution to more clearly delineate responsibilities between the branches of student government. One result of that review is our commitment to updating the ASB Code and Constitution.

It's important that you know that the ASB exists to represent all students at the University of Mississippi, and we encourage participation by every student who wants to make Ole Miss a better place.

Sincerely,

ASB President Gregory Alston

Former ASB President Kimbrely Dandridge





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note that at no point do I wish to attack his character. I only intend to attack the not-so-well-thought-out ideas he set forth. I sincerely hope the thoughts of this individual are not widespread among my fellow classmates. Sadly, he was not the only person who suggested that if you don't agree with Ole Miss traditions you should leave.

These words conflict with the message of acceptance that The University of Mississippi sets forth. Notice the distinction? I said The University of Mississippi.

There is a quote in the Union that says, "The University is respected, but Ole Miss is loved. The University gives a diploma and regretfully terminates tenure, but one never graduates from Ole Miss." These words exude profound truth to me now in ways that I have never thought about before. Some of us cannot graduate from Ole Miss not because the love we have for the institution differs, but because in the eyes of some, we were never a part of Ole Miss to begin with.

Some have stated the Ole Miss students did not "deserve" the way in which the ASB Judicial Council handled the situation. On the contrary, I think "Ole Miss" students deserve all of the negative attention that comes with the racist perception of Colonel Reb. Why?

Well, simply put, y'all wanted it that way. What's sad is that students who wish to progress have to deal with that decision as well.

Tim Abram is a junior public policy major from Horn Lake. Follow him on Twitter @Tim_ Abram.



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– Sean Higgins @SeanMHiggins

"Maybe the student body should have had a say towards the removing of #Colreb title not just the few"

- Dyllan Hawkins @dyllanhawkins

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– Bunkie Perkins @BunkiePerkins

"If your GPA isn't high enough to run for Mr. Ole Miss/Colonel Reb in the first place, please just sit down."

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her Wednesday regarding the council's exact motivation to amend policies recognizing the title of "Colonel Reb." According to the council's record, three sections of the ASB Code and Constitution were cited as justification to eliminate the title "Colonel Reb": Article X, Section 7 and Article I, Sections 2 and 3 (all of which can be seen in the council's official record published on the front page of today's DM).

"I feel like the Senate was bypassed," newly elected ASB President Greg Alston said. "As an ASB senator, I would have felt like somebody went behind my back. That is something that happened without a lot of people knowing. A lot of the members of my cabinet did not find out about it until the meeting last night, which I don't think was right."

The Judicial Council's decision is final, according to current ASB Attorney General Rob Pillow. However, an investigation into the way it was handled by the Judicial Council is under way. Pillow addressed concerns about how the Judicial Council ruling came about and stated that there are some flaws in the current ASB Constitution and Code, which does not directly address procedures involving anonymous complaints to the Judicial Council.

"We are looking at the legality of the process which was used, not the decision," Pillow told The DM Wednesday. "Additionally, we need to address an anonymous submission. This is something that has not come up before, and something that, as a student body, we need to address."

Pillow said that if the Judicial Council's process of making the ruling did not follow guidelines set forth in Title III, Section 101: Rule 7 in the ASB Constitution, then the council's "Colonel Reb" title ruling would be "null and void."

There is no set timetable on the completion of the investigation.

The council's ruling was signed by Pearson on the night of March 25, the night before the new ASB officers were inaugurated and her last official night as ASB judicial chair. Questions were raised about the timing of the decision.

"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," former ASB Attorney General Matthew Kiefer and former ASB Deputy Attorney General for Code and Constitution Pierce Lee wrote in a letter about the council's ruling.

Current and former ASB officials expressed their thoughts Wednesday about the decision.

"I've never heard of an anonymous complaint," Alston said. "To know that this resolution didn't even pass through a committee on the Senate, which means it wouldn't have even been brought to the Senate floor and wasn't voted on – that doesn't sound right to me."

Former ASB President Kimbrely Dandridge had different thoughts on the situation.

"I really just wish that whoever submitted the complaint would come forward, have a voice and admit it," she said. "Pearson is getting all the blame even though she followed the procedures."

Many students and alumni voiced their thoughts on Twitter Tuesday night and Wednesday about the ruling.

Twitter user Dillon Young (@DillonYoung17) tweeted: "I propose cutting down the Grove. The trees affect my allergies... We can just handle this behind closed doors, right? #ColReb @thedm_ news."

Twitter user Will Scott (@ ole_phiboy) offered a differ-

ing opinion: "Just because its 'tradition' doesn't mean it's right #ColReb #thelottery."

The "Colonel Reb" mascot was removed by the university administration under former Chancellor Robert Khayat in 2003. Many people had differing opinions about the administration's decision, much like the Judicial Council's recent ruling on the title of "Colonel Reb." Unlike the mascot decision made in 2003, the recent Judicial Council's ruling was out of the hands of current Ole Miss Chancellor Dan Jones and the university administration.

"This is an issue that involves the ASB government and the students of Ole Miss," Ole Miss Dean of Students Sparky Reardon said. "It is a decision that was made, and if students have concerns about that, I recommend they approach student leaders to discuss the process (by which the ruling was made)."

News editors Grant Beebe and Molly Yates contributed to this report.

New officials elected to graduate council

This week, the graduate student body at Ole Miss elected new officials to the Graduate Student Council, which hopes to grow its presence on campus.

BY MICHAEL QUIRK

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Four new officials were elected to the Graduate Student Council's executive body Tuesday.

Debates were held at the law school Monday, giving the candidates one last chance to make an impression on graduate student voters. The election was held Tuesday with four positions elected for the 2013-14 school year.

Tristen Jackson will be the new GSB president, Sujith Ramachandran the vice president, Sasikiran Nunna the secretary and Zhen Guo the treasurer.

The elections took place at the beginning of national Graduate-Professional Student Appreciation Week. Awareness of the GSB has

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become a priority of Courtney Rollins, a GSB senator, co-chair of the election committee and first-year graduate student in higher education.

"We've worked really hard the last two years to try and have a stronger presence on campus," he said. "We are wanting to connect to the ASB, and we believe that will help us become that stronger presence."



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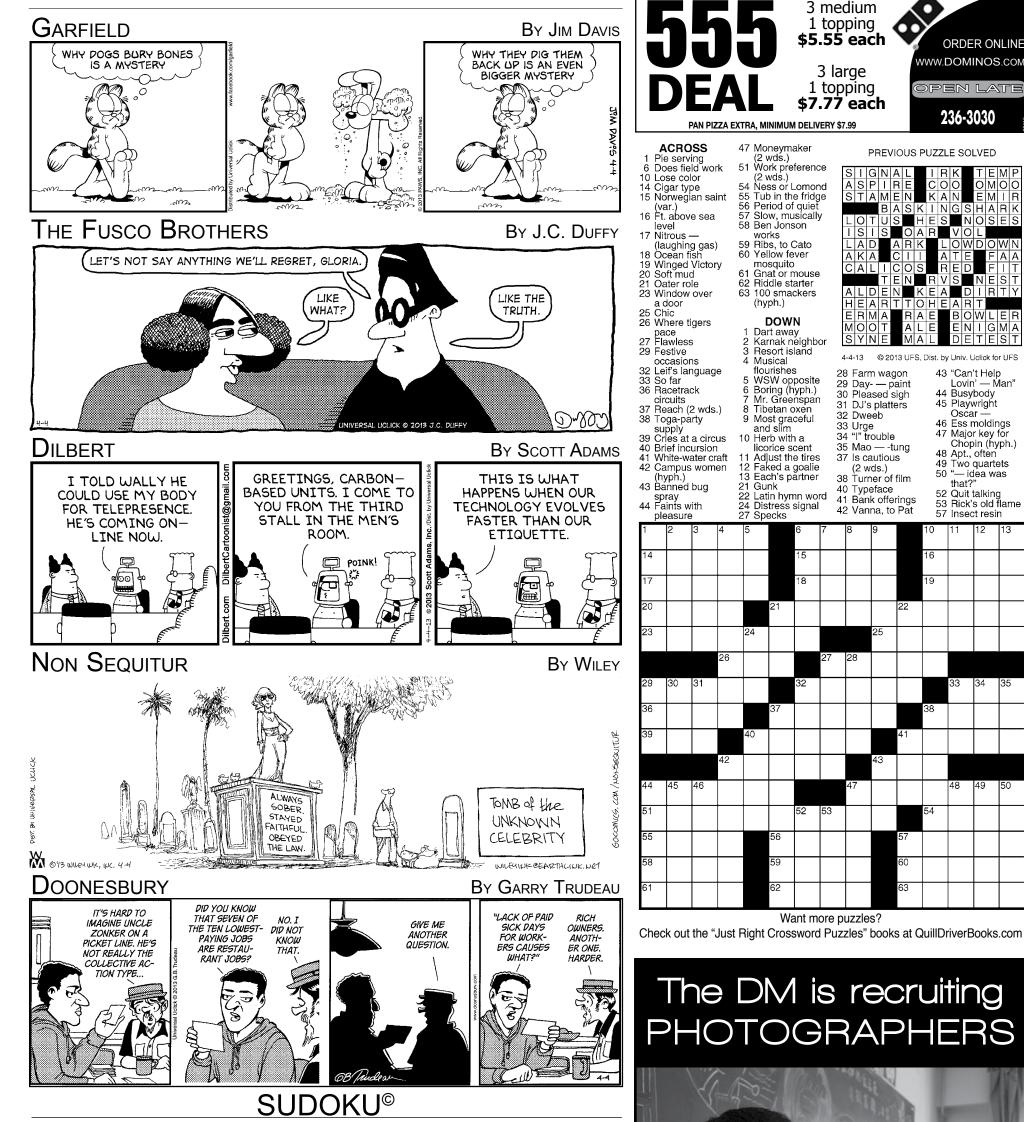
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Silas Reed: The eccentric musician with a new sound

Silas Reed, a senior business major at Ole Miss, is continuing to blow people in Oxford away with his loud horn and his even louder style.

BY ADAM GANUCHEAU aganucheau24@gmail.com

His tan, conical-shaped hat made passers-by think they were in rice fields in Southeast Asia instead of outside a coffee shop in Oxford. He sat alone at a table waiting to be interviewed. On the table was a chess board, a cell phone and a black bag with the words "Shure Microphones" written on it.

"You play chess?" he asked me before I could even sit down.

The chess match, the interview and the life lesson began right away.

"Some good lessons come out of chess," Silas Reed said as he pulled faux-glass pawns, rooks and knights out of the black bag and placed them on their corresponding squares.

"If you move and support, you're good," he said. "You can scare off a competitor or any force that tries to deter you if you move and support - if you have a good foundation."

Reed, a 24-year-old musician from Knoxville, Tenn., is full of useful life proverbs. The senior business major at The University of Mississippi compared chess to life, but more specifically, to his band, Silas Reed N' Da Books.

The band, composed of guitar players, a keyboardist and a full horn line, has been playing in Oxford and around the Mid-South since 2007, wailing a funky sound that combines everything from Stevie Wonder to Otis Redding to James Brown.

"It's just a swirl of many funky colors," Reed said of the band's sound. "It's definitely more of a spiritual thing for our fans. I want people to feel it. A really good musician could play 'Yankee Doodle,'



Silas Reed

but if he's making it jam, it would be a great show. That's our goal."

Silas Reed N' Da Books mixes the electro, rock, jazz, funk, soul and hip-hop genres to create original music that resembles nothing played before.

"The Books bring a muchneeded and eclectic sound to Oxford," long-time fan Rob Cornelius said. "I pretty much set my clock and wallet by the shows they played their first two years."

With a mix of multiple genres comes the ability to alter types of concerts played for different groups of people. For people who have heard the band play, it's groundbreaking and literally unheard of.

"I love listening to Silas," said Chaz Rasco, a senior music education major who's been a fan of the band for more than three years. "He has a classic, funk groove that I love on a chill night. It's nice to sit back and have a beer and just listen to some great music."

COURTESY SILAS REED

Reed uses his eccentric, personal style as a brand for the band. His basket-weaved, Asian conical hat, which he wears everywhere between class and shows, is something that he wants people to associate with the band.

"Besides me loving the shit out of this hat, I am hoping that it catches on," Reed said with a laugh. "I want people to remember the band when they see that hat. It's a marketing trick."

Reed is using his knowledge from his business and marketing courses to effectively run the band-something he wasn't ready for when the it started.

"I've done a lot more learning outside the classroom than I have inside the classroom," he said. "I was a music major, but I felt like I'd gain more power in the music industry with a business degree with a marketing emphasis. You have to create a cycle that perpetuates itself in order to become successful in the industry."

The band has been playing at local Oxford bars and restaurants for six years now, including Proud Larry's, Rooster's, The Blind Pig, Ajax and Two Stick.

It has played shows throughout the Midsouth area as well, traveling to cities like Starkville, Tupelo, Memphis and Nashville.

Last year, it played in front of about 50,000 people on the Rebel Stage at the Double Decker Arts Festival in Oxford and on Thacker Mountain Radio in Oxford, which is broadcast on Mississippi Public Broadcasting.

"My favorite gig so far has been our New Year's gig at The Blind Pig this past holiday," said the band's bass player, Adam Hollowell, who has been playing with Reed since June 2012. "We had a great crowd, and the energy was flowing. The crowd was into it all night."

Currently, the band is waiting on its moment for exposure. In the meantime, the members are trying to better themselves as musicians while volunteering at the Oxford Boys and Girls Club and Azalea Gardens nursing home.

They are also turning their rehearsal space into a recording studio after talking to a few publishing companies.

"The plan for now is to keep booking shows, lay down some wax for people to buy and go on tour this summer," Reed said as he fiddled with the peace sign ornament hanging from one of his bracelets.

'We are hoping to get down to New Orleans this summer and make our way back up the South to Nashville. Only if it's feasible money-wise, of course."

In the next few weeks, the band has scheduled shows at Rooster's, The Blind Pig and Ajax in Oxford, as well as one at the Blue Canoe in Tupelo and a house show in Nashville.

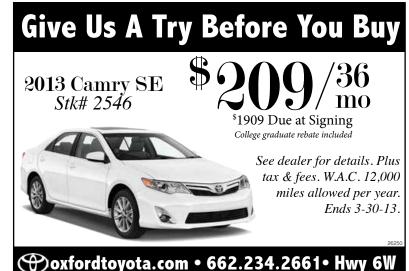
Two shows that Reed is especially excited about are the Ajax show in Oxford on the Friday night of Double Decker weekend and a show at the first annual Oxford Beer Festival in late April.

"We are going to move around where we can without losing money or losing limb," he said as he stuffed the chess pieces back into the black bag after beating me in fewer than 50 moves. "Failure is not really an option. I've never thought about failure. To me, failure just seems to be the easy way out. For now, it's all about the music. It's definitely all about the music."

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Rebels start slow, finish strong in Wednesday's practice

Following Ole Miss' ninth practice of the spring, head coach Hugh Freeze said he was pleased with how his team picked up the energy after a sluggish start and discussed adding depth to the roster.

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Ole Miss football head coach Hugh Freeze expected his team to come out sluggish Wednesday morning, so in his eyes, that's how they looked early on in practice, but it didn't stay that way.

"I wasn't thrilled with the energy we had," Freeze said about the Rebels' ninth practice of the spring. "We're getting to that time in spring ball where the tough have to get going. We're a little beat up, but so is everyone else.

"(I) thought it picked up as practice went on, but it may have been just me. I had my mind made up that's the way it would be today."

After the early part of practice, Freeze gathered the team around him and gave



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Ja-Mes Logan runs the ball during practice.

them a pep talk of sorts. He spoke to them about "little things." "That's the things that dif-

ferentiate the good teams from the ones that are really good. Not just football,

but life," Freeze said. "Just trying to make sure midway through the spring, they know what I feel about those things. Just want to remind them."

Freeze had his squad do

an offense versus defense drill that ignited some big plays from both sides of the ball toward the end of practice.

"That was a good seconddown-and-7 scrimmage," Freeze said. "I thought (sophomore running back) Jaylen (Walton) made some good plays, thought (senior quarterback) Barry (Brunetti) had some good decisions. The ones won quite a few of their series. I thought that was some improvement for sure."

Freeze then pointed to some positions that lack depth, adding that the team is "a few recruiting years away from having the depth you need to play in this league."

Freeze also said injuries

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Holloway selected to All-Star Game

Ole Miss senior Murphy Holloway has been selected to participate in the Reese's College All-Star Game, hosted by the National Association of Basketball Coaches, this weekend at the Final Four in Atlanta.

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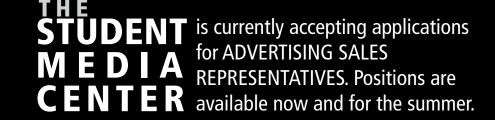
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Dozen, which ranks the top 12 high school players in the state of Mississippi for both baseball and football, and he was also ranked the No. 10 player in the state and No. 33 cornerback in the nation in football by Rivals. com his senior season.

Although baseball made the call for Golson out of high school, he said he believes he made the best decision by enrolling in college and passing on the opportunity.

Now, Golson finds himself with a starting role at corner and is emerging as one of the more talented players on the defensive side of the ball for Ole Miss football. He played in 12 games last season for the Rebels and had six starts, recording 36 tackles and adding three interceptions.

So far this spring, Golson has impressed Ole Miss head coach Hugh Freeze.

"When he comes to work, he is talented," Freeze said. "There is still some maturing that has to take place. He's not by himself. We've got several like that, being more consistent in the little things, but he certainly has come a ways for us. I'm pleased with his performance."

This is the first spring Golson has participated in football due to baseball commitments his freshman year, and it could be what he needs to excel at his position.

"It helps for sure," Freeze said of Golson practicing with the team in the spring. "I want to be clear: For Senquez, if he wants to do baseball, obviously, we are going to be supportive of that like we were last year, but certainly, it helps in furthering his development as a corner."

Golson said he had a hard time transitioning from baseball to football, but focusing strictly on football could definitely be beneficial.

"I say it is easier playing two sports in high school," Golson said. "Once you get up to college, everybody is talented, so you just try to rely on your technique and fundamentals. It just kind of throws me off every season. Even when I played baseball and football last season, it takes me probably three or four games to get the rust off and get going." Golson knows there are some aspects of his play that he wants to improve and is focusing on this spring, and cornerbacks coach Jason Jones has noticed he is catching on quickly. "Senquez is getting a lot better. He is learning," Jones said. "To him, the position is still new because he is a baseball guy, but he is starting to understand pad level, eyes and his assignment." Despite his focus on football for now, Golson is not ruling out a return to baseball.



Bobby Wahl releases a pitch during a game this season.

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there is one spot that should and, I believe, will carry this team down the home stretch: starting pitching. Junior right-hander Bobby Wahl is the most important piece to the pitching puzzle. If he is able to secure the win Friday, like he has done six times already this season, then Ole Miss is set up with the ideal situation as far as taking the series goes.

The pressure then falls onto the shoulders of junior right-hander Mike Mayers on Saturday and either sophomore right-hander Chris Ellis, who recently returned from injury, or sophomore right-hander Sam Smith on Sunday. Mayers has had a somewhat shaky start, but if he can get things going along with a consistent arm on Sundays, the Rebels will have one of the best pitching staffs in the conference.

Junior catcher Stuart Turner and junior shortstop Austin Anderson are keeping the team alive at the plate, but other guys are going to have to step up in order for this team to be successful.

Senior left fielder Tanner Mathis is hitting .248 in the leadoff spot. He has to find ways to get on base and score. Mathis is the catalyst for this team at the top of the lineup. Also, guys like sophomore center fielder Auston Bousfield, sophomore first baseman Sikes Orvis and junior designated hitter Will Allen are going to have to drive in runs. The production from these three is key since they are potentially the only power threats, aside from Turner.

While it's not time to throw in the towel on Ole Miss baseball, there is cause for concern. But if the guys mentioned play the way they have during their entire careers in Oxford, it could be a special year for head coach Mike Bianco and his squad.

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Barry Brunetti releases a pass during a practice.

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happen when you practice physically like the team has this spring, which means they will have to be careful about how they go about that in the fall.

"We were fortunate last year," Freeze said of injuries. "We played three receivers pretty much the whole year. Five offensive linemen pretty much the whole year. That's rare that that happens."

Freeze said they have no depth at wide receiver, with junior Donte Moncrief, senior Terrell Grant and senior Korvic Neat all out right now with various injuries.

Senior Ja-Mes Logan has moved from inside at slot receiver to back outside to wide receiver this spring. Logan started out wide last season. Freeze called Logan a "swing guy."

Senior offensive lineman Patrick Junen, who has seen time at both guard spots this spring and has found himself taking many first-team reps due to injuries, has a sprained toe right now. Freeze said he could be out "a few days."

With Junen's injury, currently he, Moncrief, Grant, Neat, junior offensive lineman Aaron Morris, junior quarterback Bo Wallace, junior defensive tackle Carlton Martin, junior offensive lineman Darone Bailey and junior defensive end C.J. Johnson are all out of practice.

The Rebels will return to practice Friday at 4 p.m.

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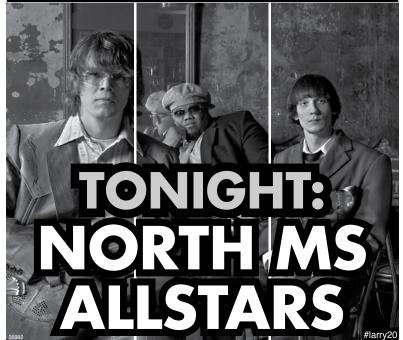
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GOLSON EXPERIENCES FIRST FULL SPRING

Junior cornerback Senguez Golson is normally helping out the Ole Miss baseball team this time of year, but the two-sport athlete decided to pass on baseball this spring to concentrate on football. He's hoping that going through spring drills with the football team will give him an added boost in the secondary next fall.

BY MATT SIGLER mcsigler@go.olemiss.edu

It takes a good athlete to succeed in two sports at any level, but to find one who has done it at the collegiate level in arguably one of the toughest conferences in the country is rare. Junior Senquez Golson has done it, but for now he has decided to focus solely on football.

The Pascagoula native entered Ole Miss after passing on one of the most storied franchises in Major League Baseball, the Boston Red Sox, after being drafted in the eighth round of the 2011 MLB draft. Now, Golson will enter the 2013 college football season with one thing on his mind: football.

Golson decided he would forgo baseball this season to focus on football and devote his time to helping the Ole Miss defense at the cornerback position. He said he put time into his decision during the break between the end of the regular season and the Rebels' BBVA



Senquez Golson participates in a drill during practice.

Compass Bowl game last season.

"I talked to my parents and the position coach about it," Golson said. "I just thought about it and felt it was the best move for me."

Despite making the move, Golson said it is hard for him to pass the baseball field at this time of year.

"I try my best to not go that way around campus," he said. "I try to take the long way

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around."

Coming out of high school, Golson was a sought-after recruit. He was named to The Clarion-Ledger's Dandy

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COLUMN **Rebel baseball:** Is it time to worry?

BY MATT SIGLER mcsigler@go.olemiss.edu

After dropping two straight Southeastern Conference series in a row, the No. 17 Ole Miss Rebels sit at 23-6 overall and 4-5 in SEC play. Is it time to worry?

The Rebels have another tough matchup this weekend in No. 2 Vanderbilt. If Ole Miss wants to get back on track, it has to take this series, plain and simple.

If Ole Miss fails to claim another series at home, it is not the end of the world for this team. The schedule, however, certainly doesn't get easier with a non-conference matchup against rival Mississippi State at Trustmark Park in Pearl Tuesday and a threegame set this weekend against an Alabama team that is off to a fast start in league play.

The Rebels have time to turn it around, but they need to do it now.

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